Figure 2a: Mortality according to the sepsis category and lactate concentration. Panel A shows the sepsis-2 categories. Panel B shows the sepsis-3 categories.

Lactate > 2 mmol/L represents all patients with lactate > 2 mmol/L, including those with lactate > 4 mmol/L

* Number of patients in the category.

# Pearson’s Chi-squared test P < 0.001 among the three sepsis categories (same lactate level). Pearson’s Chi-squared test P < 0.05 post-hoc analysis vs. severe sepsis (same lactate level) category.

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% Pearson’s Chi-squared test P < 0.001 among the three lactate categories (same sepsis category level). Pearson’s Chi-squared test P < 0.05 post-hoc analysis vs. whole group and Lactate > 2 mmol/L (same sepsis category level) categories.