

Reviewer's report

Title: Dieting practices, weight perceptions, and body composition: A comparison of normal weight, overweight, and obese college females

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. The Results section and all the tables have reported data for the 3 groups following the order of "Normal weight", "Overweight", and "Obese". I would suggest on p.10 where "Mean perceived healthy weight" and "mean perceived attractive weight" were reported to follow the same order of Normal-Overweight-Obese when reporting the percentage. This way the reader can follow the same trend of reporting throughout the study.

2. Consider including demographic info such as ethnicity and average age dieting behavior was started on one of the tables.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.