

Supplemental table 1. Baseline BCAA and RBP4 levels according to FINDRISCK items.¹

| FINDRISC item | | Baseline BCAA (nmol/nL) | P ² | Baseline RBP4 (ng/mL) | P ³ |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Age (years) | <45 (N=172) | 401 ± 108 | | 7.33 ± 5.11 | |
| | 45-54 (N=92) | 423 ± 113 | 0.243 | 7.48 ± 5.25 | 0.483 |
| | 55-64 (N=1) | 467 | | 2.07 | |
| Self-reported BMI (kg/m ²) | <25 (N=93) | 374 ± 72.2 | | 7.29 ± 4.26 | |
| | 25-30 (N=93) | 423 ± 104 | <0.001 | 7.73 ± 5.23 | 0.260 |
| | >30 (N=79) | 435 ± 140 | | 6.99 ± 6.01 | |
| Self-reported waist circumference: women/men (cm) | <80/<94 (N=24) | 375 ± 74.5 | | 9.61 ± 5.82 | |
| | 80-88/94-102 (N=88) | 407 ± 82.3 | 0.244 | 7.04 ± 4.64 | 0.093 |
| | >88/>102(N=153) | 416 ± 127 | | 7.19 ± 5.27 | |
| Physical activity (min) | >30 min/day (N=143) | 413 ± 116 | 0.573 | 7.83 ± 5.36 | 0.101 |
| | <30 min/day (N=122) | 405 ± 103 | | 6.80 ± 4.86 | |
| Fruit, vegetables and berries consumption | Everyday(N=193) | 404 ± 98.8 | 0.238 | 7.19 ± 4.70 | 0.929 |
| | Not Everyday (N=72) | 422 ± 135 | | 7.81 ± 6.22 | |
| Blood pressure medication | No (N=237) | 406 ± 101 | 0.235 | 6.93 ± 4.91 | <0.001 |
| | Yes (N=28) | 433 ± 168 | | 11.1 ± 5.78 | |
| High glucose levels ever | No (N=179) | 417 ± 110 | 0.120 | 7.35 ± 5.41 | 0.550 |
| | Yes (N=86) | 394 ± 108 | | 7.38 ± 4.60 | |
| T2D family history | No (N=52) | 404 ± 102 | | 7.98 ± 5.97 | |
| | Yes, first relative (N=137) | 406 ± 82.2 | 0.730 | 7.18 ± 4.41 | 0.800 |
| | Yes, second relative (N=76) | 418 ± 152 | | 7.27 ± 5.80 | |

¹Variables are expressed as means ± standard deviations. ²p refers to differences in baseline BCAA levels according to different categories for each FINDRISC item calculated by t-test, ANOVA, Kruskal-Wallis test or U Mann Whitney test, as applicable. ³p refers to differences in baseline RBP4 levels according to different categories for each FINDRISC item calculated by t-test, ANOVA, Kruskal-Wallis test or U Mann Whitney test, as applicable.