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Using Echocardiographic Indices to Predicting the Prognosis of  
Newborn with Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension

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# Background

- Persistent pulmonary hypertension in newborn (PPHN)
- PPHN is characterized by elevated pulmonary vascular resistance, resulting in right-to-left shunting of blood and hypoxemia<sup>1</sup>
- Incidence is about 1.8-2 per 1000 live birth and varies across the centers<sup>2,3</sup>

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# Background(2)

- Very high mortality rate: 41-78% in Thailand<sup>1-5</sup>
- Modern therapies such as inhaled nitric oxide, high-frequency oscillatory ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, and/or other pulmonary vasodilators agents can reduce the mortality rate of PPHN<sup>6</sup>

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# Background(3)

- Echocardiography remains the gold standard for diagnosis of PPHN<sup>1</sup>
- Using echocardiography to definitely rule out congenital cyanotic heart disease and to monitor the efficacy of specific therapeutic interventions in PPHN<sup>2</sup>
- peak velocity of tricuspid regurgitation jet (TRPG)
- estimate Right ventricular systemic pressure (RVSp)
- Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)
- Right ventricular systolic to diastolic ratio (SD ratio)
- Left ventricular eccentricity index (EI)(systole and diastole)

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# Echocardiography



# Background(4)

- No definite indices and cut point to predict prognosis of PPHN
- Aim to using echocardiographic indices to predict prognosis of PPHN

# Objective

- To determine the echocardiographic indices that can use to predict prognosis of PPHN

# Material and Method



# Method

- Study design
  - Retrospective descriptive study
- Setting
  - NICU ward, Udonthani hospital, Thailand

# Inclusion criteria

- All neonate treatment with PPHN in Udonthani hospital between June 2020 to July 2021
- Gestational age is more than 32 weeks
- Diagnosis of PPHN by
  - Respiratory distress or respiratory failure
  - Hypoxemia
  - Differential cyanosis (pre-ductal and post-duactal oxygen saturation difference) more than 5%<sup>1</sup>

# Exclusion criteria

- Multiple congenital anomaly or prenatal diagnosis with chromosomal defect
- Congenital cyanotic heart disease
- Echocardiography is not done for any reason

# Data collection

- Baseline patients' characteristic eg. GA birth wieght, Sex, co-morbid diseases
- Important therapeutic and laboratory outcomes eg. Using of HFOV, iNo, Oxygen index and death
- Echocardiographic indices including TRPG, RVSp, systolic to diastolic ratio(SD ratio), eccentricity index(EI), PDA shunt direction

# Categorized group

- Dividing severity of PPHN into two groups, severe and non-severe PPHN
- PPHN patients then group into severe PPHN if either of these present
  - Death
  - Oxygen index more than 25

# Statistical analysis

- Descriptive analysis using number and percentage
- Continuous data were presented with the mean  $\pm$  SD or median and interquartile range
- Categorical data were compared using either the Chi square test or the Fisher's exact test when appropriate
- Continuous data were compared using either the student t test or Mann Whitney U test when appropriate

# Result

# Baseline Characteristic

ตัวแปร	PPHN รุนแรง(N=16)	PPHN ชนิดไม่รุนแรง (N=9)	P value
อายุครรภ์	38.4(1.67)	37.56(2.16)	0.30*
น้ำหนักแรกเกิด	2988.33(298.90)	3003.438(446.75)	0.93*
เพศชาย	10(62.50%)	1(11.11%)	0.033**
Oxygen index(median(IQR))	29.8 (20-37.5)	11(6.2 -15)	0.0013#
Death	15(93.75%)	0(0%)	<0.001**

\*student-t

\*\* Fisher exact

#Mann Whitney U



# Co-morbidities

ตัวแปร	PPHN รุนแรง (N=16)	PPHN ชนิดไม่ รุนแรง(N=9)	P value (Fisher exact)
โรคร่วม			
Meconium aspiration syndrome(%)	3(18.75%)	3(33.33%)	0.630
Pneumonia(%)	8(50%)	2(22.22%)	0.229
Sepsis(%)	11(68.75%)	8(88.88%)	0.364
Pneumothorax(%)	4(25%)	3(33.33%)	0.673
Congenital diaphragmatic hernia(%)	3(18.75%)	0(0%)	0.280
Respiratory distress syndrome(%)	1(0.06%)	0(0%)	1.000

# Result

- Mortality rate of PPHN in this study was 60%
- 16 from 25 (64%) is defined as severe PPHN

# Echocardiographic parameters

P value

Parameters

PPHN รุนแรง

PPHN ชนิดไม่รุนแรง

Mann Whitney U

RVSp

59 (14.15)

58.22 (30.54)

0.93\*

(mean(SD))

RV systolic to diastolic

ratio

1.79 (1.48- 2.06)

1.78 ( 1.30 – 2.24)

0.83

(median(IQR))

Eccentricity index systole

1.42 (1.31- 1.44)

1.49 (1.29- 1.86)

0.83

(median(IQR))

Eccentricity index diastole

1.35 (1.27 -1.51)

1.36 (1.18 – 1.70)

0.88

(median(IQR))

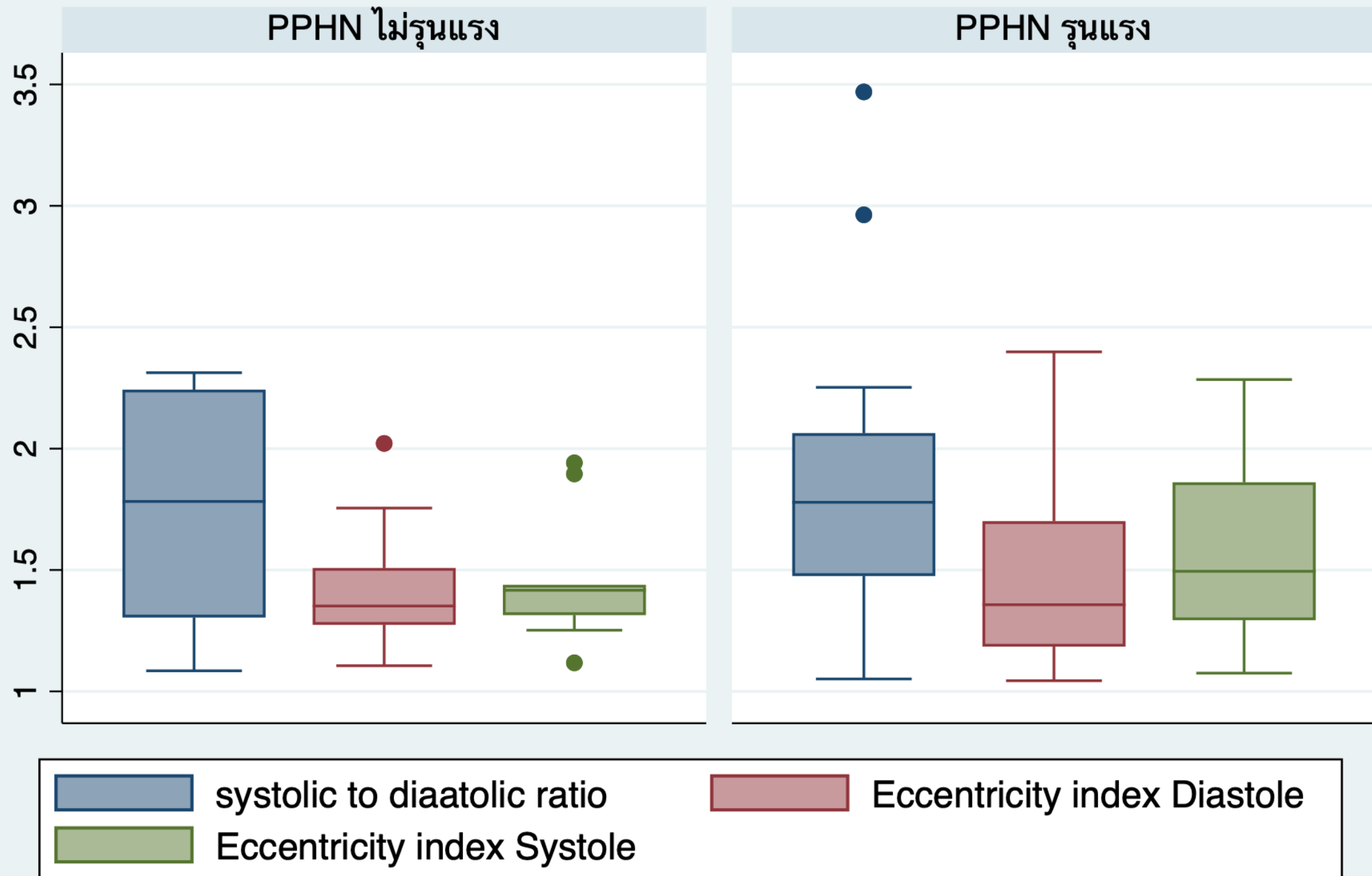
**\*t-test**

# Echocardiographic parameters

Parameters	PPHN รุนแรง	PPHN ชนิดไม่รุนแรง	P value
			Mann Whitney U
PDA size (median(IQR))	2.67 (2.3 – 3.02)	3.4 (2 – 4.63)	0.27
PDA shunt direction			
Left to right N(percent)	2(14.27%)	1(11.11%)	1.00**
PDA shunt direction bidirection N(percent)	12 (85.73%)	8 (88.89)	1.00**
LVEF(%) (median(IQR))	58 (46 – 72)	72.5 (65.5 – 75)	0.14

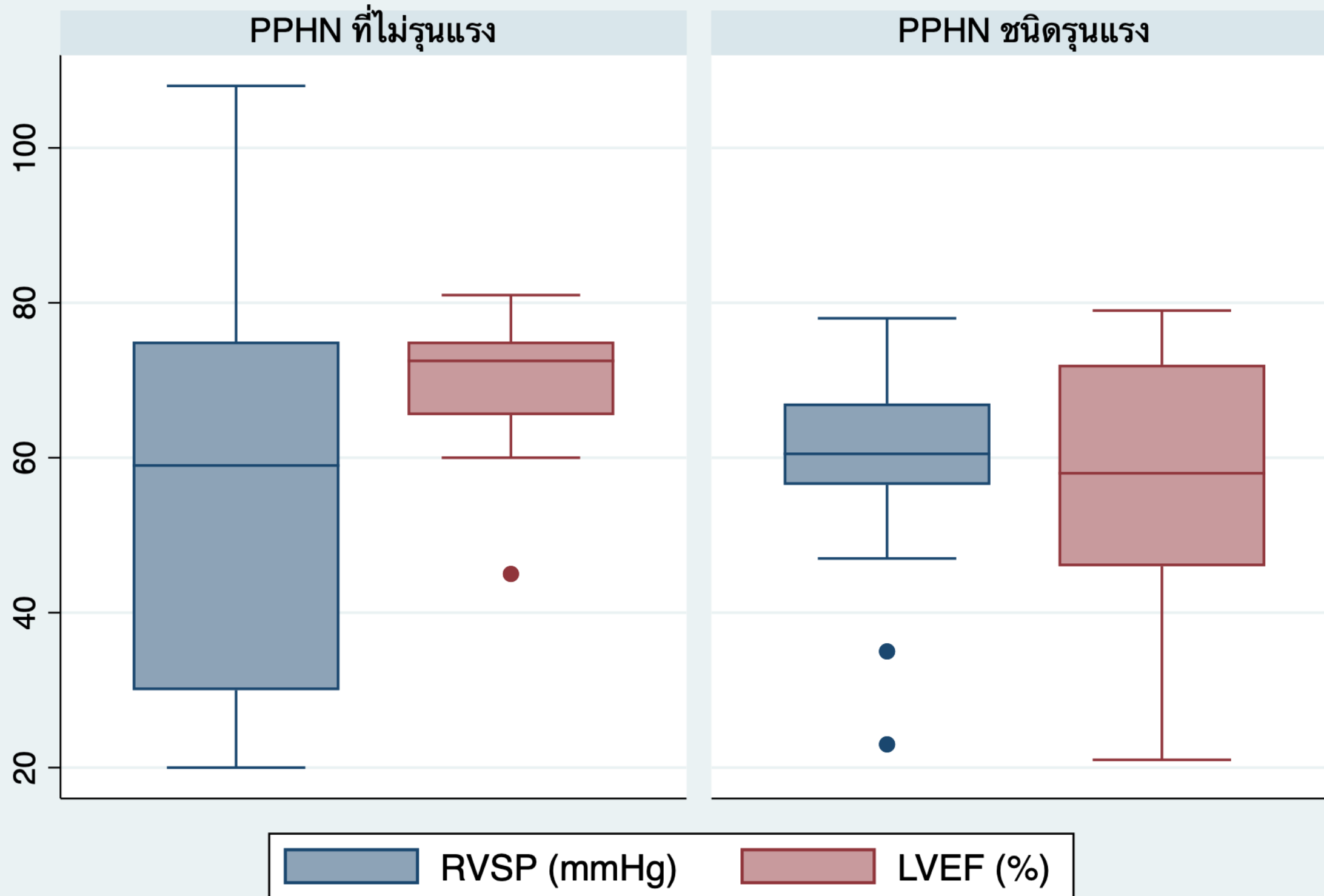
**\*\* Fisher exact test**

## กราฟแสดงค่าechocardiographic parameters ในกลุ่ม PPHN รุนแรงและไม่รุนแรง



Graphs by sevPPHN

# แผนภูมิแสดงค่า RVSp และ LVEF ในกลุ่ม PPHN ชนิดรุนแรงและไม่รุนแรง



# Discussion

# Discussion(1)

- Mortality rate in this study is 60%, comparable to previous mentioned study in Thailand which are 41-78%
- Comorbidity are same as previous study, mainly MAS, pneumonia and sepsis



# Discussion(2)

- The basic echocardiographic parameters are nearly equal in both groups, including RVSp, LVEF, direction of PDA shunt without statistical significant
- Thus, the echocardiographic indices of this study are not different, including Systolic to diastolic ratio, eccentricity index which are not comply to previous study

# Discussion (3)

- SD ratio if value more than 1.3 had 93% sensitivity to predict death or ECMO in PPHN<sup>1</sup>
- In this study both group of PPHN has considerably high SD ratio at 1.78 to 1.79
- Same as EI which if value more than 1.3 will predict impairment of RV function of more than half of RV to systemic pressure<sup>2</sup>

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# Discussion(4)

- Invert direction of PDA flow usually represent more than systemic pressure of pulmonary artery, which are occurred in about 85% of all patients in this study

# Limitation

- Retrospective study
- Referral bias of basic population
- Number of population

Thank you