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Reviewer's remarks:
Metabolic control in a nationally representative elderly sample in Costa Rica

1. On page 4, the term 'rcae' should be replaced by 'ethnic origins' or 'family origins'.

   Done. Instead of the words race and racial, we used “ancestry”, “ethnic origins”, and “ethnic”. The sentence reads: “Regarding ancestry, most Costa Rican elderly can be classified as of “mixed ethnic origins”, descendants of a combination of ethnic backgrounds: ...”.

2. In table 3, the figures labeled as 'SD' appear to be standard errors. As confidence intervals are given the SE is superfluous. The SD should be given to describe the distribution of values.

   Done. The reviewer is right. Table 3 has now standard deviations instead of standard errors.

3. In Tables 3 and 5 the units of blood pressure are given as 'mg/dl'.

   Done. The reviewer is right. Tables 3 and 5 have the correct units for blood pressure measurements: mmHg