Supplementary material for:

Resting heart rate and risk of left and right heart failure in 0.5 million Chinese adults

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Table: Variables included in the Cox regression analysis

Covariates	Groups
Demographic and socioeconomic factors	
Age-at-risk	Five-year bands
Sex	Male and female
Region	Represents the ten regions of the China Kadoorie Biobank (CKB)
Area	This was categorised into rural and urban areas. The ten CKB regions include five urban and five rural areas.
Season at recruitment	Four seasons: Winter, Spring, Autumn, and Summer
Marital status	Four groups: Never married, married, separated or divorced, and widowed

No formal education, primary education, middle school, and high school or higher

Four groups: $<10,000, 10,000 - 29,999, 30,000 - 34,999, \text{ or } \ge 35,000$

Established cardiovascular disease risk factors

Highest level of education

Yuan

Annual household income in

Physical activity	Three groups: Tertiles of physical activity measured in Metabolic Equivalent of Task
	hours per day
Smoking	Three groups: Never smoker, ex-smoker smoker, and current smoker
Alcohol consumption	Five groups: never regular drinker, ex-regular drinkers, reduced intake, occasional
	drinkers, and regular drinkers
Body mass index (in kg/m²)	Four groups: Underweight, normal weight, overweight and obese
Hypertension	Two groups: Presence or absence of hypertension. Hypertension was defined as either a
	history of physician-diagnosed hypertension or the use of blood pressure (BP)-lowering
	medications or a systolic BP \geq 140 mmHg or a diastolic BP \geq 90 mmHg measured at
	baseline survey.
Diabetes	Two groups: Diabetes and no diabetes

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Supplementary Figure 1: Associations of fifths of resting heart rate with heart failure and pulmonary heart disease after excluding participants with prior diseases

