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## Abstract

Laboratory analysis has an impact on the different stages of health: prevention, diagnosis, prognosis and therapeutic. Blood samples were collected from quilombolas representatives of the two communities. The samples were stored with anticoagulants (EDTA and fluoride) and without anticoagulant. Were performers the laboratory tests (blood count, lipidogram, urea, creatinine, glycemia and vitamin D). The results showed that 22% of the quilombolas presented values of glycemia among 100 and 126 mg \ dL. Results of the lipidogram test showed 24.4% presented triglyceride variation above 150 mg / dL; 57.7% presented cholesterol above 190 mg / dL; 35.5% had HDL levels below 40 mg / dL and 66.6% had LDL levels above 110 mg / dL. Regarding the hemogram, 15.5% of the hematocrit tests and 24.4% of the hemoglobin tests were found, with values lower than the reference values. Vitamin D presented 40% of patients with values below 30 ng / mL. Glomerular filtration rate calculations showed that 66.66% presented among mild to severe changes in renal filtration rate. The data obtained, show that was possible to highlight that among the quilombolas, there are metabolic disorders of carbohydrates, lipids and vitamin D, which correlate with changes in BMI, justifying cases of overweight.

Keywords: Neglected population; Hemogram; Lipidogram; Vitamin D; Quality of life; Blood.

#### Resumo

A análise laboratorial tem impacto nas diferentes etapas da saúde: prevenção, diagnóstico, prognóstico e terapêutica. Amostras de sangue foram coletadas de representantes quilombolas de duas comunidades. As amostras foram armazenadas com anticoagulantes (EDTA e flúor) e sem anticoagulante. Foram realizados os exames laboratoriais (hemograma, lipidograma, uréia, creatinina, glicemia e vitamina D). Os resultados mostraram que 22% dos quilombolas apresentaram valores de glicemia entre 100 e 126 mg \ dL. Os resultados do teste de lipidograma mostraram que 24,4% apresentavam variação de triglicerídeos acima de 150 mg / dL; 57,7% apresentavam colesterol acima de 190 mg / dL; 35,5% tinham níveis de HDL abaixo de 40 mg / dL e 66,6% tinham níveis de LDL acima de 110 mg / dL. Em relação ao hemograma, foram encontrados 15,5% dos testes de hematócrito e 24,4% dos testes de hemoglobina, com valores inferiores aos valores de referência. A vitamina D apresentou 40% dos pacientes com valores abaixo de 30 ng / mL. Os cálculos da taxa de filtração glomerular mostraram que 66,66% apresentaram alterações leves a graves na taxa de filtração renal. Os dados obtidos mostram que foi possível destacar que, entre os quilombolas, existem distúrbios metabólicos de carboidratos, lipídios e vitamina D, que se correlacionam com alterações no IMC, justificando os casos de excesso de peso.

Palavras-chave: População negligenciada; Hemograma; Lipidograma; Vitamina D; Qualidade de vida; Sangue.

#### Resumen

El análisis de laboratorio incide en las diferentes etapas de la salud: prevención, diagnóstico, pronóstico y terapéutico. Se recolectaron muestras de sangre de quilombolas representantes de las dos comunidades. Las muestras se almacenaron con anticoagulantes (EDTA y fluoruro) y sin anticoagulante. Se realizaron las pruebas de laboratorio (hemograma, lipidograma, urea, creatinina, glucemia y vitamina D). Los resultados mostraron que el 22% de los quilombolas presentaron valores de glucemia entre 100 y 126 mg \ dL. Los resultados de la prueba de lipidograma mostraron que el 24,4% presentó variación de triglicéridos por encima de 150 mg / dL; El 57,7% presentó colesterol por encima de 190 mg / dL; El 35,5% tenía niveles de HDL por debajo de 40 mg / dL y el 66,6% tenían niveles de LDL por encima de 110 mg / dL. En cuanto al hemograma, se encontraron 15,5% de las pruebas de hematocrito y 24,4% de las de hemoglobina, con valores inferiores a los valores de referencia. La vitamina D presentó al 40% de los pacientes valores inferiores a 30 ng / mL. Los cálculos de la tasa de filtración glomerular mostraron que el 66,66% se presentó entre cambios leves a graves en la tasa de filtración renal. Los datos obtenidos, muestran que se pudo destacar que entre los quilombolas, existen desórdenes metabólicos de carbohidratos, lípidos y vitamina D, que se correlacionan con cambios en el IMC, justificando casos de sobrepeso.

Palabras clave: Población desatendida; Hemograma; Lipidograma; Vitamina D; Calidad de vida; Sangre.

# **1. Introduction**

According to Seidel and Zannon (Seidl, et al., 2004), quality of life refers to the perception of the general population. In the health area, the interest about quality of life concept has influenced public policies and practices. Therefore, the conditioners of the health/ disease process are multifactorial if related to social, historical, economic, psychological, life experiences and world view of each individual and the community where he is inserted. The quality of life in a community depends on its characteristics, especially in quilombola communities, which have unique characteristics. In the state of Goiás there are 33 quilombola communities certified and 27 in process of certification by the Palmares Foundation (Campos et al., 2008; SEDSG, 2018).

The term "quilombo" derives from Kimbundu, an African language belonging to the Bantu linguistic family. In Brazil the word was resemantized and "quilombo" became any group of black people found together, with autonomy of subsistence that did not prove that they were freeded (Arruti, 2006). In 1850, the law of lands written and worked in Brazil, reclassified the term quilombola, classifying the Africans and their descendants in the category of "freedmen", excluding them from being Brazilian (Leite, 1999).

In 2003 came Decree n. 4887/2003, of the National Institute for Colonization and Agrarian Reform (INCRA), regulating the identification, recognition, demarcation and titling of the lands occupied by remnants of the quilombola communities, through the technical identification, delimitation report and through the anthropological report, produced by a group of anthropologists from the Palmares Cultural Foundation (Arruti, 2006).

It is important to apply the indicators to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of treatments in patients with injuries and in the comparison of different processes used to control health problems. The daily healthcare practices of the

health services bring information about the psychosocial development of the diseases, the improvement of the incapacities about the affected individuals, providing better knowledge and adaptation of the patient to this new condition of life, influencing for the necessary improvements in the different processes related to the quality of life of the population (ANS, 2011).

Based on avaliation about quality of life, the objective of this study was to perform a complete blood count, vitamin D, lipidogram, blood glucose, urea, creatine, and socio-demographic data and life habits of members of the Cascade communities in Aparecida de Goiânia-GO and in the community of Almeidas in Silvânia-GO.

# 2. Methodology

## 2.1 Approval on the Ethics Committee

The research was carried out after approval by the Research Ethics Committee of the Federal University of Goiás CEP / UFG (opinion no. 65338017.6.0000.5083) on 04/07/2017. All procedures were performed according to the guidelines of the Resolutions of the National Health Council under regulations 466/2012 and 510/2016 (Gusman, et al., 2016). The research is of the qualitative and quantitative type, according with (Koche, 2011).

#### 2.2 Characterization of the quilombola communities studied

At Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, the quilombola community of Cascata and Dellfiore village settled down. The arrival and fixation of the Francisco family brought the identity dimensions as quilombola, and possibility of the official recognition of that community by the Palmares Cultural Foundation (FCP) (Santos & Silva, 2014).

On the other hand, the Almeidas community is located in the rural area of the municipality of Silvânia, southeast region of Goiás. Among the family residences, 12 units are close to the so-called "little church" region, and the rest are dispersed throughout the rural area, some of which are very distant from each other (Santos & Silva, 2014).

The two participating quilombola communities are located in Jardim Cascata, in the municipality of Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, and in the rural area of the municipality of Silvânia-GO.

#### 2.3 Study Design

A quantitative and qualitative cross-sectional study was carried out in two quilombola communities. The datas collection instruments were applied, including the quilombolas older than eighteen years and who signed the free and informed consent term. The data collection instrument consisted of thirteen subjective questions and six objective questions.

Blood samples were collected for hemogram, lipidogram, fasting glucose, urea, and creatinine laboratory tests performed at the laboratory Margarida / UFG and vitamin D, performed at the Laboratory of Clinical Analyzes of Clinicas Hospital from Federal University of Goiás/UFG.

## 2.4 Laboratory clinical analyzes performed for blood samples from quilombolas

## 2.4.1 Glucose Dosing Technique

The glycemia was determined in fluoridated plasma by the enzymatic method with the action of the enzyme Glucose Oxidase and Peroxidase. The results were interpreted with reference values for normality between 60 and 99 mg / dL; altered between 100 to 125 mg / dL and diabetes mellitus equal or greater than 126 mg / dL. The reading was performed in the Bioplus 200 apparatus by spectrophotometry using the Glucose Biosystems® kit, according to the manufacturer's guidelines (SBD, 2002).

## 2.4.2 Lipid Dosing Technique

The methodology used in the serum was that described by Jaffe (Xavier, et al., 2013; Dusse, et al., 2017). The serum sample was obtained by venous puncture without anticoagulant; fasting is recommended for at least eight hours. The reading was performed in the Bioplus 200 device by spectrophotometry using the Creatinine Biosystems® kit, the reference values adopted for creatinine were 0.5 to 1.2 mg / dL.

With creatinine dosing results, adding data such as weight, age, and gender of the patient, the creatinine clearance was calculated which provided an estimate of the GFR (glomerular filtration rate) as described below:

Estimating the glomerular filtration rate (GFT) in adults older than 16 years. Cockcroft-Gault formula.

(GFT) = (140-age) X (weight) X K / 72 X Cr

The age was expressed in years, the body weight was expressed in kilograms and serum creatinine (Cr) was expressed in mg / dL. The constant K has a value of 1.00 for men and 0.85 for women. Urea enzyme was dosed in serum with reference values between 15 and 45 mg / dL, using the enzymatic colorimetric method. The reading was performed on the Bioplus 200 apparatus by spectrophotometry using the Urea Biosystems® kit (Sodre, et al., 2007).

#### 2.4.3 Dosing technique of total 25-hydroxyvitamin D

The methodology used to dose vitamin D, was chemiluminescence, the test measured two forms at 25 (OH) D2 (vitamin D2) and the form cholecalciferol-25 (OH) D3 (vitamin D3). The total of 2 mL sample of the serum participants were collected, stored on ice and transported to the Clinical Laboratory of the University Hospital - HC, from Federal University of Goiás, in the city of Goiánia, state of Goiás. The blood samples were analyzed by the Microparticle Chemiluminescent Immunoassay (CMIA) method in the VIDAS® equipment, using the bioMérieux® Kit, with reference values: Healthy> 20 ng / mL; Risk groups 30-60 ng / mL; Toxicity and Hyperkalemia> 100 ng / mL. The laboratory report provided the results of the total HIDROXI-vitamin D levels.

# 2.4.4 Complete blood count technique

The blood samples collected from the volunteers were stored in specific bottles with anticoagulant EDTA (ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid) and transported to the laboratory, where it was processed in automatic analyzers using the methodology of Electrical Impedance Focused. For this, the Hematology-Diagon apparatus - ABX Micros 60 / Advia 60® and the reagents Diacleaner (20215 Ax) 1 L (Silva and D'Amico, 2010).

Cell counters determined the number of erythrocytes, leukocytes / mm3, hemoglobin concentration, the actual value of MCV (mean corpuscular volume), HCM (mean corpuscular hemoglobin), CHCM (mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration), calculation of the erythrocyte anisocytes (RDW), of the platelets (PDW) and provided cell volume distribution histograms (Faludi, et al., 2017). The blood sample used to perform the hemogram was obtained to avoid variations in sample collection, the procedure was performed with the patient rested, well accommodated (lying down or sitting). The relationship between the blood volume collected and the anticoagulant concentration was added to avoid hemodilution or hemoconcentration (Failace, 2015).

Was used the anticoagulant EDTA with potassium salt (EDTA-K2), in the final concentration of 1.5 to 2.2 mg / mL of blood. The results were correlated with age, sex and medication use (Mattos, et al., 2012).

#### 2.5 Statistical analyzes

For the data analysis was used the SPSS 21.0 statistical program. Variables with normal distribution were expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation, while variables with non-normal distribution were expressed in median and interquartile range.

Were used the Student's t-test for analyze independent samples and the Mann-Whitney test to analyze non-parametric date.

# 3. Results

The data of 26 habitants in Silvânia-GO and 19 habitants in Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, were analyzed. Nearly 11 quilombolas reported headache and frequent pain in the body, four do not sleep well, 13 present fatigue, weakness and anxiety, 12 are sedentary, 18 have frequent use of alcoholic beverages and 10 are smokers (data not shown). Regarding self-perception and self-diagnosis, the participants reported the presence of diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia and depression.

When observed the lipid variables for both communities, statistical significance was found for total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol with p < 0.05. In Table 1 we report the results of blood glucose and lipid variables of the quilombolas from both communities.

	able 1. Variables of lipid and give			
	<b>Reference values**</b>	Almeida Community	Cascata Community	- p value
	Kelerence values	(n = 26)	( <b>n=19</b> )	p value
Cholesterol (mg/ dL)	< 190 mg/dL	217±54	179±48	0.01*
Triglycerides (mg/ dL)	Fasting < 150 mg/dL	120 (98-142)	127 (68-163)	0.91
Trigiycerides (ilig/ uL)	without Fasting< 175 mg/dL			
HDL (mg/ dL)	> 40 mg/dL	47 (36-55)	48 (36-62)	0.6
LDL (mg/ dL)	< 110 mg/dL	139±48	104±35	0.01*
	Normality: 60-99 mg/dL			
Chrosmia (mg/dI)	Altered: 100-125 mg/dL		96 (91 105)	0.52
Glycemia (mg/ dL)	$DM: \ge 126 \text{ mg/dL}$	- 87 (75-98)	86 (81-105)	0.32
	Postprandial > 200 mg/dL	-		

# Table 1. Variables of lipid and glycemia for the two communities studied.

Values expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (standard deviation) or median (interquartile range). Legend:  $\mu$ L: micro liters; g: grams; DM: diabetes mellitus. In bold are the abnormal values; \* p-value  $\leq 0.05$  (Student's t-test). \*\* Source: Brazilian Society of Endocrinology (2018).

On Table 2, we present the results obtained from the analysis of Urea, creatinine, Vitamin D tests and calculation of the glomerular filtration rate of the quilombolas of the studied communities. When compared to the reference values, there was one that the creatinine result was higher than the recommended maximum and in the community of Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, according to the reference values; there were four patients with creatinine considered high.

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Cascata Community	TFG (mL/min)	Urea (mg/dL)	Creatine (mg/dL)	Vitamin D (ng/m)
1	105.8	20	1.3	32.2
2	59.10**	19	1.6	24.3
3	64.10*	18	1	24.9
4	147.5	14	0.8	26.1
5	79.60*	23	1.1	34.6
6	107	14	0.9	31.9
7	63.50*	43	1.8	29.1
8	67.40*	19	1.3	36.6
9	115	25	0.9	32.4
10	96.7	23	0.6	23.4
11	80.10*	21	0.9	39.4
12	97.6	28	0.9	23.8
13	112.2	10	0.7	30.6
14	73.60*	18	0.9	37.6
15	64.20*	20	1.1	33.64
16	82.20*	30	0.9	48
17	61.50*	33	1.1	37.4
18	67.10*	19	1.1	30.9
19	86.00*	22	0.8	39.6
Almeida Community	00.00		0.0	5710
<u>1</u>	75.60*	36	0.9	31.4
2	76.50*	33	1.1	42.4
3	96.4	34	0.9	33.3
4	105.4	43	1	<u> </u>
5	88.00*	38	0.8	27.2
6	106.3	22	0.8	41.1
7	59.40**	16	1.2	33.1
8	85.90*	21	0.9	30.1
9	87.80*	32	1	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	41.10***	43	1.8	
		43	1.8	28.3
11	76.70*		1 1	27.8
12	48.80**	31	1.1	23
13	88.50*	38	1 2	32.8
14	60.20*	43	1.2	37.4
15	58.00**	26	1.1	30.4
16	100.4	41	0.7	27.6
17	106.6	23	0.8	32.6
18	65.40*	34	0.9	36.5
19	60.30*	46	1	33.5
20	81.70*	18	0.9	26
21	45.10**	25	1.1	27
22	115.7	18	1	31
23	101.2	19	1	29
24	59.90**	14	0.9	32
25	144.2	20	0.8	24.2
26	54.10**	28	0.9	25

Table 2. Values of vitamin D, urea, creatine and glomerular filtration rate of the two communities studied.

Values expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (standard deviation) or median (interquartile range). Legend: mL: milliliters; min: minutes; mg: milligrams; dL: deciliters; ng: nano grams  $\dagger$  p-value $\leq$ 0.05 (Mann-Withney test) Legend of reference values of glomerular filtration rate: Normal:> 90 mL / min x 1.73m2. \*Discrete Reduction: 89 - 60 ml/min x 1,73m2); \*\*Discret Reduction - Moderate: 59 - 45 ml/min x 1,73m2; \*\*\*Moderate-Severe Reduction: 44 - 30 mL/min x 1,73m2; Severe Reduction: 29 - 15 mL/min x 1,73m2. Renal Failure: <15 mL / min x 1.73m2; In bold are the abnormal values of vitamin D (below 30 ng/m). (Brazilian Society of Nephrology \ Brazilian Society of Clinical Pathology (2018).

The hemogram results are shown in Table 3.

	Reference values**	Almeida Community	Cascata Community	- n voluo
	Reference values***	(n = 26)	( <b>n=19</b> )	- p-value
Blood cells (106 / µL)		4.6 (4.4-4.8)	4.6 (4.2-4.8)	0.59
Homotoprit (9/)	Male: 38 to 52%	- 42 (20, 44)	41 (29, 45)	0.81
Hematocrit (%)	Female: 35 to 47%	- 42 (39-44)	41 (38-45)	0.81
$\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{a}}$	Male: 13 to 18g/ dL	- 13.9+1.38	13.9+1.5	0.99
Hemoglobin (g / dL)	Female: 12 to 16g/ dL	13.9±1.38	13.9±1.3	0.99
Leukocytes (µL)	4000 to 11000/ µL	6146±1629	4747±1410	< 0.01*
Total Neutrophils (μL)	1800 to 8000/ $\mu L$	3487±1279	2356±1042	< 0.01*
Lymphocyte (µL)	900 to 4000/ μL	2094±548	1976±529	0.47
Eosinophil (µL)	0 to 500/ μL	127 (59-215)	144 (55-231)	0.95
Platelets (µL)	140 000 to 450 000/ µL	220692±53910	196136±74429	0.2

Table 3. Blood count variables for both communities	s.
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Value expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD (standard deviation) or median (interquartile range). Legend:  $\mu$ L: microliters; g: grams; \* p-value  $\leq 0.05$  (Student's t-test). \*\* Source: Ministry of Health (2018).

The Table 4 shows the Mann Whitney statistical test, to verify whether the Almeida community (rural area) and the Cascades community (urban area) presented statistical variations for the tests of total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, urea, creatinine, leukocytes (as a function of total neutrophils).

The significance between all parameters studied in the communities of Almeidas (Silvânia-GO) and Cascatas (Aparecida de Goiânia-GO) was tested by performing a Spermanm statistical analysis. The data are shown in Table 5.

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#### Mann-Whitney U Test By variable Colunas1 Marked tests are significant at p <,05000 **Rank Sum** Rank Sum U Ζ p-level Ζ Valid N Valid N 2\*1 sided p-level 360,0000 210,0000 -0,36116 -0,42997 0,729970 Sex 675,0000 0,717982 0,667218 30 15 291.5000 0.197702 30 15 0.200132 Age 743.5000 171.5000 1.28813 1.28898 0.197407 Weight 742.5000 292.5000 172,5000 1.26405 0,206212 1.26585 0.205569 30 15 0.208781 30 Height 642.5000 392,5000 177,5000 -1.143670,252763 -1,149130.250504 15 0,255991 **Diastolic Pressure** 711,0000 324.0000 204.0000 0.50562 0,613123 0,51973 0.603252 30 15 0,625394 665,5000 369,5000 200,5000 -0,58989 0,555264 -0,62931 0,529149 30 15 0,559412 Systolic Pressure 794,5000 30 15 Cholesterol 240,5000 120,5000 2,51606 0,011868 2,51640 0,011857 0.010698 0,28901 702.0000 333.0000 213.0000 0.772573 30 15 0.784312 Triglycerides 0.28893 0.772638 HDL 648,5000 386,5000 183,5000 -0.999200.317697 -1.000160.317235 30 15 0,321573 218,0000 3,05820 LDL 817,0000 98,0000 3,05780 0,002230 0.002227 30 15 0.001729 **Blood glucose** 690,5000 344,5000 0.01204 0,990395 0,01204 0,990390 30 15 224,5000 0,990508 Creatinine 729,5000 305,5000 185,5000 0,95105 0,96946 0,332318 30 15 0,345622 0,341581 30 15 Urea 773.0000 262.0000 142.0000 1.99841 0.045674 2.00170 0.045317 0.046130 Hemaceae 270.0000 150.0000 1.80614 30 15 0.072597 765.0000 1.80579 0.070952 0.070897 Hematocrit 720.0000 315,0000 195.0000 0,72232 0.470101 0,72251 0,469984 30 15 0,481892 30 Hemoglobin 726,5000 308,5000 188,5000 0,87882 0,379501 0,87934 0,379219 15 0,383732 794,0000 241,0000 2,50403 0,012279 2,50592 0,012214 30 15 Leukocytes 121,0000 0,011517 **Total Neutrophils** 217,0000 97,0000 0,002057 3,08198 0,002056 30 15 0,001576 818,0000 3,08188 30 Lymphocytes 719.0000 316.0000 196.0000 0.69824 0.485029 0.69824 0.485029 15 0.496925 **Eosinophils** 637.0000 398.0000 172.0000 -1.276090.201925 -1,276260.201865 30 15 0.208781 **Platelets** 748,5000 286,5000 166,5000 1,40851 0,158980 1,40870 0.158925 30 15 0,160699 654,0000 381,0000 189.0000 0.386017 30 15 0,396973 **D** Vitamin -0,86678 0,386064 -0,86686

Table 4. Mann Whitney statistical test for the parameters studied in the two quilombola communities.

Subtitle: LDL: Low Density Lipoproteins, HDL (High Density Lipoproteins). Source: Research data.

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	Table 5. Statistical Evaluation of Spermanm.																					
	Sex	Age	Weight	Height	Diastolic Pressure	Systolic Pressure	Cholesterol	Triglycerides	HDL	TDL	Blood glucose	Creatinine	Urea	Hemaceae	Hematocrit	Hemoglobin	Leukocytes	Total Neutrophils	Lymphocytes	Eosinophils	Platelets	D Vitamin
Sex	1.00																					
Age	0.05	1.00																				
Weight	- 0.18	0.24	1.00																			
Height	- 0.52	- 0.08	0.08	1.00																		
Diastolic Pressure	- 0.23	0.28	0.54	0.02	1.00																	
Systolic Pressure	- 0.27	0.04	0.26	0.22	0.76	1.00																
Cholesterol	0.13	0.27	- 0.05	0.03	-0.21	-0.08	1.00															
Triglycerides	- 0.04	0.23	0.32	0.17	0.12	0.14	0.38	1.00														
HDL	0.20	0.25	- 0.10	0.02	-0.08	-0.08	0.08	- 0.25	1.00													
LDL	0.07	0.21	0.04	- 0.04	-0.13	-0.02	0.86	0.26	- 0.05	1.00												
Blood glucose	- 0.03	- 0.01	0.40	0.15	0.21	0.36	0.03	0.12	- 0.02	- 0.06	1.00											
Creatinine	- 0.19	- 0.10	0.03	- 0.14	0.14	0.00	- 0.19	0.17	- 0.23	- 0.16	- 0.07	1.00										
Urea	- 0.06	0.16	-0.02	- 0.11	-0.01	-0.11	0.08	- 0.09	- 0.18	0.15	- 0.23	0.16	1.00									
Hemaceae	- 0.26	- 0.13	0.30	0.19	0.11	0.07	- 0.09	- 0.03	- 0.17	0.15	0.03	0.03	0.10	1.00								
Hematocrit	- 0.37	0.00	0.31	0.22	0.14	0.15	- 0.07	0.08	- 0.05	0.14	0.00	- 0.02	0.01	0.86	1.00							
Hemoglobin	- 0.37	0.06	0.24	0.16	0.13	0.09	- 0.03	0.01	0.04	0.19	- 0.11	- 0.06	0.02	0.80	0.96	1.00						

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Leukocytes	0.16	0.02	0.25	- 0.03	0.01	-0.06	0.41	0.13	- 0.04	0.45	0.10	- 0.10	-0.02	0.17	0.11	0.13	1.00					
Total Neutrophils	0.05	- 0.05	0.30	- 0.07	0.05	-0.08	0.25	0.02	- 0.12	0.27	0.19	0.05	0.06	0.20	0.10	0.09	0.91	1.00				
Lymphocyte s	0.33	0.04	- 0.01	- 0.04	-0.06	0.00	0.42	0.20	0.17	0.50	- 0.25	- 0.15	- 0.12	0.07	0.04	0.09	0.56	0.23	1.00			
Eosinophils	0.15	0.05	0.00	- 0.15	0.08	0.04	0.15	0.06	0.10	0.19	- 0.06	- 0.26	- 0.20	- 0.10	- 0.01	0.02	0.35	0.15	0.40	1.00		
Platelets	0.09	- 0.24	0.06	0.10	-0.24	-0.09	0.13	0.07	- 0.01	0.17	0.08	- 0.11	- 0.05	- 0.09	- 0.18	- 0.20	0.48	0.40	0.40	0.20	1.00	
D Vitamin	0.05	- 0.15	- 0.07	0.02	-0.01	0.04	- 0.29	- 0.08	- 0.17	- 0.26	0.07	0.09	0.06	- 0.03	- 0.14	- 0.23	- 0.20	- 0.10	- 0.19	- 0.07	- 0.04	1.0 0

p-value≤0.05 in bold. Source: Authors.

To demonstrate the correlation between the parameters studied in the two communities, we compared the values obtained in vectors for each parameter (Figure 1).

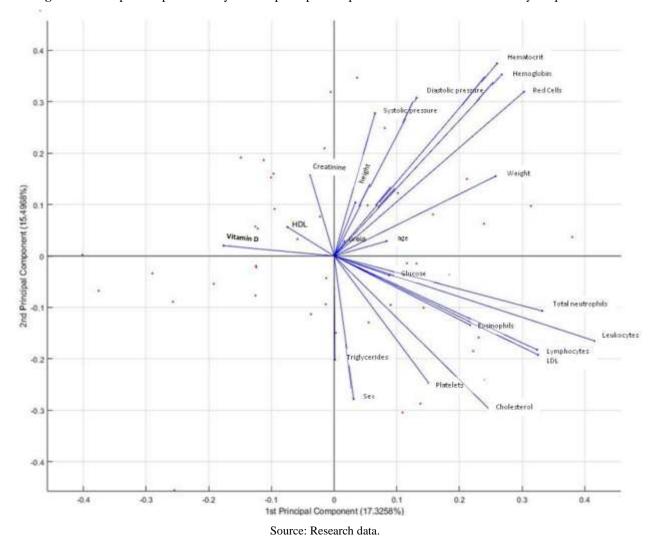


Figure 1. Principal component analysis with principal component variance between the analyzed parameters.

# 4. Discussion

In the results obtained with quilombola patients, four patients from each community were found, with values between 100 and 125 mg / dL, characterizing altered fasting glycemia. One patient was obtained in the community of Silvânia-GO and two in Aparecida de Goiânia-GO with values greater than 126 mg \ dL, with indicative of diabetes mellitus. In the quilombola community of Silvânia-GO, 18 presented total cholesterol values above the reference maximum and in the community of Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, eight patients presented results above the standardized maximum. When analyzing the results showed that triglycerides, HDL cholesterol and LDL cholesterol levels, were high in both communities (Table 1).

High values of lipid variables, excluding HDL-c, suggest higher susceptibility to pathological processes, such as atherosclerosis, stroke, infarcts, chronic wounds, amputations, renal failure and hypertension. The data from this study corroborate with those of the Faludi, et al. (2004), when defining the guidelines for dyslipidemia and prevention of atherosclerosis correlates diabetes with atherosclerosis, acute myocardial infarction with stroke. Defining those patients with diabetes and no risk factors or no evidence of subclinical atherosclerosis, should maintain LDL-C below 100mg / dL.

Patients with risk factors or subclinical atherosclerotic disease, should maintain LDL-c below 70mg/dL. Patients with

a history of AMI, stroke, coronary revascularization (carve or peripheral) and history of amputation; should maintain LDL-C below 50mg/ dL (Faludi, et al., 2017).

The NPC-1 protein promotes the passage of cholesterol through the wall of the intestine facilitating intestinal absorption of cholesterol. Hydroxymethylglutamyl CoA reductase is responsible for the intracellular synthesis of hepatic cholesterol and the one responsible for maintaining the blood LDL level. These enzymes suffer alterations in their function, structure, reduction of their expression in the membrane, leading to a disproportion in cholesterol levels and their fractions (LDL), this is due to monogenic or polygenic changes. The interaction between genetic factors and environmental factors (feeding, physical exercises) are responsible for the lipid profile of a population (Xavier, et al., 2013).

According to Faludi, et al. (2017), parameters for fasting glycemia are used for the laboratory diagnosis of diabetes mellitus. Fasting plasma glucose is considered to be eight hours as indicative of diabetes mellitus when it is  $\geq$  126 mg/ dL. In patients with results between 100 and 125 mg / dL, "altered fasting glucose" is required, requiring an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) and 2 hours post-loading glycemia  $\geq$  200 mg / dL is indicative of diabetes mellitus and between 140 and 200 mg / dL, of "impaired glucose tolerance". A second dosage is required when results are indicative of diabetes mellitus obtained at eight hour fasting and OGTT.

According to Lessa (2004), chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a worldwide public health problem and constitutes a risk factor for cardiovascular diseases. In these cases, serum creatinine is the most commonly used marker for screening for "renal dysfunction" in the population.

Fresnedo, et al. (2002), reports that under hemostasis conditions, the kidney consistently excretes all of the creatinine thus producing plasma creatinine inversely with glomerular filtration and in cases of increased serum creatinine, may reflect a loss of 50 % of glomerular filtration. Therefore, it is very important to measure serum creatinine and to measure the glomerular filtration rate in order to carefully observe cases of renal insufficiency, together with pre-disposing factors and clinical signs and symptoms.

Regarding the urea parameter, in the community of Silvânia-GO, five patients presented values above the reference value, and at community of Aparecida de Goiânia-GO, there was only one patient with altered results for urea. In what refers to GFR, it is observed that 12 quilombolas in the community of Almeidas and 18 in the community of Aparecida, who presented between moderate to severe decrease of the renal filtration rate.

The altered values of urea and creatinine in the two studied populations may be suggestive of inadequate eating habits and decreased water intake. By correlating between glycemia values and altered lipid variables, they are associated with an impaired GFR. The Table 2 shows values below of 30 ng/ mL in 12 patients living in Aparecida de Goiânia-GO; and in the Almeida Community in Silvia-GO, six patients with values below of 30 ng/ mL were observed.

Vitamin D stimulates directly the expression of the insulin receptor in the cell, increasing the insulin response to the glucose stimulus and indirectly, through the concentration of intracellular calcium, which if it is decreased in the adipose and muscular tissue cells leads to a peripheral resistance to the action of (GLUT 4), demonstrating that Vitamin D has an action on the appearance of type 2 diabetes in individuals with decreased levels of vitamin D (2009).

On Sun and Zemel (2004) study, was observed that diets rich in calcium, occurs the suppression of circulating 1.25 dihydroxyvitamin D3, which decreases the intracellular calcium concentration of the adipocytes, stimulating lipogenesis and decreasing lipolysis (Matos et al., 2012). When the results of the hemogram were analyzed, it is observed that among the parameters of the red series, patients were found in both communities, with discrete decreased hemoglobin and hematocrit values, suggesting anemia (Table 3).

With regard to Aparecida de Goiânia-GO patients, changes in hematocrit and hemoglobin, were observed in a man and a woman, who presented values below the reference minimums. It was verified that the studied patients presented deficiency in relation to the cellular integrity (form, structure, concentration of hemoglobin) and red blood cells. Consequently, these patients may develop anemia, compromising both daily physical activity and cognitive ability.

The differential diagnosis of anemias is clinically important, because they have different causes, treatment and prognosis, and this reduces costs and improves the diagnosis of these anemias. In order to evaluate these variables, were used the hematological parameters (VCM, HCM and CHCM), hematocrit (HT) and hemoglobin (HB), and red cell numbers (Naoum & Naoum, 2006).

Regarding blood leukogram results, data from Aparecida de Goiânia-GO showed four men and three women with neutrophils below the minimum reference values and one male patient with lymphocytes below the minimum reference value. In Silvia-GO, changes can be observed in relation to total neutrophils, where two men and one woman presented values below the minimum reference value.

The analysis of the leukogram, brings information of physiological responses of the organism to certain situations, they are classified in physiological, reactive and pathological. The physiological occurs when the increase of leukocytes in response to periods of stress, pregnancy and etc. C reactive protein occurs in response to bacterial infections, inflammation, tissue necrosis and metabolic diseases, when the physiological response occurs in relation to myeloproliferative diseases (myeloid leukemias, polycythemia Vera, myeloesclerosis) and lymphoproliferative diseases (lymphoid leukemias and some lymphomas are called leukocytosis pathological Naoum & Naoum (2006).

When there is an increase in the number of leukocytes, it is called leukocytosis; in this case it is necessary to analyze the morphology of neutrophils (rods, metamielocytes, myelocytes and promyelocytes), toxic granulations, cytoplasmic vacuoles and abnormal inclusions. When young leukocytes are observed with nucleoli in a sample, it is suggestive of leukemias (Oliveira & Caldeira, 2016).

According to the Mann Whitney test, total and LDL-C levels are high in both communities. The community of Almeidas (rural area), however, presented higher values. A study conducted by Oliveira and Caldeira (Vianna et al., 2011), in quilombola communities in the rural area of northern Minas Gerais, showed a sedentary lifestyle and inadequate food habits, smoking, excessive alcohol consumption and others.

Values of urea and Creatinine are higher in the community of Almeidas (Silvânia-GO) when compared to the community of cascades (Aparecida de Goiânia-GO), which raises the glomerular filtration rate, increasing the risks of developing insufficiency renal. The data of this study corroborate with those observed in the study by Oliveira and Caldeira (Steemburgo, et al., 2007). The results of total neutrophils are increased in the two communities, corroborating with the study by Vianna, et al. (2011) who observed that the inflammatory process occurs in the migration of neutrophils and other leukocytes to the lesion region.

A statistical evaluation of Spermanm was performed to compare a probable significance among the parameters studied in the communities of Almeidas (Silvânia-GO) and Cascatas (Aparecida de Goiânia-GO). Data are shown in Table 5. The correlations highlighted are statistically significant because they present p <0.5 where positive correlations are found, in which the two parameters increase together and the negative correlations, where one parameter grows and the other decreases.

According to the statistical test of Spermann, in this work, were found positive correlations between glycemia, pressure, triglycerides, red blood cells and neutrophils. Another positive correlation of sex with height, hematocrit, hemoglobin and lymphocytes was found and negative correlations were found for sex with hemoglobin and hematocrit. Positive correlations suggest that weight is closely related to factors such as glycemia, blood pressure, triglycerides, erythrocytes and neutrophils, because as the individual increases their weight, their body surface also increases and there is a greater storage and amount of tissue to be irrigated Obesity is one of the risk factors that induce the onset of metabolic syndrome (CRID, 2009).

Another positive correlation found between sex, hematocrit and hemoglobin was expected, considering that the

hematocrit measures the amount of red blood cells in the blood volume and hemoglobin is contained in the red blood cell. The negative correlation of sex with hemoglobin and hematocrit is also justified in relation to the body surface being different in individuals of opposite sexes. The amount of red blood cells (hematocrit) and hemoglobin in red blood cells is different (Grotto, 2009).

The Figure 1 shows the analysis of the main components with variance of the main component among the analyzed parameters, showing the correlation between them. The Principal Components Analysis (PCA) was performed to verify if there is a grouping of results and if there is multiple correlation between them. After observation, main component 1 was observed to be 17.32% and main component 2 was 15.49%. These values suggest that there is a weak correlation between the results.

The first correlation demonstrated is between HDL cholesterol and Vitamin D, we can observe in the Castro (2011) study, that during the production process of vitamin D, involving sun exposure, occurs primarily the endogenous synthesis in the lipid layer of 7-dehydrocholesterol skin (7-DHC), which undergoes the action of the converting enzyme dehydrocholesterol reductase (DHCR7), being converted into cholesterol which through sun exposure is transformed into the active form of vitamin D.

The third correlation demonstrated, occurs between leukocytes and LDL-c cholesterol. When there is atherosclerosis, initiated with an endothelial lesion, this pathology raises vascular permeability and accumulates lipoproteins, mainly LDL-c (low-density lipoprotein), which in turn accumulates in the endothelium and undergoes oxidation in its intimate layer by means of reactive oxygen species (ROS) released by endothelial cells and macrophages (Grotto, 2009).

## **5.** Conclusion

In general, the laboratory results for the two communities showed increased levels of lipidogram, mainly HDL and LDL cholesterol and overweight body mass index, mainly in the Almeida population; anemia in both communities and the Glomerular Filtration Rate presented with a discrete to severe decrease. We observed that the health care offered by the Unified Health System (SHS) does not address all the health needs of these two quilombola populations studied. It is necessary to suggest a service protocol for this population, aiming at improving the public sector's assistance in solving or minimizing the health problems that afflict the quilombolas of the two communities studied in this research.

Quilombola communities are a population in which they deserve more studies and basic health care, public policies should be directed to this population. Additional studies must be carried out to indicate new bioindicators and health risk assessments can be carried out in this population.

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