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Dietary mineral intakes of young Tibetan children living in areas endemic for Kashin-Beck disease: preliminary results of a cross-sectional survey

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Background

- Kashin-Beck disease (KBD) is an endemic and chronic osteochondropathy whose etiology remains unclear [1]
- Environmental factors are assumed to be involved, among which the selenium and iodine deficiency [2,3]

Background

- Tibetan populations share 4 macro-ecosystems [4]:
 - ▶ Urban zones
 - ▶ Suburban zones
 - ▶ Pastoral zones
 - ▶ Agricultural zones
- KBD only encountered in Agricultural zones
- Diet is a major difference between these zones

Aim of the study

- Assessment of minerals intakes of preschool children living in endemic areas for Kashin-Beck disease
- Compare the calculated intakes with Chinese [5] and US [6,7] nutritional recommendations
- Investigated nutrients:
Energy, Water, Na, K, Ca, P, Mg, Fe, Cu, Zn, Se, Mn

Preliminary studies

- Effects of thirty elements on bone metabolism [8]
- The relevance of food composition data for nutrition survey in rural Tibet: pilot study in the context of Kashin-Beck Disease [9]
- Minerals and trace elements in traditional foods of rural areas of Lhasa Prefecture, Tibet Autonomous Region (P.R. China) [10]

Experimental design

- Cross-sectional survey
- 250 Children (aged 3 to 5) of Lhasa Prefecture (3 Counties) interviewed twice (2 seasons)
- Interactive multiple-pass 24-hour food recall
- Specific Food Composition Table
- Intakes computed with Nubel Foodplanner PRO

Results

Table 1. Distribution of children according to their age and county

County	n total	age	n male	n female
Lhünzub (L)	70	3	10	11
		4	16	11
		5	7	15
Maizhokunggar (M)	27	3	4	3
		4	6	8
		5	4	2
Nyêmo (N)	153	3	24	27
		4	33	20
		5	23	26
Total	250		127	123

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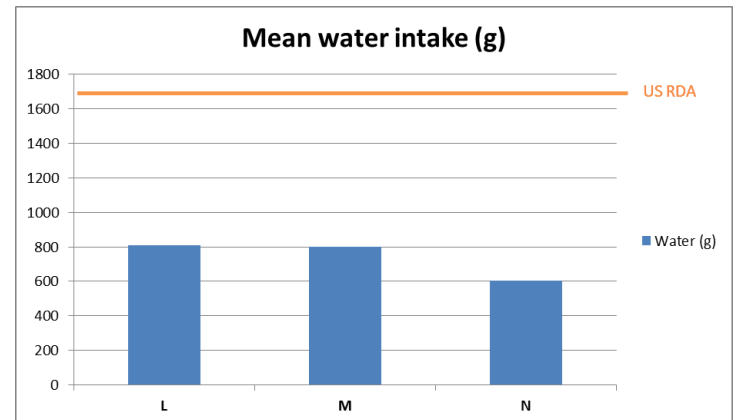
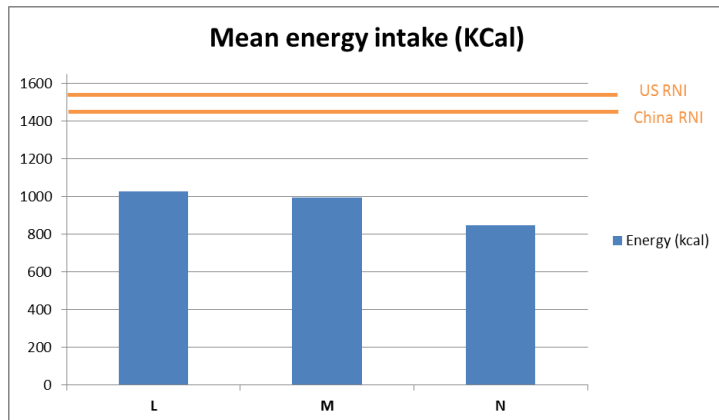
Table 2. Energy and water mean intakes by county and comparison with the Chinese and US recommendations

Nutrient	County	Mean	StDev	(%)#	China RNI/AI for 4 y/o	US RDA/AI for 4-8 y/o	China ULs for 4 y/o	US ULs for 4-8 y/o
Energy (kcal)	L	1026 ^a	428	71				
	M	995 ^{a,b}	535	69	1300-1600	1485-1642	-	-
	N	848 ^b	455	58				
Water (g)	L	811 ^a	386	48				
	M	798 ^a	334	47	-	1700	-	-
	N	606 ^b	354	36				

RNI: recommended nutrient intake; AI: adequate intake; RDA: recommended dietary allowance; ULs: upper limits

Percent of China RNI/AI/ or US AI/RDA if Chinese value is missing

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Table 3. Major elements mean intakes by county and comparison with the Chinese and US recommendations

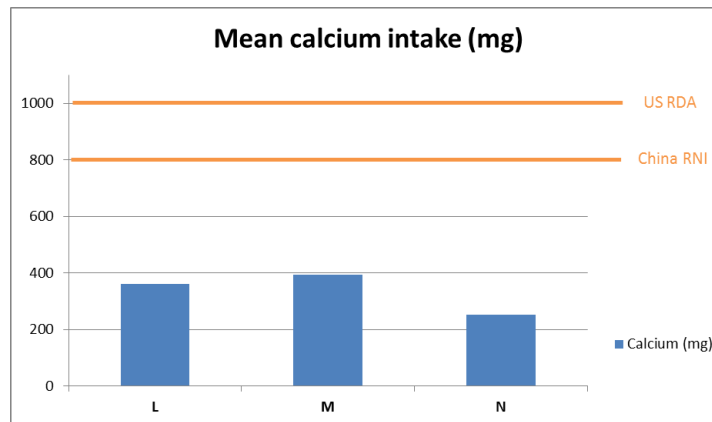
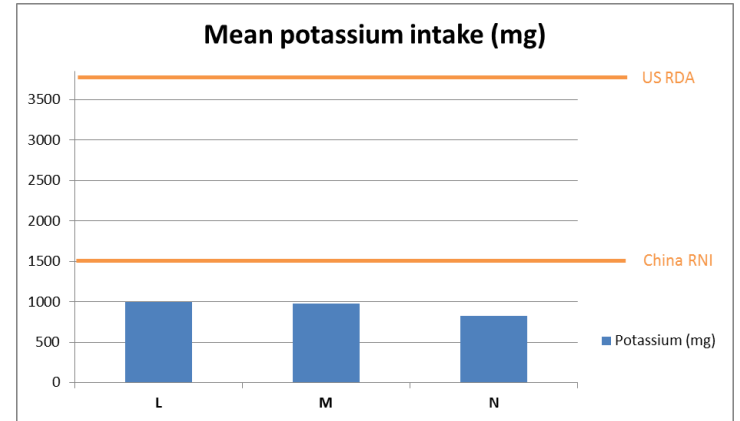
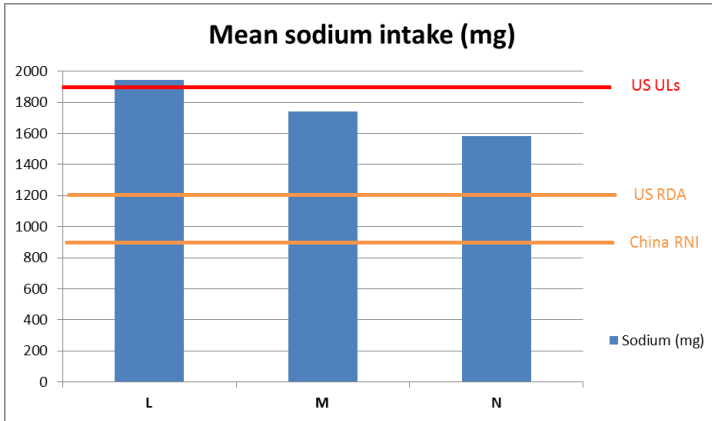
Nutrient	Region	Mean	StDev	(%)#	China RNI/AI for 4 y/o	US RDA/AI for 4-8 y/o	China ULs for 4 y/o	US ULs for 4-8 y/o
Sodium (mg)	L	1945 ^a	1152	216				
	M	1739 ^{a,b}	944	193	900	1200	-	1900
	N	1580 ^b	1327	176				
Potassium (mg)	L	998 ^a	571	67				
	M	981 ^{a,b}	511	65	1500	3800	-	-
	N	821 ^b	533	55				
Calcium (mg)	L	361 ^a	314	45				
	M	394 ^{a,b}	252	49	800	1000	2000	2500
	N	251 ^b	374	31				
Phosphorus (mg)	L	575 ^a	306	115				
	M	588 ^a	272	118	500	500	3000	3000
	N	487 ^b	387	97				
Magnesium (mg)	L	157 ^a	71	105				
	M	143 ^a	72	95	150	130	300	110
	N	116 ^b	57	77				

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Table 4. Minor elements mean intakes by county and comparison with the Chinese and US recommendations

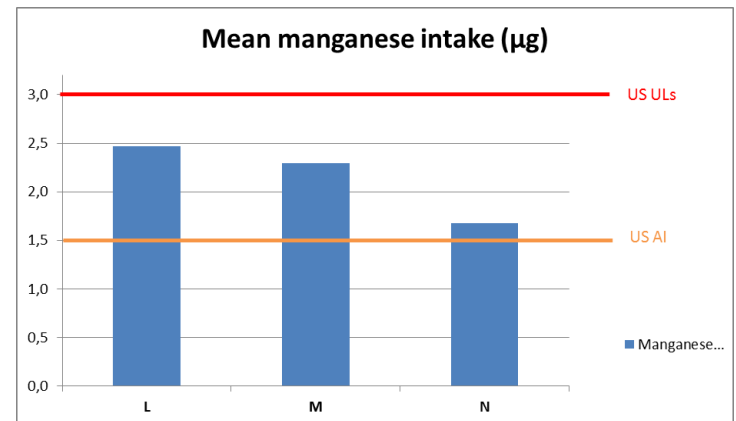
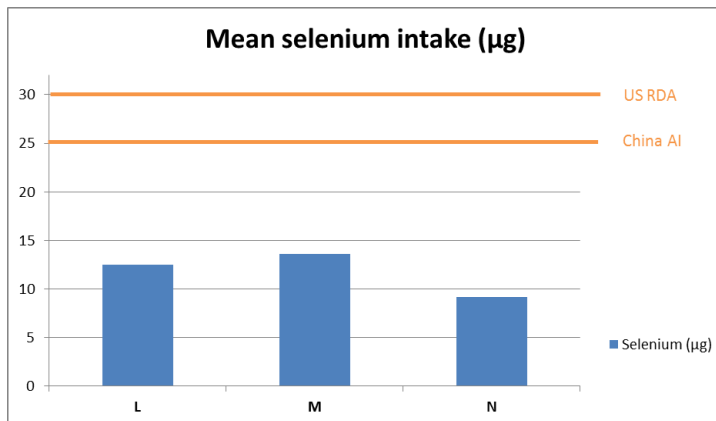
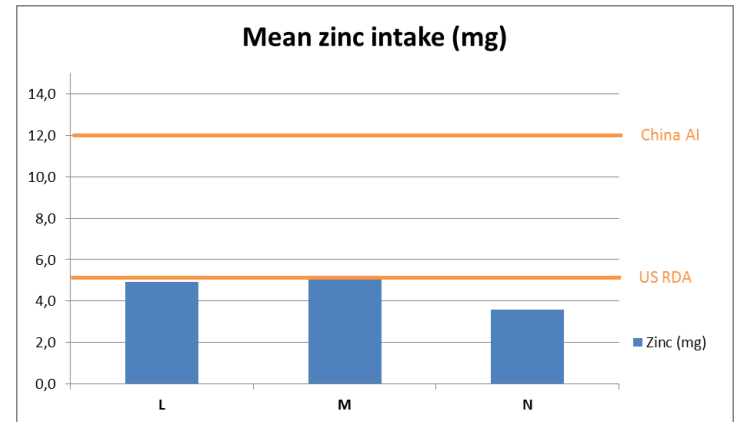
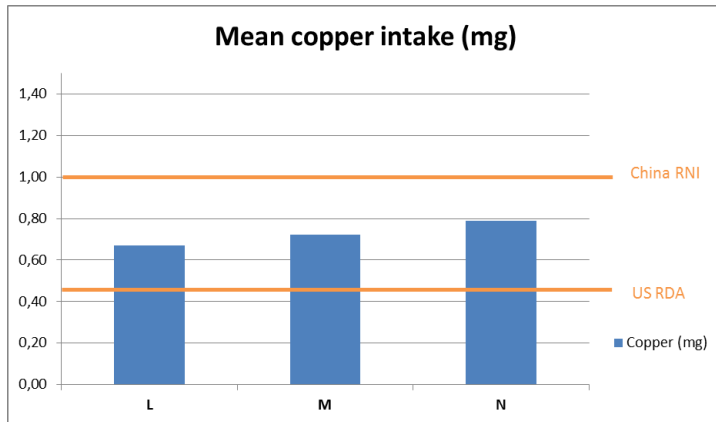
Nutrient	Region	Mean	StDev	(%)#	China RNI/AI for 4 y/o	US RDA/AI for 4-8 y/o	China ULs for 4 y/o	US ULs for 4-8 y/o
Iron (mg)	L	14,7 ^a	10,1	122				
	M	12,0 ^{a,b}	6,0	100	12	10	30	40
	N	11,2 ^b	10,4	93				
Copper (mg)	L	0,67 ^a	0,28	67				
	M	0,72 ^a	0,37	72	1	0,44	2	3
	N	0,79 ^a	1,10	79				
Zinc (mg)	L	4,9 ^a	2,2	41				
	M	5,2 ^a	4,2	44	12	5	23	12
	N	3,6 ^b	2,2	30				
Selenium (µg)	L	13 ^a	8	50				
	M	14 ^a	12	55	25	30	180	150
	N	9 ^b	9	36				
Manganese (mg)	L	2,5 ^a	1,1	165				
	M	2,3 ^a	1,0	153	-	1,5	-	3
	N	1,7 ^b	0,7	112				

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Percent of RNI/AI/RDA

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Conclusions

Low intakes in:

- Energy (58-71% of China AI)
- Water (36-48% of US RDA)
- Potassium (55-67% of China AI)
- Calcium (31-49% of China AI)
- Copper (67-79% of China AI)
- Zinc (30-44% of China RNI)
- Selenium (36-55% of China RNI)

High intakes in:

- Sodium (176-216% of China AI)
- Manganese (112-165% of US AI)

Thank you for your attention !

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