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**Supplementary Table 1.** Associations between different dietary iron intakes (mg/d) and serum iron ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ) using linear regression presented as beta coefficients (95% CI) (n = 522)

<b>Iron intake</b>	<b>As continuous variable</b>
<b>Total iron<sup>a</sup></b>	
Model 1	0.04 (-0.02, 0.09) P = .20
Model 2	0.01 (-0.05, 0.07) P = .69
Model 3	
Without haemoglobin	0.02 (-0.04, 0.08) P = .60
With haemoglobin	0.02 (-0.04, 0.08) P = .53
<b>Haem iron<sup>b</sup></b>	
Model 1	-0.25 (-0.77, 0.26) P = .33
Model 2	-0.43 (-1.07, 0.22) P = .19
Model 3	
Without haemoglobin	-0.48 (-1.14, 0.19) P = .16
With haemoglobin	-0.57 (-1.19, 0.06) P = .074
<b>Non-haem iron<sup>c</sup></b>	
Model 1	0.01 (-0.10, 0.13) P = .83
Model 2	-0.08 (-0.23, 0.07) P = .29
Model 3	
Without haemoglobin	-0.08 (-0.24, 0.08) P = .33
With haemoglobin	-0.03 (-0.18, 0.12) P = .73

*Notes:* Model 1 unadjusted (n = 522); Model 2 adjusted by sociodemographic and lifestyle factors (age (continuous), BMI (continuous), country of birth (Australia v. Greece/Italy v. other), marital status (married/de facto v. not married/divorced/separated/widowed/never married/other), age pension (only v. other), alcohol consumption (non-drinker v. ex-drinker v. safe drinker v. harmful drinker), smoking status (non-smoker v. ex-smoker v. current smoker), PASE (continuous), energy intake (continuous), Mediterranean diet score (continuous), number of serves of fruits (continuous), vegetables (continuous), grains (continuous), meat/alternatives (continuous), dairy/alternatives (continuous), and iron and/or multivitamin

supplement use (yes v. no)) (n = 509); Model 3 adjusted by Model 2 plus health (number of medications (continuous), frailty status (robust v. pre-frail v. frail), number of comorbidities (continuous) and IL-6 (continuous)) without haemoglobin (n = 476) and with haemoglobin (continuous) (n = 474)

**Supplementary Table 2.** Associations between different dietary iron intakes and haemoglobin using linear regression presented as beta coefficients (95% CI) (n = 523)

<b>Iron intake</b>	<b>As continuous variable</b>
<b>Total iron<sup>a</sup></b>	
Model 1	-0.01 (-0.15, 0.12) P = .84
Model 2	0.00 (-0.14, 0.15) P = .96
Model 3	0.00 (-0.14, 0.14) P = .97
<b>Haem iron<sup>b</sup></b>	
Model 1	0.70 (-0.56, 1.96) P = .27
Model 2	0.72 (-0.82, 2.26) P = .36
Model 3	0.64 (-0.90, 2.17) P = .82
<b>Non-haem iron<sup>c</sup></b>	
Model 1	-0.13 (-0.41, 0.15) P = .37
Model 2	-0.26 (-0.62, 0.10) P = .16
Model 3	-0.28 (-0.64, 0.08) P = .13

*Notes:* Model 1 unadjusted (n = 523 for total); Model 2 adjusted by sociodemographic and lifestyle factors (age (continuous), BMI (continuous), country of birth (Australia v. Greece/Italy v. other), marital status (married/de facto v. not married/divorced/separated/widowed/never married/other), age pension (only v. other), alcohol consumption (non-drinker v. ex-drinker v. safe drinker v. harmful drinker), smoking status (non-smoker v. ex-smoker v. current smoker), PASE (continuous), energy intake (continuous), Mediterranean diet score (continuous), number of serves of fruits (continuous), vegetables (continuous), grains (continuous), meat/alternatives (continuous), dairy/alternatives (continuous), and iron and/or multivitamin supplement use (yes v. no)) (n = 509); Model 3 adjusted by Model 2 plus health (number of medications (continuous), frailty status (robust v. pre-frail v. frail), number of comorbidities (continuous) and IL-6 (continuous)) (n = 475 for total)

**Supplementary Table 3.** Number (%) of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE) and individual endpoints of MACE events stratified by tertiles of iron intakes (n = 539)

<b>Iron intake</b>	Bottom tertile	Middle tertile	Top tertile
<b>Total iron<sup>a</sup></b>	≤11.26mg/d	11.27-14.75mg/d	≥14.76mg/d
Five-point MACE	63 (35.0)	51 (28.3)	54 (30.2)
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality	38 (39.6)	30 (31.3)	28 (29.2)
All-cause mortality	41 (22.8)	32 (17.8)	38 (21.2)
Myocardial infarction	6 (3.3)	6 (3.3)	8 (4.5)
Congestive cardiac failure	24 (13.3)	20 (11.1)	17 (9.5)
Ischaemic stroke	8 (4.4)	4 (2.2)	5 (2.8)
Coronary revascularisation	3 (1.7)	7 (3.9)	5 (2.8)
<b>Haem iron<sup>b</sup></b>	≤1.40mg/d	1.41-2.10mg/d	≥2.11mg/d
Five-point MACE	56 (31.1)	59 (32.8)	53 (29.6)
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality	31 (32.3)	33 (34.4)	32 (33.3)
All-cause mortality	35 (19.4)	40 (22.2)	36 (20.1)
Myocardial infarction	9 (5.0)	7 (3.9)	4 (2.2)
Congestive cardiac failure	16 (8.9)	25 (13.9)	20 (11.2)
Ischaemic stroke	7 (3.9)	5 (2.8)	5 (2.8)
Coronary revascularisation	3 (1.7)	3 (1.7)	9 (5.0)
<b>Non-haem iron<sup>c</sup></b>	≤9.42mg/d	9.43-12.77mg/d	≥12.78mg/d
Five-point MACE	64 (35.6)	47 (26.1)	57 (31.8)
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality	39 (40.6)	29 (30.2)	28 (29.2)
All-cause mortality	42 (23.3)	29 (16.1)	40 (22.3)
Myocardial infarction	6 (3.3)	7 (3.9)	7 (3.9)
Congestive cardiac failure	24 (13.3)	21 (11.7)	16 (8.9)
Ischaemic stroke	8 (4.4)	4 (2.2)	5 (2.8)
Coronary revascularisation	6 (3.3)	3 (1.7)	6 (3.4)

<sup>a</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 11.26$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 9.59 (8.24, 10.41); middle tertile 11.27-14.75mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 12.71 (11.92, 13.66); top tertile  $\geq 14.76$ mg/d, n = 179 with median (IQR) 17.64 (15.98, 20.13)

<sup>b</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 1.40$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 1.00 (0.75, 1.21); middle tertile 1.41-2.10mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 1.74 (1.58, 1.92); top tertile  $\geq 2.11$ mg/d, n = 179 with median (IQR) 2.65 (2.38, 3.14)

<sup>c</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 9.42$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 7.93 (6.72, 8.75); middle tertile 9.43-12.77mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 10.86 (10.15, 11.62); top tertile  $\geq 12.78$ mg/d, n = 179, with median (IQR) 15.30 (13.81, 17.55)

**Supplementary Table 4.** Predictors of five-point MACE in univariate analysis unadjusted using Cox regression presented as hazard ratios (95% CI) (n=539)

<b>Risk factor</b>	<b>Hazard ratios (95% CI)</b>
Age	1.11 (1.08, 1.14) P < .001
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ) (n = 533)	0.96 (0.92, 0.99) P = .012
Country of birth	
Australia (reference)	1
Greece/ Italy	0.68 (0.46, 1.02) P = .061
Other	0.88 (0.61, 1.28) P = .51
Source of income (n = 538)	
Age Pension only	1
Other	0.78 (0.57, 1.05) P = .11
Energy intake	1.00 (1.00,1.00) P = .61
Vegetables	0.93 (0.86, 1.01) P = .067
Fruit	0.94 (0.84, 1.05) P = .25
Meat/alternatives	0.81 (0.71, 0.93) P = .002
Grains	0.93 (0.86, 1.00) P = .040
Medication use	
Neither NSAID, anticoagulant, antiplatelet, PPI and/or H2RA (reference)	1
NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet only	1.32 (0.92, 1.90) P = .14
PPI and/or H2RA only	1.23 (0.76, 2.00) P = .40
NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet with PPI and/or H2RA	1.76 (1.12, 2.76) P = .013
Haemoglobin (g/L) (n = 523)	0.98 (0.97, 0.99) P < .001
Anaemia (n = 523) (Haemoglobin<130g/L)	
No (reference)	1
Yes	1.65 (1.13, 2.41) P = .009
Frailty status (n = 534)	
Robust (reference)	1
Pre-frail	1.59 (1.14, 2.20) P = .006
Frail	5.47 (3.19, 9.38) P < .001



Chronic Kidney Disease (eGFR

<60mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>) (n = 525)

No (reference) 1

Yes 1.50 (1.10, 2.06) P = .011

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**Supplementary Table 5.** Associations between dietary iron intakes and individual endpoints of MACE using Cox regression presented as hazard ratios (95% CI) (n = 539)

<b>Iron intake</b>	Bottom tertile (reference category)	Middle tertile	Top tertile	As continuous variable
<b>Total iron<sup>a</sup></b>	≤11.26mg/d	11.27-14.75mg/d	≥14.76mg/d	+1mg/d
<b>All-cause mortality</b>				
Model 1	1	0.68 (0.43, 1.08) P = .10	0.81 (0.52, 1.26) P = .36	1.01 (0.99, 1.03) P = .24
Model 2	1	0.63 (0.38, 1.04) P = .071	0.63 (0.35, 1.13) P = .12	1.00 (0.98, 1.02) P = .86
Model 3	1	0.63 (0.37, 1.06) P = .084	0.63 (0.35, 1.13) P = .12	1.00 (0.98, 1.02) P = .83
<b>Congestive cardiac failure</b>				
Model 1	1	0.75 (0.41, 1.36) P = .34	0.64 (0.34, 1.19) P = .16	0.99 (0.95, 1.03) P = .62
Model 2	1	1.02 (0.52, 2.00) P = .95	1.06 (0.47, 2.39) P = .88	1.00 (0.97, 1.03) P = .99
Model 3	1	1.11 (0.56, 2.21) P = .77	0.99 (0.43, 2.25) P = .98	1.00 (0.96, 1.03) P = 1.00
<b>Coronary revascularisation</b>				
Model 1	1	2.09 (0.54, 8.11) P = .29	1.54 (0.37, 6.47) P = .56	1.00 (0.94, 1.06) P = .99
Model 2	1	2.56 (0.63, 10.47) P = .19	1.70 (0.30, 9.85) P = .55	1.00 (0.93, 1.08) P = .97
Model 3 <sup>†</sup>	1	2.44 (0.59, 10.15) P = .22	1.66 (0.28, 9.69) P = .58	1.00 (0.92, 1.08) P = .98

**Myocardial  
infarction**

Model 1	1	0.88 (0.28, 2.73) P = .82	1.15 (0.40, 3.34) P = .79	1.01 (0.97, 1.05) P = .59
Model 2	1	1.26 (0.37, 4.30) P = .72	1.76 (0.45, 6.80) P = .42	1.00 (0.96, 1.05) P = .84
Model 3 <sup>#</sup>	1	1.55 (0.40, 5.98) P = .52	2.20 (0.49, 9.87) P = .31	1.01 (0.97, 1.06) P = .67

**Ischaemic stroke**

Model 1	1	0.45 (0.14, 1.51) P = .20	0.57 (0.19, 1.75) P = .33	0.99 (0.93, 1.06) P = .85
Model 2	1	0.61 (0.17, 2.23) P = .45	0.94 (0.22, 4.13) P = .94	1.01 (0.96, 1.06) P = .71
Model 3	1	0.59 (0.16, 2.22) P = .43	0.78 (0.17, 3.56) P = .74	1.01 (0.95, 1.06) P = .83

Haem iron <sup>b</sup>	≤1.40mg/d	1.41-2.10mg/d	≥2.11mg/d	+1mg/d
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**All-cause  
mortality**

Model 1	1	1.16 (0.74, 1.83) P = .52	1.03 (0.65, 1.64) P = .90	1.11 (0.93, 1.33) P = .23
Model 2	1	1.39 (0.83, 2.33) P = .22	1.49 (0.82, 2.71) P = .19	1.50 (1.14, 1.97) P = .004
Model 3	1	1.56 (0.91, 2.67) P = .10	1.60 (0.87, 2.95) P = .13	1.51 (1.15, 1.99) P = .003

**Congestive  
cardiac failure**

Model 1	1	1.61 (0.86, 3.01) P = .14	1.25 (0.65, 2.41) P = .51	1.14 (0.89, 1.47) P = .30
Model 2	1	2.70 (1.32, 5.55) P = .007	2.92 (1.27, 6.76) P = .012	2.01 (1.41, 2.87) P < .001
Model 3	1	3.10 (1.43, 6.73) P = .004	3.07 (1.28, 7.35) P = .012	2.08 (1.45, 2.98) P < .001

**Coronary****revascularisation**

Model 1	1	0.99 (0.20, 4.89) P = .99	3.04 (0.82, 11.22) P = .096	1.88 (1.30, 2.72) P = .001
Model 2	1	0.68 (0.13, 3.56) P = .65	2.11 (0.49, 9.16) P = .32	1.98 (1.20, 3.26) P = .007
Model 3 <sup>†</sup>	1	0.70 (0.13, 3.81) P = .68	2.13 (0.49, 9.36) P = .32	1.89 (1.15, 3.10) P = .012

**Myocardial****infarction**

Model 1	1	0.78 (0.29, 2.11) P = .63	0.44 (0.14, 1.43) P = .17	0.78 (0.46, 1.32) P = .35
Model 2	1	0.90 (0.30, 2.71) P = .85	0.58 (0.15, 2.35) P = .45	1.01 (0.51, 1.98) P = .98
Model 3 <sup>#</sup>	1	0.89 (0.27, 2.95) P = .85	0.58 (0.12, 2.81) P = .50	1.09 (0.56, 2.14) P = .80

**Ischaemic stroke**

Model 1	1	0.71 (0.23, 2.25) P = .56	0.72 (0.23, 2.25) P = .57	0.90 (0.53, 1.55) P = .70
Model 2	1	0.69 (0.20, 2.44) P = .57	0.83 (0.21, 3.34) P = .79	1.08 (0.53, 2.21) P = .84
Model 3	1	0.67 (0.19, 2.35) P = .53	0.81 (0.20, 3.31) P = .76	1.06 (0.53, 2.13) P = .87

Non-haem iron <sup>c</sup>	≤9.42mg/d	9.43-12.77mg/d	≥12.78mg/d	+1mg/d
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**All-cause****mortality**

Model 1	1	0.60 (0.38, 0.97) P = .037	0.84 (0.54, 1.29) P = .42	0.99 (0.95, 1.03) P = .57
Model 2	1	0.54 (0.32, 0.90) P = .018	0.65 (0.36, 1.17) P = .15	0.95 (0.89, 1.01) P = .12
Model 3	1	0.56 (0.33, 0.96) P = .035	0.65 (0.35, 1.18) P = .16	0.94 (0.88, 1.00) P = .055

**Congestive  
cardiac failure**

Model 1	1	0.79 (0.44, 1.43) P = .44	0.60 (0.32, 1.13) P = .11	0.97 (0.90, 1.03) P = .31
Model 2	1	1.02 (0.53, 1.99) P = .94	0.86 (0.37, 1.99) P = .73	1.02 (0.94, 1.10) P = .68
Model 3	1	1.11 (0.56, 2.21) P = .77	0.84 (0.35, 1.99) P = .69	1.00 (0.92, 1.08) P = .95

**Coronary  
revascularisation**

Model 1	1	0.44 (0.11, 1.76) P = .24	0.91 (0.29, 2.84) P = .87	1.00 (0.88, 1.13) P = .99
Model 2	1	0.53 (0.12, 2.27) P = .39	0.94 (0.21, 4.24) P = .93	1.00 (0.84, 1.19) P = .99
Model 3 <sup>†</sup>	1	0.45 (0.10, 1.97) P = .29	0.84 (0.18, 3.98) P = .82	1.00 (0.83, 1.20) P = .97

**Myocardial  
infarction**

Model 1	1	1.03 (0.34, 3.06) P = .96	1.01 (0.34, 3.01) P = .99	1.03 (0.95, 1.13) P = .45
Model 2	1	1.28 (0.40, 4.12) P = .68	1.31 (0.32, 5.40) P = .71	1.03 (0.94, 1.13) P = .56
Model 3 <sup>#</sup>	1	1.52 (0.43, 5.36) P = .52	1.48 (0.32, 6.90) P = .62	1.04 (0.93, 1.15) P = .52

**Ischaemic stroke**

Model 1	1	0.46 (0.14, 1.53) P = .20	0.57 (0.19, 1.76) P = .33	0.93 (0.81, 1.06) P = .28
Model 2	1	0.62 (0.17, 2.30) P = .48	0.95 (0.21, 4.25) P = .94	0.99 (0.83, 1.18) P = .92
Model 3	1	0.65 (0.17, 2.47) P = .53	0.93 (0.18, 3.85) P = .82	0.96 (0.81, 1.14) P = .65

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*Notes:* Model 1 unadjusted (n = 539 for total, 111 all-cause mortality, 15 coronary revascularisation, 61 congestive cardiac failure, 20 myocardial infarction, and 17 stroke); Model 2 adjusted by age (continuous), BMI (continuous), country of birth (Australia v. Greece/Italy v. other), age pension (only v. other), energy intake (continuous), number of serves of vegetables (continuous), fruit (continuous), meat/alternatives (continuous), grains (continuous) (n = 532 for total, 108 all-cause mortality, 60 congestive cardiac failure, 15 coronary revascularisation, 20 myocardial infarction, and 17 stroke); Model 3 adjusted by Model 2 plus NSAID, anticoagulant, antiplatelet and/or PPI or H2RA use (NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet only v. PPI and/or H2RA only v. NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet with PPI and/or H2RA v. neither NSAID, antiplatelet, anticoagulant, PPI or H2RA), haemoglobin (continuous), frailty status (robust v. pre-frail v. frail), and CKD (yes v. no) (n = 516 for total, 106 all-cause mortality, 57 congestive cardiac failure, and 17 stroke).

<sup>†</sup>Due to small numbers frailty status could not be included as covariates for coronary revascularisation. Model 3 (n = 516 for total and 15 coronary revascularisation).

<sup>#</sup>Due to small numbers NSAID, anticoagulant, antiplatelet, PPI and/or H2RA use could not be included as a covariate for myocardial infarction. Model 3 (n = 516 for total and 18 myocardial infarction).

<sup>a</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 11.26$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 9.59 (8.24, 10.41); middle tertile 11.27-14.75mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 12.71 (11.92, 13.66); top tertile  $\geq 14.76$ mg/d, n = 179 with median (IQR) 17.64 (15.98, 20.13)

<sup>b</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 1.40$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 1.00 (0.75, 1.21); middle tertile 1.41-2.10mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 1.74 (1.58, 1.92); top tertile  $\geq 2.11$ mg/d, n = 179 with median (IQR) 2.65 (2.38, 3.14)

<sup>c</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 9.42$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 7.93 (6.72, 8.75); middle tertile 9.43-12.77mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 10.86 (10.15, 11.62); top tertile  $\geq 12.78$ mg/d, n = 179, with median (IQR) 15.30 (13.81, 17.55)

**Supplementary Table 6.** Associations between dietary iron intakes, MACE and individual endpoints using Cox regression further adjusted with food subgroup intakes presented as hazard ratios (95% CI) (n = 516)

<b>Iron intake</b>	Bottom tertile (reference category)	Middle tertile	Top tertile	As continuous variable
<b>Total iron<sup>a</sup></b>	≤11.26mg/d	11.27-14.75mg/d	≥14.76mg/d	+1mg/d
Five-point MACE	1	0.79 (0.52, 1.20) P = .27	0.82 (0.50, 1.34) P = .43	1.00 (0.99, 1.02) P = .74
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality		0.97 (0.56, 1.67) P = .90	1.09 (0.57, 2.09) P = .80	1.00 (0.97, 1.02) P = .93
All-cause mortality	1	0.61 (0.36, 1.03) P = .065	0.63 (0.34, 1.17) P = .14	1.00 (0.98, 1.02) P = .99
Congestive cardiac failure	1	1.08 (0.54, 2.15) P = .83	1.07 (0.46, 2.50) P = .87	0.99 (0.96, 1.02) P = .59
Coronary revascularisation <sup>†</sup>	1	1.78 (0.42, 7.62) P = .43	1.37 (0.23, 8.29) P = .73	1.00 (0.91, 1.09) P = .96
Myocardial infarction <sup>#</sup>	1	1.42 (0.36, 5.54) P = .62	2.27 (0.47, 10.88) P = .31	1.01 (0.97, 1.05) P = .71
Ischaemic stroke	1	0.57 (0.15, 2.18) P = .42	0.81 (0.17, 3.82) P = .79	1.00 (0.94, 1.06) P = .95
<b>Haem iron<sup>b</sup></b>	≤1.40mg/d	1.41-2.10mg/d	≥2.11mg/d	+1mg/d
Five-point MACE	1	1.20 (0.75, 1.91) P = .45	1.09 (0.60, 2.00) P = .78	1.42 (1.05, 1.91) P = .024
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality		1.17 (0.63, 2.18) P = .62	1.14 (0.51, 2.53) P = .75	1.53 (1.08, 2.17) P = .016
All-cause mortality	1	1.35 (0.75, 2.40) P = .32	1.22 (0.58, 2.56) P = .61	1.51 (1.03, 2.22) P = .036



Congestive cardiac failure	1	2.88 (1.26, 6.60) P = .013	2.66 (0.92, 7.66) P = .070	2.10 (1.40, 3.16) P < .001
Coronary revascularisation <sup>†</sup>	1	0.59 (0.10, 3.49) P = .56	1.34 (0.20, 8.91) P = .76	2.80 (1.18, 6.60) P = .019
Myocardial infarction <sup>#</sup>	1	0.43 (0.11, 1.68) P = .22	0.14 (0.01, 1.28) P = .081	0.58 (0.19, 1.75) P = .34
Ischaemic stroke	1	0.47 (0.12, 1.89) P = .29	0.41 (0.06, 2.67) P = .35	0.72 (0.24, 2.13) P = .55
Non-haem iron <sup>c</sup>		≤9.42mg/d	9.43-12.77mg/d	≥12.78mg/d
		+1mg/d		
Five-point MACE	1	0.75 (0.49, 1.15) P = .19	0.91 (0.55, 1.50) P = .71	0.98 (0.94, 1.03) P = .40
Four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality		0.98 (0.56, 1.70) P = .94	1.12 (0.57, 2.22) P = .75	1.02 (0.96, 1.08) P = .60
All-cause mortality	1	0.57 (0.33, 0.98) P = .043	0.70 (0.37, 1.33) P = .28	0.94 (0.88, 1.01) P = .071
Congestive cardiac failure	1	1.24 (0.62, 2.49) P = .54	1.01 (0.41, 2.49) P = .99	1.01 (0.93, 1.09) P = .90
Coronary revascularisation <sup>†</sup>	1	0.54 (0.12, 2.47) P = .43	1.16 (0.23, 5.89) P = .86	1.01 (0.84, 1.23) P = .90
Myocardial infarction <sup>#</sup>	1	1.64 (0.44, 6.04) P = .46	1.76 (0.33, 9.27) P = .50	1.03 (0.92, 1.14) P = .65
Ischaemic stroke	1	0.69 (0.18, 2.68) P = .59	0.95 (0.19, 4.79) P = .95	0.96 (0.81, 1.13) P = .59

*Notes:* Adjusted for age (continuous), BMI (continuous), country of birth (Australia v. Greece/Italy v. other), age pension (only v. other), energy intake (continuous), number of serves of vegetables (continuous), fruit (continuous), meat/alternatives (continuous), grains (continuous), NSAID, anticoagulant, antiplatelet and/or PPI or H2RA use (NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet only v. PPI and/or H2RA only v. NSAID, anticoagulant and/or antiplatelet with PPI and/or H2RA v. neither NSAID, antiplatelet, anticoagulant, PPI or H2RA), haemoglobin (continuous), frailty status (robust v. pre-frail v. frail), and CKD (yes v.

no), number of serves of red meat (continuous), poultry (continuous), processed meat (continuous), and seafood (continuous) (n = 516 for total, 160 five-point MACE, 92 four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality, 106 all-cause mortality, 57 congestive cardiac failure and 17 stroke).

<sup>†</sup>Due to small numbers frailty status could not be included as covariates for coronary revascularisation (n = 516 for total and 15 coronary revascularisation).

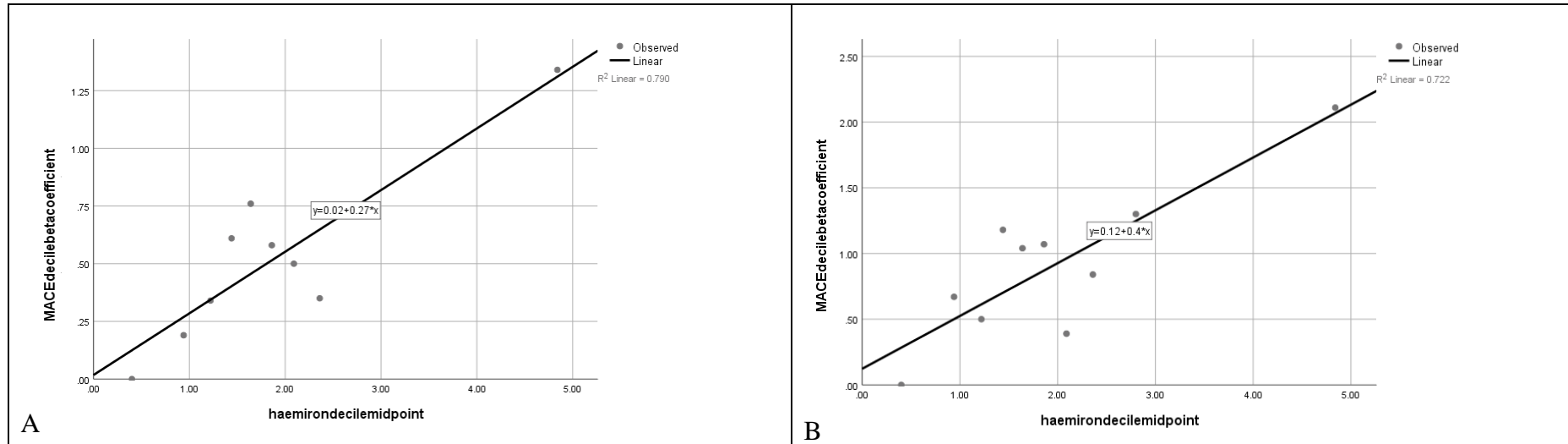
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<sup>a</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 11.26$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 9.59 (8.24, 10.41); middle tertile 11.27-14.75mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 12.71 (11.92, 13.66); top tertile  $\geq 14.76$ mg/d, n = 179 with median (IQR) 17.64 (15.98, 20.13)

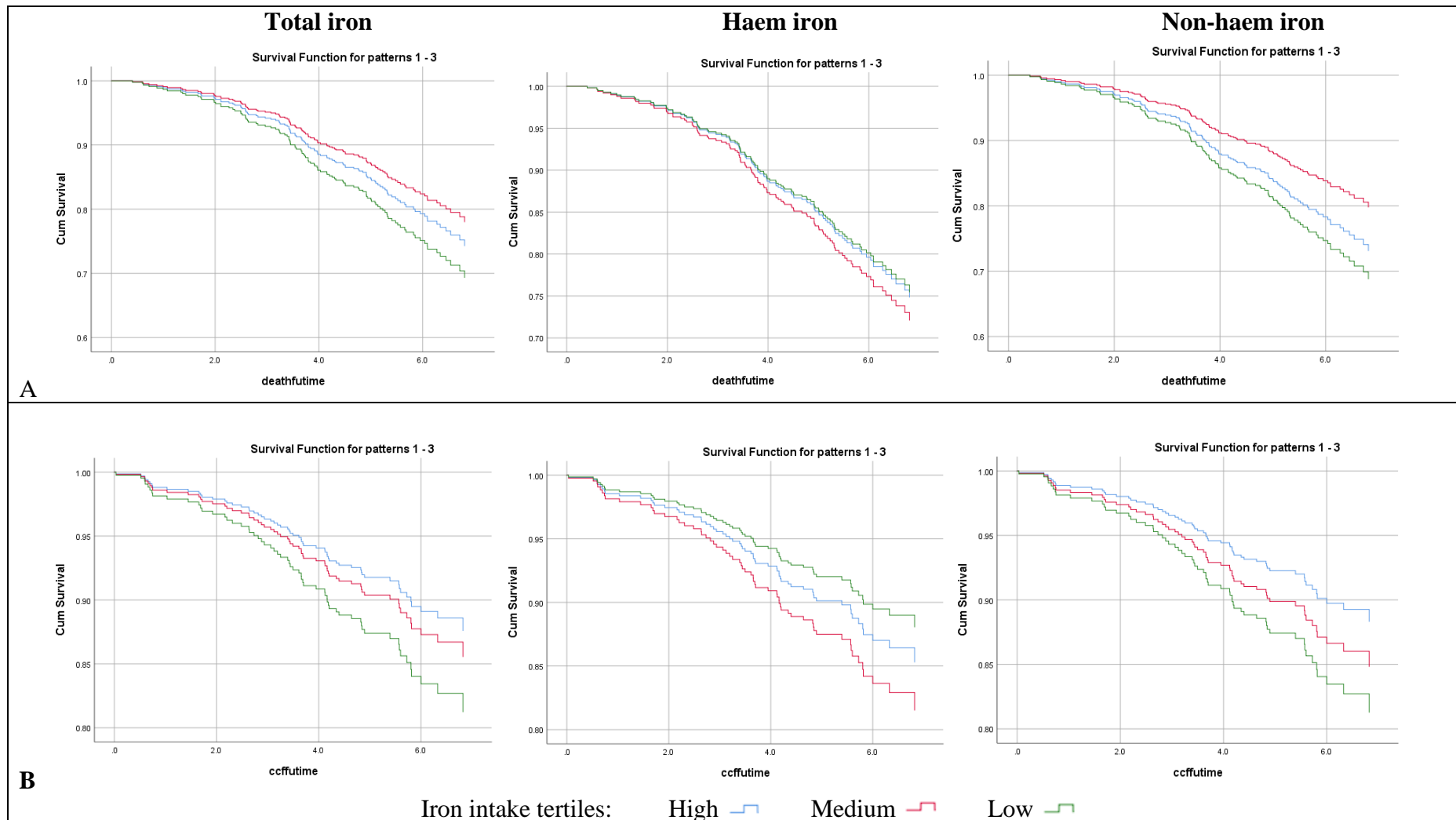
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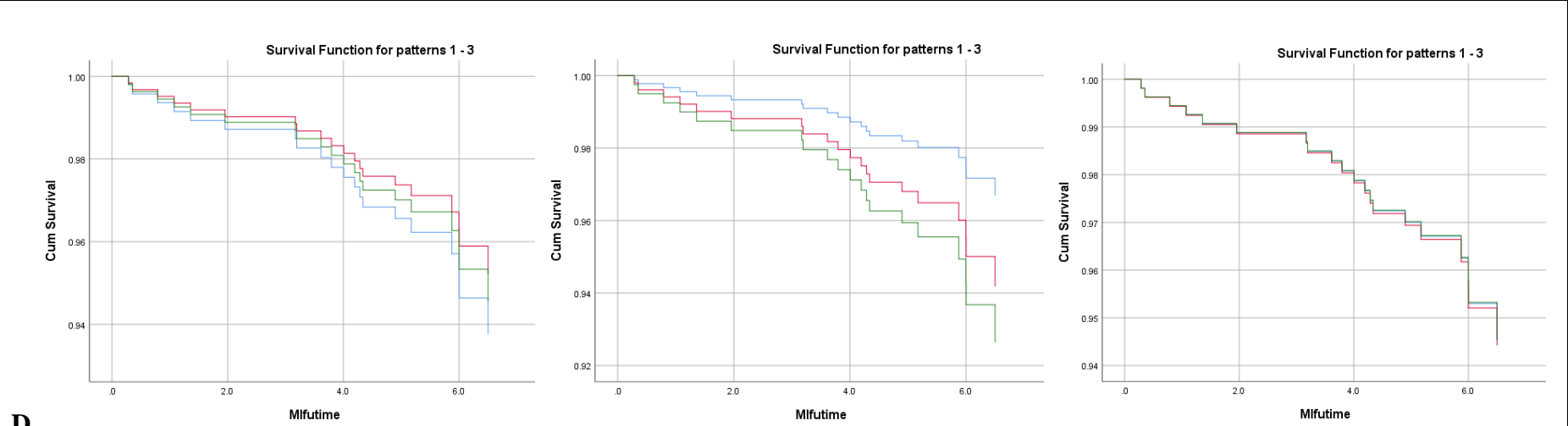
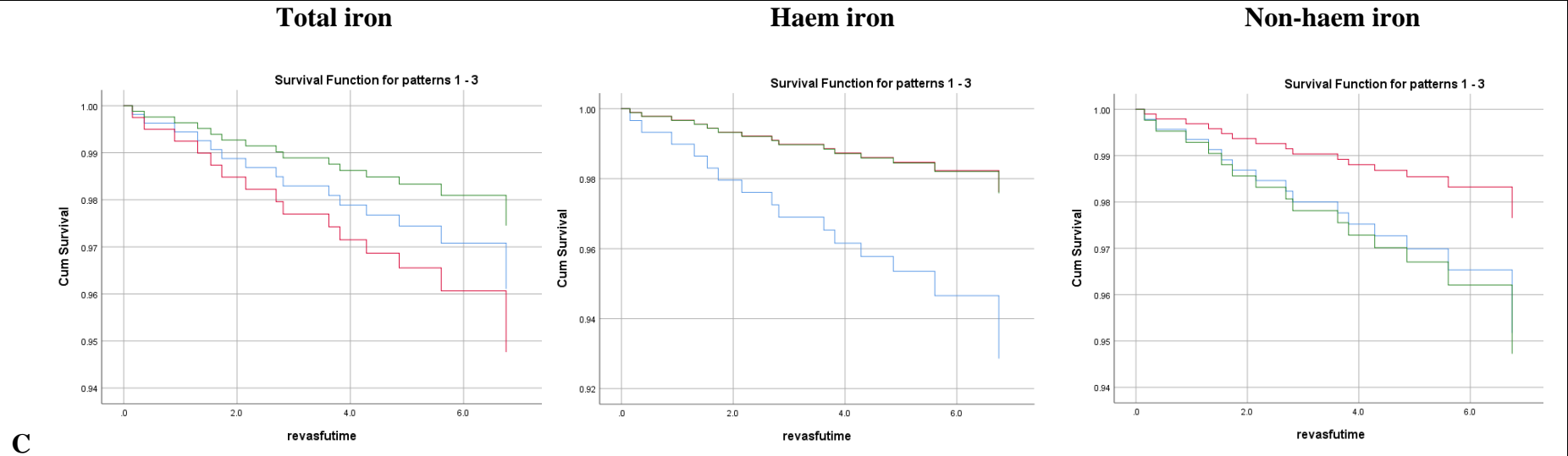
<sup>c</sup> Bottom tertile  $\leq 9.42$ mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 7.93 (6.72, 8.75); middle tertile 9.43-12.77mg/d, n = 180 with median (IQR) 10.86 (10.15, 11.62); top tertile  $\geq 12.78$ mg/d, n = 179, with median (IQR) 15.30 (13.81, 17.55)

**Supplementary Figure 1.** Linear relationship between HI intake and MACE through plotting decile midpoints of HI intake versus decile beta coefficients from fully adjusted analyses: (A) five-point MACE; (B) four-point MACE excluding all-cause mortality.

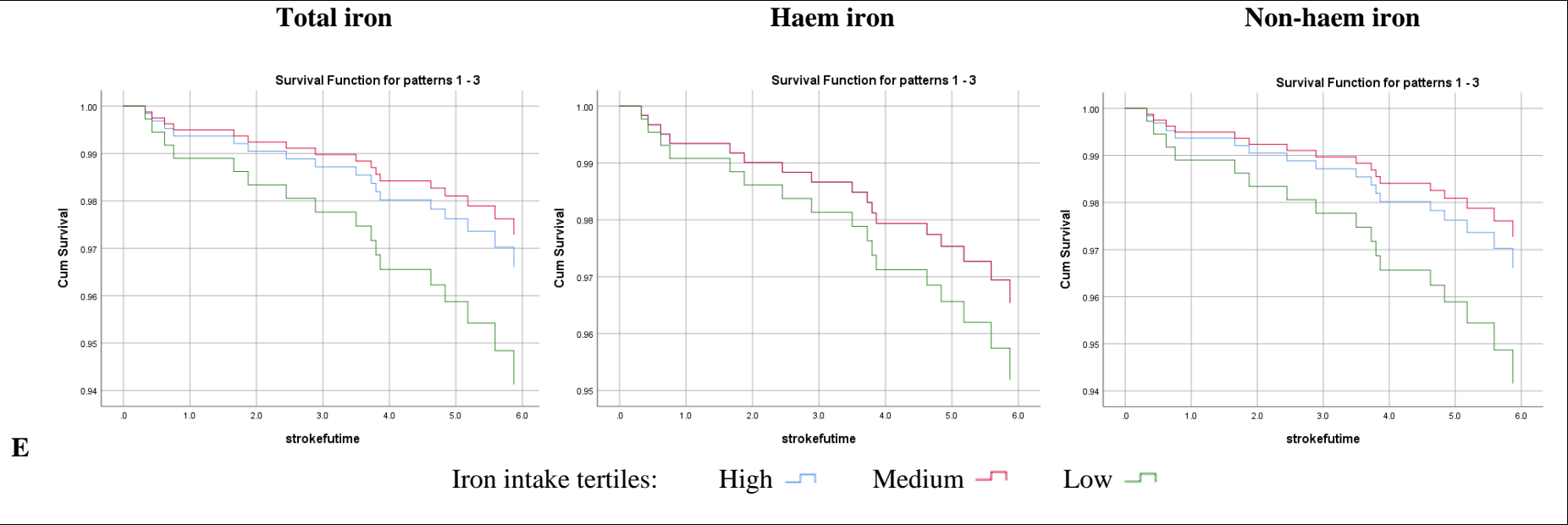


**Supplementary Figure 2.** Survival free of individual endpoints of MACE unadjusted analyses: (A) all-cause mortality; (B) CCF; (C) coronary revascularisation; (D) MI; (E) stroke. MACE = major adverse cardiovascular event; CCF = congestive cardiac failure; revas = coronary revascularisation; MI = myocardial infarction; Cum = cumulative; Futime = follow-up time.

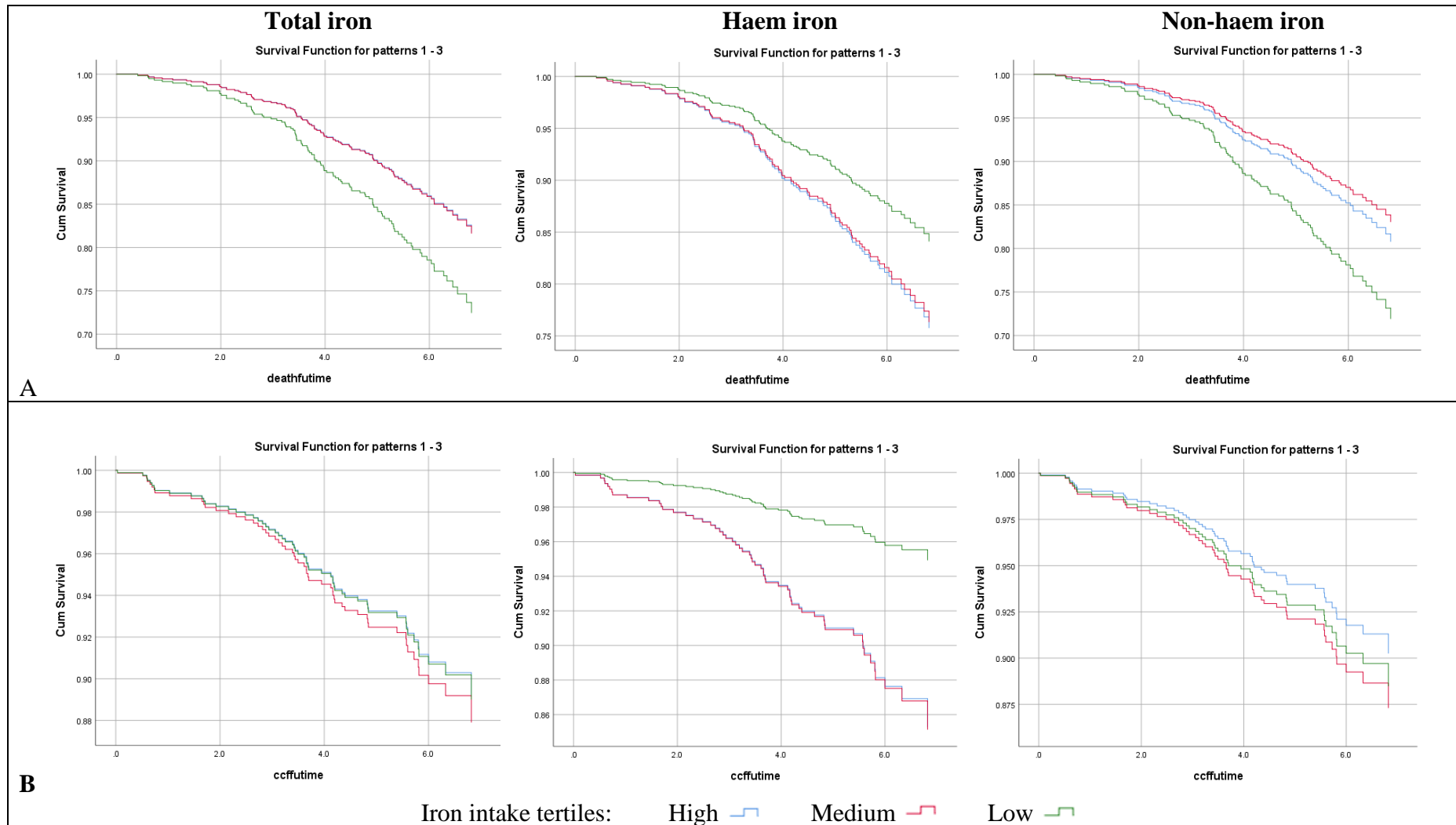


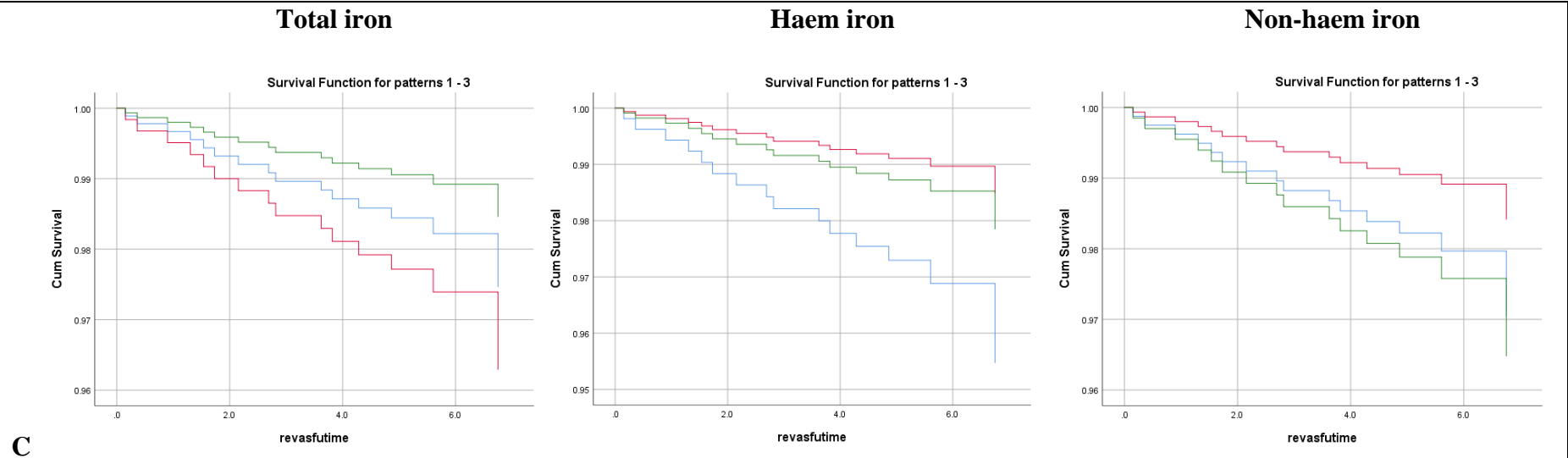


Iron intake tertiles: High  Medium  Low 

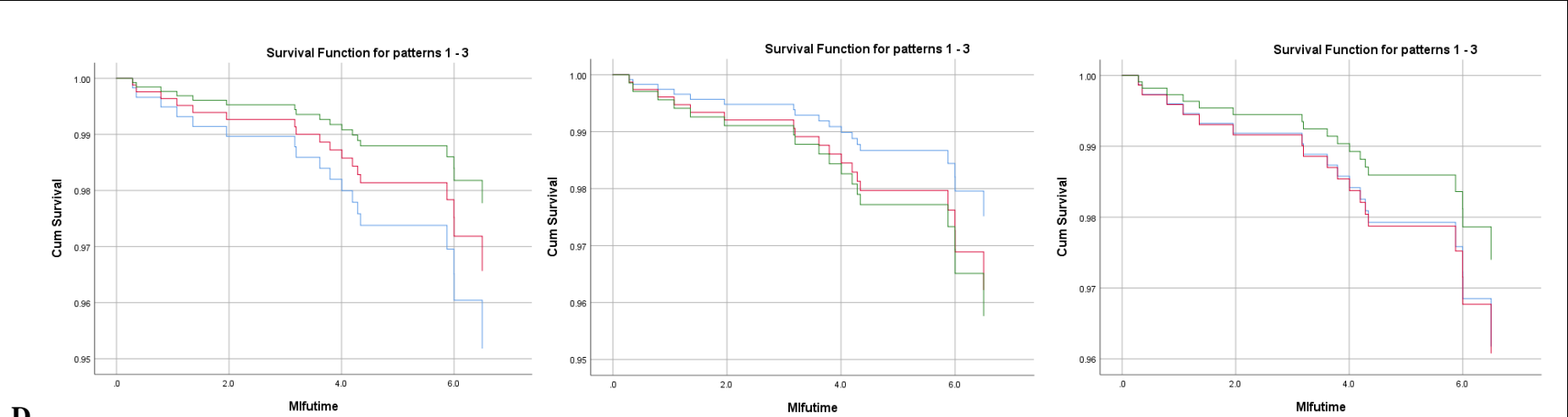


**Supplementary Figure 3.** Survival free of individual endpoints of MACE fully adjusted analyses: (A) all-cause mortality; (B) CCF; (C) coronary revascularisation; (D) MI; (E) stroke. MACE = major adverse cardiovascular event; CCF = congestive cardiac failure; revas = coronary revascularisation; MI = myocardial infarction; Cum = cumulative; Futime = follow-up time.





**C**



**D**

Iron intake tertiles: High  Medium  Low 



