

### Online Supporting Material

**Supplemental Table 1** Baseline characteristics among 24,032 participants in the Malmö diet and cancer cohort according to incident cardiovascular disease event during 14 y of follow-up<sup>1</sup>

| Characteristics                    | Total n | Non-CVD cases<br>(n = 21,384) | Incident CVD-cases<br>(n = 2,648) | P      |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Women <sup>2</sup> , %             | 14 926  | 64.6                          | 41.9                              | <0.001 |
| Age, y                             | 24 032  | 57.4 (57.3-57.5)              | 61.8 (61.6-62.1)                  | <0.001 |
| BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>             | 24 003  | 25.6 (25.5-25.6)              | 26.2 (26.0-26.3)                  | <0.001 |
| FADS rs174546                      | 24 032  |                               |                                   | 0.44   |
| C/C                                | 10 710  | 44.5                          | 45.4                              |        |
| C/T                                | 10 661  | 44.5                          | 43.2                              |        |
| T/T                                | 2661    | 11.0                          | 11.4                              |        |
| Alcohol consumption, %             | 24 032  |                               |                                   | <0.001 |
| Zero reporters                     | 1474    | 5.9                           | 7.9                               |        |
| Low                                | 9712    | 39.9                          | 44.3                              |        |
| Moderate                           | 5658    | 23.8                          | 21.8                              |        |
| High                               | 5243    | 22.2                          | 19.0                              |        |
| Very high                          | 1945    | 8.2                           | 6.9                               |        |
| Cigarette smoking status, %        | 24 022  |                               |                                   | <0.001 |
| Current smoker                     | 6777    | 27.3                          | 35.3                              |        |
| Ex-smoker                          | 7944    | 33.1                          | 32.7                              |        |
| Never smoker                       | 9301    | 39.6                          | 32.0                              |        |
| Education, %                       | 23 977  |                               |                                   | <0.001 |
| Elementary                         | 9890    | 39.7                          | 54.1                              |        |
| Primary and secondary              | 6354    | 26.9                          | 23.1                              |        |
| Upper secondary                    | 2142    | 9.1                           | 7.8                               |        |
| Further education without a degree | 2128    | 9.2                           | 6.5                               |        |
| University degree                  | 3463    | 15.2                          | 8.5                               |        |
| Leisure time physical activity, %  | 23 881  |                               |                                   | <0.001 |
| Very low                           | 2341    | 9.4                           | 12.8                              |        |
| Low                                | 7916    | 33.3                          | 32.0                              |        |
| Medium                             | 6849    | 29.0                          | 26.1                              |        |
| High                               | 4638    | 19.5                          | 19.0                              |        |
| Very high                          | 2137    | 8.8                           | 10.0                              |        |
| Dietary intakes                    | 24 032  |                               |                                   |        |
| Total energy intake, MJ/day        |         | 9.53 (9.50-9.56)              | 9.50 (9.41-9.60)                  | 0.24   |
| Protein, E%                        |         | 15.8 (15.7-15.8)              | 15.7 (15.6-15.8)                  | 0.26   |
| Carbohydrates, E%                  |         | 45.2 (45.1-45.3)              | 45.2 (44.9-45.4)                  | 0.77   |
| Fiber, g/MJ                        |         | 2.17 (2.16-2.17)              | 2.11 (2.09-2.14)                  | <0.001 |
| Total fat, E%                      |         | 39.1 (39.0-39.1)              | 39.1 (38.9-39.4)                  | 0.87   |
| SFAs, E%                           |         | 16.8 (16.7-17.0)              | 16.9 (16.8-16.9)                  | 0.66   |
| MUFA, E%                           |         | 13.6 (13.6-13.6)              | 13.7 (13.6-13.7)                  | 0.42   |
| PUFAs, E%                          |         | 6.16 (6.14-6.18)              | 6.20 (6.14-6.26)                  | 0.21   |
| Dietary PUFA intakes               | 24 032  |                               |                                   |        |
| ALA, E%                            |         | 0.74 (0.74-0.75)              | 0.75 (0.74-0.76)                  | 0.30   |
| Long-chain n-3 PUFAs, E%           |         | 0.26 (0.25-0.26)              | 0.26 (0.25-0.26)                  | 0.81   |
| Total n-3 PUFAs, E%                |         | 1.00 (1.00-1.00)              | 1.00 (0.99-1.02)                  | 0.57   |
| LA, E%                             |         | 4.91 (4.89-4.93)              | 4.95 (4.89-5.01)                  | 0.16   |
| Total n-6 PUFAs, E%                |         | 4.98 (4.96-5.00)              | 5.02 (4.96-5.07)                  | 0.15   |
| ALA/LA, E%                         |         | 0.16 (0.16-0.16)              | 0.16 (0.16-0.16)                  | 0.59   |
| Total n-3/n-6 PUFAs, E%            |         | 0.21 (0.21-0.21)              | 0.21 (0.21-0.21)                  | 0.43   |

<sup>1</sup>Data is expressed as mean (95% CI) for continuous variables or as proportions (%) for categorical variables. ALA, α-linolenic acid; CVD, cardiovascular disease; E%, energy percentage; FADS, fatty acid desaturase; LA, linoleic acid.

<sup>2</sup>The difference in baseline characteristics between cases and non-cases were tested using chi-square analyses for categorical variables or with general linear model for continuous variables, *P* < 0.05. Continuous variables were adjusted for age and sex and ln transformed when testing differences of means.