Reviewer’s report

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I have read the revised paper and the answers given by the authors. The changes and especially adding information of childrens’ intake has improved the paper substantially.

However, in my point of view one aspect remains to be pointed out clearly. It seems the authors misunderstood the comment on the low intake level of calcium and dairy products. I did not question the accuracy of the reported intake as such, though the present addition that the reported levels are in agreement with Japanese population intake supports validity and should be kept. What I meant is that the results obtained in this population where intakes are very low in comparison with the Western world cannot be generalized worldwide. To search for associations in populations where the variation in comparisons with these Japanese data varies from high to very high is a completely different story. This should be made clear in the discussion.

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None