**S1 Table. Detailed observations/measurements.**

* Baseline

Height, body mass index, complications such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia, chronic kidney disease, atrial fibrillation, arrhythmia episodes, NYHA classification, heart failure etiology, and gout episodes, and medications

* Each visit

 Body weight, medication status, blood pressure, and heart rate

* Baseline, weeks 12 and 24

 General blood and urine tests and BNP (each hospital)

 NT-proBNP and MDA-LDL (LSI Medience Corp., Tokyo, Japan)

 Troponin I (Abbott Japan Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan)

 Urinary 8-OHdG, L-FABP, and albumin excretion (LSI Medience Corp., Tokyo, Japan)

- Baseline, week 24

 Xanthine oxidoreductase activity (Mie Research Laboratories, Sanwa Kagaku Kennkyusho Co. Ltd., Inabe, Japan)

 Chest X-ray, electrocardiogram, and echocardiography (each hospital)

 FMD and/or RH-PAT (each hospital)

 Echocardiographic data, including LVEF, E, E/e’, and TRPG (each hospital)

NYHA, New York Heart Association; BNP, brain natriuretic peptide; NT-pro BNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; hsCRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; MDA-LDL, malondialdehyde-modified low density lipoprotein; 8-OHdG, 8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyguanosine; L-FABP, liver type fatty acid-binding protein; FMD, flow-mediated dilation; RH-PAT, reactive hyperemia peripheral arterial tonometry; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; E, peak early diastolic flow velocity at mitral valve leaflet; e’, early diastolic mitral annular motion velocity; E/e’, E to e' ratio.