## Instructions for correcting the Multivitamins Error on a customized Questionnaire Data Dictionary (QDD) in DietCalc

http://riskfactor.cancer.gov/DHQ/forms/qdd\_error.html

- 1. Create a new Frequency Format:
  - a. Open DietCalc
  - b. In the Data Dictionary box, select the name of the Questionnaire Data Dictionary (QDD) file you created.
  - c. In the Food and Nutrient Database box, select the name of the database file you use to run your analysis.
  - d. Click on the open book icon along window's toolbar. This will open the Data Dictionary Editor
  - e. From the Data Dictionary menu along the top of the window, select Settings, then Frequency Formats...
  - f. On the Frequency Formats window, click the Add button.
  - g. In the Format Label box, type "Format 7: Supplements w/o "Never""
  - h. Click the Add... button along the right side of the window
  - i. The Response Code box should read "a". In the Text on Questionnaire box, type "Less than 1 day per month". For Unit of Time, select "Month". For Number of Times, type "0.5". Click OK.
  - j. On the Define a Frequency Format window, there should be one item listed in the response box with the newly created code.
  - k. Repeat steps h. and i. four more times, using these values:
    - Response code: b Text on Questionnaire: 1-3 days per month Unit of Time: Month Number of Times: 2.02
    - Response code: c Text on Questionnaire: 1-3 days per week Unit of Time: Week Number of Times: 2
    - Response code: d Text on Questionnaire: 4-6 days per week Unit of Time: Week Number of Times: 5
    - Response code: e Text on Questionnaire: Every day Unit of Time: Day Number of Times: 1
  - 1. The Define a Frequency Format window should now be open, with five items listed in the response box. Click OK.
  - m. On the Frequency Formats window, a new line should be listed for Format Click OK.

- 2. Change the question to use the new frequency format:
  - a. On the Data Dictionary Editor window, select "Multivitamins" from the list of Available Variables. Click the Edit... button on the bottom of the screen. (Hint: Click on the "Analysis Variables" header to sort the list by Analysis Variables.)
  - b. The Supplement Question Wizard should be open. Nothing needs to be changed on the first screen, so click the Next > button once.
  - c. Under "Select the format used to interpret the frequency code:", the selection in the drop down box should currently read 'Format 5: Supplements'.
  - d. Change the selection to 'Format 7: Supplements w/o "Never"
  - e. Click Next > twice. Then click Finish.
  - f. You will return to the main Data Dictionary Editor screen. Click the disk icon on the window's toolbar to save your QDD.
  - g. Revisions are complete. Click the "X" in the top right corner of the Dictionary Editor to return to the main DietCalc screen.