

1 - Framing

Population

Patients with sepsis in the ICU



Intervention

A = 1, albumin + crystalloids



Comparator

A = 0, crystalloids



Outcome

Y = 28-day mortality



Time

2 - Identification

Confounders

- Comorbidities
- Drugs
- Measurements
- Demographics
- Social variables

Other bias

*Immortal time bias
(24h observed)*

3 - Estimation

Feature extraction

Aggregation of logged measures:

- First measure
- Last measure
- Median of measures

Causal estimator

- Propensity matching
- Inverse propensity weighting
- Outcome model (T-learner)
- Double Machine Learning
- Doubly robust (AIPW)

Nuisance estimator

- Random forest
- Logistic regression

4 - Vibration Analysis

All analysis steps matters.

Ordered by introduction of bias:

- model selection
- confounder choice
- immortal time bias

5 - CATE

Treatment effect in subgroups.

Heterogeneity estimated for:

- Age
- Septic shock status
- Sex