

Supplementary Table 1. Results of linear mixed-effects models for determinants of vitamin C plasma concentrations after excluding model-specific outliers ^{a,b}.

	Model 2 (<i>n</i> = 396, 2762 records)		Model 3 (<i>n</i> = 396, 2766 records)		Model 4 (<i>n</i> = 297, 1804 records)		Model 5 (<i>n</i> = 226, 1990 records)	
	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]
Intercept	7.5×10 ⁺¹ ***	[7.3×10 ⁺¹ , 7.8×10 ⁺¹]	7.5×10 ⁺¹ ***	[7.2×10 ⁺¹ , 7.7×10 ⁺¹]	7.5×10 ⁺¹ ***	[7.3×10 ⁺¹ , 7.8×10 ⁺¹]	7.5×10 ⁺¹ ***	[7.2×10 ⁺¹ , 7.9×10 ⁺¹]
Age (years)	-1.3×10 ⁻²	[-1.2×10 ⁻¹ , 9.4×10 ⁻²]	-3.9×10 ⁻²	[-1.7×10 ⁻¹ , 9.5×10 ⁻²]	-1.0×10 ⁻²	[-1.4×10 ⁻¹ , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]	6.0×10 ⁻³	[-1.1×10 ⁻¹ , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]
Age ² (years)	2.2×10 ⁻³	[-7.7×10 ⁻³ , 1.2×10 ⁻²]	2.0×10 ⁻³	[-7.9×10 ⁻³ , 1.2×10 ⁻²]	-4.0×10 ⁻³	[-1.6×10 ⁻² , 8.4×10 ⁻³]	4.2×10 ⁻³	[-6.6×10 ⁻³ , 1.5×10 ⁻²]
Male sex	-4.3×10 ⁻¹	[-5.0×10 ⁺⁰ , 4.1×10 ⁺⁰]	-4.9×10 ⁺⁰	[-1.1×10 ⁺¹ , 7.3×10 ⁻¹]	-2.0×10 ⁺⁰	[-6.9×10 ⁺⁰ , 3.0×10 ⁺⁰]	-5.5×10 ⁻¹	[-6.1×10 ⁺⁰ , 5.0×10 ⁺⁰]
FFM (kg)	-4.7×10 ⁻¹ ***	[-6.9×10 ⁻¹ , -2.4×10 ⁻¹]	-6.8×10 ⁻¹ ***	[-9.6×10 ⁻¹ , -4.0×10 ⁻¹]	-3.8×10 ⁻¹ *	[-6.4×10 ⁻¹ , -1.3×10 ⁻¹]	-4.6×10 ⁻¹ **	[-7.2×10 ⁻¹ , -2.0×10 ⁻¹]
Current/past smoking	-3.0×10 ⁺⁰	[-5.7×10 ⁺⁰ , -2.0×10 ⁻¹]	-3.4×10 ⁺⁰	[-6.2×10 ⁺⁰ , -6.0×10 ⁻¹]	-2.3×10 ⁺⁰	[-5.2×10 ⁺⁰ , 6.3×10 ⁻¹]	-1.9×10 ⁺⁰	[-5.4×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.5×10 ⁺⁰]
PAI	6.0×10 ⁺⁰ *	[2.4×10 ⁺⁰ , 9.6×10 ⁺⁰]	6.4×10 ⁺⁰ **	[2.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.0×10 ⁺¹]	9.9×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[5.4×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.4×10 ⁺¹]	5.7×10 ⁺⁰ †	[1.5×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.0×10 ⁺¹]
Vitamin C intake (mg/d)	1.4×10 ⁻¹	[1.7×10 ⁻² , 2.6×10 ⁻¹]	1.1×10 ⁻¹	[-3.9×10 ⁻² , 2.6×10 ⁻¹]	1.5×10 ⁻¹	[-1.9×10 ⁻³ , 3.0×10 ⁻¹]	1.1×10 ⁻¹	[-3.4×10 ⁻² , 2.6×10 ⁻¹]
Vitamin C intake ² (mg/d)	-7.1×10 ⁻³	[-1.4×10 ⁻² , -4.0×10 ⁻⁴]	-8.0×10 ⁻³	[-1.5×10 ⁻² , -1.3×10 ⁻³]	-8.6×10 ⁻³	[-1.7×10 ⁻² , -3.2×10 ⁻⁴]	-5.1×10 ⁻³	[-1.3×10 ⁻² , 3.4×10 ⁻³]
Use of supplements ^c	3.7×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[2.6×10 ⁺⁰ , 4.7×10 ⁺⁰]	3.7×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[2.6×10 ⁺⁰ , 4.7×10 ⁺⁰]			3.9×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[2.7×10 ⁺⁰ , 5.1×10 ⁺⁰]
Use of lipid-modifying drugs	3.1×10 ⁻¹	[-1.2×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.8×10 ⁺⁰]	2.3×10 ⁻¹	[-1.3×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.7×10 ⁺⁰]	-6.1×10 ⁻¹	[-2.4×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.2×10 ⁺⁰]	5.6×10 ⁻¹	[-1.1×10 ⁺⁰ , 2.2×10 ⁺⁰]
Plasma TOC (μmol/L)	1.5×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.7×10 ⁻² , 1.9×10 ⁻¹]	1.4×10 ⁻¹ ***	[8.8×10 ⁻² , 2.0×10 ⁻¹]	2.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[1.4×10 ⁻¹ , 2.8×10 ⁻¹]	2.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[1.4×10 ⁻¹ , 2.7×10 ⁻¹]
Disease diagnosis ^d	-1.0×10 ⁺⁰	[-3.7×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.6×10 ⁺⁰]	-8.1×10 ⁻¹	[-3.4×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.8×10 ⁺⁰]	-2.2×10 ⁺⁰	[-4.9×10 ⁺⁰ , 6.1×10 ⁻¹]	-1.5×10 ⁺⁰	[-4.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.9×10 ⁺⁰]
I (male sex : age)			-1.8×10 ⁻²	[-2.4×10 ⁻¹ , 2.1×10 ⁻¹]				
I (male sex : FFM)			6.0×10 ⁻¹	[1.5×10 ⁻¹ , 1.1×10 ⁺⁰]				
I (male sex : VC intake)			-7.6×10 ⁻²	[-2.7×10 ⁻¹ , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]				
I (age : VC intake)			1.1×10 ⁻²	[-5.1×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.2×10 ⁻²]				
I (smoking : VC intake)			1.5×10 ⁻¹	[-3.0×10 ⁻² , 3.3×10 ⁻¹]				
I (male sex : plasma TOC)			4.7×10 ⁻²	[-6.6×10 ⁻² , 1.6×10 ⁻¹]				
I (age : plasma TOC)			1.1×10 ⁻³	[-5.7×10 ⁻³ , 8.0×10 ⁻³]				
R ² , marginal / conditional	0.125 / 0.686		0.134 / 0.685		0.131 / 0.658		0.139 / 0.681	

CE, coefficient estimate; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; FFM, fat-free mass; PAI, physical activity index; VC, vitamin C; I (a : b) denotes the interaction effect for a and b. ^a Results are presented as coefficient estimates and 95% confidence intervals; ^b *P* values after adjusting for multiple testing; † *p* < 0.10; * *p* < 0.05; ** *p* < 0.01; *** *p* < 0.001; ^c This parameter comprised the use of vitamin C and/or multivitamin supplements; ^d This variable combined the information on the presence of gall bladder/pancreas/chronic liver/inflammatory bowel disease and dyslipidemia.

Supplementary Table 2. Results of linear mixed-effects models for determinants of log plasma α -tocopherol concentrations including serum cholesterol ^{a, b}.

	Model 2 (n = 399)		Model 3 (n = 399)		Model 4 (n = 289)		Model 5 (n = 226)	
	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]
Intercept	3.5×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁺⁰ , 3.6×10 ⁺⁰]	3.5×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁺⁰ , 3.5×10 ⁺⁰]	3.5×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁺⁰ , 3.5×10 ⁺⁰]	3.5×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁺⁰ , 3.6×10 ⁺⁰]
Age (years)	7.9×10 ⁻³ ***	[6.3×10 ⁻³ , 9.4×10 ⁻³]	8.6×10 ⁻³ ***	[6.7×10 ⁻³ , 1.0×10 ⁻²]	8.0×10 ⁻³ ***	[6.4×10 ⁻³ , 9.5×10 ⁻³]	9.1×10 ⁻³ ***	[7.4×10 ⁻³ , 1.1×10 ⁻²]
Age ² (years)	-1.5×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.0×10 ⁻⁴ , -3.1×10 ⁻⁶]	-1.3×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.1×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.8×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.3×10 ⁻⁴ , -2.4×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.8×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.4×10 ⁻⁴ , -1.9×10 ⁻⁵]
Male sex	-5.5×10 ⁻²	[-1.0×10 ⁻¹ , -9.3×10 ⁻³]	-5.2×10 ⁻²	[-9.9×10 ⁻² , -5.6×10 ⁻³]	-5.0×10 ⁻²	[-9.5×10 ⁻² , -5.2×10 ⁻³]	-8.4×10 ⁻² *	[-1.4×10 ⁻¹ , -2.9×10 ⁻²]
FM (kg)	1.3×10 ⁻³	[-4.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 3.1×10 ⁻³]	1.7×10 ⁻³	[-3.1×10 ⁻⁴ , 3.8×10 ⁻³]	3.5×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.5×10 ⁻³ , 2.2×10 ⁻³]	2.0×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.9×10 ⁻³ , 2.3×10 ⁻³]
Current/past smoking	2.2×10 ⁻²	[-1.9×10 ⁻² , 6.3×10 ⁻²]	2.4×10 ⁻²	[-1.7×10 ⁻² , 6.4×10 ⁻²]	1.2×10 ⁻²	[-2.8×10 ⁻² , 5.2×10 ⁻²]	2.7×10 ⁻²	[-2.2×10 ⁻² , 7.7×10 ⁻²]
PAI	2.7×10 ⁻²	[-2.9×10 ⁻² , 8.3×10 ⁻²]	2.8×10 ⁻²	[-2.8×10 ⁻² , 8.4×10 ⁻²]	1.4×10 ⁻²	[-4.3×10 ⁻² , 7.3×10 ⁻²]	8.4×10 ⁻²	[2.0×10 ⁻² , 1.5×10 ⁻¹]
TOC intake (mg/d)	2.1×10 ⁻³	[1.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 4.0×10 ⁻³]	3.2×10 ⁻³	[8.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 5.6×10 ⁻³]	3.3×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.7×10 ⁻³ , 2.4×10 ⁻³]	2.5×10 ⁻³	[2.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 4.7×10 ⁻³]
TOC intake ² (mg/d)	-5.8×10 ⁻⁵	[-2.0×10 ⁻⁴ , 8.3×10 ⁻⁵]	-3.7×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.1×10 ⁻⁴]	-5.4×10 ⁻⁶	[-1.4×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.3×10 ⁻⁴]	-1.2×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 4.9×10 ⁻⁵]
Use of supplements ^c	1.2×10 ⁻¹ ***	[1.0×10 ⁻¹ , 1.4×10 ⁻¹]	1.2×10 ⁻¹ ***	[1.0×10 ⁻¹ , 1.4×10 ⁻¹]			1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[8.7×10 ⁻² , 1.3×10 ⁻¹]
Use of lipid-modifying drugs	1.7×10 ⁻²	[-6.2×10 ⁻³ , 4.0×10 ⁻²]	1.7×10 ⁻²	[-5.7×10 ⁻³ , 4.1×10 ⁻²]	3.8×10 ⁻² *	[1.4×10 ⁻² , 6.3×10 ⁻²]	1.5×10 ⁻²	[-1.0×10 ⁻² , 4.1×10 ⁻²]
Plasma vitamin C (μmol/L)	1.4×10 ⁻³ ***	[9.7×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.9×10 ⁻³]	1.4×10 ⁻³ ***	[8.3×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.0×10 ⁻³]	1.5×10 ⁻³ ***	[1.0×10 ⁻³ , 2.0×10 ⁻³]	1.7×10 ⁻³ ***	[1.2×10 ⁻³ , 2.3×10 ⁻³]
Disease diagnosis ^d	6.5×10 ⁻² *	[2.6×10 ⁻² , 1.0×10 ⁻¹]	6.5×10 ⁻² *	[2.6×10 ⁻² , 1.0×10 ⁻¹]	2.9×10 ⁻²	[-8.1×10 ⁻³ , 6.6×10 ⁻²]	5.4×10 ⁻²	[6.0×10 ⁻³ , 1.0×10 ⁻¹]
Serum cholesterol (mmol/L)	1.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.3×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]	1.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.3×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]	1.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.3×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]	9.9×10 ⁻² ***	[8.9×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]
I (male sex : age)			-2.0×10 ⁻³	[-5.2×10 ⁻³ , 1.2×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : FM)			-1.5×10 ⁻³	[-5.6×10 ⁻³ , 2.4×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : TOC intake)			-1.4×10 ⁻³	[-5.0×10 ⁻³ , 2.2×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : TOC intake)			-7.3×10 ⁻⁵	[-2.7×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.2×10 ⁻⁴]				
I (smoking : TOC intake)			-1.7×10 ⁻³	[-5.1×10 ⁻³ , 1.6×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : plasma vitamin C)			2.6×10 ⁻⁴	[-7.5×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.3×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : plasma vitamin C)			-2.5×10 ⁻⁵	[-8.6×10 ⁻⁵ , 3.7×10 ⁻⁵]				
R ² , marginal / conditional	0.302 / 0.719		0.302 / 0.718		0.312 / 0.724		0.342 / 0.734	

CE, coefficient estimate; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; FM, fat mass; PAI, physical activity index; TOC, α -tocopherol equivalents; I (a : b) denotes the interaction effect for a and b. ^a Results are presented as coefficient estimates and 95% confidence intervals; ^b P values after adjusting for multiple testing; * $p < 0.05$; *** $p < 0.001$; ^c This parameter comprised the use of vitamin E and/or multivitamin supplements; ^d This variable combined the information on the presence of gall bladder/pancreas/chronic liver/inflammatory bowel disease and dyslipidemia.

Supplementary Table 3. Results of linear mixed-effects models for determinants of log plasma α -tocopherol concentrations after excluding model-specific outliers ^{a, b}.

	Model 2 (<i>n</i> = 392, 2743 records)		Model 3 (<i>n</i> = 392, 2746 records)		Model 4 (<i>n</i> = 283, 1749 records)		Model 5 (<i>n</i> = 226, 1986 records)	
	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]
Intercept	3.5×10 ⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁰ , 3.6×10 ⁰]	3.5×10 ⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁰ , 3.6×10 ⁰]	3.5×10 ⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁰ , 3.5×10 ⁰]	3.5×10 ⁰ ***	[3.5×10 ⁰ , 3.6×10 ⁰]
Age (years)	4.4×10 ⁻³ ***	[2.7×10 ⁻³ , 6.0×10 ⁻³]	5.5×10 ⁻³ ***	[3.6×10 ⁻³ , 7.5×10 ⁻³]	5.1×10 ⁻³ ***	[3.5×10 ⁻³ , 6.7×10 ⁻³]	5.7×10 ⁻³ ***	[3.9×10 ⁻³ , 7.4×10 ⁻³]
Age ² (years)	-1.4×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.9×10 ⁻⁴ , 4.2×10 ⁻⁷]	-1.2×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 3.1×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.6×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.2×10 ⁻⁴ , -1.2×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.3×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.1×10 ⁻⁵]
Male sex	-1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[-1.7×10 ⁻¹ , -6.1×10 ⁻²]	-1.1×10 ⁻¹ **	[-1.6×10 ⁻¹ , -5.3×10 ⁻²]	-1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[-1.6×10 ⁻¹ , -5.8×10 ⁻²]	-1.5×10 ⁻¹ ***	[-2.2×10 ⁻¹ , -8.3×10 ⁻²]
FM (kg)	2.9×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.6×10 ⁻³ , 2.1×10 ⁻³]	4.7×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.7×10 ⁻³ , 2.6×10 ⁻³]	4.1×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.6×10 ⁻³ , 2.4×10 ⁻³]	2.7×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.0×10 ⁻³ , 2.5×10 ⁻³]
Current/past smoking	3.9×10 ⁻²	[-7.9×10 ⁻³ , 8.7×10 ⁻²]	4.1×10 ⁻²	[-6.4×10 ⁻³ , 8.8×10 ⁻²]	3.0×10 ⁻²	[-1.8×10 ⁻² , 7.7×10 ⁻²]	5.0×10 ⁻²	[-9.2×10 ⁻³ , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]
PAI	1.9×10 ⁻²	[-3.2×10 ⁻² , 6.9×10 ⁻²]	1.9×10 ⁻²	[-3.2×10 ⁻² , 6.9×10 ⁻²]	4.5×10 ⁻³	[-5.0×10 ⁻² , 5.9×10 ⁻²]	7.6×10 ⁻²	[1.8×10 ⁻² , 1.3×10 ⁻¹]
TOC intake (mg/d)	7.3×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.0×10 ⁻³ , 2.5×10 ⁻³]	1.1×10 ⁻³	[-1.1×10 ⁻³ , 3.2×10 ⁻³]	3.6×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.8×10 ⁻³ , 1.9×10 ⁻³]	7.0×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.3×10 ⁻³ , 2.7×10 ⁻³]
TOC intake ² (mg/d)	-2.7×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.5×10 ⁻⁴ , 9.8×10 ⁻⁵]	3.4×10 ⁻⁷	[-1.3×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.3×10 ⁻⁴]	3.0×10 ⁻⁵	[-9.9×10 ⁻⁵ , 1.6×10 ⁻⁴]	-2.6×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.2×10 ⁻⁴]
Use of supplements ^c	9.6×10 ⁻² ***	[8.0×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]	9.6×10 ⁻² ***	[8.0×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]			9.3×10 ⁻² ***	[7.5×10 ⁻² , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]
Use of lipid-modifying drugs	-5.6×10 ⁻² ***	[-7.7×10 ⁻² , -3.5×10 ⁻²]	-5.6×10 ⁻² ***	[-7.6×10 ⁻² , -3.5×10 ⁻²]	-4.2×10 ⁻² **	[-6.4×10 ⁻² , -1.8×10 ⁻²]	-6.6×10 ⁻² ***	[-8.9×10 ⁻² , -4.3×10 ⁻²]
Plasma vitamin C (μmol/L)	1.6×10 ⁻³ ***	[1.2×10 ⁻³ , 2.1×10 ⁻³]	1.5×10 ⁻³ ***	[9.9×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.0×10 ⁻³]	1.4×10 ⁻³ ***	[9.5×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.9×10 ⁻³]	1.8×10 ⁻³ ***	[1.3×10 ⁻³ , 2.3×10 ⁻³]
Disease diagnosis ^d	1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[6.7×10 ⁻² , 1.6×10 ⁻¹]	1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[6.8×10 ⁻² , 1.6×10 ⁻¹]	8.1×10 ⁻² **	[3.6×10 ⁻² , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]	8.9×10 ⁻² *	[3.1×10 ⁻² , 1.5×10 ⁻¹]
I (male sex : age)			-3.0×10 ⁻³	[-6.4×10 ⁻³ , 3.7×10 ⁻⁴]				
I (male sex : FM)			-1.9×10 ⁻⁴	[-4.4×10 ⁻³ , 3.9×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : TOC intake)			2.9×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.9×10 ⁻³ , 3.5×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : TOC intake)			-1.3×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.1×10 ⁻⁴ , 5.4×10 ⁻⁵]				
I (smoking : TOC intake)			-1.3×10 ⁻³	[-4.4×10 ⁻³ , 1.7×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : plasma vitamin C)			7.2×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.2×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.6×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : plasma vitamin C)			-8.1×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.4×10 ⁻⁴ , -2.1×10 ⁻⁵]				
R ² , marginal / conditional	0.148 / 0.784		0.150 / 0.783		0.127 / 0.777		0.179 / 0.798	

CE, coefficient estimate; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; FM, fat mass; PAI, physical activity index; TOC, α -tocopherol equivalents; I (a : b) denotes the interaction effect for a and b. ^a Data are presented as coefficient estimates and 95% confidence intervals; ^b *P* values after adjusting for multiple testing: * *p* < 0.05; ** *p* < 0.01; *** *p* < 0.001; ^c This parameter comprised the use of vitamin E and/or multivitamin supplements; ^d This variable combined the information on reported diagnoses of gall bladder/pancreas/chronic liver/inflammatory bowel disease and dyslipidemia.

Supplementary Table 4. Results of linear mixed-effects models for determinants of the log α -tocopherol/total cholesterol ratio after excluding model-specific outliers ^{a, b}.

	Model 2 (<i>n</i> = 393, 2748 records)		Model 3 (<i>n</i> = 394, 2751 records)		Model 4 (<i>n</i> = 285, 1760 records)		Model 5 (<i>n</i> = 226, 1982 records)	
	CE	[95% CI]	CE	95% CI	CE	[95% CI]	CE	[95% CI]
Intercept	1.8×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[1.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.8×10 ⁺⁰]	1.8×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[1.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.8×10 ⁺⁰]	1.8×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[1.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.8×10 ⁺⁰]	1.8×10 ⁺⁰ ***	[1.8×10 ⁺⁰ , 1.9×10 ⁺⁰]
Age (years)	9.5×10 ⁻³ ***	[8.1×10 ⁻³ , 1.1×10 ⁻²]	9.9×10 ⁻³ ***	[8.2×10 ⁻³ , 1.2×10 ⁻²]	9.7×10 ⁻³ ***	[8.3×10 ⁻³ , 1.1×10 ⁻²]	1.1×10 ⁻² ***	[9.5×10 ⁻³ , 1.2×10 ⁻²]
Age ² (years)	-1.7×10 ⁻⁴ †	[-3.1×10 ⁻⁴ , -4.0×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.6×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.0×10 ⁻⁴ , -2.5×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.7×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.1×10 ⁻⁴ , -3.4×10 ⁻⁵]	-1.6×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.0×10 ⁻⁴ , -2.0×10 ⁻⁵]
Male sex	-8.0×10 ⁻³	[-5.1×10 ⁻² , 3.5×10 ⁻²]	-5.4×10 ⁻³	[-4.9×10 ⁻² , 3.8×10 ⁻²]	1.6×10 ⁻⁵	[-4.3×10 ⁻² , 4.3×10 ⁻²]	-2.7×10 ⁻²	[-8.0×10 ⁻² , 2.6×10 ⁻²]
FM (kg)	1.2×10 ⁻³	[-4.2×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.8×10 ⁻³]	1.7×10 ⁻³	[-1.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 3.6×10 ⁻³]	6.6×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.0×10 ⁻³ , 2.4×10 ⁻³]	6.1×10 ⁻⁴	[-1.3×10 ⁻³ , 2.6×10 ⁻³]
Current/past smoking	3.8×10 ⁻³	[-3.5×10 ⁻² , 4.2×10 ⁻²]	5.5×10 ⁻³	[-3.3×10 ⁻² , 4.4×10 ⁻²]	-3.8×10 ⁻³	[-4.3×10 ⁻² , 3.5×10 ⁻²]	1.3×10 ⁻²	[-3.5×10 ⁻² , 6.0×10 ⁻²]
PAI	-2.5×10 ⁻³	[-5.1×10 ⁻² , 4.6×10 ⁻²]	-2.4×10 ⁻³	[-5.1×10 ⁻² , 4.6×10 ⁻²]	-6.8×10 ⁻³	[-6.0×10 ⁻² , 4.6×10 ⁻²]	5.2×10 ⁻²	[-3.6×10 ⁻³ , 1.1×10 ⁻¹]
TOC intake (mg/d)	1.2×10 ⁻³	[-5.2×10 ⁻⁴ , 2.9×10 ⁻³]	2.1×10 ⁻³	[5.3×10 ⁻⁵ , 4.2×10 ⁻³]	-1.4×10 ⁻⁴	[-2.0×10 ⁻³ , 1.7×10 ⁻³]	1.8×10 ⁻³	[-1.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 3.7×10 ⁻³]
TOC intake ² (mg/d)	4.2×10 ⁻⁶	[-1.2×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.3×10 ⁻⁴]	1.2×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.1×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.4×10 ⁻⁴]	5.1×10 ⁻⁵	[-7.4×10 ⁻⁵ , 1.7×10 ⁻⁴]	-3.8×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.8×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.1×10 ⁻⁴]
Use of supplements ^c	1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.4×10 ⁻² , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]	1.1×10 ⁻¹ ***	[9.5×10 ⁻² , 1.3×10 ⁻¹]			1.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[8.6×10 ⁻² , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]
Use of lipid-modifying drugs	7.9×10 ⁻² ***	[5.9×10 ⁻² , 9.9×10 ⁻²]	7.9×10 ⁻² ***	[6.0×10 ⁻² , 9.9×10 ⁻²]	1.0×10 ⁻¹ ***	[7.9×10 ⁻² , 1.2×10 ⁻¹]	7.3×10 ⁻² ***	[5.1×10 ⁻² , 9.5×10 ⁻²]
Plasma vitamin C (μmol/L)	1.1×10 ⁻³ ***	[6.4×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.5×10 ⁻³]	1.1×10 ⁻³ ***	[5.7×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.6×10 ⁻³]	1.3×10 ⁻³ ***	[8.6×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.8×10 ⁻³]	1.2×10 ⁻³ ***	[6.9×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.6×10 ⁻³]
Disease diagnosis ^d	2.2×10 ⁻²	[-1.4×10 ⁻² , 5.9×10 ⁻²]	2.2×10 ⁻²	[-1.4×10 ⁻² , 5.8×10 ⁻²]	-2.7×10 ⁻³	[-3.9×10 ⁻² , 3.4×10 ⁻²]	2.1×10 ⁻²	[-2.5×10 ⁻² , 6.7×10 ⁻²]
I (male sex : age)			-1.1×10 ⁻³	[-3.9×10 ⁻³ , 1.8×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : FM)			-1.7×10 ⁻³	[-5.3×10 ⁻³ , 1.9×10 ⁻³]				
I (male sex : TOC intake)			1.4×10 ⁻⁴	[-3.0×10 ⁻³ , 3.3×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : TOC intake)			7.2×10 ⁻⁶	[-1.7×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.8×10 ⁻⁴]				
I (smoking : TOC intake)			-2.4×10 ⁻³	[-5.3×10 ⁻³ , 5.5×10 ⁻⁴]				
I (male sex : plasma vitamin C)			1.7×10 ⁻⁴	[-7.2×10 ⁻⁴ , 1.1×10 ⁻³]				
I (age : plasma vitamin C)			-4.6×10 ⁻⁵	[-1.0×10 ⁻⁴ , 9.0×10 ⁻⁶]				
R ² , marginal / conditional	0.159 / 0.709		0.160 / 0.709		0.165 / 0.704		0.190 / 0.715	

CE, coefficient estimate; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; FM, fat mass; PAI, physical activity index; TOC, α -tocopherol equivalents; I (a : b) denotes the interaction effect for a and b. ^a Results are presented as coefficient estimates and 95% confidence intervals; ^b *P* values after adjusting for multiple testing; [†] *p* < 0.10; *** *p* < 0.001; ^c This parameter comprised the use of vitamin E and/or multivitamin supplements; ^d This variable combined the information on the presence of gall bladder/pancreas/chronic liver/inflammatory bowel disease and dyslipidemia.