

RISK STRATIFICATION OF PATIENTS WITH ACUTE SYMPTOMATIC PULMONARY EMBOLISM

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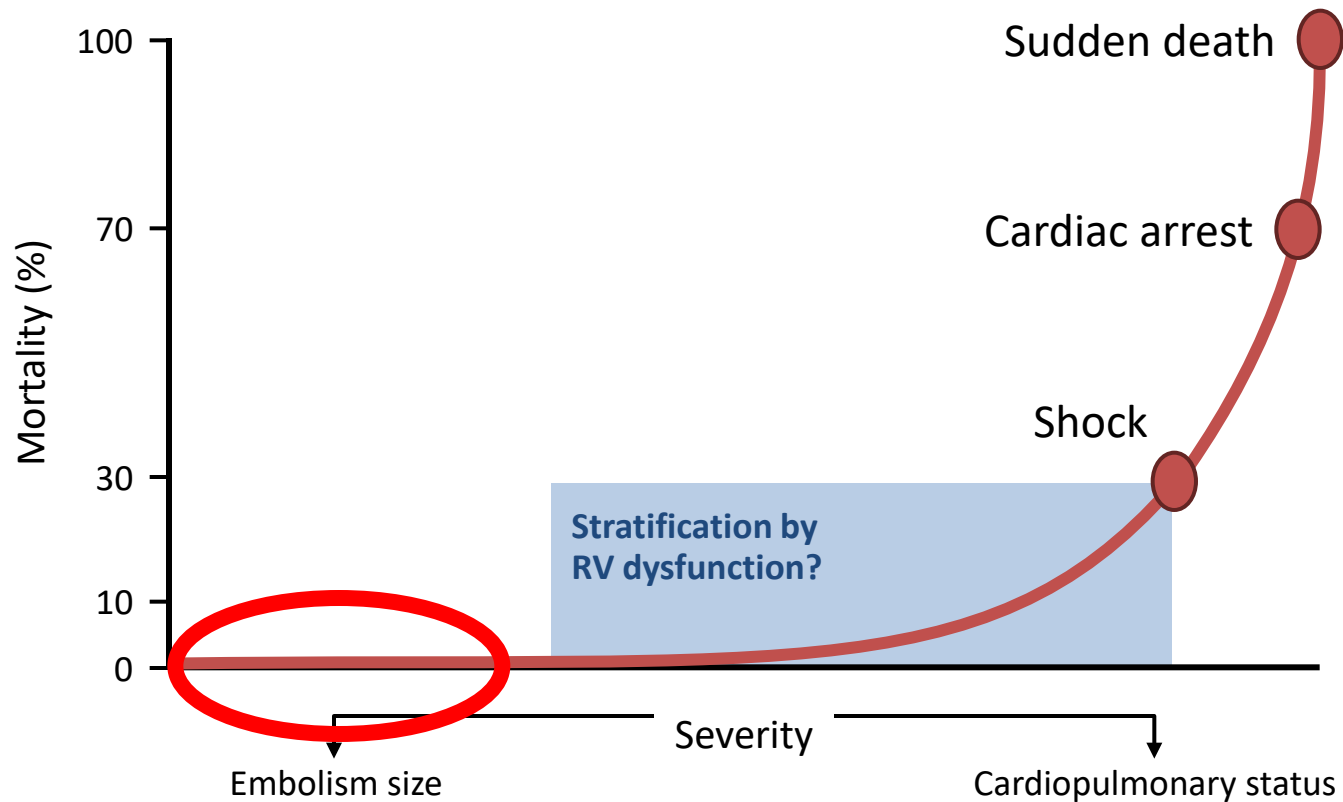
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- Financial conflicts of interest
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Risk stratification

Outcomes in pulmonary embolism

The relationship of severity and mortality in patients with PE



Definition of low-risk PE

AHA 2011

Normotensive PE patients with normal biomarkers
and no RV dysfunction on imaging

ESC 2014

The PE-related risk and the patient's clinical status
and comorbidities should be taken into
consideration

Jimenez's definition of low-risk PE

Normotensive PE patients at low-risk for all-cause mortality, recurrent VTE and major bleeding soon after diagnosis

No other indication for hospitalization, treatment feasible, home support, patient compliance

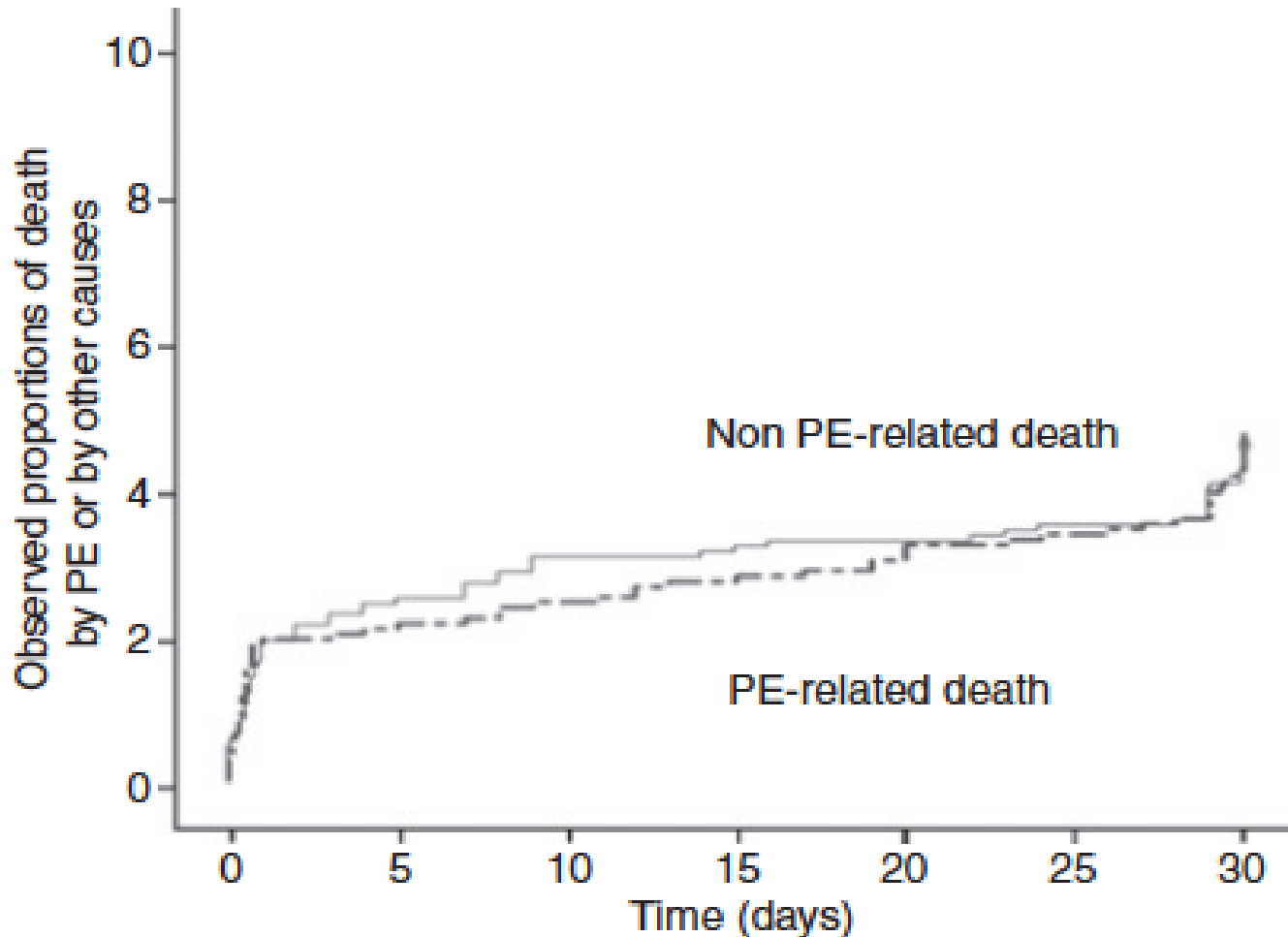
Reasons to use clinical scores for risk stratification

- A minority of normotensive patients will die because of PE itself
- Direct comparisons favor clinical scores
- Cheaper
 - Echo: 150 €
 - sPESI: 1 neuron
- Availability 24 h a day, 365 d a year

IPER registry

Event	PE patients (n = 1716)	HD unstable (n = 201)	HD stable (n = 1515)
All-cause mortality	116 (6.7)	64 (31.8)	52 (3.4)
Death from PE	68 (3.9)	47 (23.3)	21 (1.4)
Death from intracranial hemorrhage	6 (0.3)	1 (0.5)	5 (0.3)
Death from malignancy	6 (0.3)	2 (1)	4 (0.3)
Death from other causes	36 (2.1)	14 (7)	22 (1.4)
Documented recurrent PE	22 (1.3)	2 (1)	20 (1.4)

Etiologies and time to death of 1,291 patients with acute PE

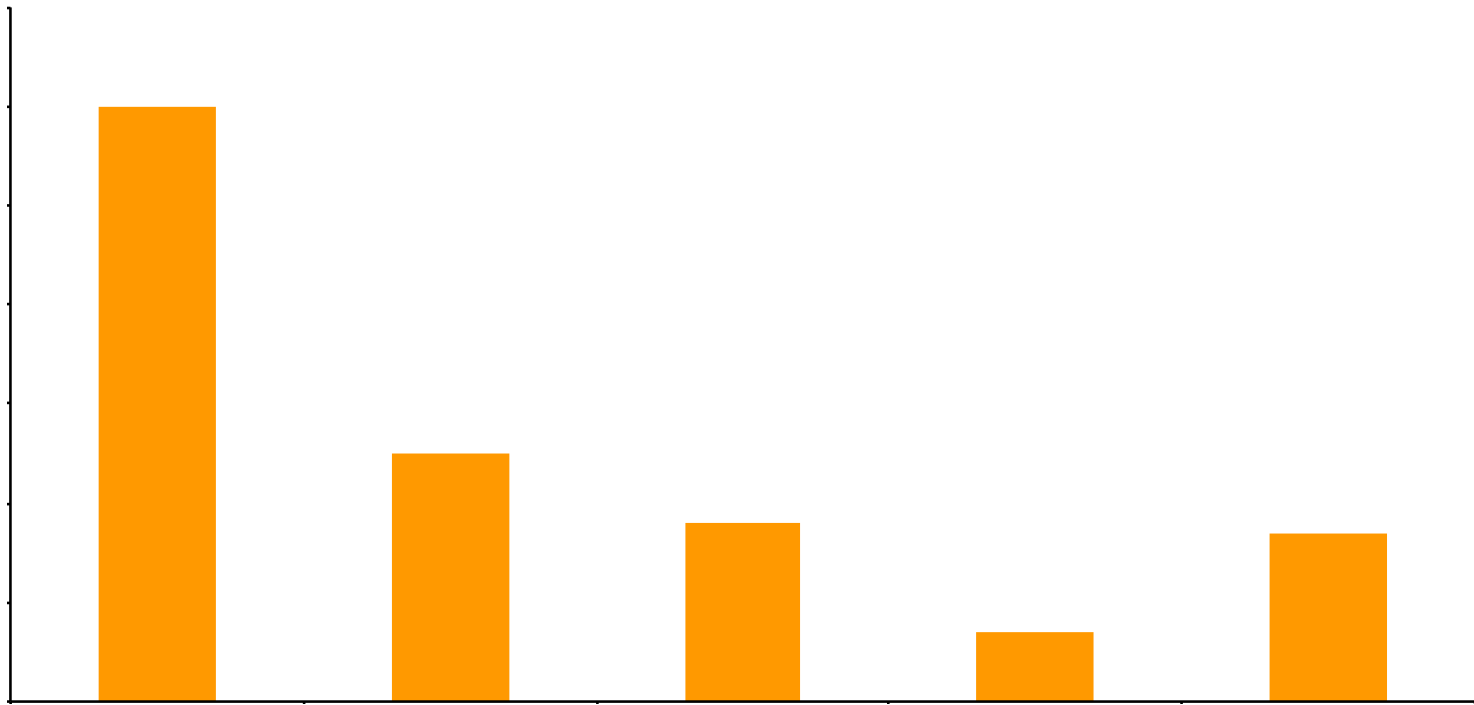


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sPESI

OR 5.97*

OR 8.79*



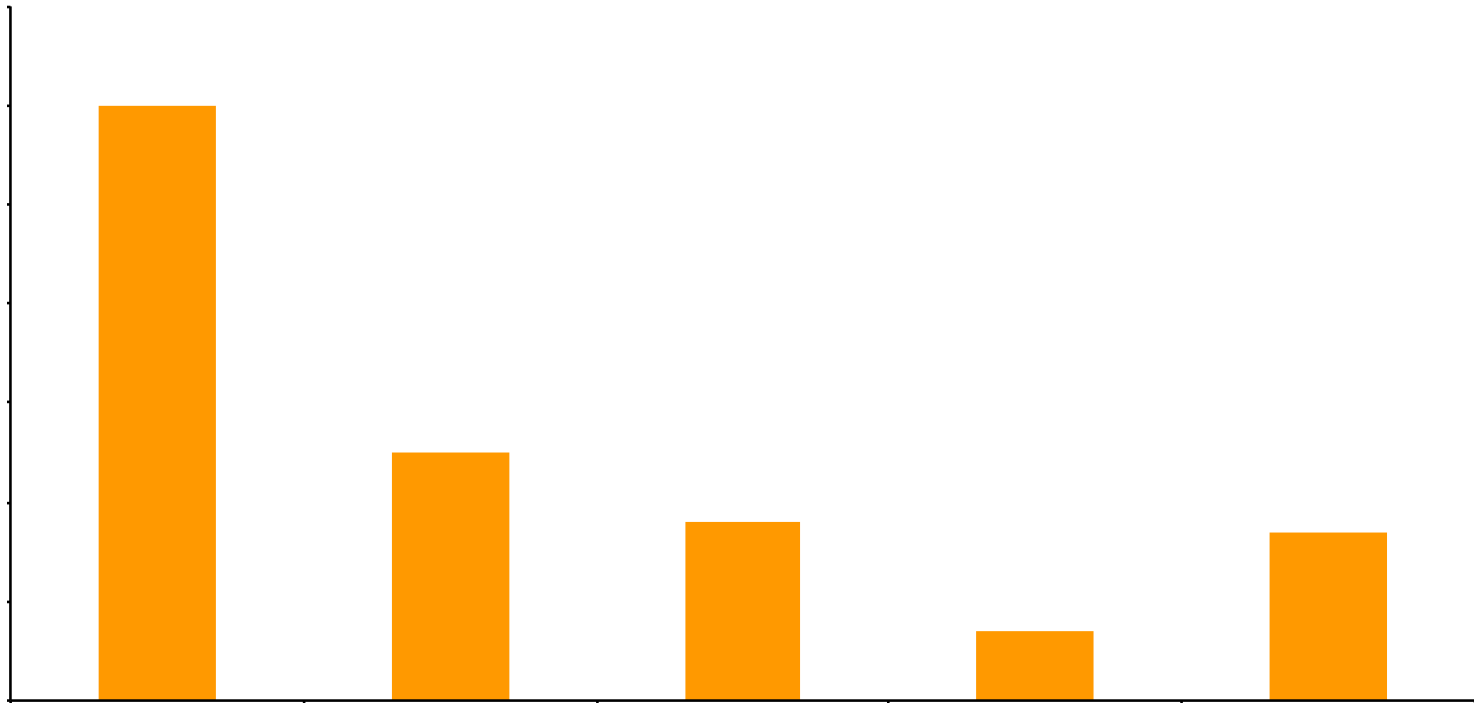
* $P < 0.05$

Etiologies and time to death of 1,291 patients with acute PE

cTnl

OR 1.34

OR 2.39*



* $P < 0.05$

PROTECT study

848 normotensive patients from 11 centres

	Adjusted OR	P value
Simplified PESI > 0 points	5.37 (2.08-13.82)	< 0.001
BNP > 100 pg/mL	2.13 (1.13-4.01)	0.02
cTnl > 0 ng/mL	1.95 (1.05-3.61)	0.03
Presence of DVT by CCUS	2.08 (1.19-3.64)	0.01

Simplified PESI

995 patients from a single centre

Age >80 years	1 point
Cancer	1 point
Cardiopulmonary disease	1 point
HR \geq 110 bpm	1 point
SBP <100 mmHg	1 point
O ₂ saturation <90%	1 point

Hestia criteria

- Is the patient haemodynamically unstable?
- Is thrombolysis or embolectomy necessary?
- Active bleeding or high risk of bleeding?
- >24 hours of oxygen supply to maintain oxygen saturation >90%?
- Was PE diagnosed during anticoagulant treatment?
- Severe pain needing intravenous pain medication for >24 hours?
- Medical or social reason for treatment in the hospital for >24 hours (infection, malignancy, no support system)?
- Does the patient have a creatinine clearance of <30 ml/min?
- Does the patient have severe liver impairment?
- Is the patient pregnant?
- Does the patient have a documented history of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia?

Hestia criteria vs. sPESI

HESTIA

17 items
NPV 99%

Reproducibility issues?

sPESI

6 items
NPV 100%

Good reproducibility

Not used in a RCT or
management study

OTPE trial

	Outpatient (n=171)	Inpatient (n=168)	P*
	N (%)		
Recurrent VTE	1 (0.6)	0	0.011
Major bleeding			
14 days	2 (1.2)	0	0.031
90 days	3 (1.8)	0	0.086
Overall mortality	1 (0.6)	1 (0.6)	0.005

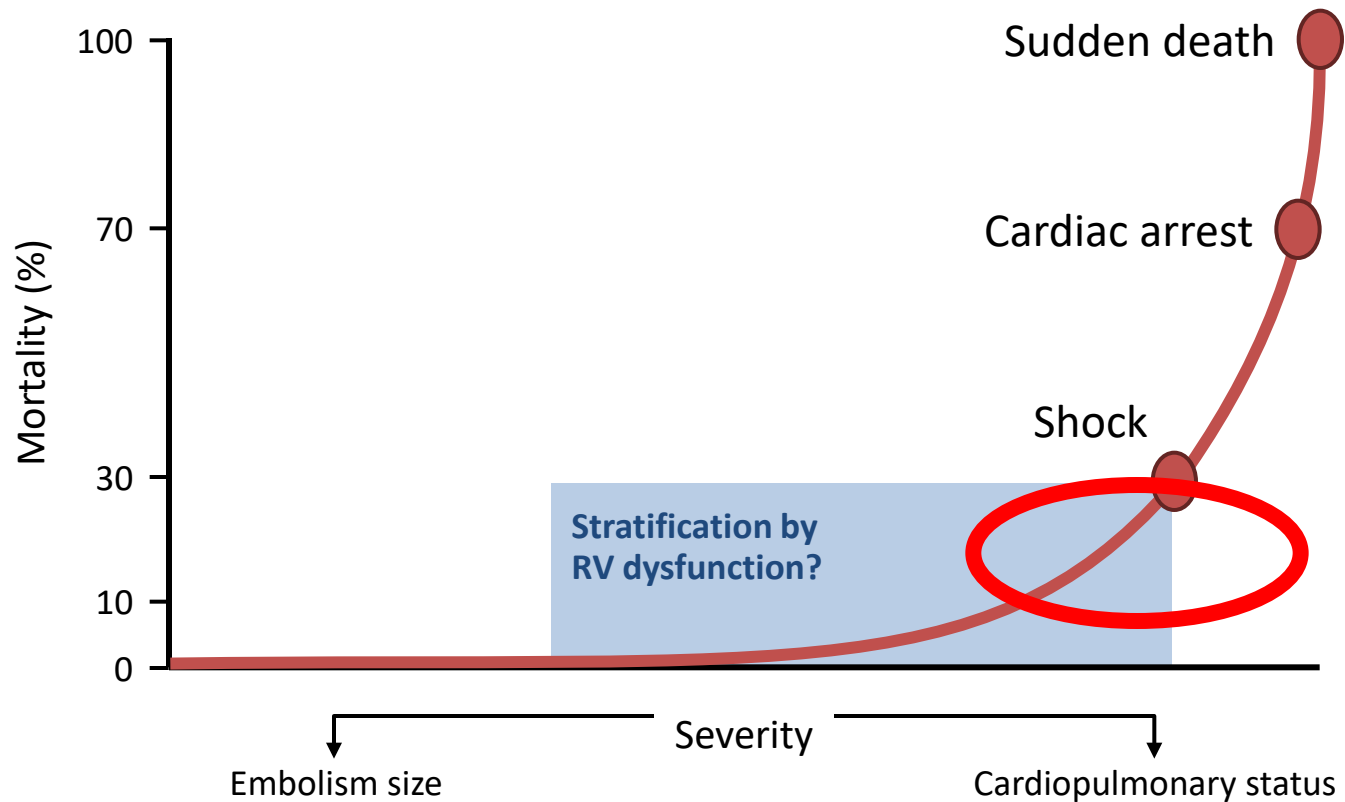
*Non-inferiority margin = 4%

Aujesky D, Lancet 2011

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Definition of intermediate-risk PE

American Heart Association 2011

PE in the setting of a hemodynamically stable patient with echo-proven evidence of RVD

European Society of Cardiology 2014

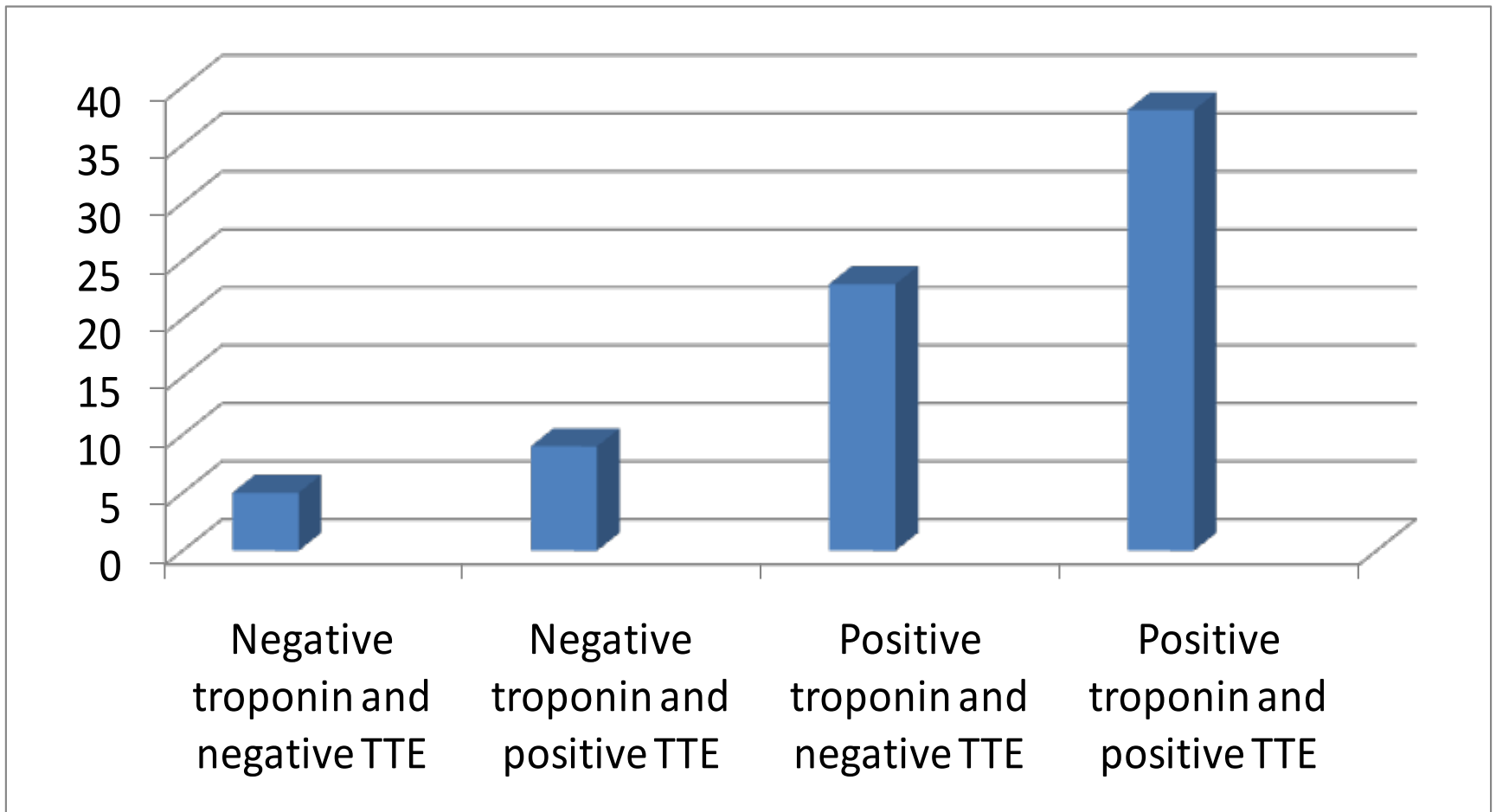
Intermediate-risk PE is defined if at least one RVD or one myocardial injury marker is positive

Jimenez's definition of intermediate-risk PE

Confirmed PE, normal blood pressure and an increased PE-related mortality...

...similar to patients with PE and cardiovascular instability

Transthoracic echocardiography plus cardiac biomarkers



Thrombolysis for submassive PE

	Thrombolysis (n = 506)	Heparin (n = 499)	P value
PEITHO			
7-day death	1.2%	1.8%	0.43

Meyer G, N Engl J Med 2014

	Thrombolysis (n = 118)	Heparin (n = 138)	P value
MAPPET			
In-hospital death	3.4%	2.2%	0.71

Konstantinides S, N Engl J Med 2002

Patient-level metaanalysis

2,874 normotensive patients from 6 prospective cohort studies

Predictor	Points
Systolic blood pressure 90-100 mm Hg	2
Elevated cardiac troponin	2
RVD (CT or echocardiography)	2
Heart rate \geq 110/min	1

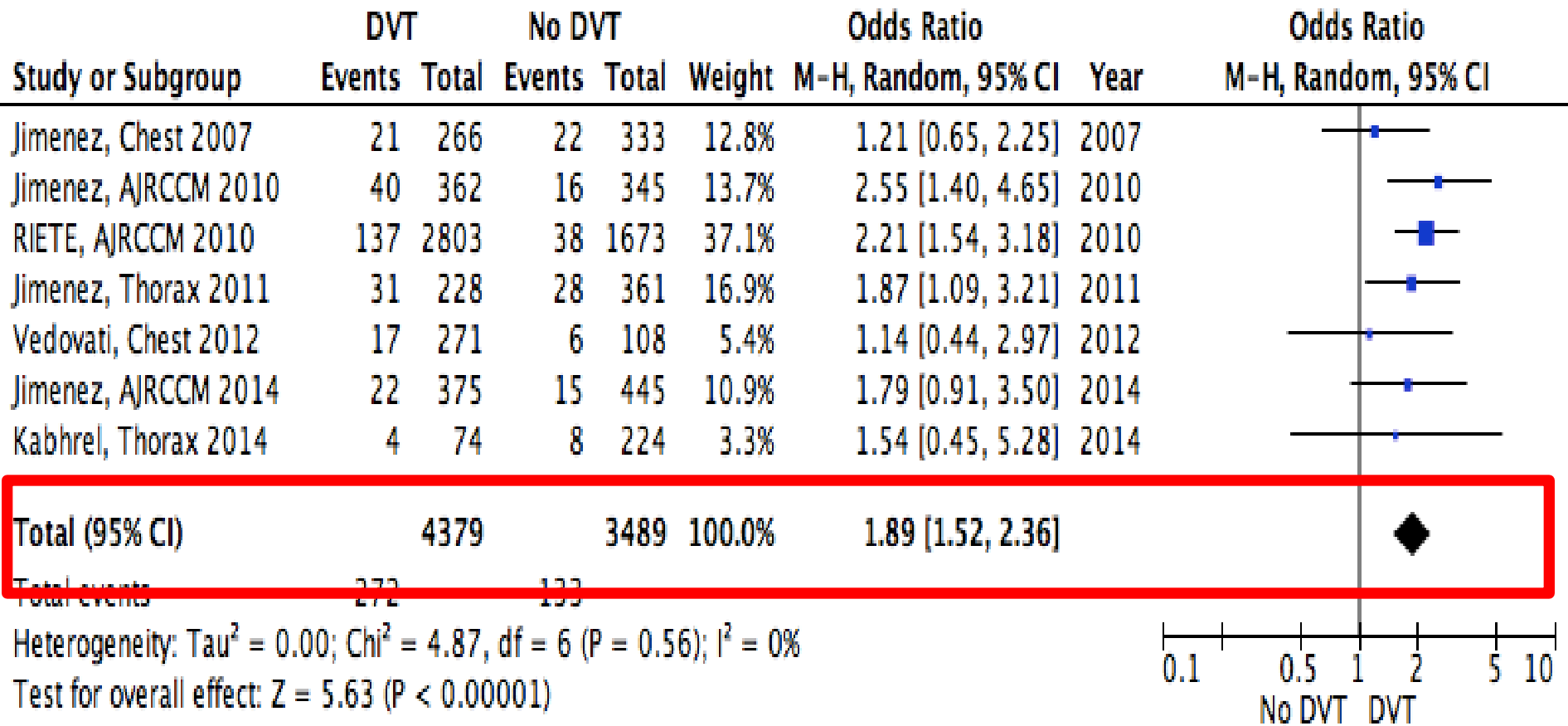
Stage	I	II	III
Points	0-2	3-4	> 4
Patients, %	75.5	18.6	5.8
30-day PE-related complications, %	4.2	10.8	29.2

Combination of clinical variables and prognostic tests

271 normotensive patients from a single center

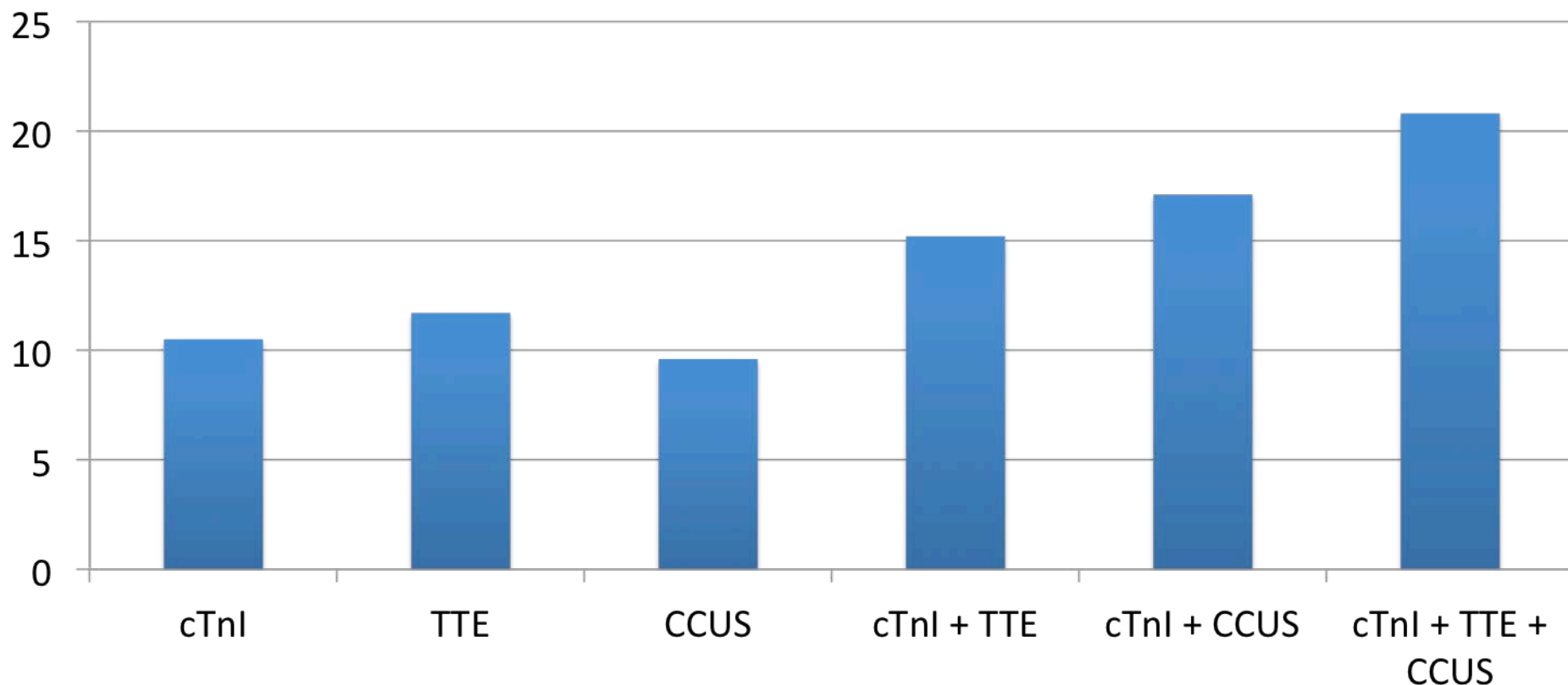
Predictor	Points
H-FABP \geq 6 ng/mL	1.5
Syncope	1.5
Tachycardia	2
Cut-off value	\geq 3

Residual DVT and prognosis in patients with acute PE



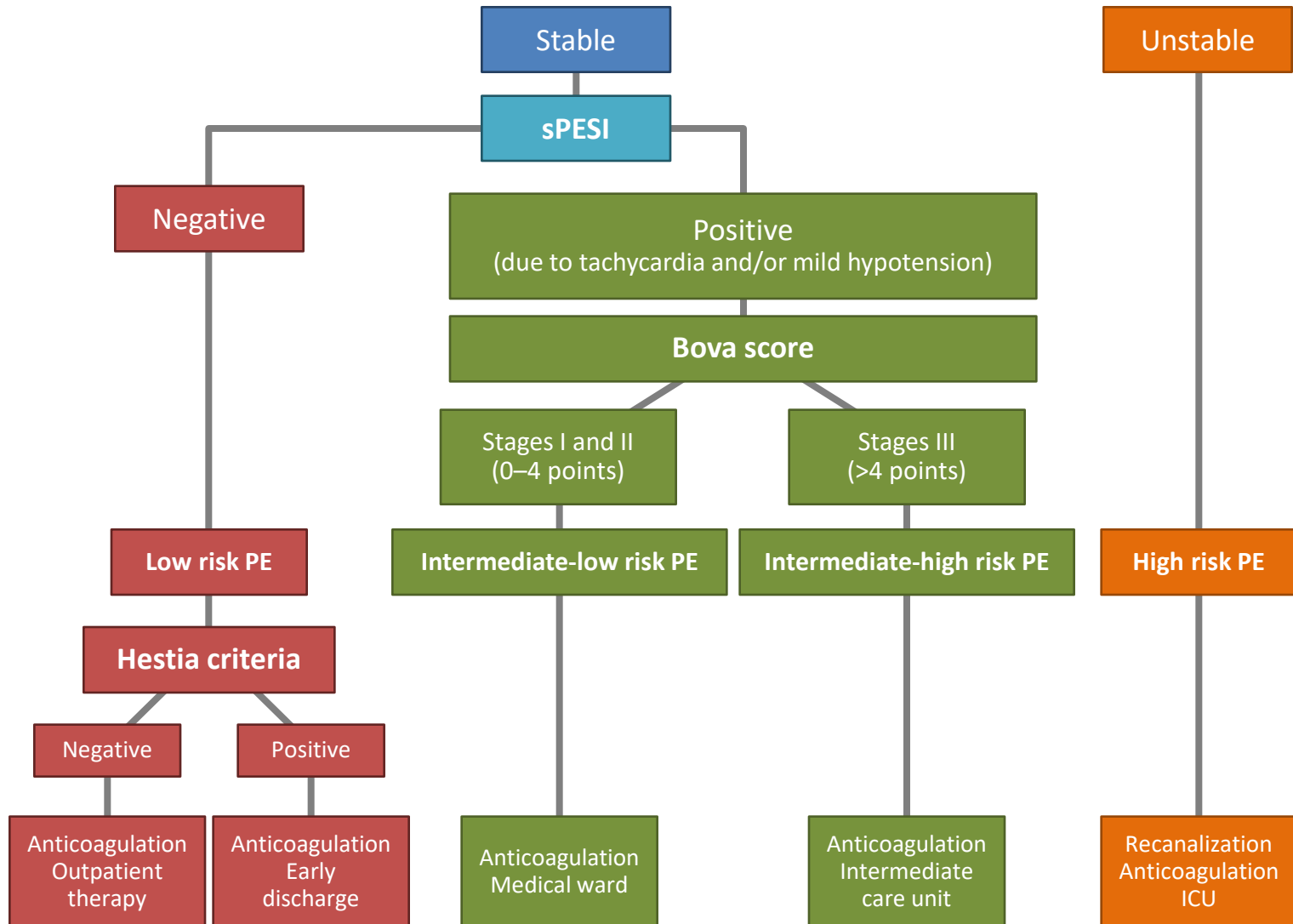
Combination of prognostic tests

591 patients from a single center 1/2003-12/2008.



Positive predictive value for 30-day PE-related death

A proposed pathway for identification of intermediate-high risk PE

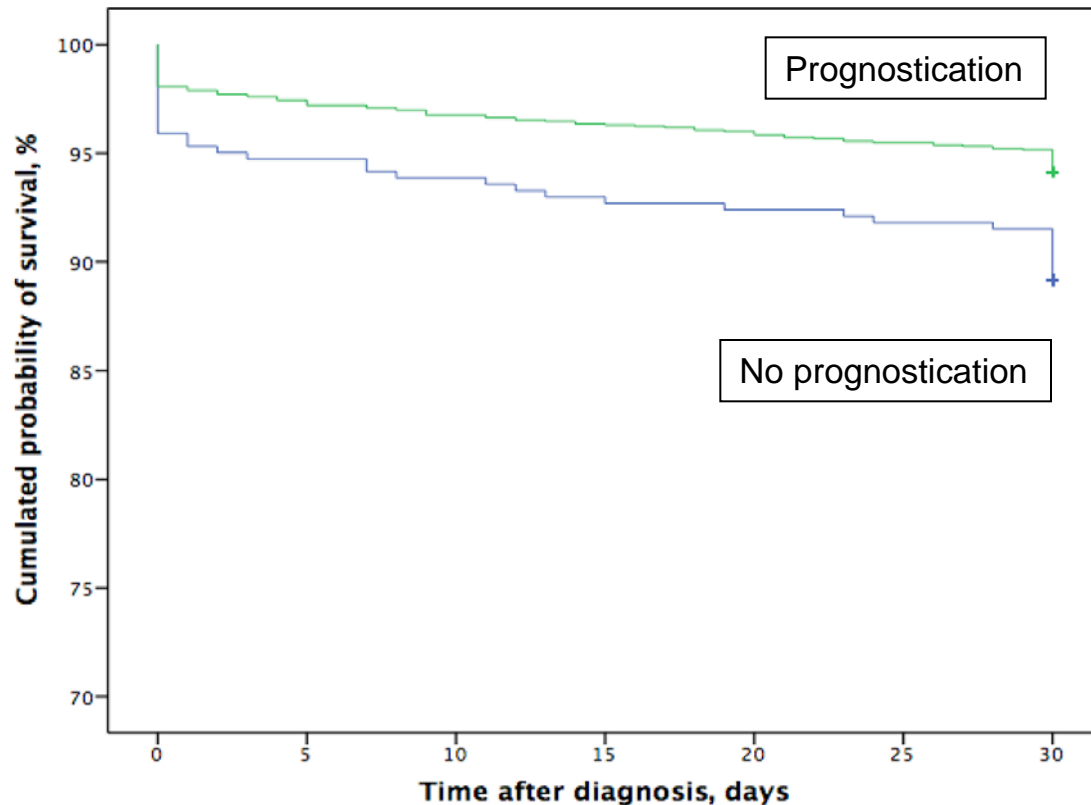


The future in PE prognostication

- Are prognostic tools interchangeable?
- Markers to monitor response to therapy
- Does prognostication *per se* improve outcomes?

Do we need to risk stratify patients with acute PE?

2,096 patients from a single center



Log rank $p < 0.01$

Jimenez D, unpublished

Summary

- Patients with acute PE should undergo risk stratification
- Risk stratify starting with sPESI and/or Hestia
- Combination of clinical, echographic and biochemical variables for “real” intermediate-risk PE