Dear Editor:

Cardio-metabolic risk factors in Asian adults with prehypertension

Enclosed please find an electronic copy of the above-titled revised manuscript submitted for re-consideration for publication in BMC Public Health. Please find attached in a separate document our responses to the editor and the two reviewers.

We thank the editors and the two reviewers for their time and effort in reviewing our manuscript. We have addressed all the comments and made subsequent changes to our manuscript. We sincerely hope that BMC Public Health will find our comments and changes favourable.

We would like to re-iterate that our paper targets a specific ‘healthy’ population at high risk of developing serious cardiovascular and metabolic diseases – non-communicable diseases (NCDs) that are also the focus of the United Nations high-level meeting on NCDs, held in 2011 (reference: UN General Assembly. Political declaration of the high-level meeting of the general assembly on the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases. A/66/L.1. http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/66/L.1 ). Our findings thus highlight the public health implications of screening for prehypertension and promotion of lifestyle modifications which could potentially reduce the burden of not only cardiovascular disease but also diabetes in a multi-ethnic Asian population.

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