Table 2 Prevalence of risk factors and metabolic syndrome at baseline and at follow-up for the control group (no intervention) and the case group (exposed to educational intervention)

| Risk factor ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Controls ( $n=182$ ) |  |  |  |  | Cases ( $n=133$ ) |  |  |  |  | $P$-value ${ }^{\text {c }}$ <br> (cases vs controls) | $\begin{aligned} & P \text {-value }{ }^{\mathrm{a}} \\ & \text { adjusted } \\ & \text { (cases vs } \\ & \text { controls) } \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | Baseline |  | Follow-up |  | $P$-value ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Baseline |  | Follow-up |  | $P$-value ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |
|  | No. | \% | No. | \% |  | No. | \% | No. | \% |  |  |  |
| Diabetes | 5 | 2.7 | 10 | 5.5 | 0.06 | 4 | 3.1 | 5 | 3.8 | 1.00 | 0.48 | 0.40 |
| Hypertriglyceridaemia | 38 | 20.8 | 36 | 19.8 | 0.87 | 29 | 22.1 | 28 | 21.2 | 1.00 | 0.75 | 0.99 |
| Hypercholestrolaemia | 34 | 18.6 | 24 | 13.2 | 0.11 | 24 | 18.3 | 11 | 8.3 | 0.002 | 0.18 | 0.23 |
| High LDL cholesterol | 35 | 19.2 | 34 | 18.9 | 1.00 | 28 | 21.7 | 11 | 9.5 | 0.008 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Low HDL cholesterol | 73 | 39.9 | 110 | 60.4 | 0.001 | 64 | 49.2 | 76 | 57.6 | 0.143 | 0.61 | 0.20 |
| Hypertension | 20 | 10.9 | 19 | 10.6 | 1.00 | 20 | 15.4 | 13 | 9.8 | 0.143 | 0.82 | 0.65 |
| Obesity | 41 | 22.9 | 46 | 26.3 | 0.26 | 29 | 21.8 | 28 | 22.2 | 0.72 | 0.42 | 0.73 |
| Abdominal obesity | 48 | 26.2 | 70 | 38.3 | 0.001 | 40 | 30.1 | 50 | 37.6 | 0.08 | 0.90 | 0.59 |
| Metabolic syndrome | 45 | 24.6 | 54 | 30.2 | 0.15 | 37 | 28.7 | 39 | 29.8 | 1.00 | 0.94 | 0.66 |

${ }^{2}$ Using standard international criteria [24-27].
${ }^{b}$ Comparison between baseline and at follow-up using McNemar test.
${ }^{c}$ Comparison between case and control groups at follow-up using chi-squared test.
${ }^{d}$ Comparison between case and control groups at follow-up using Mantel-Haenszel, and after adjusting for baseline of each variable.
$S D=$ standard deviation; $L D L=$ low-density lipoprotein; $H D L=$ high-density lipoprotein.

