Reviewer’s report

Title: Decreased Eating Frequency Linked to Increased Visceral Adipose Tissue, Body Fat, and BMI in Hispanic College Freshmen.

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Reviewer: Welma Stonehouse

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I would like to thank the authors for addressing the reviewer's comments. I would like to suggest further amendments based on the author's response.

Power calculation: Can the authors please provide the details of the method that was used to retrospectively calculate the power, including the SD and mean difference (considered to be a meaningful difference) used in the calculation?

Stratifying for gender: I appreciated the considerable effort that the authors have gone through to stratifying for gender. However, a test of interaction needed to be done first to show that the treatment effect differed across subgroup (gender) categories. It is only if the interaction effect is statistically significant that it is justified to do sub-group analysis. It does not seem as if the authors have done this test of interaction. Considering that the differences were in the same direction for men and women I doubt that this test will be significant. It is suggested that the authors conduct this test first; if the result is not significant it would be better not to stratify for gender and in that case controlling for gender in the models are justified. Considering the lack of statistical power for gender groups this may be a better pathway.

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