

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1 Association between serum iron and serum ferritin tertiles and cardiometabolic parameters (with logarithmic transformation) in children aged 9–10 years

Serum Iron ( $\mu\text{g/mL}$ )	Model 1			Model 2		
	Tertile 1	Tertile 2	Tertile 3	Tertile 1	Tertile 2	Tertile 3
	Exp( $\beta$ ) <sup>b</sup> (IC 95%)					
<i>Lipid profile (n = 1954)</i>						
Total cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	<b>1.04 (1.02; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>1.03 (1.01; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>	1 (ref)	<b>1.03 (1.01; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>1.02 (1.00; 1.04)<sup>†</sup></b>
HDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	<b>1.03 (1.00; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>1.07 (1.04; 1.10)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.98; 1.03)	<b>1.03 (1.00; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>
LDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	<b>1.06 (1.03; 1.08)<sup>††</sup></b>	1.02 (0.99; 1.05)	1 (ref)	<b>1.05 (1.02; 1.08)<sup>††</sup></b>	1.02 (0.99; 1.05)
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	1.01 (0.97; 1.05)	0.97 (0.93; 1.01)	1 (ref)	1.03 (0.99; 1.07)	1.02 (0.97; 1.06)
<i>Glycemic profile</i>						
Fasting glucose (mg/dL) (n = 1951)	1 (ref)	<b>0.98 (0.98; 0.99)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.98 (0.97; 0.99)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	<b>0.98 (0.97; 0.99)<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>0.98 (0.97; 0.99)<sup>††</sup></b>
Glycated haemoglobin (%) (n = 1946)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.00)	<b>0.99 (0.98; 0.99)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.00)	<b>0.99 (0.98; 0.99)<sup>††</sup></b>
Insulin ( $\mu\text{U/mL}$ ) (n = 1913)	1 (ref)	<b>0.86 (0.81; 0.93)<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>0.76 (0.70; 0.81)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	<b>0.90 (0.85; 0.96)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.85 (0.80; 0.91)<sup>††</sup></b>
HOMA-IRc ( $\mu\text{U/dL}$ ) <sup>c</sup> (n = 1910)	1 (ref)	<b>0.85 (0.78; 0.91)<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>0.74 (0.69; 0.80)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	<b>0.89 (0.83; 0.95)<sup>††</sup></b>	<b>0.83 (0.78; 0.89)<sup>††</sup></b>
<i>Blood pressure (n = 1952)</i>						
Systolic pressure (mmHg)	1 (ref)	<b>0.99 (0.97; 1.00)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.98 (0.97; 0.99)<sup>†</sup></b>	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.98; 1.00)	1.00 (0.99; 1.01)
Diastolic pressure (mmHg)	1 (ref)	0.98 (0.97; 1.00)	0.99 (0.98; 1.01)	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.97; 1.01)	1.01 (0.99; 1.02)
Serum ferritin (ng/mL)	Model 1			Model 2		
	Tertile 1	Tertile 2	Tertile 3	Tertile 1	Tertile 2	Tertile 3
	Exp( $\beta$ ) <sup>b</sup> (IC 95%)					
<i>Lipid profile (n = 1954)</i>						
Total cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	1.01 (0.99; 1.03)	1.01 (0.99; 1.03)	1 (ref)	1.01 (1.00; 1.03)	1.02 (1.00; 1.04)
HDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.97; 1.02)	<b>0.93 (0.91; 0.95)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.98; 1.02)	<b>0.96 (0.94; 0.98)<sup>††</sup></b>
LDL cholesterol (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	<b>1.02 (1.00; 1.05)<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>1.05 (1.03; 1.08)<sup>††</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.02 (1.00; 1.05)	<b>1.06 (1.03; 1.09)<sup>††</sup></b>
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.96; 1.05)	1.03 (0.99; 1.08)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.96; 1.04)	1.00 (0.96; 1.04)
<i>Glycemic profile</i>						
Fasting glucose (mg/dL) (n = 1951)	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.98; 1.00)	1.00 (0.99; 1.01)	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.98; 1.00)	1.00 (0.98; 1.01)
Glycated haemoglobin (%) (n = 1946)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.00)	<b>0.99 (0.99; 1.00)<sup>†</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.00)	<b>0.99 (0.99; 1.00)<sup>††</sup></b>
Insulin ( $\mu\text{U/mL}$ ) (n = 1913)	1 (ref)	0.99 (0.92; 1.06)	1.07 (1.00; 1.15)	1 (ref)	0.96 (0.90; 1.02)	0.97 (0.91; 1.03)
HOMA-IRc ( $\mu\text{U/dL}$ ) (n = 1910)	1 (ref)	0.97 (0.90; 1.05)	1.06 (0.98; 1.14)	1 (ref)	0.95 (0.89; 1.02)	0.96 (0.90; 1.03)
<i>Blood pressure (n = 1952)</i>						
Systolic pressure (mmHg)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.01)	1.02 (1.00; 1.03)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.99; 1.01)	1.00 (0.99; 1.01)
Diastolic pressure (mmHg)	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.98; 1.02)	<b>1.02 (1.00; 1.04)<sup>†</sup></b>	1 (ref)	1.00 (0.98; 1.01)	1.01 (0.99; 1.03)

Model 1: coefficient of the generalized linear multivariate model adjusted for sex, age, family purchasing power, diet quality index (Med-DQI), dietary iron intake and Physical Activity (PAQ-C)

Model 2: Model 1+ body mass index and C-reactive protein

<sup>b</sup> Exponentiated  $\beta$  coefficient: represents the relative change in geometric means with respect to Tertile 1. Expressed as a percentage and interpreted as the percentage change in the geometric mean.

<sup>c</sup> Homeostatic Model Assessment–Insulin Resistance

<sup>†</sup> p value <0.05; <sup>††</sup> p value <0.001

