

Supplementary Table 1 Observed and predicted rates of examined < 12 nodes according to different scoring groups.

Risk score	Development cohort		Internal validation cohort		External validation cohort	
	Observed (%)	Predicted (%)	Observed (%)	Predicted (%)	Observed (%)	Predicted (%)
0-3	3.8	3.5	2.8	3.1	5.6	5.2
4-6	5.9	5.4	5.6	5.3	7.4	10.7
7-9	8.7	9.1	9.2	8.7	17.2	16.0
10-12	12.4	12.7	12.2	13.2	26.9	24.9
13-15	21.6	21.2	22.0	21.2	38.5	31.7