

**Supplemental Table 2.** Cox regression analysis of CRP on all-cause and cardiovascular mortality according to the presence of hypertension (by CRP group)

	n	No. of deaths	Mortality per 1000 person-years	Multi-adjusted <sup>1</sup> HR (95% CI)	p for interaction (vs. low-CRP group)
All-cause mortality					
Men					
Low-CRP group					
No hypertension	2798	138	7.6	1.00 (reference)	
Hypertension	2021	135	10.1	1.10 (0.84, 1.44)	
Intermediate-CRP group					
No hypertension	1458	109	11.5	1.25 (0.97, 1.61)	0.46
Hypertension	1510	116	11.6	1.20 (0.90, 1.60)	
High-CRP group					
No hypertension	540	76	22.0	2.23 (1.28, 2.96)	0.23
Hypertension	535	75	21.7	1.92 (1.40, 2.63)	
Women					
Low-CRP group					
No hypertension	5783	94	2.5	1.00 (reference)	
Hypertension	3438	95	4.2	1.04 (0.74, 1.45)	
Intermediate-CRP group					
No hypertension	1902	45	3.6	1.12 (0.78, 1.61)	0.41
Hypertension	1956	82	6.3	1.42 (1.00, 2.01)	
High-CRP group					
No hypertension	636	29	6.9	2.06 (1.35, 3.15)	0.02
Hypertension	656	22	4.9	1.02 (0.61, 1.71)	
Cardiovascular mortality					
Men					
Low-CRP group					
No hypertension	2798	21	1.2	1.00 (reference)	
Hypertension	2021	18	1.3	0.56 (0.27, 1.18)	
Intermediate-CRP group					
No hypertension	1458	13	1.4	0.92 (0.46, 1.86)	0.63
Hypertension	1510	17	1.7	0.66 (0.31, 1.39)	
High-CRP group					
No hypertension	540	7	2.0	1.26 (0.53, 3.00)	0.41
Hypertension	535	11	3.2	1.15 (0.50, 2.64)	
Women					
Low-CRP group					
No hypertension	5783	19	0.5	1.00 (reference)	
Hypertension	3438	21	0.9	0.78 (0.37, 1.62)	
Intermediate-CRP group					
No hypertension	1902	8	0.6	0.96 (0.42, 2.22)	0.34
Hypertension	1956	19	1.5	1.24 (0.58, 2.66)	
High-CRP group					
No hypertension	636	4	1.0	1.50 (0.50, 4.49)	0.93
Hypertension	656	7	1.6	1.23 (0.46, 3.31)	

CRP, C-reactive protein; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted for age, rural region, body mass index, educational status, alcohol use, smoking status, regular exercise, the presence of disease (diabetes and dyslipidemia), systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, fasting blood glucose, and concentrations of total cholesterol, triglycerides, and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol.