

Editorial

The Australian Paradox

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Nutrients recently became the target of an unprecedented internet campaign by an individual who disagrees with the content and conclusions of a paper published in the journal last year, viz. “The Australian Paradox: A Substantial Decline in Sugars Intake over the Same Timeframe that Overweight and Obesity Have Increased” by Alan W. Barclay and Jennie Brand-Miller, *Nutrients* 2011, 3, 491–504. Regrettably, his criticism has extended to the journal and its peer review processes for permitting publication of the article.

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Nutrients does not have a policy of inviting correspondence to the Editor, nor has the journal received any formal correspondence regarding this manuscript. However, in view of the widely circulated criticism of the paper by Barclay and Brand-Miller, I believe that it is in the interest of the journal as well as the authors to afford them an opportunity to address these criticisms and provide further clarification of their research. This correspondence now appears on the *Nutrients* website at <http://www.mdpi.com/2072-6643/3/4/491/>.

I will leave our readers to judge for themselves.

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