

**Supplementary text 1:** List of 36 named medications on the EPIC-Oxford 10 year follow-up questionnaire.

Alendronate, amlodipine, amitriptyline, aspirin, atenolol, atorvastatin, beclomethasone, bendrofluazide, co-codamol/co-dydramol, contraceptive pill, co-proxamol, diclofenac, digoxin, enalapril, etidronate, frusemide, HRT, ibuprofen, insulin, lisinopril, lithium, Losec/Zoton, metformin, nifedipine, paracetamol, paroxetine, prednisolone, propranolol, Prozac, risedronate, salbutamol, simvastatin, sleeping pills, tamoxifen, thyroxine, warfarin

**Supplementary text 2:** List of 29 named medical conditions asked on the EPIC-Oxford 10 year follow-up questionnaire.

Cancer (type of cancer), blood clot in leg, blood clot in lung or elsewhere, stroke, transient ischaemic attack, angina, heart attack, palpitations/irregular heart beat (cardiac arrhythmia), diabetes, high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, asthma, emphysema/chronic bronchitis, thyroid problem, cataract in eye, stomach or duodenal ulcer, bowel polyps, diverticular disease, Crohn's disease/ulcerative colitis, coeliac disease, osteoporosis, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, depression/anxiety, gallstones, gallbladder removed, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, enlarged prostate (men only)

**Supplementary table 1:** Sensitivity analyses using data from the 5 year follow-up questionnaire or with further adjustment for possible confounders.

Sensitivity analyses / Health behaviour of interest	Meat eaters	Diet group, prevalence ratio (95% CI)		
		Fish eaters	Vegetarians	Vegans
<b>Using data from the 5 year follow-up questionnaire</b>				
Breast screening <sup>1</sup>	1.00 (ref)	0.95 (0.90-1.00)	0.94 (0.89-0.99)	0.77 (0.67-0.89)
Hormone replacement therapy use <sup>1</sup>	1.00 (ref)	0.82 (0.76-0.89)	0.73 (0.67-0.80)	0.52 (0.40-0.68)
<b>Further adjustment for confounders</b>				
Breast screening <sup>2</sup>	1.00 (ref)	0.97 (0.92-1.02)	0.94 (0.89-0.99)	0.83 (0.71-0.96)
Cervical screening <sup>2</sup>	1.00 (ref)	1.00 (0.97-1.03)	0.99 (0.96-1.02)	0.95 (0.99-1.02)
Prostate specific antigen testing <sup>2</sup>	1.00 (ref)	1.00 (0.85-1.17)	0.83 (0.72-0.97)	0.76 (0.53-1.08)
Hormone replacement therapy use <sup>2</sup>	1.00 (ref)	0.81 (0.73-0.88)	0.76 (0.69-0.84)	0.44 (0.31-0.63)
Any medication use <sup>3</sup>	1.00 (ref)	0.92 (0.88-0.97)	0.94 (0.90-0.98)	0.71 (0.63-0.81)

- Adjusted for age at follow-up (<40, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, ≥75 years, as appropriate according to the age range of included participants), region of residence (eight regions), and self-reported current health (excellent, good, fair, poor, unknown).
- Adjusted for age at follow-up (<40, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, ≥75 years, as appropriate according to the age range of included participants), region of residence (eight regions), self-reported current health (excellent, good, fair, poor, unknown), smoking status (never, former, current, unknown), alcohol consumption (<1 g/day, 1-7 g/day, 8-15 g/day, ≥16 g/day), Townsend index of area-level deprivation (quartiles and unknown), and education level (no qualifications, basic secondary e.g. O level, higher secondary e.g. A level, degree, unknown).
- Adjusted for the cross-classification of sex and age at follow-up (<40, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, ≥75 years), region of residence (eight regions), self-reported current health (excellent, good, fair, poor, unknown), number of self-reported illnesses or conditions (0, 1, 2, 3, ≥4), smoking status (never, former, current, unknown), alcohol consumption (<1 g/day, 1-7 g/day, 8-15 g/day, ≥16 g/day), Townsend index of area-level deprivation (quartiles and unknown), and education level (no qualifications, basic secondary e.g. O level, higher secondary e.g. A level, degree, unknown).