

37,530 patients identified with at least one prescription for HPT between January 1988 and January 2014

857 patients excluded because they had an MI recorded before the end of their first year registered with the CPRD

4,617 patients excluded because the practice they were registered at only prescribed one type of HPT and could not be included in the propensity score model, which required discordance within practices

297 patients were excluded because their propensity score did not fall within the overlapping region of the propensity score distributions

3,207 patients were excluded because their propensity scores fell in one of the 5% tails of their respective distributions

28,552 patients were included in the cohort analysis

26,029 (91%) received HPT containing clarithromycin

2,523 (9%) received clarithromycin-free HPT