

**Supplementary Table 1. Beta coefficients and variables applied in computing the predicted pro-inflammatory hs-CRP score**

Sex-combined predicted pro-inflammatory hs-CRP score

$-5.32542 + (0.00086794 \times \text{alcohol intake} - g/d) + (0.00147 \times \text{breakfast cereals/mixed grain powder} - g/d) + (0.00034682 \times \text{noodles/dumplings} - g/d) + (-0.00068621 \times \text{sweet bread} - g/d) + (-0.00419 \times \text{fermented soy} - g/d) + (0.00118 \times \text{potatoes} - g/d) + (-0.00102 \times \text{sweet potatoes} - g/d) + (0.00107 \times \text{beef} - g/d) + (0.00026705 \times \text{carbonated beverages} - g/d) + (-0.0000707 \times \text{fruits} - g/d) + (-0.05857 \times <840 \text{ MET-minutes/week}') + (-0.07066 \times \geq 840 \text{ MET-minutes/week}') + (0.0158 \times \text{age in years}) + (0.07734 \times \text{BMI in kg/m}^2) + (0.07867 \times \text{past smoker}) + (0.25468 \times \text{current smoker})$ .

Male-specific predicted pro-inflammatory hs-CRP score

$-5.15695 + (0.13603 \times \text{niacin} - mg/d) + (0.00035666 \times \text{noodles/dumplings} - g/d) + (0.01128 \times \text{age in years}) + (0.07065 \times \text{BMI in kg/m}^2) + (0.03702 \times \text{past smoker}) + (0.19895 \times \text{current smoker}) + (-0.00546 \times \text{fermented soy} - g/d) + (-0.00168 \times \text{sweet potatoes} - g/d) + (-0.12832 \times <840 \text{ MET-minutes/week}') + (-0.10018 \times \geq 840 \text{ MET-minutes/week}')$ .

Female-specific predicted pro-inflammatory hs-CRP score

$-5.36083 + (0.00091035 \times \text{beef} - g/d) + (0.0028 \times \text{processed fish} - g/d) + (0.014 \times \text{age in years}) + (0.07817 \times \text{BMI in kg/m}^2) + (0.1514 \times \text{past smoker}) + (0.13595 \times \text{current smoker}) + (0.05869 \times \text{perimenopausal}) + (0.15763 \times \text{postmenopausal}) + (-0.00333 \times \text{fermented soy} - g/d) + (-0.00101 \times \text{sweet bread} - g/d) + (-0.00067506 \times \text{fish} - g/d) + (-0.0659 \times \text{middle school}) + (-0.02558 \times \text{high school}) + (0.02473 \times \text{University or above})$ .

hs-CRP, high sensitivity C-reactive protein; MET, metabolic equivalent task; BMI, body mass index.