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Reviewer's report
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Reviewer: Yong-Jae Lee
Reviewer's report: 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.

Thank you for your revised manuscript. The authors have addressed some methodological issues and clarified additional limitations. I think the paper is now acceptable for publication in spite of several limitations. This article has made some advances in the field of surrogate markers of pre-diabetes.

Reviewer's report
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Reviewer's report: The revision has adequately addressed my comments.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Please request the author to add a paragraph in the discussion section and discuss regarding the beneficial effects of dietary intake on uric acid level and fasting glucose. the author can add this paragraph and add this reference in discussion:

"Some diets can have beneficial effects on uric acid level and fasting glucose. Dietary approaches to stop hypertension have beneficial effects on fasting glucose which can be related to improving some metabolic parameters linked to serum uric acid level and Serum gamma-glutamyltransferase \ Then please refer to this paper: The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension eating plan affects C-reactive protein, coagulation abnormalities, and hepatic function tests among type 2 diabetic patients. Azadbakht L, Surkan PJ, Esmaillzadeh A, Willett WC."

We have added it as the editor’s comment. Please see page 11, the third paragraph. Thank you!