

An Introduction to the Win Ratio Method

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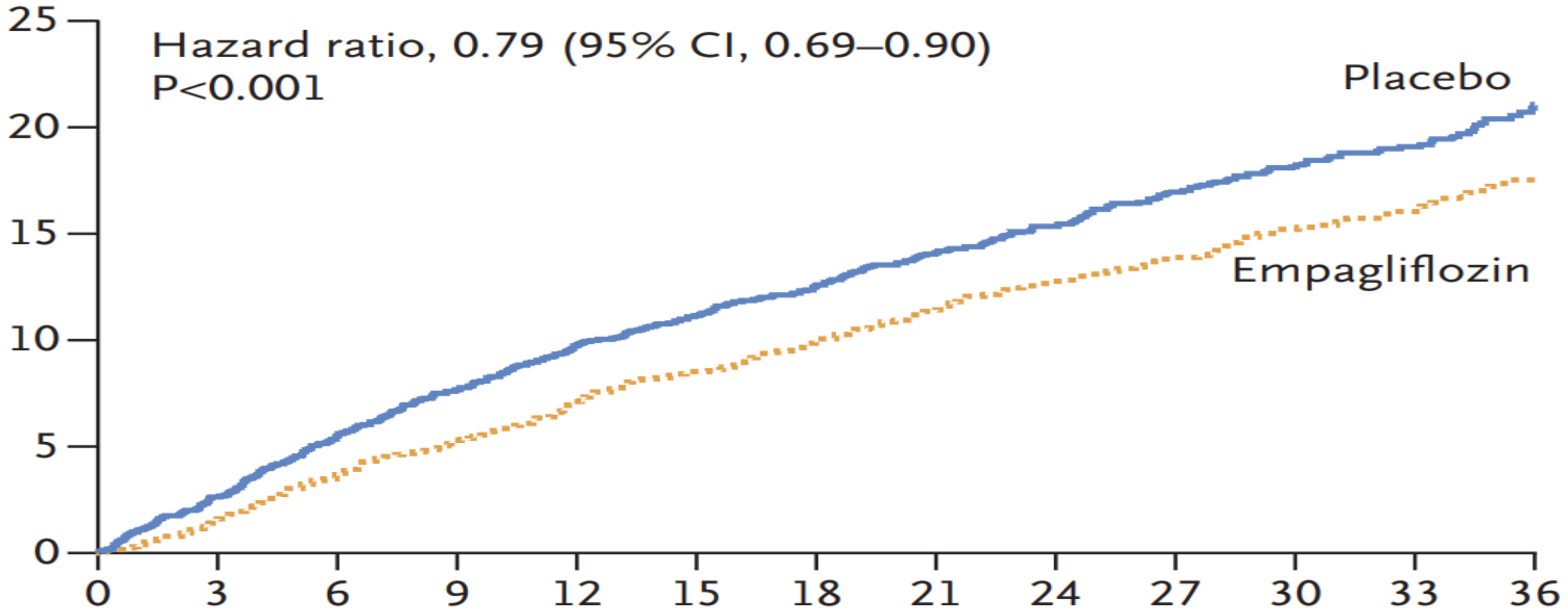
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Limitations of conventional composite endpoints



EMPEROR PRESERVED [NEJM 2021; 385 p1451]

| | Empagliflozin | Placebo |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|
| Primary composite | 415 | 511 |
| CV death | 259 | 352 |
| HF hospitalization | 219 | 244 |
| Total N of HF hosp | 407 | 541 |

Time to first event analysis:

- Ignores 148 CV deaths that occur after HF hosp
- Ignores 337 repeat HF hospitalizations

EMPEROR PRESERVED [NEJM 2021; 385 p1451]

| Endpoint | Hazard ratio | P-value |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Primary composite outcome | 0.79 (0.69 to 0.90) | <0.001 |
| Cardiovascular death | 0.91 (0.76 to 1.09) | |
| Hospitalization for HF | 0.71 (0.60 to 0.83) | |

Does not differentiate between the two components

Less important endpoint show strongest effect

No significant effect on CV death

Win ratio

➤ Advantages with the win ratio

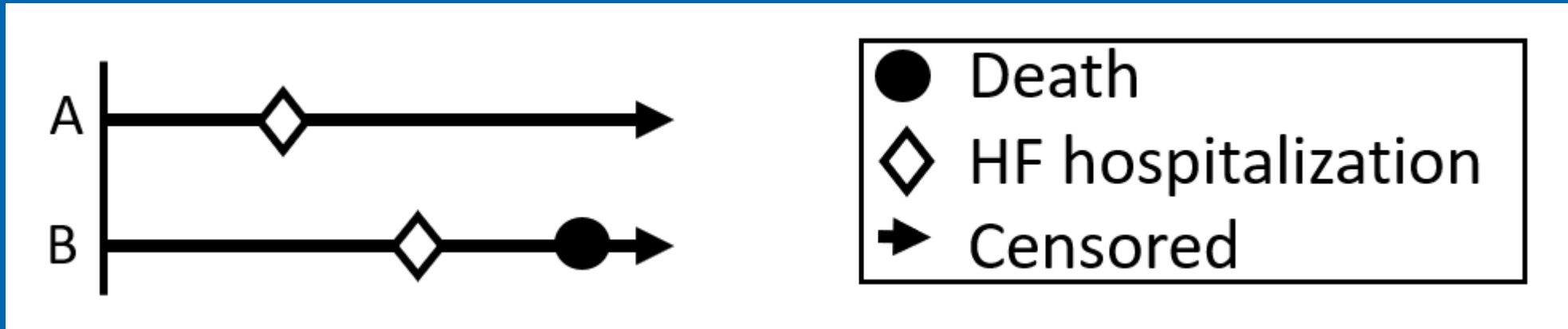
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2. Can incorporate different endpoint types

Win ratio – clinical priorities

- Define a hierarchy of outcomes based on clinical priorities
- Compare every patient in the treatment group with every patient in the control group
- Example with two levels:
 - For each pair:
 - Who won on level one (typically death)?
 - If neither, who won on level two?
 - If neither, then they tie
- Win ratio = Number of wins in treatment arm / Number of wins in control arm

Win ratio – clinical priorities

For the composite of death and HF hospitalization



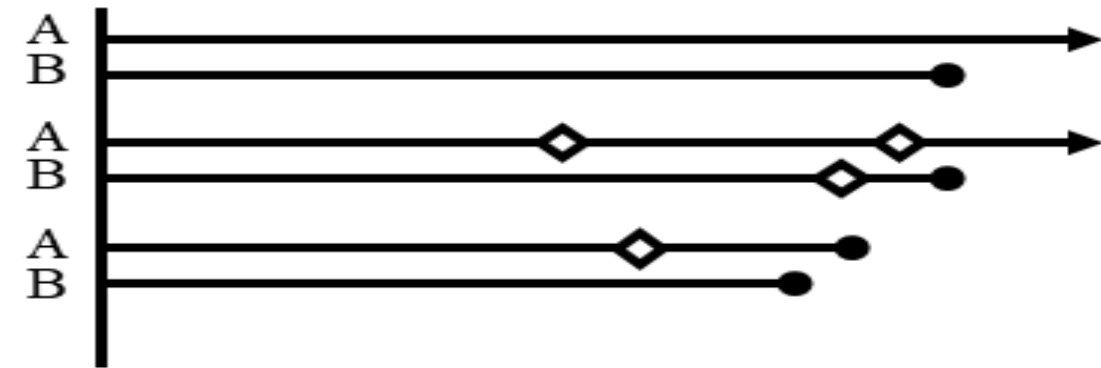
Time to first event analysis (conventional): The outcome for patient A is worse

Win ratio method: Patient A “wins”

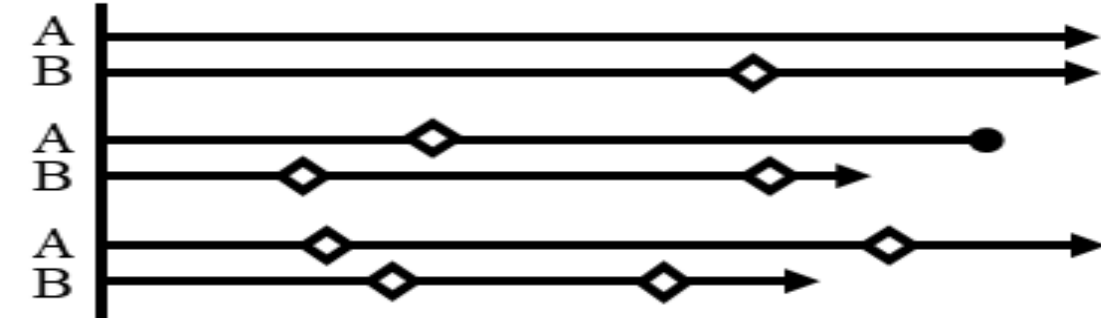
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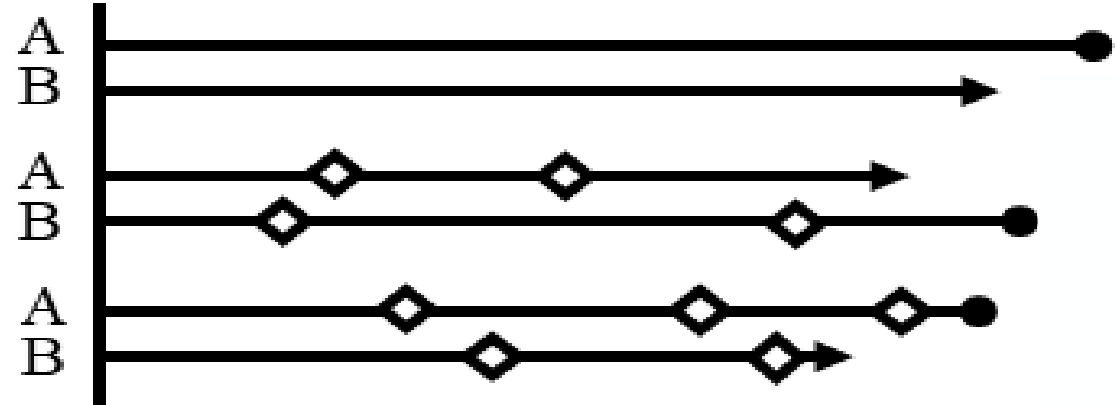
A wins on death



A wins on number of HF hospitalizations



A and B tie on both endpoint components



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Win ratio – endpoint types

Conventional composite endpoint

- Time to first death or HF hospitalization (time-to-event)
- Occurrence of any death, HFH or reduction of 10 points in KCCQ at 1 year (binary)

Win ratio composite endpoint

- Time to first death (time to event), Number of HF hospitalization (count) and KCCQ at 1 year (continuous)

Win ratio – principles

Win ratio composite endpoint

➤ Example with three levels:

For each pair:

➤ Who won on level one?

➤ Did either of the patients die, and if so who died first?

➤ If neither, who won on level two?

➤ Which of the patients was hospitalized the most times

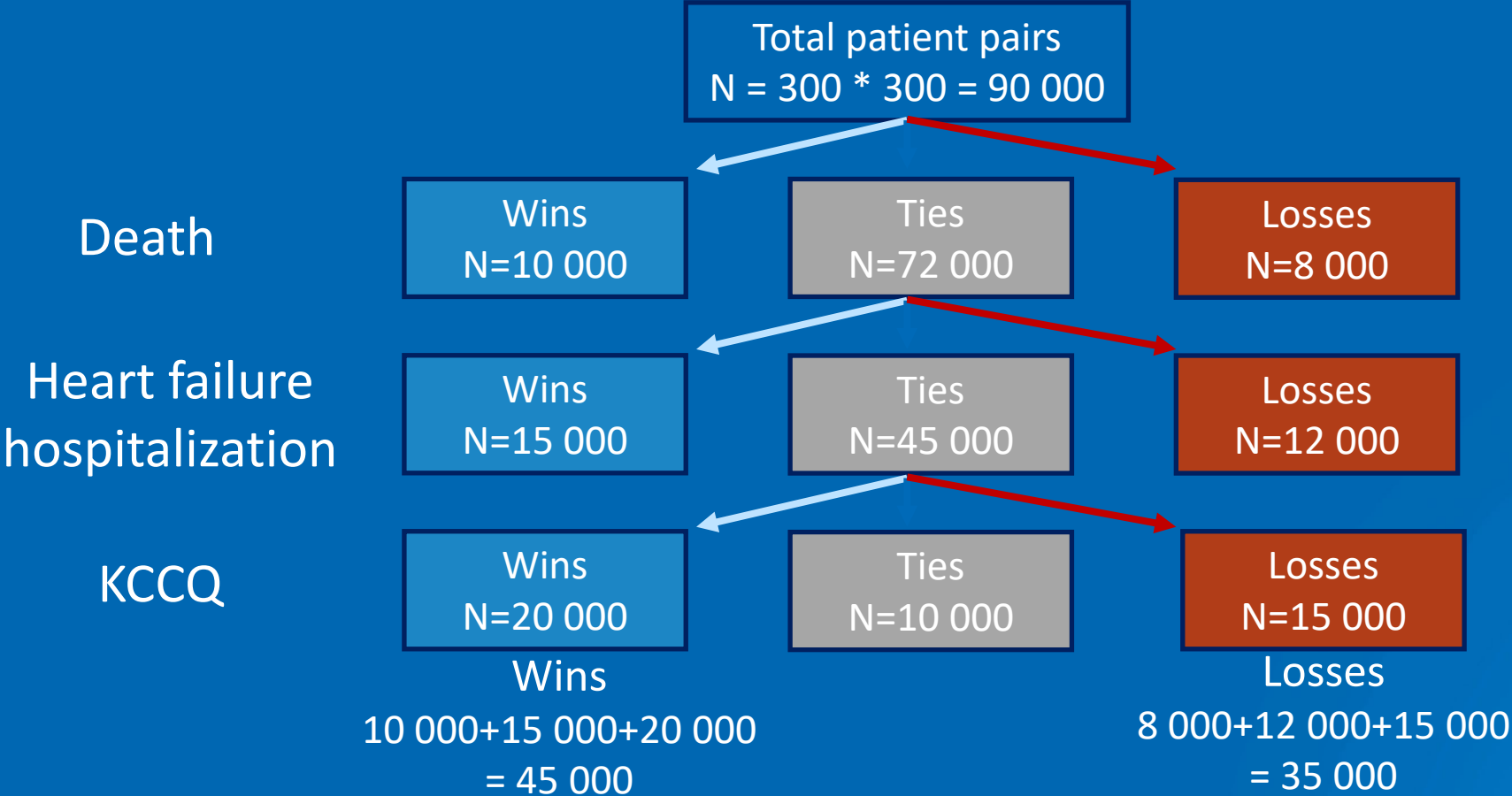
➤ If neither, then who won on level three?

➤ Which of the patients had the best KCCQ score at 1 year?

➤ If neither, then they tie

Win ratio – principles

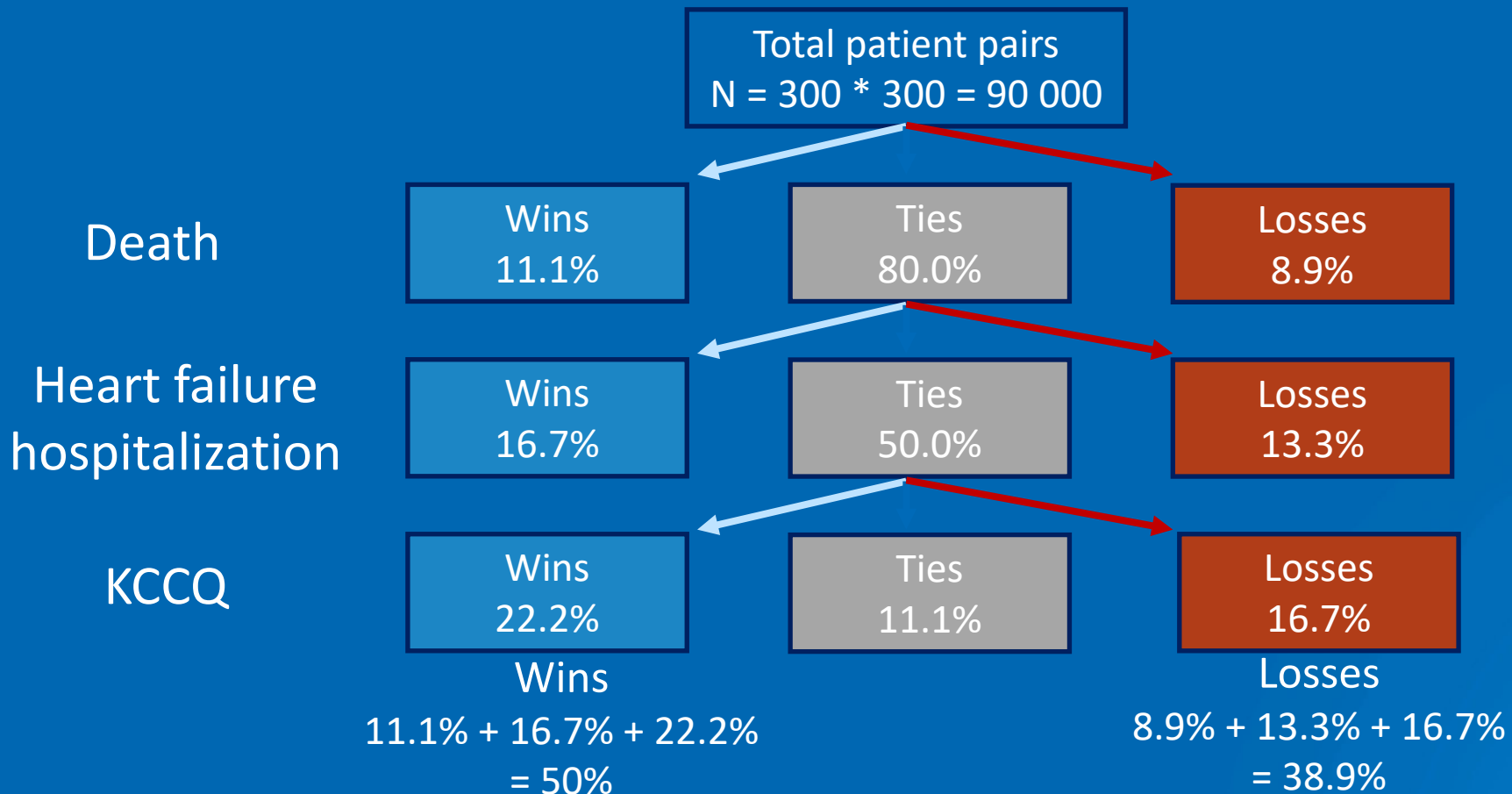
Consider a trial with 300 patients in each treatment arm



$WR = 55\,000 / 25\,000 = 1.29$

Win ratio – principles

Consider a trial with 300 patients in each treatment arm



$WR = 50.0\% / 38.9\% = 1.29$

Win ratio – interpretation

Interpretation:

➤ Win ratio: %wins / %losses

“If any two patients are compared, one from the treatment group and one from the control group, and they are not a tie, then the odds that the treatment patient is the winner is 1.29.”

(“In probabilities, the probability that the treatment patient wins is $1.29/(1.29 + 1)=0.56$.”)

➤ Win difference: %wins - %losses

“Net clinical benefit”



NOVEL MATCHING EXTENSION
AND INCORPORATING
MINIMAL CLINICALLY IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES
IN THE WIN RATIO

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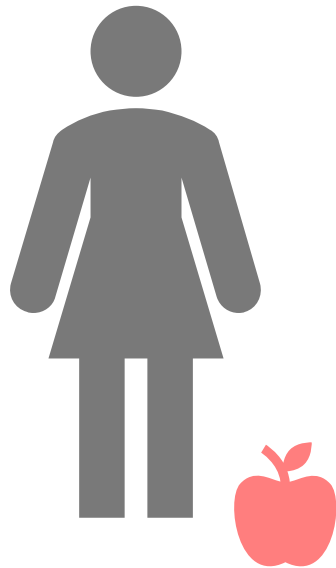
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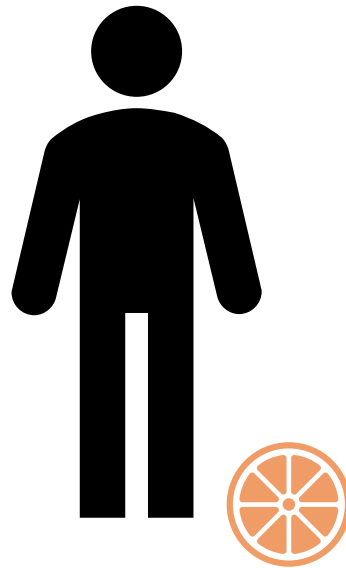
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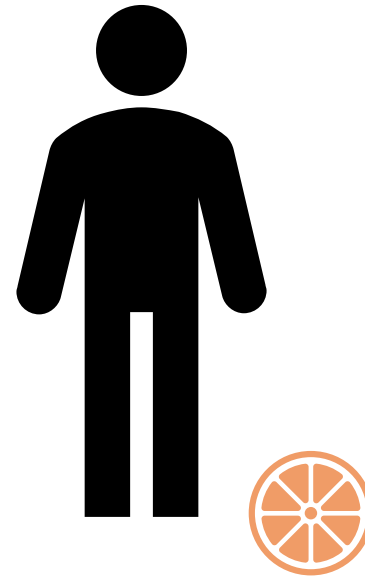
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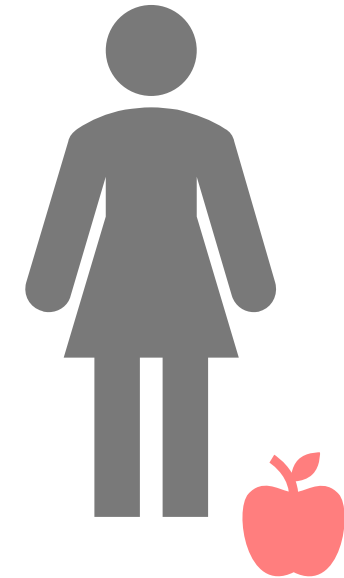
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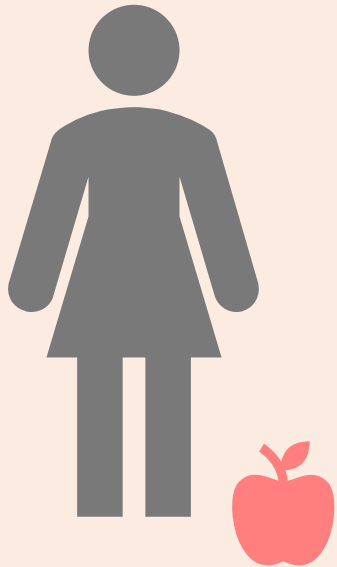
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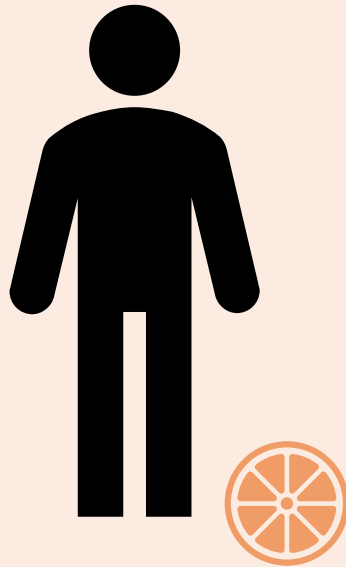
Let's see how they randomize...

Treatment

Alpha



Charlie

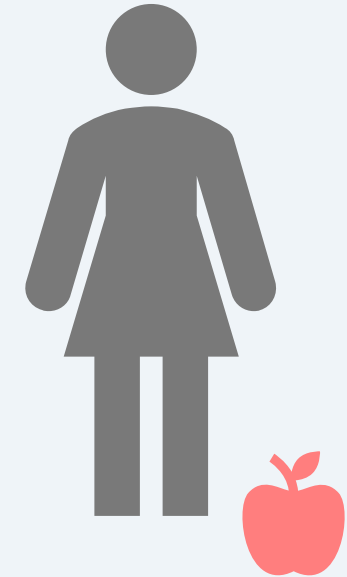


Control

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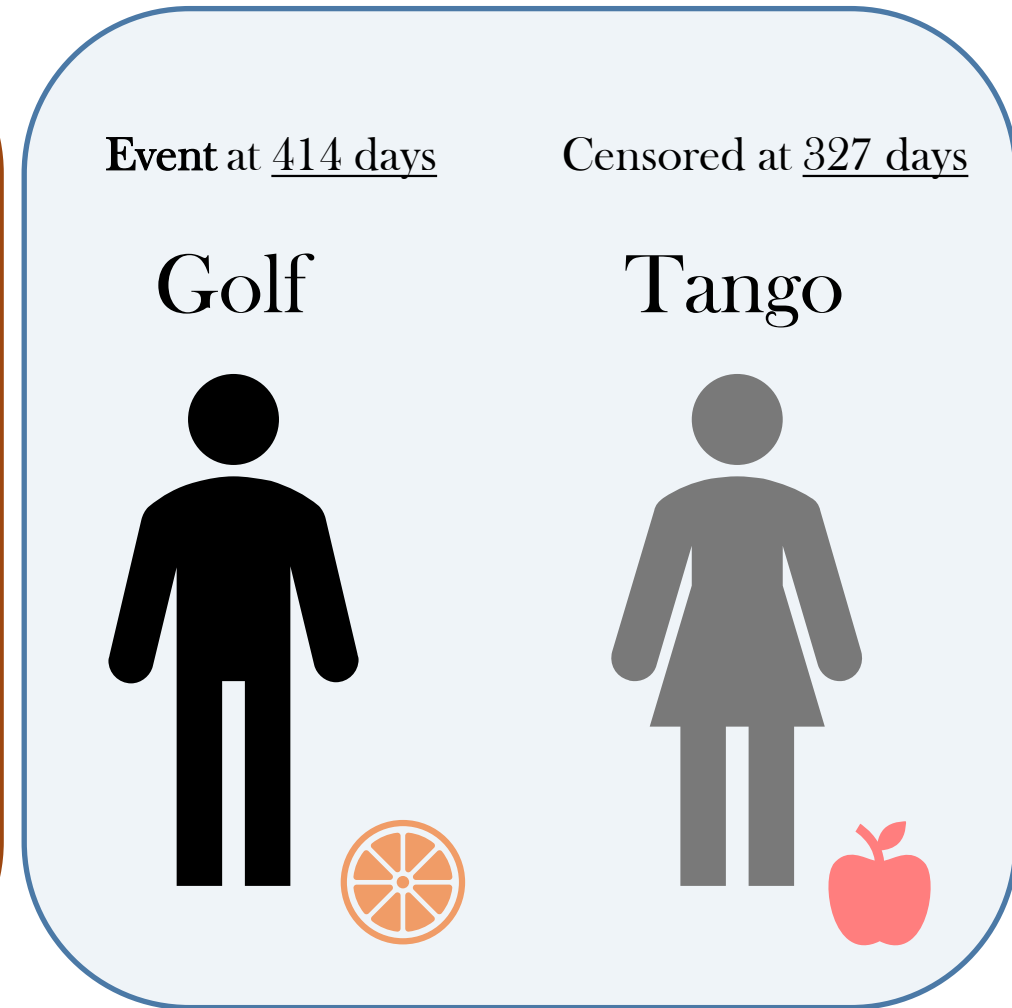
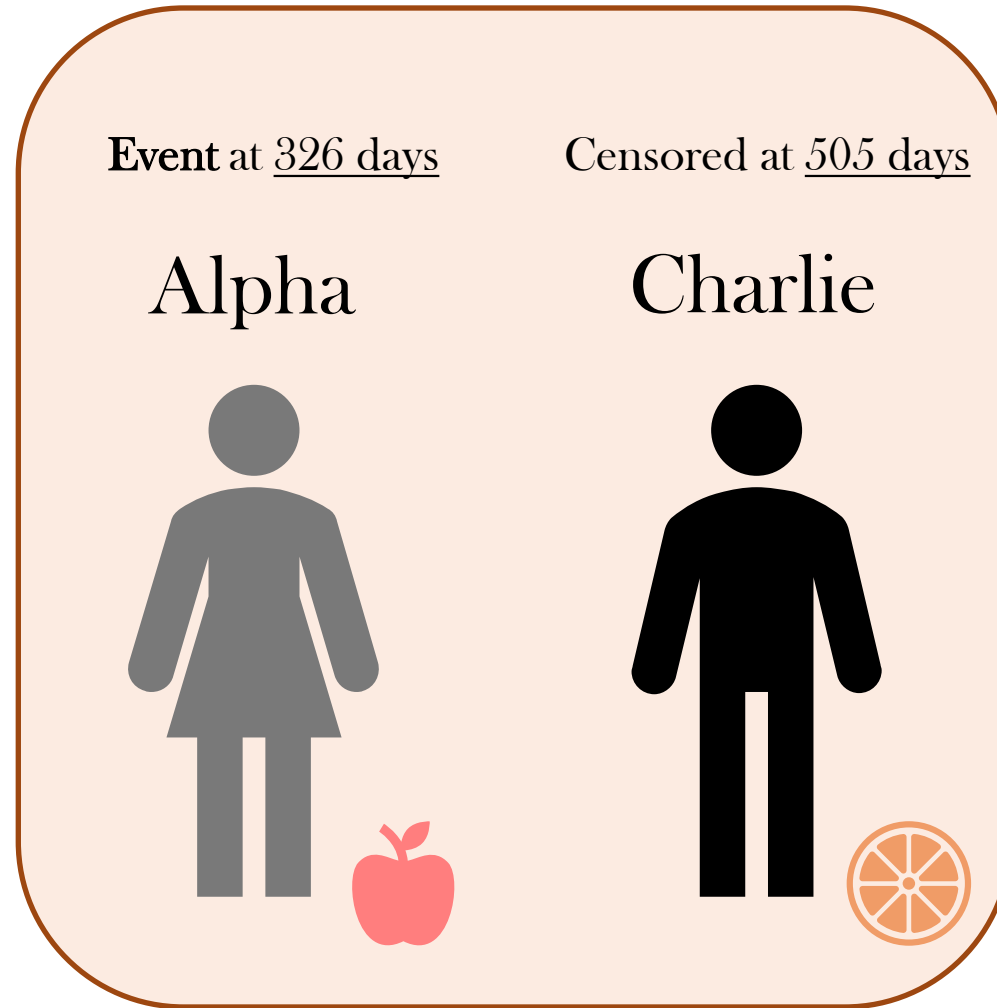
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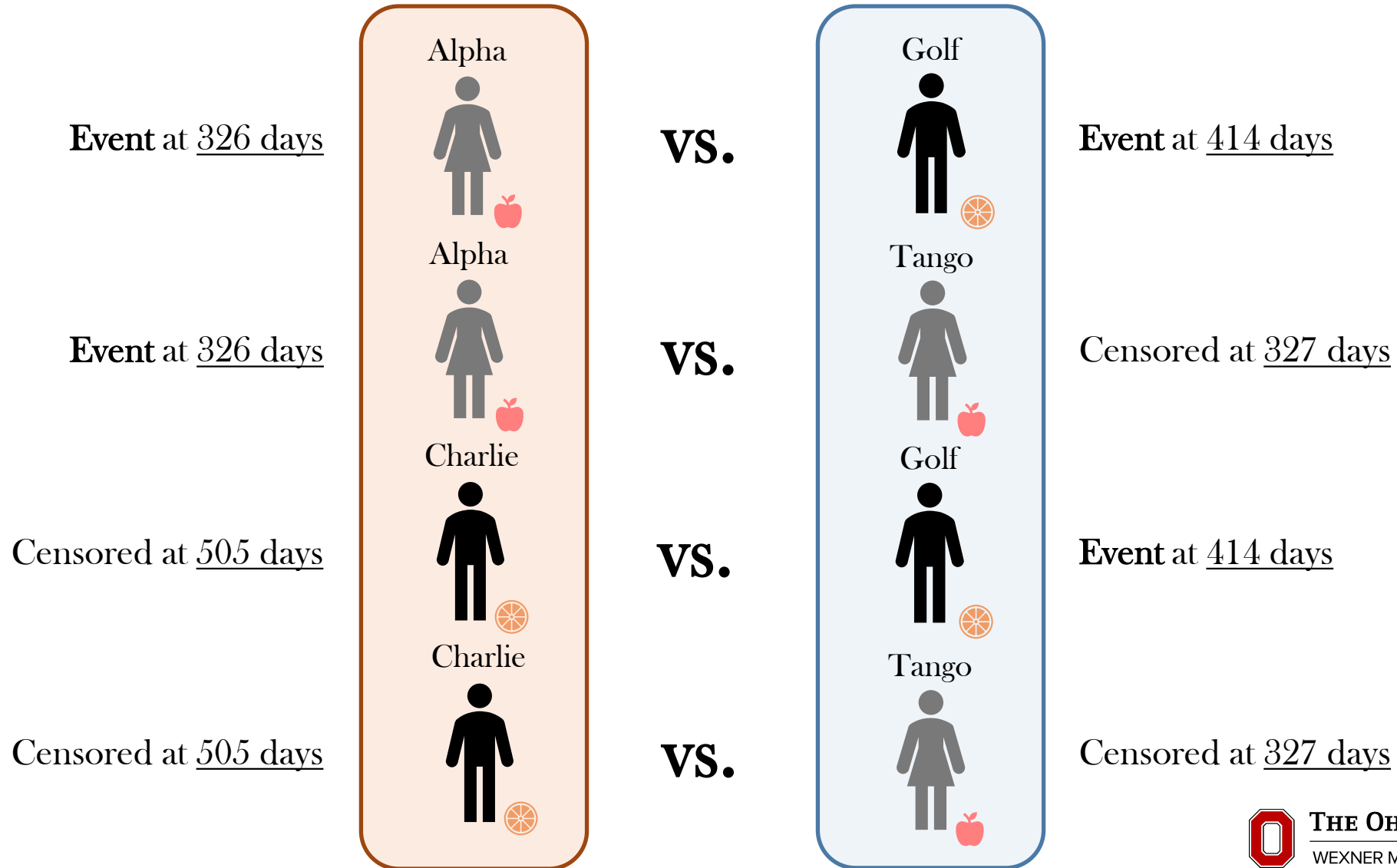
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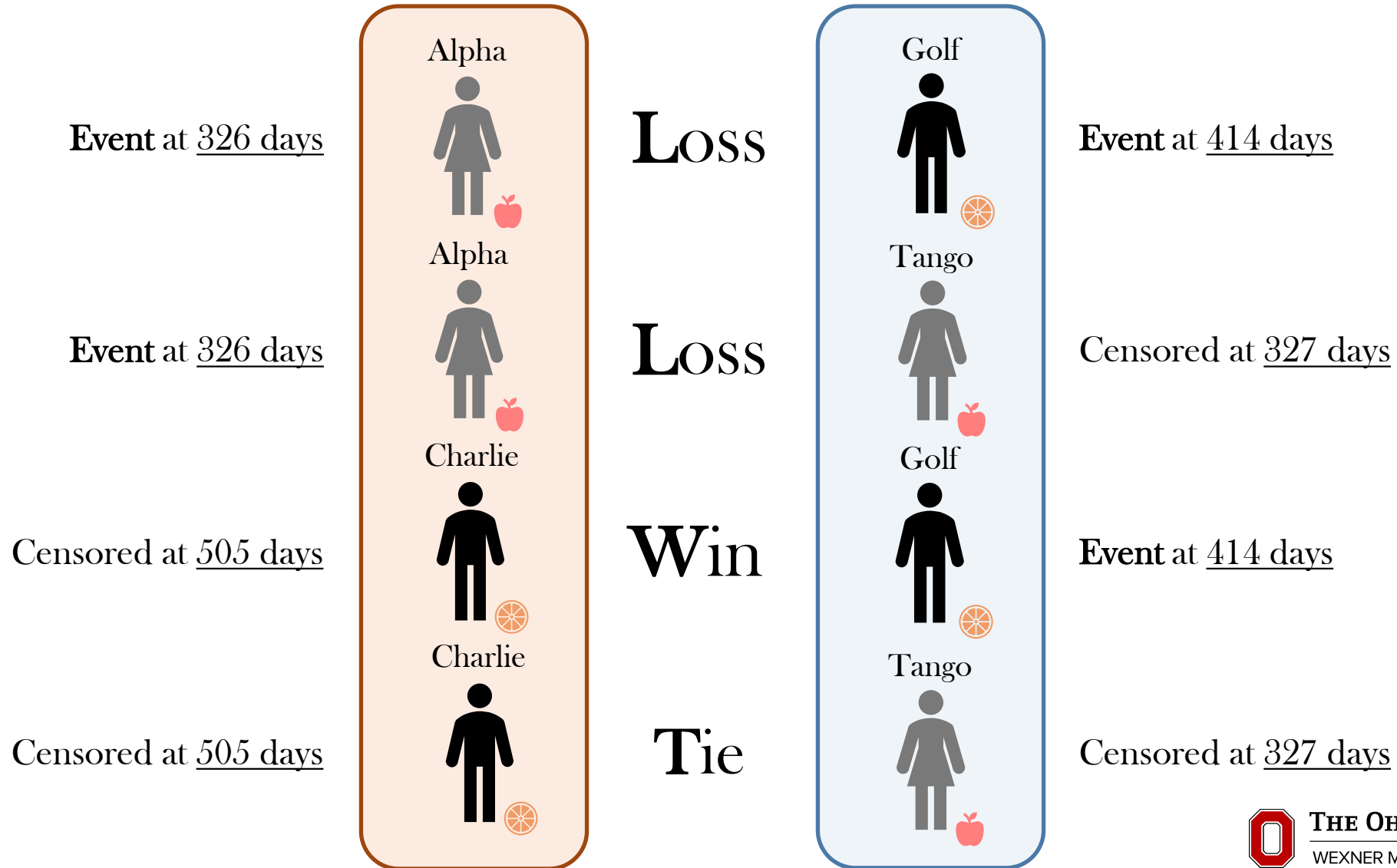
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Standard approach to WR



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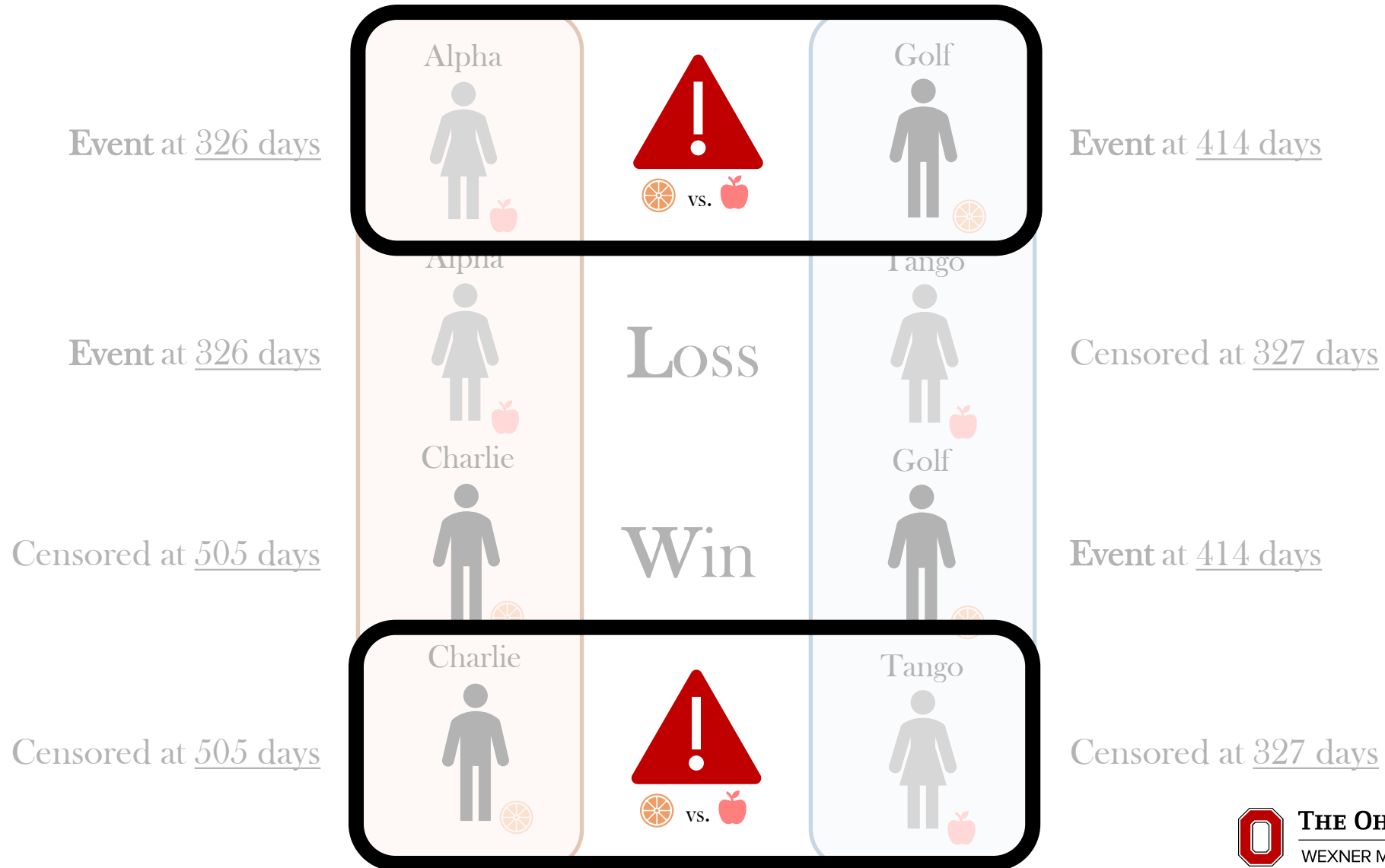
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Original approach

- With more losses than wins, one would conclude that the intervention does more harm than good
 - Wins: 1
 - Losses: 2
 - Ties: 1



Fair comparisons?



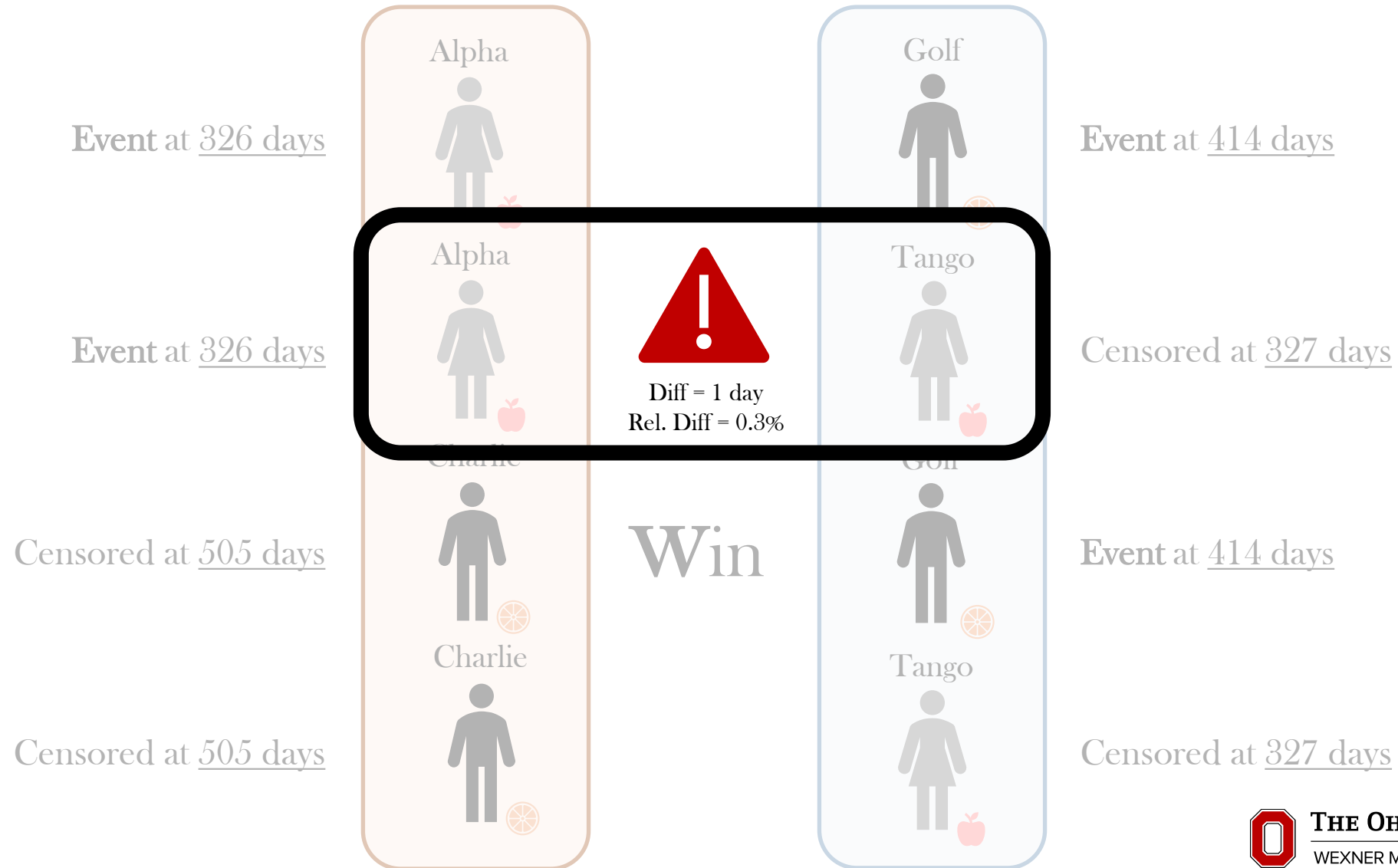
Result

After “controlling” for differences

- With equal wins and losses, one would conclude that the intervention has no effect
 - Wins: 1
 - Losses: 1
 - Ties: 0



Meaningful difference?



Result

After “controlling” for differences AND considering clinically meaningful differences

- With more wins than losses, one would conclude that the intervention has a positive effect
 - Wins: 1
 - Losses: 0
 - Ties: 1



Example Take-away

- In the absence of exceptionally narrow inclusion/exclusion criteria, the standard WR will inevitably compare “apples” and “oranges”
- The standard WR will inevitably classify “wins” and “losses” without considering clinical relevance of differences



Example Take-away

Disclaimer

- Though the results (status and time-to-event) were data from real patients in their 80s (apples) with patients in their 60s (oranges), the example is oversimplified for illustration
 - Often, there is more than one covariate of concern and they could be continuous



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 - *Generally*, the only thing that happens consistently is tighter confidence intervals
 - **NOTE:** One could "overcorrect", matching on too many things and thus, dramatically reduce number of pairs which could inflate confidence intervals



Limitations

- While the incorporation of a minimal clinically important difference could be incorporated into simulations for power analyses, matching is often not possible to include in power analysis simulations
- Confidence intervals need to be calculated via bootstrapping





Win Ratio implementation in WINDSURFER trial

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CLINICAL REVIEW

Ischaemic Heart Disease

The win ratio approach for composite endpoints: practical guidance based on previous experience

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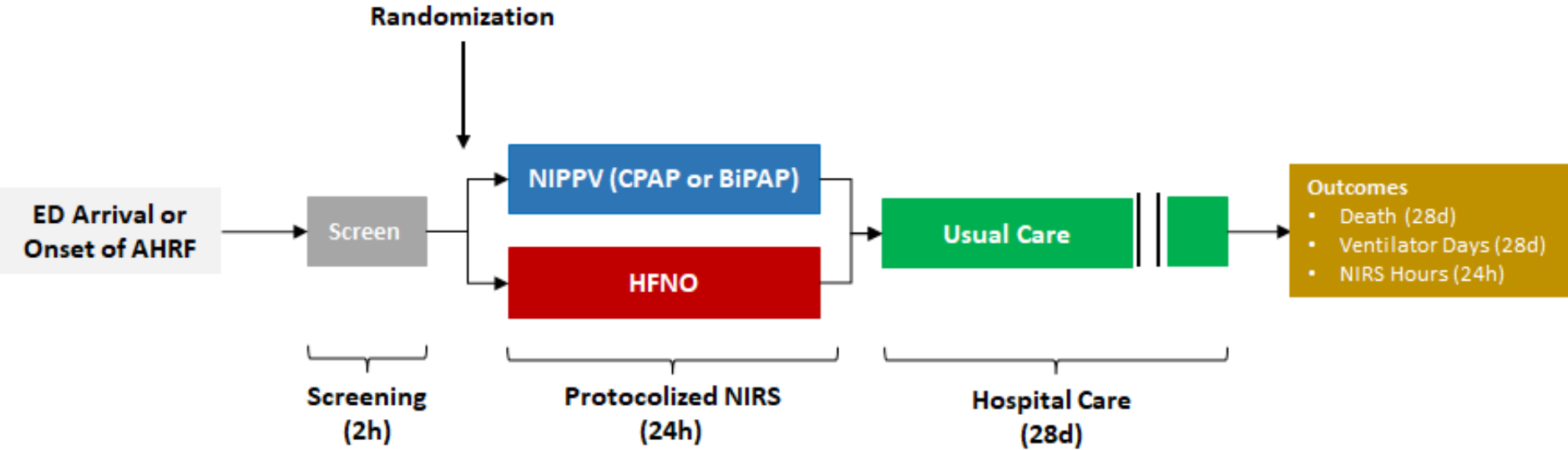
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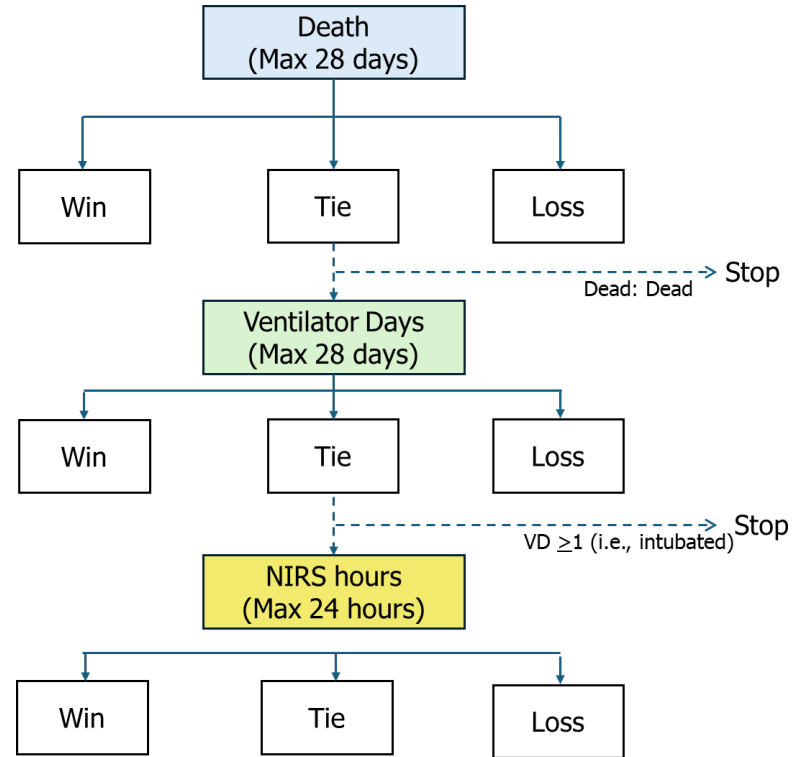
- Two comparators
 - High flow nasal oxygen (HFNO)
 - Non-invasive positive pressure ventilation (NIPPV)
- Primary outcome – composite variable Major Adverse Pulmonary Events (MAPE)
 - Death
 - Ventilator Days
 - NIRS hours
- Primary hypothesis
 - H0: no difference in MAPE between HFNO and NIPPV.
 - HA: HFNO is superior to NIPPV

WINDSUFER trial design

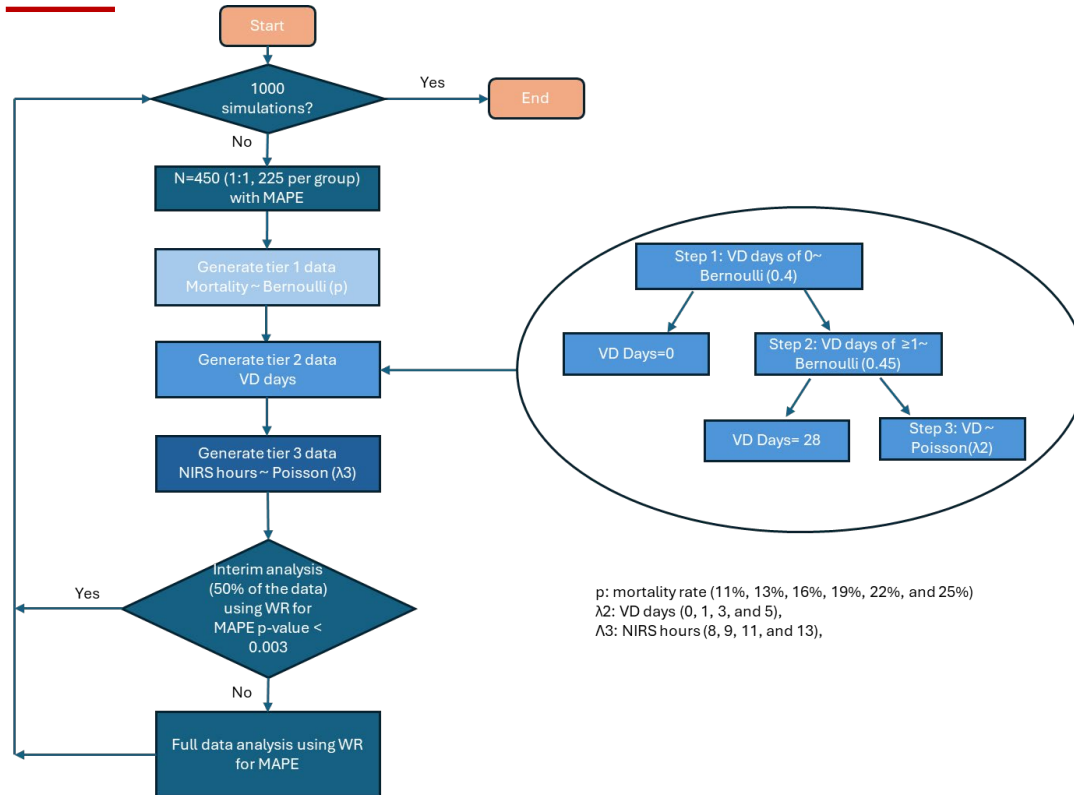


Analysis of MAPE using the WinRatio

- Compares the outcomes of all possible pairs of participants between the two intervention groups .
- Break ties only when clinically relevant.
- Determine Overall ratio of wins:losses.
- Use bootstrapping to determine the 95% confidence interval and statistical significance.



Sample size and power simulation diagram



- 1,000 simulations per scenario
- Simulation distributions
 - Death – Bernoulli,
 - VD - mixed Bernoulli and Poisson,
 - NIRS – Poisson.
- An interim analysis of efficacy at 50% of data
- Using the Lan and DeMets version of the O'Brien-Fleming spending function

Parameters Used as Basis for WINDSURFER Sample Size Simulations

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| Win Ratio Tier | MAPE Component | Baseline HFNO Value | Comparison NIPPV Values | Effect Sizes and Sources |
|----------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| Tier 1 | Death (max 28d) | <u>11%</u> [Source: FLORALI] | 11%, <u>13%</u> , 16% | 0%, <u>2%</u> , 5% [UMich – Δ 5% (low) FLORALI – Δ 14% (high)] |
| Tier 2 | Ventilator Days (max 28d) | <u>0d</u> [Source: UMich] | 0d, 1d, <u>3d</u> | 0d, 1d, <u>3d</u> [UMich – Δ 0d (low) FLORALI – Δ 5d (high)] |
| Tier 3 | NIRS Hours (max 24h) | <u>8h</u> [Sources: FLORALI AND UMich] | 8h, <u>11h</u> , 13h | 0h, <u>3h</u> , 5h [FLORALI – Δ 0h (low) UMich & Azevedo – Δ 6h (high)] |

Sample Size and Power

| Scenario | Death (%) | Ventilato-Days (VD) | Non-Invasive Respiratory Support (NIRS) Hours | a) Power for Death only | b) Power for Death and VD days using WR | c) Power for Death, VFD and NIRS Hours using WR |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------|---|---|
| --* | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 8 | -- | -- | Type I Error = 0.046* |
| A | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 11 | 5% | 5% | 76.0% |
| B | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 13 | 5% | 5% | 95.2% |
| C | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 3 | 8 vs. 8 | 5% | 76.5% | 73.5% |
| D | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 3 | 8 vs. 11 | 5% | 76.5% | 99.4% |
| E | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 5 | 8 vs. 8 | 5% | 80.4% | 77.1% |
| F | 11% vs. 11% | 0 vs. 5 | 8 vs. 11 | 5% | 80.4% | 98.8% |

- The simulated type I error rate was controlled under 0.05
- Using MAPE increased statistical power compared to using a single outcome or two outcomes.

Sample Size and Power (Continued)

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|----------|--------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|---|--|
| G | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 8 | 10% | 8.5% | 8.6% |
| H | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 11 | 10% | 8.5% | 83.5% |
| I | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 0 | 8 vs. 13 | 10% | 8.5% | 97.5% |
| J | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 3 | 8 vs. 8 | 10% | 84.5% | 82.1% |
| K | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 3 | 8 vs. 11 | 10% | 84.5% | 99.0% |
| L | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 5 | 8 vs. 8 | 10% | 87.8% | 85.1% |
| M | 11% vs. 13% | 0 vs. 5 | 8 vs. 11 | 10% | 87.8% | 99.8% |

- Scenario K: A 2% difference in mortality, a 3-day difference in ventilator days (VD), and a 3-hour difference in NIRS provided 99% power to detect differences using the MAPE method.
- Scenarios with more conservative effect sizes still maintained power >80%

Conclusion

- Study power increased with increasing death, vent days or NIRS hour differences.
- Yielded good power when at least one tier/outcome differed between NIPPV and HFNO.
- Observed adequate power to detect MAPE effectiveness even with slight differences in all three tiers/outcomes.
- MAPE increases the overall power compared to using either death alone or death + vent free days, with the degree of increase varying with clinical scenarios.

Interpretation and Communication

- Translating win ratio results into meaningful clinical recommendations can be challenging due to the complexity of the metric, especially when multiple endpoints are involved.
- Communicating the results to stakeholders (including clinicians, patients, and regulatory agent) may be difficult, particularly for those unfamiliar with the method.
- Broader acceptance of the win ratio approach by funding bodies and regulatory agencies may require increased awareness, validation studies, and clear demonstration of its clinical relevance.

Future Works

- Apply the Win Ratio design across diverse disease areas
- Incorporate patient matching
- Incorporate covariate information into the win ratio
- Test for treatment effect heterogeneity

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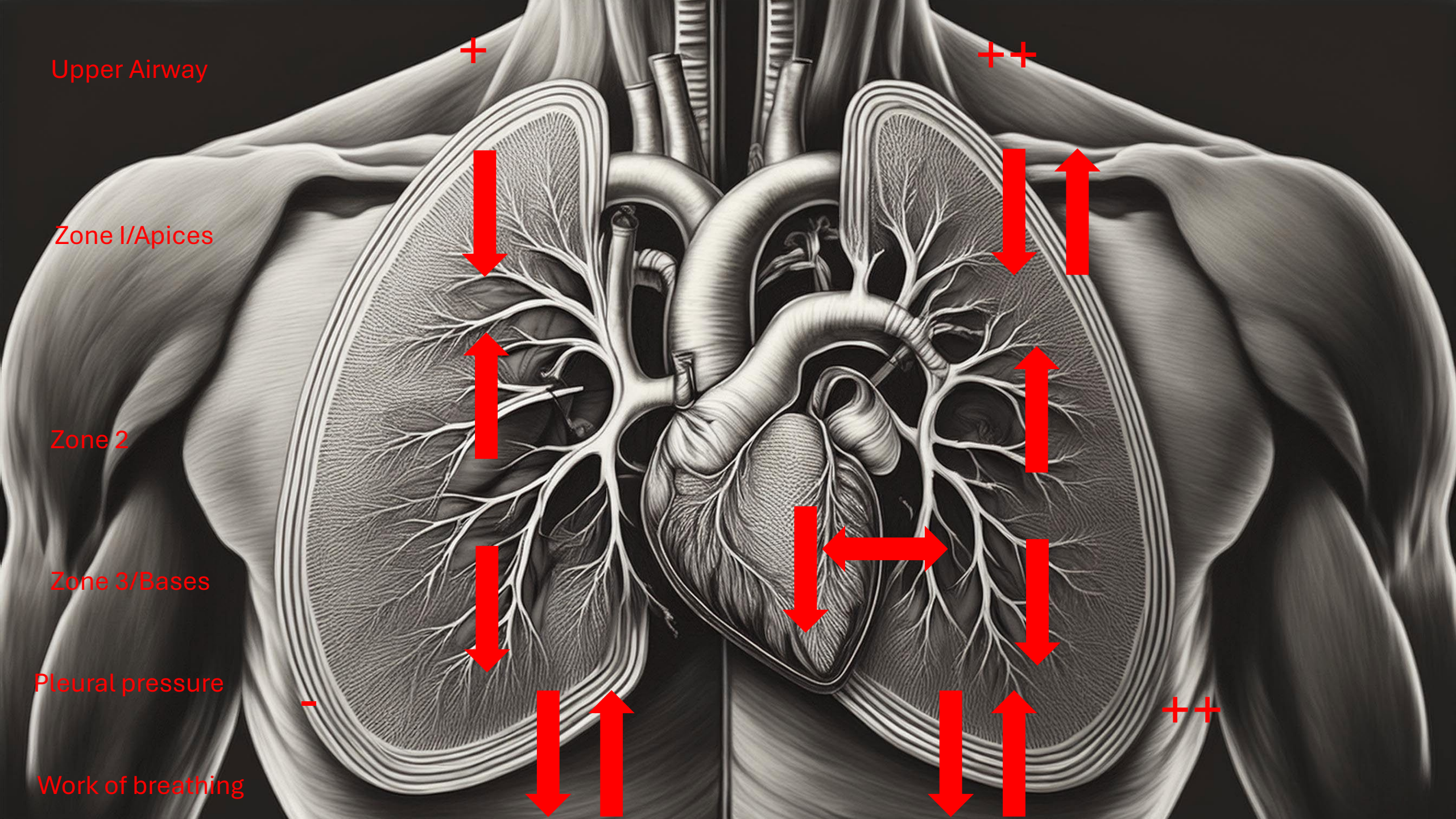
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Zone I/Apices

Zone 2

Zone 3/Bases

Pleural pressure

Work of breathing

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Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes, According to Study Group.*

| Outcome | Study Group | | | P Value† | Odds Ratio or Hazard Ratio (95% CI) | |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | High-Flow Oxygen (N=106) | Standard Oxygen (N=94) | Noninvasive Ventilation (N=110) | | Standard Oxygen vs. High-Flow Oxygen | Noninvasive Ventilation vs. High-Flow Oxygen |
| Intubation at day 28 | | | | | | |
| Overall population | | | | 0.18 | 1.45 (0.83–2.55) | 1.65 (0.96–2.84) |
| No. of patients | 40 | 44 | 55 | | | |
| % of patients (95% CI) | 38 (29–47) | 47 (37–57) | 50 (41–59) | | | |
| Patients with Pao₂:Fio₂ ≤200 mm Hg‡ | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted analysis | | | | 0.009 | 2.07 (1.09–3.94) | 2.57 (1.37–4.84) |
| No. of patients/total no. | 29/83 | 39/74 | 47/81 | | | |
| % of patients (95% CI) | 35 (26–46) | 53 (42–64) | 58 (47–68) | | | |
| Adjusted analysis§ | — | — | — | 0.01 | 2.14 (1.08–4.22) | 2.60 (1.36–4.96) |
| Interval between enrollment and intubation — hr¶ | | | | | | |
| Overall population | | | | 0.27 | — | — |
| Median | 27 | 15 | 27 | | | |
| Interquartile range | 8–46 | 5–39 | 8–53 | | | |
| Patients with Pao₂:Fio₂ ≤200 mm Hg | | | | | | |
| Median | 26 | 17 | 27 | 0.32 | — | — |
| Interquartile range | 11–46 | 5–41 | 7–52 | | | |
| Reason for intubation — no./total no. (%) | | | | | | |
| Respiratory failure | 36/51 (71) | 43/58 (74) | 49/67 (73) | 0.24 | — | — |
| Circulatory failure | 7/51 (14) | 5/58 (9) | 5/67 (7) | 0.46 | — | — |
| Neurologic failure | 8/51 (16) | 10/58 (17) | 13/67 (19) | 0.91 | — | — |
| Ventilator-free days | | | | | | |
| Overall population | 24±8 | 22±10 | 19±12 | 0.02 | — | — |
| Patients with Pao ₂ :Fio ₂ ≤200 mm Hg | 24±8 | 21±10 | 18±12 | <0.001 | — | — |

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| In ICU | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted analysis | | | | 0.047 | 1.85 (0.84–4.09) | 2.55 (1.21–5.35) |
| No. of patients | 12 | 18 | 27 | | | |
| % of patients (95% CI) | 11 (6–19) | 19 (12–28) | 25 (17–33) | | | |
| Adjusted analysis** | — | — | — | — | 2.55 (1.07–6.08) | 2.60 (1.20–5.63) |
| At day 90 | | | | | | |
| Overall population | | | | | | |
| Unadjusted analysis | | | | 0.02 | 2.01 (1.01–3.99) | 2.50 (1.31–4.78) |
| No. of patients | 13 | 22 | 31 | | | |
| % of patients (95% CI) | 12 (7–20) | 23 (16–33) | 28 (21–37) | | | |
| Adjusted analysis** | — | — | — | — | 2.36 (1.18–4.70) | 2.33 (1.22–4.47) |
| Intubated patients | | | | | | |
| No. of patients/total no. | 12/40 | 20/44 | 27/55 | 0.16 | | |
| % of patients (95% CI) | 30 (18–46) | 45 (32–60) | 49 (36–62) | | | |
| Cause of death — no./total no. (%) | | | | | | |
| Refractory shock | 6/13 (46) | 12/22 (55) | 18/31 (58) | 0.04 | | |
| Refractory hypoxemia | 5/13 (38) | 6/22 (27) | 8/31 (26) | 0.73 | | |
| Cardiac arrest | 1/13 (8) | 1/22 (5) | 3/31 (10) | 0.52 | | |
| Other | 1/13 (8) | 3/22 (14) | 2/31 (6) | 0.52 | | |

High-Flow Nasal Oxygen vs Noninvasive Ventilation in Patients With Acute Respiratory Failure

The RENOvATE Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 1: Study Flow-chart

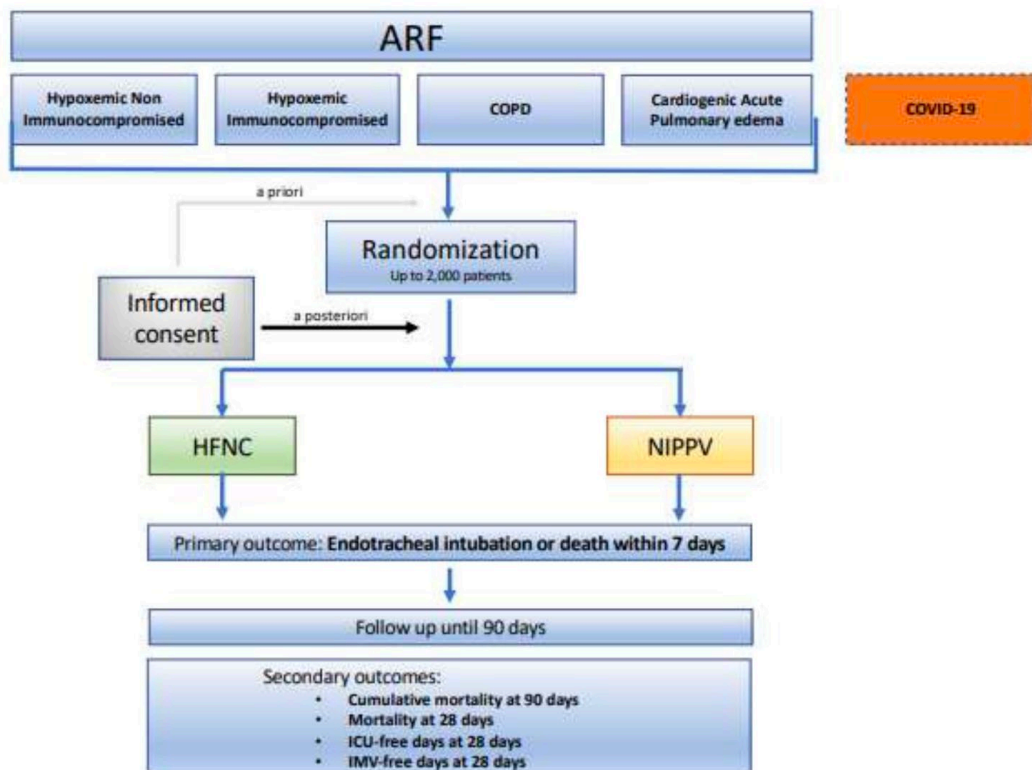
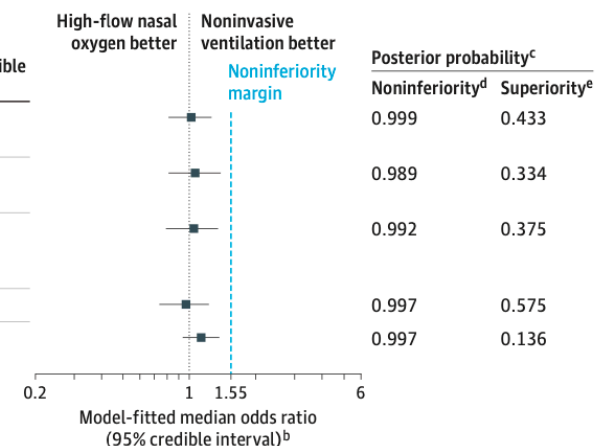


Figure 2. Primary Outcome of Endotracheal Intubation or Death Within 7 Days

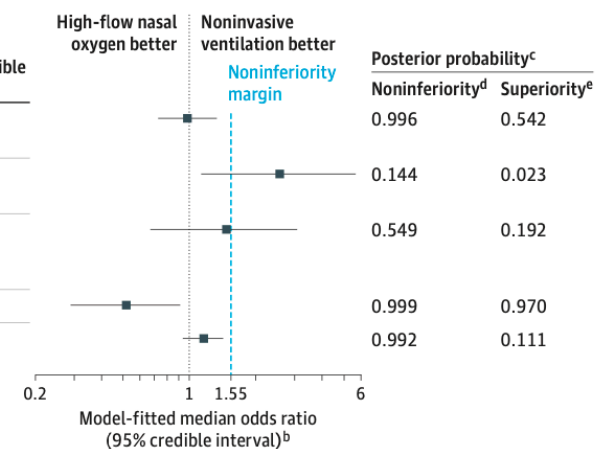
A Analysis of the primary outcome^a

| Patients with acute respiratory failure | No./total (%) | | Model-fitted median odds ratio (95% credible interval) ^b |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| | High-flow nasal oxygen | Noninvasive ventilation | |
| Nonimmunocompromised with hypoxemia | 81/249 (32.5) | 78/236 (33.1) | 1.02 (0.81-1.26) |
| Immunocompromised with hypoxemia | 16/28 (57.1) | 8/22 (36.4) | 1.07 (0.81-1.39) |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation with respiratory acidosis | 10/35 (28.6) | 11/42 (26.2) | 1.05 (0.79-1.36) |
| Acute cardiogenic pulmonary edema | 14/136 (10.3) | 29/136 (21.3) | 0.97 (0.73-1.23) |
| Hypoxemic COVID-19 | 223/435 (51.3) | 210/447 (47.0) | 1.13 (0.94-1.38) |



B Post hoc analysis of the primary outcome^f

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| Nonimmunocompromised with hypoxemia | 81/249 (32.5) | 78/236 (33.1) | 0.98 (0.73-1.33) |
| Immunocompromised with hypoxemia | 16/28 (57.1) | 8/22 (36.4) | 2.56 (1.14-5.68) |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation with respiratory acidosis | 10/35 (28.6) | 11/42 (26.2) | 1.48 (0.67-3.09) |
| Acute cardiogenic pulmonary edema | 14/136 (10.3) | 29/136 (21.3) | 0.52 (0.29-0.91) |
| Hypoxemic COVID-19 | 223/435 (51.3) | 210/447 (47.0) | 1.16 (0.94-1.43) |



^aIncludes all randomized patients with informed consent. The primary outcome was analyzed with a bayesian hierarchical modeling with dynamic borrowing across the 5 patient groups with acute respiratory failure. More borrowing occurs when the groups are consistent, and less borrowing occurs when the groups differ. Borrowing via a hierarchical model is a type of shrinkage estimation (it provides a formal mechanism by which extreme observations are shrunk toward the mean). The model is a compromise between the extremes of a completely pooled analysis as opposed to a separate analysis in each group.

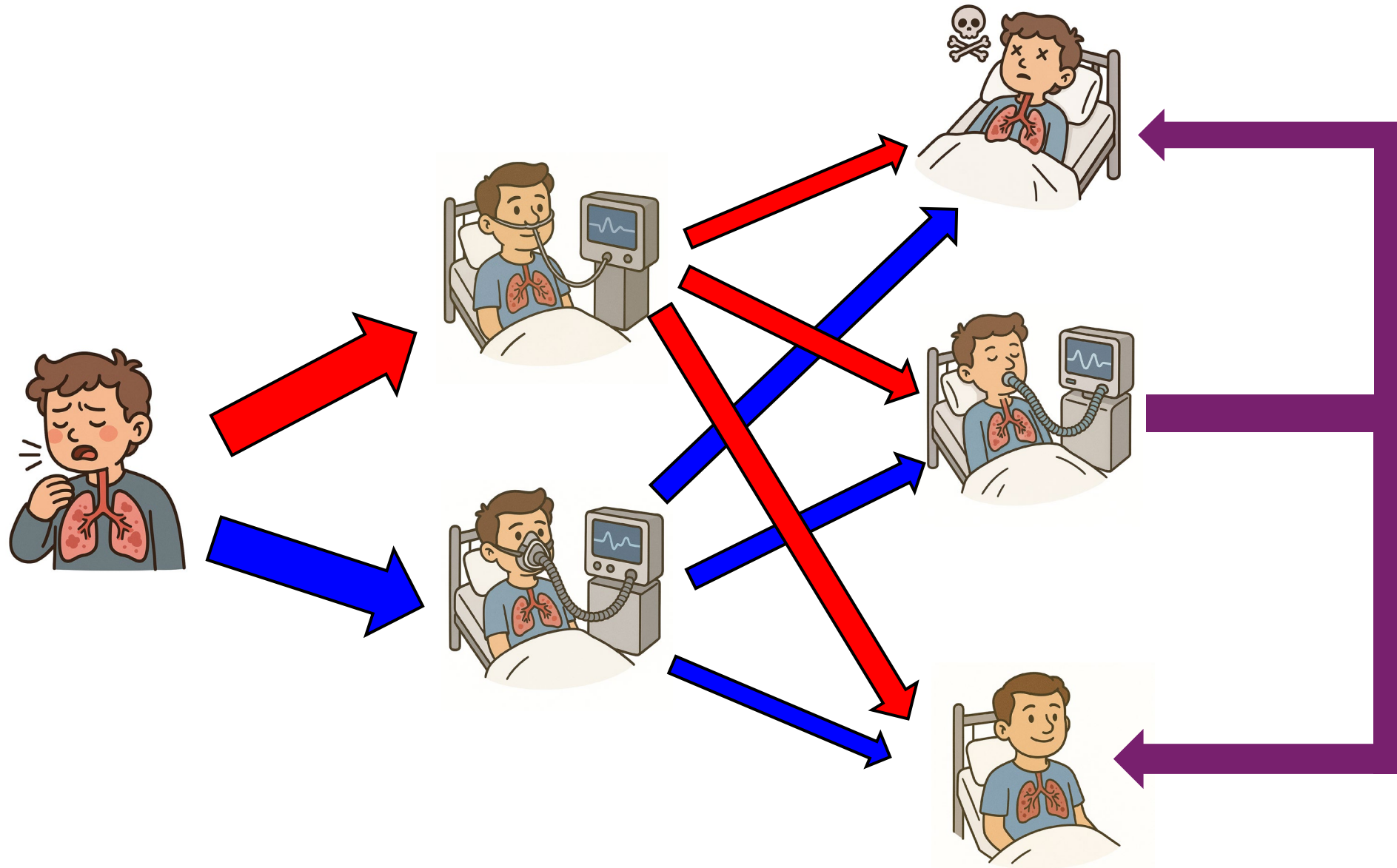
^bOdds of requiring endotracheal intubation or dying within 7 days in the high-flow nasal oxygen group vs the noninvasive ventilation group.

^cA bayesian approach based on posterior probabilities was used to test the noninferiority and superiority hypotheses with predefined thresholds.

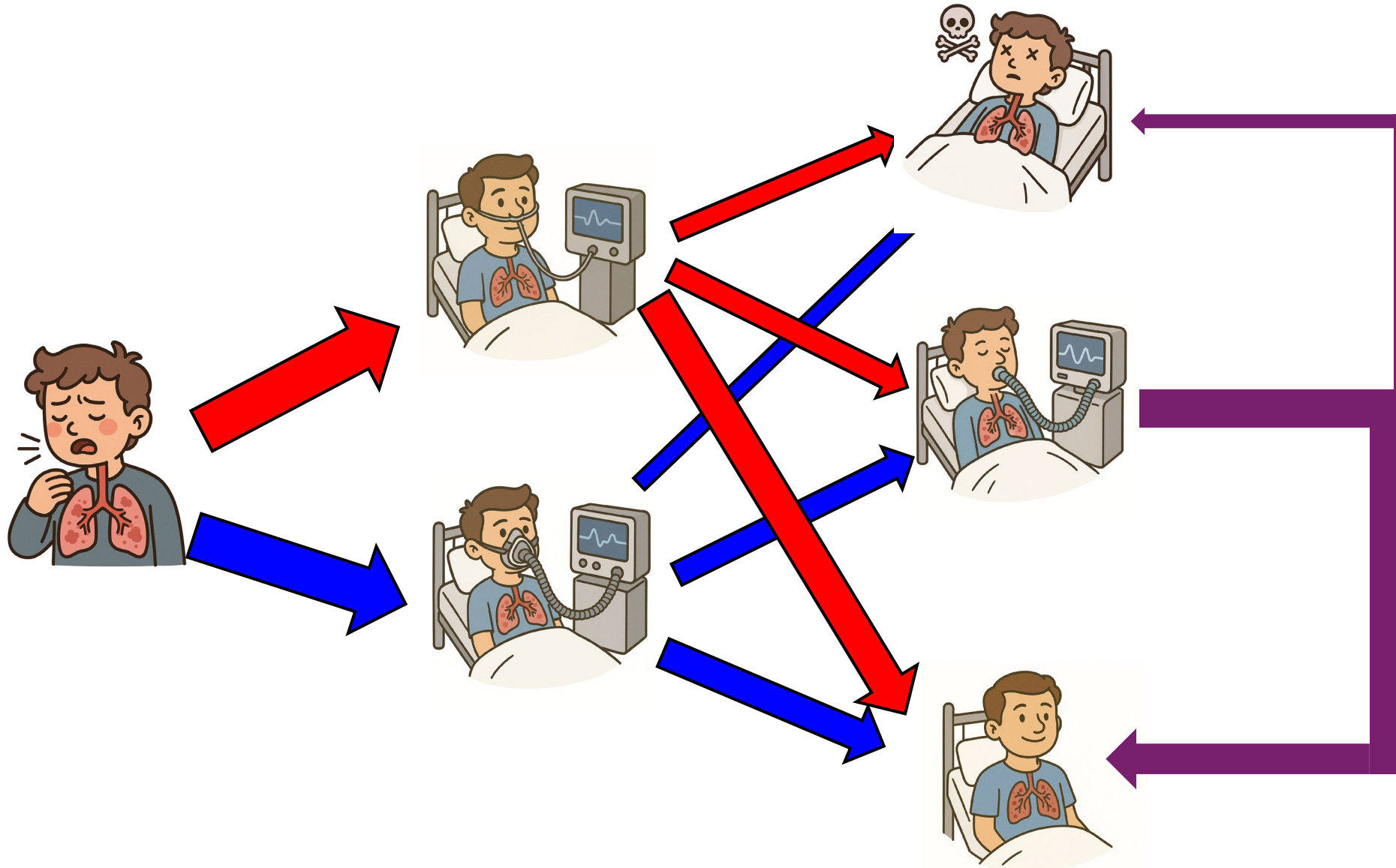
^dDefined as a posterior probability greater than 0.992 that the odds ratio was less than 1.55. For each patient group with acute respiratory failure, noninferiority was declared if the posterior probability was greater than 0.992. If noninferiority was not demonstrated, the final result was futility.

^eDefined as a posterior probability greater than 0.992 that the odds ratio was less than 1. If noninferiority was demonstrated, then superiority was declared if the superiority posterior probability was also higher than 0.992.

^fThe same bayesian model structure was used as in the primary analysis, but without borrowing. Although borrowing can improve precision under the assumption of similar treatment effects, it could also produce biased estimates when there is heterogeneity across groups.



- Outcome Options
 1. Intubation
 2. Mortality
 3. Ventilator-free days
 4. Respiratory-support free days



1. Will I die?

2. If I get intubated, will I be on the ventilator longer?

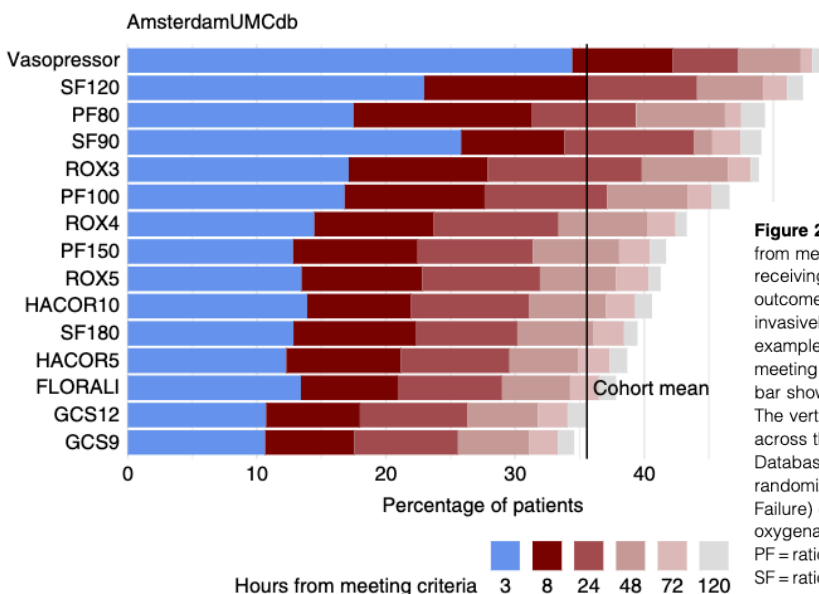
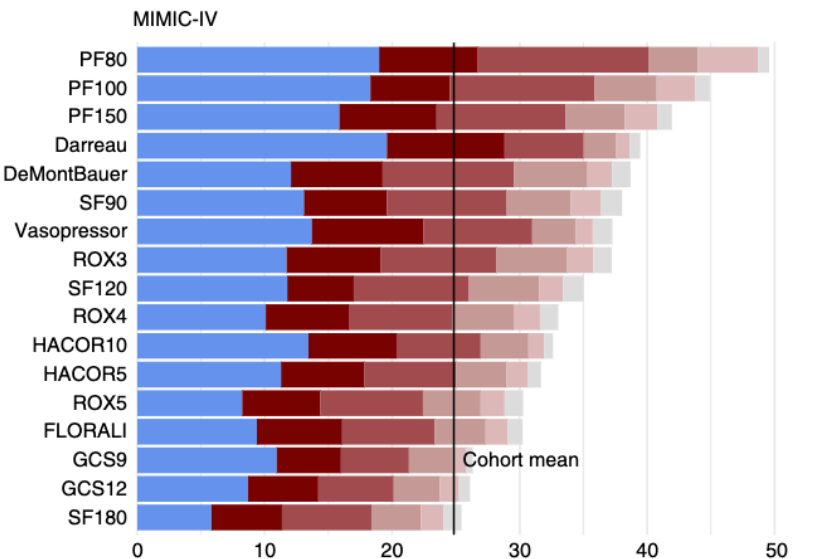
3. Will I have to be on one longer than the other?

Do Thresholds for Invasive Ventilation in Hypoxemic Respiratory

Failure Exist?

A Cohort Study

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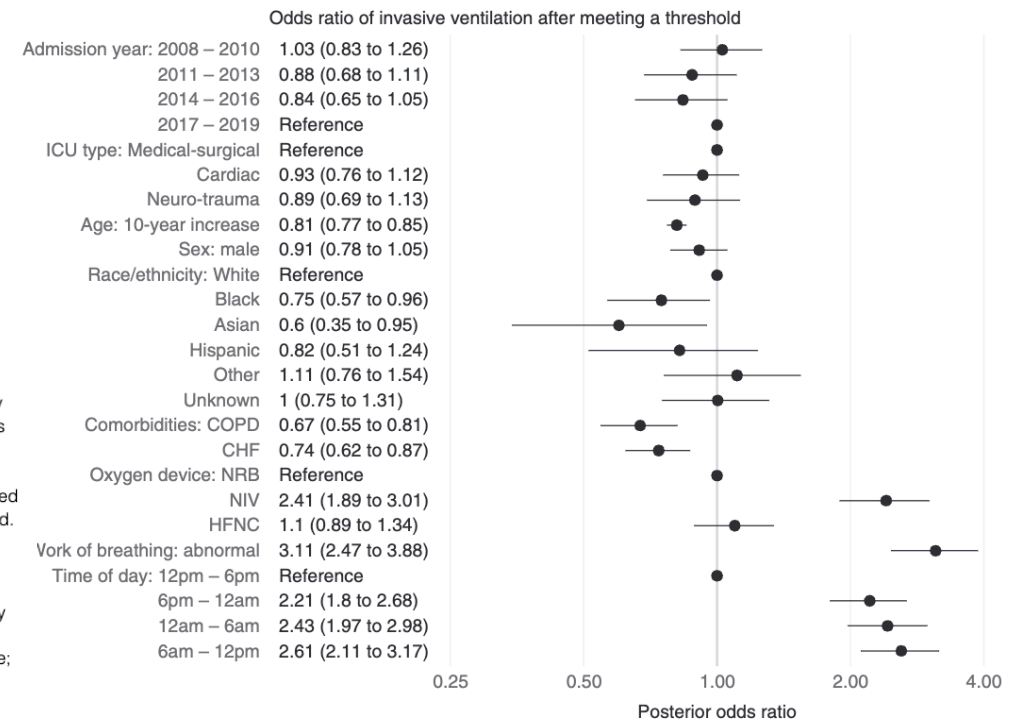


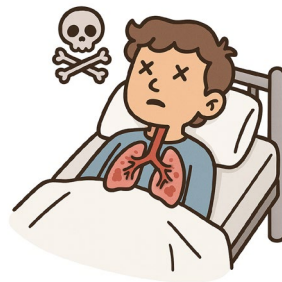
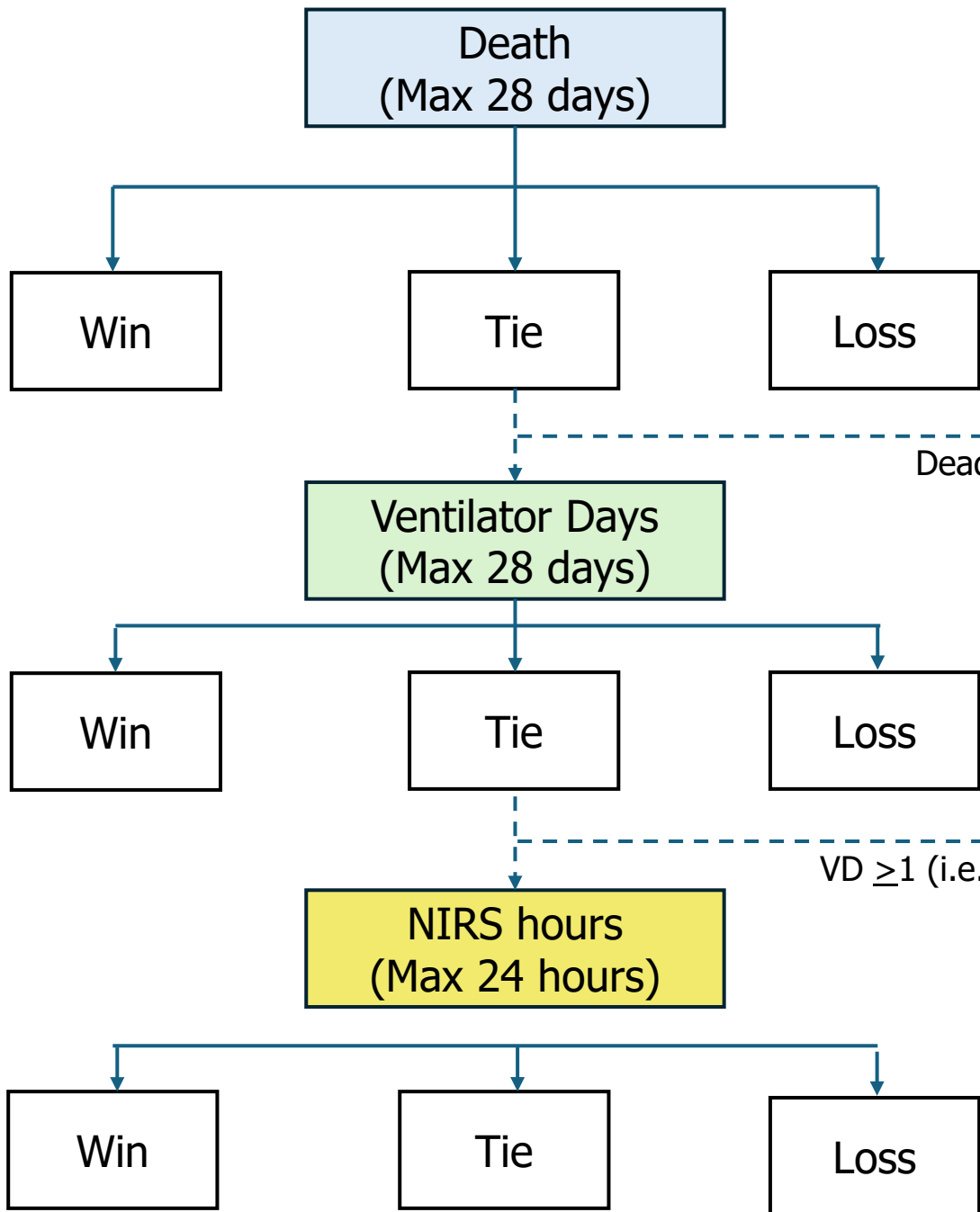
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Figure 2. Percentage of patients receiving invasive ventilation within different time intervals from meeting thresholds. This figure shows a stacked bar plot of the percentage of patients receiving invasive ventilation within different time intervals from meeting criteria. The primary outcome is filled in blue (invasive ventilation within 3 h). The additional proportion of patients invasively ventilated by the end of the next interval appears as the next bar to the right. For example, the total percentage of patients invasively ventilated by the end of 8 hours from meeting a threshold is given by the combination of blue and dark red bars, while the dark red bar shows the patients invasively ventilated between 3 and 8 hours after meeting a threshold. The vertical line shows the mean percentage of patients invasively ventilated by 120 hours across the whole cohort. AmsterdamUMCdb = Amsterdam University Medical Centers Database; DeMontBauer = de Montmollin–Bauer threshold; FLORALI = threshold based on randomized trial (High-Flow Oxygen through Nasal Cannula in Acute Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure) criteria; GCS = Glasgow Coma Scale score; HACOR = heart rate, acidosis, coma, oxygenation, and respiratory rate score; MIMIC = Medical Information Mart for Intensive Care; PF = ratio of arterial to inspired oxygen; ROX = respiratory rate and oxygenation index; SF = ratio of saturation to inspired oxygen.

Table 4. Outcomes by Threshold and Oxygen Device at the Time of Meeting a Threshold, MIM

| Category | Threshold | Total Who Met Threshold (n) | Patients on NIV When Threshold Met [n (%)] | | Patients on HFNC When Threshold Met [n (%)] | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--------|---------|
| | | | Met Threshold | IMV after Meeting Threshold | Met Threshold | NIV | IMV |
| Validated clinical scores/indices | P:F < 80 | 232 | 27 (12) | 3 (11) | 75 (32) | 2 (3) | 16 (21) |
| | P:F < 100 | 432 | 44 (10) | 6 (14) | 117 (27) | 4 (3) | 19 (16) |
| | P:F < 150 | 813 | 107 (13) | 14 (13) | 170 (21) | 8 (5) | 22 (13) |
| | S:F < 90 | 607 | 65 (11) | 8 (12) | 280 (46) | 13 (5) | 28 (10) |
| | S:F < 120 | 1,514 | 185 (12) | 26 (14) | 462 (31) | 17 (4) | 36 (8) |
| | S:F < 180 | 3,082 | 320 (10) | 28 (9) | 511 (17) | 12 (2) | 25 (5) |
| | ROX < 3 | 785 | 94 (12) | 10 (11) | 292 (37) | 10 (3) | 27 (9) |
| | ROX < 4 | 1,571 | 178 (11) | 21 (12) | 434 (28) | 14 (3) | 30 (7) |
| | ROX < 5 | 2,227 | 250 (11) | 26 (10) | 502 (23) | 15 (3) | 30 (6) |
| | HACOR > 10 | 606 | 87 (14) | 12 (14) | 128 (21) | 5 (4) | 11 (9) |
| Clinical trial | HACOR > 5 | 1,757 | 241 (14) | 33 (14) | 358 (20) | 13 (4) | 30 (8) |
| | FLORALI | 2,027 | 284 (14) | 30 (11) | 431 (21) | 18 (4) | 32 (7) |
| Observational research | Darreau | 259 | 37 (14) | 8 (22) | 53 (20) | 2 (4) | 11 (21) |
| | DeMontBauer | 607 | 71 (12) | 9 (13) | 236 (39) | 8 (3) | 22 (9) |
| Nonrespiratory | Vasopressor | 526 | 66 (13) | 12 (18) | 93 (18) | 6 (6) | 10 (11) |
| | GCS score < 9 | 714 | 92 (13) | 15 (16) | 140 (20) | 5 (4) | 13 (9) |
| | GCS score < 12 | 1,441 | 195 (14) | 23 (12) | 296 (21) | 8 (3) | 19 (6) |



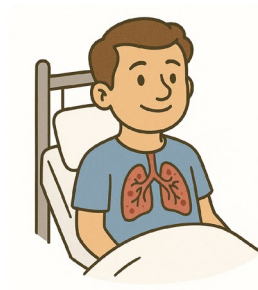


"With which one will I be less likely to die?"



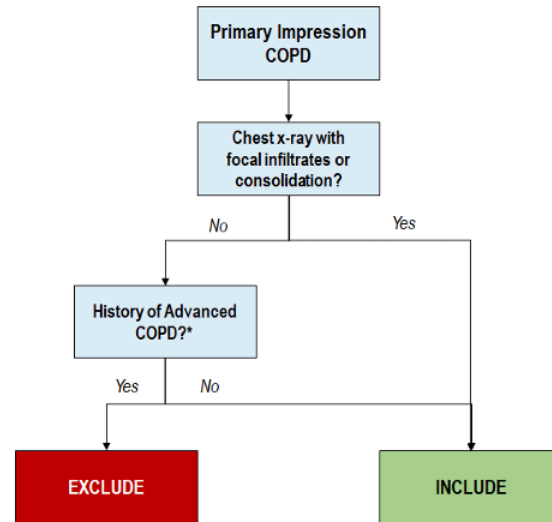
"If I don't die, but get intubated, with which one will I get off the ventilator faster?"

"Is one more iatrogenically injurious than the other?"



"If I don't die or get intubated, with which one will I get better faster?"

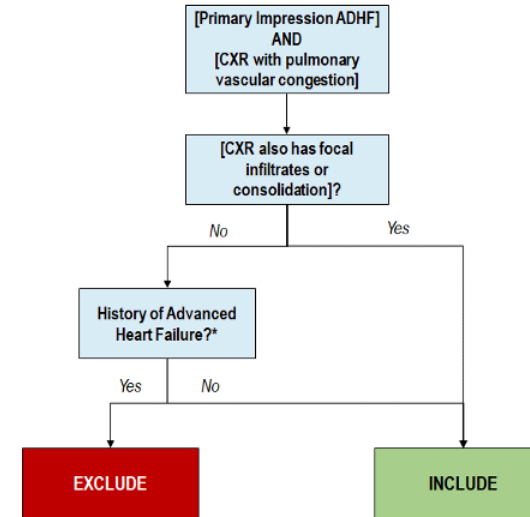
Isolated Acute Exacerbation of Advanced COPD



*Known or documented history of **advanced** COPD, as indicated by >1 of the following identified on history or chart review:

- Chronic home oxygen therapy
- Hospice for end stage lung disease
- ≥ 1 hospital visits for acute exacerbation of COPD in the past year
- Home use of NIPPV for respiratory support (unless only for nocturnal obstructive sleep apnea)
- Lung volume reduction surgery or endobronchial valves for emphysema, or lung transplantation
- Participation in pulmonary rehabilitation for COPD in the past year
- GOLD 3 or 4 [FEV1 < 50%] classification

Isolated Acute Decompensation of Advanced Heart Failure



*Known or documented history of **advanced** heart failure, as indicated by >1 of the following identified on history or chart review:

- New York Heart Association Class III or IV or American Heart Association Class C or D heart failure
- Any outpatient therapy for advanced heart failure, including: nitrates plus hydralazine, ivabradine, home infusion of inotropes, automated implanted cardiac defibrillator (AICD), or mechanical circulatory support device.

In Summary:

- The Win ratio provides the best option to account for patient-centered outcomes of varying severities (death vs intubation vs length-of-stay) in critically ill respiratory failure patients.

