Reviewer's report

Title: Association of Retinol Binding Protein 4 and Transthyretin with Triglyceride Levels and Insulin Resistance in Rural Thais with High Type 2 Diabetes Risk

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Reviewer: Francis Finucane

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This cross-sectional study of 167 Thai adults set out to examine the relationship between RBPs and TTR and type 2 diabetes risk markers, though in fact focuses specifically on triglycerides to a large extent. Overall the results are interesting. I would have the following specific comments to make. The introduction is vague and could be referenced better. The first paragraph could be removed completely. The authors need to focus more on the rationale for the study and why these molecules are potentially important markers of metabolic risk. In the methods it is not clear who the population are. Were they attending a clinic? Why? The results are clearly described. The discussion is fine.

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