Reviewer's report

Title: Nutritional Status and Dietary Intake of Urban Residents in Gondar, Northwest Ethiopia

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Reviewer Comments to Author

This study discusses regarding the Nutritional Status and Dietary Intake of Urban Residents in Gondar, Northwest Ethiopia. The major comment is to add the indice for diet quality evaluation. The author could calculate the nutrient adequacy ratio for each nutrient by dividing the amount of intake to the RDA amount of that nutrient. Furthermore, you can calculate the mean adequacy ratio as a marker of diet quality in this population. My minor comments are as follow:

Introduction: Please clearly state the novelty of the study. Is there any report in this regard from this region?

Methods:
Please calculate the nutrient adequacy ratio and also the mean adequacy ratio.

Tables:
1. When you have compared different characteristics in men and women in table 1, please include p- value and report significant ones. Also, adjust those significant items and are considered as a confounding factors.
2. It is better that in table 3, compare the different intakes of men and women and obtain p-value.
3. In table 6, please specify that whether you consider the energy intake of each person regarding comparing of micronutrients in men and women? Are the values energy adjusted?
4. Did you check the physical activity of participants?

Discussion:
Please discuss regarding the amount of fruit, vegetable and dairy in this population and refer to this important issue that the diet rich in dairy and fruit and vegetable and whole grain can be protective against cardiovascular risks and refer to this paper which shows the beneficial effects of DASH diet that is rich in fruit, vegetable and dairy (J Nutr. 2011 Jun;141(6):1083-8.)

Please also compare these results with the results from other population and cite this paper and discuss about that:

Study limitations should be discussed.

**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 had not any conflict of interest.