Reviewer's report

**Title:** Attenuation of microvascular function in those with cardiovascular disease is similar in patients of Indian Asian and European descent

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This is an interesting pilot study and is the first to compare the microvascular function between Indian Asians and subjects of European descent.

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

It is interesting that microvascular function did not show any significant correlations with any established vascular risk factor except HbA1c and insulin. The authors should comment on this finding. Did microvascular function as assessed by the method used in this study (skin Laser doppler fluximetry) correlate with vascular risk factors in previous studies? If not, this might be a limitation of the method since it might suggest that it is not an appropriate predictor of atherosclerotic vascular disease. Please make a comment on this issue.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.