	Model						
Study	name	Country	Source of data	Study year	Inclusion criteria	Age	Outcome
	PEDIA						
	Immediate						
Berkley 2003	death	Kenya	Prospective cohort	1998-2000	Aged over 90 days	3 months-13 years	Mortality
	PEDIA						
	Early						
Berkley 2003	death	Kenya	Prospective cohort	1998-2000	Aged over 90 days	3 months-13 years	Mortality
	PEDIA Late						
Berkley 2003	death	Kenya	Prospective cohort	1998-2000	Aged over 90 days	3 months-13 years	Mortality
	Goma 1	Democratic				Median: 12.8	
Bitwe 2006	Model	Republic of Congo	Prospective cohort	2003-2004	<12 months	months	Mortality
Draimax							
1996		Congo	Prospective cohort	1986-1988	Malnutrition	Median: 27 months	Mortality
Kumar 2003	SICK score	India	Prospective cohort	1998-1999	Paediatric patients	No Information	Mortality
		Kenya, Uganda,				Median: 24	
Geoge 2015	PET Score	Tanzania	RCT	2009-2011	Malaria	(IQR=13-38)	Mortality
					Under 5 years hospitalized		
Emukule					with severe acute respiratory		
2014	mRISC	Kenya	Surveillance	2009-2012	illness	<59 months	Mortality
	RISC-HIV				LRTI hospitalizations under 24		
Reed 2012	positive	South Africa	RCT	1998-2001	months with HIV infection	<24 months	Mortality
	RISC-HIV				LRTI hospitalizations under 24		
Reed 2012	Negative	South Africa	RCT	1998-2001	months without HIV infection	<24 months	Mortality
	RISC-		Retrospective		0-59 months hospitalized with		
Hooli 2016	Malawi	Malawi	observational study	2011-2014	pneumonia	<59 months	Mortality
							In-
		Kenya, Zambia,					hospital
		South Africa, Mali,					mortality
		Gambia,			1–59 months HIV negative		and 7-
Gallagher	PERCH	Bangladesh,			hospitalized with severe or	Median: 9(4-19)	days
2019	Score	Thailand	Case-control study	2011–2014	very severe pneumonia	months	post-

							discharge
							mortality
		Gambia,Malawi,			Hospitalized children with		
Helbok 2009	LOD score	Kenya,Ghana,Gabon	Prospective cohort	2000-2005	severe malaria	28(0-180)	Mortality
Erdman 2011			Retrospective				
(Logistic	Biomarker		nested case-control				
regression)	score	Uganda	study	2007-2009	6 months - 12 years	6 months - 12 years	Mortality
Erdman 2011			Retrospective				
(Classification			nested case-control				
tree)		Uganda	study	2007-2009	6 months - 12 years	6 months - 12 years	Mortality
Lowlaavar			Prospective		6-60 months admitted with	Median 18.2 (IQR	
2016	Model 1	Uganda	observational study	2012-2013	infectious illness	11.9–33.1) months	Mortality
Lowlaavar			Prospective		6-60 months admitted with	Median 18.2 (IQR	
2016	Model 2	Uganda	observational study	2012-2013	infectious illness	11.9–33.1) months	Mortality
Lowlaavar			Prospective		6-60 months admitted with	Median 18.2 (IQR	
2016	Model 3	Uganda	observational study	2012-2013	infectious illness	11.9–33.1) months	Mortality
Mpimbaza						18 months (IQR 9-	
2015		Uganda	Surveillance	2010-2013	General paediatrics	36)	Mortality
					age <15 years on the acute	≤15 years	
Olson 2013	ITAT score	Malawi	Nested case-control	2010-2011	care and malnutrition wards	212 Aca12	Mortality
					0-18 years patients admitted		
Rosman 2019	PEWS-RL	Rwanda	Case-control study	2016-2017	to pediatric department	0-18 years	Mortality

Study	Sample size	Number of outcome events	Missing data handling	Number of participants with missing data reported?	Regression method	Were model assumptions verified
					Spiegelhalter/Knill-	
Berkley 2003	429	60	No Information	No Information	Jones method	Yes

			_	_	Spiegelhalter/Knill-	
Berkley 2003	439	193	No Information	No Information	Jones method	Yes
					Spiegelhalter/Knill-	
Berkley 2003	436	183	No Information	No Information	Jones method	Yes
Bitwe 2006	414	66	No Information	No Information	Logistic regression	Yes
Draimax 1996	1129	196	No Information	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
Kumar 2003	1099	44	No Information	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Complete case		Cox proportional	
Geoge 2015	3170	315	analyses	Yes	hazards regression	No Information
			Complete case			
Emukule 2014	3581	218	analyses	No Information	Logistic regression	Yes
			Complete case			
Reed 2012	1502	265	analyses	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Complete case			
Reed 2012	2646	33	analyses	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Multiple			
Hooli 2016	14665	464	imputation	Yes	Logistic regression	Yes
			Complete case			
Gallagher 2019	1802	120	analyses	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Complete case			
Helbok 2009	23980	1004	analyses	Yes	Logistic regression	No Information
Erdman 2011 (Logistic			No missing			
regression)	103	23	values	Yes	Logistic regression	Yes
Erdman 2011			No missing			
(Classification tree)	103	23	values	Yes	Classification tree	No Information
			Multiple			
Lowlaavar 2016	1307	65	imputation	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Multiple			
Lowlaavar 2016	1307	65	imputation	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information
			Multiple			
Lowlaavar 2016	1307	65	imputation	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information

			Complete case			
Mpimbaza 2015	50249	1742	analyses	Yes	Logistic regression	No Information
			Single			
Olson 2013	1606	54	imputation	Yes	Logistic regression	Yes
			Complete case			
Rosman 2019	168	57	analyses	No Information	Logistic regression	No Information

		Was a shrinkage method		
Study	Predictor selection	used	Calibration method	Discrimination
Berkley 2003	Univariate	No Information	No Information	0.93(0.92-0.94)
Berkley 2003	Univariate	No Information	No Information	0.82(0.80-0.83)
Berkley 2003	Univariate	No Information	No Information	0.82(0.81-0.84)
Bitwe 2006	Univariate & Stepwise	No Information	Yes	0.83 (0.78-0.88)
Draimax 1996	A priori	No Information	No Information	0.85(No information)
	Univariate(but included			
	all variables in final			
Kumar 2003	model)	No Information	No Information	0.89
Coogo 2015	Apriori	No Information	Hosmer-Lemeshow test, P=0.30	0.82(0.77–0.87)
Geoge 2015	A priori			0.05
Emukule 2014	Univariate	Yes	Calibration plot	0.85
Reed 2012	Univariate	No Information	Hosmer-Lemeshow test, P=0.95	0.78
			Hosmer-Lemeshow test,	
Reed 2012	Univariate	No Information	P=0.87	0.92
Hooli 2016	A priori	No Information	Risk predictiveness curve	0.79 (95% CI: 0.76±0.82)
Gallagher 2019	Univariate	No Information	Calibration plot	0.84(No Information)
	Forward & backward			
Helbok 2009	Stepwise	No Information	No Information	80 (79–82)

			Hosmer-Lemeshow test	
Erdman 2011 (Logistic			and calibration slope	
regression)	Univariate	No Information	analysis	0.96(0.90–0.99)
Erdman 2011 (Classification				
tree)	No Information	No Information	No Information	No Information
Lowlaavar 2016	Univariate & Stepwise	No Information	No Information	0.85 (0.80–0.89)
Lowlaavar 2016	Univariate & Stepwise	No Information	No Information	0.84 (0.79–0.89)
Lowlaavar 2016	Univariate & Stepwise	No Information	No Information	0.82 (0.72–0.91)
Mpimbaza 2015	Backward	No Information	General paediatrics	0.76(No information)
Olson 2013	Univariate	No Information	No Information	0.76(No information)
Rosman 2019	Univariate	No Information	No Information	0.96 (95% CI 0.93-0.99).

				Was a simplified	Were coefficients (including intercept)
Study	Classification measures reported	Method used for internal validation	External validation	model presented	of the regression model presented
Berkley 2003	No Information	Separate dataset	Yes	Yes	NA
Berkley 2003	No Information	Separate dataset	Yes	Yes	NA
Berkley 2003	No Information	Separate dataset	Yes	Yes	NA
Bitwe 2006	No Information	No Information	No	Yes	No
Draimax 1996	Positive predictive values 40% and negative predictive value of 97.9%	Separate dataset	No	Yes	No
Kumar 2003	Maximum discrimination was observed at a score of 2.5 with a sensitivity of 84.1% and of specificity 82.2%	No Information	Yes	Yes	No
Geoge 2015	No Information	Separate dataset	No	Yes	No
Emukule 2014	A score of >6 has a sensitivity of 1.8% and specificity 99.9%	Bootstrapping	Yes	Yes	No
Reed 2012	Score of 7 has a sensitivity of 4% and specificity of 99%	Bootstrapping	No	Yes	No

Reed 2012	Score of 6 has a sensitivity: 16% Specificity: 99%	Bootstrapping	Yes	Yes	No
	a score of 8 has sensitivity of 57% and				
Hooli 2016	specificity of 88%	No Information	No	Yes	Yes
	positive predictive value 23.6%, positive	Bootstrapping &			
Gallagher 2019	predictive value 95.8%	separate dataset	No	Yes	No
	LODS >=1, sensitivity was 85% and specificity				
Helbok 2009	was 63%	No Information	Yes	Yes	No
	sensitivity of 95.7% (95% CI: 78.1–99.9) and				
Erdman 2011	specificity of 88.8% (79.7–94.7) predicting				
(Logistic regression)	death	Boostrappling	No	Yes	No
Erdman 2011	100% sensitivity and 92.5% specificity for	10-fold cross			
(Classification tree)	predicting outcome	validation	No	No	No
	Sensitive: 0.83 (0.74–0.92), Specificity: 0.76				
Lowlaavar 2016	(0.73–0.78)	No Information	No	No	Yes
	Sensitive: 0.80 (0.70-0.90), Specificity: 0.76				
Lowlaavar 2016	(0.74–0.79)	No Information	No	No	Yes
	Sensitive: 0.82 (0.72–0.91), Specificity: 0.71				
Lowlaavar 2016	(0.68–0.73)	No Information	No	No	Yes
Mpimbaza 2015	No Information	Separate dataset	No	Yes	No
	sensitivity: 0.44, specificity: 0.86,PPV: 0.18,				
Olson 2013	NPV: 0.96 for a cut-off of 4	No Information	No	Yes	No
	PEWS-RL of >=3, sensitivity was 96.2%, and				
Rosman 2019	specificity was 87.3%	No Information	No	Yes	No

Study	Number of predictors in final model	Predictors in the final model	Are there laboratory- based predictors	Handling of continuous predictors	Events per variable
		Severe anaemia, Jaundice,			
		Subcostal indrawing, Deep			6
		breathing, prostrated with			
Berkley 2003	10	seizures, prostrated without	No	NA	

		seizures, Impaired			
		consciousness with seizures,			
		Impaired consciousness			
		without seizures, Axillary			
		temperature <36 °C, Axillary			
		temperature >39 °C			
		Jaundice, Subcostal			
		indrawing, Prostrated with			
		seizures, Prostrated without			
		seizures, Impaired			24.425
		consciousness with seizures,			24.125
		Impaired consciousness			
		without seizures, Wasting,			
Berkley 2003	8	Kwashiorkor	No	NA	
		History >7 days, Prostrated			
		with seizures, Prostrated			
		without seizures, Impaired			
		consciousness with seizures,			
		Impaired consciousness			20.33333
		without seizures, Axillary			
		temperature <36 °C, Axillary			
		temperature >39 °C,		Dichotomized	
Berkley 2003	9	Wasting, Kwashiorkor	No	History	
		Age(<12, >=12months),			
		Brachial			
		Perimeter(<=115mm,			
		>115mm), State of			
		consciousness(Unconscious,			0.25
		Aware), Infectious			8.25
		diagnosis(Acute respiratory		Dichotomized	
		infection, Malaria,		Brachial	
		Gastroenteritis, Septicemia /		perimeter &	
Bitwe 2006	8	bacteremia, Other infections)	No	Age	
	•	,			1

D : 4006		MUAC, edema, Serum	,,		49
Draimax 1996	4	albumin, Transthyretin	Yes	MUAC	
		Temperature(Normal,			
		Abnormal), Heart			
		rate(Normal, Abnormal),			
		Respiratory rate(Normal,			
		Abnormal), Systolic blood			
		pressure(Normal, Abnormal),			4.888889
		Capillary refill time(Normal,			
		Abnormal),			
		Consciousness(Normal,		Dichotomized	
		Abnormal), Age(≥60, ≥12 to		most	
Kumar 2003	9	<60, ≥1to<12, <1)	No	variables	
		Temperature(≤37, >37),			
		Heart rate(<80 bpm, ≥80 to			
		<105 bpm, ≥220 bpm),			
		Capillary refill time(≥2sec,			
		<2sec), Conscious			
		level(prostrate, coma),			28.63636
		Respiratory distress, Lung			
		crepitations, Severe pallor,		multivariable	
		Weak pulse, Weight(<6 kg,		fractional	
Geoge 2015	11	6–8 kg), Deep breathing	No	polynomials	
- U		Lab confirmed malaria,		,	
		Weight for age(Low, Very			
		Low), Dehydration,			
		Unconscious, Unable to			
		drink/breastfeed, Night			
		sweats, Chest wall in-			24.22222
		drawing, Interaction			
		between malaria and chest		Categorized	
		wall in-drawing, A.V.P.U		weight for	
Emukule 2014	9	scale - Not alert	Yes	age	
	1 -	1	1	1 - 0 -	1

Reed 2012	7	Oxygen saturation <90%, Chest indrawing, Wheezing, Refusing feeds, HIV classification(Severe, Mild or moderate), IMCI age group(<2 months, 3–12 months)	No		37.85714
Reed 2012	5	Oxygen saturation <90%, Chest indrawing, Wheezing, Refusing feeds, Weight for age(Low (<= -2 z-score), Very Low (<= -3 z-score))	No	Categorized weight for age	6.6
Hooli 2016	5	Oxygen saturation(moderate, severe), MUAC(moderate, severe), Gender, Wheeze, Consciousness	No	Categorized MUAC and Oxygen saturation	92.8
Gallagher 2019	12	Age(1-11, 12-59), sex, Unresponsiveness and/or deep breathing(Deep breathing, but alert, Unresponsive but no deep breathing, Unresponsive and deep breathing), cough, grunting, hypoxemia, length of illness(0-2, 3-5, >5), Weight-for-height z- score(Very low (< -3), Low (≥ -3 to < -2), Normal-high (≥ - 2))	No	Categorized most variables	10
U		Convulsion, vomiting, deep breathing, intercostal			125.5
Helbok 2009	8	recession, Coma,	Yes	NA	

		Prostration, hyperparastemia,			
		severe anemia			
		angiopoietin-2, soluble			
		ICAM-1, soluble Flt-1,			2.875
Erdman 2011 (Logistic		procalcitonin, IP-10, soluble			2.873
regression)	8	TREM-1, age, parasitemia	Yes	NA	
Erdman 2011					7.666667
(Classification tree)	3	IP-10, Ang-2, sICAM-1	Yes	NA	7.000007
		Abnormal BCS, Positive HIV			
		diagnosis, Weight-age z-		Treated as	21.66667
Lowlaavar 2016	3	score	Yes	continuous	
		Abnormal BCS, HIV diagnosis,		Treated as	21.66667
Lowlaavar 2016	3	MUAC	Yes	continuous	21.00007
		Abnormal BCS, MUAC		Treated as	32.5
Lowlaavar 2016	2	Abilomial Bes, More	No	continuous	32.3
		Age, fever, difficulty			
		breathing, altered			
		consciousness, unable to			
		drink or breastfeed,			
		convulsions, temperature,			134
		unconsciousness, pallor,			
		jaundice, deep breathing,			
		meningeal signs, unable to			
Mpimbaza 2015	13	sit up	No	NA	
		Oxygen saturation,			
		Temperature, Heart rate,			13.5
Olson 2013	4	Respiratory rate	No	Used splines	
Rosman 2019	6	PEWS-RL score(0 to 6)	No	NA	9.5