

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of study cohort at baseline (82 participants). *Median (IQR).

n (%). Acronyms: MSM, man who have sex with men; ART, anti-retroviral therapy; ITINAN, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors; IIN: integrase inhibitors; IP: protease inhibitors; BMI, body mass index. The unique transgender female present in the cohort was considered as MSM. **No statistical differences were found for any of the presented parameters between randomization groups.

Group	Classification	All dataset	Control group	SMD group
	n subjects	82	42	40
Sex **	Male	69 (84 %)	35 (83 %)	34 (85 %)
	Female	12 (15 %)	6 (14 %)	6 (15 %)
	Transgender female	1 (1 %)	1 (2 %)	0
Risk group **	MSM	60 (73 %)	33 (79 %)	27 (68 %)
	no-MSM	20 (25 %)	9 (21 %)	11 (27 %)
Origin **	Unknown	2 (2 %)	0	2 (5 %)
	Spain	44 (54 %)	23 (55 %)	21 (53 %)
	South and central America	11 (13 %)	5 (12 %)	6 (15 %)
	Subsaharian Africa	1 (1 %)	1 (2 %)	0
	Europe	3 (4 %)	1 (2 %)	2 (5 %)
	Unknown	23 (28 %)	12 (29 %)	11 (27 %)
Age *		47 (40, 53)	47.5 (39, 52)	46 (42, 53)
Years on cART *		12 (8, 17)	13 (8, 16)	12 (8, 19)
ART type **	ITINAN	23 (28 %)	7 (17 %)	16 (40%)
	IIN	53 (65 %)	30 (71 %)	23 (58 %)
	IP	5 (6 %)	4 (10 %)	1 (2 %)
	other	1 (1%)	1 (2 %)	0
BMI *		26 (23, 28)	25 (23, 27)	26 (24, 29)
BMI classification **	Overweight	7 (9 %)	3 (7 %)	4 (10 %)
	High	42 (51 %)	21 (50 %)	21 (52 %)
	Normal	28 (34 %)	16 (38 %)	12 (30 %)
	Low	1 (1 %)	0	1 (3 %)
	Unknown	4 (5 %)	2 (5 %)	2 (5 %)
CD4-nadir (cell/mm3) *		378 (312, 468)	355 (296, 418)	392 (336, 499)
CD4 (cell/mm3) *		820 (663, 1028)	831 (680, 1035)	768 (634, 999)

Supplementary Table 2. Metabolic, inflammation, bacterial translocation, immunological and nutrition markers in Supplemented Mediterranean Diet group (SMD) and control group. All individuals with complete data were selected (n = 82). Data shown are average by group at baseline and week 12. Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test with Bonferroni was used to examine parameters between Control and SMD groups. *P value for the difference between baseline and week 12 values (paired). **P value for the difference between delta and ratios values of both groups (unpaired). P<0.05 was considered significant and highlighted in bold type. Acronyms: Hdl, high-density lipoprotein; Ldl, low-density lipoprotein; uRCP, ultrasensitive c-reactive protein; IL-6, interleukin-6; DD, D-dimer; sCD14, soluble CD14; LBP, lipopolysaccharide binding-protein; Treg, regulatory T-cell; BMI, body mass index; IFNg, interferon gamma.

		Control group			SMD group			Δ Control vs SMD	
Parameters	Markers	Baseline	week12	P *	Baseline	week12	P *	P **	
Metabolic									
	Glucose (mg/dL)	85.5 (77, 92.75)	85.5 (75.5, 93)	0.65	89 (79, 94.25)	95 (83, 103.75)	0.07	0.33	
	Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.9 (0.79, 1.06)	0.86 (0.81, 1)	0.86	0.93 (0.80, 1.05)	0.91 (0.79, 0.97)	0.14	0.4	
	Cholesterol (mg/dL)	179.5 (156.5, 208)	195.5 (165.8, 211.5)	0.05	181.5 (154, 205.02)	173 (156.8, 197.2)	0.739	0.025	
	Hdl (mg/dL)	40 (34, 46.75)	40.5 (35, 48)	0.26	39 (34, 46.5)	41 (35, 48.25)	0.3	0.99	
	Ldl (mg/dL)	116 (87.25, 139.75)	129 (101, 144.8)	0.49	115 (91.5, 133)	117 (88, 131.5)	0.43	0.24	
	A1-lipoprotein (mg/dL)	131 (124.5, 141.5)	131.5 (121.8, 145.2)	0.25	131 (119.5, 141)	128 (118.5, 139.5)	0.63	0.37	
	B-lipoprotein (mg/dL)	98 (84, 113.5)	107.5 (92.75, 121.25)	0.02	94 (82.5, 116)	98 (82, 110)	0.72	0.05	
	Triglycerides (mg/dL)	114.5 (73, 163.5)	109 (84.25, 136.5)	0.81	118 (71, 145.2)	94 (74.5, 153.2)	0.91	0.77	
	Alkaline phosphatase (U/L)	75.5 (70, 94.75)	73.5 (64.5, 87.5)	0.52	77.5 (69, 95.5)	73 (65.75, 99)	0.97	0.55	
	Asat (U/L)	24 (21, 27)	23 (21, 28.75)	0.14	27.5 (22.75, 30.25)	25.5 (22, 29.25)	0.33	0.06	
	Alat (U/L)	22.5 (17, 29.25)	21.5 (18, 30)	0.22	26.5 (19.25, 32.25)	28.93 (27.5, 33.25)	0.82	0.64	
	Bilirubin-total (mg/dL)	0.7 (0.4, 0.87)	0.6 (0.4, 0.7)	0.16	0.5 (0.4, 0.63)	0.5 (0.4, 0.7)	0.25	1	
	Platelets (10 ⁹ /L)	214 (186.5, 251.5)	228 (202, 256)	0.13	248 (204, 270.3)	243 (208.5, 276)	0.68	0.53	
	Leucocytes (10 ⁹ /L)	6.5 (5.45, 7.84)	6.37 (5.5, 7.16)	0.14	6.63 (5.86, 7.94)	6 (5.46, 7.19)	0.12	0.78	

Hematocrit (L/L)	0.44 (0.46)	(0.42,	0.45 (0.43, 0.47)	0.8	0.45 (0.46)	(0.42,	0.44 (0.44, 0.46)	0.97	0.63
HIV infection									
Viral load (cp/mL)	undetectable		undetec	-	undetec		undetect	-	—
CD4+ T-cells (cell/mm3)	825.5 (1032.8)	(680,	801 (682, 965)	0.33	761 (605.5, 994.2)		688.5 (591, 986.2)	0.76	0.49
Inflammation									
uRCP (mg/dL)	0.17 (0.38)	(0.07,	0.15 (0.06, 0.34)	0.64	0.12 (0.08, 0.19)		0.15 (0.09, 0.43)	0.08	0.04
IL-6 (pg/dL)	2 (2, 3)		2 (2, 3)	0.84	2 (2, 4)		2 (2, 4)	0.9	0.81
DD (ng/dL)	200 (300)	(200,	200 (200, 300)	0.84	200 (200, 400)		200 (200, 300)	0.9	0.81
Bacterial translocation									
sCD14 (ng/dL)	1710 (1534, 1933)		1709 (1557, 2489)	0.83	1706 (1515.2, 1834.3)		1742.8 (1538, 1848.9)	0.22	0.25
LBP (ng/dL)	12016 (10266, 15876)		12455 (9713, 14152)	0.83	10142 (8768, 12199)		11075 (9238, 13603)	0.05	0.26
Endocab (MMU/mL)	41.15 (60.60)	(25.35,	51.2 (26.25, 78.15)	0.05	51.5 (35.46, 75.03)		40.52 (30.62, 120.05)	0.96	0.11
Immune activation									
CD4+ (%)	51.17 (42.22, 59.26)		51.89 (44.34, 57.33)	0.63	44.93 (40.56, 50.94)		48.36 (40.88, 52.67)	0.07	0.32
CD8+ (%)	39.70 (31.75, 48.09)		40.61 (34.02, 48.31)	0.63	46.48 (41.15, 52.30)		44.54 (38.82, 53.19)	0.11	0.42
CD4+HLADR+CD38+ (%)	1.130 (0.80, 1.82)		1.04 (0.79, 2.00)	0.57	1.42 (0.76, 2.14)		1.22 (0.85, 1.85)	0.18	0.15
CD8+HLADRC+CD38+ (%)	3.46 (1.930, 5.74)		3.40 (2.28, 5.51)	0.29	2.99 (2.17, 5.49)		2.85 (1.97, 4.78)	0.29	0.11
Treg cells									
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+ (%)	4.33 (3.5, 5.56)		3.91 (3.26, 5.17)	0.26	4.36 (3.40, 4.81)		4.41 (3.48, 5.4)	0.38	0.48
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+bright (%)	2 (1.53, 2.7)		1.8 (1.53, 2.41)	0.23	1.98 (1.58, 2.25)		1.99 (1.4, 2.76)	0.65	0.29
CD4+Foxp3+CD25- (%)	3.67 (3.24, 4.35)		3.5 (2.98, 4.36)	0.56	3.74 (3.09, 4)		3.85 (3.05, 5.03)	0.96	0.91
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+CD127- (%)	3.69 (3.1, 5.1)		3.4 (2.77, 4.76)	0.16	3.73 (2.99,3.83)		3.92 (3.03, 4.49)	0.36	0.28
CD4+ Foxp3+CD25+CD127+ (%)	0.44 (0.35, 0.65)		0.52 (0.33, 0.68)	0.46	0.51 (0.41, 0.72)		0.51 (0.37, 0.69)	0.54	0.28
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127- (%)	1.81 (1.37, 2.37)		1.64 (1.24, 2.21)	0.16	1.81 (1.37, 2.1)		1.82 (1.25, 2.5)	0.49	0.27
CD4+ Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127+ (%)	0.14 (0.1, 0.25)		0.18 (0.1, 0.22)	0.39	0.18 (0.11, 0.23)		0.16 (0.11, 0.22)	0.65	0.51
CD4+Foxp3+CD25-CD127+ (%)	32.27 (28.96, 37.23)		36.73 (29.94, 40.7)	0.16	38.39 (33.9, 45.94)		37.1 (29.23, 47.43)	0.6	0.15
T-helper 17 (Th17) cells									
CD4+IL17A+ (%)	0.64 (0.44, 0.83)		0.6 (0.5, 0.85)	0.81	0.73 (0.48, 0.99)		0.72 (0.43, 1.02)	0.94	0.83

CD4+IFNg+ (%)	20.24 (15.86, 26.49)	20.36 (16.32, 28.6)	0.57	18 (13.4, 24.74)	18.07 (12.99, 22.25)	0.09	0.07
CD4+IL17A+IFNg+ (%)	0.12 (0.07, 0.17)	0.12 (0.07, 0.17)	0.52	0.11 (0.07, 0.24)	0.1 (0.07, 0.24)	0.46	0.34
CD8+IL17A+ (%)	0.01 (0.01, 0.03)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)	0.93	0.02 (0.01, 0.03)	0.02 (0.01, 0.03)	0.97	0.8
CD8+IFNg+ (%)	63.1 (44.2, 76.17)	61.56 (48.94, 75.41)	0.65	61.51 (49.51, 69.35)	50.49 (40.93, 68.1)	< 0.005	0.01
CD8+IL17A+IFNg+ (%)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)	0.86	0.02 (0.01, 0.05)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)	0.05	0.04
Nutrition							
BMI	25 (23, 27)	25 (24, 27)	1	26 (15, 28.75)	26 (24, 28)	0.86	0.39
Weight (Kg)	74.2 (68.28, 80.1)	74.25 (69.5, 80.23)	0.97	74.75 (67.88, 83.12)	74.35 (67.78, 82.6)	0.93	1
Adherence (MEDAS)	8 (5,9)	8 (6,9)	1	6 (5, 8)	12 (10, 13)	< 0.005	< 0.005
Oleic (g/dL)	20.22 (15.28, 25.48)	20.45 (14.95, 25.58)	0.5	22.01 (19.2, 25.48)	20.66 (18.07, 24.1)	0.41	0.27
Linoleic (g/dL)	22 (20.11, 25.54)	22.2 (19.44, 26.84)	0.33	24.15 (21.67, 28.74)	25.27 (21.23, 30.85)	0.12	0.41
Alfa-linolenic (g/dL)	0.32 (0.2, 0.45)	0.31 (0.2, 0.45)	0.1	0.3 (0.27, 0.5)	0.54 (0.35, 1.15)	< 0.005	< 0.005

Supplementary Table 3. Key food items and dietary nutrients intake in MSM individuals grouped by their MEDAS at week 12. Baseline values and changes in dietary nutrients intake and key food items using the PREDIMED 14-point Mediterranean diet questionnaire. MSM individuals (n = 60) were stratified by the MEDAS after 12 weeks of follow-up. 2 participants were not considered for lack of MEDAS data at week 12. * Kruskal-Wallis test with Bonferroni was used to examine parameters Adherence groups: P-value < 0.05. a: P<0.05 in Low vs Medium; b: P<0.05 in Low vs High. P<0.05 was considered significant and highlighted in bold type.

Diet Parameters	Markers	Time-point	Adherence to the MD			P
			Low (n = 8)	Medium (n = 20)	High (n = 30)	
Dietary nutrients intake						
	EVOO, g/d	Baseline	20.83±24.58	32.14±17.93	34.04±13.19	
		Week12	33.33±25.82	35.71±18.66 a	53.33±7.61*	0.002
	Refined OO, g/d	Baseline	8.33±12.91	11.67±19.58	3.85±9.2	
		Week12	4.17±10.21	10.48±19.49	0±0*	0.437
	Total nuts, g/d	Baseline	7.05±8.1	21.25±35.66	15.99±19.63	
		Week12	6.72±8.19	20.76±36.96 a	27.11±7.49*b	0.005
	Total walnuts, g/d	Baseline	3.53±4.84	12.72±33.01	8.05±8.85	
		Week12	3.19±5.03	16.5±35.05 a	23.04±7.95*b	0.001

Vegetables, g/d	Baseline	241.95±221.96	268.1±121.34	315.21±169.62	0.324
	Week12	257.17±221.8	290.34±133.72	362.13±132.74*	
Legumes, g/d	Baseline	14±9.93	15.4±10.94	20.33±10.64	0.003
	Week12	14±9.93	17.84±13.97 a	32.14±14.17*b	
Fruits, g/d	Baseline	137.50±75.78	366.41±232.63	309.45±257.58	0.135
	Week12	141.07±122.05	418.84±243.70	507.19±359*	
Cereals, g/d	Baseline	75.63±41.49	167.57±97.01	157.72±88.69	0.012
	Week12	76.06±41.86	152.95±101.79 a	116.8±56.75*b	
Whole cereal, g/d	Baseline	25.02±33.7	67.43±71.16	72.36±91.69	0.57
	Week12	35.4±34.04	62.87±58.75	72.55±63.96	
Refined cereal, g/d	Baseline	50.61±36.98	100.14±96.82	85.35±61.66	0.055
	Week12	40.66±25.88	90.08±82.64 a	44.25±37.84*	
Fish or seafood, g/d	Baseline	113.32±82.17	83.11±38.08	99.23±54.71	0.192
	Week12	111.35±81.98	99.51±53.46	126.38±51.92*	
Blue fish, g/d	Baseline	9.08±8.31	16.15±14.76	21.29±22.33	0.025
	Week12	9.08±8.31	19.25±24.29 a	41.78±28.46*	
White fish, g/d	Baseline	40.96±25.9	24.76±23.71	31.51±29.31	0.448
	Week12	40.96±25.9	28.85±26.45	39.23±28.62*	
Meat or meat products, g/d	Baseline	180.66±28.69	168.5±72.13	135.09±66.01	0.549
	Week12	166.03±50.47	156.76±70.46	110.31±55.46	
Red meat, g/d	Baseline	53.57±30.98	43.13±38.77	31.71±24.43	0.223
	Week12	50.56±33.56	38.38±31.59	20.75±21.85*	
White meat, g/d	Baseline	83.46±44.43	91.25±24.79	77.86±40.76	0.871
	Week12	71.08±47.24	88.88±28.17	70.6±32.59	
Processed meat, g/d	Baseline	43.63±27.77	30.65±26.91	24.49±19.15	0.366
	Week12	44.4±27.19	27.19±26.36	17.93±12.19	
Sweets, g/d	Baseline	47.65±34.27	35.44±39.49	38.15±29.9	0.469
	Week12	44.84±36.68	23.17±34.3*	25.04±25.64*	
Dairy products, g/d	Baseline	260.95±265.25	214.1±253.51	252.21±282.93	0.774
	Week12	266.9±262.06	187.06±159.27	283±277.55	
Alcohol, g/d	Baseline	202.78±233.59	118.31±179.82	149.15±218.19	0.046
	Week12	199.85±233.83	110.17±181.84 a	168.91±210.2	
Wine, mL/d	Baseline	121.43±192.67	28.46±33.05	47.37±52.5	0.469
	Week12	119.05±193.92	21.55±22.87	59.75±67.95	
MEDAS	Baseline	5±0.89	7.95±1.50	7.96±2.30	<0.005
	Week12	5.33±0.82	8.05±0.81 a	11.96±1.13*b	

Key food items

Energy, kcal/d	Baseline	2805.64±521.7	2425.21±724.16	2465.94±843.83	0.193
	Week12	2536.55±535.24	2326.16±497.11	2507.14±729.81	
Protein, g/d	Baseline	100.34±26.89	99.13±30.41	94.13±30.26	0.15
	Week12	97.06±29.56*	97.38±30.38	92.42±22.61	
Carbohydrate, g/d	Baseline	256.71±94.71	273.93±110.06	291.8±80.95	

	Week12	240.85±97.59	265.6±116.35	250.17±61.32*	0.873
Fibre, g/d	Baseline	19.98±5.59	27.4±11.24	23.58±13.05	
	Week12	21.22±8.48	23.71±8.75	23.18±6.15	0.093
Soluble fibre, g/d	Baseline	1.62±1.04	1.96±1.37	2.06±1.9	
	Week12	1.55±0.84	1.95±1.18	1.99±1.28	0.873
Total fat, g/d	Baseline	122.82±39.68	115.77±36.25	111.68±31.01	
	Week12	131.53±35.28	115.9±35.67	118.3±19.15	0.273
SFA, g/d	Baseline	37.47±18.46	29.2±11.48	29.32±12.98	
	Week12	38.78±17.51	27.11±7.77	25.83±8.32	0.396
MUFA, g/d	Baseline	53.07±16.89	54.93±13.44	52.06±14.27	
	Week12	58.69±13.65	54.54±12	57.12±7.97*	0.12
PUFA, g/d	Baseline	16.22±4.24	17.93±14.51	17.45±4.84	
	Week12	16.93±3.78	20.22±15.79	22.67±3.91*b	0.174
Linoleic acid, g/d	Baseline	13.94±6.55	10.12±3.87	12.36±6.84	
	Week12	11.18±5.27	9.95±3.68	10.78±5.61*b	0.352
α-linolenic acid, g/d	Baseline	1.74±0.88	1.47±1.01	1.69±1.23	
	Week12	1.28±0.61	1.76±1.17 a	2.01±1.14*b	0.217
Cholesterol, mg/d	Baseline	116.91±48.12	81.18±35.56	96.02±72.06	
	Week12	98.03±35.23	70.02±22.41	90.81±64.01	0.508
Sugar, g/d	Baseline	483.55±178.78	349.74±169.71	353.21±147.84	
	Week12	444.56±134.11	313.42±144.46	335.24±162.76	0.715
Polyphenols, mg/d	Baseline	816.34±300.24	957.66±654.45	871.30±309.27	
	Week12	799.63±262.32	962.37±427.85	823.12±217.94	0.538
Flavonoids, mg/d	Baseline	429.40±307.24	620.12±658.77	515.72±247.98	
	Week12	430.80±255.94	595.72±361.02	473.35±156.17	0.23
Phenolic acids, mg/d	Baseline	317.09±166.28	254.33±130.27	287.03±126.63	
	Week12	297.27±161.76	288.01±140.22	279.16±126.82	0.209
Stilbenes, mg/d	Baseline	2.87±5.29	1.06±1.39	1.32±1.78	
	Week12	3.18±5.51a	1.21±2.17b	1.04±1.25b	0.154
Lignans, mg/d	Baseline	1.06±0.44	1.35±0.47	1.97±0.57	
	Week12	1.47±0.56*a	1.46±0.53b	2.21±0.64*c	0.049
Other polyphenols, mg/d	Baseline	65.92±22.39	80.80±41.22	65.26±29.45	
	Week12	66.91±18.34	75.97±39.72	75.97±39.72	0.879

Supplementary Table 4. Inflammatory, bacterial translocation and immunological markers in High-Adherence (n=9) and Low-Adherence (n=31) groups at baseline. Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test with Bonferroni was used to examine parameters between Adherence extreme groups. P<0.05 was considered significant; not significantly significant features between groups were detected. Acronyms: uRCP, ultrasensitive c-reactive protein; IL-6, interleukin-6; DD, D-dimer; sCD14, soluble CD14; LBP, lipopolysaccharide binding-protein; Treg, regulatory T-cell.

Marker	Low-Adherence at baseline	High-Adherence at baseline	P-value
Inflammation			
PCR	0.27	0.22	0.473

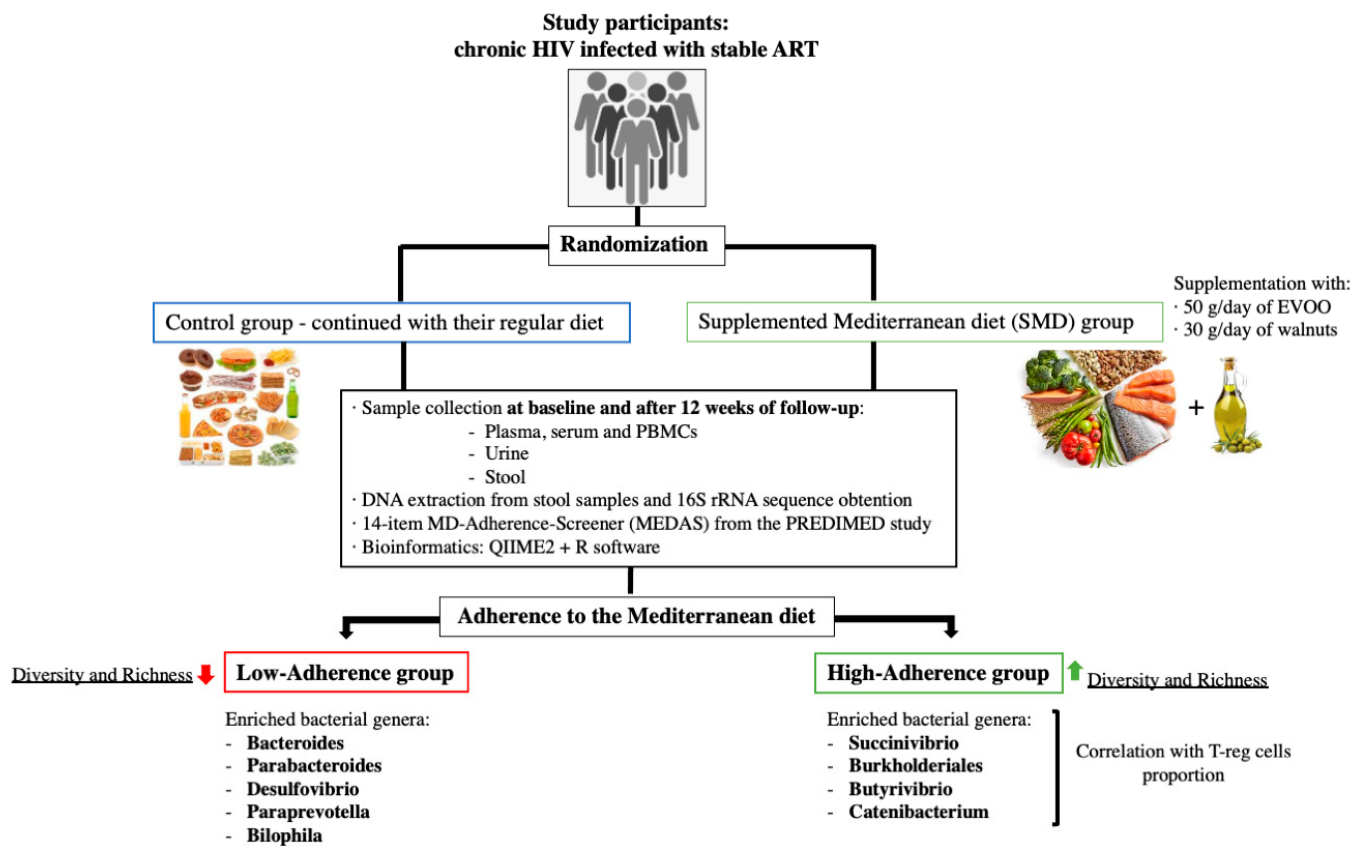
IL6	3.90	3.67	0.438
DD	253.33	422.22	0.107
Bacterial translocation			
sCD14	1735.39	1653.89	0.987
LBP	11417.76	13081.04	0.180
Immune activation			
CD4+ (%)	48.28	47.99	0.897
CD8+ (%)	43.41	44.40	0.799
CD4+HLADR+CD38+ (%)	2.25	1.65	0.750
CD8+HLADR+CD38+ (%)	3.65	4.12	0.799
Treg cells			
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+ (%)	4.65	3.94	0.206
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+bright (%)	2.14	1.86	0.507
CD4+Foxp3+CD25- (%)	3.78	3.71	0.373
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+CD127- (%)	4.06	3.41	0.199
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+CD127+ (%)	0.59	0.48	0.248
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127- (%)	1.96	1.68	0.371
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127+ (%)	0.18	0.16	0.639
T-helper 17 (Th17) cells			
CD4+IL17A+ (%)	0.84	0.71	0.354
CD4+IFNg+ (%)	18.40	25.86	0.093
CD4+IL17A+IFNg+ (%)	0.15	0.17	0.891
CD8+IL17A+ (%)	0.02	0.02	0.830
CD8+IFNg+ (%)	58.60	57.46	0.711
CD8+IL17A+IFNg+ (%)	0.05	0.03	0.355

Supplementary Table 5. Markers in High-Adherence and Low-Adherence groups in MSM individuals. Metabolic, inflammation, bacterial translocation, immunological and nutrition markers in High-Adherence and Low-Adherence MEDAS groups. MSM individuals were included (n = 60). Acronyms: hdl, high-density lipoprotein; ldl, low-density lipoprotein; uRCP, ultrasensitive c-reactive protein; IL-6, interleukin-6; DD, D-dimer; sCD14, soluble CD14; LBP, lipopolysaccharide binding-protein; Treg, regulatory T-cell; BMI, body mass index. Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test with Bonferroni was used to examine parameters between Adherence extreme groups. *P value for the difference between baseline and week 12 values (paired). **P value for the difference between delta and ratios values of both groups (unpaired). P<0.05 was considered significant and highlighted in bold type.

MSM (n = 60)									
Parameters	Markers	Low-Adherence (n = 8)			High-Adherence (n = 30)			Δ	Low vs High
		Baseline	week12	P *	Baseline	week12	P *	P **	
Metabolic									
	Glucose (mg/dL)	84 (78, 92)	81 (73.5, 96)	0.88	82.5 (77, 91.25)	90 (83, 99.25)	0.09	0.57	
	Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.89 (0.8, 1.05)	0.82 (0.79, 0.9675)	0.63	0.95 (0.8, 1.06)	0.91 (0.86, 0.95)	0.18	0.81	
	Cholesterol (mg/dL)	167.5 (159.5, 195.8)	190.5 (154.5, 206.5)	0.54	168 (154, 197)	172.5 (161.2, 192)	0.67	0.69	
	Hdl (mg/dL)	41 (34.75, 49)	41 (37, 53.25)	0.18	37 (33, 44)	38.5 (34.75, 43.75)	0.54	0.45	

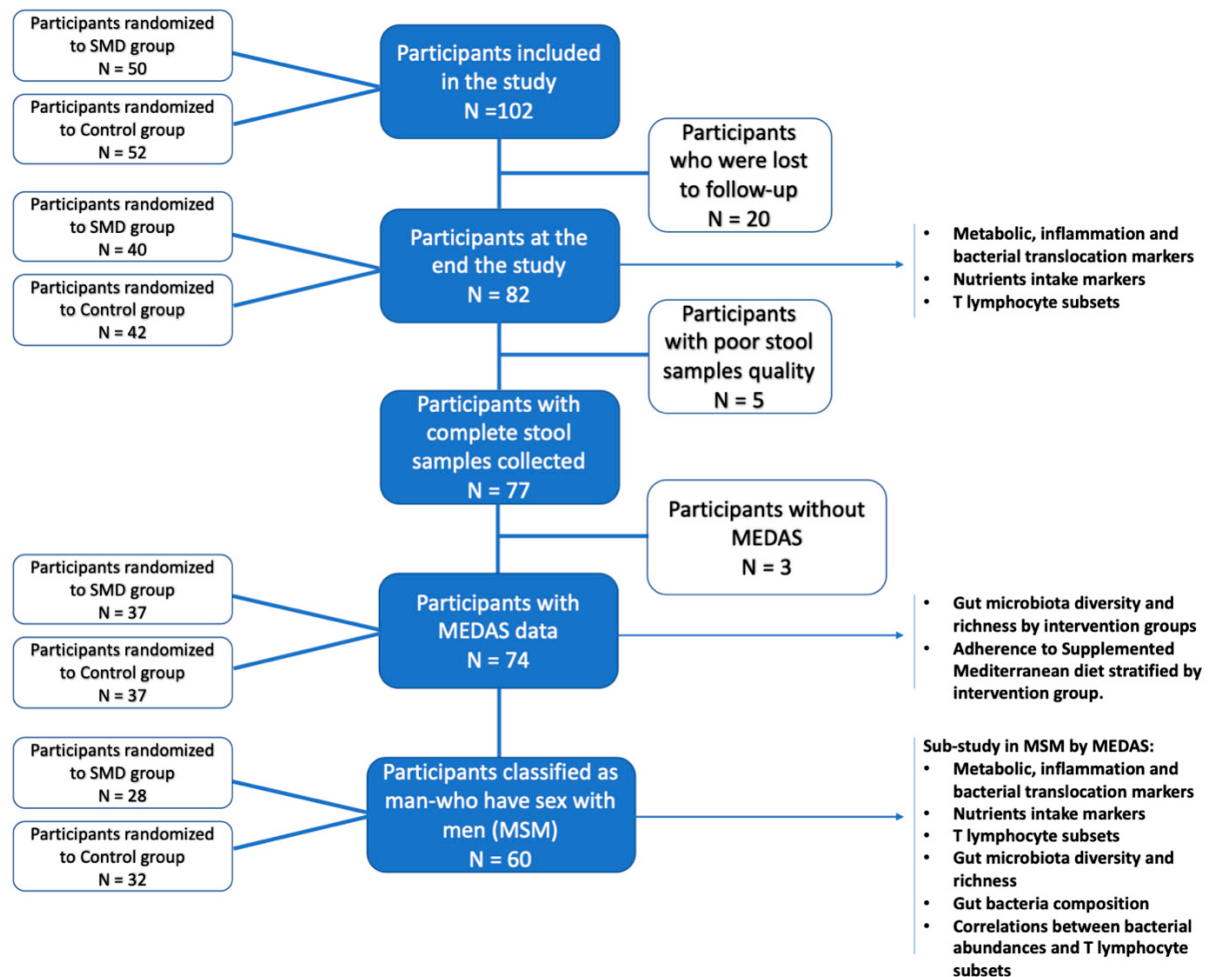
Ldl (mg/dL)	106 (101.8, 115.5)	115.5 (86.25, 133.25)	1	114 (90, 121)	112 (106, 130)	0.56	0.86
A1-lipoprotein (mg/dL)	140 (135, 149)	132 (121.8, 152.5)	0.94	126 (116, 131.5)	132 (121, 137)	0.17	0.66
B-lipoprotein (mg/dL)	85 (82, 101)	100 (87.75, 110.5)	0.09	96 (81.5, 112.5)	94 (87, 111)	0.55	0.24
Triglycerides (mg/dL)	84.5 (64.5, 131)	89.5 (71.75, 114)	0.44	118 (72.5, 145.2)	97 (75.75, 154)	0.69	0.32
Alkaline phosphatase (U/L)	67 (57, 83.25)	69 (64, 81.75)	0.84	76.5 (66.75, 97.25)	73.5 (69.75, 103.25)	0.58	0.82
Asat (U/L)	21.5 (19.5, 25.5)	23 (20, 25.5)	0.64	27.5 (23, 29.25)	23.5 (21.75, 26.25)	0.02	0.06
Alat (U/L)	23.5 (16.25, 30.75)	21 (19, 30.75)	0.55	27 (20, 30.25)	26(18.75, 30.5)	0.09	0.15
Bilirubin-total (mg/dL)	0.75 (0.52, 0.975)	0.6 (0.43, 0.85)	0.76	0.6 (0.5, 0.7)	0.55 (0.4, 0.7)	0.42	0.98
Platelets (10^9/L)	202 (180.5, 243.8)	227 (215, 235.2)	0.04	219.5 (189, 250.5)	234 (180.2, 264)	1	0.11
Leucocytes (10^9/L)	7.67 (6.16, 7.94)	6.53 (5.54, 7.105)	0.05	7 (5.8, 8.38)	6.06 (5.46, 7.205)	0.1	0.54
Hematocrit (L/L)	0.45 (0.43, 0.46)	0.45 (0.44, 0.465)	0.72	0.46 (0.43, 0.49)	0.44 (0.44, 0.4625)	0.48	0.41
HIV infection							
Viral load (cp/mL)	undetectable	undetectable	-	undetectable	undetectable	-	-
CD4+ T-cells (cell/mm3)	827 (601.2, 1082)	892.5 (699.8, 1034.8)	0.72	783 (641.8, 996)	733.5 (636.5, 904.2)	0.11	0.79
Inflammation							
uRCP (mg/dL)	0.1 (0.06, 0.18)	0.08 (0.04, 0.18)	0.35	0.16 (0.09, 0.2525)	0.19 (0.12, 0.4925)	0.09	0.09
IL-6 (pg/dL)	2 (2, 3)	2 (2, 3)	0.27	2 (2, 5)	2 (2, 2.5)	0.96	0.76
DD (ng/dL)	200 (150, 300)	200 (150, 300)	1	200 (150, 300)	200 (200, 200)	0.96	0.5
Bacterial translocation							
sCD14 (ng/dL)	1571 (1440, 1710)	1533.4 (1373.2, 1802.8)	0.65	1770.4 (1574.9, 1888.6)	1743 (1515, 1850)	0.83	0.56
LBP (ng/dL)	10602 (9714, 13942)	11706 (9579, 13297)	0.5	10491 (9140, 14609)	11249 (9412, 14904)	0.99	0.62
Endocab (MMU/mL)	51.6 (47.5, 127.05)	55.95 (47.8, 113.4)	0.31	50.9 (27.12, 75.35)	38.6 (28.98, 95.62)	0.85	0.23
Immune activation							
CD4+ (%)	49.31 (42.53, 64.69)	52.54 (41.40, 62.68)	0.73	43.53 (36.63, 50.83)	47.14 (38.52, 54.23)	0.12	0.82
CD8+ (%)	38.22 (32.83, 44.64)	35.21 (32.03, 43.99)	0.65	48.17 (38.59, 55.72)	46.02 (38.70, 53.28)	0.08	0.45
CD4+HLADR+CD38+ (%)	1.13 (0.96, 1.53)	1.89 (0.93, 2.47)	0.18	1.15 (0.72, 1.77)	0.99 (0.84, 1.43)	0.35	< 0.005
CD8+HLADRC+CD38+ (%)	2.00 (1.68, 3.65)	2.58 (2.14, 3.40)	0.13	2.82 (1.85, 4.56)	2.55 (2.11, 4.49)	0.55	0.007
Treg cells							
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+ (%)	4.49 (3.82, 6.39)	4.37 (3.61, 5.945)	0.56	4.39 (3.83, 4.765)	4.22 (3.5, 4.755)	0.55	0.21
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+bright (%)	2.05 (1.58, 2.7)	1.92 (1.67, 2.853)	0.49	1.99 (1.6, 2.25)	1.83 (1.5, 2.292)	0.45	0.4
CD4+Foxp3+CD25- (%)	3.77 (3.54, 4.237)	4.15 (3.44, 4.975)	0.49	4.01 (3.27, 4.668)	3.76 (3.07, 5.008)	0.58	0.36
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+CD127- (%)	3.9 (3.25, 5.484)	3.84 (3.20, 5.348)	0.49	3.8 (3.14, 4.315)	3.55 (3.04, 4.19)	0.62	0.11
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+CD127+ (%)	0.49 (0.44, 0.6412)	0.56 (0.34, 0.72)	1	0.49 (0.37, 0.7217)	0.49 (0.37, 0.5673)	0.25	0.62
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127- (%)	1.87 (1.38, 2.41)	1.81 (1.5, 2.655)	0.56	1.84 (1.42, 2.1337)	1.72 (1.31, 2.1144)	0.42	0.36
CD4+Foxp3+CD25+brightCD127+ (%)	0.13 (0.12, 0.2362)	0.18 (0.1, 0.19)	0.85	0.18 (0.11, 0.22)	0.16 (0.15, 0.2066)	0.16	0.75

CD4+Foxp3+CD25-CD127+ (%)	29.8 (26.66, 38.93)	35.76 (33.11, 40.91)	0.28	38.59 (34.3, 46)	34.91 (29.65, 41.16)	0.2	0.07
T-helper 17 (Th17) cells							
CD4+IL17A+ (%)	0.48 (0.45, 0.78)	0.57 (0.52, 0.8)	0.82	0.73 (0.38, 1.185)	0.8 (0.55, 1.155)	0.14	0.63
CD4+IFNγ+ (%)	17.64 (11.34, 20.25)	17.71 (13.24, 21.82)	0.57	20.94 (15.97, 26.08)	19.76 (15.75, 25.43)	0.6	0.9
CD4+IL17A+IFNγ+ (%)	0.09 (0.06, 0.11)	0.07 (0.06, 0.13)	1	0.13 (0.08, 0.23)	0.14 (0.09, 0.29)	0.65	0.85
CD8+IL17A+ (%)	0.01 (0, 0.01)	0.02 (0.01, 0.03)	0.11	0.02 (0.01, 0.025)	0.02 (0, 0.03)	0.47	0.1
CD8+IFNγ+ (%)	53.27 (44.33, 69.29)	44.17 (42.67, 64.86)	0.25	61.51 (46.26, 79.7)	50.49 (43.68, 75.47)	0.36	0.65
CD8+IL17A+IFNγ+ (%)	0.02 (0.02, 0.03)	0.03 (0.01, 0.03)	0.57	0.02 (0.01, 0.05)	0.02 (0.01, 0.04)	0.36	0.41
Nutrition							
BMI	25 (23, 26.75)	24.5 (23.75, 26)	0.37	25 (23, 27)	25 (24, 27)	1	0.35
Weight (Kg)	70.95 (68.05, 77.12)	69.9 (67.65, 78.58)	0.38	74.75 (71.17, 82.38)	74.35 (71.65, 82.6)	0.94	0.29
Adherence (MEDAS)	4.5 (4, 5)	5 (4, 6)	1	8 (6, 9.25)	12 (11, 13)	< 0.005	< 0.005
Oleic (g/dL)	17.7 (13.63, 22.06)	17.04 (14.52, 21.94)	1	10.59 (17.84, 23.95)	19.28 (14.34, 23.68)	0.54	0.67
Linoleic (g/dL)	21.52 (20.68, 24.14)	21.39 (20.01, 22.65)	0.06	24 (20.48, 28.73)	24.11 (20.3, 30.78)	0.48	0.19
Alfa-linolenic (g/dL)	0.22 (0.15, 0.43)	0.22 (0.15, 0.4175)	0.88	0.37 (0.25, 0.492)	0.48 (0.27, 1.3525)	0.01	0.09

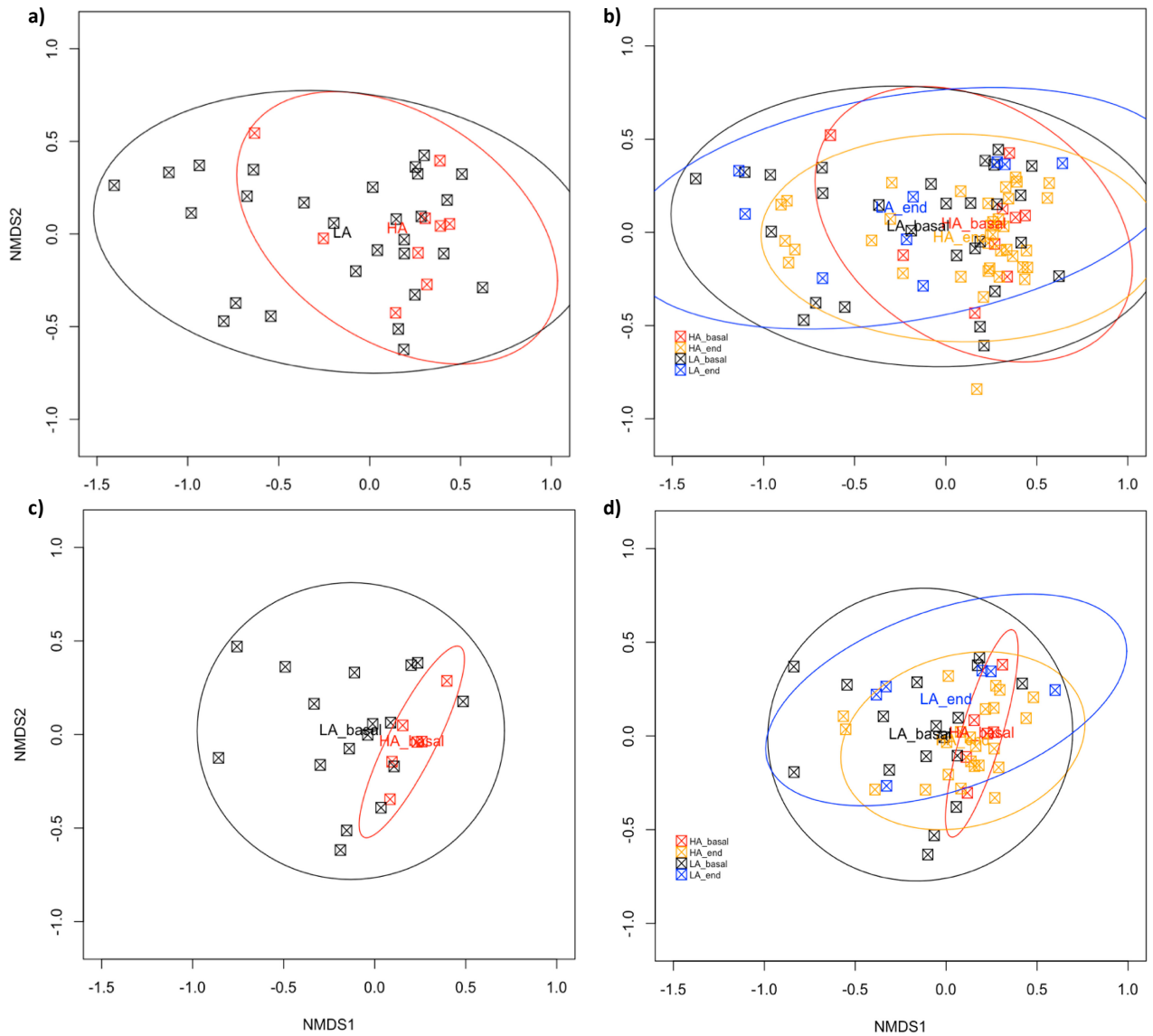


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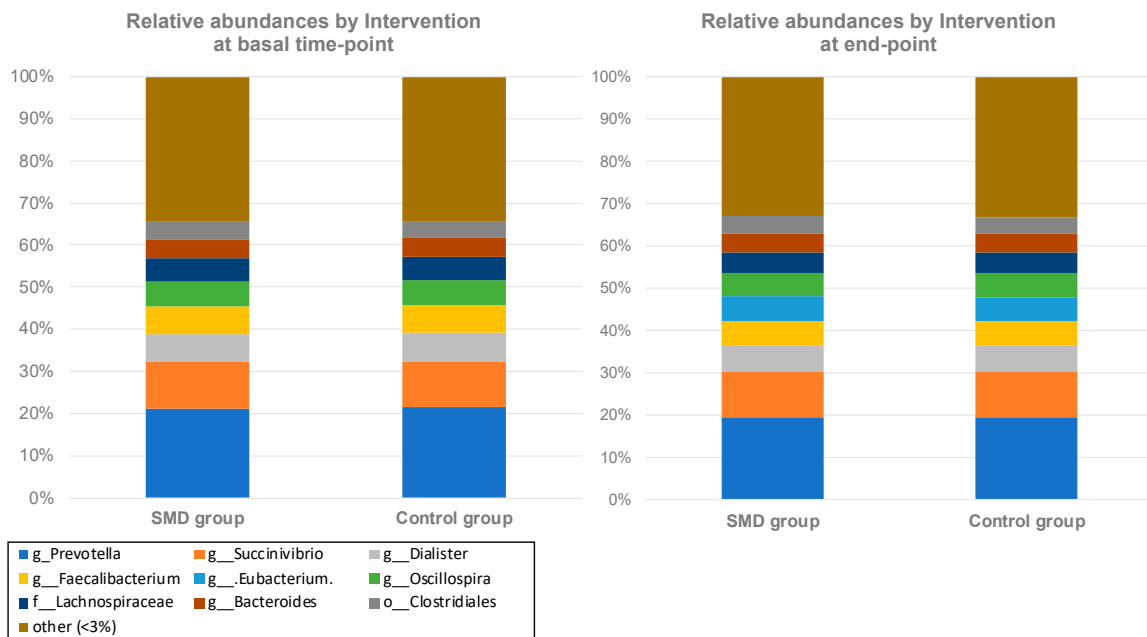
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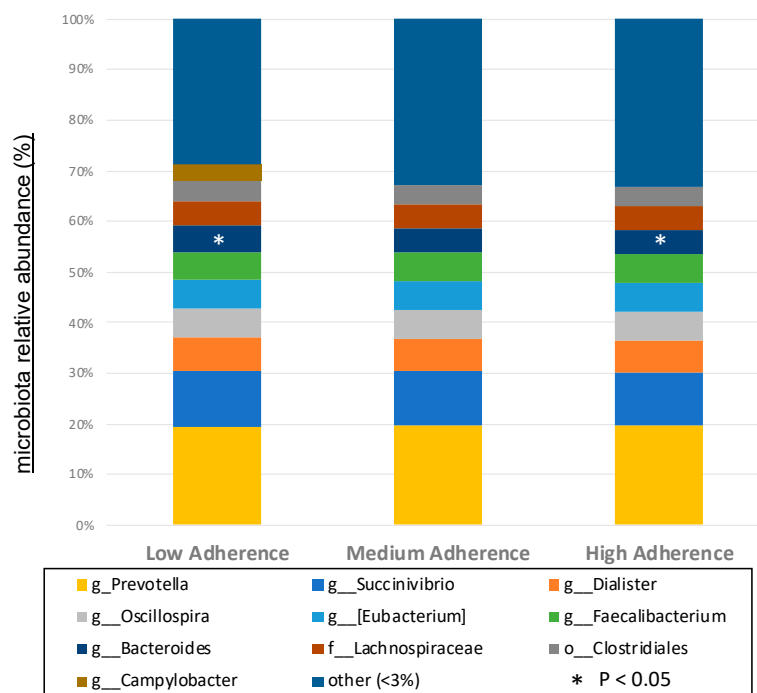
MD at baseline time-point. The Low-adherence (**LA**) group is represented by the black squares, n=19; the High-Adherence (**HA**) group is represented by the red squares, n=9. The Adonis (PERMANOVA) test was performed, considering the adherence extreme groups (High and Low adherence): $P=0.108$, $R^2=0.076$. **d)** MSM individuals by the adherence behaviour to MD at baseline and at the end of the study. The Low-adherence group at baseline (**LA_basal**) is represented by the black squares, n=19; the Low-adherence at the end of the study (**LA_end**) group is represented by the blue squares, n=8; the High-Adherence group (**HA_basal**) is represented by the red squares, n=9; The High-adherence at the end of the study (**HA_end**) group is represented by the orange squares, n=30. The Adonis (PERMANOVA) test was performed, considering the adherence extreme groups (High and Low adherence): $P=0.197$, $R^2=0.074$.



Supplementary Figure 3. Relative abundances (%) according to the randomization into the intervention groups. Relative abundances (%) according to the randomization into the intervention groups. It is presented the microbiota composition at basal and in the end of the study time points. MSM subjects were selected (n =60). Each genus >3% of total relative abundance correspond to a colour linked in the legend.

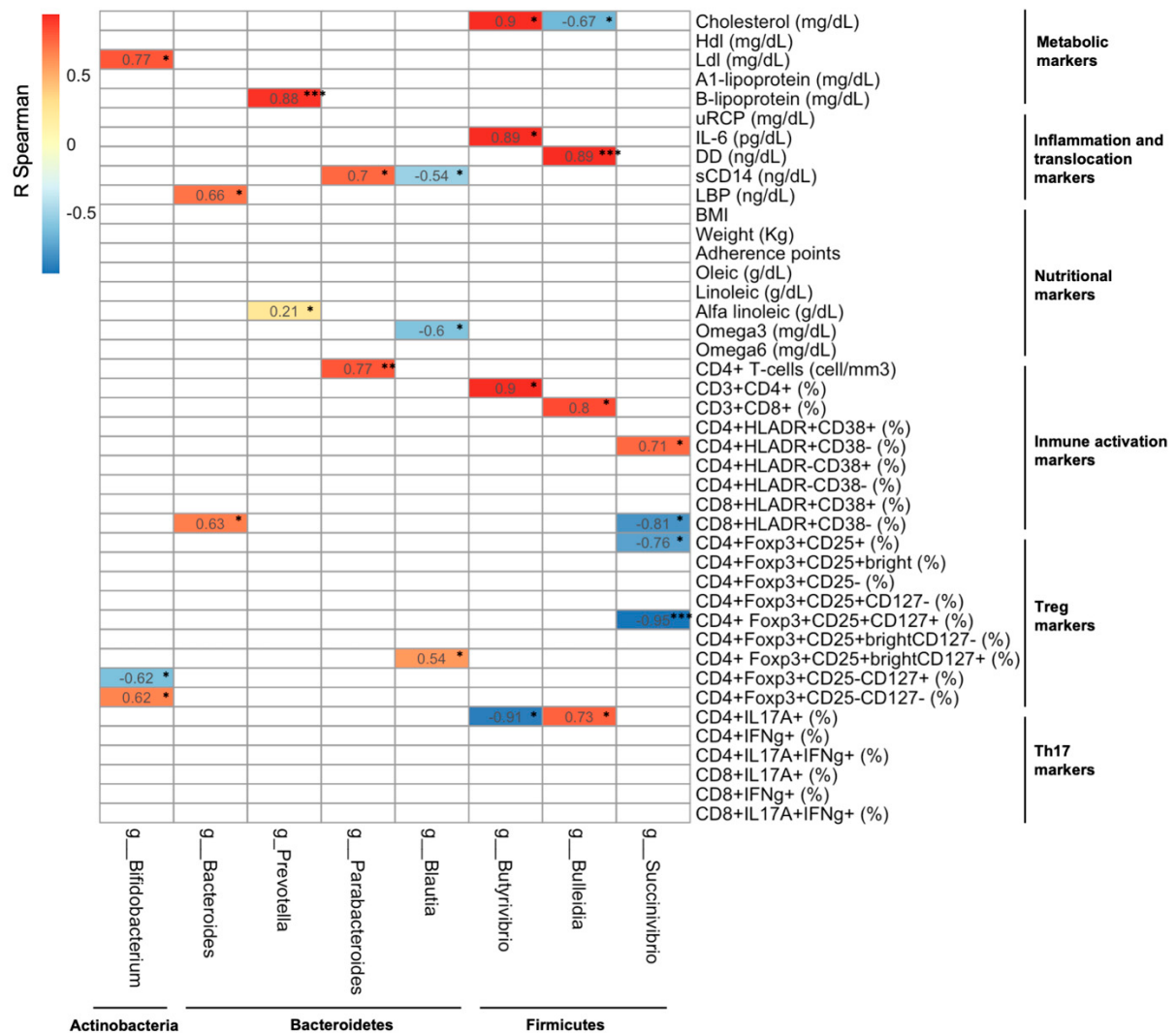


Supplementary Figure 4. Microbiota composition according to the MEDAS in MSM individuals. A) Gut microbiota relative abundances (%) by genus. Subjects were classified according to MEDAS, fixed at week12. It is presented the gut microbiota composition. Number of subjects in: High-Adherence = 30 (5 from Control group and 25 from SMD group), Medium-Adherence = 20 (18 from Control group and 2 from SMD group), Low-Adherence = 8 (all from Control group). Only genus with a relative abundance >3% of total relative abundance are colour-coded. * Mann-Whitney-Wilcoxon test in Bacteroides genus: P=0.0001.



Supplementary Figure 5. Spearman Rho correlation coefficients in Δ Adherence $\geq$ 4-points group at the end of the study. Each column of the table represents a particular bacterial genus and the rest of parameters analysed in the study (in rows) at week 12 in the group of MSM individuals who presented a Δ Adherence $\geq$ 4-points (n = 17). Bacterial genera (columns) were grouped by phylum (Actinobacteria, Bacteroidetes, Firmicutes). Only the most significant correlations are shown. Direct (positive) correlations are highlighted in red and inverse (negative) correlations are highlighted in blue. Test applied: Spearman rank correlation with Holm's correction. The corrected P-values were not showed. Levels of statistical significance: * P $\leq$ 0.05, ** P < 0.01, *** P < 0.005. NA: no significant correlations, P > 0.05. The following parameters were analysed: metabolic (Cholesterol, Hdl, Ldl, A1-lipoprotein, B-lipoprotein), inflammation

(uRCP, IL-6, DD), bacterial translocation (sCD14, LBP), nutrition (BMI, Weight, Adherence points (MEDAS), Oleic acid, Linoleic acid, Alfa-linoleic acid, Omega3, Omega6), immune activation (CD4+ T-cells, CD3+CD4+, CD3+CD8+, CD4+HLADR, CD8+HLADR) Treg cells (CD4+Foxp3+CD25, Foxp3+CD25+CD127), IL17 and IFNg production (CD4+IL17A+, CD4+IFNg+, CD4+IL17A+IFNg+, CD8+IL17A+, CD8+IFNg+, CD8+IL17A+IFNg+). Acronyms: Hdl, high-density lipoprotein; Ldl, low-density lipoprotein; uRCP, ultrasensitive c-reactive protein; IL-6, interleukin-6; DD, D-dimer; sCD14, soluble CD14; LBP, lipopolysaccharide binding-protein; Treg, regulatory T-cell; BMI, body mass index.



Supplementary Methods

Study Design.

The inclusion criteria were individuals ≥ 18 years old; on stable ART during the last year before entering the study; nadir CD4 + T-cells ≥ 350 cells/mm³; CD4 + T-cells at recruitment ≥ 450 cells/mm³; and undetectable viral load at least during the last 6 months before entering the study. The exclusion criterion was individuals with antibiotics intake in the three months before the beginning of the study.

Participants were advised to eat *ab libitum* (without energy restriction) and physical activity was not promoted in any of the two groups. In the SMD, participants were encouraged to increase the intake of vegetables, fresh fruit, legumes, nuts, fish or seafood, and to use EVOO for cooking and dressings. A dietitian measured the blood pressure (BP) of the participants in each arm with a validated semiautomatic oscillometer (Omron HEM-705CP, Hoofddorp, the Netherlands), as well as, anthropometric measurements (weight, waist, hip, and height). After, body mass index (BMI) was calculated. In addition, fasting blood, urine, and faeces were collected and stored at -80 °C until assay.

T lymphocyte subsets analysis.

Activation status and Th17 and Treg cell subsets were analysed by multiparametric flow cytometry on a Cytomics FC500 flow cytometer (Beckman Coulter). For this purpose, three different panels of monoclonal antibodies were designed to stain peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs). Each panel included 5 different monoclonal antibodies to measure: a) the level of T-cells activation; b) the level of IL17 and IFN γ production by T-cells; c) the level of regulatory T (Treg) cells. To measure the level of activation on T lymphocytes, one million PBMC were surface stained with anti-CD3-PE-Vio615 (Miltenyi, Germany), anti-CD8-PECy5 (Biolegend, USA), anti-CD4-FITC (Biolegend,

USA), anti-HLADR-PE (BD Biosciences, USA) and anti-CD38-PECy7 (Biolegend, USA) by incubating at 4 °C for 30 min. To analyse IL17 (Th17 and Tc17 cell subsets) and IFN γ production, the cytokines IL17 and IFN γ were measured in CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells in response to polyclonal stimulation with PMA/ionomycin. Production of IFN γ was used as control of a correct stimulation in the assay. Briefly, one million of PBMCs were cultured in complete medium (RPMI, 10% fetal bovine serum, L-glutamine and antibiotics) and stimulated with PMA/ionomycin (final concentration 50 ng/ml and 1 μ M, respectively) during 6 h at 37 °C with 5% CO₂. BD GolgiStop (BD Biosciences, USA) and BD GolgiPlug (BD Biosciences, USA) were added during the last five hours of culture. Control condition without stimulation (only medium) was performed for each sample. Then, cells were washed and incubated with anti-CD3-PE-Vio615 (Miltenyi, Germany), anti-CD4-FITC (Biolegend, USA) and anti-CD8-PECy5 (Biolegend, USA) for 30 min at 4 °C. Thereafter, cells were permeabilized using the Cytofix/Cytoperm kit (BD Biosciences, USA) and incubated with anti-IFN γ -PECy7 (BD Biosciences, USA) and anti-IL17A-PE (Biolegend, USA). Th17 cells were defined as CD4⁺ T cells producing IL17A and Tc17 cells as CD8⁺ T cells producing IL17A. To analyze Treg cell subsets, levels of FoxP3, CD25 and CD127 were measured in CD4⁺ T cells. Briefly, one million PBMC were surface stained with anti-CD8-PECy5 (Biolegend, USA), anti-CD4-ECD (Biolegend, USA), anti-CD25-PECy7 and anti-CD127-PE-Vio615 (Miltenyi, Germany) by incubating at 4 °C for 30 min. Then, cells were permeabilized using the 1X FoxP3 Fix/Perm kit (Biolegend, USA) and incubated with anti-FoxP3-PE (Biolegend, USA). Different subsets of CD4⁺Foxp3⁺ T cells were analyzed based on the expression of CD25 and CD127 markers. Data analysis was performed using CXP software (Beckman Coulter).

Microbiota composition.

Faecal DNA extraction: faecal samples from study participants were collected using the SOP 03 V2 protocol from the International Human Microbiome Standards (IHMS). Samples were aliquoted and dry cryopreserved at - 80 °C until DNA extraction. Study participants collected faecal samples in sterile faecal collection tubes on day 0 of the study (baseline) and at week 12 (end of follow-up), following instructions pre-specified on standard operating procedures. Samples were collected and stored at - 80C until assay. The Handbook included in the QIAamp DNA stool mini kit was used. The Inhibitex Tablet (provided by the assay kit) was replaced by two additional steps with ammonium acetate 10M (Sigma-Aldrich, USA) and 1:1 in isopropanol (Sigma-Aldrich, USA). The extracted nucleic acids were quantified using Qubit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA), the purity was analysed using Nanodrop 2000 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) and the integrity was examined by agarose 1 % electrophoresis and in the TapeStation system (Agilent 4200; Santa Clara, United States). They were stored at - 20 °C until the next steps.

Amplicon generation and sequencing: for the amplification of the conserved region V3-V4 from the 16 rRNA gene the next degenerate primers were used: Forward: 5'-ATT GAC GGG GRC CCG CAC-3; Reverse: 5'-CGA GCT GAC ARC CAT GCA-3'. Amplifications were performed in 25 µL reactions, each containing 50 ng of extracted DNA. The amplicons quality control was performed using the 5400 Fragment Analyzer System (Agilent, USA). Amplified DNA templates were cleaned-up for non-DNA molecules and Illumina sequencing adapters. The sequencing method was performed on an Illumina MiSeq™ platform (Illumina Inc., USA) according to the manufacturer's specifications to generate paired-end reads of ~300 base- length in each direction

Bioinformatic and statistical analysis

Sequence quality control: The quality control of MiSeq raw sequences, the denoising and the trimming process was assessed for the FastQ files using the *deblur* package of QIIME2 software [1]. Sequences were trimmed using a cutoff of $Q = 30$ for paired ends. A minimum read length of 190 bp was established.

16S rRNA Sequence Analysis: The Illumina MiSeq raw sequences were converted to multiplexed FastQ format using the *q2-demux* plugin followed by CASAVA 1.8.2 [2]. Paired-end reads were joined using the QIIME2 2019.10 [1]. Bioinformatic analysis of generated bacterial 16S rRNA data was conducted using the QIIME2 software pipeline. Filtered sequences were aligned and clustered into operational taxonomic unit (OTU) based on the *de novo* OTU picking algorithm using the *q2-mafft* - via *q2-alignment* plugin [3]. Next, chimeras and singletons were removed using *q2-uchime* plugin followed by *denovo* [4]. The resultant OTU assignment were aligned to generate the phylogenetic trees (rooted and un-rooted) with *align-to-tree-mafft-fasttree* plugin from QIIME2 software [5]. Taxonomy was assigned to OTUs using the *q2-feature-classifier*, *classify-sklearn* plugin, taxonomy classifier against the Greengenes 13_8 99% OTUs reference sequences and Silva 132 99% OTUs [1]. Alpha-diversity metrics (observed OTUs and Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity [6]), beta diversity metrics (weighted UniFrac, unweighted UniFrac distances) [7], Jaccard distance, and the most used non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) Bray-Curtis dissimilarity [8], and Principle Coordinate Analysis (PCoA) were estimated using *q2-diversity* after samples were rarefied (subsampled without replacement) to 1000 sequences per sample. Downstream data analysis was performed with a combination of QIIME2 and R softwares, using the following R packages: *vegan*, *phyloseq*, *dplyr*, *magrittr*, *ggpubr* and *dunn.test*, for statistical analysis; *ggplot2* and *corrplot*, for data plotting. The following test were used

when required: Wilcoxon's test, Kruskal-Wallis test, Dunn's test, PERMANOVA (QIIME2; diversity beta-group-significance plugin), Adonis, and selbal [9], Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA) Effect Size (LEfSe), multivariate linear regression, Spearman rank correlation with Holm's correction for multiple comparisons.

Alpha and beta diversity: OTUs with 99 % similarity level were selected for taxonomical assignment using the Greengenes database. The assigned taxonomy was used in the alpha diversity and richness analysis (Observed OTUs, Faith's PD, Shannon, Simpson, Fisher index, Evenness (Pielou)). Alpha diversity calculation was performed also with QIIME2 for Faith's PD and total observed OTUs and R software for the rest of metrics. Beta diversity were calculated within QIIME2 and R software using Bray Curtis, Unifrac and Euclidean distances. From this metrics, the principal coordinates analysis (PCoA) were performed and PCoA plots were obtained into two and three-dimensions. To evaluate the similarities between bacterial communities only MSM were selected. Samples were stratified into subgroups according to: intervention groups (SMD or Control), time-point (basal, week 12) and the MEDAS groups (High-Adherence (MEDAS ≥ 10), medium-Adherence (MEDAS 7-10), Low-Adherence (MEDAS < 7); numeric parameters were divided into groups according to the median and quartiles (Q1 and Q3), for each variable along the samples.

Genus abundance: To assess genus abundance, OTU counts were collapsed to the bacterial phylum and genus level. Genus proportion were calculated for each sample. For the differential genus abundance, the Kruskal-Wallis and Dunn's post-hoc test were used to compare groups. Only values became statistical significance after Bonferroni correction [10], considering $P < 0.05$. Taxa abundance composition bar plots were obtained using QIIME2 software. Phylum or genus composition of each individual were represented in consecutive bar plots ordered by the different subgroups cited above.

Balances between subgroups were obtained using gneiss plugin from QIIME2, next steps were executed in R software.

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