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Title: Development and validation of a Diabetes Risk Score for screening undiagnosed diabetes in Sri Lanka (SLDRISK)

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Query 2 - This has been addressed in the manuscript.

Query 3 - We have developed and validated a risk score which performed better than CRS, IDRS and other Asian risk scores. Thus we believe there is no need to remove gestational diabetes or to calculate separate scores for males and females. Making separate risk scores would make this simple tool more complicated thus limiting its practical utility. Furthermore many similar risk scores published in international peer reviewed journals contain gestational diabetes as a risk factor without creating separate risk scores for males and females including one of the articles suggested by reviewer himself for comparison.(Ko, G., et al., A simple risk score to identify southern Chinese at high risk of diabetes. Diabetic medicine, 2010.27: p. 644-49.)