

# Cylinder to Weight Ratio: New Anthropometric Index for Cardiovascular Risk Factors

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## Introduction

### Anthropometric indices for obesity

- Various anthropometric indices are associated with cardiovascular risk factors, such as type 2 diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and cardiovascular diseases.
  - Body mass index (BMI)
  - Waist to hip ratio (WHR)
  - Waist circumference (WC)
  - Waist to height ratio (WHtR)
- Reasons for choosing anthropometric indices
  - Easily obtained without expensive or complex instruments
  - Conveniently self-measurable
  - Frequently used in many previous epidemiological studies

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### Body Mass Index (BMI)

- The most commonly applied clinical measure to characterize obesity in individuals
  - Adolphe Quetelet first proposed the index in 1871
  - Keys et al. selected the BMI as the best measure of body fatness
  - Highly correlated with overall obesity
- Limitation
  - Relatively poorly with visceral obesity (central obesity, android-type obesity or abdominal adiposity)
  - At the same BMI, the relative composition of fat mass vs lean body mass depends on age, sex and ethnicity

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### Waist to Height Ratio (WHtR)

- Indices of abdominal obesity (WHtR and WC) have increasingly been associated with higher cardiometabolic risk
- WHtR
  - It was first proposed in the mid-1990
  - In recent reports, WHtR to be significantly better than WC for diabetes, hypertension, CVD and all outcomes in men and women

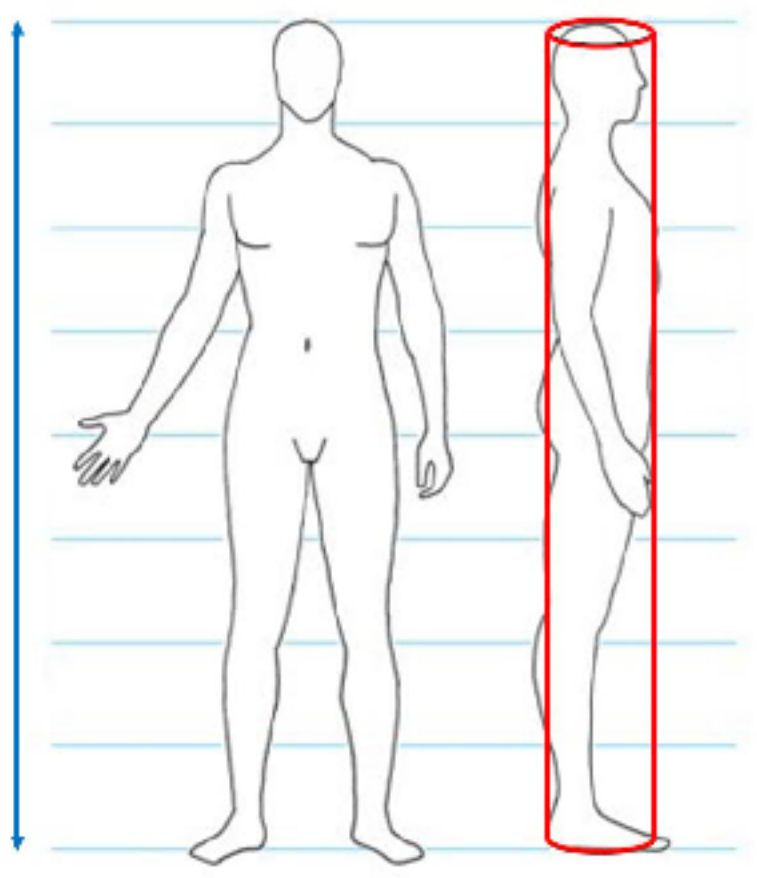
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### Which anthropometric index is the best?

- BMI is often used to reflect total body fat, whereas WC, WHR, or WHtR may be used as surrogate markers of body fat centralization.
- Controversy still remains regarding the most sensitive and specific anthropometric indices for obesity associated with cardiovascular risk factors.

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## New Index Formula



$$V_{cyl} = \pi r^2 \times h \quad c = \pi \times 2r$$

$$Cylinder \quad Vol \div Weight = V_{cyl} \div Weight = \pi r^2 \times h \div Weight$$

$$= \pi \left(\frac{c}{2}\right)^2 \times h \div Weight$$

$$Cylinder \quad to \quad Weight \quad Ratio = Waist^2 \times Height \div Weight$$

## Purpose

- To validate CWR as the predictor for cardiometabolic risk factors through comparison with other anthropometric parameters

## Methods

- Study population**
  - Data obtained from the KNHANES 2009
- Anthropometry**
  - BMI
  - WHtR
  - CWR
- Background characteristics**
  - Smoking, alcohol use, education level, occupation
  - Past/current medical history of cardiovascular disease (cerebrovascular disease or ischemic heart disease), hypertension, dyslipidemia, renal insufficiency and diabetes mellitus
- Statistical analysis**
  - Descriptive statistics for obesity indices
  - Student's t test
  - Logistic regression
  - Receiver-operating characteristic curve analysis
  - Area under the curve

## Results

### Adjusted odds ratio for hypertension, diabetes, ischemic heart disease and cerebrovascular disease, renal insufficiency and dyslipidemia comparing quartiles of indices

#### Characteristics in subjects

Age (means±SE)	38.45±0.39	Drinking		10.09
≥ 65 yr (%)	15.40	≥ 30 g/day (%)		89.91
< 65 yr (%)	84.60			
Sex		Blood pressure (mmHg)		
Male (%)	46.18	Systolic (means±SE)		114.62±0.32
Female (%)	53.82	Diastolic (means±SE)		74.12±0.23
Residence		Mean arterial (means±SE)		87.62±0.22
Urban (%)	83.75	Hypertension (%)		13.00±0.49
Rural (%)	19.25	Diabetes (%)		4.86±0.27
Education		Cerebrovascular dis (%)		1.09±0.10
≥ College (%)	23.00	Renal insufficiency (%)		0.21±0.06
< High school (%)	77.00	Angina (%)		0.72±0.08
Occupation		Myocardial infarction (%)		0.41±0.06
Service (%)	61.07	Ischemic heart dis (%)		1.10±0.10
Agriculture and fishery (%)	8.33	Dyslipidemia (%)		5.57±0.27
Industry (%)	30.60	Hypercholesterolemia (%)		10.00±0.43
Smoking		BMI (means±SE)		22.61±0.06
Current smoking (%)	21.00	WHtR (means±SE)		0.48±0.00
No smoking (%)	79.00	CWR (means±SE)		164.29±7.0

	Quartile	Hypertension			Diabetes		
		OR	95% CI	P-value	OR	95% CI	P-value
BMI	Q1 vs. Q2	3.128	2.462,3.974	< 0.0001	2.914	1.834,4.629	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	6.305	4.885,8.139	< 0.0001	5.319	3.473,8.148	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	13.296	10.220,17.297	< 0.0001	8.533	5.803,12.546	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	3.897	3.330,4.562	< 0.0001	2.691	2.191,3.305	< 0.0001
WHtR	Q1 vs. Q2	5.392	3.722,7.812	< 0.0001	3.031	1.724,5.300	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	10.387	7.094,15.209	< 0.0001	5.820	3.240,10.454	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	27.088	18.008,40.748	< 0.0001	15.601	9.251,26.310	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	4.719	4.002,5.564	< 0.0001	4.495	3.595,5.619	< 0.0001
CWR	Q1 vs. Q2	4.505	2.766,7.338	< 0.0001	2.607	1.294,5.252	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	10.160	6.395,16.142	< 0.0001	6.331	3.334,12.019	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	23.428	14.771,37.159	< 0.0001	20.841	11.261,38.569	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	4.258	3.655,4.960	< 0.0001	5.922	4.656,7.533	< 0.0001

	Quartile	Ischemic Heart Disease			Cerebrovascular Disease		
		OR	95% CI	P-value	OR	95% CI	P-value
BMI	Q1 vs. Q2	2.237	1.105,4.530	< 0.0001	2.237	1.105,4.530	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	4.834	2.392,9.797	< 0.0001	4.834	2.392,9.767	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	5.602	2.842,11.042	< 0.0001	5.602	2.842,11.042	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	1.966	1.305,2.962	0.0012	1.944	1.305,2.896	0.0011
WHtR	Q1 vs. Q2	2.665	1.005,7.064	< 0.0001	2.665	1.005,7.064	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	4.862	1.939,12.191	< 0.0001	4.862	1.939,12.191	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	7.642	3.230,18.007	< 0.0001	7.642	3.230,18.007	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	2.444	1.540,3.879	< 0.0001	3.610	2.354,5.537	< 0.0001
CWR	Q1 vs. Q2	1.130	0.337,3.789	< 0.0001	1.781	0.590,5.374	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	3.789	1.421,10.101	< 0.0001	3.545	1.282,9.806	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	6.229	2.445,15.864	< 0.0001	10.081	3.803,26.721	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	2.444	1.540,3.879	< 0.0001	4.284	2.580,7.115	< 0.0001

	Quartile	Renal Insufficiency			Dyslipidemia		
		OR	95% CI	P-value	OR	95% CI	P-value
BMI	Q1 vs. Q2	7.272	1.241,42.599	0.0629	3.719	2.253,6.138	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	2.175	0.345,13.695	0.0629	8.440	5.316,13.400	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	8.259	1.419,48.058	0.0629	11.900	7.586,18.668	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	2.362	0.987,5.654	0.0537	2.718	2.235,3.305	< 0.0001
WHtR	Q1 vs. Q2	1.222	0.180,8.321	0.3415	2.872	1.655,4.983	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	0.753	0.111,5.109	0.3415	7.037	4.167,11.888	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	3.300	0.640,17.013	0.3415	11.439	6.810,19.215	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	3.342	1.288,8.670	0.0131	3.121	2.526,3.856	< 0.0001
CWR	Q1 vs. Q2	0.702	0.083,5.969	0.3415	3.909	2.398,6.374	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q3	3.064	0.396,23.724	0.3415	7.669	4.688,12.546	< 0.0001
	Q1 vs. Q4	3.221	0.444,23.379	0.3415	12.811	7.831,20.959	< 0.0001
	Q123 vs. Q4	1.939	0.750,5.011	0.1716	3.012	2.373,3.823	< 0.0001

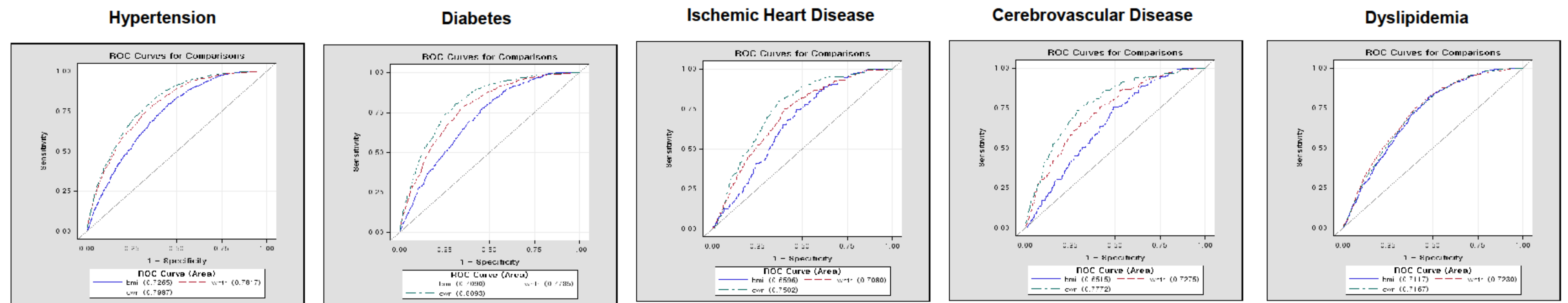
### The relationship between indices and diseases

	Hypertension			Diabetes		
	No	Yes	P-value	No	Yes	P-value
BMI	22.21±0.06	25.25±0.11	< 0.001	22.47±0.06	25.25±0.17	< 0.001
WHtR	0.47±0.00	0.54±0.00	< 0.001	0.48±0.00	0.55±0.00	< 0.001
CWR	16063±68	18663±100	< 0.001	16266±69	19082±136	< 0.001

	Cerebrovascular Disease			Renal Insufficiency		
	No	Yes	P-value	No	Yes	P-value
BMI	22.58±0.06	24.54±0.25	< 0.0001	22.60±0.06	24.51±1.05	0.0704
WHtR	0.48±0.00	0.54±0.01	< 0.0001	0.48±0.00	0.52±0.02	0.0393
CWR	16373±72	19079±209	< 0.0001	16399±72	17874±607	0.0180

	Ischemic Heart Disease			Dyslipidemia		
	No	Yes	P-value	No	Yes	P-value
BMI	22.58±0.06	24.70±0.29	< 0.0001	22.45±0.06	25.13±0.16	< 0.001
WHtR	0.48±0.00	0.53±0.01	< 0.0001	0.48±0.00	0.53±0.00	< 0.001
CWR	16377±72	18545±196	< 0.0001	16298±72	18151±121	< 0.001

### Receiver-operating characteristic curves of indices



### Difference in the area under the receiver-operating characteristics curve between WHtR and CWR

Sex	Disease	Improvement in AUC (CWR - WHtR)			
		Mean	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value
All	Hypertension	0.017	0.00982	0.0242	< 0.001
	Diabetes	0.0368	0.0252	0.0484	< 0.001
	Ischemic Heart Disease	0.0422	0.0214	0.0631	< 0.001
	Cerebrovascular Disease	0.0497	0.0283	0.0711	< 0.001
	Dyslipidemia	-0.00629	-0.0176	0.00503	0.2764
	Hypertension	0.0389	0.0273	0.0505	< 0.001
Male	Diabetes	0.0581	0.0412	0.0751	< 0.001
	Ischemic Heart Disease	0.057	0.028	0.0881	0.0003
	Cerebrovascular Disease	0.0747	0.0435	0.1059	< 0.001
	Dyslipidemia	0.0214	0.0026	0.0402	0.0257
	Hypertension	0.00036	-0.0079	0.00982	0.932
	Diabetes	0.0145	0.00252	0.0266	0.0178
Female	Ischemic Heart Disease	0.0235	-0.00152	0.0486	0.0856
	Cerebrovascular Disease	0.0158	-0.00963	0.0412	0.2239
	Dyslipidemia	-0.0125	-0.0252	0.000242	0.0545

### Comparison of the area under the receiver-operating characteristics curve for indices

Disease	Sex	Index	Mean AUC	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	P-value when compare with BMI
Hypertension	All	BMI	0.7265	0.7143	0.7387	
		WHtR	0.7817	0.7703	0.7930	< 0.0001
		CWR	0.7987	0.7879	0.8094	< 0.0001
	Male	BMI	0.6948	0.6762	0.7133	
		WHtR	0.7354	0.7169	0.7540	< 0.0001
		CWR	0.7743	0.7574	0.7913	< 0.0001
Female	BMI	0.7518	0.7358	0.7678		
	WHtR	0.8174	0.8037	0.8311	< 0.0001	
	CWR	0.8178	0.8040	0.8315	< 0.0001	
Diabetes	All	BMI	0.7090	0.6901	0.7278	
		WHtR	0.7735	0.7557	0.7913	< 0.0001
		CWR	0.8093	0.7933	0.8253	< 0.0001
	Male	BMI	0.6748	0.6464	0.7033	
		WHtR	0.7376	0.7089	0.7663	< 0.0001
		CWR	0.7957	0.7711	0.8204	< 0.0001
Female	BMI	0.7376	0.7129	0.7624		
	WHtR	0.8054	0.7838	0.8271	< 0.0001	
	CWR	0.8200	0.7987	0.8412	< 0.0001	

Disease	Sex	Index	Improvement in AUC (CWR - WHtR)		
			Mean	Lower 95%	Upper 95%
Ischemic Heart Disease	All	BMI	0.7265	0.7143	0.7387
		WHtR	0.7817	0.7703	0.7930
		CWR	0.7987	0.7879	0.8094
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