**Supplement 10. GRADE classification for main outcome measures.**

GRADE CLASSIFICATION for Mortality

Separately for RCTs and observational studies

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| Study type | Risk of bias | Imprecision | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Publication bias | QUALITY of the EVIDENCE |
| RCT’s | Not serious | Not serious a | Not serious | Not serious | Serious | Moderate |
| Observational studies | Serious | Serious | Very serious | Not serious | Very serious | Very low |

a: number of patients very large

GRADE CLASSIFICATION for Mechanical ventilation

All studies

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| Study type | Risk of bias | Imprecision | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Publication bias | QUALITY of the EVIDENCE |
| All studies | serious | serious | serious | Not serious | serious | Very low |