

**Supplementary Table 1.** POSSUM Physiological Score

	Score			
	1	2	4	8
Age, yrs	≤60	61–70	≥71	
Cardiac signs (chest radiograph)	No failure	Diuretic, digoxin, antianginal, or hypertensive therapy	Peripheral edema; warfarin therapy Borderline cardiomegaly	Raised jugular venous pressure Cardiomegaly
Respiratory signs (chest radiograph)	No dyspnea	Dyspnea on exertion Mild COPD	Limiting dyspnea Moderate COPD	Dyspnea at rest Fibrosis or consolidation
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	110–130	131–170 100–109	≥170 90–99	≤89
Pulse, beats/min	50–80	81–100 40–49	101–120	≥121 ≤39
Glasgow coma scale	15	12–14	9–11	≤8
Hemoglobin, g/100 mL	13–16	11.5–12.9 16.1–17.0	10.0–11.4 17.1–18.0	≤9.9 ≥18.1
White cell count, ×10 <sup>12</sup> /L	4–10	10.1–20.0 3.1–4.0	≥20.1 ≤3.0	
Urea, mmol/L	≤7.5	7.6–10.0	10.1–15.0	≥15.1
Sodium, mmol/L	≥136	131–135	126–130	≤125
Potassium, mmol/L	3.5–5.0	3.2–3.4 5.1–5.3	2.9–3.1 5.4–5.9	≤2.8 ≥6.0
Electrocardiogram	Normal		Atrial fibrillation (rate 60–90)	Any other abnormal rhythm or ≥5 ectopics/min Q wave or ST/T wave changes

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; POSSUM, Physiological and Operative Severity Score for enUmeration of Mortality and morbidity.