Reviewer’s report

Title: The body politic: a reexamination of the cause of obesity-associated disease.

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Reviewer: George Chrousos

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This is an unnecessarily long review manuscript claiming to provide a new theory on human morbidity and mortality risk factors, downgrading obesity and upgrading stress. I would like to see more science, more moderation and less triumphalism.

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

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 have no conflict of interest.