

estimates [of usual intake of foods or food groups] based on the methods mentioned above is in doubt" (2). For such foods "the replicated 24-h recalls should be augmented with a propensity questionnaire to improve on the estimation of intake distributions for infrequently consumed nutrients, supplements and food items" (2). That is, 2-day data should be augmented by a food frequency questionnaire to obtain estimates of usual intake of sporadically consumed foods and food groups. Thus, it appears that for at least some of the foods and food groups examined by Cullen and colleagues, use of two 24-hour recalls, even with common methods of adjustment for measurement error in the recalls, may have constituted an imperfect gold standard.

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Author's Response:

We appreciate the comments from Dr Block concerning our validation study of the Block Kids Questionnaire (1). Our intent was to determine whether this was a reliable and valid instrument assessing the nutrient and food group consumption of youth, a very important question for researchers who will want to use this questionnaire.

Dietary assessment is complex. We agree that 2 days of recall may be

insufficient to obtain highly reliable estimates of intake, particularly of food groups. However, diet instrument validation studies are expensive; only the most motivated participants (a biased sample) are willing to do more than 2 or 3 days of assessment, and it is often difficult to obtain funding for method studies. We encourage Block and her colleagues to assist researchers with obtaining funding to conduct more intensive validation studies of their Block Kids Questionnaire using 7 or more days of dietary recalls. Such studies will provide more information on the validity of the instrument, and will substantially advance the field of dietary assessment.

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ERRATA

In a letter to the editor on the "Concern over Ready-to-Eat Breakfast Cereals" in the October 2008 issue of the *Journal* (pp 1616-1617), an author was mistakenly left out of the byline and the credential for Theresa Nicklas was mistakenly listed as PhD instead of DrPH. Authorship should also be attributed to Carol E. O'Neil, PhD, MPH, LDN, RD, Ann Peltier Professor of Dietetics, Director, Didactic Program in Dietetics, Louisiana State University, AgCenter, Baton Rouge, LA.

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A name was omitted from the list of "Recognized Dietetic Technicians of the Year, 2008," (September 2008, pp 1544-1545). The list should have included the following entry:

Arizona—BETH H. FARNSWORTH, DTR Instructor, Dietetic Technology Program at Paradise Valley Community College, Clinical DTR, Banner Health

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In the list of "Outstanding Dietetics Student Awards, 2008," published in the September 2008 issue of the *Journal* (pp 1545-1546), the name of an award winner was omitted. The award listing for the state of Alabama should have read as follows:

Alabama—SARAH P. MCCURDY, Auburn University, Auburn, Didactic Program in Dietetics; JULIE T. BAKER, Oakwood College, Huntsville, Dietetic Internship

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