Reviewer's report

Title: Validation and reproducibility of a new iodine specific food frequency questionnaire for assessing iodine intake in Norwegian pregnant women

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while reviewing your paper, it as shown extra ordinary work. Few suggestions and queries were commented and rectify it.

Abstract: line 29 - modify the statement on reference methods analyzed

line 79 - as stated, it recommended by the Govt of Norway (re-frame the sentence) and send the reference link of this statement in English language for correlation.

line 101-103 - what is the specificity between RCT and I-FFQ?

Reframe the sentence since it shows difference in statement of the problem

line 117 & 121-122 - reframe the first sentence in terms of past tense.

line 125 - clarify the actual meaning of 124, 134 & 134 participants. Reframe as accordingly.

line 209 - check for grammatically mistake. include the procedure of sample collection by the authors from the study participants.

line 223 - why the serum samples were stored for 3 months and why it is not analyzed immediately?

what is the difference between them?

Do your food diary has any impact on the thyroid marker?

line 483 - clarify whether bio-marker assessed everyday or after 3 month as mentioned in the line 223.
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