

Supplemental Material

Urinary Bisphenol A Levels in Young Men: Association with Reproductive Hormones and Semen Quality

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Table S1. Distribution of potential confounders according to quartiles of osmolality adjusted BPA concentration^a.

Variables	Total: N (%) or mean ± SD	1st quartile: % or mean ± SD	2nd quartile: % or mean ± SD	3rd quartile: % or mean ± SD	4th quartile: % or mean ± SD	P^b
Information obtained at physical examination						
Period of abstinence < 48 hours	26 (8)	9	4	9	12	0.36
Varicocele grade 2 or 3	22 (7)	5	6	6	10	0.62
BMI (kg/m²)						
< 20	41 (14)	15	13	19	8	
20 – 24.99	206 (68)	71	66	60	75	
≥ 25	56 (18)	15	21	21	17	0.41
Information obtained from questionnaire						
Fever > 38°C within the last 3 months	24 (8)	11	8	8	6	0.67
Age > 20 years	73 (24)	18	26	22	29	0.45
Alcohol intake > 21 units/week	95 (31)	26	29	34	35	0.57
Total caffeine intake > 300 mg/day	58 (18)	12	25	21	18	0.21
Maternal education level (years)						
< 9	13 (4)	1	8	4	4	
9-10	61 (20)	24	17	18	18	
> 10	204 (66)	65	64	71	65	
Missing	30 (10)	8	12	6	13	0.47
Current smoking	123 (40)	42	35	35	48	0.29
Exposure to mother's smoking <i>in utero</i>	85 (31)	33	30	21	41	0.09
Self-reported genital conditions ^c	22 (7)	5	7	11	7	0.64
Sexually transmitted diseases	44 (14)	18	16	14	9	0.41
Born with cryptorchidism	13 (4)	3	3	9	3	0.11

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Dietary factors						
Cola intake > 1.5 L per week	56 (19)	15	17	21	22	0.64
Other sodas > 1.5 L per week	38 (13)	16	5	16	14	0.14
Weekly cola light intake	47 (16)	12	21	15	15	0.51
Weekly pizza intake	94 (31)	33	29	25	38	0.34
Weekly hamburger intake	59 (20)	25	19	14	21	0.39
Weekly french fries intake	52 (17)	19	19	13	18	0.75
Total energy intake (MJ)	9.4 ± 3.9	9.8 ± 5.0	9.3 ± 3.4	9.8 ± 5.6	8.9 ± 3.3	0.50
Total fat (% of energy)	31.4 ± 5.7	32.2 ± 5.6	31.5 ± 6.2	31.0 ± 5.6	30.7 ± 5.2	0.40
Saturated fat (% of energy)	13.3 ± 2.7	13.7 ± 2.7	13.6 ± 3.0	13.1 ± 2.6	13.0 ± 2.5	0.22
Protein (% of energy)	16.5 ± 3.1	16.1 ± 3.4	16.6 ± 3.0	17.1 ± 3.2	16.3 ± 2.9	0.24
Carbohydrate (% of energy)	56.0 ± 7.1	55.6 ± 7.2	55.8 ± 8.3	55.8 ± 6.4	57.0 ± 6.5	0.63

^aRange of BPA quartiles (ng/mL_(osm)): 1st (LOD-2.17), 2nd (2.18-3.70), 3rd (3.71-6.44), 4th (> 6.44). N = 77 in each quartile. ^bp-value for differences in distribution (chi-square) or mean (one-way analysis of variance) of potential confounders by quartiles of BPA. ^cTorsion of the testes, epididymitis, or inguinal hernia.

Supplemental Material, Table S2. Ratios between reproductive hormones in relation to osmolality adjusted urinary BPA concentration in 303 healthy, young men from the general population (reported as percentage change with 95% CI).

BPA quartiles^a	T-E₂ ratio^b	T-LH ratio^b	Free T-LH ratio^b	Inhibin B-FSH ratio^b
1st quartile	Reference	Reference	Reference	Reference
2nd quartile	1.1% (-7.1, 10.0%)	-2.1% (-14.6, 12.3%)	-3.8% (-16.8, 11.2%)	-3.2% (-24.8, 24.7%)
<i>p</i> -value	0.80	0.76	0.60	0.80
3rd quartile	-4.6% (-12.4, 3.8%)	-1.0% (-13.7, 13.5%)	1.2% (-12.5, 17.1%)	5.7% (-18.1, 36.3%)
<i>p</i> -value	0.27	0.88	0.87	0.67
4th quartile	2.8% (-5.5, 11.9%)	-4.1% (-16.3, 10.0%)	-5.6% (-18.3, 9.1%)	-14.5% (-33.6, 10.1%)
<i>p</i> -value	0.52	0.55	0.44	0.22
<i>p</i> -trend ^c	0.85	0.60	0.60	0.35
Continuous ^d	0.6% (-1.5, 2.8%)	-0.2% (-3.5, 3.3%)	-0.8% (-4.3, 2.9%)	-4.1% (-10.1, 2.2%)
<i>p</i> -value	0.58	0.93	0.68	0.19

^aRange of BPA quartiles (ng/mL_(osm)): 1st (LOD-2.17), 2nd (2.18-3.70), 3rd (3.71-6.44), 4th (> 6.44). ^bTransformed by the natural logarithm and back-transformed to obtain the percentage change. Adjusted for BMI, smoking and time at day of blood sampling. ^cP-value for linear trend across quartiles of BPA. ^dThe estimate represents the difference in the ratio between hormones associated with a doubling of the osmolality adjusted BPA concentration.