Author's response to reviews

Title: Development of a Reliable and Construct Valid Measure of Nutritional Literacy in Adults

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Response to Nutrition Journal Reviewer of Nutritional Literacy Scale (NLS) development paper (MS 7445159731044658 Ver: 2)

Comment 1: The reviewer would like to see some data on the relationship of dietary knowledge, behaviors and so on to NLS scores. I agree these are interesting areas. Right now, I do not have such data. Furthermore, while collecting data in a primary care practice for another project, we found that the heights of patients were not routinely measured. This meant that BMIs could not be calculated. My thought was that this paper could be about the development of the scale and that further studies would be done to look at the scale in different situations, including dietary knowledge and intake. I agree that we do not yet know the "added value" of the NLS. This will be determined as investigators use the scale with other measures in multiple situations. I expect the NLS will add value in some situations and not in others.

Comment 2: Patients who responded to the NLS provided some demographic information. These results have been added to the paper on page 9. I do not have data on income; the NLS did correlate with education (0.41) which might be considered a proxy for income. The NLS did not correlate with gender or age. The reviewer asked for information on insurance status which is not available.

Comment 3: I have added to the results section on page 9 the literacy breakdown of the S-TOFHLA scores.

Comment 4: I have edited the table to place the standard deviations on the same line as the means.

Thank you.