Reviewer's report

Title: The Prevalence of Obesity in Older Adults in Iran: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Reviewer: Ian Cameron

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Thank you for responding to the further reviewer comments. Most of the issues are adequately resolved.

However, the statement that has been added as follows is difficult to understand. Could you please rewrite this?

"Regarding the scores for each question, score 1 was assigned to a positive answer to the index and score 0 to negative answers. Accordingly, the maximum quality score of 32 was considered, and papers with a score of less than 14 were considered to have low quality, and thus excluded from the study) in evaluating the articles through the STROBE criteria, only the appropriateness and grading of the writing of the articles have been considered for this criterion. No studies have been excluded from the quality assessment and so the quality score is considered as low as the study.)"

In particular the last two sentences in the paragraph above are difficult to understand.

In addition, the flow diagram shows that 33 studies were excluded "with reasons". The reviewer can't find where these 33 studies are listed and can't find the reasons for exclusion.

In Figures 3 and 4, the variable of interest is prevalence of obesity and this is a meta analysis of observational studies. The horizontal axis should not be labelled "favours A / favours B" because these labels are used for meta analyses of intervention studies.

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