Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of dietary intake of lactating women in China and its potential impact on the health of mothers and infants

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Discussion
L315-318: “Surprisingly, the control group of women consumed only 37-43% of the recommended carbohydrate (RNI 316.3-373.8g/day) (Table 4), while their protein and fat intake were -12% and 20% higher than the RNI (Figure 1).” There is a self-contradiction because the fat intake of the control group was 64.3 g/day which is in the normal range, i.e., 51.1-76.7 g/day (see Table 4).

2. Figure 1
Figure 1 uses days 2, 10, 30 and 90, but the text and tables 1-4 use days 2, 7, 30 and 90 for lactating women. The authors should keep a consistency in those descriptions.

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.