

**Table 3: Significant independent predictors by multivariate Cox proportional regression analysis with backward stepwise.**

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Hasards ratio</b>	<b>95%CI</b>	<b>P</b>
PSV <sub>tdi</sub> < 9.5cm.s <sup>-1</sup>	8.83	2.7-29.5	<0.001
Log BNP, pg.ml <sup>-1</sup>	4.12	1.64- 0.7	0.003
NYHA 1-2 vs 3-4	0.43	0.19-0.99	0.048

PSV<sub>tdi</sub>: Peak Systolic Velocity of the tricuspid annular measured in tissue Doppler imaging;

log BNP: Brain Natriuretic Peptide logarithmic transformed; NYHA: New York Heart

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