Reviewer's report

Title: The relationship between obesity and Diabetic nephropathy in China

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1. Major compulsory revisions: the authors have addressed my main concerns in their revisions and clarified many points that were unclear, including the observational nature of the study. The English is vastly improved

2. Minor essential revisions: page 4, last line "demonstrated an association of the obesity epidemic,..." I think they mean just obesity, no need for epidemic; page 7, last paragraph, "The progression of renal disease was predicted..." I think they mean "defined" rather than predicted; page 16, "Because of the limitations..." extra word "developing" after "the development of ESRD"

3. Discretionary revisions: none

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.