

**Supplementary Table 1.** Baseline Characteristics in Five Strata Defined by Quintiles of Estimated Propensity Scores in the Entire Study Population

Variable	Strata 1		Strata 2		Strata 3		Strata 4		Strata 5	
	Mean or count	SD or %	Mean or count	SD or %	Mean or count	SD or %	Mean or count	SD or %	Mean or count	SD or %
Age	55.2	10.6	63.8	9.6	67.9	11.1	68.8	10.5	72.5	10.3
Sex										
Female	111	17.8	240	38.5	273	43.8	271	43.4	336	53.9
Male	512	82.2	384	61.5	350	56.2	353	56.6	287	46.1
Hypertension										
No	258	41.4	148	23.7	133	21.3	122	19.6	106	17.0
Yes	365	58.6	476	76.3	490	78.7	502	80.4	517	83.0
Diabetes										
No	502	80.6	414	66.3	409	65.7	399	63.9	398	63.9
Yes	121	19.4	210	33.7	214	34.3	225	36.1	225	36.1
Hypercholesterolemia										
No	523	83.9	570	91.3	590	94.7	580	92.9	582	93.4
Yes	100	16.1	54	8.7	33	5.3	44	7.1	41	6.6
Current smoker										
No	317	50.9	473	75.8	502	80.6	518	83.0	565	90.7
Yes	306	49.1	151	24.2	121	19.4	106	17.0	58	9.3
Valvular heart disease										
No	619	99.4	615	98.6	600	96.3	585	93.8	544	87.3
Yes	4	0.6	9	1.4	23	3.7	39	6.3	79	12.7
Atrial fibrillation										
No	616	98.9	599	96.0	557	89.4	451	72.3	274	44.0
Yes	7	1.1	25	4.0	66	10.6	173	27.7	349	56.0
Congestive heart failure										
No	622	99.8	620	99.4	617	99.0	608	97.4	546	87.6
Yes	1	0.2	4	0.6	6	1.0	16	2.6	77	12.4
Previous ischemic stroke										
No	602	96.6	571	91.5	516	82.8	501	80.3	446	71.6
Yes	21	3.4	53	8.5	107	17.2	123	19.7	177	28.4
Previous intracranial hemorrhage										
No	614	98.6	602	96.5	601	96.5	595	95.4	599	96.1
Yes	9	1.4	22	3.5	22	3.5	29	4.6	24	3.9
Peripheral arterial occlusive disease										
No	608	97.6	600	96.2	593	95.2	578	92.6	567	91.0
Yes	15	2.4	24	3.8	30	4.8	46	7.4	56	9.0
Metabolic syndrome										
No	365	58.6	346	55.4	385	61.8	394	63.1	405	65.0
Yes	258	41.4	278	44.6	238	38.2	230	36.9	218	35.0
Malignancy										
No	608	97.6	570	91.3	537	86.2	524	84.0	540	86.7
Yes	15	2.4	54	8.7	86	13.8	100	16.0	83	13.3
Chronic kidney disease										
No	623	100.0	624	100.0	623	100.0	616	98.7	524	84.1
Yes	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	1.3	99	15.9
Prior antiplatelet use										
No	439	70.5	451	72.3	433	69.5	456	73.1	428	68.7
Yes	184	29.5	173	27.7	190	30.5	168	26.9	195	31.3
Prior anticoagulants use										
No	622	99.8	620	99.4	605	97.1	572	91.7	513	82.3
Yes	1	0.2	4	0.6	18	2.9	52	8.3	110	17.7
Prior statin use										
No	544	87.3	543	87.0	536	86.0	532	85.3	517	83.0
Yes	79	12.7	81	13.0	87	14.0	92	14.7	106	17.0
Initial NIHSS										
0–5	623	100.0	614	98.4	535	85.9	275	44.1	135	21.7
6–19	0	0.0	10	1.6	88	14.1	349	55.9	343	55.1
≥20	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	145	23.3
Concomitant cerebral atherosclerosis										
No	434	69.7	299	47.9	199	31.9	185	29.6	143	23.0
Yes	189	30.3	325	52.1	424	68.1	439	70.4	480	77.0
Total cholesterol >6.2 mmol/L										
No	570	91.5	574	92.0	563	90.4	577	92.5	580	93.1
Yes	53	8.5	50	8.0	60	9.6	47	7.5	43	6.9
Triglyceride >3.9 mmol/L										
No	429	68.9	456	73.1	475	76.2	490	78.5	534	85.7
Yes	194	31.1	168	26.9	148	23.8	134	21.5	89	14.3
High density lipoprotein <1.3 mmol/L										
No	80	12.8	132	21.2	165	26.5	174	27.9	205	32.9
Yes	543	87.2	492	78.8	458	73.5	450	72.1	418	67.1
Low density lipoprotein >2.6 mmol/L										
No	196	31.5	239	38.3	269	43.2	256	41.0	313	50.2
Yes	427	68.5	385	61.7	354	56.8	368	59.0	310	49.8

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