Reviewer’s report

Title: Reconsidering Nutrition Science: Vision through a Cultural Lens

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This article is an excellent description of how nutrition science can be expanded (perhaps redefined) to include the cultural dimension that seems to have been largely ignored over the years. The author challenges the nutrition scientist to reconsider the meaning of science and how it can be better applied to understanding nutrition and health. The author also proposes several actions that could be implemented in research and teaching to expand the concepts of nutrition science beyond the usual framework that currently exists.

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
The issue being addressed is very well defined and will be considered “new” to the majority of nutrition scientists who work in Western cultures.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
The work presented by the author is well reasoned and based on his own work and relevant work of previous scholars.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
There are no numeric data presented in the article. The nature of the topic and how it is presented obviates the need for numeric data.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
The manuscript is well written. The topic does not follow the usual scientific method, which is the point of the article.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
The discussion and conclusion are connect very well to previously published work related to cultural and health.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The title and abstract are appropriate.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
Given that the topic encourages the typical nutrition scientist to reconsider “how we do business,” I believe the article is very well written.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests of any kind.