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This is a paper that aims to compare and analyze general human obesity indicators that can better predict chronic kidney disease through meta-analysis. Although of interest, the manuscript has flaws that in my opinion must be addressed before publishing.

1. Please redo the background section of abstract since it does not truly present background but merely the aims.

2. On introduction authors state "Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is a relatively common disease. According to statistics, ". Which statistics? Databases? National surveys?

3. On sentences: "Population census showed[6]: Two-thirds of adult Americans have excess body mass, and half of them are obese." I believe these should be merged

4. Why did authors not include "obesity" on keywords?

5. I believe that if authors consider inclusion criteria being &gt; than 18, it is redundant to exclude those with &lt; than 18

6. On the exclusion criteria: "duplicate publication or use of the data has been crossed literature only a more comprehensive report." Please clarify

7. On results: "The nine studies included were mainly from East Asia and Europe". I would place here how many were from each region

8. On results: "The nine studies included were mainly from East Asia and Europe, the study was", please correct to "the studies were conducted from 2003 to 2015"

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