Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of fruits and vegetables vouchers on food insecurity in disadvantaged families from a Paris suburb

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Reviewer: Craig Gundersen

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This is a competently done study on a topic that, to the best of my knowledge, hasn't been covered in France. There are a few issues, though, with the interpretation of the literature on program effectiveness in the U.S. that need to be corrected.

1. The papers cited by the authors about the impact of SNAP on food insecurity are, at best, mediocre, and aren't considered seriously by those with knowledge of SNAP and food insecurity. To see better work on SNAP and food insecurity see [Gundersen, C., B. Kreider, and J. Pepper. “Partial Identification Methods for Evaluating Food Assistance Programs: A Case Study of the Causal Impact of SNAP on Food Insecurity.” American Journal of Agricultural Economics 99(4), 875-894. 2017.] and references therein.

2. There is zero credible research showing that nutrition education is an important component of program efforts to reduce food insecurity. In other words, whether or not someone receives nutrition education along with, say, SNAP has no impact on their food security status. Thus, mentions of this claim need to be removed.

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