Author's response to reviews

Title: Variation in Vitamin D Supplementation Among Adults in a Multi-Race/Ethnic Health Plan Population, 2008

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Dear Editor,

We are submitting the final revision of our manuscript “Variation in Vitamin D Supplementation among Adults in a Multi-Race/Ethnic Health Plan Population, 2008” for publication in Nutrition Journal.

Erin LeBlanc had made two suggestions to improve the paper which we incorporated into this final version.

1. We changed the statistic in Table 2 about percentages of men and women taking a calcium supplement to taking a calcium+D supplement.

2. We modified two sentences in the Discussion:
   “Our finding that in 2008, an estimated 40% of women aged 25-50, over 25% of women aged 51-85, and approximately 50% of men in both age groups in a relatively well-educated, insured health plan population were getting no vitamin D from any dietary supplementation suggests, that a large percentage of adults in the U.S. are likely not getting adequate vitamin D from supplementation to meet the IOM’s current RDA for vitamin D.”
   
   was changed to:
   “Based on our survey, we estimate that 40% of women aged 25-50, over 25% of women aged 51-85, and approximately 50% of men in both age groups in a relatively well-educated, insured health plan population are getting no vitamin D from any dietary supplementation. This suggests that the substantial portion of adults who are not getting adequate vitamin D from sun exposure and fortified food sources to meet the IOM’s current RDA for vitamin D are unlikely to be making up the difference with vitamin D supplements.”

We hope that the editors and reviewers will now find this manuscript acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

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