

## Response to Peer reviewer

Dear Sir/Madam,

We thank the reviewer and the editor for their insightful comments. The changes suggested have been incorporated in the manuscript and the pointwise response is presented below.

We hope these revisions are adequate.

Warm regards,

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	Comment	Response
1.	In Summary Section the authors might emphasize that the manuscript presents Asian population specific BMI thresholds for qualifying for metabolic surgery.	We have modified the summary (Conclusion) section as suggested.
2.	The same issue is worth putting in the Core Tip Section.	We have added this in the core tip section.
3.	The recommendation no 9 is worth more extensive analysis due to its clinical relevance.	We have elaborated the explanation related to recommendation 9.
4.	The authors focused on the definition of remission and the use of metformin not taking into account the analysis of the other listed predictors	We have modified the section on metformin. We have provided a more in-depth analysis of the other listed predictors.
5.	On page 10 there is a repeat of the word "that"	The repetition has been corrected.