Erratum

RE: “Socioeconomic status and overweight/obesity in an adult Chinese population in Singapore”

About the paper by Sabanayagam C et al. published in the September 2007 issue of the Journal, the authors requested that some errors in the Tables 2 (p164) and 3 (p165) of the original paper should be corrected. The revised version of the Tables are following.

The Journal regrets the errors.

### Table 2. Prevalence of overweight/obesity by socioeconomic status (SES) and other selected factors in men and women.

|                      | Men (n=402) | Women (n=540) |
|----------------------|-------------|---------------|
|                      | No. at risk | Mean BMI* (SD)| Prevalence (%) of overweight (95% CI)* | No. at risk | Mean BMI* (SD)| Prevalence (%) of overweight (95% CI)* |
| **Educational level**|             |               |                                      |             |               |                                      |
| Primary or lower     | 230         | 23.4(3.9)     | 33 (27 - 40)                         | 386         | 24.0(4.0)     | 38 (33 - 43)                         |
| Secondary            | 132         | 24.0(3.3)     | 35 (27 - 44)                         | 120         | 23.2(3.5)     | 26 (18 - 35)                         |
| Post-secondary       | 40          | 22.5(3.4)     | 23 (11 - 38)                         | 34          | 21.7(3.7)     | 12 ( 3 - 27)                         |
| **Income(SGD) †**    |             |               |                                      |             |               |                                      |
| Low (≤1000)          | 198         | 23.0(3.9)     | 28 (22 - 35)                         | 444         | 23.9(3.9)     | 37 (32 - 41)                         |
| Middle (1001-2000)   | 131         | 23.9(3.6)     | 38 (30 - 47)                         | 54          | 23.0(3.5)     | 19 ( 9 - 31)                         |
| High (>2000)         | 73          | 24.1(3.2)     | 36 (25 - 48)                         | 42          | 22.4(3.6)     | 24 (12 - 39)                         |
| **Housing ‡**        |             |               |                                      |             |               |                                      |
| Small                | 82          | 22.3(4.1)     | 23 (15 - 34)                         | 91          | 23.4(4.0)     | 32 (23 - 43)                         |
| Medium               | 212         | 23.7(3.6)     | 35 (29 - 42)                         | 294         | 24.0(4.0)     | 39 (33 - 45)                         |
| Large/Private        | 108         | 23.9(3.5)     | 34 (25 - 44)                         | 155         | 23.1(3.7)     | 25 (19 - 33)                         |
| **Age (year)**       |             |               |                                      |             |               |                                      |
| 40-49                | 119         | 23.9(3.4)     | 34 (25 - 43)                         | 136         | 23.2(4.4)     | 28 (21 - 36)                         |
| 50-59                | 99          | 24.2(3.7)     | 38 (29 - 49)                         | 167         | 24.1(3.4)     | 40 (32 - 47)                         |
| 60-69                | 115         | 23.5(3.9)     | 36 (27 - 45)                         | 126         | 24.1(4.0)     | 37 (29 - 46)                         |
| 70-81                | 69          | 21.7(3.5)     | 17 ( 9 - 28)                         | 111         | 23.0(3.7)     | 28 (20 - 37)                         |
| **Current Smoking**  |             |               |                                      |             |               |                                      |
| No §                 | 260         | 24.0(3.5)     | 38 (32 - 44)                         | 502         | 23.7(3.8)     | 34 (30 - 38)                         |
| Yes                  | 142         | 22.6(3.9)     | 23 (17 - 31)                         | 38          | 22.7(4.8)     | 32 (18 - 49)                         |
| **Total sample**     | 402         | 23.5(3.7)     | 33 (28 - 37)                         | 540         | 23.7(3.9)     | 34 (30 - 38)                         |

* : BMI: Body Mass Index (kg/m²); CI: confidence interval
† : Income was based on individual monthly income in Singapore dollars (SGD).
‡ : Housing: (1) small size public apartments (1-2 room), (2) medium size public apartments (3 room), and (3) large public apartments (4-5 room) or private housing.
§ : Non-smoking and previous smoking
Table 3. Odds ratios (ORs) and their 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for the prevalence of overweight/obesity in relation to socioeconomic status (SES) in men and women.

| SES category | Men (n=402) | | | Women (n=540) | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | No. at risk | No. of cases | Unadjusted OR (95% CI) | Adjusted OR* (95% CI) | No. at risk | No. of cases | Unadjusted OR (95% CI) | Adjusted OR* (95% CI) |
| Educational level § | | | | | | | | |
| Primary or lower | 230 | 76 | 1.1 (0.7-1.6) | 1.4 (0.9-2.3) | 386 | 147 | 2.1 (1.4-3.2) | 2.5 (1.5-4.0) |
| Secondary or higher | 172 | 55 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) | 154 | 35 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) |
| p value | | | 0.82 | 0.13 | | | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Income(SGD) † § | | | | | | | | |
| Low (≤1000) | 198 | 55 | 0.7 (0.4-1.0) | 0.8 (0.5-1.3) | 444 | 162 | 2.2 (1.3-3.7) | 2.5 (1.4-4.5) |
| Middle and High (>1000) | 204 | 76 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) | 96 | 20 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) |
| p value | | | 0.04 | 0.41 | | | <0.01 | <0.01 |
| Housing † § | | | | | | | | |
| Small and Medium | 294 | 94 | 0.9 (0.6-1.4) | 1.0 (0.6-1.7) | 385 | 143 | 1.8 (1.2-2.7) | 1.8 (1.2-2.7) |
| Large/Private | 108 | 37 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) | 155 | 39 | 1.0 (Reference) | 1.0 (Reference) |
| p value | | | 0.66 | 0.91 | | | <0.01 | <0.01 |

* : Adjusted for age and smoking status  
† : Income was based on individual monthly income in Singapore dollars (SGD)  
‡ : Housing: small size public apartments (1/2 room), medium size public apartments (3 room), and large size public apartments (> 3 room) or private housing  
§ : P-interaction for sex and income=0.003, sex and education=0.03, and sex and housing=0.03

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