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1. The study provided a comprehensive state-of-the arts in topics pertinent to its main messages.

2. Within the country scope of knowledge, the study identified clear gap of knowledge which fitted well with the objective. Yet, some international readers might not see this as interesting enough in terms of filling the existing gap in the field of policy and plan for obesity prevention.

3. The paper describes methods quite well. There might be a need to elaborate more on the ground of making the assumptions on the scope of representation of inpatient data.

4. The authors made succinct description of the results.

5. They were careful enough in making discussions by addressing important weaknesses of the data limiting the cost estimation. Comparing findings of the study with those of others, the authors showed relatively new findings specific to the country setting and its neighbours in Asia e.g., the findings on the impact of obesity equate or exceed that of smoking and drinking. This sheds new light on priority setting of burden of diseases.

6. In summary, I think this report is appropriate for many BMC readers.

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.