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Table 1:

Table 1 Legend: Summary of studies included in the meta-analysis (n = 13 data sets representing 14 identified records).

Study	Number of participants	Age range	Parameters of interest measured	Adiposity classifications of interest data available for
Alvarez et al. (2006) [10]	388	12-19 years	TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c, glucose, insulin.	BMI, UW/NW, OW/Ob (females only)
Burke et al. (2004) [11]	1,310	12 years	SBP, DBP.	BMI, UW/NW, OW/Ob (separated by sex)
Chiolero et al. (2006) [12]	7,804	11-18 years	SBP, DBP.	BMI. All classifications for both sexes (raw data provided)
Cobayashi et al. 2010) [13]	321	14-19 years	SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c, insulin.	BMI. All classifications for both sexes (raw data provided)
Duncan et al. (2011) [14]	622	11-14 years	SBP, DBP.	BMI. All classifications for both sexes (raw data provided)
Jung et al. (2010) (also represents Jung et al. (2009)) [15]	77	13-17 years	TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c.	BMI, WC, WHtR. All classifications, males only (raw data provided)
Klein-Platat et al. (2005) [16]	120	12 years	SBP, DBP, TG, HDL-c, glucose, insulin.	BMI, UW/NW, OW/Ob (sexes combined)
Kollias et al. (2009) [17]	558	12-17 years	SBP, DBP.	BMI. All classifications for both sexes (raw data provided)
Lurbe et al. (2006) [18]	465	11-18 years	SBP, DBP.	BMI, UW/NW, OW (sexes combined)
Manios et al. (2005) [19]	510	12-13 years	TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c.	BMI, NW, OW/Ob (separated by sex)
Martinez-Gomez et al.	425	13-18.5 years	TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c, glucose.	BMI, UW/NW, OW/Ob (sexes combined)

(2010) [20]				
Musso et al.	966	11-19	SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c,	BMI, WC, WHtR. All classifications for both
(2011) [21]		years	LDL-c, glucose, insulin.	sexes (raw data provided)
Sur et al.				
(2005) [22]	1,044	12-13	TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c.	BMI, UW/NW, OW/Ob (separated by sex)
		years		

N.B. Manios et al. 2005 and Sur et al. 2005 include data from the same population. However, as the method for subdividing the data within each study was different these two studies were never included in the same analysis and so both studies were retained.

BMI = Body mass index; WC = Waist circumference; WHtR = Waist to height ratio; SBP = Systolic blood pressure; DBP = Diastolic blood pressure; TC = Total cholesterol; TG = Triglycerides; HDL-c = High density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-c = Low density lipoprotein cholesterol.

Table 2:

Table 3 Legend: Quality assessment of studies included in the meta-analysis (n = 13).

Study	Quality assessment item (low, medium or high risk)					Overall assessment (High, medium or low risk)
	Study sample selection	Outcome assessment	Attrition Bias	Reporting Bias	Suitability of methods	
Alvarez et al. 2006 [10]	LOW	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH
Burke et al. 2004 [11]	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Chiolero et al. 2006 [12]	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Cobayashi et al. 2010 [13]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Duncan et al. 2011 [14]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Jung et al. 2010 [15]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Klein Platat et al. 2005 [17]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Kollias et al. 2009 [17]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
Lurbe et al. 2006 [18]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Manios et al. 2005 [19]	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH
Martinez-Gomez et al. 2010 [20]	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH
Musso et al. 2011 [21]	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Sur et al. 2005 [22]	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH

Supplementary Table 1: Mean differences in triglyceride levels between normal weight and overweight/obese groups when waist circumference was used as an adiposity index.

	No studies (No participants)	Mean difference, mmol·L ⁻¹ (95% CI)	Heterogeneity, I ²	Test for overall effect
All	2 (1,027)	-0.16 (-0.28 to -0.04)	68%	Z = 2.60 P = 0.009
Males	2 (597)	-0.22 (-0.30 to -0.14)	0%	Z = 5.41 P < 0.00001
Females	1 (430)	-0.07 (-0.16 to 0.02)	n/a	Z = 1.54 P = 0.12

Supplementary Table 2: Mean differences in triglyceride levels between normal weight (<0.5) and overweight (≥0.5) groups defined using waist to height ratio.

	No studies (No participants)	Mean difference, mmol·L ⁻¹ (95% CI)	Heterogeneity, I ²	Test for overall effect
All	2 (1,035)	-0.42 (-0.59 to -0.24)	0%	Z = 4.65 P < 0.00001
Males	2 (600)	-0.41 (-0.65 to -0.17)	39%	Z = 3.34 P = 0.0008
Females	1 (435)	-0.32 (-1.02 to 0.38)	n/a	Z = 0.89 P = 0.37

Supplementary Table 3: Summary of included studies.

Study	Number of participants (in eligible subgroups)	Age	Key findings of study in relation to the current review
Adams et al. (2008) {1}	4,263	14-18 years	Participants who were Ob by BMI were 6.9 times more likely to have elevated blood pressure than NW participants. There was a significant association between degree of OW (by BMI) and blood pressure.
Agyemang et al. (2009) {2}	855	12-17 years	BMI significantly related to SBP and DBP in all ethnic groups tested (except Maroon participants).
Al-Sendi et al. (2007) {3}	504	12-17 years	Significant relationships for both BMI and WC with SBP and DBP in males and females. Both SBP and DBP significantly higher in individuals with BMI \geq 85 th percentile compared to those with BMI < 85 th percentile. Those in highest tertile for WC 7.33 times more likely to have hypertension compared to those in lowest tertile. Relationships similar when BMI or WC used.
Alvarez et al. (2006) {4}	388	12-19 years	No significant differences between OW and non-OW groups (classified by BMI) for TC, TG, LDL-c or HDL-c (study included females only).
Baba et al. (2007) {5}	39,848	15-16 years	BMI significantly related to SBP and DBP in males and females. BMI quintile had a significant effect on SBP and DBP with all quintiles significantly different to lowest quintile in males and quintiles 3-5 significantly different to lowest for SBP and highest quintile significantly different to lowest for DBP in females.
Barath et al. (2010) {6}	14,290	11-16 years	BMI significantly related to SBP and DBP in males and females. OW and Ob adolescents had BP levels on

			average 11-6 mmHg (P < 0.001) greater than non-OW adolescents.
Benmohammed et al. (2011) {7}	305	12-19 years	Rates of hypertension and pre-hypertension significantly different between Ob and OW adolescents (classified by BMI). SBP significantly different between OW and Ob participants. DBP no different between these groups.
Bergstrom et al. (1996) {8}	1,032	14 or 17 years	All relationships (in males and females for both age groups) for BMI and WC with Insulin, TG, TC, HDL-c, LDL-c and SBP significant (except between both BMI and WC with SBP in 14 year old and 17 year old females). Relationship sizes similar when BMI or WC used.
Bermingham et al. (1995) {9}	144	15-18 years	No significant differences between adiposity groups (classified by BMI) for TC or HDL-c.
Bindler and Daratha (2012) {10}	151	11-14 years	SBP, DBP, TG and HDL-c significantly different between Ob and non-Ob groups (classified by BMI). TC and LDL-c no different between these groups. Odds ratios for elevated levels of these risk factors in Ob v non-Ob were 0.98 for TC, 2.56 for HDL-c, 1.41 for LDL-c, 2.48 for TG, 6.02 for SBP and 2.85 for DBP.
Bindler et al. (2012) {11}	150	11-14 years	HDL-c, TG, SBP and DBP significantly different between Ob and non-Ob groups (classified by BMI). TC and LDL-c no different between these groups.
Blackett et al. (2005) {12}	313	15-19 years	HDL-c significantly related to both BMI z-score and WC. Relationship slightly stronger with WC than BMI in Males though very similar magnitude for each in females.
Blackett et al. (1996) {13}	29	15-19 years	TC and LDL-c significantly different in highest BMI quartile compared to lowest BMI quartile.
Brasileiro et al. (2005) {14}	1,420	15-19 years	TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and insulin significantly different in non-OW participants compared to OW (classified by

BMI). Glucose no different between groups.			
Brophy et al. (2012) {15}	1,147	11-13 years	Ob participants significantly more likely to have high BP, high TC, high fasting glucose and high fasting insulin than non-Ob participants (classified by BMI).
Burke et al. (2004) {16}	1,310	12 years	DBP inversely associated with BMI with DBP lower in OW/Ob group than non-OW group. No association between BMI and SBP.
Cao et al. (2012) {17}	88,974	12-17 years	SBP and DBP significantly different between all adiposity classification groups (NW, OW and Ob; classified by BMI) in males and females. OR (in males and females respectively) for hypertension using SBP in OW v NW 3.7 and 4.5, and in Ob v NW 14.2 and 19.4. For hypertension using DBP in OW v NW OR 2.1 and 2.3 and in Ob v NW 6.2 and 11.8.
Caserta et al. (2010) {18}	646	11-13 years	Ob males significantly more likely to have low HDL-c, High LDL-c, High TG and high insulin than NW males. OW males significantly more likely to have low HDL, high TG and high insulin than NW males. Ob and OW females significantly more likely to have low HDL, high TG and high insulin than NW females. All adiposity classifications using BMI.
Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (2010) {19}	3,125	12-19 years	OW v NW (classified by BMI) 1.4 times more likely to have high LDL-c, 1.9 times more likely to have low HDL-c and 2.4 times more likely to have high TG; rising to 2.5, 4.8 and 4.1 respectively for OB v NW.
Chiolero et al. (2006) {20}	7,804	11-12 or 17-18 years	OR for high BP versus NW 4.5 (2.8-7.3) and 10.2 (6.0-17.2) for OW and Ob (classified by BMI) respectively in 11-12 year old males. OR for same comparisons in 17-18 year old males 4.0 (2.7-6.0) and 4.4 (2.4-7.9); in 11-12 year old females 3.00 (2.0-4.4) and 10.1 (6.6-15.5); and in 17-18 year old females 3.8 (2.6-5.5) and 9.3 (5.9-14.5)
Chu et al. (1998) {21}	1,366	12-16	SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and glucose

		years	significantly different between non-Ob and Ob groups (classified by BMI) in both males and females (except LDL-c and glucose in females).
Chu et al. (2000) {22}	1,264	12-16 years	BMI significantly associated with SBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and insulin in males and females.
Chu et al. (2003) {23}	1,032	12-16 years	SBP, DBP, TG, HDL-c, glucose and insulin significantly different between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI) in males and females. TC significantly different between same groups only in Males.
Chu et al. (2002) {24}	1,184	12-16 years	Insulin significantly different between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI) in both males and females.
Chu et al. (2001) {25}	1,265	12-16 years	BMI strongly associated with both SBP and DBP in males and females.
Cobayashi et al. (2010) {26}	321	14-19 years	Crude OR in OW versus NW (classified by BMI) significant for abnormal SBP (OR not reported), abnormal DBP (OR not reported), pre-hypertension or hypertension (OR = 4.15, 2.09-8.24), high TG (3.62, 1.31-10.01), HDL-c (4.17, 1.65-10.51) and insulin (9.94, 4.72-20.91). OR non-significant for TC and LDL-c between the same groups.
Cook et al. (2003) {27}	2,430	12-19 years	The prevalence of high TG, low HDL-c and elevated BP was higher in OW than NW participants (classified by BMI) and higher still in Ob participants than OW participants. High glucose was more prevalent in OW than both NW and Ob groups. The only groups where the 95% confidence interval did not overlap were in OW and Ob compared to NW for both TG and HDL-c, and for Ob v NW for BP (though no statistical analysis was performed between these groups).
de Oliveira et al. (2001) {28}	80	12-18 years	BMI and WC related to HDL-c in males. BMI related to SBP, DBP and TC whilst WC related to SBP, DBP, TC, HDL-c and LDL-c in females. TG not related to BMI or

			WC in either sex. Relationships were stronger with WC than BMI for most variables.
Denney-Wilson et al. (2008) {29}	496	15-16 years	OW and Ob groups classified by either BMI or WC had higher BP, TG, LDL-c and insulin levels and lower HDL-c than NW participants. There was little difference in the ability of BMI or WC to predict this.
Dhuper et al. (2009) {30}	353	12-19 years	WC and WHtR significantly correlated with HDL-c (inversely) and TG but not TC or LDL-c. BMI z-score significantly correlated with HDL-c (inversely), TG and LDL-c but not TC. No clear difference in ability of BMI, WC or WHtR to predict CVD.
Dinç et al. (2009) {31}	1,346	15-18 years	OR for hypertension from different models between 1.48 and 10.07 in OW group v NW and between 1.18 and 19.89 for Ob group v "NW" participants (classified using BMI).
Duncan et al. (2011) {32}	622	11-14 years	BMI significantly related to, and a significant predictor of, SBP and DBP. SBP significantly different across all weight status groups (classified by BMI). DBP significantly different between all weight classification groups except between OW and Ob groups.
Ford et al. (2006) {33}	1,791	12-19 years	BMI was associated with insulin concentration in males, females and in all participants combined.
Freedman et al. (1999) {34}	5,568	11-17 years	SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and insulin all significantly related to BMI. OR for OW compared to not OW in 11-12 year olds for elevated CVD risk factors were: SBP = 2.8, DBP = 2.0, TC = 2.0, TG = 7.3, HDL-c = 3.6, LDL-c = 2.6 and insulin = 16.1. In 13-14 year olds: SBP = 2.5, DBP = 2.3, TC = 3.4, TG = 8.7, HDL-c = 4.9, LDL-c = 6.6 and insulin = 10.7. In 15-17 year olds: SBP = 2.9, DBP = 0.8, TC = 2.8, TG = 6.5, HDL-c = 1.8, LDL-c = 2.5 and insulin = 11.1.
Freedman et al. (1997) {35}	160	12-19 years	BMI significantly related to SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c and LDL-c in males and females (except for TC and

LDL-c in females).

Frontini et al. (2001) {36}	4,917	12-13 years	BMI significantly related to SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c, glucose and insulin in white and black males and females, with the exceptions of glucose in white females and black females and TC in black males and black females.
Galhotra et al. (2009) {37}	866	11-16 years	BMI associated with DBP in males and females combined.
Ghannem et al. (2003) {38}	1,569	13-19 years	SBP, TC, TG and HDL-c significantly different in OW and OB groups compared to NW groups (classified using BMI) in males and females, with the exception of TC in Ob females.
Gillum (1989) {39}	6,768	12-14 & 15-17 years	BMI and WC only significantly correlated to TC in white, 15-17 year old males and white 15-17 year old females. No association in 12-14 year olds of any sex or ethnicity or in black 15-17 year old males or females.
Gillum (1999) {40}	7,987	12-19 years	Strength of relation with HDL-c and TC similar for both BMI and WC, a finding consistent in both sexes and across racial groups.
Goel et al. (2010) {41}	1,022	14-19 years	WC superior indicator of diastolic hypertension and overall hypertension with OR for diastolic hypertension in highest quartile versus lowest quartile 7.38 (2.25 – 24.47) compared to 2.75 (1.08 – 7.03) for the same comparison using BMI. OR for systolic hypertension very similar for both methods.
Goodman et al. (2005) {42}	1,578	12-18 years	BMI and WC both significantly correlated with TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c, glucose and insulin with little difference in the strength of the relationship for any of the variables.
Guimaraes et al. (2008) {43}	536	11-18 years	Prevalence ratios for high SBP and high DBP higher for BMI (OW v non-OW) than WC (OW v non-OW). 85 th percentile used as cut-off for BMI however and 75 th percentile for WC which will have contributed to this.

Gungor et al. (2005) {44}	62	13-16 years*	SBP, DBP, TC, HDL-c and LDL-c significantly different between NW and Ob groups (classified using BMI). No difference between groups for TG.
Gutin et al. (2007) {45}	464	14-18 years	BMI and WC both related to SBP, TG and insulin. Strength of association comparable for both measures.
Gutin et al. (2005) {46}	398	15-18 years	BMI and WC both significantly related to TG. Strength of relationship identical ($r^2 = 0.14$ for both).
Hakim et al. (1997) {47}	102	11-16 years	BMI significantly related to both TC and TG.
Harding et al. (2006) {48}	6,365	11-13 years	DBP in upper tertile for both BMI and WC significantly different to lower tertile in all ethnic groups for both males and females. No clear difference when using BMI compared to when using WC.
Harding et al. (2008) {49}	6,644	11-13 years	OR of having high SBP in OW v non-OW participants (classified by BMI) 2.50 and 3.39 for males and females respectively and in OB v non-OW OR were 4.31 and 5.68 respectively. For high DBP OR (for males and females respectively) were 2.50 and 1.66 for OW and 5.74 and 5.05 for Ob v non-OW.
Hsieh et al. (2003) {50}	852	12-16 years	BMI significantly related to fasting plasma insulin levels in both males and females.
Huang et al. (2011) {51}	1149	14 years	Relationships with SBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and insulin very similar magnitudes for BMI, WC and WHtR.
Israeli et al. (2006) {52}	560,588	16.5-19 years	Prevalence of hypertension significantly greater in those who were OW or Ob (classified by BMI) compared to those who were of "ideal weight".
Jago (2006) {53}	1,717	13-14 years	Odds of prehypertension, low HDL-c and high TG significantly different across adiposity groups (NW, OW and OB; classified by BMI) with all participants combined and when split by sex. Odds of hypertension only significant across groups for female participants, odds of high TC only significant across groups for male participants and odds of high LDL-c only significant

when all participants combined.

Jung et al. (2009) {54}	77	13-17 years	WC significantly associated with SBP, TG and HDL-c. BMI significantly associated with SBP and HDL-c but not TG. WC more strongly associated with HDL-c (as well as TG), though BMI slightly more strongly associated with SBP. Only used male participants.
Jung et al. (2010) {54}	77	13-17 years	SBP and HDL-c significantly different between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI), though no difference between these groups for TC, TG or LDL-c. Only used male participants.
Klein-Platat et al. (2005) {55}	120	12 years	TG, glucose and insulin significantly difference between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI), though no difference between these groups for SBP, DBP or HDL-c.
Kollias et al. (2009) {56}	558	12-17 years	BMI significantly associated with SBP in males and females, but only associated with DBP in females.
Kuzawa et al. (2003) {57}	608	14-16 years	BMI significantly correlated with TC, TG and LDL-c (but not HDL-c) in males and with TG, HDL-c and LDL-c (but not TC) in females.
Lavrador et al. (2011) {58}	80	14-19 years	SBP, DBP, TG, HDL-c, glucose and insulin significantly different in participants with BMI z-score <2.5 compared to those ≥ 2.5 . No difference between these groups for TC and LDL-c. OR between these groups significant for BP (OR = 3.6), TG (3.5), HDL-c (4.3) and glucose (3.6) but not for LDL-c or insulin and not reported for TC.
Lee et al. (2006) {59}	1,791	12-19 years	Insulin significantly different in both OW and Ob groups compared to NW (classified by BMI).
Li et al. (2005) {60}	3,026	7-17.9 years	Prevalence of hypertension, glycemia and hypertriglyceridemia significantly different between NW, OW and Ob groups (classified by BMI). No difference in prevalence of low HDL-c between groups. OR for hypertension (overall, systolic or diastolic) in OW and Ob groups compared to NW participants significant in

all cases.

Lindsay et al. (2001) {61}	985	15-19 years	HDL-c, glucose and insulin significantly related to BMI in males and females. TG significantly related to BMI in males only.
Lu et al. (2008) {62}	291	15 or 18 years	SBP, DBP, TG and HDL-c all significantly related to BMI. SBP, DBP and HDL-c levels significantly different in OW/Ob group versus non-OW group. TG no different between groups.
Lu et al. (2010) {63}	3,937	13-18 years	WC statistically significant predictor of fasting plasma glucose.
Lurbe et al. (2006) {64}	465	11-18 years	BP correlated with BMI in both males and females. SBP and DBP significantly different between all adiposity classification groups (non-Ob, OW, moderately-Ob and severely-Ob).
Lusky et al. (1996) {65}	110,000	17 years	BMI and hypertension positively associated (though specific details not reported). OR for prevalence of hypertension (versus NW) 2.8 (1.7 – 3.9) in mild OW and 13.1 (9.2 – 17.1) in severe OW participants.
Manios et al. (2005) {66}	510	12-13 years	BMI positively related to TG in both males and females. TC, TG and LDL-c significantly different in OW group compared to NW group in males with HDL-c no different. Only HDL-c was different between adiposity classification groups in females.
Marti and Vartiainen (1989) {67}	1,142	15 years	BMI significantly related to SBP and HDL-c in males and females.
Martinez-Gomez et al. (2010a) {68}	192	13-17 years	BMI and WC significantly associated with insulin levels but not with glucose. Magnitude of relationship similar for both methods.
Martinez-Gomez et al. (2010b) {69}	425	13-18.5 years	TG, HDL-c and LDL-c significantly different between non-OW and OW groups (classified by BMI). TC and glucose no different between these two groups.
Matsui et al. (1998)	418	12-13	BMI significantly associated with insulin.

{70}		years	
May et al. (2012) {71}	3,383	12-19 years	The prevalence of pre-hypertension or hypertension, borderline high/high LDL-c and low HDL-c was higher in OW than NW and in OB than OW and NW participants (classified by BMI). No statistical analyses relevant to these data were performed.
Mazicioglu et al. (2010) {72}	2,860	11-17 years	BMI, WC and WHtR significantly related to SBP and DBP in males and females. Strength of relationship similar for all methods.
McCarthy et al. (2008) {73}	199	11-12 years	TC significantly different between Ob and NW groups (classified by BMI). SBP and DBP significantly different between Ob and both NW and OW. OR in OB group compared to NW group for high SBP 3.42 (1.50-7.80), for high DBP 8.01 (3.11-20.63) and for hypertension 7.04 (3.00-16.50)
McCordle et al. (2010) {74}	20,719	14-15 years	BMI significantly related to BP and TC; relationship stronger with BP.
McFarlin et al. (2007) {75}	109	13 years	BMI z-score significantly and inversely associated with HDL-c (no other relevant association reported). TG, HDL-c and insulin significantly different between adiposity classification groups (using BMI). TC, LDL-c and glucose no different between groups.
McNiece et al. (2007) {76}	6,790	11-17 years	Adjusted OR for pre-hypertension versus NW (classified by BMI) 1.35 and 2.26 for OW and Ob respectively; OR for hypertension 1.39 and 4.26 for OW and Ob respectively.
Messiah et al. (2008) {77}	631	12-14 years	For SBP and TG prevalence increased in a dose respondent manner from NW through OW and Ob groups (classified by BMI). For DBP, HDL-c and glucose prevalence in NW participants was higher than in OW participants, though prevalence was still higher

			in the Ob group than both. The only groups for which 95%CI did not cross were between OB and both NW and OW groups for HDL-c and TG. No statistical comparison was made between groups.
Misra et al. (2006) {78}	1,214	14-18 years	Receiver operating characteristics area under the curve similar for BMI and WC when assessing ability to correctly identify participants with high fasting serum insulin; indicating greater than chance prediction for both. OR for high fasting serum insulin 5.2 and 4.9 in OW groups (versus NW) for BMI and WC respectively in males; and 3.2 and 2.2 for same comparisons in females.
Misra et al. (2004) {79}	250	14-18 years	BMI and WC both significantly related to fasting serum insulin (correlations adjusted for age). Magnitude of relationship very similar between methods in males though relationship stronger with BMI in females. OR for hyperinsulinemia in OW v NW 4.7 and 6.4 for BMI and WC respectively (sexes combined).
Moon et al. (2004) {80}	71	15-16 years	DBP significantly related to WC only. TG significantly related to BMI and WC with similar magnitude associations. No relationship between either method and SBP, TC, HDL-c or glucose (LDL-c correlations not reported). TG was significantly different between Ob and non-Ob groups (classified using BMI); no difference for SBP, DBP, TC, HDL-c, LDL-c or glucose.
Movahed et al. (2011) {81}	2,072	13-19 years	OR for high SBP 2.24 (1.46 – 3.45) in Ob v non-Ob participants (classified using BMI). OR for high DBP 2.10 (1.06 – 4.17) between same groups.
Musso et al. (2011) {82}	966	11-19 years	SBP, DBP, TG and HDL-c significantly different in OW/Ob group compared to non-OW/Ob group (classified by BMI). Glucose no different between groups.
Nichols and Cadogan	3,749	12-16	Significant positive relationship between BMI and both

(2006) {83}		years	SBP and DBP (magnitude not reported). OR for high SBP in OW v non-OW 5.22 (3.96 – 6.88) and OR for high DBP between same groups 2.63 (1.06 – 4.17).
Paradis et al. (2004) {84}	1,827	13 or 16 years	BMI and SBP significantly associated in 13 and 16 year old males and females. BMI only associated significantly with DBP in 16 year old males and 13 year old females (P = 0.06 in 13 year old males and 16 year old females).
Paterno (2003) {85}	2,599	12-19 years	TC and BP both correlated with BMI (magnitudes not reported). OR for high TC 1.26 (0.87 – 1.82) in OW v NW and 2.00 (1.10 – 3.66) in Ob v NW. OR for hypertension 2.9 (2.2 – 3.6) in OW v NW and 4.9 (3.1 – 4.9) in Ob v NW.
Perez Gomez and Huffman (2008) {86}	100	12-16 years	BP, TC, TG and LDL-c significantly different in OW v non-OW (classified by BMI) though no difference in HDL-c or glucose between these groups. Unable to calculate OR for high BP as no non-OW participants had high BP. OR for high TG and high LDL-c significant in OW v non-OW but non-significant for low HDL-c and impaired fasting glucose between same groups. OR for high TC not reported.
Petridou et al. (1995) {87}	307	12-18 years	BMI significantly associated with TC, TG, HDL-c and LDL-c.
Plachta-Danielzik et al. (2008) {88}	3,196	13-16 years	Non-adjusted BMI and WC were associated with all CVD risk factors in both sexes with very similar magnitudes of association for both adiposity indexes.
Rabbone et al. (2009) {89}	28	12-13 years*	SBP, TG, HDL-c and insulin levels significantly different between Ob and NW groups (classified by BMI). No difference between these groups for DBP, TC, LDL-c or glucose.
Rafraf et al. (2010) {90}	985	14-17 years	SBP and DBP both significantly associated with BMI (with age controlled for as a confounding factor).

Raftopoulos et al. (1999) {91}	110	15-18 years	BMI and WC both significantly associated with TC and HDL-c, though association for both CVD risk factors stronger with BMI.
Reich et al. (2003) {92}	1,651	11-12 or 15-16 years	OR for HTN with 1 kg·m ⁻² increase in BMI was 1.23 (1.14 – 1.34).
Riva et al. (2001) {93}	37	10-17 years*	BP, TG, HDL-c, glucose and insulin all significantly different in Ob groups versus NW group (classified by BMI). TC no different between these groups.
Roh et al. (2007) {94}	83	14-16 years	SBP, DBP, TG, HDL-c and LDL-c significantly different between Ob and non-Ob groups. TC no different between groups.
Rosa et al. (2007) {95}	456	12-17 years	Prevalence ratios for hypertension 2.38 (1.03 – 5.47), 2.94 (1.27 – 2.82) and 4.22 (1.85 – 9.65) using three different BMI classification criteria (point of increased likelihood of >3 CVD risk factors in white people and black people respectively and 90 th percentile for a Brazilian population). Prevalence ratio for WC (with 75 th percentile as cut-off point between groups) 2.66 (1.13 – 6.25).
Rosenbaum et al. (2004) {96}	72	13-14 years	Fasting insulin significantly different between OW and non-OW group (classified by BMI). Glucose no different between these groups.
Salvadori et al. (2008) {97}	252	13-17 years	OR for prehypertension 2.0 (0.8-5.0) in OW v NW and 3.2 (1.1 – 9.0) in Ob v NW classified by BMI. OR for hypertension 5.9 (1.8 – 19.8) and 5.9 (1.5 – 24.3) in OW and Ob versus NW respectively.
Sangi and Mueller (1991) {98}	6,768	12-17 years	SBP and DBP significantly related to BMI and WC in black and white participants of both sexes whether sexually mature or immature. TC only related to BMI in white boys (whether sexually mature or not) and with WC in sexually mature white boys; not related to BMI or WC in any other group. Magnitude of relationship within

each group similar for both BMI and WC with all variables.

Schuster et al. (1998) {99}	60	11-15 years*	Study population divided into NW black, Ob black, NW white and Ob white (classified by BMI). TC significantly different in NW black compared to all groups, TG between Ob black and all groups and insulin between OB black and both NW groups and between Ob white and both NW groups. HDL-c and glucose showed no significant differences between any groups.
Schwandt et al. (2010) {100}	3,038	12-18 years	BMI (<90 th percentile v ≥ 90 th percentile) significant predictor of hypertension (OR = 4.9 (2.8 – 8.4)) and elevated glucose (1.8 (1.2 – 2.7)). WC (<90 th percentile v ≥ 90 th percentile) significantly predicted low HDL-c (OR = 1.7, 1.1 – 2.8) and WHtR (<0.5 v ≥ 0.5) significantly predicted high LDL-c (OR = 3.0, 1.7 – 5.3). None of the adiposity indexes predicted TG.
Sharp et al. (2003) {101}	115	13-18 years	BMI and WC both significantly associated with SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, glucose and insulin. For TG, HDL-c and insulin the magnitude of association was stronger with WC. SBP and DBP had a stronger association with BMI whilst there was not much difference between the two adiposity indexes for TC and glucose.
Sinaiko et al. (2001) {102}	357	10-14 years	BMI significantly associated with SBP, TC, TG, HDL-c and LDL-c in males but only SBP and HDL-c in females.
Sinaiko et al. (2002) {103}	357	10-14 years	SBP significantly associated with both BMI and WC in black and white, males and females. Relationship slightly stronger with BMI in males but stronger with WC in females. DBP not significantly associated with either

adiposity index in any groups.			
Steffen et al. (2008) {104}	264	10-14 years	SBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and insulin significantly different between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI). Glucose not significantly different between groups (P = 0.05).
Steinberger et al. (2005) {105}	130	10-14 years	BMI significantly associated with SBP, TG, HDL-c and insulin.
Stray-Pedersen et al. (2009) {106}	2,825	15-18 years	OR for systolic hypertension 3.3 (0.5 -21.5) and 11.4 (1.6-82.0) in OW and Ob versus NW (classified by BMI) Argentinian participants. OR for diastolic hypertension 4.5 (1.2–17.3) and 2.2 (0.4-10.8) in same cohort. In the Norwegian sample OR for systolic hypertension in OW and Ob versus NW were 3.8 (2.7-5.4) and 28.3 (11.3-67.7) respectively and for diastolic hypertension were 1.0 (0.1-8.2) and 5.1 (0.6-42.4) between the same groups.
Stringer et al. (2009) {107}	77	12-15 years	LDL-c significantly different in Ob group compared to non-Ob group (classified by BMI). SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c, glucose and insulin no different between groups.
Sugiyama et al. (2007) {108}	4,508	12-19 years	BMI z-score significantly associated with SBP (positively) and DBP (negatively) when diet and physical activity are controlled for.
Sur et al. (2005) {109}	1,044	12-13 years	BMI significantly associated with TG in males and females, but not with TC, HDL-c or LDL-c. TC, TG and LDL-c significantly different in OW v NW males (classified by BMI) though HDL-c no different between these groups. TG and HDL-c significantly different between OW and NW females, though no difference between these groups for TC or LDL-c.
Turconi et al. (2007) {110}	532	14-17 years	SBP and DBP significantly associated with BMI and WC in males and females. BMI strongest predictor of SBP in both sexes. Neither BMI nor WC reported as

stronger predictor of DBP in either sex.

Ullrich-French et al. (2010) {111}	153	11-15 years	BMI percentile and WHtR both significantly associated with SBP and DBP. Magnitude of association very similar for both.
Vikram et al. (2004) {112}	62	14-18 years	SBP, TG and insulin significantly different between NW and OW groups (classified by BMI). DBP, TC, HDL-c, LDL-c and glucose no different between these groups.
Wang et al. (2008) {113}	1,022	12-18 years	BMI significantly related to SBP in both sexes but only to DBP in female participants. OR for high SBP, based on BMI classification, 1.30 (1.13-1.51) in males and 1.25 (1.11-1.41) in females. OR for high DBP 1.08 (0.97-1.21; non-significant) in males and 1.34 (1.17-1.54) in females.
Williams et al. (2005) {114}	915	12-19 years	Prevalence of impaired fasting glucose significantly different in NW v Ob and OW v Ob but not in NW v OW groups (classified by BMI). Prevalence between those with WHtR < 95 th percentile compared to those ≥ 95 th percentile was also significantly different, with a greater magnitude than the between group differences when classified by BMI.
Yamamoto-Kimura et al. (2006) {115}	3,121	12-16 years	With the exception of TC and LDL-c in males and females in urban, private schools BMI and WC were significantly associated with all CVD risk factors (SBP, DBP, TC, TG, HDL-c and LDL-c) in all groups. In most groups for most CVD risk factors the magnitude of relationships was comparable for BMI and WC.
Zhou et al. (2010) {116}	269	13-19 years	DBP significantly related to BMI in male participants and SBP significantly associated with BMI in female participants. All other relationships (TC, TG, HDL-c, LDL-c and glucose in both sexes plus SBP in males and DBP in females with BMI) were non-significant.

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