

Table 2. Characteristics of included randomized controlled trial(s)

Study	Participants	Comparison	Follow-up	Outcome measures	Comments	Risk of bias
Azoulay (2010)	<p>N at baseline Intervention: N = 113 Control: N = 106</p> <p>Age (median, IQR) Intervention: 62 (49 to 69) years Control: 61 (50 to 71) years</p> <p>Sex (male/female) Intervention: 79/34 Control: 74/32</p> <p>Comorbidities <i>Cardiovascular</i> Intervention: 43/113 (38.1%) Control: 41/106 (38.7%) <i>Chronic respiratory insufficiency</i> Intervention: 21/113 (18.8%)</p>	<p>Intervention: Fiberoptic bronchoscopy with bronchoalveolar lavage (FO-BAL) plus non-invasive tests.</p> <p>Control: Non-invasive tests only.</p>	No information.	<p>New diagnosis I: 90/113 (79.6%) C: 83/106 (78.3%)</p> <p>Change of treatment Not reported.</p> <p>Need for endotracheal mechanical ventilation I: 40/113 (35.4%) C: 41/106 (38.7%)</p> <p>Duration of mechanical ventilation Not reported.</p> <p>Intensive care unit length of stay Not reported.</p> <p>28-day mortality I: 33/113 (29.2%)</p>	<p>Supported by a grant from the Assistance-Publique Hôpitaux de Paris (AOM 04,139) and the French Society for Intensive Care Medicine. Funded primarily by the French Ministry of Health.</p> <p>The authors are indebted to A. Wolfe for helping to prepare the manuscript. No potential conflict of interest relevant to this article was reported.</p>	LOW

	<p>Control: 13/106 (12.3%)</p> <p><i>Chronic renal insufficiency</i></p> <p>Intervention: 6/113 (5.3%)</p> <p>Control: 6/106 (5.7%)</p> <p><i>Diabetes</i></p> <p>Intervention: 15/113 (13.3%)</p> <p>Control: 8/106 (7.6%)</p>		<p>C: 35/106 (33%)</p> <p>In-hospital mortality</p> <p>Not reported.</p>		
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*For further details, see risk of bias table in the appendix