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Workday sitting time and marital status: Novel pre-treatment predictors of weight loss in overweight and obese men

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Abstract

The evidence base for weight loss programs in men is limited. Gaining a greater understanding of which personal characteristics and pre-treatment behaviours predict weight loss and attrition in male-only studies would be useful to inform the development of future interventions for men.

In December 2010, 159 overweight/obese men (age=47.5y; BMI=32.7kg/m²) from the Hunter Region of NSW Australia participated in a randomised controlled trial testing the effectiveness of two versions of a 3-month gender-targeted weight loss program. In the current analyses, social-cognitive, behavioural and demographic pre-treatment characteristics were examined to determine if they predicted weight loss and attrition in the participants over 6 months.

Generalised linear mixed models (intention-to-treat) revealed weight change was associated with education level (p=0.02), marital status (p=0.03), fat mass (p=0.045), sitting time on non-work (p=0.046) and work days (p=0.03). Workday sitting time and marital status accounted for 6.5% (p=0.01) of the variance in the final model. Attrition was associated with level of education (p=0.01) and body fat percentage (p=0.01), accounting for 9.5% (p=0.002) of the variance in the final model. This study suggests men who spend a lot of time sitting at work, especially those who are not married, may require additional support to experience success in self-administered weight loss programs targeting males. High-quality evidence is needed to improve the understanding which pre-treatment behaviours and characteristics predict weight loss and attrition in men.

Keywords: Obesity, Predictor, Weight loss, Men, Attrition

Workday Sitting Time and Marital Status: Novel Pre-treatment Predictors of Weight Loss in Overweight and Obese Men

Obesity is a serious global health concern (Finucane et al., 2011) associated with multiple negative health conditions including cardiovascular disease (Guh et al., 2009), type II diabetes (Guh et al., 2009), depression (Luppino et al., 2010), anxiety (Garipey, Nitka, & Schmitz, 2010), and several cancers (Renehan, Tyson, Egger, Heller, & Zwahlen, 2008).

Increases in obesity have affected both sexes (Finucane et al., 2011), but men are much less likely than women to participate in weight loss research (Pagoto et al., 2012). Although several innovative male-only weight loss programs have been conducted to address this imbalance in recent years (e.g., (Hunt et al., 2014; Morgan et al., 2014), the evidence base to inform weight loss recommendations for men remains limited (Young, Morgan, Plotnikoff, Callister, & Collins, 2012).

Gaining a greater understanding of which personal characteristics and pre-treatment behaviours predict weight loss and attrition in male-only studies would be useful to inform the development of future interventions. Although sex-specific predictors of weight loss success likely exist (Stubbs et al., 2011), many studies do not analyse men and women separately or include sex as a covariate within analyses (Teixeira, Going, Sardinha, & Lohman, 2005), which may obscure important sex differences in results. There is a rationale to examine predictors in men and women separately (Lovejoy, Sainsbury, & Stock Conference 2008 Working Group, 2009).

Importantly, predictor analyses should be guided by theory (Teixeira et al., 2005). For example, Bandura's Social Cognitive Theory (SCT) presents a causal framework of social and personal factors that are hypothesised to influence behaviour including self-efficacy (i.e. confidence in ability to control health habits), outcome expectations (i.e. anticipated consequences), behavioural goals (i.e. intentions), and socio-structural factors (i.e. social and

environmental barriers and facilitators) (Bandura, 1986). Notably, SCT is one of the most widely examined theories for key weight loss behaviours including physical activity and healthy eating (Luszczynska & Schwarzer, 2005). A recent review of SCT in the physical activity domain noted that men were similarly underrepresented in the field (Young, Plotnikoff, Collins, Callister, & Morgan, 2014).

The aim of the current study was to identify pre-treatment predictors of weight loss and attrition in the male-only SHED-IT Community Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) (Morgan et al., 2013; Morgan et al., 2010). In this secondary analysis, it was hypothesised that the SCT cognitions for physical activity and healthy eating would significantly predict changes in weight during the study, with self-efficacy exhibiting the strongest association. Given the poor understanding of pre-treatment predictors of weight loss and attrition in men, a number of demographic and anthropometric variables were also examined as predictors, but no hypotheses were offered for this exploratory component.

Methods

Participants

The study was conducted in the Hunter Region of New South Wales, Australia. Participants were men aged 18 to 65 years with a body mass index (BMI) between 25 and 40kg/m². Eligibility criteria also included: mobile (cell) phone ownership, access to internet facilities, availability to attend all assessments, agreement to refrain from participating in other weight loss programs during the study and no major weight loss (5% or more) in the previous 6 months (Morgan et al., 2010). Participants were predominantly recruited through advertisements (e.g., radio, newspaper), workplace emails/notices, and a University media release. The study received institutional ethics approval, all men provided written informed consent and the study was registered with the Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ACTRN12610000699066). Detailed study methods are reported elsewhere (Morgan et al., 2010).

1 **Design and interventions**

2 As noted previously, data for this secondary analysis were sourced from the SHED-IT
3 Community RCT, which was a multi-arm parallel, assessor-blinded trial investigating whether
4 provision of a 3-month self-administered, gender-sensitised weight loss program could lead to
5 significant weight loss in a community sample of overweight and obese men. Participants were
6 randomised to: (i) SHED-IT *Resources* (i.e. SHED-IT Program plus paper-based self-
7 monitoring), (ii) SHED-IT *Online* (SHED-IT Program plus online self-monitoring); or (iii) a
8 wait-list control. The SHED-IT *Resources* program included: 1) a DVD on weight loss for men;
9 2) the *Weight Loss Handbook for Men*; 2) the *Weight Loss Support Book for Men* (for self-
10 monitoring and completing key social-cognitive tasks) and 3) weight loss tools (e.g., pedometer,
11 tape measure). The SHED-IT *Online* program included all of the SHED-IT *Resources* program
12 components, but men completed their self-monitoring on a website (www.calorieking.com.au)
13 and received seven individualised e-feedback reports.

14 Both programs were based on extensive qualitative and quantitative pilot work (Morgan
15 et al., 2010) and operationalised SCT (Bandura, 1986) by targeting key mediators such as self-
16 efficacy, outcome expectations and social support. The resources were designed to appeal to
17 men with attention given to surface-structure components (e.g. pictures of men, male-specific
18 research) and deep-structure, value-based components (e.g. use of humour, a frank approach,
19 and autonomy support) (Morgan et al., 2010).

20 **Assessment of predictors**

21 Measure details for the potential psychological, social, physiological and demographic predictor
22 variables are summarised in Table 1. Comprehensive details are available elsewhere (Morgan et
23 al., 2010).

24 **Statistical analysis**

Analyses were conducted on all pre-treatment variables of interest using Generalised Linear Mixed Models with weight (kg) as the outcome variable at 3 and 6 months (SPSS v20). Weight was analysed as a continuous variable, expressed as the residualised value after the effect for the baseline dependent measures was removed. This method protects the dependent measure against an overcorrection of the post score by the pre score that occurs when calculating a change score through a standard subtraction method. Variables with a *p*-value less than 0.2 in bivariate correlations were examined in an intention-to-treat (ITT) forward stepwise multiple linear regression analysis (weight) or logistic regression (attrition). The baseline observation carried forward (BOCF) method was used to impute missing data. Attrition was analysed as a binary categorical variable and coded as '1' if the participant attended the 6-month assessment and '2' if they did not.

Results

The flow of men through the trial and study results have been reported elsewhere (Morgan et al., 2013). Briefly, 159 overweight and obese men were recruited from the Hunter Region of New South Wales, Australia. The mean (SD) age and weight of the sample were 47.5 years (11.0) and 103.4 kg (14.0), respectively. Ninety-one percent were born in Australia and 73% were obese. Table 2 presents a summary of baseline characteristics for the sample and, as reported previously (Morgan et al., 2013) these characteristics were similar between groups. There were no significant differences in withdrawal rates between treatment groups during the study. At 6 months, significantly greater weight losses were observed in the *Online* group (-4.7kg; 95% CI: -6.1, -3.2) and *Resources* group (-3.7kg; 95% CI 4.9, 2.5) compared to the control (-0.5kg; 95% CI -1.4, 0.4), with no difference between interventions (1.0kg; 95% CI: -0.7, 2.6). The average weight change by 6 months for all men ranged from -22.3 kg to +6.9 kg, with a mean (SD) of -3.6 kg (5.0).

Predictors of change in weight

1 As seen in Table 3, the bivariate analysis revealed that weight change was significantly
2 associated with fat mass ($\beta=0.14$, $p=0.045$), work day sitting ($\beta=0.23$, $p=0.03$), non-work day
3 sitting ($\beta=0.22$, $p=0.046$), highest level of education ($\chi^2 = 7.6$, $p=0.02$) and marital status ($\chi^2 =$
4 4.5 , $p=0.03$). Men who were married, had a smaller initial fat mass per cent or reported a lower
5 sitting time on a work day or non-work day, lost more weight. There was a non-linear
6 relationship between highest level of education and weight loss, with men with a trade/diploma
7 qualification losing the most weight, followed by University qualified men and then men with a
8 school education only. The stepwise multiple linear regression analysis revealed that total sitting
9 time per work day ($\beta=0.20$) and marital status ($\beta=0.19$) were significant predictors of weight
10 loss, explaining 6.5% of the variance at 6 months (Adjusted R^2 , $F = 5.5$, $p = 0.01$).

11 **Predictors of attrition**

12 At 6 months, 30 men (19%) were considered non-completers. The best model for program
13 completion was statistically significant and indicated that highest level of education and baseline
14 fat mass reliably predicted attrition (Wald's $X^2 = 15.3$, $df = 3$, $p=0.002$). This model accounted
15 for between 9.5% (Nagelkerke R^2) and 15.3% (Cox and Snell R^2) of the variance, indicating a
16 weak association between prediction and attrition. In this model, 98.4% of completers were
17 correctly classified to '*remaining in the study*' but only 6.9% of non-attenders were correctly
18 classified to '*dropping out of the study*'. Overall 81% of participants were correctly classified.
19 For a one unit change in the predictor variable of percent body fat, the odds of dropping out by
20 the end of the study increased by 1.1. Men who had completed 'school education only' were
21 three times more likely to drop out than men with a University education. The odds of dropping
22 out of the study for men who had completed a trade or diploma were 0.8 times the odds of those
23 with a University education and 0.3 times the odds of those that had completed school education
24 only.

Discussion

The aim of this study was to identify pre-treatment predictors of weight loss and attrition after a weight loss program targeting overweight and obese men. In the final model, being married and reporting a lower sitting time on a work day significantly predicted greater 6 month weight loss. Contrary to the study hypotheses, SCT variables at baseline were not associated with weight loss during the study. Lower initial fat mass and level of education significantly predicted a lower level of attrition. Men with a trade/diploma were more likely to complete the study than those with University degrees or those who did not achieve additional post-school qualifications.

The results for weight loss success suggest that additional support, or alternative strategies, may need to be considered for men in weight loss programs who are seated for long periods of time at work. Given the large proportion of waking hours that men spend at work, those with highly sedentary jobs may find it difficult to accumulate the necessary physical activity required for sustainable weight loss. This is particularly problematic given that a recent mediation analysis of the SHED-IT Program revealed that physical activity changes in the first three months mediated the largest proportion of the intervention's effect on weight at six months (Young et al., 2015). Although the evidence for effective strategies to reduce sitting in the workplace is limited, recent reviews have provided preliminary evidence that multi-component interventions that include education in addition to environmental restructuring are likely to be most effective (Chu et al., 2016; Gardner, Smith, Lorencatto, Hamer, & Biddle, 2016). It is possible that men with highly sedentary jobs may require weight loss interventions that include these components to increase their likelihood of success.

Marital status was also associated with weight loss; married men lost weight than unmarried men. This effect may be explained by the social support provided by partners, which was targeted explicitly in the SHED-IT interventions. Indeed, men have previously reported that their wives are important sources of nutrition information, social support and accountability

during weight loss (Wirth, James, Fafard, & Ochipa, 2013). These findings indicate that unmarried men may require additional support or strategies to engage other family members or friends, though further exploration of this hypothesis is required.

In the current study, higher fat mass at baseline and level of education were significant predictors of attrition in men. It is somewhat difficult to place these findings into context, as the evidence for pre-treatment predictors of attrition in weight loss programs has been mixed (Teixeira et al., 2004) with considerable heterogeneity evident in study samples, program types and study designs (Moroshko, Brennan, & O'Brien, 2011). As noted previously, men have also been greatly underrepresented in weight loss research and many studies adjust for sex in the analyses, which may obscure important sex differences that exist in the population (Lovejoy et al., 2009). When reviewing the available evidence, Moroshko and colleagues noted that the association between weight status and attrition was null in 18 studies, positive in five and negative in four (Moroshko et al., 2011). However, it is important to note that this study determined that percent body fat was a stronger predictor of attrition than BMI in men, which may be considered a better measure of adiposity, given the lack of distinction between muscle mass and fat mass when using BMI or weight.

Findings for the association between level of education and attrition have also been mixed. In their systematic review of the literature, Moroshko et al retrieved five weight loss studies showing that lower education level was associated with higher attrition and 10 studies showing no association between the two variables (Moroshko et al., 2011). In the current study, the odds of dropping out of the study were lowest for men who had completed a trade or diploma. Notably, despite being an at-risk subgroup, these findings highlight that blue-collar men engaged with the self-administered, gender-targeted approach to weight loss used in the current study. Future research into the sex-specific predictors of attrition in men is needed to build upon these preliminary findings.

Although SCT was used to guide the analysis within an ecological model that included other demographic and biological variables, no psychosocial variables predicted weight change. These null findings may be due to limited variability in the measures at baseline, which was likely the result of recruiting a highly motivated sample. This motivational bias may reduce the predictive utility of these constructs. In addition, the predictive utility of social-cognitive variables is reduced when participants do not have previous experience with the behaviour in question (Ajzen, 2001). As the sample of men recruited were mostly sedentary and demonstrated poor eating habits at baseline, it is possible that they were unsure of the difficulty or requirements needed to achieve regular physical activity or follow a healthy eating plan. This suggestion is supported by previous research indicating that men generally demonstrate poorer 'health literacy' compared to women (Peerson & Saunders, 2009), and may require gender-tailored education to improve their knowledge, skills and motivation to understand and apply health information to improve their quality of life (Davey, Holden, & Smith, 2015). In this context, much more empirical research is needed to study men's health cognitions and health competencies in the context of weight loss, diet and physical activity. Despite self-efficacy being the pivotal predictor of behaviour change in SCT (Bandura, 1986), and that some studies have shown that dietary and physical activity self-efficacy is associated with success (Teixeira et al., 2002; Teixeira et al., 2004; Young et al., 2014), neither predicted weight loss success in the current study. This finding has also been observed in previous research (Fontaine & Cheskin, 1997; Stubbs et al., 2011; Teixeira et al., 2002).

This paper addressed several limitations of previous predictor analyses (Teixeira et al., 2005). We examined a comprehensive range of biological, behavioural and psychological predictors in an under-represented subgroup, objectively measured weight, body composition and physical activity and conducted an intention-to-treat analysis. The study data was also drawn from a rigorous RCT that adhered to the CONSORT statement. Limitations include a moderate

sample size, limited power to detect smaller associations and the lack of longer-term follow-up.

This study suggests that unmarried males who spend a lot of time sitting at work may require additional support to experience success in self-administered weight loss programs. These predictors may be used in future hypothesis testing or in more complex prediction models. However, as this is the first evidence in men, replication in other male samples is required.

Conflict of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest.

Informed Consent

All procedures followed were in accordance with the ethical standards of the responsible committee on human experimentation (institutional and national) and with the Helsinki Declaration of 1975, as revised in 2000. Informed consent was obtained from all patients for being included in the study.

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Table 1.

Summary details of the potential psychological, social, physiological and demographic predictor variables.

Variable	Measure
Weight & height	Objectively measured using standardised procedures (Morgan et al., 2010).
Body Mass Index	Calculated using the standard equation (weight [kg]/height[m] ²).
Waist circumference	Measured at the umbilicus with a non-extensible steel tape (KDSF10-02, KDS Corporation, Osaka, Japan).
Body composition	Bioimpedance was used for the assessment of body composition, including percentage fat mass and skeletal muscle mass and visceral fat area using the InBody720 (Biospace Co., Ltd, Seoul, Korea) which has shown to be valid and reliable (Gibson, Holmes, Desautels, Edmonds, & Nuudi, 2008).
Physical activity	Objectively measured over seven days with valid and reliable Yamax SW200 pedometers (Yamax Corporation, Kumamoto City, Japan) (Steeves, Silcott, Bassett, Thompson, & Fitzhugh, 2011).
Sedentary behaviour	Workday and non-work day sitting time measured with the Sitting Questionnaire (Marshall, Miller, Burton, & Brown, 2010).
Energy intake	Assessed using the Australian Eating Survey (AES), which is a validated 135-item semi-quantitative food-frequency questionnaire (FFQ) (Collins et al., 2014).
Portion size	Assessed using portion size photographs from the Dietary Questionnaire for Epidemiological Studies Version 2 (DQES v2), FFQ from the Cancer Council Victoria (Giles & Ireland, 1996).
Hazardous alcohol score	Measured with the validated Australian Government Department of Veteran Affairs, Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (Saunders, Aasland, Babor, de la Fuente, & Grant, 1993).
SCT Cognitions	Assessed using validated instruments (Morgan et al., 2010): PA self-efficacy ($\alpha=0.87$; n=5 items); PA outcome expectations ($\alpha=0.87$; n=3 items); PA social support (n=1 item); PA intention (n=1 item); Healthy eating self-efficacy ($\alpha=0.87$; n=6 items); Healthy eating outcome expectations ($\alpha=0.91$; n=6 items); Healthy eating social support (n=1 item); Healthy eating intention (n=1 item).
Demographic characteristics	Collected via questionnaire and consisted of age, marital status, ethnicity, educational level, gross annual family income, postcode and socioeconomic status (SES) ^a .

^a SES was derived from postcode of residence using the Index of Relative Socioeconomic Advantage and Disadvantage from the Australian Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA)

Table 2.*Baseline characteristics for men participating in the SHED-IT community weight loss trial (n = 159)*

Continuous variables	Mean (SD)	Categorical variables	N (%)
Age	47.5 (11.0)	Highest level of education	
BMI (kg/m ²)	32.7 (3.5)	<i>School</i>	42 (26)
Waist (cm)	113.3 (9.5)	<i>Trade/Diploma</i>	78 (49)
Fat mass (%)	32.2 (5.2)	<i>University</i>	39 (25)
Visceral fat area (cm ²)	169.2 (31.8)	Marital status	
Skeletal muscle mass (kg)	40.0 (5.2)	<i>Married</i>	117 (74)
Quality of life (SF-12)		<i>Unmarried</i>	42 (26)
<i>Mental subscale</i>	48.1 (9.4)	Country of birth	
<i>Physical subscale</i>	49.1 (7.4)	<i>Australia</i>	144 (91)
Total energy intake (MJ/day)	11.5 (3.5)	<i>United Kingdom</i>	8 (5)
Saturated fat score		<i>Other</i>	7 (4)
Portion size	1.2 (0.3)	Weekly household income	
Hazardous alcohol score	7.8 (2.9)	<i>Unknown</i>	5 (3)
Steps (1000/day)	6.9 (2.9)	<i>< \$1000</i>	20 (13)
Sitting time (hr/day)		<i>\$1000 to < \$1500</i>	28 (18)
<i>Work day</i>	10.3 (3.7)	<i>≥ \$1500</i>	105 (67)
<i>Non-work day</i>	8.5 (3.3)	Socio-economic status	
Physical activity cognitions		<i>1-2 (most disadvantaged)</i>	9 (6)
<i>Self-efficacy</i>	3.9 (0.8)	<i>3-4</i>	25 (16)
<i>Social support</i>	3.4 (1.2)	<i>5-6</i>	58 (37)
<i>Outcome expectations</i>	4.5 (0.6)	<i>7-8</i>	47 (30)
<i>Intention</i>	4.7 (0.6)	<i>9-10 (most advantaged)</i>	20 (13)
Nutrition cognitions		BMI category	
<i>Self-efficacy</i>	3.6 (0.7)	<i>Overweight</i>	43 (27)
<i>Social support</i>	3.8 (1.1)	<i>Obese I</i>	76 (48)
<i>Outcome expectations</i>	4.4 (0.6)	<i>Obese II</i>	40 (25)
<i>Intention</i>	4.6 (0.6)		

SF12, Short Form 12; MJ, Megajoule; BMI, Body Mass Index; SEIFA, Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas.

Table 3. Predictors of change in weight and attrition at 6 months.

Predictor variable	Category	Weight (kg)		Attrition		
		Effect size [slope] (95% CI)	p-value	Assessed at 6 months	Wald's X ²	p-value
Highest level of education	School	1.74 (-0.27, 3.74)	0.02*	-1.33 (-2.46, -0.20)	9.81	0.01*
	Trade/Diploma	-0.67 (-2.44, 1.09)		0.00 (-1.15, 1.15)		
	University	<i>Referent</i>		<i>Referent</i>		
Marital status	Married	-1.78 (-3.41, -0.14)	0.03*	0.22 (-0.65, 1.10)	0.24	0.62
	Unmarried	<i>Referent</i>		<i>Referent</i>		
Country of birth	Australia	-0.92 (-4.48, 2.64)	0.67	1.22 (-0.33, 2.78)	2.61	0.27
	United Kingdom	0.38 (-4.38, 5.14)		1.66 (-0.92, 4.23)		
	Other	<i>Referent</i>		<i>Referent</i>		
Weekly household income	Unknown	1.20 (-3.38, 5.79)	0.46	-0.21 (-2.22, 1.80)	6.18	0.10*
	≥ \$1500	-1.12 (-3.35, 1.12)		1.03 (-0.03, 2.08)		
	\$1000 to <\$1500	-0.09 (-2.77, 2.59)		1.50 (-0.01, 3.01)		
	<\$1000	<i>Referent</i>		<i>Referent</i>		
Age (years)	-	-0.01 (-0.08, 0.05)	0.69	0.02 (-0.01, 0.6)	1.38	0.24
SEIFA index	-	-0.00 (-0.02, 0.01)	0.65	0.00 (-0.01, 0.01)	0.20	0.66
BMI (kg/m ²)	-	0.16 (-0.05, 0.36)	0.14*	-0.12 (-0.24, -0.01)	4.50	0.03*
Waist (cm)	-	0.04 (-0.04, 0.12)	0.32	-0.03 (-0.07, 0.01)	2.02	0.14*
Fat mass (%)	-	0.14 (0.00, 0.28)	0.05*	-0.12 (-0.21, -0.03)	7.58	0.01*
Visceral fat (cm ²) ^a	-	0.01 (-0.01, 0.03)	0.36	-0.01 (-0.02, 0.00)	2.59	0.11*
Skeletal muscle (kg) ^b	-	-0.11 (-0.25, 0.04)	0.14*	0.03 (-0.05, 0.11)	0.65	0.42
Quality of life (SF-12) ^c						
<i>Mental subscale</i>	-	-0.07 (-0.15, 0.01)	0.08*	0.02 (-0.02, 0.06)	0.97	0.32
<i>Physical subscale</i>	-	-0.03 (-0.13, 0.07)	0.55	-0.04 (-0.10, 0.02)	1.84	0.18*
Total energy intake (MJ/day)	-	0.04 (-0.17, 0.25)	0.69	0.01 (-0.10, 0.13)	0.03	0.86

Table 3. Predictors of change in weight and attrition at 6 months.

Predictor variable	Category	Weight (kg)		Attrition		
		Effect size [slope] (95% CI)	p-value	Assessed at 6 months	Wald's X ²	p-value
Saturated fat score	-	0.03 (-0.01, 0.08)	0.17*	-0.00 (-0.03, 0.02)	0.03	0.87
Portion size	-	-1.65 (-4.57, 1.27)	0.27	-0.72 (-2.34, 0.91)	0.75	0.39
Hazardous alcohol score ^c	-	0.03 (-0.22, 0.28)	0.82	0.06 (-0.07, 0.20)	0.90	0.34
Steps (1000/day) ^d	-	-0.26 (-0.53, 0.01)	0.06*	0.03 (-0.13, 0.18)	0.12	0.73
Sitting time (hr/day) ^e						
<i>Work day</i>	-	0.23 (0.03, 0.43)	0.03*	0.02 (-0.09, 0.14)	0.17	0.68
<i>Non-work day</i>	-	0.22 (0.00, 0.44)	0.05*	0.05 (-0.07, 0.18)	0.75	0.39
Physical activity cognitions						
<i>Self-efficacy</i>	-	-0.31 (-1.20, 0.58)	0.50	0.00 (-0.48, 0.49)	0.00	0.99
<i>Social support</i>	-	0.06 (-0.56, 0.68)	0.85	0.19 (-0.14, 0.53)	1.27	0.26
<i>Outcome expectations</i>	-	0.21 (-0.95, 1.37)	0.73	0.29 (-0.31, 0.89)	0.91	0.34
<i>Intention</i>	-	-0.10 (-1.41, 1.22)	0.88	0.36 (-0.28, 1.00)	1.24	0.27
Nutrition cognitions						
<i>Self-efficacy</i>	-	0.38 (-0.62, 1.39)	0.46	-0.24 (-0.80, 0.32)	0.69	0.41
<i>Social support</i>	-	0.29 (-0.36, 0.94)	0.38	0.26 (-0.07, 0.60)	2.35	0.13*
<i>Outcome expectations</i>	-	0.89 (-0.41, 2.19)	0.18*	0.25 (-0.44, 0.94)	0.51	0.48
<i>Intention</i> ^c	-	0.22 (-0.92, 1.35)	0.70	-0.21 (-0.90, 0.48)	0.37	0.55

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*p-value<0.2 therefore was included in the Multiple Linear Regression or Logistic Regression Models.

^a n = 154, ^b n = 153, ^c n = 158, ^d n = 143, ^e n = 152.