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Supplementary Table 1: Results of analyses comparing health and lifestyle characteristics of sample with national normative data

	Results of X^2 comparing smoking, fruit and vegetable intake and obesity norms for the whole sample and by yoga						
		teachers and yoga practitioners	i				
	All	Yoga teachers	Yoga practitioners				
Current Smoker	X ² (1, N=100) =221.814, p < .0005	X ² (1, N=28) =99.714, p<.0005	X ² (1, N=65) =108.25, p <.0005				
Daily fruit/vegetable intake ≥5	X ² (1, N-1320) = 1030.898, p<.0005	X ² (1, N=557) = 600.86, p<.005	X ² (1, N= 676) = 408.56, p<.0005				
Obese (BMI ≥30)	X ² (1, N=114) -=510.537, p<.0005	X ² (1, N=27) = 510.537 p<.0005	X ² (1,N=87) = 245.98 p<.0005				
	Results of one-sample t-tests (two-tailed) comparing BMI and wellbeing scales with available norms for the whole						
	sample and by yoga teachers and yoga practitioners						
	All	Yoga teachers	Yoga practitioners				
BMI	t(2345)=-56.495, p<.0005	t(872)=-44.251, p<.0005	t(1315)=-36.499, p<.0005				
Wellbeing (WEMWBS)	t(2174)=16.808, p<.0005	t(853)=21.163, p<.0005	t(1306)= 6.396, p<.0005				
Stress (PSS-4)	t(2168)= -25.209, p< .0005	t(848)= -25.161, p<.0005	t(1306)=-13.497, p<.0005				
Satisfaction with life (ONS)	t(2188)= 7.453, p<.0005	t(858)=12.899, p<.0005	t(1315)= .399, p=.690				
Life worthwhile (ONS)	t(2185)=11.344, p<.0005	t(857)=18.791, p<.0005	t(1314)= 1.971, p=.049				
Happiness yesterday (ONS)	t(2184)=12.349, p<.0005	t(856)=14.943, p<.0005	t(1313)=4.849, p<.0005				
Anxiety yesterday (ONS)	t(2189)=11.157, p=.009	t(859)=3.475, p=.001	t(1315)=11.675, p<.0005				

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Supplementary Table 2: Spearman intercorrelations for health impact and yoga practice variables

	My physical health has improved as a result of yoga	My mental health has improved as a result of yoga	I have changed my lifestyle as a result of yoga	My stress level has improved as a result of yoga	My strength has improved as a result of yoga	My flexibility has improved as a result of yoga	My sleep has improved as a result of yoga
Hours at home per week	.305**	.276**	.411**	.303**	.283**	.226**	.265**
Hours in class per week	.194**	.104**	.165**	.102**	.142**	.158**	.127**
Days per week	.289**	.272**	.395**	.316**	.279**	.223**	.247**
Years of practice	.130**	.078**	.080**	.086**	.088**	.103**	.072**
My physical health has improved		.655**	.585**	.598**	.622**	.596**	.467**
My mental health has improved			.615**	.726**	.539**	.476**	.496**

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I have changed my lifestyle		.682**	.547**	.480**	.510**
My stress level has improved			.568**	.505**	.541**
My strength has improved				.678**	.469**
My flexibility has improved					.447**

Statistical significance: *p< 0.01 level (2-tailed), **p<0.005 level (2-tailed).

