



User manual for The ADHERE Algorithm

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1. The Evidencio platform

The Evidencio platform facilitates the creation, use, validation and implementation of medical prediction models and clinical decision support tools. This user manual specifically relates to the ADHERE Algorithm. The User Manual can also be referred to as the Instructions For Use (IFU).

Throughout this manual CE-marked content and the term medical device are used interchangeably.

2. Disclaimer

Evidencio provides certain CE-marked information, calculators, equations, and algorithms (tools) on any of its websites, applications, apps, or services. These tools may only be used in accordance with the intended use / intended purpose that has been published with the respective CE-marked tool.

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3. Warnings for CE-marked content

Calculations alone should never dictate patient care, and are no substitute for professional judgement. See our full disclaimer on: <https://www.evidencio.com/disclaimer>. This tool is only to be used by healthcare professionals in a clinical setting, and is not for patient use.

Always read the intended use before using this tool.

Always make sure the patient complies with the clinical indications and clinical contra-indications as stated on the Evidencio website, and in Section H of this user manual.

Before reading the result, double check the filled in values to prevent errors.

Results that concern risk percentages, do not guarantee certain outcomes. When there is a risk present, do not expect an event to not occur at all, even if the risk is very small. Conversely, a high risk does not guarantee that an event will occur.

This algorithm is only intended for use in settings where the usage and result of an algorithm are never immediately needed.

The data used to perform the calculations is stored by Evidencio to enhance algorithm function and allow issues to be traceable for further improvements. For details, see the privacy policy on our website at: <https://www.evidencio.com/privacy-policy>.

3.1. Notice to the user

Any serious incident that has occurred in relation to the device should be reported to the manufacturer and the competent authority of the country in which you, the reader, are established. A competent authority is the institute that governs all issues related to medical devices in a country.

Contact details of your competent authority can be found here: <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/partners-networks/eu-partners/eu-member-states/national-competent-authorities-human>

Please contact Evidencio when you suspect any malfunction or changes in the performance of a medical device. Do not use the device, until Evidencio replies to your message that it is safe to start using it again.

4. Model landing page

The medical device model on the Evidencio platform is shown in Figure 1. The model landing page contains the following sections, that are indicated in Figure 1.

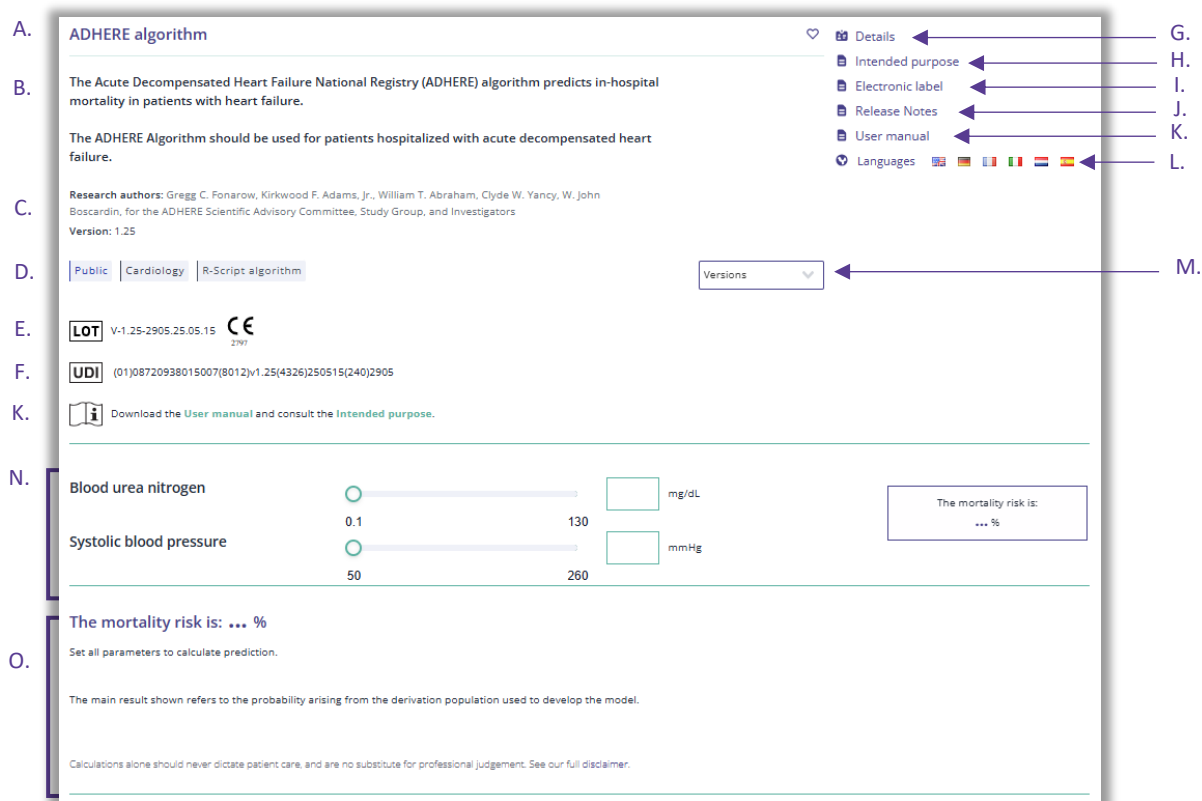


Figure 1. An example of a model landing page.

A. Model title

This is the title and name of the model.

B. Model description

This is a short description of the model.

C. Research authors

These are the research authors of the paper that originally published the model.

D. Model tags

These are the tags that are assigned to the model. Evidencio has the following status tags: "Draft", "Public", "Private", "Under review". Evidencio has the following model type tags: "Composite model", "Sequential model", "API model". Evidencio has

the following calculation method tags: "Linear model", "Logistic regression", "Cox regression", "RScript" and "Custom model". Next to this, there are tags that indicate the specialty e.g. "Cardiology".

E. LOT number

The LOT number indicated the model version, the model identifier, and the model publication date. Publication date is indicated as YY.MM.DD.

Additionally, the CE mark is displayed next to the LOT number. This way, medical devices can be easily recognized.

F. UDI number

The UDI number is an international tool that helps users identify and find information on products. UDI stands for Unique Device Identifier. Evidencio's UDIs have the following format:

(01)UDI-DI number(8012)versionnumber(4326)releasedate(240)identificationnumber

The UDI-DI number is a unique numeric code. For each medical device of Evidencio, a unique UDI-DI is ascribed. This UDI-DI is used as an "access key" for information stored in a unique device identification database (UDID). Information on Evidencio's medical devices can be found by searching for the UDI-DI number in the following data base: <https://gepir.gs1.org/index.php/search-by-gtin>

G. Details button

On the top right of the model page, several clickable buttons are displayed that show a pop-up when clicked. The first button opens a pop-up concerning additional information about the model. This pop-up has three sections: Details, Study characteristics and Supporting publications & related files.

Details

The first part of the additional information concerns the details of the model as shown in Figure 2.

Additional information on the rating of a model can be found by hovering over the "i" icon, next to the stars.




Details			
Algorithm author	T. A. Hueting	Status	Public
Algorithm ID	10498	Share	  
Version	1.25		
Revision date	2025-05-15		
Specialty	Cardiology		
Algorithm type	R-Script algorithm (Calculation)		
MeSH terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heart Failure 		

Figure 2. The model details.

Study characteristics

Below the 'Details section' the section labeled 'Study characteristics' provides information on the characteristics of the patient data used to derive and validate the model. Additional information is provided on the methods used to develop and/or validate the model.

An important part of the Study characteristics is the information on Supporting publications and related files. These sections can be found at the bottom of the Details-pop-up as shown in Figure 3.

Tags are attached to the different files to identify their link with the model. Examples of relevant tags are a.o.; "Peer review", "Internal validation", "External validation", and "TRIPOD". Publications that have the tags: "Internal validation" or "External validation", contain the performance characteristics of the device.

These tags are considered important, because the availability of particular information covered by the above mentioned tasks provide insight into the quality of the model development process and the model itself. As a completeness of

information and quality indicator a model receives a certain number of stars when these labels can be assigned to relevant files or references.

Supporting Publications

Title or description

Risk Stratification for In-Hospital Mortality in Acutely Decompensated Heart Failure

DOI: 10.1001/jama.293.5.572

Tags

Internal validation

Peer review

Related files

No related files available

Figure 3. An example of Supporting publications & related files.

H. Intended use button

The intended use and (medical) purpose of the model can be found under the button: 'Intended use'. Among other things, the intended use indicates inclusion criteria of the medical device. Furthermore, the intended use comments on the appropriate use of the model regarding the intended use environment, intended users, and intended patient population (in- and exclusion criteria). For the ADHERE Algorithm the following intended use is described:

Intended use

The device is intended to be used by physicians to estimate the risk of in-hospital mortality in patients with acute decompensated heart failure.

The device combines BUN with systolic blood pressure and Serum Creatinine to calculate the estimated risk of in-hospital mortality.

The device is intended to be used for patients with acute decompensated heart failure by physicians and qualified medical specialists in a clinical setting. The device is not intended for use by patients on their own.

The ADHERE Algorithm is not intended to replace clinical decision-making, it can only **inform** the physician, and only provides a probability of in-hospital mortality. No direct instructions for further diagnostics, treatment, or otherwise are given.

The ADHERE Algorithm only predicts in-hospital mortality, which means the overall mortality is relatively low when compared to longer-term studies.

Clinical benefit

The ADHERE is intended to assist patients with relevant and specified clinical outcome parameters. Concretely, this is achieved by estimating a risk in order to support clinical decision making aimed acute decompensated heart failure patients in order to support clinical decision making regarding risk-based patient treatment. Correct functioning of the ADHERE can result in these clinical benefits:

- The ADHERE can assist in risk stratification for patients
- Risk stratification can reduce the burden of (invasive and intensive) medical procedures such as tests on patients with low risks, reducing, shortening or avoiding stays in hospitals or other care facilities.
- Risk stratification can reduce the unnecessary consumption of (scarce) medical resources, decreasing costs and increasing their availability for high risk patients.

Intended target population and exclusion

The ADHERE Algorithm should be used for patients with acutely decompensated heart failure with significant heart failure symptoms during hospitalisation. If any further clinical indications are found during the clinical evaluation, they will be added here.

Clinical indication

The ADHERE Algorithm should be used for patients hospitalized with acute decompensated heart failure.

Contra-indications

No contra-indications have been found.

User Profile

Since heart failure mortality is regarded as a 'critical healthcare situation or condition', the use of the SaMD is intended for specialised trained users. Health care professionals do not require additional training prior to the use of the medical device. Thus, the SaMD may be used by physicians and qualified medical specialists in a clinical setting. The SaMD should **not** be used by patients.

Intended Use Environment

The SaMD can be used as made available on the Evidencio platform in any actively supported web-browser on personal computers, mobile devices, or tablet PCs, and on the mobile app provided by Evidencio. Furthermore, the SaMD can be used through the Evidencio iFrame representation of the SaMD, as an embedded view, provided that the specific Evidencio guidelines for iFrame implementations of this SaMD are adhered to. The model is only intended for use in settings where the usage and result of a model are never immediately needed.

Functioning, physical principle

The SaMD's underlying mathematical formula is decision tree. The acquisition and processing of the data, the (regression) analyses to assemble the relevant criteria for the SaMD as well as the setup and refinement of the ADHERE are described in the original study/studies from Fonarow et al. Entering the details of an individual in the Evidencio SaMD initiates the calculation of the risk category of the patient.

I. Electronic label button

The electronic label button opens a pop-up with the location and address of Evidencio, the LOT number, the UDI number, the CE-mark, the medical device logo and a download link for the declaration of conformity of the medical device. The example of the electronic label is shown in Figure 4.

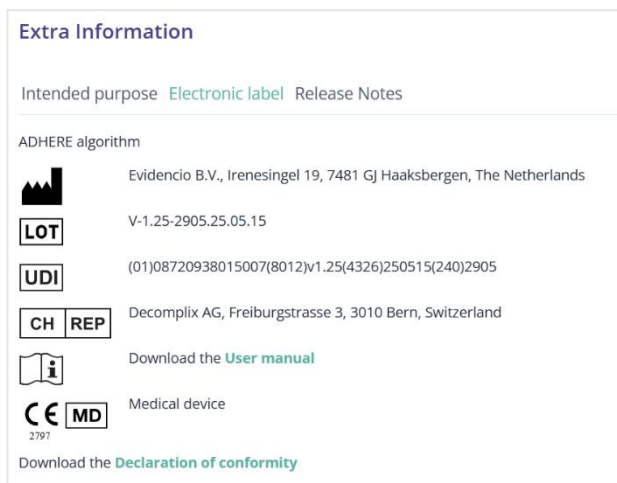


Figure 4. Example of the electronic label

LOT number

The LOT number indicates the algorithm version, the algorithm identifier, and the algorithm publication date. Publication date is indicated as YY.MM.DD.

UDI number

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<https://gepir.gs1.org/index.php/search-by-gtin>.

J. Release notes

The 'Release Notes' button opens a pop-up with the latest release notes of the model. Here you can find what has changed over the last versions of the model. Additionally, if there are any known residual anomalies the user should be aware of, they are listed here.

K. User Manual

This user manual can be found in three places: 1) under the short description, 2) on the right of the model page, and 3) in the electronic label. Additionally, all versions of the user manual can be found in the general page for all user manuals for medical devices. The page can be found under the 'About' drop-down menu button as shown in Figure 5. The user manual page is shown in Figure 6.

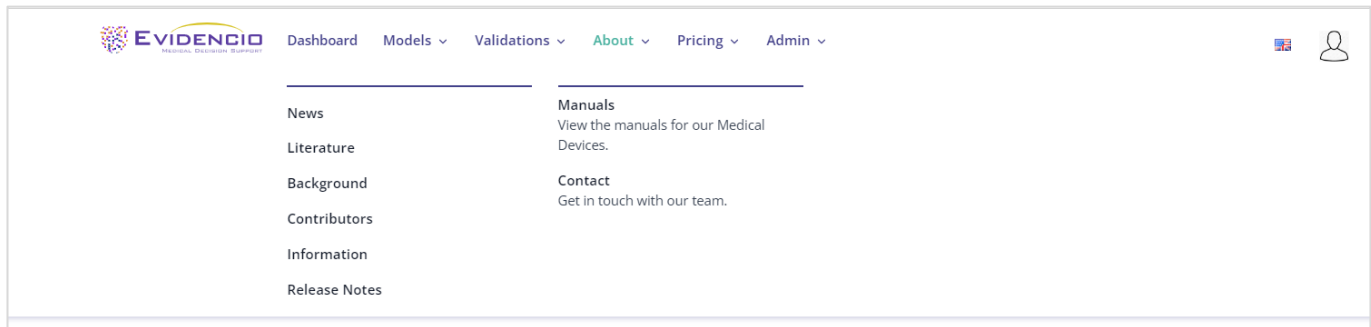


Figure 5. The drop-down menu where the user manual page can be found.

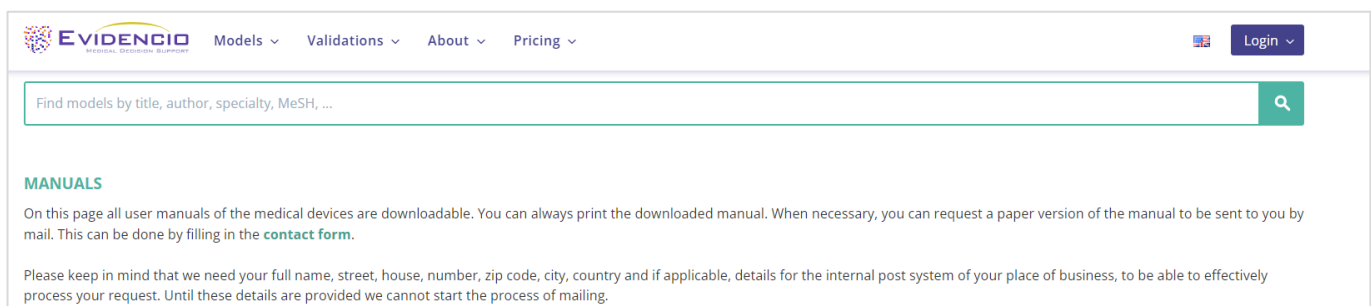


Figure 6. The user manual page for all user manuals.

You (The user) can always print this downloaded manual. When necessary, you can request a paper version of the manual to be sent to you by mail. Evidencio's contact details are listed in Chapter 6 of this user manual.

L. Languages

Here an overview of languages in which the ADHERE Algorithm is available is provided, any of which can be selected by clicking on the corresponding flag icon. The standard language on the Evidencio website is English.

Please note that, if a language is selected, only the user interface of the specific algorithm will be translated, other general features and information on the site might still be set to one of our primary languages English, German, and Dutch.

When you find mistranslations, irregularities, confusing or ambiguous use of language in English or any other language on the Evidencio website or in one of our manuals, please do not hesitate to contact us using the contact information provided at the end of this manual.

M. Version selection

If available, clicking on the Version tab allows the user to select the different versions of the ADHERE Algorithm from a list as displayed in Figure 7. Please note that the algorithm currently selected is not presented in the dropdown menu.

N. Input section

The Evidencio platform allows two separate input variables; categorical, and continuous variables. For the ADHERE Algorithm, only the continuous variables are used.

Continuous variables

In the example shown in Figure 8, the **Blood urea nitrogen** variable, exemplifies a continuous variable. The plausible ranges for the variables are defined by the model author. Thus, the model only allows input between 0.1 and 130 mg/dL.

The details for a patient can be entered by sliding the button to the correct value, or by entering the correct value in the box on the right-hand side (i.e., where the 65 is entered for the **blood urea nitrogen**).

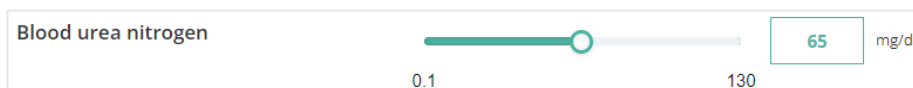


Figure 8. The variable for blood urea nitrogen, where "65" has been entered.

Details on variable measurements

Directly underneath the name for each variable, additional details can be provided on the methods required to enter the correct value for each variable..

O. Result section

At the bottom of the page, the results of the model are shown.

Result calculation

When all variables are filled in, a result will be calculated. No risk is displayed until all variables are filled in. The result section indicates "Set all parameters to calculate prediction."

Result interpretation

In the result interpretation, a risk stratification is given based on the risk score. The patient is classified as high risk, intermediate risk, or low risk. Furthermore, some explanation about the model is given. An example of the information is shown In Figure 9:

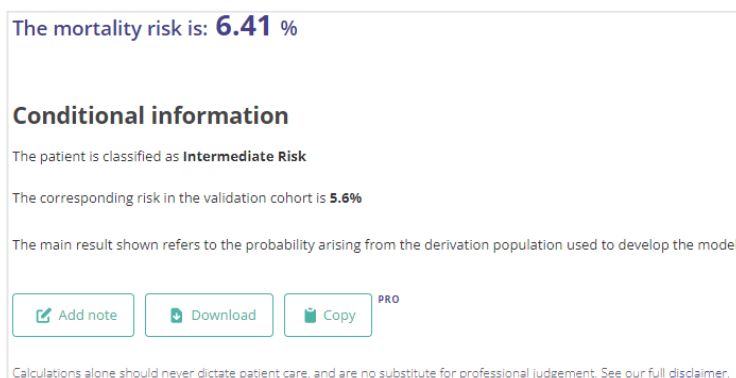


Figure 9. The result information.

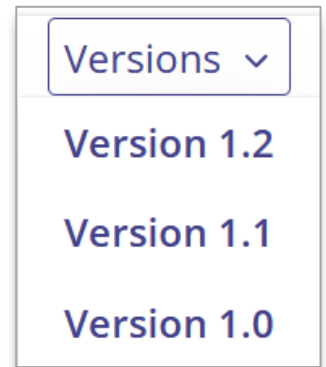


Figure 7. Example of version selection tab.

Relevant information for correct use of the model

At the bottom of the page, there is a link to Evidencio's terms and conditions of use, the privacy policy, and the disclaimer.

5. Use of Medical devices

In general, and unless explicitly stated otherwise, CE-marked tools on Evidencio are only to be used by physicians in a clinical setting, and are not for patient use.

To use the tool, Evidencio requires a stable internet connection and runs on the following devices:

- Personal computers or laptops using the following browsers:
 - Safari (the latest three versions)
 - Chrome (the latest three versions)
 - Firefox (the latest three versions)
 - Edge (the latest three versions)
- Tablets or smartphones running on the next operating systems:
 - IOS (the latest three versions)
 - Android (the latest three versions)

The medical device cannot be used in combination with Internet Explorer. The personal computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones used should at least be able to have an internet connection and use the browsers mentioned above. The minimal screen resolution should be 800x600.

Furthermore, the model may be used through the Evidencio iFrame representation of the calculator, as an embedded view, provided that the specific Evidencio guidelines for iFrame implementations of that model are adhered to.

The Evidencio SaMD models can be used with any browser settings that don't distort the regular display of websites, with a 50% to 500% zoom rate, and at a display resolution starting from 800x600. However, factory recommended browser settings, 100% zoom rate and regular display resolution are recommended.

This model is only intended for use in settings where the usage and result of a model are never immediately needed.

6. User manual revision history

Version	Revision notes
V1.0 MAY-2023	Original version
V2.0 MAY-2025	Changed range of variables.

7. Manufacturer details

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