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Title: Effect of Yerba Mate and Green Tea on Paraoxonase and Leptin Levels in Patients affected by Overweight or Obesity and Dyslipidemia: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Dear Editors,

We have extensively reviewed all the documents in this manuscript and we conclude the following:

The manuscript submitted to Nutrition Journal is part of a large research project that was written in July 2007 entitled Effects of Yerba Mate and Green Tea Consumption on Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Dyslipidemic and Overweight Subjects and, it was registered in ClinicalTrials.gov on 07/07/2009.

The version of this research project - approved by the Research Ethics Committee of Institute of Cardiology of Rio Grande do Sul / University Foundation of Cardiology (IC/FUC) under register number 3966/07 and in the version of the project registered in the ClinicalTrials.gov under register number NCT 00933647 - does not have the word mild dyslipidemia, only dyslipidemia. The word mild was mistakenly added in the writing process of the Balsan G. et al. manuscript. However, the data collection of this research was performed according to the criteria described in this manuscript methods and, as well being in accordance with the research project approved by the Ethics Commit. Therefore, the methodology of this study is correctly described.

Thus, we removed the word mild from the manuscript and, we consider that there will be no compromise of the integrity of the article because, as stated above, all data collection was
performed by total cholesterol, HDL-c and triglycerides and, LDL-c calculated by Friedwald equation, as described in the manuscript since the first version.

We hope to have clarified all the doubts,

Best regards,

Vera Portal and co-workers