Author's response to reviews

Title: Dairy consumption and risk of type 2 diabetes: 3 cohorts of US adults and an updated meta-analysis

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Claire Barnard, Senior Editor  
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Dear Dr. Barnard,


Thank you for your letter today and we have addressed the additional comments of the reviewer and revised the manuscript accordingly. On the following pages, please find our point-by-point responses to the reviewer’s concerns in the order they were originally listed.

Also, we have checked all the style requirements for *BMC Medicine* carefully. The manuscript has not been submitted to, nor is under consideration for publication by any other journal. All the authors have read the manuscript and are in agreement that the work is ready for submission to *BMC Medicine*. None of the authors have any conflicts of interest in the matter.

We hope that this time the revised manuscript is acceptable for publication in *BMC Medicine*. On behalf of all the authors, I thank the editor and reviewer for taking the time to help us improve the quality of our manuscript.

Yours truly, (On behalf of the authors)

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Reviewers’ comments:

Reviewer: The authors have appropriately revised their manuscript. I only have a few minor additional comments.

1. Please state in the methods of the meta-analysis the serving sizes used for conversions.

   We added the following sentence in the methods of the meta-analysis: “In studies that reported the intakes by grams, we used 177g as a serving size for total dairy products, and 244g as a serving size for milk and yogurt intake to recalculate the intakes to a common scale (servings/d).”

2. Page 10: nested case-control design

   Done.

3. Table 3: Low-fat dairy: Pooled

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