

**Supplemental Table 3.** Auxological, endocrine-metabolic, body composition (by DXA), and abdominal fat partitioning (by MRI) assessments in adolescent girls with PCOS who were randomized to receive oral contraception (OC, N=16) or a low-dose combination of Spironolactone (50mg/d), Pioglitazone (7.5 mg/d) and Metformin (850 mg/d) (SPIOMET, N=15) for 1 year.

	OC <sup>†</sup> (N= 16)			SPIOMET (N= 15)			P value
	Start <sup>‡</sup>	1 year	$\Delta$ 0-1 year	Start <sup>‡</sup>	1 year	$\Delta$ 0-1 year	
<b>Auxology</b>							
Age (years)	15.8 ± 1.4	16.9 ± 1.5	-	15.5 ± 1.4	16.6 ± 1.4	-	-
Birth weight Z-score	-0.5 ± 1.0	-	-	-0.2 ± 1.1	-	-	-
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	25 ± 4	26 ± 4	1.2 ± 1.4	25 ± 5	25 ± 5	0.0 ± 2.4	NS
BMI Z-score	0.9 ± 1.2	1.3 ± 1.4	0.4 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 1.4	1.1 ± 1.5	-0.1 ± 0.7	NS
$\Delta$ Z-score birth weight – BMI	1.4 ± 1.2	-	-	1.3 ± 1.8	-	-	-
<b>Endocrine-Metabolic Variables</b>							
Testosterone (nmol/ L)	1.3 ± 0.5	0.9 ± 0.5	-0.4 ± 0.7	1.3 ± 0.4	1.0 ± 0.5	-0.3 ± 0.3	NS
SHBG (nmol/ L)	34 ± 13	57 ± 26	23 ± 21	31 ± 14	29 ± 13	-2 ± 9	0.0003
FAI	4.7 ± 2.4	2.6 ± 4.6	-2.1 ± 5.0	5.0 ± 2.8	3.6 ± 9.2	-1.4 ± 1.0	NS
Glucose (mmol/ L)	4.5 ± 0.3	4.5 ± 0.5	0.0 ± 0.6	4.5 ± 0.4	4.2 ± 0.3	-0.3 ± 0.5	NS
Fasting insulin (pmol/ L)	78 ± 41	91 ± 45	13 ± 33	69 ± 28	49 ± 24	-20 ± 35	0.024
HOMA-IR	2.3 ± 1.3	2.6 ± 1.4	0.3 ± 1.1	2.0 ± 0.9	1.4 ± 0.8	-0.6 ± 1.1	0.035
HDL-cholesterol (nmol/ L)	1.3 ± 0.3	1.3 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.2	1.3 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.2	0.1 ± 0.2	NS
LDL-cholesterol (nmol/ L)	2.3 ± 0.5	2.6 ± 0.6	0.3 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.5	0.0 ± 0.4	NS
Triglycerides (nmol/ L)	0.7 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.3	0.0 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.2	0.7 ± 0.2	0.0 ± 0.2	NS
HMW adiponectin (mg/ L)	5 ± 3	5 ± 6	0 ± 5	5 ± 3	9 ± 6	4 ± 6	0.045
usCRP (mg/ L)	1.0 ± 1.0	2.1 ± 2.0	1.1 ± 1.7	1.7 ± 2.8	1.1 ± 1.0	-0.6 ± 2.9	0.003
<b>Body composition (DXA)</b>							
Bone mineral density (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.19 ± 0.1	1.19 ± 0.1	0.00 ± 0.03	1.21 ± 0.1	1.20 ± 0.1	-0.01 ± 0.05	NS
Lean mass (kg)	37 ± 6	38 ± 7	1 ± 2	36 ± 5	36 ± 4	0 ± 2	NS
Fat mass (kg)	24 ± 8	26 ± 9	2 ± 2	25 ± 10	25 ± 9	0 ± 5	NS
Abdominal fat (kg)	6.2 ± 2.2	6.7 ± 2.4	0.5 ± 0.8	6.5 ± 2.3	6.2 ± 2.4	-0.3 ± 1.2	0.016
<b>Abdominal fat partitioning (MRI)</b>							
Subcutaneous fat (cm <sup>2</sup> )	192 ± 112	217 ± 119	25 ± 33	188 ± 135	183 ± 127	-5 ± 77	0.022
Visceral fat (cm <sup>2</sup> )	41 ± 19	45 ± 26	4 ± 17	40 ± 17	38 ± 17	-2 ± 9	NS
Hepatic fat (%)	17 ± 7	19 ± 4	2 ± 7	20 ± 5	10 ± 4	-10 ± 4	0.00003
Central (hepato-visceral) fat	58 ± 23	64 ± 28	6 ± 18	60 ± 17	48 ± 19	-12 ± 10	0.0051

Values are mean ± standard deviation.

BMI, body mass index; SHBG, sex hormone-binding globulin; FAI, free androgen index; HOMA-IR, homeostasis model assessment insulin resistance; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; HMW, high molecular weight; usCRP, ultra-sensitive C-reactive protein; DXA, dual X-ray absorptiometry; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging. NS: not significant

<sup>†</sup> OC: Ethinylestradiol 20 µg plus Levonorgestrel 100 mg

<sup>‡</sup> Not significant differences between randomized subgroups at start.

P values are adjusted for age and BMI.