Title:
Foodbook: An Update on the Canadian Food, Water and Animal Exposure Study

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Abstract:
Foodbook is a population-based telephone study that was conducted in all Canadian provinces and territories over a 12-month period, between 2014 and 2015, that provides essential data on food, animal and water exposures. These data inform timely and effective enteric illness outbreak response. In addition, Foodbook data will help to determine sources of enteric illness in Canada, supporting risk assessments and helping to target public health interventions to prevent illness. Consumption patterns, consumer behaviour, health-related information, and socioeconomic status indicators will also be used to inform food safety education initiatives and health promotion efforts linked to obesity and determinants of health. A final report (the Foodbook Report), is anticipated for release in Fall 2015, which will provide a summary of exposure data for food, water and animals (over a seven day period), that will be used to inform outbreak investigations and assess the risks associated with the foods we eat. The presentation will describe the study, present preliminary results and examples of how data have been used to date, and describe anticipated knowledge translation outputs.

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