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Title: Pubertal stage: Prediction of cardiometabolic risk by BMI and waist circumference

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to submit an original research article entitled “Pubertal stage: Prediction of cardiometabolic risk by BMI and waist circumference” for consideration for publication in the BMC Public Health. This study was a sub-study of a large scale study which was supported by funding from the Research Grants Council (CUHK4465/06M) and the Shaw College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK).

We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by the BMC Public Health because it examined the associations between pubertal stage and cardiometabolic risk factors in Hong Kong Chinese children and explore the moderating effect of pubertal stage on the prediction of cardiometabolic risks by body mass index and waist circumference. The findings of our study may be useful when studying obesity in children with cardiometabolic risks.

This study was approved by the Joint Research Ethics Committees of the CUHK and New Territories East Cluster. Consent was sought from both parents and students, with letters explaining the purposes and procedures of data collection being sent to all students and parents via the schools. Informed written consent was obtained from parents together with the children’s verbal consent. All the authors have read and approved the manuscript for submission to the Maternal & Child Nutrition. The material is original research, has not been previously published and has not been submitted for publication elsewhere while under consideration. Excluding abstract and references, the word counts of the manuscript is 3,735 words and abstract is 253 words. The manuscript includes 6 tables.

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Revision has been done by inserting line numbers to the main manuscript and removing the page breaks.

Thank you for your consideration!

Yours sincerely,
Noel Chan.