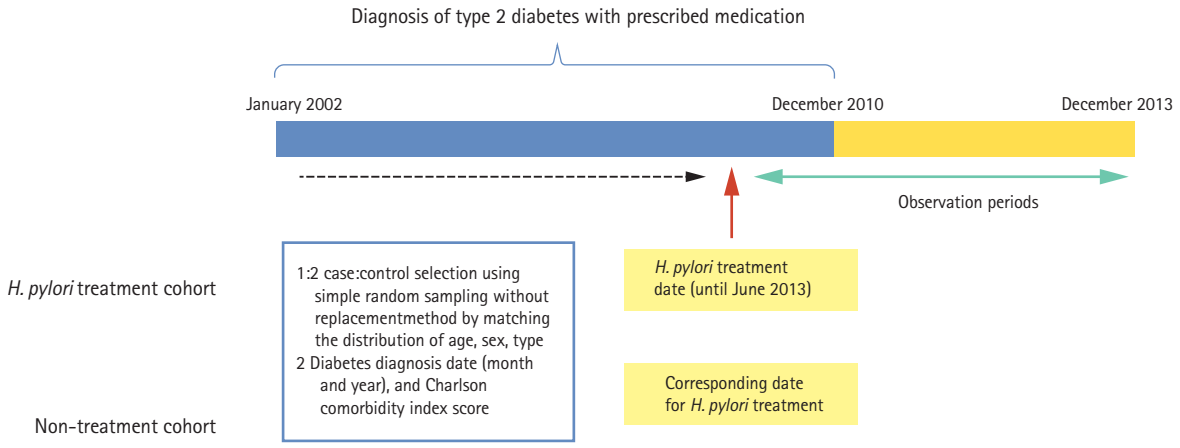

Supplementary Figure 1. The observation periods for study outcome evaluation. The initiation dates of observation period were *Helicobacter pylori* treatment prescription date in the treatment cohort and the corresponding date of *H. pylori* treatment prescription in matched patients of the non-treatment cohort. Outcome assessments were continued until December 2013.