## Table 1. Guidance on upfront loading dose regimens to replenish Vitamin D stores in the body

Achieving serum 25(OH)D concentrations above 50 ng/mL based on serum 25(OH)D concentration in non-emergency situations in a 70 kg adult \*

| Serum vitamin D<br>(ng/mL) ** | Vitamin D dose, 50,000 IU capsules:<br>Initial and weekly *** |                                 | Duration | Total amount for deficit<br>correction |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------|--|
|                               | Initial Dose (IU)   | Weekly dose<br>(50,000 IU caps) | (weeks)  | (IU, in millions) ****                 |
| < 10                          | 300,000   | x 3                             | 8-10     | 1.5 - 1.8                              |
| 11–15                         | 200,000   | x 2                             | 8-10     | 1.0 - 1.2                              |
| 16–20                         | 200,000   | x 2                             | 6 – 8    | 0.8 - 1.0                              |
| 21–30                         | 100,000   | x 2                             | 4 - 6    | 0.5 - 0.7                              |
| 31–40                         | 100,000   | x 2                             | 2 – 4    | 0.3 – 0.5                              |
| 41–50                         | 100,000   | x 1                             | 2 – 4    | 0.2 - 0.3                              |

\* A suitable daily or weekly maintenance dose should start after completing the schedule.

\*\* For conversion of ng/mL to nmol/L, multiply by 2.5.

\*\*\* Mentioned replacement doses can be taken as single cumulative doses or spread out through the week.

\*\*\*\* Estimated deficit of vitamin D needed to replenish body stores.

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