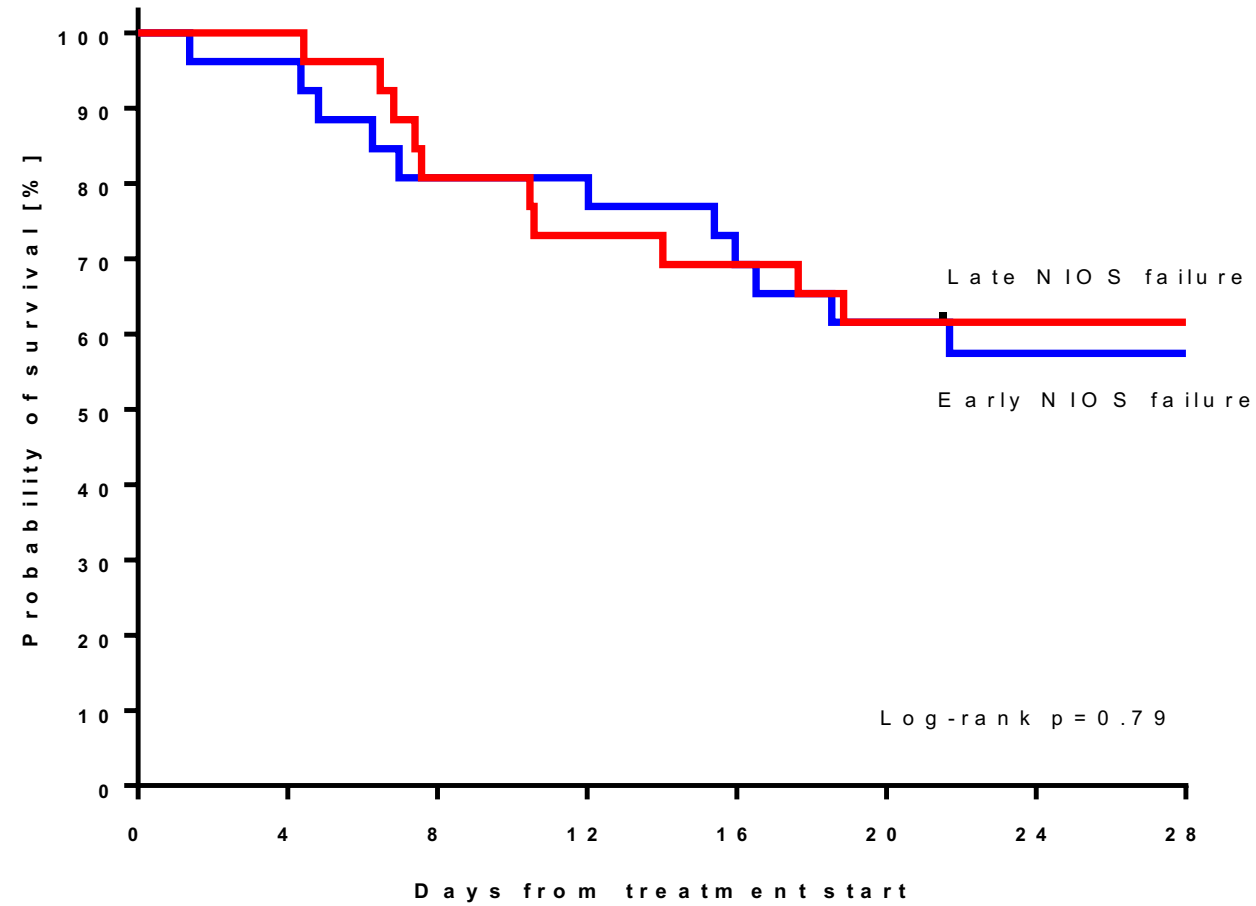


E-Figure 1

E-Figure 1. Subjects treated with NIOS for more than 42 h had similar probability of survival than subjects who failed NIOS earlier. The non-significant difference in mortality between these two cohorts was confirmed after adjustment for age, SAPS II score and PaO₂/FiO₂ at enrollment, with a hazard ratio of 1.3 [CI95% 0.5-3.3] (p=0.54).



Subjects at risk, n

Late NIOS failure	26	26	21	19	18	16	16	16
Early NIOS failure	26	25	22	22	19	17	15	15