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eTable 1. PICOST Criteria

<i>Population:</i>	Adults and children with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, where resuscitation is attempted, but return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) is not achieved.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Termination of resuscitation (TOR) rule predicted outcome.
<i>Comparison:</i>	True outcome
<i>Outcomes:</i>	Ability of TOR rule to predict death. Economic implications of application of TOR rules.
<i>Study Design:</i>	<i>Inclusion criteria:</i> Systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomised controlled trials, case-control studies, cohort studies, cross-sectional studies, retrospective analyses, economic evaluations, modelling studies. <i>Exclusion criteria:</i> Non-peer reviewed studies (e.g., conference abstracts, trial protocols, narrative reviews, letters, editorials, commentaries), animal studies. No language restrictions were placed. We excluded studies predicting poor neurologic outcome rather than death. Although favourable neurologic outcome is critically important to patients, we were unable to identify any EMS systems that advocated termination of resuscitation where poor neurologic outcome was predicted. We excluded studies addressing outcome for post-ROSC patients. Although it would be possible to transpose the data such that death becomes the true positive, the populations included in such studies comprise only ROSC patients, thus they are different to the cardiac arrest population.
<i>Timeframe:</i>	The initial search was conducted from database inception to mid-July 2019. Covid-19 resulted in the project being paused. The final update occurred in January 2024.

eTable 2. MEDLINE Search Strategy

- 1 exp Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest/
- 2 ohca.mp.
- 3 exp Ventricular Fibrillation/ or exp Tachycardia, Ventricular/
- 4 heart arrest.mp. or exp Heart Arrest/
- 5 cardiopulmonary arrest.mp.
- 6 circulatory arrest.mp.
- 7 cardiac standstill.mp.
- 8 pulseless electrical activity.mp.
- 9 pea.mp.
- 10 pulseless.mp.
- 11 shockable.mp.
- 12 (non-shockable or non shockable).mp.
- 13 cardiac arrest.mp.
- 14 ventricular fibrillation.mp.
- 15 ventricular tachycardia.mp.
- 16 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 or 13 or 14 or 15
- 17 (out of hospital or out-of-hospital or prehospital or pre-hospital or pre hospital).mp.
- 18 exp Emergency Medical Services/ or emergency medical service*.mp.
- 19 exp Emergency Medical Technicians/ or paramedic*.mp.
- 20 ambulance*.mp. or exp Ambulances/
- 21 exp air ambulances/ or air ambulance*.mp. or hems.mp.
- 22 (ems or emt).mp.
- 23 field.mp.
- 24 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23
- 25 16 and 24
- 26 1 or 2 or 25
- 27 exp Resuscitation Orders/ or exp Resuscitation/ or resuscitat*.mp.
- 28 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.mp. or exp Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/
- 29 cpr.mp.
- 30 basic life support.mp. or exp Life Support Care/
- 31 exp Advanced Cardiac Life Support/ or advanced life support.mp.
- 32 (bls or als).mp.
- 33 exp Heart Massage/ or chest compression*.mp.
- 34 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or 31 or 32 or 33
- 35 26 and 34
- 36 (terminat* or cease or cessation or stop or withdraw* or withhold* or withheld or TOR or futile or futility or rule* or algorithm* or decease* or decision* or prognosis or predict*).mp.
- 37 exp Prognosis/
- 38 36 or 37
- 39 35 and 38
- 40 (letter or case reports or editorial or lecture).pt.
- 41 39 not 40
- 42 limit 41 to humans

eTable 3. Embase Search Strategy

- 1 exp "out of hospital cardiac arrest"/
- 2 ohca.mp.
- 3 ventricular fibrillation.mp. or exp heart ventricle fibrillation/
- 4 ventricular tachycardia.mp. or exp heart ventricle tachycardia/
- 5 heart arrest.mp. or exp heart arrest/
- 6 exp cardiopulmonary arrest/ or cardiopulmonary arrest.mp.
- 7 circulatory arrest.mp.
- 8 cardiac standstill.mp.
- 9 pulseless electrical activity.mp.
- 10 pea.mp.
- 11 pulseless.mp.
- 12 shockable.mp.
- 13 (non-shockable or non shockable).mp.
- 14 cardiac arrest.mp.
- 15 or/3-14
- 16 (out of hospital or out-of-hospital or prehospital or pre-hospital or pre hospital).mp.
- 17 exp emergency health service/ or emergency medical service*.mp.
- 18 paramedic*.mp. or exp paramedical personnel/
- 19 emergency medical technician.mp. or exp rescue personnel/
- 20 exp air medical transport/ or air ambulance*.mp. or HEMS.mp.
- 21 exp ambulance/ or ambulance*.mp.
- 22 (ems or emt).mp.
- 23 field.mp.
- 24 or/16-22
- 25 15 and 24
- 26 1 or 2 or 25
- 27 exp resuscitation/ or resuscitat*.mp.
- 28 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.mp.
- 29 resuscitation orders.mp.
- 30 cpr.mp.
- 31 basic life support.mp.
- 32 life support care.mp.
- 33 advanced life support.mp.
- 34 advanced cardiac life support.mp.
- 35 (bls or als).mp.
- 36 chest compression*.mp.
- 37 heart massage.mp. or exp heart massage/
- 38 or/27-37
- 39 26 and 38
- 40 (terminat* or cease or cessation or stop or withdraw* or withhold* or withheld or TOR or futile or futility or rule* or algorithm* or decease* or decision* or prognosis or predict*).mp.
- 41 exp prognosis/
- 42 40 or 41
- 43 39 and 42
- 44 (letter or editorial).pt.
- 45 43 not 44
- 46 limit 45 to human

eTable 4. CINAHL Search Strategy

S1	"out of hospital cardiac arrest"
S2	"ohca"
S3	(MH "Ventricular Fibrillation") OR "ventricular fibrillation"
S4	(MH "Tachycardia, Ventricular") OR "ventricular tachycardia"
S5	(MH "Heart Arrest+") OR "heart arrest"
S6	"cardiopulmonary arrest"
S7	"circulatory arrest"
S8	"cardiac standstill"
S9	"pulseless electrical activity"
S10	"pea"
S11	"pulseless"
S12	"shockable"
S13	"non-shockable" or "shockable"
S14	"cardiac arrest"
S15	S3 OR S4 OR S5 OR S6 OR S7 OR S8 OR S9 OR S10 OR S11 OR S12 OR S13 OR S14
S16	"out of hospital" or "out-of-hospital" or "pre-hospital" or "pre hospital" or prehospital
S17	(MH "Emergency Medical Services+") OR "emergency medical service*"
S18	(MH "Emergency Medical Technicians") OR "paramedic*" OR (MH "Prehospital Care")
S19	(MH "Ambulances") OR "ambulance*" or HEMS
S20	"ems or emt"
S21	"field"
S22	S16 OR S17 OR S18 OR S19 OR S20 OR S21
S23	S15 AND S22
S24	S1 OR S2 OR S23
S25	(MH "Resuscitation+") OR (MH "Resuscitation Orders") OR "resuscitat*"
S26	(MH "Resuscitation, Cardiopulmonary+") OR "cardiopulmonary resuscitation"
S27	"cpr"
S28	(MH "Advanced Cardiac Life Support+") OR (MH "Life Support Care+") OR "basic life support"
S29	"advanced life support"
S30	"als or bls"
S31	"chest compression*"
S32	(MH "Heart Massage") OR "heart massage"
S33	S25 OR S26 OR S27 OR S28 OR S29 OR S30 OR S31 OR S32
S34	S24 AND S33
S35	terminat* or cease or cessation or stop or withdraw* or withheld or withhold* or TOR or futile or futility or rule* or algorithm* or decess* or decision* or prognosis or predict*
S36	(MH "Prognosis+")
S37	S35 OR S36
S38	S34 AND S37

eTable 5. Cochrane Search Strategy

#1	MeSH descriptor: [Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest] explode all tree
#2	("OHCA"):ti,ab,kw
#3	MeSH descriptor: [Ventricular Fibrillation] explode all trees
#4	MeSH descriptor: [Tachycardia, Ventricular] explode all trees
#5	(ventricular fibrillation):ti,ab,kw
#6	(ventricular tachycardia):ti,ab,kw
#7	(heart arrest):ti,ab,kw
#8	MeSH descriptor: [Heart Arrest] explode all trees
#9	(cardiopulmonary arrest):ti,ab,kw
#10	(circulatory arrest):ti,ab,kw
#11	("cardiac standstill"):ti,ab,kw
#12	("pulseless electrical activity"):ti,ab,kw
#13	(PEA):ti,ab,kw
#14	(pulseless):ti,ab,kw
#15	(shockable):ti,ab,kw
#16	(non-shockable or non shockable):ti,ab,kw
#17	(cardiac arrest):ti,ab,kw
#18	#3 or #4 or #5 or #6 or #7 or #8 or #9 or #10 or #11 or #12 or #13 or #14 or #15 or #16 or #17
#19	(out of hospital or out-of-hospital or pre-hospital or pre hospital or prehospital):ti,ab,kw
#20	MeSH descriptor: [Emergency Medical Services] explode all trees
#21	(emergency medical service*):ti,ab,kw
#22	(paramedic*):ti,ab,kw
#23	MeSH descriptor: [Emergency Medical Technicians] explode all trees
#24	(ambulance*):ti,ab,kw
#25	MeSH descriptor: [Ambulances] explode all trees
#26	(ems or emt):ti,ab,kw
#27	field
#28	#19 or #20 or #21 or #22 or #23 or #24 or #25 or #26 or #27
#29	#18 and #28
#30	#1 or #2 or #29
#31	(resuscitat*):ti,ab,kw
#32	MeSH descriptor: [Resuscitation] explode all trees
#33	MeSH descriptor: [Resuscitation Orders] explode all trees
#34	MeSH descriptor: [Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation] explode all trees
#35	(cardiopulmonary resuscitation):ti,ab,kw
#36	("CPR"):ti,ab,kw
#37	(basic life support):ti,ab,kw
#38	MeSH descriptor: [Life Support Care] explode all trees
#39	(advanced life support):ti,ab,kw
#40	MeSH descriptor: [Advanced Cardiac Life Support] explode all trees
#41	(als or bls):ti,ab,kw
#42	MeSH descriptor: [Heart Massage] explode all trees
#43	(chest compression*):ti,ab,kw
#44	#31 or #32 or #33 or #34 or #35 or #36 or #37 or #38 or #39 or #40 or #41 or #42 or #43
#45	#30 and #44
#46	(terminat* or cease or cessation or stop or withdraw* or withhold* or withheld or TOR or futile or futility or rule* or algorithm* or decease* or decision* or prognosis or predict*):ti,ab,kw
#47	MeSH descriptor: [Prognosis] explode all trees
#48	#46 or #47
#49	#45 and #48

eTable 6. Web of Science Search Strategy

#7 #6 AND #5

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#6 **TOPIC:** (terminat* or cease or cessation or stop or withdraw* or withheld or withhold* or TOR or futile or futility or rule* or algorithm* or decease* or decision* or prognosis or predict*)

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#5 #4 AND #3

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#4 **TOPIC:** (resuscitat* or cpr or "basic life support" or "life support care" or "advanced cardiac life support" or "advanced life support" or bls or als or "heart massage" or "chest compression*")

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#3 #2 OR #1

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#2 TS=("ventricular fibrillation" or "ventricular tachycardia" or "heart arrest" or "cardiac arrest" or "cardiopulmonary arrest" or "circulatory arrest" or "cardiac standstill" or "pulseless electrical activity" or pea or pulseless or shockable or non-shockable or nonshockable) AND TS=("out of hospital" or "out-of-hospital" or prehospital or "pre-hospital" or "pre hospital" or "emergency medical service*" or "emergency medical technician*" or paramedic* or ambulance* or ems or emt or field or HEMS)

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

#1 **TOPIC:** ("out of hospital cardiac arrest" or "out-of-hospital cardiac arrest" or ohca)

Indexes=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, CPCI-S, CPCI-SSH Timespan=1900-2023

eTable 7. Derivation Studies Paired Sensitivity and Specificity

Author (year)	TOR Rule	Prevalence	Population	TP	FP	FN	TN	Sensitivity [95% CI]	Specificity [95% CI]
Morrison et al, ¹ (2007)	ALS	94.9%	Adult (cardiac)	1425	0	3009	239	0.32 [0.31-0.34]	1.00 [0.98-1.00]
Verbeek et al, ² (2002)	BLS	98.0%	Adult (medical)	425	0	224	13	0.65 [0.62-0.69]	0.99 [0.74-1.00]
Glober et al, ³ (2019)	Glober 1	90.9%	Adult (medical & trauma)	223	0	1327	156	0.14 [0.13-0.16]	1.00 [0.98-1.00]
Goto et al, ⁴ (2019)	Goto 1	95.8%	Adult (EMS witnessed)	11069	21	90746	4434	0.11 [0.11-0.11]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Haukoos et al, ⁵ (2004)	Haukoos 1	95.2%	Adult (medical)	487	3	231	33	0.68 [0.64-0.71]	0.92 [0.78-0.98]
Jabre et al, ⁶ (2016)	Jabre	89.5%	Adult (cardiac)	2799	1	3435	728	0.45 [0.44-0.46]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Yoon et al, ⁷ (2019)	KoCARC 1	88.5%	Adult (cardiac)	2037	40	1820	463	0.53 [0.51-0.54]	0.92 [0.89-0.94]
Yoon et al, ⁷ (2019)	KoCARC 2	88.5%	Adult (cardiac)	2027	56	1830	447	0.53 [0.51-0.54]	0.89 [0.86-0.91]
Yoon et al, ⁷ (2019)	KoCARC 3	88.5%	Adult (cardiac)	1512	25	2345	478	0.39 [0.38-0.41]	0.95 [0.93-0.97]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	KoCARC 4	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	1245	14	2825	524	0.31 [0.29-0.32]	0.97 [0.96-0.99]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	KoCARC 5	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	1316	11	2754	527	0.32 [0.31-0.34]	0.98 [0.96-0.99]
Marsden et al, ⁹ (1995)	Marsden	99.7%	Adult (medical & trauma)	240	0	173	1	0.58 [0.53-0.63]	0.91 [0.02-1.00]
House et al, ¹⁰ (2018)	PEA	84.3%	Adult (cardiac, transported)	829	3	955	328	0.46 [0.44-0.49]	0.99 [0.97-1.00]
Petrie et al, ¹¹ (2001)	Petrie	95.7%	Adult (cardiac)	3720	7	5751	421	0.39 [0.38-0.40]	0.98 [0.97-0.99]
SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017)	SOS Kanto 1	95.2%	Adult (medical & trauma)	6274	34	6385	598	0.50 [0.49-0.50]	0.95 [0.93-0.96]
SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017)	SOS Kanto 2	95.2%	Adult (medical & trauma)	5609	17	7050	615	0.44 [0.43-0.45]	0.97 [0.96-0.98]
SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017)	SOS Kanto 3	95.2%	Adult (medical & trauma)	5196	9	7463	623	0.41 [0.40-0.42]	0.99 [0.97-0.99]
Shibahashi et al, ¹³ (2020)	Shibahashi 3	96.6%	Child (trauma)	422	5	140	15	0.75 [0.71-0.79]	0.75 [0.51-0.91]
Bonnin et al, ¹⁴ (1993)	no ROSC	93.0%	Adult (medical)	946	6	284	86	0.77 [0.74-0.79]	0.93 [0.86-0.98]
Chiang et al, ¹⁵ (2016)	tCPA	95.6%	Adult (trauma)	147	0	707	39	0.17 [0.15-0.20]	1.00 [0.91-1.00]

True positive (TP) means TOR rule indicates stop and patient dies, False positive (FP) TOR rule indicates stop but patient survives (missed survivors) True negative (TN) TOR rule indicates continue and patient survives, False negative (FN) TOR rule indicates continue but patient dies (futile resuscitations) Sensitivity is proportion of cases where the TOR indicates stop out of all deaths. Specificity is proportion of cases where the TOR rule indicates continue out of all survivors.

eTable 8. External Validation Studies Paired Sensitivity and Specificity

Author (year)	TOR Rule	Prevalence	Population	TP	FP	FN	TN	Sensitivity [95% CI]	Specificity [95% CI]
Cheong et al, ¹⁶ (2016)	ALS	96.5%	Adult (cardiac)	586	1	1531	75	0.28 [0.26-0.30]	0.99 [0.93-1.00]
Chiang et al, ¹⁷ (2015)	ALS	94.4%	Adult (medical)	1896	48	1396	149	0.58 [0.56-0.59]	0.76 [0.69-0.81]
Diskin et al, ¹⁸ (2014)	ALS	87.9%	Adult (cardiac)	75	0	208	39	0.27 [0.21-0.32]	1.00 [0.91-1.00]
Fukada et al, ¹⁹ (2014)	ALS	90.0%	Adult (medical & trauma)	7	0	30	4	0.19 [0.08-0.35]	0.98 [0.38-1.00]
House et al, ¹⁰ (2018)	ALS	84.4%	Adult (cardiac, transported)	102	0	1695	331	0.06 [0.05-0.07]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020)	ALS	79.9%	Adult (cardiac)	35	0	414	113	0.08 [0.05-0.11]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022)	ALS	94.0%	Adult (medical)	25164	385	26613	2902	0.49 [0.48-0.49]	0.88 [0.87-0.89]
Kajino et al, ²² (2013)	ALS	96.0%	Adult (cardiac)	40612	418	91919	5037	0.31 [0.30-0.31]	0.92 [0.92-0.93]
Kashiura et al, ²³ (2016)	ALS	96.2%	Adult (medical)	1681	20	4170	210	0.29 [0.28-0.30]	0.91 [0.87-0.95]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	ALS	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	868	17	3202	521	0.21 [0.20-0.23]	0.97 [0.95-0.98]
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022)	ALS	93.6%	Adult (2015 cohort)	122	2	231	22	0.35 [0.30-0.40]	0.92 [0.73-0.99]
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022)	ALS	94.1%	Adult (2020 cohort)	104	0	279	24	0.27 [0.23-0.32]	1.00 [0.85-1.00]
Matsui et al, ²⁵ (2023)	ALS	88.5%	Child (medical & trauma)	299	21	1319	190	0.18 [0.17-0.20]	0.90 [0.85-0.94]
Morrison et al, ²⁶ (2009)	ALS	94.6%	Adult (cardiac)	743	0	1523	130	0.33 [0.31-0.35]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]
Sasson et al, ²⁷ (2008)	ALS	92.9%	Adult (cardiac)	1192	0	3921	392	0.23 [0.22-0.24]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Skrifvars et al, ²⁸ (2010)	ALS	98.9%	Adult (medical, non-shockable)	5464	2	15020	219	0.27 [0.26-0.27]	0.99 [0.97-1.00]
Smits et al, ²⁹ (2023)	ALS	87.5%	Adult (cardiac, male)	3834	6	15240	2728	0.20 [0.20-0.21]	1.00 [1.00-1.00]
Smits et al, ²⁹ (2023)	ALS	92.9%	Adult (cardiac, female)	2301	3	7704	764	0.23 [0.22-0.24]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Verhaert et al, ³⁰ (2016)	ALS	84.8%	Adult (medical)	35	0	464	89	0.07 [0.05-0.10]	1.00 [0.96-1.00]
Chiang et al, ¹⁷ (2015)	BLS	94.4%	Adult (medical)	2105	51	1187	146	0.64 [0.62-0.66]	0.74 [0.67-0.80]
Kim et al, ³¹ (2015)	BLS	90.7%	Adult (cardiac)	3224	137	1160	314	0.74 [0.72-0.75]	0.70 [0.65-0.74]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	BLS	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	2921	118	1149	420	0.72 [0.70-0.73]	0.78 [0.74-0.81]
Matsui et al, ²⁵ (2023)	BLS	85.3%	Child (medical & trauma)	5474	440	869	657	0.86 [0.85-0.87]	0.60 [0.57-0.63]
Ong et al, ³² (2006)	BLS	95.4%	Adult (cardiac)	6905	3	6143	633	0.53 [0.52-0.54]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Ong et al, ³³ (2007)	BLS	98.6%	Adult (medical)	1553	6	684	26	0.69 [0.67-0.71]	0.81 [0.64-0.93]
Skrifvars et al, ²⁸ (2010)	ERC	98.9%	Adult (medical, non-shockable)	19354	11	1130	210	0.94 [0.94-0.95]	0.95 [0.91-0.97]
Glober et al, ³⁴ (2020)	Glober 1	91.5%	Adult (medical & trauma)	290	0	3407	344	0.08 [0.07-0.09]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022)	Goto 1	94.0%	Adult (medical)	27856	283	23921	3004	0.54 [0.53-0.54]	0.91 [0.90-0.92]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	Goto 1	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	1579	27	2491	511	0.39 [0.37-0.40]	0.95 [0.93-0.97]

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SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017)	Goto 2	95.2%	Adult (medical & trauma)	6319	33	6340	599	0.50 [0.49-0.51]	0.95 [0.93-0.96]
Skrifvars et al, ²⁸ (2010)	Helsinki	98.9%	Adult (medical, non-shockable)	11258	57	9226	164	0.55 [0.54-0.56]	0.74 [0.68-0.80]
Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020)	Jabre	80.1%	Adult (cardiac)	215	0	240	113	0.47 [0.43-0.52]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023)	KoCARC 1	93.4%	Adult (medical)	668	7	1039	113	0.39 [0.37-0.41]	0.94 [0.88-0.98]
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023)	KoCARC 2	93.4%	Adult (medical)	687	11	1020	109	0.40 [0.38-0.43]	0.91 [0.84-0.95]
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023)	KoCARC 3	93.4%	Adult (medical)	524	6	1183	114	0.31 [0.29-0.33]	0.95 [0.89-0.98]
Harris et al, ³⁶ (2021)	MIEMS	71.0%	Child (trauma, age 0-17)	27	4	71	36	0.28 [0.19-0.37]	0.90 [0.76-0.97]
Harris et al, ³⁶ (2021)	MIEMS	73.0%	Child (trauma, age 0-14)	39	4	107	50	0.27 [0.20-0.35]	0.93 [0.82-0.98]
Harris (2021)	MIEMS	76.8%	Child (medical, age 0-17)	44	1	1028	322	0.04 [0.03-0.05]	1.00 [0.98-1.00]
Ong et al, ³² (2006)	Marsden	95.4%	Adult (cardiac)	2535	1	10513	635	0.19 [0.19-0.20]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Ong et al, ³³ (2007)	Marsden	98.6%	Adult (medical)	1447	3	790	29	0.65 [0.63-0.67]	0.91 [0.75-0.98]
Cone et al, ³⁷ (2005)	NAEMSP	97.6%	Adult (medical)	285	0	204	12	0.58 [0.54-0.63]	0.99 [0.72-1.00]
Ong et al, ³² (2006)	Petrie	95.4%	Adult (cardiac)	1292	1	11756	635	0.10 [0.09-0.10]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Ong et al, ³³ (2007)	Petrie	98.6%	Adult (medical)	716	2	1521	30	0.32 [0.30-0.34]	0.94 [0.79-0.99]
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	SOS Kanto 1	88.3%	Adult (cardiac)	1102	9	2968	529	0.27 [0.26-0.28]	0.98 [0.97-0.99]
Grunau et al, ³⁸ (2019)	Shibahashi 1	90.7%	Adult (medical)	5378	64	18090	2343	0.23 [0.22-0.23]	0.97 [0.97-0.98]
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022)	Shibahashi 1	94.0%	Adult (medical)	18122	191	33655	3096	0.35 [0.35-0.35]	0.94 [0.93-0.95]
Cheong et al, ¹⁶ (2016)	uTOR	96.5%	Adult (cardiac)	1406	5	711	71	0.66 [0.64-0.68]	0.93 [0.85-0.98]
Drennan et al, ³⁹ (2014)	uTOR	97.7%	Adult (cardiac)	2471	15	3234	122	0.43 [0.42-0.45]	0.89 [0.83-0.94]
Fukada et al, ¹⁹ (2014)	uTOR	95.9%	Adult (medical & trauma)	100	1	42	5	0.70 [0.62-0.78]	0.83 [0.36-1.00]
Goto et al, ⁴ (2019)	uTOR	95.8%	Adult (EMS witnessed)	92581	1714	9234	2741	0.91 [0.91-0.91]	0.62 [0.60-0.63]
Grunau et al, ⁴⁰ (2017)	uTOR	85.1%	Adult (medical)	4275	92	1674	953	0.72 [0.71-0.73]	0.91 [0.89-0.93]
House et al, ¹⁰ (2018)	uTOR	84.5%	Adult (cardiac, transported)	582	0	1226	331	0.32 [0.30-0.34]	1.00 [0.99-1.00]
Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020)	uTOR	80.1%	Adult (cardiac)	202	0	252	113	0.44 [0.40-0.49]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022)	uTOR	94.0%	Adult (medical)	40904	657	10873	2630	0.79 [0.79-0.79]	0.80 [0.79-0.81]
Jordan et al, ⁴¹ (2017)	uTOR	81.9%	Adult (medical)	22	0	69	20	0.24 [0.16-0.34]	1.00 [0.82-1.00]
Kajino et al, ²² (2013)	uTOR	93.7%	Adult (cardiac)	111980	1160	29656	8356	0.79 [0.79-0.79]	0.88 [0.87-0.88]
Kashiura et al, ²³ (2016)	uTOR	93.7%	Adult (medical)	4165	28	917	314	0.82 [0.81-0.83]	0.92 [0.88-0.94]
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022)	uTOR	96.4%	Adult (2015 cohort)	738	19	113	13	0.87 [0.84-0.89]	0.41 [0.24-0.59]
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022)	uTOR	95.5%	Adult (2020 cohort)	430	8	116	18	0.79 [0.75-0.82]	0.69 [0.48-0.86]

eTable 8. External Validation Studies Paired Sensitivity and Specificity

Author (year)	TOR Rule	Prevalence	Population	TP	FP	FN	TN	Sensitivity [95% CI]	Specificity [95% CI]
Morrison et al, ²⁶ (2009)	uTOR	94.6%	Adult (cardiac)	1302	0	964	130	0.57 [0.55-0.60]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]
Morrison et al, ¹ (2007)	uTOR	94.9%	Adult (cardiac)	2263	0	2171	239	0.51 [0.50-0.53]	1.00 [0.98-1.00]
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023)	uTOR	93.4%	Adult (medical)	877	14	830	106	0.51 [0.49-0.54]	0.88 [0.81-0.93]
Sasson et al, ²⁷ (2008)	uTOR	92.9%	Adult (cardiac)	2587	5	2526	387	0.51 [0.49-0.52]	0.99 [0.97-1.00]
SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017)	uTOR	95.2%	Adult (medical & trauma)	9892	72	2767	560	0.78 [0.77-0.79]	0.89 [0.86-0.91]
Yates et al, ⁴² (2018)	uTOR	98.6%	Adult (transported)	83	0	134	3	0.38 [0.32-0.45]	0.97 [0.28-1.00]
Yoon et al, ⁷ (2019)	uTOR	88.5%	Adult (cardiac)	2704	97	1153	406	0.70 [0.69-0.72]	0.81 [0.77-0.84]
Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020)	uTOR OR Jabre	80.1%	Adult (cardiac)	270	0	184	113	0.59 [0.55-0.64]	1.00 [0.97-1.00]

True positive (TP) means TOR rule indicates stop and patient dies, False positive (FP) TOR rule indicates stop but patient survives (missed survivors) True negative (TN) TOR rule indicates continue and patient survives, False negative (FN) TOR rule indicates continue but patient dies (futile resuscitations) Sensitivity is proportion of cases where the TOR indicates stop out of all deaths. Specificity is proportion of cases where the TOR rule indicates continue out of all survivors.

eTable 9. Clinical Studies Paired Sensitivity and Specificity

Author (year)	TOR Rule	Prevalence	Population	TP	FP	FN	TN	Sensitivity [95% CI]	Specificity [95% CI]
Morrison et al, ⁴³ (2014)	BLS	95.4%	Adult (medical)	586	0	323	44	0.64 [0.61-0.68]	1.00 [0.92-1.00]

True positive (TP) means TOR rule indicates stop and patient dies, False positive (FP) TOR rule indicates stop but patient survives (missed survivors) True negative (TN) TOR rule indicates continue and patient survives, False negative (FN) TOR rule indicates continue but patient dies (futile resuscitations) Sensitivity is proportion of cases where the TOR indicates stop out of all deaths. Specificity is proportion of cases where the TOR rule indicates continue out of all survivors.

eTable 10. Summary of Included Studies

Author (year), country	Study type TOR rule (n)	Population	EMS system
Bonnin et al, ¹⁴ (1993), USA	Derivation study No ROSC TOR (n=1322)	Retrospective analysis of city of Houston cardiac arrest registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • Age < 18 • Persistent VF • Trauma aetiology • Hypothermia • Primary respiratory aetiology • Overdose 	Tiered EMS system. BLS first response with paramedic ALS secondary response
Cheong et al, ¹⁶ (2016), Singapore	Validation study BLS TOR (n=2193)** ALS TOR (n=2193)	Retrospective analysis of all OHCA patients transported by EMS to 7 EDs participating in the PAROS study. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • Age < 18 • DNACPR • Non-cardiac aetiology 	Single tier EMS system. EMTs provide intermediate life support including AED, LMA, IV adrenaline. No manual defibrillation, no ETI, no amiodarone/lignocaine
Chiang et al, ¹⁷ (2015), Taiwan	Validation study BLS TOR (n=3489)** ALS TOR (n=3489)	Retrospective analysis of city of Taipei Fire Department cardiac arrest registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Age < 18 • Trauma aetiology 	Mixed EMS response may include BLS only, ALS only or mixed BLS/ALS. BLS level providers can provide defibrillation, while ALS providers can perform ETI and administer ACLS medications
Chiang et al, ¹⁵ (2016), Taiwan	Derivation study tCPA TOR (n=893)	Retrospective analysis of city of Taipei Fire Department cardiac arrest registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Age < 18 • Non-trauma aetiology 	Not reported. However, a prior study ^{xx} by the same author, using the same registry, indicates a mixed EMS response that may include BLS only, ALS only or mixed BLS/ALS. BLS level providers can provide defibrillation, while ALS providers

		Note – FBAO and intoxication classified as non-blunt injury and conflated as penetrating trauma	can perform ETI and administer ACLS medications
Cone et al, ³⁷ (2005), USA	Validation study NAEMSP TOR (n=501)	Both prospective and retrospective data utilised. Retrospective data from a single hospital database. Prospective data collected at two hospitals (one of which provided the retrospective data). Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNACPR • Age < 18 • Hypothermia • Cold- water drowning 	Fire base ALS first response with BLS or ALS EMS transport
Diskin et al, ¹⁸ (2014), USA	Validation study ALS TOR (n=322)	Retrospective analysis of Richmond EMS cardiac arrest records. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Age <18 • Non-cardiac aetiology • Trauma aetiology • Pregnant 	Single tier ALS EMS system. Intra arrest management included an aggressive vasopressor regimen combining both adrenaline and vasopressin, cold saline infusion and mechanical CPR (Autopulse).
Drennan et al, ³⁹ (2014), Canada	Validation study uTOR (n=5842)	Retrospective analysis of the Toronto Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) Epistry database. Only patients transported (not terminated on scene due to futility) were included. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Terminated on scene (futile) • Age <18 • Non-cardiac aetiology • Trauma aetiology • Drowning • Asphyxia • Overdose 	Mixed BLS and ALS EMS system with existing termination of resuscitation protocol. Nearest ambulance assigned; all cardiac arrest cases assigned an ALS ambulance if BLS resource is closest. BLS level providers can provide semi-automatic defibrillation and King airway, while ALS providers can perform manual defibrillation, ETI, IV/IO access and administer ACLS medications
Fukada et al, ¹⁹ (2014), Japan	Validation study BLS TOR (n=148)** ALS TOR (n=41)	Retrospective analysis of cases transported to University of Tokyo Hospital. Excluded patient groups:	Single tier EMS system. EMTs can provide defibrillation, ETI, IV access, IV infusion, IV adrenaline

- Age < 18

Glober et al, ³ (2019), USA	Derivation study Glob 1 TOR (n=1706)	Retrospective analysis of cases attended by San Mateo County EMS using data reported to the CARES registry. No excluded patient groups reported.	ALS EMS system
Glober et al, ³⁴ (2020), USA	Validation study Glob 1 TOR (n=4041)	Retrospective analysis of cases in Marion County, Indiana attended by Indianapolis EMS using routinely collected data. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 	ALS EMS system
Goto et al, ⁴ (2019), Japan	Derivation study Goto 1 TOR (RIP, n=106270) Validation study BLS (n=106270)**	Retrospective analysis of National FDMA database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS witnessed cardiac arrest • Age < 18 	Single tier EMS system. EMT level providers can provide defibrillation, airway adjunct insertion, IV access, IV infusion. ALS providers can perform ETI and administer adrenaline. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation
Grunau et al, ⁴⁰ (2017), Canada	Validation study uTOR (n=6994)	Prospectively collected data in four metropolitan regions of British Columbia. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DNACPR • Age <18 • Trauma aetiology 	Tiered response. Fire first responders supported by EMS ALS secondary response. First responders can provide defibrillation using an AED. ALS responders can provide manual defib, ETI, cricothyroidotomy, IV & IO access, IV fluids, ACLS medications

Grunau et al, ³⁸ (2019), Canada	Validation study Shibahashi 1 TOR (n=25875)	Secondary analysis of patients recruited to the Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium continuous versus interrupted chest compressions (CCC) trial. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS-witnessed arrest • DNACPR • Trauma Aetiology • Uncontrolled bleeding or exsanguination • Asphyxia • Pregnant • Pre-existing tracheostomy • Prisoners • Mechanical chest compression device • Advanced airway management before EMS arrival • Opted out of resuscitation research 	ALS EMS system
Harris et al, ³⁶ (2021), USA	Validation study MIEMS Medical (<18) (n=1,395) MIEMS Trauma (<18) (n=200) MIEMS Trauma (<15) (n=138)	Retrospective analysis of cases within Electronic Health Records. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Interfacility transports 	ALS EMS system
Haukoos et al, ⁵ (2004), USA	Derivation study Haukoos 1 TOR (n=754)	Retrospective analysis of cases transported to a single hospital. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • Trauma aetiology 	ALS EMS system
House et al, ¹⁰ (2018), UK	Derivation study PEA TOR (n=2,115) Validation study BLS (n=2,139)** ALS TOR (n=2,128)	Retrospective analysis of cases transported by a single EMS.	ALS EMS system
	Validation study		ALS EMS system

Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020), Iceland	BLS (n=568)** ALS TOR (n=568) Jabre TOR (n=568) BLS or Jabre TOR (n=568) **	Retrospective analysis of VAKI database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Non-cardiac aetiology • Outside Reykjavik metropolitan area 	
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022), Taiwan	Validation study BLS (n=55,064)** ALS (n=55,064) Goto 2 (n=55,064) Shibahashi 1 (n=55,064)	Retrospective analysis of PAROS database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Non-EMS transported • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Trauma • Missing data 	
Jabre et al, ⁶ (2016), France	Derivation study Jabre (n=6,963)	Retrospective analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • Non-cardiac cause • Terminal illness • DNACPR 	Analysis of data from PRESENCE study and King County data. In Paris EMS response included physicians. In the USA there was a tiered ALS response.
Jordan et al, ⁴¹ (2017), USA	Validation study uTOR (n=111)	Retrospective analysis of cases transported to a single hospital. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Trauma aetiology • Hanging • Drowning 	14 EMS agencies with a mix of response models. Participating clinicians include 35 Paramedics, 256 AEMTs, 240 EMTs, and 27 Emergency Medical Responders.
Kajino et al, ²² (2013), Japan	Validation study BLS (n=151152)** ALS TOR (n=137986)	Retrospective analysis of National FDMA database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Non-cardiac aetiology • Cerebrovascular aetiology • Respiratory aetiology • Asphyxia • Hanging • Malignant tumour 	Single tier EMS system. EMT level providers can provide defibrillation, airway adjunct insertion, IV access, IV infusion. ALS providers can perform ETI and administer adrenaline. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation

Kashiura et al, ²³ (2016), Japan	Validation study BLS TOR (n=5,424) ** ALS TOR ^b (n=6,081)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma aetiology 	Retrospective analysis of National FDMA database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Trauma aetiology 	Single tier EMS system. EMT level providers can provide defibrillation, airway adjunct insertion, IV access, IV infusion. ALS providers can perform ETI and administer adrenaline. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation
Kim et al, ³¹ (2015), Korea	Validation study BLS TOR (n=4,835)	Retrospective analysis of cases attended by Seoul Metropolitan Fire Department (SMFD). Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 19 • Non-cardiac aetiology 	Single tier BLS EMS system	Single tier BLS EMS system
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019), Korea	Derivation study KoCARC 4 TOR (n=4,608) KoCARC 5 TOR (n=4,608) Validation study BLS TOR (n=4,608) ALS TOR (n=4,608) Goto 1 TOR (n=4,608) SOS-Kanto 1 TOR (n=4,608)	Retrospective analysis of Korean nationwide registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • Age < 18 • Terminal illness/hospice care/DNAR • Non-cardiac aetiology • Pregnant • Trauma aetiology • Electrocutation • Hypothermia • Primary respiratory aetiology • Drowning • Asphyxia • Poisoning 	Not defined. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation and can use a manual defibrillator.	Not defined. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation and can use a manual defibrillator.
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022), Taiwan	Validation study BLS (n=883) (2015 cohort) BLS (n=572) (2020 cohort) ALS (n=377) (2015 cohort) ALS (n=407) (2020 cohort)	Restrospective analysis. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obviously deceased • DNACPR • Trauma 	Two tiered EMS system. BLS rule applied by BLS crews, ALS rule applied by ALS crews	Two tiered EMS system. BLS rule applied by BLS crews, ALS rule applied by ALS crews

Marsden et al, ⁹ (1995), UK	Derivation study Marsden TOR (n=414)	Retrospective analysis of HeartStart Scotland database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased • Age < 18 • Pregnant • Poisoning or overdose • Hypothermia • Drowning 	Single tier ALS EMS system
Matsui et al, ²⁵ (2023)	Validation study BLS TOR (n=7,440) ALS TOR (n=1,829)	Retrospective analysis of FDMA registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age > 17 • Obviously deceased 	ALS capable EMS system. The BLS rule was applied to patients who received BLS level care only (irrespective of provider training). The ALS rule was applied to patients who received ALS level care
Morrison et al, ¹ (2007), Canada	Validation study BLS TOR (n=4,673) ALS TOR (n=4,673)	Retrospective analysis of OPALS study database (phase III - ALS). Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-cardiac aetiology (including trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR 	ALS system
Morrison et al, ²⁶ (2009), Canada	Validation study ALS TOR (n=2,396) uTOR (n=2,396)	Retrospective analysis of the Toronto Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) Epistry database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-cardiac aetiology (including trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR 	Tiered response involving police, fire and EMTs with AEDs. Some regions also had ALS paramedics as part of the response.
	Clinical study		

Morrison et al, ⁴³ (2014), Canada	BLS TOR (n=953)	Prospective analysis of consecutive cardiac arrest patients within the TORIT trial in seven regions of Ontario. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received ACLS • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Arrest from an obvious cause (e.g. hanging, drowning, trauma) • Age < 16 • DNACPR 	Mixed EMS system. Only BLS level cases included. Decision to stop after consultation with base physician that occurred following 4x2 minute cycles.
Ong et al, ³² (2006), Canada	Validation study BLS TOR (n=13,684) Marsden TOR (n=13,684) Petrie TOR (n=13,684)	Retrospective analysis of OPALS study database (phase II & III – BLS cases only). Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR • Non-cardiac aetiology (including trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Received ALS on scene 	Tiered EMS system. Only BLS level cases included.
Ong et al, ³³ (2007), Singapore	Validation study BLS TOR (n=2,269) Marsden TOR (n=2,269) Petrie TOR (n=2,269)	Retrospective analysis of CARE database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) 	Single tier EMS system. EMTs can provide defibrillation using AEDs.
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023), Japan	Validation study uTOR (n=1,827) KOCARC 1 (n=1,827) KOCARC 2 (n=1,827) KOCARC 3 (n=1,827)	Retrospective analysis. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Trauma, intoxication, or drowning, • Obviously deceased • DNACPR 	ALS capable EMS system. Majority of crews were BLS or ILS capable. Few ALS crews.

Petrie et al, ¹¹ (2001), Canada	Derivation study Petrie TOR (n=9,899)	Retrospective analysis of OPALS study database (phase I & II – BLS only). Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR • Non-cardiac aetiology (including trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Received ALS on scene 	BLS EMS system.
Sasson et al, ²⁷ (2008), USA	Validation study BLS (n=5,505)** ALS TOR (n=5,505)	Retrospective analysis of CARES database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • Non-cardiac aetiology 	8 US cities submit data to the CARES registry. There is a mix of EMS response models. Although not explicitly stated it is assumed all cities provide ALS level paramedic response. There are no details addressing single or tiered response systems.
Shibahashi et al, ¹³ (2020), Japan	Derivation study Shibahashi 3 (n=582)	Retrospective analysis of FDMA database. Excluded patient groups; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age >17 • Non-RTC trauma • Medical 	Single tier EMS system. EMT level providers can provide defibrillation, airway adjunct insertion, IV access, IV infusion. ALS providers can perform ETI and administer adrenaline. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation
Skrifvars et al, ²⁸ (2010), Sweden	Validation study ALS TOR (n=20,705) ERC TOR (n=20,705) Helsinki TOR (n=20,705)	Retrospective analysis of the Swedish Cardiac Arrest Registry. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS witnessed • Presenting in VF or VT • Defined as non-shockable without specifying Asystole or PEA • Trauma aetiology • Drowning 	Most EMS systems are staffed with either a nurse or paramedic supported by an EMT.

SOS-Kanto, ¹² (2017), Japan	Derivation study SOS-Kanto1 TOR (n=13,291) SOS-Kanto2 TOR (n=13,291) SOS-Kanto3 TOR (n=13,291) Validation study BLS (n=13,291)** Goto 2 TOR (n=13,291)	Retrospective analysis of all cardiac arrest cases occurring in Japanese Association for Acute Medicine in the Kanto Region. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • In hospital/clinic resuscitation attempt 	Single tier EMS system. EMT level providers can provide defibrillation, airway adjunct insertion, IV access, IV infusion. ALS providers can perform ETI and administer adrenaline. EMS personnel cannot legally terminate resuscitation
Smits et al, ²⁹ (2023), Netherlands	Validation study ALS (n=21,808) (male) ALS (n=10,772) (female)	Retrospective analysis of ARREST, SRCR & DANCAR registries. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Presumed non-cardiac aetiology • Gender data missing 	ALS EMS system
Verbeek et al, ² (2002), Canada	Derivation study BLS TOR (n=622)	Retrospective analysis of all cardiac arrest cases. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Trauma, drowning, drug overdose • Received ACLS care • Age < 18 • DNACPR 	Tiered EMS system. Fire first response. Closest ambulance assigned, if BLS resource is nearest an ALS ambulance is additionally assigned provided their response time is less than 8 minutes. BLS level providers can provide semi-automatic defibrillation and King airway, while ALS providers can perform manual defibrillation, ETI, IV/IO access and administer ACLS medications
Verhaert et al, ³⁰ (2016), Netherlands	Validation study ALS TOR (n=588)	Retrospective analysis of all cardiac arrest cases in the Nijmegen region. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 years • Trauma aetiology (including hanging and drowning) • DNACPR order or terminal illness 	Tiered response that may or may not include police or fire first response. ALS paramedic response that included option to deploy mechanical CPR (LUCAS).

Yates et al, ⁴² (2018), UK	Validation study uTOR (n=220)	Retrospective analysis of all cardiac arrest cases transported to 3 hospitals in 1 city. Included cases were those where ROSC had not been achieved and the patient did not meet the UK criteria for termination of resuscitation by paramedics. There were no excluded patient groups.	Single tier ALS EMS system.
Yoon et al, ⁷ (2019), Korea	Derivation study KoCARC 1 TOR (n=4,360) KoCARC 2 TOR (n=4,360) KoCARC 3 TOR (n=4,360) Validation study BLS (n=4,360)**	Retrospective analysis of the KoCARC database. Excluded patient groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • Obviously deceased (e.g. rigor mortis or dependent lividity) • Terminal illnesses / under hospice care / DNACPR • Pregnant • Non-cardiac aetiology • Poisoning • Primary respiratory arrest • Asphyxia (including hanging) • Drowning • Trauma (including electrocution) 	Single tier EMS system. EMS personnel perform automated external defibrillation and intubation. Intravenous adrenaline is administered on medical instruction.

TOR - termination of resuscitation, ROSC – return of spontaneous circulation, ** - these studies incorrectly report efficacy of BLS TOR; they should have reported efficacy of the uTOR as the participating EMS providers functioned above BLS level, VF – ventricular fibrillation, BLS – basic life support, ALS – advanced life support, OHCA – out of hospital cardiac arrest, EMS – Emergency Medical Services, ED – Emergency Department, EMT – Emergency Medical Technician, AED – automated external defibrillator, LMA, laryngeal mask airway, IV – intravenous, IO – intraosseous, ETI – endotracheal intubation, ACLS – advanced cardiac life support, tCPA – traumatic cardiopulmonary arrest, NAEMSP – National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians, DNAR – do not attempt resuscitation order,

eTable 11. Description of Termination of Resuscitation (TOR) Rules

TOR Rule	Criteria to stop resuscitation	Exclusions
ALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • No bystander CPR AND • Not witnessed by EMS AND • No shocks delivered (PAD or EMS) AND • No ROSC at any time prior to transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-cardiac aetiology (including trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR
BLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by EMS AND • No shocks delivered (PAD or EMS) AND • No ROSC at any time prior to transport (after 3rd cycle) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Trauma, drowning, drug overdose • Received ACLS care • Age < 18 • DNACPR
ERC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-shockable rhythm AND • Reversible causes addressed AND • 20 minutes of asystole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obviously deceased (decapitation, hemicorporectomy, prolonged submersion, incineration, rigor mortis, dependent lividity and foetal maceration).
Globber 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed AND • Non-shockable rhythm AND • Age >= 80 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not defined
Goto 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asystole AND • Unwitnessed AND • No bystander CPR AND • Age >= 81 AND • EMS resuscitation >14 min 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS witnessed • Age < 18
Goto 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • Non-shockable AND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS witnessed • Age < 18

- No pre-hospital ROSC

Haukoos 1

- Not witnessed **OR**
- Response time > 6 min **OR**
- Nursing home & non-shockable
- Age < 18
- Trauma

Helsinki

Asystole:

- Unwitnessed **OR**
- Ambulance response time > 10 min **OR**
- No ROSC despite 20 min of ALS.
- Hypothermia
- Drowning
- Penetrating trauma

Witnessed PEA:

- Ambulance response time > 15 min **OR**
- No ROSC despite 20 min of ALS.

Unwitnessed PEA:

- Ambulance response time > 15 min **OR**
- No ROSC despite 10 min of ALS.

Jabre

- Not witnessed by EMS **AND**
- Non-shockable initial cardiac rhythm **AND**
- no ROSC before receipt of a third 1-mg epinephrine dose.
- Age < 18
- Terminal illness
- DNACPR
- Non-cardiac aetiology

KoCARC 1

- Not witnessed by EMS **AND**
- Asystole **AND**
- No shocks delivered **AND**
- No ROSC at any time
- Age < 18
- Cut between head and body (believed to imply decapitation)
- Corruption (believed to imply hemicorporectomy)

KoCARC 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by EMS AND • Age > 60 AND • No shocks delivered AND • No ROSC at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rigor mortis • Age < 18 • Cut between head and body (believed to imply decapitation) • Corruption (believed to imply hemicorporectomy) • Rigor mortis
KoCARC 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by EMS AND • Asystole AND • Age > 60 AND • No shocks delivered AND • No ROSC at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Cut between head and body (believed to imply decapitation) • Corruption (believed to imply hemicorporectomy) • Rigor mortis
KoCARC 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • Asystole AND • No ROSC at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • Obviously deceased (e.g. rigor mortis or dependent lividity) • Terminal illnesses / under hospice care / DNACPR • Pregnant • Non-cardiac aetiology • Trauma (including electrocution) • Poisoning • Primary respiratory arrest • Drowning • asphyxia (including hanging)
KoCARC 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • No ROSC at any time AND • Asystole on arrival at ED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • Obviously deceased (e.g. rigor mortis or dependent lividity) • Terminal illnesses / under hospice care / DNACPR • Pregnant

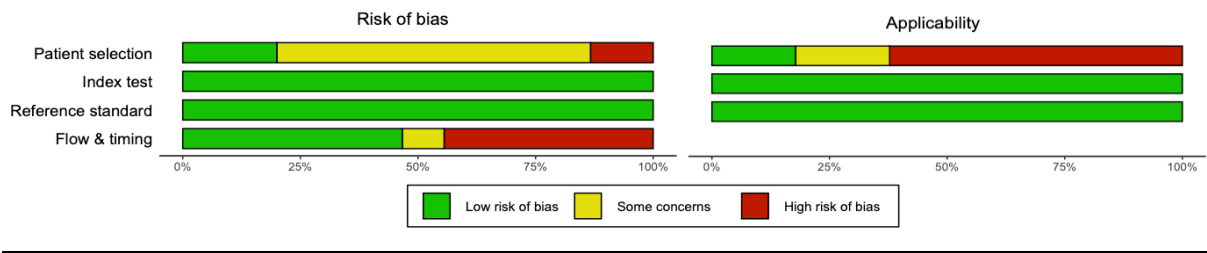
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-cardiac aetiology • Poisoning • Primary respiratory arrest • Asphyxia (including hanging) • Drowning • Trauma (including electrocution)
Marsden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-shockable rhythm on arrival AND • No bystander CPR in preceding 15 min AND • Not excluded patient group AND • No ROSC or shockable rhythm after 1 min CPR AND • Continuous asystole for 10 sec 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Pregnant • Poisoning or overdose • Hypothermia • Drowning
MIEMS (medical)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 • EMS scene time >30min • Initial non-shockable rhythm • EtCO2<15mmHg 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age>18 • Trauma
MIEMS (trauma)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age <18 or 15 • EMS scene time >10min • Initial non-shockable rhythm • EtCO2<15mmHg • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age >18 • Medical
NAEMSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received > 20 min ALS (definitive airway, defibrillation, IV ACLS drug therapy) AND • Remains non-shockable AND • No ROSC at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Trauma • Hypothermia • Drowning
No ROSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No ROSC at any time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent VF • Age < 18 • Trauma • Hypothermia • Primary respiratory aetiology • Overdose

PEA Petrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Asystole AND • Response time > 8 min 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Non-cardiac aetiology (inc trauma, drowning, poisoning, hypothermia) • Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation) • Age < 16 • DNACPR
Shibahashi 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-shockable rhythm AND • Not witnessed AND • Age >=73 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age > 120 • EMS physician team
Shibahashi 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
SOS Kanto 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • Non-shockable in field AND • Non-shockable on arrival at ED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obvious signs of death (e.g. decapitation, incineration, decomposition, rigor mortis, or dependent lividity)
SOS Kanto 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • Non-shockable in field AND • Asystole on arrival at ED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obvious signs of death (e.g. decapitation, incineration, decomposition, rigor mortis, or dependent lividity)
SOS Kanto 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not witnessed by bystander AND • Asystole in field AND • Asystole on arrival at ED 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obvious signs of death (e.g. decapitation, incineration, decomposition, rigor mortis, or dependent lividity)
tCPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blunt trauma AND • Asystole 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age < 18 • Obviously deceased (e.g. decapitation or rigour mortis)

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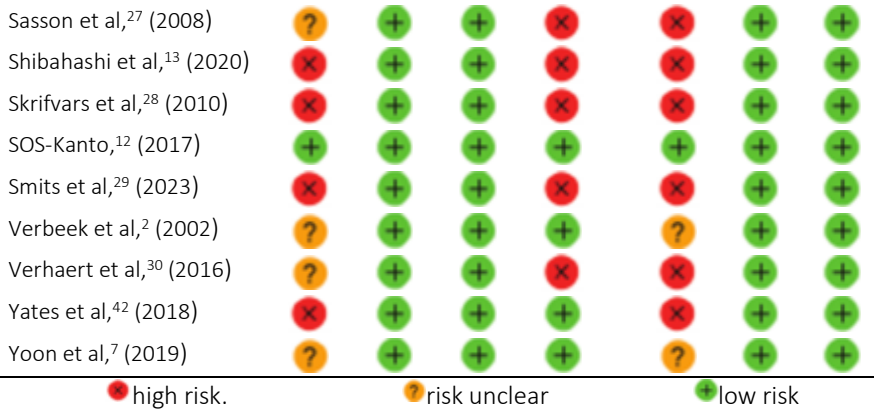
- Not witnessed by EMS **AND**
 - No shocks delivered (PAD or EMS) **AND**
 - No ROSC at any time prior to transport (after 3rd cycle)
- DNACPR
 - Any medical cause
 - Penetrating trauma
- Age < 18
 - Obviously deceased (rigor mortis, lividity, decomposition, decapitation)
 - Trauma, drowning, drug overdose
 - DNACPR
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eFigure 1. QUADAS-2 Summary Risk of Bias and Applicability



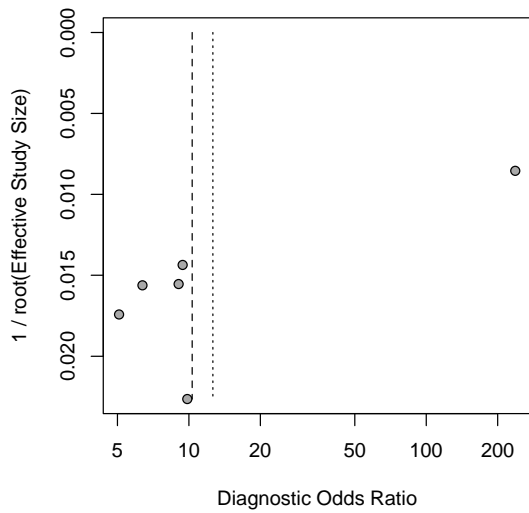
eFigure 2. Study Risk of Bias

Author year	Risk of bias				Applicability		
	Patient Selection	Index Test	Reference Standard	Flow and Timing	Patient Selection	Index Test	Reference Standard
Bonnin et al, ¹⁴ (1993)	?	+	+	+	×	+	+
Cheong et al, ¹⁶ (2016)	?	+	+	+	×	+	+
Chiang et al, ¹⁷ (2015)	?	+	+	+	?	+	+
Chiang et al, ¹⁵ (2016)	?	+	+	+	×	+	+
Cone et al, ³⁷ (2005)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Diskin et al, ¹⁸ (2014)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Drennan et al, ³⁹ (2014)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Fukada et al, ¹⁹ (2014)	?	+	+	+	+	+	+
Glober et al, ³ (2019)	+	+	+	×	×	+	+
Glober et al, ³⁴ (2020)	+	+	+	×	×	+	+
Goto et al, ⁴ (2019)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Grunau et al, ⁴⁰ (2017)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Grunau et al, ³⁸ (2019)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Harris et al, ³⁶ (2021)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Haukoos et al, ⁵ (2004)	?	+	+	?	?	+	+
House et al, ¹⁰ (2018)	+	+	+	×	×	+	+
Hreinsson et al, ²⁰ (2020)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Hsu et al, ²¹ (2022)	+	+	+	×	+	+	+
Jabre et al, ⁶ (2016)	×	+	+	×	×	+	+
Jordan et al, ⁴¹ (2017)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Kajino et al, ²² (2013)	?	+	+	+	×	+	+
Kashiura et al, ²³ (2016)	?	+	+	+	+	+	+
Kim et al, ³¹ (2015)	?	+	+	+	×	+	+
Lee et al, ⁸ (2019)	?	+	+	+	?	+	+
Lin et al, ²⁴ (2022)	?	+	+	+	?	+	+
Marsden et al, ⁹ (1995)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Matsui et al, ²⁵ (2023)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Morrison et al, ¹ (2007)	?	+	+	?	?	+	+
Morrison et al, ²⁶ (2009)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Morrison et al, ⁴³ (2014)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Ong et al, ³² (2006)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+
Ong et al, ³³ (2007)	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Park et al, ³⁵ (2023)	×	+	+	×	×	+	+
Petrie et al, ¹¹ (2001)	?	+	+	×	×	+	+

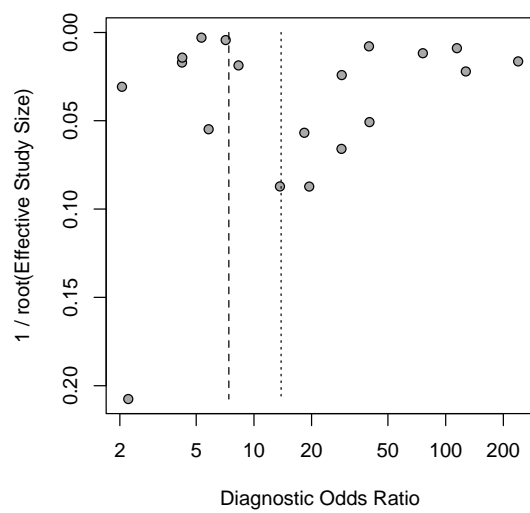


eFigure 3. Deeks Funnel Plot Asymmetry Test

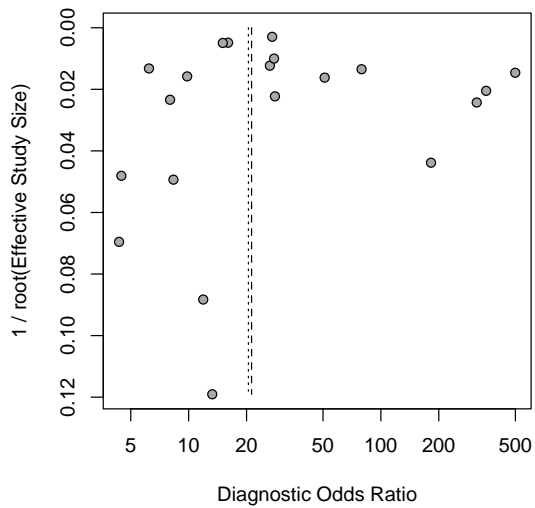
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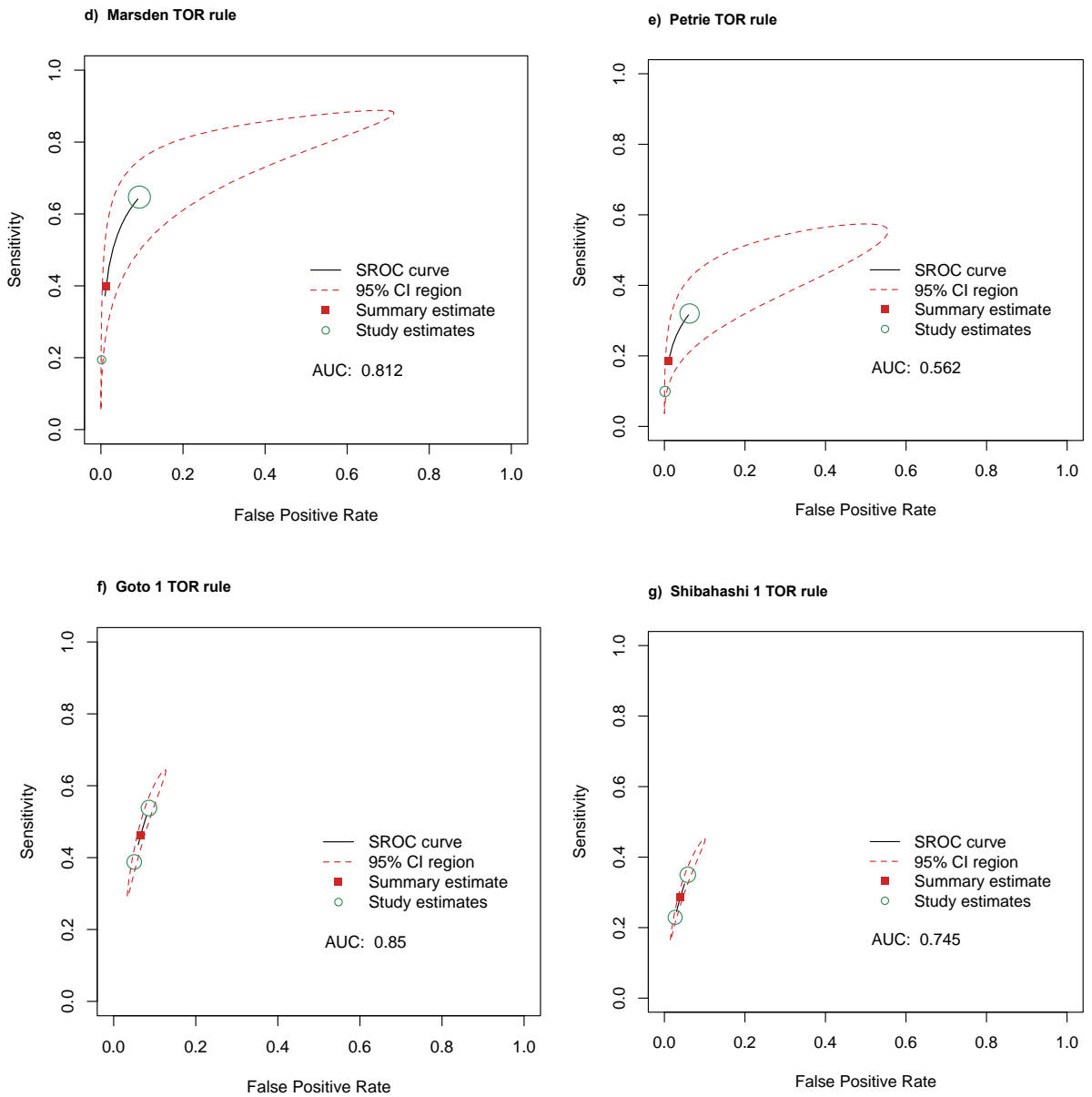
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eFigure 4. Bivariate Summary Receiver Operating Characteristic (SROC) Curves



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