

# Review of: "Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Consumption Preferences"

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Generally this is a very well written research paper, however, I suggest that you have a section for results and be numbered 3.0. Under this section, all subsections of 3.0 with results can be put under results.

There is no need of having a section named Statistical Analysis. You can have this under materials and methods and even under results. Currently it is hard to separate materials and methods with the results. The two are mixed together but can be separated. If you look closely, some statements in section 3 can be put under Materials and Methods though most content fits to be under results.

I understand that the authors are working on including more respondents, which will also improve on the area of coverage of the participants for this research.

These are minor and specific comments:

1. **Abstract:** An abstract is generally one paragraph summarising the research problem, methodology employed to solve the problem and the major results, among others. Make it one paragraph.

2. **Abstract:** The statement "... country's men's feeding habits ..." is not gender sensitive, find a statement that caters for both ladies and gentlemen. I suggest "... population's feeding habits ..." or "... people's feeding habits ..." or a much better statement.

3. **Address 2** of the authors appears repeated, kindly correct that.

## Introduction:

### 4. Paragraph 1, line 1:

I suggest that you change the statement

"The human infecting coronavirus disease (COVID-19) ..." to

"Coronavirus disease, 2019 (COVID-19) ..." or "Coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19) ..."

5. **Paragraph 1, line 4:** I suggest that you change the word "noted" to observed or registered.

6. **Paragraph 1, line 6 & 7:** Why are some words bolded here? If an oversight, kindly rectify.

7. **Paragraph 2, line 1:** Either go by "By the 7th day of April, 2020, ...." or "By 7th of April, 2020, ...." That is, you either add "day" some where or you remove "the".
8. **Paragraph 2, line 6:** Kindly change "Due to a scare in the country ..." to "As a control measure, ..." or "As a mitigation measure, ..." or something much better. The word "scare" sounds not so good here.
9. **Paragraph 2, line 8:** A comma after March 20th is up, Kindly bring it down.
10. **Paragraph 2, line 9:** Change "... a 42 days COVID-19 lockdown ..." to "... a 42 day COVID-19 lockdown ..." That is days to day.
11. **Paragraph 3, line 3:** I suggest that authors use "economic activities" instead of "economic activity"
12. **Paragraph 3, line 5:** I suggest that you add a word chain or processes or systems after "local food".
13. **Paragraph 3, line 9:** I suggest that you change "These feelings ..." to "These phenomena ..." or "These events ..." or something much better.
14. **Paragraph 6, line 6:** Cross out "But" and start the new sentence with "This ..."
15. **Paragraph 6, lines 7-9:** Kindly add the place and the country where Celik, Ozden, and Dane (2020) did their research.
16. **Paragraph 6, last line:** A full stop is missing.
17. **Paragraph 7, last two lines:** This statement "... are dropping the number of meals they munch through from three to one or at most two days (Iranmanesh et.al., 2022)" I suggest this "... are dropping the number of meals they munch through from three to one in a day or one in at most two days (Iranmanesh et.al., 2022)" This paragraph is also short to stand alone. Consider putting it somewhere.
18. **Paragraph 8, last line:** Kindly describe or talk about the socio-demographics characteristics even though you describe them in the methods.
19. **Paragraph 9,** Join this with paragraph 8.

## Materials and Methods:

### 2.2 Population description.

20. **Paragraph 3, line 3.** Kindly change "paid by government" to "employed by government"

Some statements fit to be under materials and methods while other fit to be under results. Kindly separate the two.

### 3.0 Statistical Analysis

### 3.1 Food consumption preferences during the pandemic

21. **Paragraph 1, line 1:** Change "sex" to "gender"

22. **Paragraph 2 and onwards.** Kindly revisit the way you describe the results from Table 1. You did a very good job to rank them. I suggest that you describe the best 3 or 4 and last 2. You can refer the readers to Table 1 for the details. Look, you described the first 2 then you jumped to 7. The descriptions are okay but follow a fair pattern like best 3 or 4 and last 2.

23. **Before Table 2:** Kindly change "table 2" to "Table 2"

24. **Paragraph after Table 4:** Some where "5" is starting a sentence, you can use "Five"

25. **Paragraph after Figure 6:** Some where 19 is starting a sentence, use a word induded.