Reviewer’s report

Title: Dietary diversity of formal and informal residents in Johannesburg, South Africa

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The manuscript is relevant and publishable. However some essential elements need to be corrected/added first.

Major comments:
1) A table 4 is needed which includes multiple regressions. These can help to identify factors which impact on DD eg which socio-demographic factors. Under data analyses pg.8 it is mentioned that multivariate analyses would be done and it has not.
2) 95% confidence intervals need to be included on all tables for all %ages
3) Revise abstract & conclusions once regressions have been done.
4) Ethical approval needs to be included

Minor comments:
Pg 5. Add "street food" to first paragraph since it is a major source of meals for many.
Pg 8. 1st parag. Was a 24-hour recall done? It should be indicated
Page 8. 2nd parag. It needs to be mentioned that each food group was only counted once.
The food groups in the text do not match those in the table.
3d parag. explain what is meant by individual and household level.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No conflict of interest