Author's response to reviews

Title: Study protocol: A randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial to study the effect of vitamin D supplementation on glycaemic control in type 2 Diabetes Mellitus SUNNY trial

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our reply to the points and questions raised by the reviewer of our manuscript. Our reply is organised point by point. We have also enclosed a version in which the appropriate changes to the manuscript have been indicated in yellow.

We would highly appreciate your reconsideration for publication of this revised manuscript in BioMed Central – Endocrine Disorders.

Sincerely yours,
Also on behalf of the co-authors,

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Comments to the editor and referee:

Thank you for revising the manuscript. Throughout the article language problems are identified and solved.

Referee:

Major matters:
1. Provision for safety are missing.
   - An extra paragraph regarding the provision for side effects and intolerance for vitamin D is added in the text (line 170-177 and 242-245).
2. Line 50+ assumes activation occurs only in the kidney whereas it also occurs in target tissues including islets and liver.
   - We changed this in the text (line 63-64)
3. Line 229. If adjustment for season is not made informed readers will be concerned about confounding, whether these are present or not.
   - Adjustments for season of inclusion/blood collection will be made in the analysis (line 214 and 248)
4. How to avoid adverse events, safety advice
   - This is added in line 170-177 and 242-245 (see point 1)
5. Line 293. References should be given
   - References are added in line 320

Discretionary (to editors and authors)
1. Line 62. ‘direct and indirect’
   - Thank you for this advise, we changed this line in the text.
2. Line 87. References
   - The references are added in the text (line 73 and 78)
3. Line 96. ‘serum vitamin D’
   - Changed in the text (line 282)
4. Advice regarding further examination.
   - We added this in the text, thank you for this point (line 305)
5. Line 310. The term ‘interpretation looks oddly here’
   - We changed this paragraph (line 343-344)