

Supplementary Table 2. List of variables considered and included in propensity-score models 1 and 2		
Variables included in propensity-score model	Model 1	Model 2
Stroke/TIA	✓	✓
Peripheral artery disease	✓	✓
Coronary artery disease	✓	✓
Diabetes	✓	✓
High-risk diabetes	✓	✓
Age (years)	✓	✓
Sex	✓	✓
Ethnicity	✓	✓
BMI	✓	✓
SBP	✓	✓
DBP	✓	✓
Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)		✓
Smoke status	✓	✓
Alcohol use		✓
Statin use		✓
Nitrate use		✓
Diabetic treatment use		✓
Diuretic use		✓
CCB use		✓
Betablocker use		✓
Aspirin use		✓
Antiplatelet use		✓
Digoxin use		
Anticoagulant use		
Alphablocker use		
No. of hospital admissions within 6 months prior		✓
No. of GP appointments within 6 months prior		✓
No. of medications within 6 months prior		✓
Year of start of eligible period		✓
Time since first eligible period (days)		✓
No. of previous ACE inhibitor eligible periods		✓
No. of previous ARB eligible periods		✓
Notes: TIA: transient ischaemic attack; BMI: body-mass index; SBP: systolic blood pressure; DBP: diastolic blood pressure. Variables are measured at start of trial-eligible period or before. Peripheral artery disease includes limb bypass surgery or angioplasty, limb/foot amputation or intermittent claudication. Coronary artery disease includes previous MI, angina, coronary angioplasty or CABG. SBP and DBP are measured within 6 months prior to start of trial-eligible period. Medication use is within 3 months prior to start of trial-eligible period.		