Reviewer's report

Title: Disparities Exist Between National Food Group Recommendations and the Dietary Intakes of Women

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The aim of this paper is to compare food intakes of reproductive women by pregnancy status to current Australian recommendations. It is a well written paper considering an important question.

Specific

Abstract

2nd sentence states ‘This study compared…’ A study cannot compare – the sentence ought to read ‘In this study we compared the food intake…’

Study sample

How were the women ascertained for this study? Some references are given but it would be useful to know how the women were ascertained initially.

What is the referencing format for this journal? Should paper titles be bolded? Are reports allowed to be used as references? Are the correct abbreviations for journals used?

Reference 12, 27, 28 and 29 are all very similar – are these the same reference?

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