

Supplementary Material

Initial Evidence of Variation by Ethnicity in the Relationship Between Vitamin C Status and Mental States in Young Adults

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Supplementary Table 1. Number of Participants with Deficient (<11 µmol/L), Marginal (11-23 µmol/L), Inadequate (23-50 µmol/L), Adequate (50-70 µmol/L), or Saturated (70+ µmol/L) Vitamin C Levels for the Total Sample and Each Ethnicity and Gender Subgroup

| | Overall | Vitamin C | Deficient | Marginal | Inadequate | Adequate | Saturated |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | n | Mean (SD) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) | n (%) |
| Total Sample | 419 | 54.90 (20.19) | 4 (1.0%) | 19 (4.5%) | 140 (33.4%) | 168 (40.1%) | 88 (21.0%) |
| European | 206 | 59.35 (19.35) | 0 (0.0%) | 6 (2.9%) | 63 (30.6%) | 80 (38.8%) | 57 (27.7%) |
| East Asian | 68 | 51.23 (19.16) | 1 (1.5%) | 3 (4.4%) | 26 (38.2%) | 29 (42.6%) | 9 (13.2%) |
| Southeast/Other Asian | 61 | 41.83 (18.62) | 3 (4.9%) | 5 (8.2%) | 30 (49.2%) | 19 (31.1%) | 4 (6.6%) |
| Maori and Pasifika | 38 | 60.96 (16.80) | 0 (0.0%) | 1 (2.6%) | 7 (18.4%) | 20 (52.6%) | 10 (26.3%) |
| Other | 46 | 52.76 (20.77) | 0 (0.0%) | 4 (8.7%) | 14 (30.4%) | 20 (43.5%) | 8 (17.4%) |
| Gender | | | | | | | |
| Male | 135 | 52.55 (18.46) | 1 (0.7%) | 8 (5.9%) | 46 (34.1%) | 60 (44.4%) | 20 (14.8%) |
| Female | 284 | 56.02 (20.90) | 3 (1.1%) | 11 (3.9%) | 94 (33.1%) | 108 (38.0%) | 68 (23.9%) |

Note. Percentage of participants displayed is out of the total number of participants per subgroup. SD = Standard Deviation

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Supplementary Table 2. Number of Participants and Mean Vitamin C levels ($\mu\text{mol/L}$) for the Total Sample and Each Ethnicity by Gender Subgroup.

| | Overall | Vitamin C in $\mu\text{mol/L}$ | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| | | Male | | Female | |
| | | n | Mean (SD) | n | Mean (SD) |
| Total Sample | 419 | 135 | 52.55 (18.46) | 284 | 56.02 (20.89) |
| European | 206 | 80 | 55.26 (18.57) | 126 | 61.94 (19.72) |
| East Asian | 68 | 17 | 46.83 (19.40) | 51 | 52.69 (19.05) |
| Southeast/Other Asian | 61 | 9 | 35.85 (12.29) | 52 | 42.86 (19.41) |
| Maori and Pasifika | 38 | 10 | 57.35 (8.50) | 28 | 62.25 (18.87) |
| Other | 46 | 19 | 51.63 (19.20) | 27 | 53.55 (22.14) |

Note. SD = Standard Deviation

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Supplementary Table 3. Regression Models Predicting Total Mood Disturbance, Vitality and Perceived Stress from the Demographic Covariates and Vitamin C Levels, using Europeans as the Reference Group, with Moderators

| | Total Mood Disturbance b (SE) | Vitality b (SE) | Perceived stress b (SE) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Model 1- Unadjusted | | | |
| Constant | 9.876 (0.705)*** | 60.935 (0.738)*** | 5.305 (0.101)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.002 (0.035) | 0.013 (0.037) | -0.006 (0.005) |
| Overall R ² | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.004 |
| Model 2 - Adjusted | | | |
| Constant | 7.742 (1.341)*** | 62.258 (1.41)*** | 4.832 (0.185)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.008 (0.036) | 0.048 (0.038) | -0.003 (0.005) |
| SES | -2.585 (0.580)*** | 1.981 (0.610)** | -0.485 (0.080)*** |
| Gender | -0.705 (1.53) | -1.089 (1.608) | -0.108 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.210 (0.221) | 0.157 (0.232) | -0.026 (0.03) |
| Ethnicity D1 - East Asian | 5.612 (2.052)** | -1.256 (2.157) | 1.613 (0.284)*** |
| Ethnicity D2 - Southeast Asian | 3.183 (2.267) | 2.318 (2.384) | 0.857 (0.313)** |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | 4.666 (2.487)† | -7.959 (2.615)** | 0.720 (0.344)* |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 7.420 (2.375)** | 0.030 (2.497) | 0.861 (0.328)** |
| R ² Change | 0.071*** | 0.062*** | 0.131*** |
| F Change (df) | 4.491 (7,410) | 3.887 (7,410) | 8.828 (7,410) |
| Model 3- Adjusted + Moderators | | | |
| Constant | 7.756 (1.358)*** | 62.288 (1.411)*** | 4.787 (0.186)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.008 (0.073) | 0.121 (0.076) | -0.004 (0.010) |
| SES | -2.597 (0.584)*** | 1.941 (0.606)** | -0.482 (0.080)*** |
| Gender | -0.742 (1.536) | -1.185 (1.596) | -0.109 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.225 (0.222) | 0.180 (0.231) | -0.030 (0.031) |
| Ethnicity D1 - East Asian | 5.715 (2.074)** | -1.277 (2.155) | 1.632 (0.285)*** |
| Ethnicity D2 - Southeast Asian | 5.062 (2.538)* | -1.426 (2.637) | 1.130 (0.348)** |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | 5.497 (2.638)* | -9.511 (2.741)** | 0.975 (0.362)** |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 7.242 (2.384)** | 0.301 (2.477) | 0.863 (0.327)** |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.001 (0.079) | -0.067 (0.082) | 0.012 (0.011) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | 0.022 (0.103) | -0.063 (0.107) | -0.011 (0.014) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | 0.141 (0.111) | -0.309 (0.116)** | 0.009 (0.015) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | -0.138 (0.148) | 0.252 (0.154) | -0.044 (0.020)* |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | -0.100 (0.113) | 0.080 (0.118) | -0.027 (0.016)† |
| R ² Change | 0.009 | 0.032* | 0.020† |
| F Change (df) | 0.826 (5,405) | 2.821 (5,405) | 1.879 (5,405) |
| Overall R ² | 0.081 | 0.094 | 0.154 |

Note. b (SE) = unstandardized coefficient (Standard Error), SES = socioeconomic status, D = dummy code, † p < .10

* p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001.

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Supplementary Table 4. Regression Models Predicting the Profile of Mood States (POMS) Subscales (tension, depression, anger, fatigue, confusion, and vigor) from the Demographic Covariates and Vitamin C Levels, using Europeans as the Reference Group, with Moderators

| | Tension b (SE) | Depression b (SE) | Anger b (SE) | Fatigue b (SE) | Confusion b (SE) | Vigor b (SE) |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Model 1 - Unadjusted | | | | | | |
| Constant | 4.792 (0.170)*** | 2.286 (0.128)*** | 2.644 (0.131)*** | 6.399 (0.186)*** | 4.721 (0.156)*** | 10.967 (0.178)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.004 (0.008) | -0.006 (0.006) | -0.012 (0.007)† | 0.013 (0.009) | 0.001 (0.008) | -0.001 (0.009) |
| Overall R2 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.008† | 0.005 | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Model 2 - Adjusted | | | | | | |
| Constant | 4.386 (0.327)*** | 1.829 (0.240)*** | 2.385 (0.252)*** | 6.241 (0.360)*** | 4.539 (0.296)*** | 11.639 (0.340)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.009 (0.009) | 0.000 (0.006) | -0.007 (0.007) | 0.009 (0.010) | 0.003 (0.008) | 0.007 (0.009) |
| SES | -0.527 (0.141)*** | -0.488 (0.104)*** | -0.266 (0.109)* | -0.447 (0.156)** | -0.601 (0.128)*** | 0.255 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.354 (0.372) | -0.247 (0.274) | -0.401 (0.288) | 0.032 (0.411) | -0.464 (0.338) | -0.729 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.071 (0.054) | -0.001 (0.040) | 0.015 (0.042) | -0.032 (0.059) | -0.083 (0.049)† | 0.038 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - East Asian | 1.146 (0.500)* | 1.284 (0.368)** | 0.961 (0.386)* | -0.137 (0.551) | 0.899 (0.453)* | -1.458 (0.520)** |
| Ethnicity D2 - Southeast Asian | 1.459 (0.552)** | 1.112 (0.407)** | 0.914 (0.427)* | -0.007 (0.609) | 0.913 (0.500)† | 1.208 (0.574)* |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | 0.570 (0.606) | 0.389 (0.446) | 1.141 (0.468)* | 1.248 (0.668)† | 0.441 (0.549) | -0.876 (0.630) |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 1.786 (0.578)** | 1.996 (0.426)*** | 1.261 (0.447)** | 0.420 (0.638) | 1.613 (0.524)** | -0.343 (0.602) |
| R2 Change | 0.057** | 0.098*** | 0.048** | 0.034* | 0.072*** | 0.062*** |
| F Change (df) | 3.554 (7,410) | 6.396 (7,410) | 2.965 (7,410) | 2.097 (7,410) | 4.537 (7,410) | 3.861 (7,410) |
| Model 3 - Adjusted + Moderators | | | | | | |
| Constant | 4.370 (0.331)*** | 1.782 (0.244)*** | 2.386 (0.257)*** | 6.252 (0.365)*** | 4.573 (0.299)*** | 11.607 (0.343)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.026 (0.018) | -0.002 (0.013) | -0.012 (0.014) | -0.008 (0.020) | 0.011 (0.016) | 0.006 (0.018) |
| SES | -0.535 (0.142)*** | -0.483 (0.105)*** | -0.263 (0.110)* | -0.438 (0.157)** | -0.612 (0.128)*** | 0.265 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.372 (0.374) | -0.247 (0.276) | -0.398 (0.290) | 0.061 (0.412) | -0.486 (0.338) | -0.699 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.068 (0.054) | -0.006 (0.040) | 0.012 (0.042) | -0.034 (0.060) | -0.084 (0.049)† | 0.046 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - East Asian | 1.108 (0.505)* | 1.294 (0.373)** | 0.999 (0.392)* | -0.184 (0.557) | 0.914 (0.456)* | -1.583 (0.524)** |
| Ethnicity D2 - Southeast Asian | 1.742 (0.618)** | 1.161 (0.456)* | 0.917 (0.480)† | 0.616 (0.681) | 1.474 (0.558)** | 0.847 (0.641) |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | 0.901 (0.642) | 0.472 (0.474) | 1.129 (0.499)* | 1.376 (0.708)† | 0.639 (0.580) | -0.979 (0.666) |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 1.808 (0.580)** | 2.013 (0.429)*** | 1.243 (0.451)** | 0.378 (0.640) | 1.551 (0.524)** | -0.249 (0.602) |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.010 (0.019) | 0.013 (0.014) | 0.005 (0.015) | 0.011 (0.021) | -0.013 (0.017) | 0.006 (0.020) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | -0.031 (0.025) | -0.013 (0.019) | 0.014 (0.019) | 0.009 (0.028) | 0.006 (0.023) | -0.036 (0.026) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | 0.011 (0.027) | -0.008 (0.020) | 0.002 (0.021) | 0.059 (0.030)† | 0.047 (0.024)† | -0.031 (0.028) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | -0.057 (0.036) | -0.016 (0.027) | 0.002 (0.028) | -0.019 (0.040) | -0.032 (0.033) | 0.016 (0.037) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | -0.013 (0.028) | -0.020 (0.020) | -0.006 (0.021) | 0.006 (0.030) | -0.024 (0.025) | 0.044 (0.029) |
| R2 Change | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| F Change (df) | 0.953 (5,405) | 0.412 (5,405) | 0.175 (5,405) | 1.031 (5,405) | 1.461 (5,405) | 1.427 (5,405) |
| Overall R2 | 0.069 | 0.105 | 0.057 | 0.052 | 0.088 | 0.078 |

Note. b (SE) = unstandardized coefficient (Standard Error), SES = socioeconomic status, D = dummy code, † $p < .10$ * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$.

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Supplementary Table 5. Regression Models Predicting Total Mood Disturbance, Vitality and Perceived Stress from the Demographic Covariates and Vitamin C Levels, using Māori/Pasifika as the Reference Group, with Moderators

| | Total Mood Disturbance b (SE) | Vitality b (SE) | Perceived stress b (SE) |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Model 1 - Adjusted | | | |
| Constant | 12.408 (2.535)*** | 54.299 (2.665)*** | 5.553 (0.350)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.008 (0.036) | 0.048 (0.038) | -0.003 (0.005) |
| SES | -2.585 (0.580)*** | 1.981 (0.610)** | -0.485 (0.80)*** |
| Gender | -0.705 (1.530) | -1.089 (1.608) | -0.108 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.210 (0.221) | 0.157 (0.232) | -0.026 (0.030) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -4.666 (2.487)† | 7.959 (2.615)** | -0.720 (0.344)* |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | 0.946 (2.919) | 6.703 (3.069)* | 0.893 (0.403)* |
| Ethnicity D3 - Southeast Asian | -1.483 (3.074) | 10.278 (3.232)** | 0.137 (0.425) |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 2.754 (3.173) | 7.990 (3.336)* | 0.141 (0.438) |
| R ² Change | 0.071*** | 0.063** | 0.134*** |
| F Change (df) | 3.93 (8,410) | 3.419 (8,410) | 7.938 (8,410) |
| Model 2 - Adjusted + Moderators | | | |
| Constant | 13.253 (2.664)*** | 52.777 (2.767)*** | 5.762 (0.366)*** |
| Vitamin C | -0.130 (0.157) | 0.373 (0.163)* | -0.048 (0.022)* |
| SES | -2.597 (0.584)*** | 1.941 (0.606)** | -0.482 (0.080)*** |
| Gender | -0.742 (1.536) | -1.185 (1.596) | -0.109 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.225 (0.222) | 0.180 (0.231) | -0.030 (0.031) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -5.497 (2.638)* | 9.511 (2.741)** | -0.975 (0.362)** |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | 0.218 (3.044) | 8.233 (3.162)* | 0.657 (0.418) |
| Ethnicity D3 - Southeast Asian | -0.435 (3.374) | 8.084 (3.505)* | 0.155 (0.463) |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 1.744 (3.280) | 9.812 (3.408)** | -0.112 (0.450) |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.001 (0.079) | -0.067 (0.082) | 0.012 (0.011) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | 0.138 (0.148) | -0.252 (0.154) | 0.044 (0.020)* |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | 0.160 (0.165) | -0.315 (0.171)† | 0.033 (0.023) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | 0.279 (0.169)† | -0.560 (0.175)** | 0.053 (0.023)* |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | 0.038 (0.173) | -0.171 (0.179) | 0.017 (0.024) |
| R ² Change | 0.009 | 0.032* | 0.020† |
| F Change (df) | 0.826 (5,405) | 2.821 (5,405) | 1.879 (5,405) |
| Overall R ² | 0.081 | 0.094 | 0.154 |

Note. b (SE) = unstandardized coefficient (Standard Error), SES = socioeconomic status, D = dummy code, † p < .10 * p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001.

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| | Tension b (SE) | Depression b (SE) | Anger b (SE) | Fatigue b (SE) | Confusion b (SE) | Vigor b (SE) |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Model 1 - Adjusted | | | | | | |
| Constant | 4.956 (0.617)*** | 2.218 (0.455)*** | 3.526 (0.477)*** | 7.489 (0.681)*** | 4.98 (0.559)*** | 10.763 (0.642)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.009 (0.009) | 0.000 (0.006) | -0.007 (0.007) | 0.009 (0.010) | 0.003 (0.008) | 0.007 (0.009) |
| SES | -0.527 (0.141)*** | -0.488 (0.104)*** | -0.266 (0.109)* | -0.447 (0.156)** | -0.601 (0.128)*** | 0.255 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.354 (0.372) | -0.247 (0.274) | -0.401 (0.288) | 0.032 (0.411) | -0.464 (0.338) | -0.729 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.071 (0.054) | -0.001 (0.040) | 0.015 (0.042) | -0.032 (0.059) | -0.083 (0.049)† | 0.038 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -0.570 (0.606) | -0.389 (0.446) | -1.141 (0.468)* | -1.248 (0.668)† | -0.441 (0.549) | 0.876 (0.630) |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | 0.576 (0.711) | 0.895 (0.524)† | -0.180 (0.550) | -1.385 (0.785)† | 0.458 (0.644) | -0.582 (0.740) |
| Ethnicity D3 - Southeast Asian | 0.889 (0.749) | 0.722 (0.551) | -0.227 (0.579) | -1.255 (0.826) | 0.471 (0.678) | 2.084 (0.779)** |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 1.216 (0.773) | 1.607 (0.569)** | 0.120 (0.597) | -0.828 (0.853) | 1.172 (0.700)† | 0.533 (0.804) |
| R2 Change | 0.058** | 0.100*** | 0.055** | 0.039* | 0.072*** | 0.062** |
| F Change (df) | 3.138 (8,410) | 5.702 (8,410) | 3.004 (8,410) | 2.105 (8,410) | 3.973 (8,410) | 3.379 (8,410) |
| Model 2 – Adjusted + Moderators | | | | | | |
| Constant | 5.271 (0.648)*** | 2.254 (0.479)*** | 3.515 (0.503)*** | 7.628 (0.715)*** | 5.212 (0.586)*** | 10.628 (0.673)*** |
| Vitamin C | -0.031 (0.038) | -0.018 (0.028) | -0.010 (0.030) | -0.027 (0.042) | -0.021 (0.034) | 0.022 (0.040) |
| SES | -0.535 (0.142)*** | -0.483 (0.105)*** | -0.263 (0.110)* | -0.438 (0.157)** | -0.612 (0.128)*** | 0.265 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.372 (0.374) | -0.247 (0.276) | -0.398 (0.290) | 0.061 (0.412) | -0.486 (0.338) | -0.699 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.068 (0.054) | -0.006 (0.040) | 0.012 (0.042) | -0.034 (0.060) | -0.084 (0.049)† | 0.046 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -0.901 (0.642) | -0.472 (0.474) | -1.129 (0.499)* | -1.376 (0.708)† | -0.639 (0.580) | 0.979 (0.666) |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | 0.207 (0.741) | 0.821 (0.547) | -0.130 (0.575) | -1.560 (0.817)† | 0.275 (0.669) | -0.604 (0.768) |
| Ethnicity D3 - Southeast Asian | 0.840 (0.821) | 0.688 (0.607) | -0.213 (0.638) | -0.761 (0.906) | 0.835 (0.742) | 1.826 (0.852)* |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 0.906 (0.798) | 1.540 (0.590)** | 0.114 (0.620) | -0.998 (0.881) | 0.912 (0.721) | 0.730 (0.828) |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.010 (0.019) | 0.013 (0.014) | 0.005 (0.015) | 0.011 (0.021) | -0.013 (0.017) | 0.006 (0.020) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | 0.057 (0.036) | 0.016 (0.027) | -0.002 (0.028) | 0.019 (0.040) | 0.032 (0.033) | -0.016 (0.037) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | 0.026 (0.040) | 0.002 (0.030) | 0.012 (0.031) | 0.028 (0.044) | 0.038 (0.036) | -0.053 (0.042) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | 0.068 (0.041)† | 0.008 (0.030) | 0.000 (0.032) | 0.078 (0.045)† | 0.079 (0.037)* | -0.047 (0.043) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | 0.044 (0.042) | -0.004 (0.031) | -0.008 (0.033) | 0.026 (0.046) | 0.008 (0.038) | 0.028 (0.044) |
| R2 Change | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| F Change (df) | 0.953 (5,405) | 0.412 (5,405) | 0.175 (5,405) | 1.031 (5,405) | 1.461 (5,405) | 1.427 (5,405) |
| Overall R2 | 0.069 | 0.105 | 0.057 | 0.052 | 0.088 | 0.078 |

Note. b (SE) = unstandardized coefficient (Standard Error), SES = socioeconomic status, D = dummy code, † $p < .10$ * $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$.

Ethnicity, Vitamin C and Mental States

Supplementary Table 7. Regression Models Predicting Total Mood Disturbance, Vitality and Perceived Stress from the Demographic Covariates and Vitamin C Levels, using Southeast/Other Asians as the Reference Group, with Moderators

| | Total Mood Disturbance b (SE) | Vitality b (SE) | Perceived stress b (SE) |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Model 1 - Adjusted | | | |
| Constant | 10.925 (2.363)*** | 64.576 (2.484)*** | 5.689 (0.327)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.008 (0.036) | 0.048 (0.038) | -0.003 (0.005) |
| SES | -2.585 (0.580)*** | 1.981 (0.610)** | -0.485 (0.080)*** |
| Gender | -0.705 (1.530) | -1.089 (1.608) | -0.108 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.210 (0.221) | 0.157 (0.232) | -0.026 (0.030) |
| Ethnicity D1 – European | -3.183 (2.267) | -2.318 (2.384) | -0.857 (0.313)** |
| Ethnicity D2 – East Asian | 2.429 (2.527) | -3.575 (2.656) | 0.756 (0.349)* |
| Ethnicity D3 – Māori/Pasifika | 1.483 (3.074) | -10.278 (3.232)** | -0.137 (0.425) |
| Ethnicity D4 – Other | 4.237 (2.805) | -2.288 (2.950) | 0.004 (0.388) |
| R2 Change | 0.071*** | 0.063** | 0.134*** |
| F Change (df) | 3.930 (8,410) | 3.419 (8,410) | 7.938 (8,410) |
| Model 2 Adjusted + Moderators | | | |
| Constant | 12.818 (2.648)*** | 60.862 (2.751)*** | 5.917 (0.364)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.149 (0.121) | -0.188 (0.125) | 0.005 (0.017) |
| SES | -2.597 (0.584)*** | 1.941 (0.606)** | -0.482 (0.080)*** |
| Gender | -0.742 (1.536) | -1.185 (1.596) | -0.109 (0.211) |
| Age | -0.225 (0.222) | 0.180 (0.231) | -0.030 (0.031) |
| Ethnicity D1 – European | -5.062 (2.538)* | 1.426 (2.637) | -1.130 (0.348)** |
| Ethnicity D2 – East Asian | 0.653 (2.830) | 0.149 (2.940) | 0.502 (0.389) |
| Ethnicity D3 – Māori/Pasifika | 0.435 (3.374) | -8.084 (3.505)* | -0.155 (0.463) |
| Ethnicity D4 – Other | 2.180 (3.067) | 1.727 (3.186) | -0.267 (0.421) |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.001 (0.079) | -0.067 (0.082) | 0.012 (0.011) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | -0.141 (0.111) | 0.309 (0.116)** | -0.009 (0.015) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | -0.119 (0.133) | 0.246 (0.138)† | -0.020 (0.018) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | -0.279 (0.169)† | 0.560 (0.175)** | -0.053 (0.023)* |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | -0.241 (0.142)† | 0.389 (0.147)** | -0.036 (0.019)† |
| R2 Change | 0.009 | 0.032* | 0.020† |
| F Change (df) | 0.826 (5,405) | 2.821 (5,405) | 1.879 (5,405) |
| Overall R2 | 0.081 | 0.094 | 0.154 |

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Supplementary Table 8. Regression Models Predicting the Profile of Mood States (POMS) Subscales (tension, depression, anger, fatigue, confusion, and vigor) from the Demographic Covariates and Vitamin C Levels, using Southeast/Other Asians as the Reference Group, with Moderators

| | Tension b (SE) | Depression b (SE) | Anger b (SE) | Fatigue b (SE) | Confusion b (SE) | Vigor b (SE) |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Model 1 - Adjusted | | | | | | |
| Constant | 5.845 (0.575)*** | 2.941 (0.424)*** | 3.299 (0.445)*** | 6.234 (0.635)*** | 5.452 (0.521)*** | 12.846 (0.599)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.009 (0.009) | 0.000 (0.006) | -0.007 (0.007) | 0.009 (0.010) | 0.003 (0.008) | 0.007 (0.009) |
| SES | -0.527 (0.141)*** | -0.488 (0.104)*** | -0.266 (0.109)* | -0.447 (0.156)** | -0.601 (0.128)*** | 0.255 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.354 (0.372) | -0.247 (0.274) | -0.401 (0.288) | 0.032 (0.411) | -0.464 (0.338) | -0.729 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.071 (0.054) | -0.001 (0.040) | 0.015 (0.042) | -0.032 (0.059) | -0.083 (0.049)† | 0.038 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -1.459 (0.552)** | -1.112 (0.407)** | -0.914 (0.427)* | 0.007 (0.609) | -0.913 (0.500)† | -1.208 (0.574)* |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | -0.313 (0.615) | 0.172 (0.453) | 0.047 (0.476) | -0.130 (0.679) | -0.013 (0.558) | -2.666 (0.640)*** |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | -0.889 (0.749) | -0.722 (0.551) | 0.227 (0.579) | 1.255 (0.826) | -0.471 (0.678) | -2.084 (0.779)** |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 0.327 (0.683) | 0.885 (0.503)† | 0.347 (0.528) | 0.427 (0.754) | 0.701 (0.619) | -1.551 (0.711)* |
| R2 Change | 0.058** | 0.100*** | 0.055** | 0.039* | 0.072*** | 0.062** |
| F Change (df) | 3.138 (8,410) | 5.702 (8,410) | 3.004 (8,410) | 2.105 (8,410) | 3.973 (8,410) | 3.379 (8,410) |
| Model 2 - Adjusted + Moderators | | | | | | |
| Constant | 6.112 (0.644)*** | 2.943 (0.476)*** | 3.302 (0.500)*** | 6.868 (0.711)*** | 6.047 (0.582)*** | 12.454 (0.668)*** |
| Vitamin C | 0.037 (0.029) | -0.010 (0.022) | -0.011 (0.023) | 0.051 (0.032) | 0.057 (0.027)* | -0.025 (0.030) |
| SES | -0.535 (0.142)*** | -0.483 (0.105)*** | -0.263 (0.110)* | -0.438 (0.157)** | -0.612 (0.128)*** | 0.265 (0.147)† |
| Gender | -0.372 (0.374) | -0.247 (0.276) | -0.398 (0.290) | 0.061 (0.412) | -0.486 (0.338) | -0.699 (0.388)† |
| Age | -0.068 (0.054) | -0.006 (0.040) | 0.012 (0.042) | -0.034 (0.060) | -0.084 (0.049)† | 0.046 (0.056) |
| Ethnicity D1 - European | -1.742 (0.618)** | -1.161 (0.456)* | -0.917 (0.480)† | -0.616 (0.681) | -1.474 (0.558)** | -0.847 (0.641) |
| Ethnicity D2 - East Asian | -0.633 (0.689) | 0.133 (0.509) | 0.083 (0.535) | -0.799 (0.760) | -0.560 (0.622) | -2.430 (0.714)** |
| Ethnicity D3 - Māori/Pasifika | -0.840 (0.821) | -0.688 (0.607) | 0.213 (0.638) | 0.761 (0.906) | -0.835 (0.742) | -1.826 (0.852)* |
| Ethnicity D4 - Other | 0.066 (0.746) | 0.852 (0.551) | 0.326 (0.580) | -0.238 (0.823) | 0.077 (0.674) | -1.096 (0.774) |
| Vitamin C x Gender | -0.010 (0.019) | 0.013 (0.014) | 0.005 (0.015) | 0.011 (0.021) | -0.013 (0.017) | 0.006 (0.020) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D1 | -0.011 (0.027) | 0.008 (0.020) | -0.002 (0.021) | -0.059 (0.030)† | -0.047 (0.024)† | 0.031 (0.028) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D2 | -0.042 (0.032) | -0.005 (0.024) | 0.013 (0.025) | -0.049 (0.036) | -0.041 (0.029) | -0.006 (0.034) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D3 | -0.068 (0.041)† | -0.008 (0.030) | 0.000 (0.032) | -0.078 (0.045)† | -0.079 (0.037)* | 0.047 (0.043) |
| Vitamin C x Ethnicity D4 | -0.024 (0.035) | -0.012 (0.025) | -0.007 (0.027) | -0.052 (0.038) | -0.071 (0.031)* | 0.075 (0.036)* |
| R2 Change | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.002 | 0.012 | 0.016 | 0.016 |
| F Change (df) | 0.953 (5,405) | 0.412 (5,405) | 0.175 (5,405) | 1.031 (5,405) | 1.461 (5,405) | 1.427 (5,405) |
| Overall R2 | 0.069 | 0.105 | 0.057 | 0.052 | 0.088 | 0.078 |

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