

## Supplemental Data

**Supplemental Table 1. Pearson's correlation coefficients between log adiponectin and three measures of adiposity in West Africans.**

	<i>r</i> ( <i>p</i> -value)	Men	Women
All			
BMI	-0.203 (<0.0001)	-0.266 (<0.0001)	-0.291 (<0.0001)
WC	-0.154 (<0.0001)	-0.191 (0.001)	-0.172 (<0.0001)
PFM	0.058 (0.132)	0.018 (0.763)	-0.119 (0.017)

BMI=Body mass index, WC=Waist circumference, PFM=Percent fat mass.

**Supplemental Table 2: Linear Regression Models evaluating the relationship between adiponectin and measures of obesity in West Africans**

Model	Age	Gender	Country	BMI	WC	PFM	Adjusted R <sup>2</sup>
I	0.245 (0.001) <0 .0001	0.219 (0.023) <0.0001	0.098 (0.026) 0.009				0.116
II	0.267 (0.001) <0 .0001	0.312 (0.023) < 0.0001	0.077 (0.025) 0.034	-0.299 (0.002) <0.0001			0.195
III	0.293 (0.001) <0 .0001	0.245 (0.023) <0.0001	0.080 (0.026) 0.029		-0.228 (0.001) <0.0001		0.165
IV	0.252 (0.001) <0.0001	0.282 (0.028) <0 .0001	0.089 (0.027) 0.021			-0.103 (0.001) 0.019	0.122

Data displayed are  $\beta$ , standard error and p-values, respectively.

BMI=Body Mass Index, WC=Waist Circumference, PFM=Percent Fat Mass

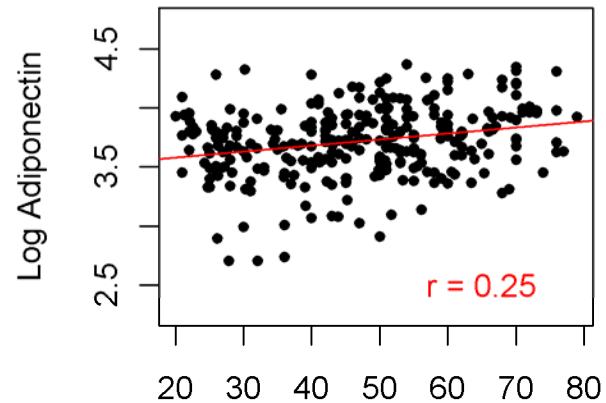
**Supplemental Table 3. Association of adiponectin with serum lipids.**

Measure	Univariate Model		Adjusted Model	
	$\beta$ (SE)	<i>p</i>	$\beta$ (SE)	<i>p</i>
Total cholesterol	0.169 (0.000)	<0.0001	0.127 (0.000)	0.001
TG	-0.118 (0.000)	<0 .002	-0.113 (0.000)	0.002
HDL	0.242 (0.001)	<0.0001	0.203 (0.001)	<0.0001

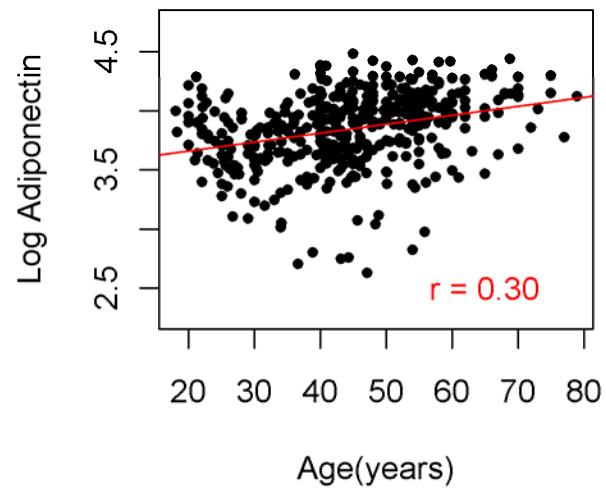
TG=Triglycerides, HDL=High density lipoprotein cholesterol. Right column adjusted for age, gender, country, and BMI.

**Supplemental Figure 1. Log adiponectin by age in West Africans.**

**A. Men**



**B. Women**



**Supplemental Figure 2. Differences in mean adiponectin and serum lipid levels by BMI.**

