Reviewer’s report

Title: Vitamin D deficiency among Healthy Adolescents in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

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Reviewer: James Adams

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Overall, this is a very good paper, very worthy of publication

Minor Essential Revisions
1) the paper is generally well-written, but there are some typos and occasional incorrect English grammar

2) In the abstract, it is unclear if the percentage with those under 20 ng/ml includes those with under 15 ng/ml; I think it would be more clear to list the percentage under 15 (deficient) and those in the range of 15-20 (insufficient)

3) in the abstract, clarify that the children were "healthy", since the study excluded those with chronic medical conditions. Also, add a comment about this in the discussion, as those with chronic health conditions might have worse status

Discretionary Revisions
If there is data on girls who did or did not follow the Niqab or Hijab clothing style that would be useful to include.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.