**Supporting information**

**S1 Table. Summary of follow-up outcomes and follow-up time shown for each strata**

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|  |  |  |  | **STRATAa** |  |  |
|  |  | Stratum 1 (N=18,233) |  | Stratum 2 (N=18,202) |  | Stratum 3 (N=18,258) |
| AF (N) |  | 487 |  | 705 |  | 1,082 |
| Competing risk eventb (N) |  | 1,563 |  | 2,284 |  | 3,429 |
| Administrative censoring (N) |  | 5,268 |  | 7,885 |  | 5,445 |
| Loss-to-follow up censoring (N) |  | 134 |  | 136 |  | 67 |
| Free of eventsc by the age of the upper age framed (N) |  | 10,781 |  | 7,192 |  | 8,235 |
| Median follow-up time (y) |  | 13.5 |  | 13.5 |  | 13.3 |

aStratum 1, 2 and 3 were defined by baseline age tertiles

bDeath, myocardial infarction, heart failure

cAF, death, myocardial infarction, heart failure

dAge 65, 70 and 75 y, respectively for strata 1, 2 and 3