Reviewer's report

Title: Lifestyle and metabolic factors in relation to shoulder pain and rotator cuff tendinitis: A population-based study

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The authors have addressed the questions and provided the required information.

One concern I have is the use of term tendinitis which has a specific definition, something that was not really investigated in this study. Considering the diagnosis was mostly based on the history of pain and an assessment of physician (not sure if this involved an MRI/US), I recommend changing the term Tendinitis to “tendiopathy” or “pathology”. This needs to be reflected in the title, page 6 and throughout the manuscript and tables.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests