## Supplementary materials

Table S1: Final logistic regression model of factors affecting the timing of tracheostomy

|  | $P$ value | OR | $95 \%$ CI |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hypertension | $0.274^{*}$ | 2.020 | $(0.573,7.119)$ |
| NIHSS | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 4}$ | 0.859 | $(0.774,0.952)$ |
| GCS | 0.286 | 0.831 | $(0.591,1.168)$ |

Notes and abbreviations: *three decimal points are reserved GCS: Glasgow coma score; NHISS: National Institute of Health stroke scale; Bold value indicates statistical significance at $p<0.05$


Figure S1: Flowchart for inclusion of literature

Table S2: NOS score

|  | Selection |  |  |  | Comparability |  | Outcome |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| References | Representative ness of exposed cohort (maximum: *) | Selection of nonexposed cohort (maximum: *) | Ascertainment of exposure (maximum: *) | Demonstration that outcome of interest was not present at start of study (maximum: *) | Comparability of cohorts in terms of design or analysis (maximum: **) | Assessment of outcome (maximum: *) | Follow up was long enough for outcomes to occur (maximum: *) | Adequacy of follow up of cohorts (maximum: *) | Total |
| Alsherbini $2019{ }^{28}$ | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | ****** |
| Bösel $2013{ }^{4}$ | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | ******** |
| Catalino2018 ${ }^{29}$ | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | ****** |
| Chen $2019{ }^{30}$ | * | * | * | * | ** | * | 1 | 1 | ******* |
| Gessler $2015{ }^{31}$ | * | * | * | * | ** | * | * | * | ********* |
| Hallan $2022^{27}$ | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1 | 1 | ****** |
| Böse2022 ${ }^{19}$ | * | * | * | * | ** | * | * | * | ********* |
| Villwock $2014{ }^{32}$ | * | * | * | * | ** | * | 1 | 1 | ******* |

Table S3: Literature characteristics and clinical information

| References | Criterion |  | Total (lost) |  | Female (male) |  | Age |  | IS |  | ICH |  | SAH |  | GCS |  | SET Score |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late | early | late |
| Alsherbini $2019{ }^{28}$ | $\leq 7$ days | 8-14 days | 44 | 96 | 20(24) | 51(45) | $54.0 \pm 12.9$ | $55.9 \pm 13.5$ | 4 | 17 | 18 | 37 | 22 | 42 | NA | NA | 14(4.59) | 14.2(5.26) |
| Bösel $2013{ }^{4}$ | $\leq 3$ days | 7-14 days | 30 | 30 | 10(20) | 10(20) | $61 \pm 12$ | $61 \pm 13$ | 11 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 6 | 8 | 9(3.11) | 7.74(3.89) | 12.28(3.11) | 13.35(3.98) |
| Catalino201829 | $\leq 10$ days | $>10$ days | 15 | 33 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Chen $2019{ }^{30}$ | $\leq 6$ days | $>6$ days | 316 | 109 | 93(233) | 36(73) | $57.1 \pm 12.6$ | $61.2 \pm 13.8$ | NA | NA | 301 | 92 | 15 | 17 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Gessler $2015^{31}$ | $\leq 7$ days | 8-20days | 39 | 109 | 22(17) | 72(37) | $55 \pm 12.7$ | $56 \pm 11.3$ | NA | NA | NA | NA | 39 | 109 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Hallan $2022^{27}$ | $\leq 7$ days | 7-180 days | 1210 | 1210 | 417(793) | 395(815) | $50.3 \pm 18.69$ | $50.13 \pm 19.14$ | NA | NA | 1210 | 1210 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Böse2022 ${ }^{19}$ | $\leq 5$ days | $>10$ days | 186(9) | 194(5) | 96(90) | 93(101) | $59.3 \pm 11.7$ | $57.6 \pm 12.0$ | 49 | 59 | 78 | 78 | 59 | 57 | 6.64(3.73) | 6(4.48) | 15.05(3.73) | 15.05(3.73) |
| Villwock 2014 ${ }^{32}$ | $\leq 10$ days | 11-25days | 5591 | 7574 | 2460(3131) | 3514(4060) | $60.3 \pm 13.9$ | $61.8 \pm 14.2$ | NA | NA | 5591 | 7574 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

Abbreviations: NA: not available; IS: Ischemic stroke; ICH: intracerebral hemorrhage; SAH: subarachnoid hemorrhage; GCS: Glasgow coma score; SET Score: Stroke-Related Early Tracheostomy Score

