Reviewer's report

**Title:** Abdominal obesity largely explains the high CRP in Indigenous Australians relative to the general population, but not gender differences: a cross-sectional study

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**Reviewer:** Jared Reis

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Abstract:
Results: the last sentence is unclear as written. The reader will not understand what is meant by “population”

Introduction:
Last paragraph is written in the past tense and future tense.

Methods:
CRP concentrations were measured with two different assays. Have these assays been compared? Could this contribute to differences in CRP concentrations between the two study populations?

Results:
Seems to be a typo in the age categories in table 2.
It is not clear how the authors came to the conclusion that differences in waist circumferences between the two study populations explained the high CRP concentrations among the DRUID population since separate models adjusted and unadjusted for waist circumference are not presented.

**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:**
No competing interests.