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Subject: Consultation on draft SACN Vitamin D report

We welcome this report, especially as it recognises the need for Vitamin D in the whole UK population. The previous guidance focussed on children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years.

Vitamin D deficiency in babies younger than 6 months can have severe consequences and there is clearly a need for Vitamin D in older children particularly through puberty and young women who may become pregnant.

Our main concern is that the 'safe intake' recommendation of 8.5-10 micrograms for infants. Would it not be so much simpler and clearer to just say 10 micrograms? The range has always led to confusion in the past and the data supports 10 micrograms as safe for the whole population.

There are some minor typographical errors:

Paragraph 154 is awkwardly worded and has typos e.g. 25(OHD

Paragraph 498: 'positive' should read negative (or inverse)

Paragraph 636 section x??

Could Table 2 include 'neonatal hypocalcaemia as one of the factors to set DRV?

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