



#### Review

#### Physical Activity Measurement Methodologies: A Systematic Review in the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

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#### Summary

- Systematic review of the methodologies used to estimate PA in countries within the ASEAN group (10 countries)
- 2. Distilled amount of PA research within the ASEAN group
- 3. Offered discussion points & directions for future PA research

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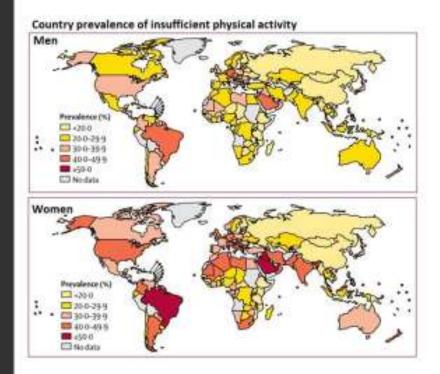
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## Background

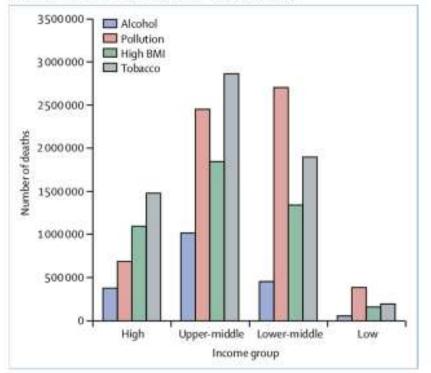
HI countries have twice the prevalence of physical inactivity (not meeting PA guidelines) than LI countries



Guthold et al (2018) Worldwide trends in insufficient physical activity from 2001 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 358 populationbased surveys with 1.9 million participants. Lancet Glob Health 2018; 6: e1077–86

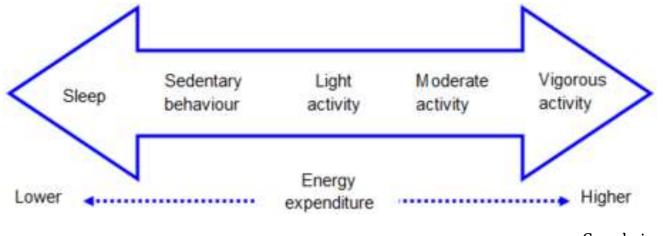
## Country income & NCD mortality

Global Burden of Disease 2015 study



Fuller et al (2018). Pollution and non-communicable disease: time to end the neglect. The Lancet Planetary Health. 2, e96-e98

## Discerning physical inactivity & sedentary behaviour- they are NOT the same

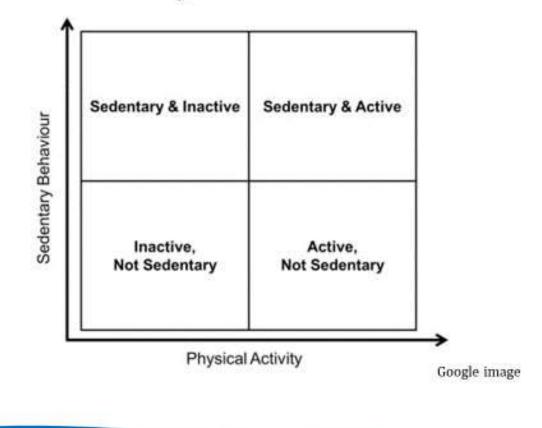


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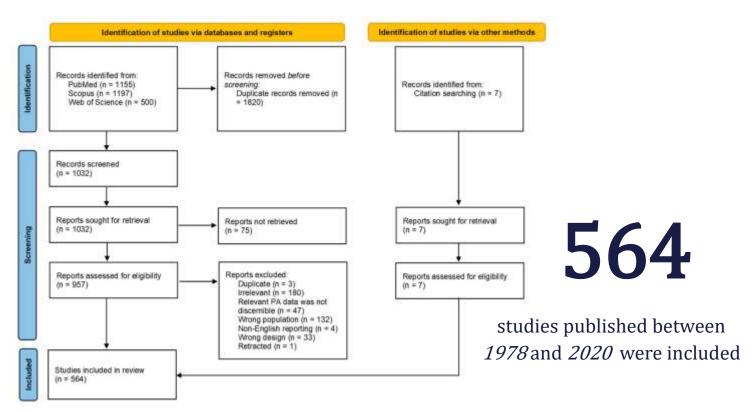
- 1. Physical inactivity- means *NOT meeting specific PA guidelines for age*
- 2. Sedentary behaviour means *engaging in activities using low energy of less than 1.5 METs when awake in a lying, sitting or reclining posture*
- 3. 1 MET is the energy expenditure when sitting quietly at rest

Thivel et al (2018) Physical Activity, Inactivity, and Sedentary Behaviors: Definitions and Implications in Occupational Health. Front. Public Health 6:288.

## Possible daily routines



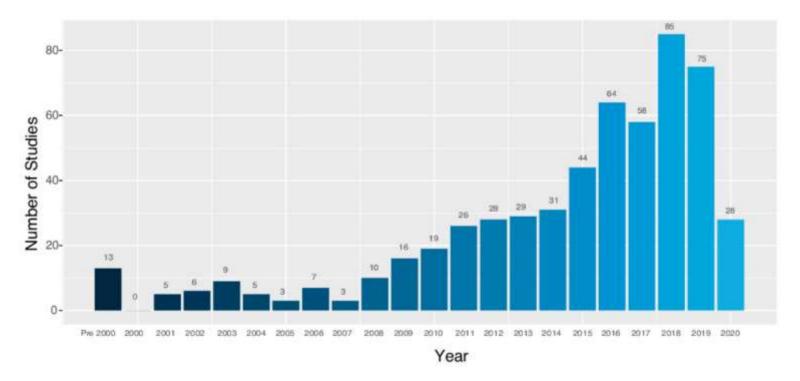
## Literature search and selection process



PRISMA inclusion/exclusion processes for the systematic review were used Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines

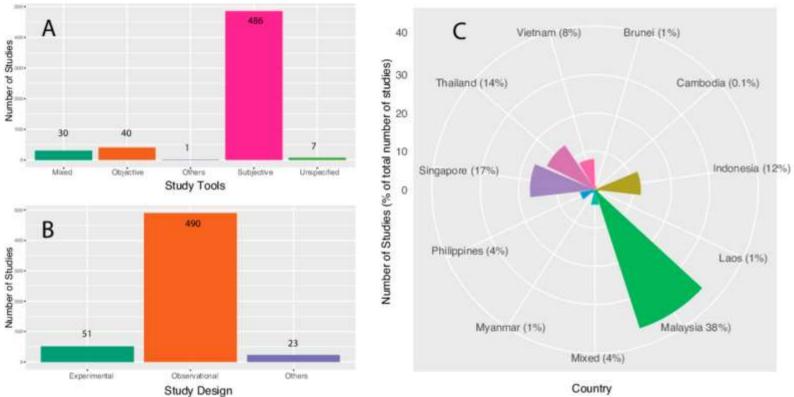
ASEAN countries were: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam

#### Population of ASEAN was 661.5 million as of 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> most populous after China & India



Number of studies published by year (over 22-year period; 1978-2020)

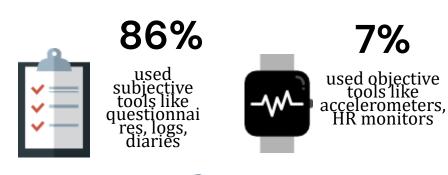
## Distilled findings

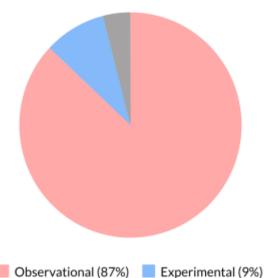


- A- Distribution of studies by study tool type
- B- By study design
- C- By country

# Finer grain results

Type of study design





Others (4%)

5% used a combination of both

More PA research produced in ASEAN nations with higher GDP per capita

12-37%

Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia



0.4-1.1%

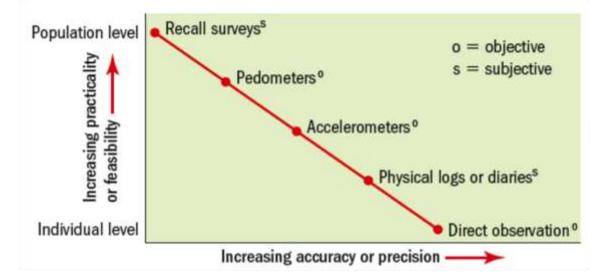
Brunei, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar

Physical inactivity rates are higher in higher income ASEAN countries

## Different study designs

- Observational or experimental designs? Each design has its own merits & demerits
- RCTs- lack generalizability as inclusion and exclusion criteria in such studies limit studies to a select type of a population- normal or overweight, athlete or non-athlete
- Observational studies- open to left-censorship bias, right-censorship bias

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### PA measurement tool used is dependent on









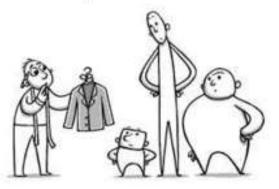
The specific research question(s)

Feasibility & practicality of study

Resources available

Administrative considerations

Not a 'one-size-fits-all' for every situation across different countries



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## **Future directions**



Consistency of questionnaires used for inter-nation comparison and tracking changes in PA over time



Moving toward the adoption of a common surveillance framework for PA and sedentary behaviour



Possible refinements to questionnaires to better capture other types of PA



Joint lifestyle and time use research across ASEAN countries Richer countries & partner less well-off countries

## World Health Organisation 2020 Physical activity pronouncements Every move counts- reduce SB & increase PA





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Lifestyle behaviours over each 24-hour cycle have bi-directional impact on each other

#### Importance of muscle & bone strengthening exercise



#### Daily routine of pull up exercise

