Reviewer’s report

Title: Type-2 diabetes epidemic among the urban middle class in Bangladesh

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This study seems well conducted and the methodology is appropriate. The results are very impressive, since the reported prevalence of diabetes is among the highest worldwide. Therefore it is a very relevant paper.

Minor Essential Revisions
- Methods for glucose and HbA1c measurements are not described
- Authors should describe what was done with subjects who reported DM without medication (e.g. using local natural remedies). Also what was done with pregnant women.
- It would be useful to add percentage of subjects with both elevated BG and elevated HbA1c.
- The fact that >80% of the women had centripetal obesity vs. <40% in men may be due to wrong cut-off for waist circumference in women...this has been found in Japanese and Latinamerican population and should be considered in the discussion.

Discretionary Revisions
Since rapid changes in lifestyle have great influence in the prevalence of diabetes and MS, and most (3/4) of the population were migrants, the duration of their stay in the new environment may be very relevant.(time of exposure to new lifestyle) and should be considered in future studies.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 have no conflicts of interest relevant to this paper.