

**S5 Table. The prevalence of metabolic syndrome estimated by the included studies according to criteria**

Reference	Country	Area	Study site	Study type	Study period	N	Overall prevalence of metabolic syndrome					
							EGIR 2003	ATPIII 2001	ATPIII 2004- 2005	IDF 2005	JIS 2009	Modified ATPIII 2005
<b>Intercontinental</b>												
Samaras, et al, 2007 [1]	USA, Europe, Australia, Asia, South America	National	Hospital + community based	Case-control	NR	788		18		14		
Wand, et al, 2007 [2]	Australia, Brazil, Canada, New Zealand, 17 European countries	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	1999-2002	881		8.5		7.8		
Worm, et al, 2010 [3]	USA, Australia, 21 European countries	National	Hospital (212 clinics)	Cross- sectional	2006-2007	23853				41.6*	Adapted ATPIII 2005, using BMI $\geq 30$ for central obesity component	
<b>America</b>												
Adeyemi, et al, 2008 [4]	USA	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2005-2006	121		34				
Ances, et al, 2009 [5]	USA	National	Hospital	Case-control	NR	66				15.2*	Adapted ATPIII 2005, using BMI for central obesity	
Baum, et al, 2006 [6]	USA	National	Community	Cross- sectional	2002-2003	118		15.1				
Hadigan, et al, 2013 [7]	USA	Urban	Hospital (2 clinics)	Cross- sectional	2007-2011	182				13.7		
Jacobson, et al, 2006 [8]	USA	Urban	Community	Cross- sectional	2000-2003	477		24				
Johnsen, et al, 2006 [9]	USA	National	Hospital	Case-control	2002-2003	97		31				
Krishnan, et al, 2012 [10]	USA	National	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2001-2007	2247		20				
Mondy, et al, 2007 [11]	USA	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2005	471			25.5			
Pullinger, et al, 2010 [12]	USA	Urban	Community	Longitudinal, cross-sectional	2005-2007	296		30				
Sobieszczyk, et al, 2008[13]	USA	Urban	Hospital + community	Prospective, cross-sectional	2000-2004	1725		33				
Sterling, et al, 2008 [14]	USA	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	1998-2006	222		9				

Tiozzo, et al, 2015 [15]	USA	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2013	89	33*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, including taking treatments for hypertension or diabetes mellitus
Cahn, et al, 2010 [16]	Argentina	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	1015	22.3	
	Brazil	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	1001	25.4	
	Colombia	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	474	8.4	
	Chile	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	44	13.6	
	Ecuador	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	252	19.1	
	Peru	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	417	13.7	
	Venezuela	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2006-2007	807	22.4	
Alencastro, et al, 2012 [17]	Brazil	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	1240		17.2
Da Silva, et al, 2009 [18]	Brazil	Urban	Hospital (7 centers)	Cross-sectional	2004-2006	319	12.3	22.1
Gasparotto, et al, 2012 [19]	Brazil	National	Hospital (multi- centers)	Cross-sectional	NR	614	19.4	24.7
Lauda, et al, 2011 [20]	Brazil	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2007-2008	249	20.9	
Leite, et al, 2010 [21]	Brazil	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2008	100		52
Signorini, et al, 2012 [22]	Brazil	National	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2005	819	20.6	
Ramirez- Marrero, et al, 2010 [23]	Puerto Rico	Urban	Hospital community	Cross- sectional	2003-2007	897		31.9
<b>Europe</b>								
Hansen, et al, 2009 [24]	Denmark	National	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2004-2006	566	27	
Badiou, et al, 2008 [25]	France	National	Hospital	Cross- sectional	1999	232	7.3	11.2
Biron, et al, 2012 [26]	France	National	Hospital (5 centers)	Cross- sectional	2000-2007	269		18.2
Martin, et al, 2008 (SHIVA study) [27]	France	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2003	140	7.1	
Sawadogo, et al, 2014 [28]	Burkina Faso	Urban	Hospital	Cross- sectional	2011	400		10

Bonfanti, et al, 2010 [29]	Italy	Urban	Hospital (14 centers)	Cross-sectional	2007	292	12.3*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, including taking medication for HTN or DM
Bonfanti, et al, 2007[30]	Italy	Urban	Hospital (18 centers)	Cross-sectional	2005	1243	20.8*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, including taking medication for HTN or DM
Calza, et al, 2011 [31]	Italy	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2009	755	9.1	
De Socio, et al, 2014 (HIV-Hy study) [32]	Italy	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2010-2011	765		33.4
Gazzaruso, et al, 2003 [33]	Italy	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	287	33.1	
Guaraldi, et al, 2012 [34]	Italy	National	Hospital (2 centers)	Cross-sectional	2009-2010	133		24.8
Guaraldi, et al, 2011 [35]	Italy	National	Hospital (2 centers)	Cross-sectional	2007-2008	143	14.7	
Janiszewski, et al, 2011 [36]	Italy	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2005-2009	2322	25.6	
Maloberti, et al, 2013[37]	Italy	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	108	17.6*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, using BMI levels corresponding with WC in Italian adults
Schillaci, et al, 2008 [38]	Italy	Urban	Hospital	Case-control	NR	39	18	
Bergersen,et al, 2006 [39]	Norway	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2000-2001	263	13.3*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, including taking medications for HTN or DM
Freitas, et al, 2011 [40]	Portugal	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	345		52.2
Cubero, et al, 2011 [41]	Spain	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	159	28.3	10.1
Estrada, et al, 2006 [42]	Spain	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	146		15.1
Jerico, et al, 2005 [43]	Spain	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2003	710	17*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, including taking medications for HTN or DM
Palacios, et al, 2007 [44]	Spain	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2002-2003	60	16.6*	Adapted ATPIII 2001, using BMI $\geq$ 26.7 (validated) for central obesity

Young, et al, 2009 [45]	Switzerland	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2000-2006	1644		15*	Adapted IDF 2005, using random glucose level for raised glucoism
Elgalib, et al, 2011 [46]	UK	Urban; Peri-urban	Hospital (2 centers)	Cross-sectional	2005-2006	678	14	10	
<b>Africa</b>									
Zannou, et al, 2009 [47]	Benin	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2004-2005	79		13	
Mbunkah, et al, 2014 [48]	Cameroon	National	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2010-2011	173	15.6		
Ngatchou, et al, 2013 [49]	Cameroon	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2009-2010	108		47	
Berhane, et al, 2012 [50]	Ethiopia	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2010	313	21.1		
Tesfaye, et al, 2014 [51]	Ethiopia	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2013	374	16.8	23.8	
Ayodele, et al, 2012 [52]	Nigeria	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	NR	291	12.7	17.2	21
Muhammad, et al, 2013 [53]	Nigeria	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2009	200	15		
Awotedu, et al, 2010 [54]	South Africa	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2009-2010	196	20.4	22.9	
Fourie, et al, 2010 [55]	South Africa	Urban; Rural	Community	Cross-sectional	2005	300	15.2	21.1	
<b>Asia</b>									
Gupta, et al, 2011 [56]	India	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2007-2009	68	25	19.1	
Bajaj, et al, 2013 [57]	India	Urban	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2010-2011	70	20		
Wu, et al, 2012 [58]	Taiwan	Nationwide	Hospital	Cross-sectional	2008-2009	803	26.2		
Jantarapak,de et al, 2014 [59]	Thailand	National	Hospital (6 centers)	Cross-sectional	2009-2011	580	22.2		

ATPIII, Adults Treatment Panel III; BMI, body mass index; DM, diabetes mellitus; EGIR, European Group for the Study of Insulin Resistance; HTN, hypertension; IDF, International Diabetes Federation; JIS, Joint Interim Statement; NR, not reported; WC, waist circumference

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