**Table S1. Clinical characteristics of men and women included in the study divided by age or menopause status.**

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|  | **Men****19-54 years of age****(n=48)** | **Men****55-80 years of age****(n=32)** | **Women****pre-menopause****(n=44)** | **Women****post-menopause****(n=40)** |
| **Characteristic** |  |  |  |  |
| **Current smokers** **(%)** | 10.4 | 3.12 | 25 | 15 |
| **Former smokers** **(%)** | 6.25 | 46.8 | 6.8 | 20 |
| **Hypertension** **(%)** | 12.5 | 31.2 | 2.3 | 37.5 |
| **AHT** **(%)** | 2.08 | 25 | 0 | 7.5 |
| **Contraceptives** **(%)** | 0 | 0 | 13.6 | 0 |

AHT: Anti-hypercholesterol therapy. Data are expressed as %.