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eTable 1. Previous Human Epidemiological Studies of Greenness Exposure and CVD Mortality and Morbidity

Author (Year)	Sample size	Study design	Study setting	Exposure	Outcome	Main findings
Hu et al. (2008) ¹	Not reported	Cross-sectional	USA	Distance to and frequency of visiting green space; satellite-derived greenness	Stroke mortality	High risk of stroke mortality was found in areas with low level of exposure to green space
Mitchell et al. (2008) ²	40,813,236	Cross-sectional	England	Percentage of greenspace	CVD mortality	Lower mortality incidence rate ratio was associated with higher levels of green space
Mass et al. (2009) ³	345,143	Cross-sectional	Dutch	Percentage of green space	CVD prevalence	More green space within a 1 km radius around the postal code coordinates was associated with lower odds of CVD prevalence
Richardson et al. (2010) ⁴	1,546,405	Ecological	New Zealand	Percent coverage of green space types	CVD mortality	No significant association was observed for usable or total green space with CVD mortality
Dominguez-Berjon et al. (2010) ⁵	5,423,384	Cross-sectional	Spain	Dearth of green space (surveyed using questionnaire)	CVD mortality	Lack of green space was associated with higher risk of death due to ischemic heart disease in men, and with death due to cerebrovascular disease in both men and women
Coutts et al. (2010) ⁶	Not reported	Cross-sectional	USA	Amount of greenspace within defined distance	CVD mortality	The amount of greenspace within defined distances of census tract in each county was associated with CVD mortality
Richardson et al. (2010) ⁷	28.6 million	Cross-sectional	UK	Proportion of greenspace by area	CVD mortality	CVD mortality rates decreased with increasing green space only in males.
Richardson et al. (2012) ⁸	43 million	Cross-sectional	USA	Population weighted green space coverage	CVD mortality	No association was observed between green space coverage and CVD mortality
Pereira et al. (2012) ⁹	11,404	Cross-sectional	Australia	NDVI	CVD prevalence	Levels and variability of greenness were inversely associated with

						prevalence of coronary heart disease and stroke.
Donovan et al. (2013) ¹⁰	21,080	Natural experiment	USA	The emerald ash borer, an invasive forest pest	CVD mortality	Loss of trees (i.e., reduction in greenness) to the emerald ash borer increased mortality related to cardiovascular illness.
Richardson et al. (2013) ¹¹	8157	Cross-sectional	New Zealand	Proportion of green space within each census area unit	CVD prevalence	CVD risk was reduced in all neighborhoods with >15% greenspace availability (e.g. OR 0.80, 95% CI, 0.64-0.99 for those with 33-70% green space).
Tamosiunas et al. (2014) ¹²	5112	Cohort	Lithuania	Distance to the nearest green space	CVD incidence and mortality	Distance to green space was significantly associated with fatal and non-fatal CVD
Lzchowycz et al. (2014) ¹³	165,424	Cross-sectional	England	Percentage of greenspace	CVD mortality	Decreased premature circulatory mortality was found in greener areas, especially in those most deprived group.
Wilker et al. (2014) ¹⁴	1763	Cohort	USA	NDVI	CVD mortality	Compared with stroke patients living in the lowest quartile of green space, those living in the highest quartile of green space had lower risk of death
Bixby et al. (2015) ¹⁵	≥100,000	Cross-sectional	England	Proportion of city area covered by "green" land	CVD mortality	No significant association was observed between green space proportion and CVD mortality
Chum et al. (2015) ¹⁶	2411	Cross-sectional	Canada	Proportion of parks and recreational areas within each census tract	CVD prevalence	No significant association was observed between proportion of parks and recreational areas and CVD prevalence.
Donovan et al. (2015) ¹⁷	156,146	Cohort	USA	The emerald ash borer	CVD incidence	Women living in a county infested with emerald ash borer had an increased risk of CVD
James et al. (2016) ¹⁸	108,630	Cohort	USA	NDVI	CVD mortality	Higher levels of green vegetation were associated with decreased mortality
Massa et al. (2016) ¹⁹	1333	Cross-sectional	Brazil	Total green area per square meter	CVD prevalence	In comparison to participants living with the low green space levels, those in higher levels were

						significantly less likely to report having a CVD.
Ngom et al. (2016) ²⁰	3,920,000	Cross-sectional	Canada	The nearest distance to green spaces	CVD prevalence	Among the various green space types, only green spaces with sport facilities showed a significant relationship with diabetes and cerebrovascular disease morbidity
Picavet et al. (2016) ²¹	12,546	Cross-sectional	Netherlands	Percentage of green space	CVD prevalence	No significant association was observed between percentage of green space and CVD prevalence
Vienneau et al. (2017) ²²	4.2 million	Cohort	Switzerland	NDVI; land use green exposure	CVD mortality	Higher NDVI levels were associated with lower CVD mortality
Wang et al. (2017) ²³	3544	Cohort	China	NDVI	CVD mortality	A 10% increase in coverage of green space was significantly associated with a reduction in all-cause mortality
Yitshak-Sade et al. (2017) ²⁴	23,110	Cross-sectional	Israel	NDVI	CVD prevalence	NDVI was associated with myocardial infarction
Crouse et al. (2017) ²⁵	1,265,000	Cohort	Canada	NDVI	CVD prevalence and mortality	Per 0.15-unit increase in NDVI-250m was significantly associated with 0.960 (95% CI: 0.943-0.976), 0.949 (95% CI: 0.927-0.972), and 1.042 (95% CI: 0.963-1.047)-fold risk of cardiovascular disease, ischemic heart disease, and cerebrovascular disease, respectively.
Jia et al. (2018) ²⁶	1944	Cross-sectional	China	NDVI	CVD prevalence	Compared to the participants with low NDVI level, participants with moderate to high levels of NDVI had a 75% and 45% reduced odds of coronary heart disease and stroke, respectively
Silveira et al. (2018) ²⁷	6,230,446	Cross-sectional	Brazil	NDVI	CVD mortality	Mortality rates for CVD are inversely associated with greenness exposure
Astell-Burt et al. (2019) ²⁸	46,786	Cohort	Australia	Percentage of green space and tree canopy	CVD incidence	Larger percentage of tree canopy, but not green space, was associated with lower odds of incident CVD.

Orioli et al. (2019) ²⁹	1,263,721	Cohort	Italy	NDVI and LAI	CVD mortality	Residential greenness, expressed as NDVI and LAI, was inversely associated with stroke incidence and cardiovascular mortality.
Kim et al. (2019) ³⁰	73 districts with an average population per district of 317,869	Time-series	Korea	NDVI	CVD mortality	High level of greenness was associated with decreased risk of CVD-related mortality
Servadio et al. (2019) ³¹	169 census tracts	Cross-sectional	USA	Park access and tree canopy cover	CVD prevalence	Greater percent tree canopy cover and green space access were associated with higher prevalence of coronary heart disease and stroke.
Wang et al. (2019) ³²	249,405	Cross-sectional	USA	NDVI	CVD prevalence	Compared with the lowest tertile of greenness, the highest tertile of greenness was associated with reduced odds of acute myocardial infarction by 25%, ischaemic heart disease by 20%, heart failure by 16%, and atrial fibrillation by 6%. Additional adjustment for biological risk factors attenuated the associations.
Zijlema et al. (2019) ³³	9218	Cohort	Australia	NDVI, number and size of parks and nature space	CVD mortality	Access to natural spaces was associated with decreased mortality

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; LAI, the leaf area index; NDVI, the normalized difference vegetation index; NP, not reported; OR, odds ratio; USA, the United States of America.

eTable 2. Characteristics of Study Participants With and Without Blood Sampling

Characteristic	Participants with blood sampling (n = 15 477)	Participants without blood sampling (n = 9368)
Age (years, mean \pm SD)	45.0 \pm 13.5	45.7 \pm 13.0
Gender, No. (%)		
Men	8156 (52.7)	4505 (48.1)
Women	7321 (47.3)	4863 (51.9)
Ethnicity, No. (%)		
Han	14 554 (94.0)	8916 (95.2)
Others	923 (6.0)	452 (4.8)
Education, No. (%)		
\leq 9 years	11 898 (76.9)	7472 (79.8)
$>$ 9 years	3579 (23.1)	1896 (20.2)
Annual household income, No. (%)		
\leq 10 000 Yuan	3144 (20.3)	2617 (27.9)
$>$ 10 000 Yuan	12 333 (79.7)	6751 (72.1)

Abbreviations: SD, standard deviation.

eTable 3. Main Characteristics of Study Participants With and Without CVD (N = 24 845)

Characteristic	CVD (n = 1006) ^a	Non-CVD (n = 23 839)	P value
Age, No.(%)			<.001
<50 years	257 (25.5)	15 246 (64.0)	
≥50 years	749 (75.5)	8593 (36.0)	
Gender, No.(%)			<.001
Men	743 (73.9)	11 918 (50.0)	
Women	263 (26.1)	11 921 (50.0)	
Ethnicity, No.(%)			<.001
Han	980 (97.4)	22 490 (94.3)	
Others	26 (2.6)	1349 (5.7)	
Education, No.(%)			<.001
≤ 9 years	836 (93.1)	18 534 (77.8)	
> 9 years	170 (16.9)	5305 (22.3)	
Annual household income, No.(%)			<.001
≤10 000 Yuan	366 (36.4)	5395 (22.6)	
>10 000 Yuan	640 (63.6)	18 444 (77.4)	

Abbreviations: CVD, cardiovascular disease.

^aCVD patients included 417 participants with heart disease, 529 with stroke, and 60 with both.

eTable 4. Distributions and Intercorrelations (Spearman Correlation Coefficients) of NDVI and SAVI

	Median (IQR)	Min	Max	NDVI_{500 m}	NDVI_{1000 m}	SAVI_{500 m}	SAVI_{1000 m}
NDVI _{500 -m}	0.29 (0.17)	0.18	0.80	1	0.90 ^a	0.98 ^a	0.88 ^a
NDVI _{1000 -m}	0.31 (0.15)	0.20	0.75		1	0.88 ^a	0.96 ^a
SAVI _{500- m}	0.16 (0.11)	0.10	0.48			1	0.90 ^a
SAVI _{1000 -m}	0.17 (0.10)	0.11	0.45				1

Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range (computed by subtracting the 1st quartile from the 3rd quartile); max, maximum; min, minimum; NDVI, normalized difference vegetation index; SAVI, soil adjusted vegetation index.

^aStatistically significant correlation ($P < .05$).

eTable 5. Sensitivity Analyses of Associations Between Greenness Measures and CVD Prevalence Using Different Adjusted Models (N = 24 845)^a

Model	NDVI _{500-m}		SAVI _{500-m}	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
Main model ^b	0.73 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001	0.74 (0.66, 0.84)	<.0001
Main model ^b + alcohol drinking	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001	0.74 (0.66, 0.84)	<.0001
Main model ^b + cigarette smoking	0.73 (0.64, 0.86)	<.0001	0.73 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001
Main model ^b + low-calorie and low-fat diet	0.73 (0.65, 0.82)	<.0001	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001
Main model ^b + sugar-sweetened soft drinks	0.73 (0.64, 0.82)	<.0001	0.73 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001
Main model ^b + family history of CVD	0.73 (0.65, 0.82)	<.0001	0.74 (0.65, 0.83)	<.0001
Model 1 ^c	0.71 (0.63, 0.80)	<.0001	0.72 (0.64, 0.81)	<.0001
Model 2 ^d	0.71 (0.63, 0.80)	<.0001	0.71 (0.63, 0.81)	<.0001
Model 3 ^e	0.70 (0.62, 0.79)	<.0001	0.70 (0.62, 0.79)	<.0001

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; NDVI, normalized difference vegetation index; OR, odds ratio; SAVI, soil adjusted vegetation index

^aGreenness per IQR Increase in NDVI_{500-m} and SAVI_{500-m}.

^bAdjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, household income, education, district-level of gross domestic product, physical activity, and air pollution (PM_{2.5}).

^cAdjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, and community size

^dAdjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, community size, education, household income, and district-level of gross domestic product

^eAdjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, community size, education, household income, and district-level of gross domestic product, smoking status, physical activity level, low-calorie and low-fat diet, sugar-sweetened soft drinks, alcohol drinking, and family history of CVD.

eTable 6. Associations Between Quartiles of Greenness Measures and CVD Prevalence (N = 24 845)

Greenness measure	Adjusted OR (95% CI) ^a	P value for trend
NDVI _{500-m}		<.0001
Q ₁	Referent	
Q ₂	1.03 (0.86, 1.23)	
Q ₃	0.66 (0.55, 0.80)	
Q ₄	0.63 (0.50, 0.79)	
SAVI _{500-m}		<.0001
Q ₁	Referent	
Q ₂	0.72 (0.61, 0.86)	
Q ₃	0.55 (0.45, 0.67)	
Q ₄	0.58 (0.48, 0.71)	

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; NDVI, normalized difference vegetation index; OR, odds ratio; SAVI, soil adjusted vegetation index

^aAdjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, household income, education, district-level of gross domestic product, physical activity, and air pollution.

eTable 7. Associations of Greenness With CVD Prevalence by Age, Sex, and Annual Household Income (N = 24 845)^a

	NDVI_{500-m}		SAVI_{500-m}	
Subgroup	OR (95% CI)^b	P_{interaction}	OR (95% CI)^b	P_{interaction}
Age		.39		.41
<50 years	0.71 (0.58 to 0.86)		0.71 (0.58 to 0.87)	
≥50 years	0.78 (0.68 to 0.90)		0.79 (0.68 to 0.91)	
Gender		.83		.81
Men	0.76 (0.66 to 0.88)		0.77 (0.66 to 0.89)	
Women	0.74 (0.61 to 0.90)		0.75 (0.61 to 0.91)	
Annual household income		.32		.33
<10 000 Yuan	0.82 (0.66 to 1.01)		0.83 (0.67 to 1.02)	
≥10 000 Yuan	0.73 (0.63 to 0.83)		0.73 (0.64 to 0.84)	
Education		.06		.09
<9 years	0.79 (0.69 to 0.90)		0.80 (0.70 to 0.91)	
≥9 years	0.60 (0.45 to 0.79)		0.61 (0.46 to 0.81)	

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; IQR, interquartile range; NDVI, normalized difference vegetation index; OR, odds ratio; SAVI, soil adjusted vegetation index.

^aGreenness per IQR in in NDVI_{500-m} and NDVI_{500-m}.

^bAdjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, household income, education, district-level of gross domestic product, physical activity, and air pollution (PM_{2.5}), except the variable that were stratified.

eTable 8. Mediation of Association Between Greenness and CVD Prevalence by Combined Cardiometabolic Disorders^a

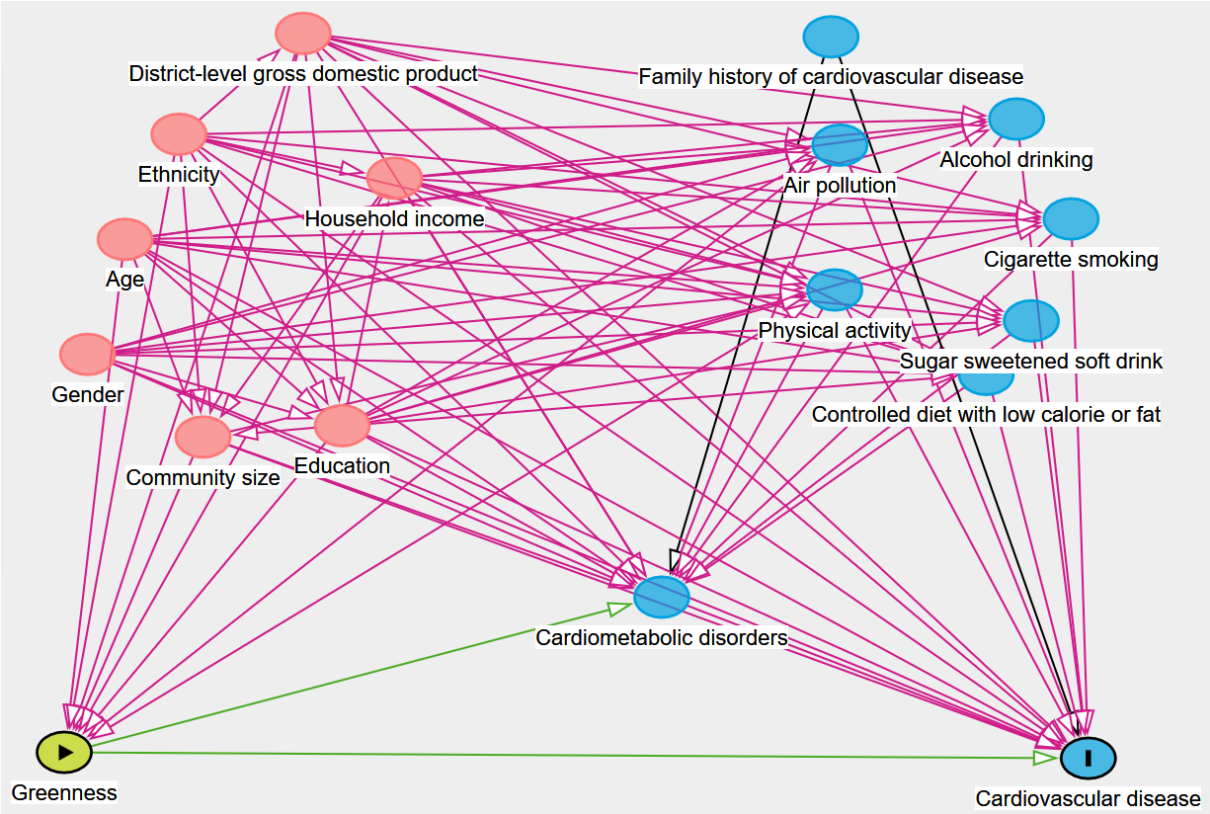
	Indirect effect		Direct effect		
	% (95% CI) ^b	P value	% (95% CI) ^b	P value	
NDVI _{500-m}	21.2 (6.4 to 35.9)	.004	78.8 (64.1 to 93.4)	<.001	
SAVI _{500-m}	21.3 (7.4 to 35.2)	.003	78.7 (64.8 to 92.6)	<.001	

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; NDVI, normalized difference vegetation index; SAVI, soil adjusted vegetation index.

^aCardiovascular disorders included hypertension, diabetes, overweight/obesity, hypercholesterolemia, hypertriglyceridemia, and high LDL-C, which are individually significantly mediated the association between greenness and CVD prevalence.

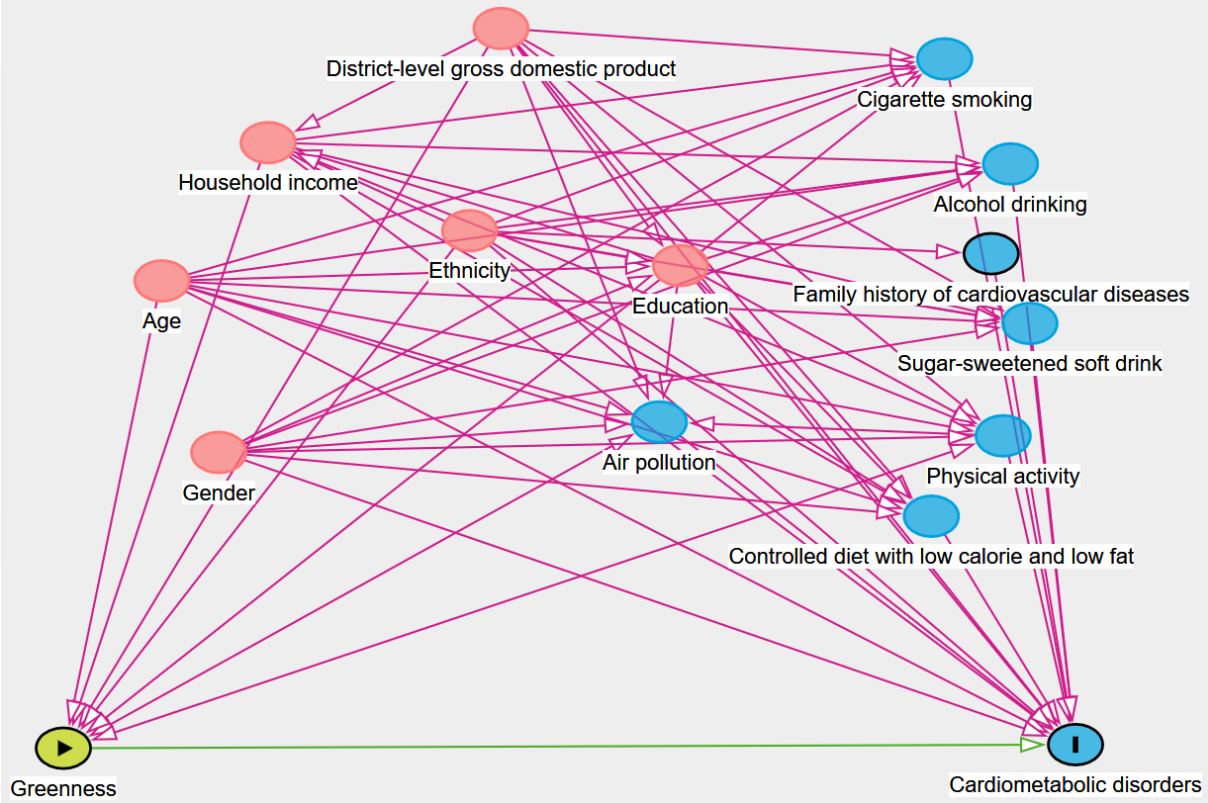
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eFigure 1. Directed Acyclic Graph for the Association Between Greenness and CVD



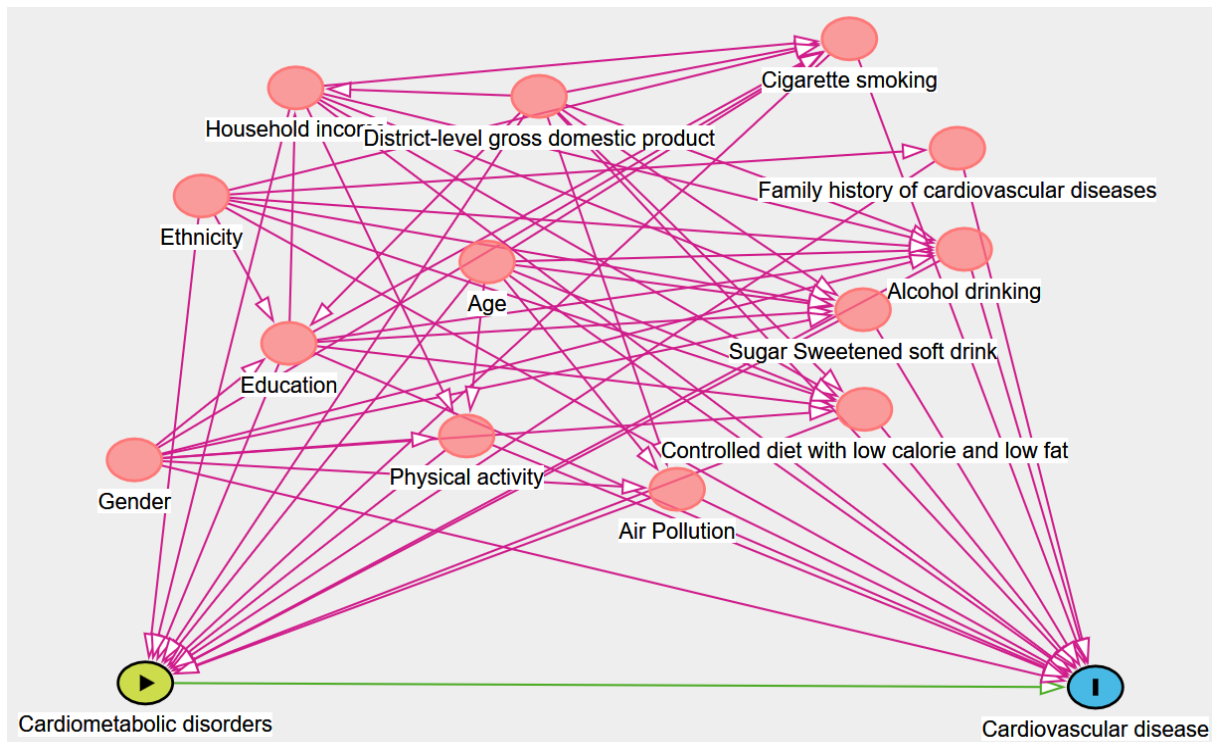
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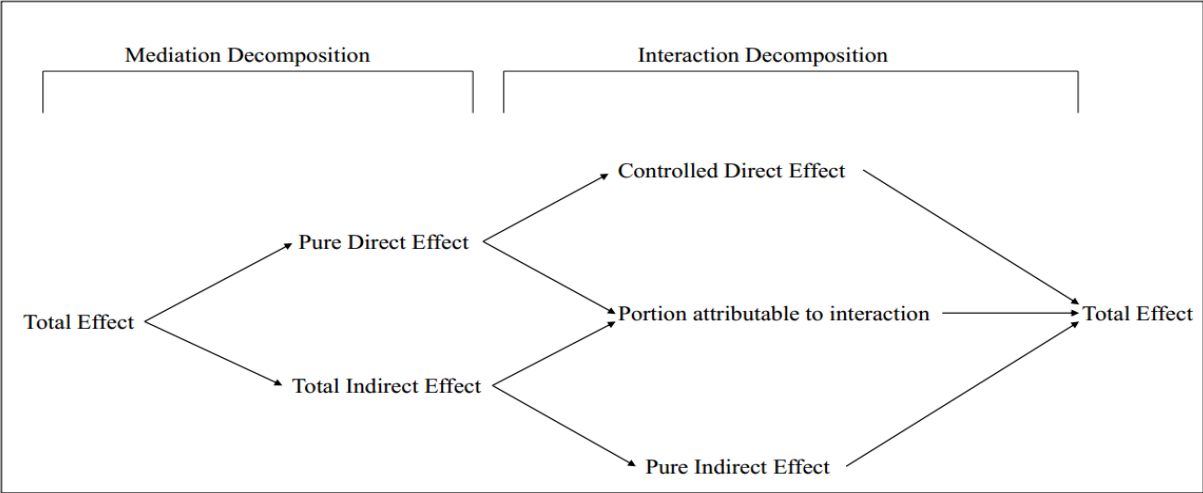
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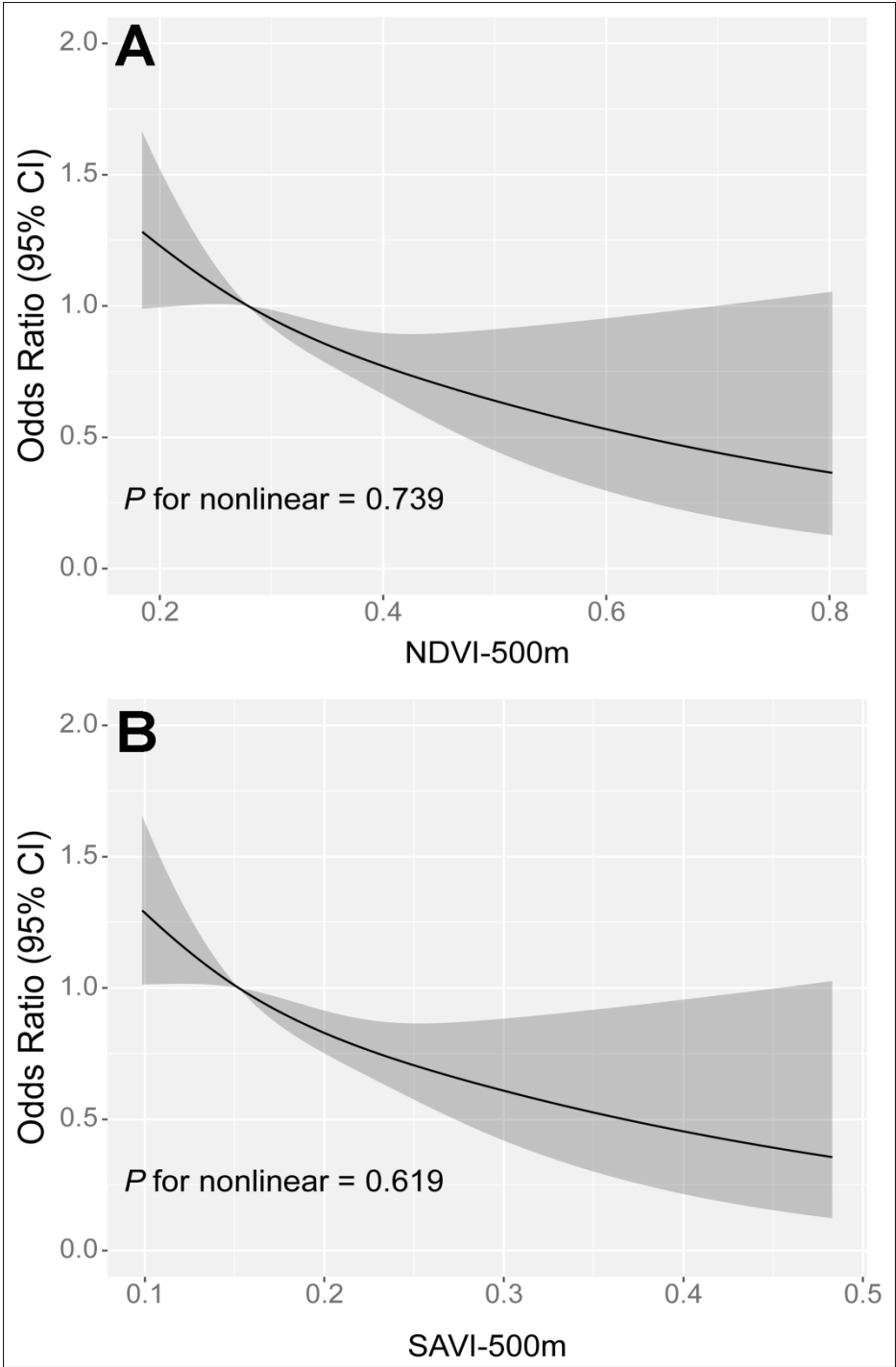


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eFigure 4. Three-Way Decomposition Encompassing Decompositions for Both Mediation and Interaction



eFigure 5. Dose-Response Curves for Greenness Levels With CVD Prevalence



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