

Supplementary Table 1. Baseline characteristics of study subjects who developed tuberculosis (TB) and those who remained free of TB, the Singapore Chinese Health Study 1993-2014 Values are numbers (percentages) unless stated otherwise

Baseline characteristics	TB cases (n=1249)	Non-cases (n=58,996)	<i>P</i> value*
Mean (SD) age at recruitment, years	59.3 ± 7.9	56.3 ± 8.0	<0.001
Mean (SD) body mass index, kg/m ²	22.2 ± 3.5	23.2 ± 3.3	<0.001
Men	915 (73.3)	24,999 (42.4)	<0.001
Dialect group			0.02
Cantonese	539 (43.2)	27,438 (46.5)	
Hokkien	710 (56.9)	31,558 (53.5)	
Level of education			<0.001
No formal education	308 (24.7)	16,302 (27.6)	
Primary school (1-6 years)	667 (53.4)	25,849 (43.8)	
Secondary school and above	274 (21.9)	16,845 (28.6)	
Smoking status			<0.001
Never smoker	534 (42.8)	41,898 (71.0)	
Former smoker	175 (14.0)	6262 (10.6)	
Current smoker	540 (43.2)	10,836 (18.4)	
History of diabetes	175 (14.0)	5226 (8.9)	<0.001
Tea intake			0.33
None	531 (42.5)	24,328 (41.2)	
Monthly	155 (12.4)	7120 (12.1)	
Weekly	277 (22.2)	14,428 (24.5)	
Daily	286 (22.9)	13,120 (22.2)	
Mean (SD) daily energy intake, kcal	1601 ± 574	1551 ± 564	0.002
Mean (SD) daily energy-adjusted intake			
Protein, g	57.6 ± 10.5	59.2 ± 9.9	<0.001
Cholesterol, mg	175 ± 84.3	173 ± 74.3	0.42
Marine omega-3 fatty acid, g	0.30 ± 0.16	0.32 ± 0.16	<0.001
Omega-6 fatty acid, g	7.30 ± 3.09	7.96 ± 3.18	<0.001
Vitamin A, IU	4413 ± 2806	5152 ± 2990	<0.001
Vitamin C, mg	87.5 ± 120.6	104 ± 133	<0.001

* *P* value by Student's *t*-test (continuous variables) or χ^2 -test (categorical variables).