

ORIGINAL

# Nangibotide in patients with septic shock: a Phase 2a randomized controlled clinical trial



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# Mortality As a Measure of Treatment Effect in Clinical Trials Recruiting Critically Ill Patients\*

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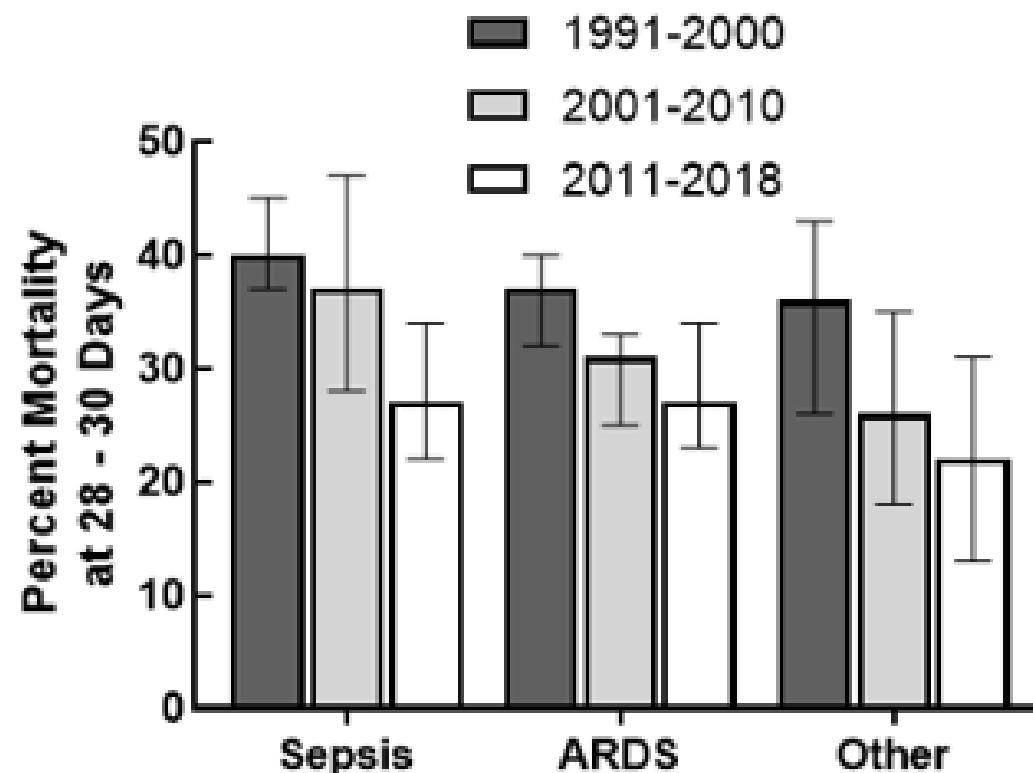
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## Control group mortality over time



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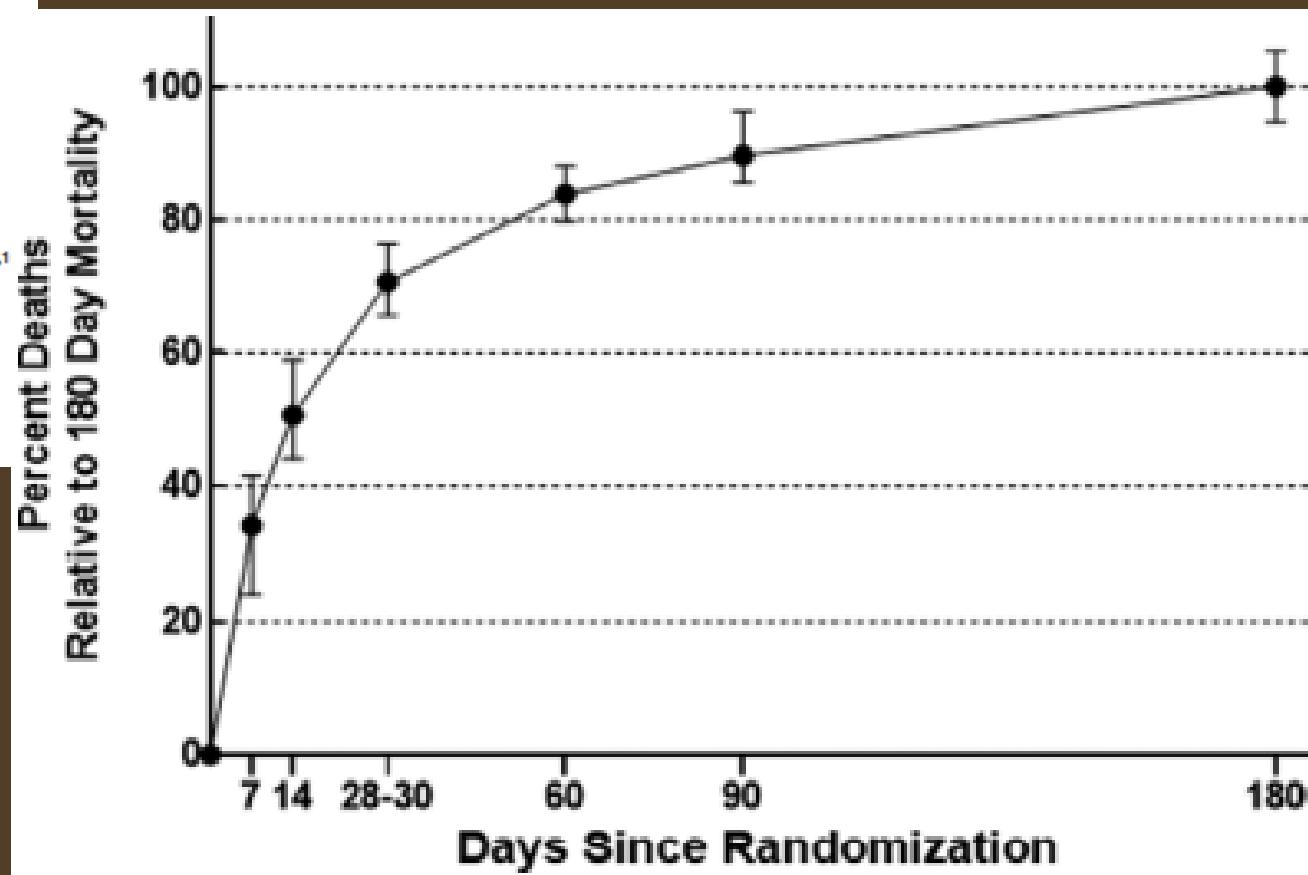
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## Follow-up period



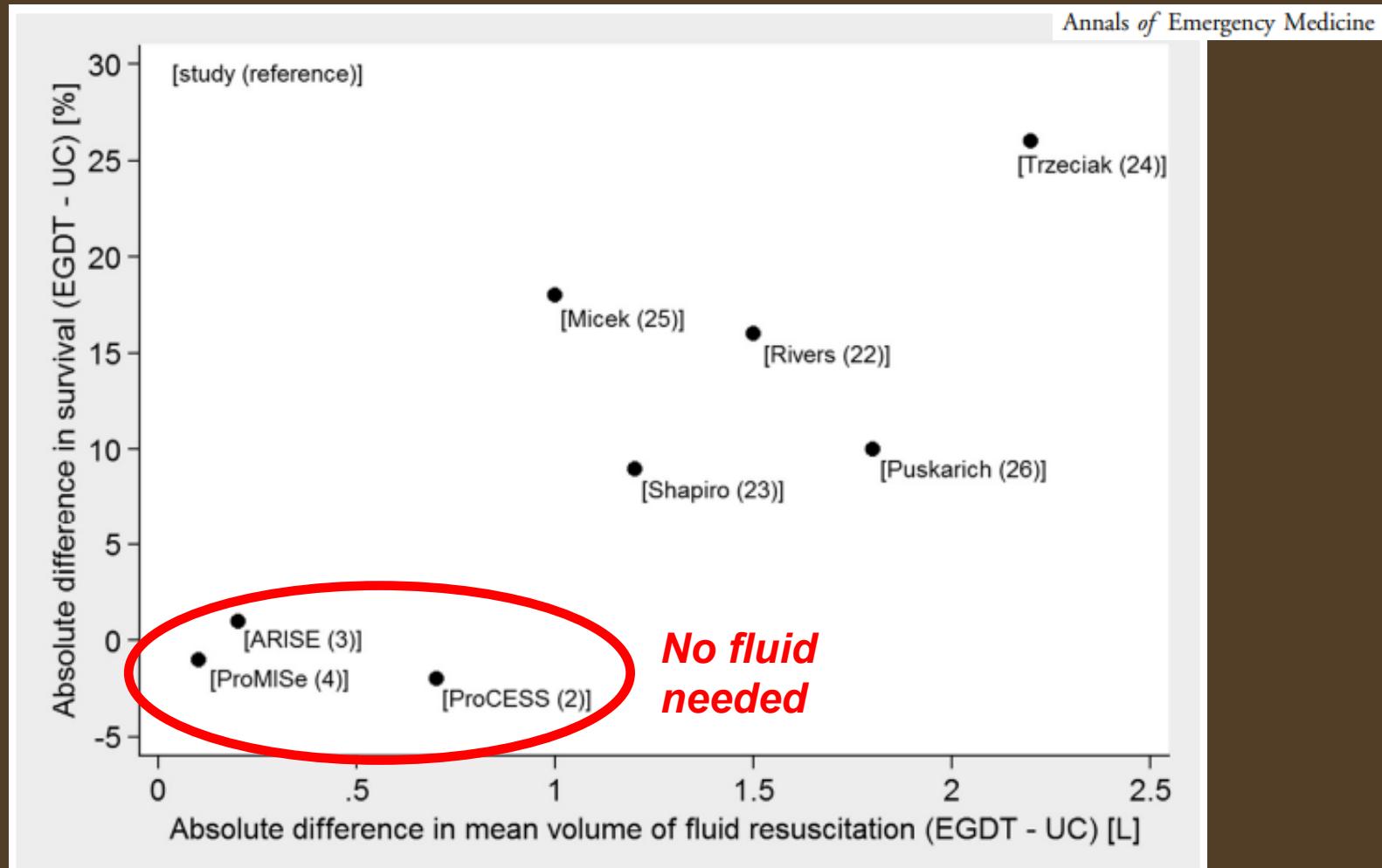
**‘The secret in science is to ask the right question’**

**Sir Henry Tizard  
(1885-1959)**

# Liberal Versus Restrictive Intravenous Fluid Therapy for Early Septic Shock: Rationale for a Randomized Trial

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EDITORIAL



# Improved survival in critically ill patients: are large RCTs more useful than personalized medicine? No

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|           | Type of study/example          | Hurdle(s)   |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| Essential | New drug                       | Blinding sometimes difficult  |
|           | New technique                  | Blinding often impossible   |
|           | Fever control                  | Method used to lower body temperature<br>(pharmacological, physical, etc) |
|           | Glucose control                | Monitoring technique (e.g., arterial blood<br>vs. capillary sample)       |
|           | Blood transfusion              | Decision not based only on hemoglobin<br>levels                           |
|           | Sepsis drugs                   | Great heterogeneity of patient<br>populations                             |
|           | Continuous vs intermittent RRT | Result different depending on the<br>patient's condition                  |
|           | Two crystalloid solutions      | Blood electrolytes should determine the<br>choice of crystalloid fluids   |
| Avoidable |                                |   |





# Hello !





# The future of clinical trials

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# I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ...

**depressed by all these negative  
prospective, randomized, controlled trials  
targeting mortality in critically ill patients**



# Serum treatment for diphtheria



Serum treatment for diphtheria, 1894

Johannes Fibiger (1867-1928)

Fibiger J. Om Serumbehandling af Difteri.  
*Hospitalstidende* 1898;6:309-25, 337-50.

Deaths



8/239



30/245

pseudo-randomisation  
patients randomized according to the day of admission  
no statistics

# BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL

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## STREPTOMYCIN TREATMENT OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS A MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL INVESTIGATION

The following gives the short-term results of a controlled investigation into the effects of streptomycin on one type of pulmonary tuberculosis. The inquiry was planned and directed by the Streptomycin in Tuberculosis Trials Committee, composed of the following members: Dr. Geoffrey Marshall (chairman), Professor

TABLE II.—*Assessment of Radiological Appearance at Six Months as Compared with Appearance on Admission*

| Radiological Assessment          | Streptomycin Group |      | Control Group |      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------|---------------|------|
| Considerable improvement . .     | 28                 | 51%  | 4             | 8%   |
| Moderate or slight improvement   | 10                 | 18%  | 13            | 25%  |
| No material change . . .         | 2                  | 4%   | 3             | 6%   |
| Moderate or slight deterioration | 5                  | 9%   | 12            | 23%  |
| Considerable deterioration . .   | 6                  | 11%  | 6             | 11%  |
| Deaths . . . . .                 | 4                  | 7%   | 14            | 27%  |
| Total . . . . .                  | 55                 | 100% | 52            | 100% |

# Clinical Research: From Case Reports to International Multicenter Clinical Trials

*Critical Care Medicine*

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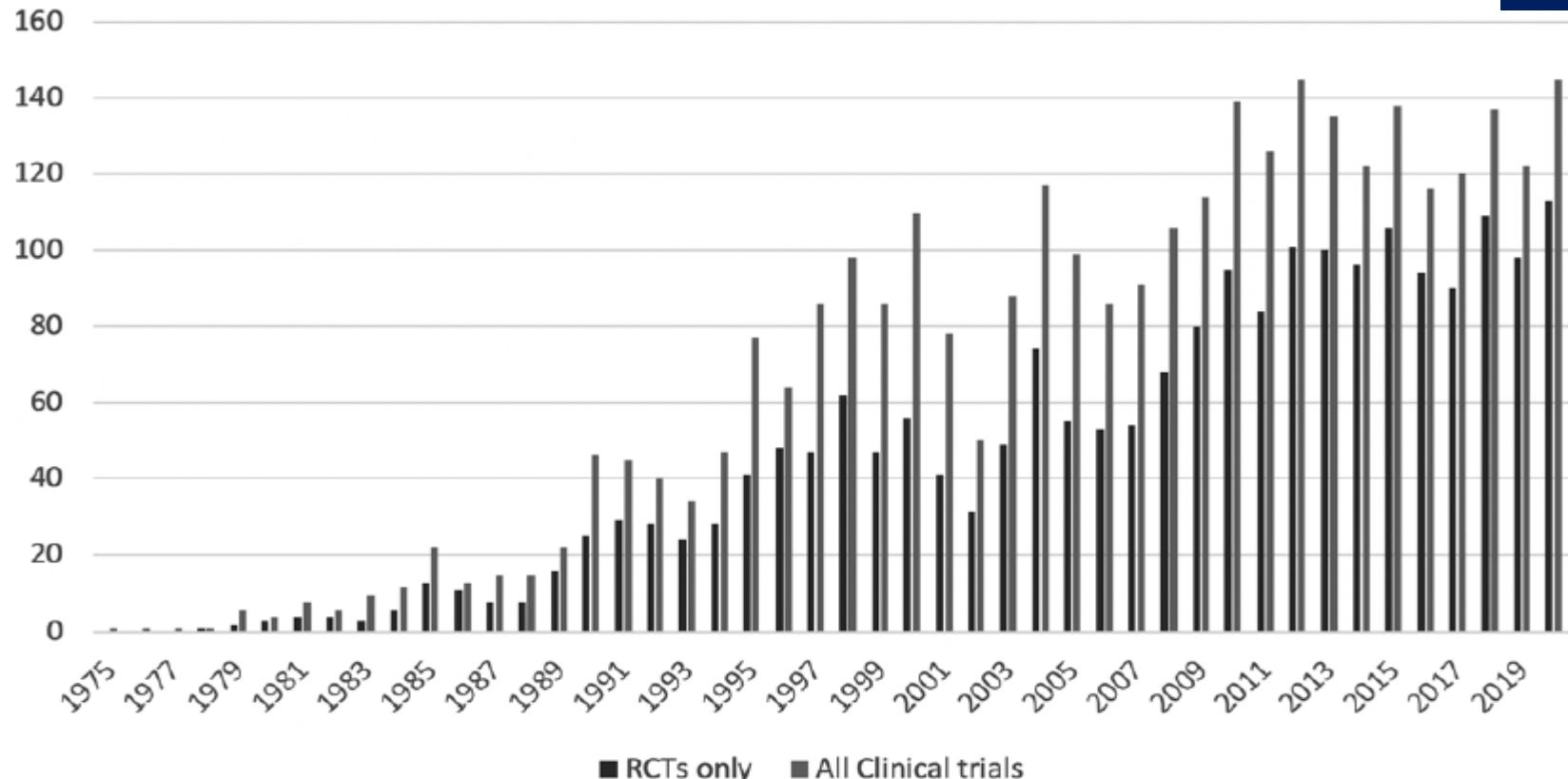
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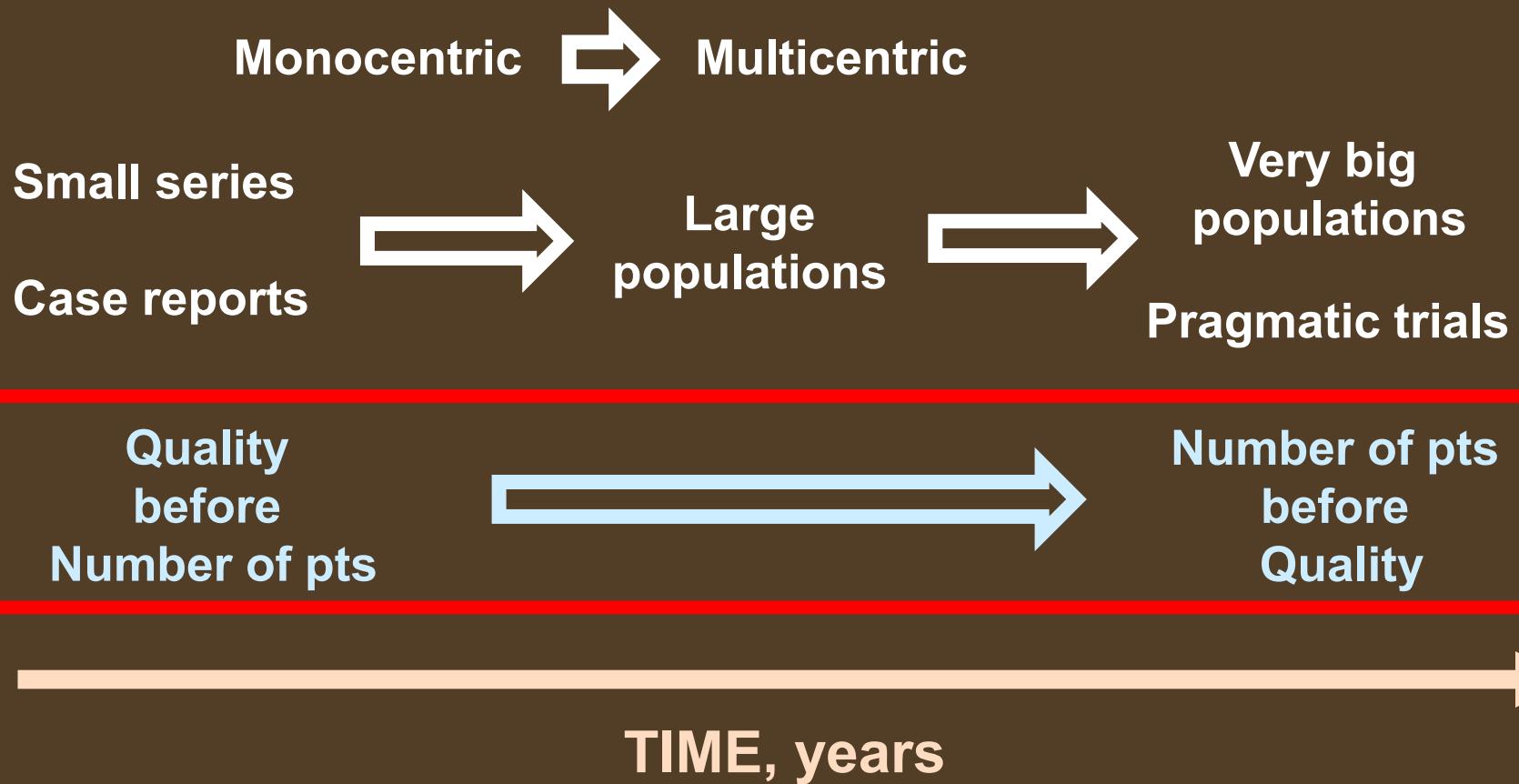
Anders Perner, MD, PhD<sup>6</sup>

Critical Care Clinical Trials and RCTs by year - 1975 to 2020

2021

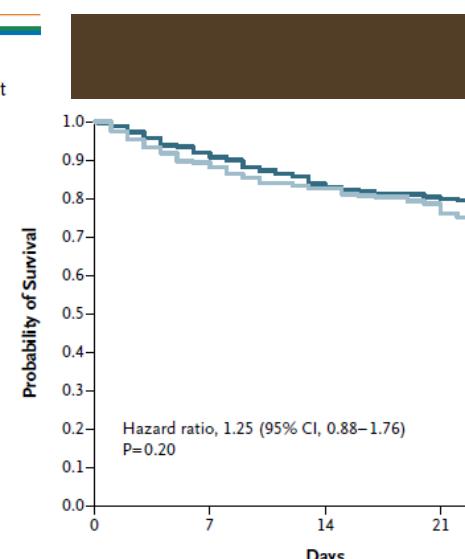
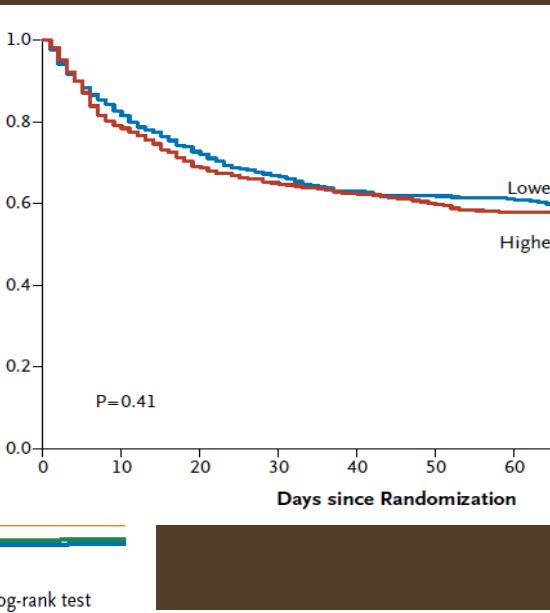
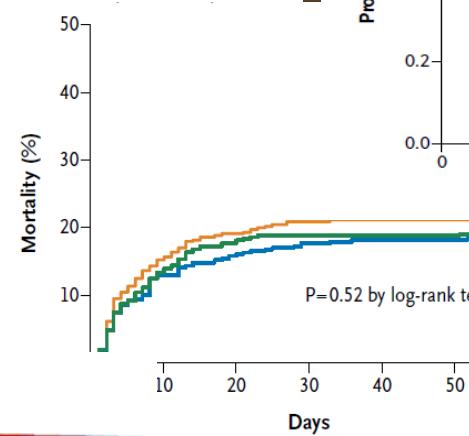
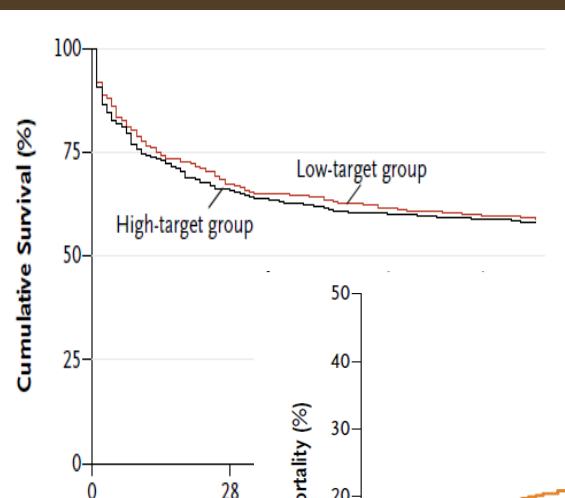
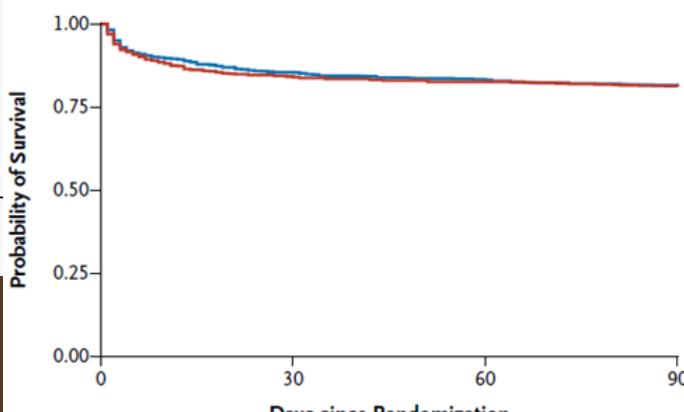
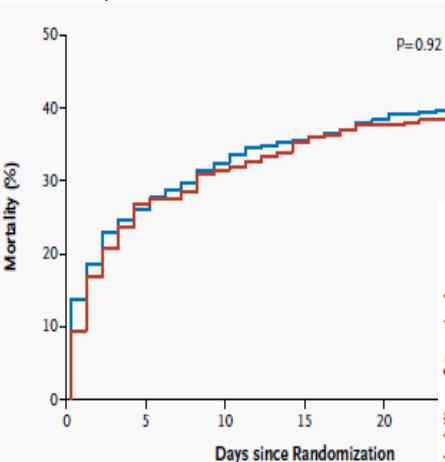
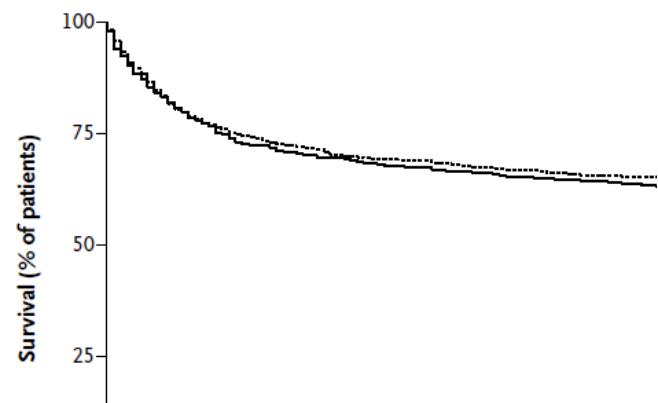


# The evolution of our critical care trials



*The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE*

## The typical ICU study on mortality



# RCTs targeting mortality

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Liberal vs. restrictive blood transfusions         | No difference |
| Strict glucose control                             | No difference |
| Hypothermia in severe brain injury                 | No difference |
| The pulmonary artery catheter                      | No difference |
| Browth hormaon administration                      | No difference |
| Balloon counterpulsation in cardiogenic shock      | No difference |
| Early goal-directed therapy                        | No difference |
| Early vs. late initiation of RRT                   | No difference |
| Glutamine administration                           | No difference |
| Craniectomy in severe brain injury                 | No difference |
| Early parenteral nutrition                         | No difference |
| Proton pump inhibitors administration              | No difference |
| Dexmedetomidine administration                     | No difference |
| Bicarbonate administration                         | No difference |
| Higher vs. lower PEEP levels in ARDS               | No difference |
| Minimal FiO <sub>2</sub> for lung protection       | No difference |
| Activated protein C in sepsis                      | No difference |
| Lactoferrin administration in sepsis               | No difference |
| Statin administration in ARDS                      | No difference |
| TLR4 administration in sepsis                      | No difference |
| NOS inhibitor in septic shock                      | No difference |
| Hemoglobin solution in severe polytrauma           | No difference |
| High frequency oscillation in severe ARDS          | No difference |
| Beta-stimulants in ARDS                            | No difference |
| Anti-oxidant supplementation                       | No difference |
| Albumin administration                             | No difference |
| Higher vs. lower arterial pressure in septic shock | No difference |
| ECMO in severe ARDS                                | No difference |



**multicentric RCTs**

**targeting mortality  
in critically ill patients**

Early goal directed therapy

Hemodynamic monitoring

Tight glucose control

Activated protein C in septic

Blood transfusions

Time of onset of re

Rate of renal re

TTM after c

Lower vs higher d

TLR4 inhibitor in shock

Increased c in sepsis

Statins administration in sepsis

Higher target blood pressure in septic shock

ECMO in ARDS

ECCO<sub>2</sub> removal

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**NO DIFFERENCE  
IN MORTALITY**

**What else?**

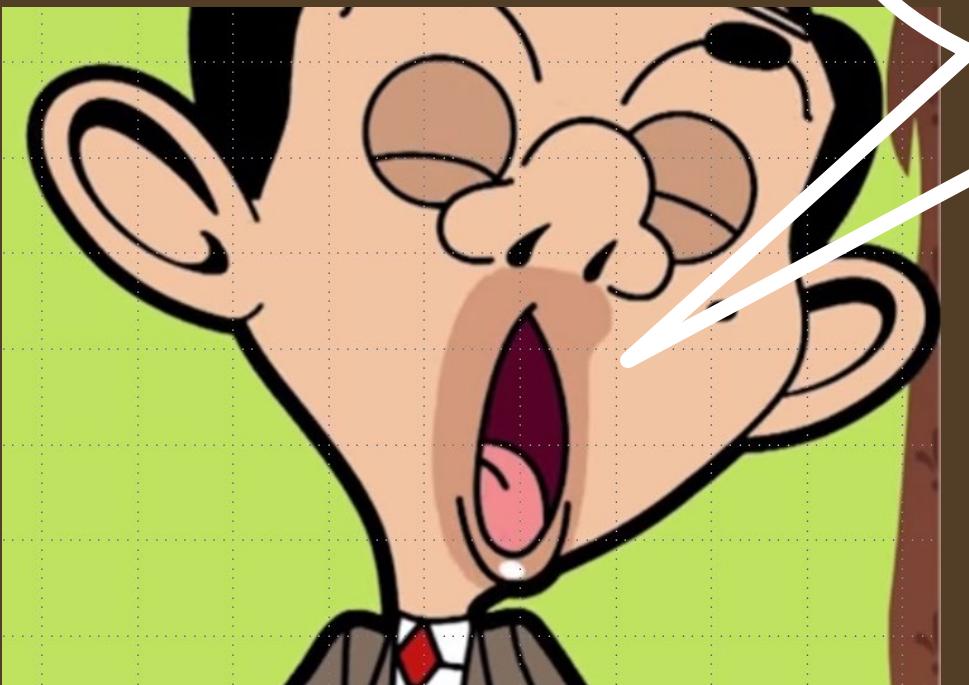
# **multicentric RCTs targeting mortality in critically ill patients**

- Large tidal volumes are harmful
- Saline solutions may be harmful
- HES solutions may be harmful
- Hemoglobin solutions may be harmful
- Excessive sedation is harmful
- High frequency oscillation may be harmful
- Administration of growth hormone may be harmful
- Beta-2 stimulation in ARDS may be harmful
- Invasive mechanical ventilation is harmful (NIV is preferable)
- Too much fluid may be harmful
- Early parenteral nutrition may be harmful
- A TNF inhibitor in sepsis may be harmful
- High dose of vitamin C in sepsis may be harmful



# Has it been shown to reduce mortality ?

SHOW ME  
THE EVIDENCE...



# Which Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trials in Critical Care Medicine Have Shown Reduced Mortality? A Systematic Review

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2019

**Any POSITIVE trial?**  
**(showing a reduction in mortality  
in heterogeneous ICU populations?)**



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**TABLE 3. A Simple Overview of the Current Status of the Interventions Shown by Randomized Controlled Trial to Reduce Mortality in ICU Patients**

| Type of Intervention                               | Well Accepted | Still Debated* | Largely Unaccepted/<br>Disproved |
|--|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Limiting iatrogenicity/respiratory support         |               |                |                                  |
| Limited tidal volume in ARDS                       | X             |                |                                  |
| NIV in hypercapnic respiratory failure             | X             |                |                                  |
| NIV following extubation in complex cases          | X             |                |                                  |
| Prone positioning in severe ARDS                   |               | X              |                                  |
| Muscle relaxants in severe ARDS                    |               |                | X                                |
| Monitoring systems                                 |               |                |                                  |
| Gastric tonometry                                  |               |                | X                                |
| New therapeutic interventions                      |               |                |                                  |
| Interleukin-1 receptor antagonist in sepsis        |               |                | X                                |
| Drotrecogin alfa (activated) in sepsis             |               |                | X                                |
| Talactoferrin in sepsis                            |               |                | X                                |
| Polymyxin B hemoperfusion in sepsis                |               |                | X                                |
| Other strategies                                   |               |                |                                  |
| Selective digestive decontamination                | X             |                |                                  |
| Corticosteroids in septic shock                    | X             |                |                                  |
| Early goal-directed therapy in acute kidney injury | X             |                |                                  |

Avoiding  
iatrogenicity



EDITORIAL



# Do trials that report a neutral or negative treatment effect improve the care of critically ill patients? No

2018

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## Box 1 Some perceived benefits that motivate clinicians to participate in large multicenter randomized controlled trials (RCTs)

Scientific (to address an important question)

Practical/pragmatic (benefit for patient care)

Financial (benefit for the department)

Political (benefit for the hospital/group)

Academic (for individual recognition/promotion)

Societal (benefit for society)

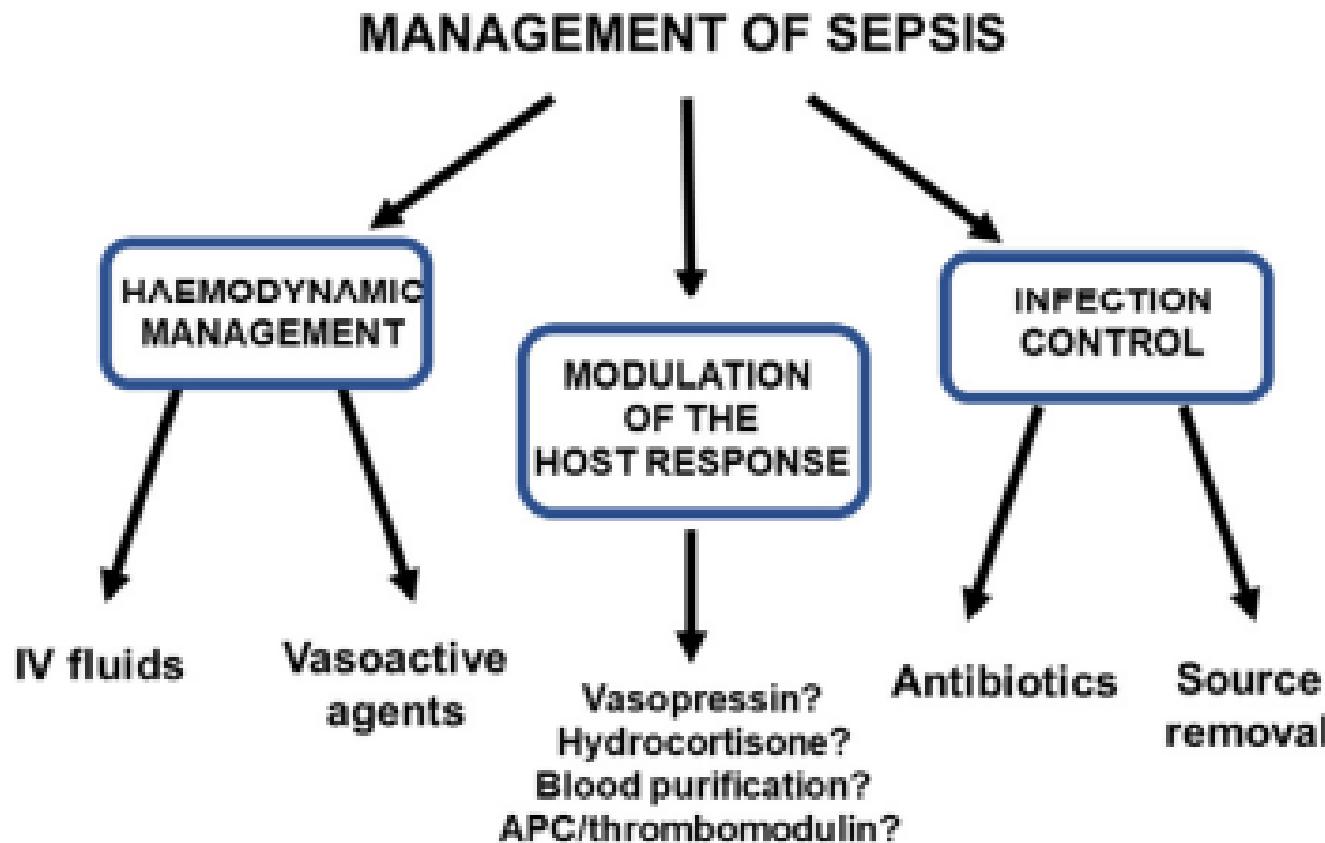
**SPSIS**

# Current sepsis therapeutics

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# Hemodynamic Monitoring and Support

| Strategy  | References  |   |
|---|---|---|
| In critically ill patients (in general)   |   | Jean-Louis Vincent, MD, PhD,<br>FCCM <sup>1</sup> |
| Higher vs lower mixed venous oxygen saturation targets in critically ill patients | Gattinoni et al (16)  | Alexandre Joosten, MD, PhD <sup>2,3</sup>         |
| Higher vs lower cardiac output in critically ill patients                         | Gattinoni et al (16)  | Bernd Saugel, MD <sup>4</sup>                     |
| Higher vs lower hemoglobin targets for blood transfusion                          | Hébert et al (50)   |   |
| The pulmonary artery catheter   | Sandham et al (48),<br>Richard et al (51),<br>Harvey et al (52) |   |
| Colloids vs crystalloids  | Myburgh et al (53),<br>Annane et al (54)                        |   |
| In septic patients (in particular)  |   | <i>Critical Care Medicine</i>                     |
| Vasopressin administration  | Russell et al (55),<br>Gordon et al (56)                        | 2021  |
| Higher vs lower hemoglobin targets for blood transfusion                          | Holst et al (57)  |   |
| Higher vs lower arterial pressure targets   | Asfar et al (58)  |   |
| Early goal-directed therapy   | Yealy et al (18),<br>Peake et al (19),<br>Mouncey et al (20)    |   |
| Levosimendan administration   | Gordon et al (59)   |   |

Some RCTs showing no reduction in mortality

# ChatGPT

JL

how much fluid should we give in sepsis?



The amount of fluid that should be given to a person with sepsis depends on a number of factors, including the severity of the condition, the underlying cause of the sepsis, and the person's overall health and medical history.

In general, people with sepsis may require fluid resuscitation to help restore and maintain adequate blood flow to vital organs and tissues. This may involve administering intravenous fluids, such as saline or lactated Ringer's solution, to increase the volume of fluid in the body and improve blood pressure.

The goal of fluid resuscitation in sepsis is to restore perfusion to vital organs and tissues and to prevent organ failure. The appropriate amount of fluid will depend on the individual needs of the person with sepsis and should be determined by a healthcare provider. It is important to monitor the person's vital signs and response to treatment and to adjust the fluid resuscitation plan as needed.

## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Early Restrictive or Liberal Fluid Management for Sepsis-Induced Hypotension

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Prevention and Early Treatment of Acute Lung Injury Clinical Trials Network\*

| Therapies   | Restrictive Fluid Group<br>(N=782) | Liberal Fluid Group<br>(N=781) | Difference<br>(95% CI)† |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Median volume of IV fluid administered (IQR) — ml‡                          |                                    |                                |                         |
| Over 6-hr period  | 500 (130 to 1097)                  | 2300 (2000 to 3000)            | -1800 (-1889 to -1711)  |
| Over 24-hr period   | 1267 (555 to 2279)                 | 3400 (2500 to 4495)            | -2134 (-2318 to -1949)  |
| Vasopressor administration during first 24-hr period<br>— no./total no. (%) | 460/780 (59.0)                     | 290/779 (37.2)                 | 21.7 (16.9 to 26.6)     |

**NO DIFFERENCE**  
**2 possible explanations**

- Fluids vs. vasopressors: it does not matter  
(you do not need intelligence)
- Treatment should be personalized  
(you do need intelligence)

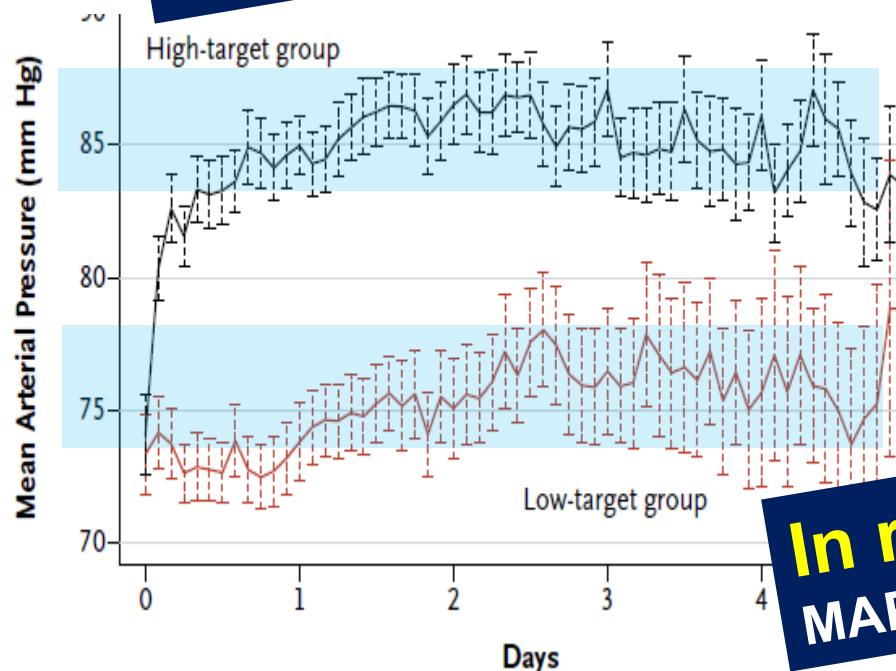
# WHICH BLOOD PRESSURE TARGET?



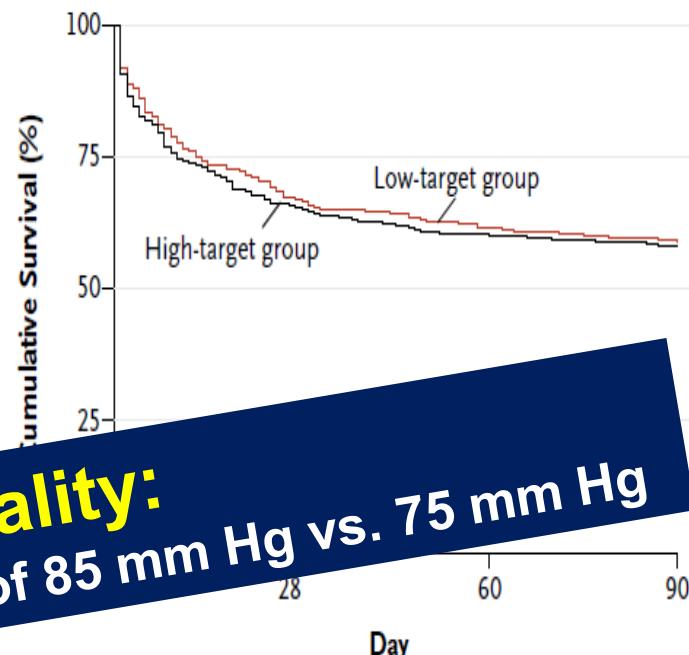
# High versus Low Blood-Pressure Target in Patients with Septic Shock

2014

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**In reality:**  
 MAP of 85 mm Hg vs. 75 mm Hg



**Target:**  
 MAP of either 80 to 85 mm Hg (high-target group)  
 or 65 to 70 mm Hg (low-target group).

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### In patients with chronic arterial hypertension:

| Variable                                      | Low-Target Group<br>(N=388) | High-Target Group<br>(N=388) | P Value |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Doubling of plasma creatinine                 | 90/173 (52.0)               | 65/167 (38.9)                | 0.02    |
| Renal-replacement therapy from day 1 to day 7 | 73/173 (42.2)               | 53/167 (31.7)                | 0.046   |

A MAP of 75 mm Hg is too low  
for some patients

# THE MESSAGE

A MAP of 65 mmHg for all?

It can be the INITIAL target

A MAP > 75 mmHg

may be optimal in some patients  
(history of hypertension)

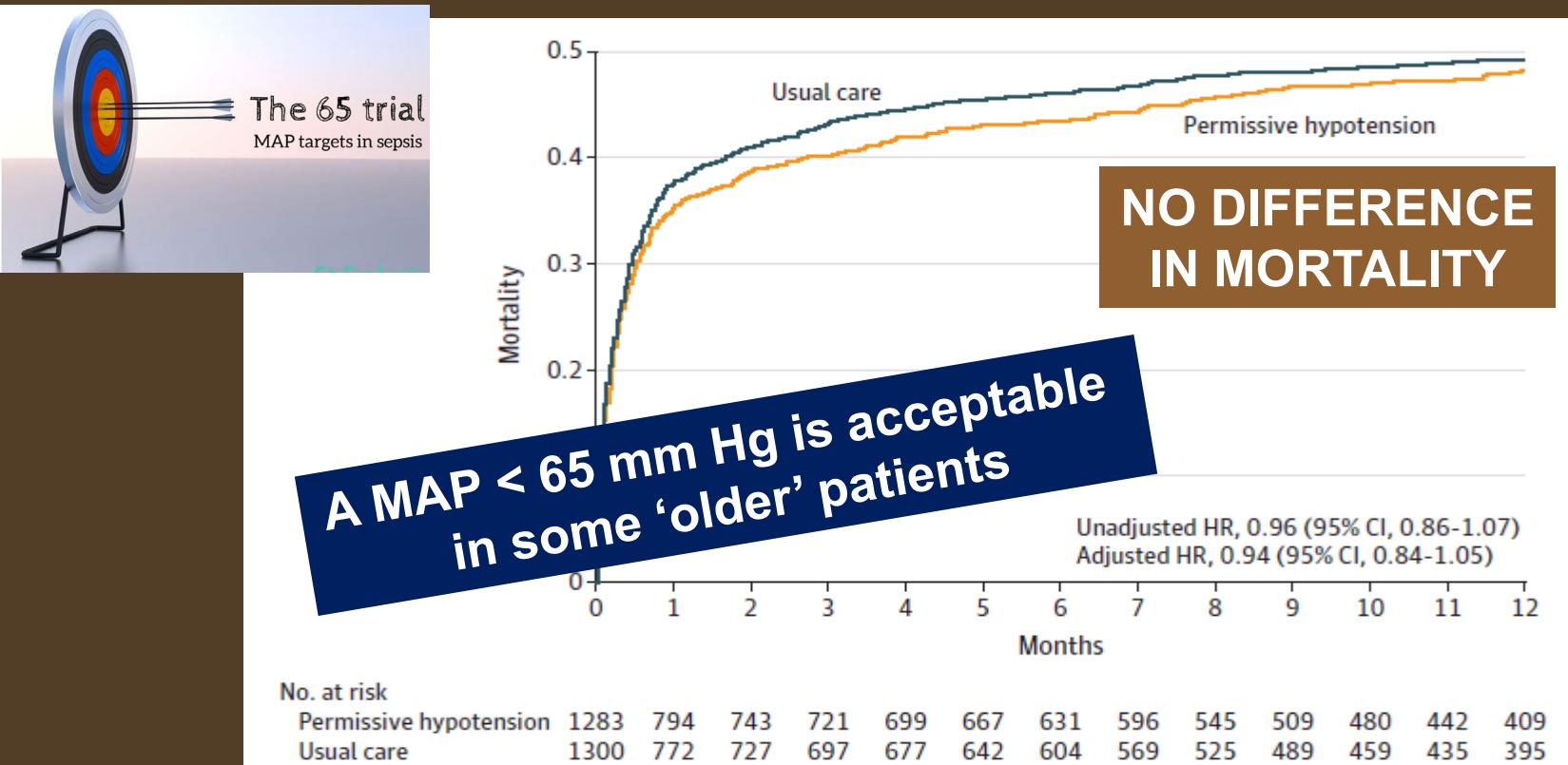
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**MAP target:** ↗ 60-65mmHg (permissive hypotension) (n = 1291)  
 ↘ usual care (n = 1307).



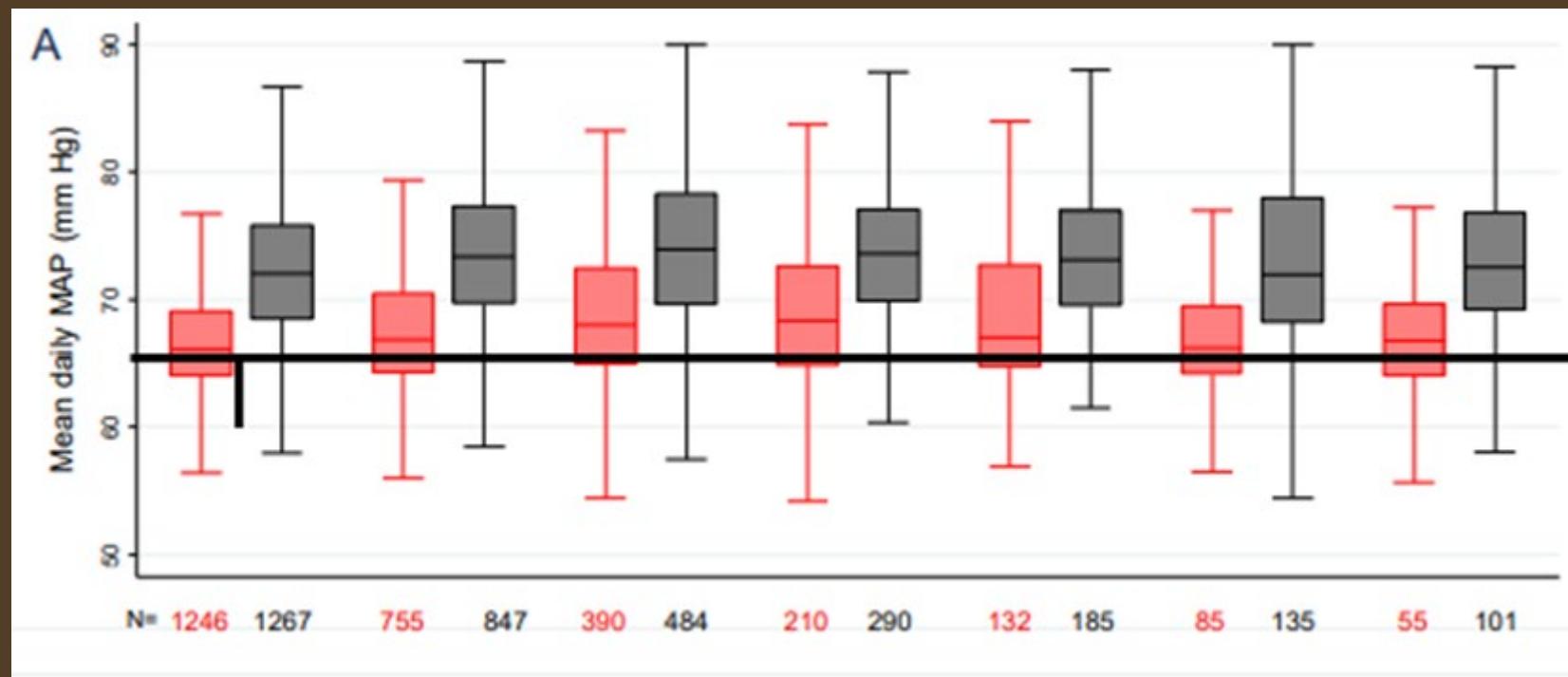
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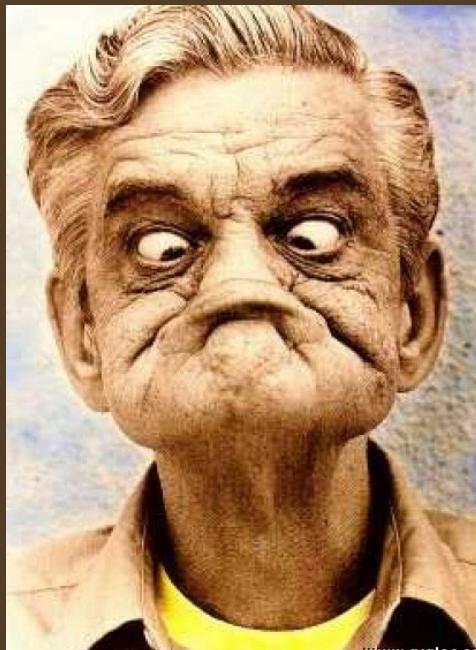
# THE MESSAGE

A MAP of 65 mmHg for all?  
It can be the INITIAL target

A MAP >75 mmHg  
may be optimal in some patients  
(history of hypertension)

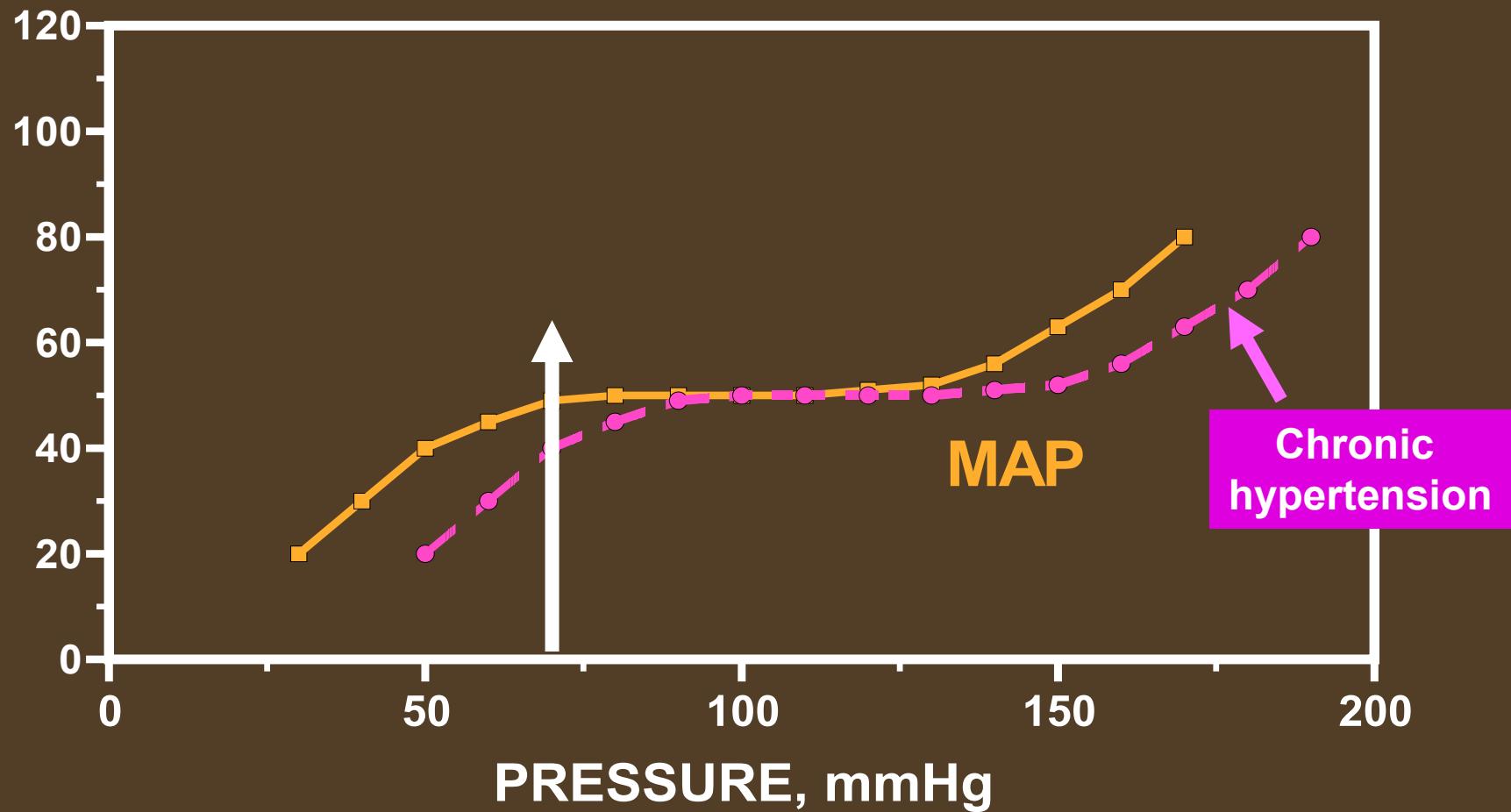
A MAP <65 mmHg  
may be acceptable in some patients  
(even if older than 65 years)

# PHYSIOLOGY



# AUTOREGULATION OF BLOOD FLOW

CEREBRAL BLOOD FLOW, ml/100 g/min



# Surviving sepsis campaign: international guidelines for management of sepsis and septic shock 2021

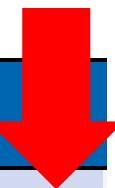
## Vasopressor therapy

### Mean arterial pressure

#### Recommendation

9. For adults with septic shock on vasopressors, we **recommend** an initial target mean arterial pressure (MAP) of 65 mm Hg over higher MAP targets

*Strong recommendation, moderate-quality evidence*



***Quid thereafter?***

SURVIVING

SEPSIS

CAMPAIGN

2016

## VASOPRESSOR AGENTS

We recommend  
an **initial** target mean arterial pressure (MAP) of 65 mm Hg  
in patients with septic shock requiring vasopressors.



Grade 1 B

### Remarks:

If initiated, vasopressor dosing should be titrated  
to an end point reflecting perfusion...

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# Equilibrating SSC guidelines with individualized care

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We recommend **individualizing** arterial blood pressure levels.

Although a mean value of 65 mmHg may be recommended **as an initial goal**, the **optimal level may be higher** in patients with a history of hypertension, atherosclerosis or chronic kidney disease.

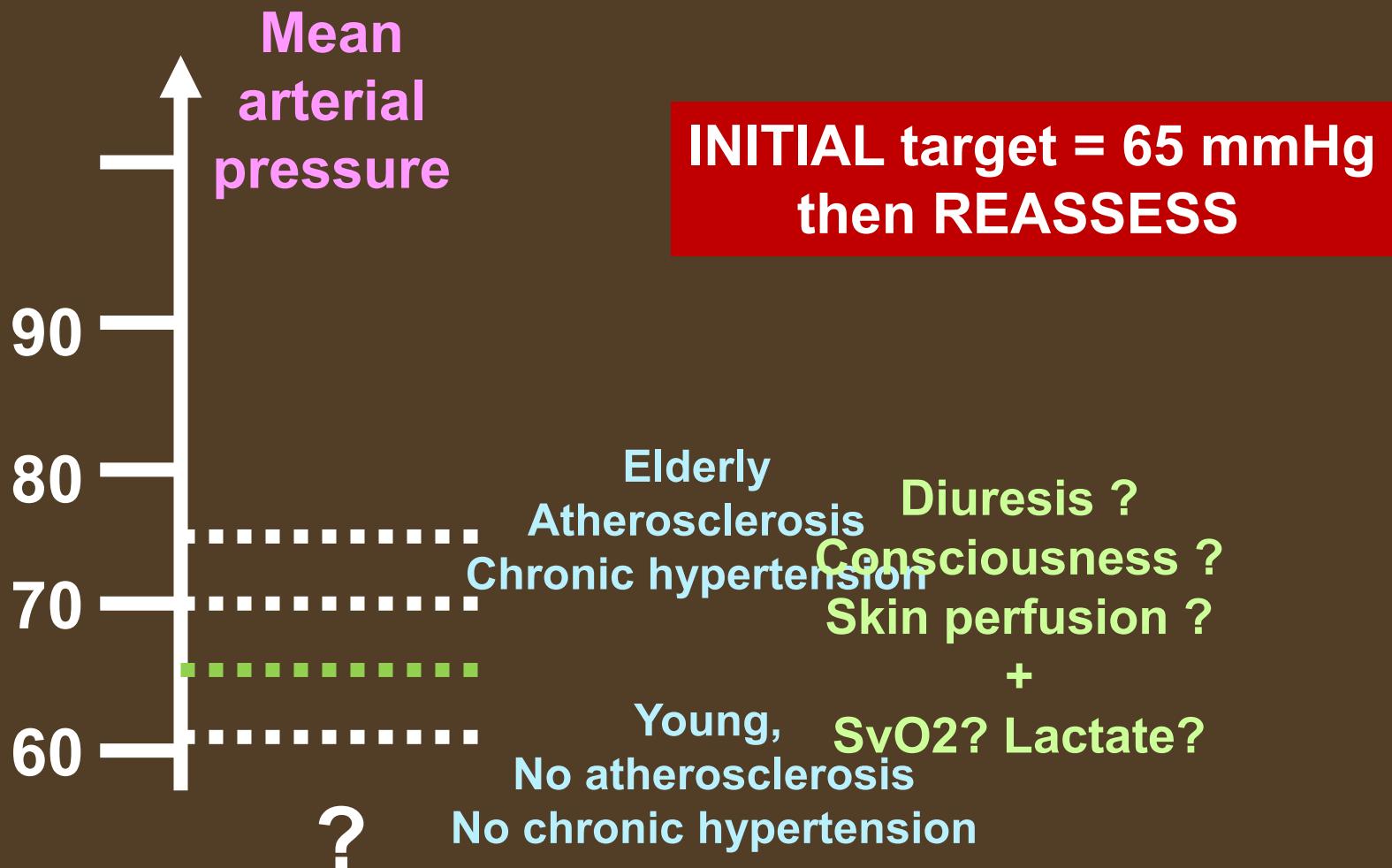
**Conversely it may be lower** in younger patients without previous vascular problems, in those with chronically low arterial pressure, or in whom adequate tissue perfusion is maintained.

## THE PROBLEM OF HYPOTENSION

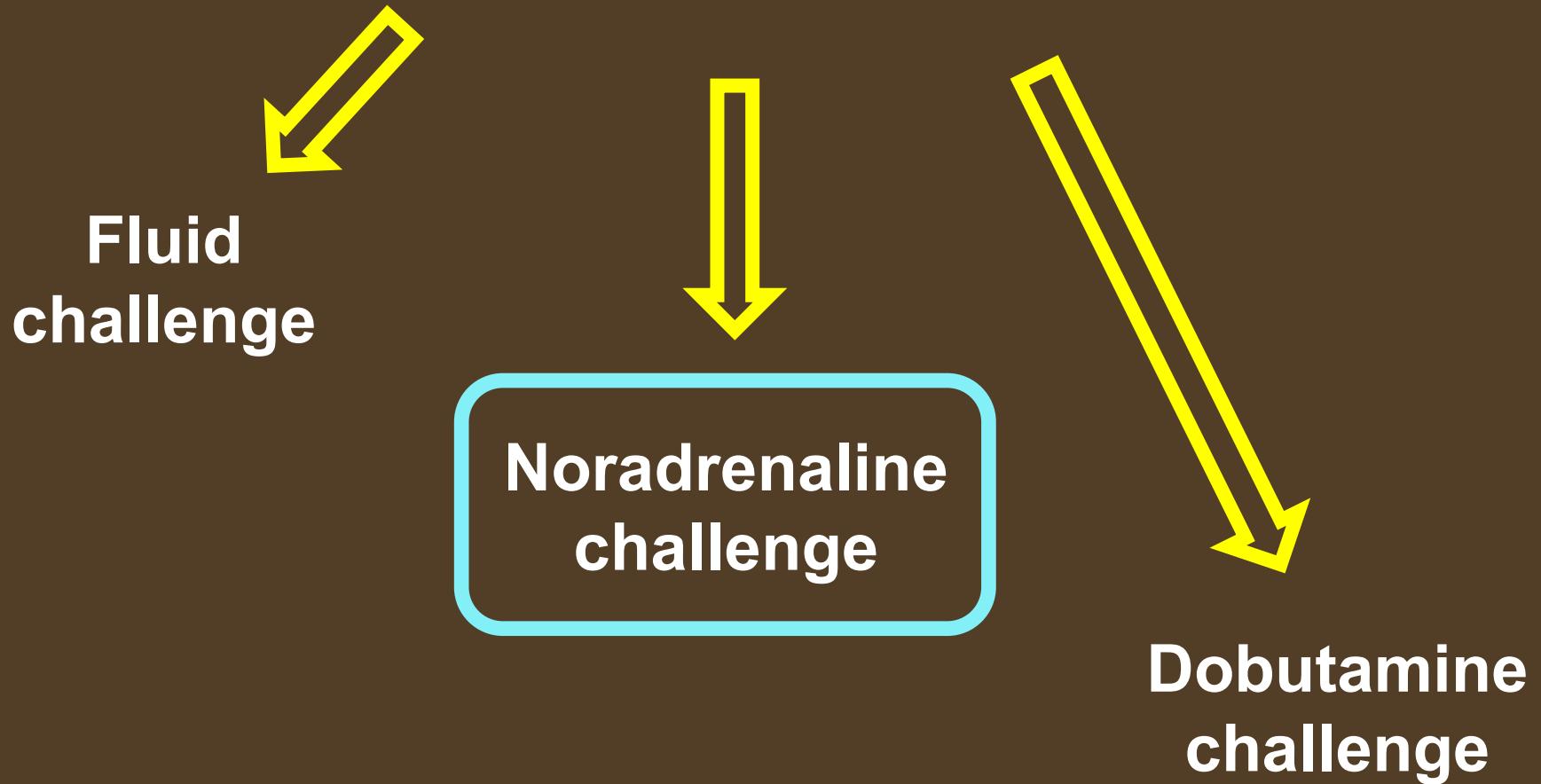
**INDIVIDUALIZE THE TARGETS**



# What is the target blood pressure in shock ?



# THE CHALLENGES



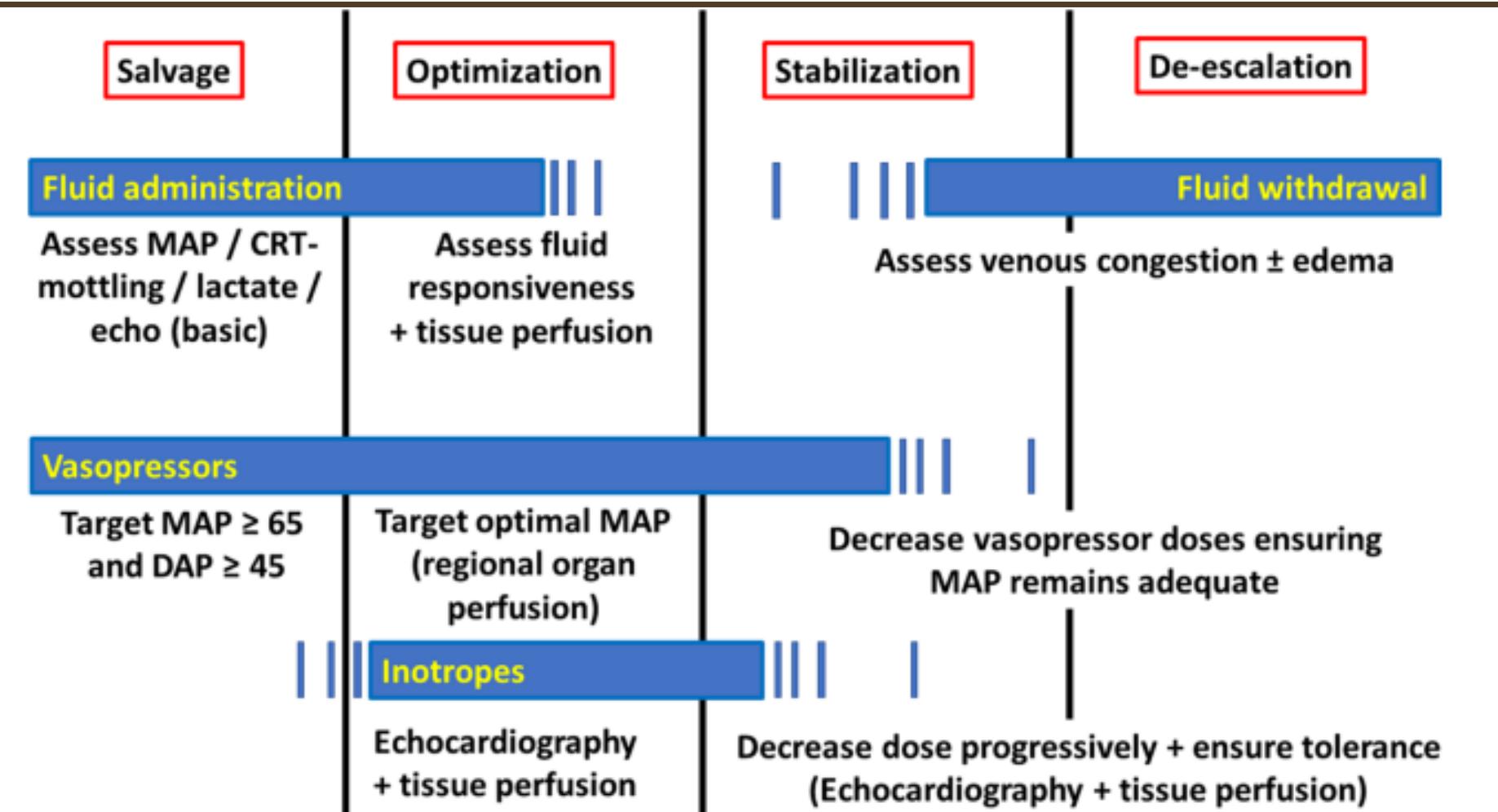
REVIEW

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# A plea for personalization of the hemodynamic management of septic shock

2022

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■ The large RCT targeting mortality  
in heterogeneous ICU patient populations

# New therapeutic approaches

Not (only) mortality  
as an end-point



# RCT

- The large RCT targeting mortality in heterogeneous ICU patient populations



**CLINICAL TRIALS**

***END-POINT***

**MORTALITY**

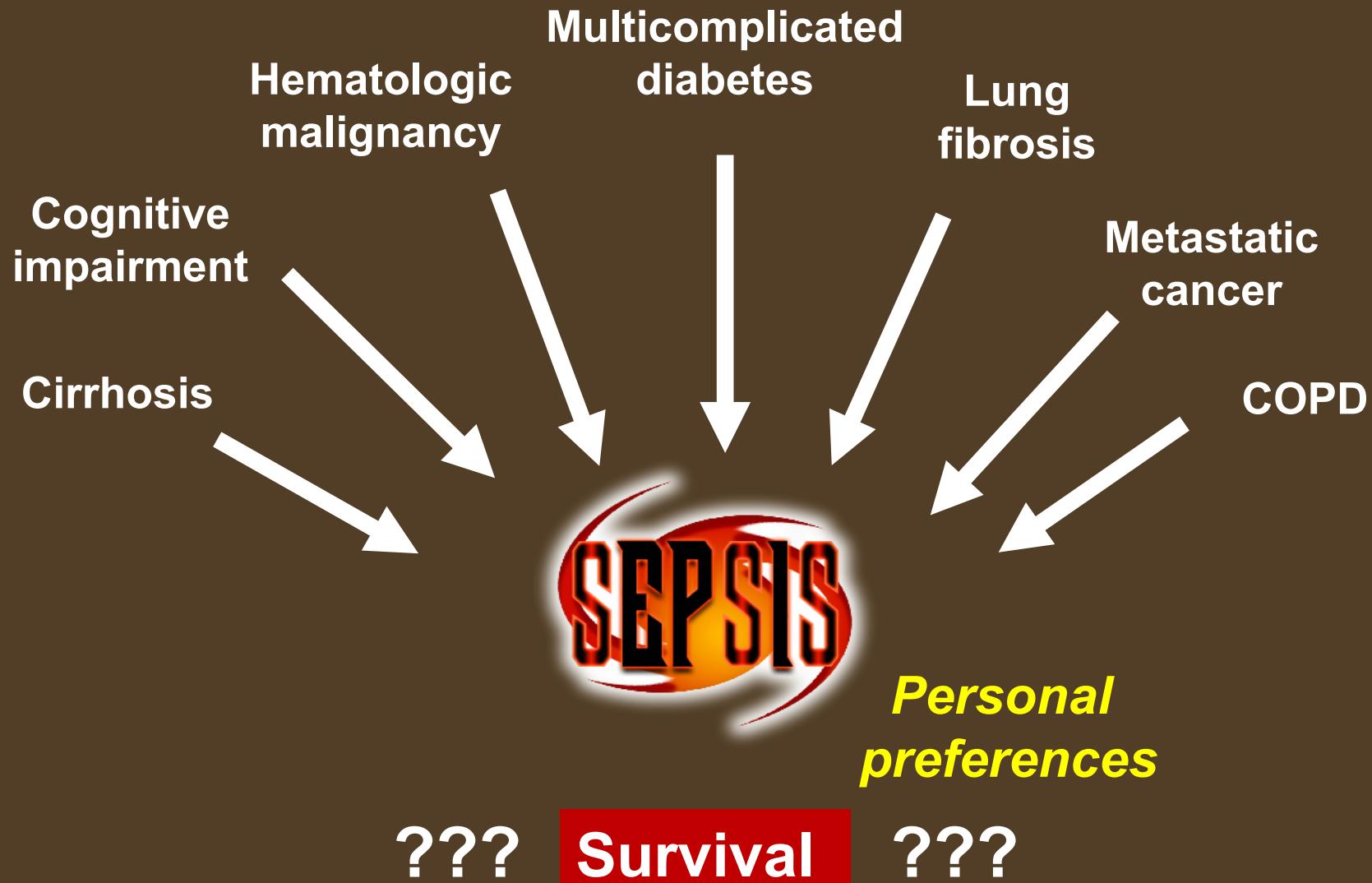
**THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
UNDERLYING DISEASE**

**and**

**COMORBIDITIES**



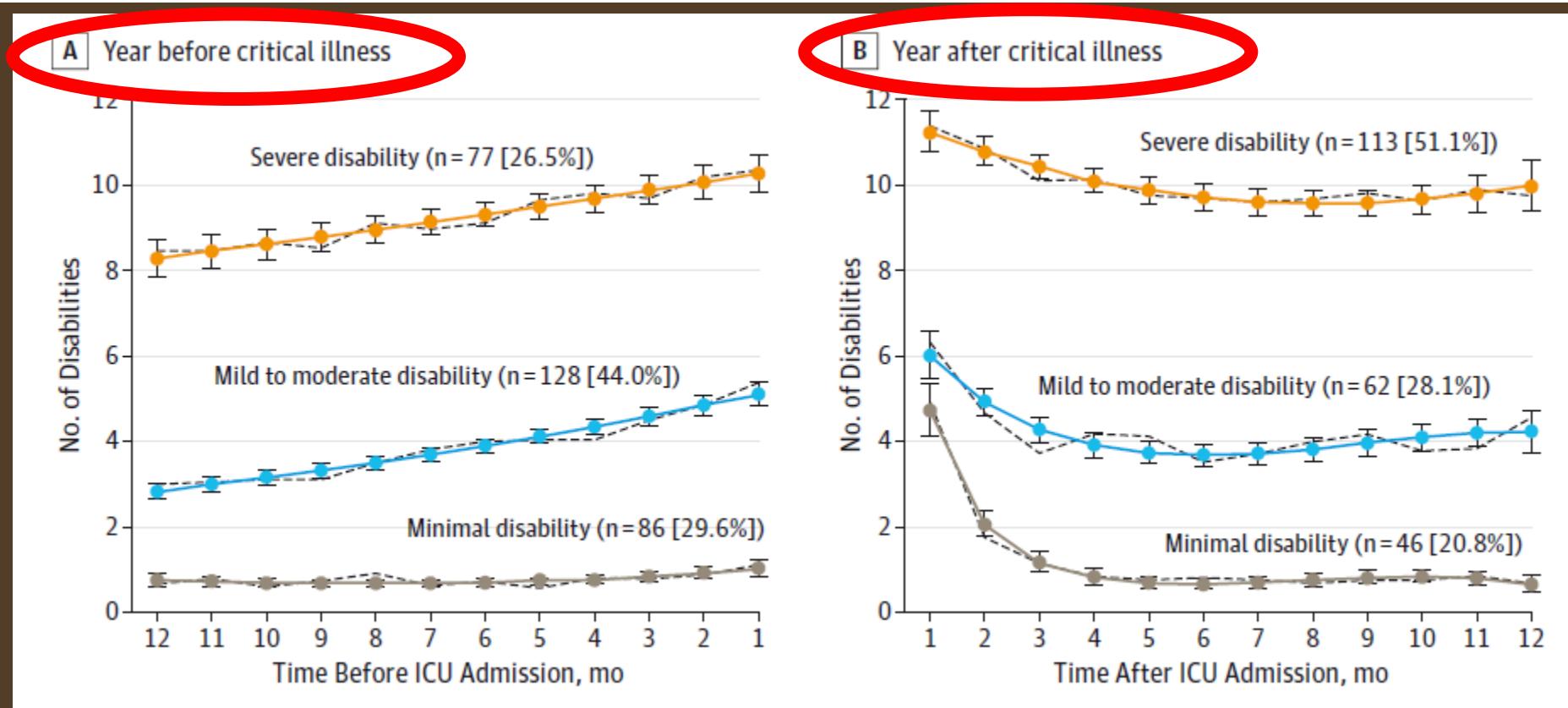
# The importance of comorbidities



## Original Investigation

# Functional Trajectories Among Older Persons Before and After Critical Illness

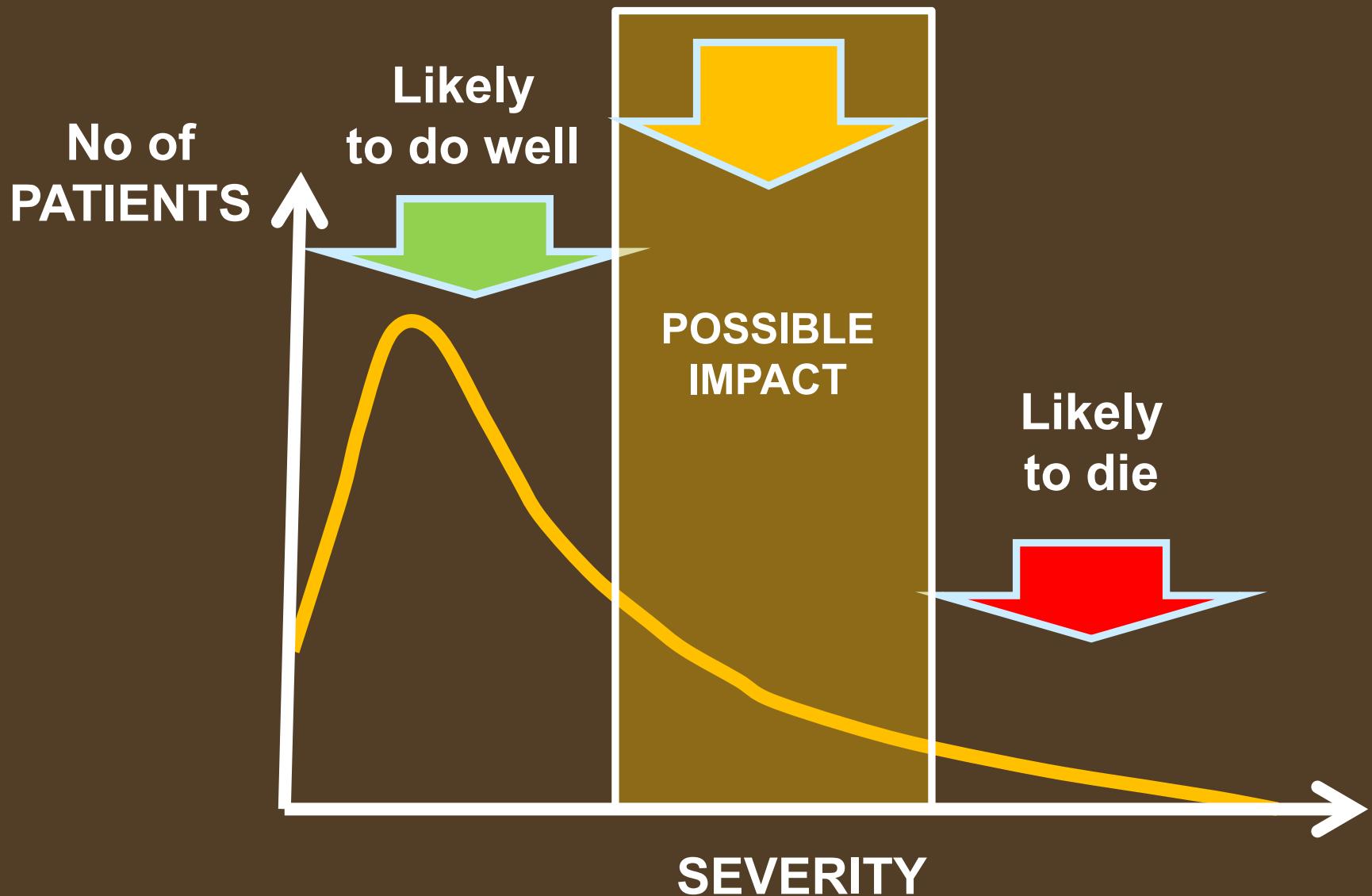
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In some cases,  
death represents  
the person's best interests...



# THE EFFECTS OF OUR INTERVENTIONS



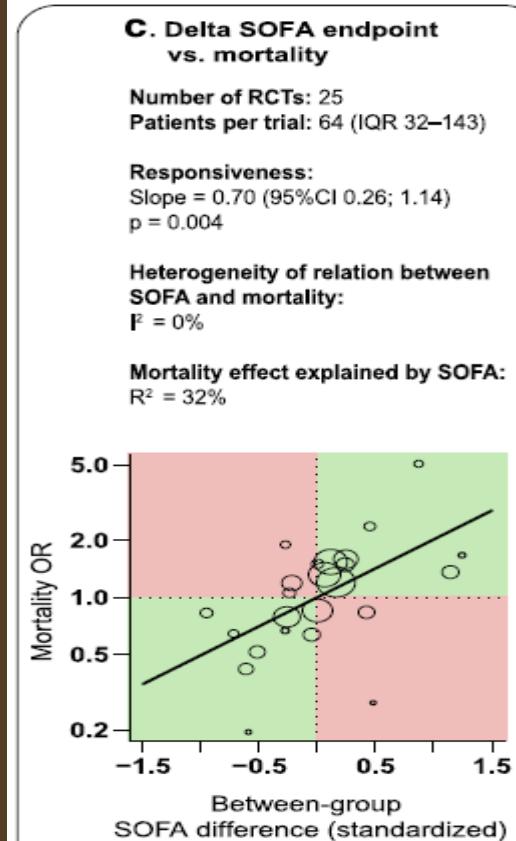
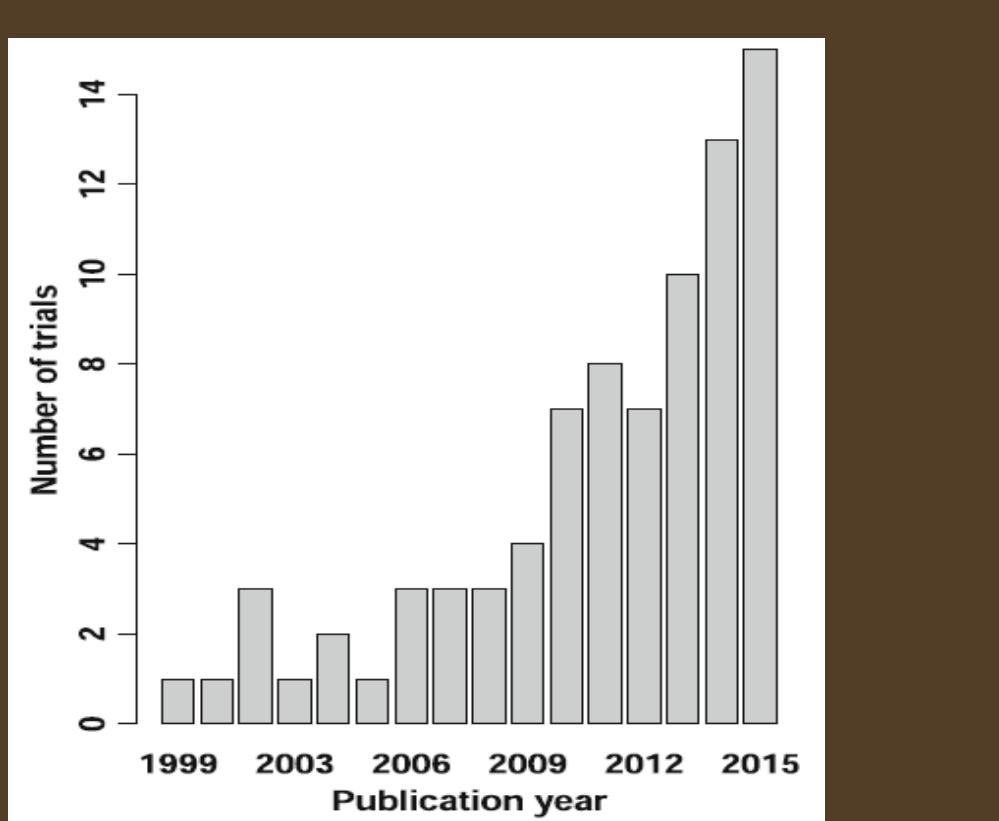
RESEARCH

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# SOFA and mortality endpoints in randomized controlled trials: a systematic review and meta-regression analysis

2017

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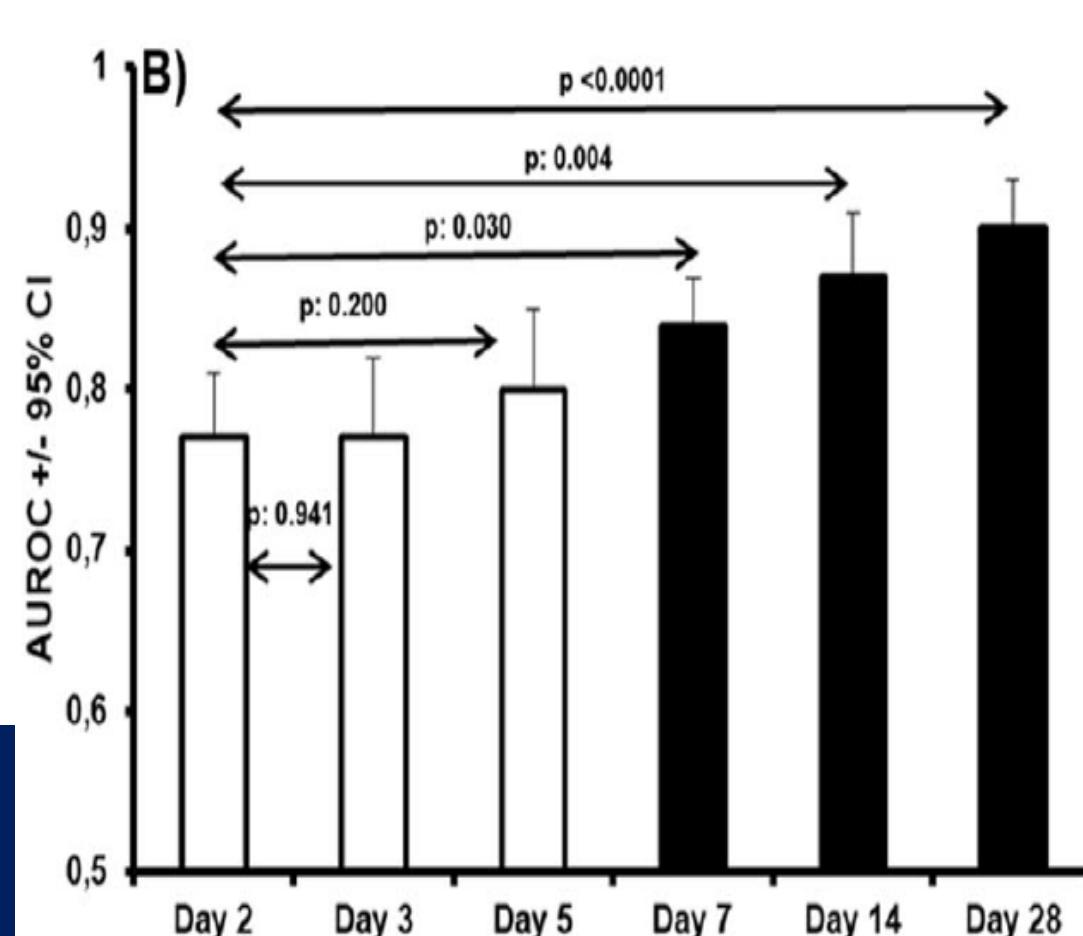
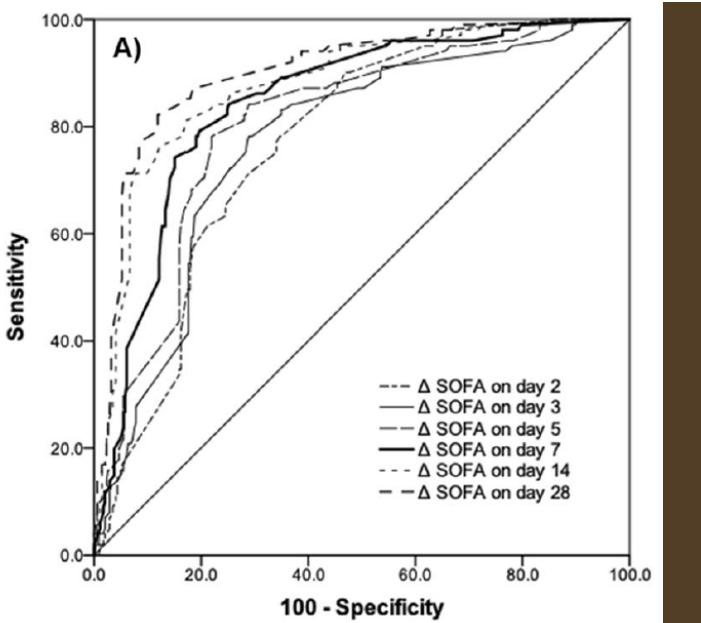
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2019

# The early change of SOFA score as a prognostic marker of 28-day sepsis mortality: analysis through a derivation and a validation cohort

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## Conclusions:

$\Delta_{SOFA}$  on day 7 is a useful early prognostic marker of 28-day mortality and could serve as an endpoint in future sepsis trials alongside mortality.

■ The large RCT targeting mortality  
in heterogeneous ICU patient populations

## New therapeutic approaches

Better defined (less heterogeneous)  
populations



# **CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE ICU**

## **ILLNESSES**

**Acute myocardial infarction**

**Stroke**

**Urinary tract infection**

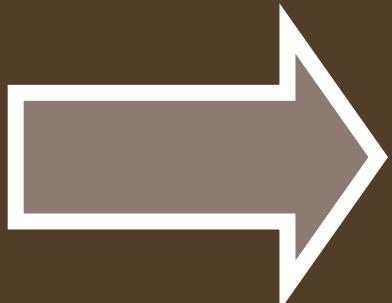
## **SYNDROMES**

**ARDS**

**Sepsis**

**SIRS**

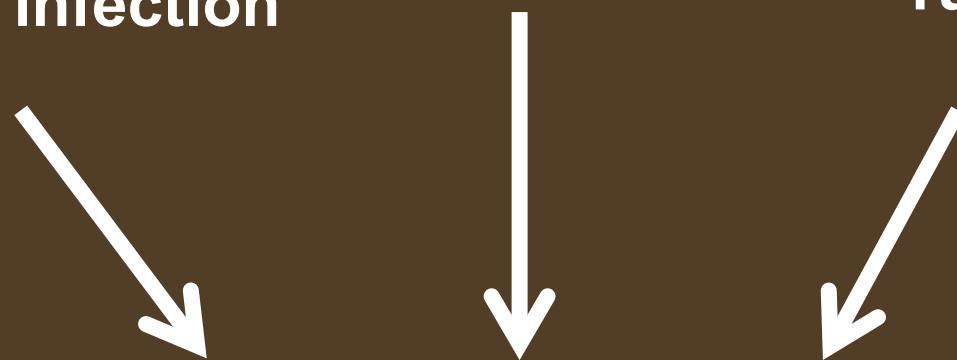
**"critically ill"**



30 Y/O  
diabetes  
urinary tract infection

57 Y/O  
immunosuppressed  
pneumonia  
lung transplant

85 Y/O  
recent CVA  
peritonitis  
ruptured colon Ca



+ organ dysfunction



# *Sepsis heterogeneity*

## GENETIC FACTORS

TNF  
NO, etc  
gender

## ... CO-MORBIDITIES

diabetes  
alcoholism  
cancer...

## MEDICATIONS

steroids  
statins  
 $\beta$ -adrenergic agents...

## SOURCE OF INFECTION

pneumonia  
peritonitis

UTI

wound infection

...

## IMMUNOLOGIC STATUS

Monocyte function  
(HLA-DR...)  
Functional tests...

## MICROBIOLOGY

Gram + or -  
mixed  
fungi

...

## SIGNS OF SEPSIS

fever  
tachycardia  
high CO - low SVR  
tachypnea  
high CRP/PCT

...

## ORGAN DYSFUNCTION

PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub>  
platelet count  
bilirubin  
creatinine  
GCS

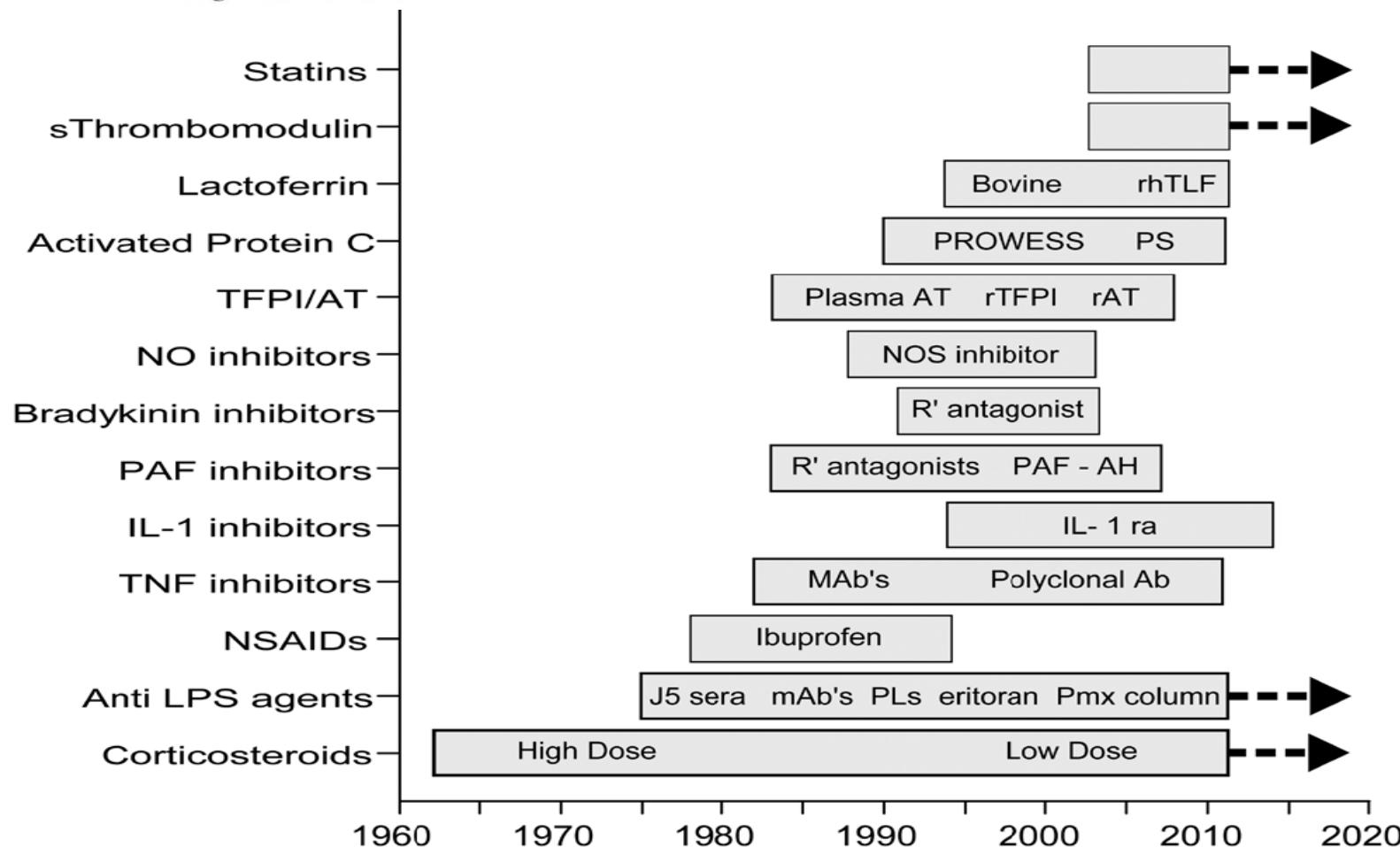
## SHOCK

hypotension  
oliguria  
altered mentation  
lactic acidosis

## TIME

## The Next Generation of Sepsis Clinical Trial Designs: What Is Next After the Demise of Recombinant Human Activated Protein C?\*

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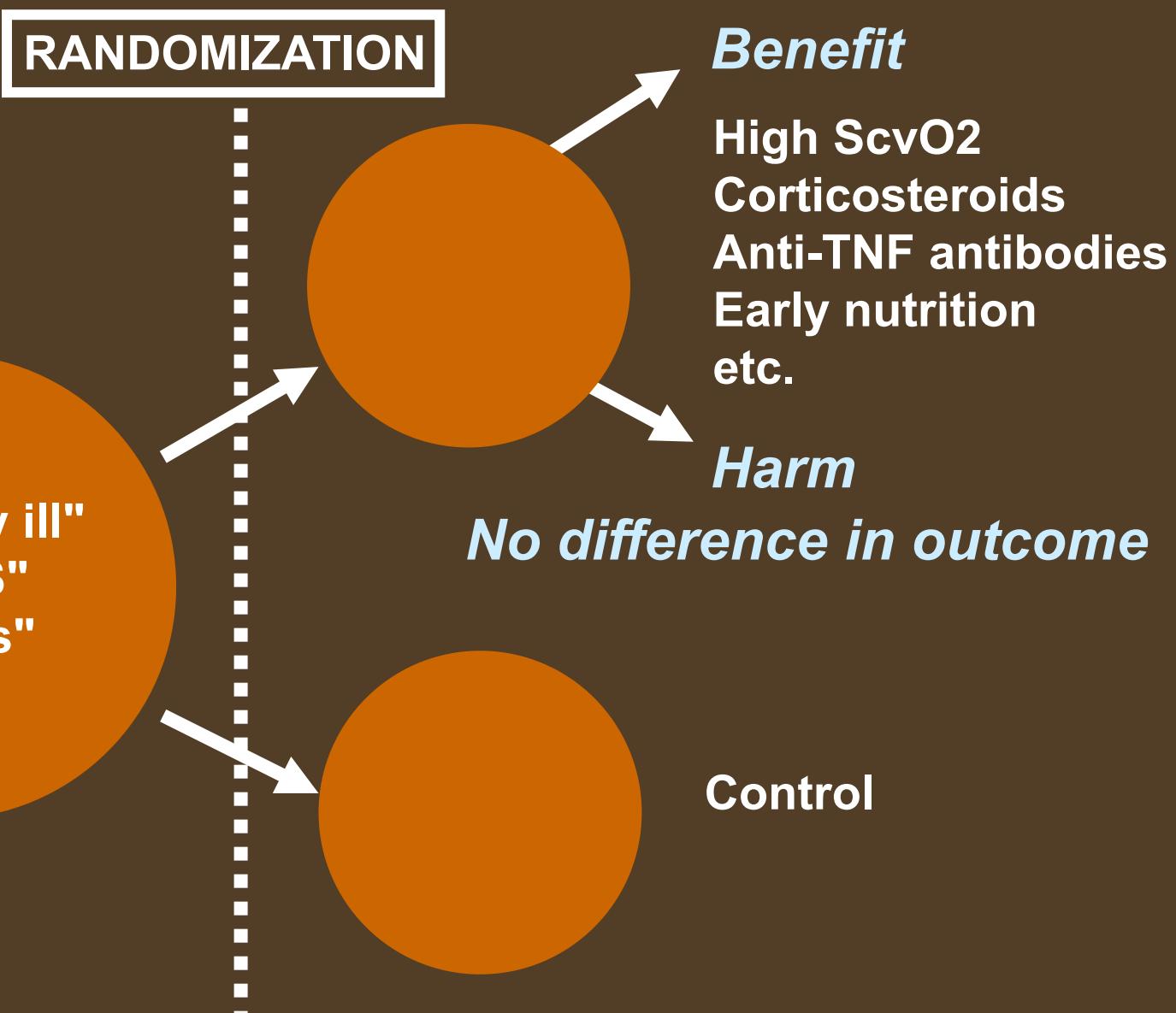
*Review*

# The End of “One Size Fits All” Sepsis Therapies: Toward an Individualized Approach

Jean-Louis Vincent <sup>1,\*</sup>, Tom van der Poll <sup>2,3</sup> and John C. Marshall <sup>4</sup>

| Intervention                                      | Refs    |
|---|---------|
| Corticosteroids                                   | [13–16] |
| Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents (ibuprofen) | [18]    |
| Anti-TNF (antibodies, receptors)                  | [5,23]  |
| Anti-IL-1 (IL-1ra)                                | [6,27]  |
| Anti-TLR4   | [31,32] |
| Bradykinin inhibitors                             | [35]    |
| Interferon  | [37]    |
| Anti-PAF  | [7,39]  |
| Nitric oxide inhibitors/scavengers                | [41,42] |
| Antienzyme (antibodies, purification)             | [44–48] |
| Alkaline phosphatase                              | [19,20] |
| Statins   | [21,22] |
| Activated protein C/thrombomodulin                | [24–26] |
| TFPI/antithrombin                                 | [28–30] |
| Lactoferrin                                       | [33,34] |
| Levocarnitine                                     | [36]    |
| Thymosin alfa 1                                   | [38]    |
| Antioxidants (N-acetylcysteine)                   | [40]    |
| Vitamins  | [43]    |
| Traditional Chinese medicines (e.g., Xuebijing)   | [49]    |

# CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE ICU



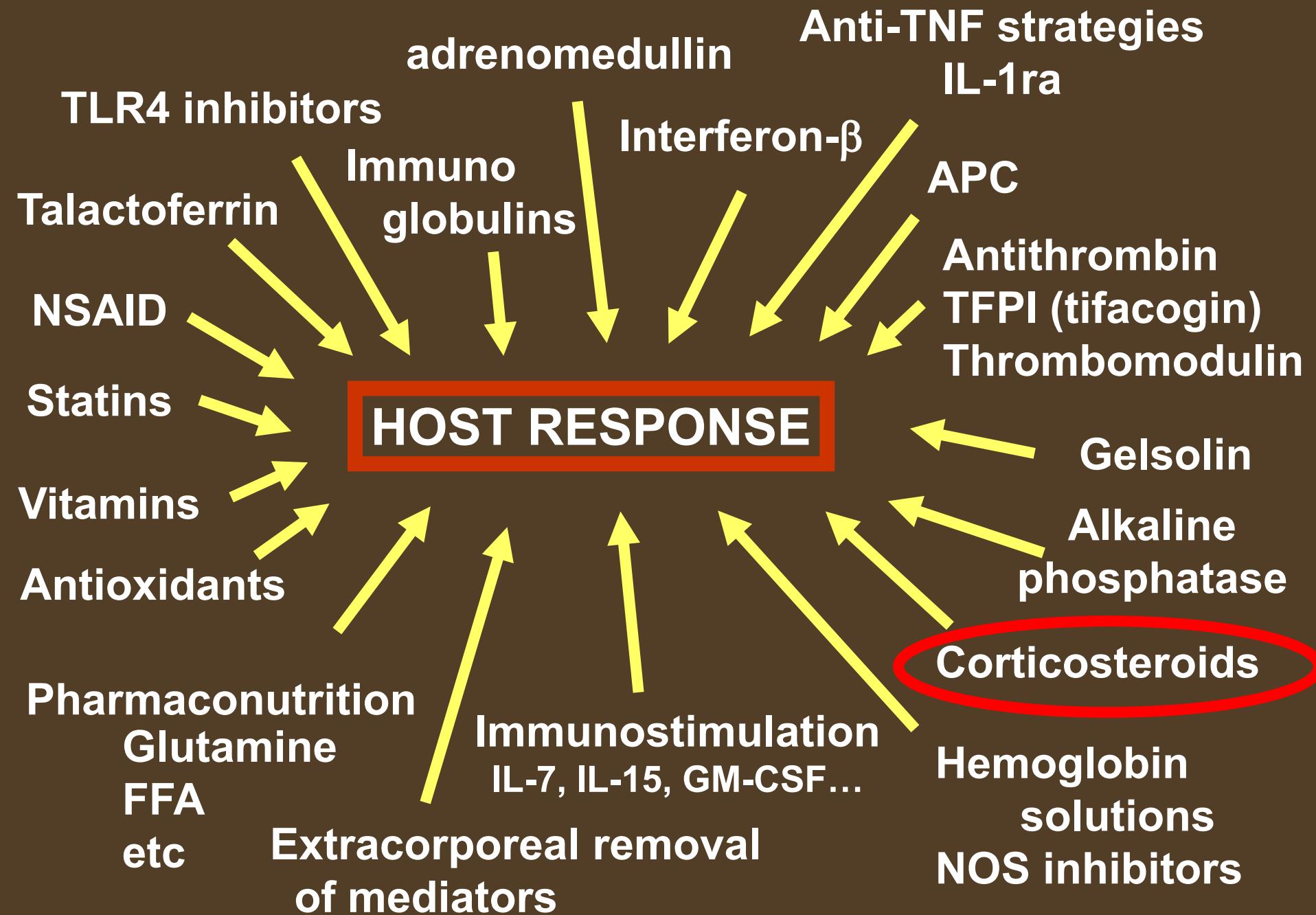
WE HAVE A **BIG** PROBLEM

'critically ill'  
Sepsis  
ARDS  
SIRS  
AKI

...



HETEROGENEITY

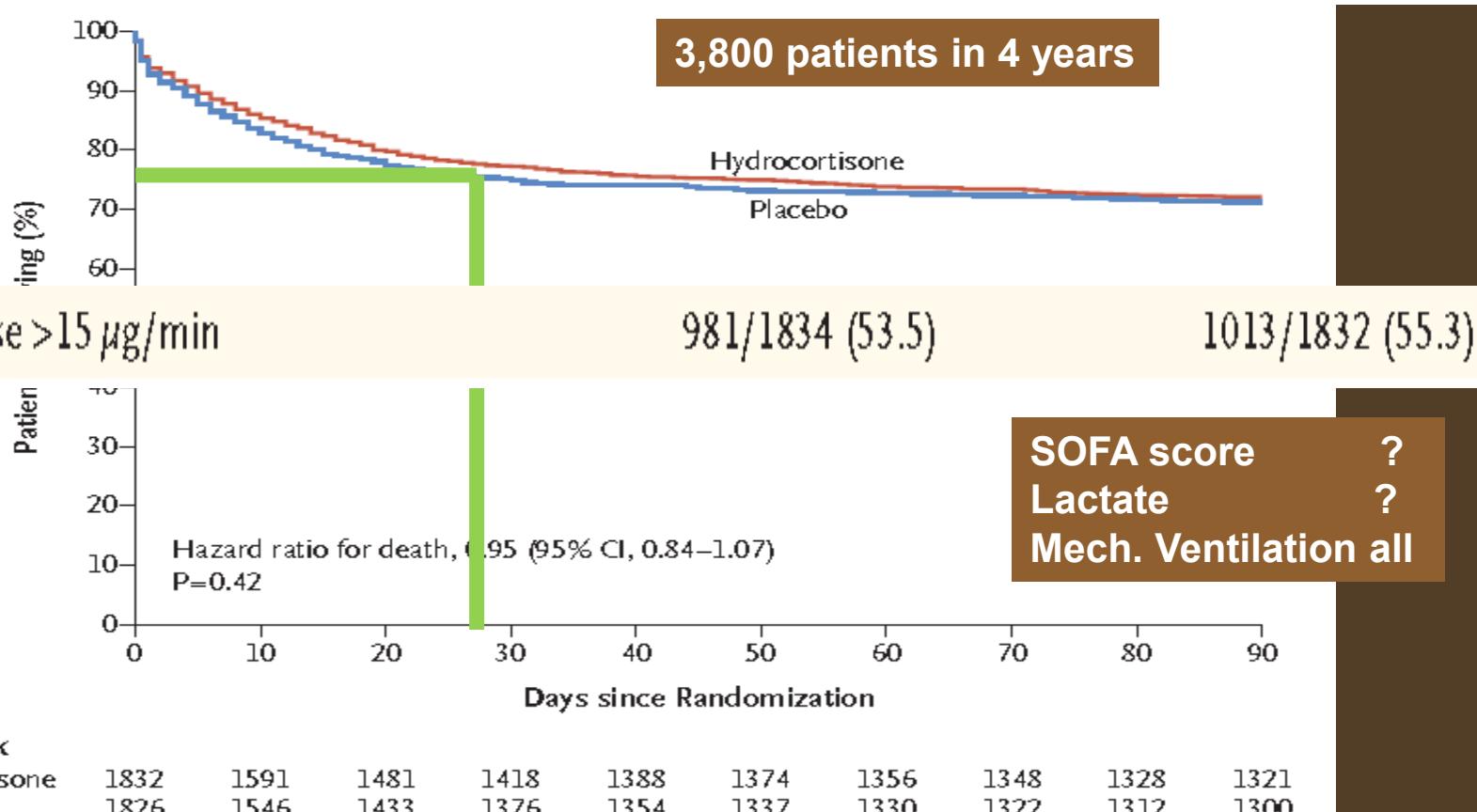


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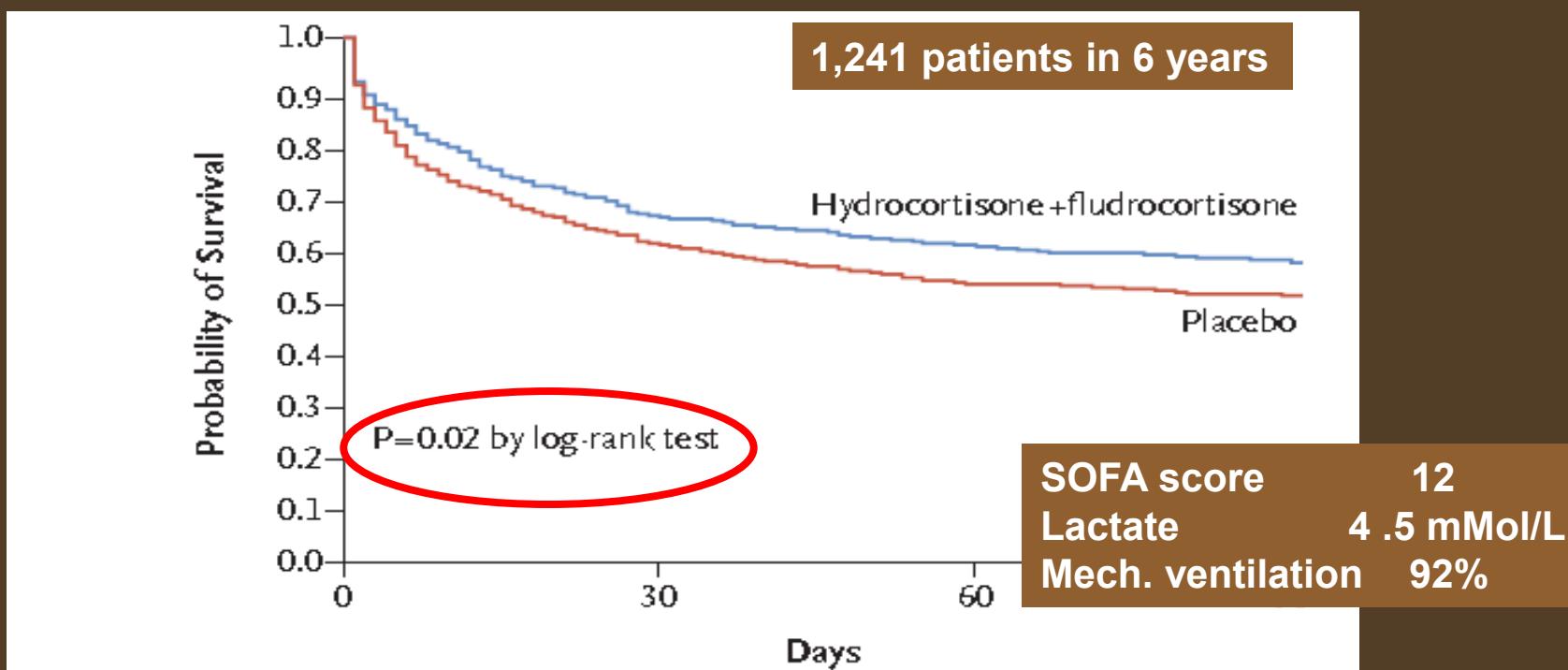


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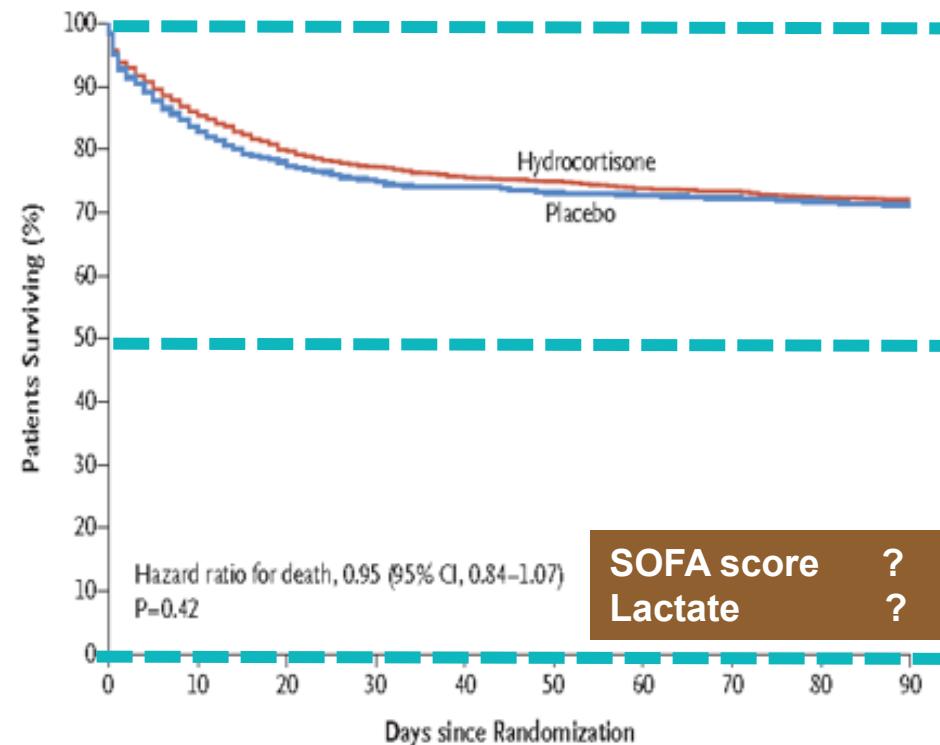
|                                 | 0   | 30  | 60  | 90  |
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| Hydrocortisone+ fludrocortisone | 614 | 405 | 372 | 353 |
| Placebo                         | 627 | 381 | 333 | 319 |

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**Catechol dose > 15 mcg/min in 45% of patients  
3800 patients in 4 years**

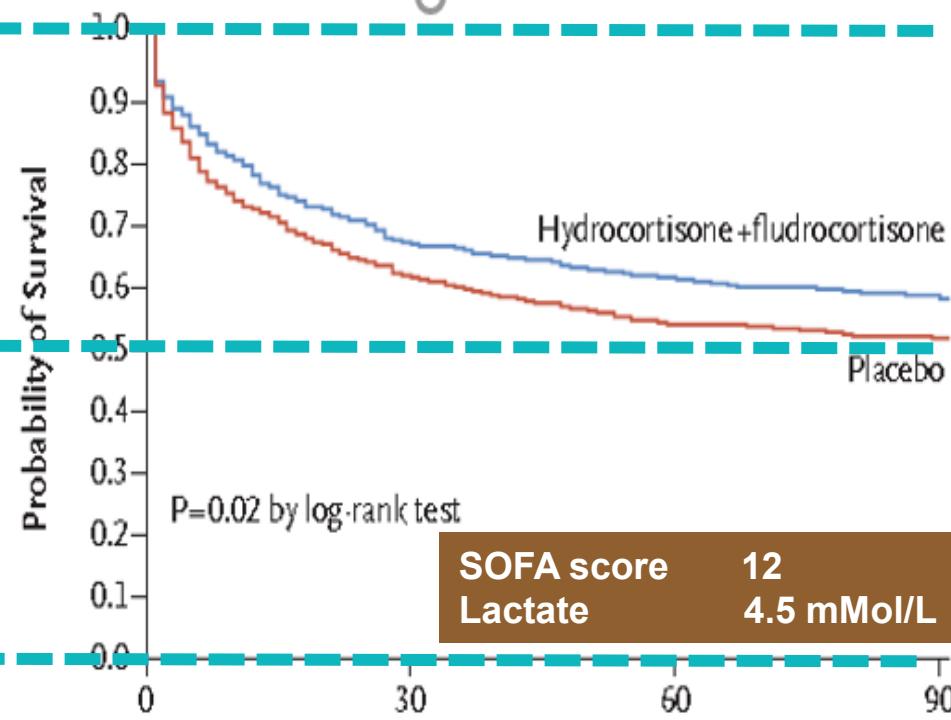


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**Norepi dose 1 mcg/kg/min  
1033 patients in 7 years**



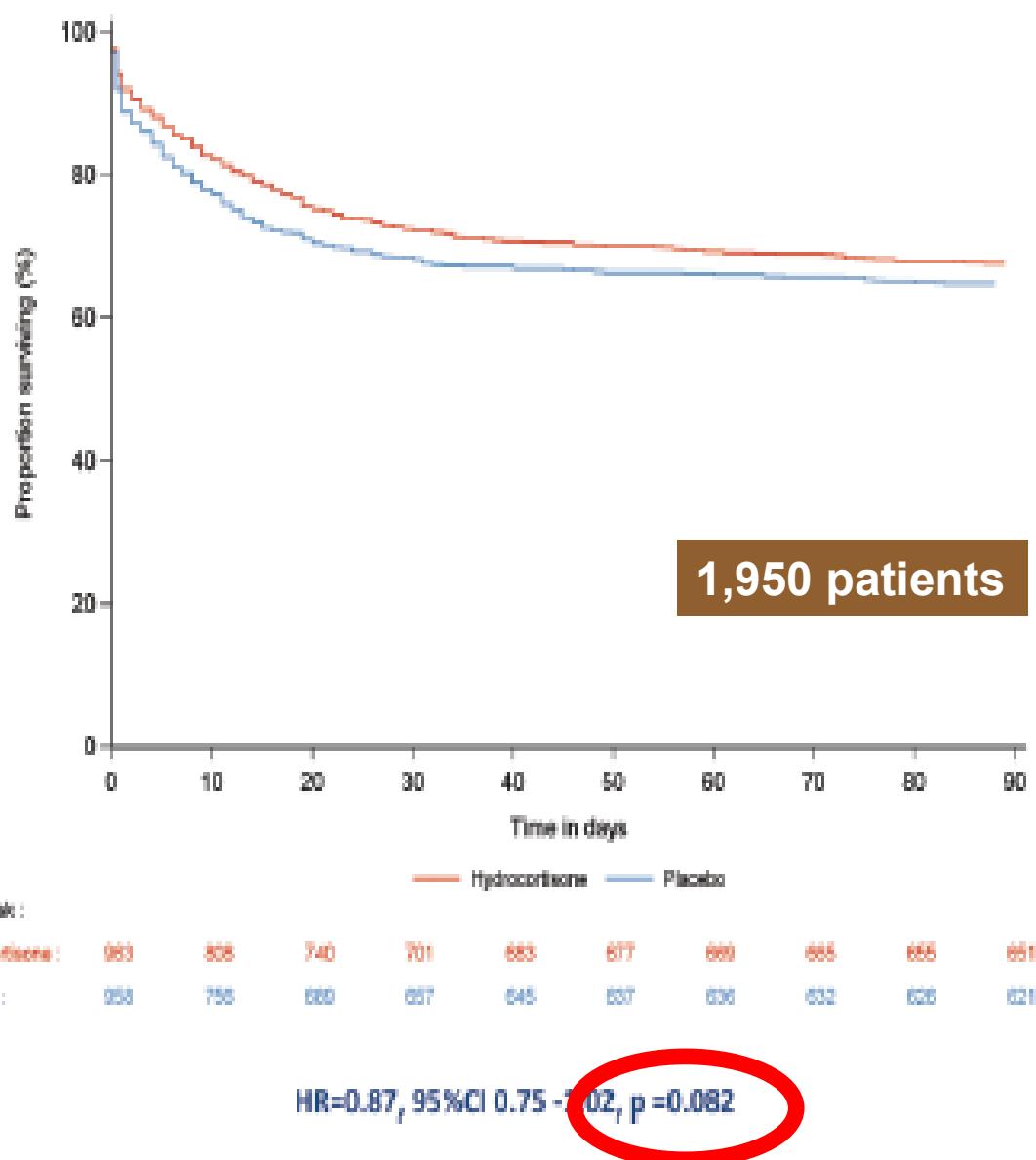
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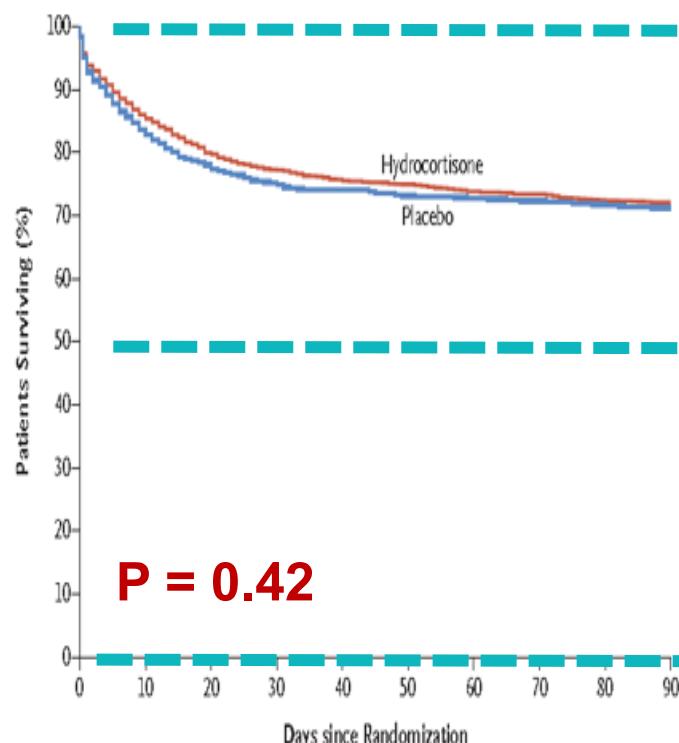
**Septic shock  
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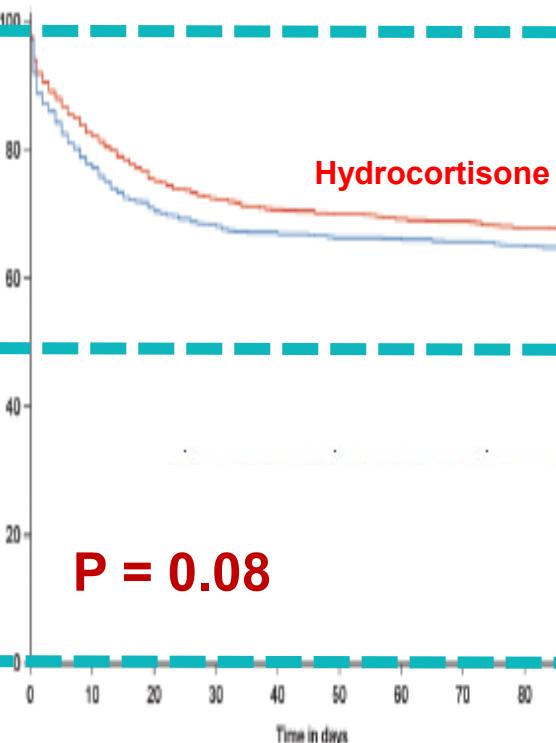
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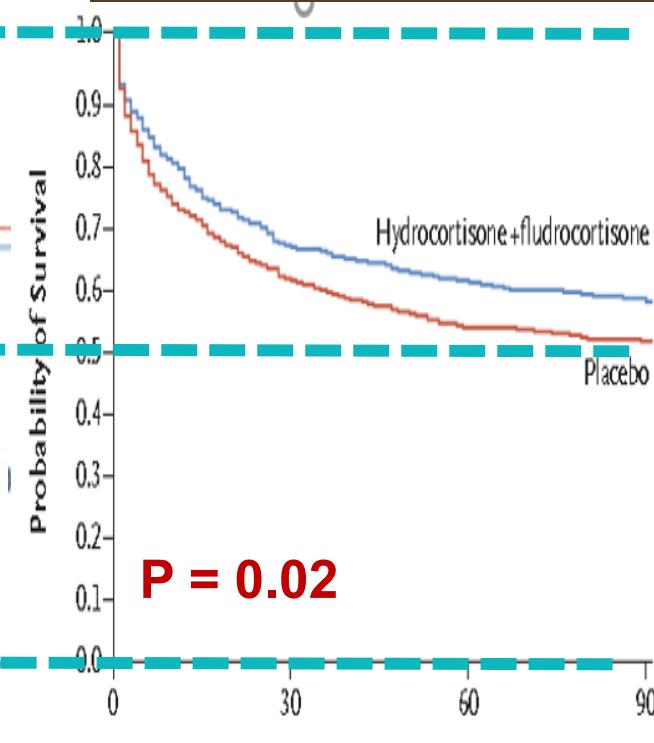


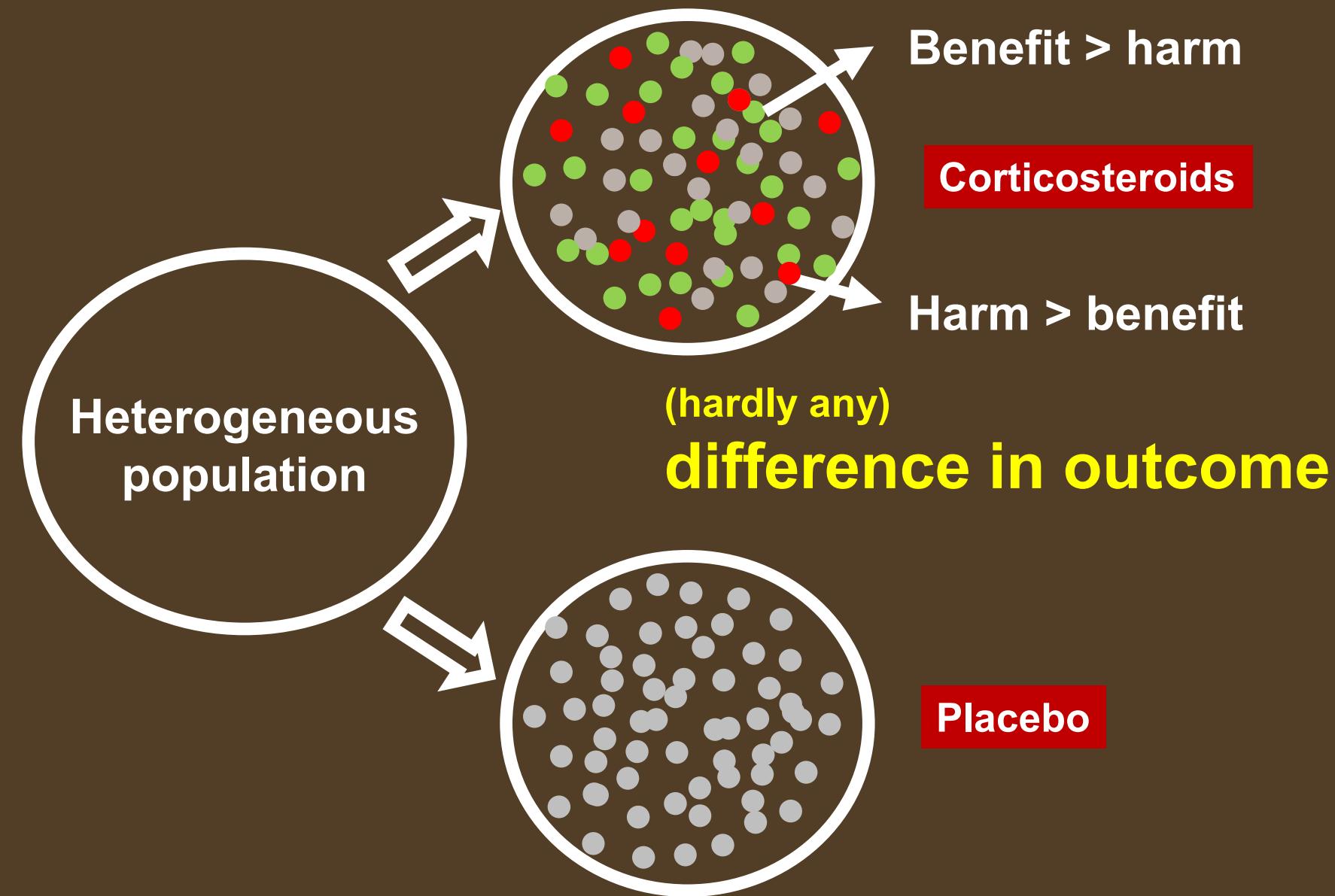
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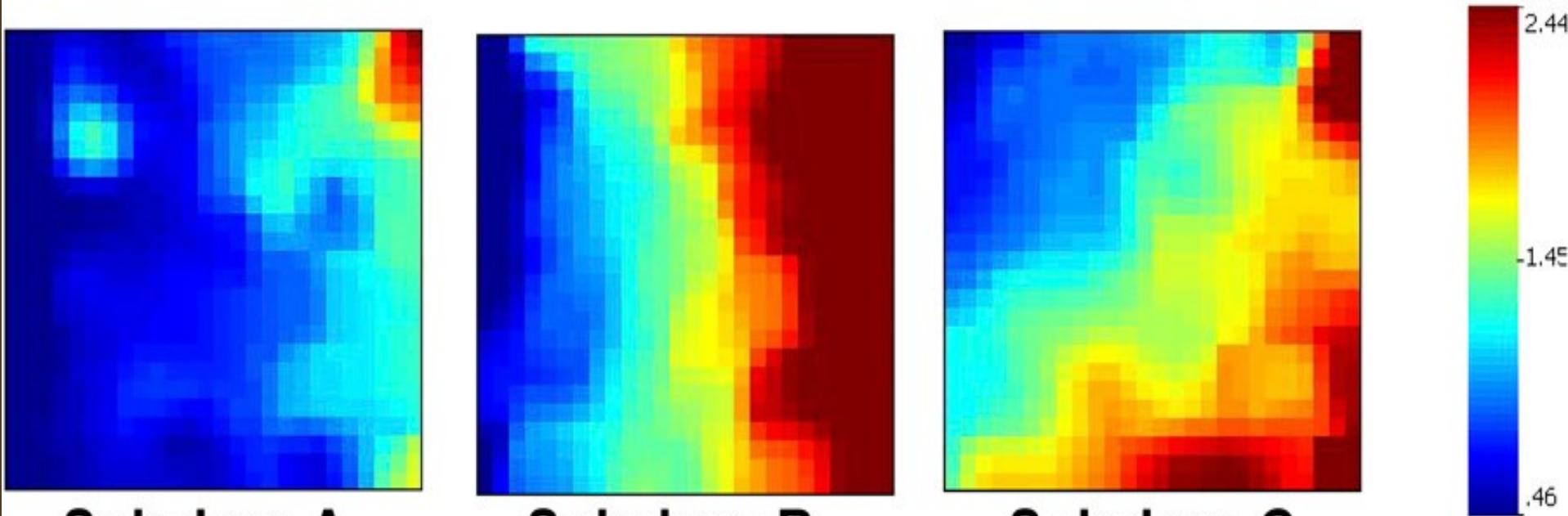






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**Subclass A**  
Worse outcome  
Harmed by steroids

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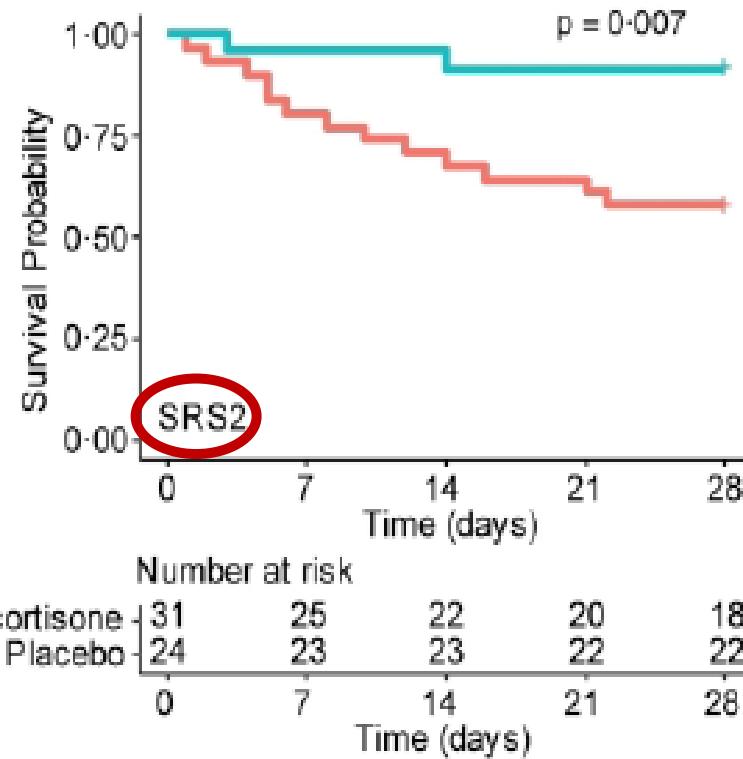
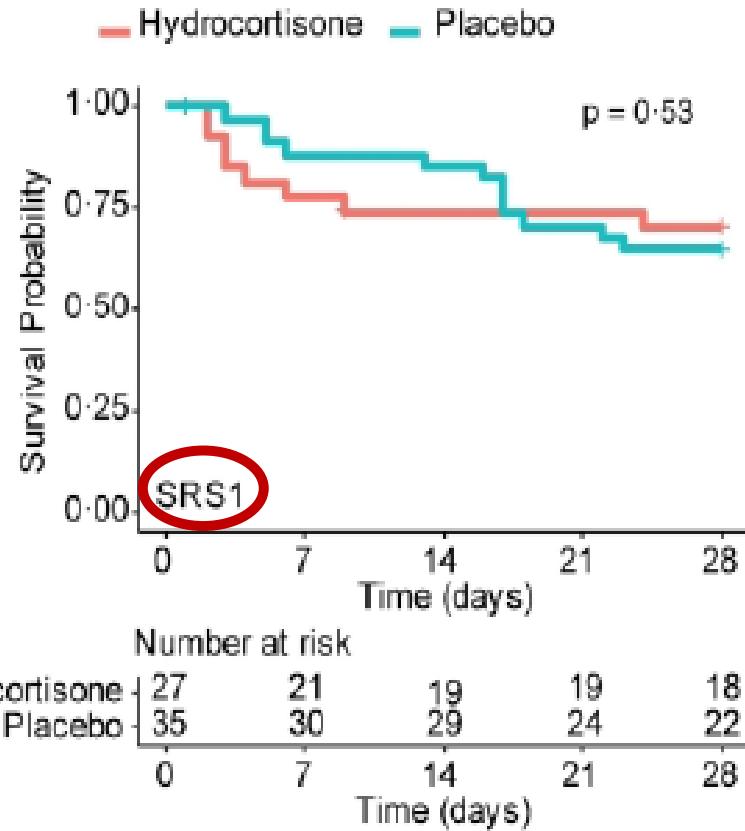
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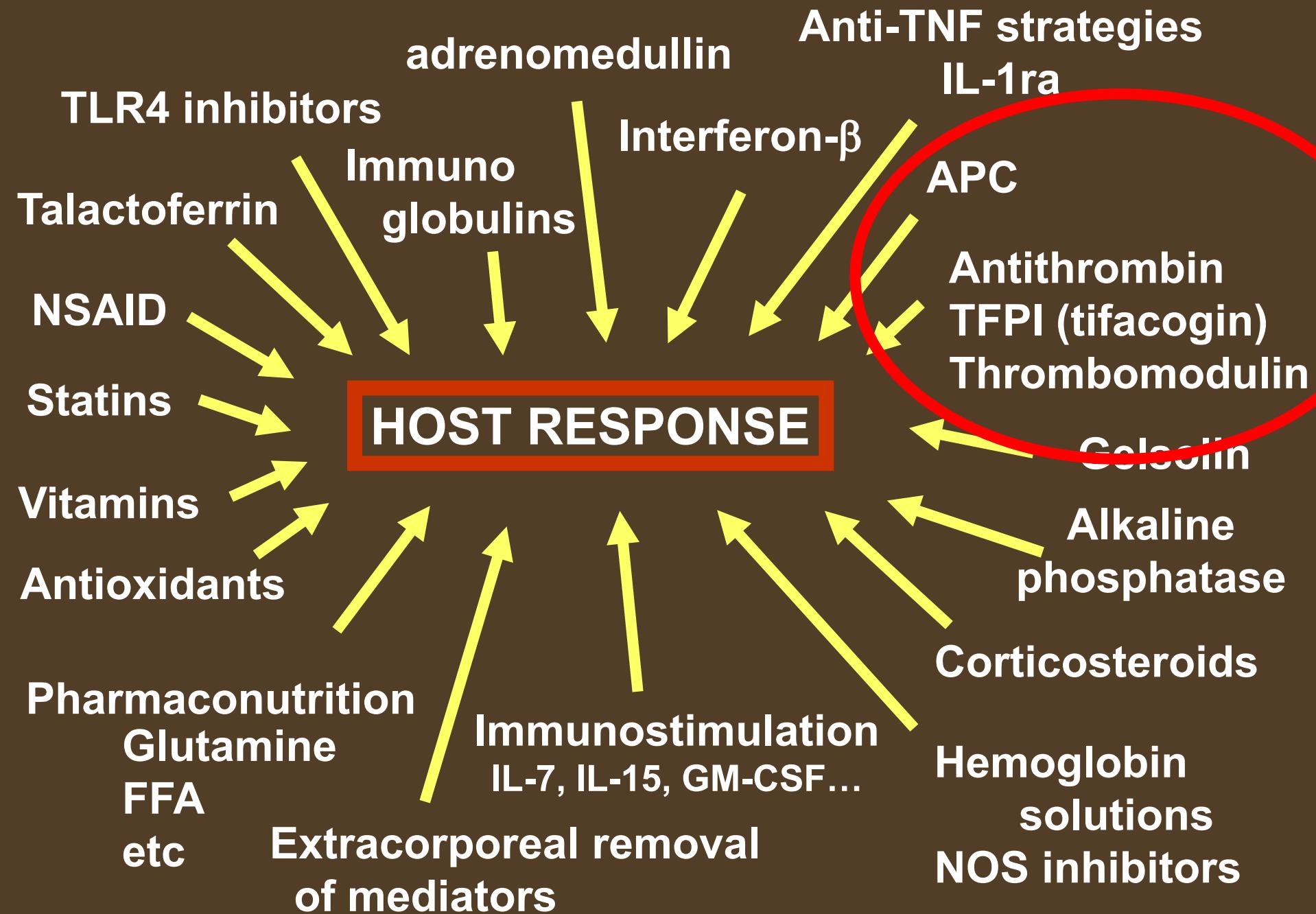
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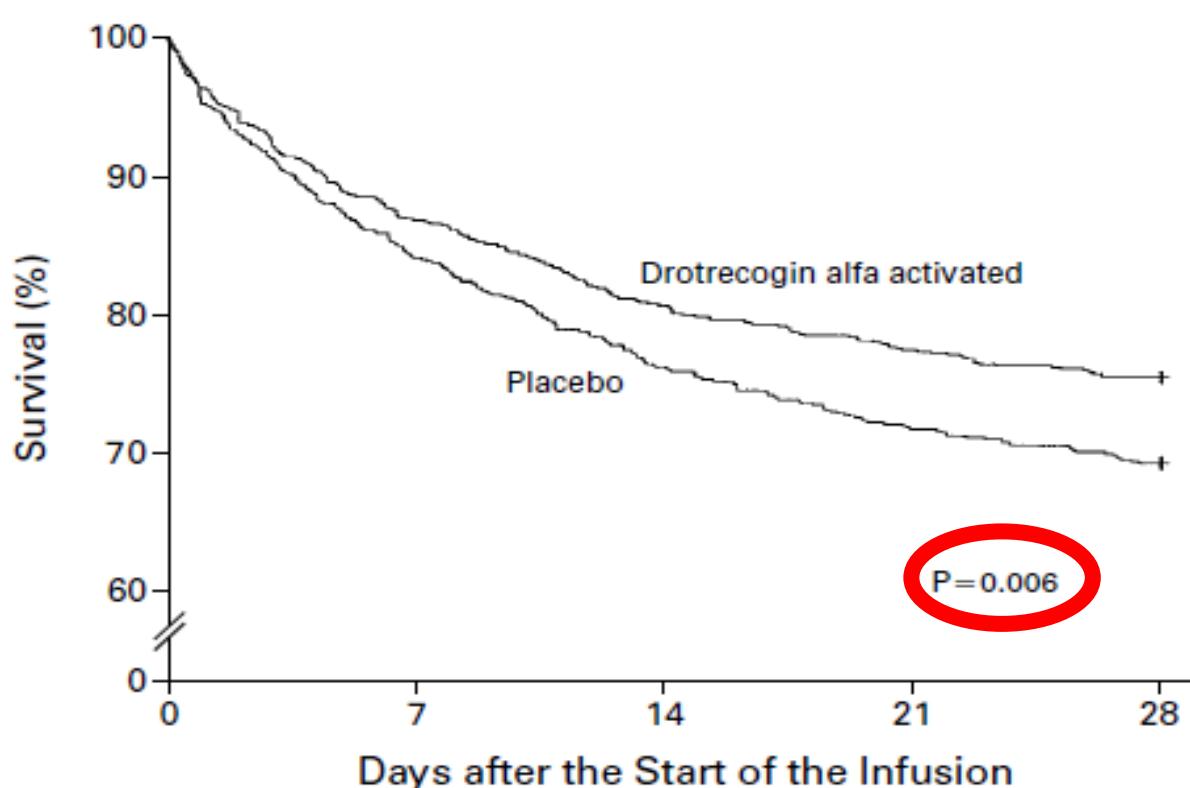
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1690 patients  
11 countries  
164 sites

We should not  
accept this!



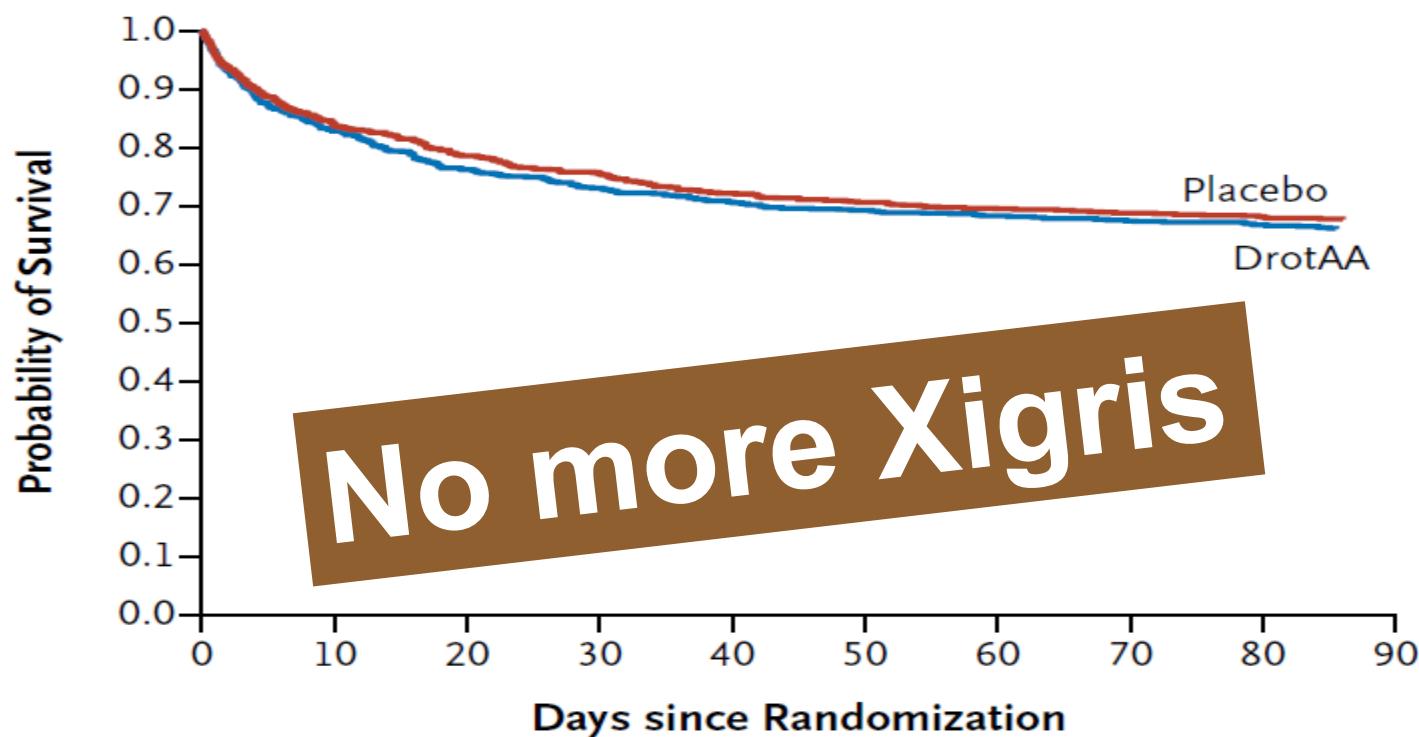
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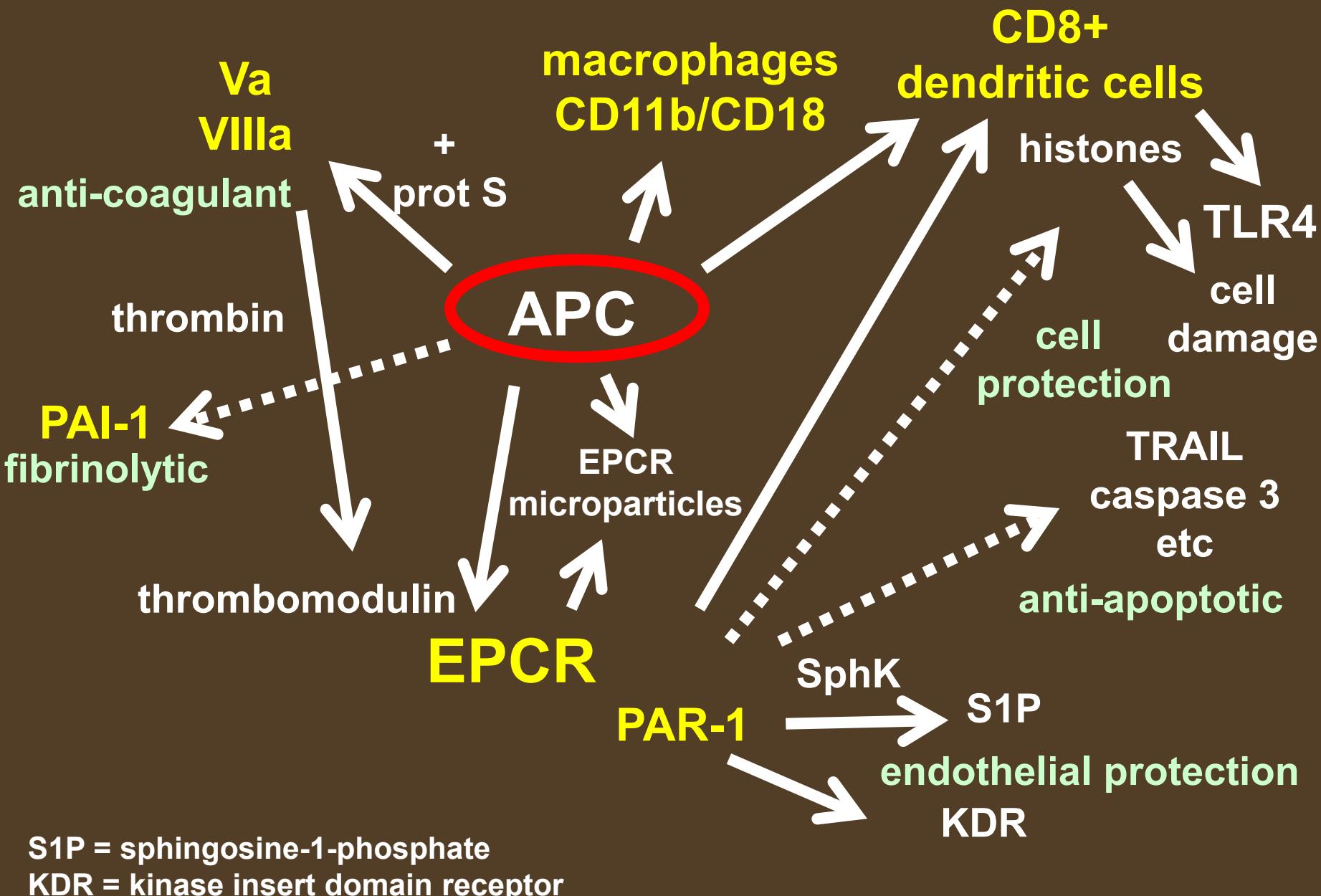
## PROWESS-SHOCK TRIAL

# Drotrecogin Alfa (Activated) in Adults with Septic Shock

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# THE COMPLEX MODE OF ACTION OF APC



# Thrombomodulin

ART-123

ARTISAN study  
Phase IIb study  
(N = 750)

**Inclusion Criteria:** DIC due to sepsis

**Exclusion Criteria:**

- Subjects < 18 years of age
- Known conditions that could confound the diagnosis of DIC due to sepsis
- Known conditions that increase the risk of bleeding
- Known medical condition associated with a hypercoagulable state
- Known or suspected severe liver disease
- History of solid organ (excluding uncomplicated kidney), bone marrow or stem cell transplantation
- Renal failure



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- ART-123 treatment effect most evident
  - Respiratory or cardiac dysfunction
  - INR > 1.40
  - Platelets 30 – 150K

| Survival Status | ART-123<br>n (%) | Placebo<br>n (%) | Total<br>n (%) |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| N               | 80               | 76               | 156            |
| Dead            | 21 (26.3)        | 29 (38.2)        | 50 (32.1)      |
| Alive           | 59 (73.8)        | 47 (61.8)        | 106 (67.9)     |

# Effect of a Recombinant Human Soluble Thrombomodulin on Mortality in Patients With Sepsis-Associated Coagulopathy The SCARLET Randomized Clinical Trial

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- **Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study to assess the safety and efficacy of ART-123 in patients with sepsis and coagulopathy**
- **1° efficacy endpoint - 28 day mortality**
- **Inclusion/Exclusion**
  - Infection (febrile, known source controlled, WBC) AND
  - Organ dysfunction (CV or pulmonary) AND
  - Coagulopathy (INR >1.40 AND thrombocytopenia)



N = 800 patients

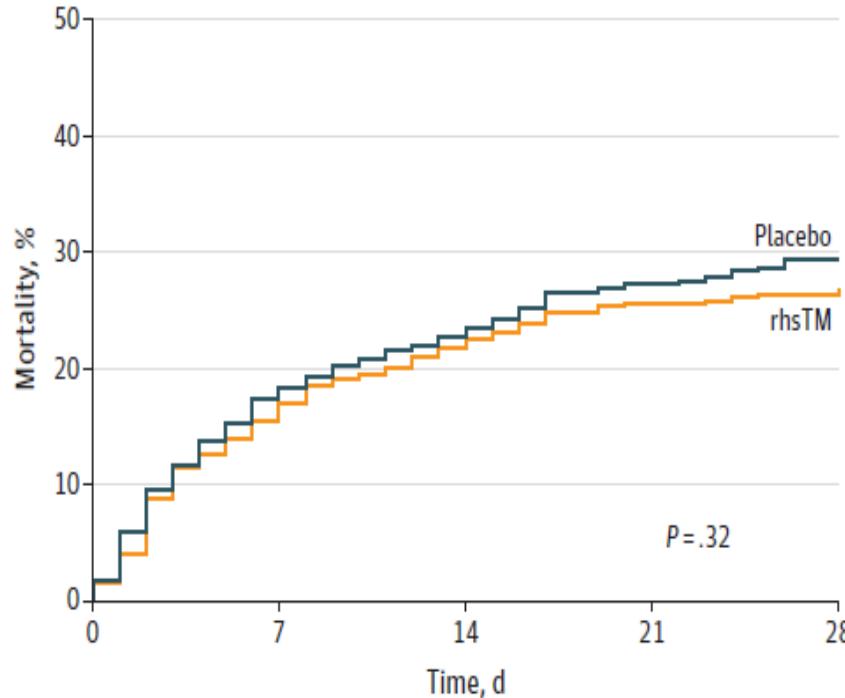
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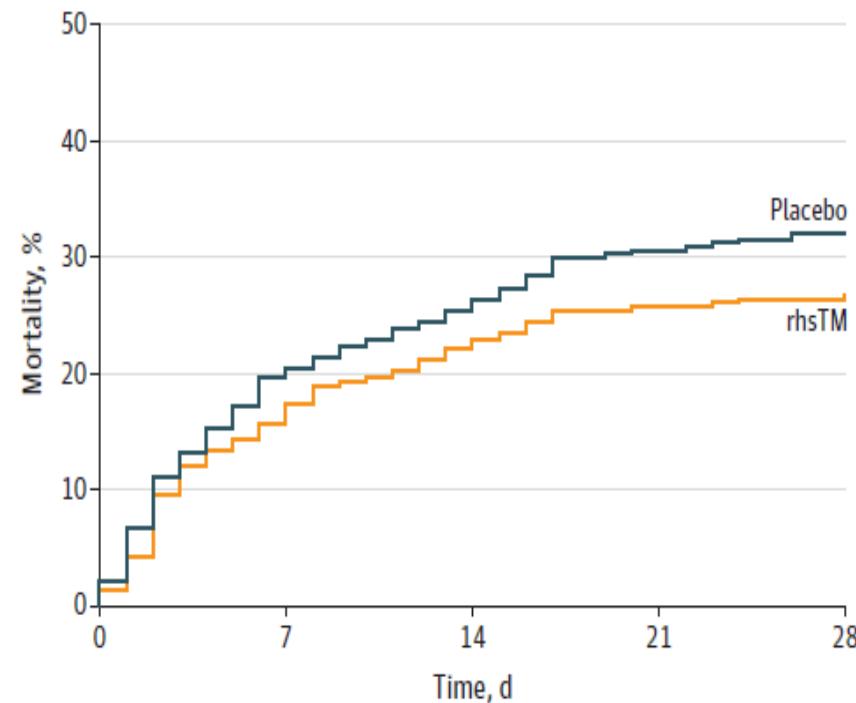
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A Full analysis set



B Baseline coagulopathy subgroup

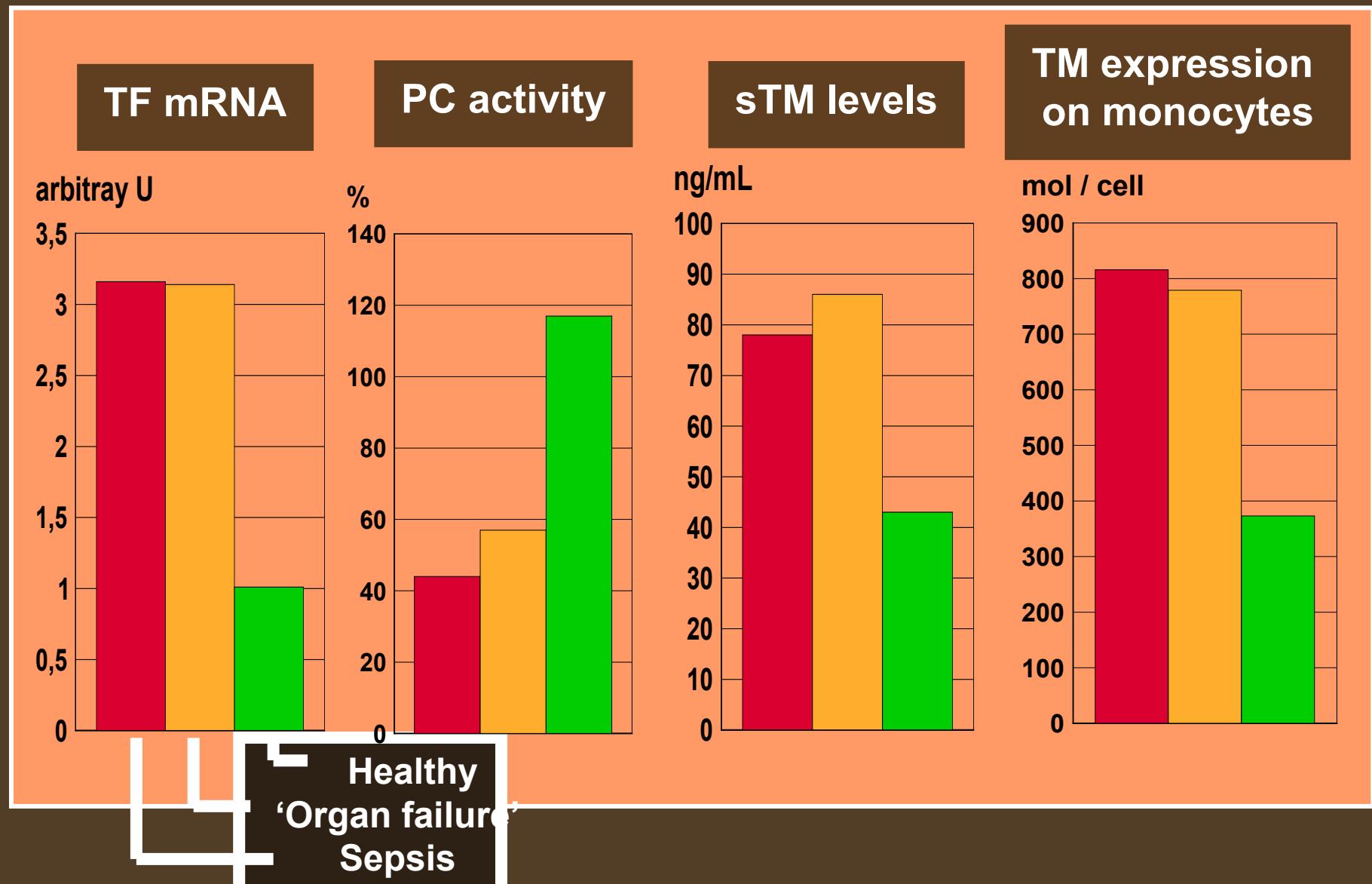




THE END OF 'SEPSIS DRUGS' ?

# Protein C pathway in septic and non-septic patients with organ failure

Borgel et al, Am J Respir Crit Care Med 176: 878-85, 2007



# Thrombomodulin

Patient population

*ORGAN FAILURE*

+

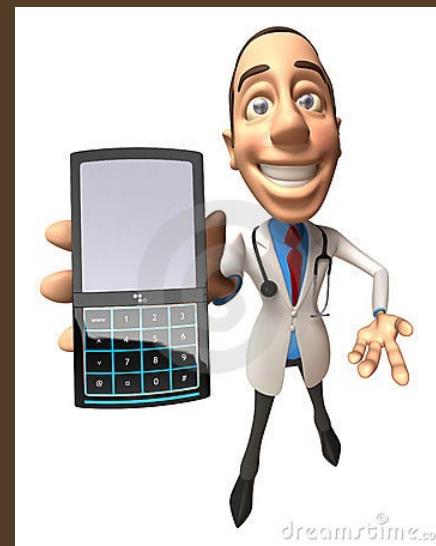
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# ALARM SIGNAL

- ✓ Low platelet count
- ✓ Prolonged INR



## Anti-TNF strategies

TLR4 inhibitors

Talactoferrin

IL-1ra

Interferon- $\beta$

NSAID

Statins

Immuno  
globulins

APC

Antithrombin

TFPI (tifacogin)

Thrombomodulin

**IMMUNOMODULATION**

Gelsolin

Alkaline  
phosphatase

Corticosteroids

Antioxidants

Pharmaconutrition

Glutamine

FFA

etc

**Immunostimulation**  
IL-7, IL-15, GM-CSF...

Extracorporeal removal  
of mediators

Hemoglobin  
solutions  
NOS inhibitors



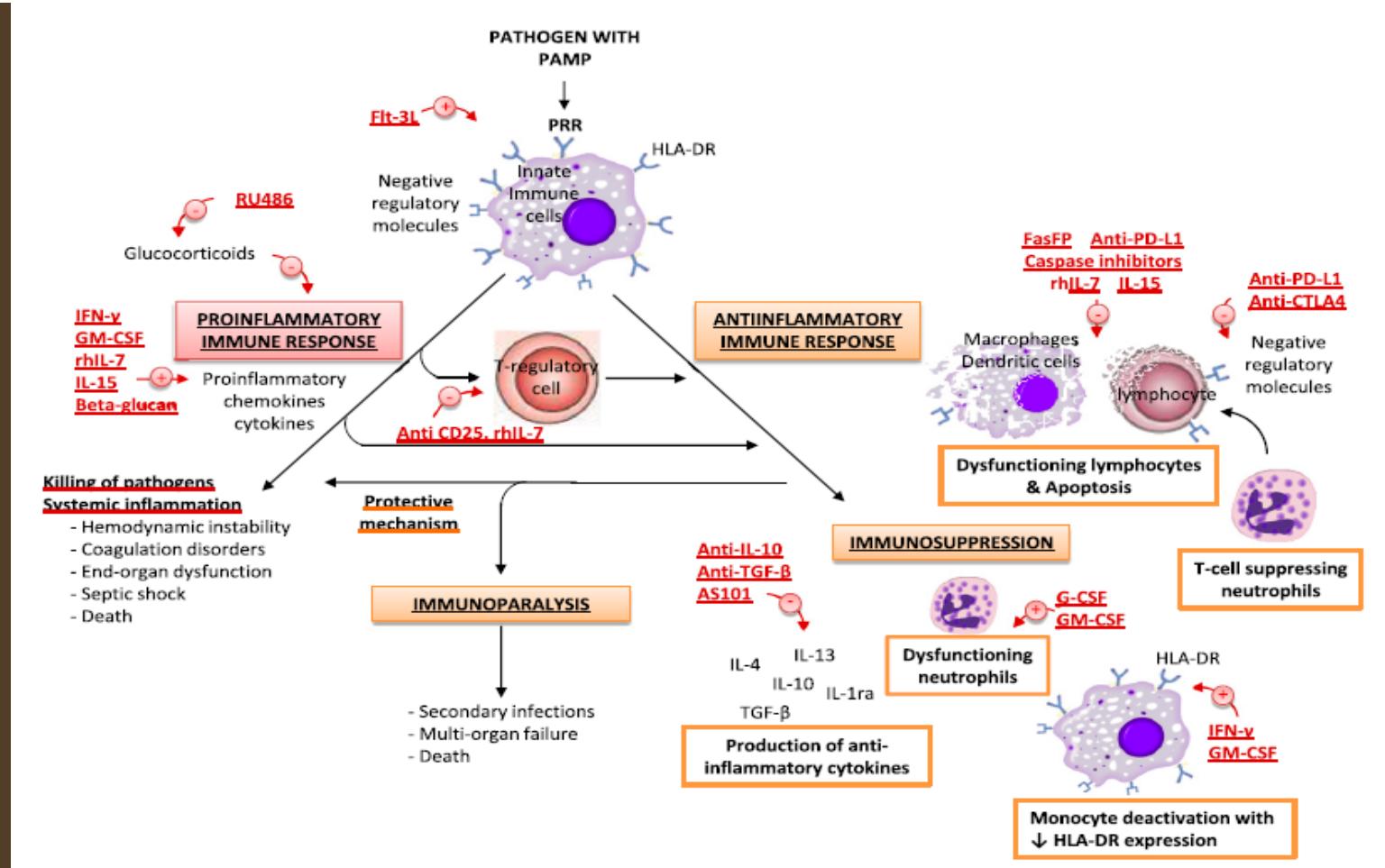
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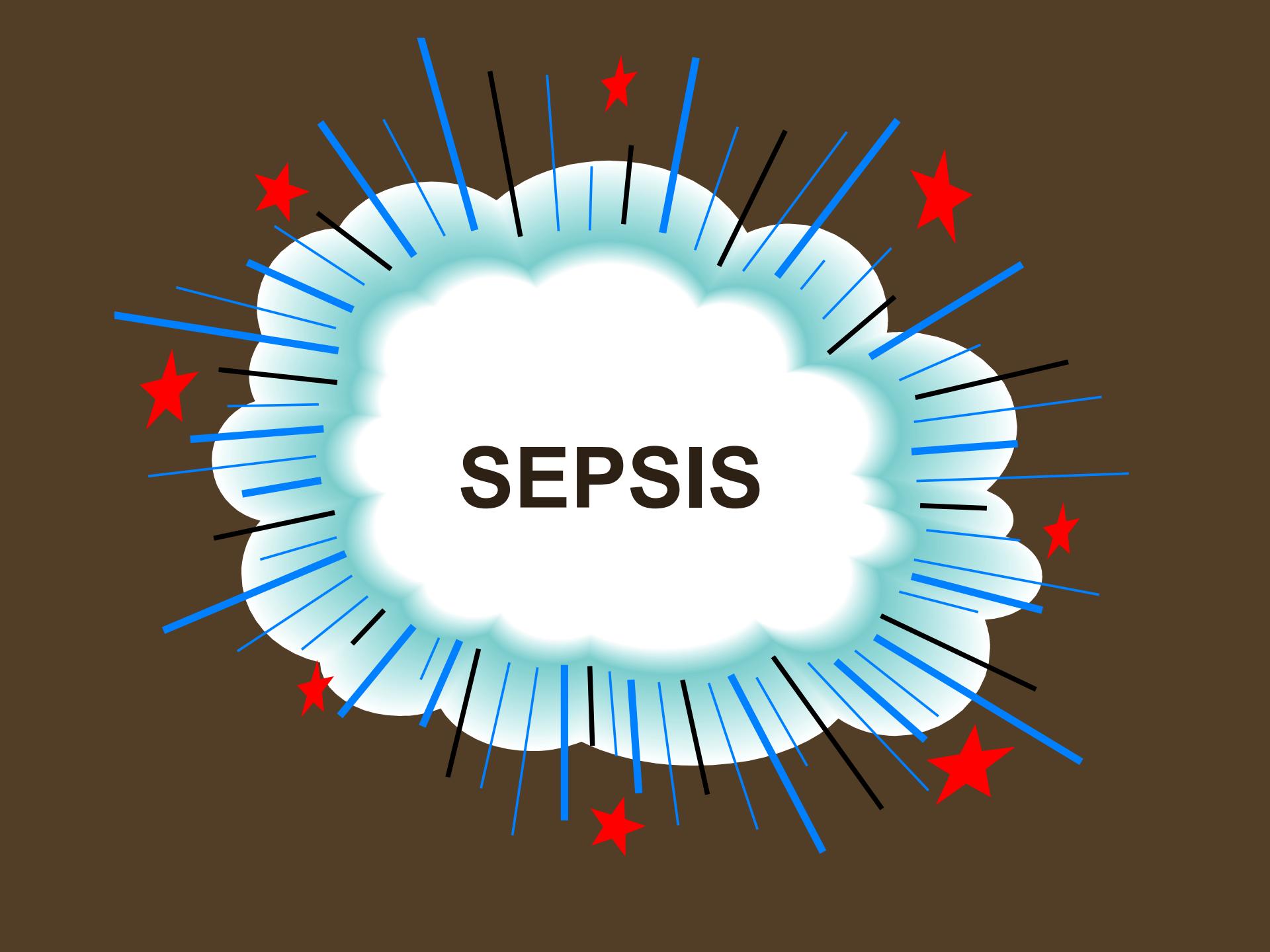
## Immunotherapy for the Adjunctive Treatment of Sepsis: From Immunosuppression to Immunostimulation

### Time for a Paradigm Change?

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# **SEPSIS**

# SEPSIS THERAPIES

OPTION

Blocking one mediator (e.g. TNF)

PROBLEM

Can be bypassed  
(redundant systems)  
Neither 'good' nor 'bad'

# SEPSIS

is not just a **pro-inflammatory** response  
but a ***dysregulated*** host response



# Endotype Transitions During the Acute Phase of Pediatric Septic Shock Reflect Changing Risk and Treatment Response

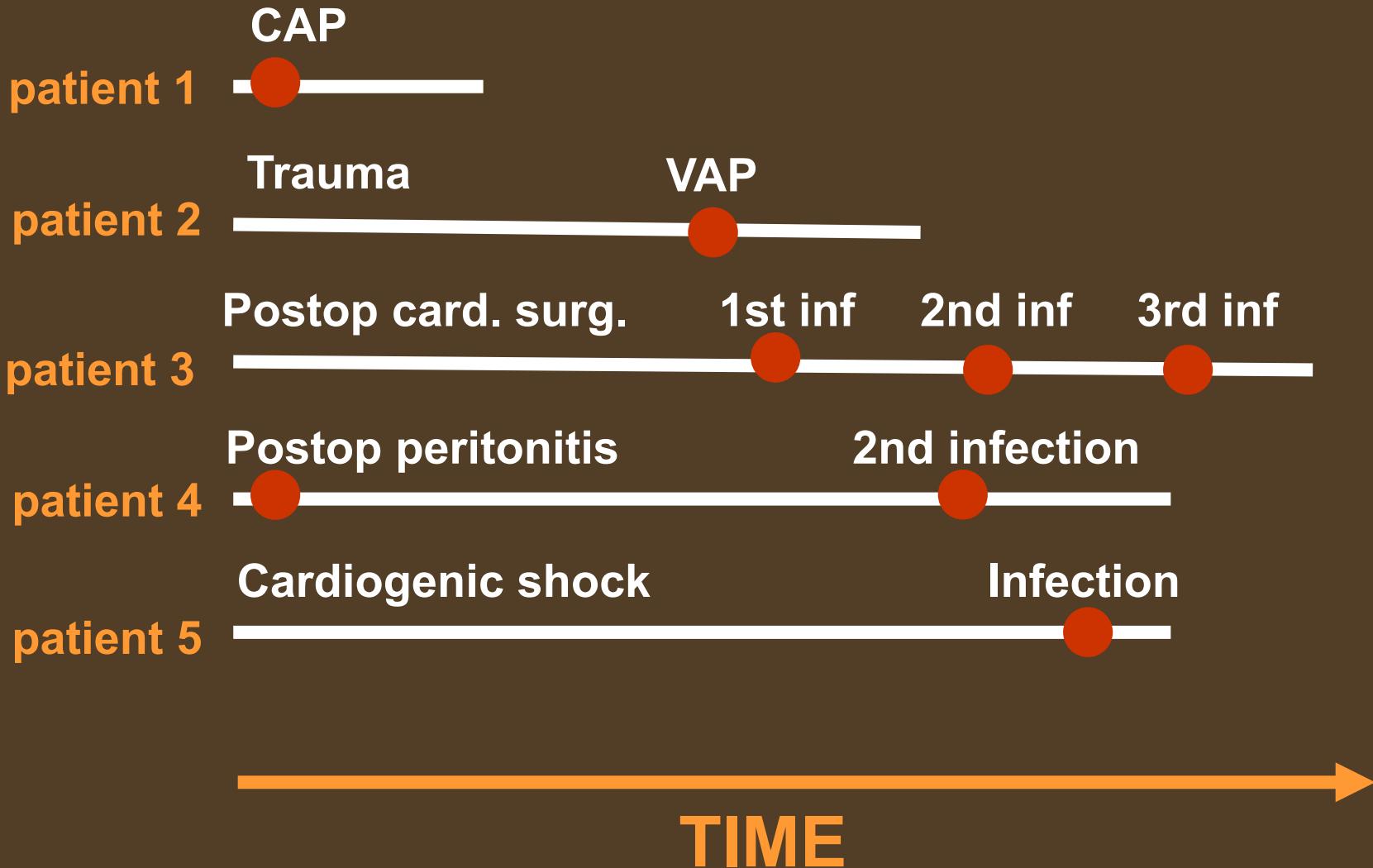
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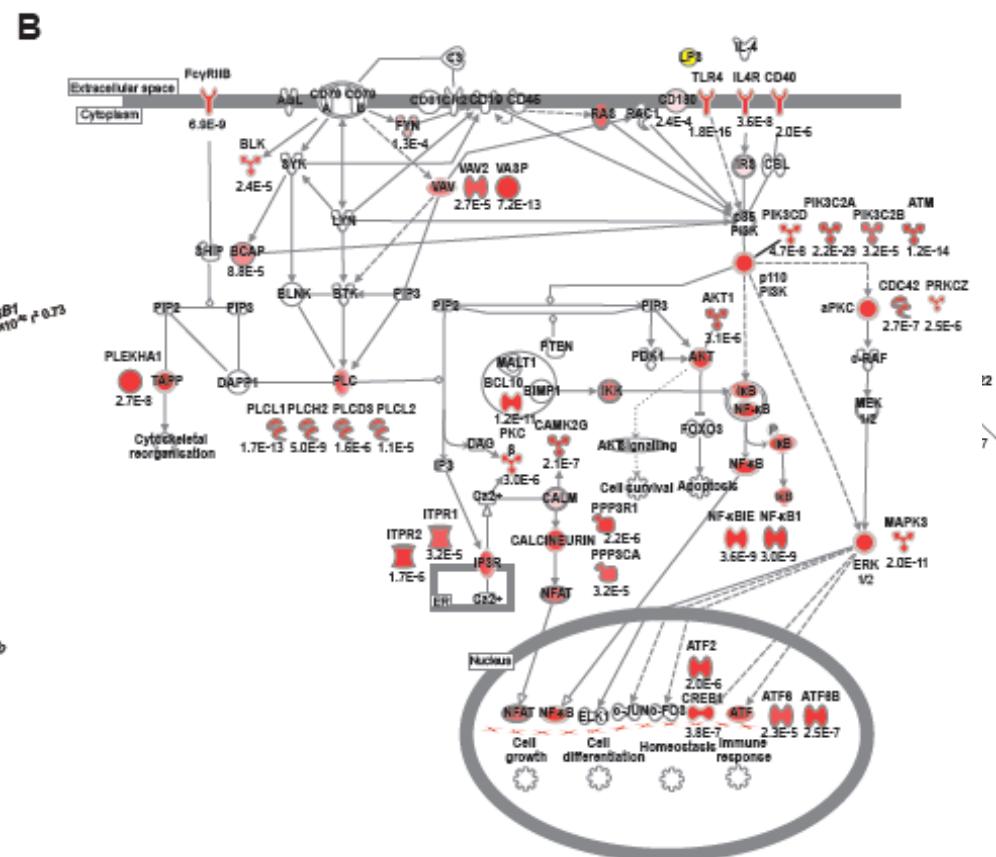
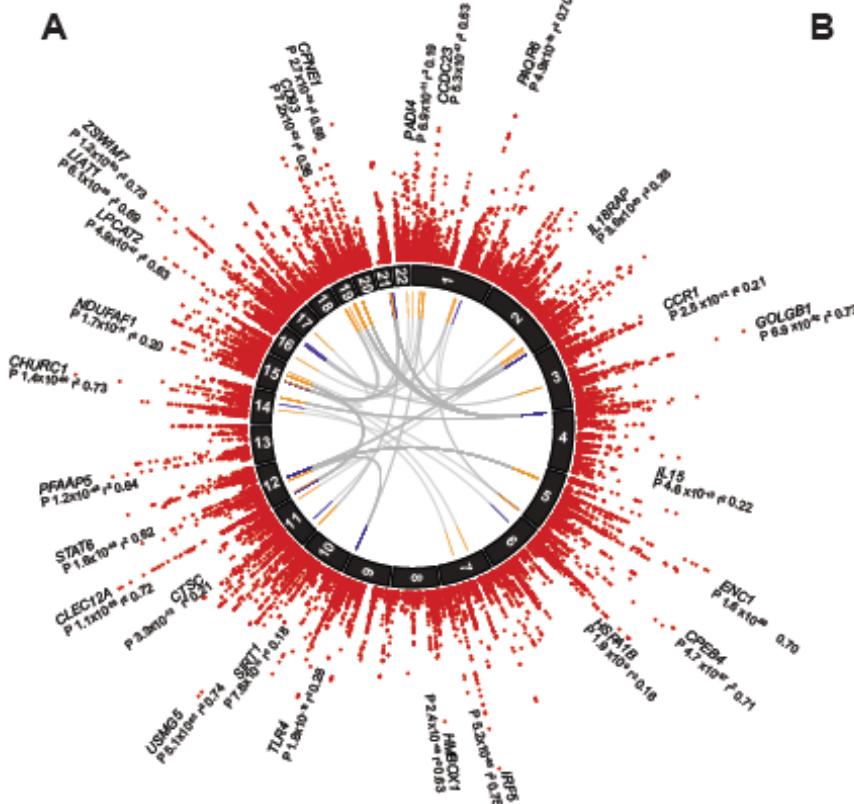
*Change over time...*

# A POPULATION OF SEPTIC PATIENTS



# Genomic landscape of the individual host response and outcomes in sepsis: a prospective cohort study

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## Summary

**Background** Effective targeted therapy for sepsis requires an understanding of the heterogeneity in the individual host response to infection. We investigated this heterogeneity by defining interindividual variation in the transcriptome of patients with sepsis and related this to outcome and genetic diversity.

**Methods** We assayed peripheral blood leucocyte global gene expression for a prospective discovery cohort of 265 adult patients admitted to UK intensive care units with sepsis due to community-acquired pneumonia and evidence of

## Transcriptomic analysis of peripheral blood leucocytes



### sepsis response signatures



**SRS1**  
**Immunosuppressed phenotype**

41 % of patients

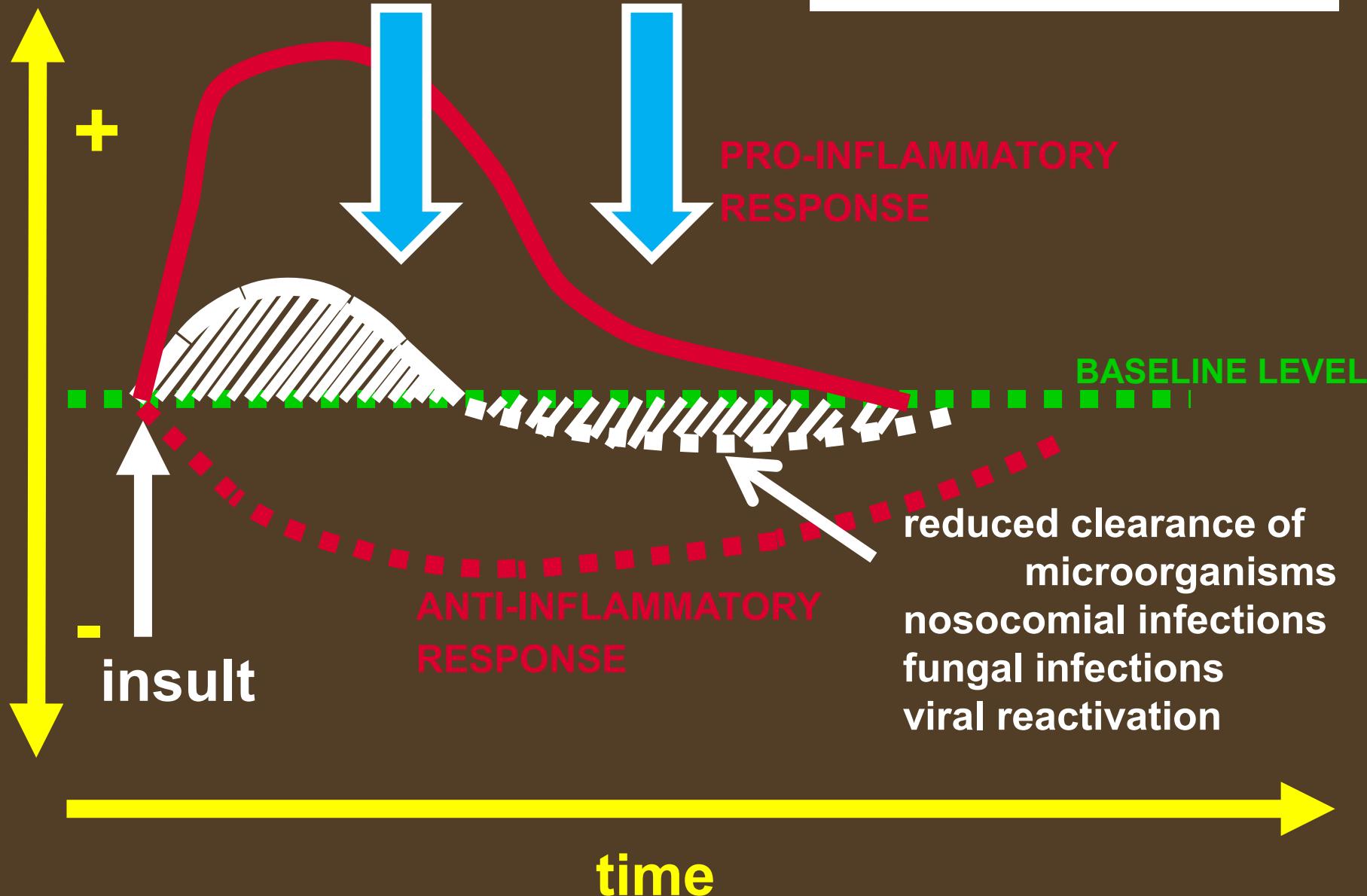
Increased mortality rate by about 2.5  
No relation with timing since admission  
Not suspected from clinical evaluation



**SRS2**

degree of activation

## HOST RESPONSE

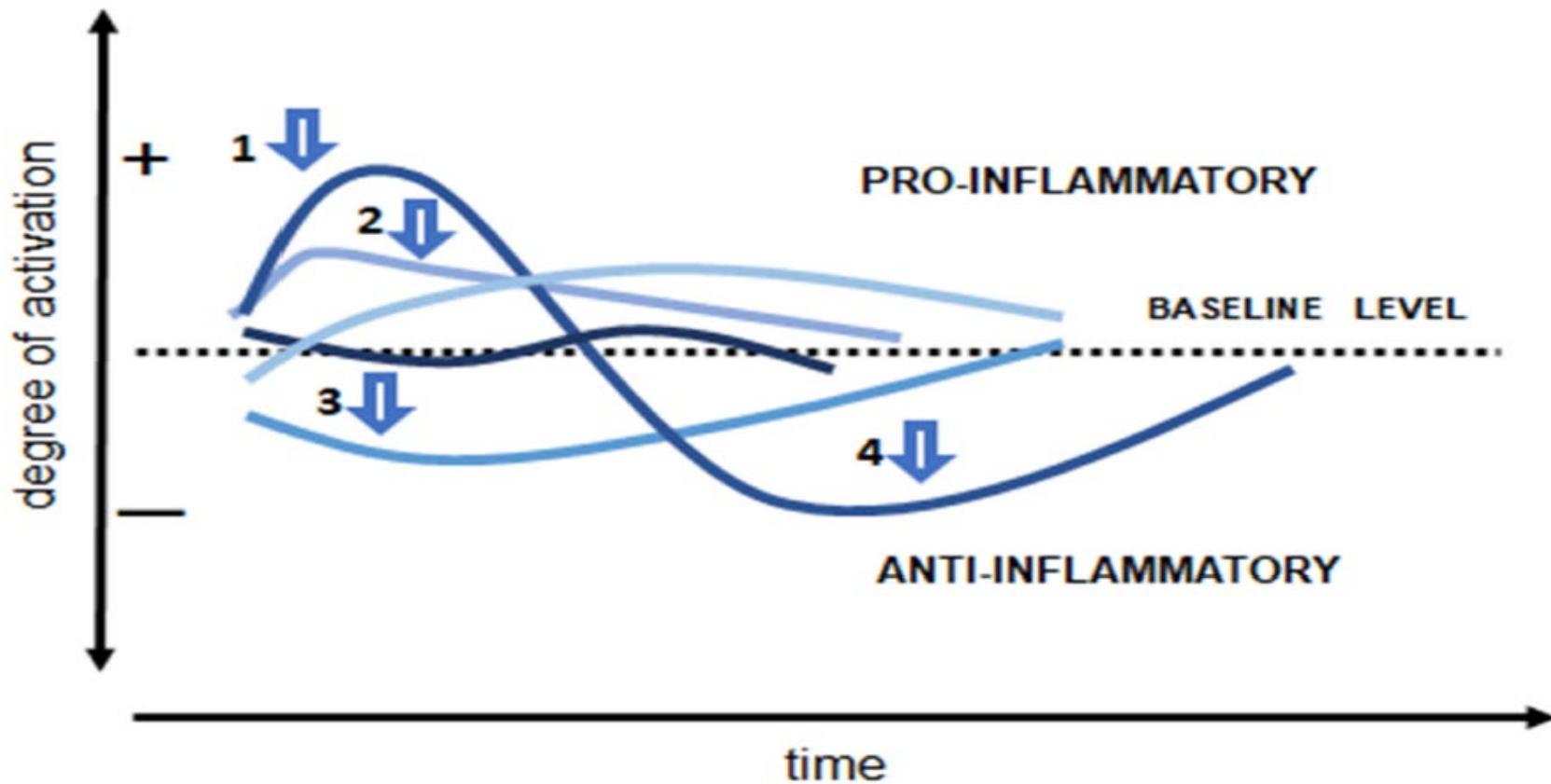


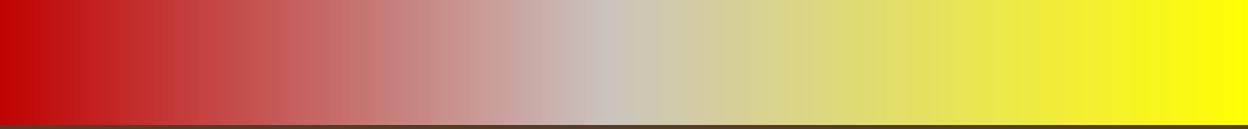


Review

# The End of “One Size Fits All” Sepsis Therapies: Toward an Individualized Approach

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## Pro-inflammatory state

## Acquired immunosuppression

### *Diagnosis*

Very high CRP  
High ferritin

Decreased HLA-DR expression  
Low lymphocyte count

### *Some therapeutic options*

Corticosteroids  
Anti-TNF  
IL-1ra

Interferon- $\gamma$   
IL-7  
GM-CSF  
Anti-PD1

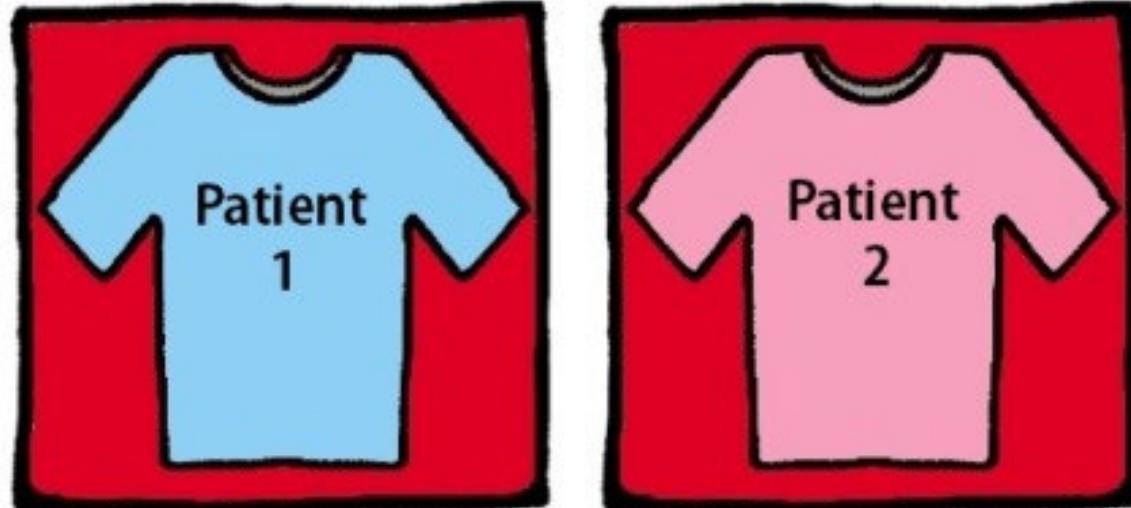
# Immune monitoring in sepsis

## The three hurdles

The characteristics can change rapidly over time

There can be mixed pro- and anti-inflammatory responses

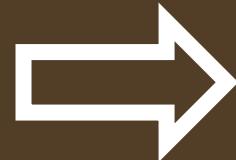
Changes observed in the blood may not reflect changes in the tissues



**One size does not fit all.**

# Sepsis therapies ??

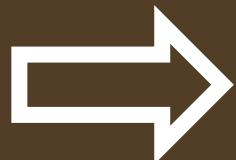
Sepsis



Sepsis  
drug

One size fits all

Particular phenotype



Specific  
drug

DIC

Specific type of organ dysfunction

Elevated biomarker level

Markers of immunosuppression

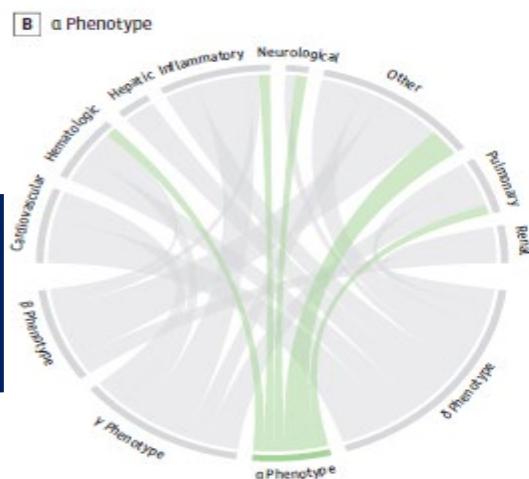
Individualized

# Derivation, Validation, and Potential Treatment Implications of Novel Clinical Phenotypes for Sepsis

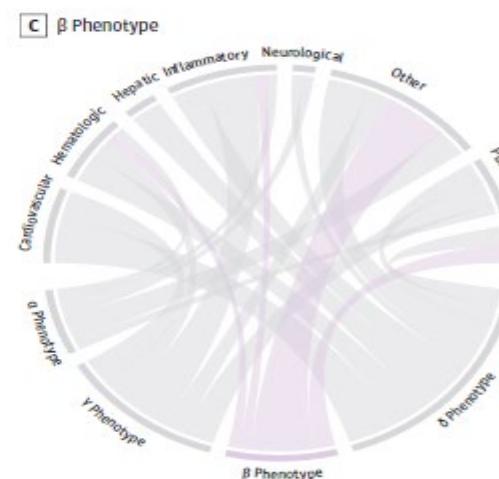
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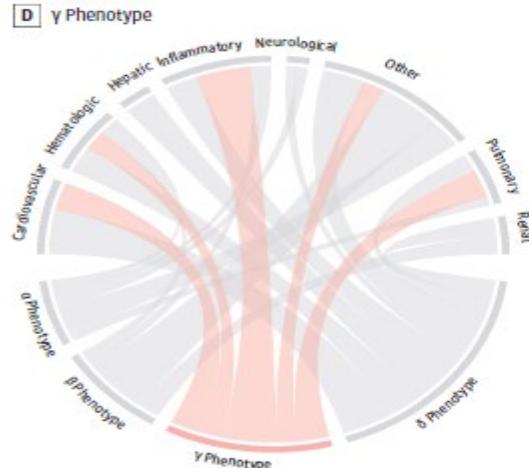
$\alpha$  33%  
Mortality 5%



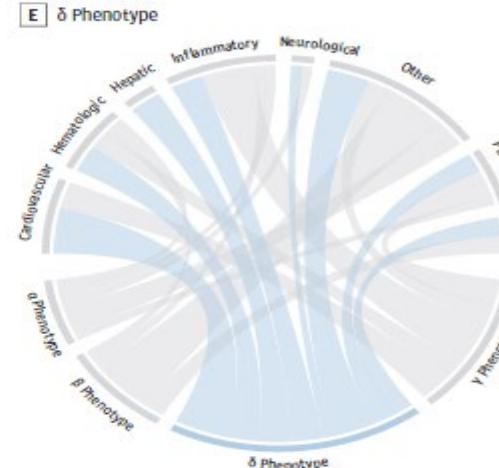
$\beta$  27%  
Mortality 13%  
Older  
Chronic illness



$\gamma$  27%  
Mortality 24%  
Inflammation  
Lung dysfunction



$\delta$  13%  
Mortality 40%  
Liver  
alterations  
Septic shock

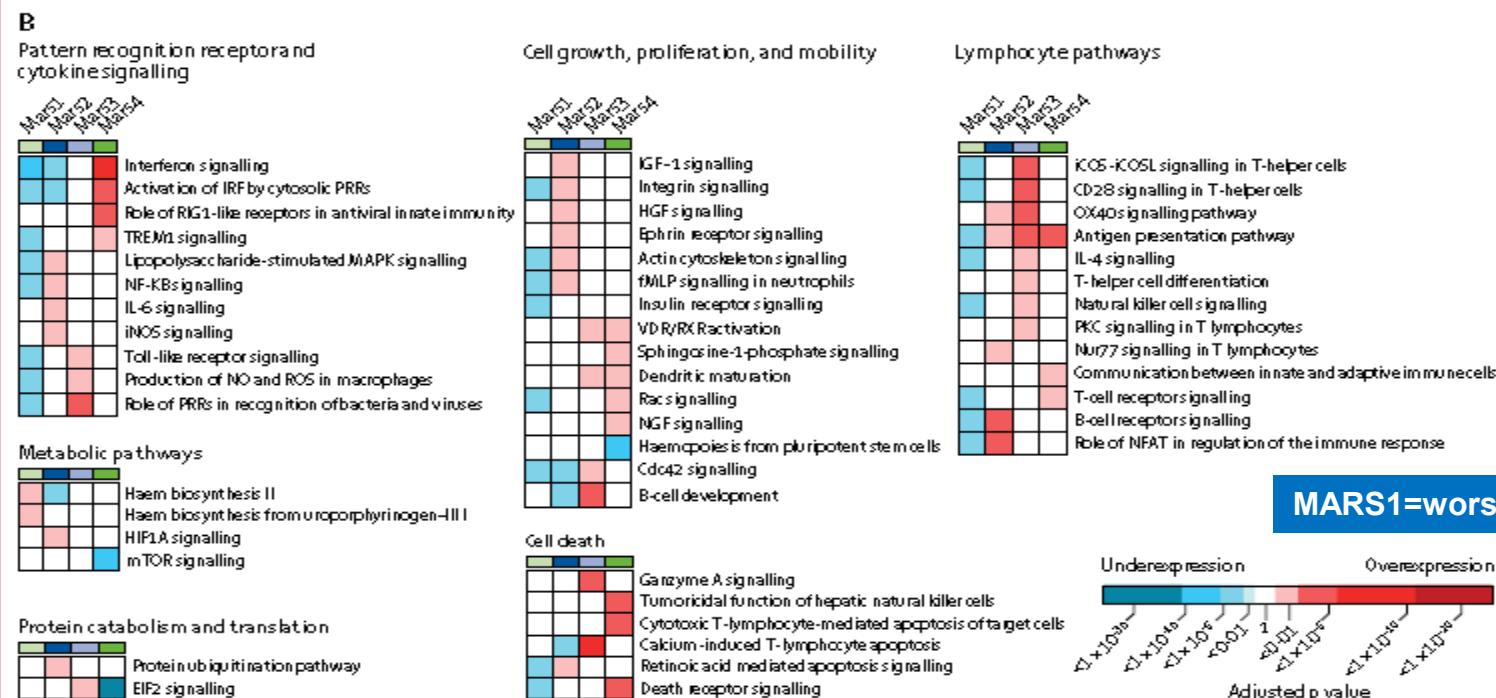
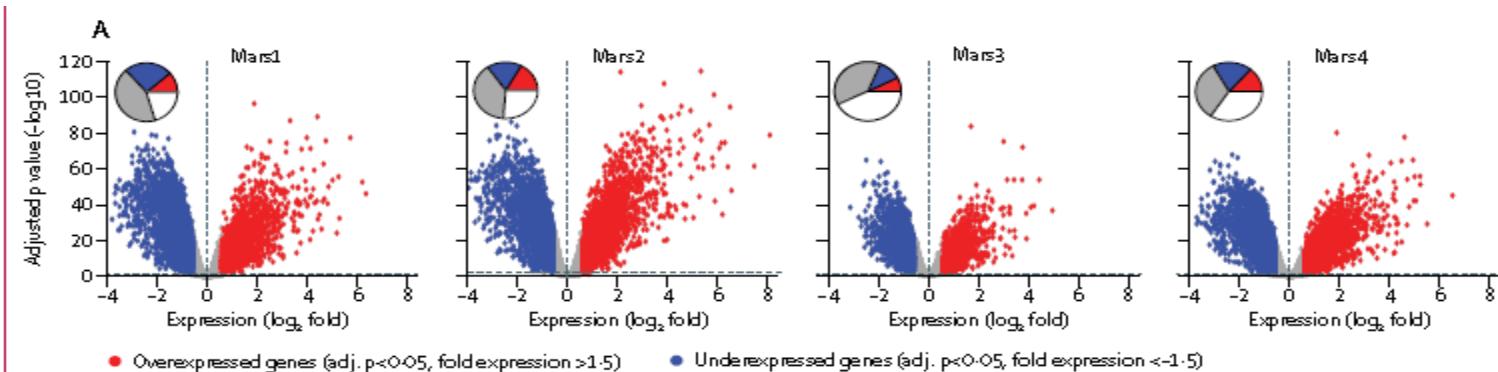


# Classification of patients with sepsis according to blood genomic endotype: a prospective cohort study



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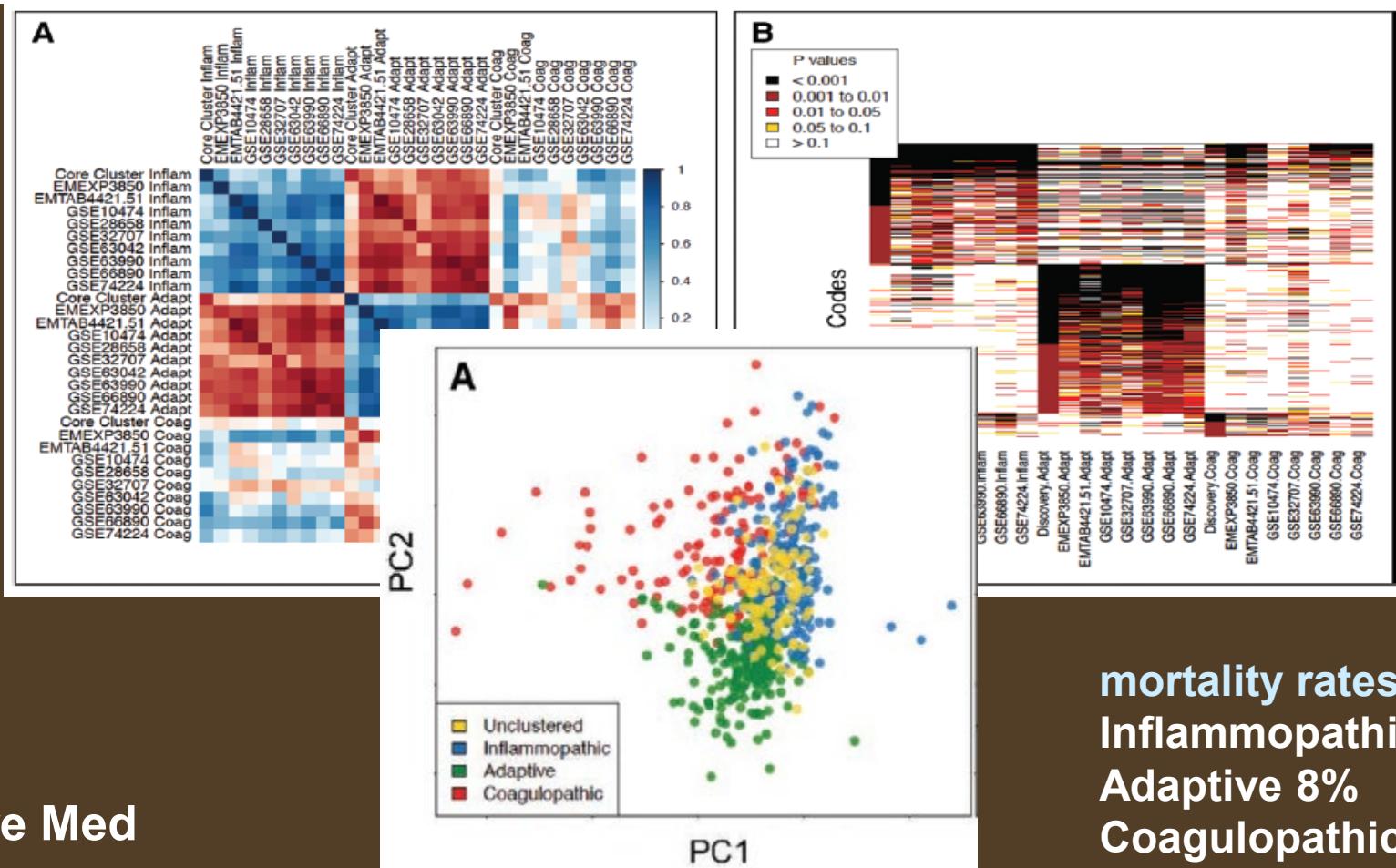
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# Unsupervised Analysis of Transcriptomics in Bacterial Sepsis Across Multiple Datasets Reveals Three Robust Clusters

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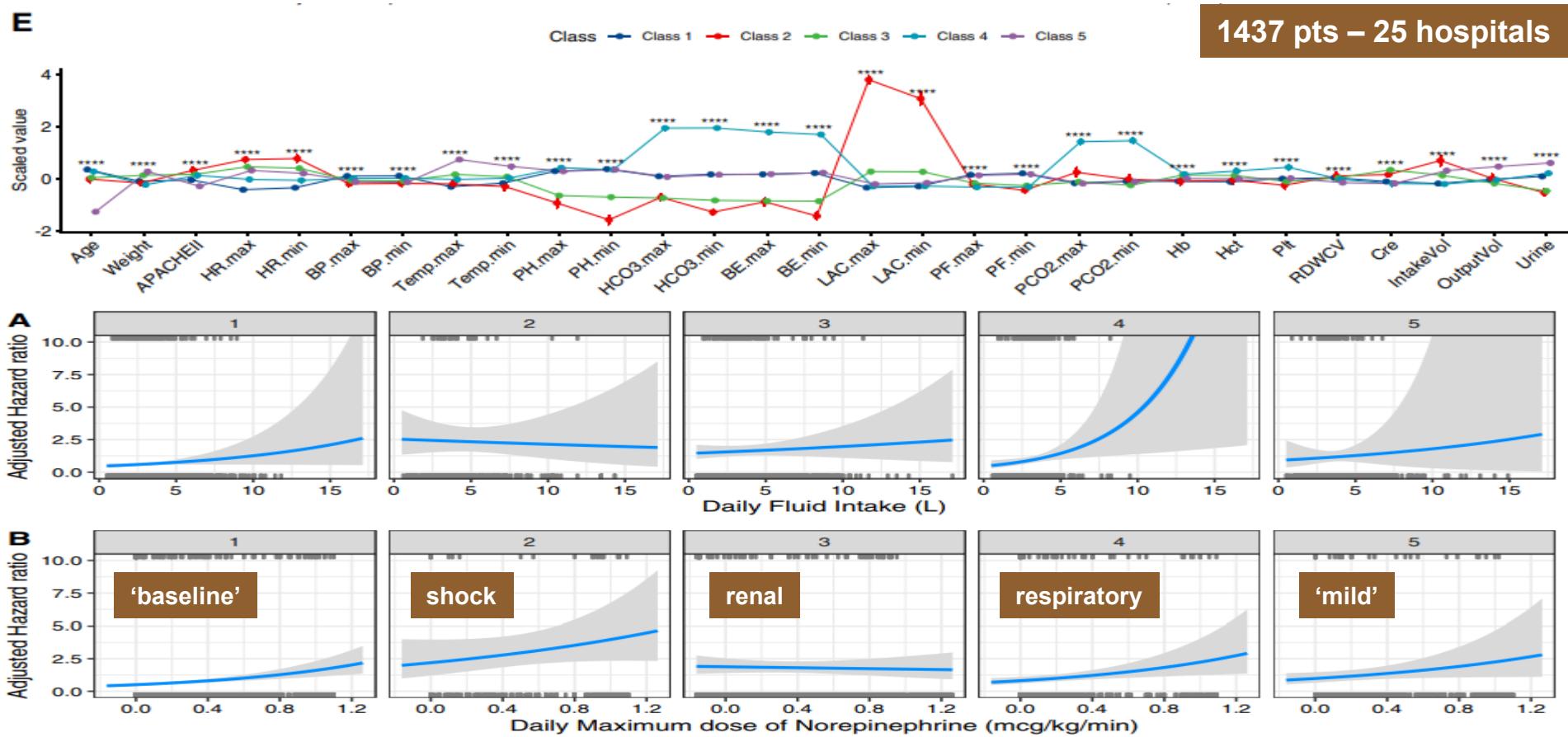
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# Individualized resuscitation strategy for septic shock formalized by finite mixture modeling and dynamic treatment regimen

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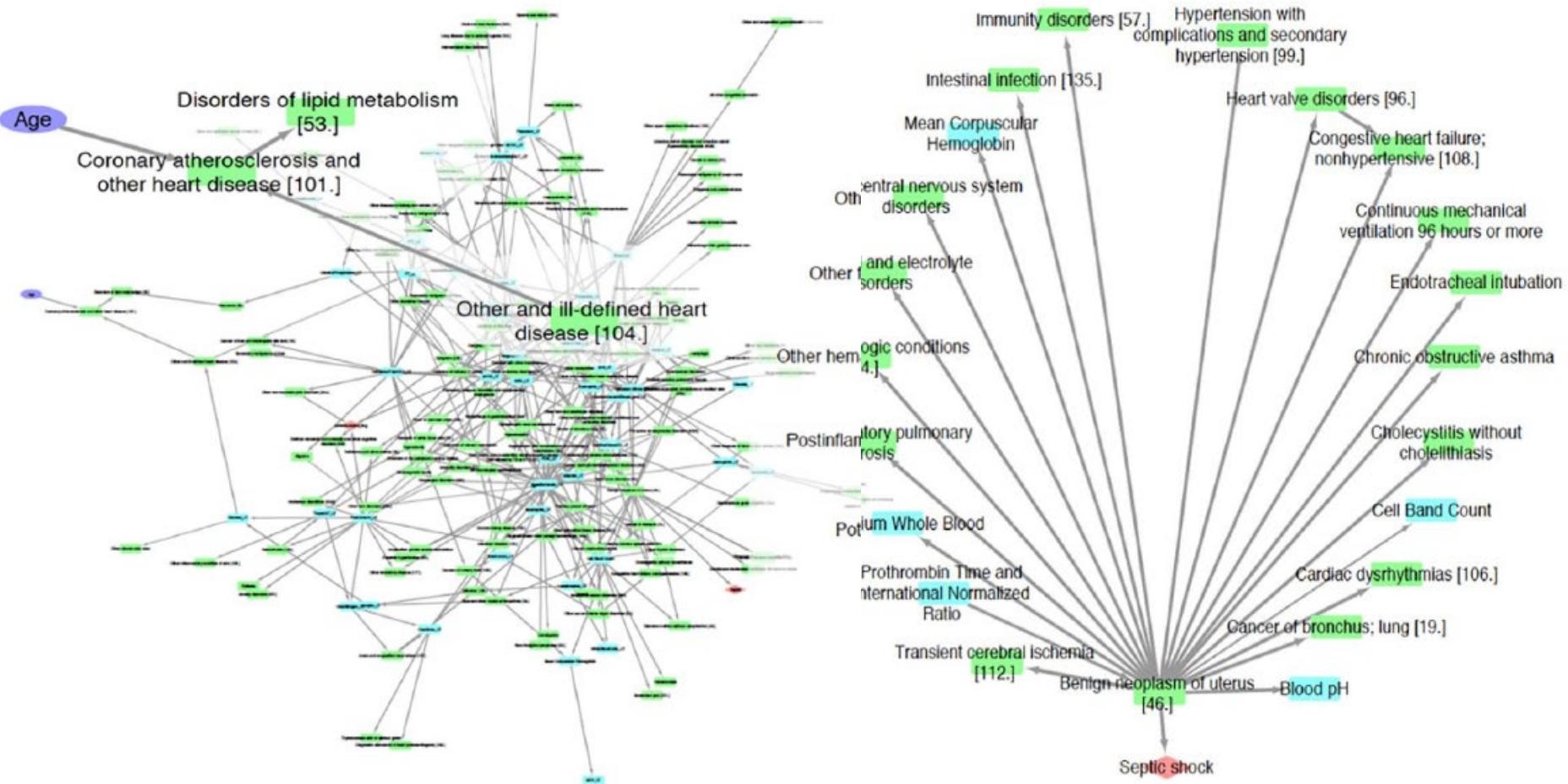
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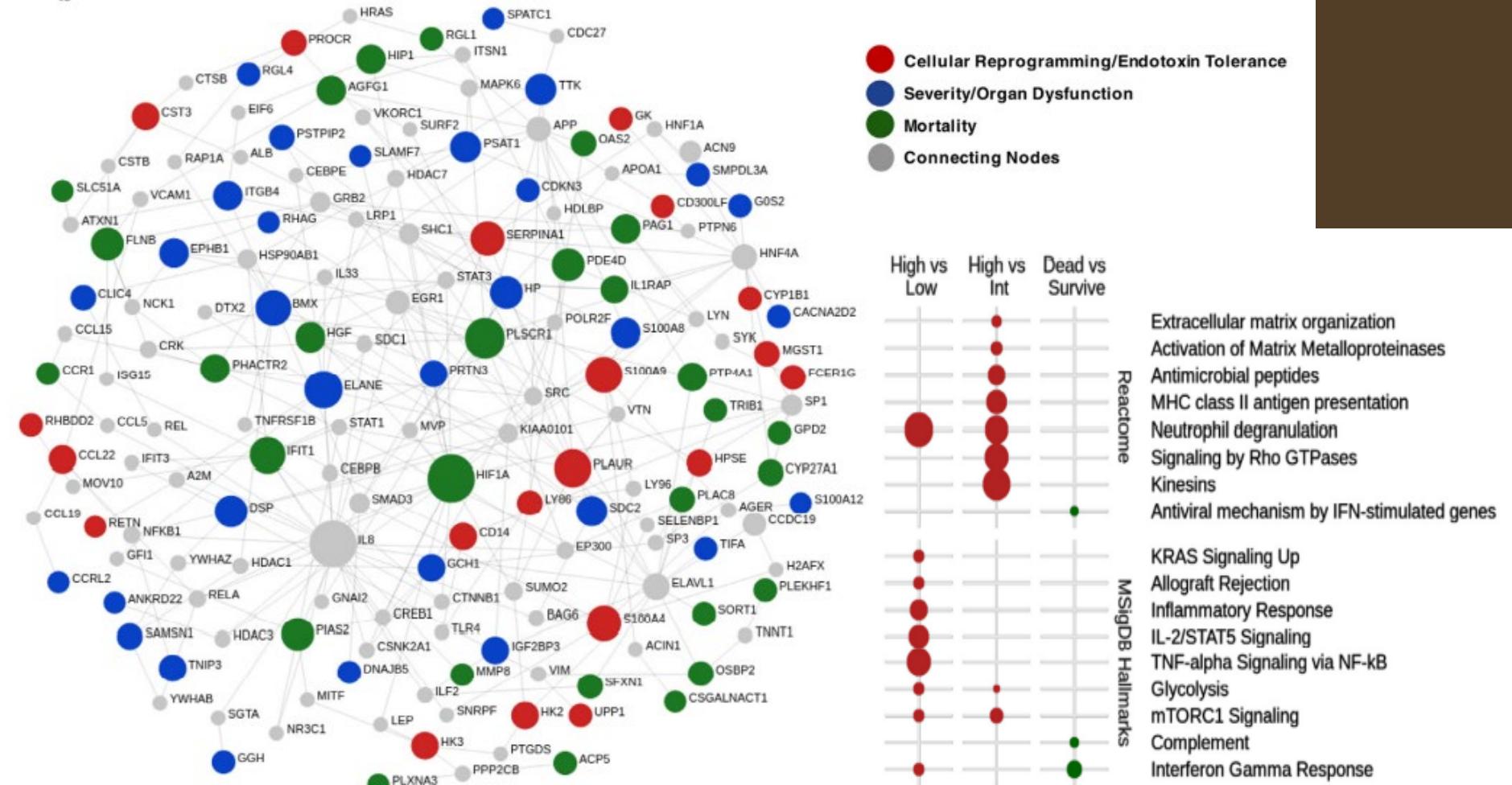


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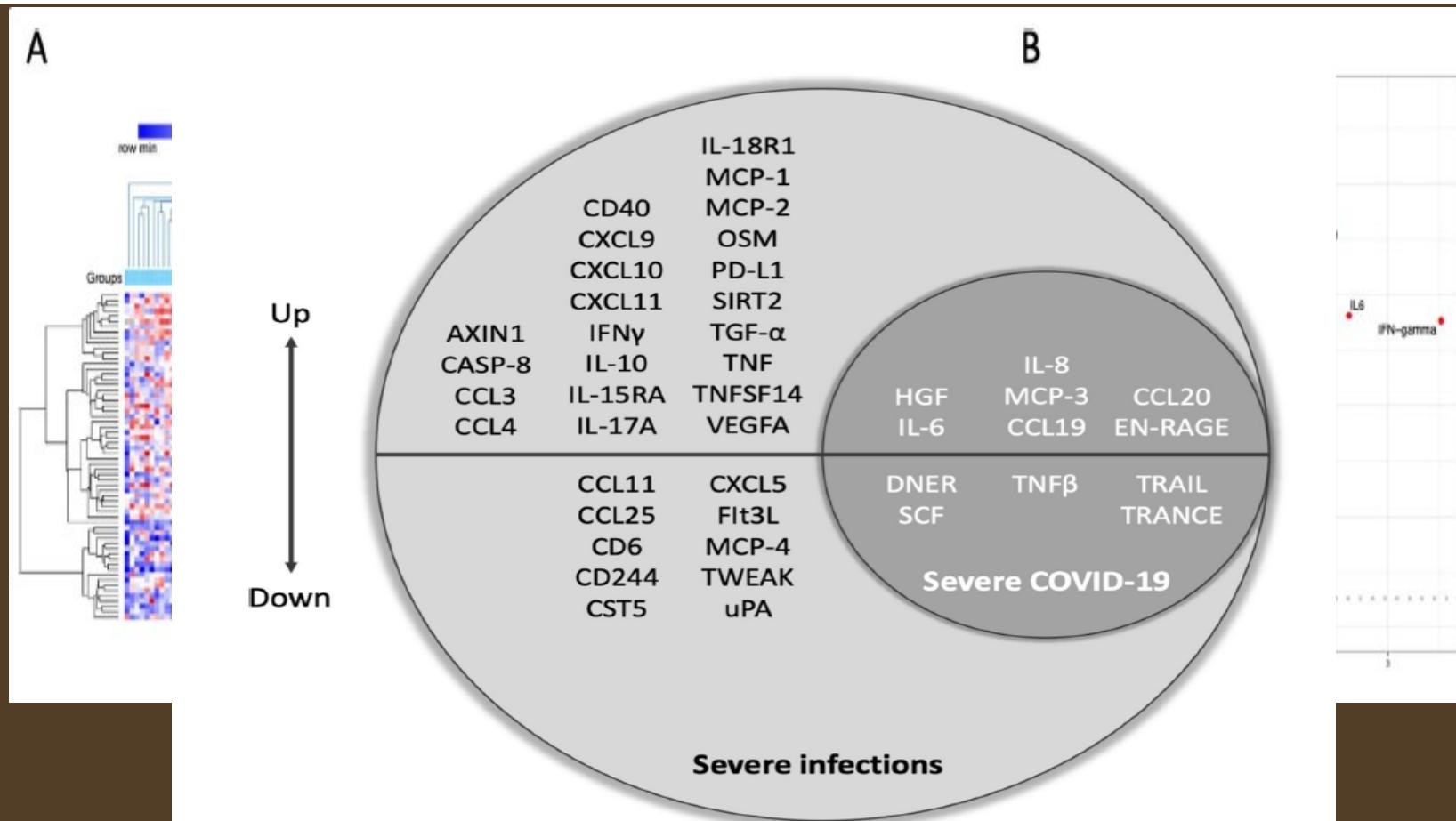
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# Characterization of sepsis inflammatory endotypes using circulatory proteins in patients with severe infection: a prospective cohort study

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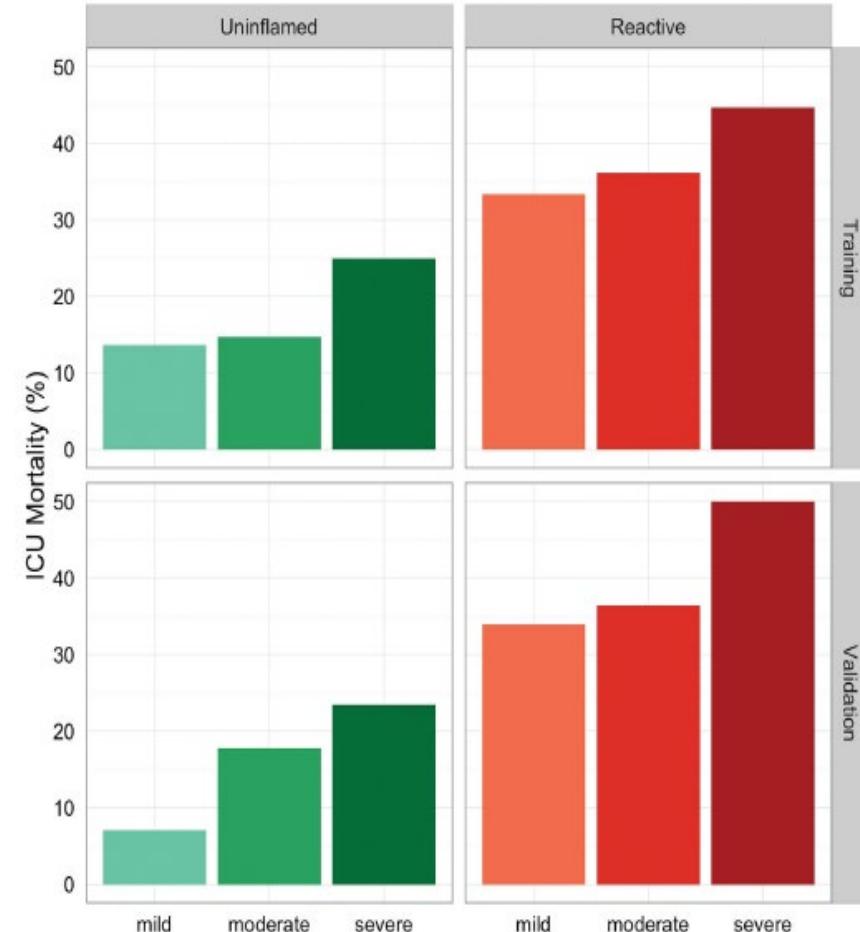
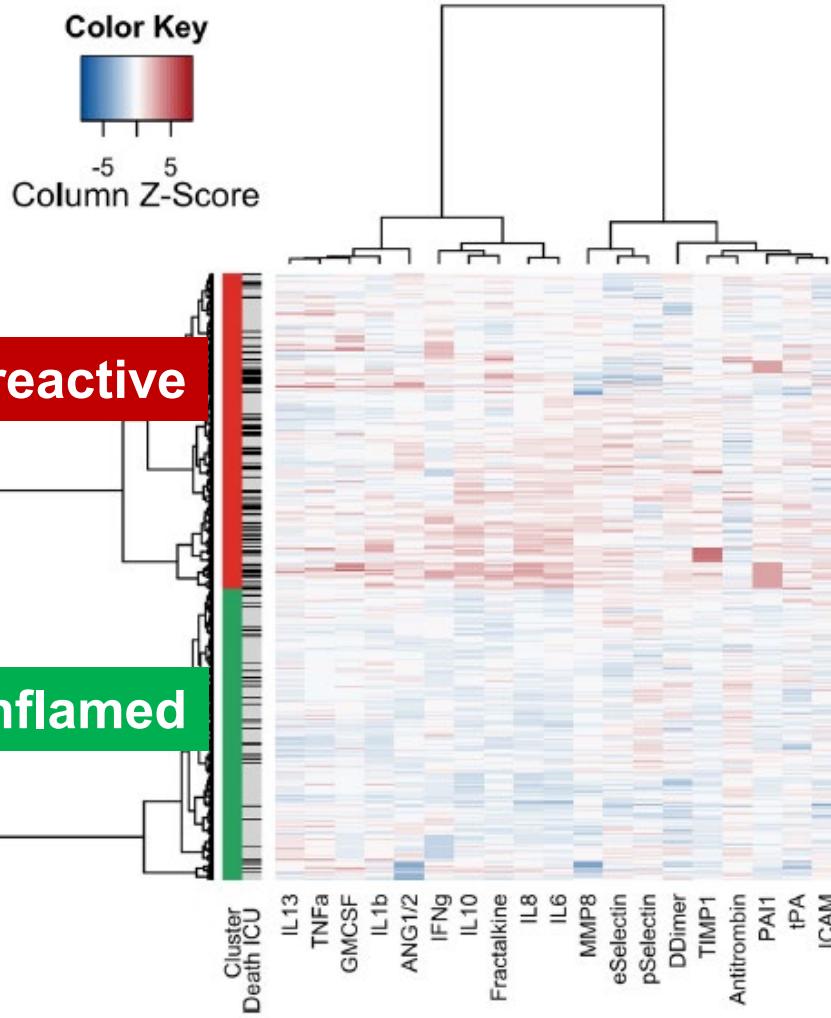
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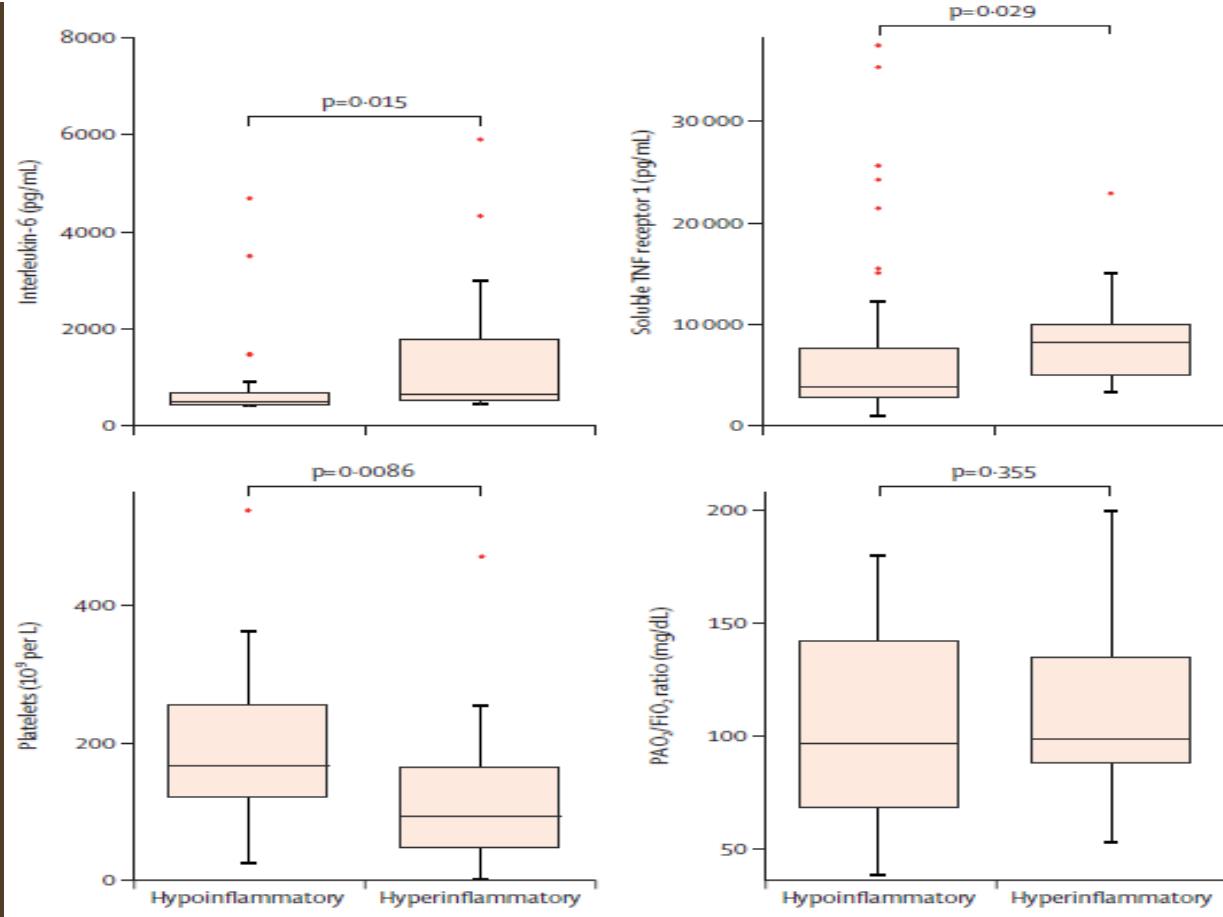


# Development and validation of parsimonious algorithms to classify acute respiratory distress syndrome phenotypes: a secondary analysis of randomised controlled trials

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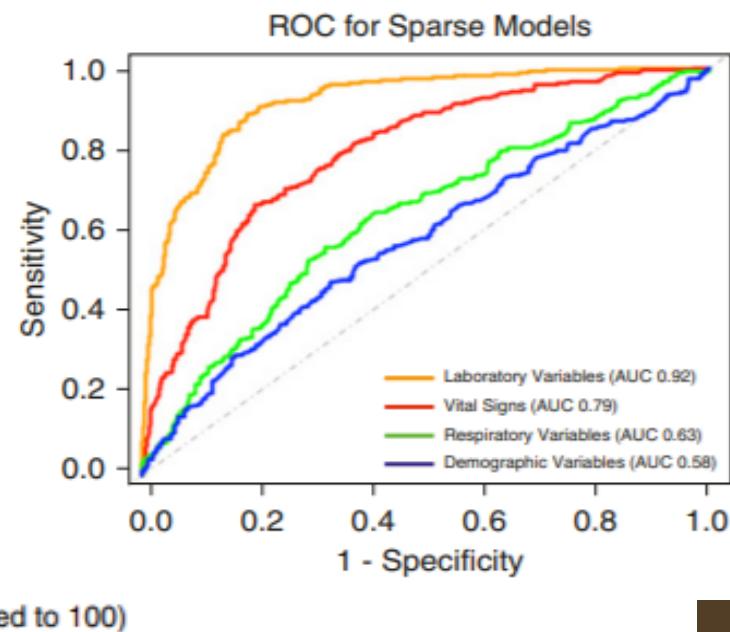
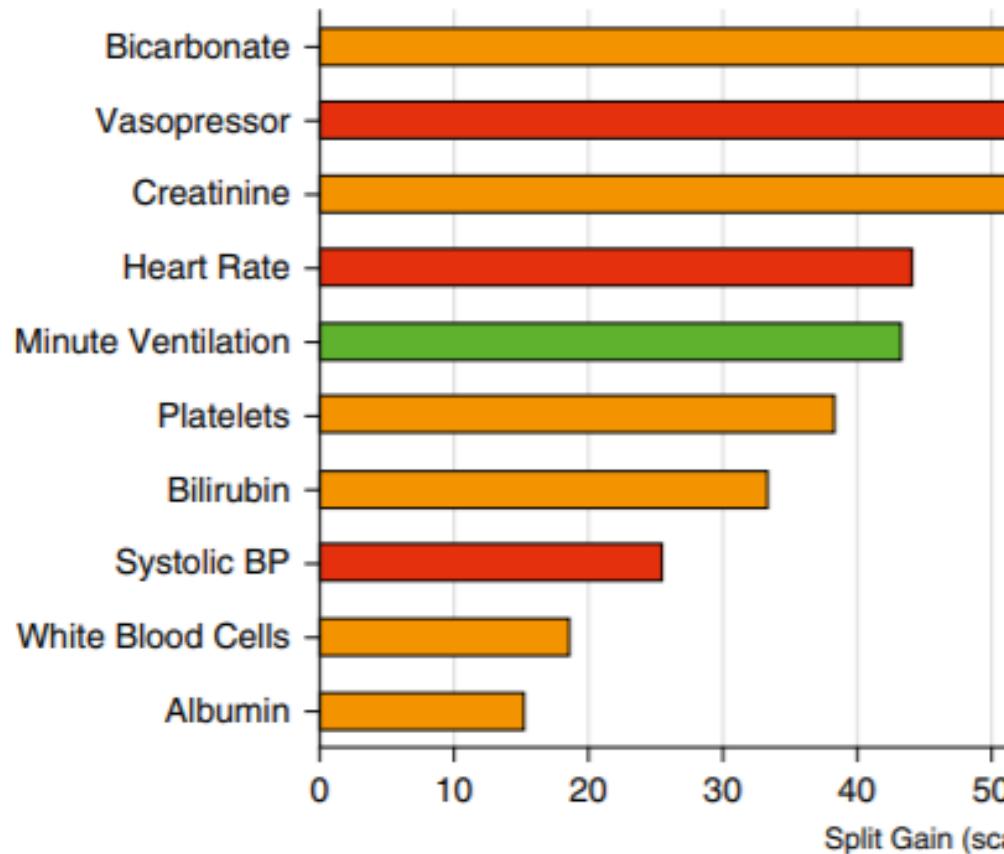
6 most important classifier variables:

IL-8, IL-6, protein C, soluble TNFr 1, bicarbonate, vasopressor use.

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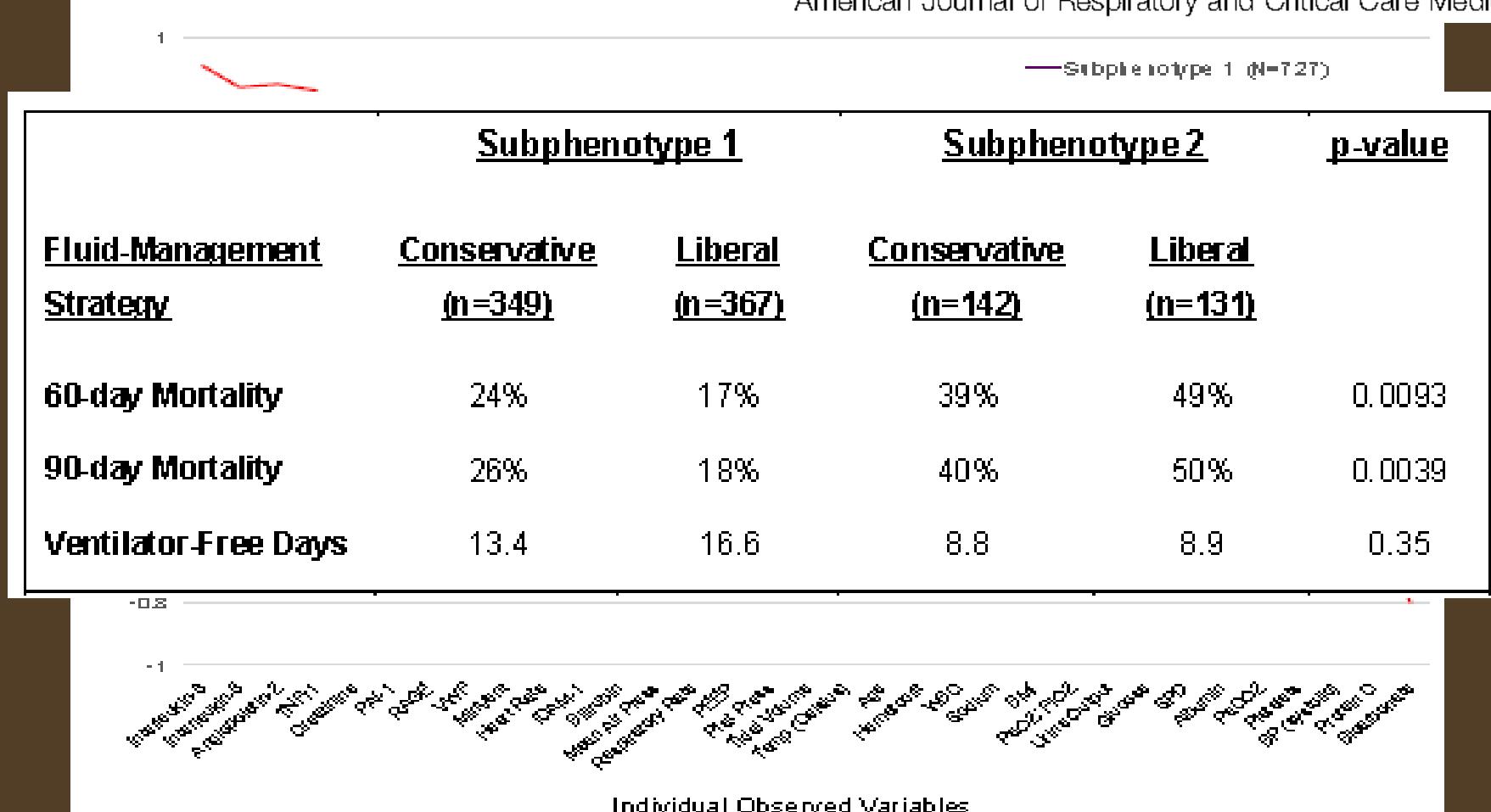
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**Erratum: Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Subphenotypes Respond Differently to Randomized Fluid Management Strategy**

The authors of an article published in the February 1, 2017, issue of the *Journal* have identified an error. In Famous and colleagues (1), the terms identifying two different therapies, *fluid-conservative* and *fluid-liberal*, have been inadvertently exchanged for one another. This error affects Table 4 in the Results, three sentences in the Discussion, and four words in the abstract, as well as Table E7 in the supplement. All other analyses for the publication were rechecked by the authors and determined by them to be correct. Because of the nature of the changes, the *Journal* is replacing the online version of the article with one that contains the corrections. For the convenience of our readers, we are also posting a copy of the original article with all corrections indicated in red (this may be found in the supplemental materials tab of the online article).

The authors have determined that this error does not affect the main conclusions of the paper, namely, that two acute respiratory distress syndrome subphenotypes were identified in the FACTT study, that these two subphenotypes were similar to those previously identified by the same authors in other trials, that these two subphenotypes had widely divergent clinical outcomes, and that the two subphenotypes responded differently to fluid therapy. The authors take full responsibility for this error and apologize to the readership of the *Journal*. ■

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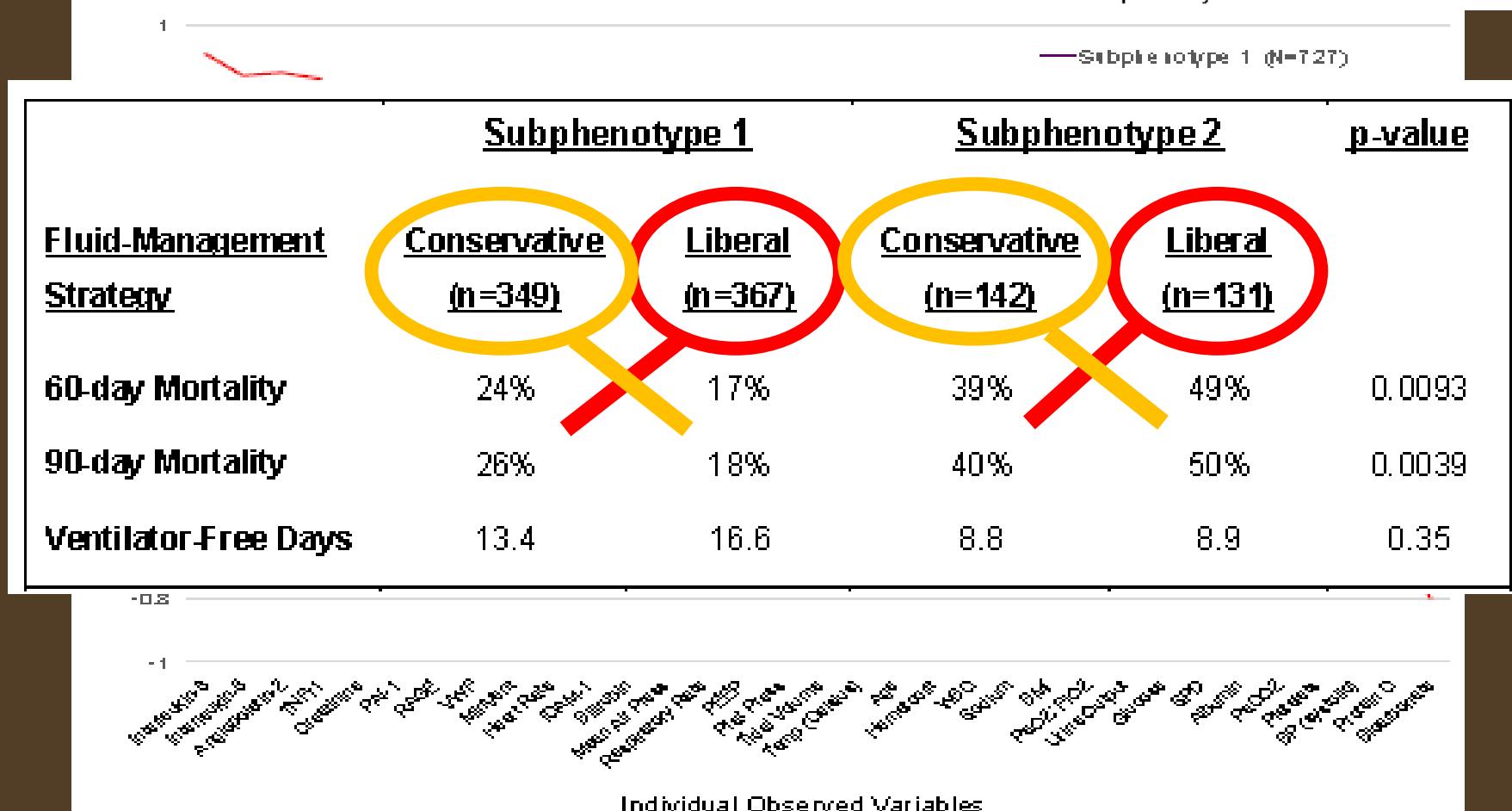
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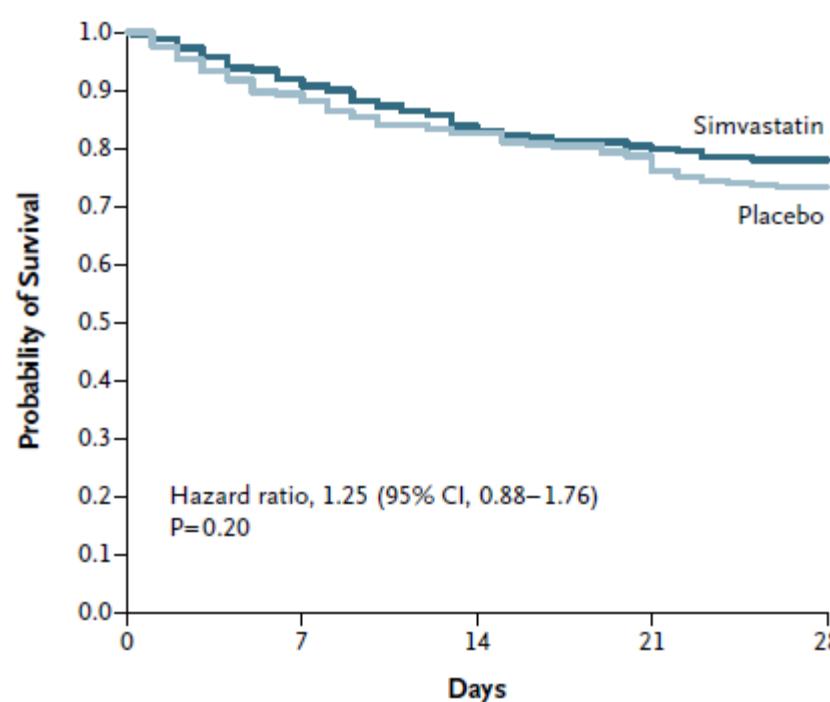
| Model               | Mortality at Day 90 in the Hypoinflammatory Phenotype |                          |                               | Mortality at Day 90 in the Hyperinflammatory Phenotype |                          |                               | P Value |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
|                     | Total<br>[n (%)]                                      | Liberal Fluid<br>[n (%)] | Conservative Fluid<br>[n (%)] | Total<br>[n (%)]                                       | Liberal Fluid<br>[n (%)] | Conservative Fluid<br>[n (%)] |         |
| Clinical classifier | 145/678 (21)  | 81/321 (25)              | 64/357 (18)                   | 139/322 (43)   | 69/176 (39)              | 70/146 (48)                   | 0.0072  |
| Sparse combined     | 153/693 (22)  | 86/333 (26)              | 67/360 (19)                   | 131/307 (43)   | 64/164 (42)              | 67/143 (51)                   | 0.0124  |
| LCA (8)             | 161/727 (22)  | 93/355 (26)              | 68/372 (18)                   | 123/273 (45)   | 57/142 (40)              | 66/131 (50)                   | 0.004   |

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| Clinical classifier | 73/372 (20)   | 27/184 (15)         | 46/188 (25)          | 75/177 (42)  | 42/89 (47)          | 33/88 (38)           | 0.0113  |
| Sparse combined     | 85/402 (21)   | 35/200 (18)         | 50/202 (25)          | 63/147 (43)  | 34/73 (47)          | 29/74 (39)           | 0.0748  |
| LCA (7)             | 81/404 (20)   | 33/202 (16)         | 48/202 (24)          | 67/145 (46)  | 36/71 (51)          | 31/74 (42)           | 0.049   |

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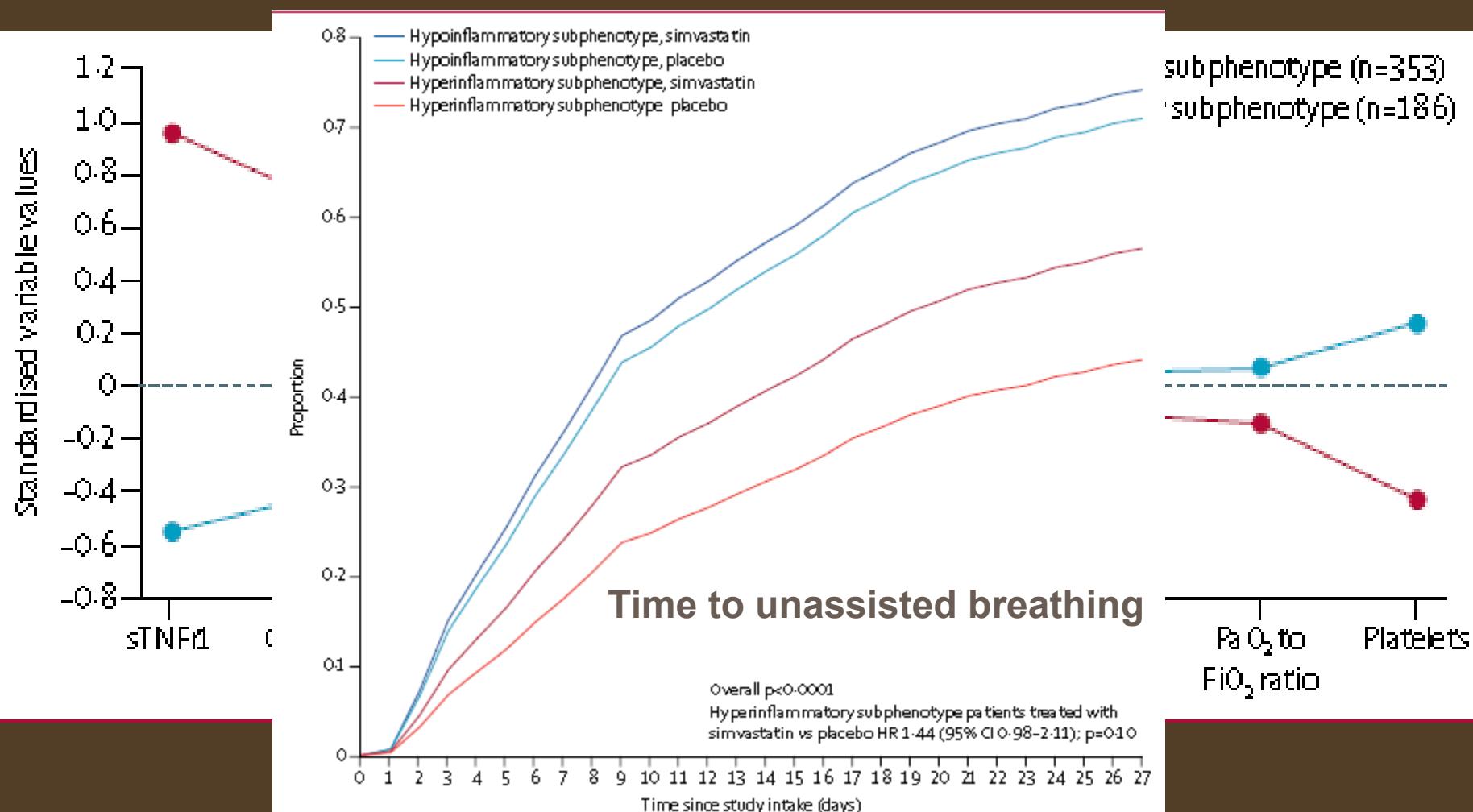
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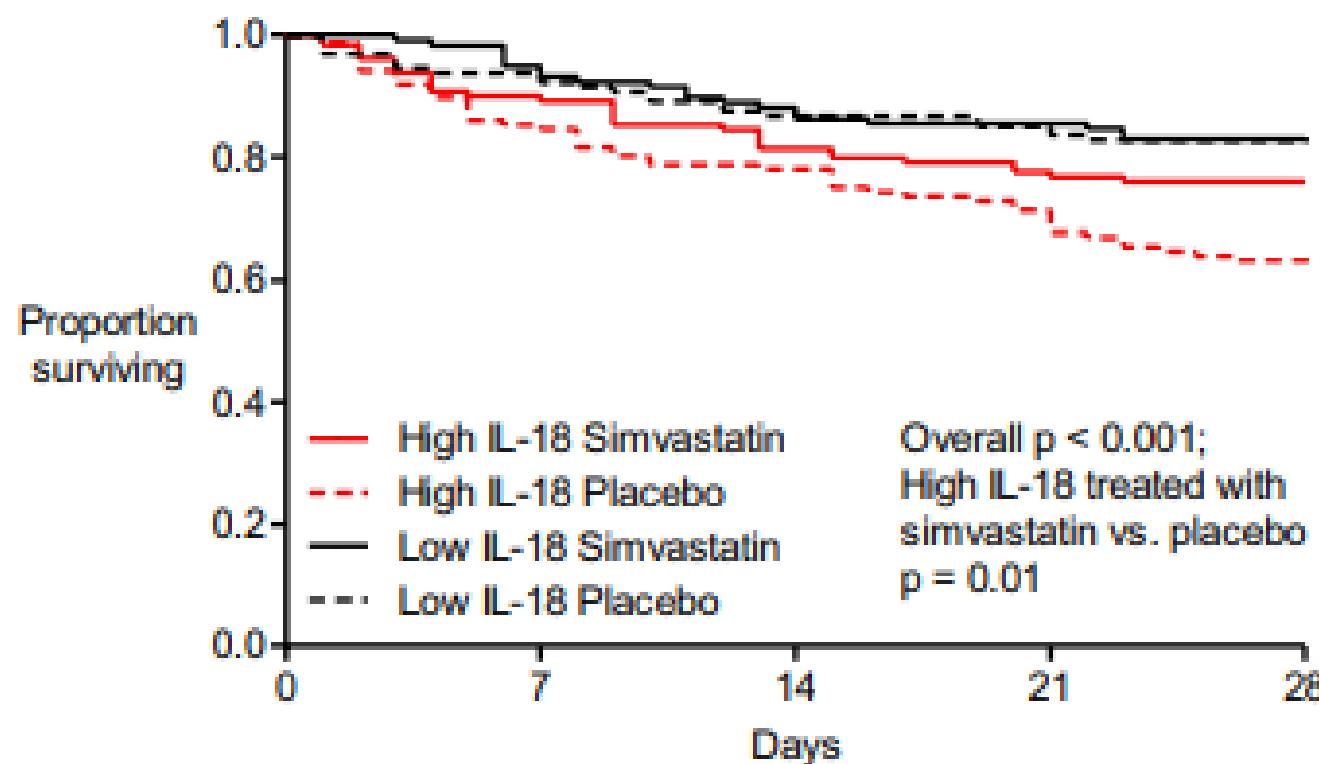
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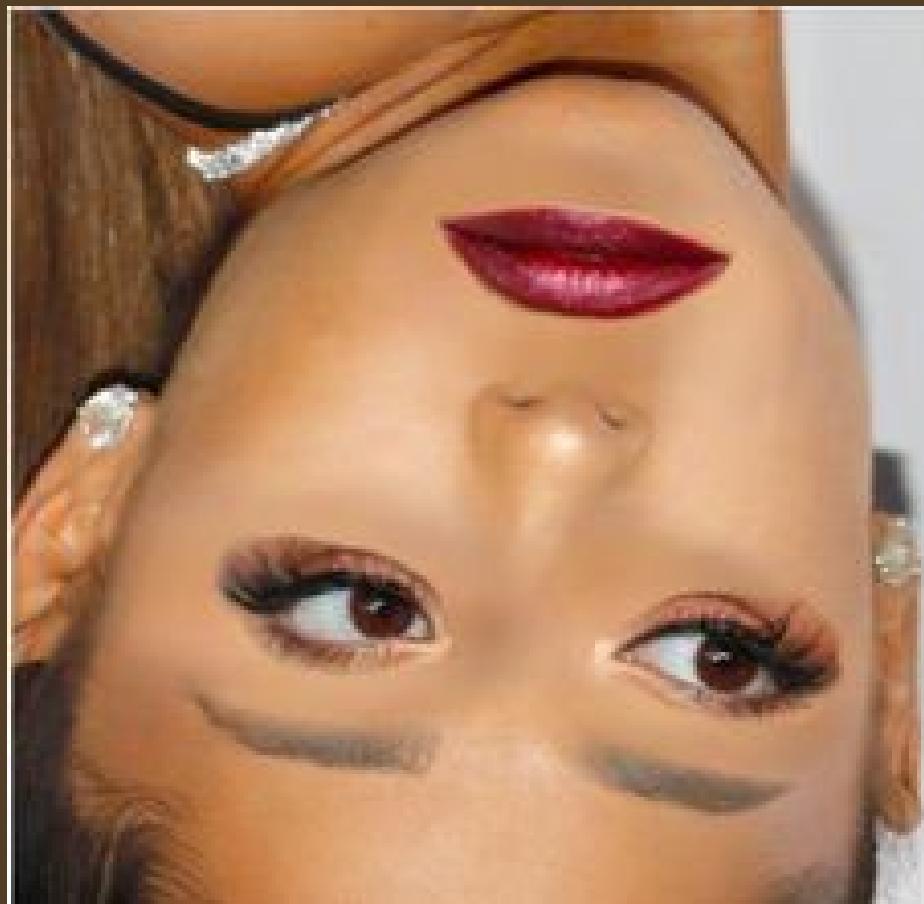
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# Baseline plasma IL-18 may predict simvastatin treatment response in patients with ARDS: a secondary analysis of the HARP-2 randomised clinical trial

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REVIEW

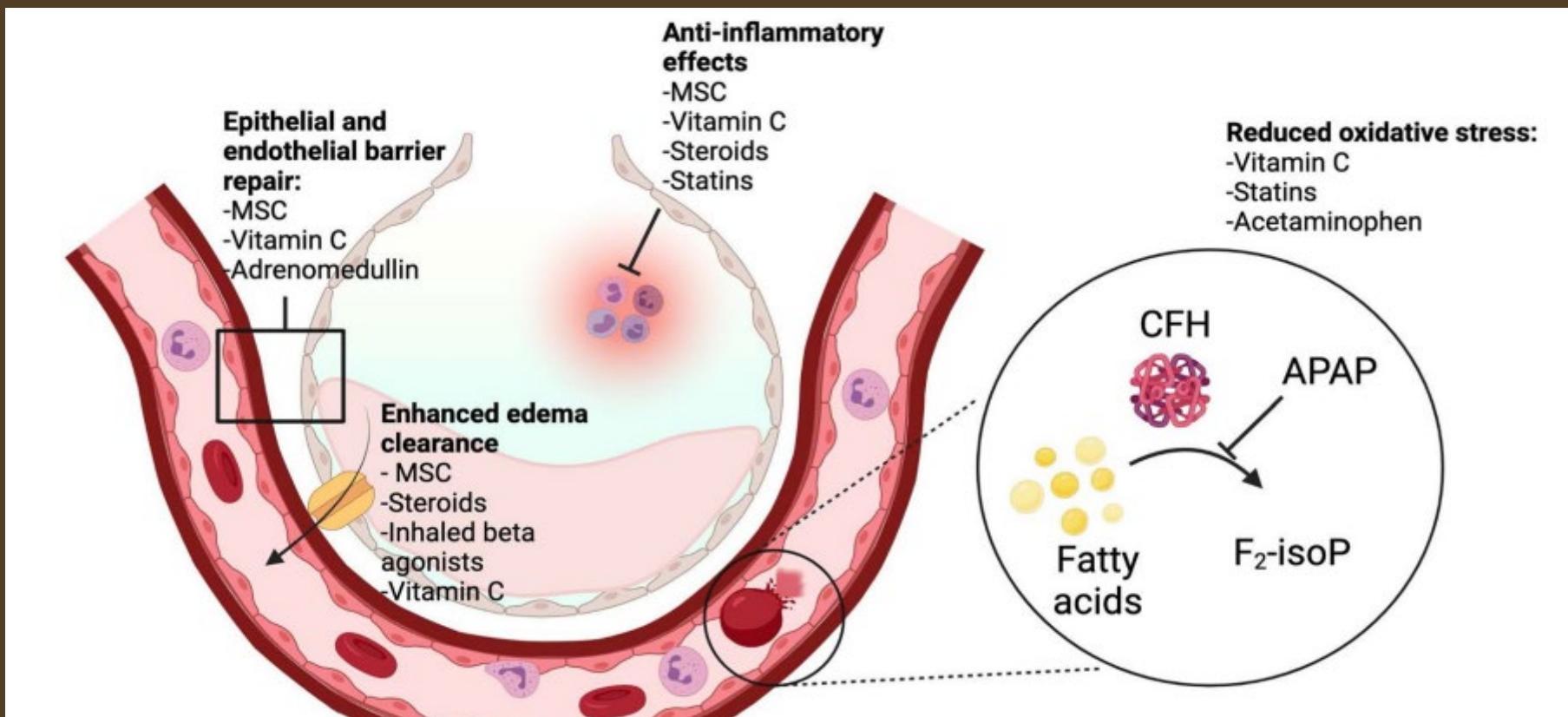
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# Promises and challenges of personalized medicine to guide ARDS therapy

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## Biologic mechanisms in ARDS that may be targeted by various personalizable therapies.





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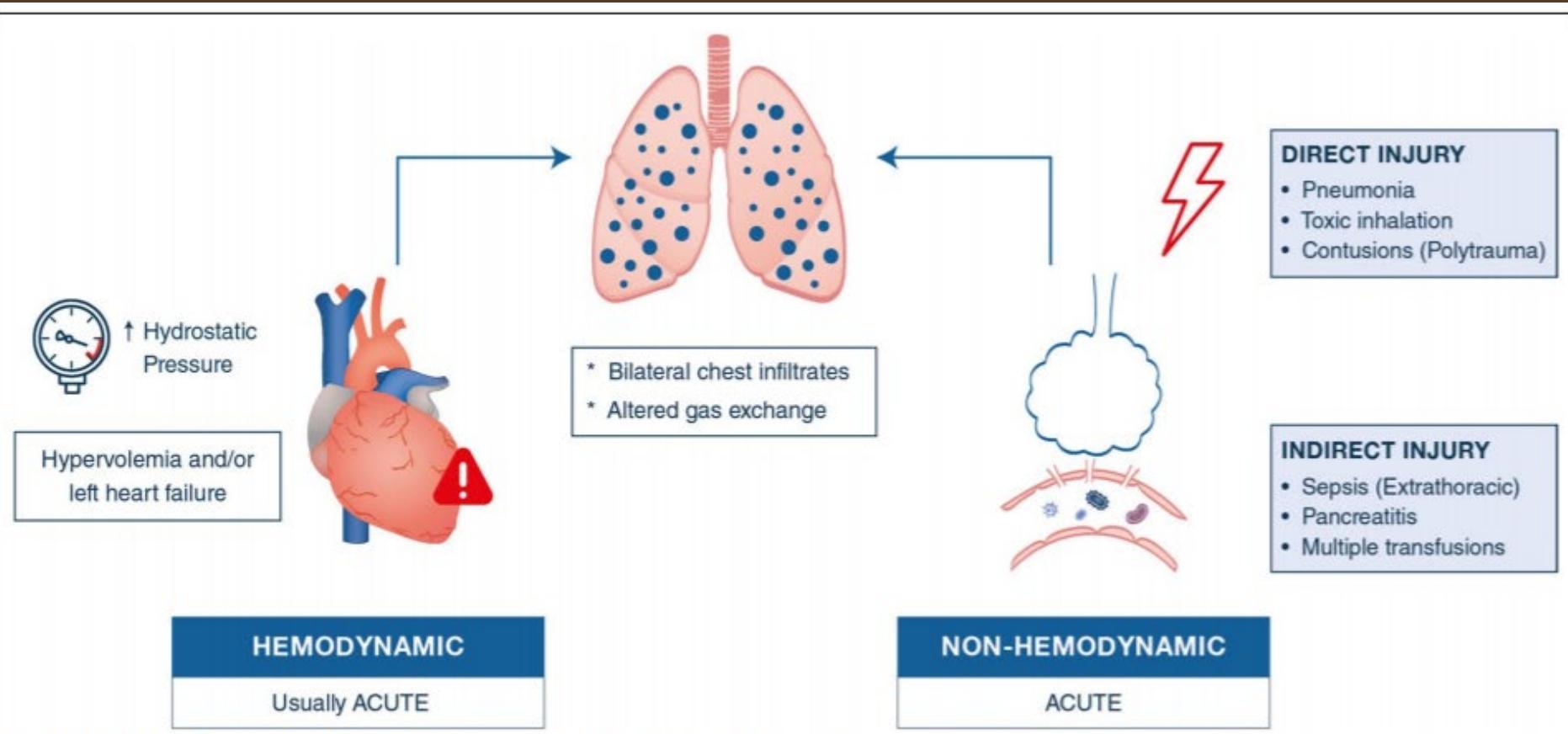
## Do we need ARDS?



EDITORIAL

# We've never seen a patient with ARDS!

Jean-Louis Vincent<sup>1\*</sup>  and Arthur S. Slutsky<sup>2,3</sup>



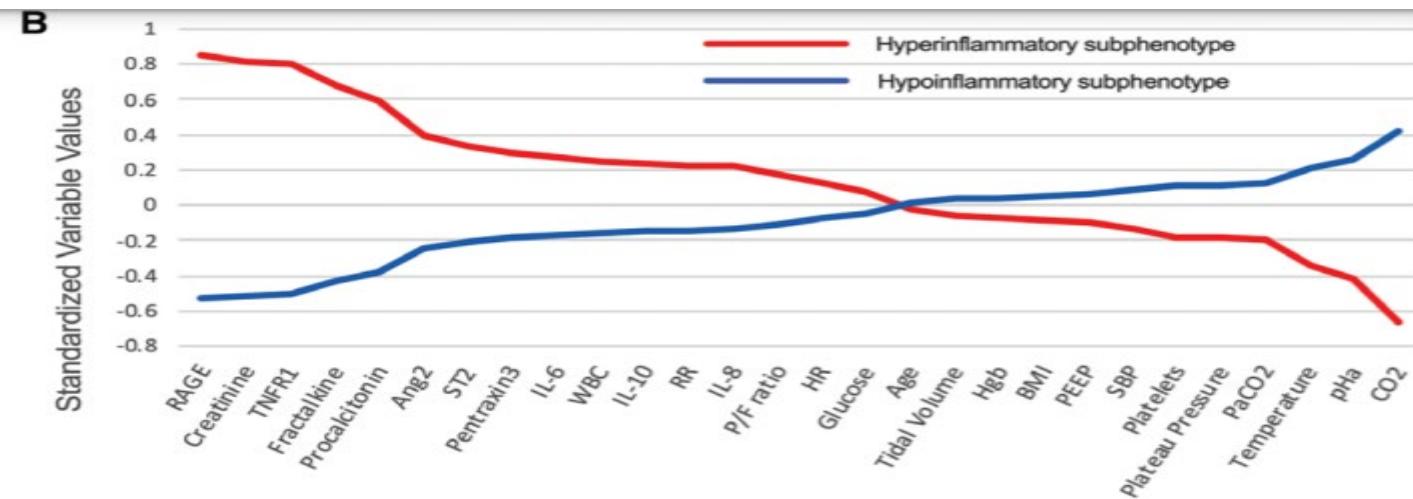
**Fig. 1** The basic pathophysiologic approach to diffuse lung edema

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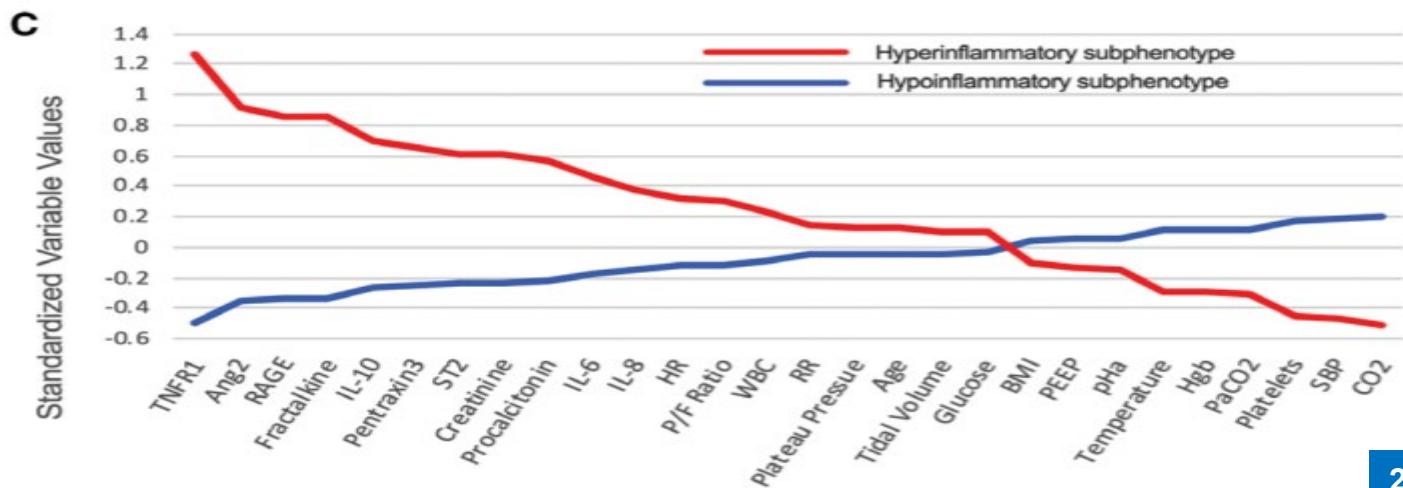
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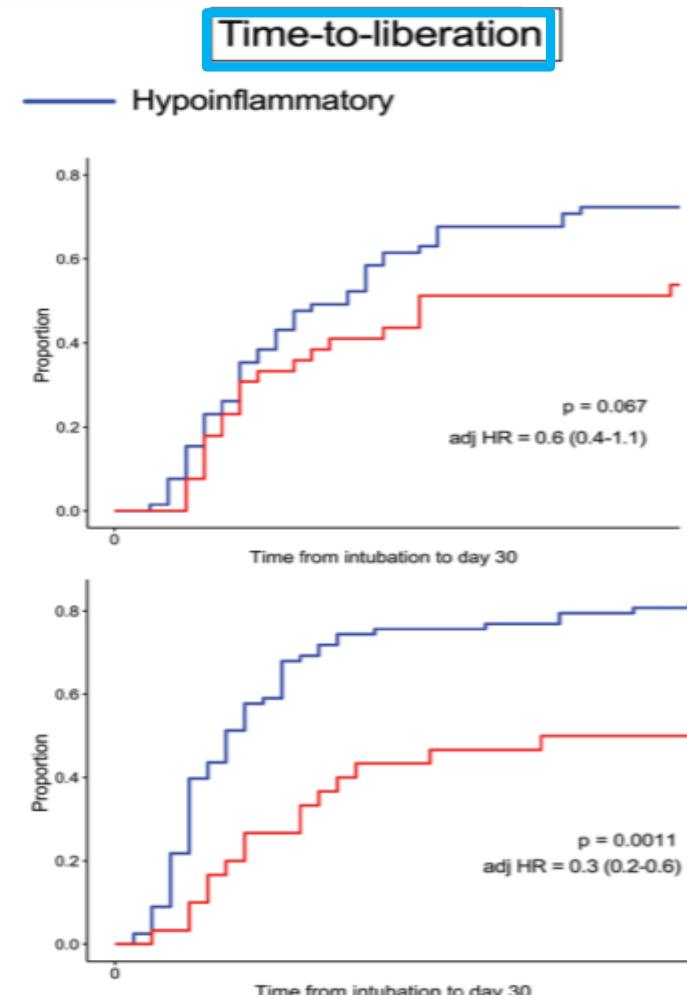
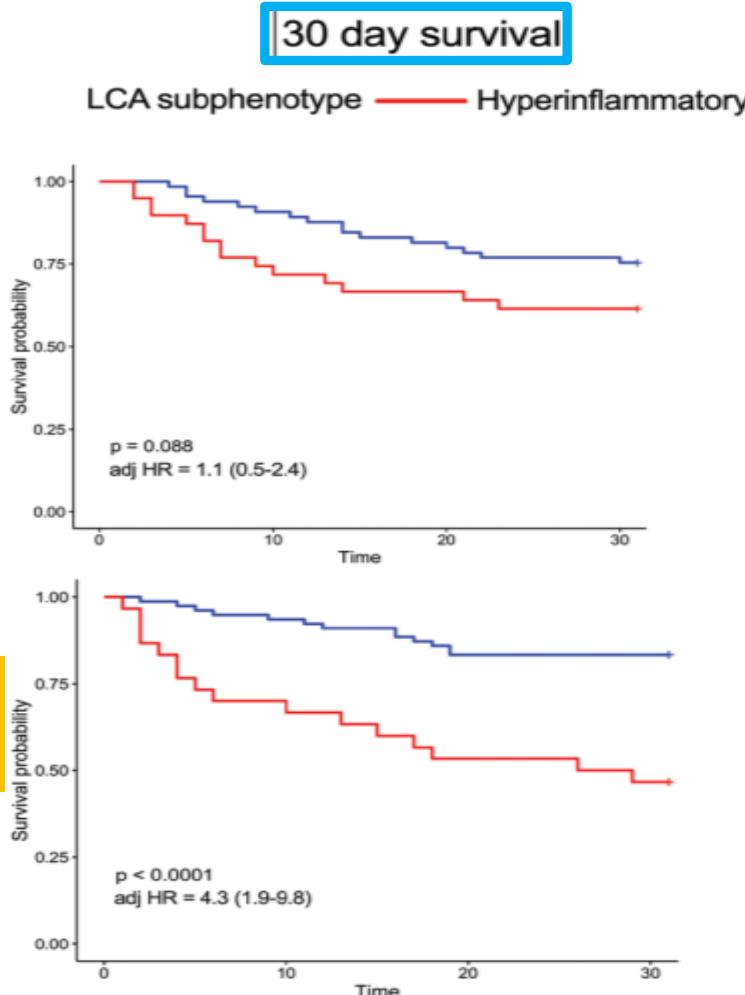
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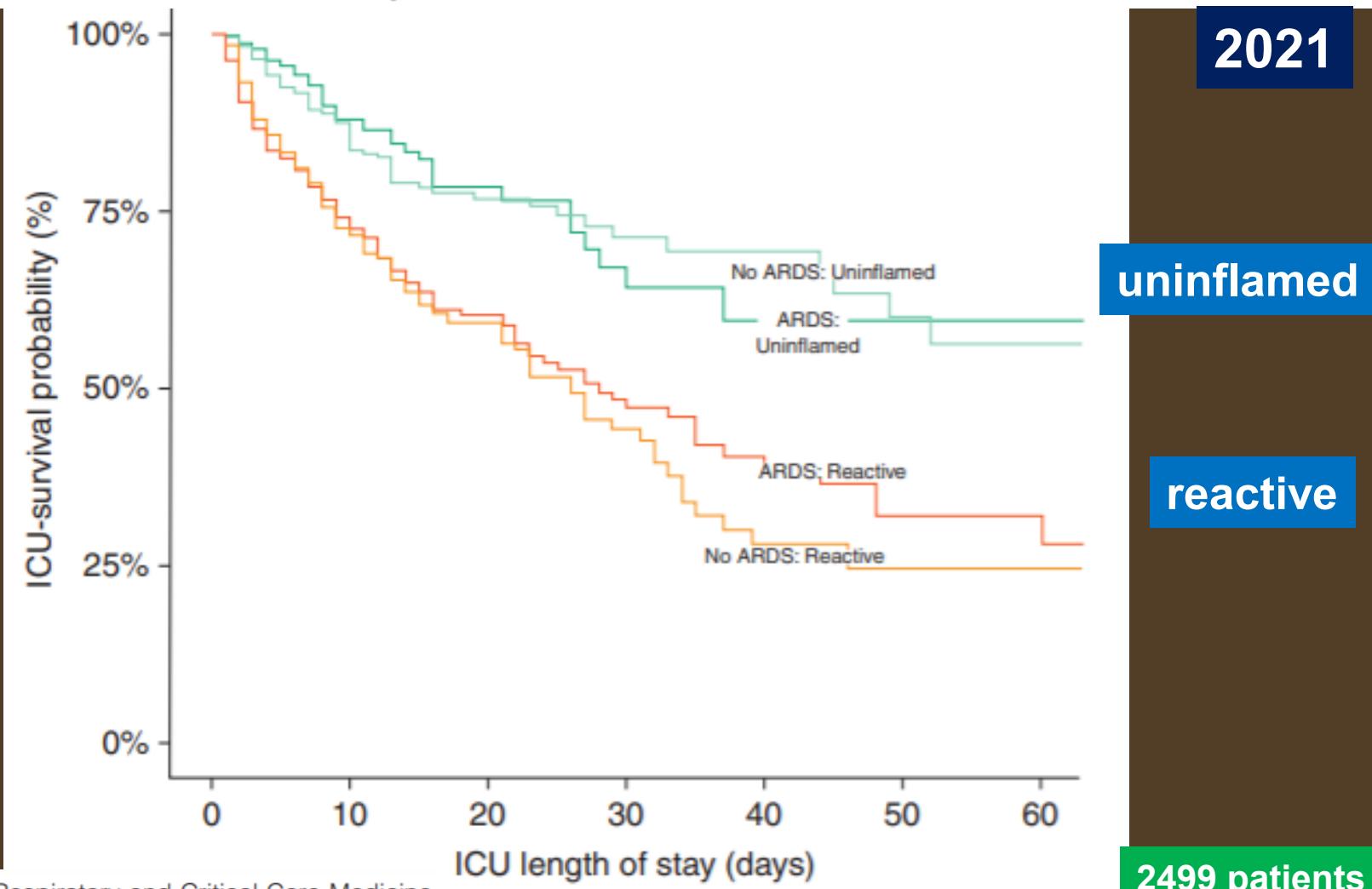


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# Biological Subphenotypes of Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Show Prognostic Enrichment in Mechanically Ventilated Patients without Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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COMMENTARY

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# Isn't it time to abandon ARDS? The COVID-19 lesson 2021

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|            | Keep and modify ARDS definition  | Abandon ARDS definition   |
|------------|--|---|
| Advantages | Easy patient categorization and labeling<br>Facilitated enrollment in RCTs<br>Standardized guidance of treatment                       | Recognizes need to personalize therapy<br>Focuses on patient-relevant characteristics<br>Encourages best responses to $\Delta$ 's over time       |
| Drawbacks  | Non-uniformity encourages inappropriate Rx<br>Promotes RCT enrollment of unqualified Pts<br>May inform misleading treatment guidelines | Universal standards for Rx difficult to establish<br>Precision inhibits RCT design and enrollment<br>Often requires mastery of bedside physiology |

**It seems more logical simply to label the diseases as they are:  
(pneumococcal, herpes, pancreatitis, etc.)**

This de-lumping' approach would push our thinking towards truly personalized medicine, realizing that not only the etiological treatment but also the appropriate respiratory approach might well be different in different situations and at different stages of the disease process.

NARRATIVE REVIEW

# Designing an ARDS trial for 2020 and beyond: focus on enrichment strategies

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| Prognostic factor   | Metric for enrichment  | Outcome targeted by enrichment strategy  | Used in published ARDS trials? |
|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Strategies for prognostic enrichment</b>                     |  |  |                                |
| Severity of hypoxemia   | PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub>   | Death and/or prolonged mechanical ventilation  | Yes                            |
| Presence of shock   | Need for vasopressors  | Death  | No                             |
| Severity of pulmonary edema                                     | RALE score   | Prolonged mechanical ventilation   | No                             |
| Biomarkers of poor prognosis                                    | Model incorporating IL-8, Protein C, bicarbonate                             | Death and/or prolonged mechanical ventilation  | No                             |
| Predictive factor   | Metric for enrichment  | Mechanism targeted by enrichment strategy  |                                |
| <b>Strategies for predictive enrichment</b>                     |  |  |                                |
| Higher likelihood of fibroproliferative ARDS                    | BAL PCP III  | Anti-fibroproliferative effects of corticosteroids   | No, one trial is enrolling     |
| Higher likelihood of oxidative injury from cell-free hemoglobin | Plasma cell-free hemoglobin  | Hemoprotein-reductant effects of acetaminophen   | Used in a pilot sepsis trial   |
| Early lung injury more likely to respond                        | Enrollment prior to invasive ventilation                                     | Anti-inflammatory effects of inhaled budesonide and formoterol   | No, one trial is enrolling     |
| Focal vs. diffuse ARDS  | Chest CT distribution of infiltrates   | Personalized ventilator strategy   | Yes                            |
| Hyperinflammatory ARDS  | Latent class analysis of clinical and biomarker features                     | Anti-inflammatory effects of simvastatin   | No                             |
| Impaired vascular integrity                                     | Plasma adrenomedullin  | Vascular protective effects of adrecanumab   | No, one trial is enrolling     |
| Higher likelihood of ventilator-induced lung injury             | Increased dead space fraction and lower compliance of the respiratory system | Identify group with highest predicted drop in driving pressure with extracorporeal CO <sub>2</sub> removal | No                             |

# A Research Agenda for Precision Medicine in Sepsis and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome

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## AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY DOCUMENTS

**Developing precision medicine approaches will require reexamination of the conduct of observational studies and RCTs for sepsis and ARDS.**

### Recommendation 1

Create large richly phenotyped harmonized knowledge networks of clinical, imaging, and multianalyte molecular data from patients with sepsis and ARDS.

### Recommendation 2

Implement novel trial designs to identify precision medicine strategies for sepsis and ARDS.

### Recommendation 3

Advance data science and engineering approaches to facilitate precision medicine strategies for sepsis and ARDS.

### Recommendation 4

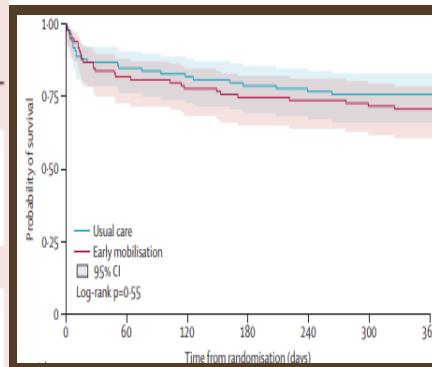
Develop the tools necessary for the real-time application of precision medicine approaches.

# Effect of early mobilisation on long-term cognitive impairment in critical illness in the USA: a randomised controlled trial

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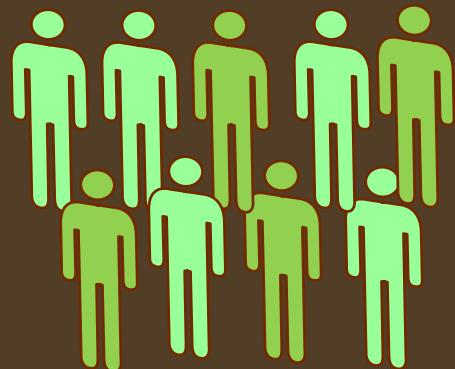
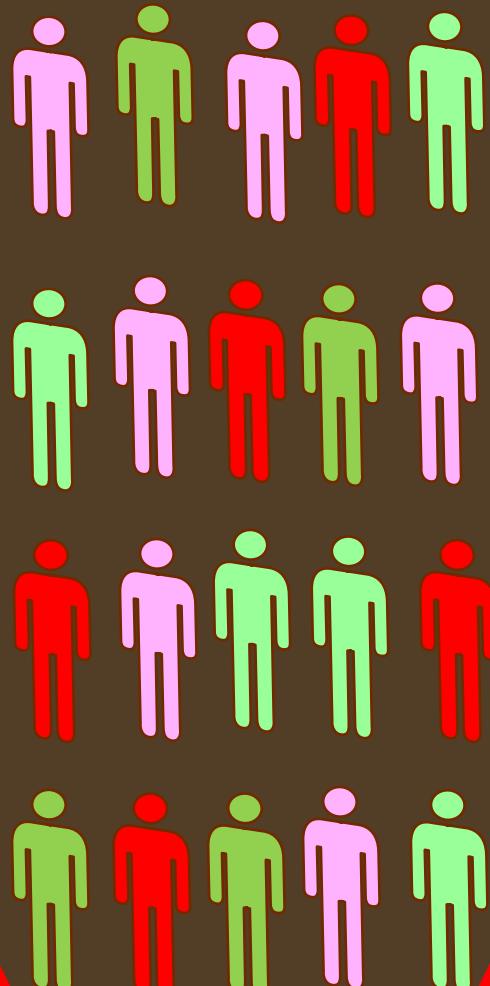
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|                                   | Usual care group<br>(n=99) | Intervention group<br>(n=99) | Absolute difference     | p value |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| <b>Primary outcome</b>            |                            |                              |                         |         |
| Cognitive impairment at 1 year    | 43 (43%)                   | 24 (24%)                     | -19.2% (-32.1 to -6.3)  | 0.0043  |
| MoCA* score at 1 year             | 23 (21–26)                 | 26 (24–28)                   | 3 (1 to 4)              | 0.0001  |
| <b>Hospital discharge outcome</b> |                            |                              |                         |         |
| Cognitive impairment              | 68 (69%)                   | 53 (54%)                     | -15.2% (-28.6 to -1.7)  | 0.029   |
| MoCA score                        | 20 (16–23)                 | 23 (19–27)                   | 3 (2 to 5)              | 0.0004  |
| ICU-acquired weakness†            | 38 (38%)                   | 21 (21%)                     | -17.1% (-29.7 to -4.7)  | 0.0083  |
| Total MRC score                   | 49 (44–56)                 | 56 (48–60)                   | 7 (1 to 9)              | 0.0017  |
| Functional independence           | 46 (47%)                   | 66 (67%)                     | 20.2% (6.7 to 33.7)     | 0.0041  |
| <b>Quality of life</b>            |                            |                              |                         |         |
| SF-36 physical component score    | 39.6 (31.8–48.5)           | 45.7 (29.7–55.6)             | 4.1 (-0.53 to 8.4)      | 0.081   |
| Impaired physical health‡         | 39 (39%)                   | 29 (29%)                     | -10.1% (-23.3 to 3.1)   | 0.13    |
| SF-36 mental component score      | 47.6 (38.3–55.3)           | 53.3 (44.3–57.2)             | 5.7 (-0.16 to 6.9)      | 0.061   |
| Impaired mental health            | 22 (22%)                   | 13 (13%)                     | -9.1% (-19.6% to 1.5)   | 0.094   |
| <b>1-year follow-up</b>           |                            |                              |                         |         |
| ICU-acquired weakness             | 14 (14%)                   | 0                            | -14.1% (-21.0 to -7.3)  | 0.0001  |
| Total MRC score                   | 56 (49–60)                 | 58 (56–60)                   | 2 (0 to 4)              | 0.0073  |
| Functional independence           | 61 (62%)                   | 64 (65%)                     | 3.0% (-10.4 to 16.5)    | 0.66    |
| <b>Quality of life</b>            |                            |                              |                         |         |
| SF-36 physical component score    | 41.1 (31.8–49.4)           | 52.4 (45.3–56.8)             | 11.3 (6.3 to 13.8)      | <0.0001 |
| Impaired physical health          | 30 (30%)                   | 8 (8%)                       | -22.2% (-32.7 to -11.7) | 0.0001  |

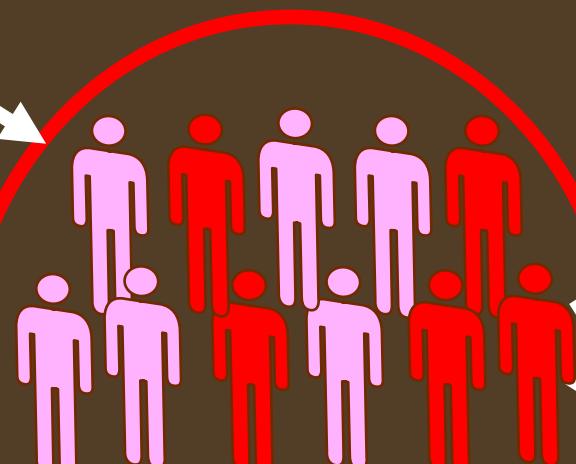


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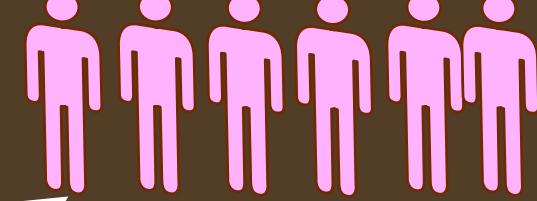
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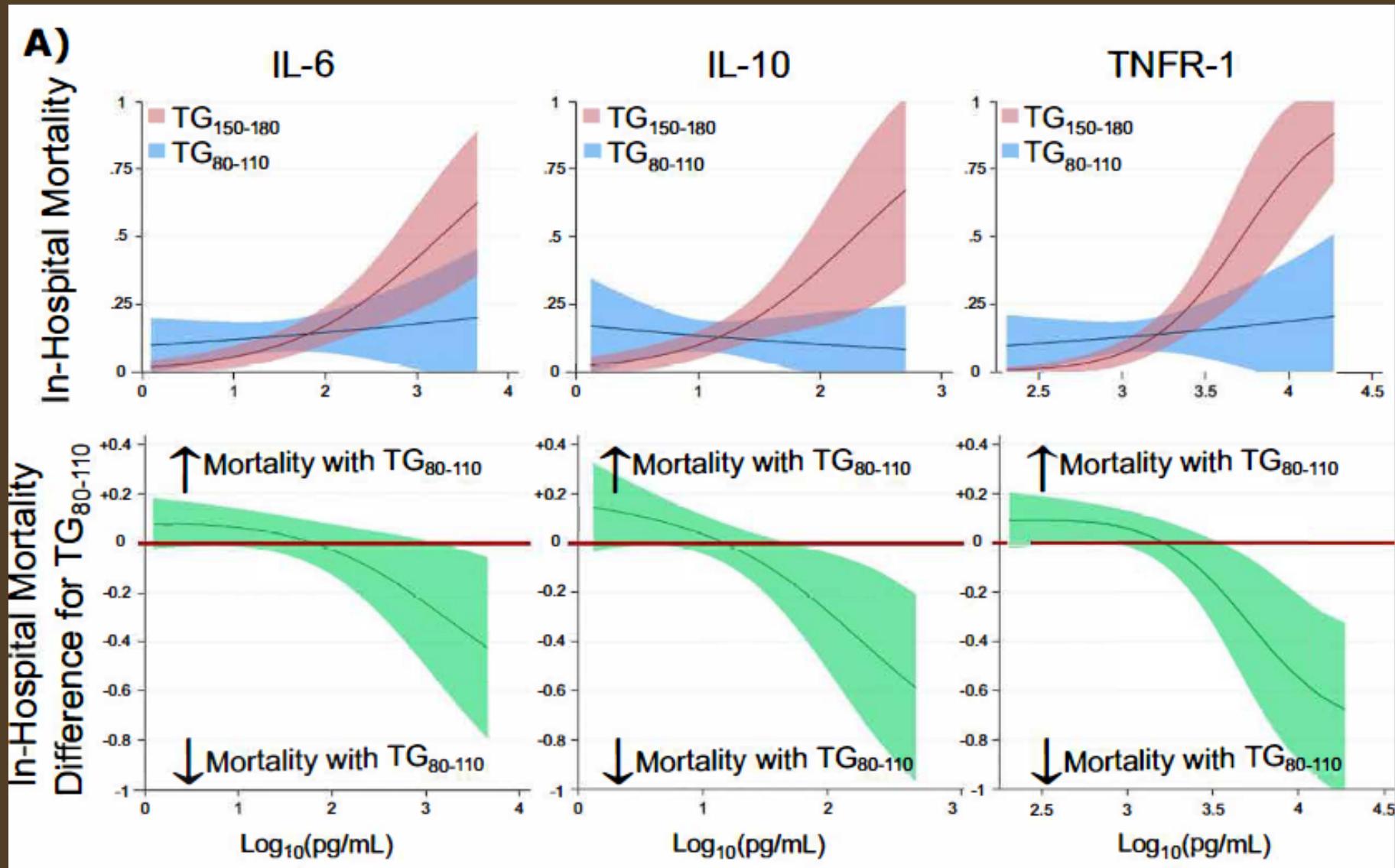


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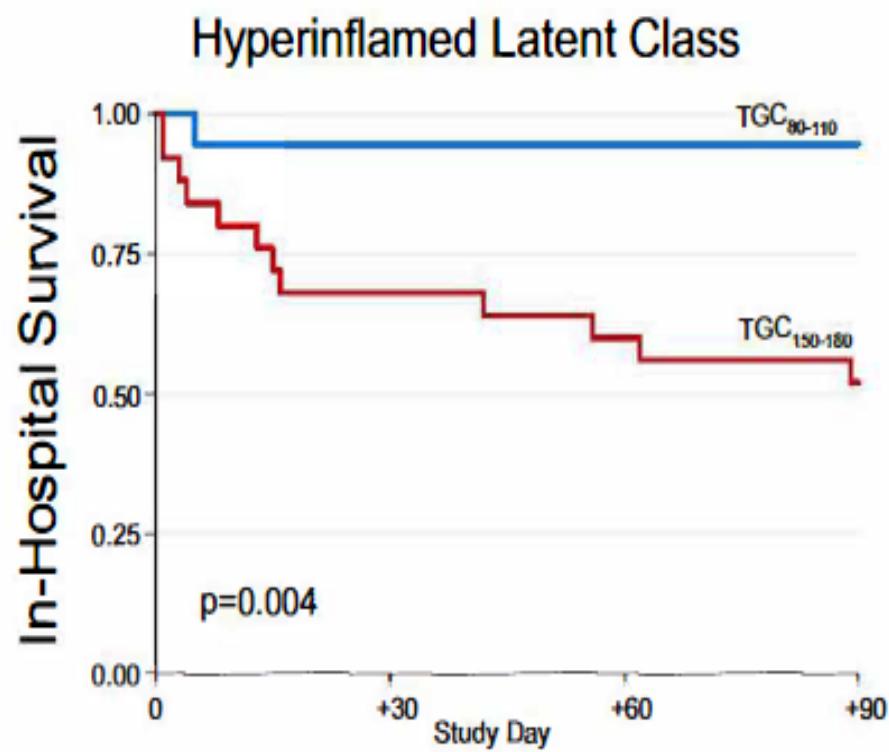
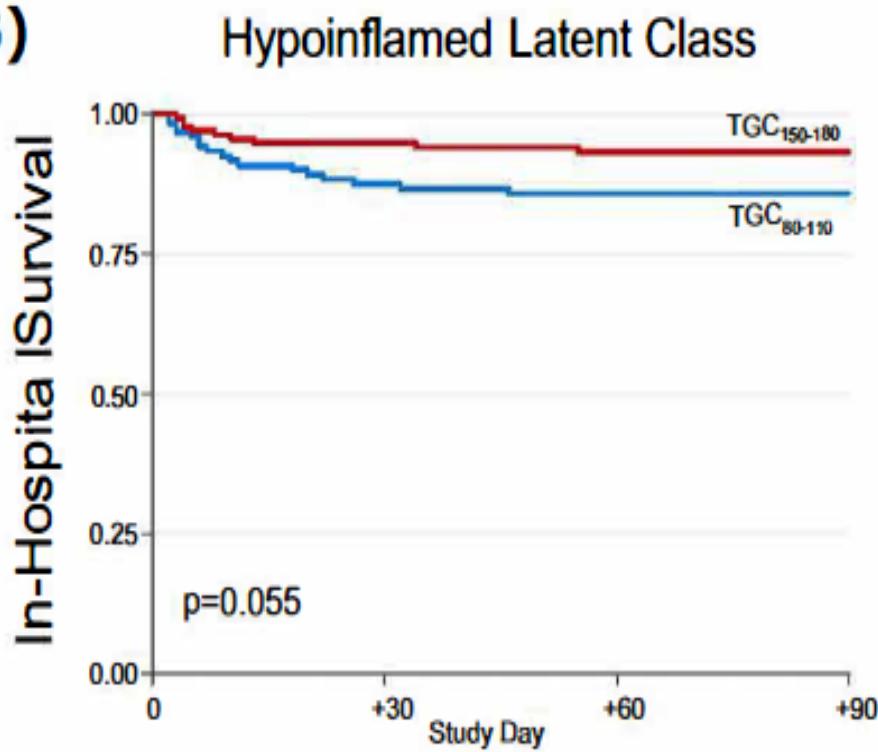
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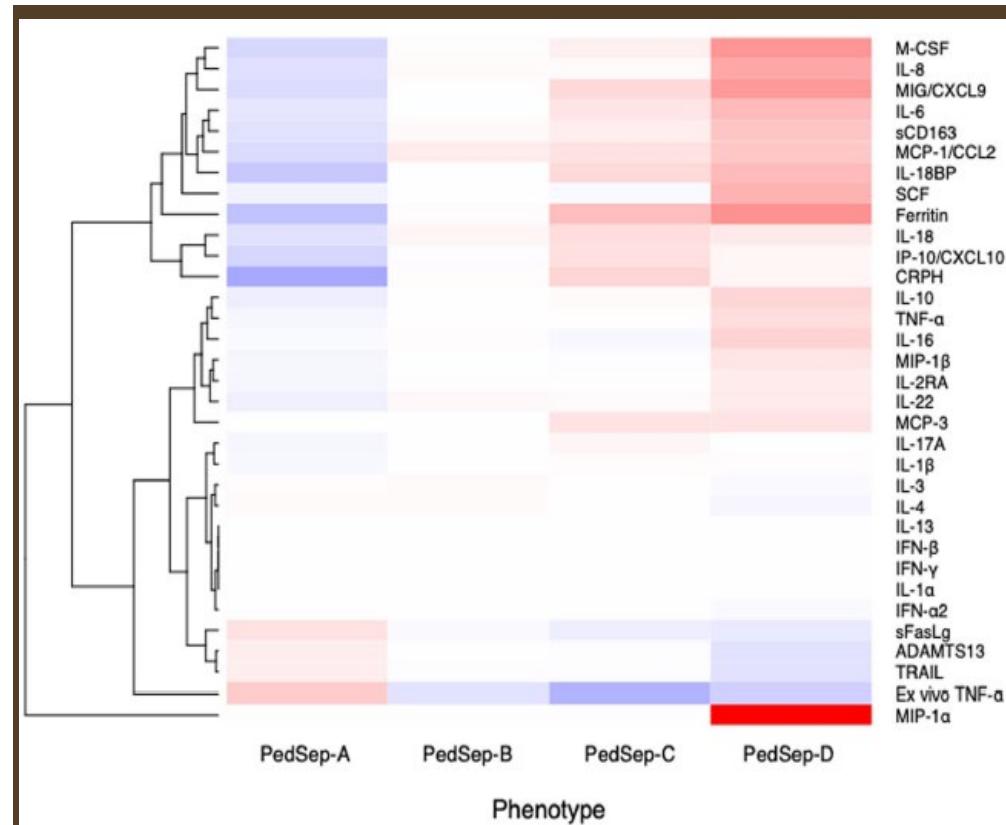
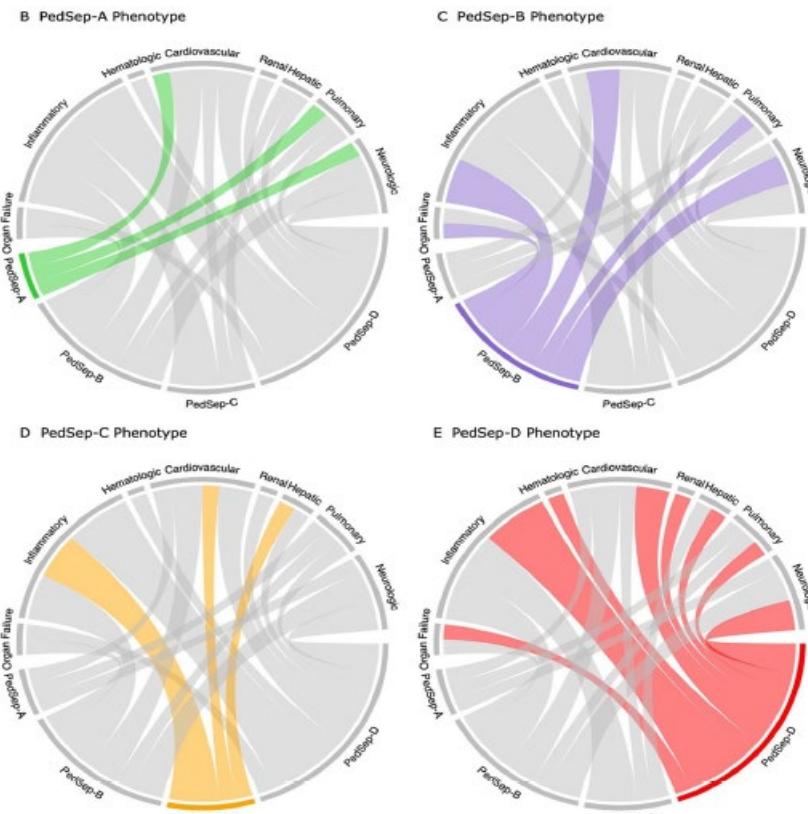
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# Machine learning derivation of four computable 24-h pediatric sepsis phenotypes to facilitate enrollment in early personalized anti-inflammatory clinical trials

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# Sepsis biomarkers and diagnostic tools with a focus on machine learning

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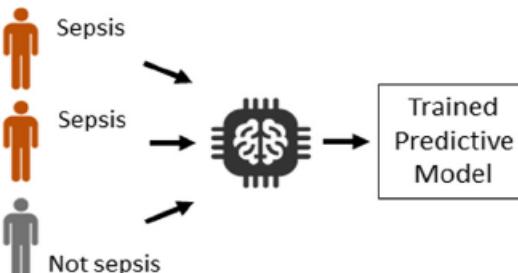
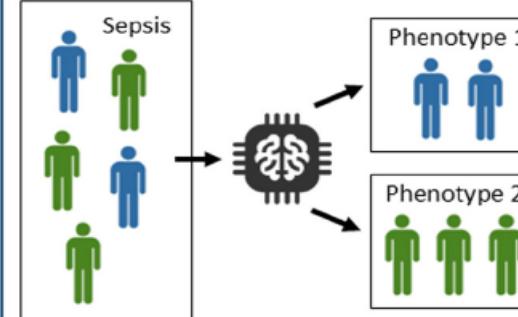
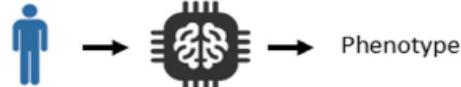
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|                          | Supervised learning   | Unsupervised learning  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Objective                | Learn the mapping between input data and labels   | Learn the data structure or identify homogeneous subgroups   |
| Model training           |   |   |
| Model use                |    |    |
| Examples of algorithms   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Logistic regression</li><li>• Gradient boosting</li><li>• Deep neural network</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K-means clustering</li><li>• Latent class analysis</li><li>• Dimensionality reduction</li></ul>                          |
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*Round Table Conference*  
***"ICU populations: from syndromes to phenotypes"***

**Brussels, March 21-24, 2023**

**Emphasizing the need to move towards personalized (and even precision) medicine**

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**THE  
END IS  
NEAR**



We want  
**EBM !**



## Clinical trials

# We must encourage clinical trials

To improve management of future patients

To benefit the patients participating in the clinical trial

Through the Hawthorne effect

Through an overall improvement

of the quality of care



# CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE ICU

- Syndromes vs specific disease
- Heterogeneous populations
- Rapidly changing physiology
- Treatments include multiple interventions



This has not been shown  
to reduce mortality

**Do not be negative !**

# The major problems with RCTs targeting mortality in heterogeneous populations

Targeting mortality



Other primary end-point  
than mortality

Organ function

In heterogeneous  
patient populations



Better defined  
population

Specific phenotype



# **Sepsis trials – some interventions**

Corticosteroids

Non-steroid anti-inflammatory agents (ibuprofen)

Anti-TNF (antibodies, receptors)

Anti-IL-1 (IL-1ra)

Anti-TLR4

Bradykinin inhibitors

Interferon

Anti-PAF

Nitric oxide inhibitors

Antioxidants (N-acetylcysteine)

Anti-endotoxin (antibodies, purification)

Alkaline phosphatase

Statins

Activated protein C/Thrombomodulin

TFPI / antithrombin

Levocarnitine

Thymosin alfa 1

Epirubicin

Anti-histones

Traditional Chinese medicines (e.g. Xuebijing)

Vitamins

# CLINICAL TRIALS

What is the aim?

Improve gas exchange

Measure

Gas exchange

Increase arterial pressure

Arterial pressure

Correct hypovitaminosis

Vitamin levels

Decrease inflammation

Inflammatory markers

Decrease endotoxin levels

Endotoxin levels

Antagonize adrenomedullin

Adrenomedullin levels

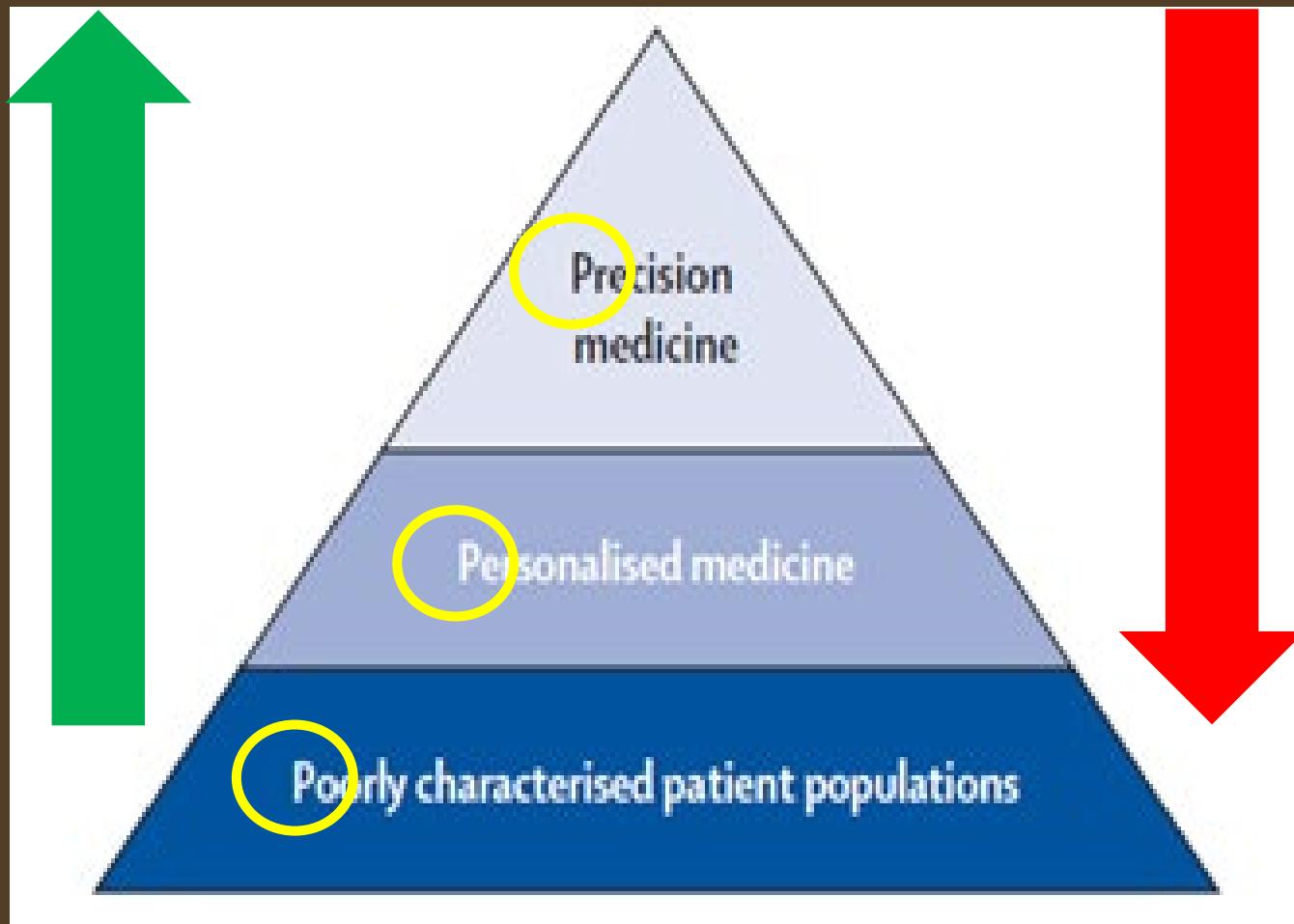
Correct endotheliopathy

Coagulation markers  
Microcirculatory variables

**FUTURE**  
**JUST AHEAD**

**BETTER PATIENT IDENTIFICATION**

# The 3 P letters of critical care medicine



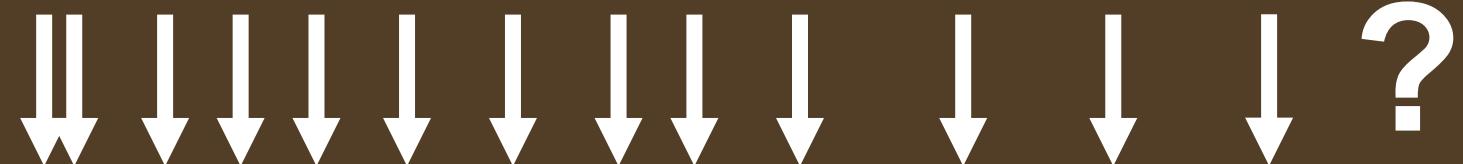
# CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE ICU

STOP



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

We have enrolled  
3000 patients !  
(and our study is negative)



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027

TIME

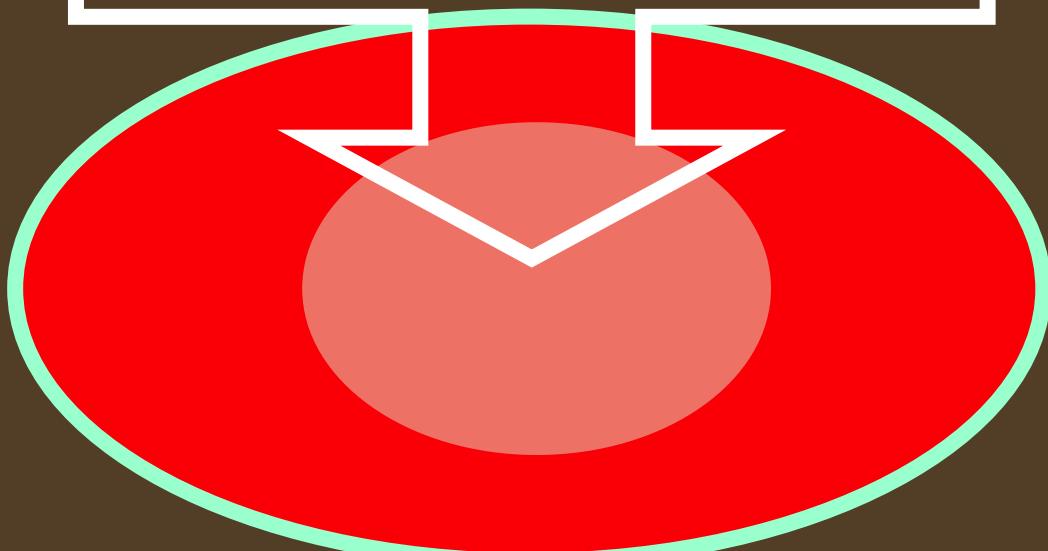
*We cannot be too selective....*

# ENROLLMENT IN CLINICAL TRIALS ON NEW SEPSIS THERAPIES

**NARROW CRITERIA**  
(homogeneity)

**Slow enrollment**  
(limited number meeting the criteria)  
**Suboptimal enrollment**  
(missed opportunities)  
**Limited applicability**  
(marketing)

**WIDE CRITERIA**  
(noise)



# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL HELP



# THE FUTURE EVIDENCE

RCT on well selected patient populations  
targeting not only mortality

+

Big data



# *INDIVIDUALIZE therapy*



# The evolution of 'sepsis' trials

## The past

### Preclinical studies

Limited data on previously healthy animals made septic (e.g. CLP)

Limited information on the pathophysiologic process

### Clinical studies

#### *Patient selection :*

Severe infection with some degree of organ failure

#### *Treatment dose and duration*

Arbitrarily defined

#### *Primary end-point*

28 day mortality

## The future

### Preclinical studies

Larger variety of animal studies

Better definition of the pathway of interest  
More information on the pathophysiologic process

Development of a suitable biomarker

### Clinical studies

#### *Patient selection :*

Based on the pathophysiologic process (ideally guided by a biomarker)

Infection may not be required

#### *Treatment dose and duration*

Individualized

(ideally guided by the biomarker)

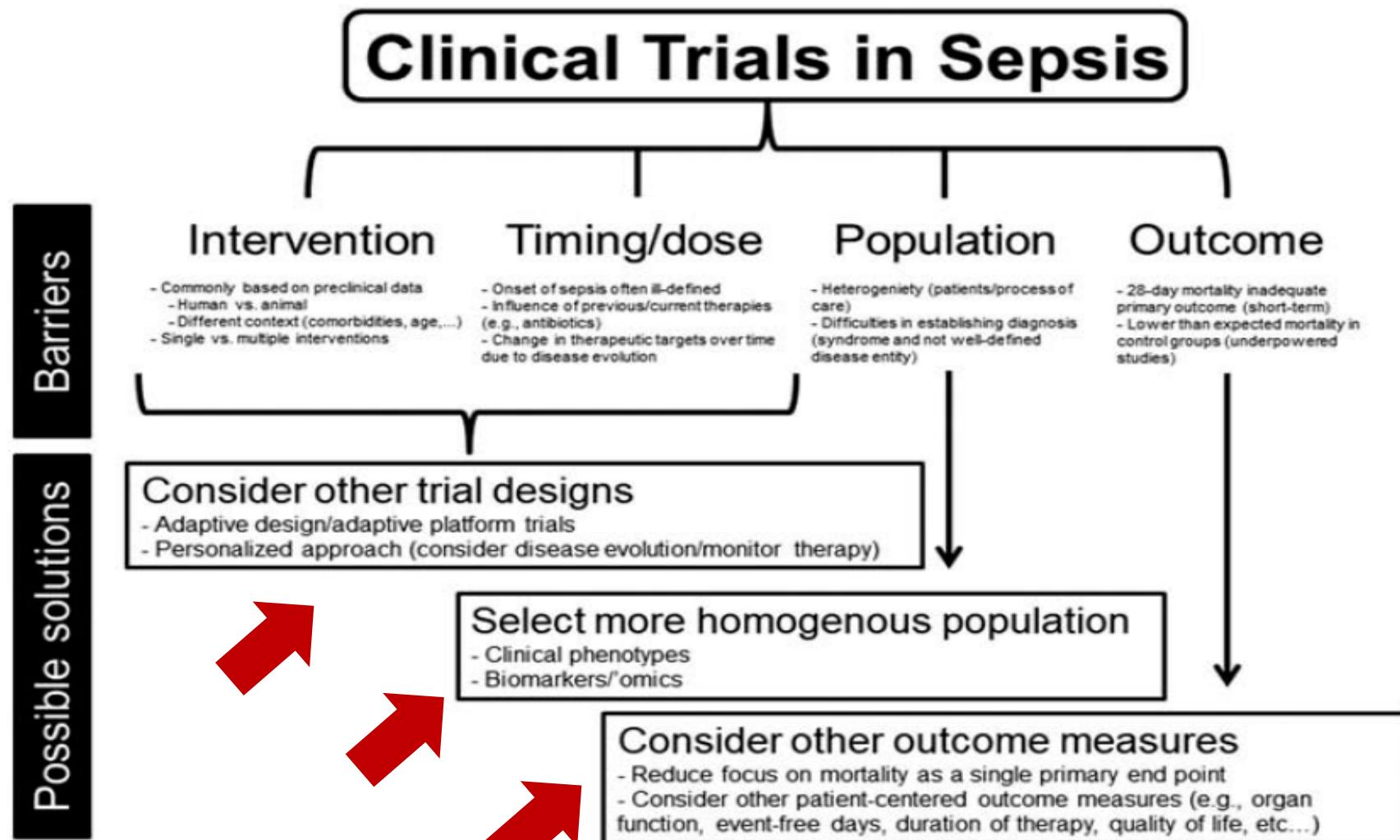
#### *Primary end-point*

Morbidity (and mortality)



## Clinical trial design for unmet clinical needs: a spotlight on sepsis

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# THANK YOU !



