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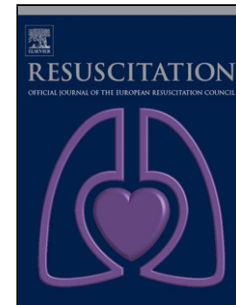
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Early prognostication after cardiac arrest: Are we getting closer?

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Approximately 50% of the patients that are admitted to the ICU after cardiac arrest die or have a poor neurological outcome, mainly as a result of post-anoxic encephalopathy {1,2,} Early identification of patients with an unfavourable outcome is challenging. Adequate prognostication after cardiac arrest is important to avoid withdrawal of life sustaining treatment in patients with a possible good outcome {3} and continuation of possible futile treatment.

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