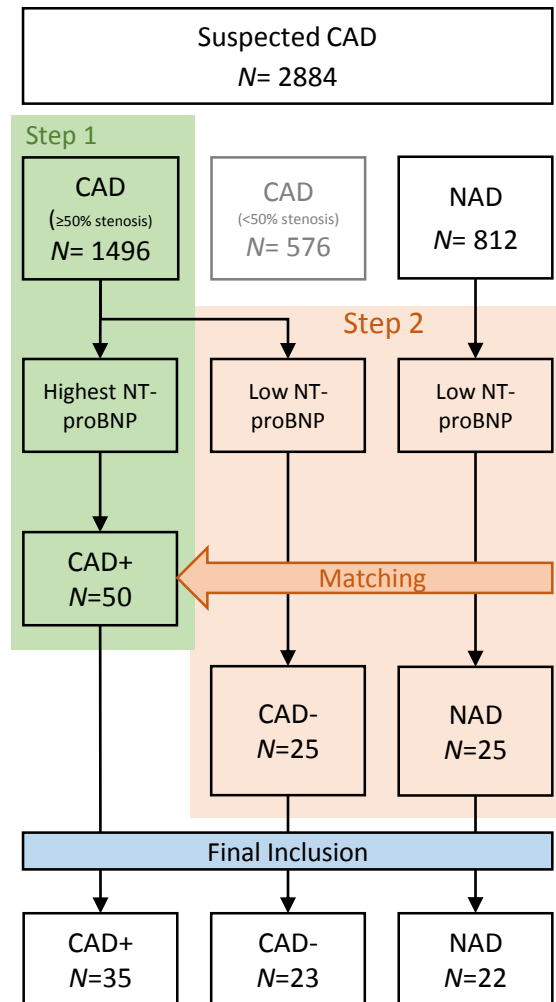


Supplementary Material



Online Figure I. Scheme of the patients' recruitment and selection. Abbreviations: CAD coronary artery disease; CAD+/CAD- group of CAD patients with/without heart failure; NAD group of participants with non-detectable abnormality; NT-proBNP N-terminal prohormone of brain natriuretic peptide.