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 study was based on the data collected during 1993-96. Why so much delay in interpretation and submission of results? Please discuss whether it affects the overall interpretation of results in 2013.

The diagnosis of gout is based on self-reported diagnosis by patients without any confirmatory tests which might be biased. Please discuss.

Results are presented in a way which might not be very easy to understand for general readership.

Written English needs to be improved.

Some references are not standardized (5,17,23,24,26,28) after 6 authors et al is used.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 interest