Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between apolipoprotein(a) size polymorphism and coronary heart disease in overweight subjects

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General

The authors have essentially responded to the major issues raised in my earlier review. The limitations of the methods used have been highlighted, as well as the caveats in the simplistic interpretation of observed data. Additional references have been included, and conclusions drawn with appropriate caution.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Minor Compulsory Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

p. 5: defining hypercholesterolaemia as serum TC > 200mg/dl is not 'qualitative' - the authors should leave out the term 'qualitative' as it is meaningless in that context

Tables 4 and 5 should be combined - they indicate the same message

Ref 11 is unclear (journal title)

Minor typographical and grammatical errors (possibly correctable editorially)

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

nil

What next?: Accept after minor compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

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None