

Table w1: Demographics and clinical characteristics of the study cohort (n=2741)

<b><i>Clinical characteristic</i></b>	<b><i>n</i></b>	<b><i>%</i></b>
Age, mean (years)	71	-
Age, median (years)	76	-
Congestive cardiac failure	236	8.6
Other chronic heart disease, excluding hypertension	629	22.9
Stroke	295	10.8
Liver disease	46	1.7
Renal disease	199	7.3
Active malignancy	228	8.3
COPD	615	22.4
Other chronic lung disease	334	12.2
Dementia	148	5.4
Diabetes mellitus	303	11.1
Other illnesses	428	15.6
No co-morbid illnesses	690	25.1
Three or more co-morbid illnesses	369	13.5
CURB65 score 0 – 1	1095	40
CURB65 score 2	825	30
CURB65 score 3 – 5	822	30
30-day in-patient mortality	503	18.3

Values are numbers (%) of patients unless otherwise stated.