

**Supplementary Table 3.** Association between HbA1c levels at the time of diagnosis and high NAS (5–8) in patients not using pioglitazone, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist, or sodium-glucose transport protein 2 inhibitor

| Variable             | HbA1c                 |                                 |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                      | ≤5.4% ( <i>n</i> =41) | 5.5%-6.4% ( <i>n</i> =140)      | 6.5%–7.4% ( <i>n</i> =58)        | $\geq$ 7.5% ( $n$ =66)           |
| Crude OR (95% CI)    | 1.00                  | 4.01 (1.88–9.21) <i>P</i> <0.01 | 4.09 (1.74–10.26) <i>P</i> <0.01 | 4.48 (1.94–11.05) <i>P</i> <0.01 |
| Adjusted OR (95% CI) |                       |                                 |                                  |                                  |
| Model 1              | 1.00                  | 2.85 (1.02–7.92) <i>P</i> =0.04 | 3.67 (1.18–11.40) <i>P</i> =0.02 | 4.07 (1.36–12.14) <i>P</i> =0.01 |
| Model 2              | 1.00                  | 3.57 (1.56-8.16) P<0.01         | 3.32 (1.30-8.49) <i>P</i> <0.01  | 3.26 (1.26-8.45) <i>P</i> =0.01  |

Differences were considered statistically significant at P<0.05. Model 1 was adjusted for age (years), sex, and hemoglobin (g/L), alanine aminotransferase (U/L), and creatinine (µmol/L) levels. Model 2 was adjusted for body mass index (kg/m²) and uric acid (µmol/L), total cholesterol (mmol/L), and triglyceride (mmol/L) levels.

HbA1c, glycosylated hemoglobin; NAS, NAFLD activity score; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval.