

1    **Supplementary**

2    **Table S1: Dietary parameters for DII calculation for the MD and MDLGI arms at baseline and at 12-month  
3    follow-up.**

| Dietary factors           | MD <sup>a</sup>   |                    | MDLGI <sup>a</sup> |                    | <i>p</i> -Value <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
|                           | baseline<br>N=112 | 12 months<br>N=112 | baseline<br>N=111  | 12 months<br>N=111 |                              |
| <b>Energy (kcal)</b>      | 1430 ± 347        | 1269 ± 297         | 1511 ± 330         | 1297 ± 303         | 0.23                         |
| <b>Protein (g)</b>        | 57.7 ± 15.0       | 54.1 ± 13.2        | 60.5 ± 12.8        | 57.1 ± 12.6        | 0.94                         |
| <b>Carbohydrates (g)</b>  | 181.6 ± 51.9      | 150.4 ± 45.8       | 196.9 ± 49.8       | 145.1 ± 41.0       | ≤0.01                        |
| <b>Fat (g)</b>            | 55.3 ± 18.8       | 52.8 ± 17.1        | 56.5 ± 17.2        | 54.8 ± 18.1        | 0.73                         |
| <b>SFA (g)</b>            | 15.2 ± 6.3        | 11.6 ± 3.7         | 15.1 ± 6.1         | 11.5 ± 4.0         | 0.97                         |
| <b>MUFA (g)</b>           | 24.7 ± 9.3        | 26.2 ± 10.5        | 24.8 ± 8.5         | 28.3 ± 11.3        | 0.19                         |
| <b>PUFA (g)</b>           | 7.6 ± 3.1         | 7.3 ± 3.1          | 7.8 ± 2.7          | 7.9 ± 3.1          | 0.36                         |
| <b>Omega-3 (g)</b>        | 3.7 ± 2.1         | 4.2 ± 2.2          | 3.7 ± 1.5          | 4.7 ± 2.3          | 0.10                         |
| <b>Omega-6 (g)</b>        | 0.5 ± 0.3         | 0.5 ± 0.3          | 0.5 ± 0.2          | 0.6 ± 0.3          | 0.47                         |
| <b>Cholesterol (mg)</b>   | 169.1 ± 65.5      | 146.1 ± 66.8       | 156.5 ± 63.7       | 143.5 ± 65.8       | 0.34                         |
| <b>Fiber (g)</b>          | 17.7 ± 6.5        | 20.9 ± 7.4         | 19.9 ± 6.4         | 24.1 ± 9.1         | 0.30                         |
| <b>Alcohol (g)</b>        | 14.2 ± 27.3       | 8.1 ± 16.7         | 12.4 ± 23.0        | 9.2 ± 21.1         | 0.33                         |
| <b>Folic acid (mcg)</b>   | 242.8 ± 115.9     | 287.3 ± 127.1      | 268.2 ± 100.6      | 328.4 ± 139.6      | 0.38                         |
| <b>Beta-carotene (mg)</b> | 1479 ± 1112       | 1590 ± 1023        | 1770 ± 1134        | 2016 ± 1294        | 0.45                         |
| <b>Vitamin A (mcg)</b>    | 740.6 ± 494.3     | 761.2 ± 554.4      | 811.0 ± 486.5      | 896.0 ± 491.3      | 0.48                         |
| <b>Vitamin B6 (mg)</b>    | 1.3 ± 0.4         | 1.3 ± 0.4          | 1.3 ± 0.4          | 1.3 ± 0.4          | 0.68                         |
| <b>Vitamin B12 (mcg)</b>  | 1.4 ± 1.7         | 1.4 ± 2.7          | 1.9 ± 2.6          | 1.2 ± 1.5          | 0.08                         |
| <b>Vitamin C (mg)</b>     | 93.0 ± 51.9       | 102.3 ± 56.7       | 115.4 ± 55.9       | 124.0 ± 59.6       | 0.91                         |
| <b>Vitamin D (mcg)</b>    | 1.9 ± 1.7         | 2.0 ± 1.8          | 1.8 ± 2.0          | 2.6 ± 2.6          | 0.05                         |
| <b>Vitamin E (mg)</b>     | 9.1 ± 3.9         | 10.6 ± 4.6         | 9.5 ± 3.3          | 12.2 ± 5.2         | 0.05                         |
| <b>Iron (mg)</b>          | 8.7 ± 2.9         | 9.4 ± 3.1          | 1.0 ± 0.3          | 10.0 ± 3.4         | 0.91                         |
| <b>Magnesium (mg)</b>     | 150.1 ± 54.8      | 170.4 ± 64.9       | 163.8 ± 46.8       | 181.2 ± 60.8       | 0.72                         |
| <b>Niacin (mg)</b>        | 12.1 ± 3.6        | 12.5 ± 4.0         | 12.8 ± 3.5         | 13.1 ± 3.8         | 0.98                         |
| <b>Riboflavin (mg)</b>    | 1.1 ± 0.4         | 1.1 ± 0.4          | 1.2 ± 0.4          | 1.2 ± 0.4          | 0.31                         |
| <b>Selenium (mcg)</b>     | 20.9 ± 11.7       | 26.9 ± 13.4        | 26.8 ± 12.6        | 22.5 ± 10.4        | ≤0.01                        |
| <b>Thiamin (mg)</b>       | 0.8 ± 0.3         | 0.8 ± 0.3          | 0.8 ± 0.3          | 0.8 ± 0.3          | 0.05                         |
| <b>Zinc (mg)</b>          | 7.5 ± 2.3         | 7.4 ± 2.1          | 8.0 ± 2.2          | 8.0 ± 2.4          | 0.69                         |

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5    Abbreviations: DII, dietary inflammatory index; MD, Mediterranean diet; MDLGI, Mediterranean diet with low glycemic index;  
6    SFA, saturated fatty acids; MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acids.

7    <sup>a</sup> Values are daily means ± SD for intakes at baseline and at 12-month follow-up.

8    <sup>b</sup> Differences in changes from baseline between arms, Student's t-test (*p* < 0.05).