Reviewer's report

Title: Dietary habits of pregnant women and implications for child health: a survey of predominantly Hispanic women in California.

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This is a descriptive study about dietary habits of pregnant women predominantly Hispanic. The authors also investigated the unhealthy consumption habits and maternal intake of over-the-counter and prescription medication.

It is an interesting study. However a weakness is the lack of information about the results on the frequency of consumption throughout the pregnancy, and lack of results on the implications for children’s health in the studied participants.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

Abstract: In the results, the authors should clarify the inclusion criteria and present the main quantitative results. The conclusions should include a brief précis of the study.

Methods: The description of FBMIQ is not clear to explain how the pattern of maternal consumption was investigated. It is not reported if the consumption was frequent or not in each trimester. The authors should inform the proportion of questionnaires that did not return.

Results: In this section, the authors constantly repeat results that are showed in the tables and in the figures. There are same data presented in the figures and tables. The figures are not necessary.

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Discussion: The maternal consumption of each food studied is discussed mainly presenting the effects of this food on health. It would be interesting, however, if the authors compare the results obtained in this research with results of other populations. The data from this study does not provide results on the effects on children's health, and the authors should limit their discussion to the results that they have obtained.

Conclusions: In this section, the authors presented the main results, it should be included in the results section of the abstract. The authors should state clearly the main conclusions of the research and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.

References: They are not in accordance with the recommendations, and are excessive (n=139).
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.