

S9 Table. Studies reporting beneficial, non-significant and detrimental associations of activity patterns with cardio-metabolic summary scores.

<i>Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity patterns</i>						
<u>Time spent in bouts</u>	Beneficial (B)	Non-significant (NS)	Detrimental (D)	B	NS	D
1-4 min	Summary score [44] ^{AB}			1	0	0
1-9 min	Summary score [44] ^{AB}			1	0	0
≥5 min	Summary score [44] ^{AB}			1	0	0
≥10 min	Summary score [44] ^{AB}			1	0	0
<i>Sedentary patterns</i>						
<u>Frequency of bouts/breaks</u>	Beneficial (B)	Non-significant (NS)	Detrimental (D)	B	NS	D
1-4 min	Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}			2	0	0
5-9 min		Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}		0	2	0
10-14 min		Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}		0	2	0
15-29 min		Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}		0	2	0
≥20 min		Summary score [34] ^F	Summary score [34] ^G , [34] ^H	0	1	0
≥30 min		Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}		0	2	0
Breaks	Summary score [59] ^{CD} , [59] ^{CE}	Summary score [34] ^F , [34] ^G , [34] ^H		2	1	0

<u>Time spent in bouts/breaks</u>	Beneficial (B)	Non-significant (NS)	Detrimental (D)	B	NS	D
≥5 min			Summary score [33] ^I	0	0	1
≥10 min			Summary score [33] ^I	0	0	1
≥20 min			Summary score [33] ^I	0	1	0
≥30 min			Summary score [33] ^I , [36] ^B	0	2	0
Breaks			Summary score [36] ^{BJ}	0	1	0
<u>Duration of bouts/breaks</u>	Beneficial (B)	Non-significant (NS)	Detrimental (D)	B	NS	D
≥20 min			Summary score [34] ^F , [34] ^G , [34] ^H	0	1	0
Usual bout length			BMI [41] ^F			
Breaks			Summary score [34] ^F , [34] ^G , [34] ^H	0	1	0

<i>Combined intensity patterns</i>						
<u>Activity Fragmentation</u>	Beneficial (B)	Non-significant (NS)	Detrimental (D)	B	NS	D
Intradaily Variability (indication of changes between high and low activity)		Summary score [43] ^K	Summary score [43] ^L	0	3	0

Abbreviations; *B* Beneficial, *D* Detrimental, *NS* Non significant, *min* Minutes, *s* Seconds.

^A The sample was divided in four quartiles and the odds ratio of beneficial health factors were presented. When the odds consistently increased/decreased in all quartiles, we assumed that the associations were significantly beneficial/detrimental; ^B Continuous score based on measures of waist circumference, non-HDL cholesterol, C-reactive protein, and systolic blood pressure; ^C Continuous score based on BMI, waist circumference, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, insulin, glucose, systolic blood pressure, and diastolic blood pressure; ^D Boys; ^E Girls; ^F Paediatric criteria were used to define the metabolic syndrome in children on the basis of three or more of the following components: Waist circumference, low HDL cholesterol, hypertriglyceridemia, high blood pressure and impaired fasting glucose; ^G Continuous score based on waist circumference, TC:HDL ratio, blood glucose, triglycerides, and diastolic blood pressure; ^H A non-obesity score; removed waist circumference from previous continuous clustered cardio-metabolic score; ^I Continuous score based on waist circumference, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, C-peptide, glucose; ^J Percentage of time spent in intensity/percentage of sedentary time spent in breaks; ^K Continuous score based on waist circumference, fasting insulin, TC:HDL ratio, and mean arterial pressure; ^L Continuous score based on skinfolds, triglyceride, TC:HDL ratio, HOMA-IR, systolic blood pressure, and VO2-max.

The bold numbers in the right hand columns tables represent that specific activity patterns which were examined at least four times.

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