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Please overwrite this text when addihere have been several grammar and writing mistakes through out the text. I have pointed out up to line No 108 however this needs to be fixed. The authors are suggested to consult some senior faculty to refine the manuscript for language issues.

Line 51: "intolerable high temperatures" is not an appropriate expression. may be replace high temperature

Line 54-66: Country wise data alongside levels of vitamin D in children of various ages may be presented in tabulated form by adding more countries of the region.

Line 71; "More recently, vitamin D deficiency has been linked to a wide range of ailments and diseases." Not supported by a reference

Line 78: Data pertaining to the magnitude of prevalence of Vitamin D have been depicted in introduction section while little has been said on risk factors associated with low levels of vitamin D.

Line 83; "The study was granted the approval of the Joint...." Joint Committee for the Protection----- granted the approval for carrying out this study:

Line 82-91: Please condense these approval in para.
Line 98: were recalled : replace with were contacted

Line 100: presented " were presented

Line 100-103: Please rewrite making it more scientific expression 104-105: Interviewer - administered questionnaires and body measurements were performed by 3 trained dieticians and took about 20-30 minutes to complete" please say " Three trained dieticians completed Interviewer - administered questionnaires and body measurements in 20-30 minutes.

Line 105; presented - accompanied by their mothers for clarity in answering questions.

Line 106; were applied - ???? clarify

Line 108 ; Height, weight, head and wrist circumference were measured- a very short sentence join it with the next sentence - not a scientific way of write up ng your comments to the authors.

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