Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of obesity and abdominal obesity in the Swiss population

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-The study cannot be generalizable to the whole country, and the title should be revised.
-More data about the correlations should be added to the "Abstract"
-The sampling method should be described in brief in the "Abstract"
-The "Background" is not informative.
-The mean(SD) of variables studied should be provided.
-In Table 2, higher physical activity should be considered as reference to show the possible risk of sedentary lifestyle in comparison to a more active lifestyle.
-The "Discussion" is weak, and needs to be re-written in many parts.
-The study limitations should be described before "COnclusion".
-The interpretation of the findings of the study is weak.
-Some of the columns in the tables have no heading.
-The English should be revised by a native writr.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests