## Can Inflammatory Markers be used as an Early predictor for Mechanical

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## Background

-Studies have validated CRP levels to predict Mechanical Ventilation (MV) in patients with COVID-19 -Use in patients with CKD is unclear due to elevated baseline CRP levels due to chronic inflammation and reduced renal clearance of inflammatory cytokines

## Objective

Assess the association of inflammatory markers like CRP, ferritin, LDH, D dimer and MV rate in patients with stages IIIb-V CKD and COVID-19

## Methods



Results


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Area Under the Curve - Invasive Mechanical Ventilation

| Variables | AUC | Std. <br> Error | $\mathbf{p}$ value | $\mathbf{9 5 \% ~ C I}$ | Sensitivity | Specificity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CRP | .747 | .067 | .0001 | $0.617-0.878$ | 80.8 | 50 |
| Ferritin | .658 | .066 | .019 | $0.528-0.788$ | 73 | 50 |
| LDH | .699 | .061 | .003 | $0.579-0.82$ | 80.8 | 50 |
| D dimer | .751 | .064 | .0001 | $0.625-0.876$ | 76.9 | 50 |

Univariate analysis - Invasive Mechanical Ventilation

| Variables | OR | p-value | $\mathbf{9 5 \% ~ C I}$ |
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| MaleSex | 0.289 | 0.01 | $0.110-0.761$ |
| Diabetes mellitus | 1.364 | 1.00 | $0.546-3.406$ |
| Required HD | 9.688 | 0.002 | $2.685-34.95$ |
| CRP > 100 mg/L | 5.444 | 0.01 | $2.047-14.483$ |
| Ferritin >530 ng/ml | 2.8 | 0.01 | $1.098-7.138$ |
| LDH >590 U/L | 7.737 | 0.003 | $1.821-32.87$ |
| D - dimer > 0.5 mg/L | 3.953 | 0.01 | $1.331-11.74$ |
| WBC >9.86 | 4.25 | 0.006 | $1.513-11.96$ |
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## Discussion

Positive correlation between CRP, Ferritin and D dimer levels and MV rate with good sensitivity in ROC curves emphasizes utility of these biomarkers in CKD patients with Covid-19

Main Finding: CRP, Ferritin, LDH and D-dimer are good predictors of MV in COVID-19 patients with CKD Stages IIIb-V


