Reviewer's report

Title: Nutritional status of Palestinian school adolescents and associated sociodemographic characteristics: cross sectional study in Ramallah and Hebron governorates.

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Page 1. Title: need to be rewritten. The nutritional status of students in Ramallah and Hebron governorates of Palestine.

Page 2. The purpose of this study is not clear. Whether it is to describe the nutritional status of students in Palestine (representative?) or that in the two governorates and make the comparison at the same time. This should be consistent with the results part.

Page 2. line 2-3. delete "... and the associations.....characteristics."

Page 2. "%" should be added for the figures in the results parts.

Page 3. Background information is not strong enough to support the purpose of the study.

Page 3-4. Study design and population. Move the information on Ramallah and Hebron to Background part.

Page 4. Study sample The information on the calculation of sample size should be provided.

Page 5. line 1-2. please specify the economic situation.

Page 5. Measures. Please describe in detail how the weight and height measured, by whom, how many times, and quality control, whether in fasting status?

Page 6. Onset of puberty is too simple to assess the reach of puberty. Please discuss this in discussion part.

Page 7-9. The results part should be consistent with the purpose of this study. Whether it is to focus on the description of the nutritional status of students in the two governorates and comparison or describe that as representative sample for the Palestine? The tables should be revised accordingly.

Page 9-11. Information on the comparison with other studies should be provided. Tables need to be revised accordingly.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.