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x	Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's <i>d</i> , Pearson's <i>r</i>), indicating how they were calculated
	Our web collection on <u>statistics for biologists</u> contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

Policy information about availability of computer code

Data collection

Processing of administrative/environmental data was conducted using the statistical software R (version 3.6.1)

Data analysis

All statistical analyses were done with R software (version 3.6.1) using functions from the packages dlnm (for the firststage regression) and mymeta (for the second-stage meta-analysis).

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
- A description of any restrictions on data availability

The climate data can be obtained from the European Climate Assessment and Dataset (ECA&D, www.ecad.eu). The mortality data can be obtained from the Spanish National Statistics Institute (INE) under request. Unfortunately, we cannot publish the mortality data because several restrictions imposed by the INE apply. Specifically, the INE stipulates in the contract for the supply of the data the following clause: "No distribuir a terceros" ("Do not distribute the data to third parties" in English).

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Life sciences study design					
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Sample size	No sampling was undertaken. All respiratory deaths in the study area and study period were included in the analysis.				
Data exclusions	There was no data exclusions.				
Replication	Our study is observational, and we did not carry out replication of experiments.				
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