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Response to Public Comments on First Draft

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A single comment was received from Joan Zerzan, MS RD CD, a nutrition consultant in the Office with the Washington Division of Prevention and Community Health (email dated September 11, 2012).

Comment: Level cutoffs should be referred to as sufficient, insufficient etc...not at risk for.

Response: We tried to use language consistent with language used in articles (Looker et al., 2010; Aloia, 2011) describing new categories of vitamin D status defined by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). Phrases such as at risk of deficiency acknowledge that the same concentration of serum vitamin D may be inadequate for optimal health in some individuals and adequate in others. Additional explanation has been added to the report.


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