

**Supplemental Table 1.** Anthropometric measures and cardiovascular parameters of the study population by gender

Characteristics	Men		Women		p-value*
	Mean	SEM	Mean	SEM	
<b>Age (years)</b>	38.51	1.02	44.41	2.02	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Height (cm)</b>	182.24	0.75	170.79	1.01	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Weight (Kg)</b>	89.78	1.96	76.52	2.62	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>BMI (Kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	27.42	0.60	26.25	0.80	0.251
<b>BSA (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	2.16	0.03	1.90	0.04	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Total fat (Kg)</b>	19.95	1.37	24.31	1.84	0.064
<b>Waist (cm)</b>	96.65	1.59	84.68	2.12	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Hip (cm)</b>	105.13	1.17	107.18	1.57	0.305
<b>WHR</b>	0.92	0.01	0.79	0.01	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)</b>	125.70	1.11	122.92	1.48	0.144
<b>Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)</b>	75.72	0.80	75.17	1.08	0.662
<b>Glucose ( nmol/l)</b>	5.03	0.07	4.77	0.09	<b>0.030</b>
<b>Total Cholesterol ( nmol/l)</b>	4.87	0.12	4.79	0.17	0.681
<b>LDL cholesterol ( nmol/l)</b>	3.02	0.10	2.80	0.13	0.203
<b>HDL cholesterol ( nmol/l)</b>	1.31	0.05	1.72	0.07	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Triglycerides ( nmol/l)</b>	1.33	0.08	0.99	0.11	<b>0.012</b>
<b>Glycated hemoglobin ( nmol/mol)</b>	38.84	0.59	38.31	0.79	0.597
<b>Creatinine ( nmol/l)</b>	13.37	0.74	10.23	0.99	<b>0.015</b>
<b>QIMT (µm)</b>	559.98	11.38	519.39	15.97	<b>0.046</b>
<b>Right ABI</b>	1.03	0.01	1.03	0.02	0.691
<b>Left ABI</b>	1.03	0.01	1.03	0.02	0.807

\*p-values<0.05 are in bold font

Abbreviations: SEM, standard error of the mean; BMI, Body mass index; BSA, Body surface area; WHR, Waist-Hip ratio; HDL, high density lipoprotein; LDL, low density lipoprotein; QIMT, Quality Intima-media thickness; Ankle-Brachial Index