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Dear Editor,

We appreciate the reviewer's comments and suggestions regarding our review article "Metabolically Healthy Obesity: Is It Really Healthy for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus?"

We have revised the manuscript according to the reviewer's comments. Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format.

Title: Metabolically Healthy Obesity: Is It Really Healthy for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus?

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. The article format has been updated according to the requirement of the journal.
2. Revision has been made improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

The reviewer's composition comment on the manuscript and my answer:

- (1) The manuscript entitled "Metabolically Healthy Obesity: Is It Really Healthy for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus?" submitted in World Journal of Diabetes is handling an important issue. The work has been very well researched and written.

Answer: Thank you very much for positive comment to our review article.

- (2) There are, however, minor comment to the authors may wish to consider. Page 4: NCEP ATP-III criteria for presence of central obesity should be corrected as "waist circumference ≥ 102 cm in men and ≥ 88 cm in women".

Answer: Thank you for your valuable comment. Here, we used the cutoffs of central obesity based on ethnicity according to the modified NCEP ATP-III criteria (Circulation. 2005;112(17):2735-52). Thus, this sentence has been revised as "the presence of central obesity, waist circumference ≥ 102 cm (90 cm for Asians) in men and ≥ 88 cm (80 cm for Asians) in women" in the revised manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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