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43 Abstract

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Background. Coronary artery disease (CAD) is in part genetically determined. Aging is accentuated in
people with HIV (PLWH). It is unknown whether genetic CAD event prediction in PLWH is improved
by applying individual polygenic risk scores (PRS) and by considering genetic variants associated with
successful aging and longevity.

49 Methods. In Swiss HIV Cohort Study participants of self-reported European descent, we determined 50 univariable and multivariable odds ratios (OR) for CAD events, based on traditional CAD risk factors, 51 adverse antiretroviral exposures, and different validated genome-wide PRS. PRS were built from 52 CAD-associated single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), longevity-associated SNPs, or both. 53 Results. We included 269 cases with CAD events between 2000-2017 (Median age 54 years, 87% 54 male, 82% with suppressed HIV RNA) and 567 event-free controls. Clinical (i.e. traditional and HIV-55 related) risk factors, and PRS built from CAD-associated SNPs, longevity-associated SNPs, or both, 56 each contributed independently to CAD events ( $p \le 0.001$ ). Participants with the most unfavorable 57 clinical risk factor profile (top quintile) had adjusted CAD-OR=17.82 (8.19-38.76), compared to 58 participants in the bottom quintile. Participants with the most unfavorable CAD-PRS (top quintile) 59 had adjusted CAD-OR=3.17 (1.74-5.79), compared to the bottom quintile. After adding longevityassociated SNPs to the CAD-PRS, participants with the most unfavorable genetic background (top 60 61 quintile) had adjusted CAD-OR=3.67 (2.00-6.73), compared to the bottom quintile. 62 Conclusions. In Swiss PLWH, CAD prediction based on traditional and HIV-related risk factors was 63 superior to genetic CAD prediction based on longevity- and CAD-associated PRS. Combining 64 traditional, HIV-related and genetic risk factors provided the most powerful CAD prediction. 65

66 **Keywords.** HIV infection, coronary artery disease, polygenic risk score, aging, multivariable analysis.

## 67 Introduction

68	Current meta-analyses and guidelines suggest an approximately two-fold elevated rate of coronary
69	artery disease (CAD) events in people living with HIV (PLWH), including in those with suppressed
70	viremia on antiretroviral therapy (ART), compared to the general population.[1-2] Individual
71	susceptibility to CAD in PLWH is influenced by traditional CAD risk factors as well as HIV-associated
72	factors including adverse antiretroviral exposures.[3-4] CAD also has a strong hereditary
73	component.[5-8] Genome-wide association studies (GWAS) [9-13] have identified common genetic
74	variants that contribute to CAD risk in the general population, with CAD lifetime risk trajectories
75	robustly established based on a polygenic risk score (PRS) consisting of 1.7 million single nucleotide
76	polymorphisms (SNPs) in >480,000 individuals.[13]
77	We have previously reported a 1.47-fold increased CAD risk in PLWH with unfavorable genetic
78	background, based on 23 common SNPs.[14] This genetic CAD risk increase was similar to the risk
79	increase attributable to traditional risk factors (e.g. dyslipidemia) or adverse antiretroviral exposures
80	(e.g. abacavir, lopinavir).[14] Since there is concern that aging in PLWH may be accelerated and/or
81	accentuated, there is interest in the potential for improved genetic CAD risk prediction by including
82	SNPs that have been reliably associated with successful aging and longevity in the general
83	population.[15-16] Here we evaluate CAD event prediction in Swiss PLWH based on traditional, HIV-
84	related and genetic risk factors, including different PRS built from validated, CAD-associated and
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## 92 Methods

93 Study population. We included PLWH enrolled in the Swiss HIV Cohort Study (SHCS,

94 www.shcs.ch)[17] who were participants of our previous CAD event prediction study.[18] The study 95 was approved by the respective local ethics committees. Participants provided written informed 96 consent for genetic testing. Cases had a first CAD event and controls were CAD event-free during the 97 study period (01.01.2000-31.12.2017). Because previous CAD-GWAS in the general population were 98 conducted in populations of mostly European descent, [19] the study was restricted to participants of self-reported European descent. 99 100 CAD events. CAD events were defined according to the Data Collection on Adverse events of Anti-HIV 101 Drugs (D:A:D) study and the MONICA Project of the World Health Organization, [20] as previously 102 reported.[18] 103 **Case-control matching.** As previously reported, [18] we aimed to select 3 controls who were CAD 104 event-free at the CAD event date of the corresponding case (matching date) using risk-set 105 sampling.[21] We used incidence density sampling for matching,[22] i.e. we matched controls on 106 similar observation duration, and their observation period was during similar calendar periods, in 107 order to account for differences in ART (with different potential CAD risk associations[23-24]) in use 108 at different times and other differences during the observation period. As previously reported,[18]

we used as matching criteria sex, age +/- 4 years, and date of SHCS enrolment +/- 4 years. Cases were
observed until the matching date and controls were observed until the first regular SHCS follow-up
examination after the CAD event date of the corresponding case, respectively. We allowed re-use of
controls for up to 3 cases.[21]

Non-genetic clinical CAD risk factors. As previously reported,[18] co-variables included smoking
(current, past, never), age (per 1 year older), family history of CAD, diabetes mellitus, hypertension,
and dyslipidemia (defined as previously published).[27] HIV-related co-variables included HIV viremia
at the matching date (HIV RNA < or ≥50 copies/mL), CD4 nadir, and ART exposures, defined *a priori*,
based on their CAD-association in the D:A:D study, i.e. current (last 6 months) exposure to abacavir

118 (ABC),[23] and cumulative exposure (>1 year) to lopinavir (LPV), indinavir (IDV), darunavir (DRV)[24],

and stavudine (d4T) [25-26] until the matching date, cytomegalovirus (CMV) seropositivity, [28]

120 hepatitis C (HCV) seropositivity, [29-30] and intravenous drug use (IDU).

Genotyping. DNA samples were obtained from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) and
 genotyped with the Global Screening Array v2.0+MD (Illumina, San Diego, CA), or in the setting of
 previous SHCS genetic studies. All quality control, filtering and imputation steps prior to the merging
 of batches were performed separately for each batch of samples as described (Supplementary
 Methods). For the final merged dataset used to calculate the PRS, only variants with a minor allele
 frequency >5% and missingness <10% were kept.</li>

Genome-wide Polygenic Risk Scores. PRS were calculated using PRSice (v2.3.3). The CAD-PRS was
calculated by directly applying the variant information from the CAD-PRS previously validated by
Inouye.[13] Information on included variants in this score and their weights were downloaded from
the PGS Catalog.[31] In total, 607,895 variants from the Inouye PRS[13] were successfully matched
and included in the CAD-PRS.

132 The longevity-PRS was calculated using the p-values and effect sizes from a large recent longevity 133 GWAS study by Deelen, [16] using the 90th survival percentile as phenotype. Following matching 134 between the genotype data and summary statistics, the variants were clumped using windows of 135 250kb and an r2=0.1. The best-fit model with 4 independent genome-wide significant SNPs (P<5e-8) 136 from Deelen et al[16] was found by P-value thresholding with PRSice. Of note, a favorable longevity-137 PRS associates with longevity in the reference study; an unfavorable longevity-PRS associates with CAD events in the present study. We also applied a combined "meta-PRS" (i.e. CAD-PRS plus 138 139 longevity-PRS), which we calculated following the same principles described previously by Inouye 140 [13] (Supplemental Methods).

Power calculation. In order to detect CAD event odds ratios of ≥1.6, 255 cases and 2 controls per
case would be required.[32] As recommended, the calculations assume a correlation of exposure
between pairs in the case-control set of 0.2.[32]

144 Statistical analyses. Univariable and multivariable conditional logistic regression analyses were used 145 to estimate associations of the different clinical and genetic risk factors. We decided a priori to 146 stratify the genetic risk factors into quintiles for better visualization of their potentially non-linear 147 associations with CAD events. Clinical variables were entered into the multivariable model if their association in the univariable model had p<0.2. We combined all traditional and HIV-related risk 148 149 factors into a single measure of "clinical" CAD event risk by creating quintiles of the individually 150 predicted CAD event probabilities from the multivariable model with the clinical risk factors as 151 described above. These clinical risk quintiles were then used to check for and visualize interactions 152 with genetic risk factors. Model fit and interactions were analyzed using Akaike and Bayesian 153 information criteria and likelihood ratio tests. CAD event variation explained by the different models 154 with combinations of clinical and genetic risk factors were documented with Pseudo R<sup>2</sup> values (as in 155 our 2013 CAD-genetic study [14]) and receiver operating characteristic (ROC) values. To assess for an 156 association between TL, longevity-PRS, and CAD prediction, we added TL to the multivariable models. 157 We used Stata/SE 16.1 (StataCorp, College Station, TX, USA).

159 Results

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161	Participants. After excluding 46 cases and 31 controls (because of excessive missingness in the
162	genotyping data), and 98 participants (because of incomplete case-control pairs), the study
163	population consisted of 269 cases and 567 controls, based on 357 individual control participants who
164	were used for one (n=212), two (n=80), or three cases (n=65). CAD events included myocardial
165	infarction (n=143), coronary angioplasty/stenting (n=102), coronary artery bypass grafting (n=17),
166	and fatal CAD with evidence of CAD before death (n=7).[18] The participants' baseline characteristics
167	are shown in Table 1. Cases were older, more likely to be IDU, current smokers, diabetic,
168	dyslipidemic, or have a CAD family history, and their ART exposure was longer.
169	Polygenic Risk Scores. Following p-value thresholding, the CAD-PRS included 607,895 SNPs, and the
170	longevity-PRS included 4 independent SNPs after clumping (Supplementary Table 1). There was no
171	evidence of a correlation between CAD-PRS and longevity-PRS (Pearson correlation r=0.06).
172	Probability of CAD Events: Univariable Analysis. Cases had higher clinical CAD risk and higher
173	genetic CAD risk than controls, as indicated by the asymmetric distribution of cases among the
174	quintiles, i.e. distribution of cases was skewed towards the 5th (most unfavorable) vs. the other
175	quintiles of clinical risk (Figure 1A), CAD-PRS (Figure 1B), longevity-PRS (Figure 1C), and meta-PRS
176	(Figure 1D). CAD event probability was significantly associated with clinical risk (test for trend,
177	p<0.001), CAD-PRS (p<0.001), longevity-PRS (p=0.001), and meta-PRS (p<0.001) (Figure 2).
178	Probability of CAD Events According to Clinical Risk Factors: Univariable Analysis. Regarding
179	traditional risk factors, CAD was associated with age, family history of CAD, current smoking, diabetes
180	mellitus, dyslipidemia, CMV seropositivity, and HCV seropositivity. Compared to participants in the
181	first (most favorable) quintile of traditional risk, participants in the second, third, fourth, and fifth
182	(most unfavorable) quintiles had univariable CAD-OR=2.63 (1.36-5.09), 3.96 (2.09-7.52), 3.68 (1.95-
183	6.95) and 8.70 (4.82-15.68), respectively.

184 Regarding HIV-associated risk factors, CAD was associated with current use of ABC, cumulative 185 exposure to LPV, IDV, DRV, d4T, and CD4 nadir, but not with HIV viral load or CD4 count at the 186 matching date, or with cocaine use (Supplementary Table 2). Compared to participants in the first 187 quintile of HIV-associated risk, participants in the second, third, fourth, and fifth quintiles had 188 univariable CAD-OR=1.63 (0.80-3.31), 3.65 (1.80-7.42), 4.04 (2.09-7.82) and 8.71 (4.93-15.39), 189 respectively. Compared to participants in the first quintile of *clinical* risk (i.e. traditional and HIV-190 related risk factors combined), participants in the second, third, fourth, and fifth quintiles had 191 univariable CAD-OR=2.31 (0.91-5.89), 6.50 (2.73-15.49), 17.18 (6.94-42.56) and 17.82 (8.19-38.76), 192 respectively.

193 Probability of CAD Events According to Polygenic Risk Scores: Univariable Analysis. Compared to 194 the first (most favorable) CAD-PRS quintile, participants in the second, third, fourth, and fifth (most 195 unfavorable) quintiles had CAD-OR=0.99 (0.59-1.63), 0.79 (0.48-1.31), 1.79 (1.11-2.89) and 2.93 196 (1.78-4.82), respectively. Compared to the first longevity-PRS quintile, participants in the second, 197 third, fourth, and fifth quintiles had CAD-OR=1.31 (0.76-2.27), 1.17 (0.69-1.99), 1.43 (0.91-2.25) and 2.28 (1.39-3.76), respectively. Compared to the first meta-PRS quintile, participants in the second, 198 199 third, fourth, and fifth quintiles had CAD-OR=1.49 (0.88-2.51), 1.63 (1.00-2.69), 1.91 (1.16-3.15) and 200 4.02 (2.43-6.66), respectively.

201 CAD Probability According to Clinical Risk Factors: Multivariable Analysis. CAD events remained 202 associated with age, dyslipidemia, diabetes, CMV seropositivity, current use of ABC, cumulative 203 exposure to IDV, DRV/r, and d4T (Supplementary Table 2). The effect size of clinical risk factors was 204 similar when unadjusted for genetic background and when we adjusted for either CAD-PRS, 205 longevity-PRS, or meta-PRS (Figure 2, left column). For example, participants in the fifth vs. the first 206 clinical risk guintile had adjusted CAD-OR=19.31 (8.74-42.66), 17.57 (8.04-38.41), and 17.41 (7.91-207 38.31), when adjusted for CAD-PRS, longevity-PRS, or meta-PRS, respectively. There was no evidence 208 for interactions when formally testing with likelihood-ratio tests (all p>0.4).

209	CAD Probability According to Different Polygenic Risk Scores: Multivariable Analysis. When
210	adjusting for clinical risk, and compared to the first (most favorable) CAD-PRS quintile, participants in
211	the second, third, fourth, and fifth (most unfavorable) quintiles of CAD-PRS had multivariable CAD-
212	OR=1.24 (0.67-2.30), 0.76 (0.40-1.42), 1.82 (1.00-3.00) and 3.17 (1.74-5.79), respectively (Figure 2,
213	right column). When adjusting for clinical risk, and compared to the first longevity-PRS quintile,
214	participants in the second, third, fourth, and fifth longevity-PRS quintiles had multivariable ORs=1.41
215	(0.74-2.71), 0.97 (0.51-1.85), 1.13 (0.66-1.93) and 1.61 (0.89-2.91), respectively). When adjusting for
216	clinical risk, and compared to the first meta-PRS quintile, participants in the second, third, fourth, and
217	fifth meta-PRS quintiles had multivariable ORs=1.31 (0.71-2.42), 1.40 (0.77-2.56), 1.62 (0.89-2.96)
218	and 3.67 (2.00-6.73), respectively.
219	CAD Variability Explained by Clinical Risk Factors and Different Polygenic Risk Scores, Final
220	multivariable model. CAD variability explained by traditional and HIV-related risk factors is shown in
221	the Supplementary Results. The area under the ROC curve (ROC AUC) for clinical risk factors was
222	0.851. The ROC AUC for CAD-PRS, longevity-PRS, and meta-PRS was 0.688, 0.645, 0.688, respectively.
223	The ROC AUC was improved when clinical and genetic risk factors were combined, i.e. ROC AUC for
224	full clinical model plus CAD-PRS, full model plus longevity-PRS, and full model plus meta-PRS was
225	0.870, 0.855, and 0.868, respectively (Figure 3). Results were similar when we applied pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>
226	values rather than ROC AUC, e.g. 0.309 (full clinical model), 0.060 (CAD-PRS), and 0.353 (full model
227	plus CAD-PRS), respectively ( <b>Figure 3</b> ).
228	Addition of Telomere Length (TL) to the multivariable models. ROC AUC and pseudo-R <sup>2</sup> values were
229	further improved when we added TL, i.e. for full clinical model plus CAD-PRS + TL, full model plus
230	longevity-PRS + TL, and full model + meta-PRS + TL, ROC AUC was 0.876, 0.864, and 0.876,
231	respectively, and pseudo-R <sup>2</sup> was 0.371, 0.338, 0.366, respectively. We found no evidence of a
232	correlation between longevity-PRS and TL (Spearman rank correlation p=0.7).

234 Discussion

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Our study investigating clinical and genetic CAD prediction in Swiss PLWH of European descent has 236 237 two main findings: First, an unfavorable genetic background independently increases CAD event risk 238 3.17-fold, when applying an individual PRS based on CAD-associated SNPs, and CAD event risk was 239 increased 3.67-fold when adding longevity-associated SNP to this CAD-PRS in a combined meta-PRS. 240 Second, we provide a combined estimate of the impact of traditional and HIV-related risk factors 241 (clinical risk) and show that the highest clinical risk category was associated with a 17.4 to 19.3-fold 242 increased CAD risk. Thus, while clinical risk factors clearly explained a larger proportion of CAD 243 variability than genetic background, clinical and genetic models independently predicted CAD events, 244 and a combined clinical plus genetic model afforded the best CAD prediction. 245 Our results confirm our previous CAD-genetic report from 2013 that was based on a multinational 246 (MAGNIFICENT) consortium of PLWH cohorts.[14] Importantly, we extend the MAGNIFICENT results 247 by showing improved CAD prediction when applying an individual PRS in this study, as compared to a 248 validated panel of 23 common SNPs (associated with CAD in the general population) that we applied 249 in the MAGNIFICENT study.[14] The inclusion of common variants of smaller effect sizes in PRS, in 250 addition to only the genome-wide significant variants, is now a well-established method to improve 251 the predictive power of genetic risk scores. [13][33-34] The CAD effect of genetic background was not 252 subtle, i.e. an unfavorable PRS increased CAD odds ratio 3.17-fold to 3.67-fold, depending on which 253 PRS we applied. In contrast, an unfavorable genetic background based on 23 SNPs in MAGNIFICENT 254 [14] was associated with a 1.47-fold increased CAD odds ratio. Similarly, CAD event variability 255 explained was 6% (pseudo-R2 test) for CAD-PRS and meta-PRS, compared to 2% for longevity PRS, 256 and only 0.9% in MAGNIFICENT.[14] CAD variability explained by traditional and HIV-related risk 257 factors was higher (14% and 18%, respectively, and 31% in combination), emphasizing the 258 importance of clinical risk factors for CAD event prediction. However, the best CAD prediction model 259 overall was the combination of clinical risk factors plus meta-PRS (35% CAD event variability

260 explained). Adding telomere length to the models increased CAD prediction further (37% CAD event261 variability explained).

262 We investigated the hypothesis of improved CAD prediction by applying a PRS based not only on 263 SNPs associated with CAD, but also on SNPs linked to longevity in large meta-analyses in the general 264 population.[15-16] There is some overlap of SNPs associated with longevity and SNPs associated with 265 CAD and other aging traits such as Alzheimer disease, diabetes, and cancer. This is supported by the 266 longevity-PRS being dominated by the effect of rs429358 located within the APOE gene, a SNP that is 267 also part of the CAD-PRS. The T allele of rs429358 has previously been associated with decreased 268 triglycerides, decreased low-density lipoprotein levels and increased high-density lipoprotein 269 levels, [37] while the C allele has been associated with an increased risk of Alzheimer disease. [38] 270 However, we found no evidence of a correlation between CAD-PRS and longevity-PRS, providing the 271 rationale for combining the CAD-PRS and the longevity-PRS into the meta-PRS, which modestly 272 improved CAD prediction when compared to the CAD-PRS.

273 Our genetic results appear robust because we only considered SNPs that have been validated in large 274 reference GWAS in the general population.[13][16] We applied rigorous quality control to the genetic 275 data, corrected for residual population stratification, and excluded population outliers. Additional 276 strengths include that we exploited prospectively recorded information in participants of the well-277 established Swiss HIV Cohort Study, which allowed us to quantify and compare the CAD effects of all 278 relevant, i.e. clinical, HIV-related, and genetic risk factors. Of note, genetic background predicted 279 individual CAD risk independently of family history of CAD, consistent with the MAGNIFICENT study 280 [14] and findings in the general population.[35-36]

The contribution of genetic variation to common diseases such as CAD has been well studied in the general population, demonstrating a clinical value of genetic testing. Knowledge on how genetic risk factors contribute to HIV-related comorbidities remains limited. It was beyond the scope of our study to assess the clinical value of genetic testing (this will require prospective trials). Nonetheless, our

findings suggest how an individual PRS might be applied in clinical HIV practice. The knowledge that
an unfavorable genetic background independently increases the CAD event risk 3.67-fold in those
20% PLWH in 5th meta-PRS quintile may suggest paying even greater attention to the optimization of
clinical risk factors, and, perhaps, instituting primary CAD prevention with statins in such individuals.
In addition, applying different PRS can inform the selection of PLWH at increased risk for attaining
relevant endpoints in clinical trials.

Addition of TL to the model further improved CAD prediction, consistent with our previous report
[18]. Although aging correlates with shorter TL, we found no evidence of a link between longevityPRS and TL in our dataset. Detailed pathway analyses based on genetic information, using the
principle of Mendelian randomization, can reveal causal relationships and provide pathogenic
insights into CAD, and help avoid the risk of unknown confounding factors and reverse causation.[3940] Based on limited study population size, our study was not powered for this type of genetic
analysis.

298 Our study has additional limitations. We included only participants of European descent, because 299 most GWAS of CAD have been conducted in populations of European descent. Our population was 300 87% male and relatively young; thus, results should only cautiously be extrapolated to females and 301 elderly PLWH.

302 In conclusion, PLWH may have a significantly increased CAD risk because of clinical risk factors, an 303 unfavorable genetic background, or the combination of both. Our results suggest that an unfavorable 304 genetic background may explain why certain PLWH with low clinical CAD risk have coronary events, 305 even in the absence of established traditional or HIV-related CAD risk factors, and vice versa. Our 306 analyses demonstrate an independent contribution of individual PRS to explaining interindividual 307 variation in CAD risk, when analyzed in the context of multiple traditional, HIV-related, and 308 antiretroviral CAD risk factors. A combination of CAD-PRS and longevity-PRS modestly improved CAD 309 prediction.

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## 438 Table 1: Characteristics of Cases and Controls at the Matching Date

		<b>Cases</b> (n=269)	Controls (n=567)
Male sex, n (%)		235 (87.4)	500 (88.2)
Age (years), median (IQR)		54 (48-62)	53 (47-62)
HIV acquisition mode, n (%)			
	heterosexual	70 (26.0)	162 (28.6)
	MSM	132 (49.1)	295 (52.0)
	IDU	57 (21.2)	96 (16.9)
	other	10 (3.7)	14 (2.5)
Smoking, n (%)			
	current	135 (50.2)	246 (43.4)
	past	81 (30.1)	173 (30.5)
	never	53 (19.7)	148 (26.1)
Cocaine use, n (%)	Recent*	10 (3.7)	22 (3.9)
	Ever	22 (8.2)	50 (8.8)
Family History of CAD, n (%)		44 (16.4)	61 (10.8)
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)		47 (17.5)	37 (6.5)
Hypertension, n (%)		83 (30.9)	163 (28.8)
Dyslipidemia, n (%)		177 (65.8)	264 (46.6)
On ART, n (%)		247 (91.8)	481 (84.8)
On ART, HIV RNA <50 copies/mL (undetectable), n (%)		221 (82.2)	453 (79.9)
Total years on ART, median (IQR)		10.9 (6.6-15.8)	6.0 (2.5-10.9)
Duration of observation** (years), median (IQR)		11.8 (8.1-17.4)	11.2 (7.6-17.2)
Currently on Abacavir, n (%)		84 (31.2)	113 (20.0)
Lopinavir, exposure ≥1 year, n (%)		79 (29.4)	100 (17.6)
Indinavir, exposure <a>1 year, n (%)</a>		65 (24.2)	53 (9.4)

Darunavir, exposure <u>&gt;</u> 1 year, n (%)	45 (16.7)	60 (10.6)
Stavudine, exposure ≥1 year, n (%)	117 (43.5)	87 (15.3)
CD4 at matching date, median (IQR)	490 (353-722)	526 (376-688)
CD4 during observation time, median (IQR)	459 (323-618)	470 (356-585)
CD4 nadir (cells/µL), median (IQR)	169 (71-257)	205 (126-318)
CD4 nadir <50 cells/µL, n (%)	50 (18.6)	58 (10.2)
Previous AIDS, n (%)	69 (25.6)	121 (21.3)
Hepatitis C Seropositivity, n (%)	121 (21.3)	75 (27.9)
CMV Seropositivity, n (%)	234 (87.0)	458 (80.8)

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440 Note. All data shown apply to the matching date and are number (%) of participants, unless otherwise

- 441 indicated.
- 442 \* in 6 months prior to matching date
- 443 \*\* From registration in the SHCS until the matching date, and, for controls, until first regular, twice-yearly
- 444 follow-up visit after the matching date
- 445 Abbreviations. ART, antiretroviral therapy; CAD, coronary artery disease; CMV, cytomegalovirus; IDU,
- 446 intravenous drug use; IQR, interquartile range; MSM, men who have sex with men.

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449 Figure 1, A-D: Distribution of clinical risk factors and polygenic risk scores in 567 controls

450 without coronary artery events (white bars) and in 269 cases with coronary artery events

451 (gray bars).



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We divided study participants into 5 quintiles according to their individual clinical and polygenic risk
scores and show here the number, percentage and 95% confidence intervals of participants in each
quintile.

- A: Distribution of cases and controls according to quintiles of clinical risk. There were 7 (4.2%) cases
  vs. 160 (95.8%) controls in the 1<sup>st</sup> (most favorable) quintile, 15 (9%) vs. 152 (91%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile,
  37 (22.2%) vs. 130 (77.8%) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quintile, 82 (49.1%) vs. 85 (50.9%) in the 4<sup>th</sup> quintile, and 128
- 459 (76.2%) vs. 40 (23.8%) in the 5<sup>th</sup> (most unfavorable) quintile.
- 460 **B: Distribution of cases and controls according to quintiles of CAD-PRS**. There were 42 (25.9%) cases
- 461 vs. 120 (74.1%) controls in the 1<sup>st</sup> quintile, 46 (26.7%) vs. 126 (73.3%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile, 42 (23.3%)
- 462 vs. 138 (76.7%) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quintile, 66 (38.6%) vs. 105 (61.4%) in the 4<sup>th</sup> quintile, and 73 (48.3%) vs. 78
- 463 (51.7%) in the 5<sup>th</sup> quintile.
- 464 **C: Distribution of cases and controls according to quintiles of longevity-PRS**. There were 36 (24.2%)
- 465 cases vs. 113 (75.8%) controls in the 1<sup>st</sup> quintile, 35 (31%) vs. 78 (69%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile, 40 (29.4%)
- 466 vs. 96 (70.6%) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quintile, 92 (32.1%) vs. 195 (67.9%) in the 4<sup>th</sup> quintile, and 66 (43.7%) vs. 85
- 467 (56.3%) in the 5<sup>th</sup> quintile.
- 468 D: Distribution of cases and controls according to quintiles of combined CAD-PRS and longevity-PRS
- 469 (meta-PRS). There were 35 (20.1%) cases vs. 139 (79.9%) controls in the 1<sup>st</sup> quintile, 49 (28.7%) vs.
- 470 122 (71.4%) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile, 51 (29%) vs. 125 (71%) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quintile, 58 (33.9%) vs. 113 (66.1%) in
- 471 the 4<sup>th</sup> quintile, and 76 (52.8%) vs. 68 (47.2%) in the 5<sup>th</sup> quintile.
- 472 **Abbreviations**: CAD, coronary artery disease; CI, confidence interval; PRS, polygenic risk score.

475 Polygenic Risk Scores (PRS).



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485 Figure 3: Coronary Artery Disease Event Variability Explained by Clinical Risk Factors and



486 Different Polygenic Risk Scores.

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488 CAD event variability (white bars; based on pseudoR2 test) that is explained by CAD-PRS, longevity-489 PRS, meta-PRS, full model of clinical risk factors without considering any PRS (continuous model and 490 model that included quintiles of clinical risk), and CAD event variability explained by full model plus 491 CAD-PRS, longevity-PRS, and meta-PRS. CAD event variability (gray bars; based on ROC AUC values) 492 that is explained by CAD-PRS, longevity-PRS, meta-PRS, full model of clinical risk factors without 493 considering any PRS (continuous model and model that included quintiles of clinical risk), and CAD 494 event variability explained by full model plus CAD-PRS, longevity-PRS, and meta-PRS. 495 Abbreviations: CAD, coronary artery disease; PRS, polygenic risk score; ROC AUC, area under the 496 receiver operating characteristic curve.

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