

Reviewer's report

Title:Food store owners' and managers' perspectives on the food environment:
An exploratory mixed-methods study

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Although the authors were very responsive to the previous reviews, a few minor concerns remain.

1. The introduction still seems a little off focus. The implications of this paper seems to be interventions so the paper should center largely on the importance of understanding store owner perspectives for that purpose. Seems like it needs a stronger emphasis on what interventions have been done.

2. In the methods it indicates that the first author designed the codebook to create a standard definition of "themes". Please provide more information about how the codebook was developed (ex. was it a priori?). Additionally, most qualitative research traditions indicate that themes emerge as a result of coding (see: http://www.sagepub.com/upm-data/24614_01_Saldana_Ch_01.pdf). Consequently, themes and codes are viewed as different components of the analysis process. Authors should indicate that a codebook was developed with definitions.

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' below.