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Lack of acute or chronic effects of epicatechin-rich and procyanidin-rich apple extracts on blood pressure and cardiometabolic biomarkers in adults with moderately elevated blood pressure: a randomized, placebocontrolled, cross-over trial

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Abbreviations

AI, Augmentation Index; ba_PWV, brachial-ankle pulse wave velocity; cf_PWV, carotid femoral pulse wave velocity; DPB, diastolic blood pressure; EC,

epicatechin (refers to (–)-EC unless stated otherwise); ET-1, endothelin-1; FMD, flow-mediated dilatation; NO, nitric oxide; PC, procyanidin; SBP, systolic blood pressure; TAG, triglycerides.

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1 ABSTRACT

2 Background: The reported effects of flavanol-rich foods such as cocoa, dark 3 chocolate and apples on blood pressure and endothelial function may be due 4 to the monomeric flavanols (mainly (-)-epicatechin (EC)), the oligomeric 5 flavanols (procyanidins; PC) or other components. Reports of well controlled 6 intervention studies that test the effects of isolated oligomeric flavanols on 7 biomarkers of cardiovascular health are lacking. 8 **Objective:** We studied the acute and chronic effects of an EC-rich apple 9 flavanol extract and isolated apple PCs on systolic BP and other 10 cardiometabolic biomarkers. 11 Design: Forty-two healthy men and women with moderately elevated BP 12 completed this randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled, four arm 13 crossover trial. Participants ingested a single dose of an apple flavanol extract 14 (70 mg monomeric flavanols, 65 mg PC), a double dose of this extract (140 15 mg monomeric flavanols, 130 mg PC), an apple PC extract (130 mg PC, 6.5 16 mg monomeric flavanols) or placebo capsules once daily for 4 weeks, in 17 random order. Biomarkers of CVD risk and vascular function were measured 18 before and 2h after ingestion of the first dose, and after 4 weeks intervention. 19 **Results:** Compared to the placebo, none of the isolated flavanol treatments 20 significantly (p<0.05) changed SBP or DBP (peripheral and aortic), plasma 21 NO reaction products or measures of arterial stiffness (cf PWV, ba PWV and 22 AI) after 2 h or 4 weeks of intervention. There were no changes in plasma 23 endogenous metabolite profiles, or circulating NO, endothelin-1, total-, HDL-, 24 LDL-cholesterol, TAGs, fasting glucose, fructosamine and insulin after 4 25 weeks of intervention.

Conclusions: Our data suggest that in isolation, neither monomeric flavanols or PC affect BP, blood lipid profiles, endothelial function or glucose control in individuals with moderately elevated blood pressure. The reported benefits of consuming flavanol-rich cocoa, chocolate and apple products appears to be dependent on other components, which may work in combination with monomeric flavanols/PC.

32 INTRODUCTION

33 Monomeric flavanols such as epicatechin (EC) and their oligomeric derivatives 34 (procyanidins; PC) are a sub-class of the flavonoids that are widely available as part of 35 the human diet. Some epidemiological studies have reported an inverse correlation 36 between the consumption of flavanol-rich foods and cardiovascular disease (CVD) (1-37 3). These observations are substantiated by several meta-analyses of human 38 intervention trials demonstrating that acute and chronic ingestion of flavanol-rich foods 39 and beverages such as dark chocolate, cocoa products and apples causes decreases 40 in blood pressure (BP) in both healthy, normotensive individuals and hypertensive 41 patients (4-6), reductions in serum insulin (7) and improvements in circulating lipid 42 profiles (4, 8). Similarly, some studies have demonstrated significant reductions in 43 fasting blood glucose (9) as well as improvements in markers of vascular function 44 such as endothelial-derived nitric oxide (NO) (10-12), endothelin-1 (ET-1) (10) and 45 pulse wave velocity (PWV) (13, 14), a measure of arterial stiffness and an emerging 46 marker of CVD risk.

The main food sources studied for their BP-lowering properties are flavanol-rich cocoa products, tea and apples. Meta-analyses of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) reported that repeated daily ingestion of chocolate and cocoa beverages over 2-18 weeks significantly reduced systolic BP (SBP) and diastolic BP (DBP) by 5.9 mmHg and 3.3 mmHg (4) and by 4.5 and 2.5 mmHg (6).

Evidence as to whether or not the cardio-protective effects observed in
intervention studies with cocoa/chocolate and other flavanol-rich foods/extracts are
due to the EC monomer is inconsistent (12, 15-17). For example, Schroeter et al.
published data from human dietary intervention studies and mouse aortic ring
relaxations experiments with cocoa flavanols and isolated EC and concluded that EC

was responsible for the beneficial effects of cocoa flavanols on endothelial function
(12), whereas other studies have reported no significant effects of a similar dose of
isolated EC on endothelial function in humans (20). Even though PC have been
shown to possess potent biological activity in vitro (17, 18), we are not aware of any
studies that have assessed the effects of isolated PC (i.e. depleted of flavanol
monomers) on blood pressure in humans.

63 The aim of this study was to investigate the effects of isolated flavanols on BP 64 and other biomarkers of cardiometabolic health. To achieve this, we used (i) an EC-65 rich flavanol extract derived from flavanol-rich apples for which we have previously 66 reported the bioavailability of EC and shown it to be similar to that for cocoa products 67 (19), and (ii) an apple PC extract that was depleted of monomeric flavanols. The apple 68 flavanol extracts are devoid of other bioactive substances found in cocoa extracts 69 such as the methylxanthines. We report the effects of the EC-rich flavanol extract at 70 two doses and the effects of a PC rich extract depleted of monomeric flavanols versus 71 a placebo control. To assess the broader effects of flavanols on host metabolism, we 72 also report, to our knowledge for the first time, the effects of the treatments on plasma 73 metabolite profiles using a non-targeted LC-MS based platform that allows relative 74 quantification of several hundred metabolites, the majority being host metabolites.

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76 SUBJECTS AND METHODS

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78 Study population

Forty-three, apparently healthy men and women aged 50+ years with a SBP
between 120 and 159 mmHg at eligibility assessment were recruited in and around
Norwich, UK. Office SBP was measured by a research nurse using an automated BP

82 monitor (Omron). The exclusion criteria were as follows: smoking; medical 83 conditions such as gastrointestinal disease, diabetes, cancer, heart disease, stroke; 84 HRT (unless stable on therapy for a period of at least 6 months); medications judged 85 to affect the trial outcome such as blood pressure and lipid lowering therapy; some 86 dietary supplements (e.g. fish oils); clinical results at eligibility assessment judged to 87 affect the trial outcome or be indicative of a health problem. The study period was 88 from August 2014 to March 2016. The trial was conducted in the Human Nutrition 89 Unit at the Quadram Institute Bioscience, Norwich, UK (formerly Institute of Food 90 Research) and all procedures were approved by both the Human Research 91 Governance Committee of the Quadram Institute Bioscience and the Norfolk 92 Research Ethics Committee. Each participant gave written informed consent prior to 93 taking part in the trial. The trial is registered with clinicaltrials.gov (Ref: 94 NCT02013856).

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96 Study design

97 The study was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled four arm crossover 98 trial investigating the acute and chronic effects of apple derived flavanols on risk 99 markers for CVD (Figure 1). The four treatments were: (i) an apple extract delivering 100 70 mg monomeric flavanols and 65 mg PC (low dose), (ii) an apple extract delivering 101 140 mg monomeric flavanols and 130 mg PC (high dose), (iii) an apple extract 102 depleted of monomeric flavanols but containing 130 mg PC, and (iv) a placebo 103 control. Apple extracts and placebo (microcrystalline cellulose) were delivered in 104 opaque, cellulose based capsules suitable for oral consumption and which release 105 their contents within 15 minutes of reaching the stomach (K-caps vegetarian 106 capsules; GoCap).

The primary outcome measure for this trial was SBP. Secondary outcome
measures were biomarkers of endothelial function and cardiometabolic risk including
blood lipids (total cholesterol, HDL/LDL cholesterol and TAG), glucose, insulin,
fructosamine, ET-1, plasma NO reaction products, and measures of arterial stiffness
(cf PWV, ba PWV and AI).

112 The apple extracts and placebo were encapsulated and bottled before the start 113 of the trial, with all capsules having identical appearance. The encapsulated 114 flavanols were shown to remain stable throughout the study by regular analysis of 115 sample capsule contents for monomeric and oligomeric flavanols using a validated 116 method (20). The four treatments were randomly allocated as A, B, C or D by a 117 designated person not assigned to the trial. The order in which the participants 118 ingested the treatments was determined by a computer generated 119 (randomization.com) sequence of letters from A-D using a block randomisation 120 approach. Participants meeting the eligibility criteria were allocated sequentially to a 121 treatment sequence upon enrolment by the study manager. The participants, 122 principal investigator, study manager, nurse, statistician and those assessing 123 outcomes were blinded to the interventions; un-blinding was done once statistical 124 analyses were complete.

Capsules (n=2) were ingested once daily (in the morning) for 28 d with a minimum two-week washout period between each of the treatments. To aid compliance, participants were provided with a capsule checklist and asked to record consumption of the capsules on each day. Compliance to treatment was assessed from the checklist and by counting the unused capsules returned at the end of the treatment period. For 24 h prior to the start of each treatment period and for the 28 d treatment period, participants were asked to exclude from their diets some food sources that contribute significantly to total flavanol intake (e.g. dark
chocolate/cocoa) and limit other food sources to levels that would support
compliance (i.e. tea, berry fruits) or have known cardio-protective effects (e.g. oily
fish). Foods on the limited list were completely excluded from the diet for 24 h prior
to assessment days. A list of prohibited and limited foods was provided to the
participants to aid compliance.

138 Participants were assessed at the start and end of each 28 d treatment period. 139 To investigate the chronic effects of flavanols on risk markers for CVD the following 140 measurements were made on day 1 at 0 h (baseline) and day 29 of each treatment 141 period: blood pressure (peripheral and aortic); arterial stiffness (ba PWV; cf PWV; 142 AI); fasting blood samples were collected for the analysis of plasma flavanols; 143 circulating levels of lipids/lipoproteins, glucose, fructosamine, insulin, NO reaction 144 products and ET-1. To investigate the acute effects of flavanols on risk markers for 145 CVD, BP, arterial stiffness and NO reaction products were re-assessed 2 h after ingestion of the capsules on day 1. This time point was chosen to coincide with 146 147 expected peak plasma concentrations of flavanols and participants remained fasted 148 until completion of the 2-h measurements.

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150 Apple extracts

The apple extracts were produced from a crude apple juice by a combination of alcoholic extraction and chromatographic separation to generate i) an epicatechinrich extract containing around 30 % (*w/w*) of monomeric catechins (90% (–)-EC, 10% (+)-catechin) that retained some of the PC and ii) an oligomeric PC rich extract that was significantly depleted of monomeric catechins. Both materials were produced from the same single crop of apples grown in Herefordshire, UK. Extracts were 157 analysed for monomeric and oligomeric catechins by HPLC-based separation using 158 a HILIC stationary phase (Luna Hilic column 150 x 2.0 mm; 3µM) coupled with 159 fluorescence detection as described previously (20). The flavanol composition of the 160 three apple treatments is shown in **Table 1**. In addition, the apple extracts were 161 shown to contain only the (-)-enantiomer of EC and the (+)-enantiomer of catechin 162 using an HPLC column with a chiral stationary phase. The extracts contained minor 163 quantities of other apple polyphenols as follows: Epicatechin-rich extract (low dose) -164 4.5 mg chlorogenic acid, 3.2 mg phloridzin, <1 mg quercetin glycosides; procyanidin-165 rich extract – 11.8 mg chlorogenic acid, 10.3 mg phloridzin, 3.0 mg quercetin 166 glycosides.

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168 Blood pressure assessment

169 Office BP was measured using an automated BP monitor (Omron M6).

170 Measurements were conducted in a quiet room after a 10 min period of rest with the

171 participant in a semi-supine position and the arm resting at heart level.

172 Measurements were conducted using the same designated arm (determined at

173 eligibility assessment) for the duration of the entire study. Four consecutive readings

174 were obtained at 5 min intervals, and the first reading discarded.

175 BP was also assessed using the validated Vicorder device (Smart Medical;

176 Gloucester, UK). Peripheral SBP (pSBP) and peripheral DBP (pDBP) measurements

177 were obtained in a similar manner to office BP. Aortic SBP (aSBP) and aortic DBP

178 (aDBP) were derived from the peripheral BP and brachial pulse wave analysis from

an in-built transfer function of the vicorder device. To minimize the effects of diurnal

180 variation in BP, baseline and day 29 measurements were always conducted at the

181 same time of day (07.30 - 08.00) for all participants.

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183 Arterial stiffness assessments

184 Cf PWV, ba PWV and AI were measured with participants in the semi-supine 185 position (30° angle) using the vicorder device. To determine cf PWV, an inflatable 186 sensor (30 mm) was placed over the right carotid region and a BP cuff placed 187 around the upper right thigh to measure the carotid and femoral pressure pulse 188 waves, respectively. Path length was determined by measuring the distance (in cm) 189 between the supra-sternal notch and the mid-point of the thigh cuff. The carotid 190 sensor and thigh cuff were inflated (~ 60 mmHg) and waveforms simultaneously 191 recorded over 10-15 consecutive heartbeats. To determine ba PWV, BP cuffs were 192 placed around the ankle and the right upper arm. Path length was determined by 193 measuring the distance between the supra-sternal notch and the mid-point of the 194 ankle cuff. Both cuffs were inflated and pressure waveforms simultaneously 195 recorded.

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197 Biochemical markers for CVD

Whole blood was collected into EDTA, heparin and serum separating tubes (BectonDickenson). Samples collected into EDTA and heparin tubes were immediately
centrifuged at 2500 x g for 10 mins. Samples collected in serum separating tubes
were centrifuged after 30 minutes at 2000 x g for 10 mins. After centrifugation,

202 plasma and serum were stored at -80 °C until analysis.

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204 Plasma ET-1 and insulin status were determined using commercially available

205 ELISA kits (R&D systems) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Serum lipids

206 (total/HDL/LDL cholesterol and TAG), glucose and fructosamine status were

207 determined using an automated clinical chemistry analyser (Randox; Daytona plus). 208 The plasma concentration of NO reaction products (nitrate + nitrite + nitrosothiols) 209 was determined using a Sievers 280i NO analyser (Sievers Instruments Inc) 210 comprising of a purge vessel attachment, hot water bath to control the temperature 211 of the reaction vessel and a chill bath to control the condenser. The 280i NOA 212 reduces nitrite, nitrate and nitrosothiols to NO in the purge vessel which is then 213 guantified according to the chemiluminescence signal released transiently within the 214 instrument. Plasma samples were deproteinated with cold ethanol (1:2 dilutions) and 215 centrifuged before analysis. Samples (20 µL) were injected onto the purge vessel 216 and analysed in triplicate.

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218 Plasma metabolite profiles

219 Identification of the plasma metabolites in d1 (baseline) and d29 samples was 220 conducted by Metabolon USA (www.metabolon.com) using ultra-performance liquid 221 chromatography (Waters ACQUITY)) and a high resolution mass spectrometer 222 (Thermo Scientific) interfaced with a heated electrospray ionization source and 223 orbitrap mass analyser operated at 35,000 mass resolution. A total of 671 relevant 224 metabolites were identified. The classes of metabolites were: xenobiotics, lipids 225 amino acids, nucleotides, peptides, carbohydrates, vitamins and catecholamines 226 (see on-line supplemental Table 3 for a list of all metabolites). Values were 227 normalized in terms of raw area counts, each metabolite rescaled to set the median 228 equal to 1, and any missing values imputed with the minimum observed value for 229 each compound. The average percentage missing values was 10.2% overall; 32.1% 230 for xenobiotics, 5.9% for non-xenobiotics, and 4.5% for the dataset used for 231 multivariate analyses (see below).

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233 Analysis of epicatechin in plasma

Plasma samples (200 µl) were mixed with 5 % aqueous trichloroacetic acid (200 µl)
and dimethylformamide (200 µl). Taxifolin (10 µl; 10µg/mL) was added as an internal
standard. Samples were vortexed mixed before centrifugation at 17,000 g for 15
min. Post centrifugation, samples were filtered (0.45 µm disposable filter) prior to
UPLC-MS analysis.

239 Samples were injected onto a Waters C18 column (100 mm × 2.1 mm; 1.7 240 µM) connected to an Agilent 1200 LC system with the eluent passing through a 241 diode array detector and a triple guadrupole mass spectrometer (Applied Biosystems 242 6490, Ontario, Canada) and eluted at a flow rate of 0.4 ml/min. Elution was achieved 243 using a gradient of increasing solvent B (acetonitrile and 0.1% acetic acid) from 244 solvent A (water and 0.1% acetic acid) as follows: T = 0 min, solvent B = 5%; t = 0.5 245 min, solvent B = 5%; t = 10 min, solvent B = 95%; t = 11 min, solvent B = 95%; t = 246 11.1 min, solvent B = 5% and t = 13 min, solvent B = 5%. The injection volume was 247 1 µL. Catechin/EC metabolites were quantified against a (-)-EC standard over the 248 range 10 – 1000 µg/mL.

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250 Statistical analysis

The study was powered to detect a mean reduction in SBP of 4.1 mmHg at 90% power and with a significance level of 0.05, and the pre-study power calculation was based on SBP in a cohort of participants enrolled in a study conducted at University College Cork, Ireland. The calculations supported the recruitment of 39 participants in total. For the biomarkers of CVD risk, post – pre-differences between the four treatments were analysed using a non-parametric repeated measures ANOVA after excluding subjects with an incomplete set of differences. All data are presented asmeans ± SD.

259 Plasma metabolite data were analysed using multivariate methods were used to 260 analyse the plasma metabolite data. For this, Xenobiotics and compounds for which 261 more than half the values were missing (110 & 11 compounds, respectively) were 262 removed, after checking the prevalence of missing values was not treatment specific. 263 The resulting dataset (8 measurements per volunteer x 550 compounds, logged 264 data) was analysed by Principal Component Analysis (PCA) (21) and by ANOVA-265 simultaneous component analysis (ASCA) (22) with factors time, treatment, and an 266 interaction term. For ASCA a permutation test to each factor (x1000 permutations) 267 provided a p-value (H₀= the factor has no effect on the experimental outcome). A 268 second dataset was derived (ratio between values at day 29 and day 1, logged) and 269 analysed by PCA. One to fourteen scores were used as input for classification into 4 270 groups (high monomeric flavanol dose, low monomeric flavanol dose, placebo and 271 PC) by discriminant analysis (21). A permutation test (random attribution of each 272 volunteer's 4 measurements to 4 groups x1000 permutations) was used to generate 273 a p-value (probability of getting the classification success rate obtained with the real 274 groups if there was no structure to the data). All analyses were conducted in Matlab 275 2015a (The Mathworks, Cambridge, UK) except for ASCA which was carried out with 276 the PLS Toolbox (version 8.01; EigenVector Research) (23).

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278 **RESULTS**

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280 Study population

281 Of the forty-three participants randomized to treatment, forty two completed the trial 282 (15 men and 27 women). One participant withdrew part way through the first test 283 period citing difficulties with study time commitments as the reason for withdrawal. 284 No serious adverse events were reported during the trial. Figure 1 shows the flow of 285 participants through the trial. Participant parameters at eligibility assessment were 286 (mean ± SD, n=42): age 63 ± 7 years; BMI 25.9 ± 3.1 kg/m²; SBP 137 ± 10; DBP 80 287 ± 7 mmHg. Compliance to treatments was high with overall compliance of 99.7% 288 (capsules taken as a proportion of intended total) and individual compliance of \geq 92%. 289

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291 Absorption of epicatechin and metabolites

292 Plasma EC metabolites were not detected in the baseline samples collected prior to 293 the start of any of the treatments. Mean plasma total EC metabolite concentrations 294 2 h after ingestion of the low and high dose EC treatments were 3.51 ± 2.2 and 9.07 295 \pm 4.71, µmol/L, respectively. The major metabolites were EC-monoglucuronides, EC-296 monosulfates and methyl-EC-monosulfates. As expected, only trace amounts of EC 297 metabolites were detected 2 h after ingestion of the PC treatment (mean plasma 298 peak concentration, 0.01 µmol/L). EC metabolites were not detected in any of the 299 samples collected after ingestion of the placebo treatment, demonstrating excellent 300 adherence to the low flavanol diet by all participants.

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302 Effects of treatments on SBP and other markers of CVD risk

303 **Table 2** shows the mean values for the various biomarkers of CVD risk for all

304 participants at the start of the trial. All values were within reported physiological

305 ranges. At 2 h after the ingestion of different doses of apple flavanols, no significant

306 differences were observed in SBP, DBP (peripheral and aortic), plasma NO,

307 cf_PWV, ba_PWV or AI between treatments and placebo control (Table 3).

308 Furthermore, we did not observe significant differences in BP, arterial stiffness or the

309 plasma biomarkers ET-1, NO reaction products, total cholesterol, HDL/LDL

310 cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose, fructosamine or insulin after 4 weeks' intervention

311 (Table 4). Post-hoc analysis of the primary outcome data (sBP; SD of differences =

5.69 mm Hg) showed that the study had a power of 80% to detect a difference of

313 2.53 mm Hg (P<0.05) between placebo and any one of the other treatments.

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315 Effects of treatments on metabolic profiles

316 Inter-individual differences in metabolite profiles were large relative to differences 317 between profiles of a given individual measured for different treatments and time 318 points (see PCA scores plot of individual metabolite profiles, Figure 2 A and 319 supplemental Figure 1 A). The change in profiles between the two time-points 320 was, however, of a similar scale between individuals (see PCA scores plot for ratioed 321 data, (d29 vs d1), Figure 2 B and supplemental Figure 1 B). However, the overall 322 success rate of classification of the profiles into the four treatment groups was no 323 higher than would be expected by chance (p >0.1). Moreover, in the multivariate 324 analysis of variance ASCA neither time, treatment, or their interaction, was found to 325 be significant (p=0.91, p=1, p=1 respectively). This suggested that none of the 326 treatments altered the metabolite profiles in a statistically significant (i.e. consistent) 327 way.

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329 **DISCUSSION**

330 The main finding of this study was that, compared to a placebo control, there were 331 no significant effects of consuming an EC-rich flavanol extract (at doses of 70 or 140 332 mg monomeric flavanols/d) or a monomeric flavanol-depleted PC-rich extract either 333 2 h after a single dose (acute) or after daily consumption for 28 days on SBP or any 334 of the other biomarkers of cardiometabolic risk. The appearance of EC phase-2 335 conjugates in plasma 2 h after ingestion of the EC-rich flavanol extracts 336 demonstrates that the EC was effectively absorbed resulting in mean peak plasma 337 concentrations in the 3-10 µmol/L range, which is in keeping with previous reports 338 (19). Since the isolated PC treatment provided a dose of procyanidin equivalent to 339 that for the high dose EC-rich flavanol extract, these data show that neither 340 monomeric flavanols nor PC significantly affected any of the cardiometabolic 341 biomarkers. Further, they confirm the findings of a previously published report which 342 indicated that PC are not a source of monomeric flavanols (i.e. EC and catechin are 343 not released during fermentation by the gut microbiota) (24). 344 Oligometric PC have been shown to exert biological activity in vitro (17, 18) but 345 their bioavailability is very limited, and only nM concentrations of dimers and 346 occasionally trimers have been reported to appear in peripheral blood. As far as we 347 are aware, the current report is the first RCT describing the effects of isolated PC on 348 biomarkers for CVD. The finding of no significant effects on any of the biomarkers 349 assessed is consistent with the limited bioavailability of PC, although it is possible that 350 PC can exert effects in the body via the absorption of gut microbiota-derived 351 metabolites such as hydroxyphenyl-y-valerolactones, phenylvaleric acids and 352 hydroxyphenylacetic acids which may be more extensively absorbed (25, 26). 353 Although the data presented here do not suggest that these gut microbiota-derived 354 metabolites were effective in changing the biomarkers assessed in this study, further

research of their biological activities is warranted. As a group, the microbiota-derived ring fission products represent the most substantial form of EC metabolites in humans, accounting for 78% of the radiolabel absorbed and excreted in urine over the 48 hours following ingestion of a single dose of $[2-^{14}C]-(-)-EC$ compared to 22% for epicatechin phase-2 conjugates (26).

360 Despite the lack of clinical effects of monomeric and oligomeric flavanols in this 361 report, the BP-lowering effects of flavanol-rich foods and extracts has been reported 362 for a significant number of human intervention trials, most commonly after 363 consumption of cocoa and cocoa based products over various durations in both 364 healthy and non-healthy populations. Several meta-analyses of these trials report 365 significant mean reductions in SBP as follows; 5.9 (p = 0.0003) (4), 4.5 (p = < 0.001) 366 (6), 2.8 (p = 0.005) (27) and 4.7 (p = 0.002) mmHg (5). The largest net reduction in 367 office SBP observed in our trial was 0.39 mmHg after 28 d ingestion of the apple 368 extract containing a 70 mg dose of monomeric flavanols; this falls well short of the 369 BP responses reported in meta-analyses, was not significant, and there was not an 370 increased response at the higher dose. Aside from the differences in study design 371 (e.g. hypertensive vs normotensive, dose and duration of intervention, food matrix 372 etc.) which makes direct comparisons in systematic reviews challenging, it has been 373 hypothesised that the 'open label' approach to the treatments in many of these trials 374 (e.g. flavanol-rich dark chocolate vs flavanol poor white chocolate) has increased the 375 potential for the observed reductions in BP to be an 'exaggerated' placebo effect. 376 This is supported by the lack of effect observed in several trials after ingestion of a 377 cocoa beverage, in which the control drink has been better able to facilitate a blinded 378 approach to the treatment, and that the effects of cocoa intervention trials on BP

were weak and non-significant when sub-grouped to take account of the blinding of participants to the treatment (-0.71 mmHg, p = 0.54) (27).

381 Ingestion of flavanol-rich foods and beverages has also been reported to cause 382 improvements in other biomarkers of CVD risk. For example, meta-analyses of human 383 intervention trials after cocoa and green tea supplementation have shown significant 384 reductions in serum insulin (7) and LDL cholesterol (4, 28, 29). In the study reported 385 here, the largest reduction in LDL cholesterol was 0.08 mmol/L after 28 d 386 supplementation with the apple flavanol extract containing 70 mg of monomeric 387 flavanols. This effect size is 2-3-fold less than the overall reductions observed in the 388 reported meta-analyses of RCT's, and is not significant. Similarly, in some trials cocoa 389 ingestion has been shown to decrease plasma ET-1 and increase plasma NO reaction 390 products (10, 30) and in a dose dependant manner (30). We previously reported a 391 significant increase in plasma NO 6 h after ingestion of apple purees containing 25 392 and 100 mg EC but not after 14 d ingestion (31). However, the magnitude of change in 393 NO reaction products was similar for both doses of EC/flavanols, and there was not an 394 associated effect on ET-1. Likewise, 4 weeks' ingestion of a cocoa beverage 395 containing as little as 64 mg EC/d has been reported to significantly reduce cf PWV 396 by 0.4 m/s (13) which is double the reduction of 0.2 m/s observed for the equivalent 397 duration and dose of epicatechin ingested by participants in the study reported here. 398 There is a contradiction between an increasing number of reports describing 399 increases in flow mediated dilatation, reductions in BP and changes in other 400 biomarkers caused by consumption of flavanol-rich complex foods and beverages, 401 and in particular cocoa and cocoa products, and the more recent reports that show no 402 significant effects of purified EC (19, 20, this report) and purified PC (this report) on 403 these vascular biomarkers. Two alternative paradigms can be considered: Either (i)

404 the physiological effects of consuming cocoa / dark chocolate are caused by other 405 components in cocoa and are not dependent on the flavanols or (ii) the flavanols are 406 involved in causing these effects but only in combination with other components in 407 cocoa. Cocoa contains other compounds such as sugar, fats and bioactive 408 phytochemicals including the methylxanthines theobromine and caffeine, all of which 409 have the potential to affect the physiological responses to consumption of cocoa 410 products. Theobromine for example, is present in chocolate at concentrations up to 411 1.4% by weight (32) and there is evidence that it has biological activity (33, 34), and 412 the effects of caffeine are widely reported and include increasing FMD and BP and 413 reducing insulin sensitivity (35, 36). Further, a recent report provides evidence from 414 carefully controlled dietary intervention trials to support the supposition that cocoa 415 flavanols work in combination with other cocoa components to affect BP, endothelial 416 function and other vascular biomarkers (37). Sansone and colleagues show that cocoa 417 flavanols alone significantly increased flow mediated dilatation (FMD) of the brachial 418 artery but did not significantly decrease BP 2 h after consumption of the test drinks. 419 whereas when administered in combination with methylxanthines, both FMD and DBP 420 were improved, and the FMD increase was significantly higher than with cocoa 421 flavanols alone. Methylxanthines alone did not significantly affect FMD, DBP or SBP. 422 These recent findings (lack of effects of isolated monomeric and oligomeric PC on BP 423 (15, 16) this report), and a recent report showing that cocoa flavanols were only 424 effective in reducing BP when administered in combination with methylxanthines (37) 425 serves as a reminder that foods are complex and contain numerous compounds, 426 therefore, ascribing a physiological response to consumption of a complex food like 427 cocoa to just one compound or class of compounds is somewhat naive. Although it 428 could be argued that not using a complex food such as apples or cocoa as the

treatment was a weakness in the trial design, the appropriate placebo food products
(apples and cocoa that are similar except they lack the flavanols) are not available.

432 CONCLUSION

433 Acute and chronic consumption of isolated apple monomeric flavanols and PC

434 oligomers had no significant effect on BP, various other cardiometabolic biomarkers

435 or the concentrations of circulating host metabolites in pre-hypertensive adults.

436 These data do not support the notion that in isolation, monomeric flavanols and/or

437 PC can significantly affect blood pressure and other biomarkers of cardiometabolic

438 risk.

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Analyte	High dose	Low dose	PC	
(-)-Epicatechin	125.9	62.9	6.5	
(+)-Catechin	14.0	7.0		
dp2	80.0	40.0	10.3	
dp3	31.6	15.8	14.3	
dp4	11.4	5.7	21.9	
dp5	4.2	2.1	23.7	
dp6	2.3	1.2	19.1	
dp7	1.2	0.6	12.7	
dp8	0.0	0.0	10.3	
dp9	0.0	0.0	10.4	
dp10	0.0	0.0	7.4	
Total procyanidins	130.7	65.4	130.1	
Total flavanols	270.6	135.3	136.5	

Table 1. Mass (mg) of monomers and oligomers in apple flavanol treatments¹

¹ The apple flavanol treatments were High dose = 140 mg monomers + 130 mg PC; Low dose = 70 mg monomers + 65 mg PC; PC = 130 mg PC. (–)-EC was the predominant monomer in the monomer rich extract (90% (–)-EC, 10% (+)-catechin). dp = degree of polymerisation, e.g. dp2 refers to an epicatechin dimer.

Measurement variable	Baseline value
Gender ratio (M/F)	15/27
BMI (kg/m²)	25.9 ± 3.1^{1}
Age (yr)	63.0 ± 7.0
Office SBP (mmHg)	121 ± 9^2
Office DBP (mmHg)	69 ± 7
Vicorder pSBP (mmHg)	128 ± 10.8
Vicorder pDBP (mmHg)	66 ± 5.4
Vicorder aSBP (mmHg)	126 ± 11
Vicorder aDBP (mmHg)	66 ± 6
Cf_PWV (m/s)	8.2 ± 1.3
Ba_PWV (m/s)	14.4 ± 1.9
AI (%)	26.8 ± 6.4
ET-1 (pg/mL)	1.1 ± 0.4
NO reaction products (µmol/L)	35.9 ± 17.0
Insulin (pmol/L)	39.8 ± 17.1
Glucose (mmol/L)	5.3 ± 0.5
Fructosamine (µmol/L)	252.2 ± 47.1
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	6.2 ± 1.0
HDL_Cholesterol (mmol/L)	1.68 ± 0.52
LDL_Cholesterol (mmol/L)	3.91 ± 0.92
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	1.50 ± 0.95

Table 2. Subject characteristics and biomarkers of CVD risk at baseline (n=42)

¹Data are presented as mean ± SD (all such values) ²SBP measured at baseline was lower than that measured at eligibility assessment. This was expected because BP rises during the morning and baseline measurements were recorded earlier in the day.

Measurement variable	n	Low dose	High dose	Procyanidins	Placebo	P-values ²
Office SBP (mmHg)	42	6.14 ± 5.49	7.08 ± 6.11	7.79 ± 7.81	7.15 ± 6.05	0.206
Office DBP (mmHg)	42	3.03 ± 2.79	3.94 ± 3.92	2.91 ± 3.24	3.58 ± 2.74	0.444
Vicorder pSBP (mmHg)	42	6.81 ± 7.12	7.36 ± 6.75	7.17 ± 6.53	6.13 ± 6.88	0.754
Vicorder pDBP (mmHg)	42	1.91 ± 3.66	2.71 ± 3.51	1.81 ± 3.30	2.12 ± 3.28	0.849
Vicorder aSBP (mmHg)	42	6.27 ± 7.03	6.92 ± 6.67	6.82 ± 6.61	5.86 ± 6.66	0.780
Vicorder aDBP (mmHg)	42	1.76 ± 3.64	3.36 ± 5.16	1.46 ± 3.66	2.23 ± 3.31	0.381
Cf_PWV (m/s)	42	-0.04 ± 0.57	0.11 ± 0.72	-0.15 ± 1.77	0.18 ± 0.70	0.531
Ba_PWV (m/s)	42	0.35 ± 0.50	0.34 ± 0.60	0.43 ± 0.66	0.31 ± 0.68	0.869
AI (%)	42	-0.33 ± 2.92	-1.19 ± 3.26	-0.95 ± 2.39	-1.04 ± 2.85	0.351
NO reaction products (µM)	34	-4.98 ± 5.49	-4.67 ± 6.88	-3.78 ± 4.69	-5.73 ± 5.13	0.461

Table 3. Changes in biomarkers of CVD risk, 2 h after ingestion of treatments containing either a low dose of monomeric apple flavanols, a high dose of monomeric apple flavanols, oligomeric procyanidins or placebo¹

¹Low dose = 70 mg monomers + 65 mg procyanidins; High dose = 140 mg monomers + 130 mg procyanidins; procyanidins = 6.5 mg monomers + 130 mg procyanidins. Data are mean \pm SD (all such values)

² P values were calculated from the post – pre-differences between the four treatments using repeated measures ANOVA after excluding subjects with an incomplete set of differences. (see on-line supporting material for actual values; supplemental Table 1)

Measurement variable	n	Low dose	High dose	Procyanidins	Placebo	p-value ²
Office SBP (mmHg)	42	-0.39 ± 6.11	1.83 ± 6.62	2.54 ± 7.02	1.60 ± 5.04	0.076
Office DBP (mmHg)	42	-0.19 ± 3.94	1.06 ± 4.43	0.77 ± 3.90	0.55 ± 3.57	0.501
Vicorder pSBP (mmHg)	42	-1.36 ± 7.14	0.83 ± 7.72	2.07 ± 6.58	1.61 ± 7.50	0.283
Vicorder pDBP (mmHg)	42	-0.61 ± 3.41	1.04 ± 4.43	0.81 ± 4.12	0.93 ± 3.01	0.536
Vicorder aSBP (mmHg)	41	-1.44 ± 7.26	0.74 ± 7.71	2.44 ± 6.51	1.93 ± 7.33	0.155
Vicorder aDBP (mmHg)	41	-0.54 ± 3.40	1.34 ± 5.11	0.68 ± 3.93	1.09 ± 3.03	0.565
Cf_PWV (m/s)	42	-0.20 ± 0.67	-0.03 ± 0.53	-0.25 ± 1.74	0.03 ± 0.68	0.791
Ba_PWV (m/s)	41	-0.02 ± 0.63	0.30 ± 0.73	0.17 ± 0.82	0.15 ± 0.60	0.057
AI (%)	41	0.00 ± 2.35	-0.07 ± 2.88	0.24 ± 2.30	0.28 ± 2.60	0.786
NO reaction products (µM)	34	2.40 ± 24.38	9.17 ± 30.19	4.36 ± 19.08	5.03 ± 18.94	0.234
Endothelin-1 (pg/mL)	36	-0.01 ± 0.38	0.04 ± 0.38	0.09 ± 0.32	0.05 ± 0.29	0.289
Insulin (pmol/L)	36	-2.40 ± 23.05	-5.14 ± 13.02	-4.28 ± 12.38	-1.57 ± 11.65	0.339
Glucose (mmol/L)	34	-0.06 ± 0.31	-0.16 ± 0.30	-0.09 ± 0.25	0.01 ± 0.40	0.142
Fructosamine (µmol/L)	33	-1.20 ± 16.79	2.03 ± 14.83	2.71 ± 12.66	2.57 ± 25.33	0.944
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	-0.13 ± 0.51	-0.01 ± 0.60	-0.03 ± 0.62	-0.05 ± 0.67	0.836
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	-0.08 ± 0.53	-0.03 ± 0.46	-0.04 ± 0.56	-0.02 ± 0.53	0.971
HDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	-0.03 ± 0.14	0.03 ± 0.18	0.02 ± 0.16	0.01 ± 0.25	0.674
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	34	-0.17 ± 0.49	-0.08 ± 0.37	-0.10 ± 0.43	0.06 ± 0.37	0.067

Table 4. Changes in biomarkers of CVD risk, 29 d after ingestion of treatments containing either a low dose of monomeric apple flavanols, a high dose of monomeric apple flavanols, oligomeric procyanidins or placebo¹

¹Low dose = 70 mg monomers + 65 mg procyanidins; High dose = 140 mg monomers + 130 mg procyanidins; procyanidins = 6.5 mg monomers + 130 mg procyanidins. Data are mean ± SD.

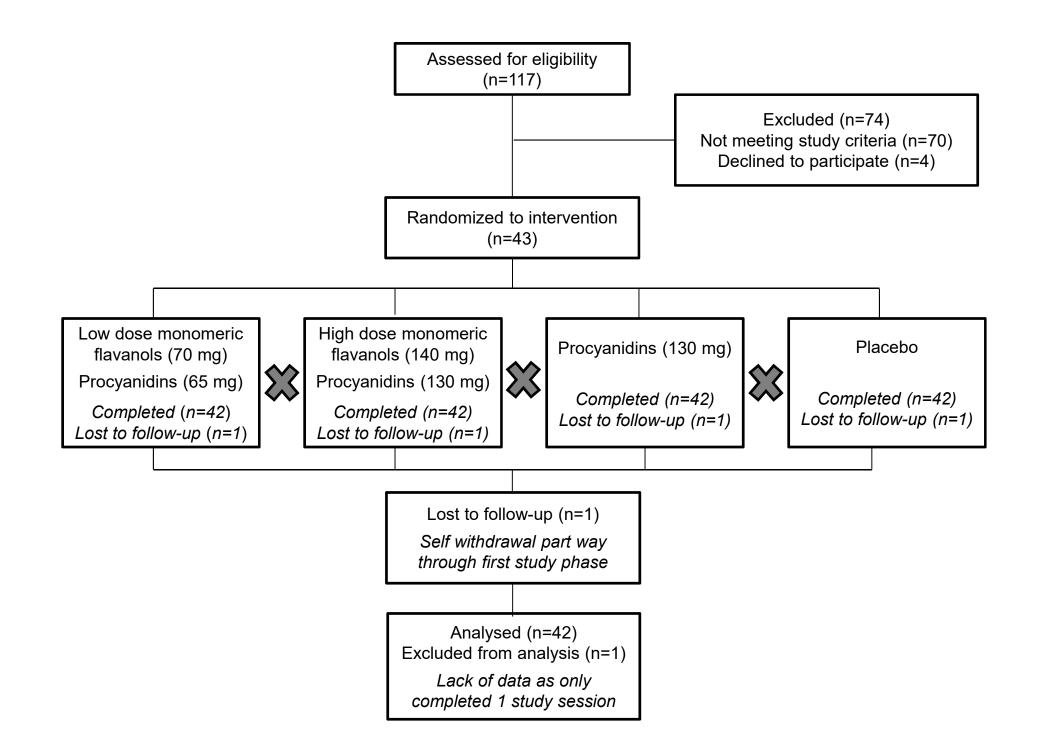
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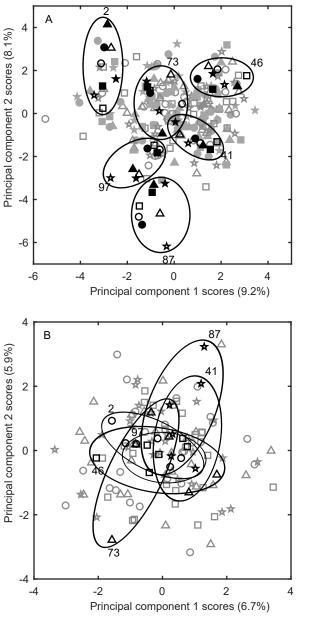
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Figure 1. Flow of participants through trial. Of the 117 participants assessed for eligibility, 74 did not meet the inclusion criteria. Eligible participants (n=43) were allocated sequentially to a treatment sequence order that was pre-determined using a block randomization approach. 1 participant dropped out of the trial part way through the first treatment phase.

Figure 2. Principal component analysis (PCA) for the metabolomic data for all participants and treatments, for both time points (A; $n=32 \times 4$ treatments x 2-time points (day 1, day 29)) and for the ratio of post-to-pre-treatment (B; $n=32 \times 4$ treatments).

Scores on the first two principal components are shown and the percentage variance accounted for by each component indicated on each axis. The circle represents low dose monomeric flavanol treatment, the square the high dose monomeric flavanol treatment, the triangle the placebo, and the star the procyanidin treatment. For (A), open symbols represent day 1 and closed symbols day 29 of the treatments. Six individuals are highlighted; the volunteer number is given and an ellipse shows the spread of scores for each participant) (See on-line supporting material for scores on the third and fourth principle components; supplemental Figure 1).





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Supplemental Table 1. Differences in biomarkers of CVD risk 2h after ingestion of treatments containing either a low dose of monomeric apple flavanols, a high dose of monomeric apple flavanols, oligomeric procyanidins or placebo

Measurement variable		Low	/ dose	High dose		Procyanidins		Placebo	
Measurement variable	n	0h	2h	0h	2h	0h	2h	0h	2h
Office SBP (mmHg)	42	121 ± 10	127 ± 11	120 ± 10	127 ± 11	120 ± 9	128 ± 13	121 ± 9	128 ± 9
Office DBP (mmHg)	42	69 ± 7	72 ± 7	68 ± 7	72 ± 7	68 ± 6	71 ± 7	69 ± 7	73 ± 7
Vicorder pSBP (mmHg)	42	128 ± 11	134 ± 13	126 ± 10	134 ± 12	126 ± 10	133 ± 12	127 ± 9	133 ± 10
Vicorder pDBP (mmHg)	42	66 ± 5	68 ± 6	66 ± 6	68 ± 6	66 ± 5	68 ± 6	66 ± 5	68 ± 5
Vicorder aSBP (mmHg)	41	126 ± 11	132 ± 13	124 ± 10	131 ± 12	124 ± 10	131 ± 12	124 ± 9	130 ± 10
Vicorder aDBP (mmHg)	41	65 ± 8	67 ± 9	65 ± 6	69 ± 6	65 ± 8	67 ± 8	66 ± 5	68 ± 5
Cf_PWV (m/s)	42	8.2 ± 1.4	8.2 ± 1.4	8.1 ± 1.3	8.2 ± 1.4	8.3 ± 1.8	8.1 ± 1.5	8.1 ± 1.2	8.3 ± 1.5
Ba_PWV (m/s)	42	14.4 ± 2.0	14.7 ± 2.0	14.3 ± 1.9	14.6 ± 2.1	14.2 ± 1.9	14.7 ± 1.9	14.5 ± 2.2	14.8 ± 2.2
AI (%)	42	27 ± 6	26 ± 6	28 ± 7	26 ± 6	27 ± 6	26 ± 7	27 ± 6	26 ± 5
Nitric oxide (µM)	34	40 ± 21	31 ± 12	37 ± 20	32 ± 16	34 ± 14	30 ± 12	36 ± 14	31 ± 10

Data are presented as mean ± SD

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Supplemental Table 2. Differences in biomarkers of CVD risk, 29 d after ingestion of treatments containing either a low dose of monomeric apple flavanols, a high dose of monomeric apple flavanols, oligomeric procyanidins or placebo

Maaguramont variable		Low	dose	Hig	h dose	Procy	anidins	Place	ebo
Measurement variable	n	0h	d29	0h	d29	0h	d29	0h	d29
Office SBP (mmHg)	42	121 ± 10	121 ± 10	120 ± 10	122 ± 10	120 ± 9	123 ± 11	121 ± 9	123 ± 9
Office DBP (mmHg)	42	69 ± 7	69 ± 7	68 ± 7	69 ± 7	68 ± 6	69 ± 7	69 ± 7	73 ± 8
Vicorder pSBP (mmHg)	42	128 ± 11	126 ± 10	126 ± 10	127 ± 11	126 ± 10	128 ± 11	127 ± 9	128 ± 10
Vicorder pDBP (mmHg)	42	66 ± 5	66 ± 6	66 ± 6	67 ± 6	66 ± 5	67 ± 6	66 ± 5	67 ± 5
Vicorder aSBP (mmHg)	41	126 ± 11	124 ± 10	124 ± 10	125 ± 11	124 ± 10	126 ± 11	124 ± 9	126 ± 10
Vicorder aDBP (mmHg)	41	65 ± 8	65 ± 9	65 ± 6	67 ± 6	65 ± 8	66 ± 8	66 ± 5	67 ± 5
Cf_PWV (m/s)	42	8.2 ± 1.4	8.0 ± 1.4	8.1 ± 1.3	8.1 ± 1.4	8.3 ± 1.8	8.0 ± 1.4	8.1 ± 1.2	8.1 ± 1.4
Ba_PWV (m/s)	41	14.4 ± 2.0	14.3 ± 2.1	14.3 ± 1.9	14.6 ± 2.3	14.2 ± 1.9	14.4 ± 2.1	14.5 ± 2.2	14.4 ± 2.0
AI (%)	41	27 ± 6	27 ± 7	28 ± 7	27 ± 6	27 ± 6	27 ± 6	27 ± 6	27 ± 5
Nitric oxide (µM)	34	40 ± 21	38 ± 20	37 ± 20	44 ± 31	34 ± 14	42 ± 36	36 ± 14	43 ± 24
Endothelin-1 (pg/mL)	36	1.11 ± 0.40	1.09 ± 0.42	1.08 ± 0.42	1.10 ± 0.43	1.12 ± 0.61	1.12 ± 0.42	1.08 ± 0.39	1.13 ± 0.38
Insulin (pmol/L)	36	41.0 ± 24.0	37.8 ± 20.9	40.9 ± 20.5	35.4 ± 17.7	40.0 ± 19.8	35.8 ± 18.3	40.4 ± 21.5	38.4 ± 18.8
Glucose (mmol/L)	34	5.3 ± 0.5	5.3 ± 0.5	5.3 ± 0.5	5.3 ± 0.4	5.3 ± 0.4	5.2 ± 0.4	5.3 ± 0.5	5.3 ± 0.5
Fructosamine (µmol/L)	33	254.5 ± 35.7	254.1 ± 37.1	253.9 ± 37.4	256.2 ± 38.0	254.0 ± 34.1	259.3 ± 37.8	253.6 ± 50.7	259.8 ± 40.6
Total cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	6.2 ± 1.0	6.1 ± 1.1	6.2 ± 0.9	6.2 ± 1.0	6.1 ± 1.0	6.1 ± 1.0	6.2 ± 1.0	6.2 ± 1.1
LDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	3.9 ± 0.9	3.8 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 0.9	3.8 ± 0.9	3.9 ± 1.0	3.9 ± 0.9
HDL cholesterol (mmol/L)	34	1.7 ± 0.5	1.6 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5
Triglycerides (mmol/L)	34	1.5 ± 0.7	1.4 ± 0.7	1.4 ± 0.6	1.3 ± 0.5	1.5 ± 0.8	1.3 ± 0.6	1.4 ± 0.9	1.4 ± 0.5

Data are presented as mean ± SD

ONLINE SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

List of compounds observed in the Metabolon metabolomics analysis

BIOCHEMICAL	SUPER_PATHWAY	SUB_PATHWAY
1,2-dilinoleoyl-GPC (18:2/18:2)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1,2-dipalmitoyl-GPC (16:0/16:0)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1,3,7-trimethylurate	Xenobiotics	Xanthine Metabolism
1,3-dimethylurate 1,5-anhydroglucitol (1,5-AG)	Xenobiotics Carbohydrate	Xanthine Metabolism Glycolysis, Gluconeogenesis, and Pyruvate Metabolism
1,7-dimethylurate	Xenobiotics	Xanthine Metabolism
1-(1-enyl-oleoyl)-2-linoleoyl-GPE (P-18:1/18:2)*	Lipid	Lysoplasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-oleoyl)-GPE (P-18:1)*	Lipid	Lysoplasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-arachidonoyl-GPC (P-16:0/20:4)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (P-16:0/20:4)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-linoleoyl-GPC (P-16:0/18:2)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-linoleoyl-GPE (P-16:0/18:2)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-oleoyl-GPC (P-16:0/18:1)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-oleoyl-GPE (P-16:0/18:1)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-palmitoleoyl-GPC (P-16:0/16:1)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-2-palmitoyl-GPC (P-16:0/16:0)*	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-GPC (P-16:0)*	Lipid	Lysoplasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-palmitoyl)-GPE (P-16:0)*	Lipid	Lysoplasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-stearoyl)-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (P-18:0/20:4)* 1-(1-enyl-stearoyl)-2-linoleoyl-GPE (P-18:0/18:2)*	Lipid Lipid	Plasmalogen Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-stearoyl)-2-oleoyl-GPE (P-18:0/18:1)	Lipid	Plasmalogen
1-(1-enyl-stearoyl)-GPE (P-18:0)*	Lipid	Lysoplasmalogen
1-arachidonoyl-GPC (20:4n6)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-arachidonoyl-GPE (20:4n6)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-arachidonoyl-GPI (20:4)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-lignoceroyl-GPC (24:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-linolenoyl-GPC (18:3)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-linoleoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPC (18:2/20:4n6)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-linoleoyl-2-linolenoyl-GPC (18:2/18:3)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-linoleoyl-GPC (18:2)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-linoleoyl-GPE (18:2)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-linoleoyl-GPI (18:2)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-methylguanidine 1-methylhistidine	Amino Acid Amino Acid	Guanidino and Acetamido Metabolism Histidine Metabolism
1-methylimidazoleacetate	Amino Acid	Histidine Metabolism
1-methylnicotinamide	Cofactors and Vitamins	Nicotinate and Nicotinamide Metabolism
1-methylurate	Xenobiotics	Xanthine Metabolism
1-methylxanthine	Xenobiotics	Xanthine Metabolism
1-oleoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (18:1/20:4)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-oleoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPE (18:1/18:2)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-oleoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPI (18:1/18:2)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1-oleoyl-GPC (18:1)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-oleoyl-GPE (18:1)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-oleoyl-GPI (18:1)*	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-palmitoleoyl-2-linolenoyl-GPC (16:1/18:3)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-palmitoleoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPC (16:1/18:2)* 1-palmitoleoyl-GPC (16:1)*	Lipid Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC) Lysophospholipid
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1-palmitoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (16:0/20:4)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-palmitoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPI (16:0/20:4)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1-palmitoyl-2-gamma-linolenoyl-GPC (16:0/18:3n6)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-palmitoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPC (16:0/18:2)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-palmitoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPE (16:0/18:2)	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPC (16:0/18:1)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPE (16:0/18:1)	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-palmitoyl-2-oleoyl-GPI (16:0/18:1)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1-palmitoyl-2-palmitoleoyl-GPC (16:0/16:1)* 1-palmitoyl-2-stearoyl-GPC (16:0/18:0)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
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1-palmitoyl-GPE (16:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-palmitoyl-GPI (16:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPC (18:0/20:4)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPE (18:0/20:4)	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPI (18:0/20:4)	Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1-stearoyl-2-arachidonoyl-GPS (18:0/20:4)	Lipid	Phosphatidylserine (PS)
1-stearoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPC (18:0/18:2)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-stearoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPE (18:0/18:2)*	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-stearoyl-2-linoleoyl-GPI (18:0/18:2)	Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI)
1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPC (18:0/18:1)	Lipid	Phosphatidylcholine (PC)
1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPE (18:0/18:1)	Lipid	Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE)
1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPI (18:0/18:1)* 1-stearoyl-2-oleoyl-GPS (18:0/18:1)	Lipid Lipid	Phosphatidylinositol (PI) Phosphatidylserine (PS)
1-stearoyl-GPC (18:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-stearoyl-GPE (18:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
1-stearoyl-GPI (18:0)	Lipid	Lysophospholipid
10-undecenoate (11:1n1)	Lipid	Medium Chain Fatty Acid
13-HODE + 9-HODE	Lipid	Fatty Acid, Monohydroxy

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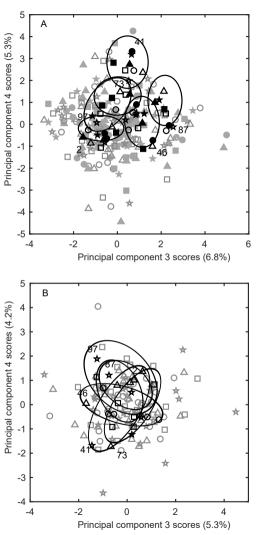
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Supplemental Figure 1. Principal component analysis (PCA) for the metabolomic data for all volunteers and treatments, for both time-points ($x_1 = 32 \times 4$ treatments $x \ge 1$ time-points (day 1, day 29)), and for the ratio of post-to pre-treatment (B; n=32 × 4 treatments).

Scores on the third and fourth principal components are shown and the percentage variance accounted for by each component indicated on each axis. The circle represents the low dose monomeric flavonols treatment, the square the high dose monomeric flavanols, the triangle the placebo, and the star the oligomeric procyanidins. For (A), open symbols represent day 1 and closed symbols day 29 of the treatments. Six individuals are highlighted the volunteer number is given and an ellipse shows the spread of scores for each of these volunteers.