

Supplement Table 2. Results of laboratory investigations

Result	Baseline			Visit 4			p-value ^a
	Experimental group	Control group	p-value	Experimental group	Control group	p-value	
White blood cell, $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	6.14 \pm 1.21	6.47 \pm 1.47	0.250	5.97 \pm 1.67	5.80 \pm 1.03	0.595	0.090
Hemoglobin, g/dL	13.83 \pm 1.17	14.02 \pm 1.07	0.505	14.41 \pm 1.19	14.62 \pm 0.85	0.395	<0.001
Hematocrit, %	41.53 \pm 3.58	41.87 \pm 2.86	0.637	42.96 \pm 3.48	42.95 \pm 2.70	0.997	<0.001
Platelet, $\times 10^3/\mu\text{L}$	244.30 \pm 59.60	239.07 \pm 54.59	0.676	234.15 \pm 51.54	233.67 \pm 43.57	0.968	0.026
Sodium, mmol/L	139.77 \pm 1.88	139.67 \pm 1.60	0.793	140.37 \pm 1.96	140.57 \pm 2.50	0.743	0.055
Potassium, mmol/L	4.32 \pm 0.37	4.24 \pm 0.31	0.314	4.41 \pm 0.26	4.40 \pm 0.36	0.916	0.001
Chloride, mmol/L	103.56 \pm 2.25	103.73 \pm 1.80	0.694	104.13 \pm 2.12	104.29 \pm 2.81	0.820	0.140
AST, U/L	23.55 \pm 9.00	23.77 \pm 5.92	0.888	22.85 \pm 6.49	22.33 \pm 4.98	0.713	0.844
ALT, U/L	23.59 \pm 15.19	26.30 \pm 12.96	0.376	21.80 \pm 10.65	23.19 \pm 6.37	0.577	0.434
BUN, mg/dL	15.32 \pm 3.98	15.62 \pm 3.81	0.730	15.73 \pm 3.56	16.73 \pm 3.95	0.318	0.078
Creatinine, mg/dL	0.89 \pm 0.16	0.85 \pm 0.11	0.231	0.94 \pm 0.15	0.92 \pm 0.14	0.608	<0.001
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	182.41 \pm 33.42	176.27 \pm 37.33	0.446	183.63 \pm 35.47	179.57 \pm 33.41	0.645	0.824
Total protein, g/dL	7.45 \pm 0.50	7.36 \pm 0.36	0.339	7.24 \pm 0.37	7.18 \pm 0.31	0.457	<0.001
Albumin, g/dL	4.37 \pm 0.34	4.27 \pm 0.29	0.148	4.34 \pm 0.30	4.35 \pm 0.30	0.871	0.428
Testosterone, ng/mL	4.00 \pm 1.24	3.95 \pm 1.37	0.847	5.14 \pm 2.15	4.15 \pm 1.59	0.037	<0.001

Values are presented as mean \pm standard deviation.

AST: aspartate aminotransferase, ALT: alanine aminotransferase, BUN: blood urea nitrogen.

Student's t-test, ^aBaseline vs. endpoint, dependent t-test.