

Author's response to reviews

Title: Assessing the Internal Validity of a Household Survey-Based Food Security Measure Adapted for Use in Iran

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Dear Dr. Nehme Gabriel:
Chief Editor of "Nutrition Journal"

After greeting,

Thank you for your comments.

We applied their comments to the article and a point-by-point response to the concerns of reviewers is kindly presented in the followings:

Reviewer: Hiromichi Kumagai

- 1-The number of questions was edited and concerned to be AD and CH in different parts.
- 2-The explanation of Item calibration was added to method section.
- 3-Result and discussion parts were revised and some parts of result were moved to discussion.

Reviewer: Hugo R Melgar-Quinonez

1-In introduction, the importance of the US tools and Rasch model analysis was described. Also we mentioned to other studies and tools in Iran for the purposes of

household food security measurement.

a-The background in abstract was revised too.

2-Errors in the writing were corrected.

3-The sampling design is clearly described in method and abstract parts.

4- The number of questions was edited and concerned to be AD and CH in different parts.

5-Page 7,1st paragraph was modified and repeated contents were omitted.

6-Result section was edited. The findings were reported without explanation and some parts were moved to discussion section.

7- Discussion part was revised. The results of similar studies and new literature related to our research were compared to our findings.

8-The purposed of this study was to assess the internal validity of the adapted US Food Security Module in adult and children items separately. So it is better to report these items in separate tables.

9-There were some errors in the writing of tables 3 and 5 and they were corrected.

Awaiting your quick response.

With best wishes.