Reviewer’s report

Title: Dietary Intake and Phthalates Body Burden in Boys and Girls

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This manuscript provides novel cross-sectional data about dietary sources of phthalate exposures in children in China.

Major compulsory revisions

Introduction needs to be more complete in describing broad array of effects of childhood phthalate exposures, especially asthma, obesity, insulin resistance and elevated blood pressure (Spanier, Trasande, others).

Dietary sources have been analyzed and reviewed recently, and the exposures should be discussed in the introduction, and results compared with the observed in the discussion (see 2013 and 2014 articles in Env Health, Env Research).

English language stylistic correction is needed.

Greater explication of FFQ is needed.

Sum of DEHP metabolites is molar sum? or concentration total?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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