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Title: Increases in summer serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25OHD) concentrations in elderly subjects in Sao Paulo, Brazil vary with age, gender and ethnicity

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Dear

Mr. Editor:

We would like to request the evaluation of the attached manuscript, entitled “ Increases in summer serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25OHD) concentrations in elderly subjects in Sao Paulo, Brazil vary with age, gender and ethnicity” for a possible publication in your journal.

This study was conducted at the Federal University of São Paulo and evaluates 25 hydroxyvitamin D levels in an elderly population from the city of São Paulo. This group of elderly is special in that they are members of an outdoor physical activity program for elderly people. These activities were done at least twice a week in the mid-morning or afternoon for one hour with little skin coverage, and we could observe the effects of sun exposure on these individuals. We conclude that 25OHD synthesis is possible under these conditions and that the level of synthesis is near ideal levels.

We believe that this paper presents interesting data, especially because there is a current world-wide discussion concerning the acceptable levels of this hormone.

We are happy to provide more information as you consider necessary, and we thank you for considering our work for publication in your journal.

São Paulo, January 11h, 2010

Sincerely,

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