Reviewer's report

Title: Population attributable fraction of type 2 diabetes due to physical inactivity in adults: a systematic review

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Khan et al are trying to qualitatively synthesize the evidence from a limited number of studies which are completely heterogeneous in the design and data synthesis. PAF for physical inactivity varies widely and a major part of the manuscript is trying to explain the diversity of PAF estimate. Unfortunately there is not a clear meaningful conclusion on the relation of physical inactivity and DM2.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests in relation to the specific paper.

I have given talks, attended conferences, received consulting fees, and participated in clinical trials sponsored by industry (Novartis, Sanofi, AstraZeneca/BMS, MSD, Vianex, Boehringer Ing, Plus Pharmaceutical).