Author's response to reviews

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Thank you for the opportunity to re-submit a revision of the above manuscript in response to reviewer comments; these have helped improve the quality of our manuscript.

Please accept the attached revised manuscripts where comments raised by reviewers have all been addressed.

Yours sincerely

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Reviewer comments and authors’ responses:

Editor’s comment
1. We recommend that you copyedit the paper to improve the style of written English.
   – The attached manuscript was submitted for editing by Edanz editing group as recommended, and this has significantly helped improve the style of English in our manuscript.

2. References are not all complete – All references were checked and corrected to align with journal guidelines

Reviewer: Herculina Salome Kruger

1. I do not see a rebuttal letter with the revised article. The supplementary file seems to be exactly the same as the revised article. If the authors do not want to respond on the review, they should at least explain why. – We suspect that the above mentioned reviewer was not able to download the modified manuscript and the letter addressing reviewers’ comments, with suggested changes made to the manuscript, which were uploaded on the 7th May 2014.

2. There is some improvement in language, but more attention to sentence construction and paragraph style is still necessary. Attention to detail is important, small things like inconsistent spacing and two full stops after a sentence are irritating. The incomplete references have not been corrected. I believe the first author’s co-authors could help with editing. **Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published. – The attached manuscript was submitted was submitted for editing by Edanz editing group, and this has significantly helped improve the style of English in our manuscript.

3. The full references (journal/ page numbers) of references 6 and 13 are missing. – reference 6 page numbers have been inserted, reference 13 is in press with the South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition for 2014.

4. Has reference 8 been published? – I do not think there is a journal called ‘Journal information’ – reference 8 has been published and reference updated
5. How can references 25 and 31 be accessed? – Reference 25 can be accessed electronically and reference 31 has been corrected.

6. Check ref 27 (Alliance C is an author?) – References have been corrected

7. Check the reference style to be consistent. – Reference style has been checked for consistency and corrected where necessary, references have been aligned to journal guidelines

Reviewer: Rachel Tyrrell

No further revisions requested