Reviewer's report

Title: Body weight, weight perceptions and food intake patterns. A cross-sectional study among male recruits in the Norwegian National Guard.

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The authors have answered most of the raised questions and have made the modifications required in this new version of the manuscript which has considerably improved. The authorshave responded to my questions and concerns and have made the modifications required in this new version of the manuscript, which has improved considerably. The point raised in the 6th Major point is no longer a concern due to the specification about the dietary record which was kept by the subjects in consecutive days. However, I still suggest minor changes which are described below.

1. In the Introduction section: the word “being” should be removed from the sentence “both men and women being who were dieting”.

2. I would shorten the explanation in the text about the days subjects were asked to record their food intake. E.g.: “Because it was important to keep the setting the same for all recruits, and the consumption at home and in the military separate from each other, only weekdays were asked to be recorded.”; p. 6, section 3

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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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.