| No. of high-variability (Q4) components <sup>a</sup> | No. of events | Incidence rate <sup>b</sup> | Age-sex adjusted model,<br>aHR (95% Cl) | Multivariable model <sup>c</sup> ,<br>aHR (95% Cl) |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|---|--|
| All-cause mortality                                  |               |                             |   |  |
| 0  | 50,671        | 2.48                        | 1 (Reference)                           | 1 (Reference)                                      |
| 1  | 82,176        | 3.51                        | 1.26 (1.25-1.28)                        | 1.21 (1.19-1.22)                                   |
| 2  | 61,082        | 5.02                        | 1.60 (1.58-1.62)                        | 1.46 (1.44-1.48)                                   |
| 3  | 25,032        | 7.40                        | 2.08 (2.05-2.11)                        | 1.80 (1.77-1.83)                                   |
| 4  | 4,570         | 10.89                       | 2.69 (2.61-2.78)                        | 2.21 (2.14-2.28)                                   |
| Myocardial infarction                                |               |                             |   |  |
| 0  | 29,748        | 1.46                        | 1 (Reference)                           | 1 (Reference)                                      |
| 1  | 40,811        | 1.75                        | 1.13 (1.11-1.15)                        | 1.07 (1.06-1.09)                                   |
| 2  | 26,114        | 2.16                        | 1.30 (1.28-1.32)                        | 1.18 (1.16-1.20)                                   |
| 3  | 9,026         | 2.68                        | 1.51 (1.47-1.54)                        | 1.30 (1.27-1.33)                                   |
| 4  | 1,441         | 3.46                        | 1.80 (1.71-1.90)                        | 1.49 (1.42-1.57)                                   |
| Stroke   |               |                             |   |  |
| 0  | 30,764        | 1.51                        | 1 (Reference)                           | 1 (Reference)                                      |
| 1  | 44,248        | 1.90                        | 1.13 (1.12-1.15)                        | 1.08 (1.07-1.10)                                   |
| 2  | 29,159        | 2.41                        | 1.29 (1.27-1.31)                        | 1.18 (1.16-1.20)                                   |
| 3  | 10,363        | 3.09                        | 1.49 (1.45-1.52)                        | 1.30 (1.27-1.33)                                   |
| 4  | 1,648         | 3.97                        | 1.71 (1.63-1.80)                        | 1.43 (1.36-1.51)                                   |
|  |               |                             |   |  |

Supplementary Table 2. HRs and 95% CIs of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction, and stroke according to the number of high-variability (Q4) metabolic parameters

aHR, adjusted hazard ratio, CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.

<sup>a</sup>The number of high-variability components was calculated by summing the presence of high variability (Q4) in a metabolic parameter from each metabolic syndrome domain (body mass index [BMI], fasting blood glucose, systolic blood pressure, and total cholesterol). <sup>b</sup>Incidence rate (/1,000 person-years). <sup>c</sup>The multivariable model was adjusted for age, sex, low-income status, current smoking, alcohol consumption, regular physical activity, history of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and BMI.