| Disk faster              | Univariable hazard |       | Adjusted hazard  |       | Univariable subhazard |       | Adjusted subhazard |       |  |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--|
| Risk factor              | ratio (95% CI)     | р     | ratio (95% CI)   |       | ratio (95% CI)        |       | ratio (95% CI)     | р     |  |
| Age at SCI               |                    | 0.07  |                  | 0.055 |                       | 0.16  |                    | 0.10  |  |
| 18-30                    | 1.91 (1.04–3.49)   |       | 1.82 (0.97–3.44) |       | 1.80 (1.00–3.25)      |       | 1.66 (0.89–3.10)   |       |  |
| 31-45                    | REF                |       | REF              |       | REF                   |       | REF                |       |  |
| 46-60                    | 1.16 (0.59–2.28)   |       | 1.65 (0.74–3.66) |       | 1.06 (0.55–2.07)      |       | 1.64 (0.74–3.63)   |       |  |
| 61+                      | 1.85 (1.02–3.33)   |       | 2.82 (1.25-6.35) |       | 1.30 (0.73–2.34)      |       | 2.56 (1.17–5.58)   |       |  |
| Sex                      |                    | 0.09  |                  | 0.25  |                       | 0.06  |                    | 0.18  |  |
| Male                     | REF                |       | REF              |       | REF                   |       | REF                |       |  |
| Female                   | 1.42 (0.95–2.12)   |       | 1.30 (0.83–2.05) |       | 1.46 (0.98–2.19)      |       | 1.37 (0.87–2.16)   |       |  |
| Car travel time          |                    | 0.11  |                  | 0.28  |                       | 0.14  |                    | 0.36  |  |
| 0-1 hours                | REF                |       | REF              |       | REF                   |       | REF                |       |  |
| 1-2 hours                | 0.95 (0.61–1.48)   |       | 0.89 (0.55–1.44) |       | 0.96 (0.62–1.50)      |       | 0.87 (0.54–1.41)   |       |  |
| 2+ hours                 | 1.61 (0.97–2.68)   |       | 1.48 (0.84–2.61) |       | 1.57 (0.94–2.63)      |       | 1.40 (0.79–2.48)   |       |  |
| Marital status–discharge |                    | 0.039 |                  | 0.030 |                       | 0.018 |                    | 0.020 |  |
| Not married              | 1.53 (1.02–2.29)   |       | 1.81 (1.06–3.08) |       | 1.63 (1.09–2.44)      |       | 1.91 (1.11–3.29)   |       |  |
| Married                  | REF                |       | REF              |       | REF                   |       | REF                |       |  |
| SCIM III score           |                    | 0.60  |                  | 0.63  |                       | 0.12  |                    | 0.22  |  |
| Tertile 1 (0-48)         | 0.84 (0.52–1.36)   |       | 0.71 (0.35–1.44) |       | 0.60 (0.37–0.98)      |       | 0.55 (0.28–1.08)   |       |  |

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Table SI. Risk factors for non-adherence to outpatient follow-up (complete case analysis, N=213)

| Tertile 2 (49-76)           | 0.80 (0.51-1.27) |       | 0.86 (0.50–1.46) |        | 0.75 (0.48–1.18) |        | 0.82 (0.48–1.40) |       |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------|
| Tertile 3 (77-100)          | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| SCI etiology                |                  | 0.28  |                  | 0.75   |                  | 0.64   |                  | >0.99 |
| NTSCI                       | 1.29 (0.81–2.05) |       | 1.11 (0.60–2.05) |        | 1.12 (0.70–1.78) |        | 1.00 (0.55–1.84) |       |
| TSCI                        | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Neurological level          |                  | 0.22  |                  | 0.90   |                  | 0.12   |                  | 0.67  |
| Cervical                    | 0.78 (0.52–1.16) |       | 1.04 (0.58–1.84) |        | 0.72 (0.48–1.08) |        | 1.13 (0.65–1.96) |       |
| Thoracic-sacral             | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Completeness                |                  | 0.19  |                  | 0.24   |                  | 0.11   |                  | 0.15  |
| Complete (AIS A)            | 1.41 (0.85–2.33) |       | 1.47 (0.77–2.80) |        | 1.51 (0.91–2.51) |        | 1.61 (0.84–3.10) |       |
| Incomplete (AIS B-E)        | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Comorbidity – cancer        |                  | 0.45  |                  | 0.54   |                  | 0.10   |                  | 0.22  |
| No                          | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Yes                         | 0.76 (0.37–1.55) |       | 0.77 (0.33–1.79) |        | 0.54 (0.26–1.13) |        | 0.59 (0.26–1.36) |       |
| Comorbidity – cardiological |                  | 0.023 | 5                | < 0.01 |                  | < 0.01 |                  | 0.015 |
| No                          | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Yes                         | 0.64 (0.43–0.94) |       | 0.52 (0.33–0.84) |        | 0.57 (0.38–0.84) |        | 0.55 (0.34–0.89) |       |
| Comorbidity – mental        |                  | 0.96  |                  | 0.85   |                  | 0.76   |                  | 0.82  |
| No                          | REF              |       | REF              |        | REF              |        | REF              |       |
| Yes                         | 1.01 (0.66–1.54) |       | 1.05 (0.64–1.73) |        | 0.94 (0.61–1.43) |        | 0.94 (0.57–1.56) |       |
| Comorbidity–neurological    |                  | 0.22  |                  | 0.92   |                  | 0.09   |                  | 0.88  |

| No   | REF              | REF              | REF              | REF              |    |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----|--|--|--|--|
| Yes  | 0.78 (0.52–1.17) | 1.03 (0.63–1.66) | 0.71 (0.47–1.06) | 0.96 (0.59–1.56) |    |  |  |  |  |
| Comorbidity–pulmonary  | 0.32             | 0.024            | 0.79             | 0.02             | .6 |  |  |  |  |
| No   | REF              | REF              | REF              | REF              |    |  |  |  |  |
| Yes  | 1.22 (0.82–1.81) | 1.75 (1.08–2.84) | 1.06 (0.71–1.56) | 1.72 (1.07–2.78) |    |  |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted and adjusted hazard ratios from cause-specific Cox regression with death treated as non-informative censoring, as well as unadjusted and  |                  |                  |                  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |
| adjusted sub-hazard ratios from a competing risk regression treating death as a competing event. All listed covariates were included in the adjusted |                  |                  |                  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |
| analyses.  |                  |                  |                  |                  |    |  |  |  |  |

NTSCI: non-traumatic spinal cord injury; SCI: spinal cord injury; TSCI: traumatic spinal cord injury.

| Disk factor                | Univariable hazard  |          | Adjusted hazard     | <i>n</i> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Risk factor                | ratio (95% CI) p    |          | ratio (95% CI)      | р        |
| Age at SCI                 |                     | < 0.0001 |                     | 0.14     |
| 18-30                      | 3.08 (0.31-30.37)   |          | 2.56 (0.28–23.02)   |          |
| 31-45                      | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| 46-60                      | 6.06 (0.71–51.60)   |          | 4.11 (0.39–42.77)   |          |
| 61+                        | 24.48 (3.21–186.75) |          | 13.07 (0.96–178.89) |          |
| Sex                        |                     | 0.22     |                     | 0.11     |
| Male                       | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| Female                     | 0.63 (0.30–1.32)    |          | 0.39 (0.12–1.23)    |          |
| Car Travel Time            |                     | >0.99    |                     | 0.98     |
| 0-1 hours                  | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| 1-2 hours                  | 0.97 (0.50-1.87)    |          | 1.05 (0.51–2.19)    |          |
| 2+ hours                   | 0.96 (0.39–2.40)    |          | 1.11 (0.30–4.15)    |          |
| Marital status – discharge |                     | 0.056    |                     | 0.91     |
| Not married                | 0.46 (0.21–1.02)    |          | 1.05 (0.45–2.45)    |          |
| Married                    | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| SCIM Score                 |                     | < 0.0001 |                     | < 0.01   |
| Tertile 1 (0-48)           | 8.15 (2.93–22.68)   |          | 6.60 (2.00–21.79)   |          |
| Tertile 2 (49-76)          | 2.11 (0.66–6.74)    |          | 2.18 (0.77-6.22)    |          |
| Tertile 3 (77-100)         | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| SCI etiology               |                     | < 0.01   |                     | 0.22     |
| NTSCI                      | 2.34 (1.25–4.36)    |          | 1.87 (0.68–5.09)    |          |
| TSCI                       | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| Neurological level         |                     | 0.07     |                     | 0.20     |
| Cervical                   | 1.75 (0.95–3.24)    |          | 0.52 (0.19–1.42)    |          |
| Thoracic-sacral            | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| Completeness               |                     | 0.68     |                     | 0.25     |
| Complete (AIS A)           | 0.86 (0.43–1.75)    |          | 0.49 (0.15–1.64)    |          |
| Incomplete (AIS B-E)       | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |
| Comorbidity – cancer       |                     | < 0.0001 |                     | < 0.01   |
| No                         | REF                 |          | REF                 |          |

Table SII. Risk factors for non-adherence due to death (complete case analysis, n=213)

| Yes  | 4.77 (2.62-8.68) |          | 3.39 (1.47–7.84) |      |  |  |  |
|--|------------------|----------|------------------|------|--|--|--|
| Comorbidity–cardiological  |                  | 0.016    |                  | 0.47 |  |  |  |
| No   | REF              |          | REF              |      |  |  |  |
| Yes  | 2.87 (1.22-6.77) |          | 0.66 (0.22–2.01) |      |  |  |  |
| Comorbidity – mental   |                  | 0.22     |                  | 0.22 |  |  |  |
| No   | REF              |          | REF              |      |  |  |  |
| Yes  | 1.47 (0.79–2.71) |          | 1.61 (0.75–3.47) |      |  |  |  |
| Comorbidity–neurological   |                  | 0.15     |                  | 0.77 |  |  |  |
| No   | REF              |          | REF              |      |  |  |  |
| Yes  | 1.74 (0.81–3.72) |          | 1.15 (0.44–3.03) |      |  |  |  |
| Comorbidity–pulmonary  |                  | < 0.01   |                  | 0.57 |  |  |  |
| No   | REF              |          | REF              |      |  |  |  |
| Yes  | 3.02 (1.47-6.18) |          | 1.30 (0.53–3.20) |      |  |  |  |
| Unadjusted and adjusted hazard ratios from cause-specific Cox regression with general non- |                  |          |                  |      |  |  |  |
| 11   | 11 + + + + + +   | <b>c</b> |                  |      |  |  |  |

adherence (loss to outpatient follow-up) treated as non-informative censoring. Event times are set as the last time that the patient visited the outpatient clinic. All listed covariates were included in the adjusted analysis.

NTSCI: non-traumatic spinal cord injury; SCI: spinal cord injury; TSCI: traumatic spinal cord injury.