Reviewer’s report

Title: Patterns of weight loss and supplement consumption of wrestlers in Tehran

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This is an excellent descriptive survey of weight loss practices among wrestlers in Iran. The authors are to be complimented on their attention to sound methodology and efforts to select a representative sample. If this manuscript will be published in English, I urge the authors and editors to make sure that composition, spelling and syntax are consistent with English style. The suggestions itemized below primarily focus on errors in composition, spelling and syntax that I observed.

Page Line Comment
Abstract 12 change “practiced” to “practices” here and elsewhere
2 1 change “behaviour” to behavior here and elsewhere
3 14 change “ordain” to “instituted.”
14 change “in this area…some” to “which prohibited some.”
4 13 change “following” to “populations of”
5 3rd up lower case “methods”
7 1-2 Where efforts made to calibrate the calipers against a known standard?
13&14 Insert “the” before “study”
10 13 change “case” to “wrestler” here and elsewhere
11 7 add a second sentence to the Percent Body Fat section to make a paragraph
13 5 change “men” to “male”
15 7 change “As” to “In” and “respecting” to “considering”
10-11 This doesn’t make sense.
References typos in CDC
Table 1 Make first category “<14” and delete footnote
Tables 3 &7 Some citations in footnotes are not in referenced

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.