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[Comparison of climacteric syndrome symptoms among perimenopausal women from Mexico City and one Zapotec community of Oaxaca, Mexico].

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Abstract: Climacteric syndrome accompanies the menopause and it has been studied in different cultures, with different results among them.

To compare the differences in the presentation of the climacteric syndrome among urban and rural women.

A transverse, study was carried out, in which climacteric symptoms were evaluated with the previously validated modified SUMEVA scale in two groups of perimenopausal women. Group 1, indigenous Zapotec spoken women from San Ildefonso Villa Alta, Oaxaca. Group 2, women from Mexico City that attended the gynecologic endocrinology consultation of the UMAE Hospital of Ginecología "Luis Castelazo Ayala".

Central tendency and dispersion measurements were done. The comparison among the groups for continuous variables was carried out by Student t-test and for those discontinuous chi2.

The mean score of the SUMEVA scale was 42.3 +/- 31.2 for the rural women and 63.7 +/- 48.6 for Mexico's city women (p

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