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#### **Abbreviations**

% Percentage

**DALYS** Disability-adjusted Life Years

**EIB** Exercise Induced Bronchi constriction

**DDS** Dietary Diversity Score

**UK** United Kingdom

CC Common Cold

WHO World Health Organization

SPSS Statistical Package for Social Science

**SD** Standard Deviations

**RDA** Recommended Daily Allowance

US \$ United States Dollar

No. Number

MAM Moderate Acute Malnutrition

**Mg** Milligram

**RTI** Respiratory Tract Infection

**IFN** Interferon

IFV Influenza Virus

**Gm** Gram

RR Risk Ratio

**Etc** Etcetera

et al Et alii/et aliae/ et alia

**BMI** Body Mass Index

NST National Science & Technology

**FST** Food Science & Technology

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#### **Abstract**

In recent years, viral respiratory tract infections especially influenza viruses have a major impact on school going children as a result of unavailability and unconsciousness of effective treatment of dietary supplementation. After causing influenza some doctoral medicines are given in children but those have many side effects. Cold symptoms are given pain to the children also. Dietary supplementations can give with regular foods and that can suppress or remove the painful conditions occurred from influenza like illness among young school going children. The study of Dietary Supplementation of Pro-biotic Food, Vitamin C and Zinc on Influenza like Illness among Young Children can decrease the high infection and death rate of many children in Bangladesh. Children who consumed yogurt every day had reduced inflammatory markers in the blood. This suggests that yogurt is helpful in fighting off cold symptoms. Vitamin C (ascorbic acid) for preventing and treating the common cold has been a medicine instead of high dose medical medicine. The study is used to find out whether vitamin C reduces the incidence, the duration or severity of the common cold when used either as a continuous regular supplementation every day at the onset of cold symptoms. The severity of colds was also reduced by regular vitamin C administration. Pneumonia is one of the common mortality causes in young children. The study among 6-12 years school going young children are absent in Bangladesh. Some studies have shown beneficial effect of zinc supplements on treatment of pneumonia. This report helps to find out the moral Prevention is better than cure. If the child is infected by influenza, the parents are giving medicine for curing their child which has a side effect in the body of the child. But by giving supplementary food like Pro-biotic Food, Vitamin C and Zinc will boost up the immune system of the child and will help to prevent bronchial diseases among children. Thus, future studies are recommended to reveal any potential curative effects.

Key words: Influenza, Pro-biotic food, Vitamin C, Zinc.