	Men			Women			
Outcome	β 95% Cl		p-value	β	95% CI	p-value	
Cardiac morphology							
LV mass (g)							
Crude	0.09	0.02, 0.17	0.015	0.09	0.02, 0.17	0.018	
Adjusted	0.11	0.03, 0.19	0.010	0.10	0.02, 0.18	0.010	
LV mass index							
Crude	0.15	0.07, 0.23	<0.001	0.17	0.07, 0.27	0.001	
Adjusted	0.16	0.07, 0.42	<0.001	0.17	0.27, 3.18	0.002	
Cardiac hemodynamics							
LV end-systolic volume (ml)							
Crude	0.14	0.03, 0.24	0.010	0.07	-0.01, 0.14	0.078	
Adjusted	0.15	0.03, 0.26	0.011	0.10	0.02, 0.18	0.019	
LV end-diastolic volume (ml)							
Crude	0.18	0.08, 0.28	<0.001	0.08	-0.02, 0.17	0.119	
Adjusted	0.21	0.15, 0.38	<0.001	0.11	0.02, 0.22	0.025	
LV stroke volume (ml)							
Crude	0.17	0.07, 0.27	0.001	0.07	-0.05, 0.18	0.264	
Adjusted	0.21	0.10, 0.31	<0.001	0.10	-0.02, 0.22	0.090	
Ejection Fraction (%)							
Crude	-0.02	-0.12, 0.08	0.746	-0.05	-0.15, 0.06	0.384	
Adjusted	0.02	-0.11, 0.14	0.814	-0.06	-0.17, 0.05	0.290	
Cardiac output (L/min)							
Crude	0.09	0.01, 0.18	0.036	0.03	-0.10, 0.15	0.677	
Adjusted	0.11	0.03, 0.20	0.012	0.03	-0.10, 0.15	0.643	

## Table S1 Associations of LTPA (MET-min/week) with cardiovascular parameters.

Numbers represents linear regression coefficients and 95% confidence intervals, weighted toward the BMI distribution of the general population. Regression coefficients reflects the change in outcome per 1 SD of leisure time physical activity (LTPA) in MET-minutes/week: 1999 min in men/1870 min in women. Crude models where adjusted for age, sex, smoking, ethnicity and education. SD = standard deviation, LV = left ventricle. Unadjusted values for multiple comparisons with p<0.05 were considered significant. *Italic depicted values meet the Bonferroni corrected significance level of p<0.002.* 

Table S2 Sensitivity analyses of the associations of LTPA (MET-min/week) with diastolic function after exclusion of participants with diabetes mellitus.

		Men			Women			
Outcome	β	95% CI	p-value	β	95% CI	p-value		
Diastolic function								
E/A ratio								
Crude	0.091	-0.04, 0.23	0.184	0.03	-0.20, 0.26	0.795		
Adjusted	0.024	0.02, 0.33	0.024	0.15	-0.02, 0.33	0.083		
E-DT (ms)								
Crude	0.09	-0.01, 0.19	0.089	0.10	-0.01, 0.21	0.075		
Adjusted	0.11	0.00, 0.22	0.057	0.16	0.04, 0.28	0.010		

Results represents linear regression coefficients and 95% confidence intervals, weighted toward the BMI distribution of the general population.  $\beta$ , regression coefficients reflect the difference in outcome per 1 SD of leisure time physical activity (LTPA) in MET-minutes/week: 2014 min in men/1874 min in women. Crude models were adjusted for age, sex, smoking, ethnicity and education. E-DT = E-wave deceleration time, ms = milliseconds, LV = left ventricle. Unadjusted values for multiple comparisons with p<0.05 were considered significant. *Italic depicted values meet the Bonferroni corrected significance level of p<0.004.* 

Outcome	Men				Women			
	Indirect effect	95% CI	Proportion mediated (%)	p- value	Indirect effect	95% CI	Proportion mediated (%)	p- value
Cardiac morphology								
LV mass (g)	-0.020	-0.037;- 0.004	18	0.017	-0.018	-0.035;-0.001	18	0.033
LV mass index (g/m <sup>2</sup> )	0.003	-0.011;0.017	0	0.663	0.026	0.00; 0.053	0	0.052
Cardiac hemodynamics								
LV end-systolic volume (ml)	0.001	-0.015,0.017	0	0.914	-0.009	-0.029;0.011	0	0.368
LV end-diastolic volume (ml)	-0.004	-0.020;0.010	0	0.663	-0.003	-0.025;0.019	0	0.807
LV stroke volume (ml)	-0.007	-0.024;0.011	0	0.454	0.003	-0.021;0.028	-	0.777
Ejection Fraction (%)	-0.006	- 0.024: 0.011	-	0.470	0.013	-0.016: 0.041	-	0.382
Cardiac output (L/min)	-0.021	-0.039;-0.002	19	0.027	-0.028	-0.053: -0.003	-	0.026

## Table S3 Mediation by metabolic load on cardiovascular parameters.

Numbers represents the percentage mediation on the total effect, weighted toward the BMI distribution of the general population in the adjusted models. The model was adjusted for age, sex, smoking, ethnicity and education. CI = confidence interval, LV = left ventricle. Unadjusted values for multiple comparisons with p<0.05 were considered significant. *Italic depicted values meet the Bonferroni corrected significance level of p<0.007.*