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HEALTH AND NUTRITIONAL PROMOTION PROGRAM FOR PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA (NUTRIALZ STUDY): DESIGN AND BASELINE DATA

Dear Editor,

In the article "Health and Nutritional Promotion Program for Patients with Dementia (NutriAlz Study) (1)", we made an error in threshold setting for the risk of malnutrition. Therefore we ask you to publish the following correction with the including Table 2f with the corrected values.

Due to an error in threshold setting for the risk of malnutrition 17 to <23.5, instead of 17 to 23.5 (included), following corrections should be made, without modification in the statistical difference between the intervention and control group.

On page 533, in the section Nutrition, last sentence should be "This difference was marked by the higher percentage of malnourished patients (8% versus 3%) and of patients at risk of malnutrition (47% versus 29%) in the intervention group".

In Table 2 on page 535, the distribution of the risk of

malnutrition by the MNA (i.e. percentage of subjects at risk of malnutrition and well nourished subjects) are erroneous.

For all, instead of 36.9% at risk for malnutrition and 57.9% well nourished subjects, the values should be 42.6% at risk for malnutrition and 52.2% well nourished subjects. In the intervention group, instead of 45.6% at risk for malnutrition and 46.6% well nourished subjects, the values should be 51.5% at risk for malnutrition and 40.7% well nourished, and in the control group, instead of 29.0% at risk for malnutrition and 68.2% well nourished subjects, the values should be 34.5% at risk for malnutrition and 62.7% well nourished. (see corrected Table 2f)

Reference

1. Design and Baseline Data", by Salva A, Andrieu S, Fernandez E, Schiffrin EJ, Moulin J, Decarli B, Guigoz Y, Vellas B, published in the Journal of Nutrition, Health and Aging 2009;13(6):529-537

Table 2f
Baseline Clinical Characteristics of the randomized NutriAlz Study Patients

Characteristics	All n = 946		Intervention n = 448		Control n = 498	
	n	(%)	n	(%)	n	(%)
MNA score (mean ± SD)	23.2 ± 3.5		22.3 ± 3.8		24.0 ± 3.0	
MNA score <17	49	(5.2)	35	(7.8)	14	(2.8)
17-23.5	400	(42.6)	230	(51.5)	170	(34.5)
≥24	491	(52.2)	182	(40.7)	309	(62.7)
Weight (kg) (mean ± SD)	64.35 ± 12.5		63.5 ± 12.5		65.1 ± 12.5	
BMI ((Kg/m ²) (mean ± SD)	27.0 ± 4.5		26.6 ± 4.4		27.3 ± 4.6	
<19	26	(2.8)	17	(3.8)		(1.8)
19 -20.9	49	(5.2)	23	(5.1)		(5.3)
21-22.9	89	(9.4)	46	(10.3)		(8.7)
≥ 23	777	(82.6)	362	(80.8)		(84.2)
> 25	624	(66.3)	287	(64.1)	337	(68.4)
Eating behaviour scale						
Score (mean ± SD)	16.0 ± 3.7		15.45 ± 3.8		16.4 ± 3.5	
Duration of the meal (minutes) (mean ± SD)	30 ± 12.9		30 ± 14.3		29 ± 11.4	
Independent for finishing meal	729	(77.1)	307	(68.5)	422	(84.7)