**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 |