Reviewer’s report

Title: The relationship between the leptin/ghrelin ratio and meals with various macronutrient contents in men with different nutritional status: a randomized crossover study.

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Reviewer: Cinthya Wibisono

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Thank you for addressing feedback provided from the first review. A few minor corrections are required which have been identified in the revised manuscript.

Line 72: Refrain from using "etc."

Line 73: Add "the" after "In".

Line 74: Include "in this process", or similar, to follow after "participate".

Line 90: Replace "since it reduces" with "suggested to reduce" or similar.

Line 131: Do the authors mean "test", not "tested meals"?

Line 216: Replace "to" with "of an" or similar.

Lines 227-228: Awkward and unclear sentence particularly with the use of "with their higher ratio".

Line 229: Replace "ratio and hunger" with "ratio to hunger".

Line 231: Unclear what "reversed ratio" refers to.

Lines 238-244: Limitations addressed are weak, more needs to be included and expanded on to describe implications to study findings. The 1st limitation essentially describes compliance, therefore this could benefit from being re-written with more clarity within this context, then describe implications to the study. Second limitation addressed is important to expand upon as the age difference was a significant result and surely has impacted results. Other limitations should be included, e.g. men only study sample, small sample size, potential for different results if test meal was not in liquid form.

Line 250-251: This is too strong a recommendation to be put forward. Please revise wording of sentence.
Tables 3 & 4: Please refrain from using "*p" as the asterix is conventionally used to represent a significant value within tables or figures. Suggest replacing with alternative symbol. Study group numbers should also be included in title of table to distinguish between the two tables.

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