

Fluid Response Evaluation in Sepsis Hypotension and Shock

A Randomized Clinical Trial

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e-Appendix 1. Randomization

The FRESH trial randomization schedule was completed in SAS version 9.4, using permuted block design, stratified by investigational site and by window of enrollment (3 windows: 1 - 0 to ≤ 6 hours, 2 - 6 to ≤ 12 hours, and 3 - 12 to ≤ 24 hours). To minimize the opportunity for the sequence to be assessed, the block size was variable and randomly chosen from small multiples of three (3) (i.e. 3 or 6). Randomization was accomplished using a secure electronic data capture system supported by Boston Biomedical Associates (BBA). The database was hosted by Fortress Medical Services. Eligible patients were randomized 2:1 to Intervention versus Usual Care.

Once a subject was identified for study inclusion, the site personnel logged into the Clindex® system and completed the randomization electronic case report form (eCRF). This form asked the site study coordinator to verify that the subject was ready for randomization per protocol requirements. If ready, the site study coordinator entered the additional required information and the randomization assignment was dispensed by the EDC system and disclosed to the site personnel. Randomization of subjects was performed upon the decision to admit the subject to the ICU, and the site staff managed the intervention post randomization. Fluid and vasopressor treatment decisions were guided in the Intervention arm (Figure 1) with options to allow the bedside clinician to perform frequent reassessment and treatment based on PLR results. Decisions in the Usual Care arm were according to the institution's care standards. Safety events were reviewed and adjudicated by an independent medical monitor.



e-Appendix 2. Inclusion Criteria

- 1. Diagnosis of sepsis, as exhibited by 2 or more of the following SIRS criteria and a known or presumed infection at time of screening:
 - Temperature of > 38 C or < 36 C
 - Heart rate of > 90/min
 - Respiratory rate of > 20/min or PaCO2 < 32 mm Hg (4.3 kPA)
 - White blood cell count > 12000/mm₃ or < 4000/mm₃ or >10% immature bands
- Refractory hypotension (either one single reading of MAP <65 exhibited during the evaluation period, or requiring treatment with vasopressors to maintain a MAP > 65) despite initial fluid resuscitation (1L of treatment fluid)
- 3. Patient enrolled in study within 24 hours of arrival to the hospital
- 4. Anticipated ICU admission. Patients may be maintained on another unit (such as within the ER or a step down unit) during the 72 hour monitoring period if the treatment algorithm is adhered to during this time period.
- 5. Able to provide signed informed consent or consent can be obtained from the patient's authorized representative

Exclusion Criteria

- 1. Primary diagnosis of acute cerebral vascular event, acute coronary syndrome, acute pulmonary edema, status asthmaticus, major cardiac arrhythmia, drug overdose, or injury from burn or trauma
- 2. Known aortic insufficiency, or aortic abnormalities
- Hemodynamic instability due to active hemorrhage (e.g. gastrointestinal bleeding / coagulopathy / trauma)
- 4. Patient has received >3 liters of IV fluid prior to study randomization
- 5. Requires immediate surgery
- 6. Patient transferred to the ICU from another hospital unit
- 7. Do not attempt resuscitation (DNAR or DNR) order
- 8. Advanced directives restricting implementation of the resuscitation protocol
- 9. Contraindication to blood transfusion
- 10. Attending clinician deems aggressive resuscitation unsuitable
- 11. Transferred from another in-hospital setting
- 12. Not able to commence treatment protocol within 1 hour after randomization
- 13. Known intraventricular heart defect, such as VSD or ASD
- 14. Use of additional hemodynamic monitoring involving SVV, PPV, or SV change to determine fluid responsiveness
- 15. Seizure in the last 24 hours
- 16. Prisoner



- 17. Pregnancy
- 18. Age < 18
- 19. Known allergy to sensor material or gel
- 20. Inability or contraindication to doing a passive leg raise with both extremities, such as inability to interrupt venous compression boots
- 21. Patient has an epidural catheter in place
- 22. Suspected intra-abdominal hypertension
- 23. Inability to obtain IV access
- 24. Diabetic ketoacidosis
- 25. Hyper-osmolarity syndrome
- 26. Patient treatment uncouples from the treatment algorithm
- 27. Patient should be excluded based on the opinion of the Clinician/Investigator

e-Appendix 3. Methods for fluid volume monitoring and data validation

Administered fluid volumes and fluid balance were extracted from the ICU nursing flow charts and medical record as charted by the clinical care team as part of usual ICU care. This data was carefully monitored against source documentation by the study monitors. Fluid data was collected through 72 hours, ICU discharge or death. Using fluid balance (as opposed to fluid administered) as the primary endpoint reduces the impact of pre-72-hour exit from the study through ICU discharge or death. Fluid volume loss for patients receiving RRT who were included in the primary endpoint analysis (72-hour fluid balance) included urine volumes and RRT filtrate volume recorded on the dialysis flow sheet and/or clinical record.

Multiple imputation for missing fluid balance at 72 hours or ICU discharge was conducted using fully conditional specification with linear regression. The imputation model adjusted for baseline demographic variables including treatment group, age, gender, ethnicity, race, number of SIRS criteria exhibited, height, weight and qSOFA. A total of 10 imputed datasets were created and the results were combined using Rubin's rules via PROC MIANALYZE.



e-Appendix 4. Sample Size

Subjects were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to treatment with Starling SV or to treatment with standard of care, stratified by time window of enrollment (0-6 hours, 6-12 hours, and 12-24 hours). The primary effectiveness endpoint for this study was fluid balance at ICU discharge. Minimum enrollment (Nmin) in the study was set at 120 subjects (80 Starling SV and 40 control) to power at 80% for demonstration of superiority of means for the secondary endpoint of creatinine levels as a measurement of change from baseline at 72 hours. The secondary endpoint for change in creatinine levels at 120 evaluable subjects displayed 80% power at a two-sided alpha level of 0.05 to demonstrate superiority of Starling SV under an assumption of an average treatment effect of -1.4 mg/dL with a standard deviation of 2.5 mg/dL.

Under an assumption of an average treatment effect of -2 L with a standard deviation of 3 L, the sample size of 120 evaluable subjects provided 92.7% power in a test of superiority of means for the primary effectiveness endpoint at a two-sided 0.05 level of significance.

The trial incorporated a sample size re-estimation (SSR) at the time of the interim look (after 90 patients had been evaluated for the key secondary endpoint) based on promise for superiority in the key secondary endpoint. Sample size re-estimation resulted in a maximum of 210 total evaluable subjects, or no more than 1.75 times the minimum of 120.



e-Appendix 5. Consent

Written informed consent on the approved IRB informed consent form was obtained for all subjects who were potential study candidates before any study specific tests or procedures were performed. Due to the high likelihood of the subject's critical clinical state and therefore the possibility of their inability to provide informed written consent, the subject's designated representative was acceptable to provide written informed consent. The general process for obtaining informed consent shall:

- Ensure that the principal investigator or his/her authorized designee conducts the informed consent process;
- Include all aspects of the clinical investigation that are relevant to the subject's decision to participate throughout the clinical investigation;
- Avoid any coercion or undue improper influence on, or inducement of, the subject to participate;
- Not waive or appear to waive the subject's legal rights;
- Use native non-technical language that is understandable to the subject;
- Provide ample time for the subject, or designee, to read and understand the informed consent form and to consider participation in the clinical investigation;
- Include personally dated signatures of the subject and the principal investigator or an authorized designee responsible for conducting the informed consent process;
- Provide the subject, or designee, with a copy of the signed and dated informed consent form and any other written information required per Site's Institutional Policy (i.e.\ additional HIPAA language).



e-Appendix 6. Ethics Committees and Approval Numbers

Site # and Name	Ethics Committee	IRB Number
1 – Denver Health and Medical Center	Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board	16-1492
3 – Yale New Haven Health Bridgeport Hospital	Yale New Haven Health, Bridgeport Hospital Institutional Review Board	071612
4 - Baylor College of Medicine, Ben Taub Hospital	Institutional Review Board for Human Subject Research for Baylor College of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals	H-39117
5 - Rhode Island Hospital	Lifespan – Research Protection Office	416816
6 – University of California San Francisco Medical Center	Quorum	32065
7 – Emory University School of Medicine Grady Memorial Hospital	Emory University Institutional Review Board	000-91086
	Research Oversite Committee (Grady)	E225
8 – New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital	New York Brooklyn Methodist Hospital Institutional Review Committee	983763
9 – Vanderbilt University Medical Center	Vanderbilt Human Research Protection Program	170226
10 – Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	NHS Health Research Authority Integrated Research Application System	16/LO/2147
	(IRAS)	216185
11 – Oregon Health and Science University	Oregon Health and Science University Research Integrity Office	00017539
12 – Ohio State University Medical Center	Western Institutional Review Board	20172281
13 – Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	Indiana University Office of Research Compliance	1710717532
14 – New York School of Medicine New York University Lagone Medical Center	New York School of Medicine Office of Science and Research Institutional Review Board site 2 decided not to participate in the stud	i17-00226

e-Table 1. ITT Demographics

	ITTa	(150)
	Intervention N=102	Usual Care N=48
Age (yrs)		
Mean ± SD (N)	61.6 ± 16.4 (102)	61.7 ± 15.3 (48)
Median (Q1, Q3)	63.5 (48.0, 75.0)	62.0 (51.5, 73.5)
Sexb		
Female	59.8% (61/102)	37.5% (18/48)
Male	40.2% (41/102)	62.5% (30/48)
Ethnicity		
Not Hispanic or Latino	81.4% (83/102)	85.4% (41/48)
Hispanic or Latino	18.6% (19/102)	12.5% (6/48)
Unknown	0	2.1% (1/48)
Race		
White	69.6% (71/102)	75.0% (36/48)
Black or African American	24.5% (25/102)	22.9% (11/48)
Asian	2.9% (3/102)	2.1% (1/48)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1.0% (1/102)	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Other	1.0% (1/102)	0
Unknown	1.0% (1/102)	0
Known or Presumed Infection?	100.0% (102/102)	100.0% (48/48)
SIRS Criteria Exhibitedc		
Mean ± SD (N)	$2.7 \pm 0.7 (102)$	2.8 ± 0.8 (48)
Median (Q1, Q3)	3.0 (2.0, 3.0)	3.0 (2.0, 3.0)
Height (cm)		
Mean ± SD (N)	165.7 ± 10.2 (100)	168.5 ± 11.7 (46)
Median (Q1, Q3)	165.0 (158.8, 172.7)	170.7 (162.6, 177.8)
Weight (kg)		, , ,
Mean ± SD (N)	73.5 ± 19.1 (102)	76.7 ± 19.7 (48)
Median (Q1, Q3)	72.4 (59.9, 85.0)	75.6 (65.2, 87.9)
BMI		, ,
Mean ± SD (N)	$26.6 \pm 6.2 (100)$	26.7 ± 7.0 (46)
Median (Q1, Q3)	25.8 (22.0, 30.2)	25.0 (22.1, 29.9)
qSOFA		
Mean \pm SD (N)	1.9 ± 0.7 (102)	1.9 ± 0.8 (48)
Median (Q1, Q3)	2.0 (1.0, 2.0)	2.0 (1.0, 2.5)
Sepsis Diagnosis	, ,	, , ,
Bacterial	76.5% (78/102)	79.2% (38/48)
Viral	5.9% (6/102)	6.3% (3/48)
Fungal	1.0% (1/102)	2.1% (1/48)
Other	15.7% (16/102)	12.5% (6/48)
Unknown	1.0% (1/102)	0
Baseline Serum Lactate		
Mean \pm SD (N)	$3.7 \pm 3.1 (77)$	$3.6 \pm 3.4 (37)$
Median (Q1, Q3)	2.7 (1.7, 5.0)	2.0 (1.5, 5.4)
Baseline Plasma Lactate	, , , , , ,	2 (2, 22.)
Mean ± SD (N)	$3.4 \pm 3.1 (18)$	3.7 ± 3.3 (7)
Median (Q1, Q3)	2.2 (1.5, 3.9)	2.0 (1.4, 5.7)

 $_{a}$ Subject Demographics and Baseline Characteristics are summarized for all ITT patients with available data excluding 4 subjects with randomization error. $_{b}$ P=0.001 for ITT; there were no other statistically significant (P<0.05) differences between study groups. $_{c}$ Subjects may meet more than 1 criteria.

e-Table 2. Medical History

Condition	dition mITT (124)	
	Intervention N=83	Usual Care N=41
Myocardial Infarction	12.0% (10/83)	4.9% (2/41)
No prior history	88.0% (73/83)	95.1% (39/41)
Hypertension	50.6% (42/83)	61.0% (25/41)
No prior history	49.4% (41/83)	39.0% (16/41)
Intraventricular Heart Defect	1.2% (1/83)	0
No prior history	98.8% (82/83)	100.0% (41/41)
Aortic Insufficiency/Abnormality	2.4% (2/83)	2.4% (1/41)
No prior history	97.6% (81/83)	97.6% (40/41)
Cardiac Arrhythmia	18.1% (15/83)	14.6% (6/41)
No prior history	81.9% (68/83)	85.4% (35/41)
CHF	24.1% (20/83)	22.0% (9/41)
No prior history	75.9% (63/83)	78.0% (32/41)
CAD	16.9% (14/83)	26.8% (11/41)
No prior history	83.1% (69/83)	73.2% (30/41)
Peripheral Vascular Disease	6.0% (5/83)	9.8% (4/41)
No prior history	94.0% (78/83)	90.2% (37/41)
Hepatic Dysfunction	19.3% (16/83)	14.6% (6/41)
No prior history	80.7% (67/83)	85.4% (35/41)
Diabetes Mellitus	34.9% (29/83)	26.8% (11/41)
No prior history	65.1% (54/83)	73.2% (30/41)
Seizures	8.4% (7/83)	2.4% (1/41)
No prior history	91.6% (76/83)	97.6% (40/41)
CVA	8.4% (7/83)	12.2% (5/41)
No prior history	91.6% (76/83)	87.8% (36/41)
TIA	0	0
No prior history	100.0% (83/83)	100.0% (41/41)
COPD/Asthma	21.7% (18/83)	31.7% (13/41)
No prior history	78.3% (65/83)	68.3% (28/41)
Irritable Bowel Disease	4.8% (4/83)	0
No prior history	95.2% (79/83)	100.0% (41/41)
Immunocompromised/Immunosuppressive Therapy	14.5% (12/83)	17.1% (7/41)
No prior history	85.5% (71/83)	82.9% (34/41)
Arthritis	10.8% (9/83)	7.3% (3/41)
No prior history	89.2% (74/83)	92.7% (38/41)
Pancreatitis	0	0
No prior history	100.0% (83/83)	100.0% (41/41)
Renal Dysfunction	45.8% (38/83)	53.7% (22/41)
No prior history	54.2% (45/83)	46.3% (19/41)
Malignancy	25.3% (21/83)	26.8% (11/41)
No prior history	74.7% (62/83)	73.2% (30/41)
Allergies (Other than Coupling/Ultrasound Gel Allergy)	14.5% (12/83)	14.6% (6/41)
No prior history	85.5% (71/83)	85.4% (35/41)
NOTE: There were no statistically significant (P<0.05) differer	nces between the stud	ly groups.

e-Table 3. Exploratory Endpoints: mITT

Endpoint	mITT (124)			
	Intervention N = 83	Usual Care N = 41	Treatment Difference in Mean or Percentage, and 95% CI	
At least one Serious TEAE				
Through 72 Hours	9.6% (8/83)	14.6% (6/41)	-5.0% (-17.5%, 7.5%)	
Through 1 Week	9.6% (8/83)	17.1% (7/41)	-7.4% (-20.6%, 5.7%)	
Through 30 Days	9.6% (8/83)	17.1% (7/41)	-7.4% (-20.6%, 5.7%)	
Number of ICU Readmissions				
0	95.2% (79/83)	97.6% (40/41)	-2.4% (-9.0%, 4.2%)	
1	4.8% (4/83)	2.4% (1/41)	2.4% (-4.2%, 9.0%)	
>1	0	0		
Length of Stay in Hospital (Days)				
Mean ± SD (N)	8.9 ± 8.1 (83)	10.2 ± 11.1 (41)	-1.22 (-4.70, 2.25)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	6.1 (3.1, 12.3)	7.0 (4.0, 11.4)		
Length of Stay in Hospital (Days) (excluding death patients)				
Mean ± SD (N)	9.6 ± 8.6 (70)	11.5 ± 12.0 (32)	-1.90 (-6.03, 2.23)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	6.3 (4.2, 13.2)	7.9 (4.2, 13.3)		
Mortality Rate	15.7% (13/83)	22.0% (9/41)	-6.3% (-21.2%, 8.6%)	
Incidence of MACE				
Through 72 Hours	4.8% (4/83)	9.8% (4/41)	-4.9% (-15.1%, 5.2%)	
Through 1 Week	4.8% (4/83)	12.2% (5/41)	-7.4% (-18.4%, 3.6%)	
Through 30 days	6.0% (5/83)	12.2% (5/41)	-6.2% (-17.4%, 5.1%)	
Fluid: Total 72 Hrs post- Enrollment(mL)				
Mean ± SD (N)	3354.16 ± 2179.58 (83)	4721.27 ± 3319.07 (41)	-1367.11 (-2352.86, -381.36)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	3194.00 (1700.00, 4665.00)	3380.0 (2155.00, 7101.00)		
Fluid: Total 0-24 Hrs post- Enrollment(mL)				
Mean ± SD (N)	2030.30 ± 1524.26 (83)	2389.05 ± 1794.47 (41)	-358.75 (-970.10, 252.60)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	1750.00 (812.00, 3050.00)	1973.00 (1185.00, 2938.00)		
Fluid: Total 25-48 Hrs post- Enrollment(mL)				
Mean ± SD (N)	730.73 ± 839.56 (74)	1357.92 ± 1505.70 (38)	-627.19 (-1065.89, - 188.49)	

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Median (Q1, Q3)	515.50 (0.00,	842.50 (20.00,	
	1052.00)	2500.00)	
Fluid: Total 49-72 Hrs post-			
Enrollment(mL)			
Mean ± SD (N)	425.17 ± 647.40	809.94 ± 1190.93	-384.77 (-748.96, -
	(64)	(36)	20.58)
Median (Q1, Q3)	99.00 (0.00, 521.50)		20.30)
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Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment:			
Total 72 hours Post Enrollment			
(mL)			
Mean \pm SD (N)	5759.24 ± 2246.81	6865.54 ± 3348.50	-1106.30 (-2111.01,
, ,	(83)	(41)	-101.58)
Median (Q1, Q3)	5510.00 (4170.00,	5861.00 (4213.00,	,
(21, 23)	7141.00)	9827.00)	
Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment:	7111.00)	3027.00)	
Balance 72 hours Post Enrollment			
(mL)			
Mean \pm SD (N)	2980.65 ± 3029.23	4138.83 ± 3485.83	-1158.18 (-2362.17,
	(83)	(41)	45.82)
Median (Q1, Q3)	3109.00 (1141.00,	3629.00 (1766.00,	
	5210.00)	5835.00)	
Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment:	,		
Balance 72 hours Post Enrollment			
(mL) (Dialysis excluded)			
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	2931.27 ± 2998.78	4422.91 ± 3730.03	1401 64 (2022 25
Mean ± SD (N)			-1491.64 (-2832.25,
	(75)	(33)	-151.04)
Median (Q1, Q3)	3050.00 (1170.00,	4026.00 (1575.00,	
	5135.00)	6580.00)	
Percentage of subjects on	3.6% (3/83)	4.9% (2/41)	-1.3% (-9.0%,
inotropes			6.5%)
Incidence of MACE or Death	15.7% (13/83)	24.4% (10/41)	-8.7% (-24.0%,
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e-Table 4. Exploratory Endpoints: ITT

Endpoint	ITT (150)			
	Intervention N = 102	Usual Care N = 48	Treatment Difference in Mean or Percentage, and 95% CI	
At least one Serious TEAE				
Through 72 Hours	10.2% (10/98)	13.3% (6/45)	-3.1% (-14.7%, 8.5%)	
Through 1 Week	10.2% (10/98)	15.6% (7/45)	-5.4% (-17.5%, 6.8%)	
Through 30 Days	10.2% (10/98)	15.6% (7/45)	-5.4% (-17.5%, 6.8%)	
Number of ICU Readmissions				
0	94.9% (93/98)	97.8% (44/45)	-2.9% (-9.0%, 3.2%)	
1	4.1% (4/98)	2.2% (1/45)	1.9% (-4.0%, 7.7%)	
>1	1.0% (1/98)	0	1.0% (-1.0%, 3.0%)	
Length of Stay in Hospital (Days)				
Mean ± SD (N)	9.1 ± 8.3 (102)	$10.2 \pm 10.7 (48)$	-1.14 (-4.31, 2.02)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	6.3 (3.1, 12.3)	6.9 (4.0, 12.1)		
Length of Stay in Hospital (Days) (excluding death patients)				
Mean ± SD (N)	10.4 ± 8.7 (81)	11.1 ± 11.5 (38)	-0.76 (-4.53, 3.01)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	7.6 (4.3, 14.1)	7.4 (4.1, 13.2)		
Mortality Rate	19.6% (20/102)	20.8% (10/48)	-1.2% (-15.1%, 12.6%)	
Incidence of MACE				
Through 72 Hours	6.1% (6/98)	8.9% (4/45)	-2.8% (-12.3%, 6.8%)	
Through 1 Week	6.1% (6/98)	11.1% (5/45)	-5.0% (-15.3%, 5.3%)	
Through 30 days	7.1% (7/98)	11.1% (5/45)	-4.0% (-14.5%, 6.5%)	
Fluid: Total 72 Hrs post- Enrollment(mL)				
Mean ± SD (N)	4025.77 ± 3089.30 (94)	4466.39 ± 3343.04 (44)	-440.62 (-1586.33, 705.09)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	3566.50 (1795.00, 5350.00)	3230.50 (1787.00, 6990.00)		
Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment: Total 72 hours Post Enrollment (mL)				
Mean ± SD (N)	6398.56 ± 3112.45 (94)	6591.73 ± 3393.57 (44)	-193.16 (-1350.53, 964.20)	
Median (Q1, Q3)	5737.00 (4281.00, 8090.00)	5649.50 (4029.50, 9225.00)		
Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment: Balance 72 hours Post Enrollment (mL)				

Mean ± SD (N)	3681.70 ± 3849.26 (94)	3929.45 ± 3476.81 (44)	-247.75 (-1597.12, 1101.61)
Median (Q1, Q3)	3417.50 (1219.00, 6000.00)	3397.50 (1670.50, 5780.50)	
Fluid inclusive of Pre-Enrollment: Balance 72 hours Post Enrollment (mL) (Dialysis excluded)			
Mean ± SD (N)	3846.79 ± 3817.28 (95)	4216.43 ± 3386.2 (44)	-369.64 (-1699.31, 960.02)
Median (Q1, Q3)	3446.00 (1528.00, 6055.00)	4017.50 (1823.00, 5793.50)	
Percentage of subjects on inotropes	4.1% (4/98)	4.4% (2/45)	-0.4% (-7.5%, 6.8%)
Incidence of MACE or Death	19.6% (20/102)	22.9% (11/48)	-3.3% (-17.5%, 10.9%)

e-Table 5. Primary Endpoint (Dialysis output included)

Parameter	Intervention N = 102	Usual Care N = 48	Treatment Difference in Mean or Percentage, and 95% CI	p- value _b
Fluid Balance at 72 hours or ICU discharge				
Mean ± SE (N)	1.35 ± 3.76 (102)	1.84 ± 3.51 (48)	-0.48 (-1.82, 0.85)	0.479

aMultiple imputation for missing fluid balance at 72 hours or ICU discharge was done using fully conditional specification with linear regression. The imputation model adjusted for baseline demographic variables including treatment group, age, gender, ethnicity, race, number of SIRS criteria exhibited, height, weight and qSOFA. A total of 10 imputed datasets were created and the results were combined using Rubin's rules via PROC MIANALYZE. ▷Student's t-test is used to compare the treatment groups.