

- v. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - flavonol intake (overall and among postmenopausal women), flavone intake (overall and among postmenopausal women) and flavan-3-ol intake (among postmenopausal women only); = flavan-3-ol intake (overall), flavonone and anthocyanidin intake (overall)
- vi. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - Asian women overall, pre- and postmenopausal Asian women; = Western women overall
- vii. (highest vs. lowest quantile): = overall, and among premenopausal women (including dietary plant lignan intake category); - among postmenopausal women (including dietary plant lignan intake category)
- viii. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): = overall; - among postmenopausal women
- ix. (highest vs. lowest consumption): = with random effect model (both cohort and case-control studies); - with fixed effect model (case-control studies only)
- x. (highest vs. lowest categories of red meat intake): + overall and case-control studies; = cohort studies
- xi. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): + food with high GI/GL overall; = among both pre- and postmenopausal women
- xii. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - total dairy food, overall and among premenopausal women; = milk, total dairy food among postmenopausal women, and total milk among both pre- and postmenopausal women)
- xiii. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - cohort studies, overall and among premenopausal women, case-control studies; = cohort studies, among postmenopausal women
- xiv. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): + overall, cohort studies, among postmenopausal women, ≥ 2 and ≤ 5 eggs/week; = case-control studies, and among postmenopausal women
- xv. β -carotenoids only
- xvi. - α -carotenoids (cohort and case-control studies), β -carotenoids (cohort and case-control studies), lutein & zeaxanthin (case-control studies only), lycopene (case-control studies only); = β -cryptoxanthin (cohort and case-control studies), lutein & zeaxanthin (cohort studies only), lycopene (cohort studies only)
- xvii. = total folate and dietary folate (prospective studies), total folate and dietary folate in premenopausal women (case-control studies); - dietary folate overall and in postmenopausal women (case-control studies)
- xviii. (highest vs. lowest categories of dietary folate intake): = cohort studies; - case-control studies
- xix. (highest vs. lowest quartile): = total fat, saturated fat and all fat types among premenopausal women; + all fat types among postmenopausal women
- xx. (highest vs. lowest categories of n-3/n-6 PUFA intake): - overall and among postmenopausal women; = among premenopausal women
- xxi. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - marine n-3 PUFA, overall and among postmenopausal women; = fish intake (overall and among pre- and postmenopausal women), and marine n-3 PUFA intake among premenopausal women
- xxii. (highest vs. lowest categories of intake): - overall and among premenopausal women; = among postmenopausal women only
- xxiii. = overall; - restricting analysis to highest (>400 IU/day) vs lowest intake

Table S2: Summary of measures of BC risk associated with dietary exposures. + significant positive association (>1); = no significant association; - inverse association (<1)

Type of study	POOLED ANALYSES				SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS					QUALITATIVE REVIEWS						
Type of food - Authors	Mannisto 2005 ¹⁶	Missmer 2002 ²²	Smith-Warner 2001 (a) ⁴⁶	Smith-Warner (b) ³⁹	Albuquerque 2013 ¹⁷	M. Farsinejad-Marj 2015 ¹⁸	Michels 2007 ²⁷	Mourouti 2013 ³³	Mourouti 2014 ²¹	Cui 2006 ⁵⁴	Duffy 2007 ³⁴	Eichholzer 2001 ⁵⁷	Hanf 2005 ²³	Lof 2006 ³⁵	Peeters 2003 ³⁶	Rossi 2014 ⁷⁰
Dietary patterns																
Mediterranean diet					-/= ⁱ	-/= ⁱⁱ										
Prudent/healthy diet	=				-/=/+ ⁱⁱⁱ											
Western/unhealthy diet	=/- ^{iv}				-/=/+ ^v											
Foods																
Dietary fiber, soluble and insoluble fiber									-/=/+ ^{vi}				-/= ^{vii}			
Fruits and fruit fiber				-/= ^{viii}		=		-/= ^{ix}					-/= ^x			- ^{ix}
Vegetables and vegetable fiber						-/= ^{xii}		-/= ^{xiii}								- ^{xi}
Soy (soy food, protein, flavonols, phytoestrogen, etc.)						-/= ^{xiv}	-/=/+ ^{xv}	-/= ^{xvi}			-/= ^{xvii}				-/= ^{xviii}	- ^{xi}
Lignans														-/= ^{xix}		
Citrus fruits																
Green tea							=									
Mushrooms																
Meat (total, red, processed)		=							+/= ^{xx}				+/= ^{xxi}			+ ^{xi}
Carbohydrates and food with HGI/HGL							- /=/+ ^{xxii}		+/= ^{xxiii}							+ ^{xi}

Dairy foods		=					- /=/+ xxiv										
Eggs		+															
Nutrients																	
Vitamins (A, B, C, E)							+/ = xxv										- xi
Carotenoids							=										
Folate (total and dietary)												=					- xi
Total fat (animal fat, saturated fat)			+/ = xxvi				- /=/+ xxvii		+/ = xxviii				-/ = xxix				+ xi
MUFA			=						+/ = xxx				-/ =/+ xxxi				
PUFA, n-3 PUFA, fish intake			=						+/ = xxxii				-/ =/+ xxxiii				- xi
Calcium												-/ = xxxiv					- xi
Vitamin D												-/ = xxxv					- xi

- i. : - for 2 studies; = for 1 study
- ii. : - for 2 studies on pre- and postmenopausal women, 3 on postmenopausal women, and 1 on premenopausal women; = for 1 study on both pre- and postmenopausal women, and 1 on postmenopausal women
- iii. : - for 10 studies; = for 10 studies; + for 2 studies
- iv. : (PPP: pork, processed meat and potatoes) = in ORDET and SMC cohorts; - in NLCS cohort
- v. : - for 1 study; = for 15 studies; + for 8 studies
- vi. : - 3 studies; = 5 studies; + 1 study
- vii. : - for 1 study (borderline); = for 4 studies
- viii. : - borderline for total fruits, total fruits & vegetables; = for total vegetables
- ix. : - for 7 case-control studies; = for 2 case-control studies and 2 cohorts
- x. : - for 1 study (among premenopausal women); = for 2 studies
- xi. : Rossi analyzed 157 pertinent articles with the strongest level of evidence and provided no table of the results, making it hard to say how many studies showed some significance for single exposures, so the author’s overall results are reported here.
- xii. : - for 2 studies; = for 6 studies
- xiii. : - for 5 case-control studies; = for 4 case-control studies and 2 cohorts
- xiv. : - 1 study about pre- and postmenopausal women combined; 4 studies about postmenopausal women only;

- xv. : - for 3 cohorts, 3 nested case-control studies and 13 case-control studies; = 6 cohorts and 3 case-control studies; + for 1 cohort
- xvi. : - for 15 studies; = for 2 case-control studies, 6 cohorts and 1 nested case-control study
- xvii. : - for 10 studies; = for 5 studies
- xviii. : - for 4 case-control studies (high soy consumption, particularly among adolescents); = for 4 case-control studies and 4 prospective studies
- xix. : - for 2 case-control studies (among premenopausal women) and 2 case-control studies (highest vs. lowest quartile); = for 2 prospective cohorts
- xx. : + for 10 studies; = for 5 studies
- xxi. : + for 4 studies; = for 6 studies
- xxii. : - for 1 cohort; = 6 cohorts; + for 3 cohorts among postmenopausal women
- xxiii. : + for 5 studies; = for 10 studies
- xxiv. : - for 3 cohorts (all dairy foods, whole milk); = for 8 studies; + for 2 cohorts high-fat dairy foods, whole milk)
- xxv. : + for 1 cohort (about vit. E); = for 10 cohorts
- xxvi. : (increment of 5% of energy for each type of fat) + for saturated fat; = for animal fat and vegetal fat
- xxvii. : - for 1 cohort among premenopausal and postmenopausal women combined; = for 18 studies; + for 2 cohorts among postmenopausal women
- xxviii. : + for 10 studies about total fat and saturated fat; = for 11 studies about total fat and saturated fat
- xxix. : - for 1 study about total fat and saturated fat; = for 12 studies about total fat, animal fat, saturated fat and plant fat
- xxx. : + for 5 studies; = for 5 studies
- xxxi. : - for 1 study; = for 6 studies; + for 2 studies (one of these is borderline)
- xxxii. : + for 4 studies; = for 4 studies
- xxxiii. : - for 1 study about fish intake; = for 7 studies about PUFA and for 6 studies about fish intake; + for 1 study about PUFA (borderline)
- xxxiv. : - for 7 studies; = for 5 studies
- xxxv. : - for 1 cohort; = for 7 studies

Table S3. Quality of studies included in the umbrella review.

Author/item	PRISMA 2009 - Checklist																											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Total
Albuquerque 2013	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	17
Alexander 2010	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	21
Aune 2012	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24
Boyd 2003	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	16
Brennan 2010	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	22
Buck 2010	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20
Chen 2010	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	17
Chen 2014	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	23
Cui 2006	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8
Dong 2011 (a)	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	20
Dong 2011 (b)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25
Duffy 2007	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Eichholzer 2001	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Farsinejad-Marj 2015	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	16

