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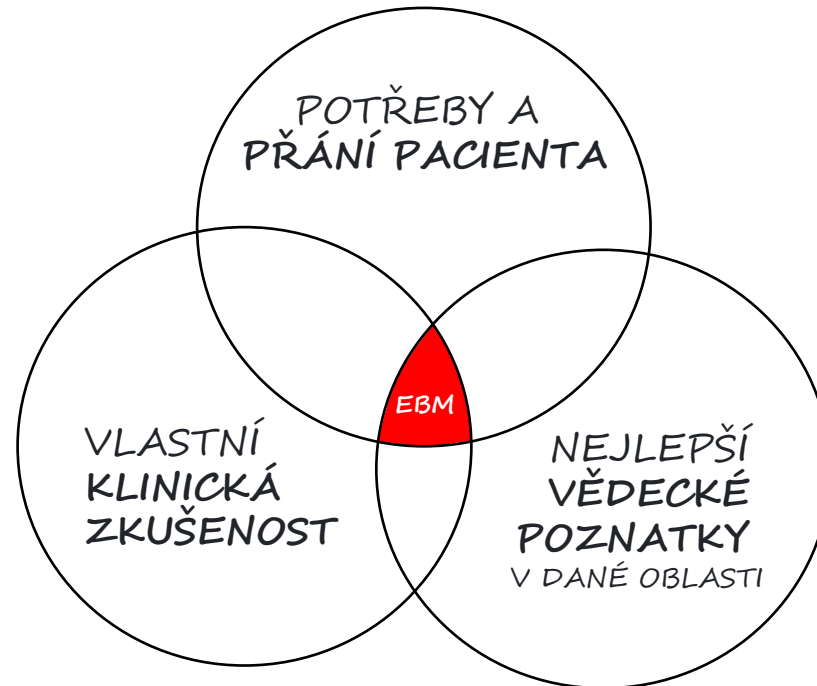
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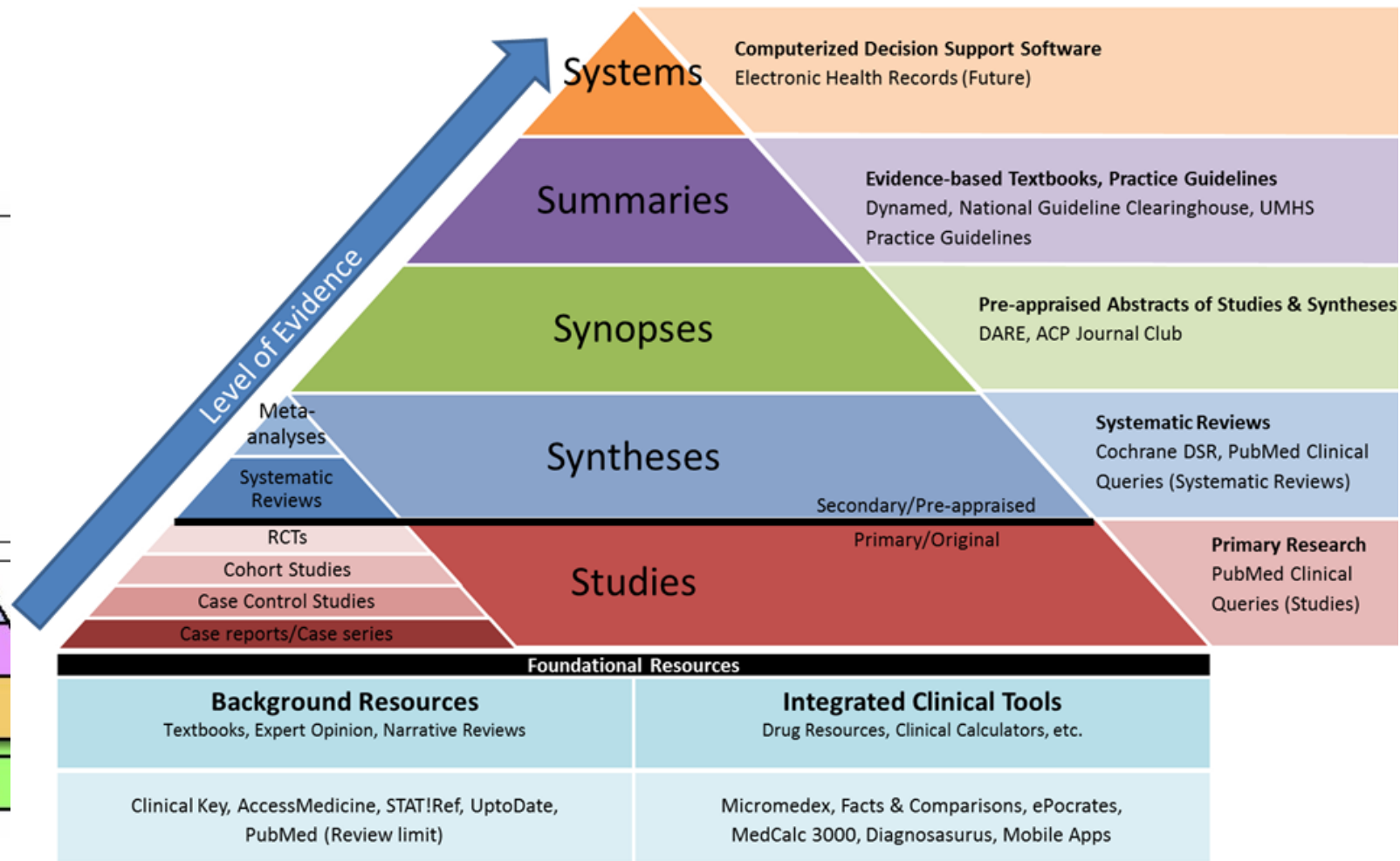
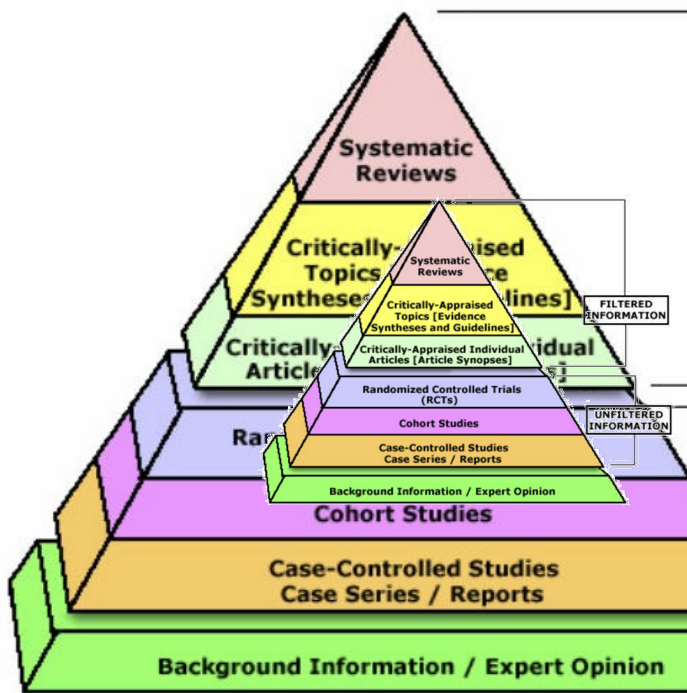
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# Evidence-based medicine

**Evidence-based medicine** (EBM, medicína založená na důkazech) je „vědomé, zřetelné a soudné používání nejlepších současných důkazů při rozhodování o péči o jednotlivé pacienty“.<sup>[1]</sup>





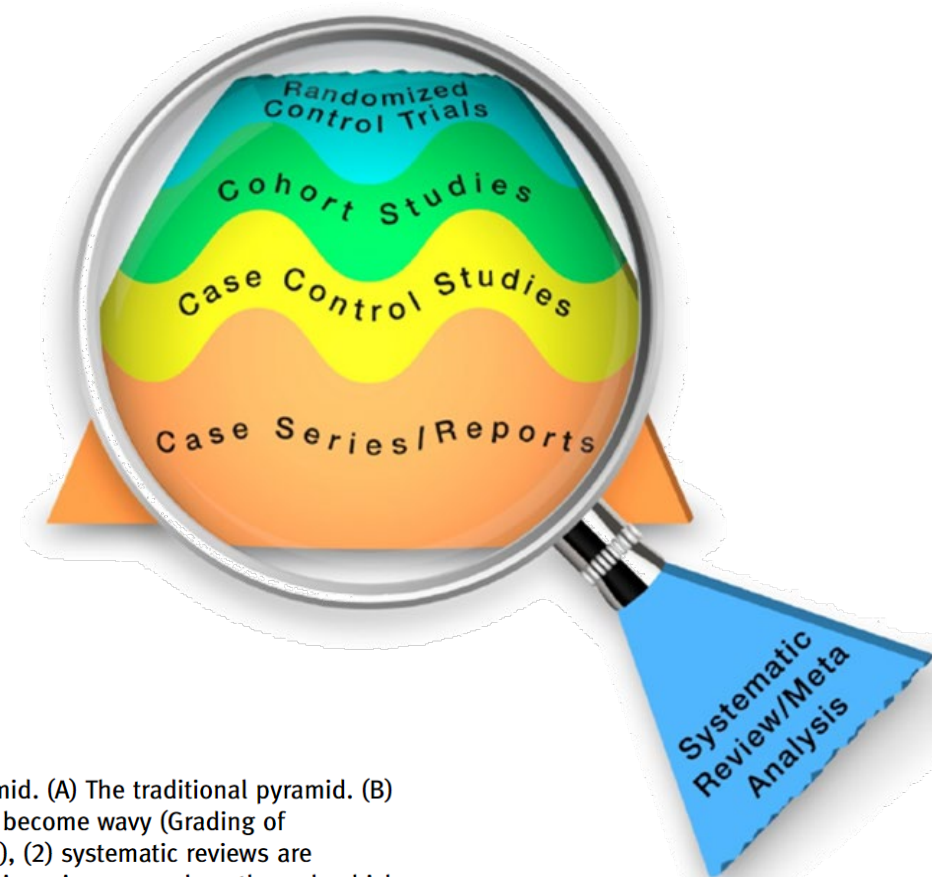
### The traditional pyramid



### Revising the pyramid



### The revised pyramid



### New evidence pyramid

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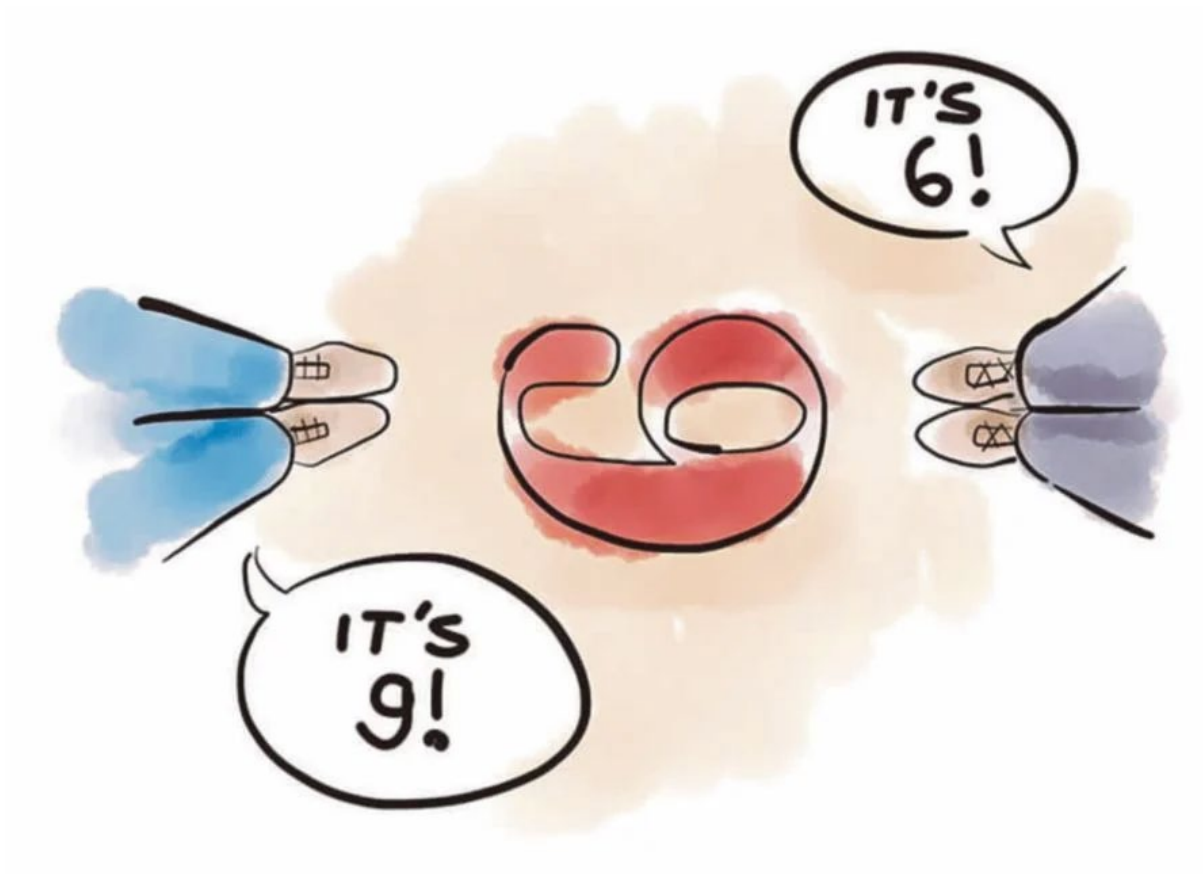
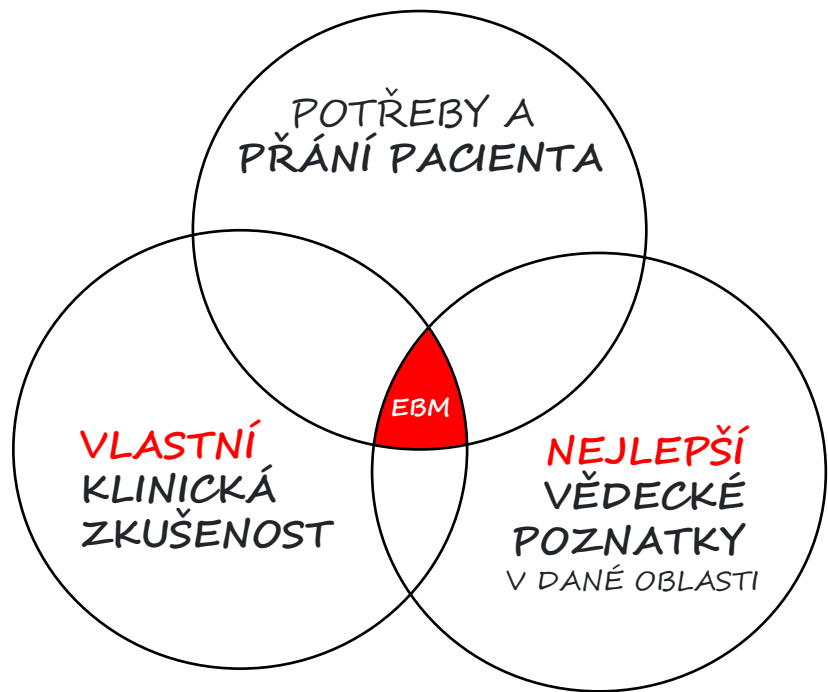
**Figure 1** The proposed new evidence-based medicine pyramid. (A) The traditional pyramid. (B) Revising the pyramid: (1) lines separating the study designs become wavy (Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation), (2) systematic reviews are 'chopped off' the pyramid. (C) The revised pyramid: systematic reviews are a lens through which evidence is viewed (applied).





EBM je nejlepší možný přístup,  
který máme v současné době k dispozici!

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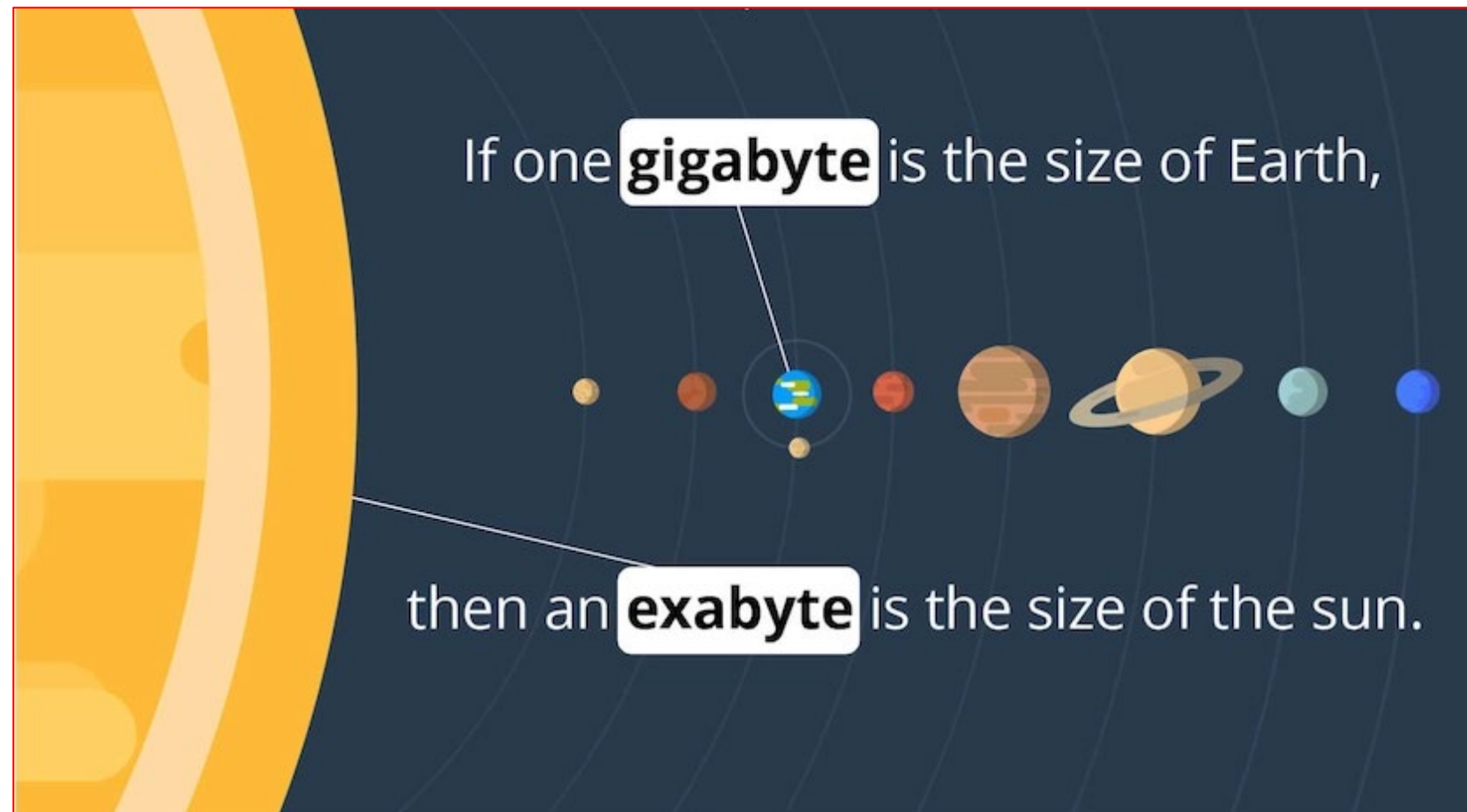


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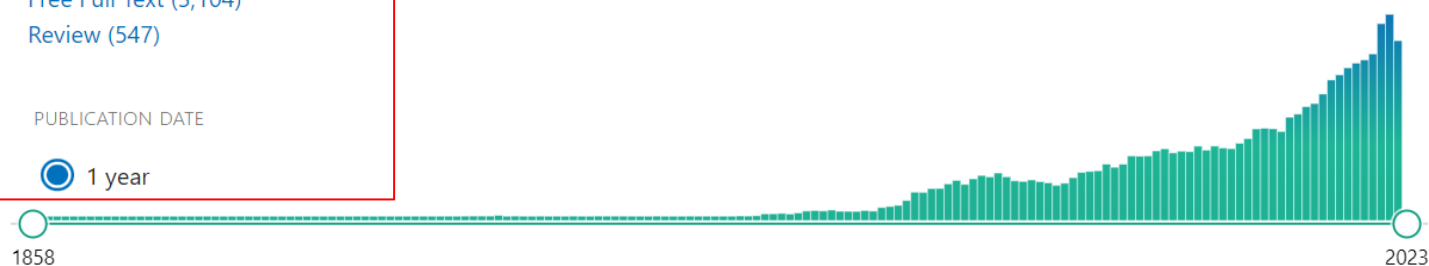
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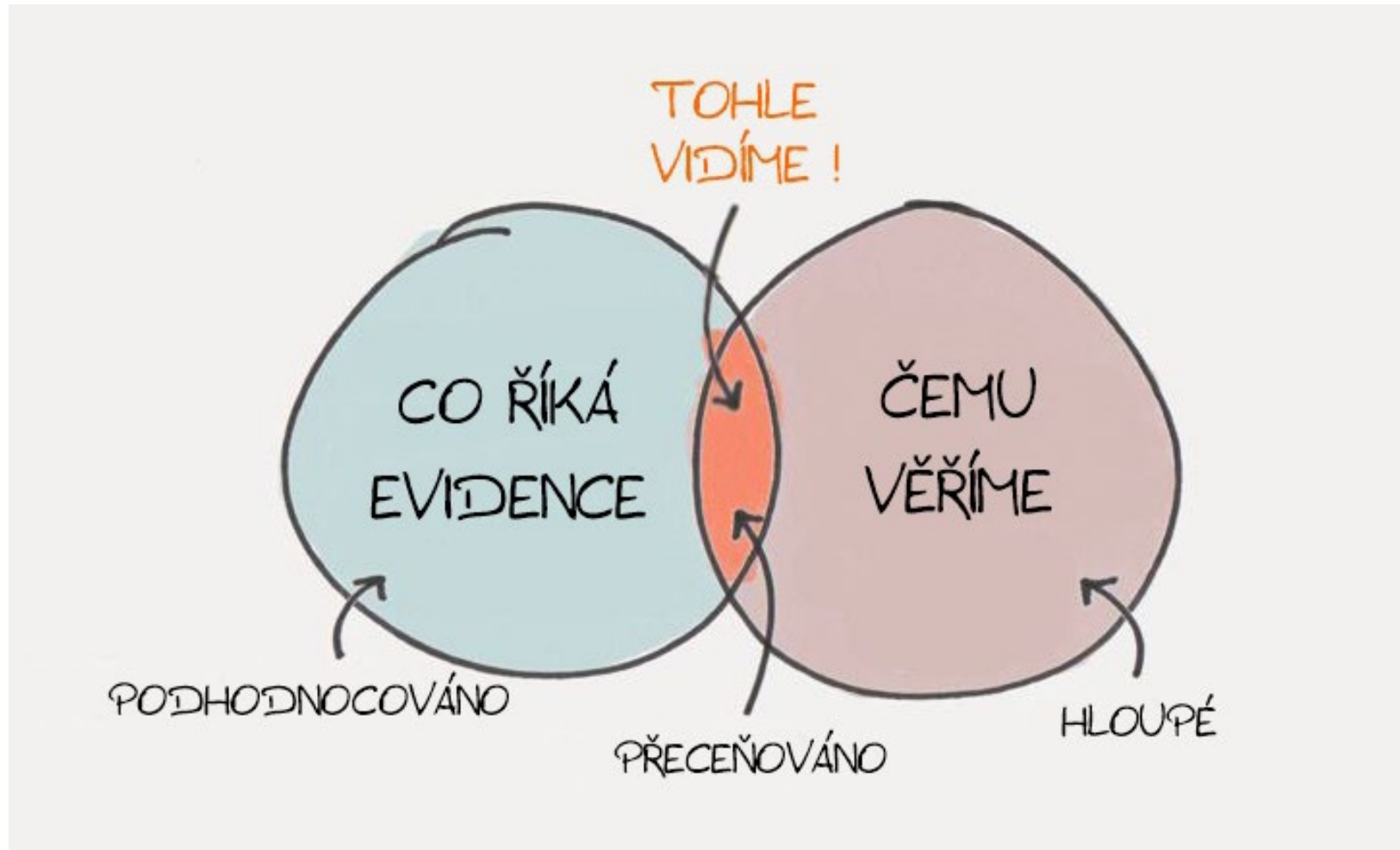
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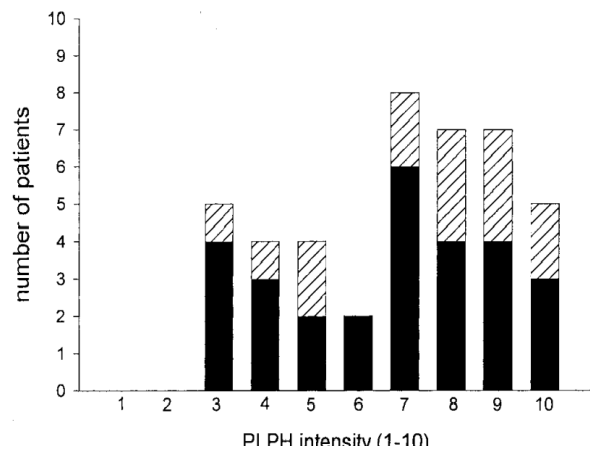


Figure 2. Intensity of the post-lumbar puncture headaches (PLPH). The complaints of the patients (mainly headache) were graded from 0 (no complaints) to 10 (major complaints). The mean value of the intensity of complaints ( $\pm$ SD) of the patients with the “traumatic needle” was  $6.4 \pm 2.3$  ( $n = 28$ ); it was  $7.5 \pm 2.2$  for the patients with the “atraumatic needle” ( $n = 14$ ), i.e., not significantly different. ■ = “traumatic needle”; ▨ = “atraumatic needle.”

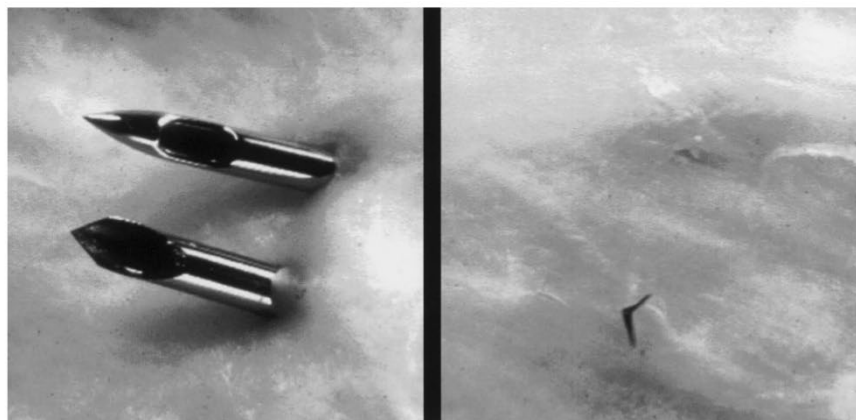
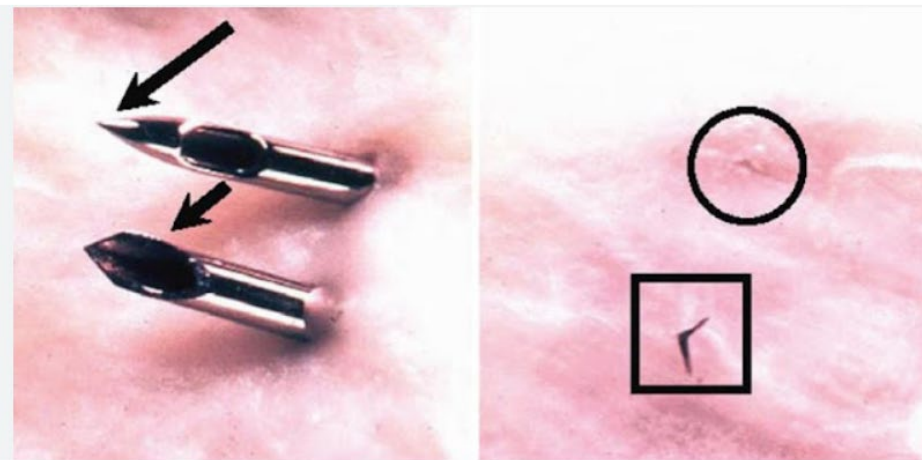


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## Multiple Sclerosis Research: It's OK to ask for an atraumatic needle

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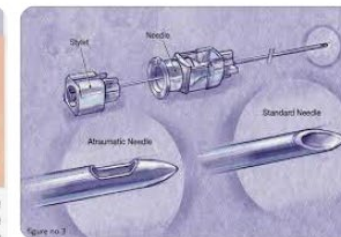
### Související obsah



Upon withdrawal, a Quincke (cutting) needle leaves a marked opening in the skin and tissue layers with resultant CSF loss. The Sprotte (atraumatic) needle by comparison displaces tissue rather than cutting it – causing minimal injury.<sup>(5)</sup> Upon withdrawal of the needle the multi-layered dura, consisting of collagen and elastic fibres, closes again.

### CLINICAL COMPARISON OF SPROTTE VS QUINCKE®

Sprotte: Evidence class 1, recommendation level A<sup>1,4,7,8</sup>



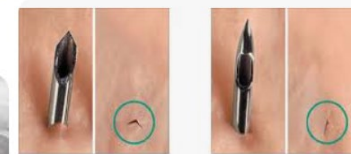
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LP was performed with either an “atraumatic” Sprotte needle<sup>5</sup> (22 Gauge, 0.80 mm, 90 mm; Pajunk, Geisingen, Germany) or a “traumatic” Quincke needle<sup>4</sup> (22 Gauge, 0.80 mm, 90 mm; Braun, Melsungen, Germany) (see figure 1) while the patient was in a sitting position. All LP were performed by experienced neurologists who were unaware of the type of needle.

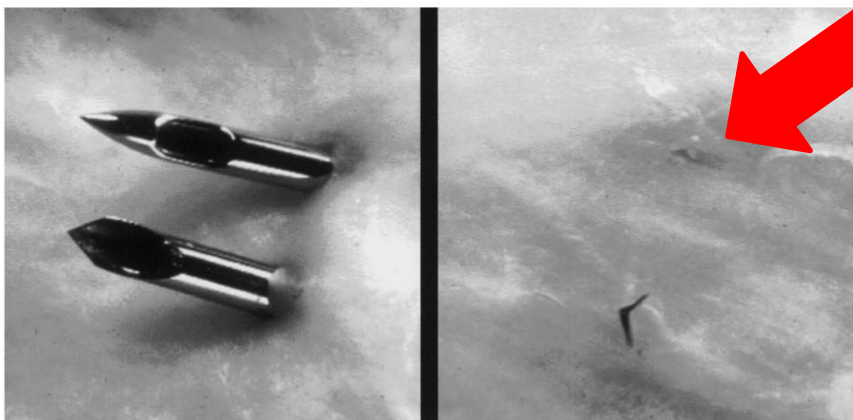


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**Table** Baseline characteristics and symptoms of patients undergoing lumbar puncture with atraumatic or standard needles

Characteristic	Needle type	
	“atraumatic,” n = 115	“traumatic,” n = 115
Age, y	39.8 (12.8)	40.7 (11.5)
Females, %	64	63
Males, %	36	37
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	23.3 (3.8)	23.3 (3.6)
Coffee consumption, cups/day		
Usually	1.6 (1.5)	1.8 (1.9)
Day of lumbar puncture	1.0 (1.2)	1.3 (1.8)
Days after lumbar puncture	1.4 (2.1)	1.6 (2.2)
Relative prevalence of migraine, %	21.3	24.6
Severity and prevalence of PLPH		
Mean	7.5 (2.2)	6.4 (2.3)
None, %	87.8	75.6
Mild, %	0.0	4.1
Moderate, %	4.9	12.2
Severe, %	7.3	8.1

Values are means ( $\pm$ SD) unless stated otherwise.

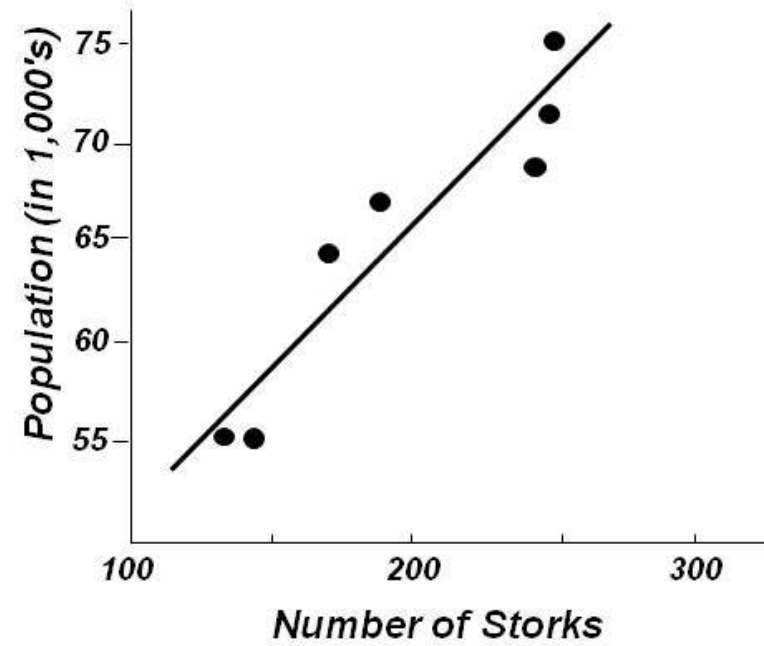
PLPH = Post-lumbar puncture headache.







**Population of Oldenburg, Germany, at Year's End  
vs. Number of Storks Observed Each Year  
(1930 – 1936)**



Source: *Statistics for Experimenters*,  
by Box, Hunter & Hunter





*Paediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology* 2004, 18, 88–92

## New evidence for the Theory of the Stork

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### Summary

Data from Berlin (Germany) show a significant correlation between the increase in the stork population around the city and the increase in deliveries outside city hospitals (out-of-hospital deliveries). However, there is no correlation between deliveries in hospital buildings (clinical deliveries) and the stork population. The decline in the number of pairs of storks in the German state of Lower Saxony between 1970 and 1985 correlated with the decrease of deliveries in that area. The nearly constant number of deliveries from 1985 to 1995 was associated with an unchanged stork population (no statistical significance). However, the relevance of the stork for the birth rate in that part of Germany remains unclear, because the number of out-of-hospital deliveries in this area is not well documented. A lack of statistical information on out-of-hospital deliveries in general is a severe handicap for further proof for the Theory of the Stork.

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The intended value (disclaimer): This article is not intended to disprove the value of serious epidemiological investigations. It is an example of how studies based on popular belief and unsubstantiated theory, seconded by low quality references and supported by coincidental statistical association could lead to apparent scientific endorsement. Insofar it is a humorous case study for education in perinatal epidemiology.

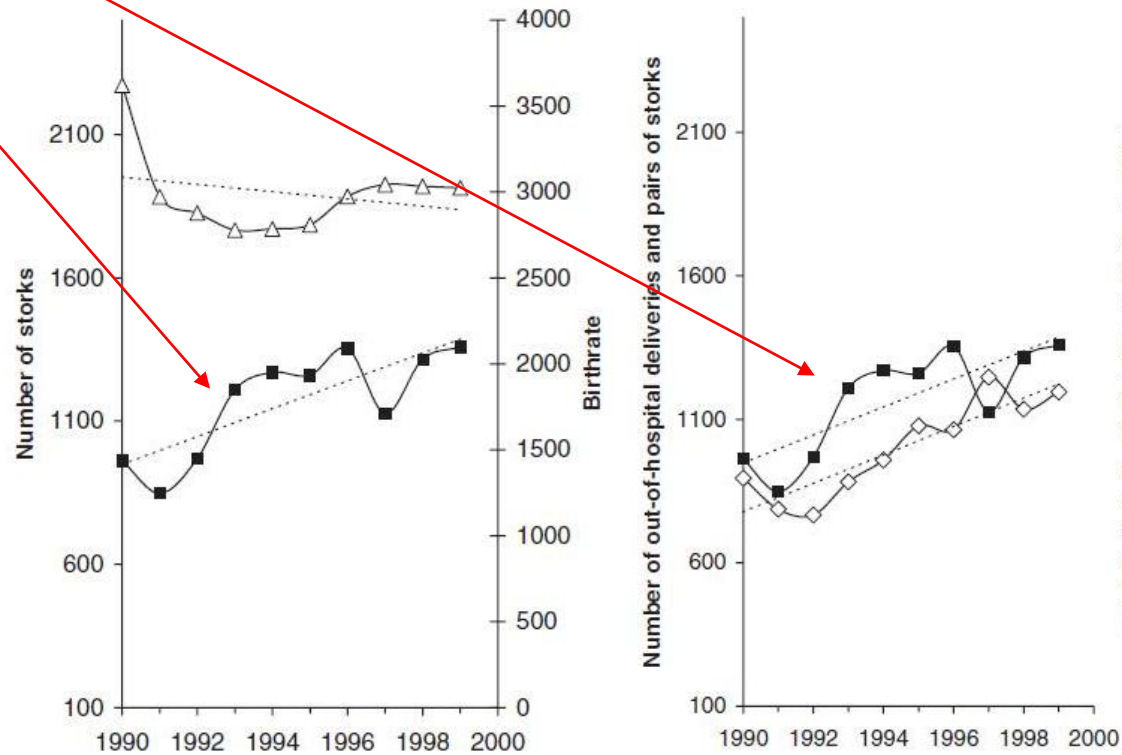
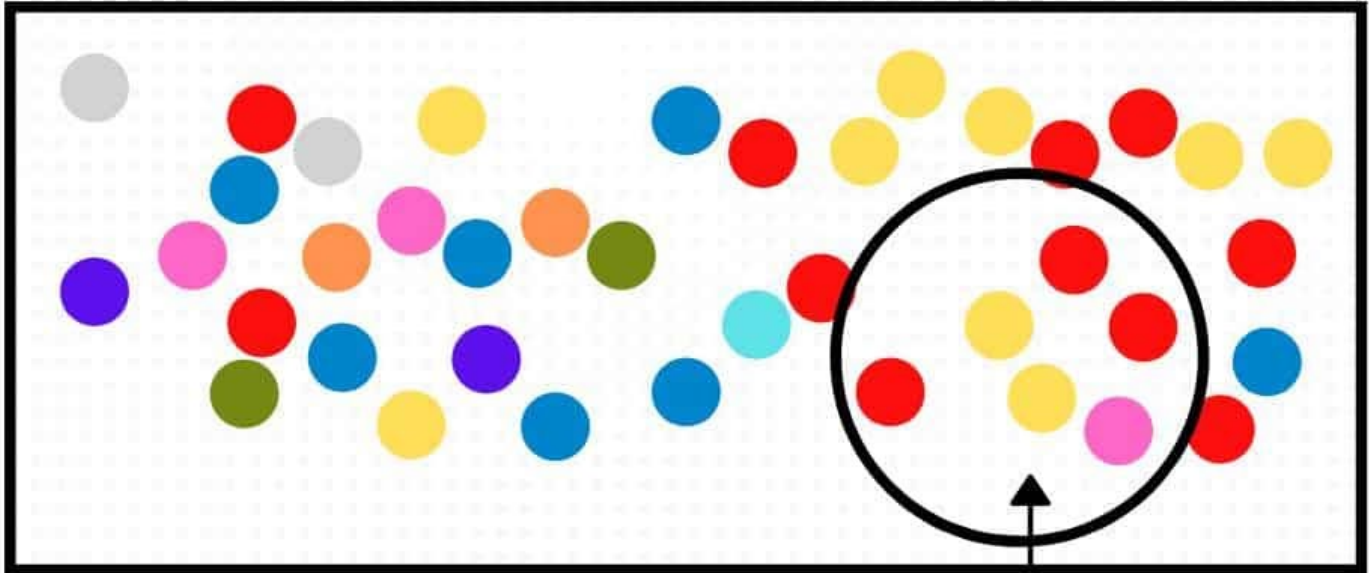


Figure 2. Storks in Brandenburg and the birthrates in Berlin, Germany (1990–99). Open triangles show number of clinical deliveries per year in Berlin. Open diamonds show number of out-of-hospital deliveries per year in Berlin. Number of pairs of storks are shown as full squares. Dotted lines represent linear regression trend ( $y = mx + b$ ). For the convenience of the readers, two figures are presented. Left graph shows clinical deliveries against pairs of storks using two scalings, right graph shows numbers of out-of-hospital deliveries and pairs of storks both on the same scale. In both figures, data are from the years 1990–2000.

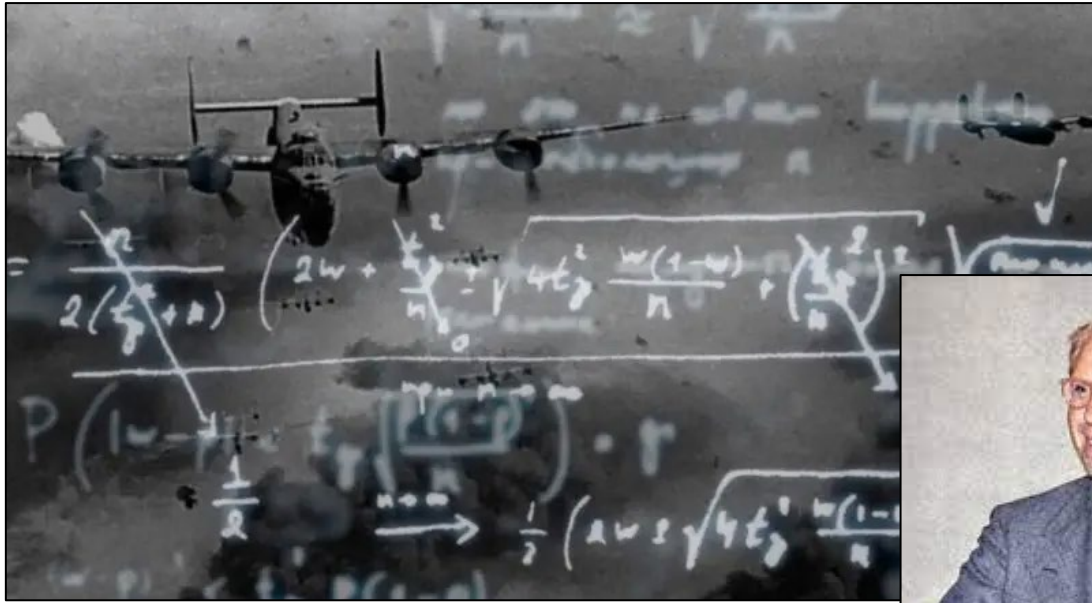
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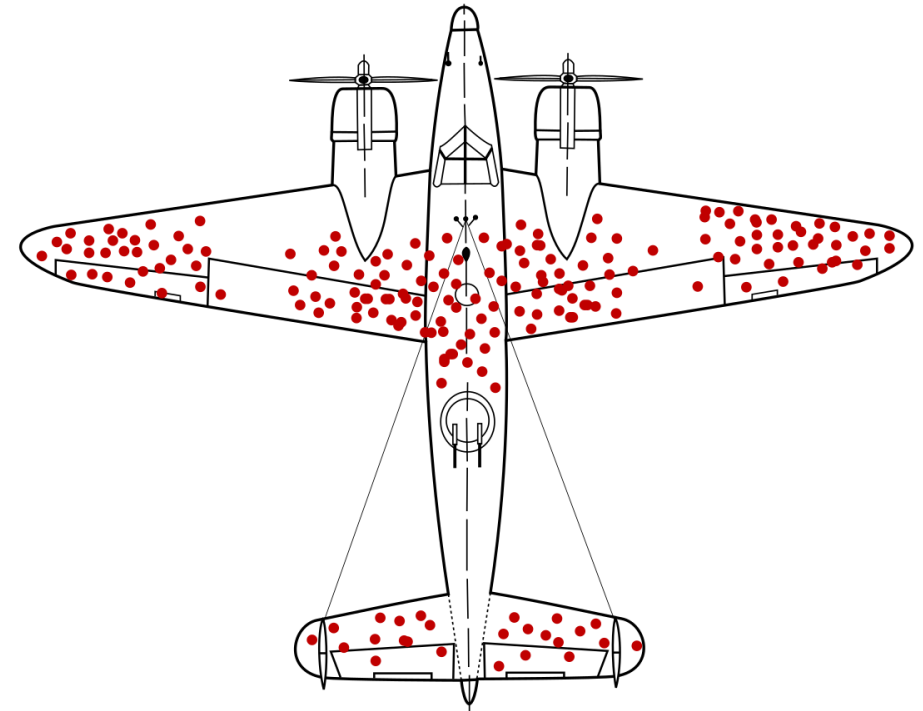
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**Abraham Wald**  
1902-1950  
*americký matematik*



## BIAS PŘEŽIVŠÍCH

- Logická chyba soustředění se na entity, které prošly výběrem, zatímco přehlídíme ty, kteří ne. To může vést k nesprávným závěrům kvůli neúplným údajům.

# $0.99\bar{9} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}x &= .9\bar{9} \\10x &= 9.9\bar{9} \\9x &= 9 \\x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

Pokud napíšeme rovnici že  $X=0,999\dots$  vynásobíme ji 10, a odečteme vlevo X a vpravo 0,9999... (X se přeče =0,999...)  
tak dostaneme že  $9X=9$ , a děleno 9 se  $X=1$   
tudíž  **$X=1=0,999\dots$**

$$\begin{aligned}1/3 &= .3\bar{3} \\3 \cdot (1/3) &= 3 \cdot (.3\bar{3}) \\1 &= .9\bar{9}\end{aligned}$$

Pokud  $1/3 = 0,333\dots$   
tak když vynásobíme 3  
dostaneme  $3/3 = 0,999\dots$   
a tudíž  **$1=0,999\dots$**

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20	30
15	15
9	6
6	0
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## Boldt's retraction count upped to 94, co-author takes legal action to prevent 95th

with 2 comments

We've found two recent retractions and an expression of concern for Joachim Boldt, former prominent anesthesiologist and currently [Retraction Watch leaderboard's](#) 2nd place titleholder. He now has 94 retractions.



One of the retracted articles contains falsified data, along with a researcher who didn't agree to be a co-author, according to an investigation by the Justus Liebig University Giessen, where Boldt used to work. The expression of concern is regarding some questionable data. The other new retraction is actually one of 88 papers that a group of editors agreed to retract back in 2011, after they were "[unable to verify](#)" approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for the studies.

One of those 88 papers, we've discovered, has still has not been retracted. According to an editor at the journal, they haven't removed it because one of Boldt's co-authors has threatened them with legal action. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)



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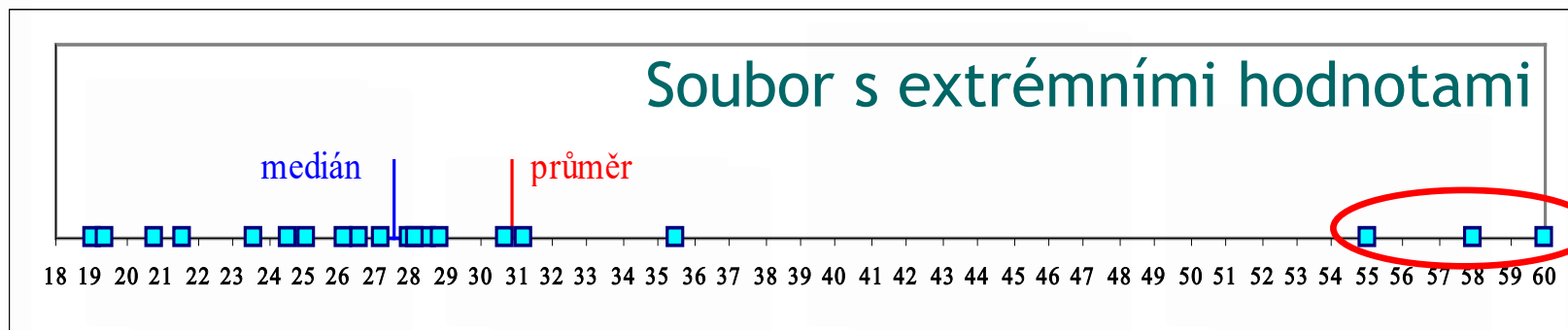
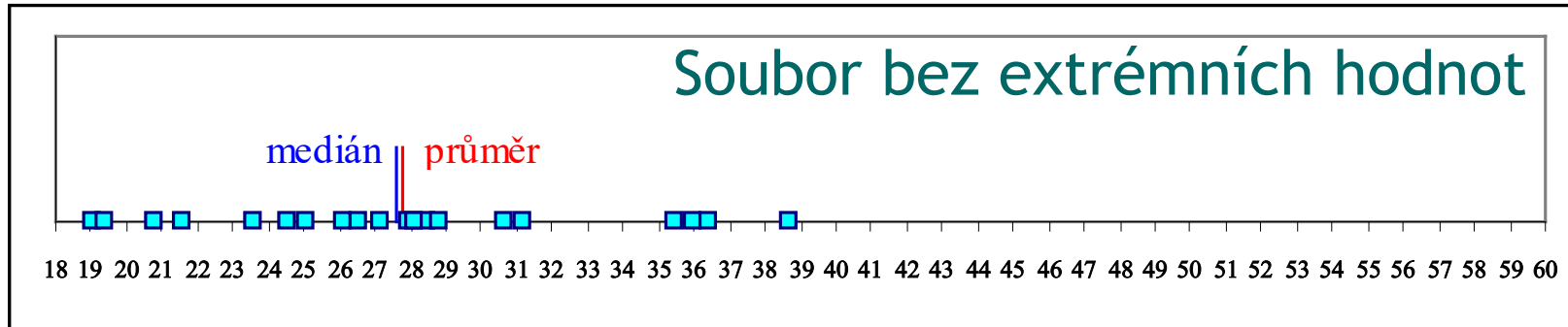
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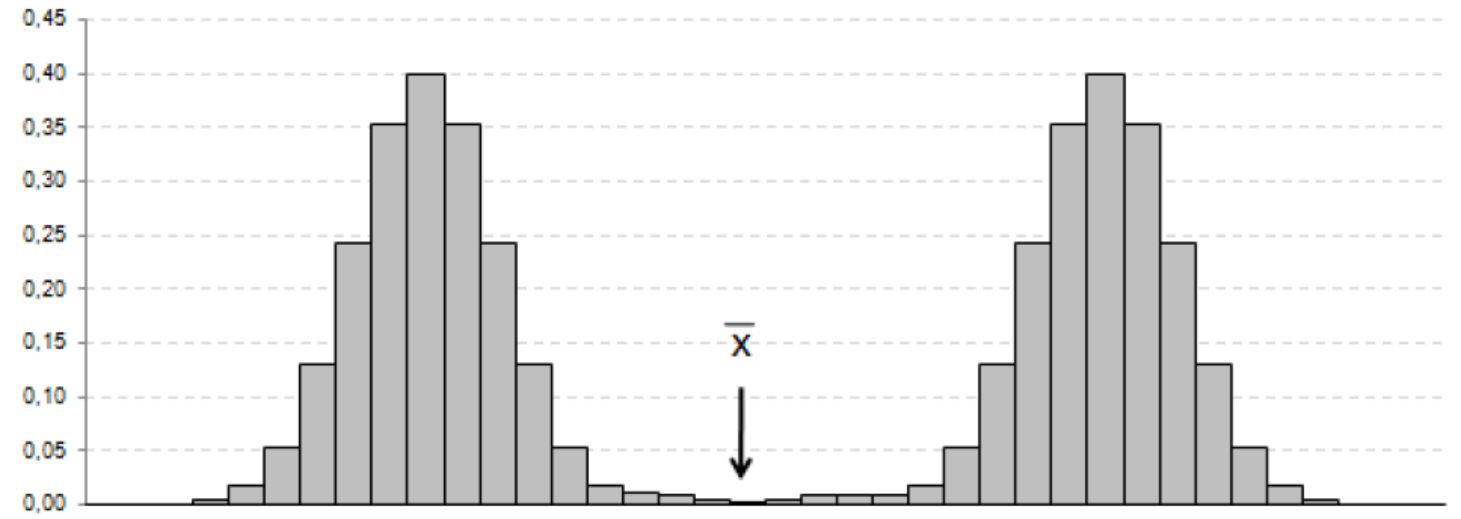
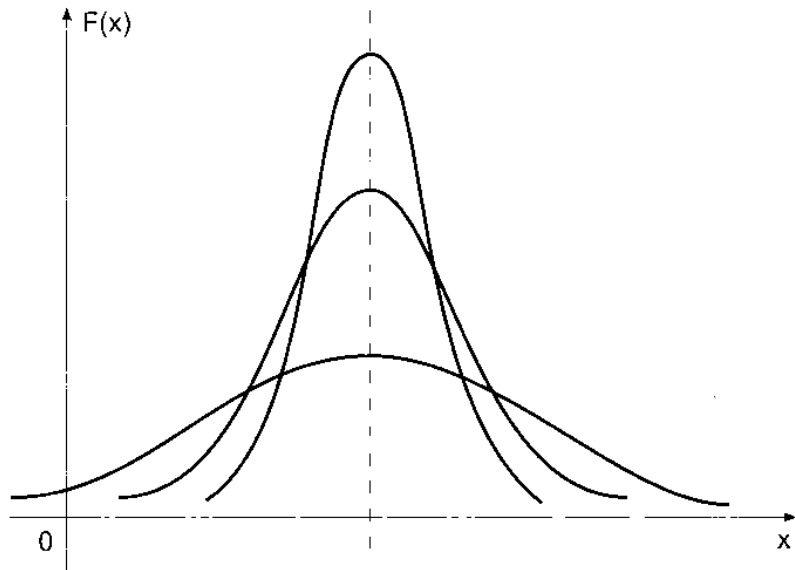
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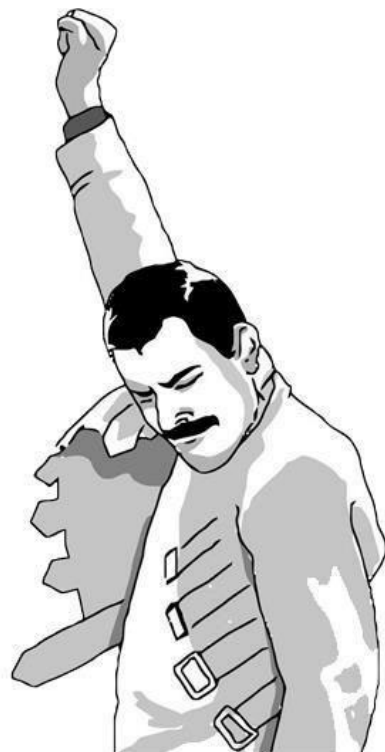
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Emeritus Professor of Mathematics,  
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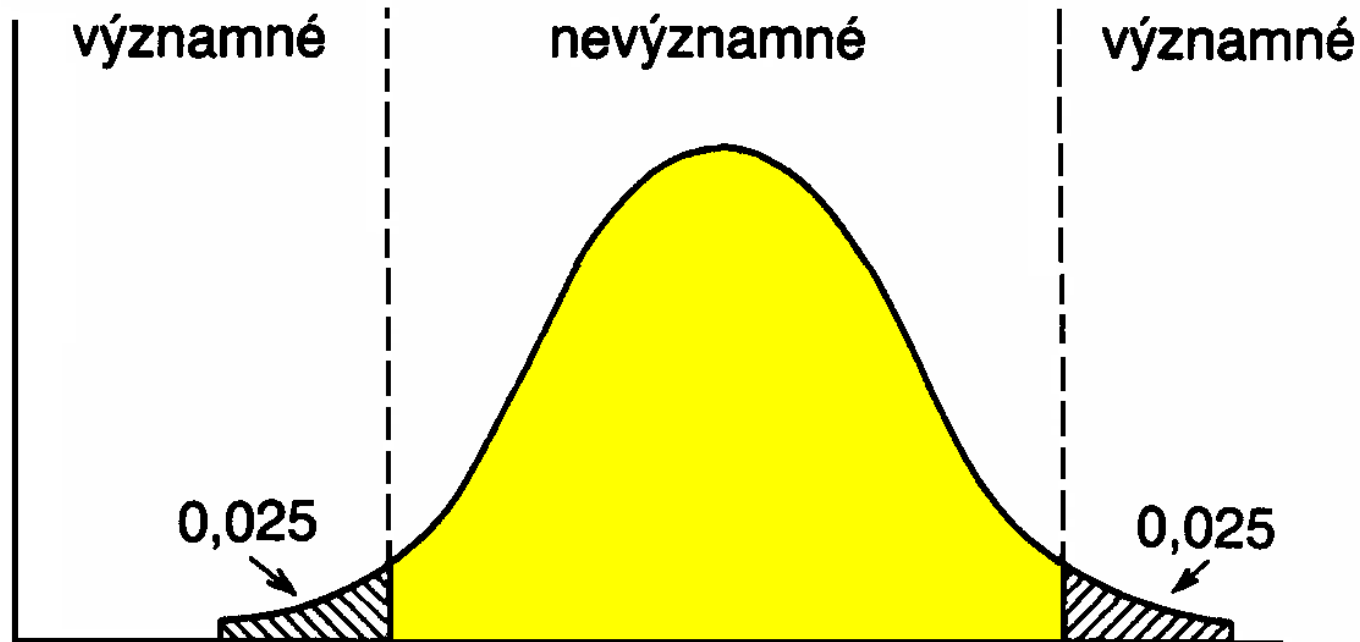
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$p < 0.05$



Hodnota **p** říká, jestli rozdíly mezi skupinami jsou větší než by bylo možné očekávat v důsledku náhodné variability.

**$P < 0.05$**  zjednodušeně znamená, že akceptujeme 5% riziko chyby, že výsledek je pouze náhodný.



**Ronald Aylmer Fisher**  
1890 – 1962

...zavedl v roce 1925  
do statistiky hodnotu  
 $\alpha = 0.05$

**CAVE:** neexistuje žádný vědecký důvod, proč volit právě tuto hodnotu, jde pouze o konvenci!

**$P=0.049$  vs.  $P=0.051$**

# Na čem závisí hodnota $p$

1. na velikosti výběru (s rostoucím  $n$  klesá)
2. na velikosti odchylky skutečné hodnoty parametru od hodnoty předpokládaného hypotézou (čím dále, tím je menší)
3. na variabilitě uvnitř výběrů (menší variabilita = menší  $P$ )



# Sample Size Calculator

Determines the minimum number of subjects for adequate study power

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## Study Group Design

**Two independent study groups** (Two icons)
  **One study group vs. population** (One icon vs. group of icons)

Two study groups will each receive different treatments.

## Primary Endpoint

**Dichotomous (yes/no)** (Pie chart icon)
  **Continuous (means)** (Bar chart icon)

The endpoint is **binomial** - only two possible outcomes. Eg, mortality (dead/not dead), pregnant (pregnant/not)

## Anticipated Incidence

Group 1  %  
 Group 2  %  %  
 Incidence   
 Enrollment ratio

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## RESULTS

### Dichotomous Endpoint, Two Independent Sample Study

Sample Size	
Group 1	6270
Group 2	6270
<b>Total</b>	<b>12540</b>

Study Parameters	
Incidence, group 1	3.4%
Incidence, group 2	2.55%
Alpha	0.05
Beta	0.2
Power	0.8

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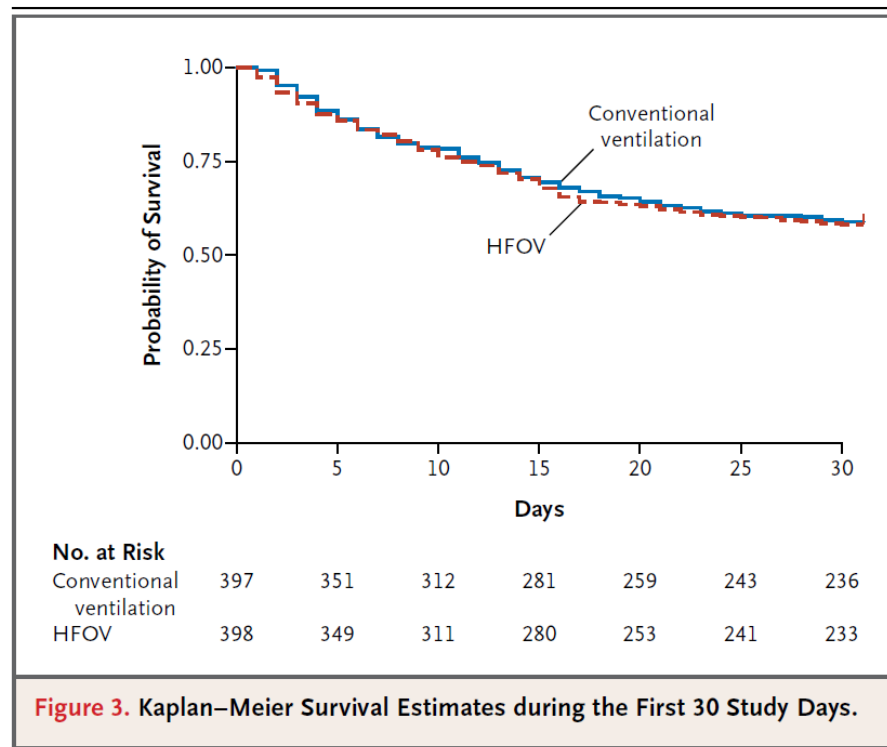


Figure 3. Kaplan–Meier Survival Estimates during the First 30 Study Days.

## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

Patients with the acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) require mechanical ventilation to maintain arterial oxygenation, but this treatment may produce secondary lung injury. High-frequency oscillatory ventilation (HFOV) may reduce this secondary damage.

**METHODS**

In a multicenter study, we randomly assigned adults requiring mechanical ventilation for ARDS to undergo either HFOV with a Novalung R100 ventilator (Metran) or usual ventilatory care. All the patients had a ratio of the partial pressure of arterial oxygen ( $P_{aO_2}$ ) to the fraction of inspired oxygen ( $F_{iO_2}$ ) of 200 mm Hg (26.7 kPa) or less and an expected duration of ventilation of at least 2 days. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality 30 days after randomization.

**RESULTS**

There was no significant between-group difference in the primary outcome, which occurred in 166 of 398 patients (41.7%) in the HFOV group and 163 of 397 patients (41.1%) in the conventional-ventilation group ( $P=0.85$  by the chi-square test). After adjustment for study center, sex, score on the Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II, and the initial  $P_{aO_2}:F_{iO_2}$  ratio, the odds ratio for survival in the conventional-ventilation group was 1.03 (95% confidence interval, 0.75 to 1.40;  $P=0.87$  by logistic regression).

**CONCLUSIONS**

The use of HFOV had no significant effect on 30-day mortality in patients undergoing mechanical ventilation for ARDS. (Funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme; OSCAR Current Controlled Trials number, ISRCTN10416500.)

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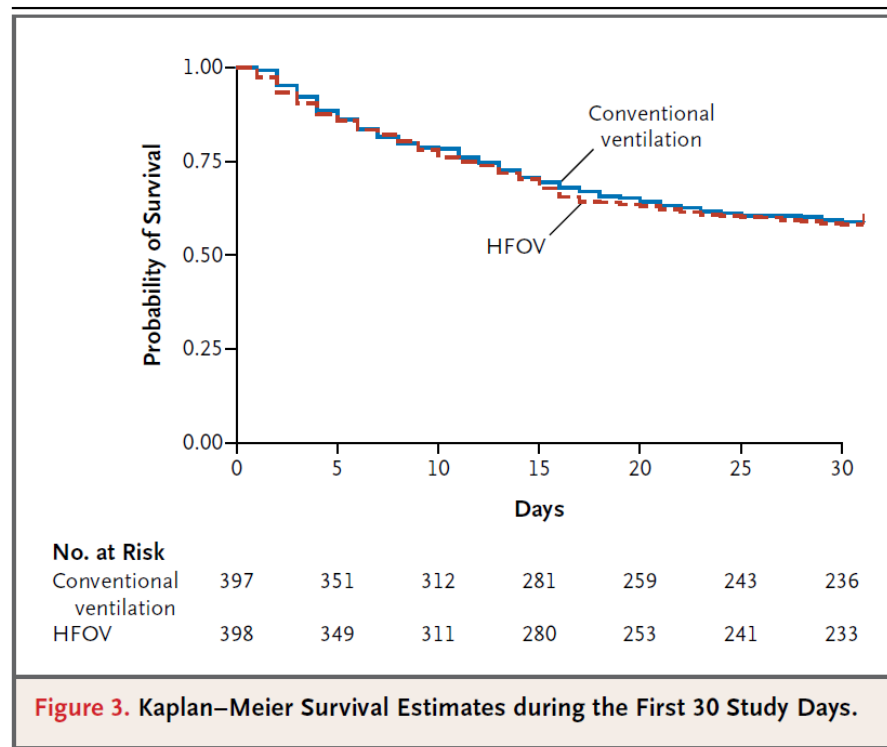


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### METHODS

In a multicenter study, we randomly assigned adults requiring mechanical ventilation for ARDS to undergo either HFOV with a Novalung R100 ventilator (Metran) or usual ventilatory care. All the patients had a ratio of the partial pressure of arterial oxygen ( $\text{PaO}_2$ ) to the fraction of inspired oxygen ( $\text{FiO}_2$ ) of 200 mm Hg (26.7 kPa) or less and an expected duration of ventilation of at least 2 days. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality 30 days after randomization.

### RESULTS

There was no significant between-group difference in the primary outcome, which occurred in 166 of 398 patients (41.7%) in the HFOV group and 163 of 397 patients (41.1%) in the conventional-ventilation group ( $P=0.85$  by the chi-square test). After adjustment for study center, sex, score on the Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II, and the initial  $\text{PaO}_2\text{:FiO}_2$  ratio, the odds ratio for survival in the conventional-ventilation group was 1.03 (95% confidence interval, 0.75 to 1.40;  $P=0.87$  by logistic regression).

### CONCLUSIONS

The use of HFOV had no significant effect on 30-day mortality in patients undergoing mechanical ventilation for ARDS. (Funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment Programme; OSCAR Current Controlled Trials number, ISRCTN10416500.)



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#### Study Design

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[Appendix](#), available at [www.nejm.org](http://www.nejm.org).

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## PRAC recommends suspending marketing authorisations for infusion solutions containing hydroxyethyl-starch

The European Medicines Agency's Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) has concluded following a review of the available evidence that the benefits of infusion solutions containing hydroxyethyl-starch (HES) no longer outweigh their risks and therefore recommended the marketing authorisations for these medicines be suspended.

Infusion solutions containing HES are medicines mainly used to replace lost blood volume in hypovolaemia (low blood volume caused by dehydration or blood loss) and hypovolaemic shock (steep fall in blood pressure caused by drop in blood volume). They are used in critically ill patients including patients with sepsis (bacterial infection of the blood) or burn or trauma injuries who are undergoing surgery.

The review of infusion solutions containing HES was triggered by the German Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM), following three recent studies comparing HES with other products used for volume replacement called crystalloids in patients with severe sepsis treated with HES. The studies showed that patients with severe sepsis treated with HES had a greater risk of kidney injury requiring dialysis. Two of the studies<sup>1,2</sup> also showed that in patients with severe sepsis there was a greater risk of mortality. The PRAC was therefore requested to assess the available evidence and how it impacts on the risk-benefit balance of HES infusion solutions in patients with hypovolaemia and hypovolaemic shock.

The PRAC assessed data from the scientific literature and the data submitted by the manufacturer. The PRAC was of the opinion that, based on the available evidence, crystalloids, patients treated with HES were at a greater risk of kidney injury and a greater risk of mortality. The PRAC also considered that the available data did not justify the benefit of HES in hypovolaemia, which did not justify its use considering the risks. The PRAC therefore concluded that the marketing authorisations for these medicines should be suspended.

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## Hydroxyethyl-starch solutions (HES) no longer to be used in patients with sepsis or burn injuries or in critically ill patients

HES will be available in restricted patient populations

On 23 October 2013, the Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralised Procedures – Human (CMDh)\*, endorsed by majority the recommendations of the European Medicines Agency's Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC), which concluded that HES solutions must no longer be used to treat patients with sepsis (bacterial infection in the blood) or burn injuries or critically ill patients because of an increased risk of kidney injury and mortality.

HES solutions may continue to be used in patients to treat hypovolaemia (low blood volume) caused by acute (sudden) blood loss, where treatment with alternative infusions solutions known as 'crystalloids' alone are not considered to be sufficient. In order to minimise potential risks in these patients, HES solutions should not be used for more than 24 hours and patients' kidney function should be monitored after HES administration. In addition to updating the product information, further studies should be carried out on the use of these medicines in elective surgery and trauma patients.

The review of HES solutions was carried out by the PRAC following the publication of studies showing an increased risk of mortality in patients with sepsis<sup>1,2</sup> and an increased risk of kidney injury requiring dialysis in critically ill patients<sup>1,2,3</sup> following treatment with HES solutions.

As the CMDh position was adopted by majority vote, it was sent to the European Commission, which endorsed it and, on 19 December 2013, adopted a final legally binding decision valid throughout the European Union (EU).

### Information for patients

- Because of the risk of kidney injury and mortality, HES solutions must no longer be used in patients with sepsis (bacterial infection in the blood) or burn injuries or critically ill patients.
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\* The CMDh is a medicines regulatory body representing the European Union (EU) Member States



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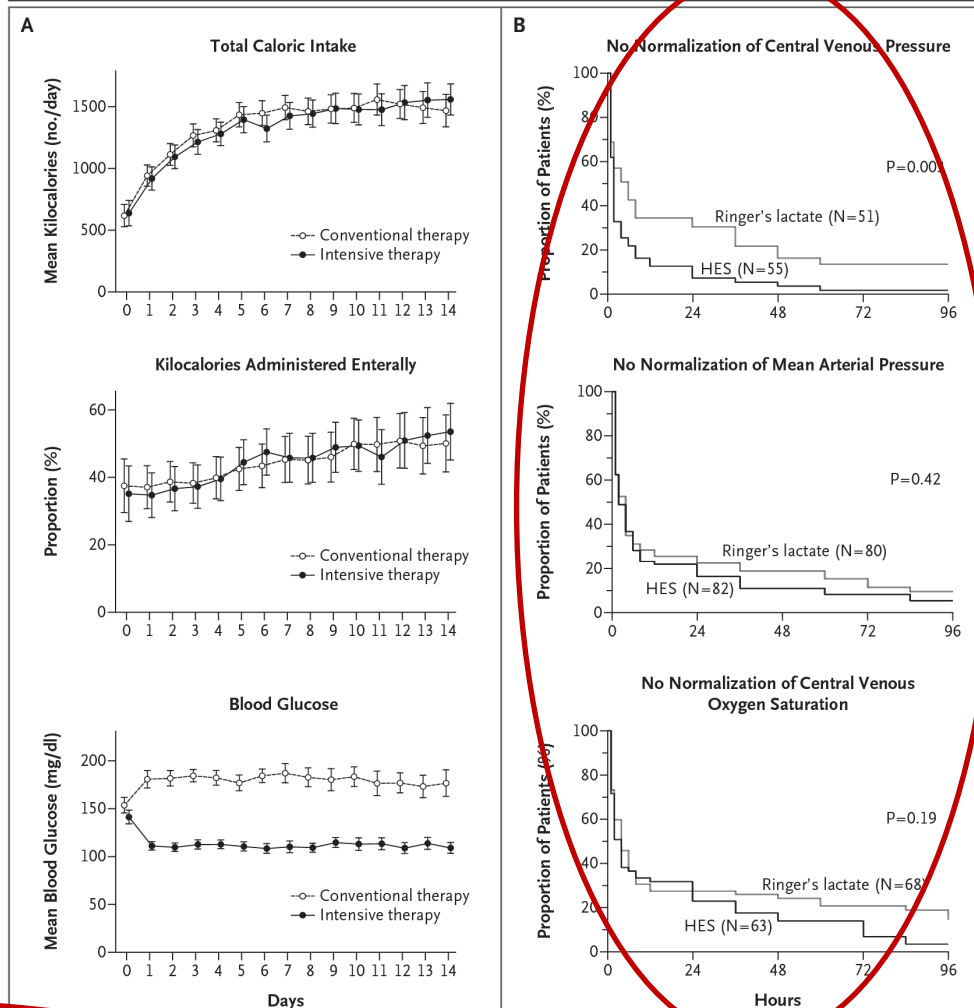
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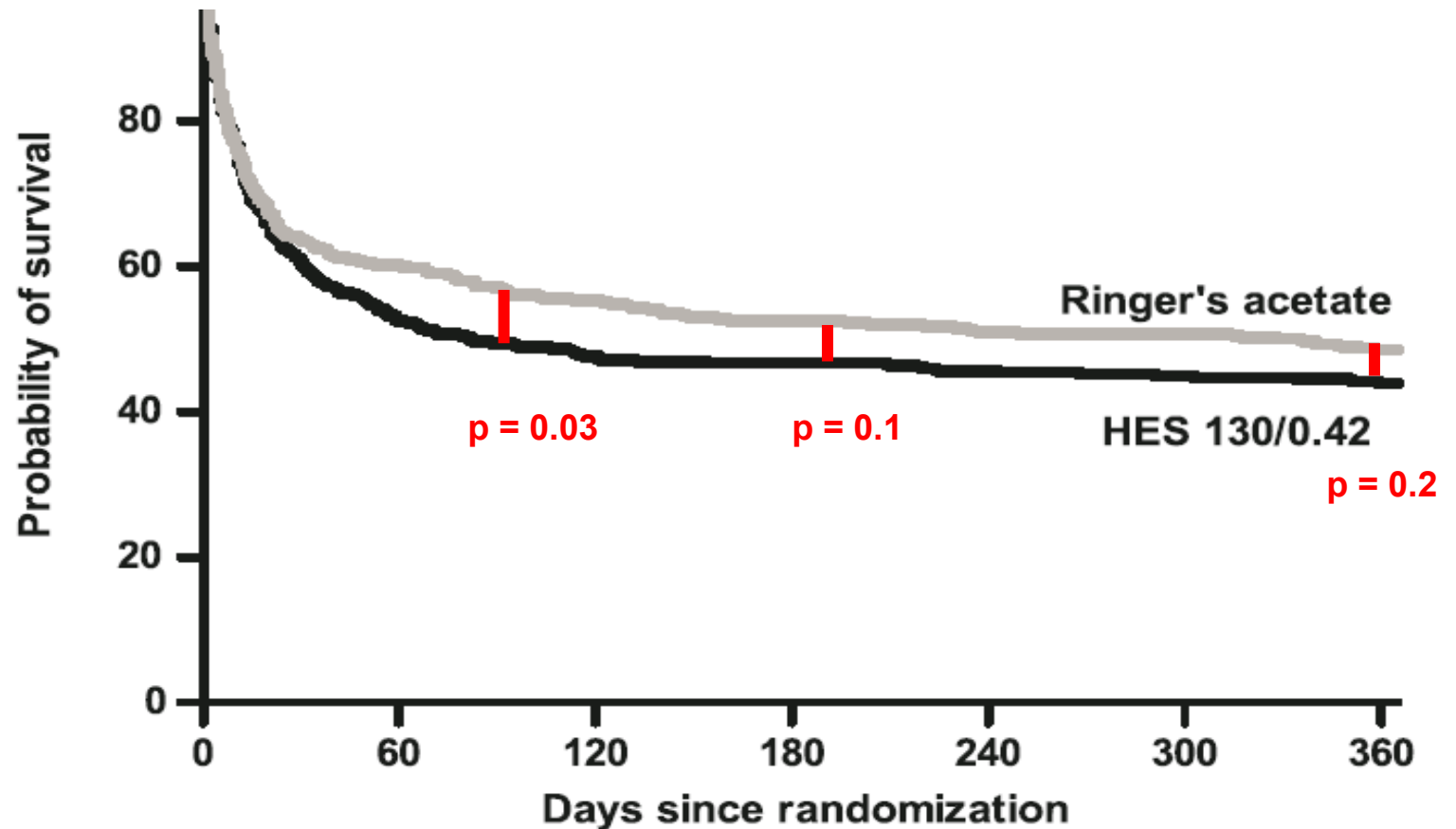
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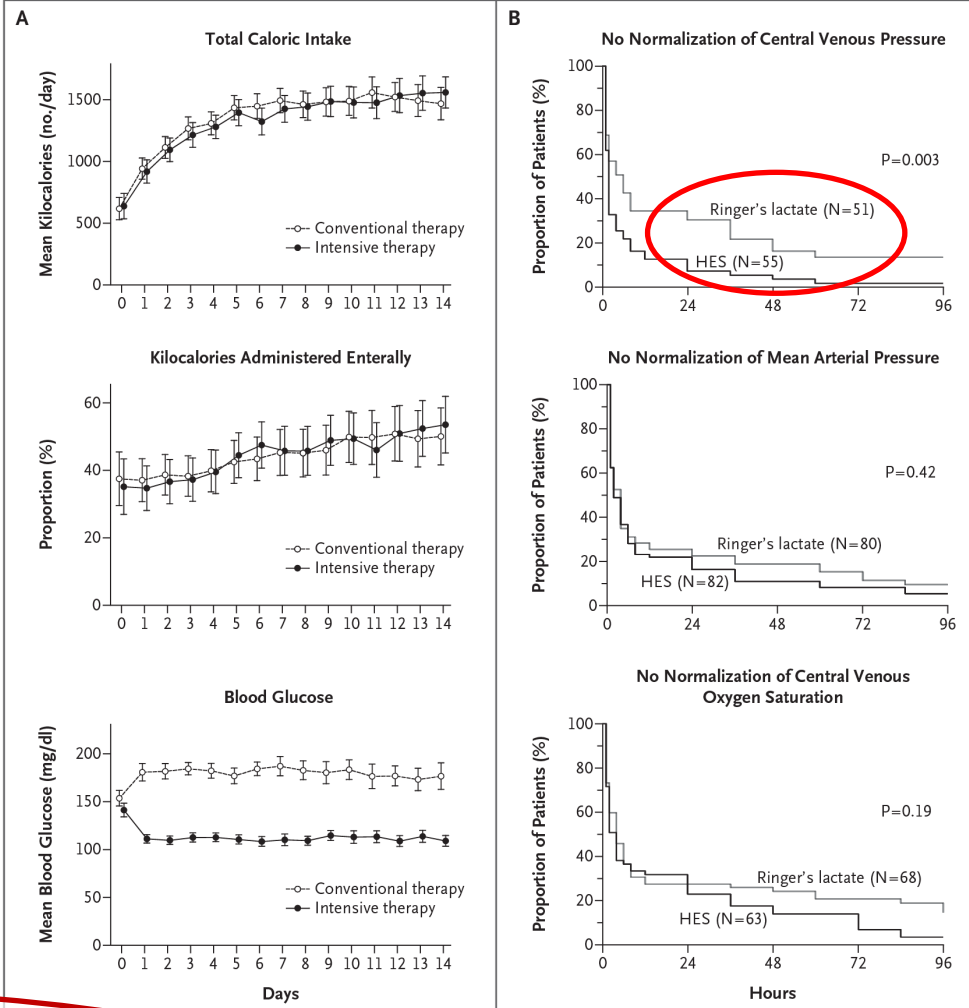
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### Nutrition and Blood Glucose Control

Data regarding nutritional intake and blood glucose levels are shown in Figure 1 and in Table 4 of the Supplementary Appendix. In the intensive-therapy group, 243 of 247 patients (98.4%) received insulin on at least one study day for glucose values above the target range (>110 mg per deciliter), whereas only 215 of 290 patients (74.1%) in the conventional-therapy group needed insulin because glucose values were outside the target range (>200 mg per deciliter) ( $P<0.001$ ). During the study period, mean morning blood glucose levels were lower in the intensive-therapy group (mean, 112 mg per deciliter [6.2 mmol per liter]; 95% CI, 110 to 114 [6.1 to 6.3]) than in the conventional-therapy group (mean, 151 mg per deciliter [8.4 mmol per liter]; 95% CI, 148 to 155 [8.2 to 8.6];  $P<0.001$ ).

Table 2. (Continued.)

Variable	Insulin Therapy			P Value†	Fluid Resuscitation		P Value‡
	All Patients (N=537)	Conventional (N=290)	Intensive (N=247)		Ringer's Lactate (N=275)	HES (N=262)	
Hypoglycemia ( $\leq 40$ mg/dl)				<0.001			0.85
No. of patients/total no.	54/537	12/290	42/247		27/275	27/262	
Percent (95% CI)	10.1 (7.5–12.6)	4.1 (1.9–6.4)	17.0 (12.3–21.7)		9.8 (6.3–13.3)	10.3 (6.6–14.0)	

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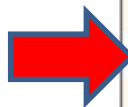
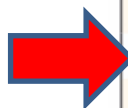
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**Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.\***

Characteristic	HES (N = 3358)	Saline (N = 3384)
Age — yr	63.1±17.0	62.9±16.9
Male sex — no./total no. (%)	2030/3356 (60.5)	2041/3384 (60.3)
Weight — kg	79.4±21.0	78.6±20.8
Source of admission to ICU — no./total no. (%)		
Emergency department	930/3353 (27.7)	931/3379 (27.6)
Hospital floor	659/3353 (19.7)	668/3379 (19.8)
Another ICU	53/3353 (1.6)	41/3379 (1.2)
Another hospital	315/3353 (9.4)	306/3379 (9.1)
Operating room		
After emergency surgery	625/3353 (18.6)	630/3379 (18.6)
After elective surgery	771/3353 (23.0)	803/3379 (23.8)
Diagnosis on admission — no./total no. (%)		
Surgical cases	1426/3353 (42.5)	1450/3379 (42.9)
Nonsurgical cases	1920/3353 (57.3)	1926/3379 (57.0)
APACHE II score — median (interquartile range)†	17.0 (12.0–22.0)	17.0 (12.0–23.0)
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Predefined subgroups — no./total no. (%)		
RIFLE criteria for acute kidney injury‡	522/1449 (36.0)	511/1421 (36.0)
Sepsis	979/3355 (29.2)	958/3376 (28.4)
Trauma	267/3358 (8.0)	265/3384 (7.8)
Traumatic brain injury	28/3338 (0.8)	30/3365 (0.9)
APACHE II score $\geq 25$	597/3335 (17.9)	624/3356 (18.6)
Receipt of HES before randomization	509/3347 (15.2)	508/3372 (15.1)

\* Plus–minus values are means  $\pm$ SD. There were no significant differences between the groups except for central venous pressure ( $P < 0.001$ ) and lactate level ( $P < 0.05$ ). To convert the values for creatinine to milligrams per deciliter, divide by 88.4. HES denotes hydroxyethyl starch, and ICU intensive care unit.

† Scores on the Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II range from 0 to 71, with higher scores indicating an increased risk of death.

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# Effects of Fluid Resuscitation With Colloids vs Crystalloids on Mortality in Critically Ill Patients Presenting With Hypovolemic Shock

## The CRISTAL Randomized Trial

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**INTERVENTIONS** Colloids (n = 1414; gelatins, dextrans, or hydroxyethyl starches) or albumin) or crystalloids (n = 1443; isotonic or hypertonic) were used for all fluid interventions other than fluid maintenance. The 90-day mortality was 29% in the colloids group and 31% in the crystalloids group.

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**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Among ICU patients with hypovolemia, the use of colloids vs crystalloids did not result in a significant difference in 28-day mortality. Although 90-day mortality was lower among patients receiving colloids, this finding should be considered exploratory and requires further study before reaching conclusions about efficacy.

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Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of Death Within First 28 Days After Randomization

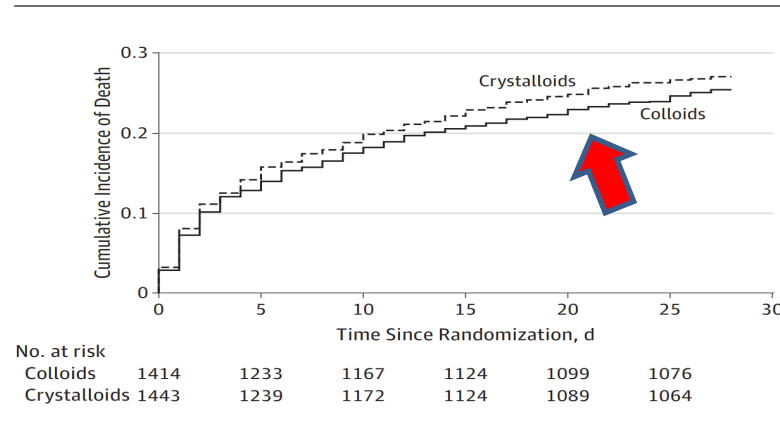


Table 2. Study Outcomes by Treatment Group

	No. (%) of Patients		RR (95% CI)	P Value <sup>a</sup>
	Colloids (n = 1414)	Crystalloids (n = 1443)		
<b>Death</b>				
Within 28 d	359 (25.4)	390 (27.0)	0.96 (0.88 to 1.04)	.26
Within 90 d	434 (30.7)	493 (34.2)	0.92 (0.86 to 0.99)	.03
In ICU	355 (25.1)	405 (28.1)	0.92 (0.85 to 1.00)	.06
In hospital	426 (30.1)	471 (32.6)	0.94 (0.87 to 1.02)	.07

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# Time to Treatment and Mortality during Mandated Emergency Care for Sepsis

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ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

In 2013, New York began requiring hospitals to follow protocols for the early identification and treatment of sepsis. However, there is controversy about whether more rapid treatment of sepsis improves outcomes in patients.

**METHODS**

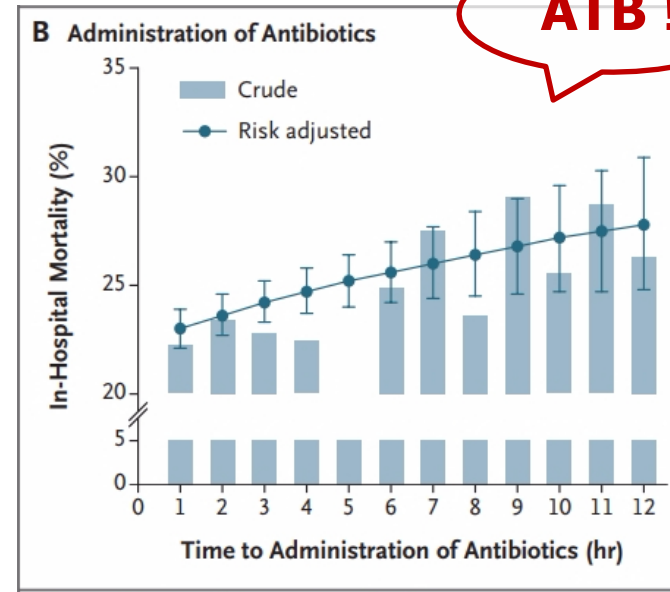
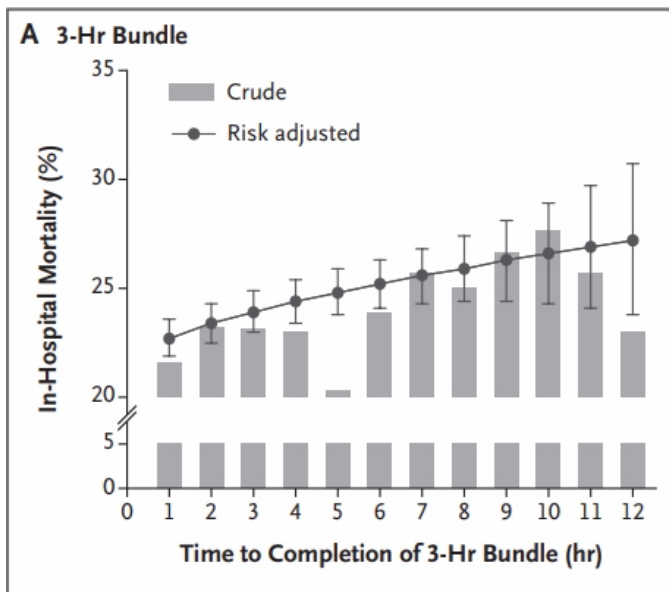
We studied data from patients with sepsis and septic shock that were reported to the New York State Department of Health from April 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016. Patients had a sepsis protocol initiated within 6 hours after arrival in the emergency department and had all items in a 3-hour bundle of care for patients with sepsis (i.e., blood cultures, broad-spectrum antibiotic agents, and lactate measurement) completed within 12 hours. Multilevel models were used to assess the associations between the time until completion of the 3-hour bundle and risk-adjusted mortality. We also examined the times to the administration of antibiotics and to the completion of an initial bolus of intravenous fluid.

**RESULTS**

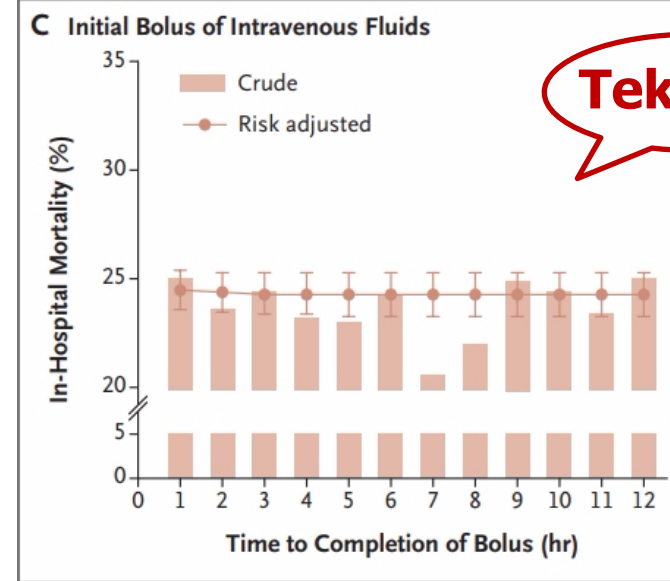
Among 49,331 patients at 149 hospitals, 40,696 (82.5%) had the 3-hour bundle completed within 3 hours. The median time to completion of the 3-hour bundle was 1.30 hours (interquartile range, 0.65 to 2.35), the median time to the administration of antibiotics was 0.95 hours (interquartile range, 0.35 to 1.95), and the median time to completion of the fluid bolus was 2.56 hours (interquartile range, 1.33 to 4.20). Among patients who had the 3-hour bundle completed within 12 hours, a longer time to the completion of the bundle was associated with higher risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality (odds ratio, 1.04 per hour; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.02 to 1.05;  $P < 0.001$ ), as was a longer time to the administration of antibiotics (odds ratio, 1.04 per hour; 95% CI, 1.03 to 1.06;  $P < 0.001$ ) but not a longer time to the completion of a bolus of intravenous fluids (odds ratio, 1.01 per hour; 95% CI, 0.99 to 1.02;  $P = 0.21$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS**

More rapid completion of a 3-hour bundle of sepsis care and rapid administration of antibiotics, but not rapid completion of an initial bolus of intravenous fluids, were associated with lower risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and others.)



**Figure 3. Crude In-Hospital Mortality and Predicted Risks of In-Hospital Death.** Shown are the crude in-hospital mortality and predicted risks of in-hospital death, with adjustment for covariates across a range of time after protocol initiation, for the completion of the 3-hour bundle of sepsis care (Panel A), the administration of broad-spectrum antibiotics (Panel B), and the completion of the initial bolus of intravenous fluids (Panel C) in a typical patient. I bars represent 95% confidence intervals.





# Sepsis in European intensive care units: Results of the SOAP study\*

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## Mortality, %

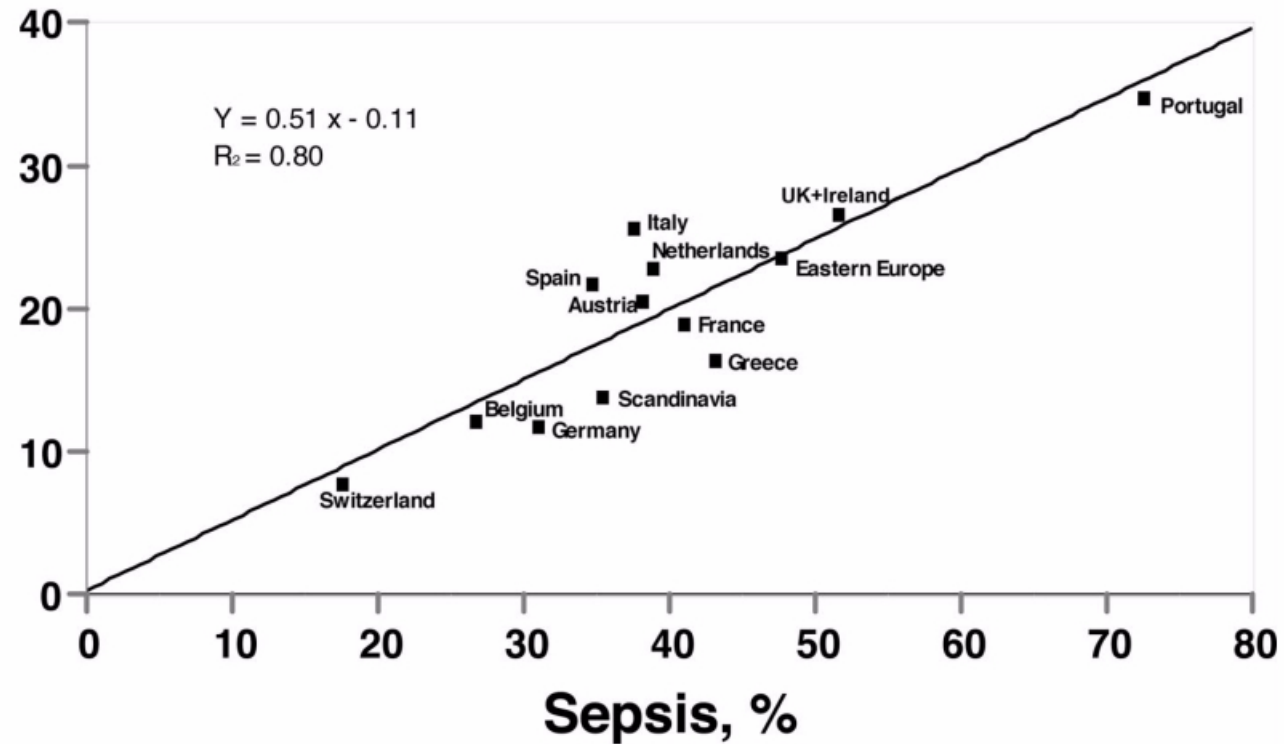


Figure 2. Relationship between intensive care unit mortality rates for all patients and frequency of sepsis in the various European countries.

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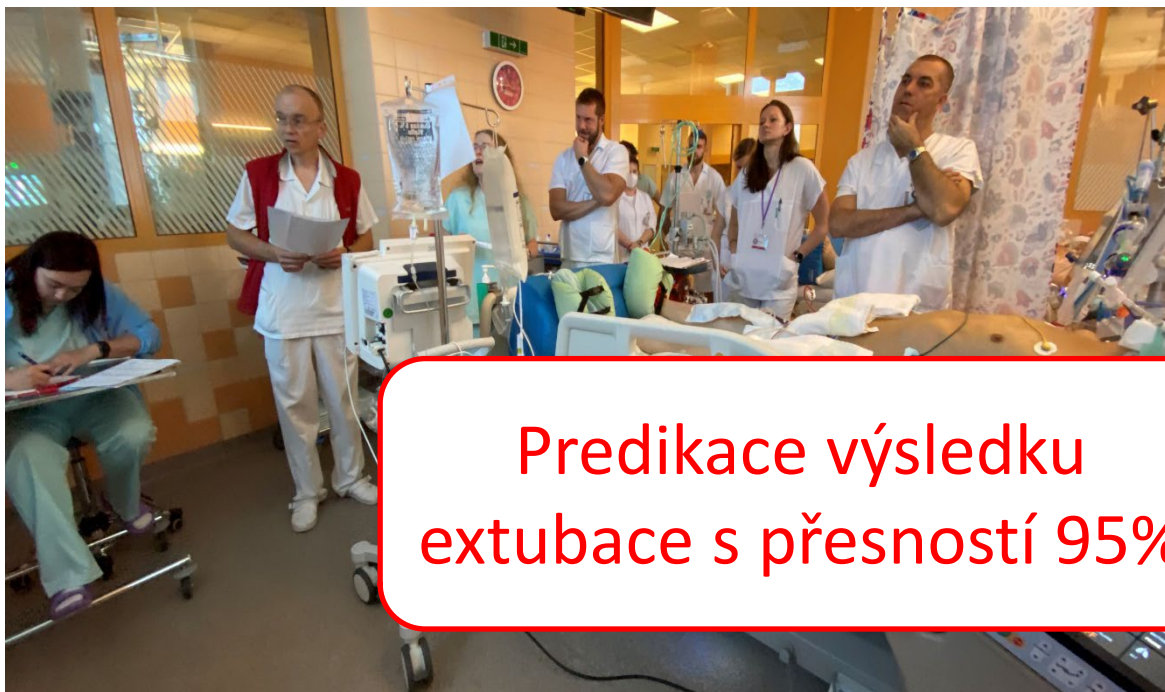
## A Machine Learning decision-making tool for extubation in Intensive Care Unit patients

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**Conclusions:** Machine Learning-based tools have been found to accurately predict the extubation outcome in critical patients with invasive mechanical ventilation. The use of this important predictive capability to assess the extubation decision could potentially reduce the rate of extubation failure, currently at 9%. With about 40% of critically ill patients eventually receiving invasive mechanical ventilation during their stay and given the serious potential complications associated to reintubation, the excellent predictive ability of the model presented here suggests that Machine Learning techniques could significantly improve the clinical outcomes of critical patients.



**Predikace výsledku extubace s přesností 95%**

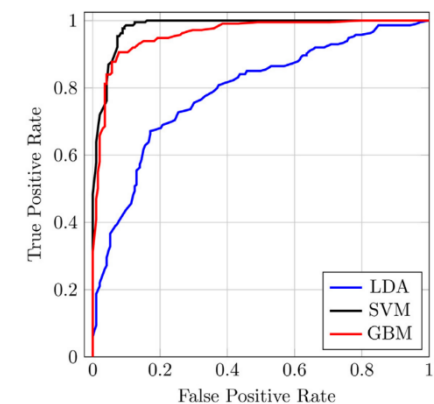
**Table 1** List and characteristics of the variables used as model predictors.

Variable	Units	Symbol	Type	Comments
Time under IMV	h	$\Delta t$	I	
Ventilation mode	-	V-Mode	I	
Tidal Volume	L	$V_T$	I	
Heart Rate	$m^{-1}$	HR	I	
Respiratory rate	$m^{-1}$	RR	I	
Peak inspiratory pressure	cmH <sub>2</sub> O	$P_{IP}$	I	
Plateau Pressure	cmH <sub>2</sub> O	$P_{PLAT}$	I	
O <sub>2</sub> saturation to inspired fraction ratio	-	SpFiO <sub>2</sub>	I	
Respiratory rate-oxygenation index	min	ROX	II	SpFiO <sub>2</sub> /RR
Rapid Shallow Breathing Index	$L^{-1}$	RSBI	II	RR/ $V_T$
Number of previous MV events	-	NPE	III	
Total Cumulative Dose (sedatives and analgesics)	mg	TCD	III	
Total Given Dose (sedatives and analgesics)	mg	TGD	III	
Glasgow Coma Scale	-	GCS	III	
Richmond Agitation-Sedation Scale	-	RASS	III	
Age at admission to ICU	yr	AGE	IV	
APACHE II score	-	APACHEII	IV	
Body Mass Index at admission to ICU	$kgm^{-2}$	BMI	IV	
Gender	-	GENDER	IV	Categorical
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**Table 4**

Mean accuracy and AUROC for each classifier using a classification threshold of 0.5 and undersampling for class imbalance.

Classifier	% Accuracy	% AUROC
SVM	94.6	98.3
GBM	89.6	96.1
LDA	72.4	79.4



**Fig. 2.** Mean ROC curve for SVM, GBM and LDA classifiers.

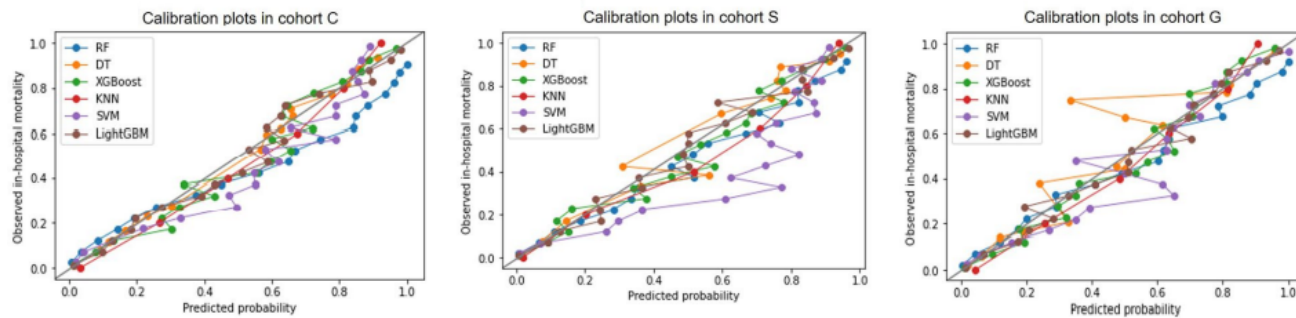


# OPEN Mortality prediction of patients in intensive care units using machine learning algorithms based on electronic health records

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Improving predictive models for intensive care unit (ICU) inpatients requires a new strategy that periodically includes the latest clinical data and can be updated to reflect local characteristics. We extracted data from all adult patients admitted to the ICUs of two university hospitals with different characteristics from 2006 to 2020, and a total of 85,146 patients were included in this study. Machine learning algorithms were trained to predict in-hospital mortality. The predictive performance of conventional scoring models and machine learning algorithms was assessed by the area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUROC). The AUROC of the best machine learning predictive powers, with the AUROC of 0.977 (0.973–0.980) for hospital G showing the highest AUROC among them. The best machine learning models achieved an AUROC of 0.977 (0.973–0.980) in hospital S and 0.955 (0.950–0.961) in hospital G. The use of ML models in conjunction with conventional scoring systems can provide more useful information for predicting the prognosis of critically ill patients. In this study, we suggest that the predictive model can be made more robust by training with the individual data of each hospital.

**AUROC of 0.977 (0.973–0.980)**



**Figure 2.** Comparison of machine learning-based in-hospital mortality prediction models.

The calibration plots show the agreement of between predicted probability and observed in-hospital mortality. The black line at 45 degrees indicates perfect calibration where the predicted and observed probabilities are equal.

Admission variables (obtained within 24 h of ICU admission)	Hospital S				Hospital G				
	Overall (N = 61,589)	No hospital mortality (N = 54,313)	Hospital mortality (N = 7276)	P*	Overall (N = 23,557)	No hospital mortality (N = 19,458)	Hospital mortality (N = 4099)	P*	P†
Age, years	67 [57–74]	66 [57–74]	67 [56–76]	<0.001	65 [53–75]	64 [52–74]	70 [58–78]	<0.001	<0.001
Sex				0.004				0.174	<0.001
Female	22,744 (36.9%)	19,944 (36.7%)	2800 (38.5%)		9034 (38.3%)	7501 (38.5%)	1533 (37.4%)		
Male	38,845 (63.1%)	34,369 (63.3%)	4476 (61.5%)		14,523 (61.7%)	11,957 (61.5%)	2566 (62.6%)		
Types of admission				<0.001				<0.001	<0.001
Medical	39,560 (64.2%)	34,232 (63.0%)	5328 (73.2%)		11,365 (48.2%)	9073 (46.6%)	2292 (55.9%)		
Surgical	22,029 (35.8%)	20,081 (37.0%)	1948 (26.8%)		12,192 (51.8%)	10,385 (53.4%)	1807 (44.1%)		
Year of admission				<0.001				<0.001	0.033
2006–2010	16,531 (26.8%)	14,422 (26.6%)	2109 (29.0%)		6379 (27.1%)	5322 (27.4%)	1057 (25.8%)		
2011–2015	20,945 (34.0%)	18,371 (33.8%)	2574 (35.4%)		8179 (34.7%)	6637 (34.1%)	1542 (37.6%)		
2016–2020	24,113 (39.2%)	21,520 (39.6%)	2593 (35.6%)		8999 (38.2%)	7499 (38.5%)	1500 (36.6%)		
<b>Conventional scoring systems</b>									
APACHE II	13 [10–17]	13 [10–16]	19 [13–26]	<0.001	16 [11–21]	15 [10–19]	22 [18–28]	<0.001	<0.001
APACHE III	55 [47–65]	54 [46–63]	74 [57–96]	<0.001	60 [50–74]	57 [48–69]	79 [66–95]	<0.001	<0.001
SAPS II	34 [28–42]	33 [27–40]	48 [36–64]	<0.001	37 [29–48]	35 [27–44]	52 [42–64]	<0.001	<0.001
SAPS III	47 [40–55]	46 [40–53]	59 [50–70]	<0.001	51 [43–61]	49 [42–57]	65 [56–74]	<0.001	<0.001
MPMO II	2 [2–2]	2 [2–2]	2 [1–3]	<0.001	2 [1, 2]	1 [1, 2]	2 [1–3]	<0.001	<0.001
MPMO III	2 [2–3]	2 [2, 3]	2 [1–3]	<0.001	2 [1, 2]	2 [1, 2]	2 [2–4]	<0.001	<0.001
SOFA	4 [2–8]	4 [2–7]	7 [4–11]	<0.001	6 [3–9]	6 [2–9]	10 [7–12]	<0.001	<0.001
Pitt bacteremia score	1 [0–4]	1 [0–4]	2 [0–5]	<0.001	3 [1–5]	3 [1–4]	5 [3–7]	<0.001	<0.001
<b>Underlying comorbidities</b>									
Charlson comorbidity index	5 [4–6]	5 [4–6]	5 [4–7]	<0.001	5 [3–6]	4 [3–6]	5 [4–7]	<0.001	<0.001
Cancer	5137 (8.3%)	3101 (5.7%)	2036 (28.0%)	<0.001	4239 (18.0%)	3002 (15.4%)	1237 (30.2%)	<0.001	<0.001
Cerebrovascular diseases	14,373 (23.3%)	13,433 (24.7%)	940 (12.9%)	<0.001	4533 (19.2%)	3716 (19.1%)	817 (19.9%)	0.226	<0.001
Diabetes mellitus	16,696 (27.1%)	15,126 (27.8%)	1570 (21.6%)	<0.001	4086 (17.3%)	3391 (17.4%)	695 (17.0%)	0.482	<0.001
Hypertension	28,407 (46.1%)	26,538 (48.9%)	1869 (25.7%)	<0.001	5406 (22.9%)	4677 (24.0%)	729 (17.8%)	<0.001	<0.001
Chronic pulmonary diseases	1832 (3.0%)	1364 (2.5%)	468 (6.4%)	<0.001	541 (2.3%)	332 (1.7%)	209 (5.1%)	<0.001	<0.001
Hemiplegia	2041 (3.3%)	1900 (3.5%)	141 (1.9%)	<0.001	1650 (7.0%)	1500 (7.7%)	150 (3.7%)	<0.001	<0.001
Liver diseases	2080 (3.4%)	1235 (2.3%)	845 (11.6%)	<0.001	1248 (5.3%)	922 (4.7%)	326 (8.0%)	<0.001	<0.001
Myocardial infarction	11,682 (19.0%)	10,888 (20.0%)	794 (10.9%)	<0.001	2886 (12.3%)	2482 (12.8%)	404 (9.9%)	<0.001	<0.001
Renal diseases	3462 (5.6%)	2798 (5.2%)	664 (9.1%)	<0.001	1367 (5.8%)	981 (5.0%)	386 (9.4%)	<0.001	0.313
Ulcer	1168 (1.9%)	926 (1.7%)	242 (3.3%)	<0.001	485 (2.1%)	370 (1.9%)	115 (2.8%)	<0.001	0.131
Transplantation	766 (1.2%)	265 (0.5%)	501 (6.9%)	<0.001	203 (0.9%)	153 (0.8%)	50 (1.2%)	0.008	<0.001
Ventilator use	10,537 (17.1%)	8895 (16.4%)	1642 (22.6%)	<0.001	5957 (25.3%)	4745 (24.4%)	1212 (29.6%)	<0.001	<0.001
Vasopressor use	21,448 (34.8%)	18,089 (33.3%)	3359 (46.2%)	<0.001	11,708 (49.7%)	8439 (43.4%)	3269 (79.8%)	<0.001	<0.001
Cardiac arrest	809 (1.3%)	694 (1.3%)	115 (1.6%)	0.038	1228 (5.2%)	414 (2.1%)	814 (19.9%)	<0.001	<0.001
<b>Bacterial infection on ICU admission</b>									
Site of infection				<0.001				<0.001	<0.001
Multiple sites	843 (1.4%)	108 (0.2%)	735 (10.1%)		275 (1.2%)	906 (4.7%)	529 (12.9%)		
Lungs	428 (0.7%)	283 (0.5%)	145 (2.0%)		1435 (6.1%)	383 (2.0%)	238 (5.8%)		
Bloodstream	251 (0.4%)	119 (0.2%)	132 (1.8%)		183 (0.8%)	110 (0.6%)	73 (1.8%)		
Urinary tract	503 (0.8%)	363 (0.7%)	140 (1.9%)		621 (2.6%)	383 (2.0%)	238 (5.8%)		
CNS	3 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.0%)		0 (0.0%)	165 (0.8%)	110 (2.7%)		
Abdomen	27 (0.0%)	19 (0.0%)	8 (0.1%)		156 (0.7%)	103 (0.5%)	53 (1.3%)		
None	59,521 (96.6%)	53,418 (98.4%)	6103 (83.9%)		20,887 (88.7%)	17,791 (91.4%)	3096 (75.5%)		
Antibiotic use at ICU admission (may be multiple)				<0.001				<0.001	<0.001
3rd-generation cephalosporins	6788 (11.0%)	4947 (9.1%)	1841 (25.3%)	<0.001	5649 (24.0%)	4490 (23.1%)	1159 (28.3%)	<0.001	<0.001
4th-generation cephalosporins	450 (0.7%)	30 (0.1%)	420 (5.8%)	<0.001	591 (2.5%)	296 (1.5%)	295 (7.2%)	<0.001	<0.001
Beta lactam/beta lactamase inhibitors	8744 (14.2%)	5646 (10.4%)	3098 (42.6%)	<0.001	6362 (27.0%)	4401 (22.6%)	1961 (47.8%)	<0.001	<0.001
Carbapenems	2300 (3.7%)	587 (1.1%)	1713 (23.5%)	<0.001	2524 (10.7%)	1409 (7.2%)	1115 (27.2%)	<0.001	<0.001
Glycopeptides	7144 (11.6%)	4280 (7.9%)	2864 (39.4%)	<0.001	3526 (15.0%)	2182 (11.2%)	1344 (32.8%)	<0.001	<0.001
Penicillins	3389 (5.5%)	3082 (5.7%)	307 (4.2%)	<0.001	211 (0.9%)	150 (0.8%)	61 (1.5%)	<0.001	<0.001
Quinolones	3926 (6.4%)	1773 (3.3%)	2153 (29.6%)	<0.001	4369 (18.5%)	2845 (14.6%)	1524 (37.2%)	<0.001	<0.001

# Machine-learning Algorithm to Predict Hypotension Based on High-fidelity Arterial Pressure Waveform Analysis

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## ABSTRACT

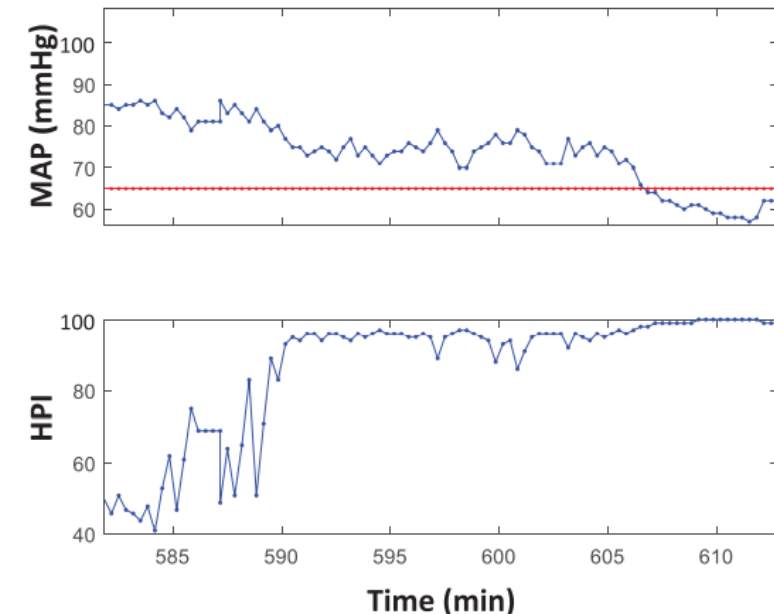
**Background:** With appropriate algorithms, computers can learn to detect patterns and associations in large data sets. The authors' goal was to apply machine learning to arterial pressure waveforms and create an algorithm to predict hypotension. The algorithm detects early alteration in waveforms that can herald the weakening of cardiovascular compensatory mechanisms affecting preload, afterload, and contractility.

**Methods:** The algorithm was developed using 1,334 patients' records with a prospective, local hospital cohort. High-fidelity arterial pressure waveform recording and 1,923 episodes of hypotension were identified. Receiver-operating characteristic analysis showed that the algorithm can predict arterial pressure less than 65 mmHg.

**Results:** Using 3,022 individual features per cardiac cycle, the algorithm predicted arterial hypotension with a sensitivity and specificity of 88% (85 to 90%) and 87% (85 to 90%) 15 min before a hypotensive event (area under the curve, 0.95 [0.94 to 0.95]); 89% (87 to 91%) and 90% (87 to 92%) 10 min before (area under the curve, 0.95 [0.95 to 0.96]); 92% (90 to 94%) and 92% (90 to 94%) 5 min before (area under the curve, 0.97 [0.97 to 0.98]).

**Conclusions:** The results demonstrate that a machine-learning algorithm can be trained, with large data sets of high-fidelity arterial waveforms, to predict hypotension in surgical patients' records. (*ANESTHESIOLOGY* 2018; 129:663-74)

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15 min před začátkem události



**Fig. 5.** One illustrative patient record showing the association between the algorithm output (Hypotension Prediction Index [HPI]) and the evolution of mean arterial pressure (MAP) over time.



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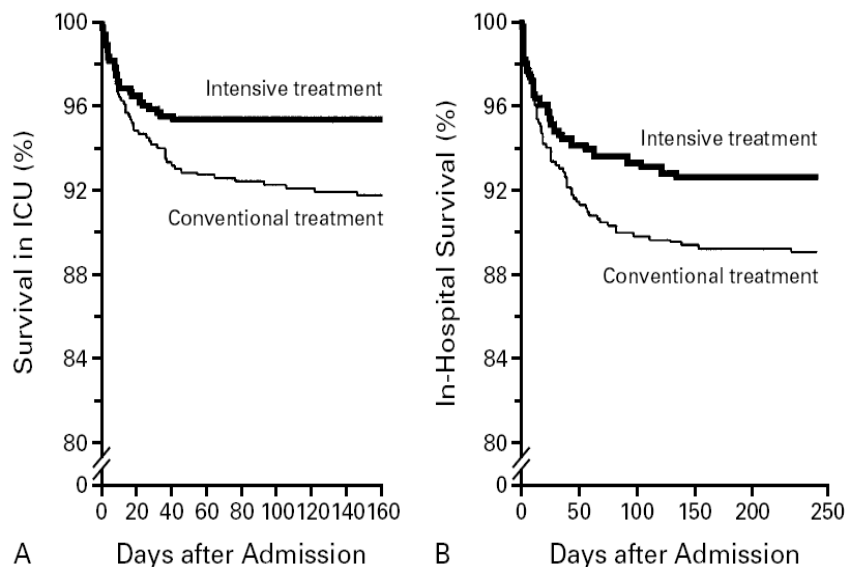
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## METHODS

### Study Population

All adults receiving mechanical ventilation who were admitted to our intensive care unit (which is dedicated primarily but not exclusively to surgical patients) between February 2, 2000, and January 18, 2001, were eligible for enrollment in the study after written informed consent had been obtained from the closest family member. Only 14 patients were excluded: 5 who were participating in other trials, and 9 who were moribund or for whom there were do-not-resuscitate orders. The protocol was approved by the institutional review board.

Four patients had renal failure requiring dialysis before admission. Among the patients who were admitted to the intensive care unit after cardiac surgery, 12 percent had undergone coronary artery bypass grafting, and 14 percent had undergone valvular surgery. Of the patients who had undergone cardiac surgery, 72 percent had received treatment with insulin. The mean glucose level on admission exceeded the upper limit of the normal range after an overnight fast (110 mg per deciliter [6.1 mmol per liter]) in 75 percent of the patients but was in the nonfasting diabetic range (>200 mg per deciliter [11.1 mmol per liter]) in only 12 percent.<sup>21,22</sup>

72% pacientů  
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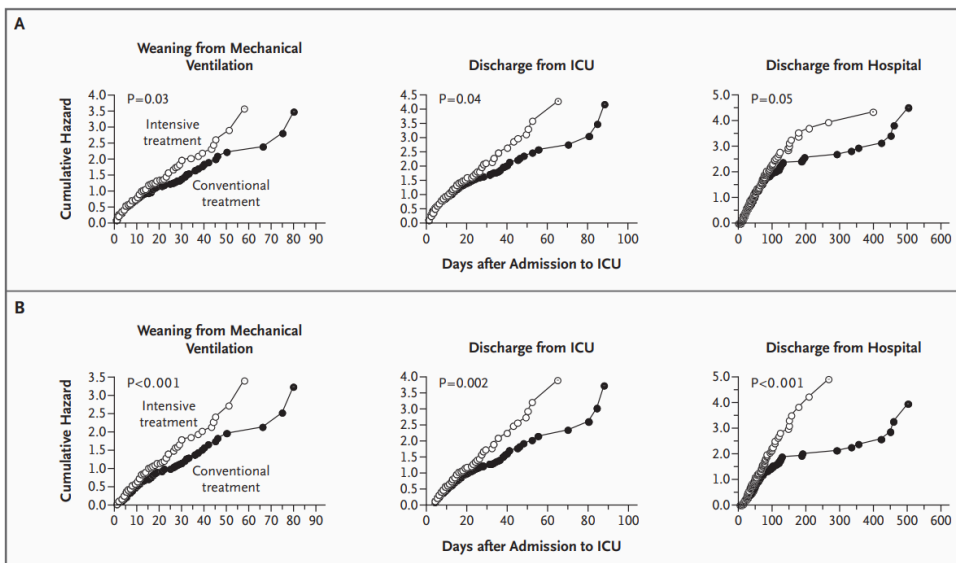
Efekt pouze u pacientů  
s pobytem na ICU >3 dny

### RESULTS

In the intention-to-treat analysis, intensive insulin therapy reduced blood glucose levels but did not significantly reduce in-hospital mortality (40.0 percent in the conventional-treatment group vs. 37.3 percent in the intensive-treatment group,  $P=0.33$ ). However, morbidity was significantly reduced by the prevention of newly acquired kidney injury, accelerated weaning from mechanical ventilation, and accelerated discharge from the ICU and the hospital. Although length of stay in the ICU could not be predicted on admission, among 433 patients who stayed in the ICU for less than three days, mortality was greater among those receiving intensive insulin therapy. In contrast, among 767 patients who stayed in the ICU for three or more days, in-hospital mortality in the 386 who received intensive insulin therapy was reduced from 52.5 to 43.0 percent ( $P=0.009$ ) and morbidity was also reduced.

### CONCLUSIONS

Intensive insulin therapy significantly reduced morbidity but not mortality among all patients in the medical ICU. Although the risk of subsequent death and disease was reduced in patients treated for three or more days, these patients could not be identified before therapy. Further studies are needed to confirm these preliminary data. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00115479.)



**Figure 3.** Effect of Intensive Insulin Therapy on Morbidity.

The effect of intensive insulin therapy on time to weaning from mechanical ventilation, time to discharge from the intensive care unit (ICU), and time to discharge from the hospital is shown for all patients (intention-to-treat analysis, Panel A) and for the subgroup of 767 patients staying in the ICU for three or more days (Panel B). P values for the comparison between the two groups were calculated by proportional-hazards regression analysis with censoring for early deaths. Circles represent patients.

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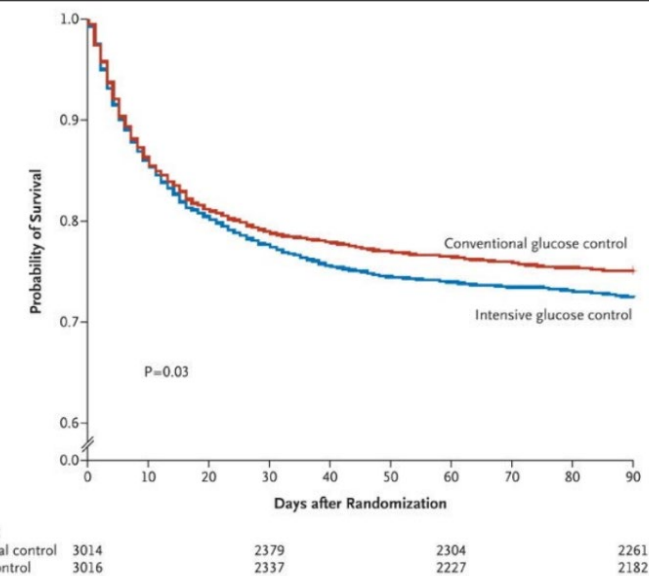
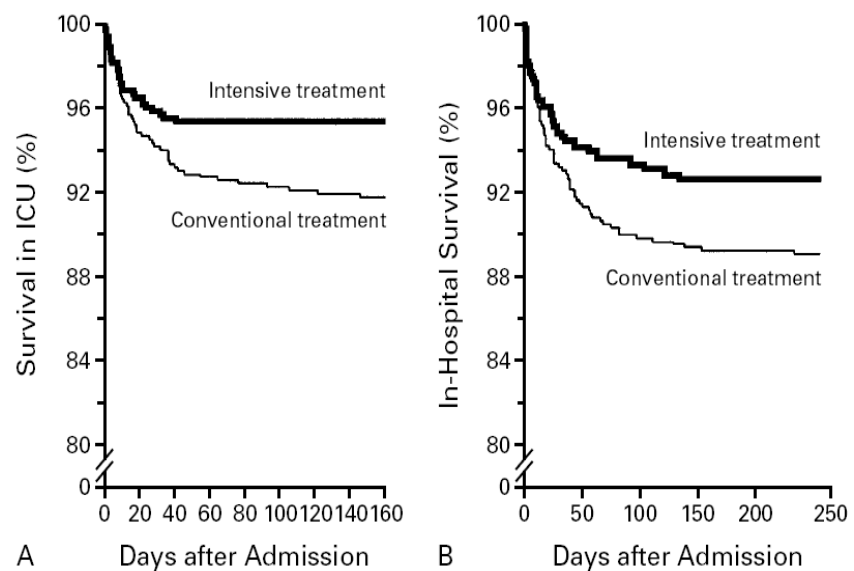
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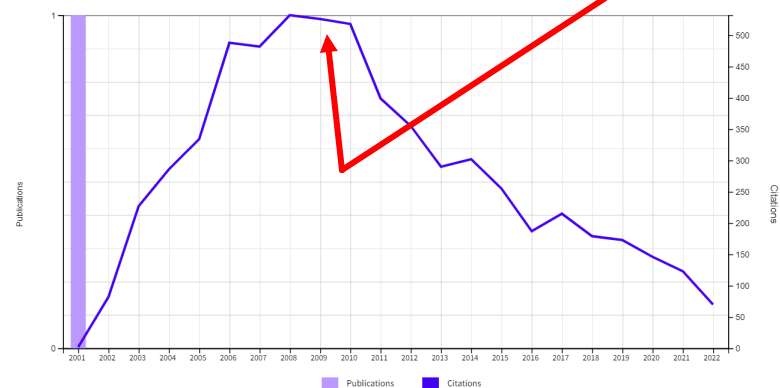
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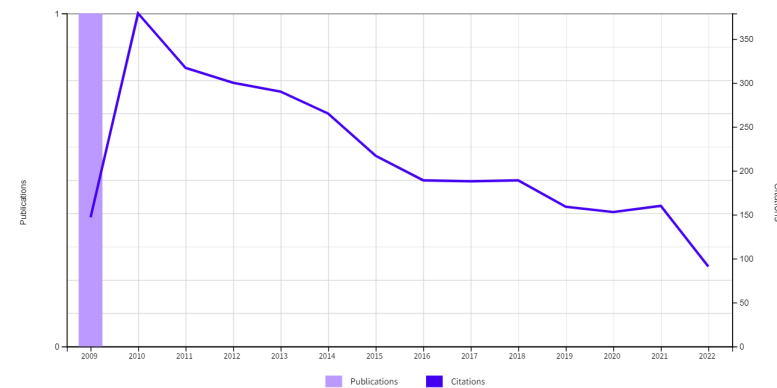
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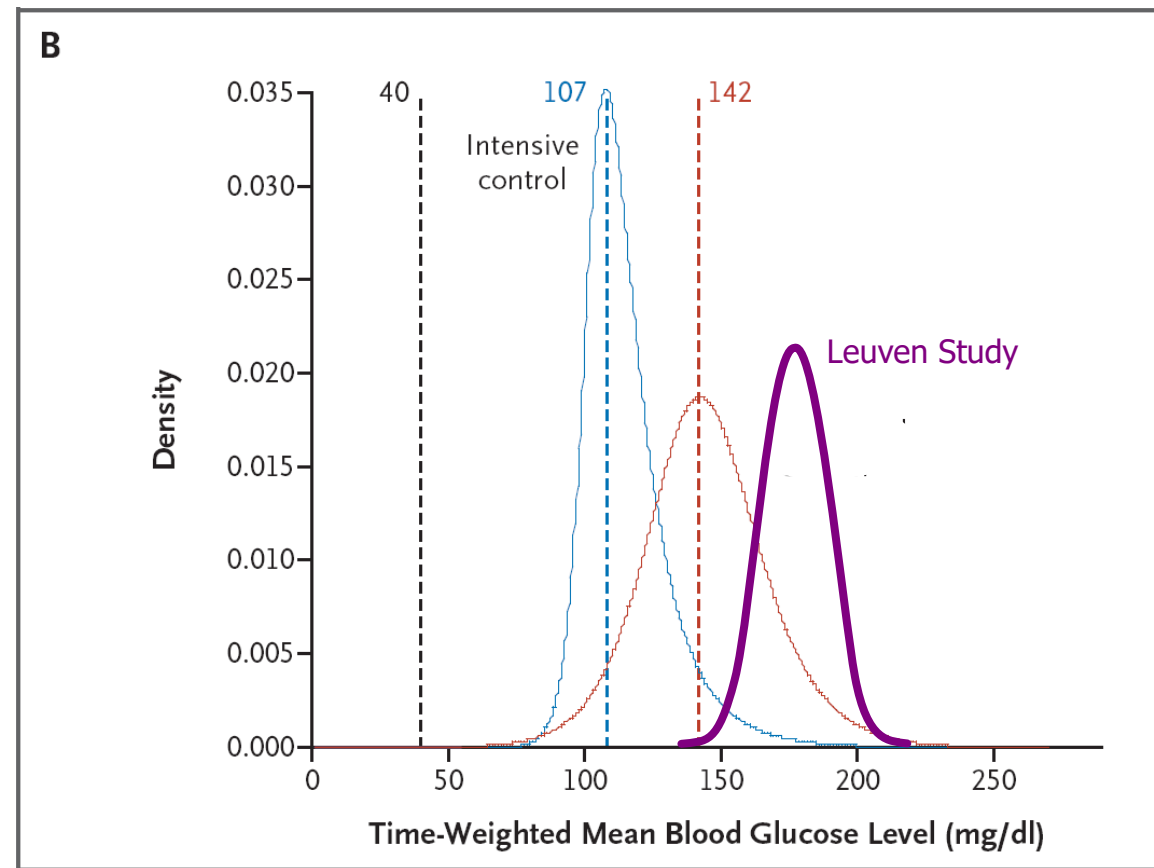
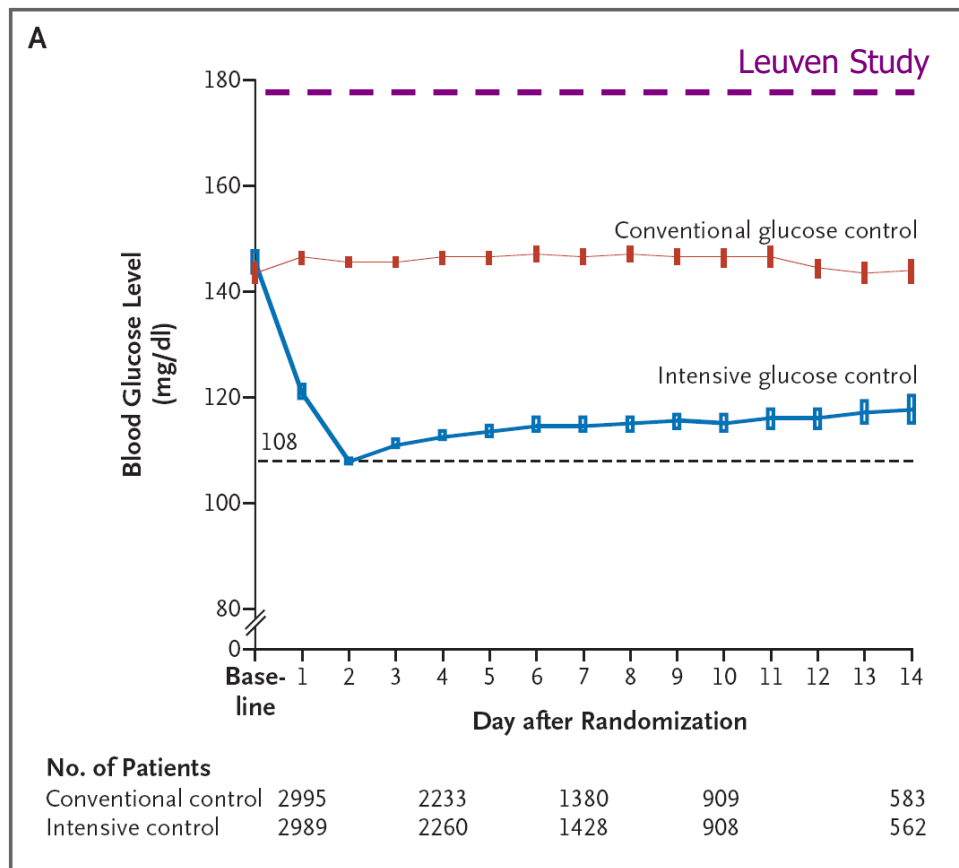


**Table 3. Outcomes and Adverse Events.\***

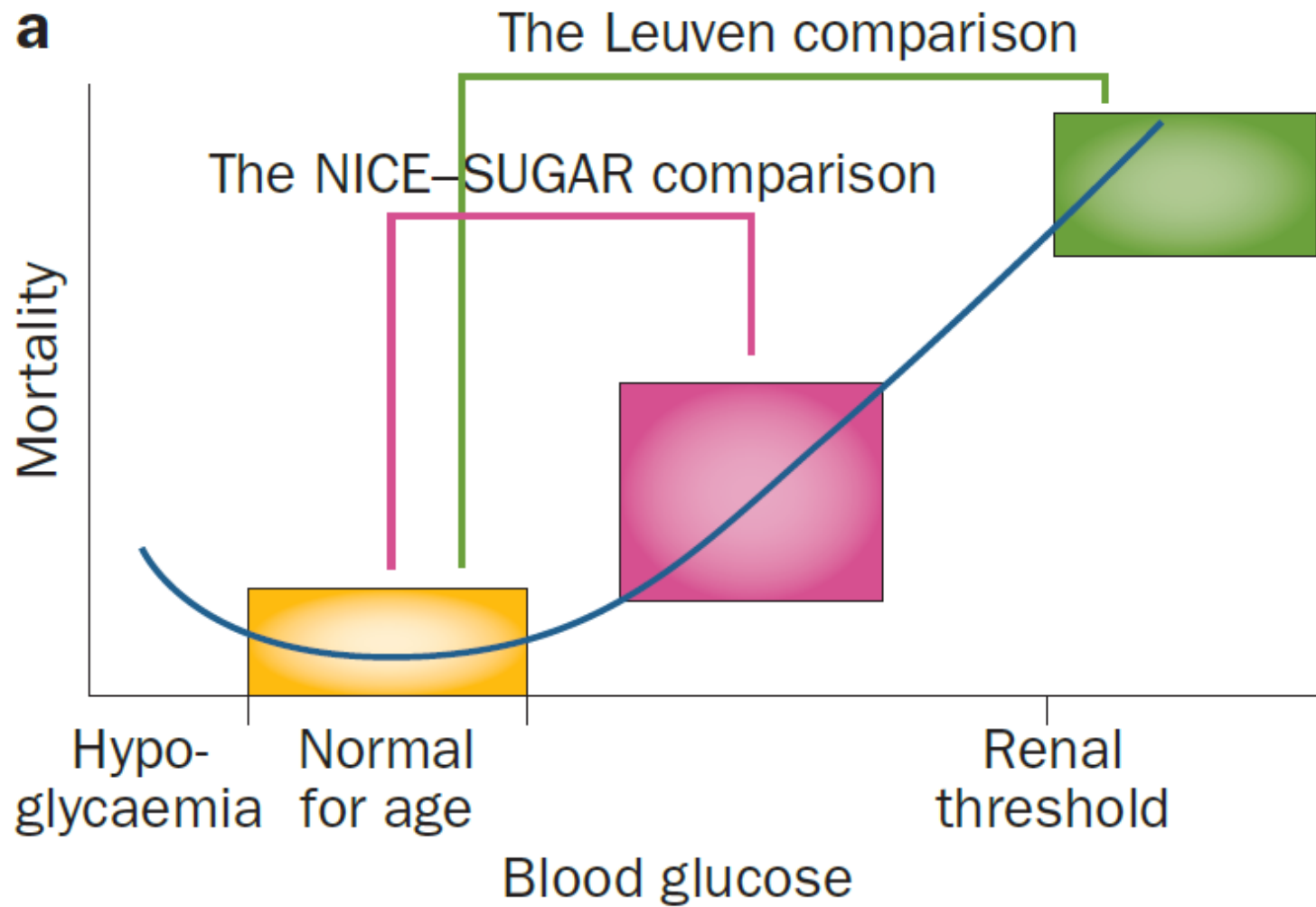
Outcome Measure	Intensive Glucose Control	Conventional Glucose Control	Odds Ratio or Absolute Difference (95% CI) <sup>†</sup>	Statistical Test	P Value
Death — no. of patients/total no. (%)				Logistic regression	
At day 90	829/3010 (27.5)	751/3012 (24.9)	1.14 (1.02 to 1.28)		0.02
At day 28	670/3010 (22.3)	627/3012 (20.8)	1.09 (0.96 to 1.23)		0.17
Severe hypoglycemia — no. of patients/total no. (%)	206/3016 (6.8)	15/3014 (0.5)	14.7 (9.0 to 25.9)	Logistic regression	<0.001
Days in ICU — median (IQR)	6 (2 to 11)	6 (2 to 11)	0	Log-rank test	0.84
Days in hospital — median (IQR)	17 (8 to 35)	17 (8 to 35)	0	Log-rank test	0.86
Mechanical ventilation — no. of patients/ total no. (%)	2894/3014 (96.0)	2872/3014 (95.3)	0.7 (−0.3 to 1.76)	Pearson's test	0.17
Days of mechanical ventilation	6.6±6.6	6.6±6.5	0	Wilcoxon rank-sum test	0.56
Renal-replacement therapy — no. of patients/ total no. (%)	465/3014 (15.4)	438/3014 (14.5)	0.9 (−0.9 to 2.7)	Pearson's test	0.34
Days of renal-replacement therapy	0.8±2.6	0.8±2.8	0	Wilcoxon rank-sum test	0.39







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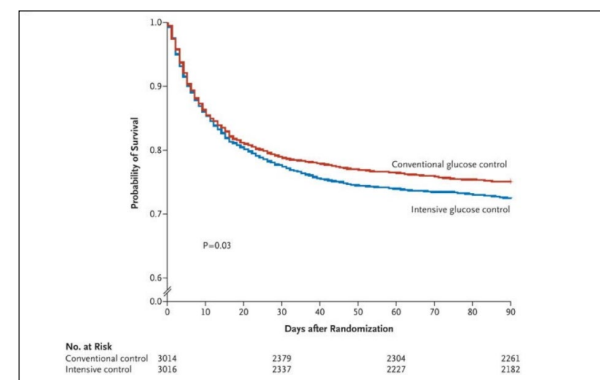
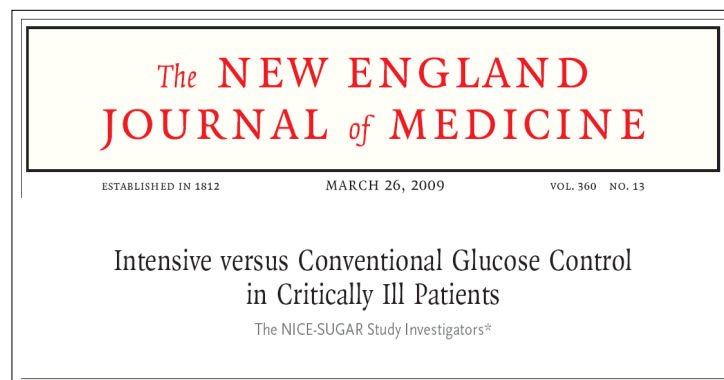
**Figure 1** | Different designs of key intervention trials and expected outcome benefits. **a** | The NICE-SUGAR trial was executed in the flatter part of the J-shaped association curve between blood glucose and risk of death. A very small benefit aimed at lowering blood glucose further down from an intermediate level to strict normoglycaemia was hereby traded off against a similar risk of harm by hypoglycaemia, particularly when using inaccurate tools. Permission obtained from The Endocrine Society © Van den Berghe, G. et al. *J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab.* **94**, 3163–3170 (2009).

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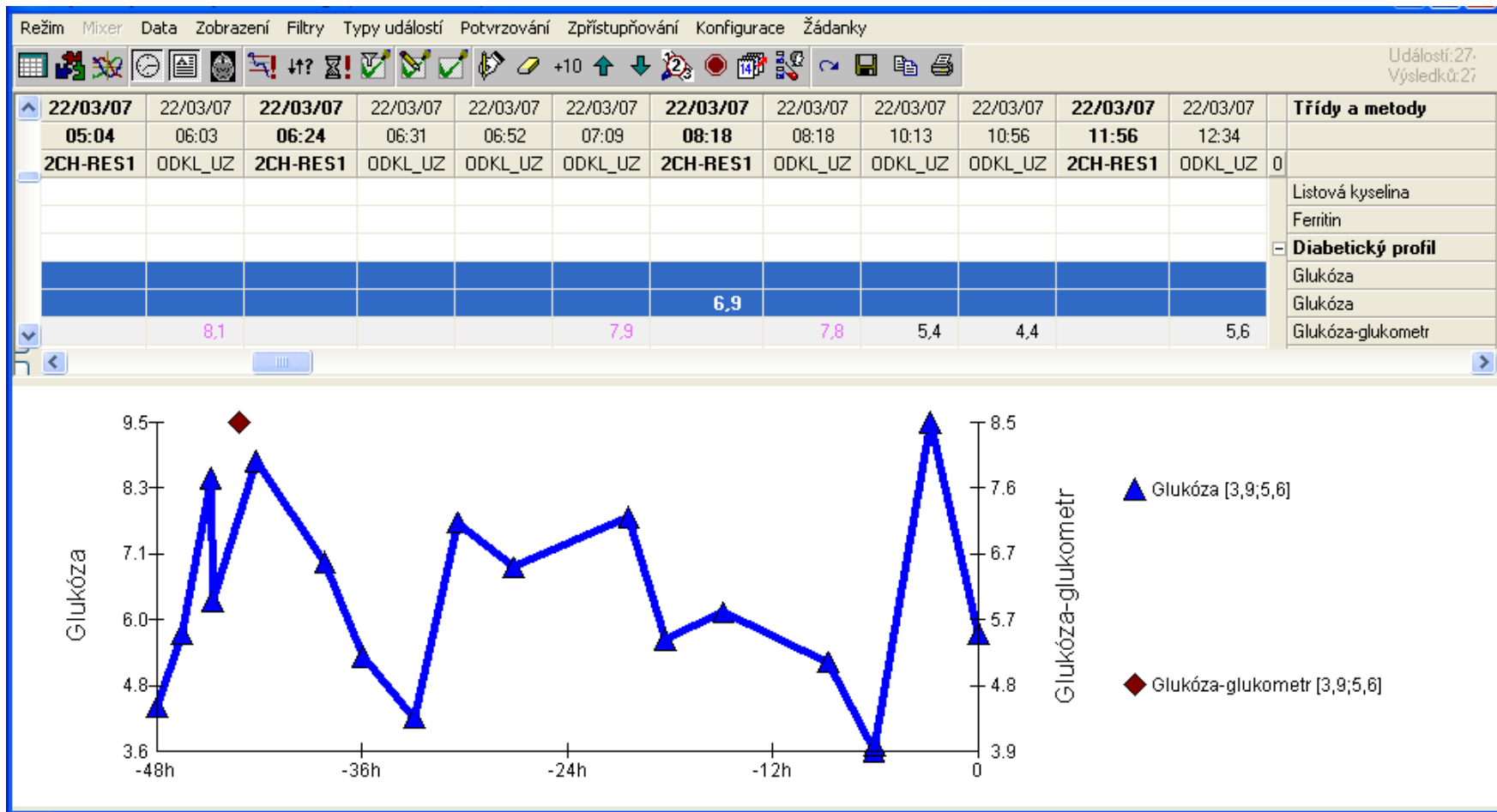
**Table 1**Key differences between the Leuven studies<sup>8,10</sup> and NICE-SUGAR<sup>16</sup>.

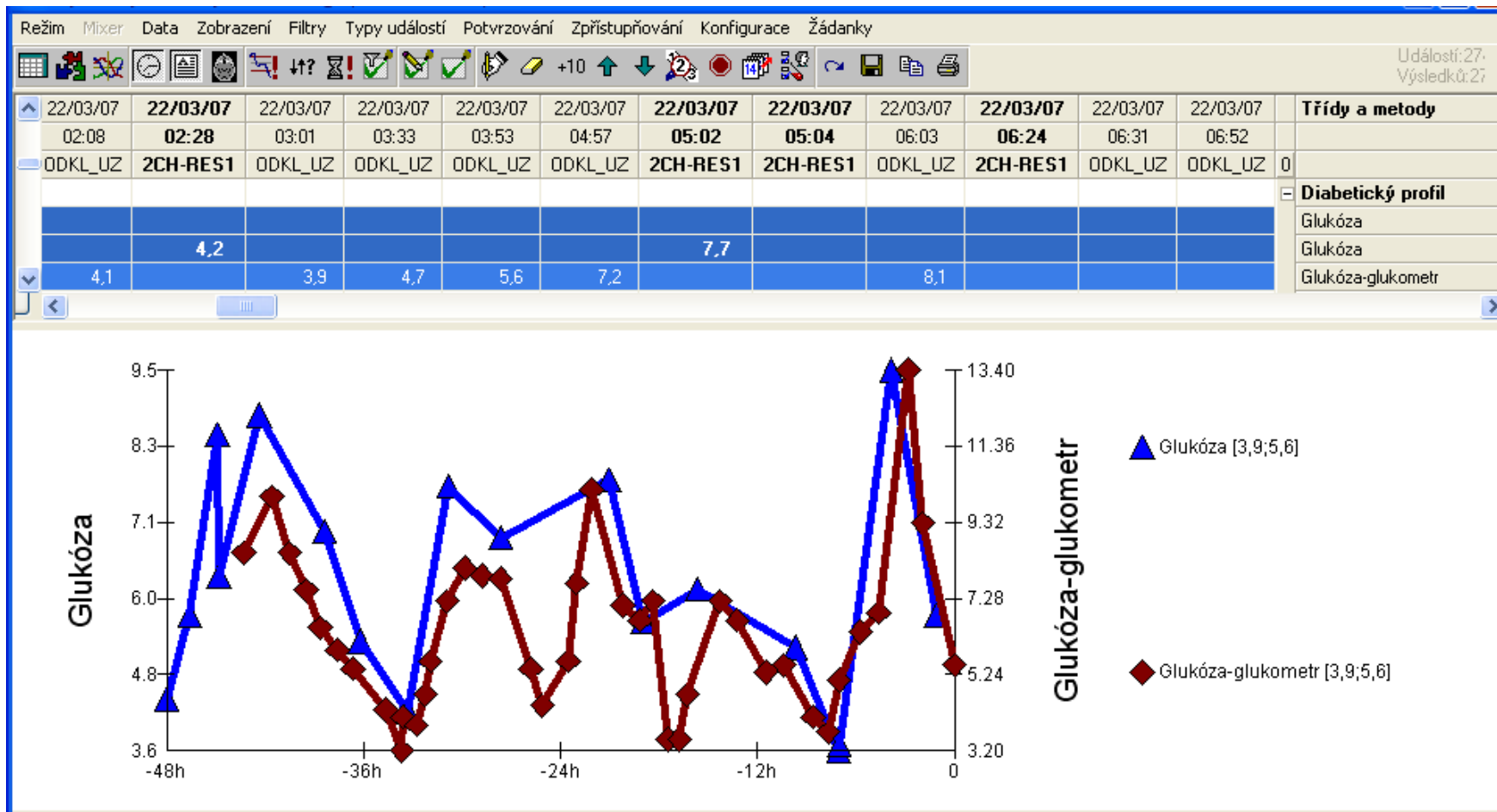
	Leuven adult studies	NICE-SUGAR
Number of patients	2748	6104
Setting	2 × 1 centre	42 centres
Patient sample (% of admissions)	60%(medical), 95%(surgical)	15%
Methodological aspects		
Comparator group target	10–12 mmol/L (180–215 mg/dL)	7.8–10 mmol/L (140–180 mg/dL)
Intervention target	<6.1 mmol/L (<110 mg/dL)	<6.0 mmol/L (<108 mg/dL)
Blood sampling site	Predominantly arterial line	Arterial/venous/capillary
Glucose measurement tool	ABL Radiometer bloodgas analyzer (surgical)	Not standardized
	HemoCue (medical)	All types glucometers allowed
Insulin infusion	Continuous only via central line	Continuous + bolus via all routes
	Syringe pump	All types of pumps allowed
Nurse instructions	Guideline + Intuitive decision making	A strict “if-then” algorithm
Feeding route first week	Parenteral + Enteral	Enteral only
Average kcal received during ICUstay	1100 kcal/day	880 kcal/day
Therapy compliance		
Blood glucose target reached	70%	<50%
Overlap in blood glucose between two groups	<10%	>50%
Outcome		
Hypoglycaemia	× 6	× 13
Morbidity	Reduced organ failure and infections	Neutral
Mortality	Lowered by absolute 3%	Increased by absolute 3%
Therapy withdrawal policy	Late	Early

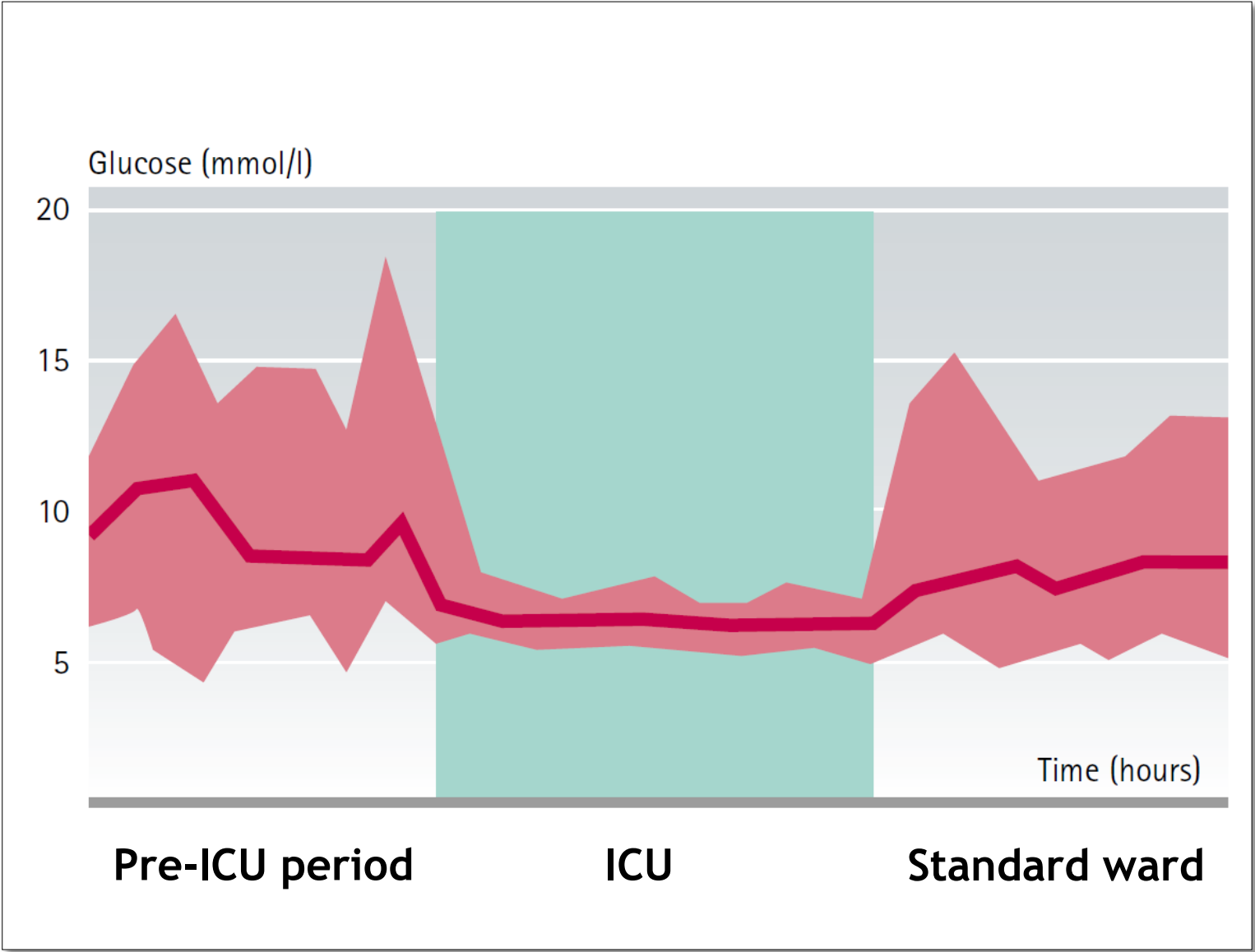




173 of all 288 episodes (60.1%) were confirmed by a laboratory measurement, 112 (38.9%) were unconfirmed bedside readings, and 3 (1.0%) were of unknown confirmation status.







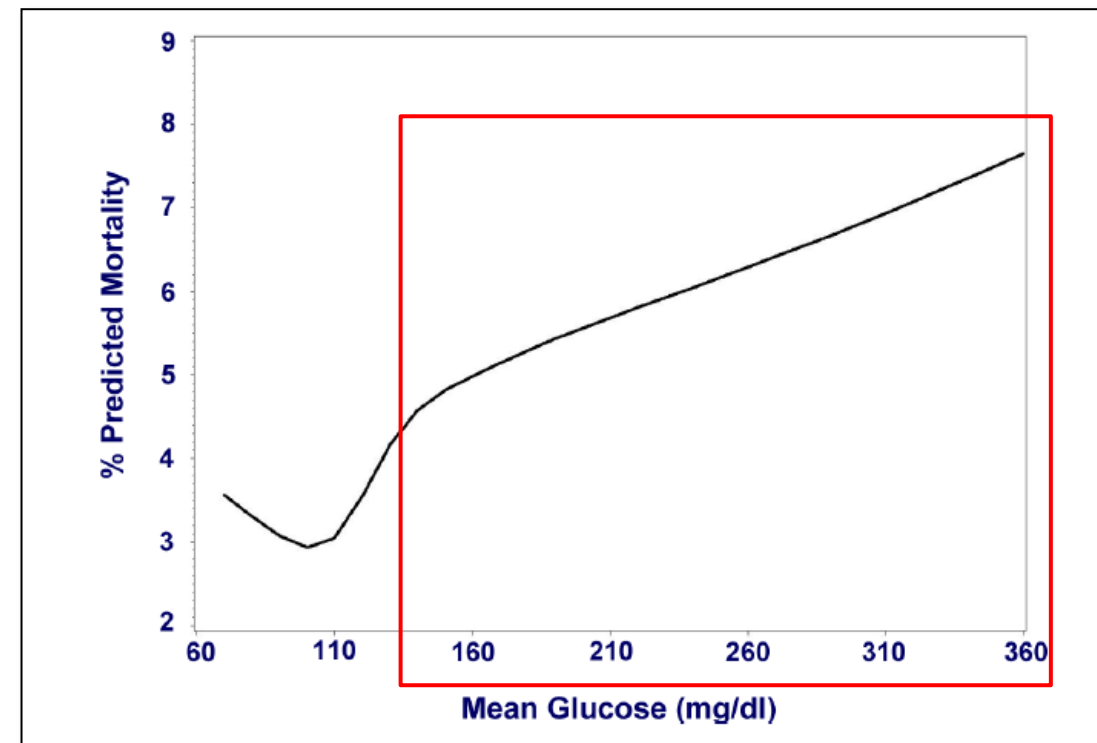


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Table 5. Relative risk of hospital mortality by categories of dysglycemia (n = 98,011)

Maximum average daily glucose, mg/dL	Unadjusted RR Hospital Mortality (95% CI)	Adjusted <sup>a</sup> RR Hospital Mortality (95% CI)	Glucocorticoid Adjusted <sup>b</sup> RR Hospital Mortality (95% CI)
<80	1.45 (0.95–2.24)	1.40 (0.90–2.18)	0.99 (0.49–2.03)
80–110	1.00 (Reference)	1.00 (Reference)	1.00 (Reference)
110–150	1.62 (1.50–1.76)	1.13 (1.04–1.58)	1.12 (1.01–1.24)
150–180	3.20 (2.94–3.48)	1.43 (1.30–1.58)	1.38 (1.22–1.55)
180–240	4.71 (4.33–5.12)	1.63 (1.47–1.81)	1.51 (1.33–1.72)
240–300	6.01 (5.43–6.65)	1.76 (1.55–1.99)	1.57 (1.34–1.84)
>300	7.05 (6.23–7.98)	1.89 (1.62–2.19)	1.78 (1.48–2.15)

<sup>a</sup>Adjusted for age, sex, race, operative admission diagnosis, history of diabetes, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation IV score, admission glucose, admission temperature, number of glucose values per patient day, highest temperature, white blood cell count, serum sodium, and serum creatinin throughout the intensive care unit (ICU) stay, duration of mechanical ventilation, year of ICU admission, and ICU-acquired acute renal injury, respiratory failure and sepsis. <sup>b</sup>Adjusted for glucocorticoids in addition to primary model (n = 69,598). <sup>c</sup>Thresholds for percentiles of glucose variability (coefficient of variation) were 20th percentile = 0.10; 40th percentile = 0.15; 60th percentile = 0.19; 80th percentile = 0.25; and 100th percentile = 1.67.



**Hyperglycemia is associated with increased mortality in ICU patients, independent of severity of illness.** Mortality risk increases with mean glucose across the entire cohort (n = 259,040) starting at mild hyperglycemia (p < 0.0001). A) Odds ratios for mortality after adjustment for severity of illness are represented as point estimates with 95% confidence intervals for each mean glucose category; exclusion of unity represents a significant association. B) Cubic splines depict this relationship using mean glucose as a continuous variable.

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