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| **Supplementary Table S1. The number of patients included from each center.** | | |
| **CENTER** | **BEFORE PSM** | **AFTER PSM** |
| Shanghai Chest Hospital | 306 | 130 |
| Padua University Hospital | 326 | 242 |
| Poznan University of Medical Sciences | 138 | 49 |
| Ospedale Borgo Trento - Verona | 153 | 108 |
| Tor Vergata University Polyclinic | 65 | 23 |