Multimedia Appendix 1. Individual study characteristics.

| Study | BMI range (kg/m²) | Mea n age | Female gender (%) | Number of participants in the interventio n/control groups | Primary outcome (s) | Secondary outcome (s) | Follow- up (months) | Drop-out rate (%) in the interventi on/control group | Setting |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Allen et al, 2013 [12] | 28-42 | 45 | 60 | 17/18* | Weight | | 6 | 41;33 | Physician referral |
| Chung et al 2014 [12, 13] | 28-? | 37 | 63 | 20/20* | Weight | BMI, fat percentage, waist-to-hip ratio, mean arterial pressure | 3 | 5;20 | University students and staff |
| Collins et al 2012 [14] | 25-40 | 42 | 58 | 99/104* | вмі | Waist, Blood pressure, heart rate, lipids, glucose, insulin, dietary intake, physical activity | 3 | 25;8 | Community |
| Dunn et al 2016 [15] | ≥25 | 48 | 86 | 42/38 | Weight, BMI | Confidence in ability of being physically active and eating healthily | 4 | 33;47 | State employees |
| Hurkman s et al 2018 [16] | 29-34 | 45 | 77 | 24/21 | вмі | Cardio- metabolic risk factors, Dietary patterns, Physical activity | 3 | 25;20 | Community |
| Kraschne wski 2011 [17] | 27-40 | 50 | 69 | 50/50 | Weight | BMI, Blood Pressure, Quality of Life, total caloric intake | 3 | 10;14 | Academic medical center |
| Krukows ki et al, 2011 [18] | 25-50 | 46 | 93 | 161/158 | Weight | | 6 | 0.1;2 | Clinical center |
| McConno n et al 2007 [19] | ≥30 | 46 | 77 | 111/110 | Weight, BMI | | 12 | 51;30 | General practice |
| Padwal et | ≥35 | 40 | 83 | 225/215 | Weight, | Blood | 9 | 26;32 | Clinical |

| al 2017 [20] | | | | | вмі | pressure, Lipids, HbA1c, Quality of life, Readiness to change, Self- efficacy, Mood | | | center |
|------------------------|---|----|----|-------|--------|--|----|-------|---------------------|
| Steinberg 2013 [21] | 25-40 | 45 | 80 | 47/44 | Weight | Diet and physical activity behaviors, perceptions of daily self- weighting | 6 | 4;4 | University setting |
| Yardley 2014 [22] | ≥30 or ≥28 with hyperten sion, hyperch olesterol emia or diabetes | 51 | 66 | 45/43 | weight | Waist, height, fat mass, blood pressure, fasting lipids, blood glucose and HbA1c | 12 | 30;33 | General practice |