

Author's response to reviews

Title: Is Plasma Vitamin C an appropriate Biomarker of Vitamin C Intake? A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Dear Editor,

“Is Plasma Vitamin C an appropriate Biomarker of Vitamin C Intake? A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis”

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On behalf of my co-authors and myself, I would like to thank you once again for considering the above manuscript for publication in the *Nutrition Journal*. I also would like to thank the reviewer for the constructive comment.

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In addition, in Re to the reviewer’s comment about the need for a statistical review, I would like to bring to your attention that two of the authors, NAD and LT are assistant and associate professor of biostatistics at McMaster University.

Sincerely,

Mahshid Dehghan

Reviewer's Comment

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Before the manuscript is suitable for publication the authors should modify the information in the last column of Table 3. The vitamin C concentrations should all be given in the same concentration units, preferably ug/l or mmol/l (the choice between ug/l or mmol/l can be made by the authors). This makes the info more readily accessible to the reader.

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