

**Online only Table.** Baseline characteristics of incident diabetes cases from Caucasian origin stratified by inclusion into the current analysis.

<i>Variable</i>	<i>Diabetes cases not included</i>	<i>Diabetes cases included</i>	<i>P</i>
<b>N</b>	288	55	
<b>Age (yrs)</b>	51.2 ± 6.3	50.9 ± 6.4	0.77
<b>Male (%)</b>	201 (69.8)	38 (69.1)	1.00
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	27.7 ± 4.9	27.0 ± 4.3	0.27
<b>Waist (cm)</b>	91 ± 14	90 ± 13	0.80
<b>Total cholesterol (mmol/l)</b>	6.8 ± 1.1	6.5 ± 1.1	0.11
<b>Triglycerides (mmol/l)</b>	1.8 [1.3]	1.6 [0.8]	0.32
<b>Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)</b>	125 ± 15	126 ± 13	0.82
<b>C-reactive protein (mg/l)</b>	1.60 [2.62]	1.29 [2.47]	0.34
<b>Fasting glucose (mmol/l)</b>	5.48 ± 0.55	5.49 ± 0.54	0.95
<b>Physical activity</b>			0.95
<b>non/mild</b>	117 (40.5)	21 (38.9)	
<b>moderate</b>	132 (45.8)	26 (48.1)	
<b>vigorous</b>	39 (13.7)	7 (13.0)	
<b>Positive family history (%)</b>	62 (21.7)	4 (7.4)	0.014
<b>Civil servant grade</b>			0.58
<b>administrative</b>	100 (34.6)	21 (38.9)	
<b>executive</b>	149 (51.9)	24 (44.4)	
<b>clerical/support</b>	39 (13.4)	9 (16.7)	

Data with normal and non-normal distribution are given as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation and median [interquartile range], respectively. Groups were compared using chi-square test, Fisher's exact test, two-sample t-test and Wilcoxon test as appropriate.