

Table S1. Comparison of baseline characteristics of coronary heart disease cases, randomly selected controls and the overall Reykjavik cohort.

Variable (Mean or %)	Nested case-control study		Overall Reykjavik cohort
	Coronary heart disease cases n=1925	Controls* n=3616	
Age, years*	54.2	55.2	52.8
Male, %*	70%	67%	48%
Current smoker, %	60%	48%	47%
Diabetes, %	3%	2%	2%
SBP, mmHg	146.7	141.9	138.3
BMI, kg/m ²	26.0	25.4	25.4
Total cholesterol, mmol/L	6.9	6.4	6.5

*Controls were matched to coronary heart disease cases by sex and age (in five-year age bands) and therefore differ from the remainder of the Reykjavik cohort.