

**REVIEWER'S questions:**

1. The subject corresponds to the scope of the journal.
2. The style of writing corresponds to the journal style.
3. Article title is appropriate and reflects the content.
4. Tables and figures are informative and supportive of the text.
5. Is the literature stated in the text relevant and up-to-date?
6. Are the references listed according to journal recommendations?
7. Abstract is adequately structured and contains all the necessary information (relevant results and conclusions).
8. Manuscript contains clearly defined hypothesis, stated in Introduction.
9. The methods and measurements applied are adequate.
10. The study included a sufficient number of subjects (samples).
11. The type of sampling and all applied methods are described in detail, allowing an interested reader to duplicate them.
12. Has the study been approved by a competent ethics committee?
13. Statistical methods have been applied adequately.
14. Results of the study are presented and interpreted correctly.
15. Is discussion appropriate and coherent? Are results in the discussion section interpreted in relation to those in current literature?
16. Have study limitations been clearly identified?
17. All abbreviations are written correctly and explained.
18. Conclusions are consistent with the results .