

**Supplementary Table 1.** Elderly Dietary Index scoring criteria

<b>Elderly Dietary Index Scoring</b>					
<b>Component</b>	<b>Score = 1</b>	<b>Score = 2</b>	<b>Score = 3</b>	<b>Score = 4</b>	<b>Number of line items from the Food Frequency Questionnaire used to compute each component</b>
Meat	≥3 days/week	Never/rarely	<1 day/week	1-2 days/week	9
Fish/Seafood	Never/rarely	<1 day/week	≥3 days/week	1-2 days/week	3
Legumes	Never/rarely	<1 day/week	≥3 days/week	1-2 days/week	1
Fruit	<1 day/week	1-2 days/week	3-6 days/week	Daily	2
Vegetables	<1 day/week	1-2 days/week	3-6 days/week	Daily	2
Cereals	<1 day/week	1-2 days/week	3-6 days/week	Daily	8
Bread	None	White	White and whole grain	Whole grain	3
Olive oil <sup>a</sup>	Never/Rarely	Tertile 1 of intake	Tertile 2 of intake	Tertile 3 of intake	1
Dairy	Full-fat milk and full-fat cheese	Semi-skimmed milk and full-fat cheese / full-fat milk and low-fat cheese	Skimmed milk and full-fat cheese	Skimmed/Semi-skimmed milk and low-fat cheese	3

<sup>a</sup>The frequency of olive oil consumption was not available so the scoring of this component was modified from the original score used (1 = <1 day/week; 2 = 1-2 days/week; 3 = 3-6 days/week; 4 = daily) to the quantity of weekly consumption (never/rarely consumed and tertiles of weekly consumption).