Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessing dietary intake among infants and toddlers 0-24 months of age in Baltimore, Maryland, USA

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1. The methods are appropriate and well described and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work. But the authors should give an adequate explanation about the validity and reliability of the measurement methods.

2. It is not clear that selected and studied sample, stand for which statistical population.

3. For most nutrient needs, the AIs have defined not DRIs, and as we know the RDAs are used for few nutrients such as Vitamin D, Vitamin B6, Iron, Zinc and Iodine, so comparing data of infants’ intake with DRIs may not be so appropriate.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Data are provided too lengthy in fully-described tables. It is recommended to compact it and narrow it down to the valuable data. For instance if a table is provided about food which providing energy, it is not necessary to provide information about the food which supply under 1-2 % of energy.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The response rate is very low and calls the randomness of samples into question. The response rate is reported 61% in which 11 persons has been eliminate thereafter.

2. Is Ethnic distribution (63% American African) in conformity with general population?

3. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. But assuming the equal intake of breast feeding for 0-6 months infants, leads to get same results for breast feeding Reviewer’s report among infants. Regarding the authors quotation to obesity, it can make problems in interpreting the data.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
NO