Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The weight lowering effect of sibutramine and its impact on serum lipids in cardiovascular high risk patients with and without type 2 diabetes mellitus - an analysis from the SCOUT lead-in period

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**Reviewer:** Davor Stimac

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Major Compulsory Revisions - In the paper are presented very interesting results about effect of anti obesity drug sibutramin and its impact on serum lipids in patients with and without type 2 diabetes. Analysis is made based on lead in period in SCOUT study - I found that section Introduction is enough informative, methods are correct results are well presented and discussion is fruitful.

Discretionary Revisions - Figures should be technically better performed, I personally suggest to revise graphs.

**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'