Reviewer's report

Title: Healthy Eating Index versus Alternate Healthy Eating Index in relation to Diabetes status and health markers in US adults

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Reviewer: Sandra Gomez-Perez

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The authors extensively revised the article based on reviewer comments. It is well written with appropriate methodology and statistical analysis.

My major comment is in regards to results section and related tables. Various findings show statistical significance, which is common with large samples; as in Table 2, 3, and 5, would the authors like to comment if these findings have clinical relevance? For example, in Table 5 the CRP levels are almost identical from Quartile 1 to Quartile 4, although statistically significant these values show no clinical relevance. It might be suitable for the authors to comment on the clinical interpretation of these statistical findings in the discussion section.

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