Reviewer's report

Title: Lifestyle factors affecting gastroesophageal reflux disease symptoms: a cross-sectional study of healthy 19864 adults using FSSG scores.

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1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? well enough, average interesting
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? yes
3. Are the data sound and well controlled? yes, although may be still a bit redundant on some places and translation to clinical relevance could still be better
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? yes
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? yes
7. Is the writing acceptable? yes

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