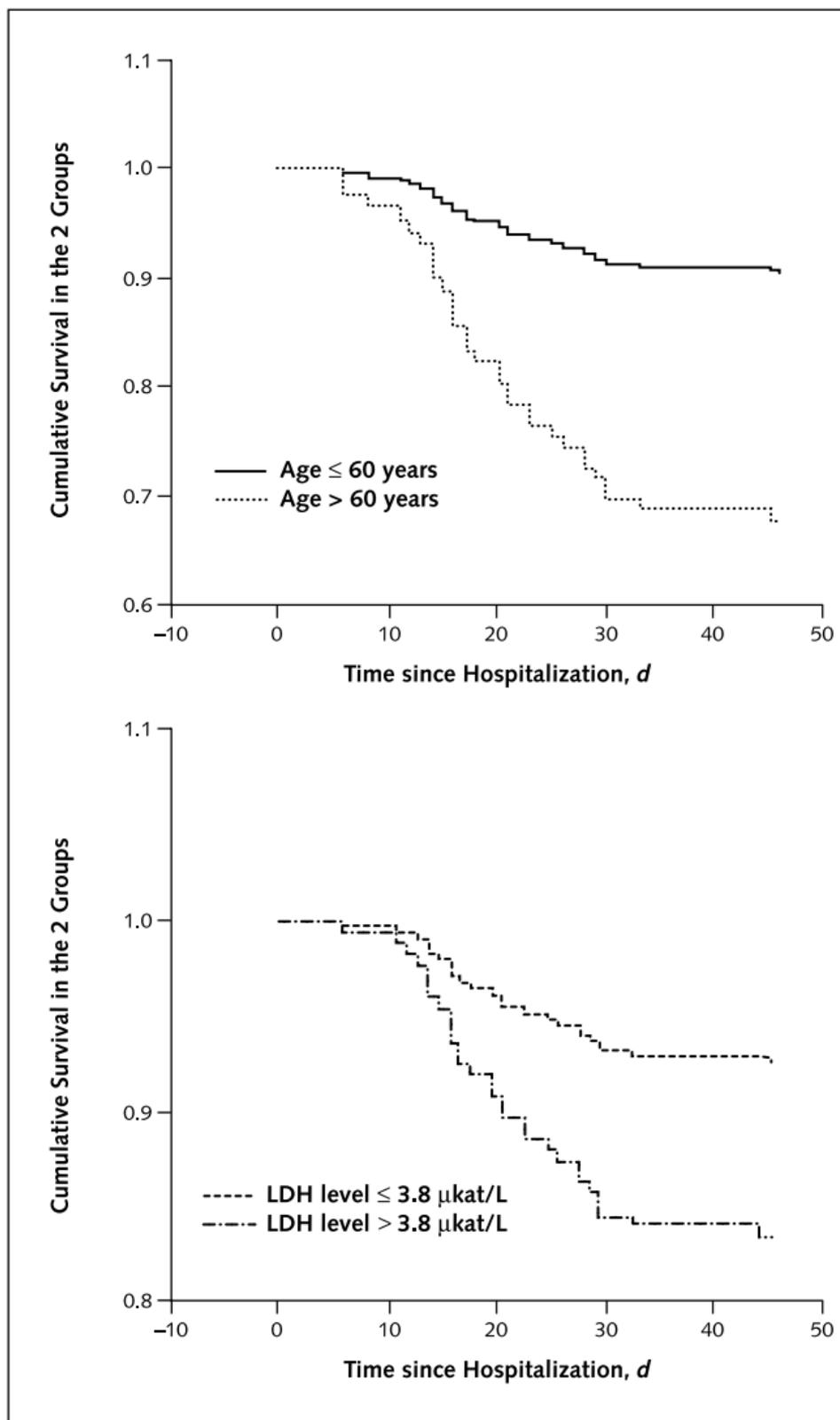


Figure 2. Survival curves in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome according to mortality predictors.



Top. Patients older than 60 years of age compared with those 60 years of age or younger. **Bottom.** Patients who had serum lactate dehydrogenase (*LDH*) levels greater than $3.8 \mu\text{kat/L}$ at presentation compared with those who had levels of $3.8 \mu\text{kat/L}$ or less.