Reviewer’s report

Title: Sarcopenic obesity and physical performance in middle aged women: A cross-sectional study in Northeast Brazil.

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This manuscript is much improved from the original version I reviewed. A few queries arose in the current review of this manuscript. These are minor essential revisions, in my view.

1. The manuscript will benefit from revision of English expression. For example, paragraphs should not start with statements such as “In addition, …”. Also, the word ‘Though’ on line 99 should be ‘Although’, and “painful processes” would be more appropriate as “painful conditions”.

2. The definition of “(3MW = R$ 2.034/$ 750)” is still unclear. What exactly does this mean? Isn’t 3MW just 3 times the minimum monthly wage? If yes, this should be stated explicitly. Do you mean to say that this number, 3 x MW, is 2.035 Brazilian Real, which is equivalent to US$750?

3. On lines 419 – 423, can ‘small’ be defined in objective terms? How do these ‘small’ changes reported in the literature compare to the ‘small’ changes reported in the current study?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 declare that I have no competing interests