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43 **ABSTRACT**

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45 **Aims:** Cerebrovascular disease is one of more typical reasons for hospitalisation and re-  
46 hospitalisation in people with type 2 diabetes. We aimed to derive and externally validate two risk  
47 prediction algorithms for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation.

48 **Methods:** Two independent cohorts were used to derive and externally validate the two risk  
49 scores. The development cohort comprises 4,704 patients with type 2 diabetes registered in 18  
50 general practices across Cambridgeshire. The validation cohort includes 1,121 type 2 patients from  
51 a post-trial cohort data. Outcomes were cerebrovascular hospitalisation within two years and  
52 cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation within ninety days of the previous cerebrovascular  
53 hospitalisation. Logistic regression was applied to derive the two risk scores for cerebrovascular  
54 hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation from development cohort, which were externally validated  
55 in the validation cohort.

56 **Results:** The incidence of cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation was 3.76% and  
57 1.46% in the development cohort, and 4.99% and 1.87% in the external validation cohort. Age,  
58 gender, body mass index, blood pressures, and lipid profiles were included in the final model.  
59 Model discrimination was similar in both cohorts, with all C-statistics > 0.70, and very good  
60 calibration of observed and predicted individual risks.

61 **Conclusion:** Two new risk scores that quantify individual risks of cerebrovascular hospitalisation  
62 and re-hospitalisation have been well derived and externally validated. Both scores are on the  
63 basis of a few of clinical measurements that are commonly available for patients with type 2  
64 diabetes in primary care settings and could work as tools to identify individuals at high risk of  
65 cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation.

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67 **Keywords:** Cerebrovascular disease; Diabetes population; Risk prediction; Primary care

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71 **INTRODUCTION**

72 Type 2 Diabetes as a risk factor for cerebrovascular diseases has been found to be markedly  
73 associated with increased risk of cerebrovascular mortality. One meta-analysis revealed that in  
74 comparison with people without diabetes, people with diabetes had a 2.27-fold of increased risk  
75 of cerebrovascular disease [1]. As cerebrovascular disease is one of the major causes of death and  
76 disability in people with type 2 diabetes [2], risk algorithms to predict cerebrovascular disease  
77 have been increasingly developed to facilitate the effective management of high risk individuals  
78 [3].

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80 It is common for people with diabetes to be admitted to hospital, with one in five inpatients  
81 having diabetes in some age groups in England [4]. Cerebrovascular diseases is one of the more  
82 common causes for hospitalisation in patients with type 2 diabetes [5]. And it is also common for  
83 patients with type 2 diabetes to be re-hospitalised for cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease  
84 [6]. The associated increased inpatient costs are marked factors to the health burden borne by  
85 health care system as a result of diabetes and often reflects manageable morbidities suffered by  
86 patients with diabetes. A prediction tool to identify individuals at particularly high risk of  
87 cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation would facilitate subsequent more intensive  
88 interventions.

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90 A systematic review identified 12 risk scores to predict coronary heart or cerebrovascular disease  
91 conducted in patients with type 2 diabetes [7]. However among the 12 risk scores only two were  
92 developed for stroke and neither had external validation [7]. So far, there have been no  
93 prediction models developed for cerebrovascular disease in people with type 2 diabetes.  
94 Furthermore there have been no models derived and validated to predict cerebrovascular  
95 hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation in type 2 diabetes patients.

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97 The objective of this study was to derive and externally validate new risk prediction algorithms  
98 based on reliable ordinary clinical measurements recorded in primary care settings for  
99 cerebrovascular hospitalisation within the following two years and cerebrovascular re-  
100 hospitalisation within 90 days of a prior cerebrovascular hospitalisation.

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## 102 **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

### 103 **Data setting and study population**

104 Two prospective cohorts derived from Cambridgeshire, the United Kingdom were utilised in this  
105 study. The derivation cohort included primary care electronic health record data and was used to  
106 derive risk algorithms to predict cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation. The  
107 external validation cohort included post-trial data and was utilised to externally validate the two  
108 risk algorithms.

### 109 **Derivation cohort**

110 The derivation cohort included type 2 diabetes patients registered in 18 general practices across  
111 Cambridgeshire, England, in 2008/2009 with linkage to inpatient hospitalisation (Secondary Uses  
112 Service (SUS)) data as part of a review of diabetes care across Cambridgeshire by the local health  
113 board, National Health Service (NHS) Cambridgeshire. Egton Medical Information Systems (EMIS)  
114 general practitioner (GP) software system was used in the cohort practices, from which a  
115 predefined dataset could be extracted. No systematic selection process for these surgeries was  
116 applied, and data extracted were for the whole diabetes population. The follow-up  
117 hospitalisation data to 2010–2011 was available to all patients in the derivation cohort. Inpatient  
118 hospitalisation to private and NHS hospitals within or outside Cambridgeshire were followed up.  
119 Personal identifiers were not released to researchers, and only anonymized datasets were used  
120 to conduct all subsequent analyses.

### 121 **Validation cohort**

122 The validation cohort is a post-trial cohort derived from the RAndomized controlled trial of Peer  
123 Support in type 2 Diabetes (RAPSID) [8]. The design and research methods of the RAPSID have  
124 been previously published [8]. In brief, RAPSID was designed as a 2x2 factorial cluster  
125 randomized controlled trial comparing 4 arms: 1:1 peer support, group peer support, combined  
126 support (1:1 plus group peer support) and control in patients with type 2 diabetes. All eligible  
127 patients had their type 2 diabetes diagnosed for at least twelve months and those having  
128 psychotic illness or dementia were ruled out. Patients were recruited from local communities  
129 cross Cambridgeshire and its neighbouring areas of Hertfordshire and Essex. Post-trial follow-up  
130 data were only available for patients residence in Cambridgeshire and its neighbouring areas of  
131 Hertfordshire that are served by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning  
132 Group (CCG). The intervention was implemented following a pilot in a framework defined by  
133 Peers for Progress [9]. The intervention duration was 8-12 months and was concluded between 2  
134 June 2011 to 12 April 2012 [10, 11].

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136 Demographic data, HbA1c, lipid profiles and blood pressure data were collected at baseline. Every  
137 eligible patient was followed up till 30 June 2015 (0.91-4.07 years of follow-up from  
138 beginning/entry date). Inpatient hospitalisation (NHS & private hospitals), Accident & Emergency  
139 (A&E) and outpatient episodes within or outside Cambridgeshire and the included areas of  
140 Hertfordshire were collected through Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical CCG [12, 13] and  
141 stored as the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) codes [14].

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### 143 **Definition of cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation**

144 The main outcomes in our study are cerebrovascular hospitalisation and rehospitalisation. The  
145 cerebrovascular hospitalisation was defined as having  $\geq 1$  hospitalisation with cerebrovascular  
146 disease (CeVD) as the primary diagnosis (ICD-10: I60–I69 in the first ICD field) over the two-year

147 follow-up and cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation was defined as having  $\geq 1$  CeVD re-hospitalisation  
148 within ninety days of prior CeVD hospitalisation.

### 149 **Potential predictors, missing data, and power estimation**

150 Objective clinical measurements including systolic and diastolic blood pressure, body mass index,  
151 glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) and serum lipid profiles were used as predictors in the models to  
152 facilitate the external application of the scores. Demographic characters, (sex and age) and  
153 whether the patient was prescribed lipid-lowering medicine were also incorporated in our  
154 models. In the UK primary care settings, diabetes patients were informed to have their blood  
155 pressure and metabolic measurements examined at least once a year since the date of diabetes  
156 diagnosis and the most recent measurement was recorded before 1 April 2009 (giving a minimum  
157 of fifty days before the first inpatient hospitalisation). The length of diabetes was not commonly  
158 recorded, and therefore was not usefully accessible for the model derivation. The specific  
159 treatment for diabetes and anti-hypertensive therapy were not accessible in this study. Lipid-  
160 lowering prescription was recorded.

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162 Missing information in the derivation cohort included body mass index (3.17%), systolic blood  
163 pressure (9.95%), diastolic blood pressure (9.95%), total cholesterol (12.35%), high-density  
164 lipoprotein cholesterol (14.56%), and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (16.27%). Multiple  
165 imputation was used to replace missing values by applying a chained equation based on outcome  
166 and all potential predictors. 16 imputed datasets were generated for variables with missing  
167 values and were then combined over all imputed datasets by Rubin's rule to generate final  
168 prediction model estimations.

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170 Few information was missing (<1%) in the external validation cohort and the complete dataset  
171 was used in the model validation. Based on 244 cerebrovascular inpatient hospitalisations and 95  
172 cerebrovascular re-hospitalisations and 15 predictors or parameters in the development cohort,

173 an effective sample size (statistical power more than 80% [15]) of 16 cerebrovascular and 6  
174 cerebrovascular re-hospitalisations per predictor or parameters was acquired.

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### 176 **Ethical approval**

177 Ethics approval was granted by the Cambridgeshire REC2 Committee (10/H0308/72), and patients  
178 signed-off consent included their agreement for access to inpatient hospitalisation information.

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### 180 **Model development and external validation**

181 The incident cerebrovascular hospitalisation after the first ninety days of the incident occurrence  
182 of cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation were treated as binary outcome. For each of the 15  
183 candidate predictors or parameters, the Logistic regression was used to estimate the unadjusted  
184 odds ratios. For model development, all candidate predictors were initially included in a  
185 multivariable adjusted Logistic regression model. Fractional polynomials were utilised to model  
186 non-linear relationships between continuous variables and outcomes.

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188 Lowering lipid treatment was excluded from the multivariable Logistic regression model due to  
189 its statistical insignificance ( $P > 0.1$  for log likelihood) through backward elimination. The  
190 eliminated predictor was reinserted into the final prediction models to further examine whether  
191 it changed to be statistically significant. Fractional polynomial parameters were also rechecked  
192 and re-estimated them if necessary. The risk algorithms were then formed for predicting the log  
193 odds of cerebrovascular hospitalisation and cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation by using the  
194 Logistic model regression coefficients multiplied by the parameters included in the models  
195 together with the intercept terms. This process generated equations for the predicted individual  
196  $\text{risk} = 1 / (1 + e^{-\text{risk score}})$ , whether the “risk score” is the log odds of cerebrovascular hospitalisation  
197 or cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation from the development models.

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199 To facilitate risk score application in primary care, the equations were transferred into risk score  
200 charts. The coefficients from the logistic regression were multiplied by 50 and rounded to the  
201 nearest integer to generate the score per predictor. Multiplication by 50 was used as the majority  
202 of the coefficients was close to an integer, thereby minimizing the rounding effects. The total of  
203 prognostic scores indicates the patient probability of cerebrovascular hospitalisation or  
204 cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation.

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206 The model performance in terms of the C-statistics and calibration slope (agreement between  
207 observed and predicted risks, where 1.00 as ideal) was assessed. The C-statistics indicates the  
208 possibility that for any randomly sampled pair of diabetic patients with and without outcomes,  
209 the patient with outcomes should have a higher predicted risk [16]. 0.50 of C-statistics indicates  
210 no discrimination and 1.00 of calibration slope means perfect discrimination. Optimism (over-  
211 fitting) in model performance was corrected through internal validation by bootstrapping 100  
212 samples of the development data. The model development process was then repeated in every  
213 bootstrap data to generate a model, applied the model coefficient to the same bootstrap data to  
214 quantify apparent performance, and applied the model to the development dataset to examine  
215 model performance (C-statistics and calibration slope) and optimism (difference between the  
216 apparent and test performance). The overall optimism over all models was then estimated.

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218 Our risk prediction models were applied to individual diabetic patient in the external validation  
219 cohort dataset on the basis of the presence of one or more predictors. The final model  
220 performance in external validation dataset in terms of discrimination by estimating the C-  
221 statistics. We also evaluated model calibration by plotting agreement between observed and  
222 predicted probability by decile of the predicted probability.

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224 Stata V15.1 was used for all data analyses. We conducted and presented our study in line with the  
225 Transparent Reporting of a multivariate prediction model for Individual Prognosis or Diagnosis  
226 (TRIPOD) guidelines [17].

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## 228 **RESULTS**

### 229 **Characteristics of study participants**

230 In the derivation dataset, information of 4,704 type 2 diabetes patients with 244 cerebrovascular  
231 hospitalisations within two years and 95 re-hospitalisations within ninety days of a prior  
232 cerebrovascular hospitalisation were analysed. The validation dataset incorporated information  
233 of 1,121 diabetic patients with 56 cerebrovascular hospitalisations and 21 re-hospitalisations. The  
234 baseline characteristics and candidate predictors of the cohorts are presented in **Table-1**. Patients  
235 in both cohorts had similar distribution of gender, age, blood pressure and total cholesterol.  
236 Patients in the development cohort dataset had a higher level of HbA1c, low-density lipoprotein  
237 cholesterol, and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol. Compared with the development cohort  
238 dataset, patients in the validation cohort dataset were more likely to take lowering-lipid medicine  
239 and had more cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation.

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### 241 **Model development, performance, and validation**

242 In the development dataset, the absolute risks of cerebrovascular hospitalisation within two  
243 years and re-hospitalisation within 90 days post cerebrovascular hospitalisation were 3.76% and  
244 1.46%, respectively. Associations between cerebrovascular hospitalisation and cerebrovascular re-  
245 hospitalisation from univariable Logistic regression model are presented in **Supplementary Table-**  
246 **1**.

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248 Among the 10 potential predictors (15 parameters), 9 predictors (12 parameters) were  
249 significantly associated with cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation in our final risk  
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250 prediction model (**Table-2**). **Table-3** presents apparent and internal validation model performance  
251 measurements of the risk prediction model. After the adjustment of optimism, our final risk  
252 prediction model was able to discriminate diabetic patients with and without cerebrovascular  
253 hospitalisation with a C-statistics of 0.7509 (95% confidence interval 0.7436 to 0.7582), and  
254 discriminate diabetic patients with and without cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation with a C-  
255 statistics 0.7391 (0.7161 to 0.7451). The agreement between the observed and predicted  
256 probability of outcomes showed good apparent calibrations (Top left of **Figure-1** for  
257 cerebrovascular hospitalisation and top right of **Figure-1** for cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation).  
258 The calibration slope with optimism adjustment was 0.9961 (0.9928 to 0.9995) and 0.9904  
259 (0.9091 to 1.0525) for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation, respectively (**Table-**  
260 **3**).

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### 262 **External validation**

263 In our external validation cohort dataset, the incidence of cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-  
264 hospitalisation were 4.99% and 1.87%, respectively. Applying the final models to our independent  
265 external cohort gave a C-statistic of 0.7098 (0.6875 to 0.7321) for cerebrovascular hospitalisation  
266 and 0.7184 (0.7041 to 0.7727) for cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation, and good calibration  
267 (bottom left of **Figure-1** for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and bottom right of **Figure-1** for  
268 cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation), with the calibration slope 0.9853 (0.9756 to 0.9966) and  
269 0.9846 (0.8894 to 1.0796) for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation, respectively.

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### 271 **Clinical examples**

272 **Supplementary Chart-1** presents a real clinical example of the application of risk prediction model  
273 with graphical illustrations (risk score chart) for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-  
274 hospitalisation risk prediction scores to predict individual two-year risk of cerebrovascular

275 hospitalisation and individual risk of re-hospitalisation within ninety days of a previous  
276 cerebrovascular hospitalisation.

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## 278 **DISCUSSION**

279 Two new risk scores to quantify the individual absolute risk of cerebrovascular hospitalisation  
280 within two years and cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation after ninety days of prior cerebrovascular  
281 hospitalisation in a prospective cohort of type 2 diabetes patients in English primary care settings  
282 have been developed in this study. The two prediction models were validated externally in  
283 another independent prospectively English cohort. The two risk prediction scores revealed useful  
284 discrimination and excellent calibration, with C-statistics of bigger than 0.70 both in our  
285 derivation and external validation cohorts. The two risk prediction scores were derived from  
286 routine clinical measurements recorded and accessible in primary care settings, indicating that  
287 those can be applied in routine primary care (e.g. by embedding in practice software).

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289 Kothari et al derived a prediction score to predict incident stroke within 10 years among 5,103  
290 newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes patients in the UK Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) [18].  
291 Age, gender, atrial fibrillation, smoking, systolic blood pressure and lipid ratio were applied in the  
292 final model as predictors. However, the model performance (either discrimination or calibration)  
293 was not evaluated in the study. As the predictors like atrial fibrillation, duration of diabetes in the  
294 UKPDS algorithm were not available in our cohorts, we could not validate the UKPDS in our  
295 cohorts.

296 Yang et al derived a prediction model to predict incident stroke within 5 years among a Chinese  
297 diabetes population [19]. The splitting sample method was applied to the total sample (7920 type  
298 2 diabetes patients) to generate a derivation sample (3,652 patients) and a validation sample  
299 (3,559 patients). The age, HbA1c, urinary albumin to creatinine ratio and history of coronary heart  
300 disease were included in the final model as predictors. The apparent C-statistics in the derivation

301 sample was 0.78. And internal validated calibration suggested good. However, the splitting  
302 method was not suggested in the derivation of prediction models and the external validation was  
303 not implemented in this study. ***The source population in Yang's score was a Chinese population,***  
304 ***which is different from our population (Caucasian population). The data from Yang's score were***  
305 ***derived from a Diabetes registry (Hong Kong Diabetes Registry), which is different from our data***  
306 ***source (primary care data). And the predictor "history of CHD" was not available in our cohorts.***  
307 ***Therefore Yang's score could not be validated in our cohorts***

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309 Previous risk prediction models have not addressed cerebrovascular disease as a group as a  
310 major reason and health cost for inpatient hospitalisation in type 2 diabetes patients. Being  
311 aware of the individual absolute risk of cerebrovascular hospitalisation in the following year, and  
312 the risk of a new episode (within ninety days) of a recurrent cerebrovascular event (re-  
313 hospitalisation) could help clinicians to process more intensive care to patients with a high risk  
314 profile and to decrease inpatient cost. Implementation approaches could be tested using a  
315 randomized controlled trial format including embedding alerts into practice software and  
316 increasing patient awareness of their risk.

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318 There are several advantages in our two prediction models over those applied elsewhere. The  
319 two risk algorithms are on the basis of absolute risk derivation and validation in two prospective  
320 cohorts. Routine clinical measurements recorded in primary care settings were used to derive the  
321 two prediction models, which indicates that these measurements can be used straightforwardly  
322 in primary care and are modifiable for external validations in those developed countries that have  
323 primary care electronic health recorded dataset accessible for such objectives. The two scores  
324 can be readily imbedded into online tools for their application in primary care settings.

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326 The approaches applied to develop and validate models are close to those models developed  
327 from the CPRD and QResearch studies [20, 21]. The predictors/parameters in the final scores are  
328 accurate and reliable clinical variables routinely recorded in general practices and routinely  
329 updated and reviewed for patients with type 2 diabetes, and are less varied than in other primary  
330 care electronic health record datasets. Moreover, the volume of missing values was relatively  
331 low, which would be less likely to lead to variation in potential external applications, although  
332 multiple imputation was applied.

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334 We acknowledge that anti-diabetes treatments, diabetes duration, previous history of  
335 cerebrovascular diseases, other type 2 diabetes complications (e.g. renal failure), anti-  
336 hypertensive treatments, lifestyle relevant predictors (like smoking), and comorbidities were not  
337 taken into account due to limitations in our original data, but some prognostic factors were very  
338 common in people with diabetes (like antihypertensive treatments which is 81.2% in patients with  
339 type 2 diabetes in the United Kingdom[22]) which would be less discriminated in the model and  
340 we believe that the clinical measurements incorporated in the two prediction models could be  
341 proxies for inaccessible predictors. Data access limitations also barricaded extending the risk  
342 prediction model to all diabetes complications rather than those relevant to cerebrovascular  
343 hospitalisation. Due to the similarity between the development and validation cohort datasets,  
344 further more independent external validation (e.g. external data from more developed  
345 countries) are warranted.

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347 To our knowledge, this is the 1st research to derive risk scores to quantify the two-year risk of  
348 cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation within ninety days of a prior  
349 hospitalisation. For primary care practice these new two algorithms have two useful implications.  
350 First, these models can be use as screening tools to identify patients with high probability of  
351 cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation. The two models are based on routine

352 accessible clinical information recorded in primary care settings and evaluated by diabetes care  
353 teams. They can be imbedded into general practice computer systems or integrated into a  
354 mobile application for a handheld mobile device for ease of utilisation. Secondly, the risk scores  
355 could be applied to establish new thresholds of treatment in primary care practice through  
356 consensus development of guidance.

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### 358 **Conflict of interest**

359 The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests with the publication of this paper.

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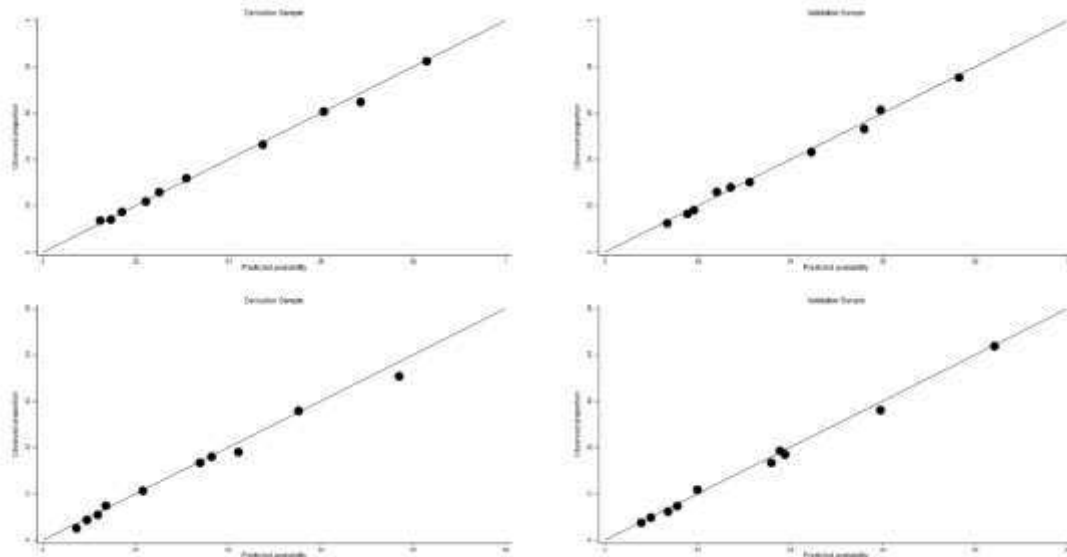


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448 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

449 **Figure-1.** Assessing calibration in the derivation cohort (left) and the validation cohort (right) for  
 450 cerebrovascular hospitalisation (above panel) and cerebrovascular re-hospitalisation (below  
 451 panel)



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453 **TABLES**

454 **Table-1.** Characteristics of study participants in development cohort and external validation  
 455 cohort.

	Development cohort	Validation cohort
Number of participants	4,704	1,121
Cerebrovascular hospitalisation, n (%)	244 (3.76)	56 (4.99)
Cerebrovascular rehospitalisation, n (%)	95 (1.46)	21 (1.87)
Age a baseline, years	65.0±16.3	65.5±11.4
Female gender, n (%)	1,919 (40.8)	444 (39.6)
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	134.5±16.0	139.7±20.2
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg	76.3±10.0	75.5±11.5
Total cholesterol, mmol/L	4.3±1.2	4.2±1.7
High density lipoprotein cholesterol, mmol/L	1.3±0.6	1.1±1.2
Low density lipoprotein cholesterol, mmol/L	2.5±1.4	1.4±3.0
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	30.8±6.9	32.2±6.0
Glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c), mmol/mol / %	61.5±17.2 / 7.8±3.7	56.2±15.1 / 7.3±3.5

Taking lipid Lowering treatment, n (%)	3,342 (71.4)	731 (65.2)
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457 **Table-2.** Multivariable model estimation for cerebrovascular hospitalisation and re-hospitalisation

458 risk among type 2 diabetes patients in development cohort

Predictors/Parameters	Coefficient	95% Confidence Interval
<b>Cerebrovascular Hospitalisation</b>		
Male gender	0.3313	(0.2909 to 0.3716)
Glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) $\geq$ 57 mmol/mol (7.4%)	-0.1259	(-0.1638 to -0.0879)
(Body mass index/10) <sup>3</sup>	0.0624	(0.0520 to 0.0728)
((Body mass index/10) <sup>3</sup> )*ln(Body mass index/10)	-0.0371	(-0.0435 to -0.0307)
Systolic blood pressure/100	1.6098	(0.4821 to 2.7375)
(Systolic blood pressure/100) <sup>2</sup>	-0.2216	(-0.6220 to 0.1788)
(Diastolic blood pressure/100) <sup>-2</sup>	-0.0239	(-0.0483 to 0.0005)
Diastolic blood pressure/100	-2.1136	(-2.3820 to -1.8452)
(Total cholesterol/10) <sup>-2</sup>	-0.0056	(-0.0079 to -0.0033)
(Total cholesterol/10) <sup>2</sup>	0.8866	(0.6862 to 1.0870)
(High density lipoprotein cholesterol) <sup>3</sup>	0.0851	(0.0563 to 0.1139)
((High density lipoprotein cholesterol) <sup>3</sup> )*ln(High density lipoprotein cholesterol)	-0.0892	(-0.1192 to -0.0593)
Low density lipoprotein cholesterol/10	-0.6356	(-0.9387 to -0.3325)
(Low density lipoprotein cholesterol/10) <sup>3</sup>	0.5521	(-0.2076 to 1.3117)
Baseline age $\geq$ 70 years	1.0647	(1.0213 to 1.1080)
Constant	-4.7571	(-5.5717 to -3.9426)
<b>Cerebrovascular Re-hospitalisation</b>		
Male gender	0.1359	(0.0741 to 0.1978)
Glycated haemoglobin (HbA1c) $\geq$ 57 mmol/mol (7.4%)	-0.2318	(-0.2914 to -0.1722)
(Body mass index/10) <sup>3</sup>	0.0618	(0.0445 to 0.0792)
((Body mass index/10) <sup>3</sup> )*ln(Body mass index/10)	-0.0383	(-0.0491 to -0.0274)
Systolic blood pressure/100	-2.4341	(-3.7885 to -1.0798)
(Systolic blood pressure/100) <sup>2</sup>	1.2371	(0.7573 to 1.7169)

$(\text{Diastolic blood pressure}/100)^{-2}$	0.6846	(0.4897 to 0.8794)
$((\text{Diastolic blood pressure}/100)^{-2}) * \ln(\text{Diastolic blood pressure}/100)$	0.3780	(0.2058 to 0.5501)
$(\text{Total cholesterol}/10)^3$	-1.4790	(-2.3056 to -0.6524)
$((\text{Total cholesterol}/10)^3) * \ln(\text{Total cholesterol}/10)$	-11.2187	(-13.7345 to -8.7029)
$(\text{High density lipoprotein cholesterol})^3$	0.1949	(0.1535 to 0.2362)
$((\text{High density lipoprotein cholesterol})^3) * \ln(\text{High density lipoprotein cholesterol})$	-0.1992	(-0.2412 to -0.1572)
Low density lipoprotein cholesterol/10	0.0291	(-0.4999 to 0.5582)
$(\text{Low density lipoprotein cholesterol}/10)^3$	-1.6879	(-3.0975 to -0.2784)
Baseline age $\geq 70$ years	1.1117	(1.0424 to 1.1811)
Constant	-6.2027	(-7.2062 to -5.1991)

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**Table-3.** Model performance statistics (with 95% confidence interval)

Measure	Derivation				External validation
	Apparent performance	Test performance	Average optimism	Optimism corrected performance	
<b>Cerebrovascular Hospitalisation</b>					
C-statistic	1.0000 (0.9967 to 1.0034)	0.9961 (0.9884 to 1.0038)	0.0039	0.9961 (0.9928 to 0.9995)	0.9853 (0.9756 to 0.9966)
Calibration slope	0.7546 (0.7473 to 0.7619)	0.7509 (0.7454 to 0.7564)	0.0037	0.7509 (0.7436 to 0.7582)	0.7098 (0.6875 to 0.7321)
<b>Cerebrovascular Re-hospitalisation</b>					
C-statistic	1.0000 (0.9557 to 1.0443)	0.9904 (0.9187 to 1.0621)	0.0096	0.9904 (0.9091 to 1.0525)	0.9846 (0.8894 to 1.0796)
Calibration slope	0.7476 (0.7403 to 0.7549)	0.7391 (0.7246 to 0.7536)	0.0085	0.7391 (0.7161 to 0.7451)	0.7184 (0.7041 to 0.7327)

