1. Which factor(s) best determine mortality in geriatric palliative care patients and which of the following is (are) identified as independent risk factor(s) for reduced hospital survival time? Please choose the best answer.
   (A) Chronic kidney disease (CKD)
   (B) Low albumin
   (C) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
   (D) A+B
   (E) B+C

2. Which is(are) associated with left atrial enlargement in patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation? Please choose the best answer.
   (A) Apolipoprotein B
   (B) Triglyceride
   (C) Low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C)
   (D) A+B
   (E) A+C

3. What is(are) the effect(s) of thiazolidinediones (TZD) on re-hospitalization for revascularization or acute coronary syndrome in type 2 diabetes Taiwanese patients after bare metal stents (BMS) implantation?
   (A) TZD may increase the risk of re-hospitalization for revascularization
   (B) TZD may decrease the risk of re-hospitalization for revascularization
   (C) TZD may show no difference after comparing with non-TZD
   (D) Rosiglitazone could be used freely in diabetes patients with BMS implantation
   (E) All of the above

4. What is(are) the question(s) of self-reported screening tool as subjective measure to significantly predict older adults at risk of dependency in Japan? Please choose the best answer.
   (A) Falling experience: Have you experienced a fall in the past year?
   (B) Falling anxiety: Do you feel anxious about falling while walking?
   (C) Going upstairs: Do you go upstairs without using handrails or the wall for support?
   (D) A+B
   (E) B+C

5. Although morbidity and mortality are higher in elderly patients, total extraperitoneal (TEP) laparoscopic surgery for inguinal hernia repair can be performed safely. What are the advantages of TEP, except?
   (A) Low recurrence rate
   (B) Better cosmetic results
   (C) Less pain
   (D) Early return to daily activity
   (E) A narrow dissection plan

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1. (E) 2. (D) 3. (A) 4. (E) 5. (B)