Reviewer's report

Title: Validation of self-reported anthropometrics in the Adventist Health Study 2

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Reviewer: Zubair Kabir

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Dr Maira and her colleagues have undertaken an interesting piece of original research work based on a unique representative cohort of vegetarians in the United States, namely, the Adventist cohort.

The authors have posed the research question in a well-defined manner.

The methodological approach to answer the research question is appropriate and well described.

The data analysed are sound, with inherent limitations.

The discussion is well balanced and the conclusions drawn are data-driven.

The bibliography is up-to-date.

The authors have spelled out one of the important study limitations, namely, the time-lag but needs further elaboration.

The title and abstract accurately convey the underlying message of the study findings.

The work is acceptable and novel in certain aspects.

Major Compulsory Revisions: None
Minor Essential Revisions: A few typos and a broader description of study limitations
Discretionary Revisions: None

Level of interest: An article of importance 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'