



PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> The same title	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments: Association of obesity with hypertension and Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus is very important. There are many reports about this issue over the world. Here authors perform a meta-analysis of the association of obesity with hypertension and T2DM in India. They conclude that obesity showed significantly and potentially plausible association with hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus in studies in India. The present study adds a data from India to the database about the association of obesity with hypertension and diabetes especially Type 2 diabetes. Therefore, the manuscript is suitable for publication in WJD. However, the manuscript should be improved according to the comments below before accepting for publication in WJD. Specific minor comments: 1, About abstract: 1) Please spell out when you first time to use the abbreviation of NCD. 2) Methods section lacks about how to analyze the data



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obtained from literature searching. The statistical analysis method is also missing. 2, About core tip: Core tip is needed to modify and rewrite in focusing on your results ad conclusion. 3, About Materials and methods: 1) Page 5, counting down the third and second lines: "...and waist to hip ratio (≥ 0.80 mm for females and ≥ 0.90 mm for males) ". I don't think the waist to hip ratio has unit such as mm. 2) Page 5, counting down the second line: What is JNC VII criteria? Please provides a reference. 3) About Pane 1, pane 2 and pane 3: Authors should choice either using tables or describing in normal way of text. Please do not use this inserting function. 4) Page 8, counting down the fourth line: "We employed the following set of criteria to evaluate the of papers:". Please delete "of" just before papers. 4, About the reference list: The format of references in the reference list is needed to modify according to the request of WJD. 5, About figure 2 and figure 3: The resolution is too low and please modify them with improvement of resolution.



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<input type="checkbox"/> [Y] Grade C: Good		<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate publication	
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The manuscript is well written and after some minor revision could be suitable for publication. First of all, the references should be presented according to journal guidelines. Secondly, the waist to hip ratio values are presented as "mm" since this index has no metric units. Moreover, it should be preferable to present the statistic methods of this meta-analysis in a separate section.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors present a meta-analysis of 18 studies that met the eligibility criteria to find the association of obesity with hypertension and type-2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) in India. Based on their analysis the authors concluded that “despite methodological differences, obesity showed significant, potentially plausible association with hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus in studies in India. Being a modifiable risk factor, our study informs setting policy priority and intervention efforts to prevent debilitating complications.” Although the overall conclusion reached by the authors is reasonable, as currently presented, this manuscript has a number of deficiencies that need to be addressed, outlined below: 1. The authors have failed to follow the Format as outlined in the World Journal of Diabetes Instruction to Authors. This begins with the unorthodox style they have used to present the “Authors and their institutional



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affiliation". 2. There are numerous errors of "Tense and Grammar" throughout the manuscript. Therefore, a diligent editing is in order to fix the ENGLISH language. 3. The authors have arbitrarily used UPPER CASE letters in some commonly known terms (e.g. type-2 diabetes, hypertension). 4. In Materials and Method section, authors state that "Disagreements were resolved by consensus among both authors and arose on XXX occasions." What does this information mean? 5. The Discussion and Conclusions sections are unnecessarily VERBOSE and the sentiments expressed in them are quite REDUNDANT. They can be reduced by HALF without losing the key points. 6. The FORMAT of FIGURES 2 and 3 needs be consistent with each other. 7. The information presented in TABLES 1 and 2 is UNNECESSARILY COMPLEX and should be better streamlined. For example, information about the study design (nearly all of them were cross-sectional), occupation and gender appears is IRRELEVANT to the goals and final conclusions of these studies. Citations (authors and dates) outlined in the Tables are confusing and should be the same as in the BIBLIOGRAPHY.