Reviewer's report

Title: Meal frequencies in early adolescence predict meal frequencies in late adolescence and early adulthood

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Reviewer: Sandra Abreu

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The purpose of this study was investigated if meal frequencies in early adolescence predicted meal frequencies in late adolescence and in early adulthood. This study is an interesting one, well written, well documented and it has potential interest for further publication. However, from the point of view of this reviewer, some questions must be clarified, namely:

(Major Compulsory Revisions)

1. Why were not evaluated the snacks? Why were not considered as a meal in this study?
2. In the selection of covariates, why BMI was not included? Since it is described that meals frequency is also associated with obesity. Please test these relationships.
3. In table 1, the significant differences between genders should be identified.
4. In table 3, how the authors explain the large amplitude of OR with breakfast consumption in 'more seldom category'? and in table 4, with breakfast and evening meal consumption in 'more seldom category than daily' in men?

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