Comments from Referee:

**Referee:3 General comments**

The submitted manuscript uses correspondence analysis (CA) to examine the relationship of when certain foods are eaten, and how these patterns differ among different diabetes groups. They find that unhealthy foods such as beer, ice cream and pudding are consumed later in the day.

**RESPONSE:**

1. **The limitations and strengths.**

Unable to determine strengths at this time.  
Weakness include very poor quality plots, and more information on how CA works.  
Please see details in the next section

**RESPONSE:** We are sincerely sorry that previous figures were not readable. Figures were reproduced and uploaded according to the resolution requirements of the journal.

More details of how CA works and the interpretation can be found in the literature as shown in Husson, F., et al [1] or with more technique details

[1] Husson, F., Lê, S. and Pagès, J. (2017) Exploratory Multivariate Analysis by Example Using R. CRC press.

1. **Comment on the methods, results and data interpretation. If there are any objective errors, or if the conclusions are not supported, you should detail your concerns.**

Methods: Although I am familiar with principal components analysis, CA appears to be quite different from PCA in that the 1st two factors are not interpreted. Or are they? Also, having researched some of the CA techniques, I think a table showing the times of eating and the foods should be made, perhaps as a supplementary table.  
  
Tables and Figures: The figures are incredibly hard to read. Because of this, I cannot follow the results/manuscript.

1. **Dear all, I could not read the figures.**