Author’s response to reviews

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Reply to Senior Assistant Editor Comments:

Dear Senior Assistant Editor,

Thank you for your helpful comments of our manuscript. We hope that we have successfully addressed all of your comments raised. Our responses to the comments and the description of changes we have made to the manuscript are provided below.
Senior Assistant Editor

‘1. Please include the email addresses for all authors on the title page. The corresponding author should still be indicated.’

Response:

We included the email addresses for all authors and indicated data for corresponding author on the title page

2. ‘We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


This overlap mainly exists in the Methods sections.’

Response:

We re-phrased some sections in the Methods part of our manuscript to minimise the overlap in the text with our previously published article (Luksiene D, Petkeviciene J, Jureniene K, Klumbiene J, Smalinskiene A, Tamosiunas A. Association between anthropometric indexes and cardiovascular risk factors. Central European Journal of Medicine 2011; 6(4):411-7).

‘3. The individual contributions of ALL authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section. Currently IM is missing from this section.’

Response:

IM was one of the authors of the idea of the manuscript. By the mistake, it was not mentioned. We added to authors’ contributions that IM developed the idea for this manuscript and the data
analysis plan. IM, AT and DL also wrote the first draft of the manuscript together with consultation, feedback, and editing assistance by JP and RR.

‘4. Please ensure that the authors' contributions section is in line with our editorial policies and each author meets the criteria for authorship. An 'author' is generally considered to be someone who has made substantive intellectual contributions to a published study. Authors are expected to fulfil the criteria below (adapted from McNutt et al., Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Feb 2018, 201715374; DOI: 10.1073/pnas.1715374115; licensed under CC BY 4.0):

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AND to have agreed both to be personally accountable for the author's own contributions and to ensure that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work, even ones in which the author was not personally involved, are appropriately investigated, resolved, and the resolution documented in the literature.’

Response:

We checked and ensure that all authors’ contribution indicated in manuscript ‘contribution section’ is in line with Journal editorial policies and each author meets the criteria for authorship.

‘5. Please change the heading 'Introduction' to 'Background'.’

Response:

We changed the heading ‘Introduction’ to ‘Background’.

‘6. Please change the heading 'Methods and Materials' to 'Methods'.’

Response:
We changed the heading ‘Method and Materials’ to ‘Methods’.

Respectfully,

On behalf of all authors,

Abdonas Tamosiunas