

## “UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS FOUR” REVISITING THE ANALYSES OF UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITIONS ONE AND TWO AMONG MINORITIES’ CHILDREN IN SOUTHWEST HOUSTON, TEXAS AND THE ROLES PARENTS PLAY TO COMPLICATE THE INABILITIES TO CONTROL THEM ESPECIALLY WITH COVID-19’S EFFECTS

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### ABSTRACT

*This quasi-experimental quantitative project’s research study revisited the relationship between multidiscipline approaches in addressing the issues associated with children between the ages of 7 and 18 weights, obesity, BMI, and their parental physical, mental, social, and overall parental involvements or lack of involvements in their children’s health wellbeing outcomes. The study questioned the outcomes by analyzing the population/patients, intervention/indicator, comparator/control, with no pediatric obesity educational program, outcomes such as impact the dietary habits, and time for over a period of 4 weeks in six months (PICOT). The project study employed the roles of parental in-activities, activities, and possibly “out of control” parental supervisions as indicators. The project study used a single “case study” to collect data statistics using Child Feeding Questionnaire (CFQ) survey instrument developed by Birch et al. (2007). The project’s study investigated 20 children/parents using ANOVA to analyze pretests versus posttests, and scorecards. The project’s study found that there were statistically significant differences correlations between dependent and independent variables in*

*pretests versus posttests in 8 tables and 2 figures. The project's study recommends that collective collaborations between physicians and multidiscipline healthcare practitioners is needed in addressing some of the resolvable issues associated with children's weights, obesity, BMI, and blood sugar levels A1C was way to proactively manage their underlying health conditions. The study recommends that a longer time study should be conducted as to identify how long and how sustainable the parents and the children are committed the process. **This study suggests that future studies should limit their items of analyses to not more than 1 to 2 items; however, items 8 or 9 were addressed in this follow-up five data statistics analyses outcomes project's study.** The project's study concludes that if all the above itemized recommendations among others, are carefully implemented by the parents and their children, they should be able to reduce pre-existing health conditions which are tied to the mortality rates of COVID-19's effects. **The study sums that if all the recommendations are proficiently implemented, we should be able to maintain and possibly gain some sustainable positive social changes in their children and parents health wellbeing in the future to come.***

**KEYWORDS:** *Child Feeding Questionnaire (CFQ), PICOT, BMI, Weight, Height, Obesity, Overeating, Blood Sugar Levels, A1C, Underlying Conditions, Out-of-Control Children, Eating Habits in Schools, CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19, Minorities, COVID-19' Effects, and Healthy 2020*

## I. INTRODUCTION

According to Kisavi-Atatah, Atatah, Branch-Vital, Laws, and Opusunju (2020), in their initial investigative **(Underlying Health Conditions One)** and Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020). **(Underlying Health Condition Two)** as well as **(Underlying Health Condition Three)** by Atatah et al. (2020);

The purpose of this quasi-experimental quantitative research study was to examine the relationships between children overeating habits and in activities with their weight gains and Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C levels associated with minorities in Southwest Houston, Texas. This study investigated 15 associative items; but only the first two items were analyzed in this study due to the overwhelming database statistics it generated after the initial analyses. However, additional items such as item 3 to 15 will be addressed in the follow-up studies in the future. This study collected some monthly samples from 20 volunteered participates. Since the issues associated with CORONAVIRUS or COVID-19 has become prevalence among minorities in general, this study intends to shed some lights on minorities between the ages of 6 to 18 years children and the roles their parents may play or not play to control their weight gains and BMI blood sugar A1C levels collectively.

This follow-up quantitative research study will concentrate on items numbers 7 alone; along with some brief areas in COVID-19 overall implications (see Atatah et al., 2020 pp. 89-90 for more).

## II. LITERATURE REVIEWED

This study longevity quasi-experiment research study continued to use the same literature reviewed because the components, complexities, and applications remain the same. The only significant changes in the follow-up research study are to measure item 7 of the raw data statistics collected from this pre-tests and post-tests quasi-experimental research study (see Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020; Atatah et al., 2020; for more).

The American Heart Association (2017) approximates that one out of every ten children are either overweight or obese. According to the same report, the prevalence of childhood obesity has more than tripled over the last three decades, with the health problem surpassing drug and substance abuse to become the number one childhood health concern. The excess weight places the children at the peril for development of serious health problems like diabetes, heart disease and asthma. Being overweight/obese in childhood is associated with a risk of obesity-related co-morbidities in adulthood, adverse psychological problems, huge societal expenses and premature morbidity and mortality (see Grigorakis et al., 2016; foster et al., 2017; Fonvig et al., 2015; Fidelix et al., 2015 for more).

Childhood obesity predisposes children to other serious chronic and acute health problems, hence limiting the children from reaching their full potentials in childhood and adulthood (Pulgarón, 2014). Childhood obesity has remained a communal health issue that continues to affect children in their right to relish a long healthy life free of avertable diseases. According to the American Heart Association (2017), childhood obesity is the number one trepidation for every parent, having surpassed the issue of drug abuse and smoking as top public health problem for children (See Roya & Soleiman, 2014; Pulgarón, 2014; Ogden et al., 2014; Martin et al., 2018; Mendes et al., 2016; Damaso et al., 2013; &Mameli et al., 2017 and more).

Obesity among children and adolescents is described as a body condition in which the BMI figure exceeds 30. The most causes of the condition are identified as physical inactivity and unhealthy diets with high calorie content with the weight effects moderated by society and environment factors. Given that obesity is a health risk factor, there is a need to address its incidence with the focus on achieving and maintaining a healthy body weight. This is particularly true for children and adolescents since obesity first presents in this

age group with the best management results achieved. Cochrane et al. (2017) notes that obesity management is important, but it is not only concerned with weight management with input from different professionals required to achieve the desired outcome in terms of healthy weight loss. It further adds that a multidisciplinary approach is necessary to achieve the best outcomes. Foster et al. (2017) similarly notes that the best outcomes are achieved by combining input from different stakeholders since the condition has implications that exceed weight and could extend to dieting, family support, and exercising. Based on this awareness, the study recommends that family-centered approaches should be applied when addressing weight management needs of children and adolescents since they are easily influenced by their families.

Fonvig et al. (2015) also mentions that a multidisciplinary approach reduced BMI. The article further added that the approach reduced liver fat, muscle fat and visceral adipose tissue volumes although these results were only noted after running the program for 1 year. The implication is that it presents positive metabolic effects (Fonvig et al., 2015). The same sentiments are expressed by Martin et al. (2018), mentioning that although obesity management is about weight control, it also has cognitive implications for children and adolescents since a healthy weight will typically be associated with good performance in school. This means that in addition to the weight, other professionals would be required to address the cognitive aspects of care. Torti et al. (2017) make similar when calling for a multidisciplinary approach by indicating that obesity management is all about lifestyle intervention and should be matched with support from the school and community.

Carayol et al. (2017) presents a novel perspective by indicating that although the weight management strategies have achieved some success in obesity control, the success is limited and could be improved by including proteomic factors since the condition has molecular mechanisms. The implication is that molecular biologists should also be included in obesity care provision since they can evaluate and interpret proteomic results. Swift et al. (2014) mention that effective weight management to address obesity must include exercise programs along with calorific programs. The implication is that the medical personnel who manage the exercise program must work in concert with the personnel who work the calorific program since the two are different medical disciplines. Ogden et al. (2014) faults the current obesity intervention measures by noting that they have been largely ineffective since surveillance data shows that obesity prevalence remains high. The article adds that there is a need to for a multidisciplinary approach with input from different stakeholders to reverse the high prevalence noted.

Bocca et al. (2012) validates the recommendations for a multidisciplinary approach in obesity management by reporting that multidisciplinary care produces better outcomes when compared to usual-care programs and if used for at least one year. Mameli et al. (2017) expresses some reservations in using multidisciplinary weight management in children. The article notes that although a multidisciplinary approach is more effective when the whole program is followed, it is similarly accompanied by high dropout rates even before discernible results could be produced. The implication is that the approach might have positive effects, but it is demanding thereby causing high dropout rates (Mameli et al., 2017). The reviewed journal articles show that obesity among children and adolescents is best managed through a multidisciplinary approach although there could be a need to address dropouts to improve outcomes and effectiveness (See Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, Kisavi-Atatah et al, 2020, pp. 1-2 & Atatah et al. 2020, pp 90-91 for more).

## PICOT

The picot question has been presented as: “Among parents of obese or overweight children or adolescent from 6 to 18-year-old in a primary care pediatric setting (P), how does the implementation of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program (I) versus no pediatric obesity educational program (C) impact the dietary habits (O) over a period 4 weeks in 6 months (T)?”

P - Population/ Patient = how does the implementation of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program

I - Intervention/ Indicator = versus no pediatric obesity educational program

C - Comparator/control = no pediatric obesity educational program

- O - Outcome = impact the dietary habits
- T – Time = over a period of 4 weeks measurements for 6 months from January 5, 2020 to June 30, 2020. (Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020; Atatah et al., p. 91 for more).

### III. CONCEPTUAL/ THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

**This follow-up quasi-experiment research used the same theoretical framework because the initial theory in the research one, two, and three remain the same. According to Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020), Kisavi-Atatah et al. 2020, and Atatah et al. (2020),**

The prevalence of obesity has risen dramatically in the USA, with the rate increasing more than threefold during the past three decades. The most alarming is that childhood obesity most often will continue into adulthood and the consequences of obesity include coronary artery disease, diabetes, adverse psychological problems, large societal costs and premature morbidity and mortality (Grigorakis et al., 2016). About one in every three American kids and youths is either obese or overweight. Berge et al. (2016) presents the result of a quantitative research study into the effects of community-based childhood obesity prevention programs. The study acknowledged that obesity intervention programs have had limited success, particularly those targeting children. This failure is postulated to be the result of an inability to engage parents in the program. As such, there is a need to understand how community engagement affects the results of intervention programs. This problem is important to medical personnel since it addresses an ongoing concern in the form of identifying effective obesity prevention programs. Identifying the more effective programs and their approaches can facilitate effective resource allocation so that emphasis remains on programs that are likely to produce positive results. In this respect, medical personnel could use the research results to recommend greater community engagement in childhood-obesity intervention programs as a more effective strategy.

Many studies have proven that obesity intervention programs targeted at children have largely failed. The failure has been attributed to an inability to engage the whole community that would have a positive additive effect on outcomes. Majority of children aged 5 to 12 years watch, on average, almost two-and-a-half hours of television daily and most of this is commercially sponsored. In addition, around half of them now eat their evening meal in front of the television which has been recognized as an effective medium for the sale of food products with most foods advertised to children being high in fat, salt and/or sugar and low in fiber. Changing social attitudes to childhood may influence the development of children's food preferences. Empirical evidence suggests that food availability and accessibility, parental role modeling, television viewing and child-parent interactions around food are all likely to be important.

Environmental factors like lack of physical activity are major contributors to the obesity epidemic and children who are obese, or overweight are more likely to have functional limitations. Physical activity has

been proven to lower the risk of obesity, but future studies are needed to determine barriers to participation among these children in recreation and sporting activities. By exploring the role of social networks and obesity, it shows that the obesity epidemic is affected by the complex interaction between the environment, genetic factors, and human behavior (Hong, Coker-Bolt, Anderson, Lee, & Velozo, 2016). The knowledge gap justifies the research by determining whether there is any justification for multidisciplinary obesity program and community engagement in obesity intervention programs targeted at children (See Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, 3-4, Atatah et al., 2020 p. 92, for more).

#### IV. DESIGN OF THE STUDY

The recruitment procedure entailed the identification of the potential participants based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Recruitment fliers with the Principal Investigator (PI) contact information was placed at the prospective clinic site. The convenient samples of patients were voluntarily enrolled after receipt of signed consent from their parents or guardians. Families responded with qualified children were invited for assessment where weight and height and BMI, and their blood sugar A1C were measured. Computer-generated random numbers was used to allocate parent-child pairs to the multidisciplinary pediatric obesity program. Parents and guardians were provided an informed consent while children and adolescents completed an assent (Bonnie et al., 2016; (See Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 3 for more).

#### V. METHODOLOGY

The study applied a quantitative approach that entailed by collecting data using one-group pre-test/post-test quasi-experimental design. A sample size of 20 participants was recruited from among patients of Family Clinic in Southeast Houston, Texas. Just to protect the interests of the clinic and the participants, the specifications were not needed in this study. The inclusion criteria were obesity diagnosis for more than one year, and parental/ guardian consent. The exclusion criteria were mental incompetence, deafness, blindness, terminal illness with an inability for self-care, and an inability to actively participate in provider-led education programs. The participant's blood pressure, weight, waist circumference, BMI and height were measured. Participants/parents were assessed on obesity knowledge, nutritional lifestyle, and physical activity with Child Feeding Questionnaire (CFQ) developed by Birch et al. (2007). The Child Feeding Questionnaire (CFQ) is a self-report measure to assess parental beliefs, attitudes, and practices regarding child feeding, with a focus on obesity proneness in children. The Nurse Practitioner who is also the principal

investigator and physician will coordinate the multidisciplinary team (Reichert-Anderson et al., 2015; See Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 3 for more).

The principal investigator/s met with the participants and their parents/guardians obtain a signed consent and complete a socio demographic survey and administer the pre-test obesity knowledge Questionnaire. The participants/parents/guardians attended one-time individual obesity education session based on the teaching outline for 1 hr. There was a break every 15 minutes during the session to alleviate the emotional stress because of the sensitivity of the topic. There was a re-evaluation in four weeks after the education classes where the participants/parents/guardians were asked to complete a posttest CFQ Questionnaire. Participants and parent/guardian were assessed on dietary patterns to promote healthy dietary habits and lifestyle behavioral changes according to the American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines. The lifestyle modification counseling included promoting nutritious diet and physical activities (Reichert-Anderson et al, 2015). Personalized nutritional counseling was provided to overweight participants while a low-calorie balanced personalized diet was provided to the obese participants that seeks to achieve the target of (decrease in Body Mass Index (BMI) and reduction in childhood obesity (Roya & Soleiman, 2014; See Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 4 for more; pp. 70-74 fore more)

This follow-up Quasi-experimental quantitative project's research study investigated children's eating habits when in schools and the roles their parents play to or not to support their poor eating habits through their proactive or lack of proactive involvements. Additionally, the methodology for Underlying Health Conditions remained the same such as in studies one and two (See Atatah et al., 2020, p. 93; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 for more).

## **VI. HYPOTHESES**

It should be noted that due to the volumes of data statistics generated by this 15 points' primary research questions, the initial hypotheses remained the same with a twist with a different 2 points research questions (RQs) which addressed RQs 1 and 2, RQs 3 and 4 and RQs 5 and 6 (See Atatah et al. 2020, pp. 93-94; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al, 2020, p. 5 for more). This study addressed and dealt with only RQ 7 and alternative overall RQ that dealt with Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C due to the overwhelming data statistics it generated.

This study hypothesized two major research alternative hypotheses as shown below;



### **Alternative Hypothesis 1**

There is a relationship between children overeating, in-activities, and the overall outcomes of their weight gains and Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C levels (See Atatah et al. 2020, p. 93; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 5 for more).

### **Alternative Hypothesis 2**

There is a relationship between lack of parental supports, and inactivates their children overeating, in-activities, and the overall outcomes of their weight gains and Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C levels (See Atatah et al., 2020, p. 93; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 for more).

### **Critical questions as to why children overeat were:**

1. **“How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?”**
2. **“What Roles does the family eating habit play in COVID-19’s effects?”**

### **Null Hypotheses**

This study hypothesized two major research Null hypotheses as shown below:

#### **Null Hypothesis 1**

There is no relationship between children overeating, in-activities, and the overall outcomes of their weight gains and Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C levels (See Atatah et al., 2020, p. 93; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 5-6 for more).

#### **Null Hypothesis 2**

There is no relationship between lack of parental supports, and inactivates their children overeating, in-activities, and the overall outcomes of their weight gains and Body Mass Index (BMI) blood sugar A1C levels (See Atatah et al., p. 93; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 5-6 for more).

## VII. INTERVENTION AND DATA COLLECTION

### Data Collection Methods

The data collection methodology applicable for this study was through a quantitative approach with a pre-test/post-test quasi-experimental design. Fliers were placed at the prospective clinic for voluntary sign up of participants with parental/guardian consent. They can also be referred by a confidential doctor in a private clinic in Southwest Houston, Texas based on their BMI percentiles at or exceeding the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile according to the CDC normative scale. Data was collected by measuring weight, height, and BMI. The obesity knowledge Questionnaire with socio demographic survey Questionnaire was used as multiple and open-ended style questions to fully elicit the nutritional tendencies and lifestyle living of the participants (See Atatah et al., 2020; p. 94; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 5-6 for more).

## VIII. DATA ANALYSIS PLAN

The PICOT statement seeks to determine if a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program compared to a non-multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program will impact the dietary habits changes in participants over a period 4 weeks repeatedly for six months (See Atatah et al., p. 94; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 6-7 for more).

## IX. PICOT STATEMENT INTERPRETATION

**Population:** The population is obese children/ adolescents between the ages of 6 years and 18 years. Most of these patients attend a primary care clinic where their interventions are varied depending on their medical condition and the pediatrician's approach.

**Intervention:** Most of the current pediatric obesity management regimes are centered on nutrition. However, there is a need to develop patient-centered pediatric obesity educational program that involves a multidisciplinary team in order to benefit from the combination of several proven strategies.

**Control:** A multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program approach will be compared to no pediatric obesity educational program.

**Outcome:** The desired outcome will be a desired impact on dietary habits in the participants in a period of 4 weekly for six months

**Time:** The time for this research is 4 weekly for six months (See Atatah et al., 2020; pp. 90-92; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 6-7 for more).

## X. PROJECT ANALYSIS

### Statistical Analyses

This project will use quantitative data analyses as outlined below.

### Data Analyses Plan

The data analyses plan used in Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020) was also used in this study (see pp. 76-78 for more). First tests of treatment differences in demographic characteristics were performed using  $\chi^2$  tests for definite variables and *t* tests for incessant variables. After collection of the data from both groups, a simple linear regression analysis was used to establish if the multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program will impact the dietary habits over a period 4 weeks (See Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 90-94; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 for more).

Analyses will be performed using the available data. All statistical analysis was performed using IBM Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) Version 25. In addition, follow-up visits were used as likely predictors. Every predictor was analyzed using the linear regression model where predictors with significant correlation with impact on the dietary habits were included in linear regression model. Quantitative survey data was analyzed using SPSS version 25, SPSS Inc, Chicago, IL, USA for cross-tabulation analysis to assess respondents' ability to make changes with goals of healthier eating (see Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 95-96; Collins, Warren, Neve & Stokes, 2016; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 for more).

## XI. PROJECT FINDINGS/RESULTS OF THE STUDY

Pending the conclusion and the findings/results of the project

### Classification of Collected Raw Data from the Survey Instrument Races of Participants

Whites 2

Blacks /African Americans 4

Hispanic/Black Hispanic Americans 12

Asians 1

Pacific Americans 1

N=20

**Genders of Participants**

Female=18

Male=2

N=20

**Demographics**

To protect the interests and the privacies of the participants, personal demographic information such ages, names, date of birth (DOB), drivers’ licenses (DL), addresses, and residential zip codes were not needed or obtained in this project (See Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 95-96; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020& Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 for more).

**PRETESTS RESULTS/FINDINGS OF THE STUDY**

The following questions are about eating and physical activity. Please mark the box that corresponds to the frequency in which each situation takes place.

**Scorecard 1: Reasons for children eating excessively when at home pretests** Always never occasionally frequently usually

“How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?”	1	1	8	6	4	20
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**Scorecard 1:** The reasons for eating excessively based on the two pinpointed items (see scorecard above and more).

**Scorecard 2: Implementation of health care interventions**

For each activity that you, your spouse, or your child do 15 minutes or more, write down the number of times each of you perform the activity during an average week.

	YOU	YOUR SPOUSE	OTHER	CHILD
<b>Walking</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Running/Jogging</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Playing tag</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Dancing/Aerobic dance</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Hiking/climbing</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Baseball/softball/Football</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Basketball/Volleyball</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Jumping rope</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Soccer</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Skateboarding/skating</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Swimming laps</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bicycling</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Tennis/badminton</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Other</b>				

**Scorecard 2:** Showed that the participants were followed monthly by collecting the weights as well as their BMI as to see if there were any improvements health improvements after implementing the above interventions (see scorecard 2 above and more).

**Scorecard 3: Reasons for children eating excessively when at home posttest Always never occasionally frequently usually**

<b>“How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits”</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>
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**Scorecard 3:** The reasons for eating excessively based on the two pinpointed items (see scorecard3 above and more).

## QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL STUDY PROJECT'S FINDINGS/RESULTS

## Descriptive Statistics Non-Experimental Research Study

Table 1. Pre-Test 1 Statistics

Statistics

		How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?
N	Valid	20
	Missing	0
Mean		1.8000
Std. Error of Mean		.22478
Median		2.0000
Mode		1.00
Std. Deviation		1.00525
Variance		1.011
Skewness		.442
Std. Error of Skewness		.512
Kurtosis		-.320
Std. Error of Kurtosis		.992
Range		4.00
Minimum		.00
Maximum		4.00
Sum		36.00

a. Multiple modes exist. The smallest value is shown

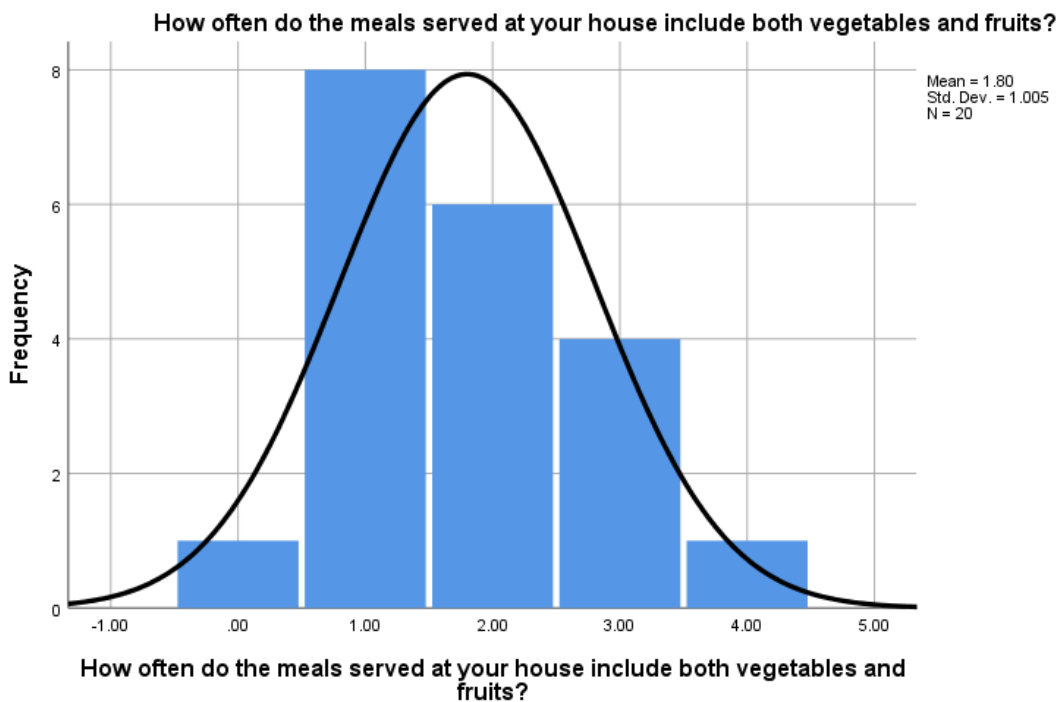
**Table 1** showed the ANOVA of Post-tests 1 which was divided into 8 items as classified above due to the overwhelming data statistics generated by SPSS version 25. Table 1 analyzed the means, median; standard deviation, variances, Std. Error of skewness of .512, and 0 missing data of 20 participants; however, there were significant differences between item 7 of the Pre-Tests and Post-Tests (see Table 1 above for more).

**Table 2. How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	1	5.0	5.0	5.0
	Occasionally	8	40.0	40.0	45.0
	Frequently	6	30.0	30.0	75.0
	Usually	4	20.0	20.0	95.0
	Always	1	5.0	5.0	100.0
	Total		20	100.0	100.0

**Table 2.** Showed the cumulative frequency of 5 items such as Never, Occasionally, Frequently, Usually, and Always with no missing data of 100% Valid and Cumulative Frequencies (see Table 2 above for more).

**Figure 1. How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?**



**Figure 1** showed the mean of 1.80, Std. Deviation of 1.005 and N=20 (see Figure 1 above for more).

**Pre-Test T-Test**

**Table 3. One-Sample Statistics**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std. Deviation</b>	<b>Std. Error Mean</b>
How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?	<b>20</b>	<b>1.8000</b>	<b>1.00525</b>	<b>.22478</b>

**Table 3.** Showed the Pre-test T-Test indicated that 20 participants completed the scorecard with a mean of 1.80 and the Std. Deviation of 1.005; (see Table 3 above for more).

**Pre-Test One-Sample Test**

**Table 4. One-Sample Test**

	<b>t</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Sig. (2-tailed)</b>	<b>Mean Difference</b>	<b>95% Confidence Interval of the Difference</b>	
					<b>Lower</b>	<b>Upper</b>
How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?	8.008	19	.000	1.80000	1.3295	2.2705

**Table 4.** Showed the One-Sample Test with a t of 8.01, df of 19, and the Sig. (2-tailed) of .000 or 100% statistically significant differences (see Table 4 above for more).



## Post-Tests Data Analyses

**Table 5.**

Statistics

		<b>How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?</b>
N	Valid	20
	Missing	0
Mean		2.8500
Std. Error of Mean		.25418
Median		2.6923 <sup>a</sup>
Mode		2.00
Std. Deviation		1.13671
Variance		1.292
Skewness		.562
Std. Error of Skewness		.512
Kurtosis		-.677
Std. Error of Kurtosis		.992
Range		4.00
Minimum		1.00
Maximum		5.00

a. Calculated from grouped data.

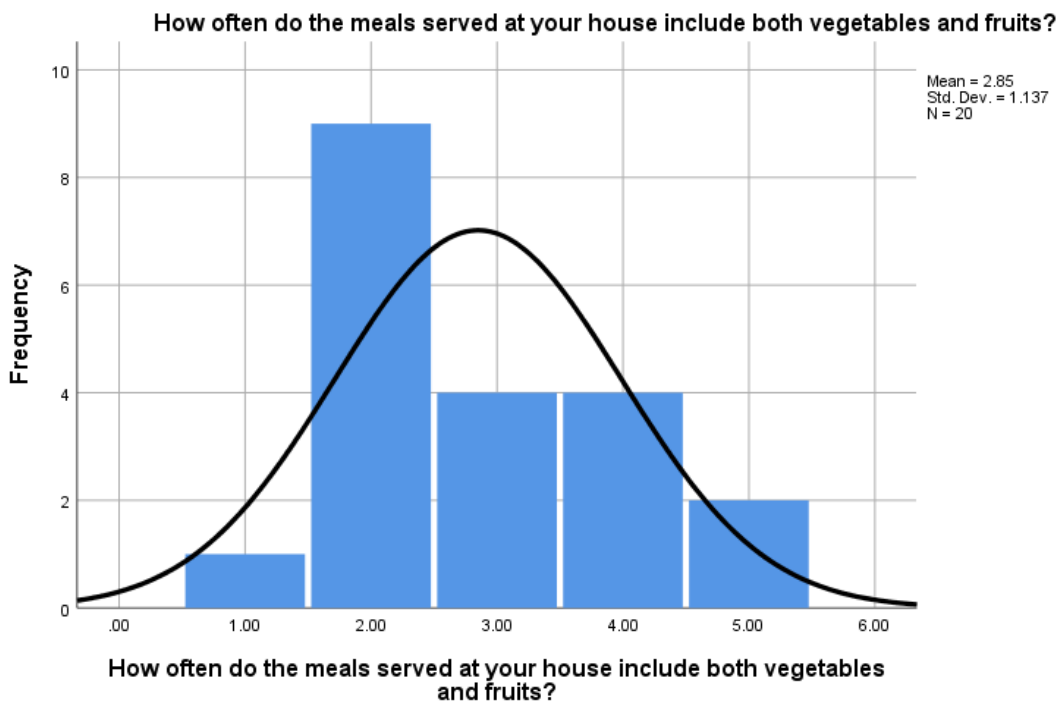
b. Multiple modes exist. The smallest value is shown

**Table 5** showed the ANOVA of Post-tests 1 which was divided into 8 items as classified above due to the overwhelming data statistics generated by SPSS version 25. Table 1 analyzed the means, median, standard deviation, variances, Std. Error of skewness of .512, and 0 missing data of 20 participants; however, there were significant differences between item 7 of the Pre-Tests and Post-Tests (see Table 5 above for more).

**Table 6. How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?**

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Never	1	5.0	5.0	5.0
	Occasionally	9	45.0	45.0	50.0
	Frequently	4	20.0	20.0	70.0
	Usually	4	20.0	20.0	90.0
	Always	2	10.0	10.0	100.0
	Total	20	100.0	100.0	

**Table 6.** Showed the cumulative frequency of 5 items such as Never, Occasionally, Frequently, Usually, and Always with no missing data of 100% Valid and Cumulative Frequencies (see Table 6 above for more).



**Figure 2.** Showed the mean of 1.80, Std. Deviation of 1.005 and N=20 (see Figure 2 above for more).

**Post-Test T-Test**

**Table 7. One-Sample Statistics**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Std. Deviation</b>	<b>Std. Error Mean</b>
How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?	<b>20</b>	<b>2.8500</b>	<b>1.13671</b>	<b>.25418</b>

**Table 7.** Showed the Pre-test T-Test indicated that 20 participants completed the scorecard with a mean of 2.85, Std. Deviation of 1.14 and Std Error Mean of .254 (see Table 7 above for more).

**Post-Test One-Sample Test**

**Table 8. One-Sample Test**

	<b>t</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Sig. (2-tailed)</b>	<b>Mean Difference</b>	<b>95% Confidence Interval of the Difference</b>	
					<b>Lower</b>	<b>Upper</b>
How often do the meals served at your house include both vegetables and fruits?	11.213	19	.000	2.85000	2.3180	3.3820

**Table 8.** Showed the One-Sample Test with a t of 11.21, df of 19, and the Sig. (2-tailed) of .000 or 100% statistically significant differences (see Table 8 above for more).

**INTERPRETATIONS OF FINDINGS/RESULTS FROM 15 MINUTES OR MORE PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES SCORECARDS**

As stipulated by Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020), Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020), and Atatah et al. (2020) in previous research studies one, two, and three the participants completed 15 minutes or physical activities scorecards as followed;

After completing the project’s intervention, the participants submitted their scorecards in their individual, family, and other’s collective 15 minutes or more physical activities that they participated in the past 4 weeks in six months as indicated in Appendices 1 below. The data statistics from the scorecards based on

the pre-tests showed that 1 out of 20 or 5% claimed that **meals were always served at your house include both vegetables and fruits**, 1 out of 20 or 5% said **meals were never served at your house include both vegetables and fruits**, 8 out of 20 or 40% claimed that **meals were occasional served at your house include both vegetables and fruits**, 6 out of 20 or 30% claimed that **meals were frequently served at your house include both vegetables and fruits**, and 4 out of 20 or 20% claimed that **meals were usually served at your house include both vegetables and fruits** (see tables 1 to 4 & figure 1 above for more).

Furthermore, 1 out of 20 or 5% claimed that their parents never serve their **meals at your house include both vegetables and fruits**, 9 out of 20 or 45% claimed that their parents served their **meals at your house include both vegetables and fruits occasionally**. Attention ally, 4 out of 20 or 20% cross the board claimed that their parents **served at your house include both vegetables and fruits frequently or usually; and 2 out of 20 or 10% claimed always** (see tables 5 to 8 & figure 2 above for more). These improvements remain consistent in swimming laps at 25% with their children and so in bicycling (see Appendices 2 below). The above data statistics indicate that there was a significant improvement in parents and children's eating habits and the supports of their parent's types of food consumptions applications are fundamental to the children's abilities to control their obesities, blood sugar level BMI, or A1C levels by serving better and more healthy types of food at home (see pretests tables 1 to 4, figure 1 & posttests tables 5 to 8 & figure 2 for more). For example, serving meals **at your house include both vegetables and fruits is always healthier than buying food from fast food restaurants on a regular basis**. However, **it should be noted that the ending BMI was not measured due to the short-term of the intervention process**. In fact, the visible changes of BMI take time to materialize; and 4 weeks for six months was not enough. Conclusively, it should also be noted that these overrides and concerns were strongly suggested in the suggestion and recommendations' section of this project as to get a more comprehensive applicable outcomes about BMI implications due to relationships between inactivity and food intakes among children's weight issues. In fact, it should be noted that there were significant relationships at .000 and .000 or 100% between the dependent and independent variables in this study. (See Atatah et al., 2020, pp 102-106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & 2020, pp. 89-90 & pp. 14-15 for more)

These improvements remain consistent in swimming laps at 85% to 90% of the participants claimed that their parents **served at your house include both vegetables and fruits frequently, occasionally, or usually**; (see Appendices 1 & 2 above; 1 below for more). The above data statistics indicate that there was a significant improvement in parents and children's physical activities along with their eating habits. However, **it should be noted that the ending BMI was not measured due to the short-term of the**

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## **XII. Answers to PICOT Project Study's Research Questions**

As stipulated by Atatah et al. (2020), Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020) and Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020) as to provide PICOT Project Study's Research Questions Answers as followed:

The picot question has been presented as: "Among parents of obese or overweight children or adolescent from 6 to 18-year-old in a primary care pediatric setting (P), how does the implementation of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program (I) versus no pediatric obesity educational program (C) impact the dietary habits (O) over a period 4 weeks in six months (T)?"

As to answer the PICOT project study's question as pinpointed above and below.

P - Population/ Patient = how does the implementation of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity educational program

I - Intervention/ Indicator = versus no pediatric obesity educational program

C - Comparator/control = no pediatric obesity educational program

- O - Outcome = impact the dietary habits
- T – Time = over a period of 4 weeks in six months.

The conclusion and discussion and the interpretations of the project study's findings/results shed some fundamental lights and provided the investigative answers about the project's study investigations (please, see interpretations of findings/results of pretests and posttests, scorecards' findings/results, and conclusion and discussion). (see Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 102-106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 pp. 89-90 & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 15 for more)

### **XIII. IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY**

The implications of the study remained the same as stipulated by Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020) and Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020) that;

This project showed several significance and implications to participants, researcher/s, healthcare practitioners and others in several ways.

- First, the findings/results of this project should assist multidiscipline health care practitioners about the proper and possibly the most effective ways to manage children's weight and BMI generally.
- Secondly, this project's findings/results should shed some lights to the parents about the importance of their (parents') involvements in their children's overall healthcare activities outcomes.
- Third, the parents should know that their involvements should be holistic and not sometimes or occasionally.
- Fourth, the parents should be able to identify the important items in the activities' intervention survey instrument/s that could lead to better, progressive, continuous, and possibly the most positive outcomes.
- Significantly, the parents should know that their involvements do not start and end at home alone; but, in schools, food intakes, physical activities, mental activities, psychological activities, other related activities, and overwhelming parental involvements in their children's healthcare wellbeing.
- Finally, these findings/results of this project should assist health care practitioners about how to effectively, efficiently, and even proficiently positively manage issues associated with children's weight and BMI in general.

This project's findings/results summed that if the above pinpointed significance/implications are carefully implemented, the issues associated with children's weight and BMI implications and complications should be systematically or even symmetrically eliminated with time. (See Atatah et al., pp 102-106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., pp. 90-92, & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, p. 16 for more)

### **XIV. LIMITATION OF THE PROJECT'S STUDY**

This project showed several limitations which are pinpointed below.

- First, this project was conducted and concluded as a quasi-experimental quantitative research study which lacks randomization of participants' selections and activities.

- Quasi-experimental quantitative research studies operate on limited randomization which leads to the inability for findings/results generalization.
- This project was conducted as a singular case study based on the location of the project, as well as the originalities of the collections of the participants data statistics of the study.
- Case study poses yet another limitation due to its inability to be generalized outside the case study's location.
- This study was conducted by primary researcher who worked in the location, knew the multidiscipline team/s, and may know the participants personally, interpersonally, and professionally. These relationships may pose biases on the part of the research team/s in general.
- Furthermore, the scorecards results were self-reported which posed some issues of research validities and reliabilities for the results and findings.
- Finally, the scope of this study is limited due to the size of the participants, which yet poses another limitation for overwhelming generalization outside the scope. (See Atatah et al., pp. 102-106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 16-17 for more)

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## **XVI. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION**

As concluded by Atatah et al. (2020), Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020), and Kisavi-Atatah et al. (2020), as to understand the conclusion and discussion of this project, it is fair to note the primary purpose of the study. The project was to investigate if the adaptation of multidisciplinary approach would improve obesity and overweight management outcomes when compared to care provided solely by a primary care provider. This approach was based on a need to present a more efficient management approach that would guarantee the best outcomes. This need was galvanized by the fact that obesity and overweight conditions as a source of concern within the healthcare industry affecting emotional, social, and physical health wellbeing. This project found that involvements of multidisciplinary was more effective in the improvements of obesity and overweight management outcomes when compared to care provided solely by a primary care provider.

The study noted and summed that the involvements of the parents of their children's activities and food intakes showed a more significant outcomes in the management of weight and BMI levels. The study also concludes that there were overwhelming significant statistical differences in all areas especially in the visual pinpointed tables and figures in the importance and the effects of intervention in children's weight and BMI controllable management. As such, the study concludes that involving parents in their children's activities such as physical activities, discussions about the importance of food intakes at home, stress issues, isolations at home and schools, and other places, are fundamentally significant across the board. The data statistics children's/parents' physical activities indicate that there was a significant improvement in parents and children's physical activities in the past 4 weeks. However, it should be noted that the ending BMI was not measured due to the short-term of the intervention implementation as shown in Appendix 1.

In general children in the US are accustomed to what types of food they eat and considered nutritious; but that is not the overall cases. For example, overwhelming studies have shown that majority of the restaurants in the



US know how to use nutritional experts as well as psychologists to systematically social engineer the children in the US about what is nutritional and what is not. In fact, the most dying setback in this approach is children can easily tell what is sweet or bitter before birth or even at birth. This means if you drop “bitter leaf” which is common in West Africans’ vegetable food, you can tell the way the newborn baby squeezes his or her face. This tells you as a parent that the child can identify that the liquid is better. However, on a contrary hand, if you drop some sugar into the child’s mouth, you can easily see how excited the child is and crave for more drops. Above all, children as young as one or two days old knows how to systematically separate the vegetables known as “bitter leaf” from the others, only to eat the others instead of eating the vegetables in a plate. Generally, children see all types of vegetables as nasty food; as such, they may systematically stay away from eating any types of food that comes with vegetables. This is a good example of a “systematic social conditioning” from parents to children which can be detrimental with time to come.

Above all, parents were advised that by demonstrating the effective, efficient, and proficient ways to achieve these pinpointed outcomes, due to parental holistic involvements in their children’s activities is holistically more fundamental in achieving some positive social changes in managing children’s weight and BMI physically, socially, mentally, physiologically, and psychologically wellbeing in the final analyses. In conclusion, from a public health care policy standpoint, and even from a public policy standpoint, this project should unequivocally assist health care multidiscipline, the most accurate, effective, efficient, and proficient ways in addressing managing weight and IBM issues among children in general. Since the recent pandemic we currently faced in the US, evidence upon evidence have shown the underlying health conditions such as overweight, BMI, high blood sugar level A1C, in activities are corresponding critical factors in killing minorities whenever they are infested with **CORONAVIRUS also known as COVID-19**. This study shed some lights about how to control these underlying poor health conditions effectively, efficiently, and proficiently as to make majority of minorities who participated in this study healthier than ever; in the future to come.

This study sums that knowing exactly how the underlying health conditions among minorities such as A1C, obesity, overweight, high blood pressure, BMI, among many others’ relationship with COVID-19 cannot be determined. However, it should be noted that issues such as disinformation, misinformation, lack of affordable healthcare accessibilities, lack of leaderships, coupled with the systemic historic generational lack of effectively, efficiently, or even proficiently management of underlying health conditions among minorities in general are common dominators complex factors that make already mind bugging factors even more complicated; when dealing with COVID-19’s effects among minorities Southwest Houston,

Texas in general. It fair to note that these complicated issues are somehow common in the US in general, when dealing with minorities healthcare efficacies, especially when dealing with COVID-19's effects on minorities. Hopefully, this study will possibly make some pinpointed participants new acquired eating and exercises' habits engagements as a part of their new **Healthy 2020 lifestyle**. (See Atatah et al. 2021; Atatah et al.,2020; pp. 105-106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, & 2020, pp. 17-18 for more)

## **XVII. RECOMMENDATIONS (MAINTAINING/SUSTAINING THE CHANGE)**

This project recommends the followings as to be able to maintain and sustain the noted changes based on its findings/results.

- An experimental research study needs to be conducted instead of quasi-experimental research study which poses limitations due its inability to apply its findings/results in other settings.
- Multiple case studies need to be conducted instead of singular case study based on its limited data originalities.
- Collective collaborations between physicians and multidiscipline healthcare practitioners need to be united on how to proactively address some of the resolvable issues associated with children's weight and BMI management applications.
- The study recommends that a longer time study should be conducted as to identify how long and how sustainable the parents and the children are committed the process.
- This study recommends that future studies should limit their items of analysis to not more than 3 to 5 items per a project as to reduce data outputs' overruns. And finally,
- The researcher and possibly other researchers should make some of the data available to other health care practitioners for findings/results implementations.

In summary, the project concludes that the above itemized recommendations should be able to maintain and possibly sustain some positive social changes for some long time to come; for all majorities of minorities' children in Southwest Houston, Texas and possibly beyond (see Atatah et al., 2021; Atatah et al., 2020, p. 106; Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020 & Kisavi-Atatah et al., 2020, pp. 92-94 & pp. 17-18 for more)

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## XIX. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

We share no conflict of interests in this study

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**APPENDICES****Appendix 1. 15 Minutes or More Physical Activities with/between Parents/Children**

For each activity that you, your spouse, or your child do 15 minutes or more, write down the number of times each of you perform the activity during an average week.

	<b>YOU</b>	<b>YOUR SPOUSE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>CHILD</b>
Walking	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Running/Jogging	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
Playing tag	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
Dancing/Aerobic dance	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Hiking/climbing	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Baseball/softball/Football	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
Basketball/Volleyball	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
Jumping rope	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Soccer	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>
Skateboarding/skating	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Swimming laps	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Bicycling	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Tennis/badminton	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
Other				