Reviewer’s report

Title: Identifying perceived barriers and enablers of healthy eating in college students in Hawai‘i: a qualitative study using focus groups

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Reviewer: Jane M. Kolodinsky

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I do like this paper. It is well written. There are two areas that I believe still need to be addressed. I think you tried too hard in the comments to the reviewers in the area of methodology. PLEASE include more in the paper about your qualitative methods--not how you recruited, but your coding and analysis methods. It is just to cursory for anyone to be able to replicate your study.

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