Figure. Time schedule of enrolment, interventions, and assessments for participants

	STUDY PERIOD					
	Enrollment	Allocation	Post-allocation			End of the study
PROTOCOL ACTIVITY	day-14 to 1	day 0	mo 1.5	mo 3	mo 4.5	mo 6
TIMEPOINT	<b>-t</b> ₁	t	t <sub>1</sub>	<b>t</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>t</b> <sub>3</sub>	t <sub>4</sub>
ENROLLMENT:						
Eligibility screen	Х					
Informed consent	Χ					
Demographic details	Χ					
Medical history	Χ					
3-day dietary records	Х					
Allocation		Х				
INTERVENTIONS:						
Vegetarian Diet		+		<b>→</b> + -		+
Mediterranean Diet		<b>←</b> − − −		- ++		<b>—</b>
ASSESSMENTS:						
Anthropometric measurements		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Body composition		X	Х	Х	X	X
Blood samples		X		Х		X
Stool samples		X		Х		X
Food Acceptability Questionnaire				Х		X
Adherence questionnaires			Х	Х	Х	X
24-hour diet recall		+				<b>—</b>