

Review of: "Risk Factors of Pulmonary Embolism in Patients with Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A retrospective clinical study"

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First of all, congratulations to the authors for this paper. I read the paper with great interest. I think some confusing points need to be clarified;

1. The rates mentioned in reference number 4 are outdated. Please provide the latest ratios according to recent literature and add recent references.
2. Please explain mMRC for the readers
3. In my opinion the discussion could be a little more detailed
4. The two groups are numerically very different and statistically suspicious (The AECOPD group is very different from the AECOPD+PE Group)
5. How can we apply these findings to the general society?

Please clarify the confusing points as I mentioned above. Best regards.