

**Table 1. Main clinical and biochemical characteristics and lung function tests in subjects with and without MAFLD and in those with and without NAFLD**

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Non-MAFLD</b>	<b>MAFLD</b>	<b>P*</b>	<b>Non-NAFLD</b>	<b>NAFLD</b>	<b>P**</b>
<i>n</i> , %	2024(79.6%)	519(20.4%)		2074(81.6%)	469(18.4%)	
Age, years	65.87±7.68	64.89±8.00	<b>0.038</b>	65.97±7.73	64.39±7.72	<b>0.006</b>
Male sex, %	1245(61.5%)	299(57.6%)	0.107	1275(61.5%)	269(57.4%)	0.099
Ever-smoker, %	943(46.6%)	231(44.6%)	0.220	958(46.8%)	205(43.8%)	0.322
Alcohol intake, %	309 (15.3%)	136(26.2%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	334(16.1%)	111(23.6%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	23.59±2.63	27.81±2.60	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	23.63±2.75	27.66±2.63	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Waist circumference, cm	84.16±8.70	94.2±9.98	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	84.63±8.75	93.30±11.36	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	136.84±20.24	141.01±18.05	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	137.27±20.31	139.52±17.62	<b>0.015</b>
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg	80.77±11.86	83.06±11.15	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	80.91±11.89	82.69±10.95	<b>0.013</b>
<b>Lung function tests</b>						
FVC, L	2.80±0.88	2.60±0.82	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	2.78±0.88	2.69±0.80	<b>0.038</b>
FVC, % of predicted value	95.18±19.4	88.19±17.66	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	94.36±19.70	91.07±16.97	<b>0.001</b>
FEV <sub>1</sub> , L	2.24±0.66	2.07±0.67	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	2.21±0.67	2.16±0.64	0.172
FEV <sub>1</sub> , % of predicted value	86.53±18.29	79.95±17.87	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	85.57±18.73	83.28±16.80	<b>0.015</b>
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC, %	81.03±8.43	80.65±11.03	0.225	80.74±9.08	80.23±8.78	0.417
<b>Comorbidities</b>						
COPD, %	225(11.1%)	68(13.1%)	0.218	231(11.3%)	58(12.4%)	0.470
Type 2 diabetes, %	169(8.6%)	132(26.3%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	196(9.5%)	126(26.9%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Metabolic syndrome, %	204(10.1%)	206(39.7%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	237(11.4%)	173(36.9%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Hypertension, %	680(33.6%)	199(38.6%)	<b>0.044</b>	712(34.3%)	167(35.6%)	0.599
Dyslipidemia, %	641(31.7%)	250(48.2%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	665(32.1%)	226(48.2%)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>Laboratory tests</b>						
WBC count, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	6.05±1.71	6.52±1.66	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	6.04±1.71	6.44±1.62	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Hemoglobin, g/L	141.99±14.31	144.08±14.70	<b>0.003</b>	141.24±14.31	144.05±14.63	<b>0.002</b>
Platelet count, 10 <sup>9</sup> /L	220.06±56.7	220.39±55.96	0.901	218.70±55.43	224.78±56.74	0.262
FPG, mmol/L	5.73±1.55	6.53±2.00	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	5.70±1.38	6.56±2.14	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
ALT, U/L	20.29±10.80	32.43±15.32	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	19.86±10.25	34.55±24.28	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
AST, U/L	24.61±12.02	26.78±15.66	<b>0.001</b>	24.58±12.09	26.69±15.14	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

TC, mmol/L	4.96±1.31	4.79±1.39	<b>0.013</b>	4.95±1.31	4.81±1.39	0.066
TG, mmol/L	1.66±1.18	2.22±1.50	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.67±1.17	2.26±1.57	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
LDL, mmol/L	3.10±0.95	2.91±0.94	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	3.08±0.95	2.93±0.95	<b>0.002</b>
HDL, mmol/L	1.38±0.39	1.19±0.30	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	1.38±0.39	1.22±0.34	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

*Abbreviations:* ALT = alanine aminotransferase, AST = aspartate aminotransferase, BMI = body mass index, COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, FEV1 = forced expiratory volume in the first second of exhalation, FVC = forced vital capacity, FPG = fasting plasma glucose, HDL = high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, LDL = low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, TC = total cholesterol, TG = triglycerides, NAFLD = non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, MAFLD = metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease, WBC = white blood cells. \*P for comparison for non-MAFLD vs. MAFLD; \*\*P for comparison for non-NAFLD vs. NAFLD.