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Major Revision

We thank Dr Svetkey for her comments. We have now added one paragraph (Discussion, Perspectives, last paragraph) where we acknowledge explicitly the fact that a combined dietary approach might exert greater effects. We particularly refer to potassium and fat intake.

Minor Revisions

We have not made changes as we do use both ‘response rate’ to refer to those who took part into the trial (and therefore provided blood and urine) and ‘follow-up rate’ to refer to those who, once agreed at baseline, were able to complete the three and six months of follow-up.

This was an oversight as we changed some but not all. We have now made the paragraph consistent using ‘non-hypertensive’.

We have now reverted to ‘intention-to-treat’.