

Appendix 3: Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity, Alternate Models

1 In this Appendix we evaluate possible mediators, confounders and drivers of any relationship
2 between spirometric indices and physical activity. To maximize comparability between models,
3 all potential predictors were chosen a priori and left in the model regardless of statistical
4 significance.

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6 Tables 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 consider different subsets of confounders to check for effect
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36 vigorous, MVPA, FEV1, FVC and FEV1/FVC) are all within 2 standard deviations of the sex-
37 specific mean.

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Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity Crude (Simplest) Model

Table 1.1 Crude Model: Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity

Corrected for age, sex, and height at spirometry								
	FEV1 (mL)		FVC (mL)		FEV1/FVC (%)		FEF2575 (mL/sec)	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	1.58	0.12	2.23	0.065	-0.0010	0.95	2.72	0.21
Vigorous	0.34	0.78	1.97	0.20	-0.027	0.15	-0.66	0.81
MVPA	0.73	0.25	1.49	0.060	-0.0077	0.43	0.99	0.48
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.073	--	0.11	--	0.085	--	0.042
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	0.063	1.0	56.7	0.25	-1.29	0.034	-157	0.076
3 ²	73.0	0.10	92.4	0.062	-0.35	0.56	50.7	0.56
4 ²	-7.59	0.86	52.1	0.29	-1.45	0.017	-126	0.15
5 ²	88.5	0.046	128	0.0098	-0.62	0.31	49.5	0.57
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	126	0.015	131	0.023	0.112	0.87	174	0.090
45 min	93.3	0.090	113	0.065	-0.218	0.77	135	0.22
60 min	57.5	0.38	113	0.12	-1.19	0.18	21.5	0.87
Any sport	8.22	0.81	10.6	0.78	-0.048	0.92	1.57	0.98
Any active transportation ³	-9.36	0.74	6.31	0.84	-0.350	0.37	-35.4	0.53

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Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity Basic Model

Table 1.2. Basic Model: Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity

Corrected for age, sex, height, study centre, device wartime, dietary intervention, BMI, and parental education

	FEV1 (mL)		FVC (mL)		FEV1/FVC (%)		FEF2575 (mL/sec)	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	1.07	0.31	1.58	0.17	-0.0079	0.59	1.35	0.53
Vigorous	1.08	0.41	2.86	0.045	-0.0357	0.050	-0.630	0.81
MVPA	0.751	0.27	1.45	0.051	-0.0131	0.17	0.403	0.77
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.22	--	0.16	--	0.019	--	0.058
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-6.30	0.88	58.2	0.21	-1.47	0.013	-174	0.045
3 ²	43.3	0.31	64.5	0.17	-0.491	0.41	8.83	0.92
4 ²	-17.6	0.68	55.1	0.23	-1.78	0.0026	-157	0.070
5 ²	67.2	0.12	119	0.011	0.0985	0.097	2.92	0.97
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	98.1	0.050	122	0.026	-0.432	0.54	108	0.29
45 min	73.8	0.16	105	0.070	-0.566	0.44	90.6	0.40
60 min	51.1	0.42	113	0.099	-1.384	0.11	3.33	0.98
Any sport	32.7	0.33	44.6	0.22	-0.192	0.68	21.9	0.75
Any active transportation ³	22.3	0.42	36.4	0.22	-0.195	0.61	13.0	0.82

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Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity

Main (Fully-Corrected) Model

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Table 1.3 Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity

Corrected for age, sex, height, study centre, nutritional intervention, device weartime, BMI, parental education, birthweight, exclusive breastfeeding, prenatal tobacco, tobacco at home up to age 6

	FEV1 (mL)		FVC (mL)		FEV1/FVC (%)		FEF2575 (mL/sec)	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	1.01	0.34	1.34	0.24	-0.0048	0.75	1.58	0.46
Vigorous	0.98	0.46	2.64	0.066	-0.034	0.060	-0.44	0.87
MVPA	0.70	0.31	1.30	0.084	-0.011	0.23	0.55	0.69
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.22	--	0.21	--	0.022	--	0.050
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-5.52	0.90	58.1	0.21	-1.45	0.014	-172	0.048
3 ²	43.4	0.31	63.0	0.18	-0.46	0.44	10.1	0.91
4 ²	-19.0	0.66	51.1	0.27	-1.73	0.0033	-155	0.073
5 ²	67.0	0.12	113	0.016	-0.86	0.15	16.1	0.85
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	96.1	0.056	113	0.038	-0.33	0.64	117	0.26
45 min	72.3	0.18	95.5	0.10	-0.43	0.56	106	0.33
60 min	48.0	0.45	98.7	0.15	-1.20	0.17	23.6	0.86
Any sport	34.3	0.30	46.6	0.20	-0.19	0.68	22.5	0.74
Any active transportation ³	23.9	0.39	40.0	0.18	-0.19	0.68	11.9	0.83

1) P-value for global null hypothesis (all quintiles equal.) Quintiles stratified by sex.

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Sensitivity to Air Pollution

Main (Fully-Corrected) Model of Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity,
Corrected for Air Pollution (PM2.5 and NOx)

Table 2.1 Spirometric Indices as Correlate of Physical Activity

Corrected for age, sex, height, study centre, nutritional intervention, device wear time, BMI, parental education, birthweight, exclusive breastfeeding, prenatal tobacco, tobacco at home up to age 6, **PM2.5 and NOx** (mean annual exposure at home address at age 15)

	FEV1 (mL)		FVC (mL)		FEV1/FVC (%)		FEF2575 (mL/sec)	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	1.21	0.26	1.31	0.26	0.0005	0.98	2.22	0.31
Vigorous	1.60	0.23	3.15	0.030	-0.030	0.10	0.430	0.88
MVPA	0.956	0.17	1.42	0.061	-0.0080	0.41	1.07	0.45
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.082	--	0.17	--	0.023	--	0.024
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-16.7	0.70	43.6	0.36	-1.45	0.015	-182	0.040
3 ²	37.8	0.39	47.0	0.32	-0.29	0.63	20.5	0.82
4 ²	-23.7	0.58	39.4	0.40	-1.62	0.0066	-148	0.093
5 ²	84.5	0.057	119	0.014	-0.60	0.32	48.3	0.59
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	114	0.027	120	0.032	-0.0734	0.92	147	0.16
45 min	92.7	0.090	106	0.073	-0.173	0.82	143	0.20
60 min	78.7	0.22	123	0.079	-0.937	0.29	74.7	0.57
Any sport	37.1	0.27	44.3	0.23	-0.079	0.87	38.7	0.58
Any active transportation ³	23.9	0.41	28.2	0.37	-0.043	0.91	37.4	0.52

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Data on air pollution from ESCAPE study; 858 subjects (96%) had data on air pollution. Details on data collection and definitions available in [3-7]

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Baseline concentrations (mean (median); 5th, 95th percentile) were 15.0 (14.1); 12, 18 µg/m³ for PM2.5, 33.6 (32.7); 24, 46 µg/m³ for NOx.

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Sensitivity to Air Pollution; Outliers Excluded

Main (Fully-Corrected) Model of **Spirometric Z-scores** as Correlate of Physical Activity,
Corrected for Air Pollution (PM2.5 and NOx)

Table 2.2 Spirometric Z-Scores as Correlate of Physical Activity, PM2.5 and NOx, Outliers Excluded

Corrected for age, sex, height, study centre, nutritional intervention, device wear time, BMI, parental education, birthweight, exclusive breastfeeding, prenatal tobacco, tobacco at home up to age 6, **PM2.5 and NOx** (mean annual exposure at home address at age 15)

Moderate, vigorous, MVPA, FEV1, FVC and FEV1/FVC all within 2 standard deviations of sex-specific mean; N=710

	FEV1 * 1000		FVC * 1000		FEV1/FVC * 1000		FEF2575 * 1000	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	2.04	0.14	1.31	0.26	0.0055	0.78	3.13	0.28
Vigorous	2.51	0.19	3.15	0.030	-0.040	0.13	-2.06	0.61
MVPA	1.55	0.10	1.42	0.062	-0.0071	0.59	0.96	0.62
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.17	--	0.16	--	0.017	--	0.057
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	22.2	0.57	84.3	0.053	-1.28	0.023	-135	0.11
3 ²	42.8	0.29	52.8	0.22	-0.27	0.63	26.3	0.76
4 ²	-2.79	0.95	61.3	0.16	-1.52	0.0078	-135	0.11
5 ²	103	0.031	120	0.018	-0.053	0.94	80.1	0.42
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	117	0.027	128	0.024	0.028	0.97	119	0.28
45 min	108	0.071	107	0.096	0.298	0.72	129	0.30
60 min	99.0	0.20	164	0.048	-1.170	0.28	-17.4	0.91
Any sport	-10.4	0.76	16.3	0.65	-0.615	0.18	-43.0	0.53
Any active transportation ²	-9.36	0.74	-3.57	0.91	-0.170	0.66	-38.5	0.51

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Table 2.3 Spirometric Z-Scores from GLI [8] as Correlate of Physical Activity

Corrected for age, sex, height, study centre, nutritional intervention, device weartime, BMI, parental education, birthweight, exclusive breastfeeding, prenatal tobacco, tobacco at home up to age 6, **PM2.5 and NOx.**)

N=858

	FEV1 * 1000		FVC * 1000		FEV1/FVC * 1000		FEF2575 * 1000	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	2.29	0.33	2.43	0.28	-0.030	0.99	2.23	0.25
Vigorous	3.48	0.24	6.64	0.020	-5.18	0.088	-0.31	0.92
MVPA	1.93	0.21	2.85	0.055	-1.42	0.37	0.87	0.58
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.085	--	0.13	--	0.019	--	0.030
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-30.7	0.75	95.7	0.30	-250	0.011	-198	0.042
3 ²	102	0.29	119	0.20	-71.4	0.47	33.1	0.73
4 ²	-37.0	0.70	103	0.26	-282	0.0040	-156	0.11
5 ²	189	0.052	250	0.0079	-114	0.26	42.6	0.67
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	254	0.025	261	0.017	-23.2	0.84	128	0.29
45 min	198	0.099	222	0.055	-34.4	0.78	142	0.30
60 min	152	0.28	245	0.073	-173	0.23	-29.5	0.87
Any sport	69.8	0.35	78.9	0.27	-40.8	0.60	-55.6	0.47
Any active transportation ²	65.3	0.30	58.6	0.34	7.92	0.90	-34.7	0.59

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Alternate Outcomes: Spirometric Flows as Correlate of Physical Activity Main (Fully-Corrected) Model

Table 3.1 Spirometric Flows as Correlate of Physical Activity								
	PEF (ml/s)		FEF25 (ml/s)		FEF50 (ml/s)		FEF75 (ml/s)	
	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P	Parameter estimate	P
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	4.03	0.12	1.75	0.50	2.80	0.25	-0.611	0.72
Vigorous	6.65	0.037	3.51	0.28	0.020	0.99	-2.31	0.29
MVPA	3.54	0.034	1.71	0.32	1.20	0.45	-0.892	0.43
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.075	--	0.20	--	0.029	--	0.066
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-107	0.30	-196	0.064	-208	0.034	-133	0.056
3 ²	-49.7	0.63	-20.2	0.85	49.7	0.61	-44.8	0.52
4 ²	-109	0.29	-97.4	0.36	-133	0.18	-178	0.010
5 ²	151	0.15	32.4	0.76	41.3	0.68	-45.7	0.52
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	164	0.18	135	0.28	159	0.17	21.3	0.80
45 min	173	0.18	126	0.34	149	0.23	11.5	0.90
60 min	212	0.17	99.1	0.53	55.9	0.70	-96.1	0.35
Any sport	99.2	0.22	75.8	0.36	74.4	0.33	-29.5	0.59
Any active transportation ³	17.9	0.79	24.7	0.72	9.54	0.88	16.2	0.72

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**Moderate, vigorous, MVPA, FEV1, FVC and FEV1/FVC all within 2 standard deviations of sex-specific mean
(N=743, 83% of 895)**

	PEF (ml/s)		FEF25 (ml/s)		FEF50 (ml/s)		FEF75 (ml/s)	
	Parameter estimate	P						
Daily mean minutes								
Moderate	2.11	0.55	2.91	0.42	4.28	0.19	-0.328	0.88
Vigorous	2.26	0.63	-1.43	0.77	-2.83	0.52	4.28	0.19
MVPA	1.52	0.52	0.960	0.69	1.23	0.58	-2.83	0.52
MVPA quintile ¹	--	0.070	--	0.26	--	0.063	--	0.080
1 ²	0	--	0	--	0	--	0	--
2 ²	-94.1	0.36	-183	0.084	-152	0.12	-96.0	0.15
3 ²	-109	0.29	-52.4	0.62	58.8	0.54	-42.2	0.52
4 ²	-124	0.24	-90.6	0.40	-96.4	0.32	-169	0.012
5 ²	181	0.13	65.4	0.59	119	0.29	-7.79	0.92
Percent days with MVPA >								
30 min	126	0.35	104	0.44	170	0.17	16.9	0.84
45 min	133	0.38	73.1	0.63	173	0.22	21.1	0.83
60 min	104	0.60	5.63	0.98	7.62	0.97	-185	0.14
Any sport	-28.8	0.73	-47.3	0.58	-4.79	0.95	-84.8	0.12
Any active transportation ³	-78.0	0.26	-53.2	0.45	-67.3	0.29	-19.3	0.66

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