Reviewer’s report

Title: Ability of the Nutri-Score front-of-pack nutrition label to discriminate the nutritional quality of foods in the German food market and consistency with nutritional recommendations

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The manuscript is clearly written and well-structured. The paper contributes to the public health nutrition field by providing information on a topic currently being debated in Europe. I have few suggestions/queries to the authors:

Abstract
- Line 28: "categories" must be replaced by "food group".
- Line 29: How do the authors define "a high performance"? It would be good to report a definition in the Methods section of the abstract.

Methods
- Food composition database subchapter: The authors should specify whether the extracted data have been quality controlled. Moreover, was the composition of fruits/vegetables/pulses/nuts (%) included in the algorithm?
- The German FBDG, and corresponding reference, should be reported in the Methods section (maybe as a supplement to the manuscript). Moreover, are there any differences with the French guidelines?

Results
- Figure 4: Food items should be sorted into food groups to improve clarity.
Discussion

-Line 220: The consistency between the findings of the present study and those of the French studies should be made more explicit. Please provide data that allow to draw this conclusion.

"Sub-group(s)" spelling should be made uniform throughout the document.

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