

1 Supplemental material  
 2 “Prevalence of metabolic syndrome among Vietnamese adult  
 3 employees”

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5 Table S1. Definitions of metabolic syndrome.

	NCEP ATP III (2005 revisions)	NCEP ATP III - Asian	IDF (2005)
<b>Absolutely required</b>			Central obesity (waist circumference) $\geq 94$ cm (M) or $\geq 80$ cm (F)
<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Any three of the five criteria below</i>	<i>Any three of the five criteria below</i>	<i>Obesity, plus two of the four criteria below</i>
<b>Obesity</b>	Waist circumference: $>40$ inches (101.6 cm) (M) or $>35$ inches (88.9 cm) (F)	Waist circumference $\geq 90$ cm (M) or $\geq 80$ cm (F)	Central obesity already required
<b>Hyperglycemia</b>	Fasting glucose $\geq 100$ mg/dL or Rx (taking medication)	Fasting glucose $\geq 100$ mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L)	Fasting glucose $\geq 100$ mg/dL
<b>Dyslipidemia</b>	TG (triglyceride) $\geq 150$ mg/dL or Rx	Triglyceride $\geq 150$ mg/dL or Rx	Triglyceride $\geq 150$ mg/dL or Rx
<b>Dyslipidemia (second, separate criteria)</b>	HDL cholesterol: $<40$ mg/dL (M), $<50$ mg/dL(F); or Rx	HDL cholesterol: $<40$ mg/dL (M) or $<50$ mg/dL(F); or Rx	HDL cholesterol: $<40$ mg/dL(M) or $<50$ mg/dL (F); or Rx
<b>Hypertension</b>	$>130$ mmHg systolic or 85 mmHg diastolic or Rx	$>130$ mmHg systolic or 85 mmHg diastolic or Rx	$>130$ mmHg systolic or 85 mmHg diastolic or Rx

6 Rx, pharmacologic treatment.

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8 **Table S2. Crude prevalence (and 95%CI) of MtS by sex and age group using the NCEP**  
9 **ATP III-Asia definition.**

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
<30	2.5 (2.3, 2.9)	10.8 (10.1, 11.6)
30-39	5.0 (4.7, 5.5)	17.7 (17.0, 18.4)
40-49	10.4 (9.6, 11.3)	29.3 (28.1, 30.4)
50-59	31.6 (29.6, 33.6)	36.8 (35.1, 38.5)
≥60	54.7 (52.4, 57)	44.3 (42.1, 46.4)

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12 **Table S3. Unadjusted prevalence of MtS and population distribution by occupational**  
 13 **group and region**

Age group	Sex	Stratum population	Cases	Population distribution	Stratum-specific prevalence	Standard population distribution
<b><i>By Occupational group</i></b>						
<b>Technology and Industry</b>						
<30	Female	567	12	0.091	0.0212	0.126
<30	Male	1,216	107	0.195	0.088	0.131
30–39	Female	945	38	0.151	0.0402	0.115
30–39	Male	1,864	274	0.299	0.147	0.119
40–49	Female	433	29	0.069	0.067	0.093
40–49	Male	760	209	0.122	0.275	0.094
50–59	Female	79	26	0.013	0.3291	0.081
50–59	Male	211	79	0.034	0.3744	0.075
≥60	Female	69	39	0.011	0.5652	0.096
≥60	Male	95	40	0.015	0.4211	0.069
Total		6,239	853			
<b>Trade Service</b>						
<30	Female	5,431	144	0.214	0.0265	0.126
<30	Male	2,979	330	0.117	0.1108	0.131
30–39	Female	5,767	266	0.227	0.0461	0.115
30–39	Male	4,640	803	0.183	0.1731	0.119
40–49	Female	1,813	161	0.071	0.0888	0.093
40–49	Male	2,273	624	0.09	0.2745	0.094
50–59	Female	589	168	0.023	0.2852	0.081
50–59	Male	1,082	372	0.043	0.3438	0.075
≥60	Female	332	181	0.013	0.5452	0.096
≥60	Male	489	209	0.019	0.4274	0.069
Total		25,395	3,258			
<b>Social Enterprise</b>						
<30	Female	1,700	48	0.325	0.0282	0.126
<30	Male	279	30	0.053	0.1075	0.131
30–39	Female	1,171	60	0.224	0.0512	0.115
30–39	Male	446	78	0.085	0.1749	0.119
40–49	Female	401	39	0.077	0.0973	0.093
40–49	Male	296	94	0.057	0.3176	0.094
50–59	Female	143	35	0.027	0.2448	0.081
50–59	Male	232	101	0.044	0.4353	0.075
≥60	Female	156	72	0.03	0.4615	0.096
≥60	Male	400	160	0.077	0.4	0.069
Total		5,224	717			
<b>Unclassified</b>						
<30	Female	2,503	55	0.118	0.022	0.126

Age group	Sex	Stratum population	Cases	Population distribution	Stratum-specific prevalence	Standard population distribution
<30	Male	2,058	238	0.097	0.1156	0.131
30–39	Female	3,226	197	0.153	0.0611	0.115
30–39	Male	3,566	705	0.169	0.1977	0.119
40–49	Female	2,114	266	0.1	0.1258	0.093
40–49	Male	2,673	829	0.126	0.3101	0.094
50–59	Female	1,265	426	0.06	0.3368	0.081
50–59	Male	1,486	555	0.07	0.3735	0.075
≥60	Female	1,181	659	0.056	0.558	0.096
≥60	Male	1,067	499	0.05	0.4677	0.069
Total		21,139	4,429			
<b>By Region</b>						
<b>Northern</b>						
<30	Female	8,136	212	0.179	0.0261	0.126
<30	Male	5,162	535	0.113	0.1036	0.131
30–39	Female	9,119	413	0.2	0.0453	0.115
30–39	Male	8,243	1,340	0.181	0.1626	0.119
40–49	Female	3,691	350	0.081	0.0948	0.093
40–49	Male	4,576	1,275	0.101	0.2786	0.094
50–59	Female	1,465	438	0.032	0.299	0.081
50–59	Male	2,144	760	0.047	0.3545	0.075
≥60	Female	1,310	728	0.029	0.5557	0.096
≥60	Male	1,640	718	0.036	0.4378	0.069
Total		45,486	6,769			
<b>Central and Southern</b>						
<30	Female	2,065	47	0.165	0.0228	0.126
<30	Male	1,370	170	0.11	0.1241	0.131
30–39	Female	1,990	148	0.159	0.0744	0.115
30–39	Male	2,273	520	0.182	0.2288	0.119
40–49	Female	1,070	145	0.086	0.1355	0.093
40–49	Male	1,426	481	0.114	0.3373	0.094
50–59	Female	611	217	0.049	0.3552	0.081
50–59	Male	867	347	0.069	0.4002	0.075
≥60	Female	428	223	0.034	0.521	0.096
≥60	Male	411	190	0.033	0.4623	0.069
Total		12,511	2,488			

14 The stratum-specific prevalence of MtS was calculated separately for strata of sex and age group  
15 among occupational groups and regions of Vietnam. We present both the distribution of the  
16 population of different occupational groups and regions (population distribution) and the  
17 standard population (standard population distribution) for comparison.

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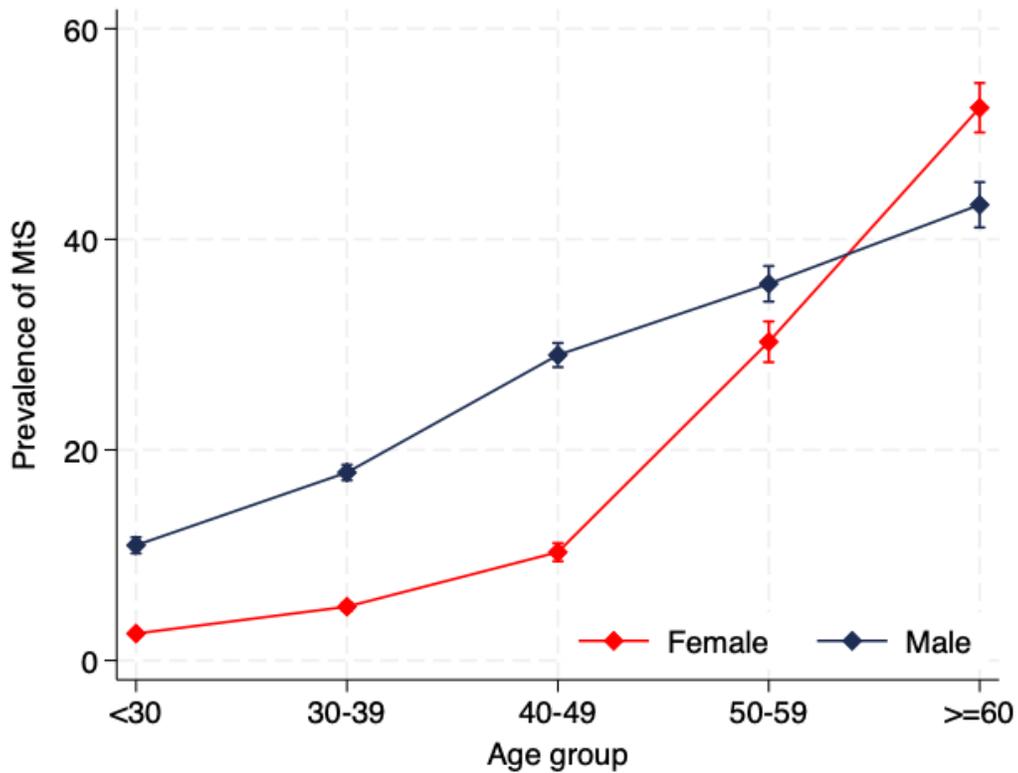
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20 **Table S4. Associated factors of MtS using the regression model with sex-age group**  
 21 **interaction**

	<b>Prevalence ratio (95%CI)</b>
<b>Sex</b>	
Female	REF
Male	<b>4.3 (3.7, 4.9)</b>
<b>Age group</b>	
<30	REF
30–39	<b>2.0 (1.7, 2.3)</b>
40–49	<b>4.0 (3.5, 4.7)</b>
50–59	<b>11.8 (10.3, 13.6)</b>
≥60	<b>20.5 (18.0, 23.3)</b>
<b>Sex-age group interaction</b>	
Male × <30	REF
Male × 30–39	0.8 (0.7, 1.0)
Male × 40–49	<b>0.7 (0.6, 0.8)</b>
Male × 50–59	<b>0.3 (0.2, 0.3)</b>
Male × ≥60	<b>0.2 (0.2, 0.2)</b>
<b>Occupational group</b>	
Technology and Industry	REF
Trade and Services	1.1 (1.0, 1.1)
Social enterprises	1.1 (1.0, 1.2)
Unclassified	<b>1.2 (1.1, 1.3)</b>
<b>Region</b>	
Northern	REF
Central and Southern	<b>1.2 (1.1, 1.2)</b>

22 REF, reference group.

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25 **Figure S1. Prevalence of MtS by sex and age group estimated from the regression model**  
 26 **with interactions.**

27 MtS was defined using the NCEP ATP III-Asia definition. The marginal prevalence of MtS was  
 28 estimated from a Poisson regression model with robust variance estimation that included sex-age  
 29 group interaction terms. This marginal plot agrees with the trend observed in the crude  
 30 prevalence (**Error! Reference source not found.**).

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32 **Table S5. Metabolic profile of the study population using different MtS definitions**

	IDF			NCEP ATP III			NCEP ATP III-Asia		
	Yes (n=4,874)	No (n=53,123)	p-value	Yes (n=5,897)	No (n=52,100)	p-value	Yes (n=9,257)	No (n=48,740)	p-value
<b>Waist circumference</b> (cm), median (IQR)	94.0 (13.0)	78.0 (14.0)	<0.0001	89.0 (11.0)	78.0 (13.0)	<0.0001	90.0 (11.0)	77.0 (12.0)	<0.0001
<b>Abdominal obesity</b> , n (%)			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
<90 cm (M) or <80 cm (F)	0 (0.0)	43,759 (82.4)		2,362 (40.1)	41,397 (79.5)		2,362 (25.5)	41,397 (84.9)	
≥90 cm (M) or ≥80 cm (F)	4,874 (100.0)	9,364 (17.6)		3,535 (59.9)	10,703 (20.5)		6,895 (74.5)	7,343 (15.1)	
<b>BMI</b> (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), median (IQR)	26.8 (4.5)	22.4 (3.9)	<0.0001	25.6 (4.1)	22.4 (3.9)	<0.0001	25.8 (3.8)	22.2 (3.7)	<0.0001
<b>BMI group using general cutoffs</b> , n (%)			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
Underweight (<18.5)	0 (0.0)	3,084 (5.8)		11 (0.2)	3,073 (5.9)		11 (0.1)	3,073 (6.3)	
Normal (18.5–24.9)	1,385 (28.4)	39,516 (74.4)		2,401 (40.7)	38,500 (74.0)		3,498 (37.8)	37,403 (76.8)	
Overweight (25–29.9)	2,600 (53.4)	9,849 (18.6)		2,753 (46.7)	9,696 (18.6)		4,813 (52.0)	7,636 (15.7)	
Obese (≥30.0)	887 (18.2)	632 (1.2)		730 (12.4)	789 (1.5)		932 (10.1)	587 (1.2)	
<b>BMI categories using Asian cutoffs</b> , n (%)			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
Underweight (<18.5)	0 (0.0)	3,084 (5.8)		11 (0.2)	3,073 (5.9)		11 (0.1)	3,073 (6.3)	

	IDF			NCEP ATP III			NCEP ATP III-Asia		
	Yes (n=4,874)	No (n=53,123)	p-value	Yes (n=5,897)	No (n=52,100)	p-value	Yes (n=9,257)	No (n=48,740)	p-value
Normal (18.5–22.9)	502 (10.3)	27,465 (51.7)		978 (16.6)	26,989 (51.8)		1,321 (14.3)	26,646 (54.7)	
Overweight (23–24.9)	883 (18.1)	12,051 (22.7)		1,423 (24.1)	11,511 (22.1)		2,177 (23.5)	10,757 (22.1)	
Obese ( $\geq$ 25.0)	3,487 (71.6)	10,481 (19.7)		3,483 (59.1)	10,485 (20.1)		5,745 (62.1)	8,223 (16.9)	
<b>Hypertension, n (%)</b>			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
SBP $\leq$ 130 and/or DBP $\leq$ 85 mmHg	2,189 (44.9)	45,196 (85.1)		1,654 (28.0)	45,731 (87.8)		3,653 (39.5)	43,732 (89.7)	
SBP >130 or DBP $\geq$ 85 mmHg	2,685 (55.1)	7,927 (14.9)		4,243 (72.0)	6,369 (12.2)		5,604 (60.5)	5,008 (10.3)	
<b>Fasting triglyceride (mg/dL), median (IQR)</b>	194.0 (122.2)	98.3 (82.4)	<0.0001	225.0 (152.3)	96.5 (76.2)	<0.0001	212.6 (137.3)	93.0 (68.2)	<0.0001
<b>Fasting triglyceride, n (%)</b>			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
<150 mg/dL	1,161 (23.8)	39,811 (74.9)		588 (10.0)	40,384 (77.5)		1,540 (16.6)	39,432 (80.9)	
$\geq$ 150 mg/dL	3,713 (76.2)	13,312 (25.1)		5,309 (90.0)	11,716 (22.5)		7,717 (83.4)	9,308 (19.1)	
<b>Fasting HDL-cholesterol (mg/dL), median (IQR)</b>	42.9 (10.8)	50.7 (14.7)	<0.0001	39.4 (10.8)	51.0 (14.7)	<0.0001	41.4 (11.2)	51.4 (14.3)	<0.0001
<b>Fasting HDL-cholesterol, n (%)</b>			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
$\geq$ 40 mg/dL (M) or $\geq$ 50 mg/dL (F)	1,790 (36.7)	38,444 (72.4)		1,750 (29.7)	38,484 (73.9)		3,472 (37.5)	36,762 (75.4)	

	IDF			NCEP ATP III			NCEP ATP III-Asia		
	Yes (n=4,874)	No (n=53,123)	p-value	Yes (n=5,897)	No (n=52,100)	p-value	Yes (n=9,257)	No (n=48,740)	p-value
<40 mg/dL (M) or <50 mg/dL (F)	3,084 (63.3)	14,679 (27.6)		4,147 (70.3)	13,616 (26.1)		5,785 (62.5)	11,978 (24.6)	
<b>Fasting blood glucose (mg/dL), median (IQR)</b>	101.3 (19.8)	88.9 (12.6)	<0.0001	104.4 (18.0)	88.2 (12.6)	<0.0001	102.2 (18.4)	88.2 (11.5)	<0.0001
<b>Fasting blood glucose, n (%)</b>			<0.0001			<0.0001			<0.0001
<100 mg/dL	2,139 (43.9)	45,479 (85.6)		1,676 (28.4)	45,942 (88.2)		3,723 (40.2)	43,895 (90.1)	
≥100 mg/dL	2,735 (56.1)	7,644 (14.4)		4,221 (71.6)	6,158 (11.8)		5,534 (59.8)	4,845 (9.9)	

33 BMI, body mass index; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; HDL, high-density cholesterol; IQR, interquartile range; SBP, systolic blood  
34 pressure.

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36 **Table S6. Association of MtS with fatty liver on ultrasound.**

Characteristic	No or non-severe fatty liver (n=53,550)	Severe fatty liver (grade III) (n=161)	Adjusted prevalence ratio (95%CI)
<b>Metabolic syndrome</b>			
Without Mts	46,014 (99.9)	67 (0.1)	REF
With Mts	7,536 (98.8)	94 (1.2)	<b>7.8 (5.3, 11.4)</b>
<b>Sex</b>			
Female	28,515 (99.9)	26 (0.1)	REF
Male	25,035 (99.5)	135 (0.5)	<b>4.3 (2.7, 6.9)</b>
<b>Age group</b>			
<30	15,885 (99.7)	43 (0.3)	REF
30–39	20,180 (99.7)	62 (0.3)	0.8 (0.5, 1.2)
40–49	9,754 (99.7)	27 (0.3)	<b>0.5 (0.3, 0.8)</b>
50–59	4,385 (99.5)	22 (0.5)	0.6 (0.4, 1.1)
≥60	3,346 (99.8)	7 (0.2)	<b>0.2 (0.1, 0.5)</b>
<b>Occupational group</b>			
Technology and Industry	6,064 (99.8)	14 (0.2)	REF
Trade and Services	23,710 (99.7)	69 (0.3)	1.8 (1.0, 3.1)
Social enterprises	5,008 (99.6)	19 (0.4)	<b>2.8 (1.4, 5.5)</b>
Unclassified	18,768 (99.7)	59 (0.3)	1.8 (1.0, 3.2)
<b>Region</b>			
Northern	44,592 (99.7)	146 (0.3)	REF
Central and Southern	8,958 (99.8)	15 (0.2)	0.6 (0.4, 1.0)

37 REF, reference group.

38 Fatty liver was diagnosed by ultrasound. Grading of diffuse hepatic steatosis on ultrasound  
39 (<https://radiopaedia.org/articles/diffuse-hepatic-steatosis-grading>) was used to classify the extent  
40 of fatty changes in the liver as following: **grade I:** diffusely increased hepatic echogenicity but  
41 periportal and diaphragmatic echogenicity is still appreciable; **grade II:** diffusely increased  
42 hepatic echogenicity obscuring periportal echogenicity but diaphragmatic echogenicity is still  
43 appreciable; **grade III:** diffusely increased hepatic echogenicity obscuring periportal as well as  
44 diaphragmatic echogenicity.

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