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Manuscript: “Brazilian pregnant and lactating women do not change their food intake to meet nutritional goals.”

Corrections suggested by editor:

1- Title – Delete “the” of the title.
   Answer: It was deleted.

2- First phrase of abstract section (line 1) – Delete “the”.
   Answer: It was deleted.

3- Last phrase of abstract section (line 18) – Replace “in general” with “across the lifespan”.
   Answer: It was done.

4- In ‘Background section” – on first paragraph: remove “the” in (line 24): … and associated changes in the maternal metabolism [1].
   Answer: It was removed.

5- On page 3, second paragraph, replace “overweight” (lines 34/35) by “being overweight”.
   Answer: It was replaced.

6- On page 3, last phrase of second paragraph, replace “the” with “a” in: “… should be the key message.”
   Answer: It was replaced.

7- On page 3, last paragraph of background section, replace: … and the prevalence of inadequate nutrient intake… by “identify the prevalence of inadequate nutrient intake (lines 40/41).”
   Answer: It was replaced.

8- On page 3, last phrase of background section, replace “between” with “amongst” (line 41).
   Answer: It was done.
9- On page 3, first paragraph of Methodology: Give reference to NDS (line 45).

Answer: It was given, it’s reference number 11.

10- On page 4, first paragraph: Change the word “sampling” by “sample” and include the word “elsewhere” (line 60).

Answer: It was done.

11- On page 4, first paragraph: Insert some information about the sample data collection (line 60).

Answer: We decided not to include this information here, since it’s well explained on references 11 and 12, and the reference 12 is in English.

12 – On page 4, first paragraph of “Assessment of food intake” section - Replace “correct” by “accurate.” (line 70)

Answer: It was replaced.

13- On page 4, last phrase of first paragraph of “Assessment of food intake” section – Give information on who is going to complete the food records. (lines 73 and 74)

Answer: The information was given.

14- On page 4, second paragraph of “Assessment of food intake” section – replace “research agents” by “research assistants.” (line 75)

Answer: It was replaced.

15- On page 4, item number 2, correct the verb tense to be consistent. (lines 81 and 82)

Answer: It was corrected.

16- On page 5, second paragraph, question about the meaning of “mate”. (line 94)

Answer: “Mate” is a typical Brazilian tea, and we informed it in the text.

17- On page 5, last paragraph of “Assessment of food intake” section – include the word “elsewhere” before the reference. (line 111)

Answer: It was included.

18- On page 7, third paragraph of results section – delete the word “to.” (line 166)

Answer: It was deleted.
19- On page 8, third paragraph of discussion section, replace “Prevalence of overweight and obesity among women is high in Brazil…” by “The prevalence of women who are either overweight or obese is high in…” (line 198)

Answer: It was replaced.

20- On page 8, third paragraph of discussion section, replace “16,9%” by “16.9%”. (line 199)

Answer: It was replaced.

21- On first paragraph of page 9, replace “… that receive special attention to public health” to “that receive special attention in public health.” (line 215)

Answer: It was corrected.

22- On last paragraph of page 9, replace “80.9%” to “80.9%.” (line 245)

Answer: It was replaced.

23- On second paragraph of page 10, replace “serious error on the results” to “serious error in the results.” (line 251)

Answer: It was corrected.

24- On fourth paragraph of page 10, correct the information about the underreporting of energy intake. (line 264 to 266)

Answer: In fact, this value of underreporting of energy comes from another study (reference number 11), with all participants of National Dietary Survey (NDS), not only with pregnant women, lactating women and reproductive-age women. It was now explained in the text.

25- On fifth paragraph of page 10, the last phrase “Thus, if differences exist…” doesn’t make sense (it was in line 274).

Answer: This phrase was removed because it didn’t make sense.

26-On last paragraph of page 10, replace “Dietary counseling to women… “To “Dietary counseling of women…” (line 277)

Answer: It was replaced.