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Comments about Version 2:

Minor revisions:

(1) Page 9, line 4 (comment on Table 1): "In women, overweight was highest in 65+ year olds...."
-- This has been corrected.

(2) Page 15, line 2: A potential selection bias may have resulted in an underestimated prevalence of chronic diseases as well.
-- This has been added.

Discretionary revision:

(3) Page 16, last paragraph: the authors could add that in order to inform public health interventions, the interventions should be precisely defined in the estimations (see Hernan & Taubman, International Journal of Obesity 2008, PMID: 18695657). However, this comment applies to many other studies with PAFs.
-- This has been added.

All other revisions requested in the first review are acceptable in my view.

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.