Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship of the metabolic syndrome to carotid ultrasound traits

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Reviewer: George Fodor

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General

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

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Table 3: Pooling MetSyn + and MetSyn - group together makes it difficult to assess the impact of increasing number of components.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

It would have been useful if the authors analyzed the impact of the number of MetSyn component among the 73 respondents with MetSyn and the rest of the group without MetSyn separately.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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