

**Supplementary table 1.** Medication at baseline and at 5<sup>th</sup> year.

	Baseline	5th yr	Baseline	5th yr	
	Placebo	Placebo	Fenofibrate	Fenofibrate	P-value
	(n=83)	(n=83)	(n=87)	(n=87)	
Antihypertensive medication	43 (52%)	66 (80%)	33 (38%)	63 (72%)	NS
ACE-inhibitors	26 (31%)	32 (39%)	19 (22%)	29 (33%)	NS
ARBs	4 (5%)	27 (33%)	2 (2%)	22 (25.3%)	NS
Beta-blockers	17 (21%)	23 (28%)	25 (29%)	32 (37%)	0.009
Ca-blockers	22 (27%)	34 (41%)	17 (20%)	24 (28%)	NS
Diuretics	21 (25%)	33 (40%)	17 (20%)	31 (36%)	NS
Nitrates	4 (5%)	4 (5%)	4 (5%)	11 (13%)	0.023
ASA	48 (58%)	70 (84%)	61 (70%)	78 (90%)	0.001
Antihyperglycaemic treatment					
Diet only	14 (17%)	6 (7%)	11 (13%)	4 (5%)	NS
Oral agents	55 (66%)	44 (53%)	56 (64%)	42 (48%)	0.010
Insulin only	3 (4%)	6 (7%)	3 (3%)	8 (9%)	NS
Combination	11 (13%)	27 (33%)	17 (20%)	33 (38%)	0.030

ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker.

Data are N (%) and p-value from 2X2 likelihood ratio –test for transition matrices.