Reviewer’s report

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

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This paper analyses data collected from approximately 400 middle-class individuals in Dhaka with a goal of understanding factors influencing the prevalence of type-2 diabetes. The topic is interesting and worthy of study in light of the surge in diabetes prevalence in Bangladesh and in other developing nations. The sample design is adequate and the analysis well-founded. I have only a couple of comments. First, in the middle of page 11 it is puzzling that sex, BMI and wealth were significantly associated with insulin resistance but not with type 2 diabetes. This interesting result deserves more attention. Second, the title is a bit inflated (“epidemic”) given the evidence presented. Something more subdued such as “The remarkably high prevalence of type 2 diabetes…” would be appropriate.

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:

No competing interests