

**Table S2. Causes of death in each study cohort.**

Cause of death	FINRISK 1992	FINRISK 1997	FINRISK 2002	Health 2000	HSDS	TASTY	All cohorts
Probable SCD	109	143	59	82	114	96	603
Possible SCD	20	35	16	30	3	9	113
Unlikely SCD	344	471	174	337	178	287	1791
Unknown	17	58	7	20	2	5	109
Total	490	707	256	469	297	397	2616

HSDS = The Helsinki Sudden Death Study, SCD = sudden cardiac death, TASTY = The Tampere Autopsy Study.