Author's response to reviews

Title: Lipoprotein profile in older patients with vascular dementia and Alzheimer's disease

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Dear Ruth King,
we modified the paper according to the suggestions of the referee.
In particular:
1) we stated in both Abstract and Results that low HDL-C levels are associated with (and not are associated with the risk of) vascular dementia.
2) We modified and limited the conclusions in both Abstract and in the text. We concluded that in our cross-sectional study patients with vascular dementia are characterized by lower HDL-C levels compared with controls. We eliminated the phrase "suggesting a possible role of HDL in the pathogenesis of this disease", and suggested that longitudinal studies are needed in order to clarify the possible role of HDL in vascular dementia.
We also revised again the paper according to the check-list for manuscript formatting.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity of re-submit this paper to BMC Geriatrics. Waiting for your kind answer, I send you best regards.

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