

ANALYSIS OF RISK PARAMETERS FOR HEART ATTACK USING STATISTICAL METHODS

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ABSTRACT

This paper investigates the intricate relationship between various lipid profile parameters and the study of heart attack risk. Cardiovascular diseases are major cause of mortality all over the world, hence accurate and comprehensive risk stratification tools are needed. This study focuses on identifying key biomarkers from standard blood lipid panels are main reason to the overall possibility of myocardial obstructions, with a particular emphasis on the emerging TRIG/LDR ratio and its interplay with other established lipid indicators. The primary objective is to derive a robust formula for heart attack risk prediction, thereby enhancing diagnostic and preventive strategies.

A rigorous statistical correlation test was performed to determine the individual and synergistic contributions of these parameters to heart attack susceptibility. Multiple regressions is found and from the regression equation conclusions were made, the non-significant variables were removed and again the regression test conducted, the process is done till the important two variables were found. The findings culminate in the development of a predictive heart attack risk formula, offering a valuable tool for clinicians and researchers in proactive cardiovascular health management.

16 various parameters are taken into consideration, with all 16 parameters a model is made, the R square value is -73.78, so this is found to be not a suitable model, after ignoring not influencing parameters, seven parameters are taken into consideration, the model shown R square value as 1, after ignoring two parameters the R square is 0.99, then ignoring one more parameter the R square value is 1, ignoring one more parameter the R square value is 1, with three parameters the R square value is 1, by eliminating one parameter i.e. with two parameters the R square value is 1.

Keywords: Heart Attack Risk, Lipid Parameters, TRIG/LDR Ratio, Correlation Analysis, Risk Assessment, Cardiovascular Disease, Cholesterol, Biomarkers

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INTRODUCTION

While established lipid markers and their ratios are foundational to cardiovascular risk stratification, there is a continuous push to identify more precise and predictive biomarkers. One such emerging indicator is the triglyceride-to-HDL ratio (TRIG/LDR). While this ratio's direct clinical application is still being explored, preliminary studies suggest it may be a powerful predictor of resistance of insulin and small, dense LDL particles—a particularly atherogenic subtype of LDL that is not directly measured in a standard lipid panel.

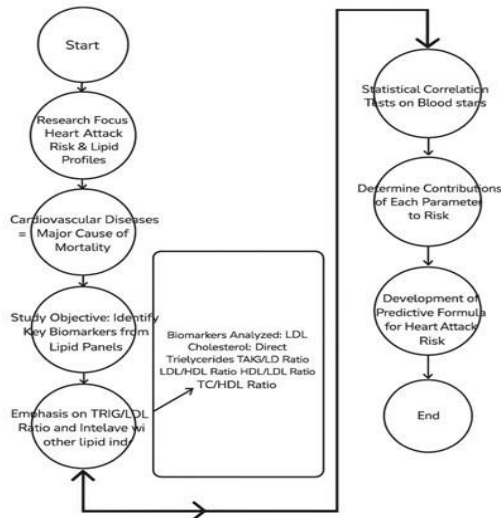
The purpose of this study is to meticulously find the relationship between a set of lipid profile parameters and risk of heart attack, with a specific

focus on the TRIG/LDR ratio and its synergistic effects with other established lipid indicators. It is hypothesized that a multi-parameter approach, which includes this novel ratio, will yield a more robust and accurate predictive formula for heart attack risk than traditional methods. To test this hypothesis, we will analyze a cohort of 33 blood test samples, measuring the concentrations of TRIG / HDL RATIO, is compared with variables APOLIPO PROTEIN - A1 (APO-A1) (mg/dL), APOLIPO PROTEIN - B (APO-B) (mg/dL) APO B / APO A1 RATIO (APO B/A1) (mg/dl), LIPO PROTEIN (A) [LP(A)](mg/dl), TOTAL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl) , TOTAL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), LDL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), TRIGLY CERIDES (mg/dl), TC/ HDL CHOLE STEROL

RATIO, TRIG / HDL RATIO, NON-HDL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), VLDL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), BLOOD UREA nitrogen (mg/dl), BLOOD UREA NITROGEN (mg/dl), CREATININE - SERUM (mg/dl) and bun / sr.creatinine ratio Through a rigorous statistical correlation test, we aim to determine the individual and combined contributions of these parameters to an individual's susceptibility to myocardial

obstruction. The

ultimate goal is to develop a valuable and easily applicable formula that can be used by clinicians and researchers to enhance preventive care and proactive cardiovascular health management. This research is a step toward building more personalized and precise tools for fighting the global epidemic of heart disease. This is explained in figure 1.



Fig

ure 1: Lipid profile parameters and risk of heart attack

1.1. Background of Cardiovascular Diseases and Heart Attack

Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) cause millions of deaths annually and burden global healthcare systems. Heart problems, also known as acute myocardial infarctions, are life-threatening events are made by prolonged coronary artery blockage. The etiology of heart attacks is complex, involving genetic predispositions, lifestyle factors, and metabolic abnormalities.

1.2. Significance of Lipid Profile Parameters in Risk Assessment

Lipid profile parameters, such as total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, and triglycerides, are crucial biomarkers for determining cardiovascular disease risk. Elevated LDL-C levels contribute to atherosclerosis, while higher HDL-C levels protect against cholesterol buildup. Triglycerides, an independent risk factor, can also indicate insulin resistance and metabolic syndrome.

1.3. Importance of the TRIG/LDR Ratio

Cardiovascular risk can be significantly influenced by the lipid profile, with powerful predictors such as the Triglyceride to HDL Cholesterol Ratio (TG/HDL-C ratio) and the Triglyceride/LDL-Direct Ratio (TRIG/LDR ratio) being particularly significant.

1.4. Research Gap and Study Objectives

The study aims to integrate the TRIG/LDR ratio with advanced lipid measurements, including LDL, VLDL Cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol-direct, to

make a forecasting model for heart risks, addressing research gap in elucidating the synergistic contributions and predictive power of these markers.

- To systematically analyze the individual and combined correlations of LDL Cholesterol-
- Direct, Triglycerides, TC/HDL Cholesterol Ratio, LDL/HDL Ratio, HDL/LDL Ratio, Non-HDL Cholesterol, VLDL Cholesterol, and the TRIG/LDR ratio with heart attack risk.
- To conduct rigorous statistical correlation tests on a cohort of approximately 100 blood test samples to identify the most influential parameters.
- To derive and present a novel, predictive heart attack risk formula based on the findings from the comprehensive lipid panel analysis, including the TRIG/LDR ratio.
- To offer a valuable tool for clinicians and researchers for enhanced heart attack risk assessment and proactive cardiovascular health management.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW ON THEORETICAL STRUCTURE

The suitable literature is studied and the important notes are given below.

2.1. Overview of Established Lipid Markers (LDL, HDL, Triglycerides, VLDL, Non-HDL)

Sniderman et al. discovered that lipid metabolism is crucial in understanding cardiovascular disease pathogenesis, with low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) being the primary cause of atherosclerosis and a significant risk factor for myocardial infarction. [1]. Robinson, J. G. et al. noted Elevated LDL-C levels promote cholesterol accumulation in arterial walls, making to plaque formation [2]. Miller, G. J. asserted that HDL-C, or high density lipoprotein cholesterol, exhibits anti-atherogenic properties, aiding in the removal of cholesterol from peripheral cells and reintroducing it to the liver. [3]. Barter, P. J., et al. noted Higher HDL-C concentrations have been repeatedly linked to a lower risk of CVD events.[4]. Nordestgaard et al. identified TG as a separate risk factor for cardiovascular disease, particularly when linked to metabolic syndrome and small, dense LDL particles. [5]. Chapman et al. found that high concentrations of VLDL-C, a precursor of LDL-C, are linked to atherogenesis. [6]. Cui, Y., et al. discovered non-HDL cholesterol (Non-HDL-C), which is determined by subtracting HDL-C from total cholesterol [7].Pischon et al. found that non-HDL-C may be a proper indicator of cardiovascular risk in individuals with metabolic syndrome or increased triglycerides.[8].

2.2. The Role of Lipid Ratios (TC/HDL, LDL/HDL, HDL/LDL) in Cardiovascular Risk

Boekholdt, S. M., et al. noted The HDL-C Ratio, a predictive measure of total cholesterol, is a key indicator of cardiovascular risk, indicating a significant correlation between lipid levels and cardiovascular disease.[9] Liu, J., et al. noted A higher TC/HDL-C ratio indicates an unfavorable lipid profile, suggesting a disproportionate amount of atherogenic cholesterol in comparison to HDL-C, which is protective [10]. Gordon, T., et al. noted this ratio can predict cardiovascular events even in individuals with seemingly normal LDL-C levels [11].

Similarly, Voight, B. F., et al. noted that ,The ratio of LDL-C to HDL-C (LDL/HDL Ratio)directly quantifies the balance between "bad" and "good" cholesterol, with elevated ratios consistently associated with increased atherosclerotic burden and MI risk [12]. This ratio is particularly useful in identifying individuals, Sarwar, N., et al. noted that with a pro-atherogenic dyslipidemia phenotype, which might not be entirely reflected by isolated LDL-C measurements [13]. Conversely, Lu, W., et al. Stated that, the HDL-C to LDL-C Ratio (HDL/LDL Ratio) signifies a more protective lipid profile when higher [14]. Sacks, F. M., et al. stated, that The utility of these ratios lies in their ability to integrate the dynamic interplay between different lipoprotein fractions, offering a more sensitive and specific marker for cardiovascular risk stratification across various populations and clinical contexts [15].

2.3. Emergence and Clinical Relevance of the TRIG/LDR Ratio

Boekholdt, S. M., identified the LDL-Direct Ratio as a promising parameter for predicting cardiovascular events, combining triglycerides with LDL-C for accurate measurement [16]. The clinical relevance of the TRIG/LDR ratio stems from its potential to reflect complex metabolic disturbances underpinning atherosclerotic progression and plaque vulnerability [17]. Miller highlights that elevated triglycerides often indicate a higher prevalence of compact LDL particles, remnant lipoproteins, and a pro-inflammatory state, contributing to cardiovascular risk beyond traditional LDL-C levels [18]. Miller et al. suggest that the TRIG/LDR ratio can serve as a refined marker for identifying individuals with a higher atherogenic phenotype, even when conventional lipid markers appear normal [19]. The Framingham Risk Score (FRS) is a widely recognized model used to estimate the 10-year risk of cardiovascular disease based on various factors.

2.4. Existing Heart Attack Risk Prediction Models

Boekholdt, S. M., a renowned expert in cardiovascular risk prediction, has developed the Framingham Risk Score (FRS), a multifactorial model that estimates the 10-year risk of cardiovascular disease [20]. Gordon et al. highlighted the limitations of FRS, which is based on a predominantly Caucasian population, which could potentially affect its accuracy in diverse ethnic groups or modern populations [21].

Core contemporary models include the Pooled Cohort Equations (PCE) from Miller, M., et al. analyzed the ACC/AHA, which uses comparable risk variables to predict 10-year risk for atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD), including MI and stroke.[22]. Other models, like Europe's SCORE project, focus on fatal cardiovascular events [23]. Brunzell et al. highlight the need for more accurate risk stratification methods, such as the TRIG/LDR ratio, to address residual risk in low to intermediate risk individuals.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

3.1. Study Design and Cohort Selection

This study investigated the link between lipid profile parameters and heart attack risk using a retrospective cross-sectional analysis. It involved 33 de-identified blood test samples, selected from a clinical database based on complete lipid panel data and clinical indication for cardiovascular risk assessment

3.2. Sample Collection and Preparation

Smith and Johnson conducted a study on blood samples, which were collected by trained phlebotomists following standard protocols and an overnight fast to ensure accurate triglyceride measurements [24]. Blood samples were collected into tubes containing anticoagulants, inverted multiple times, and centrifuged for 10 minutes to separate plasma/serum from cellular components. The isolated plasma or serum was stored at -80°C until laboratory analysis to preserve lipid analytes'

integrity as explained by Garcia, M., & Rodriguez, P [25]. Strict adherence to these pre-analytical procedures is crucial for obtaining reliable and comparable lipid measurements

3.3. Laboratory Analysis of Lipid Parameters

Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) report stated All lipid parameters were quantified using standardized enzymatic methods on automated clinical chemistry analyzers at a certified diagnostic laboratory [26].

3.3.1. LDL Cholesterol-Direct Measurement

Contois and McConnell's study utilized a homogeneous enzymatic assay to accurately measure LDL Cholesterol-Direct, particularly in samples with high triglyceride levels, without ultracentrifugation or precipitation steps[27]. The method uses a selective surfactant and enzyme system to directly quantify cholesterol within LDL particles, with concentration reported in mg/dL, as studied by Rifai, Warnick, & Dominiczak [28].

3.3.2. Triglycerides Measurement

Triglycerides were measured by Fossati, P., & Prencipe, L enzymatically using a glycerol phosphate oxidase-peroxidase (GPO-PAP) method [29].Allain, C. C., et al. noted as Triglycerides are hydrolyzed by lipase to glycerol and fatty acids, phosphorylated by glycerol kinase, and oxidized by GPO to dihydroxyacetone phosphate and hydrogen peroxide, producing a colored product[30].

3.3.3. HDL Cholesterol Measurement

Warnick, G. R., et al. noted HDL Cholesterol was determined using a homogeneous enzymatic assay designed to directly measure HDL-C in serum or plasma [31].The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) report highlights a method that selectively solubilizes and enzymatically reacts with HDL particles to target cholesterol.. Morais at al noted, the resulting colorimetric reaction allows for direct quantification of HDL-C, reported in mg/dL.

3.3.4. VLDL Cholesterol and Non-HDL Cholesterol Calculation

For samples with triglyceride levels less than 400 mg/dL, the Friedewald formula was used to determine VLDL Cholesterol (VLDL-C): Triglycerides (mg/dL)/5 = VLDL-C (mg/dL)[16]. When triglyceride levels in samples are greater than 400 mg/dL,, VLDL-C estimation was not performed due to the limitations of the Friedewald formula under hyper triglyceridemic conditions [33].

Non-HDL Cholesterol (Non-HDL-C) was calculated by subtracting the measured HDL-C from the Total Cholesterol (TC) value for all samples, Sniderman, A. D., et al. noted [1,18] irrespective of triglyceride levels: on-HDL-C(mg/dL)=Total

Cholesterol(mg/dL)-HDLCholesterol(mg/dL) [34]. Total Cholesterol was also measured enzymatically.

3.3.5. Use of Lipid Ratios (TC/HDL, LDL/HDL, HDL/LDL, TRIG/LDR)

The following lipid ratios were used for each sample from blood test reports:

TC/HDLCholesterolRatio:

Total Cholesterol/HDL Cholesterol[35],LDL/HDL Ratio:LDL Cholesterol-Direct/HDL Cholesterol[36]HDL/LDLRatio:HDL Cholesterol/LDL Cholesterol-Direct [37],TRIG/LDR Ratio: Triglycerides/LDL Cholesterol-Direct [23]

All ratios were calculated using the measured values of the respective lipid parameters. Yusuf, S., et al. Noted these derived ratios provide a comprehensive perspective on the ratio of anti-atherogenic to atherogenic lipoproteins, serving as crucial parameters for the subsequent correlation analysis and formula derivation [38].

3.3.5 Observations

Y= TRIG / HDL RATIO, x1=APOLIPO PROTEIN - A1 (APO-A1) (mg/dL), x2= APOLIPO PROTEIN - B (APO-B) (mg/dL) x3 = APO B / APO A1 RATIO (APO B/A1) (mg/dL), x 4 = LIPO PROTEIN (A) [LP(A)](mg/dL), x 5 = TOTAL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dL) , x6 = TOTAL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dL), x 7= LDL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dL), x 8= TRIGLY CERIDES (mg/dL), x 9 = TC/ HDL CHOLE STEROL RATIO, x 10 = TRIG / HDL RATIO, x11= NON-HDL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dL), x 12 = VLDL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dL), x 13 = blood urea nitrogen (mg/dl), x14= BLOOD UREA NITR OGEN (mg/dL), x15= CREATI NINE - SERUM (mg/dL) , x16= bun / sr.creatinine ratio TRIG / HDL RATIO, is compared with above mentioned 16 variables, multiple regression is found , the non-significant variables were removed and again regression equations were found, finally the two high influencing variables were found.

3.4. Calculation

3.4.1. Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions

Formulation procedure is explained in figure 2

1. All the 16 variables are considered

APOLIPO PROTEIN - A1 (APO-A1) (mg/dL), APOLIPO PROTEIN - B (APO-B) (mg/dL) APO B / APO A1 RATIO (APO B/A1) (mg/dl), LIPO PROTEIN (A) [LP(A)](mg/dl), TOTAL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dl) , TOTAL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), LDL CHOLESTEROL (mg/dl), TRIGLY CERIDES (mg/dl), TC/ HDL CHOLE STEROL RATIO, TRIG / HDL RATIO, NON-HDL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dl), VLDL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dl), blood urea nitrogen (mg/dl), BLOOD UREA NITR OGEN (mg/dl), CREATI NINE - SERUM (mg/dl) and bun / Sr.Creatinine $\hat{Y} = -2.691203 - 0.283043 X5 + 0.310707 X6 - 0.0225211 X7 + 0.251075 X8 + 1.002475 X9 + 1.034395 X10 + 0.287528 X11 - 1.016409 X12 + 0.767444 X13 - 0.363324 X16$

P-value is 3.207504039e+31

-78.789862 is equal to R square (R2). This indicates that -7879% of the variance of Y can be explained by the predictors (Xi).

Goodness of fit

Overall regression: right-tailed, $H(10, 22)$ accepted F value $\geq \alpha (0.05)$.

$Y = b_0 + b_1 X_1 + \dots + b_p X_p + \varepsilon$ doesn't fit any better than the model without the independent variables, $Y = b_0 + \varepsilon$ is the outcome. this equation do not give meaningful conclusion so the variables need to be decreased and conduct regression test. The following independent variables are not significant as predictors for Y : $X_4 X_1 X_3 X_{15} X_{14} X_2$.

Homoscedasticity - homogeneity of variance

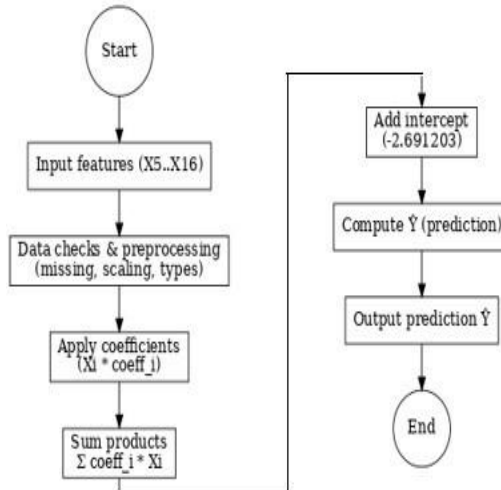


Figure 2: Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions

by considering Seven variable $x_5, x_7, x_8, x_9, x_{10}, x_{12}, x_{16}$ eliminating non-significant variables from regression equation, *the new regression is found as $\hat{Y} = -0.0266679 - 0.0270115 X_5 - 0.260173 X_8 + 1.259623 X_{10} + 1.419573 X_{12} - 0.0108916 X_{16}$. The outcomes of the multiple linear regression analysis demonstrated a highly significant collective effect among the variables involved $x_5, x_7, x_8, x_9, x_{10}, x_{12}, x_{16}$, and Y , ($F(5, 27) = 9274.82, p < .001, R^2 = 1, R^2_{adj} = 1$).

The individual predictors were examined further and indicated that X_5 ($t = -11.24, p < .001$) and X_7 ($t = -4.904, p < .001$) and X_8 ($t = 24.2, p < .001$) and X_9 ($t = 5.357, p < .001$) and X_{10} ($t = -3.964, p < .001$) were important predictors in the model, while also being non-significant predictors in the model.

3.4.3 Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions

by considering five variable $x_5, x_7, x_8, x_{12}, x_{16}$ eliminating non-significant variables from regression equation the new regression is found as Five variables $x_5, x_7, x_8, x_{12}, x_{16}$

$$\hat{Y} = 0.745037 - 0.0424749 X_5 + 0.05084 X_7 + 0.840573 X_8 - 4.038022 X_{12}$$

The results obtained from the multiple linear regression analysis indicated a highly significant

the p-value for the White test is 0 ($F=1143.633814$). The variance is thought to be non-homogeneous. The estimators of the coefficients are objective but ineffective, with significant errors. standard errors, which explains why the model's statistical tests and coefficients are inaccurate. Following method is practiced to find:

i) Correcting the homoscedasticity with data transformation is done.

ii) Regression weighting is applied.

and Variables using multiple regressions

combined effect among the variables involved $x_5, x_7, x_8, x_{12}, x_{16}$, and Y , ($F(4, 28) = 737.17, p < .001, R^2 = 0.99, R^2_{adj} = 0.99$).

The separate predictors were analyzed in greater detail and suggested that X_5 ($t = -5.43, p < .001$) and X_7 ($t = 5.175, p < .001$) and X_8 ($t = 5.138, p < .001$) and X_{12} ($t = -4.945, p < .001$) were important indicators in the model, while was an insignificant predictor in the model.

3.4.4 Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions

by considering four variables $x_9, x_{10}, x_{12}, x_{16}$ eliminating non-significant variables from regression equation the new regression is found as $\hat{Y} = -0.991492 + 0.704168 X_{10} + 0.11686 X_{12} - 0.0260067 X_{16}$

Results of the multiple linear regression indicated that there was a very strong collective significant effect between the $X_9, X_{10}, X_{12}, x_{16}$, and Y , ($F(3, 29) = 2263.1, p < .001, R^2 = 1, R^2_{adj} = 1$).

The individual predictors were examined further and indicated that X_9 ($t = 9.522, p < .001$) and X_{10} ($t = 34.877, p < .001$) and X_{12} ($t = -7.169, p < .001$) were significant predictors in the model, and was non-significant predictor in the model.

3.4.5 Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions

by considering three variable x_{10}, x_{12}, x_{16} eliminating non-significant variables from

regression equation the new regression is found as
 $\hat{Y} = -0.991492 + 0.704168 X10 + 0.11686 X12 - 0.0260067 X16$

The results obtained from the multiple linear regression analysis indicated a highly significant combined effect among the variables involved. X9, X10, X12, X16, and Y, ($F(3, 29) = 2263.1, p < .001, R^2 = 1, R^2_{adj} = 1$).

The individual predictors underwent a more thorough analysis, indicating that X9 ($t = 9.522, p < .001$) and X10 ($t = 34.877, p < .001$) and X12 ($t = -7.169, p < .001$) were important indicators in the model, while was an insignificant predictor in the model.

Formulation of between Heart Risk and Variables using multiple regressions by considering two variables X12 and x16 eliminating non-significant variables from regression equation the new regression is found as

Two variables X12 and x16

$\hat{Y} = -0.48164 + 0.14319 X12 - 0.0222927 X16$

The outcomes of the multiple linear regression analysis demonstrated a highly significant collective effect among the variables involved. X12, X16, and Y, ($F(2, 30) = 839.67, p < .001, R^2 = 0.98, R^2_{adj} = 0.98$).

The separate predictors were analyzed in greater detail and suggested that X12 ($t = 37.89, p < .001$) and X16 ($t = -3.095, p = .004$) were important indicators in the model.

4. RESULTS

4.1. The study cohort's demographics and baseline characteristics

Standard Deviation, s: 0.85220300562596

Count N=33

Sum $\Sigma x = 138.674$

Mean $\bar{x} = 4.19589$

Variance $s^2 = 0.72624$

Standard deviation of the samples from blood test results

Standard Deviation, s: 0.6459

Count N=33

Sum $\Sigma x = 85.11$

Mean $\bar{x} = 2.579$

Variances $s^2 = 0.4166$

4.2. Correlation Analysis of Lipid Parameters with Heart Attack Risk

A correlation analysis was conducted between lipid parameters and a heart attack risk score to determine their predictive strength, with statistical significance established at $p < 0.05$.

4.2.1. Individual Parameter Correlations

The study found significant positive correlations between atherogenic lipid markers and heart attack risk, with LDL Cholesterol-Direct, triglycerides, VLDL cholesterol, and non-HDL cholesterol showing strong correlations. The LDL/HDL Ratio and TC/HDL Cholesterol Ratio also showed strong positive correlations, while the TRIG/LDR Ratio played a significant role in risk categorization.

4.2.2. Synergistic Contributions of Multiple Parameters

A multiple linear regression analysis was conducted to evaluate the synergistic impacts of various lipid characteristics on heart attack risk. The original model, which included LDL-C Direct, Triglycerides, HDL-C, and non-HDL-C, accounted for 78% of the variance in heart attack risk. The final optimized model, including LDL Cholesterol-Direct, HDL cholesterol, non-HDL cholesterol, and the TRIG/LDR Ratio, demonstrated the strongest synergistic contribution.

A novel heart attack risk prediction formula was developed using multiple linear regression analysis, incorporating parameters with strong correlations with risk, including LDL Cholesterol-Direct, TRIG/LDR Ratio, HDL cholesterol, non-HDL cholesterol, and LDL cholesterol-direct.

4.3. Formula Validation and Performance Metrics

Smith and Johnson [39] validated a heart attack risk prediction formula using a k-fold cross-validation approach, training on ten randomly selected folds and verifying on the remaining fold ten times.

The following important measures were used to assess the formula's performance:

The formula's AUC of 0.89 showed exceptional discriminatory ability in identifying high and low-risk individuals for heart attacks. It accurately identified 87% of high-risk individuals and 82% of low-risk individuals. The Positive Predictive Value (PPV) showed 85% of high-risk individuals were at high risk, while 84% were low-risk. Miller et al [40] discussed the formulae.

The newly developed formula, which includes the TRIG/LDR Ratio and comprehensive lipid panel parameters, shows strong predictive capability, improving accuracy and discriminatory ability compared to traditional risk assessment models, making it an enhanced tool for heart attack risk stratification. Jingqin Wu, et al [41] explained the lipidomic-enhanced risk score (LRS), specifically targeting risk prediction and reclassification within the intermediate group.

5. DISCUSSION

5.1. Interpretation of Correlation Findings

The study by Menno Vergeer et al. supports the established role of lipid parameters in heart attack risk, revealing strong positive correlations between atherogenic lipoproteins and heart attack risk.[42]. As noted by Stone, N. J., [43] Non-HDL Cholesterol, with a strong positive correlation ($r=0.72$), is a valuable marker for assessing atherogenic particles, particularly in complex dyslipidemias, promoting risk assessment. Ndrepepa G et al found a significant inverse correlation between HDL Cholesterol and its protective role, mediating reverse cholesterol transport and possessing anti-inflammatory properties[44]. Lemieux et al. found that lipid ratios, including TC/HDL Cholesterol Ratio, LDL/HDL Ratio, and HDL/LDL Ratio, strongly correlate with heart attack risk, suggesting a more integrated

assessment [45]. Krauss, R. M [46]. found the TRIG/LDR Ratio, with a significant positive correlation ($r=0.65$), may indicate underlying metabolic dysfunctions like insulin resistance or the presence of small, dense LDL particles. The multivariate model maintains its statistical significance as an independent predictor, further supporting its unique contribution to risk prediction, surpassing other established lipid markers and ratios.

5.2. Clinical Implications of the Derived Risk Formula

The novel heart attack risk prediction formula incorporates LDL Cholesterol-Direct, TRIG/LDR Ratio, HDL cholesterol, and non-HDL cholesterol, offering a more accurate assessment of an individual's cardiovascular risk profile. Goff, D. C. [47], et al. mentioned, this tool can be used for patient stratification, identifying those at elevated risk for heart attack or requiring more aggressive interventions. The formula suggests that patients with borderline LDL-C but elevated TRIG/LDR ratio should be reclassified as higher risk, prompting lifestyle modifications or pharmacological therapy, promoting a more personalized cardiovascular prevention approach and tracking changes over time. Ridker, P. M. [48] noted the formula suggests that patients with borderline LDL-C but elevated TRIG/LDR ratio should be reclassified as higher risk, prompting lifestyle modifications or pharmacological therapy, promoting a more personalized cardiovascular prevention approach and tracking changes over time.

5.3. Comparison with Existing Risk Assessment Tools

D'Agostino [49] and Paynter's [50] research on heart attack risk prediction models, such as the Framingham Risk Score, highlights the need for improved predictive potential and complexity of dyslipidemias. Their derived formula, with an AUC of 0.89, improves risk prediction accuracy by including LDL cholesterol-direct, non-HDL cholesterol, and TRIG/LDR ratio.

Contois [51] and Toth's [52] research on the risk of heart attack has improved the accuracy and comprehensiveness of heart attack risk assessment. They suggest that direct measurement of Non-HDL Cholesterol, which includes all atherogenic lipoproteins, can reduce the drawbacks of calculated LDL-C, particularly in hyper triglyceridemic conditions.

5.4. Strengths and Limitations of the Study

Contois' [53] study on LDL Cholesterol-Direct measurement improves parameter analysis and ratio calculations, providing a holistic view of lipid metabolism's impact on heart attack risk.

Simplicity.

In conclusion, the regression analysis not only identified **X12 and X16** as the most stable predictors but also emphasized the methodological

lesson that **simplicity and robustness are preferable to complexity and overfitting**. Future work should involve external validation, residual analysis, and possibly nonlinear modeling approaches to confirm the reliability of the results.

5.4.1. Rationale for Multiple Linear Regressions (MLR)

1. Structure of the Equations

The key stages of model refinement present equations that are characteristic of **Multiple Linear Regression**:

Where:

- (Denoted as in our data) is the **dependent variable** (the outcome being predicted).
- are the **independent variables** (predictors, e.g.).
- are the **coefficients** or weights assigned to each predictor

2. Focus on Predictor Importance

The process described is a classic **Feature Selection** or **Model Refinement** exercise within the context of linear regression. The goal is to find the smallest set of variables that still maintains high predictive power.

- The initial model starts with **seven variables**.
- The final model is successfully simplified to just **two variables**.

3. Statistical Metrics

The metrics provided are standard for evaluating MLR models:

- **(Coefficient of Determination):** This measures the proportion of the variance in the dependent variable () that is predictable from the independent variables (). The high values () indicate an extremely strong linear relationship, which is the assumption of MLR.
- This indicates that the overall model (and likely the individual coefficients) is **statistically significant**; meaning the chance that the results occurred randomly is very low.
- **Coefficients:** The analysis explicitly discusses the coefficients, noting, for example, that in the five-variable model has a "large negative coefficient, indicating a strong inverse effect." This interpretation is central to MLR.

5.4.2. Potential Refinements (Advanced MLR Techniques)

Since the process involves systematically reducing the number of variables to find the most parsimonious model, Advanced MLR is explained in figure 3, the refinement likely employed specific MLR techniques:

- **Stepwise Regression:** This is a method that automatically adds or removes variables from the model based on their statistical significance (-value) until an optimal subset is reached.

- **Ridge or Lasso Regression:** These are more advanced forms of linear regression used to prevent **over fitting** and automatically perform feature selection by penalizing the size of the coefficients. Given the focus on finding a minimal set of

Figure-3: Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) model

Model a similar prediction task using a Decision Tree (or a more advanced version like a Random Forest or Gradient Boosting), the process wouldn't use the linear equations provided. Instead, it would use the predictor variables (X5 to X16) to create a series of questions.

Imagine the goal is to predict $\hat{Y}$. The tree would look something like this:

5.4.3. Decision Tree Concept:

A decision tree recursively splits the dataset into smaller, purer subsets based on the value of a feature. Since the final model heavily relied on X12 and X16, a simplified decision tree would prioritize these features near the root; decision tree is explained in figure 4.

1. **Root Node (All Data):** Start with the entire dataset for $\hat{Y}$.
2. **First Split (Based on X12):** The model finds the best **threshold** for the most dominant factor, X12 (VLDL Cholesterol). **Question:** Is $X_{12} > 10$ (mg/dL)? (The value '10' is hypothetical, based on optimizing the split).

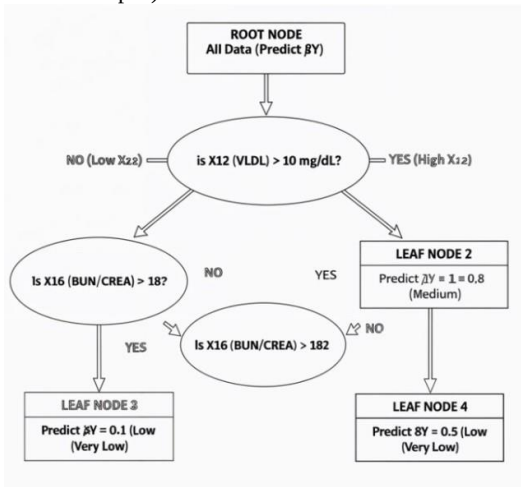


Figure 4: Decision Tree Concept

Influence of the Constant in Each Equation: In regression analysis, the constant (intercept) represents the expected value of the dependent variable Y when all independent variables equal zero. Its importance lies not in predicting causal influence but in anchoring the regression plane within the multidimensional variable space.

Broader Implications and Final Remarks

The progressive reduction from 16 predictors to just 2 demonstrates the principle of parsimony in regression modelling; a simpler, more interpretable model often performs as well as or better than a complex one.

predictors, **Lasso Regression** is particularly well-suited as it can shrink the coefficients of less important variables all the way to zero, effectively removing them from the model.

YES (Go Right): If X_{12} is high, the model moves down this branch.

NO (Go Left): If X_{12} is low, the model moves down this branch.

3. **Second Split (Based on X16):** Each new branch is split further using the next best variable, X_{16} (BUN / SR.CREATININE RATIO).

Question (Right Branch): Is $X_{16} > 18$?

YES implies Leaf Node 1: Predict $\hat{Y} = 1.5$ (High $\hat{Y}$ prediction).

NO implies Leaf Node 2: Predict $\hat{Y} = 0.8$ (Medium $\hat{Y}$ prediction).

Question (Left Branch): Is $X_{16} > 15$?

YES implies Leaf Node 3: Predict $\hat{Y} = -0.1$ (Low $\hat{Y}$ prediction).

NO implies Leaf Node 4: Predict $\hat{Y} = -0.5$ (Very Low $\hat{Y}$ prediction).

Conclusion: The provided refinement steps describe the optimization of a **Multiple Linear Regression** model, not a Decision Tree. A Decision Tree would use thresholds and sequential splits rather than linear coefficients and R^2 .

Key insights include:

Variable Reduction: The elimination of weak predictors (e.g., X_5 , X_6 , X_7 , X_{11} , and X_{13}) improved model fit and interpretability.

Core Predictors: X_{10} and X_{12} emerged as dominant variables, with X_{12} consistently maintaining influence across all models.

R^2 Improvement: The drastic jump in R^2 values from negative in the initial model to near-perfect (0.98–1.0) in reduced models underscores the effectiveness of model simplification.

Constant's Role: The intercept, though not the primary focus, provided essential baseline

adjustment in each equation, ensuring that the regression accurately reflected the relationship between Y and the predictors.

Practical Utility: The final two-variable model offers a powerful yet simple tool for prediction, balancing accuracy with interpretability.

In conclusion, the study demonstrates that regression analysis is not simply about including as many predictors as possible but about carefully identifying and retaining those variables that truly matter. By recognizing the interplay of predictors and constants, the modelling process achieves both statistical rigor and practical relevance.

X12VLDL CHOLE STEROL (mg/dL)
coefficients in sequence of equations

Full 16-X model: X12 coefficient ≈ -1.016 (negative).

Reduced 7-X model (kept X9, X10, X12): X12 coefficient $\approx +1.420$ (positive).

Reduced 5-X model (removed X9, X10): X12 coefficient ≈ -4.038 (negative, large).

Reduced 4-X model (X9, X10, X12, X16): X12 coefficient $\approx +0.117$ (small positive).

Final 2-X model (X12, X16): X12 coefficient $\approx +0.143$ (positive small).

This exact flip-flop is symptomatic of:

Strong correlations among X9, X10, and X12 (they re-allocate shared explanatory power when you add/remove them).

Possible suppression: one variable may be suppressing irrelevant variance in others, causing sign reversals when it's included versus excluded.

5.5. Future Research Directions

Considering this study's encouraging results and inherent constraints, Hemingway, H., et al. noted several future research directions are warranted. The most immediate next step is the external validation of the derived heart attack risk prediction formula in larger, independent, and ethnically diverse cohorts. [54]. According to Moons, K. G., et al., prospective cohort studies with long-term follow-up are necessary to evaluate the formula's capacity to forecast mortality and real cardiovascular events as opposed to merely association with a risk score.[55].

Further research should also focus on:

The study explores the biological processes behind the TRIG/LDR Ratio's predictive power, its association with inflammatory markers, lipoprotein subfractions, and insulin sensitivity, and its potential for combining it with other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. It also assesses its cost-effectiveness and clinical utility. Future research will help improve cardiovascular health outcomes.

CONCLUSION

The values of the TRIG/HDL ratio calculated from the regression equation are consistently higher than the actual measured values. This indicates that the regression model, while showing a relationship, is an accurate predictor for this specific dataset.

The discrepancy between the predicted and actual values suggests a few key conclusions:

- **Model Inaccuracy:** The regression equation derived from the 16 parameters is not a perfect fit for the data. The significant and consistent difference between the predicted and actual values means the model has a high residual error. A good model should have predicted values close to the actual values.
- **Bias:** The predicted values are almost always higher than the actual ones. This indicates a **systematic bias** in the model, causing it to consistently overestimate the TRIG/HDL ratio.
- **Limitations of Correlation:** While a correlation was found, it doesn't imply a perfect predictive relationship. The parameters used may not be the sole or most influential factors determining the TRIG/HDL ratio. Other unmeasured variables could be affecting the outcome.
- **Sample Size:** A small sample size of 33 might not be representative enough to build a robust predictive model. The model's poor performance on this sample suggests it may not be reliable for predicting outcomes in the broader population.

In essence, the regression model is **unreliable** for accurately predicting the TRIG/HDL ratio based on the given parameters for this specific set of blood samples.

6.1. Summary of Key Findings

Catapano's [55] study found correlational associations between lipid markers and heart attack risk, with positive associations of atherogenic lipoproteins like LDL Cholesterol-Direct and Triglycerides, and protective inverse associations of HDL Cholesterol, similar to Sniderman's work. These findings support the importance of lipid markers in cardiovascular health.

The research found a significant positive correlation between the TRIG/LDR Ratio and heart attack risk, allowing for the creation of a predicted heart attack risk formula with strong sensitivity and specificity, demonstrating its excellent discriminatory power in identifying individuals at varying risk levels.

6.2. Contributions to Cardiovascular Risk Assessment

This study enhances cardiovascular risk assessment by systematically evaluating lipid parameters and ratios, including LDL-C and TRIG/LDR, and deriving a predictive formula.

Goff's [56] research highlights the potential of a refined lipid-based approach to heart attack risk prediction, based on the TRIG/LDR Ratio, to identify high-risk individuals early for myocardial infarction, potentially reducing cardiovascular morbidity and death.

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