Reviewer’s report

Title: The Program SI! intervention for enhancing a healthy lifestyle in preschoolers: First results from a cluster randomized trial

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In general, an interesting paper addressing an important topic.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
Particularly in the methods section, the text is written in a mix of past and present, which may confuse the reader.
Page 4-5: It is unclear whether the "series of inclusion/exclusion criteria" mentioned on page 4 are those mentioned on page 5 (e.g. whether having school canteen services were an inclusion criterion, and receiving student scholarships as exclusion criterion), or whether additional - undescribed - criteria were used.
Page 7: The paper would improve if the description of the used questionnaire is more thorough. How were the scores obtained?
Page 10, paragraph 2, line 6-7: Do the confidence intervals and the p-value refer to the same difference in scores? If so, please put them in the same line to clarify.
Page 12: Please provide a reference on the study from Colombia

Minor Essential Revisions
Page 4: I think it is more correct to write "chance of a type-I error of 0.05" rather than "type-I error of 0.05"
Page 7: Something may be missing after "12" in the first parentheses

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