Reviewer's report

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The author's have addressed all previously raised comments. I still have some concern with the response to comment 2 and 3 I believe, in the field of nutrition, the interchange of terms for correlation and beta-coefficient from a regression model is confusing for the reader. Furthermore, once additional variables are added to a multiple regression model a correlation coefficient (between the two variables) is not the same as the beta-coefficient (with adjustment for covariates) which signifies the magnitude of the association between the dependent and independent variable. I will leave it to the discretion of the editor to advise on the clearest way to describe the statistical methods used in this paper.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests