Patients enrolled in the Diabetes Registry (1995-2005)
n=7,920

Exclusion:
(1) Computerized drug data only available after 1996, n=582;
(2) Patients of non-Chinese ethnicity and/or age <30 years at baseline, n=291:
    - non-Chinese, n=51; and/or
    - age <30 years, n=252
(3) Other diseases, n=593:
    - type 1 diabetes, n=191;
    - known malignancy or other terminal illnesses, n=166;
    - history of hemorrhagic stroke, n=21;
    - upper gastro-intestinal bleeding, n=156;
    - alcoholism, n=8;
    - oesophageal bleeding, n=20;
    - Mallory Weiss syndrome, n=10;
    - Liver cirrhosis, n=86; and/or
    - Coagulopathy, n=1

6,454 patients entered into final analysis

Primary prevention cohort
n=5,731

Secondary prevention cohort
n=723