

(Mail Online) 'Cancer-causing' chemical used in plastics and food containers can also lead to obesity and diabetes, says study (3)

Dr Nadal says that it is used in everyday products such as cash register receipts and toilet paper.

The chemical industry points to BPA's clean bill of health, saying that it has been thoroughly tested and deemed safe for use.

But Dr Nadal disagrees, saying that it can be harmful - especially for pregnant woman and their unborn child.

He said: 'The foetus is not only exposed to BPA but also to higher levels of insulin from the mother, making the environment for the foetus even more disruptive.'

He points to other studies that suggest that increased chemicals in the womb can 'pre-programme' weight gain later in life.