

**S4 Table.** Methodological quality of studies in the final analysis based on the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale mortality

Study	Country	Cohort	Follow-up period	S1	S2	S3	S4	C	O1	O2	O3	Total
1988 Garfinkel [122]	US	American Cancer Society's study	1959-1972	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	7
1990 Boffetta [124]	US	American Cancer Society	1959-1972	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	7
1995 Fuchs [134]	US	Nurses' Health Study	1980-1992	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	6
1997 Camargo [127]	US	Physicians' Health Study	1981-1993	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	6
1997 Thun [128]	US	Cancer Prevention Study II	1982-1991	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	8
2000 Gaziano [130]	US	Physicians' Health Study	1982-1990	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	6
2000 Jain [135]	Canada	National Breast Screening Study (NBSS)	1980-1993	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	7
2005 Sakata [125]	Japan	JACC Study	1988-1994	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	7
2008 Yagyu [132]	Japan	Japan Collaborative Cohort Study	1988-2003	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	7
2009 Thun [133]	US	Cancer Prevention Study II	1982-2006	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	7
2010 Kim [123]	Korea	Korea National Health Insurance Corporation	2000-2005	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	7

2011 Breslow [129]	US	National Health Interview Survey	1988-2006	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	7
2011 Gapstur [131]	US	Cancer Prevention Study II	1982-2006	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	8
2013 Shen [126]	HongKong	18 Elderly Health Centres of the Hong Kong Government Department of Health	1998-2012	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	7

Refer to the following link for more information: [http://www.ohri.ca/programs/clinical\\_epidemiology/oxford.asp](http://www.ohri.ca/programs/clinical_epidemiology/oxford.asp). S, selection; C, comparability; O, Outcome.

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