Reviewer's report

**Title:** Association of Alanine Aminotransferase Levels (ALT) with the Hepatic Insulin Resistance Index (HIRI): a cross-sectional study.

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**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have correctly addressed the main issue raised. All the limitations of the manuscript have been stated. I would not use as abstract conclusion the sentence: "The ALT value in these subjects may be helpful in calculating the degree of hepatic insulin resistance" but rather "The ALT value in these subjects may be an indirect parameter to evaluate hepatic insulin resistance"

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests