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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This manuscript was designed to discuss the rationality of the phrase 'insulin resistance' and hoped to replaced it with 'reduction in glucose effectiveness and insulin sensitivity'. It's an interesting manuscript and provides some interesting idea. However, there're still two issues which should be addressed. 1. Academic terms are mainly used in academic communication and must conform to the principles of convenience, simplicity and wide acceptance. In fact, 'insulin resistance 'has been widely recognized. Replacing it with other words is not easy to be accepted and may cause misunderstanding. Therefore, I personally do not agree with the author's opinion. Nevertheless, I still think it is a meaningful thing to put forward this proposal and trigger academic discussion. 2. The last paragraph is too brief, so it is suggested to add more content and discuss it more systematically to facilitate readers' understanding. So, revision should be recommended.



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Insulin resistance is a relatively broad concept, but the basic meaning is that the insulin level is in the normal range, but its blood sugar lowering effect is reduced. The effectiveness of glucose mentioned by the author is essentially a factor for  $\beta$ cell function, but the original article "Association of β-cell function and insulin resistance with pediatric type 2 diabetes among Chinese children", only uses the HOMAs model to evaluate B cell function and insulin resistance, and does not involve the study of its mechanism. It is correct to add a review of insulin resistance in the original text, but I don't think it is accurate to replace "insulin resistance" completely with "reduction in glucose effectiveness and insulin sensitivity".