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Article Title: Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Clustering: Segmentation to Optimise Active Lifestyles

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ABSTRACT

Background: Increasingly the health impacts of physical inactivity are being distinguished from those of sedentary behaviour. Nevertheless, deleterious health prognoses occur when these behaviours combine, making it a Public Health priority to establish the numbers and salient identifying factors of people who live with this injurious combination. **Method:** Using an observational between-subjects design, a non-probability sample of 22,836 participants provided data on total daily activity. A 2-step hierarchical cluster analysis identified the optimal number of clusters and the subset of distinguishing variables. Univariate analyses assessed significant cluster differences. **Results:** High levels of sitting clustered with low physical activity. The *'Ambulatory & Active'* cluster (n=6,254) sat for 2.5 to 5 h d^{-1} and were highly active. They were significantly younger, included a greater proportion of males and reported low Indices of Multiple Deprivation compared to other clusters. Conversely, the *'Sedentary & Low Active'* cluster (n=6,286) achieved ≤60 MET.min.wk^{-1} of physical activity and sat for ≥8 h d^{-1}. They were the oldest cluster, housed the largest proportion of females and reported moderate Indices of Multiple Deprivation. **Conclusions:** Public Health systems may benefit from developing policy and interventions that do more to limit sedentary behaviour and encourage light intensity activity in its place.

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INTRODUCTION:

Empirical evidence underpinning the positive associations found between moderate to vigorous physical activity (MVPA) and health are longstanding.[1] What is more, growing epidemiological and physiological research has highlighted adverse health implications for prolonged sedentary time, regardless of activity status.[2-5] The UK physical activity guidelines now recommend that individuals should minimise daily sedentary time.[6] However, estimates from objective monitoring indicate that adults spend around 7-9 hours of their working day sedentary.[6-8] Consequently, strategies that identify at-risk groups, reduce sedentary behaviour and increase MVPA have become a Public Health priority.[9-12]

Developing our understanding of sedentary behaviour is crucial for better Public Health. Initially sedentary behaviour was simply viewed as being at the lower end of the physical activity continuum, whereas, it actually refers to a group of waking behaviours primarily characterised by sitting and low energy expenditure.[3] Waking behaviours including sitting, reclining or standing – at the required intensities - can be sedentary.[13,14] However, there are physiological differences between these activities. For example, being sedentary while standing does not have the same negative metabolic consequences as sitting.[15] Sit to stand interventions can elicit significant increases in energy expenditure among obese/overweight office workers providing an interesting avenue for intervention.[16] Furthermore, although sedentary behaviour and sitting clearly overlap, they are not synonymous.[9] This illustrates the complex and nuanced nature of sedentary behaviour research.

Regardless of MVPA levels, extended doses of sedentary behaviour can increase an individual's risk of developing the metabolic syndrome,[17] type 2 diabetes[18-20] and obesity.[21,22] This seems to be in some way determined by variations in lipoprotein lipase (LPL) activity - an

enzyme that enables the uptake of free fatty acids into skeletal muscle and adipose tissue.[15] Worryingly, data suggests that both acute and prolonged sedentary behaviour may lower LPL activity.[5] Further, higher levels of sedentary behaviour increases the odds of presenting multiple lifestyle risk factors,[23] premature cardiovascular disease and all-cause mortality.[18-20,24-26] Another recognised effect of sedentary behaviour is a lowering in bone mineral density, which increases the risk of osteoporosis in older age.[27,28]

Numerous studies have shown only weak correlations between MVPA and sedentary behaviour.[22,26,29] Yet in Public Health terms, a 'perfect storm' occurs with a confluence of low activity and high sedentary behaviour.[9] However, it is unwise to assume that interventions or policy influence both behaviours equally.[30] For some groups, strategies that focus on improvements in these behaviours simultaneously are effective.[31] Nevertheless, research surrounding effective intervention and policy to achieve this end is not well developed.[3,32] The latest evidence indicates that interventions aiming to increase MVPA, or combine increases in MVPA with reductions in sedentary behaviour are not effective for reducing sedentary time.[32]

Better Public Health may hinge on our understanding of how these behaviours displace one another. For example, sedentary time is thought to displace total daily activity time, which combines MVPA with light intensity or non-exercise activity.[2,33,34] At a population level, data points towards sedentary behaviour primarily displacing light intensity activity,[22] which also has considerable benefits for cardio-metabolic health.[35-37] At another level, emerging evidence has suggested that, in young people at least, these behaviours do not directly displace one another.[38] Nevertheless, determining which physical activities and intensities sedentary behaviour displaces, if any, is paramount.

Sedentary behaviour is an irreducible component of modern lifestyles, irrespective of activity status. Yet, a paucity of evidence exists that explores how these behaviours coalesce. The aim of this paper is to strengthen our knowledge of the relationship between sedentary behaviour and physical activity, understand more about how these behaviours cluster and examine how individuals can be classified through shared behaviours and characteristics. Findings from this paper may help to refine the methods used to locate individuals who uphold the worst behavioural combinations and aid the development of theoretically underpinned interventions that help people to substitute unhealthy behaviours for more favourable ones.[10,39]

METHODS:

Study Population

The *'Leeds Let's Get Active'* (LLGA) intervention was developed by Leeds City Council as part of Sport England's 'Get Healthy, Get into Sport' funding stream. LLGA is a community physical activity intervention that encourages inactive Leeds residents to *'do more activity'*. Participants engaging the scheme have free access to 17 Leeds City Council leisure centre swimming pools and gyms on specified days and times. Each week around 150 hour long timetabled sessions – predominantly off-peak – are available across the participating sites. Recruitment was open to all adults in Leeds (Yorkshire, UK). Prior to engaging LLGA sessions, participants were given a standard leisure centre induction.

This study employed an observational between-subjects design using a non-probability sample. Participants enrolling in the scheme completed baseline measures either on-line or using paper based methods. The total data set consisted of 31,737 respondents. Participants were excluded from the analysis if they were aged <16 years old (n= 3,333) or

their contributions failed to correspond to the data cleaning guidelines of the baseline measures (n= 5,568). The resulting data set contained 22,836 participants. Ethical approval was obtained through Leeds Beckett University research ethics committee and all participants provided informed consent. Data collection took place between September 2013 and December 2014.

Measures

Self-reported data were captured through a short self-reported survey. Notwithstanding their recognised limitations, self-report measures are still the most pragmatic and frequently used solution for large-scale population research and surveillance.[21] Further, much of the research examining physical activity and sitting time behaviour is underpinned by self-report as the principal data collection method.[40,41]

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores were determined using residential postcode data. IMD scores provide a relative, continuous measure of deprivation at lower super output area (LSOA) level. Areas are ranked on seven different dimensions of deprivation to determine an overall composite measure of multiple deprivation. Across England, IMD is calculated for every LSOA, or neighbourhood. Each LSOA is ranked according to its level of deprivation relative to that of other areas.[42] Whilst LSOA's are not categorised as deprived or not by an arbitrary number, IMD scores were split into deciles. Participants residing within the bottom 20% were classified as 'most deprived', and the remaining 80% were classed as 'least deprived'.[43]

Physical activity data were captured using the short version International Physical Activity Questionnaire (sIPAQ).[44] sIPAQ is a short recall questionnaire providing a quick assessment of the total volume of physical activity classified by dimension of intensity or

domain (type or mode). sIPAQ demonstrates good reliability and moderate criterion validity for use with community residing adults.[44,45] MET.min.wk^{-1} expenditure was calculated by summing the relevant activity dimension's and domains. Participants were classified in to one of three physical activity categories; (i) low ($\leq$599 MET.min.wk^{-1}), (ii) moderate (600-2,999 MET.min.wk^{-1}) or (iii) high (3,000+ MET.min.wk^{-1}).[46]

The measure of sedentary behaviour used in this study was weekday sitting time assessed through the sIPAQ. While this is a validated measure,[44] recent evidence has shown that sIPAQ or 7 day recall can grossly underestimate sitting time.[11,47] Nevertheless, the line of questioning adopted here underpins many large scale sitting time surveys.[21] Resulting scores were divided into quintiles as thresholds for increased sitting risk have not yet been established.

Physical activity data were cleaned according to the data processing rules of the sIPAQ scoring protocol.[46] There are no established criteria for cleaning or truncating the sitting item question for analysis. However, in this study, to remove missing and spurious measures of sitting time, individuals leaving the sitting item blank, reporting zero or >16 hours of sitting time per day were excluded from the analysis.

Cluster analysis

Clustering is a form of multivariate analysis that can assess the co-occurrence of risk behaviours.[48] Two-step cluster analyses are designed to handle large data sets that contain both categorical and continuous data. Therefore, this technique was employed to group respondents in this study. No assumptions were made about the number of clusters or cluster membership prior to analysis. The first step assigned cases to pre-clusters and the second

step clustered the pre-clusters using a hierarchical procedure. The optimal number of clusters

was determined by an algorithm based on the Schwarz Bayesian Criterion.[49]

Multiple iterations of the cluster analysis were undertaken to validate the optimum

number of clusters and the subset of variables to be included. The following variables –

derived from the self-report measures - were included in the final clustering solution (i) sitting

quintile, (ii) activity category, (iii) total vigorous MET's, (iv) total moderate METs and, (v) total

walking METs. All variables were standardised and the log-likelihood criterion was employed.

To confirm the findings in the final solution, a split-half cross validation was used.

Statistical Methods

To establish the distinctiveness of each cluster, univariate analyses, including

Pearson's Chi-square tests assessed for significant associations between categorical variables

(gender, age group and IMD decile) and cluster membership. To determine effect size,

Cramer's V coefficient and omega squared (ω) measured of the strength of the association.

One-way ANOVA's compared mean scores by cluster membership across continuous variables

(age). For all inferential tests, a *p* value of <.05 was taken to be statistically significant. Data

analyses were undertaken using IBM SPSS Statistics v21.

RESULTS:

Demographic Characteristics (Table 1)

Variations in sample size for demographic characteristics are a result of incomplete

data capture. Data on gender were available for 14,405 (63.1%) women and 8,408 (36.9%)

men. The mean age of the participants was 38.8 years (σ = 14.9) and 70.6% were aged ≤45

years. Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores ranged from 1.25 – 75.71. Using IMD

scores and defining deprivation as living in the top 20% deprived areas, 4,313 adults were categorised as 'most deprived'.

Physical Activity and Sitting Time Behaviour

In total, a median value of 1,480 MET.min.wk^{-1} of physical activity were reported by participants; the mean value was 2,504 MET.min.wk^{-1} (σ = 2,904.9). Data from participants providing sitting time and activity data shows that 27.9% were classified as low active, 44.5% were classified as moderately active and 27.5% were classified as high active. There was a significant association between activity category and gender (χ^2 [2] = 352.465, *p*<.001), and activity category and deprivation (χ^2 [2] = 86.864, *p*<.001). Males (*Cramer's V* = 0.124) and the 'most deprived' group (*Cramer's V* = 0.062) reported the most preferable activity categories. Even though there was a significant association, the effect sizes were moderate and low respectively. There was a significant effect for age on activity category (F [2, 22833] = 87.075, *p*<.001, ω = .09). Participants in the high activity category were significantly younger than all other age groups (*p*<.001).

A median value of 300 min.d^{-1} of sitting were reported by all participants; the mean value was 317.5 min.d^{-1} (σ = 173.65), equal to approximately 5 hours per day. Quintiles of daily sitting time ranged from 0-150 minutes in the lowest quintile, to ≥481 minutes in the highest quintile. There were significant associations between sitting quintiles and gender (χ^2 [4] = 24.210, *p*<.001), and sitting quintiles and deprivation (χ^2 [4] = 64.441, *p*<.001). Females (*Cramer's V* = 0.033) and the 'most deprived' group (*Cramer's V* = 0.054) reported the lowest sitting quintiles and therefore the lowest sitting time. There was a significant effect for age on sitting quintile (*F* [4, 22563] = 69.095, *p*<.001, ω = .11). Participants in the lowest sitting

quintile were significantly younger than all other age groups ($p<.001$). Although all associations were significant, effect sizes were low.

Figure 1 shows the prevalence of sitting quintile by physical activity category determined by sIPAQ for all participants. Data indicates that low active participants were most likely to present higher sitting quintiles, with 48.7% of low active participants categorised in sitting quintiles four or five. Further, high active participants were more likely to present lower sitting quintiles, with 54.2% of high active participants categorised in quintiles one or two.

Cluster Analysis

A three cluster solution was identified based on maximising the similarity within the clusters and variability between clusters. This was validated in a split-half sample. The silhouette measure, which can be used to interpret and validate the solution, was 0.5. This represents good cohesion and separation between the clusters. There were 27.7% (n=6,254) participants assigned to cluster 1, 44.4% (n=10,028) participants assigned to cluster 2 and 27.9% (6,286) to cluster 3. The ratio of sizes between the clusters was 1.60.

Descriptive characteristics of the cluster profiles can be seen in table 2. Cluster 1 (*Ambulatory & Active*) exhibited the lowest sitting quintile, sitting for around 151-240 min.d^{-1}. They were also classified as high active by sIPAQ. This differs to cluster 2 (*Moderation*) who were classified as moderately active by sIPAQ and in sitting quintile 3, sitting for 241-630 min.d^{-1}. In contrast, cluster 3 (*Sedentary & Low Active*) presented the highest sitting quintile, sitting for ≥481 min.d^{-1} and was classified as low active by sIPAQ. Cluster 1 were undertaking the most vigorous activity each week, further it was the only cluster where vigorous activity made up the greatest contribution to total weekly activity, 40.9%. For cluster 2, vigorous

activity accounted for 28.8% of total activity, and for cluster 3 it was 10.7%. In cluster 3, walking accounted for 75% of total weekly activity. For cluster 2, walking was also the most prominent contributor to total activity, 53.3%. However in cluster 1 walking only accounted for 35.8% of total activity (Table 2).

Table 3 shows the differences in demographic profiles between the three clusters. A moderate association was found between gender and cluster membership (χ^2 [2] = 323.991, $p<.001$, *Cramers V* = .120). Cluster 3 (69.2%) and cluster 2 (65.3%) had the highest percentage of females, whereas cluster 1 (54.4%) had the lowest proportion of females. There was a significant effect for cluster membership on age (F [2, 13503] = 79.042, $p<.001$, ω = .08). The Games-Howell post hoc test revealed that cluster 1 (37.1 years, σ 15.56) was significantly younger than cluster 2 (39.0 years, σ 14.89) $p<.001$, and cluster 3 (40.5 years, σ 14.36) $p<.001$. There were 53.3% of participants in cluster 1 aged ≤35 years compared to 47.9% in cluster 2 and 42.3% in cluster 3. Further, cluster 2 was significantly younger than cluster 3 ($p<.001$). There was a significant effect for cluster membership on IMD score (F [2, 13147] = 72.362, $p<.001$, ω = .08). The Games-Howell post hoc test revealed that cluster 1 had a significantly higher IMD score compared to cluster 2 ($p<.001$), and cluster 3 ($p<.001$). There were 22.7% of participants in cluster 1 classified as most deprived compared to 17.1% in cluster 2, and 18.8% in cluster 3. Further, cluster 3 displayed a significantly higher IMD score compared to cluster 2 ($p<.001$).

DISCUSSION:

This study adopted an original approach to understanding how people can be classified according to similarities in MVPA and sedentary behaviour using a large sample of UK adults. The main finding of this study indicated that high levels of self-reported sedentary

behaviour, determined by sitting time, appeared to cluster with low levels of MVPA. Although these behaviours are independent of each other, this finding supports research that there is ample time among waking hours for sedentary behaviour and inactivity to co-occur.[33] The cluster of *'Sedentary & Low Active'* participants was typically older, female and presented moderate levels of deprivation compared to other clusters. Importantly, the clusters identified by this research are distinct and amenable to targeted Public Health campaigns. Given the associated health implications, reducing sedentary behaviour, especially for inactive individuals, is not only a major Public Health challenge, but a best buy for scarce Public Health resources.[6]

In this study, participants reported a median value of 5 h d^{-1} sitting time, which is similar to self-reported daily sitting time from other population-based UK data.[8] Further, our data confirmed previous findings that participants in the lowest sitting groups are typically younger than those individuals who sit for longer periods.[11] Women sat for more time each day compared to men, a gendered effect not noted in previous research.[11] It has been documented that higher levels of sitting time appear to have a damaging influence on insulin resistance and chronic low grade inflammation in women but not men.[50] Therefore, reducing sedentary time in these women should be a priority. To our knowledge, the association between sitting time with IMD has not been reported elsewhere. An unexpected finding from this study was that lower sitting quintiles were reported by the most deprived participants. This finding may in part be due to the non-probability sampling framework and/or the structure of the LLGA programme which offers predominantly 'off-peak' activity sessions. The 'off-peak' nature of the intervention may have attracted participants who were either unemployed, shift-workers, in full-time education or retired. These individuals are more likely

to present lower IMD scores and accumulate lower, or no occupational sitting time, which may account for a large proportion of the weekday sitting time assessed by the sIPAQ.

The *'Sedentary & Low Active'* cluster presented the most problematic activity profile. Categorised as low active by sIPAQ, participants in this cluster were undertaking <60 MET.min.wk^{-1} and sitting for more than 8 h d^{-1}. Previous studies have shown that one day of uninterrupted sitting can cause a 39% reduction in insulin activity, even in healthy adults.[51] When combined with low activity these characteristics produce a deleterious matrimony.[52] Recent research has shown that compared to sitting, simply alternating between sitting and standing every 30 minutes can lead to significant increases in energy expenditure[16] and cardio-metabolic health.[22] These effects are thought to be, in part, elicited by engaging the large muscle groups in the lower body.[15] Nevertheless, effective interventions for individuals and groups within this cluster are scarce.[32] Only by improving the quality and consistency of theory-driven interventions,[39] combined with improvements in measurement and understanding will we begin to control and improve behaviour.

Public Health practitioners are unlikely to optimise health by promoting MVPA to *'Sedentary & Low Active'* individuals, despite the well-established health benefits of being *'Ambulatory & Active'*.[6] Accepting that stimuli for undertaking MVPA are not synonymous with stimuli for reducing sedentary behaviour will be critical for generating positive change.[3,30] For individuals who are not receptive to organised or structured programmes of MVPA, reducing sedentary behaviour and increasing light activity may be a more viable approach or proximal goal for increasing movement and energy expenditure. This approach may help to break up prolonged bouts of sedentary time and elicit a range of unique health-related benefits. [36] Even if action leads to small increases in physical activity there is potential

Public Health benefit.[53] For instance, life expectancy across the world may rise by 0.68 years purely by eliminating physical inactivity.[54]

Effective policy and intervention may seek control exposure to inactivity and sedentary behaviour. Fundamentally, there are two ways to achieve this; (i) safeguarding vulnerable individuals through a 'high-risk- approach and (ii) controlling the causes of incidence through a population approach.[55] The 'high-risk' approach will likely result in policy and interventions suitable for the individual, but won't address the underlying causes. While interventions are encouraged to emphasise the determinants of sedentary behaviour and develop tools to self-monitor/goal set,[32] it is hard to convince people to 'step out of line' with their peers and this is what the individual strategy requires them to do.[55] Therefore, policies need to do more to help individuals overcome internal and external barriers that currently compromise optimal lifestyles.[56]

In its traditional Public Health form, population strategies involve mass environmental control to alter societal norms, attempting to remove the underlying causes of the problem and improve the conditions for changing behaviour.[55] This could be achieved by removing chairs from a desk or seated areas[3] rather than relying on individual decision-making. Nevertheless, one of the main drawbacks to this approach is that environmental approaches frequently only offer small benefits to the individual. For optimal effect, these approaches should be offered alongside, rather than instead of each other. The overarching priority should be to understand and control the causes of incidence.

The findings of this study should be interpreted within its limitations. The restricted demographic information and use of a non-probability sample may be subject to volunteer bias, which could threaten external validity. Similarly, subjectively measured physical activity and sitting time is subject to ascertainment bias through socially desirable responses.[57]

Further, sIPAQ simply measures weekday sitting and recent evidence suggests that it likely underestimates this behaviour.[11,47] Therefore, the use of a direct or objective measure that assesses the domains of physical activity and sitting time would have been preferable.[47] However, given the size of the study, objective measurement was not practical. Further, cluster analysis is a data-driven dimension reduction technique; therefore generalizability beyond this sample should be treated with caution. However, these limitations should be considered against the study strengths, including the large sample size. Our cluster solution exhibited a high degree of within cluster homogeneity and between cluster heterogeneity. Also, results can be considered parsimonious and comprehensible given the number of clusters that were identified and the variables used to create them.

This research may be important for the Public Health system as it specifies clusters of individuals in need of distinctive strategies to help manage their unhealthy behaviours. Older adults, women and individuals seemingly less deprived than those in the most active clusters reported the most deleterious profiles. Nevertheless, regardless of activity status, modern lifestyles dictate that individuals are likely to spend a considerable portion of the day being sedentary. At present, Public Health policy advocates that adults should achieve 150+ minutes of MVPA each week and limit time spent being sedentary,[6] yet over half the UK adult population continue failing to meet these standards. Achieving the MVPA guidelines are likely to be aspirational - at best – for those who are currently *'Sedentary & Low Active'*. Therefore, physical activity advocates should exercise caution when promoting this universal message. Policy or intervention that helps replace sedentary time with light intensity activity in *'Sedentary & Low Active'* groups may be more rational and achievable, and can still generate substantial health benefit.[35-37]

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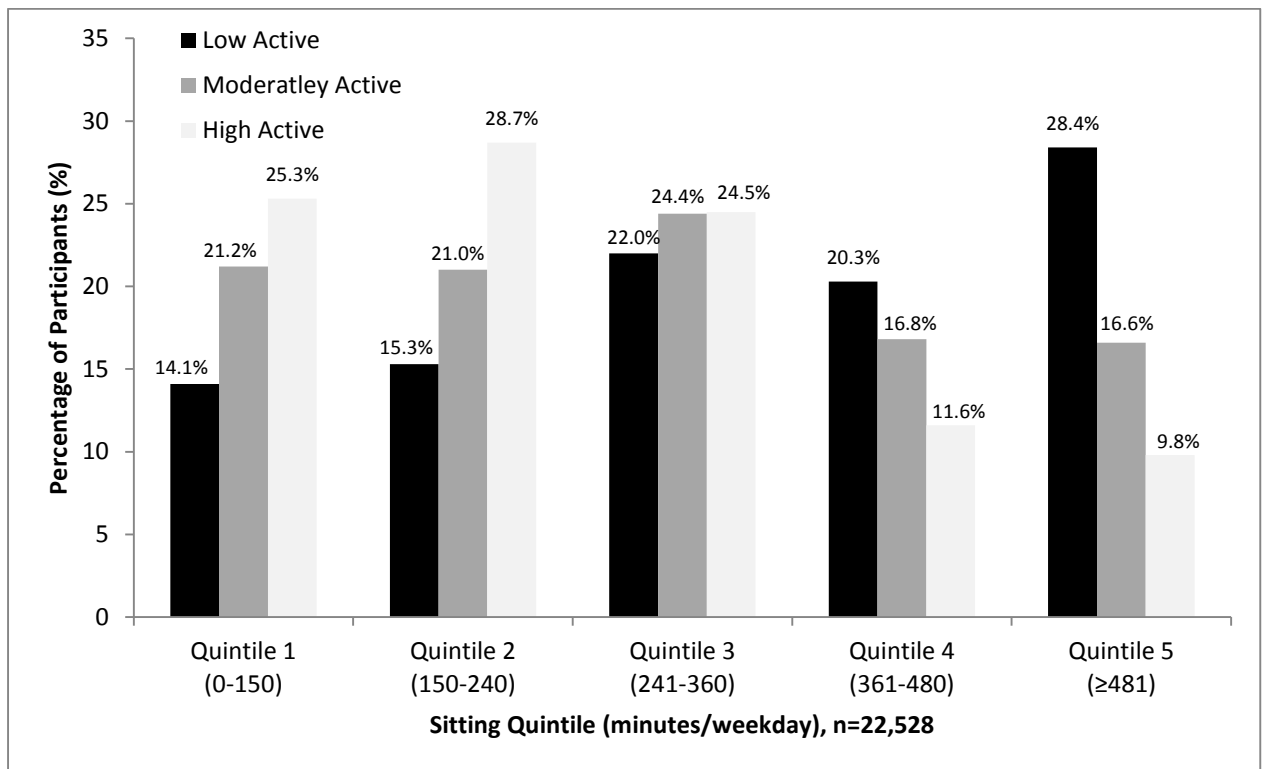
Figure 1: Sitting time and activity category combinations

Table 1: Socio demographic characteristics of participants

		% Participants (n)
Socio Demographics		
Gender (n=22,813)	*Male*	36.8 (8,408)
	Female	63.1 (14,405)
Age (n=22,836)	*16-25*	20.6 (4,700)
	26-35	27.4 (6,250)
	36-45	22.7 (5,178)
	46-55	13.3 (3,037)
	56-56	9.5 (2,179)
	66-75	5.5 (1,253)
	76+	1.0 (239)
IMD Deciles (n=22,463)	*1 - <6.85 (Least Deprived)*	10.1 (2,258)
	2 - 6.85 to 9.72	10.1 (2,273)
	3 - 9.73 to 12.62	10.3 (2,320)
	4 - 12.63 to 16.44	10.6 (2,386)
	5 - 16.45 to 20.64	9.9 (2,227)
	6 - 20.65 to 26.97	10.1 (2,265)
	7 - 26.98 to 34.56	9.9 (2,218)
	8 - 34.57 to 45.88	9.8 (2,203)
	9 - 45.89 to 52.52	9.7 (2,182)
	10 - >52.52 (Most Deprived)	9.5 (2,131)

Note: IMD = Indices of Multiple Deprivation,

Table 2: Cluster characteristics

	Cluster 1 *Ambulatory & Active* *(n=6,254, 27.7%)*	*Cluster 2* *Moderation* *(n=10,028, 44.4%)*	*Cluster 3* *Sedentary & Low Active* *(n=6,286, 27.9%)*
Sitting Quintile	Quintile 2 (151-240 Minutes/Weekday)	Quintile 3 (241-360 Minutes/Weekday)	Quintile 5 (481+ Minutes/Weekday)
Total Vigorous Activity	2,400 MET.min.wk^{-1}	460 MET.min.wk^{-1}	24 MET.min.wk^{-1}
Total Moderate Activity	1,371 MET.min.wk^{-1}	284 MET.min.wk^{-1}	32 MET.min.wk^{-1}
Total Walking Activity	2,104 MET.min.wk^{-1}	852 MET.min.wk^{-1}	168 MET.min.wk^{-1}
Physical Activity Category	High	Moderate	Low

Table 3: Between Group Differences in Cluster Demographics

	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Effect Size
	% Ambulatory & Active	*% Moderation*	*% Sedentary & Low Active*	
Gender				*Cramers V = .120*
Male	45.6	34.7	30.8	
Female	54.4	65.3	69.2	
Age *(Mean)*	(37.1 Years)	(39.0 Years)	(40.5 Years)	$\omega = .08$
16-25	27.5	19.8	14.7	
26-35	25.8	28.1	27.6	
36-45	20.3	22.7	25.1	
46-55	11.4	13.1	15.6	
56-56	8.5	9.7	10.5	
66-75	5.3	5.8	5.3	
76+	1.2	0.9	1.1	
IMD *(Mean IMD)*	(28.17)	(24.71)	(26.59)	$\omega = .08$
Decile 1	8.8	11.3	9.5	
Decile 2	9.1	11.2	9.4	
Decile 3	9.6	11.1	10.0	
Decile 4	9.6	11.6	10.1	
Decile 5	9.6	9.5	11.0	
Decile 6	9.7	10.1	10.3	
Decile 7	9.6	9.6	10.6	
Decile 8	11.1	8.6	10.2	
Decile 9	11.5	8.8	9.3	
Decile 10	11.2	8.3	9.5	