The Prevalence of Insulin Resistance in Turkish Population

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OBJECTIVES

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CONCLUSIONS

This study reported that there was a significant prevalence of diabetes, IFG and IR in 7 regions of Turkey and also we reported the distribution of HOMA-IR, an accepted measure of insulin resistance in a population-based sample of Turkish people, results showed that HOMA-IR is significantly higher in obese compared with normal-weight participants.

The high prevalence of IR and DM in Turkey is one of the important public health problem. There is an urgent necessity to institute more aggressive nation wide public health measures and screening programs about obesity.

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