Reviewer's report

Title: Waist to Height Ratio, a Simple and Practical Index for Gout in Taiwanese Men

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Minor essential revisions
The article is a nice effort on an important topic. Following are the suggestions to improve the manuscript:
• Written English of the manuscript needs improvement.
• Do not begin with numbers after full stop; instead describe the numbers in words at the start of sentences.
• Please explain the rationale of using the old data collected between 1993-1996. Overall as a result of modernization and life style changes globally, the anthropometric variables of the studied population in the geographical location of Taiwan may have changed which undermines the importance of the study.
Title
Title of the study needs modification according to the aims of the study as the aim of the study was to examine the association of anthropometry indices with gout rather than the Waist to Height Ratio.
Discussion
First paragraph of discussion “Overweight and obesity are epidemic ………..higher risk of all cause and cardiovascular mortality” should be incorporated in the introduction section.
Conclusion
Numbers should not be used in conclusion.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests