Reviewer's report

**Title:** Apolipoprotein A1/ high density lipoprotein-cholesterol ratio is an important risk factor in type 2 diabetes?

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Major comments
1. Provide an explanation why ApoB/LDL is differently associated with diabetes in men compared with women.
2. One of the criteria to diagnose diabetes was HbA1c > 6%? Why? Please explain.
3. Rewrite the tables according to univariate and multivariate regression. State clearly the covariates used for the multivariate models.
4. Rephrase the manuscript so that the term prediction is substituted by association/relation. These are not prediction factors but only association models.

Minor comments
1. Background: rephrase lowing to reduction
2. Discussion: rephrase capability of anti-atherosclerotic to anti-atherogenic properties

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

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

**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