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Dear Editor:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to respond to the reviewers' comments to our recently submitted manuscript entitled **Low HDL in an American Indian Population: a Look into Risk Factors for Diabetes, the Metabolic Syndrome, and Cardiovascular Disease.** We believe that all of the comments were very thoughtful and insightful. We made what we believe were necessary changes to the manuscript (highlighted with track changes feature) and we have included in this letter a detailed response to each of the reviewers' comments. All of the editors comments were also addressed succinctly.

Respectfully,

Ranjita Misra

Reviewer 1:

The article is very interesting and will publish as it is.

Thank you for this comment. We appreciate the time you took to review the manuscript.

Reviewer 2:

The authors utilized data collected from a cross-sectional survey from 1038 randomly selected Asian Indians in the U.S to investigate the relationship between metabolic syndrome risk factors, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. The article implicates that one of the biggest single risk factors for cardiovascular disease and diabetes reported in the literature for Asian Indians is low HDL. It is suitable to the Journal and could be helpful in clinic application. I have the following comments: 1). There are some typographical errors throughout the manuscript and the authors are advised to proof-read again. 2). Ref 9 needs correction.

Thank you for this comment. We have proof-read and corrected the manuscript and fixed reference 9.

Reviewer 3:

The results of this study add value to our current knowledge.

We appreciate this comment.