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$$n = \left(\frac{Z_{1-\alpha/2} \times \sqrt{p \times (1-p)}}{\delta}\right)^{2}$$

Figure S1. Sample size calculation formula.

 $Z_{1-\alpha/2}$  was 1.96;  $\delta$  represented allowable error and was 0.1; p represented sensitivity or specificity. Sensitivity and specificity of sST2 in predicting MACEs were 76.3% and 86.0% in previous study [14]. The expected missing follow-up rate was 10%. At last, 78 patients were needed.

sST2, Soluble suppression of tumorigenicity 2; MACEs: Major adverse cardiovascular events.