Reviewer's report

Title: The prevalence of hypertension, obesity and dyslipidemia in individuals of over 30 years of age belonging to minorities from the pasture area of Xinjiang

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The Authors answered quite satisfactorily to the Referee's queries.

There still some points:

1. Antihypertensive treatment: The Authors should be more precise. If BP values from participants under regular antihypertensive treatment were excluded from the analysis (Tables 1 and 3) then it should be clearly stated and sample size provide (as well as the percentage on participants regularly taking antihypertensive drugs).

2- Page 8, last lines “Within Kazaks, similar factors were detected influencing hypertension as dependent variables”: this crosssectional study does not assess “influence” of factors but rather associations between them.

3. The same for pages 9 and 11 “predictors of hypertension” would be rather “determinants”

4. The Discussion of the observed association between BP and conventional risk factors (namely age and BMI) could be shortened.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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