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# Trajectories of healthy ageing phenotype of older Britons 2004-203

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## Population ageing demanding healthy and active ageing

- Population ageing
- Biomarkers-based foundation of healthy ageing: healthy ageing phenotype & healthy ageing index
- Broad based organ systems: cardiovascular function, glucose balance, lung function, lipid metabolism, inflammation system

Discussion

Women's advantage in life expectancy: but not in allostatic load (US, Yang & Kozloski 2010 JGMS)?



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#### ELSA waves 2, 4, 6, N = 14812

- The primary longitudinal ageing study in England www.ifs.org.uk/elsa
- A spectrum of outcomes and indicators including biomarkers
- Covariates: sex, age, wealth, social class (manual), education, social support, social connection, household size, marital status, chronic conditions (COPD, cancer, angina ...), smoking, drinking, physical exercise

## Healthy ageing phenotype (Lara et al 2013)

- arterial blood pressure
- fasting glucose & glycated haemoglobin
- forced expiratory volume in 1 s
- waist circumference
- HDL cholesterol, triglycerides
- C-reactive potein
- sum of tertiles codes (0, 1, 2): higher healthier

# Empirical distribution of healthy ageing phenoty: gender difference



## Estimates of linear mixed modle and selection model

Sex, Female Age  $\times$  Female Current smoker Drink daily Physical activ. Intermediate Managerial High school College Middle wealth Wealthiest

Mixed model  $\beta$  [CI] 3.691 [2.760,4.622] -0.242 [-0.352,-0.131] -0.051 [-0.065,-0.037] -0.685 [-0.858,-0.513] 0.412 [0.307,0.517] 0.237 [0.174,0.301] 0.137 [-0.028,0.303] 0.070 [-0.089,0.228] 0.342 [0.190,0.493] 0.582 [0.399,0.765] 0.298 [0.169,0.426] 0.641 [0.502,0.780]

Selection model  $\beta$  [CI] 2.545 [1.446,3.644] -0.028 [-0.043,-0.013] -0.035 [-0.051,-0.019] -0.672 [-0.909,-0.435] 0.509 [0.359,0.658] 0.374 [0.285,0.463] 0.161 [-0.059,0.381] -0.009 [-0.190,0.172] 0.270 [0.086,0.454] 0.449 [0.223,0.676] 0.339 [0.169,0.508] 0.705 [0.510,0.900]

## Predicted healthy ageing phenotype



### Predicted allostatic load (ELSA waves 2, 4, 6)



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#### Biomarkers in social survey

- Socially structured at different stages of the lifecourse: occupation and education
- A half-puzzle: women are not always on top
- Selection model reduces the puzzle but doesn't resolve it

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