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1 Abstract

2 **Background:** Several chronic disease states have been identified as 3 indications due to pneumococcal vaccination their ability to increase 4 pneumococcal disease development and subsequent mortality. However, the risk 5 of mortality according to the number of these disease states present is unknown. 6 We sought to determine the impact of concomitant, multiple risk factors (stacked 7 risks) for pneumococcal disease on 30-day mortality in adults.

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9 **Methods:** This was a national case-control study of unvaccinated older Veterans 10 (≥50 years of age) admitted to Veterans Affairs medical centers from 2002 to 2011 11 with serious pneumococcal infections (pneumonia, bacteremia, meningitis) based 12 on positive S. pneumoniae blood, cerebrospinal fluid, or respiratory cultures, 13 respectively. Cases were those not alive 30 days following culture, while controls 14 were alive. Using logistic regression, we quantified risk of 30-day mortality among 15 patients with stacked risk factors, including age \geq 65 years, alcohol abuse, chronic 16 heart disease, chronic liver disease, chronic respiratory disease, diabetes mellitus, 17 immunodeficiency, and smoking.

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Results: We identified 9,730 serious pneumococcal infections, with an overall 30day mortality rate of 18.6% (1,764 cases, 7,966 controls). Infection types included pneumonia (62%), bacteremia (26%), and bacteremic pneumonia (11%). Along with eight individual risk factors, we assessed 247 combinations of risk factors. Most cases (85%) and controls (74%) had at least two risk factors. Mortality 24 increased as risks were stacked, up to six risk factors (one: OR 1.5, CI 1.08-2.07; 25 two: OR 2.01, CI 1.47-2.75; three: OR 2.71, CI 1.99-3.69; four: OR 3.27, CI 2.39-26 4.47; five: OR 3.63, CI 2.60-5.07; six: OR 4.23, CI 2.69-6.65), with each additional 27 risk factor increasing mortality an average of 55% (±13%). 28 29 **Conclusions:** Among adults \geq 50 years with serious pneumococcal disease, 30 mortality risk increased approximately 55% as vaccination indications present 31 increased. Mortality with six stacked indications was double that of two indications. 32 33 Keywords: Stacking, Vaccination, Streptococcus Risk Pneumococcal 34 pneumoniae, Mortality

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36 Introduction

37 Serious Streptococcus pneumoniae infections, including pneumonia, bacteremia, and meningitis, are a major cause of morbidity and mortality among 38 39 older adults.[1-3] Since the 1980s, vaccines to prevent pneumococcal disease 40 have been used on a global scale to mitigate the risks associated with these 41 bacterial infections.[4] The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) 42 recommends administration of the pneumococcal vaccination to adults with certain 43 risk factors for pneumococcal disease, including age \geq 65 years, alcoholism, heart 44 disease and heart failure, chronic respiratory disease, hepatic dysfunction, 45 immunodeficiency, and smoking, in an effort to prevent invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) and subsequent poor outcomes.[3] 46

47 Recent research has revealed that the presence of multiple, concomitant risk factors (risk stacking), particularly those conditions identified by ACIP as 48 49 indications for pneumococcal vaccination, increases the likelihood of developing 50 pneumococcal disease beyond the risk posed by individual risk factors alone.[5, 6] 51 As our population ages, it is becoming more common for patients to have two or 52 more risk factors.[6] However, the impact of risk stacking on outcomes, namely 53 mortality, of adults who end up developing pneumococcal disease remains 54 unknown. Furthermore, current data on risk stacking are limited in that there is no 55 information regarding the impact of risk stacking "at-risk" conditions (e.g., 56 alcoholism, heart disease, liver disease, cigarette smoking) with "high-risk" 57 conditions (e.g., immunodeficiency).[5-7] As such, the purpose of this study was to quantify the impact of stacking risk factors for developing pneumococcal diseaseon 30-day mortality among unvaccinated older adults.

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61 Methods

62 Using national Veterans Health Administration databases, we conducted a 63 nested case-control study of older Veterans (age \geq 50 years) with positive S. 64 pneumoniae blood, cerebrospinal fluid, or respiratory cultures between January 1, 65 2002 and December 31, 2011. We defined serious pneumococcal infections as culture-positive pneumonia, bacteremia, and meningitis. 66 Cases were those 67 individuals who died from any cause within 30 days of positive culture, and controls 68 were those alive at 30 days. Patients were allowed to be included in the study 69 multiple times if they had multiple positive cultures. Positive cultures from the same 70 patient within a 30-day period were considered the same infection. We utilized 71 national VA datasets, created from electronic medical records and administrative 72 data, to collect patient demographics, health factors, medical history, vaccination history, medication use, clinical outcomes, and culture data. Pneumonia was 73 74 identified from positive sputum cultures in addition to International Disease 75 Classification, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) diagnosis codes. Bacteremia and meningitis were defined by positive blood and cerebrospinal fluid cultures, respectively. 76 77 Patients receiving a pneumococcal vaccination within five years of positive culture 78 were excluded. We utilized ICD-9 and procedure codes to identify the presence of 79 disease states within one year of the positive culture date. Medication use within 30 days of positive culture, particularly the use of immunosuppressants 80

81 (corticosteroids, monoclonal antibodies, antineoplastic agents), was also82 assessed.

83 We quantified the impact of individual, as well as combinations of multiple 84 risk factors (stacked risks) for developing pneumococcal disease on 30-day all-85 cause mortality. Selected risk factors were those that were previously identified as 86 commonly occurring among older Veterans with pneumococcal disease, and that 87 were also indications for pneumococcal vaccination identified by ACIP.[1, 3] These 88 included age \geq 65 years (age), alcohol abuse, chronic heart disease including 89 chronic heart failure (CHD), chronic liver disease (CLD), chronic respiratory 90 disease, including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (CRD), 91 diabetes mellitus (DM), immunodeficiency (IC), and smoking.[3] Age was included 92 as a dichotomous variable, as opposed to a continuous variable, to reflect the 93 actual vaccination indication of age \geq 65 years. Immunodeficiency was defined as 94 the presence of a solid malignancy, hematologic malignancy, HIV, or an AIDS-95 defining illness within one year of positive culture. Smoking status was defined as documentation of active cigarette smoking, smoking cessation counseling, or 96 97 receipt of smoking cessation prescription products (varenicline, nicotine 98 replacement products) within one year of positive culture. We determined all 99 possible two, three, four, five, six, seven, and eight indication combinations and 100 defined each combination as a unique variable. Odds ratios (ORs) and 95% 101 confidence interval (CIs) were calculated using logistic regression. Separate 102 models were run for each mutually exclusive combination of vaccine indications. 103 The reference group for each model consisted of those individuals without any of the aforementioned risk factors. This common reference group was selected in
order to quantify the impact of stacking different combinations of indications as
compared to those with none of the aforementioned indications for vaccination.
Risk factors were deemed significant at a two-tailed *p*-value of 0.05 or less. All
statistical analyses were performed with SAS version 9.2 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary,
NC, USA).

Approval by the Institutional Review Board and Research and Development
 Committee of the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center was obtained prior
 to initiating the study.

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114 **Results**

We identified 9,730 serious pneumococcal infections in 9,468 unvaccinated individuals, with a 30-day mortality rate of 18.6% (1,764 cases and 7,966 controls; Table 1). The primary infection types, determined from positive cultures, included pneumonia (cases n=871, 49.4%; controls n=5,204, 65.3%), bacteremia (cases n=585, 33.2%; controls n=1,969, 24.7%), and bacteremic pneumonia (cases n=305, 17.3%; controls n=755, 9.5%). Meningitis accounted for <1% of infections among cases and among controls.

There were 574 episodes (5.9%; 49 cases, 2.8%, 525 controls, 6.6%) of pneumococcal disease among individuals with none of the eight aforementioned risk factors. In addition to the eight individual risk factors, there were 247 unique combinations of risk factors. There were three individual risk factors (age, CHD, and IC) and 89 stacked risks significantly associated with an increased risk of mortality (Figure 1 and Figure 2). One risk factor (smoking) was associated with a
decreased risk of mortality (OR 0.52, CI 0.31 – 0.87).

129 The risk of 30-day mortality among patients with one of any of the eight risk. 130 factors was 50% higher compared to those with none of the eight risk factors (OR 131 1.50 95% CI 1.08-2.07). The risk of 30-day mortality increased as risk factors were 132 stacked, up to six risk factors (one: OR 1.50, CI 1.08-2.07; two: OR 2.01, CI 1.47-133 2.75; three: OR 2.71, CI 1.99-3.69; four: OR 3.27, CI 2.39-4.47; five: OR 3.63, CI 134 2.60-5.07; six: OR 4.23, CI 2.69-6.65). The addition of each risk factor increased 135 the risk of 30-day mortality by an average of 55% (±13%; median: 56%, 136 interguartile range 51%-60%), with the greatest increase between two and three 137 stacked risk factors (70%). There were no statistically significant odds ratios 138 among patients with seven (OR 1.65, CI 0.36-7.52) or eight (OR 2.14, CI 0.25-139 18.71) risk factors.

140 Among the 89 significant stacked risks, age was the most common risk 141 factor present (50/89; 56.2%), followed by IC (49/89, 55.1%), CRD (48/89, 53.9%), 142 CHD (45/89, 50.6%), CLD and smoking (both 37/89, 41.6%), DM (32/89, 36%), 143 and alcohol abuse (29/89, 32.6%). All risk factors were present at least once in 144 significant two, three, four, five, and six stacked risks with the exception of 145 smoking, which was not present in any two risk-factor combinations. Figure 3 146 shows the distribution of each risk factor according to the number of risk factors 147 present.

148 Of all significant individual risk factors, immunodeficiency was the strongest 149 predictor of 30-day mortality (OR 2.30, Cl 1.47-3.58). Among stacked risks, alcoholism + CLD (OR 6.20, 3.25-11.92), Age + CLD + IC (OR 42.90, CI 4.69390.98), alcoholism + CLD + DM + IC (OR 32.10, CI 3.28-314.3), age + CLD +
CRD + IC + smoking (OR 16.07, CI 2.62-98.5), and Age + Alcoholism + CLD +
CRD + IC + smoking (OR 21.40, CI 1.91-240.56) were the strongest predictors of
mortality for those with two, three, four, five, or six risk factors, respectively (Figure
Results for all stacked risks are available in Appendix A.

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157 **Discussion**

158 We quantified the impact of stacking pneumococcal disease risk factors on 159 30-day mortality in unvaccinated older Veterans with serious pneumococcal 160 infections. Of the 8 individual risk factors assessed, 37.5% of them significantly 161 increased the risk of death and of the 247 stacked risks, 35% significantly 162 increased the risk of death. Current literature regarding predictors of mortality in 163 the setting of pneumococcal disease is primarily related to the impact of individual 164 predictors, particularly in the immunocompromised population, as well as those 165 with invasive pneumococcal disease.[8-16] However, there is a dearth of 166 information regarding outcomes of patients with multiple risk factors for 167 pneumococcal disease and the subsequent impact of this risk stacking. To our 168 knowledge, this study is the first to analyze the effect of risk factor combinations 169 on mortality. As the current body of literature strongly supports the association 170 between vaccination preventing invasive infections and subsequent mortality in the 171 setting of individual risk factors, the importance of disease prevention in patients 172 with multiple risk factors cannot be overstated.[1-3, 8, 10, 16]

173 Mortality increased in each phase of risk stacking, up to six risk factors. 174 Compared to patients with none of the eight risk factors for the development of 175 pneumococcal disease, those with two risk factors were twice as likely to die at 30 176 days. Those with six risk factors were more than four times as likely to die 177 compared to those with no risk factors, and almost three times more likely to die 178 as those with a single risk factor. No seven or eight risk factor combinations were 179 statistically significant. However, this is likely due to smaller sample sizes in the 180 seven (n=16) and eight (n=6) stacked risk groups. As pointed out in a recent risk 181 stacking study, combining the effects of two independent risk factors as odds ratios 182 leads to a multiplicative effect, as odds ratios are calculated on a log scale. [5, 17] 183 Risk factors that are not entirely independent, however, may not be multiplicative. 184 Several risk factors we analyzed may often be seen together, including alcohol 185 abuse and liver disease, as well as smoking and respiratory and/or heart disease. 186 Our results demonstrated that as the odds ratio increased as risk factors were 187 stacked. However, the increased risk was not multiplicative, as would be expected 188 in the presence of related conditions.

189 Interestingly, smoking was associated with a lower risk of mortality in our 190 study. However, it should be noted that these were also individuals without any of 191 the other risk factors for pneumococcal disease, including heart disease or 192 respiratory disease, which are well-established consequences of smoking and also 193 contribute to mortality. Furthermore, we were unable to quantify the degree to 194 which individuals smoked. To be considered a smoker, documentation of smoking 195 cessation counseling, use of smoking cessation medication, or an ICD-9 diagnosis 196 code within one year were necessary. As such, these patients may not have been 197 smokers at the time of infection. Collectively, these caveats require that the 198 association between smoking and risk of mortality within our study be interpreted 199 with caution.

200 The results of our study demonstrate the impact of increasing numbers of 201 pneumococcal disease risk factors on mortality among patients with serious 202 pneumococcal infections. Once individuals develop a pneumococcal infection, 203 there is a lasting negative impact. A recent study within the Veteran population 204 found that patients with pneumococcal pneumonia who survived at least 30 days 205 beyond infection had increased mortality compared to the expected survival for the 206 average Veteran with similar demographics for up to ten years after recovering 207 from the infection.[18] Furthermore, decreases in survival at ten years ranged from 208 15% to 50% according to increases in pneumonia severity index (PSI), which 209 accounts for risk factors also assessed in our study, including age, cardiac 210 disease, and hepatic dysfunction.[18, 19] As such, disease prevention may have 211 an extended positive impact on mortality.

Pneumococcal vaccination may be particularly important in patients with multiple risk factors for pneumococcal disease. While the ACIP already recommends that individuals with the risk factors assessed in our study be vaccinated to prevent the development of pneumococcal disease, many adults remain unvaccinated.[1, 3] This may be due, in part, to a lack of a focused strategy for identifying those most at risk for poor outcomes. A study of 1,177 patients who developed invasive pneumococcal disease and also had an indication for the 219 polysaccharide pneumococcal vaccination demonstrated that 52% were 220 unvaccinated, and that 92% of these unvaccinated individuals had at least one 221 opportunity to receive the vaccination in the 2 years prior to infection. Multivariate 222 analysis revealed that alcohol abuse, metastatic malignancy, and those \geq 65 years 223 of age with no other indication were predictive of being unvaccinated, while 224 chemotherapy and non-HIV immune dysfunction were predictive of previous 225 vaccination.[20]

226 According to current ACIP pneumococcal vaccination recommendations, 227 patients in our study with cardiac, respiratory, and hepatic disease, along with 228 those who smoke, and have diabetes mellitus or alcoholism would have been 229 eligible to receive the 23-valent, pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPSV-230 23). In addition, those 65 years of age and older, and those with 231 immunocompromising conditions are recommended to receive both the PPSV-23 232 and the 13-valent, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV-13). [3, 21] Further, all 233 children 6 weeks and older are currently recommended to receive PCV-13 (PCV-234 7 during our study period), thereby impacting development of pneumococcal 235 disease at the population level through herd immunity.[22, 23] In the general 236 population, pneumococcal vaccination, particularly with the conjugate vaccines, 237 has been associated with substantial reductions in disease incidence through 238 indirect protection.[23] However, the impact of herd immunity in the older Veteran 239 population remains unclear, and further studies are needed to determine if these 240 findings are consistent in this high-risk population.

241 Considering that each additional risk factor in our study increased the risk 242 of mortality by 55% in the presence of pneumococcal disease, thorough evaluation 243 of a patient's medical history must be performed to ensure that, barring any 244 contraindications, all individuals with these risk factors are vaccinated. 245 Furthermore, it is important to note that the greatest increase between stacked 246 combinations occurred as patients went from two to three risk factors. Interestingly, 247 our findings are consistent with two other risk stacking studies assessing the risk 248 of developing pneumococcal disease, which showed that the greatest increase in 249 the risk of disease development occurred when increasing from two to three 250 disease states present. [6, 21] Increases in disease development ranged from 67% 251 to 265% moving from two to three disease states across all age ranges. [6, 24] As 252 such, our study provides further evidence that risk stacking poses a substantial 253 threat in older adults, in whom multiple, chronic disease states are common.[1, 6, 254 25] Furthermore, the results of our study may assist future efforts to increase 255 pneumococcal vaccination by providing healthcare practitioners with an estimate 256 of the quantified risk of mortality for patients with different combinations of risk 257 factors for developing pneumococcal disease.

Limitations of our study included the assessment of risk factors identified by ACIP as necessitating pneumococcal vaccination. However, there may be other conditions, or combinations of conditions, that collectively increase the risk of mortality in the setting of pneumococcal disease which were not assessed in our study. We utilized ICD-9 diagnosis to identify disease states, allowing for the possibility of misclassification bias due to potential inaccuracies. Also, our study 264 likely underestimated the true number of patients with pneumococcal pneumonia. 265 as we only included patients with a positive sputum culture and ICD-9 diagnosis 266 code. Further, pneumococcal pneumonia may have been the source for some 267 pneumococcal bacteremias, but without positive respiratory cultures, was not 268 categorized as such Next, patients with multiple episodes of pneumococcal 269 infection that were included in the study multiple times may have had a different 270 risk profile than those with a single episode of infection. However, this impact is 271 likely negligible, as the vast majority of patients only had one episode of infection 272 (9,730 infections in 9,468 patients). Determining the risk of mortality in patients 273 with more than six stacked risk factors was limited by small sample sizes within 274 these groups. However, we believe the risk of mortality to likely be much higher 275 than healthy individuals, as mortality increased in stacked risk factor groups with 276 larger numbers. Next, as odds ratios only approximate relative risk, actual mortality 277 risk may differ. It should also be noted that our analysis did not specifically adjust 278 for pneumonia disease severity, such as with the Pneumonia Severity Index score. 279 However, given that many of the risk factors included in our study are also part of 280 this severity index, it is likely that pneumococcal disease severity also increased 281 with the number of stacked risks. [26] Lastly, as we studied an older Veteran 282 population, generalizability to the U.S. population as a whole is limited.

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285 **Conclusion**

In unvaccinated older Veterans with serious pneumococcal disease, the presence of multiple ACIP risk factors for developing pneumococcal disease was associated with higher 30-day all-cause mortality. The more indications for vaccination present, the greater the risk of death, which was almost three times higher among those with six stacked risk factors as opposed to a single risk factor. As multiple risk factors for pneumococcal disease are common among older adults, effective vaccination strategies for the prevention of infection are needed.

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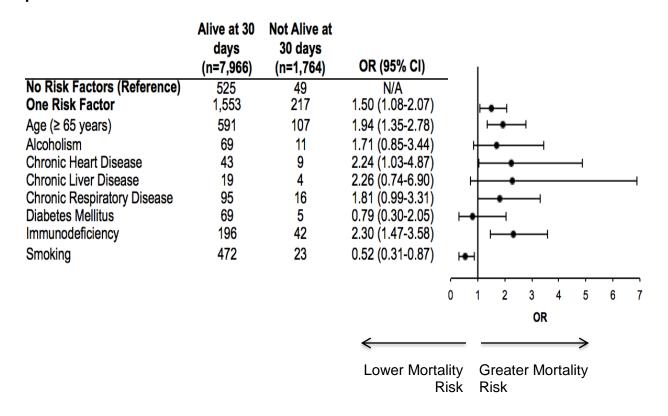
	Alive at 30 days (n=7,966)	Not alive at 30 days (n=1,764)
Age (years), (SD)	67 (± 11)	71 (± 11)*
Gender, Male	7,795 (97.5)	1,740 (98.6)*
Race		
American Indian	98 (1.2)	14 (0.8)
Asian or Pacific Islander	63 (0.8)	11 (0.6)
Black	1,054 (13.2)	238 (13.5)
White	6,297 (79.0)	1,354 (76.8)*
Unknown	454 (5.7)	147 (8.3)*
Pneumococcal Disease Risk Factors within previous year		
Alcohol abuse	1,261 (15.8)	313 (17.7)*
Chronic heart disease	1,999 (25.1)	611 (34.6)*
Chronic heart failure	1,324 (16.6)	489 (27.7)*
Chronic liver disease, any severity	705 (8.9)	320 (18.1)*
Chronic respiratory disease	3,609 (45.3)	911 (51.6)*
Diabetes mellitus	1,709 (21.5)	476 (27.0)*
Immunodeficiency	2,535 (31.8)	747 (42.3)*
Cigarette smoking	3,777 (47.4)	674 (38.2)*

 Table 1. Demographics of unvaccinated older adults with pneumococcal disease.

Note: Results reported as n (%) unless otherwise specified

*p < 0.05.

Figure 1. Risk of 30-day mortality in unvaccinated adults with one pneumococcal disease risk factor.



CI, Confidence Interval; OR, Odds Ratio

Figure 2. Risk of 30-day mortality in unvaccinated adults with multiple pneumococcal disease risk factors.

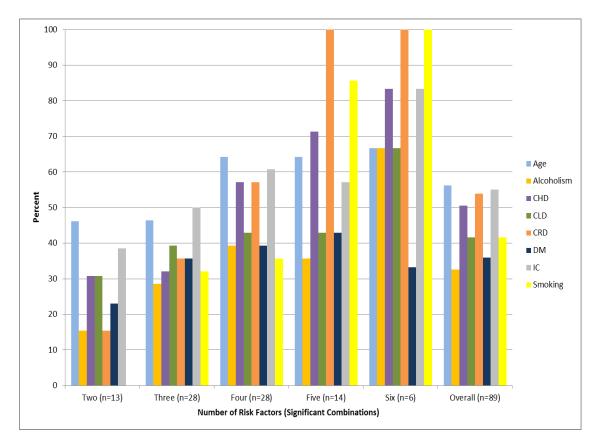
	Alive at 30 days (n=7,966)	Not Alive at 30 days (n = 1,764)		
No Risk Factors (Reference)	525	49	N/A	
Two Risk Factors*	1969	370	2.01 (1.47-2.75)	
CLD + IC	10	7	7.5 (2.74-20.59)	
Alcoholism + CLD	31	18	6.22 (3.25-11.92)	
DM + IC	19	10	5.64 (2.48-12.80)	⊢ •−−−
Three Risk Factors*	1897	480	2.71 (1.99-3.69)	Hel
Alcoholism + CLD + IC	9	5	5.95 (1.92-18.46)	⊢ •−−−−−
Age + CHD + IC	62	32	5.53 (3.30-9.28)	⊢ •−−1
Age + Alcoholism + CRD	12	6	5.36 (1.93-14.9)	⊢ •───┤
Four Risk Factors*	1307	399	3.27 (2.39-4.47)	Hel
Alcoholism + CLD + DM + Smoking	7	10	15.31 (5.58-41.99)	• • •
Alcoholism + CRD + DM + IC	14	12	9.18 (4.03-20.95)	⊢ •−−−−−
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD	9	6	7.15 (2.44-20.91)	
Five Risk Factors*	584	198	3.63 (2.6-5.07)	H=-1
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM	5	< 5	8.58 (2.23-32.99)	·
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + Smoking	7	5	7.65 (2.34-25.01)	·
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	16	10	6.7 (2.88-15.55)	↓ → → → →
Six Risk Factors*	114	45	4.23 (2.69-6.65)	H•
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	6	< 5	7.14 (1.95-26.17)	••
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + IC + Smoking	13	7	5.77 (2.20-15.13)	⊢ •−−−−1
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	7	< 5	4.59 (1.15-18.32)	⊢ •────
			<	0 4 8 12 16 20 24 28 32 36 40 44 OR
			Less Mortality	Greater Mortality

Risk Risk

Age, Age ≥ 65 years; CHD, Chronic heart disease; CI, Confidence Interval; CLD, Chronic liver disease; CRD, Chronic respiratory disease; DM, Diabetes mellitus; IC, Immunodeficiency; OR, Odds Ratio *Includes 3 selected statistically significant OR (CI does not contain 1) from each numerical category of risk factors present.

No statistically significant seven or eight risk factor combinations. See supplemental appendix for risk for all unique combinations.

Figure 3. Frequency of stacked pneumococcal disease risk factors in



unvaccinated adults.

Age, Age \geq 65 years; CHD, Chronic Heart Disease; CLD, Chronic Liver Disease; CRD, Chronic Respiratory Disease; DM, Diabetes Mellitus; IC, Immunodeficiency Includes only stacked risk combinations which significantly increased the risk of 30-day mortality (p < 0.05). No statistically significant seven or eight risk factor combinations. Appendix A. Risk of 30-day mortality for all combinations of risk factors for

developing pneumococcal disease.

	Alive at	Not alive at 30		
	30 days (n=7,966)	days (n=1,764)	ORª	95% CI
No Risk factors	525 (6.6)	49 (2.8)	Reference	Reference
	1,969	370		
Two Risk factors	(24.7)	(21.0)	2.01	1.47-2.75*
Age + Alcoholism	22 (0.3)	9 (0.5)	4.38	1.91-10.04*
Age + CHD	111 (1.4)	51 (2.9)	4.92	3.16-7.66*
Age + CLD	< 5	< 5	16.07	2.62-98.49*
Age + CRD	262 (3.3)	57 (3.2)	2.33	1.55-3.51*
Age + DM	75 (0.9)	29 (1.6)	4.14	2.47-6.96*
Age + IC	323 (4.1)	56 (3.2)	1.86	1.24-2.79*
Age + Smoking	217 (2.7)	16 (0.9)	0.79	0.44-1.42
Alcoholism + CHD	6 (0.08)	< 5	1.79	0.21-15.13
Alcoholism + CLD	31 (0.4)	18 (1.0)	6.22	3.25-11.92*
Alcoholism + CRD	24 (0.3)	< 5	1.34	0.39-4.61
Alcoholism + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + IC	14 (0.2)	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + Smoking	141 (1.8)	14 (0.8)	1.06	0.57-1.98
CHD + CLD	< 5	< 5	10.71	1.48-77.69*
CHD + CRD	32 (0.4)	6 (0.3)	2.01	0.80-5.04
CHD + DM	33 (0.4)	11 (0.6)	3.57	1.70-7.50*
CHD + IC	18 (0.2)	10 (0.6)	5.95	2.60-13.60*
CHD + Smoking	48 (0.6)	< 5	0.67	0.20-2.23
CLD + CRD	6 (0.08)	< 5	1.79	0.21-15.13
CLD + DM	9 (0.1)	< 5	1.19	0.15-9.59
CLD + IC	10 (0.1)	7 (0.4)	7.50	2.74-20.59*
CLD + Smoking	27 (0.3)	< 5	0.79	0.18-3.44
CRD + DM	24 (0.3)	< 5	0.45	0.06-3.37
CRD + IC	35 (0.4)	14 (0.8)	4.23	2.16-8.51*
CRD + Smoking	224 (2.8)	13 (0.7)	0.62	0.33-1.17
DM + IC	19 (0.2)	10 (0.6)	5.64	2.48-12.80*
DM + Smoking	54 (0.7)	5 (0.3)	0.99	0.38-2.60
IC + Smoking	197 (2.5)	27 (1.5)	1.47	0.89-2.42
	1,897	480		
Three Risk factors	(23.8)	(27.2)	2.71	1.99-3.69*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71

Age + Alcoholism + CLD	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71
Age + Alcoholism + CRD	12 (0.2)	6 (0.3)	5.36	1.93-14.90*
Age + Alcoholism + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + IC	5 (0.06)	< 5	6.43	1.49-27.7*
Age + Alcoholism + Smoking	25 (0.3)	< 5	0.86	0.19-3.73
Age + CHD + CLD	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.96-29.99
Age + CHD + CRD	249 (3.1)	90 (5.1)	3.87	2.65-5.66*
Age + CHD + DM	110 (1.4)	41 (2.3)	3.99	2.51-6.35*
Age + CHD + IC	62 (0.8)	32 (1.8)	5.53	3.30-9.28*
Age + CHD + Smoking	28 (0.4)	9 (0.5)	3.44	1.54-7.71*
Age + CLD + CRD	< 5	< 5	32.10	3.28-314.30*
Age + CLD + DM	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
Age + CLD + IC	< 5	< 5	42.86	4.69-390.98*
Age + CLD + Smoking	< 5	< 5	21.43	1.91-240.56*
Age + CRD + DM	70 (0.9)	16 (0.9)	2.45	1.32-4.54*
Age + CRD + IC	145 (1.8)	43 (2.4)	3.18	2.03-4.98*
Age + CRD + Smoking	186 (2.4)	27 (1.5)	1.56	0.95-2.56
Age + DM + IC	38 (0.5)	14 (0.8)	3.95	2.00-7.79*
Age + DM + Smoking	29 (0.4)	< 5	1.48	0.50-4.38
Age + IC + Smoking	123 (1.5)	24 (1.4)	2.09	1.24-3.54*
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD	< 5	< 5	10.71	1.48-77.69*
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD	10 (0.1)	< 5	2.14	0.46-10.06
Alcoholism + CHD + DM	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
Alcoholism + CHD + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + Smoking	21 (0.3)	< 5	1.02	0.23-4.48
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD	12 (0.2)	5 (0.3)	4.47	1.51-13.20*
Alcoholism + CLD + DM	< 5	< 5	8.04	1.75-36.96*
Alcoholism + CLD + IC	9 (0.1)	5 (0.3)	5.95	1.92-18.46*
Alcoholism + CLD + Smoking	52 (0.7)	18 (1.0)	3.71	2.01-6.83*
Alcoholism + CRD + DM	0	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CRD + IC	7 (0.09)	< 5	3.06	0.62-15.14
Alcoholism + CRD + Smoking	128 (1.6)	5 (0.3)	0.42	0.16-1.07
Alcoholism + DM + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + DM + Smoking	23 (0.3)	< 5	1.40	0.41-4.82
Alcoholism + IC + Smoking	40 (0.5)	13 (0.7)	3.48	1.75-6.95*
CHD + CLD + CRD	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
CHD + CLD + DM	< 5	< 5	10.71	2.10-54.51*
CHD + CLD + IC	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
CHD + CLD + Smoking	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
CHD + CRD + DM	51 (0.6)	9 (0.5)	1.89	0.88-4.07
CHD + CRD + IC	25 (0.3)	< 5	1.29	0.38-4.41

CHD + CRD + Smoking	87 (1.1)	17 (1.0)	2.09	1.15-3.80*
CHD + DM + IC	13 (0.2)	4 (0.2)	3.30	1.04-10.50*
CHD + DM + Smoking	36 (0.5)	< 5	0.89	0.27-3.01
CHD + IC + Smoking	15 (0.2)	5 (0.3)	3.57	1.25-10.24*
CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	7.14	1.17-43.78*
CLD + CRD + IC	6 (0.08)	< 5	1.79	0.21-15.13
CLD + CRD + Smoking	17 (0.2)	< 5	1.26	0.28-5.62
CLD + DM + IC	< 5	< 5	7.14	1.17-43.78*
CLD + DM + Smoking	10 (0.1)	0	n/a	n/a
CLD + IC + Smoking	17 (0.2)	< 5	2.52	0.82-7.79
CRD + DM + IC	12 (0.2)	< 5	3.57	1.11-11.49*
CRD + DM + Smoking	50 (0.6)	< 5	0.43	0.10-1.82
CRD + IC + Smoking	101 (1.3)	23 (1.3)	2.44	1.42-4.18*
DM + IC + Smoking	19 (0.2)	7 (0.4)	3.95	1.58-9.85*
	1,307	399		
Four Risk factors	(16.5)	(22.6)	3.27	2.39-4.47*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD	< 5	< 5	10.71	2.11-54.51*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD +				
CRD	9 (0.1)	6 (0.3)	7.15	2.44-20.91*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + DM	< 5	< 5	3.57	0.37-34.99
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + IC	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD +				
Smoking	6 (0.08)	< 5	5.36	1.30-22.09*
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD	< 5	< 5	8.04	1.75-36.96*
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + DM	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD +	_	_		
Smoking	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	10.71	2.11-54.51*
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + IC	8 (0.1)	< 5	4.02	1.03-15.64*
Age + Alcoholism + CRD +				
Smoking	39 (0.5)	7 (0.4)	1.92	0.82-4.53
Age + Alcoholism + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + DM +	_	_	40 = 4	0.00 (70.00
Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + Alcoholism + IC +	0(01)	. 5	0.00	0 50 11 22
	9 (0.1)	< 5	2.38	0.50-11.33
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD	< 5	< 5	21.43	1.91-240.56*
	< 5	< 5	10.71	2.60-44.17*
	< 5	< 5	16.07	2.62-98.50*
Age + CHD + CLD + Smoking	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Age + CHD + CRD + DM	172 (2.2)	56 (3.2)	3.49	2.29-5.31*

Age + CHD + CRD + IC	152 (1.9)	53 (3.0)	3.74	2.43-5.73*
Age + CHD + CRD + Smoking	162 (2.0)	47 (2.7)	3.11	2.01-4.81*
Age + CHD + DM + IC	45 (0.6)	18 (1.0)	4.29	2.31-7.97*
Age + CHD + DM + Smoking	24 (0.3)	5 (0.3)	2.23	0.82-6.11
Age + CHD + IC + Smoking	24 (0.3)	8 (0.5)	3.57	1.52-8.37*
Age + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + CRD + IC	< 5	< 5	7.14	1.17-43.78*
Age + CLD + CRD + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + DM + IC	6 (0.08)	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + CRD + DM + IC	44 (0.6)	9 (0.5)	2.19	1.01-4.76*
Age + CRD + DM + Smoking	43 (0.5)	6 (0.3)	1.50	0.61-3.69
Age + CRD + IC + Smoking	120 (1.5)	36 (2.0)	3.22	2.00-5.16*
Age + DM + IC + Smoking	15 (0.2)	6 (0.3)	4.29	1.59-11.55*
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD +				
CRD	5 (0.06)	< 5	4.29	0.81-22.68
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM	< 5	< 5	3.57	0.37-34.99
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD +				
Smoking	15	< 5	2.86	0.91-8.95
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD +				
Smoking	57 (0.7)	< 5	0.38	0.09-1.59
Alcoholism + CHD + DM + IC	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + DM +		0		
Smoking Alcoholism + CHD + IC +	9 (0.1)	0	n/a	n/a
Smoking	10 (0.1)	< 5	1.07	0.134-8.55
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DR	5 (0.06)	< 5	6.43	1.49-27.71*
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + IC	3 (0.00)		0.40	1.43-27.71
Smoking	37 (0.5)	6 (0.3)	1.74	0.70-4.32
Alcoholism + CLD + DM + IC	< 5	< 5	32.10	3.28-314.30*
Alcoholism + CLD + DM + IO			52.10	0.20 01 1.00
Smoking	7 (0.1)	10 (0.6)	15.31	5.58-41.99*
Alcoholism + CLD + IC +	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Smoking	14 (0.2)	12 (0.7)	9.18	4.03-20.95*
Alcoholism + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CRD + DM +				
Smoking	14 (0.2)	< 5	0.77	0.10-5.94
Alcoholism + CRD + IC +			0.40	
Smoking	40 (0.5)	13 (0.7)	3.48	1.75-6.95*

Alcoholism + DM + IC +				
Smoking	< 5	< 5	2.68	0.29-24.44
CHD + CLD + CRD + DM	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71
CHD + CLD + CRD + IC	< 5	< 5	21.43	1.91-240.56*
CHD + CLD + CRD + Smoking	11 (0.1)	< 5	1.95	0.42-9.04
CHD + CLD + DM + IC	< 5	< 5	10.71	1.48-77.69*
CHD + CLD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
CHD + CLD + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
CHD + CRD + DM + IC	13 (0.2)	7 (0.4)	5.77	2.20-15.13*
CHD + CRD + DM + Smoking	53 (0.7)	17 (1.0)	3.44	1.85-6.39*
CHD + CRD + IC + Smoking	38 (0.5)	13 (0.7)	3.67	1.83-7.34*
CHD + DM + IC + Smoking	12 (0.2)	0	n/a	n/a
CLD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	9 (0.1)	< 5	2.38	0.50-11.33
CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	9 (0.1)	< 5	1.19	0.15-9.59
		198		
Five Risk factors	584 (7.3)	(11.2)	3.63	2.60-5.07*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD	5 (0.06)	< 5	4.29	0.81-22.68
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + IC	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM	5 (0.06)	< 5	8.58	2.23-32.99*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + IC	7 (0.09)	< 5	1.53	0.19-12.70
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + Smoking	29 (0.4)	11 (0.6)	4.06	1.91-8.63*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + IC + Smoking	5 (0.06)	< 5	4.29	0.81-22.68
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM	0	0	n/a	n/a

Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + IC	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + Smoking	11 (0.1)	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + DM + Smoking	5 (0.06)	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + IC + Smoking	14 (0.2)	8 (0.5)	6.12	2.45-15.31*
Age + Alcoholism + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	3.57	0.37-34.99
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + Smoking	7 (0.09)	5 (0.3)	7.65	2.34-25.01*
Age + CHD + CLD + DM + IC	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CLD + DM + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CLD + IC + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CRD + DM + IC	81 (1.0)	39 (2.2)	5.16	3.19-8.35*
Age + CHD + CRD + DM + Smoking	79 (1.0)	19 (1.1)	2.58	1.443-4.60*
Age + CHD + CRD + IC + Smoking	118 (1.5)	34 (1.9)	3.09	1.91-4.99*
Age + CHD + DM + IC + Smoking	16 (0.2)	< 5	2.68	0.86-8.33
Age + CLD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	16.07	2.62-98.50*
Age + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	26 (0.3)	11 (0.6)	4.54	2.11-9.73*

Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + Smoking	13 (0.2)	< 5	3.30	1.04-10.50*
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + IC	0	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + Smoking	< 5	< 5	3.57	0.37-34.99
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + Smoking	18 (0.2)	< 5	0.60	0.08-4.55
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + IC + Smoking	16 (0.2)	< 5	0.67	0.09-5.16
Alcoholism + CHD + DM + IC + Smoking Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
+ IC Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM $+ IC$ Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
+ Smoking	10 (0.1)	< 5	2.14	0.46-10.06
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	16 (0.2)	10 (0.6)	6.70	2.88-15.55*
Alcoholism + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Alcoholism + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	7 (0.09)	0	n/a	n/a
CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC CHD + CLD + CRD + DM +	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Smoking CHD + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	<u>8 (0.1)</u> < 5	< 5 < 5	4.02 7.14	1.03-15.64* 1.17-43.78*
CHD + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5 5 (0.06)	< 5	4.29	0.81-22.68
CHD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	37 (0.5)	17 (1.0)	4.92	2.58-9.38*
CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Six Risk factors	114 (1.4)	45 (2.6)	4.23	2.69-6.65*

Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + Smoking	5 (0.06)	< 5	4.29	0.81-22.68
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + IC	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + IC + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + IC	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + Smoking	11 (0.1)	< 5	2.92	0.79-10.83
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + IC + Smoking	13 (0.2)	7 (0.4)	5.77	2.20-15.13*
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM + IC	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	21.43	1.91-240.56*
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.96-29.99
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	2.11-54.51*
Age + CHD + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	0	n/a	n/a
Age + CHD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	34 (0.4)	10 (0.6)	3.15	1.47-6.76*

Age + CLD + CRD + DM + IC +				
Smoking	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.48-60.14
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	7 (0.09)	< 5	4.59	1.15-18.32*
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	6 (0.08)	< 5	7.14	1.95-26.17*
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71
Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	5.36	0.96-29.99
CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Seven Risk factors	13 (0.2)	< 5	2.47	0.68-8.98
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + DM + IC + Smoking	0	< 5	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Age + Alcoholism + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	< 5	10.71	0.66-173.96
Age + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	< 5	0	n/a	n/a
Eight Risk factors	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71
Age + Alcoholism + CHD + CLD + CRD + DM + IC + Smoking	5 (0.06)	< 5	2.14	0.25-18.71

Age, Age ≥ 65 years; CHD, Chronic Heart Disease; CLD, Chronic Liver Disease;

CRD, Chronic Respiratory Disease; CI, Confidence Interval; DM, Diabetes

Mellitus; IC, Immunodeficiency; OR, Odds Ratio

*p < 0.05.