Web table C Characteristics of Whitehall II participants at Phase 3 excluding those with prevalent type 2 diabetes (n=103). Values are means (SD) unless specified otherwise.

Phase 3 variable	Non diabetic N=4833	Diabetic N=302	P -value
Age yrs	49.0 (5.9)	51.0 (6.3)	<0.0001
Gender (% male)	72.8 (3516)	72.9 (220)	0.97
Cholesterol (mmol/l)	6.43 (1.14)	6.66 (1.08)	0.001
Triglyceride(mmol/l) *	1.19 (0.64)	1.77 (0.94)	<0.0001
LDL (mmol/l)	4.36 (1.02)	4.47 (0.95)	0.07
HDL (mmol/l)*	1.39 (0.39)	1.21 (0.34)	<0.0001
SBP (mmHg)*	119.0 (12.9)	125.7 (14.2)	<0.0001
DBP (mmHg)	79.2 (9.2)	82.8 (9.6)	<0.0001
Body Mass Index (kg/m^2)*	24.7 (3.2)	27.5 (4.7)	<0.0001
CRP (mg/l)*	0.80 (0.93)	1.61 (1.82)	<0.0001
Fibrinogen (g/l)*	2.30 (0.51)	2.49 (0.57)	<0.0001
Fasting glucose (mmol/l)**	5.2 [4.9-5.4]	5.5 [5.2-6]	<0.0001
Smoking (%; n) Never	51.4 (2334)	45.3 (126)	0.008
Ex	37.0 (1680)	37.1 (103)	
Current	11.7 (530)	17.6 (49)	

*geometric mean (approximate standard deviation)

**median [interquartile range]