TabS2 Spearman rank correlations in baseline UACR with NPH, eGFR, Scr, HbA1c, Age, SBP, hsCRP, IL-6

| Variables          | Correlation coefficients with UACR ($r$) | $P$-value |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| NPH (ug/ml)        | 0.317                                    | 0.005     |
| eGFR (ml/min/1.73m²) | -0.558                                  | <0.001    |
| Scr (umol/L)       | 0.299                                    | 0.009     |
| HbA1c (%)          | 0.340                                    | 0.003     |
| Age (yrs)          | 0.398                                    | <0.001    |
| SBP (mmHg)         | 0.415                                    | <0.001    |
| hsCRP (mg/L)       | 0.296                                    | 0.009     |
| IL-6 (pg/ml)       | 0.260                                    | 0.023     |

Abbreviations: UACR: urine albumin/creatinine ratio; NPH: nephrin; eGFR: estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate; Scr: serum creatinine; HbA1c: glycated haemoglobin; SBP: Systolic blood pressure; hsCRP: High sensitivity C-reactive protein; IL-6: Interleukin-6.