(placebo and hops) of this double-blind, randomized, crossover study Raseline variable Study cohort (N=36) Gender (Females/Males) 31/5

Table 1. Selected baseline characteristics of the study participants (N=36) who completed both the two 4-week intervention periods

 24.7 ± 0.5 Age (years) 62.1 ± 1.3 Body Weight (kg)

Fat Mass (% BW) Total Body Water (% BW)

Extra Cellular Water (% BW) 47.1 ± 0.4 DASS-21 Depression Score 11.9 ± 1.0 8.8 ± 0.8

DASS-21 Anxiety Score DASS-21 Stress Score

BMI (kg/m²)

BMI: body mass index; BW: body weight; DASS-21: Depression anxiety stress scale-21; Data presented as means \pm standard error.

Morning Plasma Cortisol (µg/dL)

 22.7 ± 0.4

 23.8 ± 0.8

 49.9 ± 0.5

 18.4 ± 1.1 18.1 ± 0.7