Reviewer's report

Title: Bioactive oat beta-glucan reduces LDL cholesterol in Caucasians and non-Caucasians.

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Reviewer: Joanna Hlebowicz

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The paper is well written and well referenced.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. Is the study underpowered? Analyses were performed on a relatively small number of non-Caucasians and it may become significantly different with a larger sample size.
2. Were values of p<0.1 considered significant?
3. The main results of the trail are reported elsewhere. Briefly, what is not reported elsewhere? I suggest that you present only the new results in the results and the main results that are already reported in the Methods.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest.