Author's response to reviews

Title: Factors associated with hypertension prevalence, unawareness and treatment among Costa Rican elderly

Authors:

Ericka Mendez-Chacon (ericka@ccp.ucr.ac.cr)
Carolina Santamaria-Ulloa (csantamaria@ccp.ucr.ac.cr)
Luis Rosero-Bixby (lrosero@ccp.ucr.ac.cr)

Version: 7 Date: 31 July 2008

Author's response to reviews:

In the Results section:

General characteristics of the population, fourth paragraph: the word “consumption” was deleted. It now reads “Consumption of calories, carbohydrates, and fat was higher among men as compared to women”

In the Discussion section:

Third paragraph: the word “be” was substituted with “were”. It now reads “Our definition of hypertension is somewhat conservative since we required that three out of four measures were above the cutoff point (140 systolic and 90 diastolic).”

Fourth paragraph: the phrase “used to be” was substituted with “is usually”. It now reads “Many other effects postulated by the literature are less clear or non-significant in our data, including the effect of age, which is usually present across different populations”

In the Conclusion section:

Second paragraph: the word “education” was substituted with “educational”. It now reads “Despite the hypertension detection and educational programs existing in the country, unawareness of hypertension remains high, particularly among elderly men”