**Point by Point Responses to Editor Comments:**

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| **SL.** | **Editor Comments** | **Response(s) from author** |
| 1 | **Major:** |
| 1) It is nor clear if they have designed or adopted the questionnaire that they have used. If they have developed questionnaire they need to attach it to the article | We have designed questionnaire for conducting the study. The questionnaire has been attached with the revised manuscript.  |
| 2) Since answers were self reported, did authors ascertain the answers given by children? | For ensuring the accuracy of the data set, two steps measure had been performed. During the data collection, interviewers checked the questionnaires, after then, principal investigator and co-investigators critically checked all the data set. Whenever, anomalies in the respondents answer identified, we tried to solve the problem by contacting with the respondents further. The data had been omitted for analysis those were not possible to recover.  |
| 3) Overweight must included into other category, since 0 in some of the cells make the analysis non valid, and redo the analysis | The analysis of the present revised manuscript has been performed newly according to your informative suggestions.  |
| 4) BMI classification in children should be done according to percentiles, not the number cutoffs. Use WHO scale (http://www.who.int/growthref/en/), or CDC scale (https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/childrens\_bmi/about\_childrens\_bmi.html) | Following the guidelines provided by the CDC, we measured BMI percentile categories and performed the analysis newly.  |
| 5) Ones serious limitation of this study is that authors use convenience sample, and conclusions must be regarding this sample, and not overextend into the population. The article would benefit if the differences between this particular sample (Jahangirnagar University School) and general school age population will be discussed  | Taking the suggestions, we have changed ungrounded sentences. In spite of the paucity of nutritional information of general school age children in Bangladesh, we tried to address the differences among the existing findings related to this study.  |
| **Minor:** |  |
| 1) Sentence "Modernization has led to these countries which is characterized by a shift to higher caloric consumption and decreased physical activity" contradicts the rest of the background  |  Now this sentence is correct with the new analysis, findings and background study in the revised manuscript. |
| 2) More background on hygienic practices should be given in the introduction | Introduction of the revised manuscript has been modified.Due to the insufficiency of hygienic practices data among the school age children in Bangladesh, we were unable to input related information in our introduction section.  |
| 3) Is there any reason for choosing Jahangirnagar University School? Why age 6-12 was chosen? | Jahangirnagar University School had been selected as our study place because of the heterogeneous background of the sample to generalize the findings. In that school, students from all economic classes are studying which is to say, students from labor economic class family to highly educated and supreme economic class family are there.  |
| 4) Was consent collected from parents of children, if not why? |  Yes, before drawing the simple random sampling for interviewing, we disseminated a notice through the school authority to the students to talk to their legal guardians (parents) about the study. Based on guardians consent students showed their interest to participate in the study. |
| 5) Mother and father occupation must be similarly categorized (Table 3) | In Bangladesh, there has a difference in parents’ occupations. Typically, mothers are involved in household activities, while fathers are in outdoor activities. Despite these differences, we recategorized parents’ occupation in this revised manuscript.  |
| 6) Is there clinical difference between taking five items v.s. six items or seven items? Maybe less categories are needed? (Table 3 and 4) | We apologize for our misrepresentation in the manuscript. Instead of food items, it will be the number of daily food intake times. It was also recategorized in this revised manuscript.  |
| 7) Some grammatical mistakes here and there  | The authors thoroughly checked the whole manuscript for grammatical mistakes and corrected all the mistake in the revised manuscript. |
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| 2 | What do they mean?  | We have changed the title the manuscript.  |
| 3 | Please indicate if you designed the survey yourself. Is survey available online somewhere? It would be nice to have a URL pointing to the survey  | We have designed questionnaire for conducting the study. The questionnaire has been attached with the revised manuscript.  |
| 4 | Please see the comments in the tables section below!  | Major correction in the statistical analysis has been performed in this revised manuscript according to your instructions.  |
| 5 | Ungrounded conclusion  | Taking the suggestions, we have changed ungrounded sentences.  |
| 6 | Need to find scientific term for this | We apologize for our misrepresentation in the manuscript. Instead of food items, it will be the number of daily food intake times.  |
| 7 | This is not a longitudinal study, so the weight did not “decline”. Need to indicate that it was “lower” or “higher” in various groups. |  Taking your suggestion, sentence has been modified.  |
| 8 | Perhaps it is more appropriate to say that it followed “standard operating procedures with uniform methodology for data colletion from all particiapnts?”  | Taking your suggestion, sentence has been modified. |
| 9 | This is where you need to describe how your university based school is different from other schools in other regions. Are they comparable?  | Jahangirnagar University School had been selected as our study place because of the heterogeneous background of the sample to generalize the findings. In that school, students from all economic classes are studying which is to say, students from labor economic class family to highly educated and supreme economic class family are there.  |
| 10 | I think this is a little bit of an over statement. Perhaps list specific complications such as low birth baby, premature labor, etc? | Taking the suggestions, we have changed ungrounded sentences.   |
| 11 | So, this is a little bit of overstatement. Your study showed that this particular school has underweight children. | Taking the suggestions, we have changed ungrounded sentences.   |
| 12 | Please get rid of 0 in the cells and redo the analysis  |  Major correction in the statistical analysis has been performed in this revised manuscript according to your instructions. We tried our best to get rid of 0 in the cells. Following the guidelines provided by the CDC, we measured BMI percentile categories and performed the analysis newly.  |
| 13 | 0 in a cell can make the results of your analysis invalid. Please include overweight into the healthy weight and compare underweight and healthy weight for all the variables: age, sex, birth order and etc. |
| 14 | Again, 0 can lead your analysis to false conclusions, redo the analysis using less occupation categories  |
| 15 | Make fathers’ occupation have the same categories as mothers. Again, 0 and 1 might lead you to false conclusions. You need to include smaller numbers into other categories  |
| 16 | Again, redo the calculations using the same categories as in the table 2 |
| 17 | What is the clinical difference between these categories? Maybe you can include less, e.g. 2, 3, 4, 5 and more.  |
| 18 | Please redo the analysis if you have changed categories according to table 3 |
| 19 | Get rid of 0 please |
| 20 | Consider combining overweight and healthy weight into one group for the purpose of statistical analysis |