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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

We kindly ask you to consider our manuscript “Determinants of serum levels of vitamin D: A study of reproductive history, life-style, dietary intake, serum calcium, and PTH” for publication.

Originally we submitted this paper to BMC Public Health. Following your suggestion, we were happy to have it forwarded to BMC Women’s Health.

Vitamin D status has lately attracted an increasing interest and it has been hypothesised to be associated with a number of chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases. We have studied a large number of potential determinants for vitamin D levels using a large population based biobank with additional questionnaire information and we believe that our finding have relevance for many scientific areas.

We confirm that this manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration by another journal. All authors have approved the manuscript and agree with its submission to BMC Women’s Health.

The following paragraphs have been completed according to your mail instructions:

1. The original data are not publically available but we have now included the name of the ethical committee and the number of the ethical approval. This has
been added to “The Malmö Diet and Cancer Study” paragraph.
2. A section on competing interests has been included in the manuscript.
3. Authors’ contributions have been added to the manuscript.
4. References have been formatted according to The BMC Women’s Health’s instructions for authors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Yours sincerely,

Leila Shirazi