

Table S2. Baseline characteristics of the participants

| | Total | Men | Women |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Age, y | 61 ± 7 | 62 ± 7 | 59 ± 7 |
| BMI, kg/m ² | 28.3 ± 3.2 | 28.5 ± 2.9 | 29.2 ± 3.6 |
| Systolic BP, mmHg | 136 ± 17 | 138 ± 16 | 135 ± 18 |
| Diastolic BP, mmHg | 88 ± 9 | 88 ± 9 | 88 ± 10 |
| Heart rate, BPM | 67 ± 8 | 67 ± 8 | 68 ± 7 |
| Plasma glucose, mmol/L | 5.66 ± 0.53 | 5.71 ± 0.57 | 5.59 ± 0.48 |
| Serum total cholesterol, mmol/L | 6.38 ± 1.00 | 6.20 ± 1.01 | 6.60 ± 1.00 |
| Serum HDL cholesterol, mmol/L | 1.14 ± 0.23 | 1.00 ± 0.17 | 1.30 ± 0.18 |

Values are means ± SDs, *n* = 45 (25 men and 20 women). BP, blood pressure; BPM, beats per minute