Reviewer's report

Title: Association of Nativity with Sugar-Sweetened Beverage and Fast-Food Meal Consumption among Mexican-origin Women in Texas Border Colonias

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Overall, it is well-written and interesting paper. Here are a few comments that might help to improve the paper.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Background: On the bottom of the second paragraph on page 2: Define abbreviation for sugar-sweetened beverage and fast food here. It reads as “… sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) and fast food (FF) [17, 20-23]. Prior work also…” Use these abbreviations throughout the paper rather than redefining these in other sections.

2. Methods: Under Participants: Use abbreviation for sugar-sweetened beverages and fast food meals. It reads as “…excluded from analysis for missing data on daily consumption of SSB and/or weekly frequency of FFM.” Use these abbreviations throughout the paper rather than redefining these in other sections.

3. Discussion: Possible reasons for observing 3 key findings are not clearly addressed. Please consider to add this information. For example, why being born in Mexico was independently associated with FFM, but not with SSB. Also, this is a cross-sectional study. Please add a limitation related to the nature of cross-sectional study.

4. Conclusions: The first paragraph in the Conclusions section should move to the Discussion section. Conclusions should start with a sentence with key findings that this study provides.

5. Table 1: It is not clear what these percents mean. Please consider presenting row percents.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.