Author’s response to reviews

Title: Plasma concentrations of 25-hydroxyvitamin D among Jordanians: Effect of biological and habitual factors on vitamin D status

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Dear Editor,

Dear Ms. Pafitis,

Enclosed you find the revised manuscript entitled “Plasma concentrations of 25-hydroxyvitamin D among Jordanians: Effect of biological and habitual factors on vitamin D status” for consideration by BMC Clinical Pathology. The authors would like to thank the two experts for their helpful comments. The revised version contains all the changes requested by the editorial office and the reviewers, and were highlighted in red.

Editorial Office:

The abstract now contains the aim of the study (page 2).
The authors’ emails are listed on the first page.

As stated in the second version page (page 4), an independent ethics committee approved the protocol of the study.

Reviewer: Bruce Hollis

The revised version included the reviewer’s suggestions by including the IOM report and recent endocrine society report (page 10). To the latter regard, two references were also added (35 and 36).

Reviewer: David Hanley

1. Gharaibeh MA and Stoecker BJ reference was added (page 8 and 14).
2. As requested, in the conclusion section sentences added to refer to the essential of correlating vitamin D deficiency among Jordanians and markers of bone diseases and vitamin D binding protein variations (page 11).
3. A new sentence was added to show that hands and face exposure to sunlight are not enough for sufficient vitamin D synthesis which is based on Hijab-dressed females (page 8).

4. Dairy products produced in Jordan are not fortified with vitamin D (page 15).

5. All corrections were made as suggested.

Sincerely yours,

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