

**Appendix I: Characteristics of participants who consented (n=30,445) and refused (n=43,452)  
to take part in the EPIC-Norfolk cohort study**

<b>Percentage (number)</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Consented</b>	<b>Did not consent</b>
<b>Age</b>		
<50	27.5 (8366)	33.7 (14647)
50-60	30.3 (9230)	29.5 (12819)
60-70	32.5 (9879)	27.4 (11898)
>70	9.8 (2970)	9.4 (4088)
<b>Sex</b>		
Female	55.0 (16744)	49.0 (21296)
Male	45.0 (13701)	51.0 (22156)