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I am afraid I must concur with reviewer Dr. D. Hausman. I do not feel this paper is of sufficient quality to be published in this journal.

For instance, in the revised version the numbers of persons with hypertension (Table 1) are indicated as 25, yet males with HTN are listed as 8 and females as 11 (which adds to 19).

In their note on the association between Food Habits and ailments, the authors state that there is an association between skipping meals and hypertension, diabetes, and body ailments--implying a positive association. Yet the correlation in the table is negative.

The authors state that 1/3 of the participants were "malnourished" but do not define this clearly. They appear to include in this category underweight AND obesity.

The paper's basic scientific aims are not well defined, with the result that too much ground is covered in too superficial a manner.

In my opinion a paper could still be salvaged from the manuscript but more work is needed in close collaboration with a statistician/epidemiologist and nutritionist to produce a worthy scientific contribution.

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