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This study showed that pilgrims with classical cardiovascular risk factors were associated with increased hospitalization and mortality during the Hajj period. Cardiovascular disease was accounted for about 13% of hospitalization and the majority (38.2%) of the causes of death. These findings indicate the need to identify classical cardiovascular risk factors before departure. Cardiac prevention approaches and monitoring are needed for pilgrims with CVD or those at risk of CVD during the Hajj period to reduce hospitalization and death associated with cardiovascular events.

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38 **Abstract**

39 **Background.** Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality
40 during Hajj. ~~This study aims to~~ The objective of the present study was to examine the effect
41 of classical cardiovascular disease risk factors on ~~identify the impact of classical factors of the~~
42 cardiovascular event and impact on mortality and hospitalization ~~requirement~~ among Hajj
43 pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia during 2017, 2018, and 2019 ~~Hajj~~.

44 **Methods.** This study was a retrospective cohort of Hajj pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia,
45 from 2017 to 2019. The data of risk factors were obtained from the pre-embarkation Hajj
46 screening records. The diagnosis of hospitalization and cause of death during the Hajj period
47 were obtained from the medical report and hospital/flight doctor death certificate.

48 **Results.** A total of 72078 eligible subjects were included in this study. 33807 (46.9%) were
49 men, and 38271 (53.1%) were women, and the majority (35%) were aged between 50 and 59
50 years old. A total of 42446 pilgrims (58.9%) were classified as high risk due to underlying
51 health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, or if they were aged 60 years or older. The
52 overall hospitalization rate is 971 per 100,000 pilgrims and the overall death rate is 240 deaths
53 per 100,000 pilgrims. Multivariate analysis using logistic regression showed that male gender,
54 age > 50 years old, hypertension grade II-III, diabetes, overweight and obesity were associated
55 with higher risk of hospitalization. Moreover, male gender, diabetes, and overweight were
56 associated with higher risk of mortality. Of all hospitalized patients, 92 patients (13.1%) had
57 an initial diagnosis of CVD, and CVD is the main cause of mortality (38.2%) of pilgrims.

58 **Conclusion.** Pilgrims with classical cardiovascular risk factors were associated with increased
59 hospitalization and mortality.

60 **Keywords:** Hajj, pilgrims, classical cardiovascular risk factor, hospitalization, mortality

61 Introduction

62 Hajj, an annual pilgrimage in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), is the largest annual global
63 temporary migration and largest mass gathering event in the world, performed by more than
64 2 million Muslims from more than 183 countries.(1) Indonesia, as the country with the largest
65 Muslim population, holds the largest Hajj visa quota and is the largest single source of
66 pilgrims, with more than 200,000 people contributing about 10% of total Hajj pilgrims.(2) The
67 increasing number of pilgrims combined with extreme physical stressors such as sun
68 exposure, heat, thirst, traffic jams, and steep inclines for a long period increases the health
69 risks and exacerbation of underlying conditions.(3)

70 Cardiovascular disease (CVD), including coronary heart disease, hypertension, congestive
71 heart failure, and arrhythmias, is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality during Hajj.(4)
72 It accounts for about 25% of hospitalizations and 64% of ICU admissions among pilgrims in
73 Hajj.(5,6) Cardiovascular disease was reported as the most common cause of death during
74 Hajj, accounting for 66% of all deaths (446 deaths) of 206,831 Indonesian pilgrims in Hajj
75 2008.(2) Due to the high morbidity and mortality of CVD among Hajj pilgrims, it is important
76 to know the risk factors and their significance in increasing the need for hospitalization and
77 mortality. This study aims to identify the impact of classical cardiovascular risk factors on
78 hospitalization requirements among pilgrims from East Java during the 2017, 2018, and 2019
79 Hajj.

80 **Methods**

81 **Data Collection**

82 The design of this study was a retrospective cohort, non-intervention study. The sample
83 population was all Hajj pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia, from 2017 to 2019. The follow-up
84 period is 30-50 days (median 43 days) covering the entire Hajj period from departure to KSA
85 to return to Indonesia (Figure 1). Data of risk factors were obtained from the Hajj medical
86 service records carried out by trained health workers during the pre-embarkation medical
87 assessment. During pre-departure, pilgrims undertake a medical test to receive a meningitis
88 vaccine and confirm travel fitness. Pilgrims aged 60 years old or older and had at least one
89 preexisting medical condition (e.g., hypertension and diabetes mellitus) were classified as
90 high risk. Variables extracted from pre-departure screening records include demographic data
91 of name, age, gender, home address, and physical examination data, including blood pressure
92 measurement and body mass index (BMI) calculation. Hypertension was defined following
93 the guidelines from the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) 2018 with office systolic blood
94 pressure (SBP) values of 140 and/or diastolic blood pressure (DBP) of 90 mmHg. The
95 classification of hypertension is divided into grade 1 with SBP 140-159 mmHg and/or DBP 90-
96 99 mmHg, grade 2 with SBP 160-179 mmHg and/or DBP 100-109 mmHg, and grade 3 with
97 SBP 180 mmHg and/or DBP 110 mmHg.(7) Obesity was defined based on BMI following the
98 World Health Organization (WHO) classification for overweight and obesity recommendation
99 for Asian population. Participants with BMIs ranging from 18.5–22.9 kg/m² were categorized
100 as normal, BMIs less than 18.5 kg/m² were categorized as underweight, BMIs ranging from
101 23.0–24.9 kg/m² were categorized as overweight, BMIs ranging from 25–29.9 kg/m² were
102 categorized as obesity class I, BMIs \geq 30 kg/m² were categorized as obesity class II.(8)

103 Postprandial blood sugar and the history of cigarette smoking were extracted from the
104 medical report. Diabetes was defined according to the American Diabetes Association (ADA)
105 criteria as a self-reported diagnosis determined previously by a healthcare professional or
106 among participants without self-reported diabetes using an oral glucose tolerance test with
107 a two-hour plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L).(9)

108 The diagnosis of hospitalization during the Hajj period [from 2017 to 2019](#) was obtained from
109 the medical report. Cause of death was obtained from hospital or flight doctor death
110 certificate. Hospitalizations and deaths [during the Hajj period from 2017 to 2019](#) were
111 documented by the Indonesian public health team based in Saudi Arabia. Diagnosis of
112 hospitalization and mortality data were coded according to the International Classification of
113 Diseases-10 (ICD-10) coding.

114 **Classical cardiovascular risk factors**

115 Classical cardiovascular risk factors were identified in the Framingham Heart Study as
116 conferring increased risk of CVD in the general population.(10) Classical cardiovascular risk
117 factors analyzed in this study were age, [mengen](#), hypertension, diabetes, smoking, and
118 obesity. Blood pressure (BP) determination was made using a periodically calibrated mercury
119 sphygmomanometer. Diabetes was diagnosed at a two-hour blood sugar greater than or
120 equal to 200 mg/dl of oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT).(11)

121 **Statistical Analysis**

122 All statistical analyses were performed using SPSS 20.0. The normal distribution of data was
123 evaluated using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test. Continuous variables were presented as
124 median and 25th/75th percentiles, while categorical variables were presented as absolute
125 frequencies and percentages.(12) Pearson's Chi-square or Fisher's exact tests were used to

126 compare univariate continuous variables, and independent T-tests were used to compare
127 univariate numeric categorical variables. A P-value of < 0.05 was considered statistically
128 significant. Furthermore, multivariate analysis was performed using logistic regression to to
129 identify which classical cardiovascular risk factors predict hospitalization and mortality among
130 Hajj pilgrims. The variables included in the logistic regression analysis were variables with P
131 value < 0.25 in bivariate analysis. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were
132 constructed for classical cardiovascular risk factors and two outcomes of hospitalization and
133 mortality.

134 **Ethics Approval**

135 The clinical and epidemiological data collection was submitted for ethical review to the
136 Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia with approval number of
137 HJ.01.03/I/2900/2020.

138 Results

139 Characteristics of patients

140 Of the 106680 subjects obtained [from pilgrims attending for the Hajj period from 2017 to](#)
141 [2019](#), 34602 (32.43 %) were excluded from analysis due to incompleteness in demographic
142 data, physical examination, laboratory results, or patient outcomes. The final sample was
143 therefore composed of 72078 eligible subjects in the study (Table 1) with 21488, 23865 and
144 26725 pilgrims respectively from the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Hajj years. Of these, 33807 (46.9%)
145 were men and 38271 were (53.1%) women. All pilgrims were aged ≥ 18 years old with a
146 median age of 54 years old (47 - 61), and the majority (35%) were aged between 50 and 59
147 years old. [From the three Hajj year periods from 2017 to 2019, there were significant](#)
148 [differences in age groups, prevalence of hypertension, BMI distribution, average fasting blood](#)
149 [sugar level, and smoking history. In addition, there were also differences in the hospitalization](#)
150 [rate and mortality of the Hajj participants from 2017 to 2019. The highest reported](#)
151 [hospitalization rate was in the 2019 Hajj year but with the highest mortality rate was in 2017.](#)

152 A total of 42446 pilgrims (58.9%) were classified as high risk due to underlying health
153 conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, or if they were aged 60 years or older. An increase
154 in BMI was also common in pilgrims, with 13922 (19.3%) subjects being overweight and 36080
155 (50.1%) subjects being diagnosed as obese. In addition, smoking history was recorded in
156 10389 (14.4%) subjects, with the majority were men (10202 subjects; 98.2%)

157 Factors contributing to the hospitalization in pilgrims

158 During 2017-2019, 700 out of 72078 pilgrims were required hospitalization during Hajj in
159 Saudi Arabia (Table 2). The overall hospitalization rate is 971 per 100,000 pilgrims. Men were
160 associated with increased hospitalization than women (1.18% vs 0.80%, $p < 0.001$). Pilgrims

161 aged 60 years or older (2.17%) was also required more hospitalization compared to younger
162 ones, and the rates significantly increased with increasing age ($p < 0.001$). Hospitalization was
163 required in 4.44% of patients with hypertension (versus 0.79% of patients without
164 hypertension; $P < 0.001$) and 2.28% in patients with diabetes (versus 0.82% of patients
165 without diabetes, $P < 0.001$). Obese ($BMI \geq 30$) and underweight ($BMI < 18.5$) pilgrims had the
166 highest percentage of hospitalization (3.18% and 3.17%, respectively) compared to pilgrims
167 with normal BMI ($BMI 18.5-24.9$; 1.09%; $p < 0.001$). There was no association between
168 smoking history and hospitalization among pilgrims ($p = 0.905$).

169 **Factors contribute to mortality in pilgrims**

170 During 2017-2019, 173 out of 72078 pilgrims died during Hajj in Saudi Arabia. The overall
171 death rate is 240 deaths per 100,000 pilgrims (Table 2). The mortality rate was higher in men
172 (144 deaths per 100,000 pilgrims) than in women (96 deaths per 100,000 pilgrims, $p < 0.001$).
173 The mortality rate was highest in those aged 60 years or older (593 per 100,000 pilgrims), and
174 rates significantly increased with increasing age ($p < 0.001$). Mortality was found in 0.29% of
175 patients with hypertension (versus 0.21% of patients without hypertension; $P < 0.001$) and
176 0.55% in patients with diabetes (versus 0.20% of patients without diabetes, $P < 0.001$).
177 Underweight pilgrims ($BMI < 18.5$) had the highest percentage of mortality (0.79%) followed
178 pilgrims with normal BMI ($BMI 18.5-24.9$; 0.25%) and overweight and obese pilgrims ($BMI \geq$
179 25 ; 0.16%; $p < 0.001$). There was no association between smoking history and mortality
180 among pilgrims ($p = 0.839$). In addition, when combined, the cumulative total of classical
181 cardiovascular risk factors increases with the incidence of hospitalization and death (Figure
182 2).

183 Multivariate analysis using logistic regression showed that male gender, age > 50 years old,
184 hypertension grade II-III, diabetes, overweight and obesity were associated with higher risk
185 of hospitalization. Moreover, several variables such as male gender, diabetes, and
186 overweight, but not obesity, were associated with higher risk of mortality (Table 3). Areas
187 under the ROC curve (AUC) for male gender, age, hypertension, diabetes, BMI and risk of
188 hospitalization was 0.762. While AUC for male gender, diabetes, BMI and mortality was 0.806
189 (Figure 3).

190 **Diagnosis during hospitalization and cause of mortality**

191 Of all hospitalized patients (n = 700 pilgrims), 92 patients (13.1%) had an initial diagnosis of
192 CVD (Figure 4). The top three CVDs leading to hospitalization were congestive heart failure
193 (24 pilgrims), acute myocardial infarction (12 pilgrims), and hypertensive heart disease (9
194 pilgrims). Meanwhile, CVD is the main cause of mortality for pilgrims (38.2%), followed by
195 respiratory diseases (29.5%), circulatory diseases (9.8%), and infectious and parasitic diseases
196 (7.5%) (Figure 5).

197 **Discussion**

198 Over the last few decades, CVD has emerged as an important cause of hospital admission and
199 death among Hajj pilgrims. Especially pilgrims with preexisting heart disease are at high risk
200 of experiencing physical stress leading to ischemia.(4) A cross-sectional study analyzing
201 admissions to 1487 beds and 104 intensive care units (ICUs) from three hospitals in Arafat
202 and four hospitals in Mena was conducted during the Hajj 2004. This study showed that CVD
203 accounted for nearly 25% of admissions, including congestive heart failure, hypertension,
204 ischemic heart disease, and arrhythmias. Furthermore, it also showed that about 64% of ICU
205 admissions were due to CVD, which was dominated by left ventricular failure and myocardial
206 infarction. In addition, more than 70% of these ICU patients had underlying diseases that
207 required medical attention, with more than half of the comorbid were CVDs such as
208 congestive heart failure, hypertension, and ischemic heart disease.(5,6) Another prospective
209 cohort study from four hospitals in Mina during the 2009 Hajj period showed that CVD (23.6%)
210 was the second most critically ill patient after severe infections (46.5%) with a diagnosis of
211 myocardial infarction, atrial fibrillation (4.7%), and cardiogenic shock (2.7%).(13) CVD was the
212 most common cause of morbidity (34.1%) in patients necessitating admission to a tertiary
213 care hospital in Makkah during the 2005 Hajj.(14) [Previous study in Indonesia showed the](#)
214 [association between CVD and increased morbidity and hospital admissions among Hajj](#)
215 [pilgrims. Moreover, CVD the most common cause of death during Hajj, accounting for 66% of](#)
216 [all deaths \(446 deaths\) of 206,831 Indonesian pilgrims in Hajj 2008.\(2\) Cardiovascular disease](#)
217 [during Hajj was also reported by Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health as the most common cause](#)
218 [of death compared to other medical diseases, both communicable and non-communicable](#)
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222 ~~death than other medical ailments, both communicable and non-communicable.-(15),(4)~~

223 Due to the high morbidity and mortality of CVD among Hajj pilgrims, it is important to know
224 the risk factors and their significance in increasing the need for hospitalization and mortality.
225 In the second half of the twentieth century, many epidemiological studies identified risk
226 factors for CVD that have contributed to primary prevention. One of the most widely used
227 risk prediction equations is the Framingham model to estimate the 10-year risk of coronary
228 heart disease (CHD). The Framingham model is based on classical risk factors, including age,
229 gender, blood pressure, low-density lipoprotein (LDL) and high-density lipoprotein (HDL)
230 cholesterol, smoking, and diabetes.(10) Although long-standing, recent evidence-based on
231 population risk calculations in the United States using the Framingham 10-year risk estimate
232 for CHD suggests that 75% to 85% of CHD can be prevented by avoiding classic risk factors.(16)
233 Identifying cardiovascular risk factors in Hajj participants is important because it is estimated
234 that the obligation to carry out the rites during Hajj increases the burden on cardiac function,
235 especially in pilgrims with underlying CVD. Sudden strenuous physical activity results in
236 stressful exercises and triggers several mechanisms, including the decreased venous return
237 and decreased cardiac output that may lead to an acute cardiovascular attack. This process is
238 counterproductive and can compromise disease management and, in extreme cases, can be
239 fatal.(4) This condition is exacerbated by the heat in which sweating causes fluid loss, leading
240 to dehydration and hypovolemia, decreased cardiac output, and loss of body fluids into the
241 interstitial fluid spaces with subsequent cardiovascular collapse. If heat stress continues
242 beyond this compensatory stage, the central venous pressure falls sharply, causing a further

243 rise in core body temperature with subsequent failure of thermoregulatory mechanisms and
244 leading to heatstroke.(17)

245 In multivariate analysis, diabetes consistently and significantly increased the risk of
246 hospitalization and death of Hajj participants in this study. A systematic review showed that
247 the prevalence of diabetes is one of the most common comorbidities found in Hajj pilgrims
248 with a prevalence of 5%.(18) Diabetes and related complications have also been reported as
249 a very influential risk factor and is one of the main causes of hospitalization and mortality
250 among pilgrims.(19) In addition, the male gender is also more often found in hospitalized and
251 deceased pilgrims. This was also found in a report from Indian Hajj Pilgrims where of the 163
252 deaths, 68.7% were male and the most common terminal event was cardiorespiratory
253 arrest.(20) Interestingly, this research also showed that underweight pilgrims (BMI < 18.5)
254 had a higher rate of hospitalization (3.18%) and mortality (1.10%) compared to normal BMI,
255 although this risk factor failed to show significant impact on multivariate analysis. This
256 unexpected result of the increased mortality risk in underweight group can be associated with
257 various clinical factors, such as poor nutritional status, sarcopenia, and aging in underweight
258 population. Previous research also suggested that underweight may be a risk for CVD disease
259 with 19.7% greater risk than the normal-weight. (21)

260 A study in Iran provided intervention to prospective pilgrims with a history of CVD. These
261 interventions include cancellation of prospective Hajj pilgrims with severe CVD (history of
262 recent myocardial infarction, unstable angina, advanced heart failure, and uncontrolled
263 hypertension) and provision of adequate therapy and monitoring for other patients with
264 stable angina, mild heart failure, controlled hypertension, and other cardiovascular disorders.
265 It showed that mortality and hospitalization rates were significantly reduced in the

266 intervention population. Iranian study and the results of this study support the need for
267 health screening before departure, especially for classical cardiovascular risk factors. Pilgrims
268 with severe CVD should be excluded from Hajj. Other pilgrims with CVD or those at risk of
269 CVD need appropriate intervention and monitoring during Hajj to reduce hospitalization and
270 mortality rates in Hajj pilgrims.

271 [When compared to studies with similar area and period to this study, the results were similar.](#)
272 [A study that screened cardiovascular risk factors in adults aged 40 years and in Malang, East](#)
273 [Java, in 2016–2017 showed that out of 22,093 participants, 6,455 \(29.2%\) had high](#)
274 [cardiovascular risk with an estimated 10-year CVD risk of \$\geq\$ 30%. In this study, high](#)
275 [cardiovascular risk was defined as the presence of coronary heart disease, stroke or other](#)
276 [atherosclerotic disease.](#)(22) [Another study analyzing the report of Riskesdas 2013, a](#)
277 [nationally representative survey conducted by the Indonesian Ministry of Health in 2013,](#)
278 [estimated the coronary heart disease \(CHD\) burden caused by five major and modifiable](#)
279 [vascular risk factors: smoking, hypertension, diabetes, increased total cholesterol, and](#)
280 [overweight. The results of this study showed hypertension as a major vascular risk factor](#)
281 [\(20%–25% of all CHD\) and smoking in men explains most of the vascular events \(25% of](#)
282 [CHD\).](#)(23)

283 **Study limitation**

284 Although this study uses large data of pilgrims from three time periods of Hajj (2017-2019),
285 the sample size only represents a portion of the overall Hajj pilgrims in Indonesia. In addition,
286 the retrospective cohort design using only univariate analysis limits the generalizability of the
287 findings. Data on risk factors were collected from pre-departure screening reports so that the
288 responses obtained were susceptible to information bias. The multivariate analysis showed

289 that overweight, but not obesity, significantly contributed to mortality. This may be due to
290 the low mortality rate of 173 from the total 71904 (0.24%) hajj participants, thus the
291 distribution may not be representative.

292 **Conclusion**

293 Pilgrims with classical cardiovascular risk factors were associated with increased
294 hospitalization and mortality. Cardiovascular disease was accounted for about 13% of
295 hospitalization and the majority (38.2%) of the causes of death. These findings indicate the
296 need to identify classical cardiovascular risk factors before departure. Cardiac prevention
297 approaches and monitoring are needed for pilgrims with CVD or those at risk of CVD during
298 the Hajj period to reduce hospitalization and death associated with cardiovascular events.

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Table 1. Characteristic of the study population of Hajj pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia, from 2017 to 2019.

Variable	2017 (n = 21488)	2018 (n = 23865)	2019 (n= 26725)	P-value (χ^2 test / Anova)	Post-hoc test	P value (Man- whitney)
Men	10018 (46.6)	11254 (47.2)	12535 (46.9)	0.521		
Women	11470 (53.4)	12611 (52.8)	14190 (53.1)			
Age (year)	54.0 (11.3)	53.8 (10.8)	54.14 (11.8)	0.145		
18-40 years old	2369 (11.0)	2473 (10.4)	3086 (11.5)	< 0.001		
41-49 years old	5082 (23.7)	5499 (23.0)	5902 (22.1)			
50-59 years old	7490 (34.9)	8860 (37.1)	9442 (35.3)			
≥ 60 years old	6547 (30.5)	7033 (29.5)	8295 (31.0)			
SBP (mmHg)	127.3 (20.4)	127.9 (20.5)	128.4 (21.0)	<0.001	2017 vs 2018 2017 vs 2019 2018 vs 2019	0.001 <0.001 0.045
DBP (mmHg)	80.4 (10.2)	80.5 (10.2)	80.3 (10.4)	0.006	2017 vs 2018 2017 vs 2019 2018 vs 2019	0.232 0.660 0.002
Non- hypertension	10000 (46.5)	15376 (64.4)	1282 (4.8)	< 0.001		
HT grade I	7612 (35.4)	5491 (23.0)	6936 (26.0)			
HT grade II	2785 (13.0)	2200 (9.2)	5129 (19.2)			
HT grade III	1091 (5.1)	798 (3.3)	3614 (13.5)			
BMI	25.3 (4.6)	25.3 (4.5)	25.3 (4.6)	0.349		
Underweight	974 (4.5)	953 (4.0)	1282 (4.8)	0.002		
Normal	5686 (26.5)	6245 (26.2)	6936 (26)			
Overweight	4130 (19.2)	4663 (19.5)	5129 (19.2)			
Obesity class I	7885 (36.7)	8872 (37.1)	9764 (36.5)			
Obesity class II	2813 (13.1)	3132 (13.1)	3614 (13.5)			
PPG levels (mg/dL)	136.9 (63.4)	138.0 (62.4)	138.6 (63.8)	< 0.001	2017 vs 2018 2017 vs 2019 2018 vs 2019	<0.001 <0.001 0.776
Diabetes	2340 (10.9)	2556 (10.7)	2985 (11.2)	0.247		
Smoking history	2987 (13.9)	3420 (14.3)	3982 (14.9)	0.007		
Hospitalization	173 (0.8)	230 (1.0)	297 (1.1)	0.003		

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Mortality	77 (0.4)	42 (0.2)	54 (0.2)	< 0.001
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Table 2. Univariate analysis for hospitalization and mortality of Hajj pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia, from 2017 to 2019.

Variable	Hospitalization		P-value	Mortality		P-value
	No n=71378	Yes n=700		Alive n=71904	Death n=173	
Men	33412	395	<0.001	33703	104	<0.001
Women	37966	305		38202	69	
Age (year)	53.9 (11.3)	64.2 (11.1)	<0.001	54.0 (11.3)	66.8 (10.2)	<0.001
Age group						
18-40 years old	7914	14	<0.001	7928	0	<0.001
41-49 years old	16436	47		16474	9	
50-59 years old	25618	174		25757	35	
≥ 60 years old	21410	465		21746	129	
SBP (mmHg)	127.8 (20.6)	136.1 (23)	<0.001	127.9 (20.7)	134.3 (22.4)	<0.001
DBP (mmHg)	80.4 (10.3)	82.9 (11.1)	<0.001	80.4 (10.3)	82.5 (11.1)	0.005
Non-HTN	42351	333	<0.001	42597	87	0.001
HTN grade I	18897	198		19050	45	
HTN grade II	7282	119		7375	26	
HTN grade III	2848	50		2883	15	
BMI	25.3 (4.6)	23.7 (5.3)	<0.001	25.3 (4.6)	22.9 (5.5)	<0.001
Underweight	3110	99	<0.001	3174	35	<0.001
Normal	18634	233		18810	57	
Overweight	13803	119		13898	24	
Obesity class I	26355	166		26482	39	
Obesity class II	9476	83		9541	18	
PPG levels (mg/dL)	137.6 (62.8)	169.3 (90.6)	<0.001	137.8 (63.1)	169.4 (97.6)	<0.001
Diabetes						
Yes	7705	176	<0.001	7838	43	<0.001

No	63672	524		64067	130	
Smoking history						
Yes	10287	102	0.905	10365	24	0.839
No	61091	598		61540	149	

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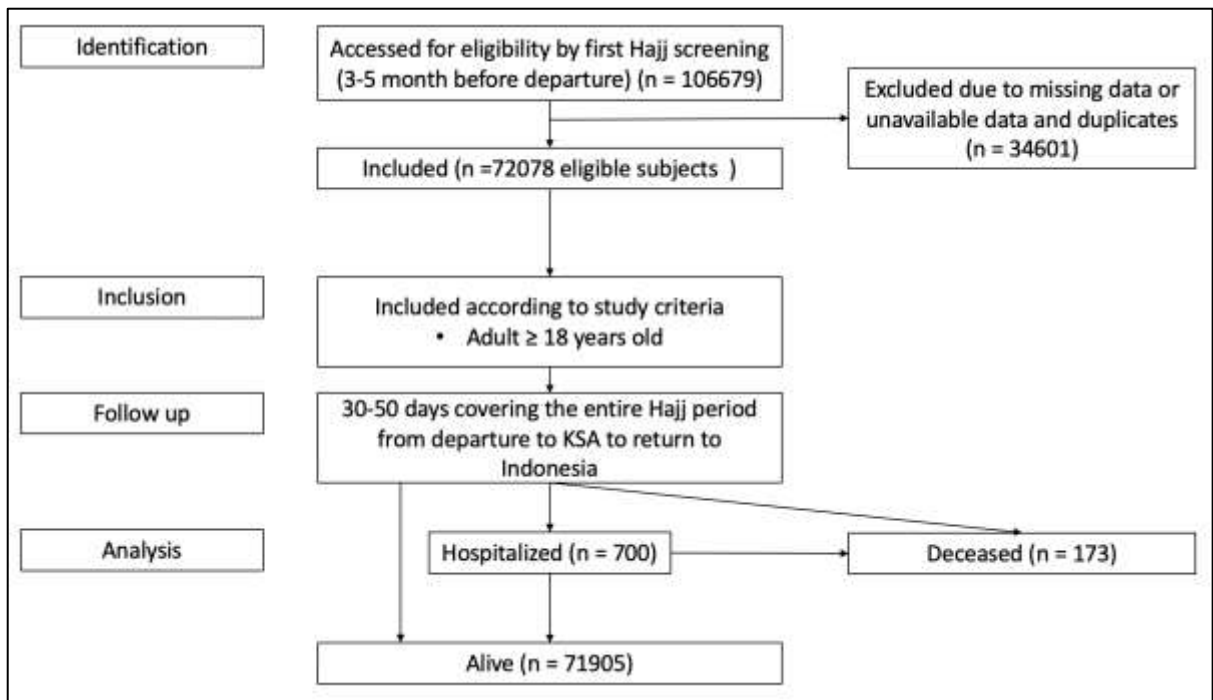
388 **Table 3.** Multivariate analysis using logistic regression for risk factors of hospitalization and
389 mortality Hajj pilgrims from East Java, Indonesia, from 2017 to 2019.

Variable	Hospitalization		
	Odds ratio	95% CI	P-value
Men	1.334	1.146-1.554	<0.001
Age group			
18-40 years old	Reference		
41-49 years old	1.546	0.850-2.812	0.153
50-59 years old	3.262	1.856-5.640	<0.001
≥ 60 years old	8.906	5.204-15.244	<0.001
Hypertension			
Non-HTN	References		
HTN grade I	1.055	0.882-1.263	0.559
HTN grade II	1.546	1.247-1.917	<0.001
HTN grade III	1.657	1.222-2.247	<0.001
Diabetes	2.552	2.099-3.102	<0.001
BMI			
Normal	Reference		
Underweight	1.031	0.796-1.336	0.816
Overweight	2.244	1.653-3.047	<0.001
Obesity class I	0.788	0.592-1.048	0.102
Obesity class II	0.615	0.471-0.803	<0.001
Variable	Hospitalization		
	Odds ratio	95% CI	P-value
Men	1.480	1.088-2.014	0.012
Diabetes	2.567	1.808-3.643	<0.001
BMI			
Normal	Reference		

Underweight	1.009	0.588-1.731	0.975
Overweight	2.985	1.660-5.369	<0.001
Obesity class I	0.664	0.358-1.231	0.193
Obesity class II	0.631	0.360-1.106	0.108

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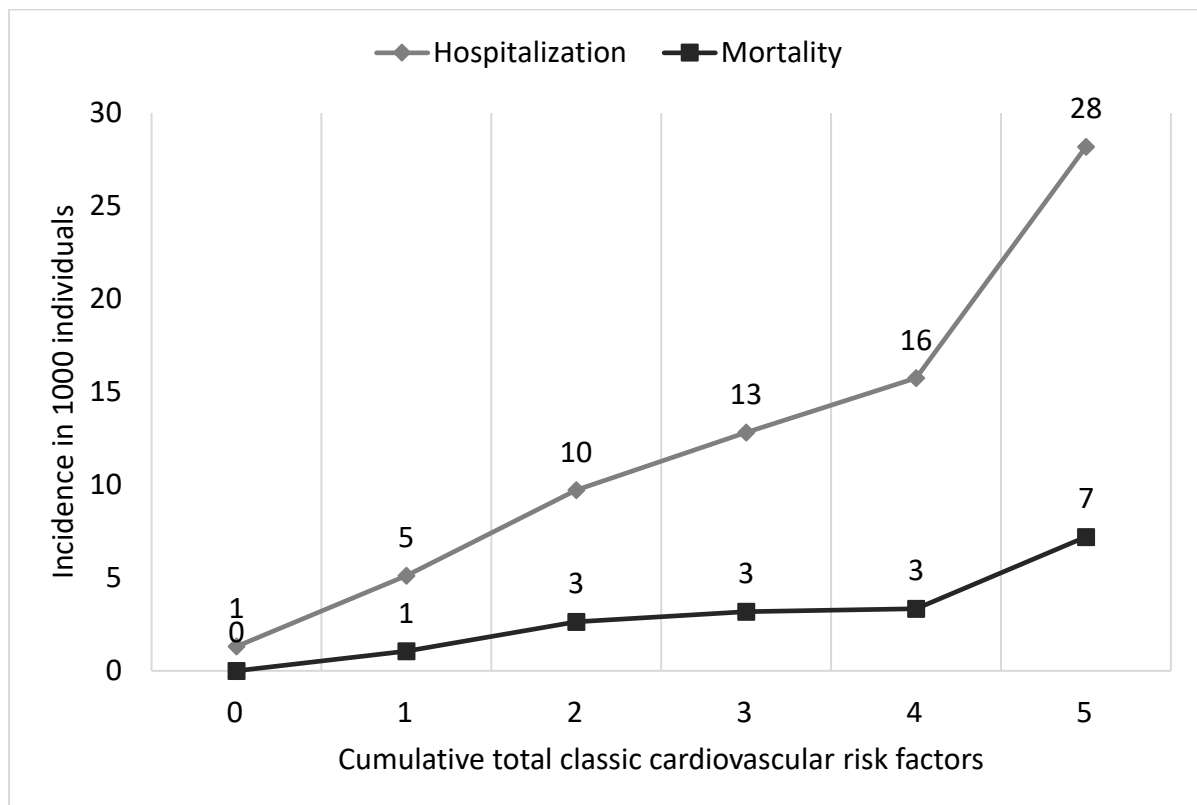
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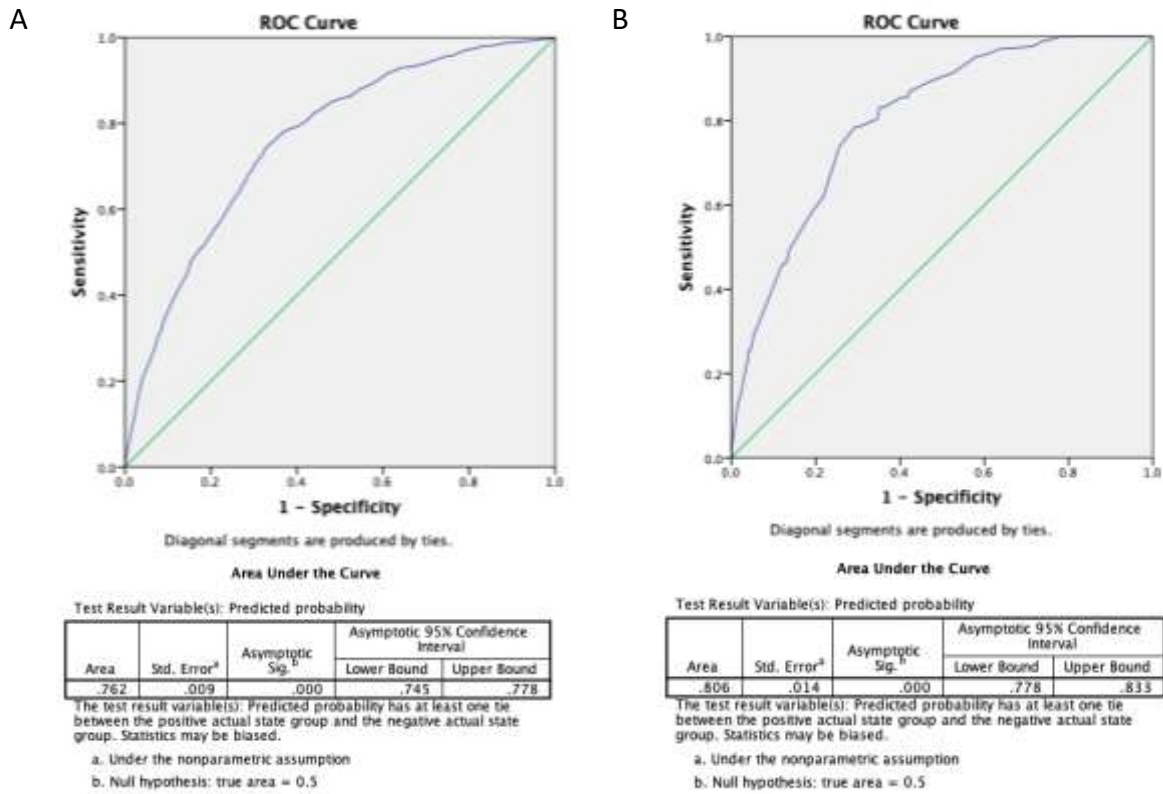
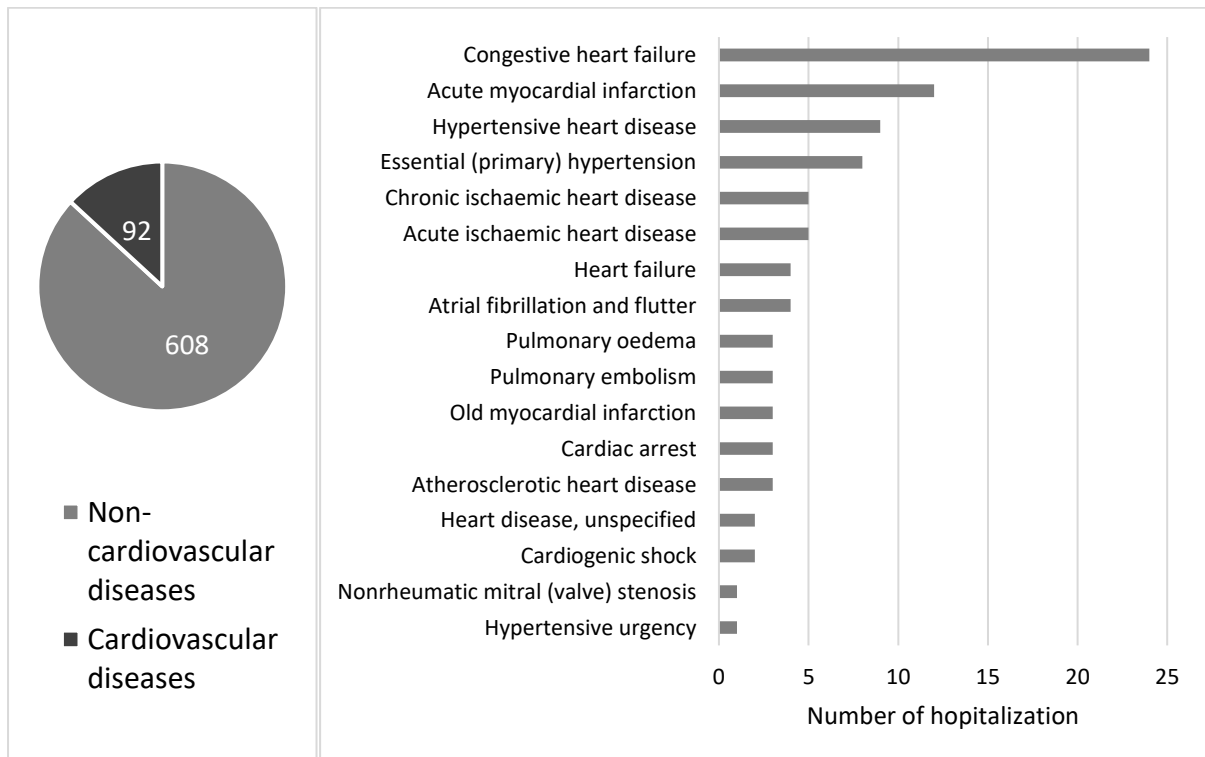
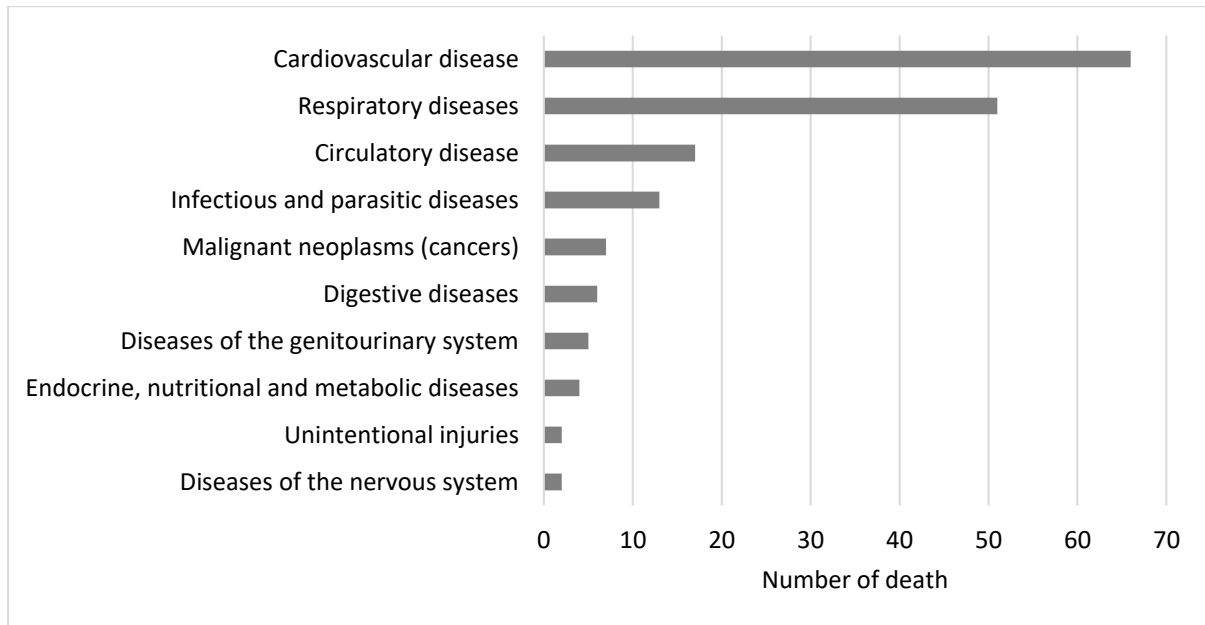


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Figure 4. Early diagnosis during hospitalization among Hajj pilgrims.



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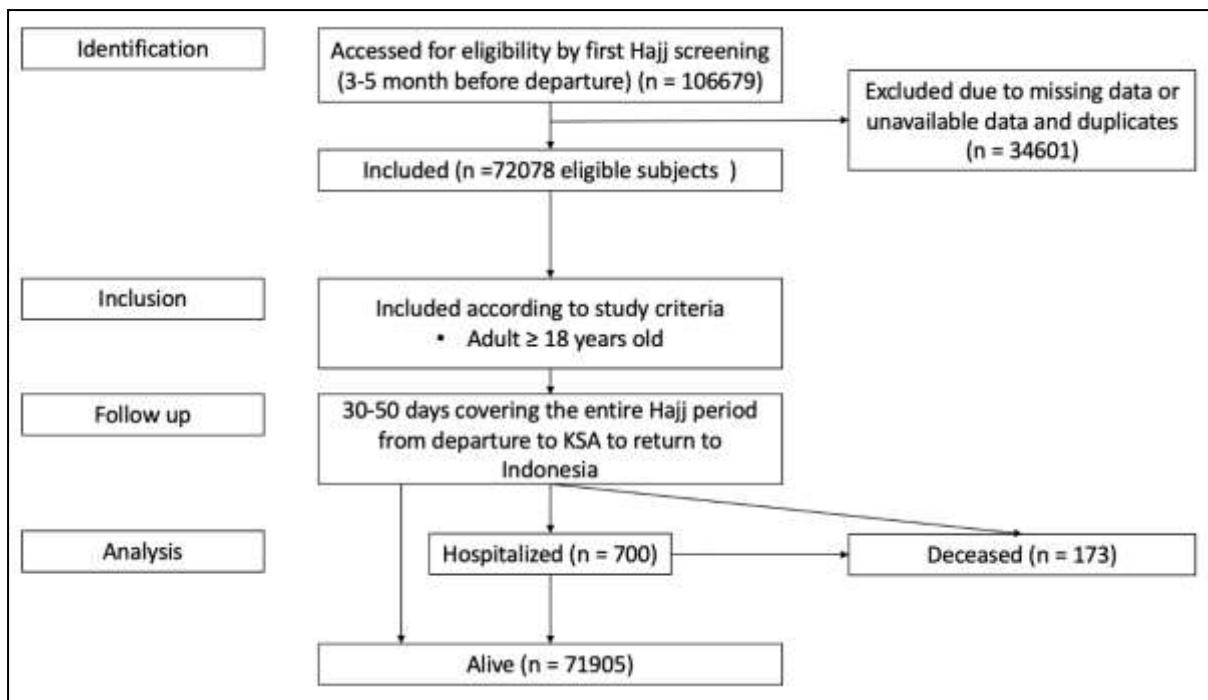


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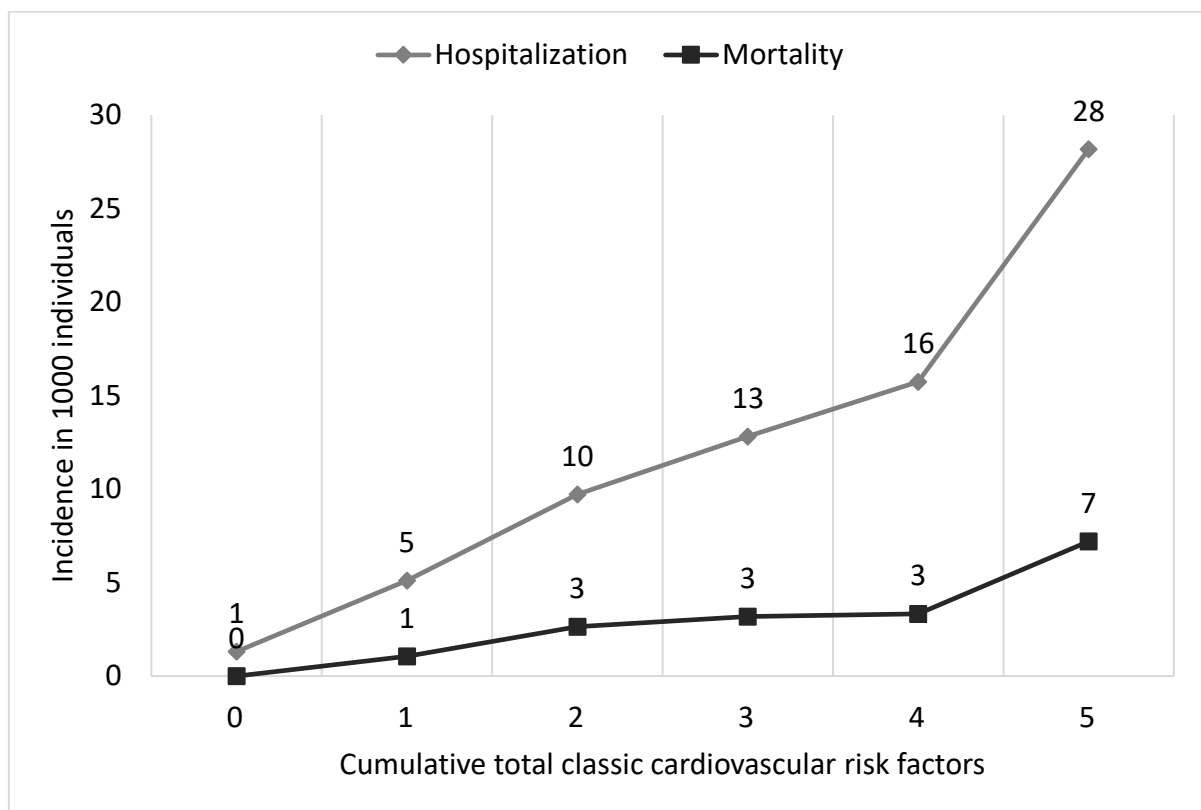
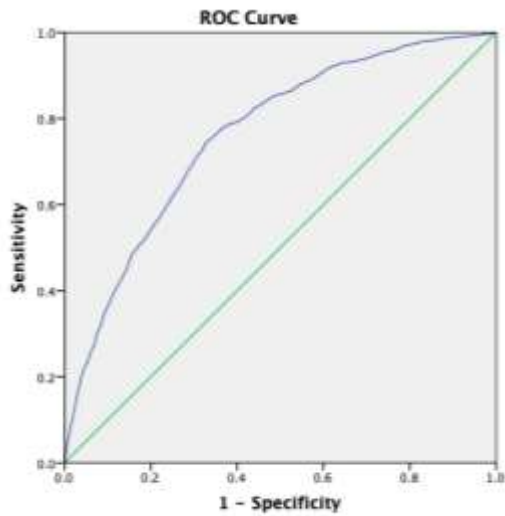


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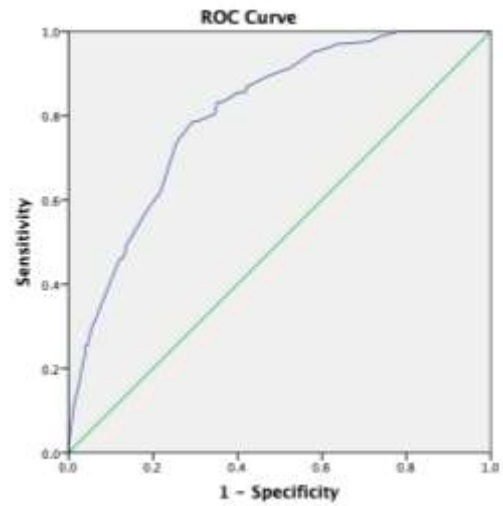
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Area	Std. Error ^a	Asymptotic Sig. ^b	Asymptotic 95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
.762	.009	.000	.745	.778

The test result variable(s): Predicted probability has at least one tie between the positive actual state group and the negative actual state group. Statistics may be biased.

- a. Under the nonparametric assumption
- b. Null hypothesis: true area = 0.5

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Diagonal segments are produced by ties.

Area Under the Curve

Test Result Variable(s): Predicted probability

Area	Std. Error ^a	Asymptotic Sig. ^b	Asymptotic 95% Confidence Interval	
			Lower Bound	Upper Bound
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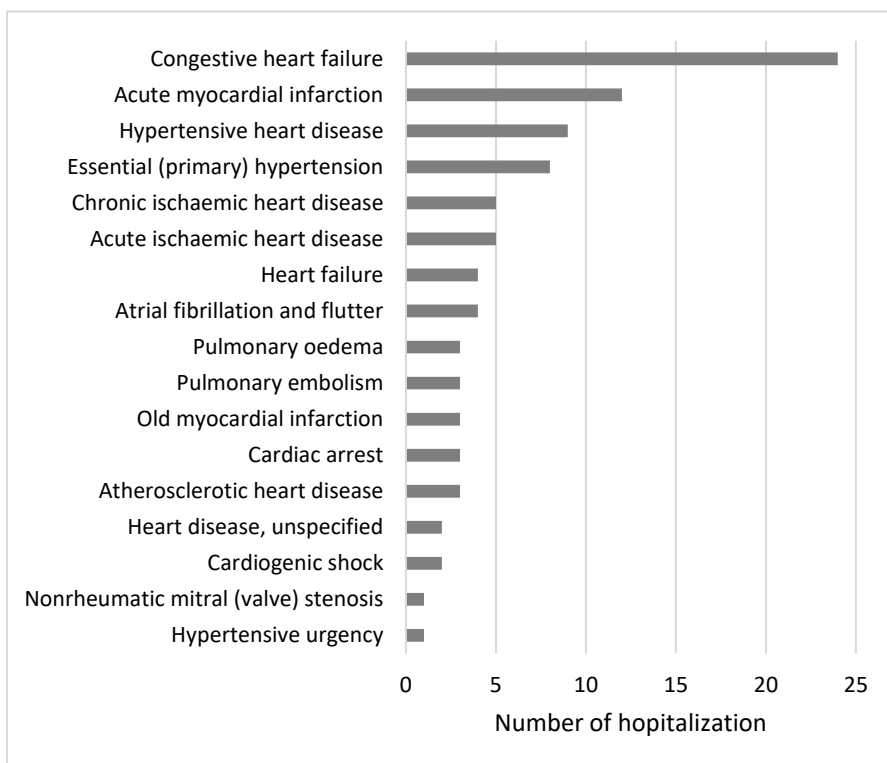
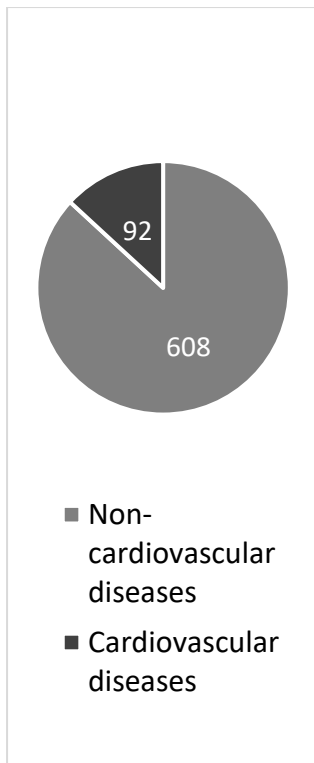


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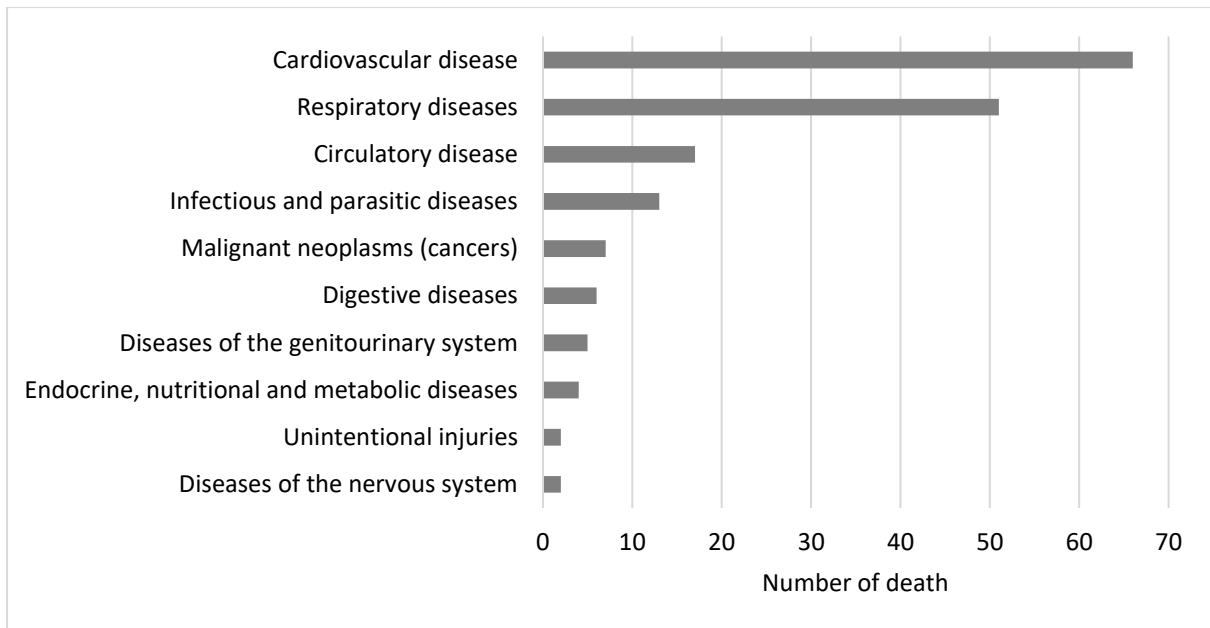


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