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The aim of this study was to describe dietary characteristics associated with frequent consumption of organic food among pregnant women participating in the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study (MoBa). The study is very interesting although could be considered very country specific as perhaps Norwegian women are more health conscious and eat more organic foods. Can some country comparisons be covered a little in the discussion? This is an interesting novel study. With the increase in organic foods consumed in society these days this paper is timely. The English is generally well written and acceptable, but in some places the wording is unusual.

I have some minor comments below.

Background:
Page 5, paragraph 2, line 5- should read ‘…it is important to gain more knowledge…’

Methods:
Page 7, second paragraph, first sentence – this sentence is very long. Please shorten or make into two sentences.

Results:
Page 10 – in the first paragraph of results please present the numbers i.e. 58 and 28, as n=58 food groups, and n=28 food groups.

Discussion
Page 14 – second paragraph – ‘We also decided to exclude beverages since they had a very strong dominance on the results.’ Please explain in what way beverages impacted on the results in relation to this sentence.

Page 16 – paragraph 2 and 3, it appears that results (Figure 1) are presented in the discussion. Results ought to be given in the results section only therefore move these results to the results section.
Page 18:
Second line of the second paragraph should read ‘…that foods perceived as ‘unhealthy’ are (rather than 'is’) underreported…’
Did these authors actually adjust for misreporting? If so, please describe.

Tables and Figures are appropriate.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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.