Author’s response to reviews

Title: Assessing the Nutritional Needs of Men with Prostate Cancer

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Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We have made the suggested changes and have provided responses below.

Reviewer #2: COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR

The revised manuscript by McLaughlin et al. is very much improved and the authors have been responsive to the reviewer's comments. There are few minor comments for the authors to consider.

Minor comments:

Background, page 4, line 88- Revisions to the background section are satisfactory. To further strengthen the study objectives, authors may include a statement comparing the burden/prevalence of chronic diseases and unhealthy behaviors among prostate cancer survivors, general population, and/or other cancer survivors.

- We have added the following to the introduction: “High levels of obesity are prevalent among cancer survivors, often at similar levels as the general population (11) and most studies also report less healthy diets among male cancer survivors, including lower fruit and vegetable intake compared to breast and uterine cancer survivors.”
Methods, page 213-214- Suggest revising the sentence. Ex- Could revise as "continuous variables using t-test" to match the first half of the sentence.

-We revised the sentence to: “Comparisons of categorical variables were performed using Chi squared tests while comparisons between continuous variables were performed with t-tests.”

Results, page 33 and page 42- Double check the formatting of tables.

-We have corrected the formatting errors by removing one border on page 33 and adding another on page 42

General comment: Authors have discussed the strengths and limitations of existing nutrition programs that target individuals with prostate cancer through a "needs assessment". This article is aligned with the scope of Nutrition Journal and will add value to the decision-making process of the government/organizations in determining the nutritional needs of the target population (means of standardization, determine priorities, make improvements, and allocate resources).

Thank you for your kind words