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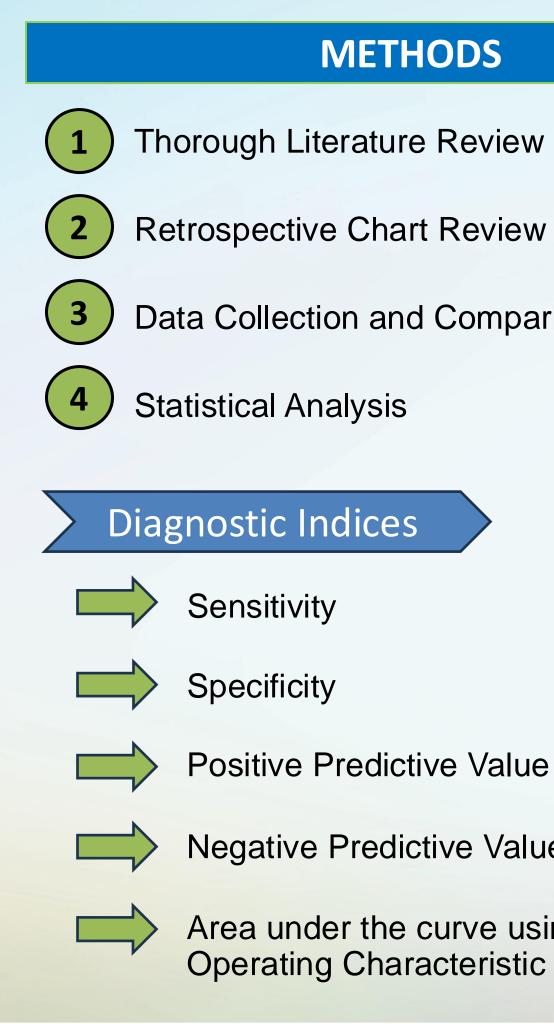
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INTRODUCTION

- Patients with acute pulmonary embolisms (PE) are tested for the presence of right ventricular dysfunction (RVD) using computed tomography pulmonary angiography (CTPA) and transthoracic echocardiography (TTE)
- TTE is regarded as the gold standard but is usually unavailable when patients present at the hospital. Most patients gets CTPA before TTE during the workup for acute PE.²
- Combination testing (CTPA + biomarker) has been compared against TTE in a previous study using the right ventricular/left ventricular (RV/LV) volume ratio as opposed to the RV/LV axial ratio³
- Routinely, the common parameter reported in practice is the RV/LV axial ratio

PURPOSE

 To investigate the effectiveness of combination testing (CT + Troponin) against the gold standard TTE in identifying RVD in hemodynamically stable patients



METHODS

Thorough Literature Review

Retrospective Chart Review of PE patients

Data Collection and Comparison of Results

Negative Predictive Value

Area under the curve using Receiver **Operating Characteristic (ROC) analysis**

