

Supplementary Table 1. Mean (SD) number of meals and snacks by number of eating occasions

| Number of eating occasions | n | Large meals | | Small meals | | Snacks | |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
| | | Mean | SD | Mean | SD | Mean | SD |
| Men (n=1,273) | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 | 79 | 0.97 | (0.62) | 0.66 | (0.62) | 0.27 | (0.44) |
| 3 | 309 | 1.18 | (0.64) | 1.28 | (0.76) | 0.54 | (0.66) |
| 4 | 347 | 1.18 | (0.64) | 1.57 | (0.86) | 1.25 | (0.67) |
| 5 | 281 | 1.27 | (0.69) | 1.70 | (0.92) | 2.03 | (0.74) |
| 6 | 169 | 1.37 | (0.82) | 1.78 | (1.02) | 2.85 | (0.94) |
| 7+ | 88 | 1.13 | (0.74) | 2.23 | (1.11) | 4.31 | (1.58) |
| <i>Linear trend</i> | | | <i>P=0.043</i> | | <i>P<0.001</i> | | <i>P<0.001</i> |
| Women (n= 1,502) | | | | | | | |
| 1-2 | 52 | 0.63 | (0.66) | 0.88 | (0.70) | 0.33 | (0.51) |
| 3 | 230 | 0.90 | (0.63) | 1.46 | (0.76) | 0.65 | (0.69) |
| 4 | 358 | 0.92 | (0.57) | 1.66 | (0.74) | 1.42 | (0.63) |
| 5 | 435 | 0.97 | (0.58) | 1.86 | (0.72) | 2.17 | (0.56) |
| 6 | 303 | 0.99 | (0.60) | 1.94 | (0.81) | 3.07 | (0.53) |
| 7+ | 124 | 0.93 | (0.68) | 2.15 | (0.83) | 4.36 | (1.01) |
| <i>Linear trend</i> | | | <i>P=0.011</i> | | <i>P<0.001</i> | | <i>P<0.001</i> |