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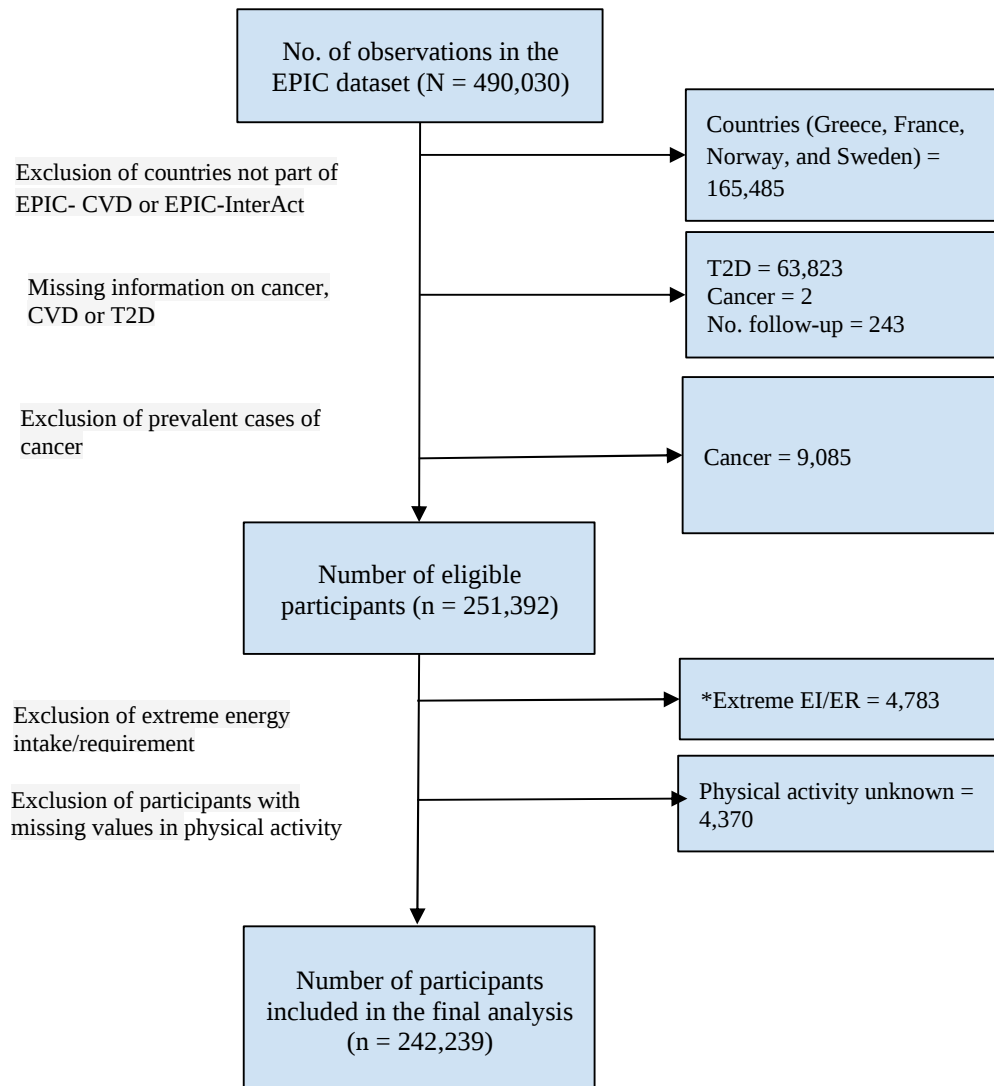
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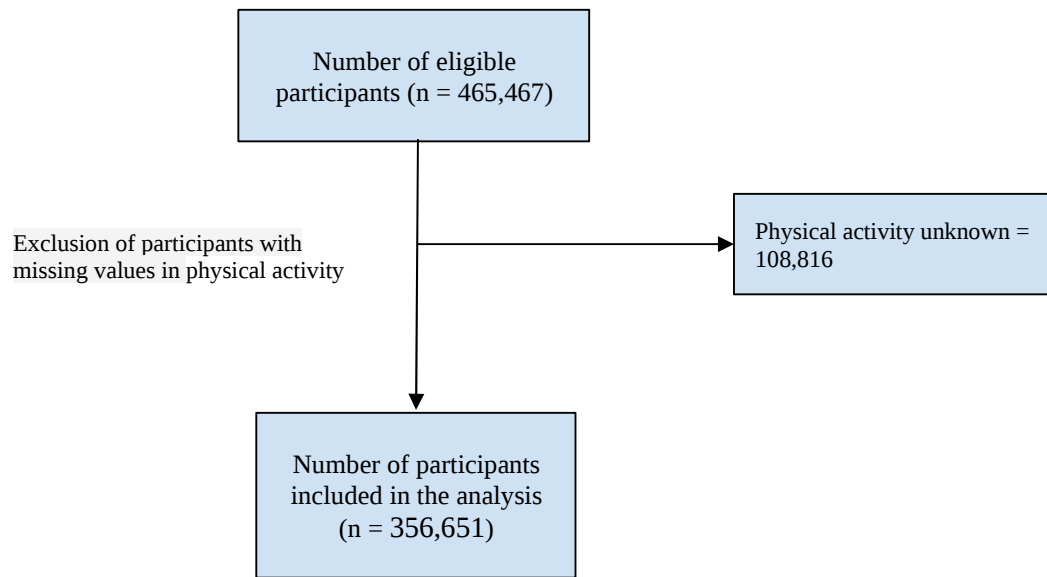
Supplementary Figure 1: Flow chart with inclusion and exclusion criteria of the study population in EPIC.



*Energy intake-to-energy requirement (EI/ER) calculated as the ratio of reported daily energy intake (from dietary assessment) to estimated energy requirement based on age, sex, body size, and physical activity. Participants in the top and bottom 1% of EI/ER values were excluded.

Abbreviations: CVD, cardiovascular diseases; EI/ER, energy intake/energy requirement; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; No., number; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

Supplementary Figure 2: Flow chart with inclusion and exclusion criteria of the study population in UK Biobank.



Abbreviations: CVD, cardiovascular diseases; No., number; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

Supplementary Table 1: Comparison of non-occupational physical activity measurements in EPIC and UK Biobank and assigned MET values

EPIC			UK Biobank*		
Activity type	MET values	Comments	Activity type	MET values	Comments
Walking	3.0	For pleasure, shopping, to work	Walking for pleasure	3.3	For pleasure only
Housework	3.0	Cleaning, cooking,...	Light DIY	2.25	E.g., gardening
Gardening	4.0		Heavy DIY	4.5	E.g., carpentry
Do-it-yourself	4.5		Other exercises	4.5	E.g., swimming, cycling, keep fit, bowling
Physical exercise	6.0	Aerobics, swimming, jogging, cycling?	Strenuous sports	8.0	E.g., sports that make you sweat or breathe hard
Stair climbing	8.0	Flight of stairs climbed			

*UKB refers to those who had a paid job and is derived from the Recent Physical Activity Questionnaire (RPAQ), as previously done by Pearce M et al. (2020) (1) and Chudasama Y et al. (2019) (2). For participants not in a paid job, occupational activity could not contribute to the total MET-h/week score (walking minutes $\times$ 3.3 METs + moderate-activity minutes $\times$ 4.0 METs + vigorous-activity minutes $\times$ 8.0 METs) obtained from the International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) (3). Therefore, we considered the total MET-h/week score as a non-occupational physical activity.

Supplementary Table 2: List of physical activity-related cancers with risk estimates or evaluation from the considered literature

Cancer Type/Site	Moore et al., 2016 (4); HR (95% CI)	Matthews et al., 2020 (5); HR (95% CI)	McTiernan et al., 2019 (6)	Friedenreich et al., 2021 (7)	World Cancer Research Fund, 2018 (8)
Colon	0.87 (0.80, 0.94)	0.84 (0.77, 0.92)	Strong	Strong	Strong
Breast: postmenopausal	0.93 (0.90, 0.96)	0.92 (0.88, 0.97)	Strong	Strong	Probable
Endometrial	0.98 (0.89, 1.09)	1.02 (0.91, 1.14)	Strong	Strong	Probable
Oesophageal adenocarcinoma	0.62 (0.40, 0.97)	0.90 (0.70, 1.16)	Strong	Strong	Limited-suggestive
Urinary Bladder	0.88 (0.83, 0.94)	0.95 (0.87, 1.03)	Strong	Strong	NE
Gastric Cardia	0.85 (0.69, 1.04)	0.81 (0.61, 1.08)	Strong	Strong	NE
Kidney: renal cell	0.84 (0.77, 0.91)	0.90 (0.80, 1.01)	Strong	Strong	NE
Lung	0.73 (0.70, 0.76)	NE	Moderate	Moderate	Limited-suggestive
Head and neck	0.85 (0.77, 0.94)	0.94 (0.83, 1.07)	Limited	Limited	NE
Rectum	0.88 (0.81, 0.96)	0.93 (0.83, 1.05)	Limited	Limited	NE
Liver	0.81 (0.61, 1.09)	0.79 (0.64, 0.99)	NE	NE	Limited-suggestive
Gallbladder	0.78 (0.57, 0.97)	0.76 (0.51, 1.14)	NE	NE	NE
Small intestine	0.81 (0.62, 1.05)	0.83 (0.59, 1.16)	NE	NE	NE
Multiple Myeloma	0.87 (0.77, 0.98)	0.83 (0.71, 0.98)	NE	NE	NE
Myeloid leukaemia	0.85 (0.73, 0.97)	0.93 (0.77, 1.13)	NE	NE	NE
NE, not evaluated.					

Supplementary Table 3: Diagnostic codes for the definition of cancer, type 2 diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases

Physical activity-related cancers	ICD10 code	ICDO-3 code-histology
Breast cancer	C50	
Lung cancer	C34	Excludes: 9050, 9051, 9052, 9053, 9054, 9055, 9140, 9590:9992
Colon cancer	C18, C26.0	
Rectal cancer	C19, C20	Excludes: 9050/3–9055/3, 9140/3
Oesophageal adenocarcinoma	C15	8140/3, 8144/3, 8480/3, 8481/3 & 8490/3
Bladder cancer	C67	
Endometrial cancer	C54–C55	
Kidney	C64, C65	
Multiple myeloma	C90	9731/3, 9732/3, 9734/3
Myeloid leukemia	C92	9840/3, 9860/3, 9861/3, 9863/3, 9865/3, 9866/3, 9867/3, 9869/3, 9871/3–9876/3, 9891/3, 9895/3–9898/3, 9910/3, 9911/3, 9920/3, 9930/3, 9945/3, 9946/3
Liver cancer	C22	
Gastric cardia cancer	C16.0	
Small intestine cancer	C17	
Gallbladder cancer	C23	
Head and neck cancer	C00–C14, C30–C33	
Overall cancer	C00–C96, except C44 (non-melanoma skin cancer)	
Type 2 diabetes	E11	
Cardiovascular diseases		
Stroke	I60:I69	
Coronary artery disease	I20:I25	

ICD, International Classification of Diseases; ICDO, International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, Third Edition

Supplementary Table 4: Missing data distribution of covariates and outcome variables in EPIC and UKB cohorts.

EPIC (N = 242,239)			UKB (N = 334,596)		
Variable	Number of missing	Missing %	Variable	Number of missing	Missing %
Highest school level (None, Primary school completed, Technical/professional school, Secondary school, longer education (incl. University deg.), Not specified/missing)	4,594	1.9	Qualifications (College or university degree, A levels/AS levels or equivalent, O levels/GCSEs or equivalent, CSES or equivalent, NVQ or HND or HNC or equivalent, other professional qualifications, none of the above, prefer not to answer/missing)	2,267	0.6
Physical activity at work (Sedentary, standing, manual work, heavy manual work, non-worker, missing)	3,3642	1.5	Current employment status (In paid employment or self-employed, retired, looking after home and/or family, unable to work because of sickness or disability, unemployed, doing unpaid or voluntary work, full or part-time student, none of the above, prefer not to answer/missing)	1,218	0.3
Use of hormones for menopause* (No, Yes, Missing)	2,016	1.3	Ever used hormone-replacement therapy* (No, Yes, do not know, Prefer not to answer/Missing)	500	0.3
Smoking status (Never, Former, Current, Unknown/Missing)	743	0.3	Smoking status (Never, Previous, Current, prefer not to answer/missing)	877	0.23
Alcohol at recruitment (g/d)	445	0.18	Alcohol drinker status (Never, previous, current, prefer not to answer/missing)	227	0.06
Modified Relative Mediterranean diet score (Low, Medium, High, Missing)	445	0.18	Diet score (scored 0 to 6)	0	0
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	0	0	Body mass index (kg/m ²)	1,501	0.4
Height (cm)	0	0	Height (cm)	1,185	0.3
Menopausal status* (Premenopausal, postmenopausal, Perimenopausal, Surgical postmen (bilateral ovariectomy))	0	0	Had menopause* (Yes, No, had a hysterectomy, Not sure-other reasons, prefer not to answer/missing)	6,763	3.8
Sex (Male, Female)	0	0	Sex (Female, Male)	0	0

Center (Florence, Varese, etc.)	0	0	UK Biobank assessment centre	0	0
Any first CVD event (CHD/Stroke) (fatal/non-fatal) (No, Yes)	0	0	CVD Status (No, Yes)	0	0
InterAct diabetes status at completion of verification (Non-case, Incident)	0	0	T2D Status (No, Yes)	0	0
MET recreational and household activity (MET-h/week)	0	0	MET Total (MET-h/week)	0	0
Age at recruitment (years)	0	0	Age at recruitment (years)	0	0
			Average total household income before tax (< £18,000; 18,000 to 30,999; 31,000 to 51,999; 52,000 to 100,000; >£100,000; do not know; prefer not to answer/missing)	35,494	10.6
			Townsend deprivation index at recruitment (scores)	451	0.13
			Overall health rating (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Do not know, Prefer not to answer/missing)	1,224	0.34
			Sedentary behaviour (hours/day)	361	0.1
			Medication for cholesterol, blood pressure or diabetes (Blood pressure medication, Cholesterol lowering medication, Insulin, None of the above, Do not know, Prefer not to answer, missing)	181,737	50.9

*Only in women, EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; MET-h/week: metabolic equivalent task hours per week; CVD, cardiovascular diseases; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 5: Baseline characteristics of the study population in EPIC by level of non-occupational physical activity (sex-specific quartiles)

Characteristics	Non-occupational physical activity level				Overall
	Quartile 1	Quartile 2	Quartile 3	Quartile 4	
N (%)	60,586 (25.0)	60,593 (25.0)	60,510 (25.0)	60,550 (25.0)	242,239 (100)
Non-occupational physical activity, MET-h/week					
Median (IQR)	32.5 (21.5, 47.5)	70.1 (50.1, 83.6)	104.7 (76.7, 120.6)	153.6 (130.3, 178.0)	81.0 (48.8, 122.9)
Sex, n (%)					
Male	23,311 (38.5)	23,330 (38.5)	23,257 (38.4)	23,292 (38.5)	93,190 (38.5)
Female	37,275 (61.5)	37,263 (61.5)	37,253 (61.6)	37,258 (61.5)	149,049 (61.5)
Physical activity at work, n (%)					
Non-worker	12,133 (20.0)	15,131 (25.0)	21,875 (36.2)	32,381 (53.5)	81,520 (33.7)
Sedentary occupation	25,083 (41.4)	22,371 (36.9)	17,153 (28.3)	10,334 (17.1)	74,941 (30.9)
Standing occupation	13,193 (21.8)	13,923 (23.0)	12,774 (21.1)	8,815 (14.6)	48,705 (20.1)
Manual work	7,701 (12.7)	6,727 (11.1)	6,126 (10.1)	5,775 (9.5)	26,329 (10.9)
Heavy manual work	1,759 (2.9)	1,650 (2.7)	1,654 (2.7)	2,039 (3.4)	7,102 (2.9)
Unknown	717 (1.2)	791 (1.3)	928 (1.5)	1,206 (2.0)	3,642 (1.5)
Age at recruitment, years					
Median (IQR)	53.0 (47.1, 58.3)	52.8 (46.3, 58.5)	52.8 (46.0, 59.0)	52.9 (45.7, 59.3)	52.9 (46.3, 58.8)
Height, cm					
Median (IQR)	166(161, 173)	166 (160, 173)	166 (159, 173)	165 (158, 173)	166 (160, 173)
Body mass index, kg/m ²					
Median (IQR)	25.7 (23.2, 28.6)	25.4 (23.1, 28.2)	25.6 (23.3, 28.4)	25.9 (23.5, 28.7)	25.6 (23.2, 28.5)
Alcohol consumption, g/d					
Median (IQR)	9 (2, 23)	8 (2, 21)	7 (1, 20)	6 (1, 18)	8 (1, 20)
Education, n (%)					
None	2,381 (3.9)	2,102 (3.5)	4,266 (7.1)	4,801 (7.9)	13,550 (5.6)
Primary school completed	17,886 (29.5)	17,316 (28.6)	18,636 (30.8)	21,843 (36.1)	75,681 (31.2)
Technical school	17,497 (28.9)	17,065 (28.2)	16,002 (26.4)	15,275 (25.2)	65,839 (27.2)
Secondary school	9,198 (15.2)	8,757 (14.5)	7,950 (13.1)	7,452 (12.3)	33,357 (13.8)
Longer education (incl. University)	12,780 (21.1)	14,272 (23.6)	12,364 (20.4)	9,802 (16.2)	49,218 (20.3)
Missing	844 (1.4)	1,081 (1.8)	1,292 (2.1)	1,377 (2.3)	4,594 (1.9)
Smoking status, n (%)					
Never	24,302 (40.1)	26,422 (43.6)	28,126 (46.5)	29,170 (48.2)	108,020 (44.6)

Previous	17,542 (29.0)	18,356 (30.3)	17,915 (29.6)	17,155 (28.3)	70,968 (29.3)
Current	18,519 (30.6)	15,622 (25.8)	14,276 (23.6)	14,091 (23.3)	62,508 (25.8)
Missing	223 (0.4)	193 (0.3)	193 (0.3)	134 (0.2)	743 (0.3)
Med. diet, n (%)					
Low	15,967 (26.4)	15,785 (26.1)	14,627 (24.2)	14,572 (24.1)	60,951 (25.2)
Medium	27,352 (45.1)	28,290 (46.7)	28,567 (47.2)	27,229 (45.0)	111,438 (46.0)
High	17,116 (28.3)	16,408 (27.1)	17,220 (28.5)	18,661 (30.8)	69,405 (28.7)
Missing	151 (0.2)	110 (0.2)	96 (0.2)	88 (0.1)	445 (0.2)
Country of recruitment, n (%)					
Italy	12,064 (19.9)	10,397 (17.2)	9,475 (15.7)	11,988 (19.8)	43,924 (18.1)
Spain	8,070 (13.3)	7,130 (11.8)	10,859 (17.9)	11,592 (19.1)	37,651 (15.5)
United Kingdom	7,032 (11.6)	8,275 (13.7)	8,418 (13.9)	7,935 (13.1)	31,660 (13.1)
The Netherlands	3,943 (6.5)	6,883 (11.4)	8,530 (14.1)	10,500 (17.3)	29,856 (12.3)
Germany	8,137 (13.4)	12,365 (20.4)	12,794 (21.1)	11,706 (19.3)	45,002 (18.6)
Denmark	21,340 (35.2)	15,543 (25.7)	10,434 (17.2)	6,829 (11.3)	54,146 (22.4)
Menopausal status ^a , n (%)					
Pre-menopause	11,005 (29.5)	12,891 (34.6)	13,283 (35.7)	13,479 (36.2)	50,658 (34.0)
Post-menopause	19,187 (51.5)	17,661 (47.4)	17,558 (47.1)	17,166 (46.1)	71,572 (48.0)
Perimenopause	5,612 (15.1)	5,314 (14.3)	5,034 (13.5)	5,041 (13.5)	21,001 (14.1)
Surgical menopause	1,471 (3.9)	1,397 (3.7)	1,378 (3.7)	1,572 (4.2)	5,818 (3.9)
Use of hormones for menopause, n (%)					
No	29,455 (79.0)	30,616 (82.2)	31,513 (84.6)	32,328 (86.8)	123,912 (83.1)
Yes	7,300 (19.6)	6,208 (16.7)	5,287 (14.2)	4,326 (11.6)	23,121 (15.5)
Missing	520 (1.4)	439 (1.2)	453 (1.2)	604 (1.6)	2,016 (1.4)
Ever use of oral contraceptives ^a , n (%)					
No	14,136 (37.9)	14,126 (37.9)	15,619 (41.9)	17,826 (47.8)	61,707 (41.4)
Yes	22,835 (61.3)	22,973 (61.7)	21,507 (57.7)	19,310 (51.8)	86,625 (58.1)
Missing	304 (0.8)	164 (0.4)	127 (0.3)	122 (0.3)	717 (0.5)
Family history of breast cancer ^a , n (%)					
No	7,059 (18.9)	10,061 (27.0)	14,794 (39.7)	16,422 (44.1)	48,336 (32.4)
Yes	618 (1.7)	920 (2.5)	1,242 (3.3)	1,309 (3.5)	4,089 (2.7)
Unknown	29,598 (79.4)	26,282 (70.5)	21,217 (57.0)	19,527 (52.4)	96,624 (64.8)
Age at first birth ^a , n (%)					

<20	2,886 (7.7)	2,631 (7.1)	2,565 (6.9)	2,379 (6.4)	10,461 (7.0)
20–24	12,526 (33.6)	13,108 (35.2)	13,828 (37.1)	14,095 (37.8)	53,557 (35.9)
25–29	9,648 (25.9)	10,888 (29.2)	11,873 (31.9)	12,991 (34.9)	45,400 (30.5)
≥ 30	3,756 (10.1)	4,217 (11.3)	4,311 (11.6)	4,724 (12.7)	17,008 (11.4)
Never pregnant	6,672 (17.9)	5,152 (13.8)	3,720 (10.0)	2,426 (6.5)	17,970 (12.1)
Missing	1,787 (4.8)	1,267 (3.4)	956 (2.6)	643 (1.7)	4,653 (3.1)
Breastfeeding duration ^a , n (%)					
Never breastfed	4,783 (12.8)	4,878 (13.1)	4,889 (13.1)	4,720 (12.7)	19,270 (12.9)
<6 months	11,659 (31.3)	12,594 (33.8)	12,750 (34.2)	11,725 (31.5)	48,728 (32.7)
6–11 months	7,118 (19.1)	6,994 (18.8)	7,020 (18.8)	7,339 (19.7)	28,471 (19.1)
12–23 months	4,378 (11.7)	4,510 (12.1)	4,906 (13.2)	5,725 (15.4)	19,519 (13.1)
≥ 24months	1,283 (3.4)	1,456 (3.9)	1,957 (5.3)	2,557 (6.9)	7,253 (4.9)
Never pregnant	6,672 (17.9)	5,152 (13.8)	3,720 (10.0)	2,426 (6.5)	17,970 (12.1)
Missing	1,382 (3.7)	1,679 (4.5)	2,011 (5.4)	2,766 (7.4)	7,838 (5.3)
Parity ^a , n (%)					
Nulliparous	6,672 (17.9)	5,152 (13.8)	3,720 (10.0)	2,426 (6.5)	17,970 (12.1)
1	6,458 (17.3)	6,353 (17.0)	5,884 (15.8)	4,925 (13.2)	23,620 (15.8)
2	14,161 (38.0)	14,919 (40.0)	15,106 (40.5)	14,663 (39.4)	58,849 (39.5)
≥3	7,884 (21.2)	8,715 (23.4)	10,256 (27.5)	12,369 (33.2)	39,224 (26.3)
Missing	2,100 (5.6)	2,124 (5.7)	2,287 (6.1)	2,875 (7.7)	9,386 (6.3)

Values are medians (interquartile range) unless otherwise stated.

^a Only in women; Med. diet: Mediterranean diet; IQR, interquartile range; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; EPIC: European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition

Supplementary Table 6: Baseline characteristics of the study population in UKB by levels of non-occupational physical activity (sex-specific quartiles)

Characteristics	Non-occupational physical activity level				Overall
	Quartile 1	Quartile 2	Quartile 3	Quartile 4	
N (%)	89,164 (25.0)	89,163 (25.0)	89,162 (25.0)	89,162 (25.0)	356,651 (100)
Total physical activity, MET-h/week					
Median (IQR)	11.3 (4.2, 28.5)	17.0 (11.0, 36.9)	29.4 (21.6, 44.9)	67.1 (47.3, 100.1)	29.9 (13.7, 59.6)
Non-occupational physical activity, MET-h/week					
Median (IQR)	2.8 (1.1, 4.4)	10.7 (8.5, 13.3)	23.8 (19.7, 29.2)	60.2 (45.8, 88.8)	16.2 (6.4, 36.1)
Sedentary behaviour, hours/day, n (%)					
0-3	22,108 (24.8)	25,276 (28.3)	25,641 (28.8)	24,856 (27.9)	97,881 (27.4)
4-5	32,794 (36.8)	34,750 (39.0)	35,435 (39.7)	36,367 (40.8)	139,346 (39.1)
6-7	19,133 (21.5)	18,132 (20.3)	18,366 (20.6)	19,524 (21.9)	75,155 (21.1)
8-24	15,083 (16.9)	10,929 (12.3)	9,614 (10.8)	8,282 (9.3)	43,908 (12.3)
Missing	46 (0.1)	76 (0.1)	106 (0.1)	133 (0.1)	361 (0.1)
Sex, n (%)					
Male	43,736 (49.1)	43,735 (49.1)	43,735 (49.1)	43,735 (49.1)	174,941 (49.1)
Female	45,428 (50.9)	45,428 (50.9)	45,427 (50.9)	45,427 (50.9)	181,710 (50.9)
Employment, n (%)					
Unemployed	779 (0.9)	1,183 (1.3)	1,755 (2.0)	2,608 (2.9)	6,325 (1.8)
Retired	9,249 (10.4)	18,151 (20.4)	30,714 (34.4)	53,109 (59.6)	111,223 (31.2)
Unable to work because of sickness or disability	2,780 (3.1)	2,032 (2.3)	2,032 (2.3)	2,677 (3.0)	9,521 (2.7)
Looking after home and/or family	575 (0.6)	1,263 (1.4)	2,427 (2.7)	4,514 (5.1)	8,779 (2.5)
Full or part-time student	99 (0.1)	208 (0.2)	337 (0.4)	441 (0.5)	1,085 (0.3)
Doing unpaid or voluntary work	140 (0.2)	260 (0.3)	447 (0.5)	754 (0.8)	1,601 (0.4)
In paid employment or self-employed	75,205 (84.3)	65,591 (73.6)	50,668 (56.8)	23,750 (26.6)	215,214 (60.3)
Missing	184 (0.2)	269 (0.3)	466 (0.5)	766 (0.9)	1,685 (0.5)
Age at assessment, years					
Median (IQR)	54.7 (48.2, 60.5)	55.7 (48.8, 61.7)	57.9 (49.9, 63.4)	61.8 (54.6, 65.7)	57.5 (49.8, 63.2)
Height, cm					
Median (IQR)	169 (162, 176)	169 (163, 176)	169 (163, 176)	168 (162, 175)	169 (162, 176)
Body mass index, kg/m ²					
Median (IQR)	27.5 (24.6, 31.0)	26.7 (24.1, 29.7)	26.3 (23.9, 29.2)	26.2 (23.8, 29.0)	26.6 (24.1, 29.7)
Townsend deprivation, score					

Median (IQR)	-1.8 (-3.4, 1.1)	-2.3 (-3.7, 0.3)	-2.4 (-3.8, 0.0)	-2.4 (-3.8, 0.0)	-2.2 (-3.7, 0.3)
Qualifications, n (%)					
CSEs or equivalent	6,059 (6.8)	4,535 (5.1)	4,064 (4.6)	3,740 (4.2)	18,398 (5.2)
O levels/GCSEs or equivalent	19,669 (22.1)	18,391 (20.6)	18,290 (20.5)	18,907 (21.2)	75,257 (21.1)
A levels/AS levels or equivalent	10,605 (11.9)	11,251 (12.6)	10,899 (12.2)	9,594 (10.8)	42,349 (11.9)
NVQ or HND or HNC or equivalent	6,411 (7.2)	5,421 (6.1)	5,379 (6.0)	6,071 (6.8)	23,282 (6.5)
College or University degree	30,070 (33.7)	35,527 (39.8)	34,758 (39.0)	28,326 (31.8)	128,681 (36.1)
Others ^a	4,146 (4.6)	4,083 (4.6)	4,442 (5.0)	5,224 (5.9)	17,895 (5.0)
None of the above	11,656 (13.1)	9,525 (10.7)	10,867 (12.2)	16,474 (18.5)	48,522 (13.6)
Missing	548 (0.6)	430 (0.5)	463 (0.5)	826 (0.9)	2,267 (0.6)
Smoking status, n (%)					
Never	46163 (55.9)	48042 (57.3)	47463 (56.5)	45937 (54.6)	187605 (56.1)
Previous	26785 (32.5)	28025 (33.4)	28950 (34.5)	29160 (34.6)	112920 (33.7)
Current	9369 (11.4)	7629 (9.1)	7412 (8.8)	8885 (10.6)	33295 (10.0)
Missing	209 (0.3)	187 (0.2)	181 (0.2)	199 (0.2)	776 (0.2)
Alcohol status, n (%)					
Never	48,624 (54.5)	50,511 (56.7)	49,788 (55.8)	47,729 (53.5)	196,652 (55.1)
Previous	28,691 (32.2)	29,871 (33.5)	31,432 (35.3)	33,303 (37.4)	123,297 (34.6)
Current	11,586 (13.0)	8,608 (9.7)	7,743 (8.7)	7,888 (8.8)	35,825 (10.0)
Missing	263 (0.3)	173 (0.2)	199 (0.2)	242 (0.3)	877 (0.2)
Healthy diet Score ^a					
6, healthier	2,019 (2.3)	2,299 (2.6)	2,572 (2.9)	2,893 (3.2)	9,783 (2.7)
5	14,946 (16.8)	17,194 (19.3)	18,582 (20.8)	20,030 (22.5)	70,752 (19.8)
4	34,415 (38.6)	37,713 (42.3)	38,816 (43.5)	39,376 (44.2)	150,320 (42.1)
3	25,627 (28.7)	23,851 (26.7)	22,488 (25.2)	21,181 (23.8)	93,147 (26.1)
2	9,506 (10.7)	6,724 (7.5)	5,675 (6.4)	4,760 (5.3)	26,665 (7.5)
1	2,307 (2.6)	1,235 (1.4)	929 (1.0)	825 (0.9)	5,296 (1.5)
0, unhealthier	344 (0.4)	147 (0.2)	100 (0.1)	97 (0.1)	688 (0.2)
Menopause ^c , n (%)					
No	15,143 (33.3)	14,212 (31.3)	11,936 (26.3)	7,098 (15.6)	48,389 (26.6)
Yes	23,201 (51.1)	24,986 (55.0)	27,262 (60.0)	32,320 (71.1)	107,769 (59.3)
Had a hysterectomy	4,805 (10.6)	4,273 (9.4)	4,590 (10.1)	5,121 (11.3)	18,789 (10.3)

Missing	2,279 (5.0)	1,957 (4.3)	1,639 (3.6)	888 (2.0)	6,763 (3.7)
Ever use of HRT ^c , n (%)					
No	31,263 (68.8)	30,718 (67.6)	28,695 (63.2)	24,724 (54.4)	115,400 (63.5)
Yes	13,999 (30.8)	14,578 (32.1)	16,633 (36.6)	20,600 (45.3)	65,810 (36.2)
Missing	166 (0.4)	132 (0.3)	99 (0.2)	103 (0.2)	500 (0.3)
Ever use of oral contraceptives ^c , n (%)					
No	6,606 (14.5)	6,746 (14.8)	7,969 (17.5)	10,181 (22.4)	31,502 (17.3)
Yes	38,709 (85.2)	38,594 (85.0)	37,362 (82.2)	35,145 (77.4)	149,810 (82.4)
Unknown	113 (0.2)	88 (0.2)	96 (0.3)	101 (0.2)	398 (0.3)
Age at first birth ^c , n (%)					
<20	3,222 (7.1)	2,375 (5.2)	2,488 (5.5)	2,979 (6.6)	11,064 (6.1)
20–24	9,450 (20.8)	8,881 (19.5)	9,712 (21.4)	12,010 (26.4)	40,053 (22.0)
25–29	10,681 (23.5)	11,859 (26.1)	12,127 (26.7)	12,052 (26.5)	46,719 (25.7)
≥30	5,778 (12.7)	6,555 (14.4)	6,144 (13.5)	4,923 (10.8)	23,400 (12.9)
Never pregnant	13,446 (29.6)	13,142 (28.9)	12,622 (27.8)	11,449 (25.2)	50,659 (27.9)
Unknown	2,851 (6.3)	2,616 (5.8)	2,334 (5.1)	2,014 (4.4)	9,815 (5.4)

MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; HRT: hormonal replacement therapy; IQR: interquartile range; AS: Advanced Subsidiary; GCSEs: General Certificate of Secondary Education; CSEs: Certificate of Secondary Education; NVQs: National Vocational Qualifications; HNDs: Higher National Diplomas; and HNCs: Higher National Certificates.

^a Refers to other professions such as nursing, teaching.

^b Scores are arranged from the healthier (6) to unhealthier (0)—Healthy diet score was calculated based on consumption of commonly eaten food groups following recommendations.

^c Only in women.

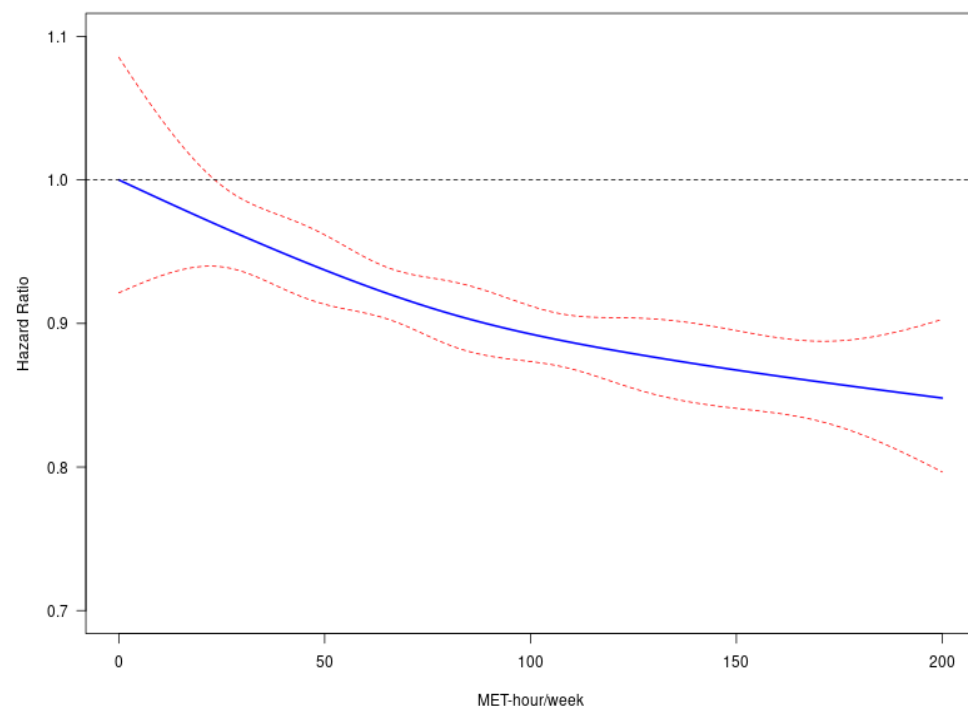
Supplementary Table 7: The distribution of physical activity-related cancers and all cancers recorded in EPIC and UK Biobank.

Types of cancer	EPIC		UKB	
	Frequency	Percentage		
Breast cancer	6,772	22.4	6,285	17.8
Lung cancer	2,648	8.8	2,452	6.9
Colon cancer	2,582	8.5	2,642	7.5
Rectal cancer	1,397	4.5	1,369	3.9
Oesophageal adenocarcinoma	155	0.5	449	1.3
Bladder cancer	1,250	4.1	778	2.2
Endometrial cancer	998	3.3	971	2.7
Head and neck cancer	833	2.8	867	2.4
Kidney cancer	770	2.5	981	2.8
Multiple myeloma	375	1.2	606	1.7
Myeloid leukemia	260	0.9	300	0.8
Liver cancer	301	1.0	403	1.1
Gastric cardia cancer	170	0.6	193	0.5
Small intestine cancer	83	0.3	165	0.5
Gallbladder cancer	65	0.2	71	0.2
Other cancers	11,552	38.2	16,860	47.6
Total number of cancer cases	30,211	100.0%	35,392	100.0%

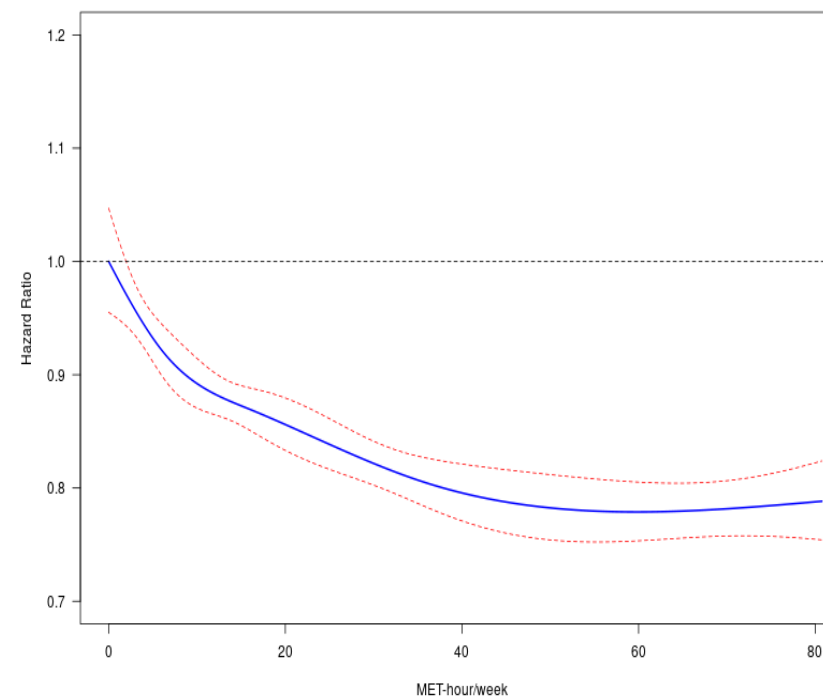
Cancers categorized as "other cancers" refer to those cancers not included in the physical activity-related cancers. EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 3: The association between non-occupational physical activity and risk of physical activity-related cancers in the fully adjusted model of EPIC (a) and UKB (b) cohorts.

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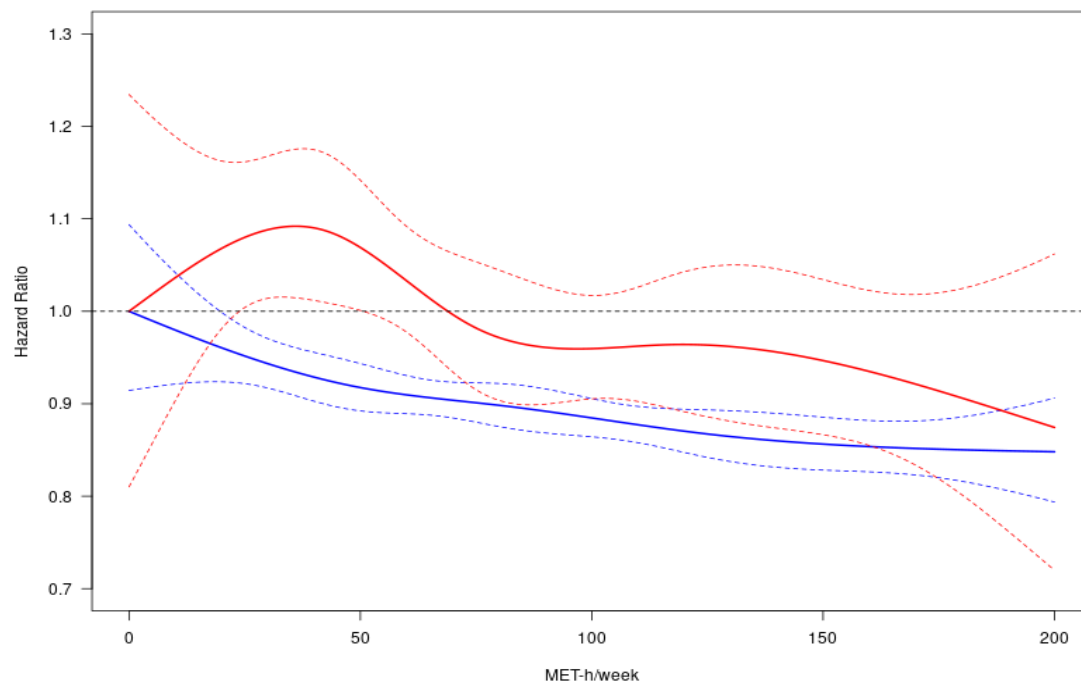
a) EPIC study; b) UK Biobank. The solid line represents the adjusted HRs, and the broken lines indicate the 95% CIs from the Cox regression with non-occupational physical activity (NOPA) modelled as a natural spline with three knots positioned at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of NOPA, measured in MET-hour/week. Reference = 0 MET-h/week. Evidence of non-linearity was assessed using a likelihood ratio test comparing the spline model with a linear model ($p=0.706$ in EPIC and $p<0.001$ in UKB).

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use.

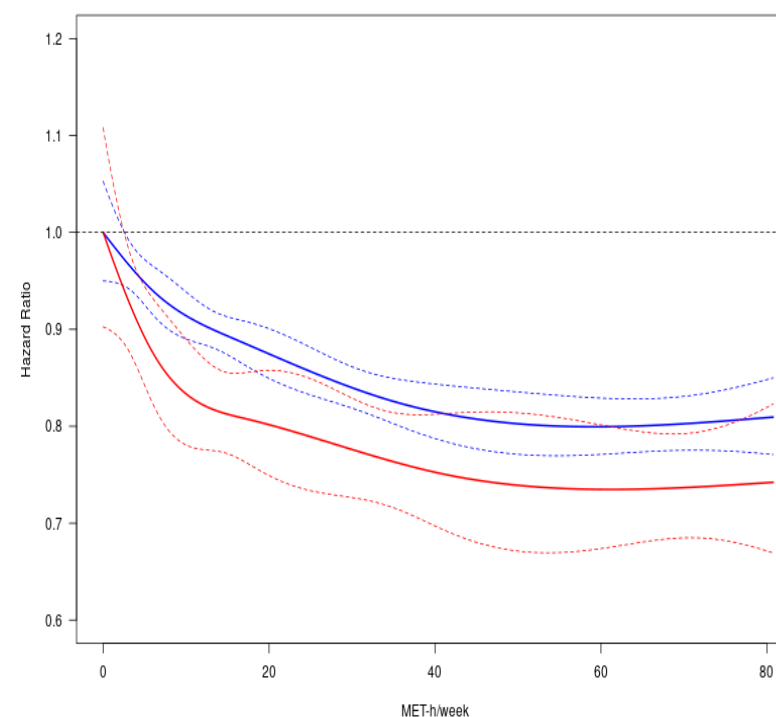
Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 4: The association between non-occupational physical activity and risk of physical activity-related cancers in the fully adjusted model of EPIC (a) and UK Biobank (b) by cardiometabolic disease status.

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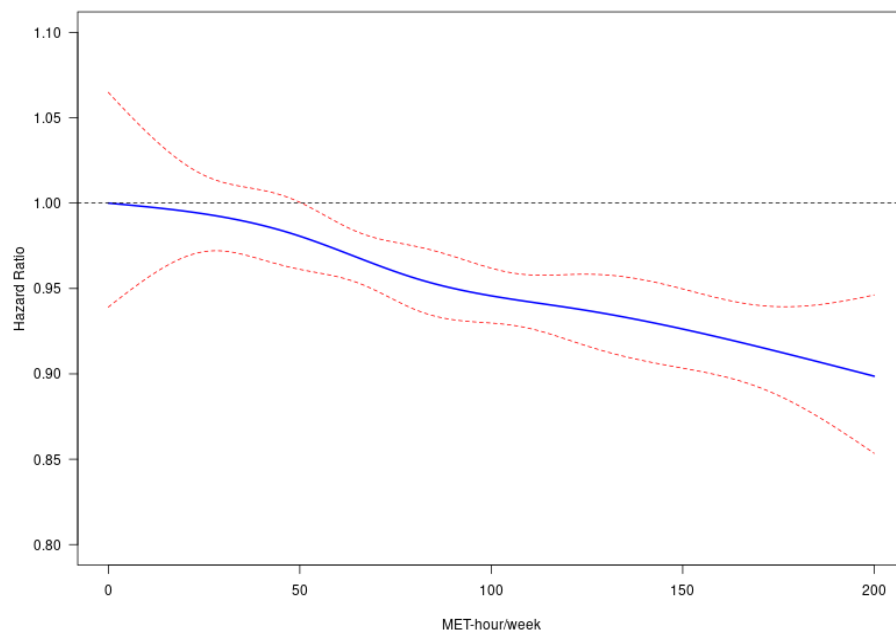
a) EPIC study; b) UK Biobank. The solid blue line represents the adjusted HRs for participants without cardiometabolic disease, while the red lines represent those with cardiometabolic disease, and the broken lines indicate the 95% CIs from the Cox regression with non-occupational physical activity (NOPA) modelled as a natural spline with three knots positioned at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of NOPA, measured in MET-hour/week. Reference = 0 MET-h/week.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use.

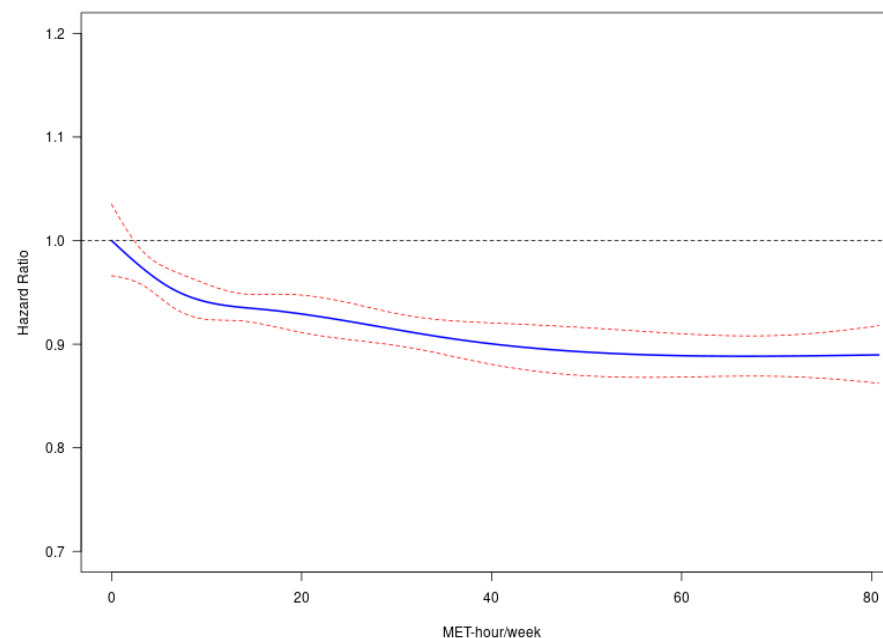
Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 5: The association between non-occupational physical activity and risk of all cancers in the fully adjusted model of EPIC (a) and UKB (b) cohorts.

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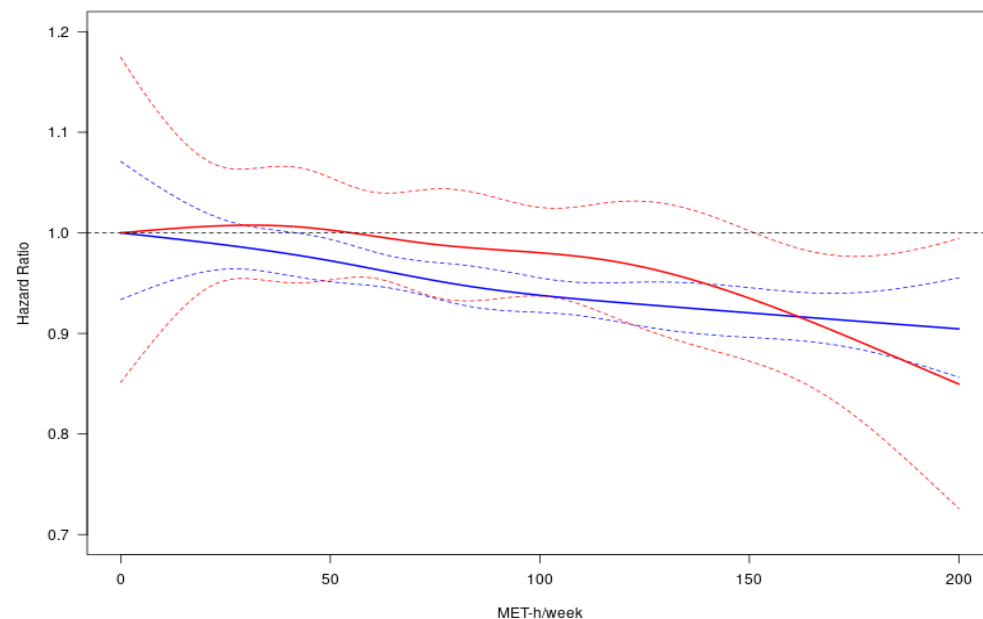
a) EPIC study; b) UK Biobank. The solid line represents the adjusted HRs, and the broken lines indicate the 95% CIs from the Cox regression with non-occupational physical activity (NOPA) modelled as a natural spline with three knots positioned at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of NOPA, measured in MET-hour/week. Reference = 0 MET-h/week. Evidence of non-linearity was assessed using a likelihood ratio test comparing the spline model with a linear model ($p=0.95$ in EPIC and $p=0.032$ in UKB).

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use.

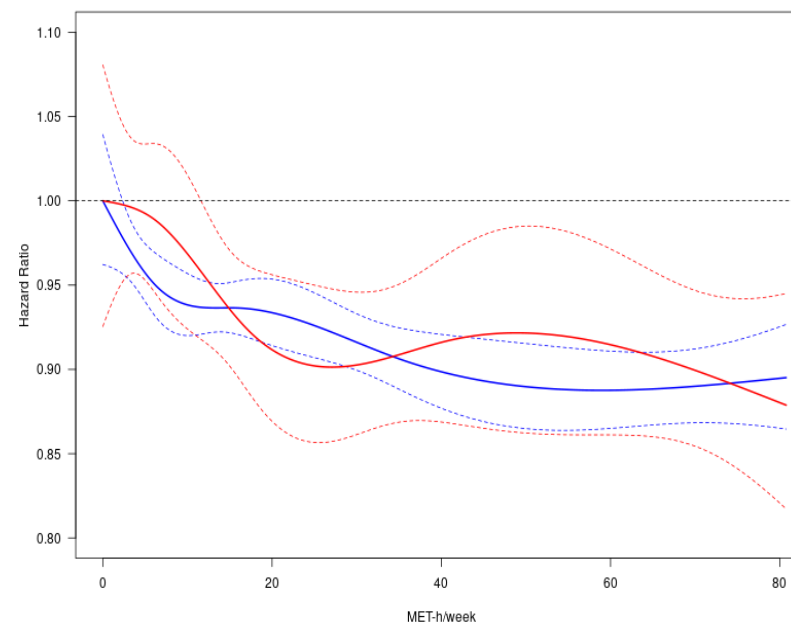
Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 6: The association between non-occupational physical activity and risk of all cancers in the fully adjusted model of EPIC (a) and UKB (b) by cardiometabolic disease status.

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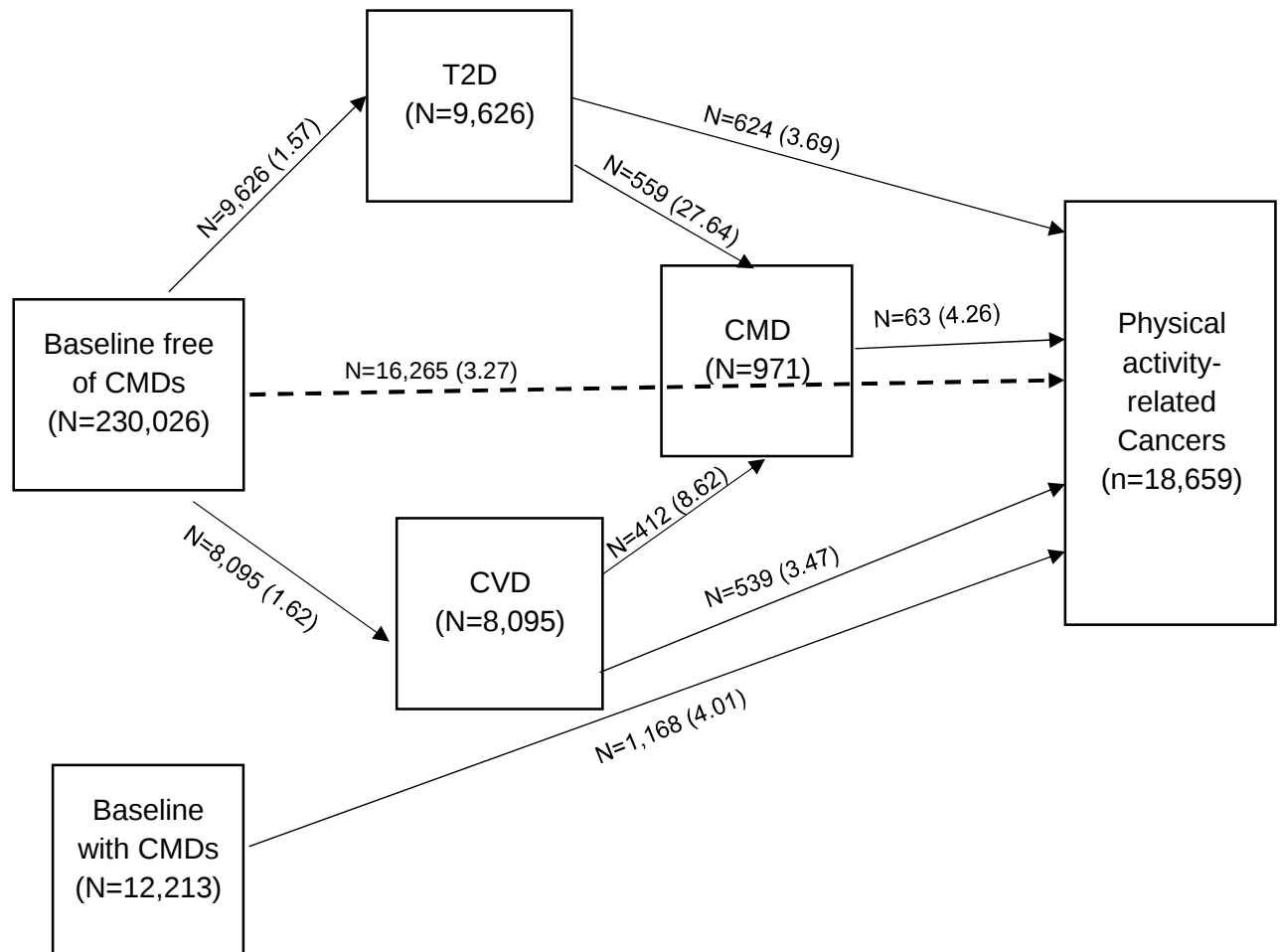


a) EPIC study; b) UK Biobank. The solid blue line represents the adjusted HRs for participants without cardiometabolic disease, while the red lines represent those with cardiometabolic disease, and the broken lines indicate the 95% CIs from the Cox regression with non-occupational physical activity (NOPA) modelled as a natural spline with three knots positioned at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of NOPA, measured in MET-hour/week. Reference = 0 MET-h/week.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD: T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 7: Transitions from baseline to physical activity-related cancers, CVD, T2D, and subsequent transition from T2D, and CVD to cancer in EPIC.



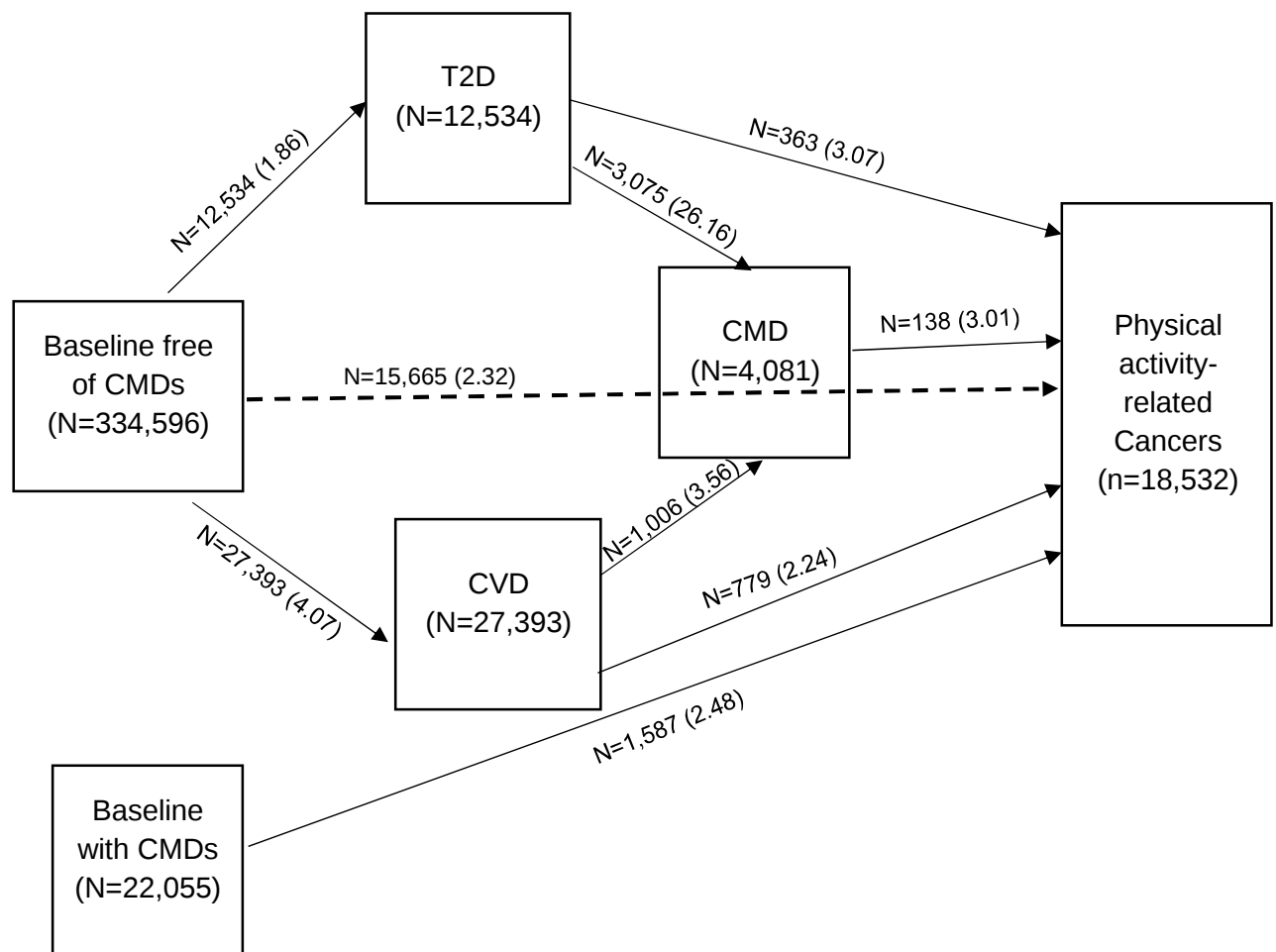
Transitions from baseline to physical activity-related cancers, type 2 diabetes (T2D), and cardiovascular disease (CVD).

Physical activity-related cancers refer to a composite outcome of breast, adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus, endometrial, colon, kidney, gastric cardia, bladder, gallbladder, liver, lung, small intestine, multiple myeloma, myeloid leukaemia, rectal, and head and neck cancer.

The state-specific number of events is reported in boxes, and the transition-specific number of events and age-standardized incidence rates per 1000 person-years (within brackets) are reported on the arrows. Baseline CMDs refer to having CVD, T2D, or both before recruitment, with counts of 4615, 7007, and 591, respectively. ASIRs used the WHO 2000-2025 standard (9) via direct age-standardization (0-40, 40-45, 45-50, 50-55, 55-60, 60-65, 65-70, ≥70 years) with Lexis expansion. Incident T2D/CVD is defined only if it occurs before cancer diagnosis.

Abbreviations: CMD; cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

Supplementary Figure 8: Transitions from baseline to physical activity-related cancers, CVD, T2D, and subsequent transition from T2D, and CVD to cancer in UKB.



Transitions from baseline to physical activity (PA) related cancers, T2D, and CVD.

PA-related cancer refers to breast, adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus, endometrial, colon, kidney, gastric cardia, bladder, gallbladder, liver, lung, small intestine, multiple myeloma, myeloid leukaemia, rectal, and head and neck cancer. Deaths were censored and not modelled as a separate outcome.

The state-specific number of events is reported in boxes, and the transition-specific number of events and age-standardized incidence rates (ASIRs) per 1000 person-years (within brackets) are reported in arrows. Baseline CMDs refer to having CVD, T2D, or both before recruitment, with counts of 16270, 3689, and 2096, respectively. ASIRs used the WHO 2000-2025 standard (9) via direct age-standardization (0–<40, 40–<45, 45–<50, 50–<55, 55–<60, 60–<65, 65–<70, ≥70 years) with Lexis expansion. Incident T2D/CVD is defined only if it occurs before cancer diagnosis.

Abbreviations: CMD, cardiometabolic disease (i.e., T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 8: Associations between non-occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week^a) and the risk of all cancers combined by cardiometabolic disease status.

Models	EPIC							UKB						
	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3
Overall ⁴	242239	30194	0.972	0.959, 0.986	<0.001			356651	35392	0.972	0.961, 0.984	<0.001		
Overall Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	242239	30194	0.973	0.960, 0.986	<0.001			356651	35392	0.973	0.962, 0.984	<0.001		
Without T2D ⁶	224172	27860	0.973	0.959, 0.987	<0.001			335470	33548	0.971	0.96, 0.982	<0.001		
With T2D ⁶	18067	2334	0.972	0.931, 1.015	0.192	0.952	0.952	21181	1844	1.008	0.965, 1.053	0.72	0.099	0.101
Without CVD ⁶	227735	28230	0.973	0.96, 0.987	<0.001			306864	30872	0.975	0.963, 0.987	<0.001		
With CVD ⁶	14504	1964	0.968	0.923, 1.015	0.180	0.827	0.827	49787	4520	0.963	0.937, 0.99	0.007	0.435	0.435
Without CMD ⁶	212326	26236	0.972	0.958, 0.987	<0.001			294705	29768	0.974	0.962, 0.986	<0.001		
With CMD ⁶	29913	3958	0.976	0.944, 1.009	0.159	0.820	0.820	61946	5624	0.967	0.943, 0.991	0.007	0.568	0.568

^a One SD = 51.4 MET-h/week and 34.0 MET-h/week in EPIC and in UK Biobank, respectively.

¹ p-values for the association (from Wald tests in Cox proportional hazards models).

² p-values for local interaction tests (from the full models including interaction terms).

³ p-value for the global interaction test (from the likelihood ratio test comparing models with and without interaction).

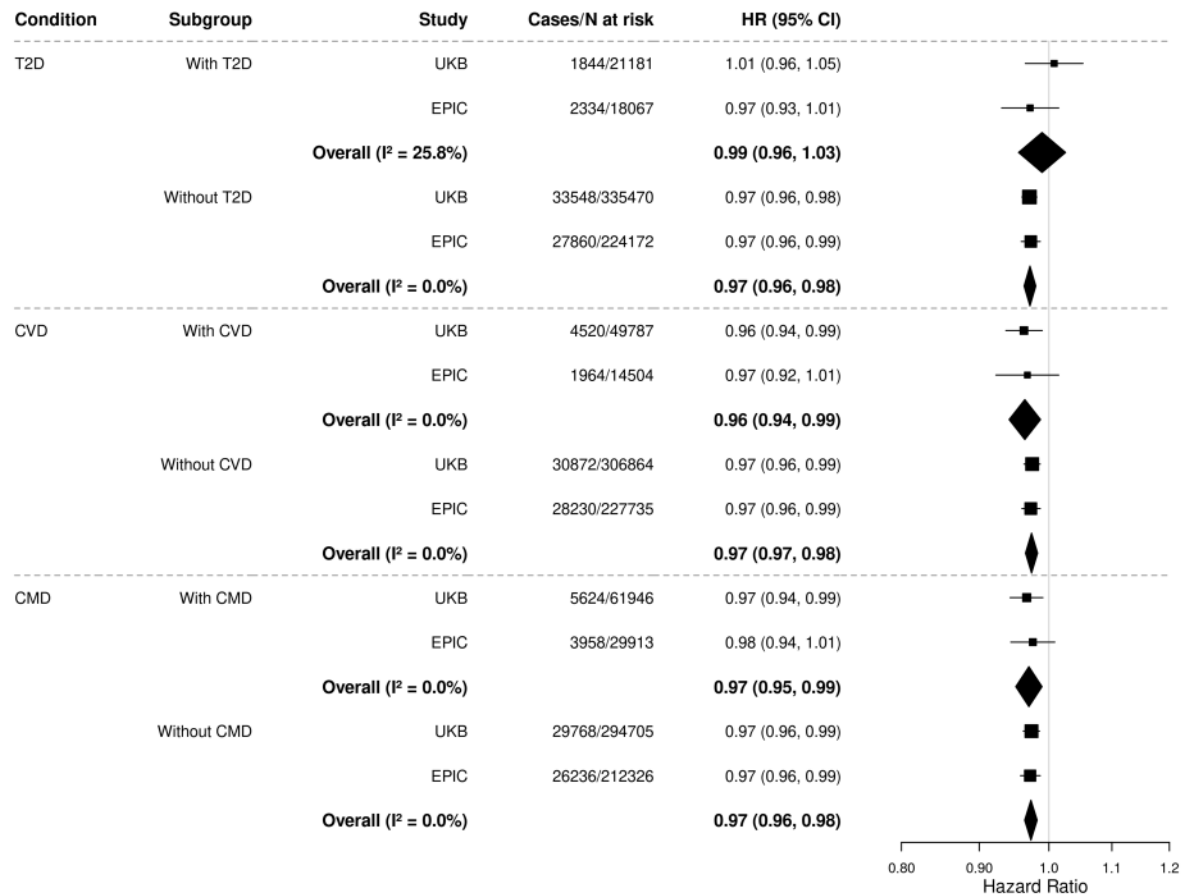
⁴ Model 1: adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, and stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre.

⁵ Model 2: further adjusted for T2D and CVD, and the duration of these comorbidities.

⁶ Model 3: further including interaction terms between NOPA and T2D, CVD, and CMD (adjusted multiplicative interaction computed from the full model with interaction). All statistical tests were two-sided. p-values smaller than 0.001 are shown as '<0.001' for readability.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index, CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; NOPA, non-occupational physical activity, SD, standard deviation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 9: Association between non-occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week) and the risk of all cancers by cardiometabolic disease status.



One SD = 51.4 MET-h/week and 34.0 MET-h/week in EPIC and UKB, respectively.

I^2 : The proportion of total variability due to between-study heterogeneity from random effects meta-analysis.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and interaction term between physical activity and each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates (in bold) were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. The measure of centre of the diamonds or the squares represents the point estimates of hazard ratios, and the error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; SD, standard deviation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 9: Associations between non-occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week^a) and the risk of colorectal and breast cancer by cardiometabolic disease status.

Outcomes	Models	EPIC							UKB						
		N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3
Colorectal cancer	Overall ^{4a}	242239	3979	0.970	0.934, 1.008	0.121			356651	4011	0.950	0.919, 0.983	0.003		
	Overall, Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	242239	3979	0.971	0.934, 1.009	0.128			356651	4011	0.950	0.918, 0.983	0.003		
	Without T2D ⁶	224172	3626	0.979	0.941, 1.018	0.292			335470	3793	0.954	0.922, 0.988	0.008		
	With T2D ⁶	18067	353	0.885	0.788, 0.993	0.036	0.092	0.089	21181	218	0.878	0.766, 1.007	0.062	0.242	0.235
	Without CVD ⁶	227735	3720	0.970	0.932, 1.009	0.124			306864	3527	0.947	0.913, 0.982	0.003		
	With CVD ⁶	14504	259	0.986	0.866, 1.123	0.834	0.727	0.726	49787	484	0.970	0.892, 1.055	0.477	0.588	0.589
	Without CMD ⁶	212326	3418	0.978	0.94, 1.019	0.291			294705	3398	0.948	0.914, 0.984	0.004		
	With CMD ⁶	29913	561	0.924	0.844, 1.012	0.089	0.242	0.239	61946	613	0.952	0.883, 1.027	0.205	0.919	0.919
Breast cancer	Overall ^{4b}	149049	6747	0.975	0.948, 1.004	0.086			172019	5921	0.952	0.924, 0.982	0.002		
	Overall Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	149049	6747	0.975	0.948, 1.004	0.086			172019	5921	0.953	0.924, 0.982	0.002		
	Without T2D ⁶	140189	6449	0.973	0.945, 1.002	0.069			164831	5758	0.95	0.921, 0.979	0.0009		
	With T2D ⁶	8860	298	1.026	0.916, 1.150	0.657	0.368	0.370	7188	163	1.057	0.915, 1.221	0.453	0.151	0.159
	Without CVD ⁶	143132	6555	0.976	0.948, 1.005	0.098			156304	5590	0.958	0.928, 0.988	0.006		
	With CVD ⁶	5917	192	0.956	0.829, 1.103	0.540	0.782	0.782	15715	331	0.889	0.798, 0.989	0.031	0.182	0.177
	Without CMD ⁶	135224	6272	0.974	0.946, 1.002	0.072			151474	5469	0.956	0.927, 0.987	0.005		
	With CMD ⁶	13825	475	1.003	0.916, 1.098	0.950	0.530	0.531	20545	452	0.916	0.836, 1.003	0.058	0.360	0.360

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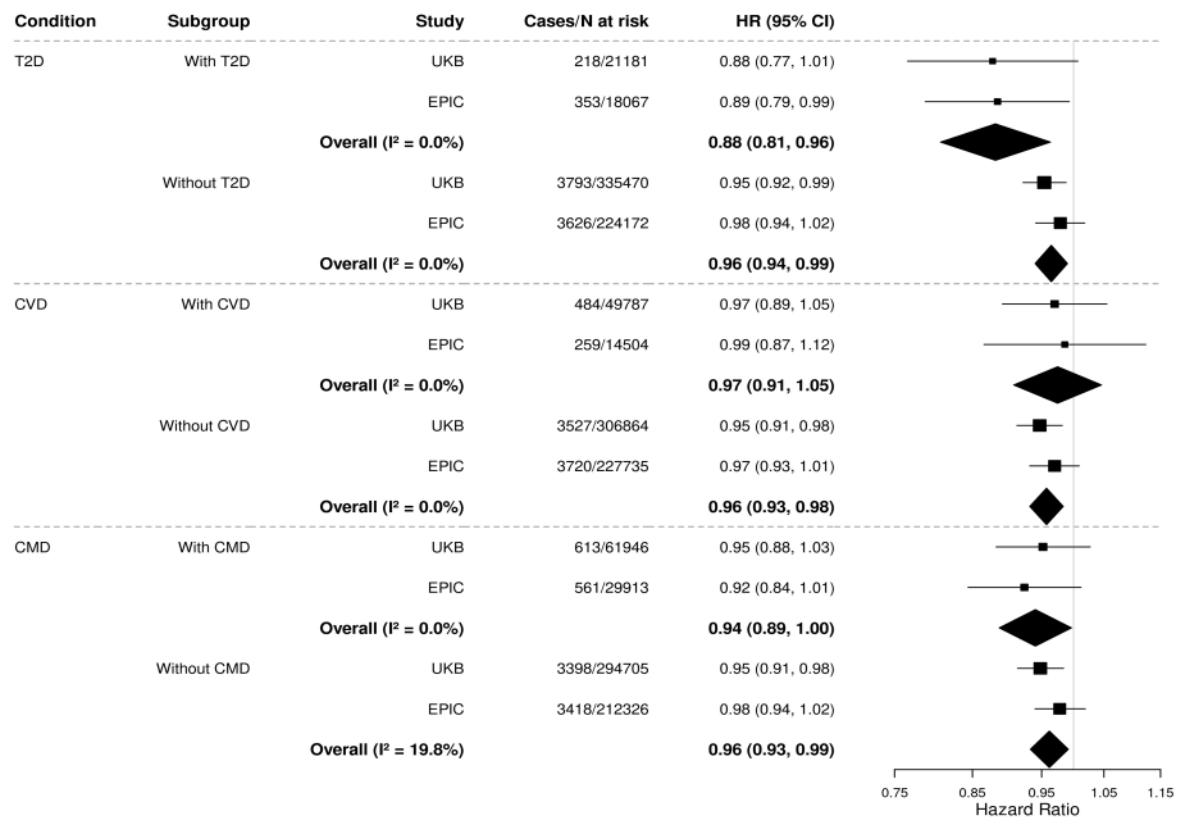
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Supplementary Figure 10: Association between non-occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week) and the risk of colorectal cancer by cardiometabolic disease status in EPIC and UKB cohorts



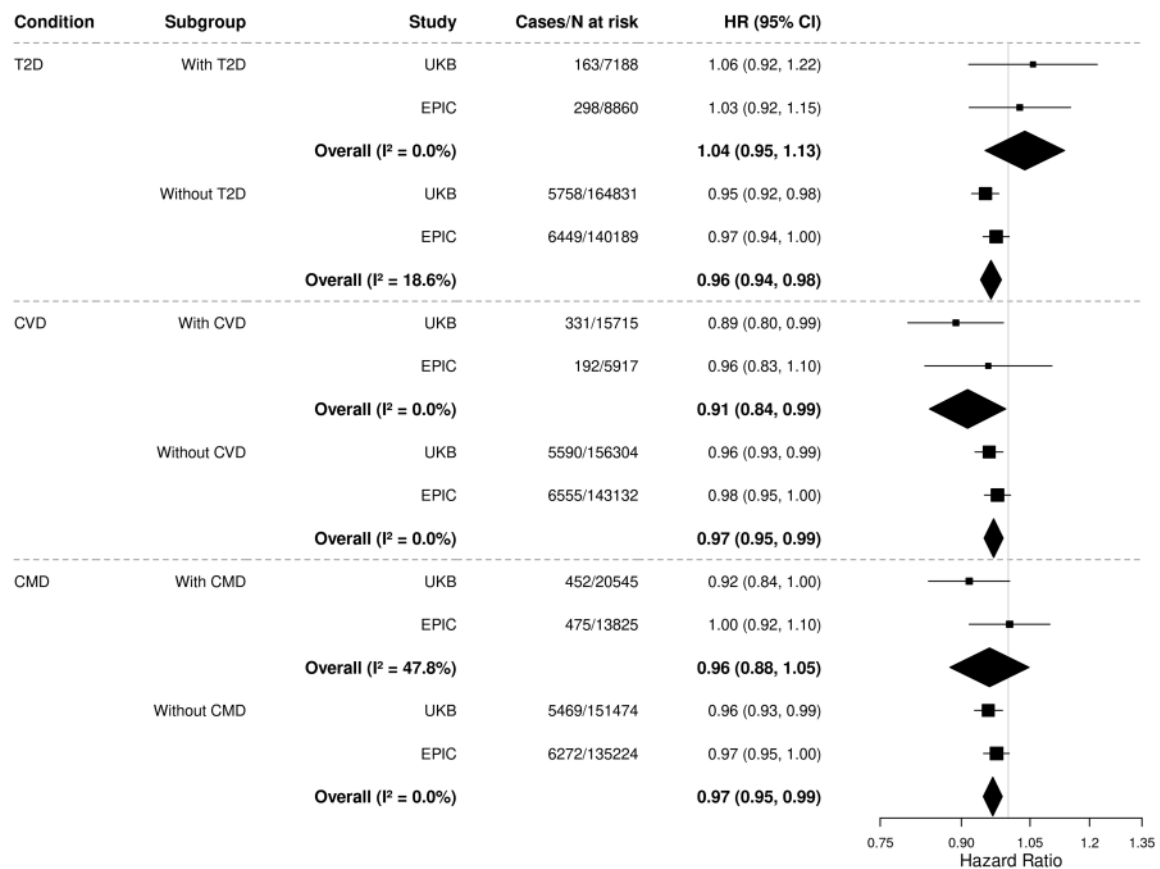
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The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and interaction term between physical activity and each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates (in bold) were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. The measure of centre of the diamonds or the squares represents the point estimates of hazard ratios, and the error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

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Subgroups	CMD status	EPIC					UKB				
		N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p1	p2	N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p1	p2
Ever smokers	No	127075	9851	0.957 (0.934, 0.98)	<0.001		148045	8172	0.946 (0.924, 0.969)	< 0.001	
	Yes	18816	1682	0.929 (0.881, 0.98)	0.007	0.30	33914	1966	0.943 (0.904, 0.984)	0.007	0.89
Never smokers	No	104215	6418	0.968 (0.941, 0.996)	0.027		189164	7500	0.940 (0.916, 0.965)	< 0.001	
	Yes	11097	699	0.97 (0.900, 1.046)	0.434	0.95	28032	894	0.880 (0.825, 0.940)	< 0.001	0.062
Employed	No	154660	10023	0.985 (0.961, 1.01)	0.23		209372	8015	0.928 (0.896, 0.961)	< 0.001	
	Yes	16997	1231	0.984 (0.92, 1.053)	0.64	0.98	26175	855	0.854 (0.763, 0.956)	0.006	0.16
Unemployed	No	76630	6246	0.95 (0.924, 0.977)	<0.001		127837	7657	0.952 (0.933, 0.972)	< 0.001	
	Yes	12916	1150	0.923 (0.871, 0.98)	0.008	0.37	35771	2005	0.932 (0.896, 0.97)	0.001	0.35
BMI <25kg/m ²	No	99026	6991	0.982 (0.955, 1.01)	0.21		113419	5107	0.949 (0.921, 0.978)	0.001	
	Yes	6702	529	0.913 (0.83, 1.005)	0.062	0.14	11897	440	0.866 (0.792, 0.947)	0.002	0.051
BMI ≥25kg/m ²	No	132264	9278	0.955 (0.932, 0.978)	<0.001		223790	10565	0.943 (0.923, 0.964)	< 0.001	
	Yes	23211	1852	0.949 (0.905, 0.996)	0.034	0.81	50049	2420	0.942 (0.906, 0.979)	0.003	0.95
Male	No	87138	4917	0.971 (0.937, 1.007)	0.11		161034	5492	.937 (0.912, 0.964)	< 0.001	
	Yes	16088	1251	0.975 (0.913, 1.041)	0.45	0.92	40455	1718	0.913 (0.872, 0.956)	< 0.001	0.32
Female	No	144152	11352	0.963 (0.942, 0.984)	0.001		176175	10180	0.951 (0.930, 0.973)	< 0.001	
	Yes	13825	1130	0.948 (0.893, 1.006)	0.077	0.61	21491	1142	0.944 (0.893, 0.999)	0.045	0.81
Using medication	No						43134	1930	0.950 (0.908, 0.995)	0.029	
	Yes						25565	1315	0.942 (0.893, 0.993)	0.026	0.78
No medication	No						117874	3560	0.933 (0.900, 0.966)	< 0.001	
	Yes						14882	403	0.841 (0.764, 0.926)	< 0.001	0.043
Self-rated good/excellent health	No						266521	12229	0.949 (0.930, 0.968)	< 0.001	
	Yes						35664	1354	0.927 (0.882, 0.975)	0.003	0.38

Self-rated fair/bad health	No						70688	3443	0.953 (0.918, 0.989)	0.011	
	Yes						26282	1506	0.947 (0.900, 0.997)	0.039	0.85
Low deprivation	No						169570	7797	0.952 (0.929, 0.976)	< 0.001	
	Yes						28627	1192	0.932 (0.882, 0.985)	0.012	0.47
High deprivation	No						167639	7875	0.939 (0.916, 0.963)	< 0.001	
	Yes						33319	1668	0.923 (0.881, 0.967)	0.001	0.50
Low income	No						151693	8364	0.947 (0.927, 0.968)	< 0.001	
	Yes						37881	2058	0.932 (0.895, 0.970)	0.001	0.47
High income	No						185516	7308	0.944 (0.917, 0.972)	< 0.001	
	Yes						24065	802	0.905 (0.838, 0.977)	0.010	0.29
Low sedentary	No						187549	8615	0.947 (0.925, 0.970)	< 0.001	
	Yes						27661	1167	0.924 (0.875, 0.976)	0.005	0.40
High sedentary	No						149660	7057	0.947 (0.923, 0.972)	< 0.001	
	Yes						34285	1693	0.932 (0.890, 0.977)	0.003	0.55

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Employment status: “employed” refers to those who had sitting/standing/manual occupational physical activity in EPIC, while in UKB, to those in paid employment or self-employed, doing unpaid or voluntary work, full or part-time students.

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Deprivation: “low” refers to ≤ the median (-2.2419) while “high” refers to > the median (-2.2419).

Income: “low income” refers to household income ≤ 30,999 GBP; “high income” if > 31,000 GBP.

Sedentary: “low sedentary” refers to sedentary < 5 hours/day; “high sedentary” refers to sedentary ≥ 5 hours/day (10).

All models were adjusted for the duration of T2D and CVD, smoking, BMI, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA, education, height, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use. All statistical tests were two-sided. p-values smaller than 0.001 are shown as “<0.001” for readability. No adjustments were made for multiple comparisons.

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Subgroups	CMD status	EPIC					UKB				
		N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p1	p2	N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p1	p2
Ever smokers	No	127075	15949	0.965 (0.946, 0.983)	< 0.001		148045	14903	0.972 (0.956, 0.989)	0.001	
	Yes	18816	2789	0.950 (0.911, 0.991)	0.016	0.50	33914	3588	0.959 (0.930, 0.990)	0.009	0.44
Never smokers	No	104215	10287	0.980 (0.957, 1.003)	0.081		189164	14865	0.974 (0.957, 0.992)	0.004	
	Yes	11097	1169	1.019 (0.962, 1.080)	0.52	0.19	28032	2036	0.972 (0.933, 1.013)	0.178	0.93
Employed	No	154660	16675	0.981 (0.961, 1.000)	0.052		209372	15233	0.979 (0.957, 1.003)	0.084	
	Yes	16997	2139	1.005 (0.954, 1.059)	0.84	0.37	26175	1766	0.945 (0.881, 1.015)	0.119	0.35
Unemployed	No	76630	9561	0.966 (0.945, 0.988)	0.003		127837	14535	0.973 (0.959, 0.988)	<0.001	
	Yes	12916	1819	0.952 (0.908, 0.997)	0.038	0.55	35771	3858	0.964 (0.937, 0.991)	0.011	0.54
BMI <25kg/m ²	No	99026	10789	0.982 (0.959, 1.005)	0.12		113419	9178	0.971 (0.949, 0.993)	0.009	
	Yes	6702	887	0.951 (0.884, 1.023)	0.18	0.41	11897	946	0.967 (0.912, 1.025)	0.26	0.89
BMI ≥25kg/m ²	No	132264	15447	0.967 (0.949, 0.985)	< 0.001		223790	20590	0.977 (0.962, 0.991)	0.002	
	Yes	23211	3071	0.976 (0.939, 1.013)	0.12	0.65	50049	4678	0.967 (0.940, 0.994)	0.016	0.51
Male	No	87138	10990	0.986 (0.963, 1.010)	0.26		161034	15901	0.981 (0.965, 0.997)	0.020	
	Yes	16088	2462	0.984 (0.939, 1.031)	0.50	0.93	40455	4101	0.964 (0.936, 0.993)	0.014	0.29
Female	No	144152	15246	0.966 (0.948, 0.984)	< 0.001		176175	13867	0.965 (0.947, 0.984)	<0.001	
	Yes	13825	1496	0.959 (0.911, 1.010)	0.11	0.79	21491	1523	0.967 (0.922, 1.014)	0.17	0.94
Using medication	No						43134	5199	0.972 (0.946, 1.000)	0.046	
	Yes						25565	3127	0.981 (0.948, 1.014)	0.25	0.68
No medication	No						117874	10699	0.989 (0.969, 1.009)	0.26	
	Yes						14882	974	0.915 (0.862, 0.972)	0.004	0.015
Self-rated good/excellent health	No						266521	23606	0.979 (0.965, 0.993)	0.003	
	Yes						35664	2856	0.974 (0.941, 1.007)	0.12	0.78

Self-rated fair/bad health	No						70688	6162	0.969 (0.943, 0.996)	0.026	
	Yes						26282	2768	0.972 (0.936, 1.009)	0.13	0.89
Low deprivation	No						169570	15390	0.975 (0.958, 0.992)	0.004	
	Yes						28627	2609	0.981 (0.946, 1.017)	0.29	0.76
High deprivation	No						167639	14378	0.974 (0.956, 0.991)	0.003	
	Yes						33319	3015	0.952 (0.92, 0.986)	0.005	0.24
Low income	No						151693	15260	0.97 (0.955, 0.985)	<0.001	
	Yes						37881	3835	0.972 (0.944, 1.001)	0.054	0.90
High income	No						185516	14508	0.982 (0.962, 1.001)	0.069	
	Yes						24065	1789	0.948 (0.902, 0.996)	0.035	0.19
Low sedentary	No						187549	15739	0.973 (0.956, 0.990)	0.002	
	Yes						27661	2321	0.966 (0.930, 1.004)	0.079	0.74
High sedentary	No						149660	14029	0.979 (0.962, 0.997)	0.021	
	Yes						34285	3303	0.968 (0.936, 1.000)	0.051	0.51

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Supplementary Table 12: Association between non-occupational physical activity (^aper 1 SD increase in MET-h/week) and the risk of physical activity-related cancers and all cancers by cardiometabolic disease status in EPIC and UKB (complete case analysis).

Outcomes	Models	EPIC							UK Biobank						
		N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3
Physical activity-related cancer	Overall ⁴	231187	17878	0.964	0.947, 0.981	<0.001			343993	17854	0.941	0.925, 0.956	<0.001		
	Overall, Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	231187	17878	0.965	0.948, 0.983	<0.001			343993	17854	0.943	0.928, 0.959	<0.001		
	Without T2D ⁶	213827	16520	0.967	0.949, 0.985	<0.001			323661	16832	0.941	0.925, 0.957	<0.001		
	With T2D ⁶	17360	1358	0.947	0.895, 1.001	0.055	0.47	0.47	20332	1022	0.986	0.929, 1.046	0.633	0.13	0.13
	Without CVD ⁶	217633	16779	0.967	0.95, 0.985	<0.001			295620	15696	0.946	0.929, 0.962	<0.001		
	With CVD ⁶	13554	1099	0.934	0.877, 0.995	0.0345	0.28	0.28	48373	2158	0.929	0.892, 0.968	<0.001	0.41	0.41
	Without CMD ⁶	202798	15601	0.968	0.95, 0.986	<0.001			283953	15087	0.945	0.928, 0.962	<0.001		
	With CMD ⁶	28389	2277	0.947	0.906, 0.989	0.014	0.34	0.34	60040	2767	0.931	0.898, 0.965	<0.001	0.44	0.44
All cancers	Overall ⁴	231187	28741	0.973	0.959, 0.987	<0.001			343993	34352	0.972	0.961, 0.984	<0.001		
	Overall, Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	231187	28741	0.974	0.960, 0.988	<0.001			343993	34352	0.973	0.962, 0.984	<0.001		
	Without T2D ⁶	213827	26508	0.974	0.960, 0.988	<0.001			323661	32569	0.971	0.959, 0.983	<0.001		
	With T2D ⁶	17360	2233	0.975	0.933, 1.019	0.27	0.94	0.94	20332	1783	1.007	0.964, 1.053	0.74	0.11	0.11
	Without CVD ⁶	217633	26898	0.974	0.960, 0.989	<0.001			295620	29957	0.974	0.962, 0.986	<0.001		
	With CVD ⁶	13554	1843	0.968	0.921, 1.016	0.19	0.79	0.79	48373	4395	0.968	0.942, 0.996	0.023	0.71	0.71
	Without CMD ⁶	202798	24989	0.973	0.959, 0.988	<0.001			283953	28892	0.973	0.961, 0.986	<0.001		
	With CMD ⁶	28389	3752	0.978	0.945, 1.013	0.213	0.76	0.76	60040	5460	0.970	0.946, 0.994	0.016	0.79	0.79

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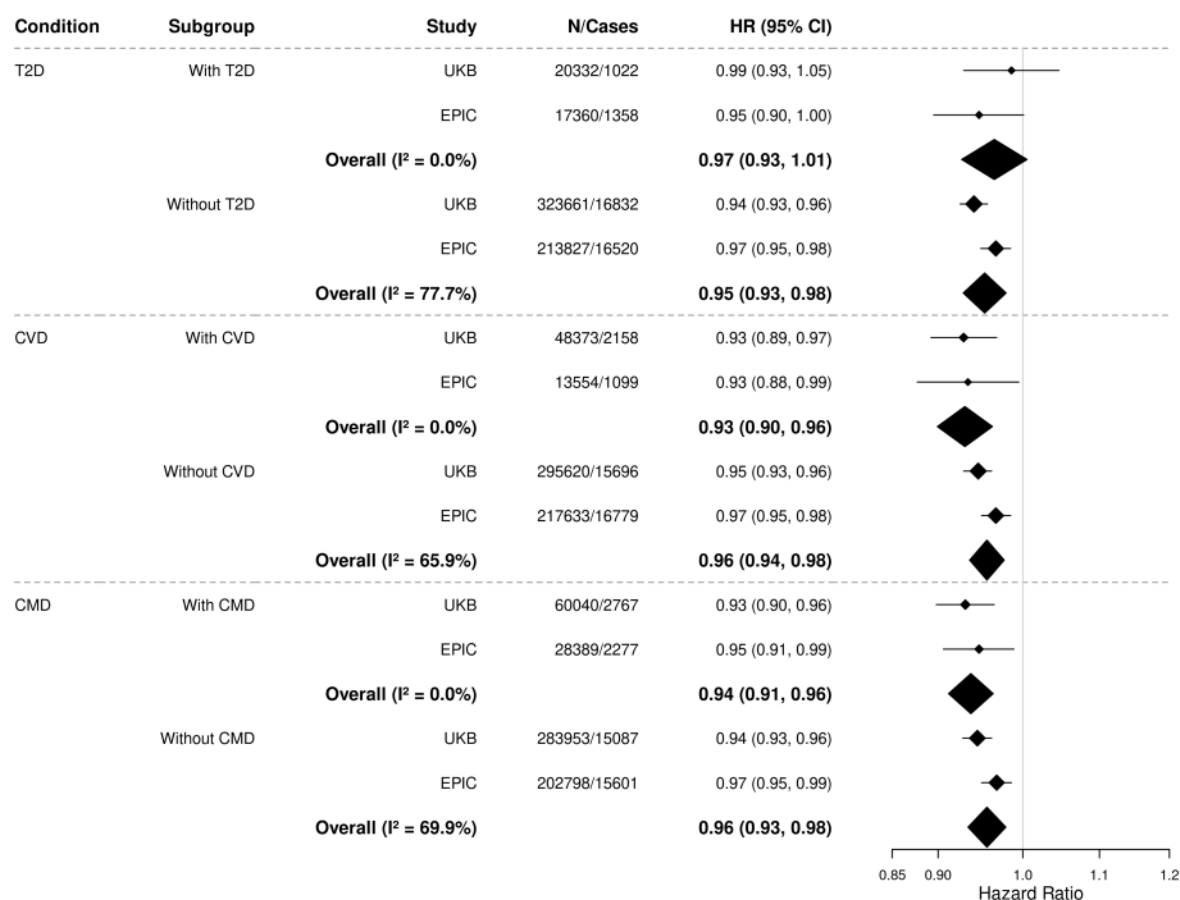
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One SD = 51.4 MET-h/week and 34.0 MET-h/week in EPIC and UKB, respectively.

I^2 : The proportion of total variability due to between-study heterogeneity from random effects meta-analysis.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and interaction term between physical activity and each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models, and all statistical tests were two-sided. The overall estimate (in bold) was obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis with two-sided tests. The measure of centre of the diamonds or the squares represents the point estimates of hazard ratios, and the error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; SD, standard deviation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 13: Joint association of non-occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases with the risk of all cancers.

Joint exposures	Study	N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p-value
High NOPA, without T2D	UKB	139854	14573	Ref.	
	EPIC	95443	10243	Ref.	
High NOPA, with T2D	UKB	7754	739	1.105 (0.948, 1.288)	0.201
	EPIC	6588	752	1.077 (0.923, 1.257)	0.347
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.091 (0.979, 1.216)	
Moderate NOPA, without T2D	UKB	142444	12893	1.052 (1.026, 1.079)	<0.001
	EPIC	94495	11572	1.037 (1.008, 1.068)	0.014
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.046 (1.026, 1.066)	
Moderate NOPA, with T2D	UKB	7820	646	1.061 (0.908, 1.241)	0.453
	EPIC	6931	946	1.136 (0.978, 1.320)	0.094
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.099 (0.987, 1.225)	
Low NOPA, without T2D	UKB	69525	6082	1.100 (1.064, 1.137)	<0.001
	EPIC	45915	6045	1.065 (1.027, 1.104)	<0.001
	Overall (I2 = 40.0%)			1.083 (1.05, 1.118)	
Low NOPA, with T2D	UKB	5607	459	1.150 (0.975, 1.355)	0.096
	EPIC	4548	636	1.119 (0.956, 1.309)	0.161
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.134 (1.012, 1.27)	
High NOPA, without CVD	UKB	134238	13261	Ref.	
	EPIC	96331	10368	Ref.	
High NOPA, with CVD	UKB	22346	2051	1.046 (0.946, 1.155)	0.381
	EPIC	5088	627	0.986 (0.838, 1.160)	0.867
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.029 (0.945, 1.121)	
Moderate NOPA, without CVD	UKB	138383	11914	1.039 (1.012, 1.067)	0.005
	EPIC	94661	11702	1.039 (1.010, 1.070)	0.009
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.039 (1.019, 1.059)	
Moderate NOPA, with CVD	UKB	18074	1625	1.155 (1.043, 1.279)	0.006
	EPIC	5884	816	1.012 (0.864, 1.186)	0.880
	Overall (I2 = 50.0%)			1.097 (0.967, 1.245)	
Low NOPA, without CVD	UKB	67654	5697	1.089 (1.052, 1.127)	<0.001
	EPIC	46169	6160	1.062 (1.024, 1.101)	0.001
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.076 (1.050, 1.103)	
Low NOPA, with CVD	UKB	9367	844	1.193 (1.065, 1.337)	0.002
	EPIC	3532	521	1.060 (0.897, 1.253)	0.495
	Overall (I2 = 20.0%)			1.143 (1.023, 1.278)	
High NOPA, without CMD	UKB	133075	12811	Ref.	
	EPIC	93821	9702	Ref.	
High NOPA, with CMD	UKB	26655	2501	1.056 (0.968, 1.153)	0.221
	EPIC	10861	1293	1.049 (0.934, 1.178)	0.419
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.053 (0.982, 1.130)	
Moderate NOPA, without CMD	UKB	137294	11527	1.042 (1.014, 1.07)	0.003
	EPIC	92608	10896	1.039 (1.008, 1.07)	0.012
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.041 (1.02, 1.062)	
Moderate NOPA, with CMD	UKB	22646	2012	1.138 (1.04, 1.245)	0.005
	EPIC	11759	1622	1.088 (0.971, 1.218)	0.145
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.118 (1.042, 1.200)	
Low NOPA, without CMD	UKB	66840	5430	1.090 (1.053, 1.129)	<0.001
	EPIC	44861	5638	1.067 (1.028, 1.107)	<0.001
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.079 (1.052, 1.107)	
Low NOPA, with CMD	UKB	12645	1111	1.194 (1.081, 1.318)	<0.001
	EPIC	7293	1043	1.090 (0.967, 1.229)	0.156
	Pooled			1.148 (1.051, 1.254)	

Reference category (not shown): High NOPA (≥ 60 th percentile of the MET-h/week) without cardiometabolic disease.

Low NOPA was defined as less than the 20th percentile, and moderate NOPA was defined as the 20th-60th percentile of MET-h/week in NOPA.

In EPIC, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 42 MET-h/week and 94.54 MET-h/week, respectively. In UKB, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 4.8 MET-h/week and 22.3 MET-h/week, respectively.

I^2 : The proportion of total variability due to between-study heterogeneity from random effects meta-analysis.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and joint categories of physical activity and each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. p-values smaller than 0.001 are shown as “<0.001” for readability.

Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) for those who had low NOPA with T2D, CVD, and CMD was -0.04 (95% CI: -0.29, 0.21), 0.04 (95% CI: -0.26, 0.35), and 0.02 (95% CI: -0.48, 0.52), respectively.

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; NOPA, non-occupational physical activity; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 14: Joint and additive interactive effects of non-occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases on colorectal cancer risk in EPIC and UKB

Joint exposures	Study	N	Cases	95% CI	p-value
High NOPA, without T2D	UKB	139854	1658	Ref.	
	EPIC	95443	1288	Ref.	
High NOPA, with T2D	UKB	7754	76	0.815 (0.503, 1.319)	0.405
	EPIC	6588	101	1.044 (0.702, 1.552)	0.832
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			0.945 (0.695, 1.283)	
Moderate NOPA, without T2D	UKB	142444	1465	1.089 (1.011, 1.174)	0.025
	EPIC	94495	1513	1.041 (0.961, 1.129)	0.324
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.067 (1.010, 1.127)	
Moderate NOPA, with T2D	UKB	7820	78	0.941 (0.582, 1.523)	0.806
	EPIC	6931	146	1.275 (0.874, 1.860)	0.208
	Overall (I2 = 0.0 %)			1.136 (0.844, 1.528)	
Low NOPA, without T2D	UKB	69525	670	1.138 (1.030, 1.257)	0.011
	EPIC	45915	825	1.068 (0.967, 1.179)	0.194
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.102 (1.028, 1.182)	
Low NOPA, with T2D	UKB	5607	64	1.216 (0.741, 1.994)	0.439
	EPIC	4548	106	1.327 (0.895, 1.967)	0.159
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.283 (0.943, 1.746)	
High NOPA, without CVD	UKB	134238	1515	Ref.	
	EPIC	96331	1305	Ref.	
High NOPA, with CVD	UKB	22346	219	1.144 (0.855, 1.530)	0.366
	EPIC	5088	84	0.907 (0.578, 1.426)	0.673
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.069 (0.837, 1.365)	
Moderate NOPA, without CVD	UKB	138383	1369	1.087 (1.006, 1.175)	0.036
	EPIC	94661	1550	1.055 (0.974, 1.144)	0.188
	Overall (I2 = 0.0 %)			1.071 (1.013, 1.133)	
Moderate NOPA, with CVD	UKB	18074	174	1.293 (0.959, 1.744)	0.092
	EPIC	5884	109	0.943 (0.607, 1.466)	0.795
	Overall (I2 = 30.0%)			1.153 (0.856, 1.553)	
Low NOPA, without CVD	UKB	67654	643	1.152 (1.040, 1.276)	0.007
	EPIC	46169	865	1.088 (0.986, 1.201)	0.093
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.118 (1.042, 1.201)	
Low NOPA, with CVD	UKB	9367	91	1.388 (0.993, 1.940)	0.055
	EPIC	3532	66	0.940 (0.589, 1.499)	0.794
	Overall (I2 = 40.0%)			1.183 (0.813, 1.723)	
High NOPA, without CMD	UKB	133075	1465	Ref.	
	EPIC	93821	1219	Ref.	
High NOPA, with CMD	UKB	26655	269	1.038 (0.798, 1.351)	
	EPIC	10861	170	0.967 (0.704, 1.327)	0.780
	Overall (I2 = 0.0 %)			1.008 (0.824, 1.235)	0.834
Moderate NOPA, without CMD	UKB	137294	1325	1.091 (1.008, 1.180)	
	EPIC	92608	1427	1.043 (0.960, 1.133)	0.031
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.068 (1.009, 1.131)	0.319
Moderate NOPA, with CMD	UKB	22646	218	1.149 (0.878, 1.504)	
	EPIC	11759	232	1.093 (0.804, 1.486)	0.310
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.124 (0.918, 1.377)	0.569
Low NOPA, without CMD	UKB	66840	608	1.145 (1.031, 1.271)	
	EPIC	44861	772	1.067 (0.964, 1.182)	0.011
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.104 (1.027, 1.188)	0.213
Low NOPA, with CMD	UKB	12645	126	1.305 (0.972, 1.753)	
	EPIC	7293	159	1.152 (0.835, 1.589)	0.076
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.233 (0.992, 1.532)	0.388

Reference category: High NOPA without cardiometabolic disease.

Physical activity categories based on total non-occupational MET-hours/week: Low (<20th percentile), Moderate (20th-60th percentile), High (≥60th percentile).

In EPIC, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 42 MET-h/week and 94.54 MET-h/week, respectively. In UKB, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 4.8 MET-h/week and 22.3 MET-h/week, respectively.

Joint NOPA-disease exposure: Six mutually exclusive categories combining baseline NOPA level with baseline disease status. The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and Joint PA-disease exposure for each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) for those who had low NOPA with T2D, CVD, and CMD was 0.23 (95% CI: -0.08, 0.55), 0.02 (95% CI: -0.93, 0.97), and 0.12 (95% CI: -0.38, 0.61), respectively. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; NOPA, non-occupational physical activity; RERI, Relative excess risk due to interactions; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 15: Joint and additive interactive effects of non-occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases on breast cancer risk in EPIC and UKB

Joint exposures	study	N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p-value
High NOPA, without T2D	UKB	65793	2117	Ref	
	EPIC	57570	2265	Ref	
High NOPA, with T2D	UKB	2722	69	1.690 (1.061, 2.694)	0.890
	EPIC	3694	117	1.157 (0.778, 1.720)	0.336
	Overall (I2 = 30.0%)			1.370 (0.947, 1.982)	
Moderate NOPA, without T2D	UKB	68948	2354	1.091 (1.024, 1.162)	0.032
	EPIC	58642	2606	0.999 (0.941, 1.061)	0.967
	Overall (I2 = 70.0%)			1.043 (0.957, 1.137)	
Moderate NOPA, with T2D	UKB	2582	45	1.179 (0.718, 1.934)	0.485
	EPIC	3265	106	1.039 (0.700, 1.541)	0.602
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.091 (0.801, 1.486)	
Low NOPA, without T2D	UKB	33945	1179	1.162 (1.073, 1.260)	0.003
	EPIC	29034	1521	1.055 (0.979, 1.137)	0.200
	Overall (I2 = 70.0%)			1.106 (1.006, 1.216)	
Low NOPA, with T2D	UKB	1884	49	1.832 (1.122, 2.993)	0.018
	EPIC	1901	75	1.099 (0.727, 1.661)	0.253
	Overall (I2 = 60.0%)			1.394 (0.846, 2.297)	
High NOPA, without CVD	UKB	66245	2168	Ref	
	EPIC	59058	2379	Ref	
High NOPA, with CVD	UKB	7287	126	0.756 (0.520, 1.098)	0.142
	EPIC	2232	60	1.085 (0.677, 1.737)	0.735
	Overall (I2 = 30.0%)			0.879 (0.620, 1.247)	
Moderate NOPA, without CVD	UKB	68056	2273	1.063 (0.997, 1.134)	0.060
	EPIC	58979	2634	0.993 (0.935, 1.054)	0.821
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.026 (0.960, 1.097)	
Moderate NOPA, with CVD	UKB	5559	126	1.018 (0.701, 1.478)	0.926
	EPIC	2407	78	1.128 (0.713, 1.784)	0.606
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.060 (0.794, 1.416)	
Low NOPA, without CVD	UKB	33547	1149	1.136 (1.047, 1.232)	0.002
	EPIC	29136	1542	1.045 (0.970, 1.125)	0.249
	Overall (I2 = 50.0%)			1.088 (1.002, 1.180)	
Low NOPA, with CVD	UKB	2869	79	1.220 (0.818, 1.820)	0.329
	EPIC	1278	54	1.352 (0.833, 2.193)	0.222
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.272 (0.935, 1.731)	
High NOPA, without CMD	UKB	65793	2117	Ref	
	EPIC	57570	2265	Ref	
High NOPA, with CMD	UKB	9061	177	0.979 (0.723, 1.324)	0.027
	EPIC	5587	174	1.162 (0.855, 1.579)	0.472
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.065 (0.859, 1.321)	
Moderate NOPA, without CMD	UKB	67689	2241	1.073 (1.006, 1.145)	0.007
	EPIC	57928	2534	0.999 (0.94, 1.061)	0.969
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.034 (0.964, 1.109)	
Moderate NOPA, with CMD	UKB	7332	158	1.115 (0.821, 1.514)	0.515
	EPIC	5316	178	1.084 (0.800, 1.468)	0.850
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.099 (0.886, 1.364)	
Low NOPA, without CMD	UKB	33252	1111	1.133 (1.044, 1.230)	<0.001
	EPIC	28654	1473	1.051 (0.974, 1.133)	0.158
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.089 (1.012, 1.172)	
Low NOPA, with CMD	UKB	4152	117	1.474 (1.068, 2.032)	0.016
	EPIC	2922	123	1.206 (0.875, 1.660)	0.655
	Overall (I2 = 0.0%)			1.333 (1.062, 1.672)	

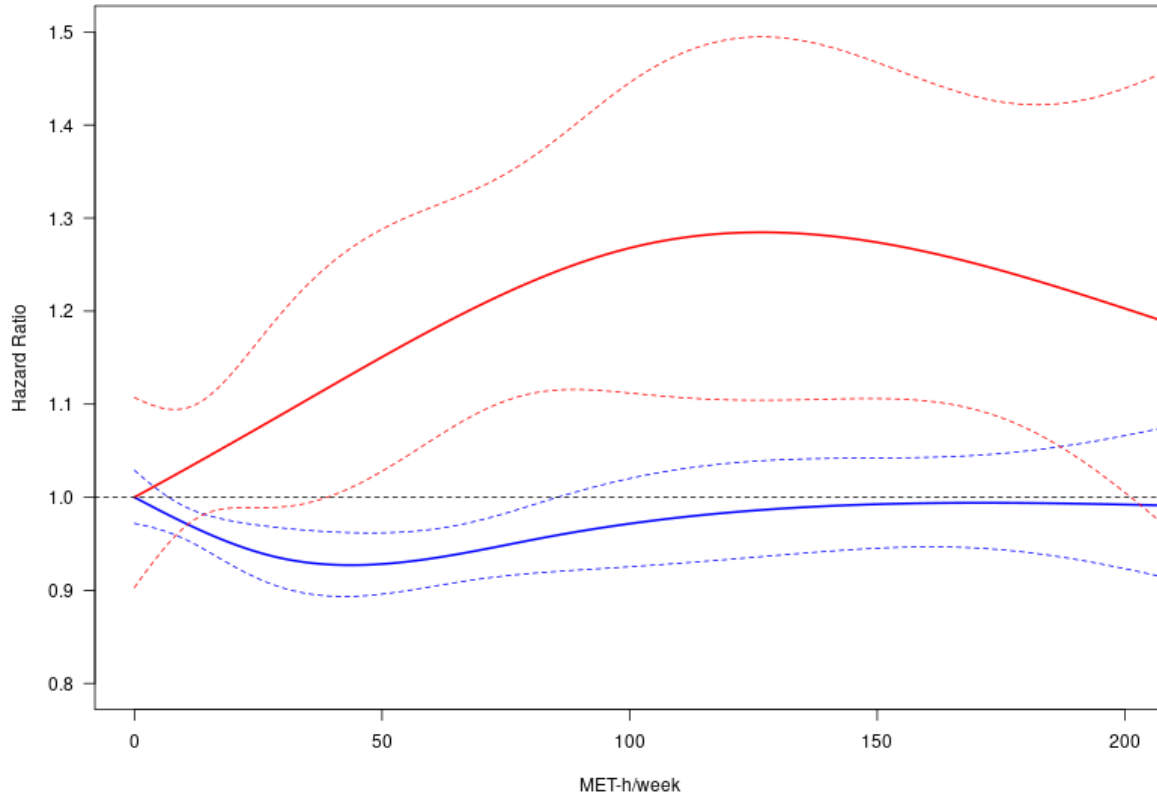
Reference category: High NOPA without cardiometabolic disease.

Physical activity categories based on total non-occupational MET-hours/week: Low NOPA (<20th percentile), Moderate NOPA (20th-60th percentile), High NOPA (≥60th percentile). In EPIC, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 55 MET-h/week

and 112.5 MET-h/week, respectively. In UKB, the 20th and 60th percentiles were 4.8 MET-h/week and 21.6 MET-h/week, respectively.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories) and recruitment centre, and adjusted for education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, occupational PA/employment, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, age at menarche, age at first birth, parity, family history of breast cancer, CVD and T2D (modelled as binary time-varying variables) and time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and Joint NOPA-disease exposure for each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. p-values smaller than 0.001 are shown as “<0.001” for readability. Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) for those with low NOPA and T2D, CVD, and CMD was -0.09 (95% CI: -0.57, 0.39), 0.30 (95% CI: -0.36, 0.95), and 0.16 (95% CI: -2.18, 2.51), respectively. Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; NOPA, non-occupational physical activity; RERI, Relative excess risk due to interactions; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Figure 13: The association between occupational physical activity and risk of physical activity-related cancers in the fully adjusted model of UKB by cardiometabolic disease status.



The solid blue line represents the adjusted HRs for participants without cardiometabolic disease, while the red lines represent those with cardiometabolic disease, and the broken lines indicate the 95% CIs from the Cox regression with occupational physical activity (OPA) modelled as a natural spline with three knots positioned at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles of OPA, measured in MET-hour/week, capped at 200. Reference = 0 MET-h/week.

The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use. Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 16: Associations between occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week) and the risk of physical activity-related cancer by cardiometabolic disease status in UKB.

Models	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3
Overall ⁴	215097	8840	1.008	0.984, 1.032	0.521		
Overall, Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	215097	8840	1.008	0.984, 1.032	0.536		
Without T2D ⁶	206228	8528	1.005	0.981, 1.03	0.670		
With T2D ⁶	8869	312	1.060	0.952, 1.179	0.287	0.35	0.35
Without CVD ⁶	194878	8201	0.998	0.973, 1.023	0.858		
With CVD ⁶	20219	639	1.115	1.037, 1.199	0.003	0.005	0.005
Without CMD ⁶	189049	7988	0.998	0.973, 1.023	0.871		
With CMD ⁶	26048	852	1.083	1.016, 1.155	0.015	0.019	0.019

^a One SD = 64.0 MET-h/week.

¹ p-values for the association (from Wald tests in Cox proportional hazards models).

² p-values for local interaction tests (p-values in the full model with interaction).

³ p-value for the global interaction test (likelihood ratio test).

⁴ Model 1: adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, and stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre.

⁵ Model 2: further adjusted for T2D and CVD, and the duration of these comorbidities.

⁶ Model 3: further including interaction terms between OPA and T2D, CVD, and CMD (adjusted multiplicative interaction computed from the full model with interaction). All statistical tests were two-sided.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; SD, standard deviation; OPA, occupational physical activity; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 17: Subgroup analysis of associations between occupational physical activity (^aper 1 SD increase in MET-h/week) and the risk of PA-related cancers by cardiometabolic disease status in UKB.

Subgroups	CMD status	N	Cases	HR (95% CI)	p1	p2
Ever smokers	No	86927	3905	1.036 (1.001, 1.072)	0.041	
	Yes	13343	541	1.055 (0.974, 1.143)	0.192	0.682
Never smokers	No	121654	4083	0.958 (0.923, 0.995)	0.027	
	Yes	12705	311	1.135 (1.018, 1.265)	0.022	0.004
High non-occupational PA	No	107628	3707	0.996 (0.959, 1.034)	0.821	
	Yes	11904	324	1.106 (0.999, 1.226)	0.053	0.055
Low non-occupational PA	No	100953	4281	0.993 (0.96–1.027)	0.681	
	Yes	14144	528	1.059 (0.975–1.151)	0.172	0.149
BMI <25kg/m ²	No	71503	2723	0.971 (0.926, 1.017)	0.209	
	Yes	4793	118	1.142 (0.96, 1.358)	0.134	0.074
BMI ≥25kg/m ²	No	137078	5265	1.010 (0.980, 1.040)	0.534	
	Yes	21255	734	1.079 (1.007, 1.157)	0.032	0.079
Male	No	104608	2657	1.019 (0.982, 1.058)	0.314	
	Yes	18233	517	1.059 (0.979, 1.145)	0.155	0.379
Female	No	103973	5331	0.953 (0.919, 0.987)	0.007	
	Yes	7815	335	1.084 (0.962, 1.221)	0.187	0.042
Using medication	No	20880	736	1.015 (0.944, 1.091)	0.685	
	Yes	9719	356	1.032 (0.935, 1.140)	0.531	0.78
No medication	No	83714	1920	1.018 (0.974, 1.063)	0.435	
	Yes	8512	161	1.136 (0.996, 1.296)	0.057	0.111
Self-rated good/excellent health	No	169524	6437	0.994 (0.966, 1.023)	0.698	
	Yes	16414	469	1.107 (1.014, 1.207)	0.023	0.021
Self-rated fair/bad health	No	39057	1551	1.010 (0.958, 1.064)	0.71	
	Yes	9634	383	1.049 (0.953, 1.155)	0.328	0.483
Low deprivation	No	102832	3976	0.993 (0.956, 1.031)	0.718	
	Yes	12107	376	1.101 (0.995, 1.219)	0.063	0.058
High deprivation	No	105749	4012	1.001 (0.967, 1.036)	0.954	
	Yes	13941	476	1.067 (0.982, 1.16)	0.127	0.156
Low income	No	62088	2730	0.993 (0.954, 1.033)	0.718	
	Yes	9825	393	1.059 (0.967, 1.159)	0.216	0.191
High income	No	146493	5258	0.993 (0.96, 1.027)	0.68	
	Yes	16223	459	1.076 (0.979, 1.183)	0.13	0.114
Low sedentary	No	121689	4772	0.962 (0.930, 0.996)	0.028	
	Yes	12266	383	1.084 (0.985, 1.193)	0.099	0.020
High sedentary	No	86892	3216	1.042 (1.003, 1.081)	0.032	
	Yes	13782	469	1.084 (0.994, 1.183)	0.069	0.397

^a One SD = 64 MET-h/week

¹ p-values for the association (from Wald tests in Cox proportional hazards models).

² p-values for local interaction tests (p-values in the full model with interaction between OPA and CMD within each model).

High non-occupational PA: refers to those who had ≥ 10 MET-h/week of non-occupational PA. Low non-occupational PA refers to <10 MET-h/week (2). The threshold at 10 MET-h/week is equivalent to reaching the recommended guidelines (150 min per week) for moderate-intensity PA.

Medication status: “using medication” refers to those reporting use of blood pressure medication, cholesterol-lowering medication, or insulin; while no medication refers to those who do not know, none of the above, or prefer not to answer.

Deprivation: “low” refers to $\leq$ the median (-2.2686) while high if $>$ the median (-2.2419).

Income: “low income” refers to household income $\leq 30,999$ GBP; “high income” if $> 31,000$ GBP.

Sedentary: “low sedentary” refers to sedentary < 5 hours/day; “high sedentary” refers to sedentary ≥ 5 hours/day (10).

All models were adjusted for the duration of T2D and CVD, non-occupational PA, smoking, BMI, alcohol consumption, diet quality, education, height, menopause status, and menopausal hormone use. All statistical tests were two-sided. No adjustments were made for multiple comparisons.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; SD, standard deviation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 18: Associations between occupational physical activity (per 1 SD increase in MET-h/week^a) and the risk of colorectal and breast cancer by cardiometabolic disease status in UKB.

Outcomes	Models	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1	p2	p3
Colorectal cancer	Overall ^{4a}	215097	1861	0.983	0.935, 1.033	0.499		
	Overall, Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	206228	1786	0.989	0.940, 1.040	0.659		
	Without T2D6	206228	1786	0.989	0.94, 1.040	0.659		
	With T2D6	8869	75	0.858	0.676, 1.089	0.208	0.24	0.24
	Without CVD ⁶	194878	1708	0.982	0.933, 1.035	0.500		
	With CVD ⁶	20219	153	0.990	0.848, 1.155	0.894	0.93	0.93
	Without CMD ⁶	189049	1657	0.984	0.934, 1.037	0.554		
	With CMD ⁶	26048	204	0.974	0.851, 1.115	0.701	0.88	0.88
Breast cancer	Overall ^{4b}	98890	3269	0.965	0.931, 1.002	0.061		
	Overall Adj T2D and CVD ⁵	96201	3219	0.964	0.928, 1.000	0.050		
	Without T2D ⁶	96201	3219	0.964	0.928, 1.000	0.050		
	With T2D ⁶	2689	50	1.071	0.828, 1.385	0.603	0.43	0.43
	Without CVD ⁶	93548	3172	0.958	0.923, 0.995	0.026		
	With CVD ⁶	5342	97	1.181	0.987, 1.414	0.068	0.029	0.029
	Without CMD ⁶	91510	3130	0.958	0.922, 0.995	0.025		
	With CMD ⁶	7380	139	1.119	0.960, 1.304	0.149	0.058	0.058

^a One SD = 64 MET-h/week of OPA for the colorectal, and 46 MET-h/week for the breast cancer analysis.

¹ p-values for the association (from Wald tests in Cox proportional hazards models).

² p-values for local interaction tests (from the full models including interaction terms).

³ p-value for the global interaction test (from the likelihood ratio test comparing models with and without interaction).

^{4a} Model 1: adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, and stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre.

^{4b} Model 1: adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, age at menarche, age at first birth, parity, family history of breast cancer, and stratified by age (5-year categories) and recruitment centre.

⁵ Model 2: further adjusted for T2D and CVD, and the duration of these comorbidities.

⁶ Model 3: further including interaction terms between OPA and T2D, CVD, and CMD (adjusted multiplicative interaction computed from the full model with interaction). All statistical tests were two-sided.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index, CI, confidence interval; CMD, cardiometabolic disease (T2D and/or CVD); CVD, cardiovascular disease; EPIC, European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; SD, standard deviation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 19: Joint and additive interactive effects of occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases on physical activity-related cancer risk in UKB

Joint exposures	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1
High OPA, without T2D	85219	3277	Ref	Ref	
High OPA, with T2D	4149	150	1.408	1.001, 1.982	0.050
Moderate OPA, without T2D	51081	2111	0.94	0.889, 0.994	0.030
Moderate OPA with T2D	2052	73	1.21	0.828, 1.768	0.326
Low, without T2D	77272	3140	1.021	0.970, 1.074	0.433
Low, with T2D	2668	89	1.222	0.846, 1.766	0.285
RERI			-0.21	-0.87, 0.45	
High OPA, without CVD	83466	3109	Ref	Ref	
High OPA, with CVD	9102	318	1.636	1.291, 2.072	<0.001
Moderate OPA, without CVD	50129	2028	0.949	0.897, 1.005	0.075
Moderate OPA with CVD	4932	156	1.314	1.011, 1.709	0.041
Low OPA, without CVD	76105	3064	1.037	0.985, 1.093	0.165
Low OPA, with CVD	6185	165	1.228	0.947, 1.591	0.121
RERI			-0.44	-0.95, 0.06	
High OPA, without CMD	82977	3011	Ref	Ref	
High OPA, with CMD	11772	416	1.587	1.294, 1.947	<0.001
Moderate OPA, without CMD	49825	1975	0.95	0.896, 1.007	0.082
Moderate OPA with CMD	6288	209	1.323	1.055, 1.659	0.015
Low OPA, without CMD	75779	3002	1.041	0.988, 1.097	0.132
Low OPA, with CMD	7988	227	1.250	1.000, 1.562	0.050
RERI			-0.38	-0.81, 0.05	

Reference category: High OPA without cardiometabolic disease.

Occupational Physical Activity (OPA) was categorized into three groups based on occupational physical activity (OPA) levels: Low (0 MET-hours/week, representing participants with no occupational physical activity),

Moderate OPA (>0 to 37.5 MET-hours/week) and High OPA (>37.5 MET-hours/week). The cutoff of 37.5 MET-hours/week corresponds to the 60th percentile of the OPA distribution. The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and Joint OPA-disease exposure for each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. All statistical tests were two-sided. p-values smaller than 0.001 are shown as '<0.001' for readability. Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) was computed for those who had low OPA with T2D, CVD, and CMD.

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; RERI, Relative excess risk due to interactions; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 20: Joint and additive interactive effects of occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases on colorectal cancer risk in UKB

Joint exposures	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1
High OPA, without T2D	85219	747	Ref		Ref
High OPA, with T2D	4149	32	0.764	0.340, 1.718	0.516
Moderate OPA, without T2D	51081	391	0.861	0.759, 0.977	0.020
Moderate OPA, with T2D	2052	15	0.706	0.290, 1.719	0.443
Low OPA, without T2D	77272	648	1.040	0.931, 1.162	0.487
Low OPA, with T2D	2668	28	1.088	0.477, 2.481	0.841
RERI			0.28	-0.81, 1.38	
High OPA, without CVD	83466	705	Ref		Ref
High OPA, With CVD	9102	74	1.238	0.744, 2.058	0.411
Moderate OPA, without CVD	50129	370	0.866	0.761, 0.985	0.029
Moderate OPA, with CVD	4932	36	1.054	0.602, 1.845	0.854
Low OPA, without CVD	76105	633	1.068	0.954, 1.196	0.253
Low OPA, with CVD	6185	43	1.097	0.636, 1.893	0.740
RERI			-0.21	-1.09, 0.67	
High OPA, without CMD	82977	681	Ref		Ref
High OPA, with CMD	11772	98	1.094	0.695, 1.720	0.698
Moderate OPA, without CMD	49825	363	0.874	0.767, 0.996	0.044
Moderate OPA, with CMD	6288	43	0.860	0.518, 1.425	0.557
Low OPA, without CMD	75779	613	1.062	0.947, 1.191	0.300
Low OPA, CMD	7988	63	1.073	0.665, 1.731	0.774
RERI			-0.08	-0.81, 0.64	

Reference category: High OPA without cardiometabolic disease.

Occupational Physical Activity (OPA) was categorized into three groups based on occupational physical activity (OPA) levels: Low (0 MET-hours/week, representing participants with no occupational physical activity),

Moderate OPA (>0 to 37.5 MET-hours/week) and High OPA (>37.5 MET-hours/week). The cutoff of 37.5 MET-hours/week corresponds to the 60th percentile of the OPA distribution. The models were stratified by age (5-year categories), sex, and recruitment centre, and adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and Joint OPA-disease exposure for each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) was computed for those who had low OPA with T2D, CVD, and CMD. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. All statistical tests were two-sided.

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; RERI, Relative excess risk due to interactions; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

Supplementary Table 21: Joint and additive interactive effects of occupational physical activity and cardiometabolic diseases on breast cancer risk in UKB

Joint exposures	N	Cases	HR	95% CI	p1
High OPA, without T2D	37194	1139	Ref.		Ref
High OPA, with T2D	1162	24	1.749	0.813, 3.762	0.15
Moderate OPA, without T2D	23214	756	1.015	0.925, 1.113	0.76
Moderate OPA, with T2D	643	11	1.340	0.558, 3.220	0.51
Low OPA, without T2D	38042	1324	1.086	1.001, 1.177	0.046
Low OPA, with T2D	884	15	1.358	0.595, 3.098	0.47
RERI			-0.48	-2.23, 1.27	
High OPA, without CVD	36930	1115	Ref.		Ref
High OPA, With CVD	2182	48	1.320	0.720, 2.421	0.37
Moderate OPA, without CVD	23011	748	1.029	0.937, 1.130	0.55
Moderate OPA, with CVD	1377	19	0.761	0.375, 1.543	0.45
Low OPA, without CVD	37818	1309	1.095	1.009, 1.188	0.029
Low OPA, with CVD	1783	30	0.945	0.495, 1.805	0.86
RERI			-0.47	-1.52, 0.58	
High OPA, without CMD	36775	1096	Ref.		Ref
High OPA, with CMD	3064	67	1.519	0.939, 2.457	0.088
Moderate OPA, without CMD	22913	737	1.029	0.937, 1.131	0.55
Moderate OPA, with CMD	1855	30	1.044	0.601, 1.814	0.88
Low OPA, without CMD	37707	1297	1.099	1.012, 1.193	0.024
Low OPA, CMD	2461	42	1.131	0.675, 1.895	0.64
RERI			-0.49	-1.43, 0.45	

Reference category: High OPA without cardiometabolic disease.

Occupational Physical Activity (OPA) was categorized into three groups based on occupational physical activity (OPA) levels: Low (0 MET-hours/week, representing participants with no occupational physical activity),

Moderate OPA (>0 to 29.97 MET-hours/week) and High OPA (>29.97 MET-hours/week). The cutoff of 29.97 MET-hours/week corresponds to the 60th percentile of the OPA distribution. The models were stratified by age (5-year categories) and recruitment centre, and adjusted for non-occupational PA, education, BMI, height, smoking status, alcohol consumption, diet quality, menopause status, menopausal hormone use, age at menarche, age at first birth, parity, family history of breast cancer, time since diagnosis of CVD and T2D, and Joint OPA-disease exposure for each condition (T2D, CVD, and combined) in each model. Hazard ratios for each cohort were estimated using multivariable Cox proportional hazards models. The overall estimates were obtained using a random-effects meta-analysis. All statistical tests were two-sided. All statistical tests were two-sided. Relative excess risk due to interactions (RERI) computed for those who had low PA with T2D, CVD, and CMD.

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; CMD, having incident T2D and/or CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HR, hazard ratio; MET-h/week, metabolic equivalent task hours per week; OPA, occupational physical activity; RERI, Relative excess risk due to interactions; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UKB, UK Biobank.

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Supplementary Text 1: Ethical approval review board information for local EPIC centres

Center/Country	Ethical Review Board
Denmark	The National Committee on Health Research Ethics
Heidelberg, Germany	Ethics Committee of the Heidelberg University Medical School - Heidelberg, Germany
Potsdam, Germany	Ethikkommission der Landesärztekammer Brandenburg Cottbus - Potsdam, Germany
Milan, Italy	Comitato Etico Indipendente, Fondazione IRCCS Istituto nazionale dei Tumori – Milano-Italy
Turn, Italy	Human Genetics Foundation Torino: Ethics Committee - Turin, Italy
The Netherlands	The Medical Ethical Committee (METC = Medisch Ethische Toetsingscommissie) of the University Medical Center Utrecht (UMCU), Utrecht - the Netherlands
Spain	CEIC Comité de Ética de Investigación Clínica -Spain
Cambridge, UK	Norwich District Ethics Committee - Cambridge, UK
Oxford, UK	Scotland A Research Ethics Committee (Oxford); and the Imperial College Research Ethics Committee [ICREC] (UK).