**Supplementary table 1**: Clinical characteristics of included and excluded participants, OsteoLaus study, Lausanne, Switzerland.

	Included	Excluded	P-value
Sample size	1203	272	
Age (years)	64.3 ± 7.5	65.7 ± 8.0	0.004
Age groups (%)			0.032
50-59	360 (29.9)	64 (23.5)	
60-69	562 (46.7)	127 (46.7)	
70-79	281 (23.4)	81 (29.8)	
Education (%)			0.057
High	168 (14.0)	29 (11.0)	
Middle	324 (26.9)	58 (22.0)	
Low	711 (59.1)	177 (67.0)	
BMI (kg/m²)	25.7 ± 4.4	26.8 ± 4.9	<0.001
BMI categories (%)			0.006
Normal	570 (47.4)	106 (39.1)	
Overweight	430 (35.7)	99 (36.5)	
Obese	203 (16.9)	66 (24.4)	
Smoking status (%)			0.155
Never	557 (46.3)	118 (47.8)	
Former	446 (37.1)	78 (31.6)	
Current	200 (16.6)	51 (20.7)	
Physical activity: sedentary (%)	781 (64.9)	42 (76.4)	0.081
Participants with diabetes (%)	72 (6.0)	37 (14.2)	<0.001

BMI, body mass index. Results are expressed as number of participants (percentage) for categorical variables or as average ± standard deviation for continuous variables. Between group comparisons using chi-square for categorical variables or student's t-test for continuous variables.

**Supplementary table 2:** Bivariate and multivariable analysis of the macronutrient intake in the lowest and highest tertiles of QUS parameters, OsteoLaus study, Lausanne, Switzerland.

	Stiffness Index			Broadba	and US Attenuatio	n	Si	eed of Sound	
	Lowest tertile	Highest tertile	P-value	Lowest tertile	Highest tertile	P-value	Lowest tertile	Highest tertile	P-value
Bivariate									
Protein	-0.2 ± 11.8	0.3 ± 12.0	0.537	-0.5 ± 12.5	0.6 ± 12.5	0.231	0 ± 12.6	-0.4 ± 11.5	0.699
Vegetal protein	$0.1 \pm 5.5$	-0.2 ± 4.9	0.430	$0.2 \pm 5.5$	-0.5 ± 5.0	0.057	-0.1 ± 5.4	-0.2 ± 4.9	0.717
Animal protein	-0.3 ± 13.4	0.5 ± 13.5	0.394	-0.7 ± 14.2	1.1 ± 14.0	0.077	$0 \pm 14.1$	-0.2 ± 13.0	0.837
Total carbohydrates	$2.2 \pm 40.1$	-3.5 ± 36.6	0.036	$3.3 \pm 38.2$	-4.1 ± 38.9	0.007	0.7 ± 40.6	-1.6 ± 37.1	0.405
Monosaccharides	$2.4 \pm 40.0$	-1.7 ± 37.8	0.134	2.2 ± 38.1	-1.4 ± 38.3	0.192	1.5 ± 40.0	$0 \pm 38.0$	0.604
Polysaccharides	-0.1 ± 35.9	-1.8 ± 31.4	0.496	1.1 ± 35.8	-2.7 ± 32.3	0.114	-0.8 ± 34.4	-1.6 ± 30.9	0.709
Total fat	-1.1 ± 14.1	1.4 ± 13.0	0.011	-1.2 ± 13.4	1.4 ± 13.5	0.007	-0.6 ± 14.0	$0.8 \pm 13.3$	0.148
SFA	-0.1 ± 6.6	$0.1 \pm 6.1$	0.642	-0.2 ± 6.5	$0.2 \pm 6.3$	0.361	$0 \pm 6.4$	-0.3 ± 5.9	0.459
MUFA	-0.7 ± 7.3	$1.0 \pm 7.4$	0.001	-0.7 ± 7.0	$0.9 \pm 7.2$	0.002	-0.5 ± 7.3	$0.8 \pm 7.5$	0.013
PUFA	-0.3 ± 3.0	$0.2 \pm 2.9$	0.024	-0.2 ± 2.8	$0.3 \pm 3.1$	0.021	-0.2 ± 3.2	$0.2 \pm 3.0$	0.104
Alcohol	$1.8 \pm 98.1$	-0.1 ± 71.1	0.762	-0.2 ± 86.4	1.2 ± 72.7	0.804	3.6 ± 100.8	0.7 ± 73.1	0.642
Multivariable									
Protein	$0.2 \pm 0.6$	-0.2 ± 0.6	0.697	$0.1 \pm 0.6$	$0 \pm 0.7$	0.956	$0.1 \pm 0.6$	-0.5 ± 0.6	0.474
Vegetal protein	$0.1 \pm 0.3$	-0.2 ± 0.3	0.478	$0.1 \pm 0.3$	-0.4 ± 0.3	0.158	$0.1 \pm 0.3$	$-0.3 \pm 0.3$	0.307
Animal protein	$0.1 \pm 0.7$	$0 \pm 0.7$	0.947	-0.1 ± 0.7	$0.5 \pm 0.8$	0.631	$0 \pm 0.7$	-0.2 ± 0.7	0.803
Total carbohydrates	1.5 ± 2.0	-2.7 ± 2.0	0.158	$2.0 \pm 2.0$	-2.8 ± 2.1	0.112	$0.8 \pm 2.0$	-1.8 ± 2.0	0.365
Monosaccharides	$2.0 \pm 2.0$	-1.3 ± 2.1	0.277	1.7 ± 2.0	-0.9 ± 2.1	0.392	$1.2 \pm 2.0$	$0.3 \pm 2.0$	0.767
Polysaccharides	-0.5 ± 1.7	-1.4 ± 1.8	0.714	$0.3 \pm 1.8$	-1.9 ± 1.8	0.416	-0.3 ± 1.7	-2.1 ± 1.7	0.469
Total fat	-0.9 ± 0.7	1.1 ± 0.7	0.056	-0.9 ± 0.7	$1.0 \pm 0.7$	0.076	-0.6 ± 0.7	$0.7 \pm 0.7$	0.194
SFA	$-0.2 \pm 0.3$	$0.1 \pm 0.3$	0.542	$-0.2 \pm 0.3$	$0.2 \pm 0.3$	0.447	-0.1 ± 0.3	-0.2 ± 0.3	0.829
MUFA	-0.5 ± 0.4	$0.8 \pm 0.4$	0.020	-0.5 ± 0.4	$0.6 \pm 0.4$	0.041	$-0.4 \pm 0.4$	$0.7 \pm 0.4$	0.057
PUFA	-0.2 ± 0.2	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	0.087	-0.2 ± 0.2	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	0.112	-0.2 ± 0.2	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	0.123
Alcohol	1.3 ± 4.4	$0.5 \pm 4.6$	0.905	-0.4 ± 4.1	1.4 ± 4.3	0.784	2.3 ± 4.5	2.1 ± 4.5	0.965

MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acids; SFA, saturated fatty acids; US, ultrasound. Analysis conducted on the residuals after applying the energy adjustment regression method. Results are expressed in gr/day and as average ± standard deviation for bivariate analyses and as adjusted average ± standard error for multivariable analyses. Between group comparisons using student's t-test for bivariate analyses and analysis of variance adjusting for age groups (50-59/60-69/70-79), weight (continuous), educational level (high/middle/low), and smoking (former/never/current) for multivariable analyses.