

S3 Table. Associations between food biodiversity and total mortality rates from multivariable Cox proportional hazards regression models by sex, EPIC cohort, 1992-2014. EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition.

	N	Per 10-species increment	P-value	Quintiles (Qs) of dietary species richness (DSR)					P-trend
				Q ₁	Q ₂	Q ₃	Q ₄	Q ₅	
Female	319,608								
DSR, species per year				<47	[47 – 62]	[62 – 71]	[71 – 80]	≥80	
All (cases/person-years)		25,211/5,374,647		5,233/1,145,668	5,366/1,040,700	4,978/1,132,122	4,618/1,114,676	5,016/941,482	
Multi-adjusted model - HR (95% CI) ^a		0.93 (0.92-0.94)	<0.001	1.00 (ref)	0.94 (0.90-0.98)	0.87 (0.82-0.91)	0.77 (0.73-0.82)	0.73 (0.68-0.78)	<0.001
Male	131,782								
DSR, species per year				<56	[56 – 67]	[67 – 74]	[74 – 82]	≥82	
All (cases/person-years)		21,416/2,131,834		6,650/515,076	3,883/440,477	2,979/383,975	5,969/523,579	1,935/268,728	
Multi-adjusted model - HR (95% CI) ^a		0.84 (0.83-0.86)	<0.001	1.00 (ref)	0.78 (0.74-0.83)	0.63 (0.59-0.67)	0.58 (0.54-0.62)	0.50 (0.46-0.54)	<0.001

^aMulti-adjusted models were stratified for centre and age at recruitment (1-y intervals, time-scale) and adjusted for baseline alcohol intake (g/day), physical activity (Cambridge index: active; moderately active; moderately inactive; inactive; missing), marital status (single, divorced, separated, or widowed; married or living together; unknown), smoking status and intensity of smoking (current, 1-15 cigarettes/day; current, 16-25 cigarettes/day; current, 26+ cigarettes/day; current, pipe/cigar/occasional; current/former, missing; former, quit 11-20y; former, quit 20+y; former, quit ≤ 10y; never; unknown), educational level [longer education (incl. university degree, technical or professional school); secondary school; primary school completed; not specified], baseline energy intake (kcal/day), baseline fibre intake (g/day), baseline red and processed meat consumption (g/day), and an 18-point Mediterranean diet score [49].

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.