

**Table 1: Demographics and baseline characteristics of the study population.**

Characteristics	Heat band n = 51	Placebo n = 52	<i>p</i>
Age (years), mean $\pm$ SD	30.5 $\pm$ 8.3	31.0 $\pm$ 8.5	0.75*
Gender			0.94**
Male, n (%)	34 (65.4%)	33 (64.7%)	
Female, n (%)	18 (34.6%)	18 (35.3%)	
Initial systolic arterial pressure (mmHg), median (IQR)	111.5 (107-132)	112 (110-130)	0.84***
Initial diastolic arterial pressure (mmHg), median (IQR)	72 (65-80)	69 (65-78)	0.44***
Initial BTemp (°C)	36.8 (36.2-37.1)	36.7 (36.2-37.0)	0.17***
Initial STemp (°C)	36.3 (35.5-36.3)	36.1 (35.5-36.3)	0.39***
Baseline heart rate (bpm)	73 (68-79)	73 (68-79)	0.85***

BTemp = Body temperature; STemp= Skin temperature;

Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  standard deviation (SD), as number (percentage), or as median (interquartile range)

\* Independent sample t-test

\*\* Pearson's chi-squared test

\*\*\* Mann-Whitney U test