

Sauna dehydration as a new physiological challenge model for intestinal barrier function

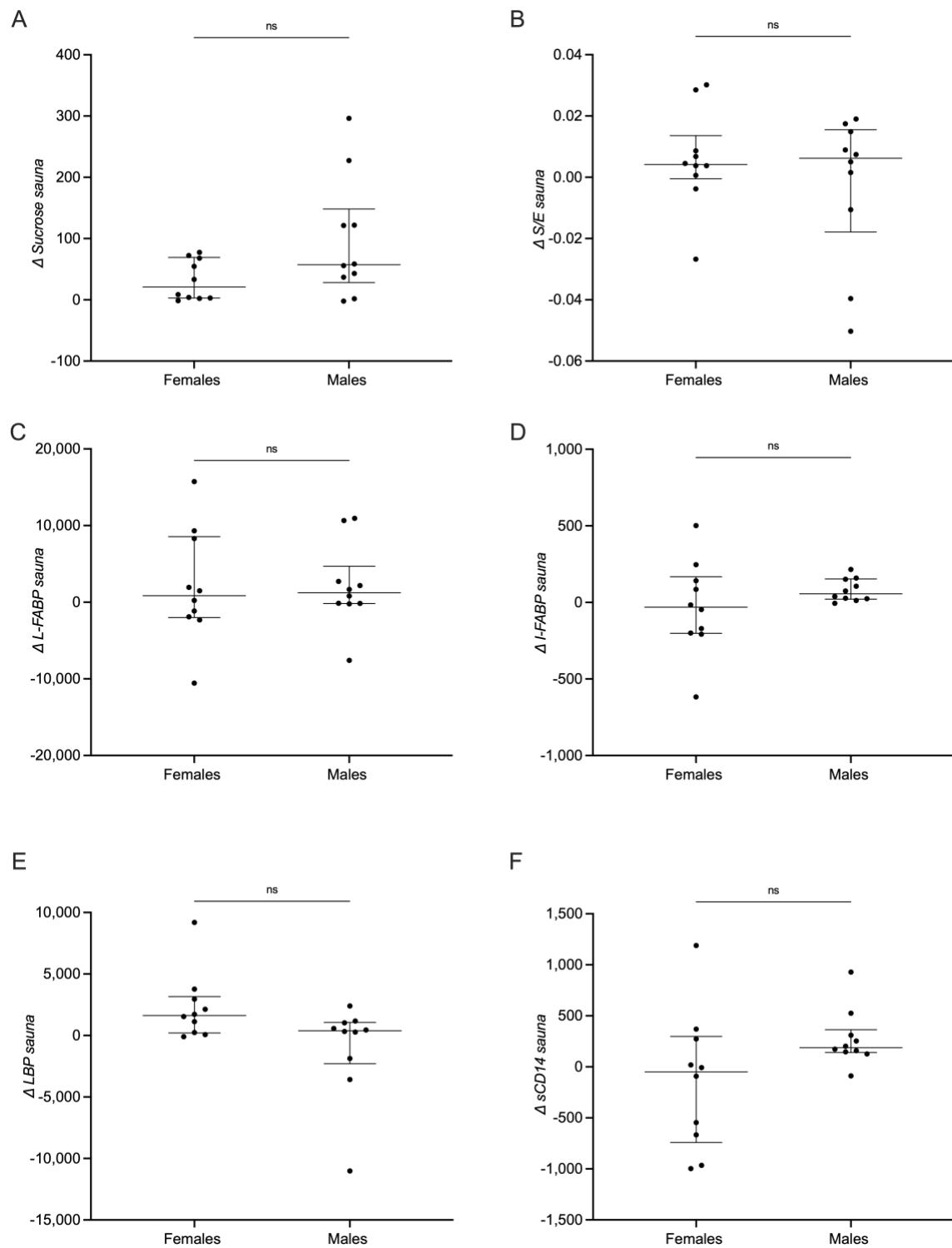
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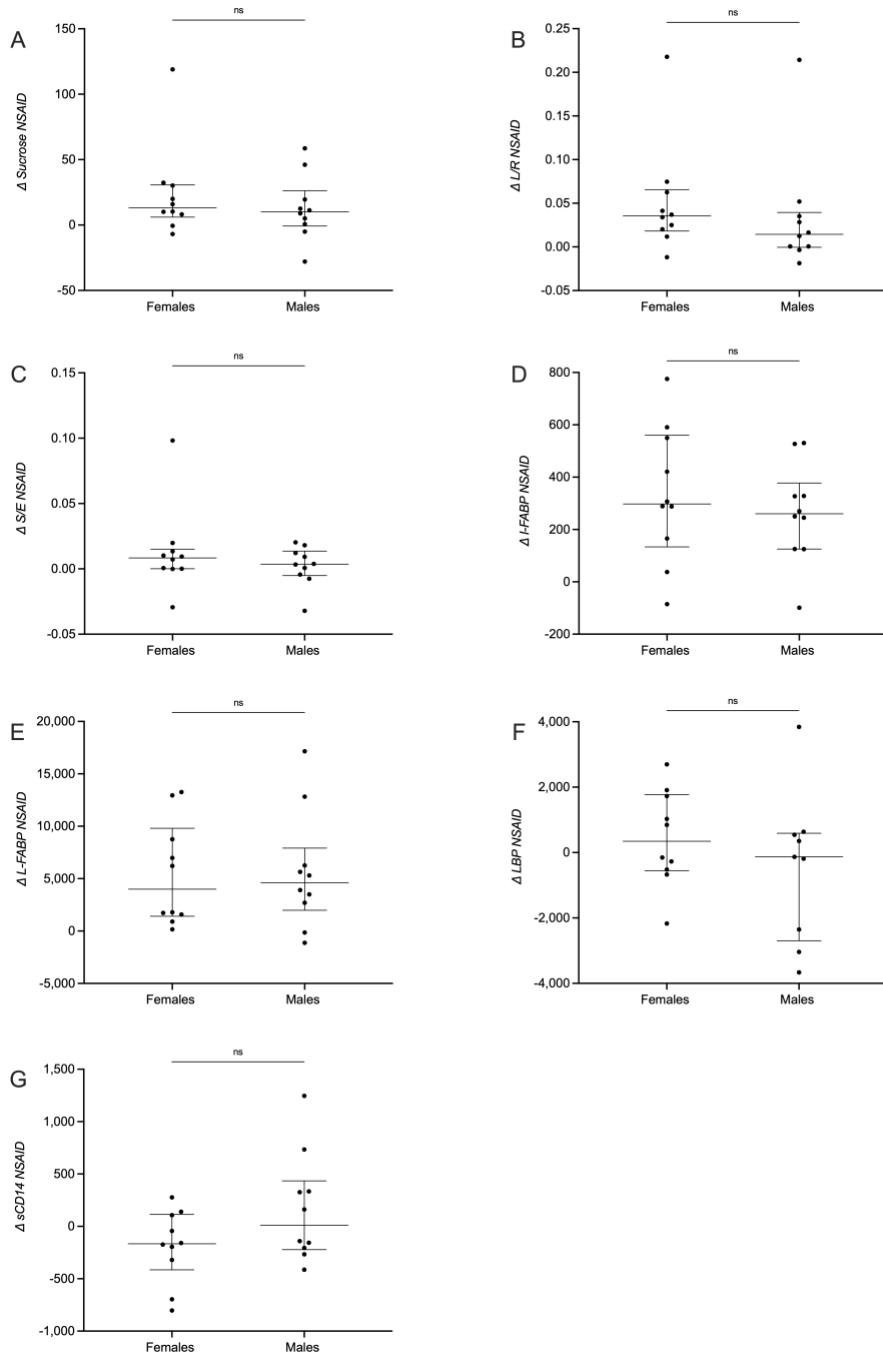
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Supplementary material



Supplementary Fig S1. Differences between female and male participants. Data is represented as Δ values: sauna value - control value. (A) Gastroduodenal permeability measured by urinary sucrose recovery (0-5h). (B) Colonic permeability measured by urinary sucralose/erythritol (S/E) excretion ratio (5-24h). (C) Plasma concentrations of intestinal fatty acid-binding protein (I-FABP). (D) Plasma concentrations of liver fatty acid-binding protein (L-FABP). (E) Plasma concentrations of lipopolysaccharide-binding protein (LBP). (F) Plasma concentrations of soluble CD14 (sCD14). The horizontal line marks the median, the vertical line spans through the interquartile range (IQR). The dots represent the individuals. ns, non-significant.



Supplementary Fig S2. Differences between female and male participants. Data is represented as Δ values: NSAID value - control value. (A) Gastroduodenal permeability measured by urinary sucrose recovery (0-5h). (B) Small intestinal permeability measured by lactulose/rhamnose (L/R) excretion ratio (0-5h). (C) Colonic permeability measured by urinary sucralose/erythritol (S/E) excretion ratio (5-24h). (D) Plasma concentrations of intestinal fatty acid-binding protein (I-FABP). (E) Plasma concentrations of liver fatty acid-binding protein (L-FABP). (F) Plasma concentrations of lipopolysaccharide-binding protein (LBP). (G) Plasma concentrations of soluble CD14 (sCD14). The horizontal line marks the median, the vertical line spans through the interquartile range (IQR). The dots represent the individuals. ns, non-significant. NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

Supplementary Table S1. Correlations between body temperature and markers associated with intestinal permeability and cytokines after the sauna condition.

	15 min in the sauna	1.5% dehydration	3% dehydration
Sucrose	r=-0.055; p=0.858	r=-0.006; p=0.986	r=-0.634; p=0.020
L/R	r=-0.443; p=0.130	r=-0.075; p=0.809	r=-0.377; p=0.204
S/E	r=-0.234; p=0.442	r=-0.586; p=0.035	r=-0.416; p=0.157
I-FABP	r=0.267; p=0.378	r=-0.450; p=0.123	r=-0.270; p=0.372
L-FABP	r=0.341; p=0.254	r=0.030; p=0.922	r=0.275; p=0.362
LBP	r=0.000; p=1.000	r=-0.561; p=0.046	r=-0.094; p=0.761
sCD14	r=-0.286; p=0.343	r=-0.365; p=0.221	r=-0.521; p=0.068
IL-6	r=-0.536; p=0.059	r=0.254; p=0.402	r=0.350; p=0.241
IL-8	r=0.025; r=0.936	r=-0.193; r=0.527	r=-0.314; r=0.296
IL-10	r=-0.593; p=0.033	r=0.699; p= 0.008	r=0.611; p= 0.026
IFN-γ	r=0.407; p=0.167	r=-0.039; p=0.900	r=0.253; p=0.403
TNF-α	r=0.149; p=0.628	r=0.401; p=0.175	r=0.515; p=0.072

P-values smaller than 0.0015 (0.05/33, Bonferroni) were considered as significant. n=13.

Supplementary Table S2. Correlations between cytokines and L/R ratio after the sauna condition.

	$\Delta L/R$
$\Delta IL-6$	r=-0.114, p=0.634
$\Delta IL-8$	r=-0.078, p=0.743
$\Delta IL-10$	r=0.217, p=0.358
$\Delta IFN-\gamma$	r=-0.483, p=0.031
$\Delta TNF-\alpha$	r=-0.065, p=0.787

P-values smaller than 0.01 (0.05/5, Bonferroni) were considered as significant. Δ : sauna value – control value.

Supplementary Table S3. Correlations between cytokines and markers associated with intestinal permeability after the sauna condition.

	$\Delta IL-6$	$\Delta IL-8$	$\Delta IL-10$	$\Delta IFN-\gamma$	$\Delta TNF-\alpha$
$\Delta I-FABP$	r=0.147 p=0.537	r=-0.108 p=0.650	r=0.159 p=0.503	r=-0.014 p=0.955	r=-0.114 p=0.631
$\Delta L-FABP$	r=0.326 p=0.160	r=0.183 p=0.439	r=-0.039 p=0.872	r=-0.032 p=0.895	r=0.125 p=0.600
ΔLBP	r=-0.118 p=0.620	r=-0.224 p=0.342	r=0.063 p=0.793	r=0.295 p=0.207	r=0.173 p=0.466
$\Delta sCD14$	r=-0.139 p=0.558	r=0.573 p=0.008	r=0.167 p=0.481	r=-0.102 p=0.960	r=0.147 p=0.535

P-values smaller than 0.0025 (0.05/20, Bonferroni) were considered as significant. Δ : sauna value – control value.

Supplementary Table S4. Correlations between plasma markers associated with intestinal permeability and small bowel permeability after the sauna condition.

	ΔL/R
ΔI-FABP	r=0.144, p=0.544
ΔL-FABP	r=0.168, p=0.478
ΔLBP	r=-0.188, p=0.427
ΔsCD14	r=-0.053, p=0.826

P-values smaller than 0.0125 (0.05/4, Bonferroni) were considered as significant. Δ: sauna value – control value.

Supplementary Table S5. Correlations between plasma markers associated with intestinal permeability and small bowel permeability after the NSAID intervention.

	ΔL/R
ΔI-FABP	r=0.325, p=0.162
ΔL-FABP	r=0.296, p=0.205
ΔLBP	r=-0.117, p=0.662
ΔsCD14	r=-0.009, p=0.970

P-values smaller than 0.0125 (0.05/4, Bonferroni) were considered as significant. Δ: NSAID value – control value.

Supplementary Table S6: Exclusion criteria

- Abdominal surgery which might influence gastrointestinal function, except appendectomy and cholecystectomy
- Current diagnosis of hypertension
- Current diagnosis of psychiatric disease
- Over 100kg or with a BMI over 35
- Systemic use of steroids in the last 6 weeks
- Use of antibiotics or antimicrobial medication in the last month
- Daily usage of NSAID in the last 2 months or incidental use in the last 2 weeks prior to screening
- Usage of medications that could affect the barrier function, except oral contraceptives, during the 14 days prior to screening
- Diagnosed inflammatory gastrointestinal disease
- Known organic gastrointestinal disease (e.g. IBS, IBD, Chronic diarrhoea or constipation)
- History of or present gastrointestinal malignancy or polyposis
- Recent (gastrointestinal) infection (within last 6 months)
- Eosinophilic disorders of the gastrointestinal tract
- Current communicable disease (e.g. upper respiratory tract infection)
- Malignant disease and /or patients who are receiving systemic anti-neoplastic agents)
- Chronic neurological/neurodegenerative diseases (e.g. Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis)
- Autoimmune disease and/or patients receiving immunosuppressive medications
- Major relevant allergies (e.g. food allergy, multiple allergies)
- Chronic pain syndromes (e.g. fibromyalgia)
- Chronic fatigue syndrome
- Regular use of probiotics in the last 6 weeks
- Smoking and/or chewable tobacco
- Planned changes to current diet or exercise regime
- Use of laxatives, anti-diarrhoeotics, anti-cholinergics within last 4 weeks prior to screening
- Use of immunosuppressant drugs within last 4 weeks prior to screening
- Women: Pregnancy, lactation
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs
- Any disease/condition which in the investigator's opinion could interfere with the intestinal barrier function
- Any clinically significant disease/condition which in the investigator's opinion could interfere with the results of the trial

Supplementary Table S7. Data file

Subject ID	Age (years)	sex	Weight (kg)	Height (m)	BMI (Kg/m ²)
DH001	23	F	66	1.7	22.8
DH002	36	M	71	1.75	23.2
DH003	27	M	72.7	1.73	24.3
DH004	23	F	62.3	1.68	22.1
DH005	26	F	60.5	1.68	21.4
DH006	24	M	91.1	1.97	23.5
DH007	38	F	54.9	1.68	19.5
DH008	23	F	83.8	1.74	27.7
DH009	24	M	86	1.76	27.8
DH010	24	M	86.8	1.9	24.0
DH011	24	F	55.8	1.71	19.1
DH012	28	F	56.2	1.64	20.9
DH013	23	F	70	1.67	25.1
DH014	25	F	55.6	1.65	20.4
DH015	29	M	86.6	1.83	25.9
DH016	26	M	93.2	1.78	29.4
DH017	21	F	54.7	1.63	20.6
DH018	28	M	73.7	1.75	24.1
DH019	38	M	78.7	1.96	20.5
DH020	23	M	73.9	1.92	20.0

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Subject ID	Time to 1.5% dehydration	Time to 3% dehydration	LR ratio Control	LR ratio NSAID	LR ratio Sauna
DH001	02:17	04:15	0.022663301	0.240485058	0.06968805
DH002	01:54	04:09	0.048910912	0.049504694	0.085875299
DH003	01:20	02:32	0.017726847	0.034156414	0.028235052
DH004	01:26	03:20	0.028198687	0.048429799	0.059032706
DH005	02:12	04:56	0.028114844	0.069446037	0.11820283
DH006	01:42	03:26	0.06335837	0.277621965	0.204674793
DH007	02:01	03:45	0.048659192	0.036805061	0.044332504
DH008	02:41	04:01	0.043120221	0.054978826	0.050585837
DH009	02:33	03:55	0.023699692	0.052144274	0.137227047
DH010	01:26	02:44	0.014448519	0.06639023	0.089909562
DH011	01:15	02:29	0.042738077	0.117472017	0.044031096
DH012	01:38	03:16	0.016842798	0.079453393	0.046391352
DH013	01:50	03:30	0.013191827	0.038168707	0.029265536
DH014	01:48	03:06	0.038010442	0.074977924	0.053835164
DH015	01:56	03:50	0.039064986	0.039607273	0.16755477
DH016	01:55	03:45	0.030226382	0.026677543	0.038875839
DH017	01:26	02:41	0.038102144	0.072194584	0.041048926
DH018	01:33	03:48	0.013845337	0.026329897	0.098510469
DH019	01:26	03:11	0.018611224	Missing ¹	0.061806522
DH020	01:52	03:20	0.015324783	0.050520398	0.059325895

¹ Sample missing due to errors in the 0-5h urine collection

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Subject ID	SE ratio Control	SE ratio Positive	SE ratio Sauna	Sucrose (μg/mL) Control	Sucrose (μg/mL) NSAID
DH001	0.057422654	0.028087449	0.030691988	6.782	36.972
DH002	0.077677904	0.045607657	0.027388584	15.562	74.212
DH003	0.036418981	0.040227741	0.037962128	4.158	4.824
DH004	0.018232394	0.028445641	0.018844607	5.388	15.486
DH005	0.02014852	0.118347718	0.050337505	38.954	157.916
DH006	0.027905059	0.037181229	0.045360725	41.944	61.508
DH007	0.02827853	0.028238341	0.032061244	5.854	5.34
DH008	0.02458753	0.044384693	0.03319868	19.79	39.818
DH009	0.032468191	0.033191998	0.037511229	21.648	67.78
DH010	0.020438656	0.038531981	0.035308843	6.158	11.27
DH011	0.018063901	0.031491021	0.021827917	6.386	16.734
DH012	0.021544492	0.030991399	0.026072632	12.216	44.584
DH013	0.028165888	0.028734381	0.034957665	9.6	25.576
DH014	0.017685782	0.024895605	0.046191956	13.308	21.504
DH015	0.088238331	0.080737071	0.048618285	3.958	12.948
DH016	0.049792612	0.045482678	0.039205884	4.27	15.574
DH017	0.021408802	0.021574813	0.017631293	19.76	12.85
DH018	0.029742195	0.033110444	0.048779095	9.718	4.662
DH019	0.02728297	0.047548052	0.034691825	27.928	Missing ¹
DH020	0.020049071	0.032196738	0.028983353	5.048	17.546

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Subject ID	Suc (μg/ml)	I-FABP (pg/ml)	I-FABP (pg/ml)	I-FABP (pg/ml)	L-FABP (pg/ml)
	Sauna	Control	NSAID	Sauna	Cntrl
DH001	84.246	844.66	1435.34	227.908	12133.98
DH002	136.926	483.4913333	733.72	634.6466667	14198.19333
DH003	41.112	187.9326667	718.448	403.1093333	9676.386667
DH004	60.042	393.8866667	431.378	377.6866667	12821.05333
DH005	111.438	35.28466667	810.5766667	536.9526667	1722.893333
DH006	269.24	314.3426667	439.0126667	338.7866667	11051.16
DH007	39.056	184.834	472.5886667	326.6926667	10277.59333
DH008	22.892	166.8613333	455.518	251.9693333	1660.753333
DH009	143.596	188.5933333	715.5513333	263.0893333	1797.5
DH010	302.458	442.4873333	770.448	454.658	14907.63333
DH011	4.91	284.0506667	704.6906667	237.5793333	1724.233333
DH012	80.326	297.592	212.3306667	127.0106667	16217.40667
DH013	18.168	275.6093333	582.2766667	522.57	1923.893333
DH014	15.55	588.72	1138.526	381.4986667	15870.5
DH015	47.056	281.53	526.514	440.2406667	1802.3
DH016	62.886	292.386	417.6406667	319.976	1812.76
DH017	23.686	408.0366667	573.6173333	208.4293333	12883.28667
DH018	7.52	530.6353333	431.802	524.6493333	14379.15333
DH019	29.682	420.0266667	690.0286667	458.5846667	9248.753333
DH020	60.982	185.7946667	512.7486667	291.3406667	2042.566667

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Subject ID	L-FABP (pg/ml)	L-FABP (pg/ml)	LBP (ng/ml)	LBP (ng/ml)	LBP (ng/ml)
	NSAID	Sauna	Control	NSAID	Sauna
DH001	18348.38667	1570.066667	6947.5	8858.333333	8665.66667
DH002	16893.9	15868.87	11198	8159	11644.3333
DH003	14980.1	11851.8	4463.333333	8305.666667	6869.5
DH004	14601.98	14761.61333	8111.5	5940	11883.3333
DH005	14670.52	11043.2	8349.333333	11048.66667	9480
DH006	16691.65333	13762.46667	7422.333333	8060	7751.66667
DH007	11184.89333	9123.386667	5946.666667	7673.333333	8075
DH008	10423.96667	9976.32	5167	5014	5243.33333
DH009	18951.06	1643.306667	11852.33333	12395	12877.3333
DH010	18820.84667	15723.20667	15795.66667	12129.66667	12213.6667
DH011	14986.88	1947.706667	5568.333333	4898.666667	5475
DH012	16383.83333	14314.94	10533	10014.66667	10777.3333
DH013	8907.4	17661.18	6848.333333	6576.333333	8384.66667
DH014	17445.96667	13566.47333	6451	7481.333333	9407
DH015	5297.026667	12754.50667	7603.5	7470	8781.5
DH016	1670.026667	1682.306667	4498.5	4312	4776.5
DH017	14610.88667	14374.63333	13564.66667	14410.66667	22753
DH018	13250.95333	14170.35333	10392.5	10747.66667	10967.3333
DH019	15517.54	1666.41333	11615.66667	9261.666667	9748.33333
DH020	14863.27333	12702.7	23100*	9189.333333*	12078.6667*

*Excluded data due to disproportionately high baseline values.

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Subject ID	sCD14 (ng/ml) Control	sCD14 (ng/ml) NSAID	sCD14 (ng/ml) Sauna	IL6 (pg/ml) Control	IL6 (pg/ml) Sauna
DH001	2791.6	1988.68	3065.92	0.00000	1.75603
DH002	2097.76	2424.24	3027.08	1.48613	9.34268
DH003	1799.76	2534.2	2109.8	0.00000	1.81093
DH004	3216.4	3173.24	2250.72	0.00000	5.45587
DH005	3202.4	2506.76	2205.72	0.00000	1.53531
DH006	1672.76	2007.04	1926.12	0.00000	7.23251
DH007	1265	1404.64	2453.6	0.00000	3.84927
DH008	1840.88	1682.2	2211.08	0.00000	11.8611
DH009	1484.8	1344.16	1657.36	1.23306	8.63654
DH010	1760.24	1922.2	2285.76	0.00000	0.00000
DH011	1841.64	1521	1834.6	0.00000	9.24615
DH012	2507.68	2783.76	1840.88	0.00000	11.3204
DH013	2185.12	1989.68	2204.76	0.00000	12.8571
DH014	2373.2	2199.64	1826.92	0.00000	1.97490
DH015	2196.8	1930.6	2322.96	0.00000	16.2766
DH016	2156.44	2000.24	2303.04	0.00000	16.0891
DH017	1550.88	1657.2	1458.8	0.00000	2.28479
DH018	1794.08	1380.64	1704.8	0.00000	8.38460
DH019	1711.32	1504.92	1913.28	0.00000	0.00000
DH020	1635.96	2882.32	1794.76	4.95923	8.93160

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Subject ID	IL8	IL8	IL10	IL10	INF-Y
	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)	(pg/ml)
	Control	Sauna	Control	Sauna	Contro
DH001	5.97289	10.25407	0.00000	0.00000	6.01598
DH002	7.17599	9.89999	0.00000	0.00000	14.27588
DH003	5.27611	8.52533	0.00000	0.00000	8.00875
DH004	6.12601	7.49315	1.45436	0.73452	8.40092
DH005	9.75626	8.17493	0.00000	0.00000	5.09799
DH006	4.91118	9.39039	0.00000	0.00000	20.0557
DH007	5.60137	12.96781	0.00000	0.00000	15.78003
DH008	5.13942	8.33903	0.00000	0.69212	5.21781
DH009	6.90792	9.42978	0.00000	1.40163	8.91961
DH010	3.82622	7.39070	0.00000	0.00000	52.55335
DH011	6.49837	13.36403	0.89300	0.73205	6.97159
DH012	4.73128	7.23908	0.00000	0.59600	5.39184
DH013	5.04482	7.84199	0.00000	0.00000	28.1372
DH014	4.89330	5.99875	0.59600	0.00000	4.05176
DH015	5.13231	8.92908	0.00000	1.16735	6.95366
DH016	5.87487	7.97528	0.68473	0.00000	8.68434
DH017	6.76680	6.77033	0.59600	0.74005	22.25339
DH018	7.08424	7.88986	0.00000	0.00000	6.34018
DH019	9.17284	8.19719	0.00000	0.00000	8.24331
DH020	3.70251	8.97591	2.81136	0.00000	17.88639

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Subject ID	INF-Y (pg/ml)	TNF-a (pg/ml)	TNF-a (pg/ml)	Temperature (Celcius)
	Sauna	Control	Sauna	15min
DH001	7.28489	1.67579	2.59273	38
DH002	17.48817	2.18899	2.61847	39
DH003	8.25536	2.12861	2.40253	39.4
DH004	7.75501	2.53825	2.77422	38.3
DH005	5.1519	2.09293	2.36822	36.5
DH006	13.18725	1.9019	2.19628	38
DH007	19.11327	1.94646	2.14463	38.9
DH008	7.24254	2.35388	2.96537	36.2
DH009	13.4917	2.29948	2.381	35.7
DH010	11.17918	2.66999	2.78274	Missing ²
DH011	16.0437	2.21056	2.84092	36.1
DH012	6.66574	2.07572	2.32645	35.9
DH013	33.34557	3.03221	2.80965	Missing ²
DH014	3.34267	2.48405	2.32638	Missing ²
DH015	7.88151	1.85007	2.36099	34.6
DH016	9.25869	2.60118	2.43518	Missing ²
DH017	35.70268	2.74706	3.02945	38.8
DH018	6.88151	2.82393	2.4454	Missing ²
DH019	5.55953	2.44833	1.99248	Missing ²
DH020	5.01457	3.3127	2.57834	Missing ²

²Due to technical difficulties, temperature data of seven participants are missing from the analysis.

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Subject ID	Temperature (Celcius) 1.5%Deh	Temperature (Celcius) 3%Deh	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L) Control Base line -2h	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L) Positive Base line -2h	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L) Sauna Base line -2h
DH001	39.1	36.1	11.24	5.015	9.445
DH002	38.8	37.3	6.51	10.775	9.26
DH003	38	38.6	6.735	5.98	11.78
DH004	39.7	39.1	7.14	2.765	4.25
DH005	38	36.9	7.175	1.695	3.365
DH006	37.9	38.6	4.33	1.865	6.055
DH007	37.9	37.5	6.61	8.365	9.325
DH008	38.1	39	22.02	5.205	1.815
DH009	40	37.9	5.745	12.03	5.34
DH010	Missing ²	38.3	Missing ³	0.725	2.685
DH011	39.6	39.5	9.94	10.68	9.375
DH012	39.7	38	12.425	4.52	10.17
DH013	Missing ²	Missing ²	6.53	13.025	9.41
DH014	Missing ²	Missing ²	9.425	9.745	7.96
DH015	38.8	38.7	15.14	18.355	12.185
DH016	Missing ²	Missing ²	3.805	4.565	3.04
DH017	39.5	39.5	2.555	4.41	3.08
DH018	Missing ²	38.1	5.605	3.045	15.155
DH019	Missing ²	37.8	3.62	5.75	1.875
DH020	Missing ²	38.1	1.62	0.87	1.15

²Due to technical difficulties, temperature data of seven participants are missing from the analysis.

³Sample missing due to errors in saliva collection

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Subject ID	Salivary cortisol	Salivary cortisol	Salivary cortisol
	(nmol/L)	(nmol/L)	(nmol/L)
	Control Directly after sauna 1min	Positive Directly after sauna 1min	Sauna Directly after sauna 1min
DH001	14.205	2.105	9.9
DH002	2.31	6.595	8.485
DH003	5.795	4.115	7.815
DH004	4.13	2.285	19.285
DH005	3.19	11.67	5.055
DH006	17.07	3.84	5.26
DH007	5.745	7.425	10.735
DH008	1.8	9.75	20.24
DH009	2.375	10.715	38.375
DH010	Missing ³	10.12	5.825
DH011	10.54	9.41	6.67
DH012	5.86	6.425	20.52
DH013	8.765	8.67	19.715
DH014	2.71	2.015	3.355
DH015	4.265	4.27	42.375
DH016	5.045	4.065	9.205
DH017	12.015	10.04	12.19
DH018	4.465	4.19	6.11
DH019	13.205	9.725	10.425
DH020	8.635	13.35	10.53

³Sample missing due to errors in saliva collection

Supplementary Table S7. Data file

Subject ID	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L)	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L)	Salivary cortisol (nmol/L)
	Control 2h after sauna	Positive 2h after sauna	Sauna 2h after sauna
DH001	4.285	3.16	4.22
DH002	2.56	2.27	10.5
DH003	4.84	3.075	17.515
DH004	3.08	4.505	3.585
DH005	2.035	4.19	2.59
DH006	6.345	7.295	14.16
DH007	2.93	2.93	2.51
DH008	1.245	Missing ³	3.86
DH009	1.545	3.48	9.645
DH010	Missing ³	1.96	5.19
DH011	2.49	2.88	3.175
DH012	3.56	3.6	2.3
DH013	2.64	2.56	3.41
DH014	1.985	2.425	2.14
DH015	3.27	3.925	23.74
DH016	2.16	0.785	3.585
DH017	6.545	15.725	7.49
DH018	2.61	Missing ³	5.025
DH019	4.195	3.69	Missing ³
DH020	3.12	3.75	3.6

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