

Supplementary Table 3. Discriminatory performance of hs-CRP assessed by Harrell's C-index

Predictor	Time window	Cohort definition	N	Events	Harrell's C-index (95% CI)
Baseline hs-CRP	0–12 months	Entire cohort; administrative censoring at 1 year	16,371	1,062	0.583 (0.565–0.601)
Baseline hs-CRP	12–36 months	1-year landmark (event-free at 1-year); administrative censoring at 3 years	14,364	854	0.519 (0.500–0.539)
12-month hs-CRP	Post-1-year (to 36 months)	1-year landmark + available 12-month hs-CRP; administrative censoring at 3 years	5,083	269	0.592 (0.541–0.644)

hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; CI, confidence interval.

Discrimination was assessed using Harrell's C-index with 95% CIs derived from Cox model concordance.

For the 12-month hs-CRP row, the number of events should be calculated within the 1-year landmark cohort (event-free at 365 days) during follow-up to 36 months.