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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In my opinion, the manuscript was prepared well, so I suggest accepting it in actual form. * The Introduction Section explains the design of the study. The Authors well justify the research topic. * The study was carried out without methodological errors. * The Descriptions of the results were correct. *
The presented figures and table were prepared precisely and also legible. * The Discussion Section includes the accurate reference of the results obtained to the studies of other studies. * The Conclusions were well formulated.



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Torres-Valadez et al. investigated differential distribution of gene polymorphisms associated with hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, and hypoalphalipoproteinemia among Native American and Mestizo Mexicans. Although the topic may be important to investigate, Reviewer noted several concerns. This manuscript may be better suited for Journals related to lipidology or genetics instead of hepatology. Page 2 Reviewer agreed the author’s statement “Regional personalized medicine strategies considering the host's genetic and environmental factors are required to mitigate the prevalence of dyslipidemias” if the patients responded poorly to treatment. Regardless of the genetic background, treatment will be same, i.e., diet, exercise, and medication. The genetic background test is expensive and take time. In Table 3, some genetic data are missing. They are required to discuss heterogeneity of genetic background in different ancestors. What is “normal weight individuals “? In Table 4-7, authors showed results from “normal weight” GDL. Please clarify the reason why authors investigate “normal weight” GDL. It will be much more attractive if authors showed the comparison of these data among NA and MTZ. If authors showed complete data, now authors can describe “Regional primary health care strategies are required to mitigate their prevalence considering the regional genetic and cultural characteristics, which could have important implications for personalized medicine within the new era of precision medicine” in CONCLUSION. Page 8 In Table 1, average ages among groups looked very different to Reviewer. Although authors stated, “All the groups had excess weight, but the MTZ groups from GDL and TPC had



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the highest BMI of all the groups (33.8 ± 10.3 kg/m² and 28.3 ± 4.7 kg/m², respectively, $p=8 \times 10^{-27}$), BMI of CUQ was 28.6 and higher than TPC. This is not appropriate expression since highest BMI was from GDL. Page 9 Although authors stated, "On the other hand, the NAH group showed lower levels of HDL-c than those from CUQ and WXK groups ($p=0.011$)", HDL-C from SMA was lowest. More detailed description for statistics analyses for Table 5 and 6 is required. When compared frequencies of apoB and LDLR genotypes of HChol in Table 5 and 6, they looked different. Please clarify. Page 10 Authors stated in Results "Also, both genotypes, TT of APOB and GG of LDLR were associated as independent risk factors for HChol (OR=5.33, 95%CI:1.537-18.502, $p=0.008$, & OR=3.90 95%CI: 1.042-14.583, $p=0.043$, respectively) (Table 6)." Please clarify why authors can state "independent risk factors".



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All changes have been implemented. I recommend accepting the manuscript.