EXPRESSION OF CONCERN

Mediterranean diets and metabolic syndrome status in the PREDIMED randomized trial

In November 2014, *CMAJ* published “Mediterranean diets and metabolic syndrome status in the PREDIMED randomized trial,”¹ a secondary analysis of the PREDIMED study published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 2013 and subsequently retracted and republished June 13, 2018.² The authors have contacted *CMAJ* to inform us about some irregularities in the randomization process in several study sites and have supplied us with a preliminary reanalysis addressing the randomization issues. We are issuing this expression of concern, pending completion of our review of the reanalysis. We appreciate the proactive actions of the PREDIMED Study Investigators in this matter.

■ Cite as: *CMAJ* 2018 July 3;190:E808. doi: 10.1503/cmaj.180791

References

1. Babio N, Toledo E, Estruch R, et al. Mediterranean diets and metabolic syndrome status in the PREDIMED randomized trial. *CMAJ* 2014;186: E649-E657.
2. Estruch R, Ros E, Salas-Salvadó J, et al. Primary prevention of cardiovascular disease with a Mediterranean diet supplemented with extra-virgin olive oil or nuts. *New Engl J Med* 2018; DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1800389