Reviewer’s report

Title: Child Hunger and the Protective Effects of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Alternative Food Sources among Mexican-Origin Families in Texas Border Colonias

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The paper is improved and has important and relevant findings regarding food insecurity in this vulnerable population.

I did not see the requested information on documentation status, which seems to be mentioned in other published reports in this type of research, so the issue of documentation status needs to be addressed in the methods (e.g., it was not assessed), and the implications of unknown documentation status on the findings needs to be discussed.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests