

Table 2 Baseline characteristics of subjects grouped by serum iodine quartile<sup>a</sup>

| variables   | SI quartile |      |            |      |                 |      |                 |      |            |      | <i>P</i> |
|-------------|-------------|------|------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|------------|------|----------|
|             | Total       |      | < 59.6µg/L |      | 59.6 - 70.5µg/L |      | 70.5 - 83.6µg/L |      | ≥ 83.6µg/L |      |          |
|             | M           | SD   | M          | SD   | M               | SD   | M               | SD   | M          | SD   |          |
| N           | 1320.0      |      | 328.0      |      | 330.0           |      | 331.0           |      | 331.0      |      | -        |
| Age (y)     | 42.9        | 16.2 | 43.4       | 17.0 | 42.8            | 16.0 | 43.1            | 16.1 | 42.1       | 15.6 | 0.78     |
| Height (cm) | 166.5       | 8.79 | 166.2      | 8.32 | 166.4           | 8.85 | 166.3           | 9.17 | 166.9      | 8.82 | 0.70     |
| Weight (kg) | 69.2        | 29.0 | 68.4       | 13.1 | 67.5            | 13.6 | 70.2            | 37.2 | 70.7       | 40.1 | 0.44     |
| BMI (kg/m²) | 24.9        | 9.70 | 24.6       | 4.31 | 24.2            | 4.06 | 25.3            | 12.6 | 25.2       | 13.7 | 0.40     |
| BSA (m²)    | 1.74        | 0.40 | 1.73       | 0.25 | 1.72            | 0.24 | 1.76            | 0.49 | 1.77       | 0.53 | 0.27     |

M: Mean; SD: The Standard Deviation SI: Serum iodine; BMI: Body Mass Index; BSA: Body Surface Area.

<sup>a</sup>values are means and SDs or medians (25th, 75th percentiles).