Reviewer’s report

Title: Acculturation and Obesity among Migrant Populations in High Income Countries - a Systematic Review

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This review describes the use of validated acculturation scales in research on migrant obesity. This review fills a small niche to the current review of adult obesity and migration status.

• Minor Compulsory Revisions
  
  • 1. The title of the manuscript suggests that this is a review of all high income countries when it is actually a review of studies taking place in the US. It is a review of the use of acculturation scales in migrant/obesity in the US.
  
  • 2. There is an abundant literature on the healthy migrant effect with respect to obesity. I do understand that the focus of the review is to include only those studies that use an actual acculturation scale rather than a proxy such as language use or duration of residence. However, it may help the manuscript if the authors were to suggest what is missing from the current literature that may be addressed using the scales? What inconsistencies in the literature are addressed by using the scales? It would be helpful to focus more on the strength of the current paper and how it stands out from prior obesity reviews.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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