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Title: Fatty fish and fish omega-3 fatty acid intakes decrease the breast cancer risk: a case-control study

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RE: Fatty fish and fish omega-3 fatty acid intakes decrease the breast cancer risk: a case-control study

Dear Editor-in-Chief:

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 15th, 2009 inviting us to submit a revised manuscript, referred to above, to your journal. The authors greatly appreciate the detailed and invaluable comments from the editor and referees to improve this manuscript. We have made modifications to the manuscript according to the referees’ suggestions. Changes are highlighted in the revised manuscript. Detailed information regarding the revision is provided in the attached document “Authors’ Responses”.

We hope that we have adequately addressed the referees’ concerns and that the revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the *BMC Cancer*. We are looking forward to hearing from you regarding the journal’s decision.

Sincerely,

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Response to Reviewer #1:

Reviewer: When relationships with disease are analyzed, nutritional factors may be examined in terms of absolute amount (crude intake) or in relation to total caloric intake. Nutrient densities are computed by dividing nutrient values by total caloric intake. As alternative analytic approaches, energy-adjusted nutrient intakes are computed as the residuals from the regression model with total caloric intakes. Authors should mention whether authors used energy-adjusted nutrient intakes or not. If intake values of total fish, lean fish, fatty fish (in Table 3) and fatty acid intake values (in Table 4) were adjusted for total energy intake by using the residual method, authors should state the energy-adjusted method in text and footnotes in tables.

Authors: We made corrections throughout the manuscript according to the reviewer’s recommendation (page 8, lines 16-18; page 23, lines 6-7 in Table 3; page 24, lines 6-7 in Table 4).