

Table S1: Relevance of baseline characteristics to ESRD in the CRIB cohort, given age and sex

Baseline characteristic	Linear model		Quadratic model	
	Direction (linear term)	Improvement in fit	Direction (quadratic term)	Improvement in fit
Ln creatinine	++++	314.5		2.0
Ln cystatin C	++++	201.9		0.6
Urea	++++	195.4		1.6
Ln symmetric dimethylarginine	++++	175.8		2.7
Ln phosphate	++++	139.5	----	28.7
Haemoglobin	----	96.9		1.5
Ln N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide	++++	86.1		1.7
Ln urinary albumin:creatinine ratio	++++	55.9		3.9
Ln whole parathyroid hormone	++++	37.2		4.7
Ln 1,25 dihydroxy vitamin D3	----	36.8		0.6
Ln intact parathyroid hormone	++++	36.6	++	7.5
Ln homocysteine	++++	23.5		0.0
Ln asymmetric dimethylarginine	++++	23.3		0.2
Elevated troponin T ( $\geq 0.01$ ug/L)	++++	19.3		.
Tumour necrosis factor-alpha	++++	18.7		5.0
Albumin	----	17.0		1.7
Ln calcium	---	13.8	++++	19.5
Ln 25 hydroxy vitamin D3	---	12.6		0.1
Total cholesterol	--	9.8		0.0
Fibrinogen	++	8.0		0.6

Ln = Natural logarithm. +/- indicates the direction of the association (the number of symbols indicates the extent of statistical significance: two [ $p < 0.01$ ]; three [ $p < 0.001$ ]; four [ $p < 0.0001$ ]).

\* Under the null hypothesis of no association, the 'improvement in fit' for each characteristic follows a chi square distribution with 1 degree of freedom. Thus, values  $> 6.6$  are significant at the  $p = 0.01$  level and values  $> 10.8$  are significant at the  $p = 0.001$  level. In total, 44 baseline characteristics were assessed for their predictive value in age- and sex-adjusted analyses, of which the above were all significant at the  $p = 0.01$  level (either in linear models [tested against one degree of freedom] or in quadratic models [tested against 2 degrees of freedom]).

