

Supplementary Table SII Serum hormone levels and body weights in different treatment groups of mice.

| | Control | DHT | DHT + metformin | Metformin |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Body weight (g) | 18.51 ± 1.54 | 21.23 ± 2.01 ^a | 18.01 ± 1.53 ^b | 17.79 ± 1.81 |
| Total testosterone (ng/ml) | 7.59 ± 0.59 | 7.22 ± 0.94 | 7.01 ± 1.01 | 7.33 ± 1.29 |
| Progesterone (ng/ml) | 4.12 ± 0.94 | 2.93 ± 1.02 ^a | 3.67 ± 1.55 | 4.25 ± 0.98 |
| Oestradiol (pg/ml) | 18.57 ± 5.77 | 21.83 ± 3.86 | 21.03 ± 4.91 | 20.33 ± 6.02 |
| DHT (ng/ml) | 0.32 ± 0.07 | 1.32 ± 0.21 ^a | 1.19 ± 0.13 | 0.40 ± 0.33 |

Data are presented as means ± SEMs ($n = 20$ per group)

^a $P < 0.05$, compared between DHT and control groups;

^b $P < 0.05$, compared between DHT + Met and DHT groups.

DHT, dihydrotestosterone.