

### Online supplement

**Supplementary table 1.** Area under the receiver operator curve and 95% confidence interval for DECAF, NEWS<sub>2</sub><sub>All COPD</sub>, NEWS2 and NEWS in predicting inpatient mortality in patients with COPD exacerbation

Cohort	DECAF	NEWS <sub>2</sub> <sub>All COPD</sub>	NEWS2	NEWS	DECAF v NEWS <sub>2</sub> <sub>All COPD</sub> , p	NEWS <sub>2</sub> <sub>All COPD</sub> V NEWS2, p	NEWS <sub>2</sub> <sub>All COPD</sub> V NEWS, p	NEWS2 v NEWS, p
All patients	0.83 0.81-0.86	0.72 0.68-0.76	0.70 0.67-0.74	0.65 0.61-0.68	<0.001	0.090	<0.001	<0.001
Derivation	0.86 0.82-0.89	0.69 0.64-0.76	0.69 0.63-0.75	0.62 0.57-0.68	<0.001	0.619	<0.001	0.002
Validation	0.82 0.79-0.85	0.73 0.69-0.73	0.71 0.66-0.76	0.66 0.61-0.71	<0.001	0.091	<0.001	<0.001

\*P value calculated by method of DeLong