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We thank the reviewers for their constructive comments.

We have revised the paper according to the final suggestions of the reviewers. The calendar year of follow-up (year 2 and year 5) is now included in the abstract. "Prudent" and "Western" have now been omitted from the text and tables except with reference to other papers that use the terms. The results now include the definition of the difference a second time as well as the direction of association. We also reordered the BMD results, beginning now in the second paragraph of the discussion, so that the BMD results are more prominent. We now use the phrase "not statistically significant" in place of "inconclusive". The P values for the regression coefficients are given in the titles/legend for the figures.