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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	Abstract: In general, abstract is poorly explored. It must contain more information about the Methodology (e.g., if man and women were both included) in the study; in Results it must explore the magnitude of differences and include absolute data. Conclusion cannot be sustained by the data. Material and Methods: 1. Please, describe the (cut off values) for the CRITERIA adopted and indicates a reference in page in line 77. 2. A Statistic analysis section MUST be included to detail the tests were performed. 3. The r=value varied several times along presentation of correlation coefficient data (compare in abstract, results and discussion sections) (e.g. 0.029 vs. 0.29, 0.41 vs. 0.041)??? The correlation coefficient lower than 0.5 is a weak correlation and cannot predicts correlation between 2 variables, even that it give a p-value lower than 0.05. A strong correlation must overpass 0.75, which means a R2 over than 50%. Thus, the actual correlations cannot support the conclusions. 4. The ApoB quantification, which is the goal of the study study, was not mentioned in methodology section. Furthermore, it is crucial to indicate which apoB was determined, ApoB48 and/or ApoB100?? (lines 82-87). 5. The AUC-ROC must be applied to determine the ability of TG/HDL-C ratio and ApoB to predict insulin resistance. A ROC curve is a plot of sensitivity (true positive) versus 1-specificity (false positive). When the AUC-ROC equals	



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	0.5, then the rate of true positivity is equal to that of false positivity, an indication that the test (i.e., TG/HDL-C ratio) does not predict the disorder (i.e., insulin resistance). Please see: 1) Sumner et al.: Metab Syndr 2010;v8;n6 – pp511-4. 2) Kawamoto et al.: Lip Health Dis 2010;9;138. Results: 1. Considering both gender were included in the study, how can authors explain the reason for the presentation of the results in only one table? Since the CRITERIA for MS are gender-specific, it must be presented separately. 2. Result section is very poorly explored and must detail the magnitude of differences and the interpretation of the Graphs. 3. Why authors used Tukey's pot-hoc test for comparison of 2 groups in data from table 1? Tukey is applied after ANOVA when considering more than 2 groups. 4. The legend in graph 1 and 2 must be equivocated, especially in graph 2, where apoB is presented in 'x' axis in spite of 'y' axis. Please, compare graph 1 and 2 legends. Discussion: Discussion is superficial and did not emphasize the weakness of the present correlation coefficient. Conclusion: Although the idea of authors are really interesting their conclusion cannot be supported by the present data. English: Must be revised by a nativ	
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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. Include references in line 52 and 55. 2. In lines 61-62, please describe if it refers to ApoB48 and/or ApoB100. 3. Indicate the commercial trade for the insulin ELISA kit – line 85 - change percent by % in line 123. - correct text errors in lines 132, 152 and 156. 4. The data in table do not require more than one decimal point.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This report intitled Comparison of Apo B and TG/HDL ratio with HOMA IR model to predict insulin resistance in patients with metabolic syndrome indicates that circulating ApoB better predicts the insulin resistance in subjects with MS, compared to the well validated TG/HDL ratio. Although merely descriptive, the study brings some novelty and can contribute to the repertoire of markers that can be easily determined in routine laboratory exams to predict the IR. The theme purposed by the group is interesting and has reasonable originality since the cost and the difficult for determination of circulating insulin as well as the hyperinsulinemic-clamp make these approaches unviable for usual tests. However, the study fails in several aspects that include a) the lack of attention along text description and graph editing, b) the poor construction of statistic analysis, methods and results description and c) the absence of confirmatory analysis such as the AUC-ROC. Thus, the study must include additional experiments and information to turn it more eligible for publication in <i>Int J Biochem Res & Rev</i>.	

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