

**Table S1. Comparison of the Longitudinal Participants and the Dropouts**

<b>Variable (Time 1)</b>	<b>Longitudinal (N = 4,955)</b>	<b>Dropouts (N = 2,145)</b>	<b>p value</b>
Age, Mean (SD) in years	46.48 (12.50)	46.21 (14.10)	.457
Women, %	53.3	47.8	< .001
Education, Mean (SD) in years	14.02 (2.60)	13.13 (2.60)	< .001
Non Hispanic white, %	93.0	84.0	< .001
Health Status	.26 (.53)	.33 (.64)	< .001
Waist Circumference, Mean (SD) in inches	35.33 (5.75)	35.63 (5.79)	.079
Do Smoke, %	19.6	30.6	< .001
Do Have Alcohol or Drug Problems, %	2.2	3.6	.002
Control Beliefs, Mean (SD)	5.54 (1.00)	5.38 (1.09)	< .001
Quality of Social Support, Mean (SD)	3.18 (.37)	3.13 (.43)	< .001
Physical Exercise, Mean (SD)	4.20 (1.69)	3.96 (1.81)	< .001
Functional Health, Mean (SD)	88.73 (19.98)	81.38 (26.93)	< .001

p values for means are derived from independent samples t-tests

p values for percentages are derived from  $\chi^2$  tests