

there was no effect on growth, body composition or pubertal development. The authors however gave no explanation for this result.

In effect, people, patients and doctors need to both stop measuring vitamin D levels and giving vitamin D supplements, unless patients are diseased to an extent that they are likely to get vitamin D deficiency, which typically means malnutrition, malabsorption or catabolic conditions such as end-stage malignancies and the like. It is also time researchers started spending their time, energy and effort on other areas and left vitamin D alone, as was the case before the 1990s.

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The article ‘Guinea-worm (*Dracunculus medinensis*) infection presenting as a diabetic foot abscess: A case report from Kerala<sup>1</sup> is being retracted based on a letter received from the Director of the National Centre of Disease Control, New Delhi where the

centre has objected to the identification of the guinea-worm by the authors only on the basis of morphological observation, without any microscopic and histopathological examination. The author has agreed to the objection and to the withdrawal of the article. This article is therefore being retracted.

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