Reviewer's report

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The authors synthesized the information from 10 articles on waist circumference associated with pulmonary function and concluded that abdominal obesity has a detrimental effect on pulmonary function. The analysis is properly done. The work provides useful information but can be improved by providing more discussion and clarification on different adiposity measures, body size and lung function measures, and associated mechanisms.