**Table E1 – Baseline Variables Across Quartiles Of Driving Pressure**

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|  | **1st quartile of ΔP** | **2nd quartile of ΔP** | **3rd quartile of ΔP** | **4th quartile of ΔP** | **P-Value** |
| **Age (yrs)** | 59.1 ± 15 | 62.6 ± 13.8 | 55 ± 14 | 59.3 ± 16.9 | 0.191 |
| **SAPS II on admission** | 46 ± 15 | 44 ± 14 | 44 ± 16 | 43 ± 12 | 0.903 |
| **SOFA on admission** | 10 ± 4 | 8 ± 3 | 10 ± 4 | 8 ± 3 | 0.093 |

**Table E1** shows the distribution of age, baseline SAPS II and baseline SOFA along quartiles of driving pressure; these three variables, which account for baseline patients’ severity, were not different along quartiles.