

**TABLE 2** Correlations among plasma irisin, leptin, adiponectin, ghrelin and TNF-alpha at baseline (T0) and at follow-up (T2) with risk factors of insulin resistance at baseline (T0) and at follow-up (T2) in the cohort 2 (n=73)<sup>¶</sup>

Insulin resistance risk factors	Spearman's Rho correlation coefficients										
	Baseline (T0)					Follow-up (T2)					
	Irisin (ng/mL)	Leptin (ng/mL)	Adiponectin (ng/mL)	Ghrelin (pg/mL)	TNFalpha (pg/mL)	Irisin (ng/mL)	Leptin (ng/mL)	Adiponectin (ng/mL)	Ghrelin (pg/mL)	TNFalpha (pg/mL)	
<b>Body weight (kg)</b>	<b>T0</b>	-0.01	-0.12	<b>-0.38<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.13	0.15	-0.03	0.09	<b>-0.45<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.24*</b>	<b>0.24*</b>
	<b>T2</b>	-0.01	-0.12	<b>-0.35*</b>	-0.12	0.11	0.05	0.18	<b>-0.43<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.29*</b>	0.17
<b>BMI</b>	<b>T0</b>	-0.08	<b>0.39*</b>	-0.01	-0.05	0.09	-0.05	<b>0.53<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.16	<b>-0.28*</b>	<b>0.25*</b>
	<b>T2</b>	-0.05	<b>0.35*</b>	-0.01	-0.08	0.07	0.07	<b>0.62<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.16	<b>-0.33*</b>	<b>0.20<sup>‡</sup></b>
<b>Waist circumference (cm)</b>	<b>T0</b>	0.09	-0.02	<b>-0.25*</b>	<b>-0.27*</b>	<b>0.20<sup>‡</sup></b>	0.08	0.10	<b>-0.34<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.40<sup>†</sup></b>	0.18
	<b>T2</b>	0.10	-0.02	<b>-0.22<sup>‡</sup></b>	-0.22	0.14	0.15	<b>0.24*</b>	<b>-0.30<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.46<sup>†</sup></b>	0.09
<b>Fat mass (kg)</b>	<b>T0</b>	-0.03	<b>0.42<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.02	-0.07	0.11	-0.03	<b>0.54<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.18	<b>-0.26*</b>	0.19
	<b>T2</b>	-0.04	<b>0.48<sup>†</sup></b>	0.06	-0.07	0.11	0.08	<b>0.70<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.12	<b>-0.25*</b>	0.16
<b>Fat free mass (kg)</b>	<b>T0</b>	0.02	<b>-0.50<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.53<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.18	0.11	-0.01	<b>-0.30*</b>	<b>-0.50<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.18	0.11
	<b>T2</b>	0.04	<b>-0.50<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.53<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.15	0.11	0.01	<b>-0.23*</b>	<b>-0.50<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.20	0.11
<b>Fat mass (%)</b>	<b>T0</b>	-0.08	<b>0.72<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.32<sup>†</sup></b>	0.07	0.01	-0.02	<b>0.70<sup>†</sup></b>	0.17	-0.08	0.08
	<b>T2</b>	-0.05	<b>0.75<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.37<sup>†</sup></b>	0.01	0.04	0.08	<b>0.77<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.19<sup>‡</sup></b>	-0.13	0.07
<b>Fat free mass (%)</b>	<b>T0</b>	0.08	<b>-0.71<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.32<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.07	0.00	0.02	<b>-0.70<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.17	0.08	-0.08
	<b>T2</b>	0.05	<b>-0.75<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.38<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.01	-0.04	-0.07	<b>-0.77<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.21<sup>‡</sup></b>	0.12	-0.07

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Table 2 (continued)

Insulin resistance risk factors	Spearman's Rho correlation coefficients										
	Baseline (T0)					Follow-up (T2)					
	Irisin (ng/mL)	Leptin (ng/mL)	Adiponectin (ng/mL)	Ghrelin (pg/mL)	TNFalpha (pg/mL)	Irisin (ng/mL)	Leptin (ng/mL)	Adiponectin (ng/mL)	Ghrelin (pg/mL)	TNFalpha (pg/mL)	
Glucose (mg/dL)	<b>T0</b>	0.12	0.03	-0.17	-0.11	-0.04	0.04	0.10	-0.15	-0.20	-0.08
	<b>T2</b>	0.09	0.08	-0.19	-0.02	0.02	0.11	0.12	-0.09	-0.02	<b>-0.26*</b>
Insulin ( $\mu$ U/mL)	<b>T0</b>	<b>0.20<sup>‡</sup></b>	0.01	<b>-0.49<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.09	0.12	0.19	0.09	<b>-0.45<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.03	0.10
	<b>T2</b>	<b>0.24*</b>	0.19	-0.22	-0.03	0.04	<b>0.26<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.47<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.30<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.17	-0.02
Triacylglycerides (mg/dL)	<b>T0</b>	<b>0.32<sup>†</sup></b>	0.02	<b>-0.39<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.10	<b>0.29*</b>	<b>0.36<sup>†</sup></b>	0.05	<b>-0.44<sup>†</sup></b>	0.17	0.16
	<b>T2</b>	<b>0.29*</b>	0.05	<b>-0.28*</b>	-0.02	0.17	<b>0.42<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.25<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.31<sup>†</sup></b>	0.11	0.13
HOMA-IR	<b>T0</b>	<b>0.24*</b>	0.04	<b>-0.47<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.08	0.06	<b>0.22*</b>	0.12	<b>-0.45<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.06	0.06
	<b>T2</b>	<b>0.23*</b>	0.16	-0.23	0.03	0.04	<b>0.26<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>0.45<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.28<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.14	-0.05
Irisin (ng/mL)	<b>T0</b>	1.00	-0.08	-0.02	<b>-0.28*</b>	-0.08	<b>0.77<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.10	-0.05	-0.18	<b>-0.22<sup>‡</sup></b>
	<b>T2</b>	<b>0.77<sup>†</sup></b>	0.08	0.03	-0.18	0.01	1.00	0.09	-0.05	-0.20	-0.12
Leptin (ng/mL)	<b>T0</b>	-0.08	1.00	0.16	0.17	0.09	0.08	<b>0.79<sup>†</sup></b>	0.02	0.20	0.11
	<b>T2</b>	-0.10	<b>0.79<sup>†</sup></b>	0.04	0.19	0.16	0.09	1.00	-0.08	0.05	0.18
Adiponectin (ng/mL)	<b>T0</b>	-0.02	0.16	1.00	<b>-0.23<sup>‡</sup></b>	-0.06	0.03	0.04	<b>0.78<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.31*</b>	-0.03
	<b>T2</b>	-0.05	0.02	<b>0.78<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.24<sup>‡</sup></b>	-0.06	-0.05	-0.08	1.00	<b>-0.36<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.17
Ghrelin (pg/mL)	<b>T0</b>	<b>-0.28*</b>	0.17	<b>-0.23<sup>‡</sup></b>	1.00	-0.20	-0.18	0.19	<b>-0.24<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>0.68<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.08
	<b>T2</b>	-0.18	0.20	<b>-0.31*</b>	<b>0.68<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.15	-0.20	0.05	<b>-0.36<sup>†</sup></b>	1.00	-0.12
TNFalpha (pg/mL)	<b>T0</b>	-0.08	0.09	-0.06	-0.20	1.00	0.01	0.16	-0.06	-0.15	<b>0.62<sup>†</sup></b>
	<b>T2</b>	<b>-0.22<sup>‡</sup></b>	0.11	-0.03	-0.08	<b>0.62<sup>†</sup></b>	-0.12	0.18	-0.17	-0.12	<b>1.00</b>
Weight loss (%)		-0.06	<b>0.21<sup>‡</sup></b>	0.06	-0.14	0.08	0.18	<b>0.38<sup>†</sup></b>	0.03	-0.22	0.04
Weight regain (%)		-0.02	-0.09	-0.16	0.09	0.06	0.19	<b>0.29<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>-0.21<sup>‡</sup></b>	-0.08	-0.05

(¶) Data denote the Spearman's rho correlation coefficient. Statistically significant correlations are shown in bold. (\*) p<0.05, (†) p<0.01 and (‡) p<0.10, statistically significant associations.