Reviewer's report

Title: A comparison of nutritional intake and daily physical activity of girls aged 8-11 years old in Makkah, Saudi Arabia according to weight status

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Dear authors,

the manuscript focuses a topic of high relevance, regarding the health status of young female pre-adolescents from Saudi Arabia. It provides unique data from these populations and the methodology used is appropriate. The manuscript is well written and organized, and the discussion includes a wide range of international references.

However, there are 2 minor issues to address:

1. To provide a more comprehensive data about the sample and to have more information about the sample who did not report all the data, it is suggested to include a sensitive analysis to detect differences between the sample who completed all the data (i.e. including diet diary and accelerometry) and those who completed the anthropometric measurements (i.e., 266). This analysis can be exposed in methods and in results in the 1st paragraph.

2. It is suggested deleting the information about recommendations include in the results (pg 12, lines 8-9, lines 11-12). It would fit more appropriately in the discussion section.

Addressing these changes the manuscript will improve.
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