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## Blunt thoracic trauma

- frequent cause of emergency department (ED) for trauma
  - broad severity range
  - non-immediate onset complications
- Identifying patients at high risk of developing complications is critical

Battle et al. *Critical Care* 2014, **18**:R98  
<http://ccforum.com/content/18/3/R98>



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# Predicting outcomes after blunt chest wall trauma: development and external validation of a new prognostic model



	Patient data	Corresponding risk score
Age	10-19	1
	20-29	2
	30-39	3
	40-49	4
	50-59	5
	60-69	6
	70-79	7
	80-89	8
	90-99	9
	100-109	10
Number of rib fractures	0	0
	1	3
	2	6
	3	9
	4	12
	5	15
	6	18
	7	21
	8	24
	9	27
	10	30

Pre-injury anticoagulants	No Yes	0 4
Chronic lung disease	No Yes	0 5
Oxygen saturation levels	100-95% 90-94% 85-89% 80-84% 75-79% 70-74%	0 2 4 6 8 10

Risk score	Probability of complications
0-10	13%
11-15	29%
16-20	52%
21-25	70%
26-30	80%
31+	88%

**Total Score 0-11:** Consider discharge home with advice leaflet and analgesia

**Total Score 12-26:** Consider admission to a ward for observation, analgesia and physiotherapy

**Total Score ≥27:** Consider ICU management



Retrospective study

ED of Santa Croce e Carle Hospital – Cuneo, Italy  
2018-2021



ED diagnosis of blunt thoracic trauma (ICD10)



age < 18 years

presence of an immediately life-threatening lesion

presence of a concurrent lesion in addition to the BTT



composite outcome, at least one among:

- in-hospital mortality;
- any pleuro-pulmonary complications
- need for intensive care unit admission;
- prolonged hospitalisation > 6 days.

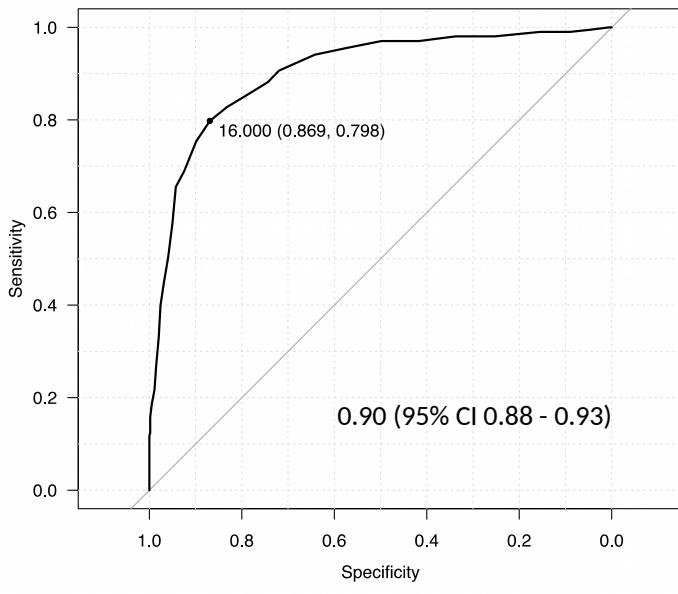
	Sample total (n=745)
<b>Age</b>	64 [50;78]
<b>Female</b>	308 (41.3%)
<b>RR (apm) at presentation</b>	14 [14;16]
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> (%) at presentation</b>	97 [95;99]
<b>Charlson index</b>	2 [1;4]
<b>STUMBL score</b>	11 [6;17]
<b>Chronic lung disease</b>	61 (8.2%)
<b>Pre-injury anticoagulants</b>	59 (7.9%)
<b>Pre-injury antiplatelets</b>	88 (11.8%)
<b>Rib fractures</b>	1 [0;3]
<b>Chest CT in ED</b>	57 (7.6%)
<b>Analgesia in ED</b>	469 (70%)
• <b>Acetaminophen</b>	217 (29.1%)
• <b>NSAIDs</b>	201 (27%)
• <b>Opiates</b>	142 (19.1%)

	No complications (n=542)	Complications (n=203)	P value
<b>Age</b>	60 [47;75]	73 [62;82]	< 0.001
<b>Female</b>	242 (44.6%)	66 (32.5%)	0.003
<b>RR (apm) at presentation</b>	14 [14;16]	15 [14;18]	< 0.001
<b>SO<sub>2</sub> (%) at presentation</b>	98 [96;99]	95 [93;97]	< 0.001
<b>Charlson index</b>	2 [0;4]	4 [2;5]	< 0.001
<b>STUMBL score</b>	9 [5;13]	21 [17;25]	< 0.001
<b>Chronic lung disease</b>	34 (6.3%)	27 (13.3%)	0.002
<b>Pre-injury anticoagulants</b>	30 (5.5%)	29 (14.3%)	< 0.001
<b>Pre-injury antiplatelets</b>	54 (10%)	34 (16.8%)	0.011
<b>Rib fractures</b>	1 [0;2]	4 [3;5]	< 0.001
<b>Chest CT in ED</b>	17 (3.1%)	40 (19.7%)	< 0.001
<b>Analgesia in ED</b>	320 (59%)	149 (74%)	< 0.001
• <b>Acetaminophen</b>	146 (27%)	71 (35%)	< 0.001
• <b>NSAIDs</b>	158 (29.1%)	43 (21.2%)	0.029
• <b>Opiates</b>	71 (13.1%)	71 (35%)	< 0.001

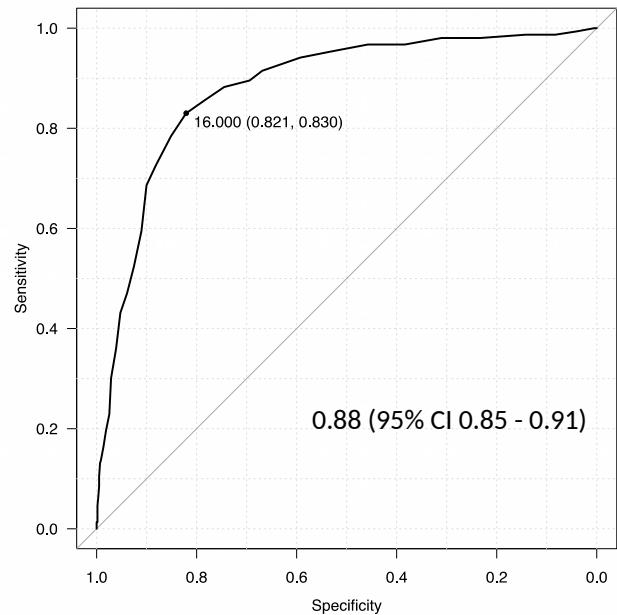
	Sample total (n=745)
<b>discharged home from the ED</b>	65.2%
<b>In-hospital mortality</b>	0.8%
<b>ICU admission</b>	2.1%
<b>Prolonged LOS</b>	19.9%
<b>pleural effusion</b>	11.7%
<b>pneumonia</b>	8.6%
<b>pneumothorax</b>	6.2%
<b>haemothorax</b>	1.9%

# discrimination

composite outcome

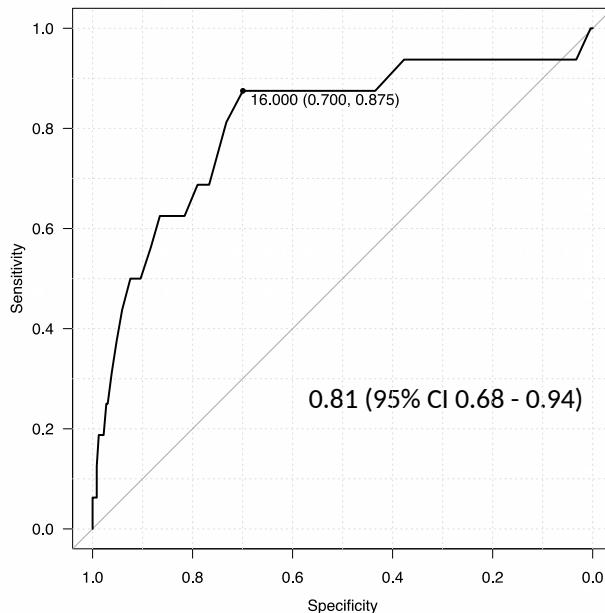


all pulmonary complications

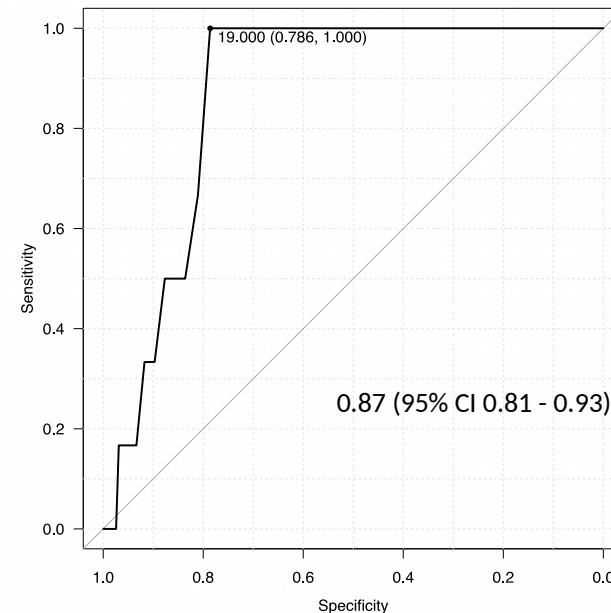


# discrimination

ICU admission

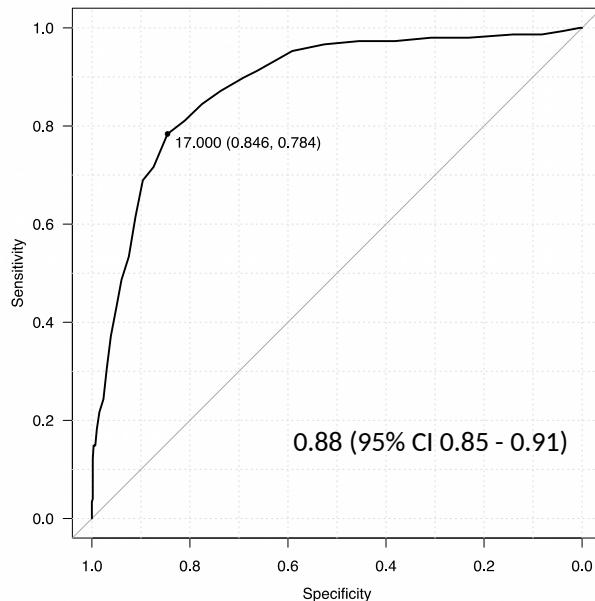


in-hospital mortality

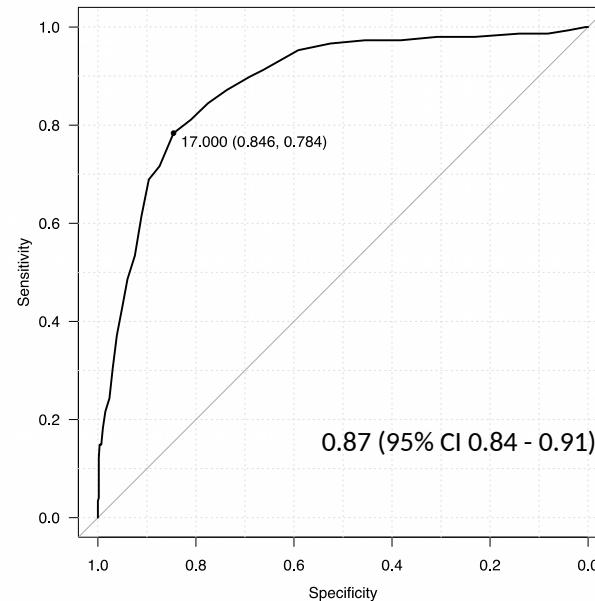


# discrimination

prolonged LOS



composite outcome without prolonged LOS

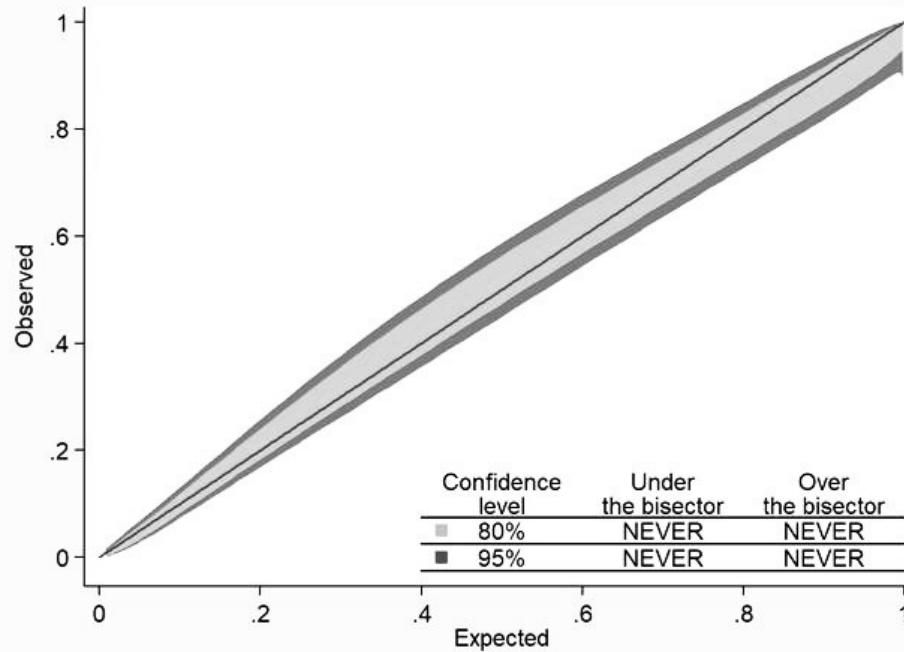


## STUMBL = 16

<b>sensitivity</b>	0.8
<b>specificity</b>	0.87
<b>positive predictive value</b>	0.7
<b>negative predictive value</b>	0.97

## calibration

Lemeshow test ( $\chi^2 = 9.1$ ,  $p = 0.34$ )





	Wales derivation	UK validation	New Zealand	Cuneo
patients	274	237	445	745
AUROC	0.80 (95% CI 0.75, 0.85)	0.96 (95%CI 0.93-0.98)	0.73 (95%CI 0.68-0.77)	0.90 (95% CI 0.88-0.93)
Lemeshow test	9.22, p= 0.32	n.a.	n.a.	9.1, p = 0.34
study design	Retrospective, monocentre	Prospective, multicentre	Retrospective, multicentre	Retrospective, monocentric

In this validation study, the STUMBL score demonstrated excellent discrimination and calibration in predicting the outcome of patients referred to the ED for a BTT.

If these data are further supported in extensive prospective studies, the score could become part of clinical practice, ensuring evidence-based ED dispositions for BTT patients.

