Author's response to reviews

Title: The incidence of co-morbidities related to obesity and overweight: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Dear Editorial Team:

RE: MS: 2435043332086033

Thank you for accepting our manuscript. In the current version of paper, we have responded to the reviewer’s final comment and the formatting changes requested have also been made as follows.

Reviewer: Evan Atlantis
Reviewer's report:
I'm generally satisfied with these changes. Several search terms for central obesity could have been used, including visceral, abdominal, and waist circumference, WC etc. But this is a discretionary issue. Page 4, should read "...produce more precise estimates of risk associated with overweight and obesity." Page 6, should define "Western country".

We have changed the sentence into “... produce more precise estimates of risk associated with overweight and obesity” as suggested in the first paragraph of the main text on page 3. We have defined “Western country” as countries in Europe or North America, Australia or New Zealand in the last paragraph on page 6.

Formatting changes requested
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Major revisions (We require the author to make these changes)
Reference 25 - please provide full details for this reference
Reference 26 - please provide full details for this reference

Full details for references 25 and 26 have been provided on pages 22 and 23.

Table vertical elements - Please note that we are unable to display vertical rules within the tables nor are we able to write text vertically within the cells - please re-layout your table without these vertical elements. We are unable to correctly display merged cells where the merged cell crosses rows.

The merged cells crossing rows have been changed in Table 2.

Table 1 - Tables must fit into an A4 portrait page. If you cannot re-orientate the table onto a single a4 portrait page (maximum size 176mm x 230mm), please move it to the additional files. Tables in the additional files will be made available with the final manuscript upon publication but will not be included in the manuscript in situ. Please ensure that you update the text to cite additional files and include a legend in the additional files section.
We have re-orientated the table into a single A4 portrait page.

Minor revisions (We can make these changes on resubmission, although it will speed up publication of your manuscript if you do them while making the major changes above).
Country - Please remember to include the country in the affiliation details.

Country information has been added in the affiliation details.

Conclusions - Please add a `Conclusions?section following the Discussion. We suggest you add this heading to the paragraph beginning `In conclusion?on page 18.

“Conclusions” section has been added as suggested.

List of abbreviations - Please rename this section `Abbreviations' and format as a paragraph rather than a list.

The section has been renamed and formatted as a paragraph.

Authors' contributions - please use the following format (please use initials to refer to each author's contribution): AB carried out the molecular genetic studies, participated in the sequence alignment and drafted the manuscript. JY carried out the immunoassays. MT participated in the sequence alignment. ES participated in the design of the study and performed the statistical analysis. FG conceived of the study, and participated in its design and coordination. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

The Authors’ contributions section has been formatted as suggested.

Figure cropping - It is important for the final layout of the manuscript that the figures are cropped as closely as possible to minimise white space around the image. Our online figure guide contains full details for preparing files for submission and can be viewed here: http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/ifora/figures

We have cropped the figures according to the requirements.

I hope that you will find our changes satisfactory.

Regards,

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