

Reviewer's report

Title: Fruits and vegetables consumption among elderly people: a cross sectional study from Iran

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Review of revised manuscript.

General remarks

The manuscript is improved in several points, like the introduction and methods section is much clearer now. Still some of my previous comments have not been addressed (e.g. how the validity of the instruments were assessed). However, the authors may have their reasons.

In addition to my 1st review, I would address two additional issues as detailed below.

Minor essential revisions:

1. Please explain inconsistent results regarding associations between FV consumption and characteristics including age, education and income, which were significant in univariate analysis but insignificant when analyzed in logistic regression? This might confuse the reader.

2. Please clarify which variables were included in the logistic regression model and particularly how the answers to the transtheoretical model were included in the model. If I understood correctly participants answers were on a 5-point scale. Did you dicotomize the answeres and if yes, how?

Discretionary revisions:

1. Interpretation of the mean scores is difficult for the reader. Are there any comparable results from other studies?

English needs estensive editing.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.