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Title: Adolescent food insecurity in rural Sindh, Pakistan: a cross-sectional survey

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My review of this paper is that it is extremely well written, the study appropriately designed and executed, the results interpreted adequately, and, in general, the paper was a joy to read.

Highlights:

1) Study design including the use of sampling and consent process.

2) Very much appreciated the authors submitting the questionnaire for reviewers to see.

3) Results re: 65% of boys reporting food insecurities compared to 3% of girls. I also really appreciated the authors thoughtful discussion re: why they found this and that it was not surprising.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Changes to consider:

1) There are some typos throughout the paper and references.

2) For Table 4, please include the variables used in the adjusted model in a footnote under the table. This will make it easier for the reader to understand what variables were included in your final model.

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