

# Extracorporeal therapy of sepsis— The German perspective



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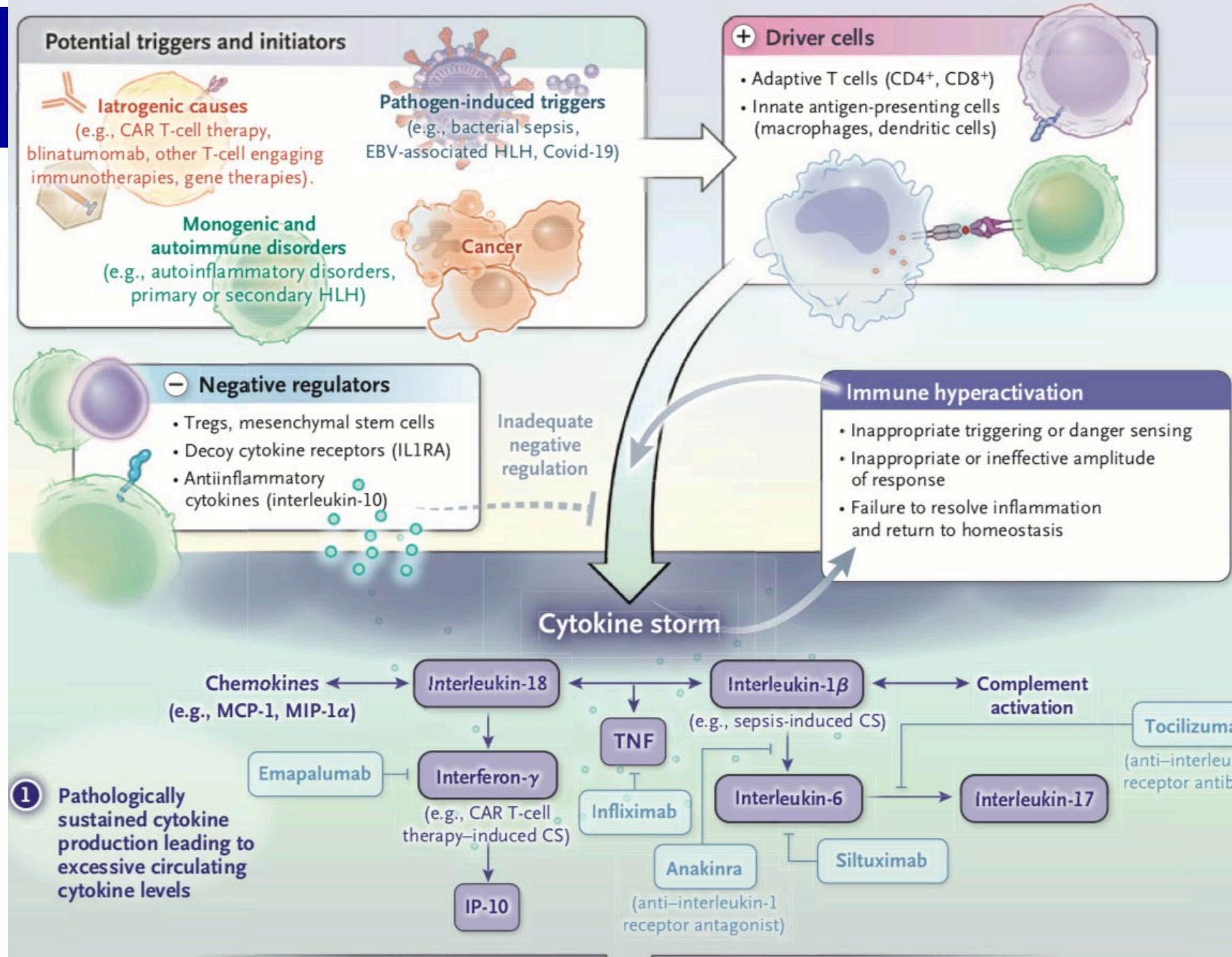
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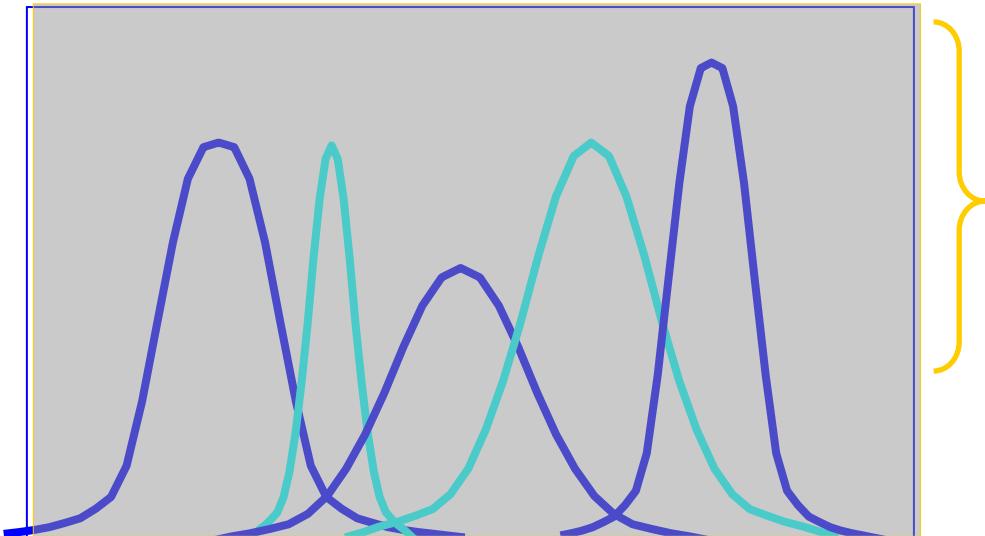
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# Cytokine Storm



# Extracorporeal therapies in non-renal disease: treatment of sepsis and the peak concentration hypothesis

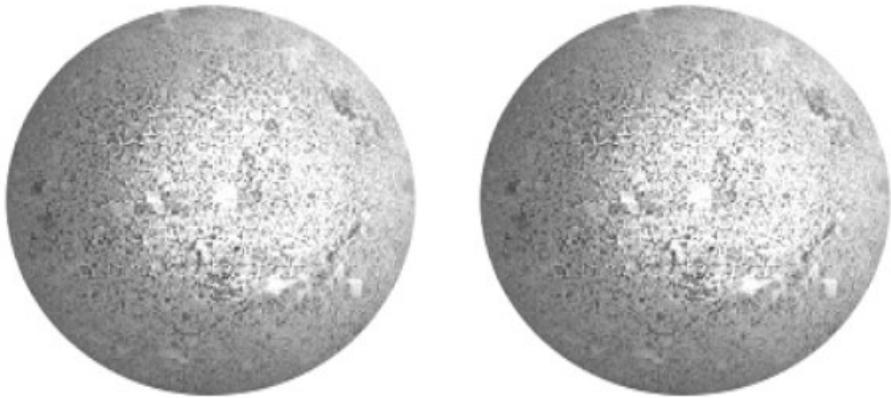


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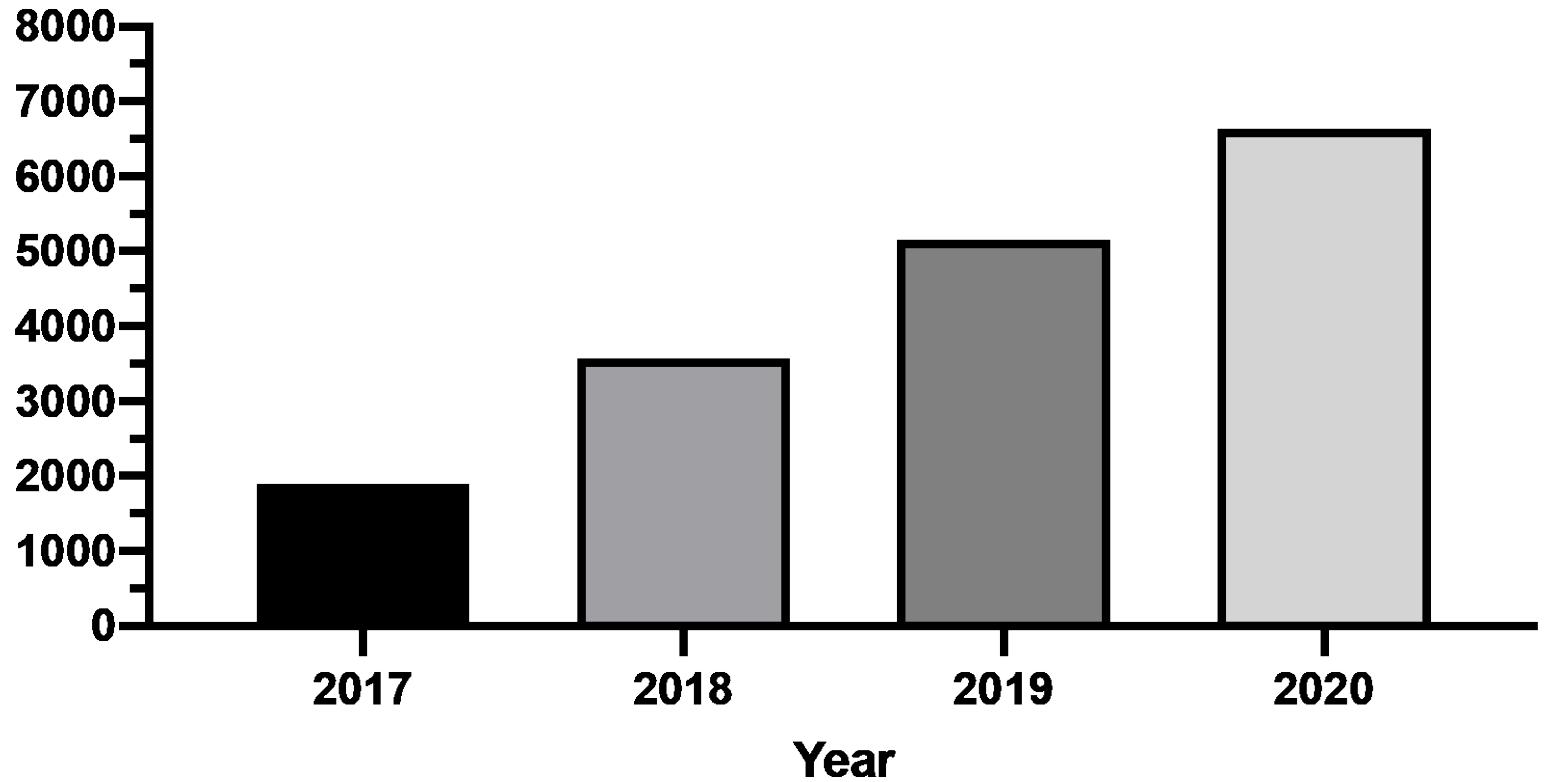
Cytokine	Molecular weight	% removal
IL-8	8 kDa	100%
IL-1ra	17 kDa	100%
IL-1 $\alpha$	17 kDa	100%
IL-10	18 kDa	85%
IL-6	26 kDa	87%
HMGB1	30 kDa	80%
TNF- $\alpha$ trimer	51 kDa	55%



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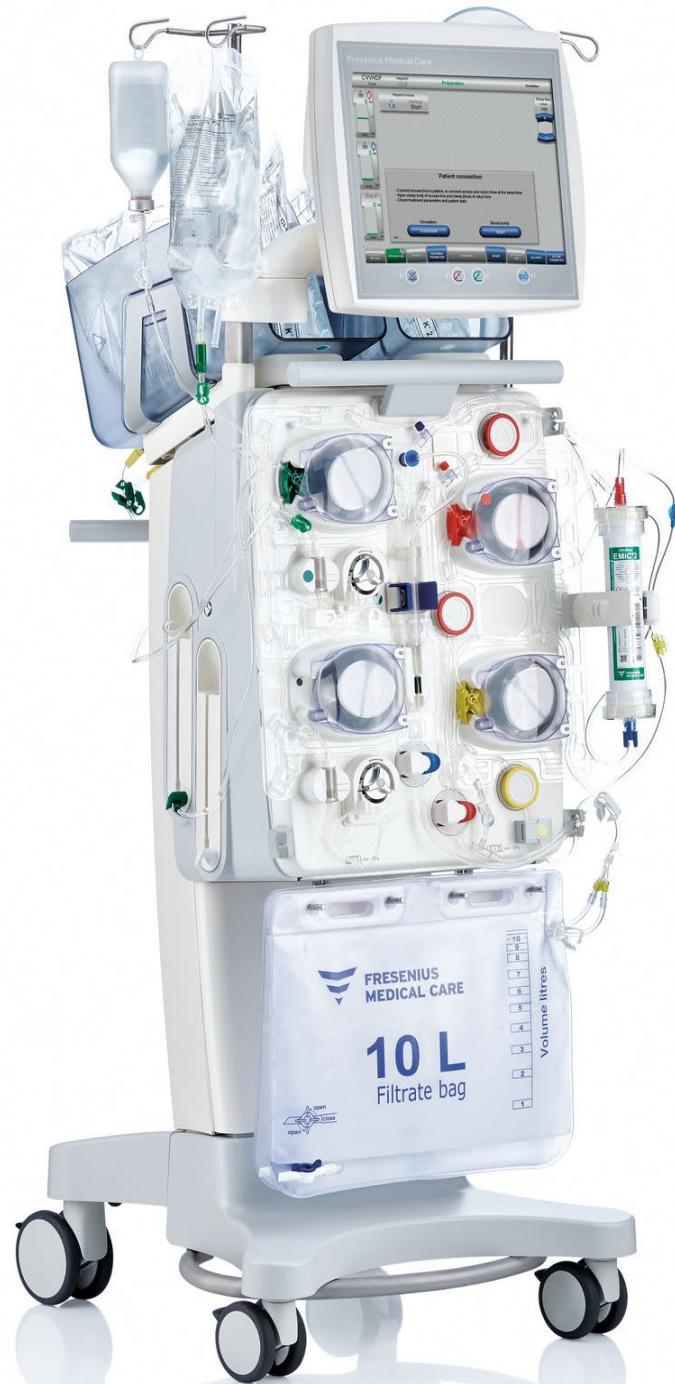
# Cytosorb use in Germany (OPS-Code 8-856 )

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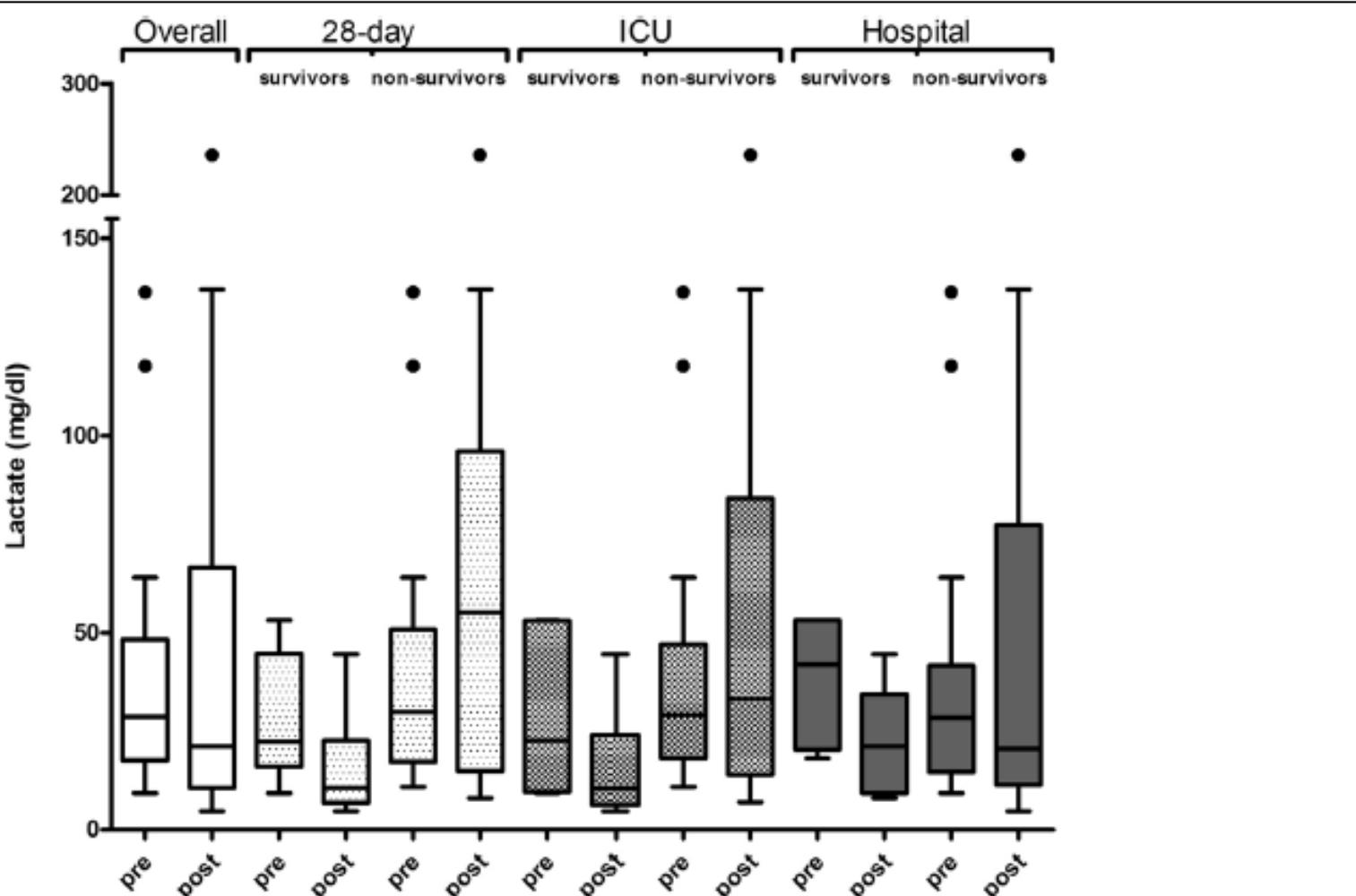




## Case Series and Case Reports



# Hemoabsorption by CytoSorb in septic patients: a case series (n=26)

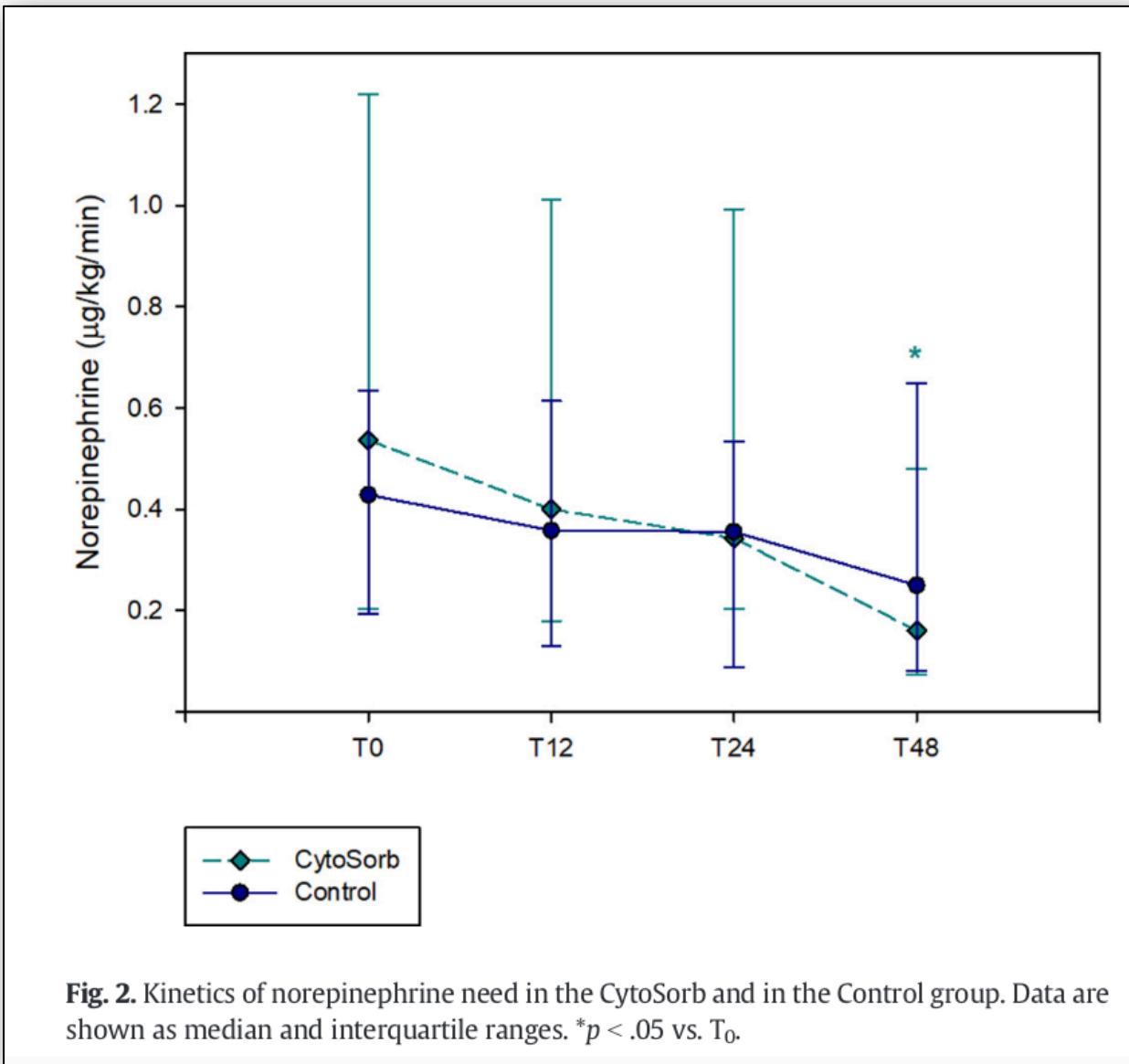


**Fig. 2** Effect of CytoSorb hemoabsorption on blood lactate levels in relation to survival. Lactate levels (mg/dl) before (pre) and after (post) CytoSorb treatments in the overall patient population and in 28-day, ICU, and hospital survivors. In each Tukey boxplot the whiskers have equal lengths of 1.5 IQR. Dots represent outliers

# Extracorporeal cytokine adsorption in septic shock: A proof of concept randomized, controlled pilot study (n=20)

J Crit Care. 49:172-178, 2019

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**Fig. 2.** Kinetics of norepinephrine need in the CytoSorb and in the Control group. Data are shown as median and interquartile ranges. \* $p < .05$  vs. T<sub>0</sub>.

# Multicentered prospective investigator initiated study to evaluate the clinical outcomes with extracorporeal cytokine adsorption device (CytoSorb<sup>®</sup>) in patients with sepsis and septic shock (n=45)

**Table 2 Percentage decrease in patients and vasopressor doses (survivors)**

Vasopressor drug, µg/kg/min	Pre CytoSorb <sup>®</sup> , therapy patient number (n), dose (median)	Post CytoSorb <sup>®</sup> Therapy, patient number (n), dose (median)	% Decrease in dose	P value (dose)
Norepinephrine	21; 1	18; 0.45	43.3	0.160
Epinephrine	4; 0.055	1; 0.055	64.4	-
Vasopressin	9; 1.5	7; 1	15.4	0.816

**Table 5 Change in vital parameters in survivors**

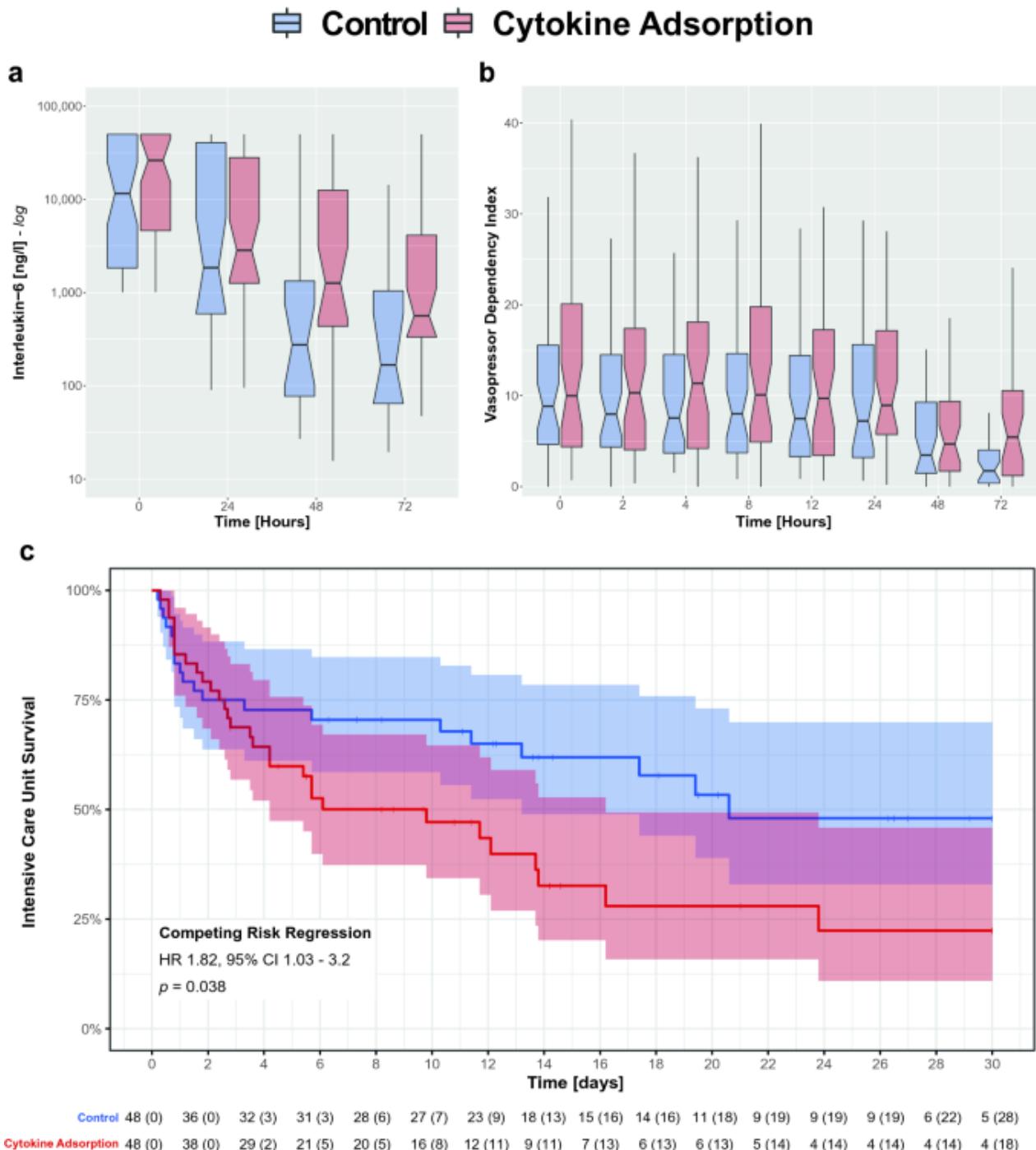
Parameters	Survivor group		P value
	Pre CytoSorb <sup>®</sup> therapy, mean ± SD	Post CytoSorb <sup>®</sup> therapy, mean ± SD	
Heart rate, beats/min	118.57 ± 19.8	103.07 ± 19.38	0.0065 <sup>1</sup>
MAP, mmHg	68.61 ± 9.62	79.42 ± 9.05	0.0001 <sup>1</sup>
GCS	9.86 ± 2.34	12.20 ± 1.47	0.0001 <sup>1</sup>
PaCO <sub>2</sub>	43.32 ± 18.63	38.57 ± 11.66	0.2757
PaO <sub>2</sub> /FiO <sub>2</sub>	162.09 ± 82.99	161.20 ± 66.58	0.9704

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**Table 4 Cytokine assay results for survivors**

Cytokine	Pre CytoSorb® therapy, mean ± SD	Post CytoSorb® therapy, mean ± SD	Percentage change	P value
IL1, pg/mL	10.74 ± 9.70	9.54 ± 9.66	11.11	0.5580
IL6, pg/mL	889.15 ± 1307.43	423.69 ± 1105.55	52.34	0.0792

# Cytokine adsorption in severe, refractory septic shock (n=48 prospectives vs. 160 matched controls)



# Cytokine Hemoadsorption During Cardiac Surgery Versus Standard Surgical Care for Infective Endocarditis (REMOVE): Results From a Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial

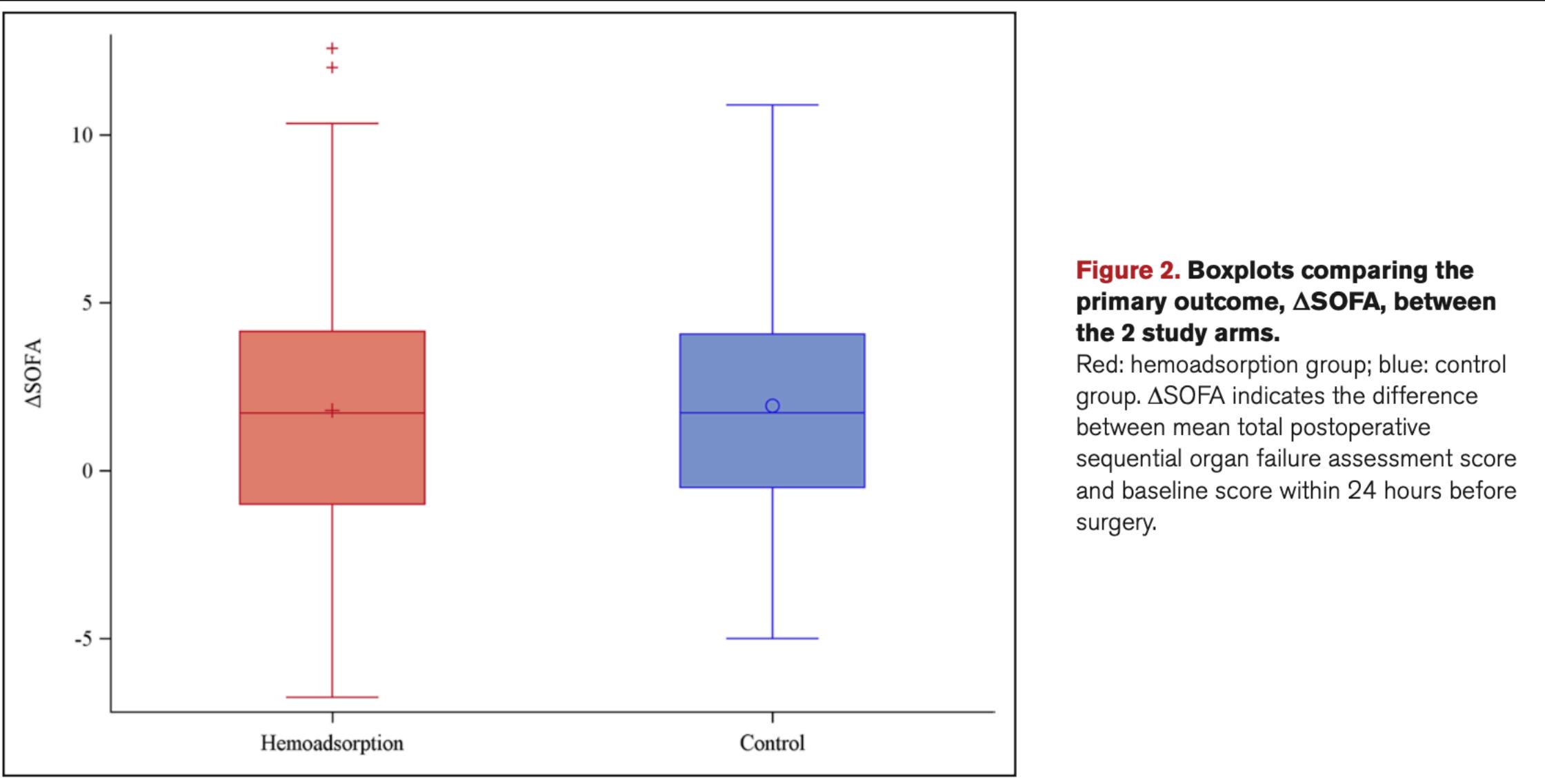
Characteristics	Hemoadsorp-tion group (n=138)	Control group (n=144)
Age, y	68.5 (58–76)	69 (60–76)
BMI	27.2 (23.7–30.4)	27.5 (24.5–29.5)
Female sex	40 (29.0)	33 (22.9)
Diabetes	28 (20.3)	26 (18.1)
Hypertension	109 (79.6)	117 (81.8)
COPD	23 (16.7)	18 (12.5)
Previous cardiac surgery	63 (45.7)	72 (50.0)
Preoperative stroke	10 (7.2)	20 (13.9)
Peripheral arterial disease	27 (19.9)	24 (17.0)
EuroSCORE II	19.1±17.3	20.2±17.8
Charlson comorbidity index	5.0 (2.0–8.0)	5.0 (2.0–7.0)
NYHA ≥III	86 (62.3)	87 (60.4)
SOFA score (24 hours before surgery)	5.6±2.5	5.6±2.4
Preoperative distributive shock	2 (1.4)	5 (3.5)

Characteristics	Hemoadsorp-tion group (n=138)	Control group (n=144)
Microbiologic findings		
<i>Streptococcus</i>	40 (29.0)	37 (25.7)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	38 (27.5)	35 (24.3)
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	16 (11.6)	36 (25.0)
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	30 (21.7)	25 (17.4)
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i>	4 (2.9)	4 (2.8)
Other Gram-positive	7 (5.1)	8 (5.6)
Gram-negative	7 (5.1)	5 (3.5)
Fungal	2 (1.4)	1 (0.7)
Other	9 (6.5)	16 (11.1)

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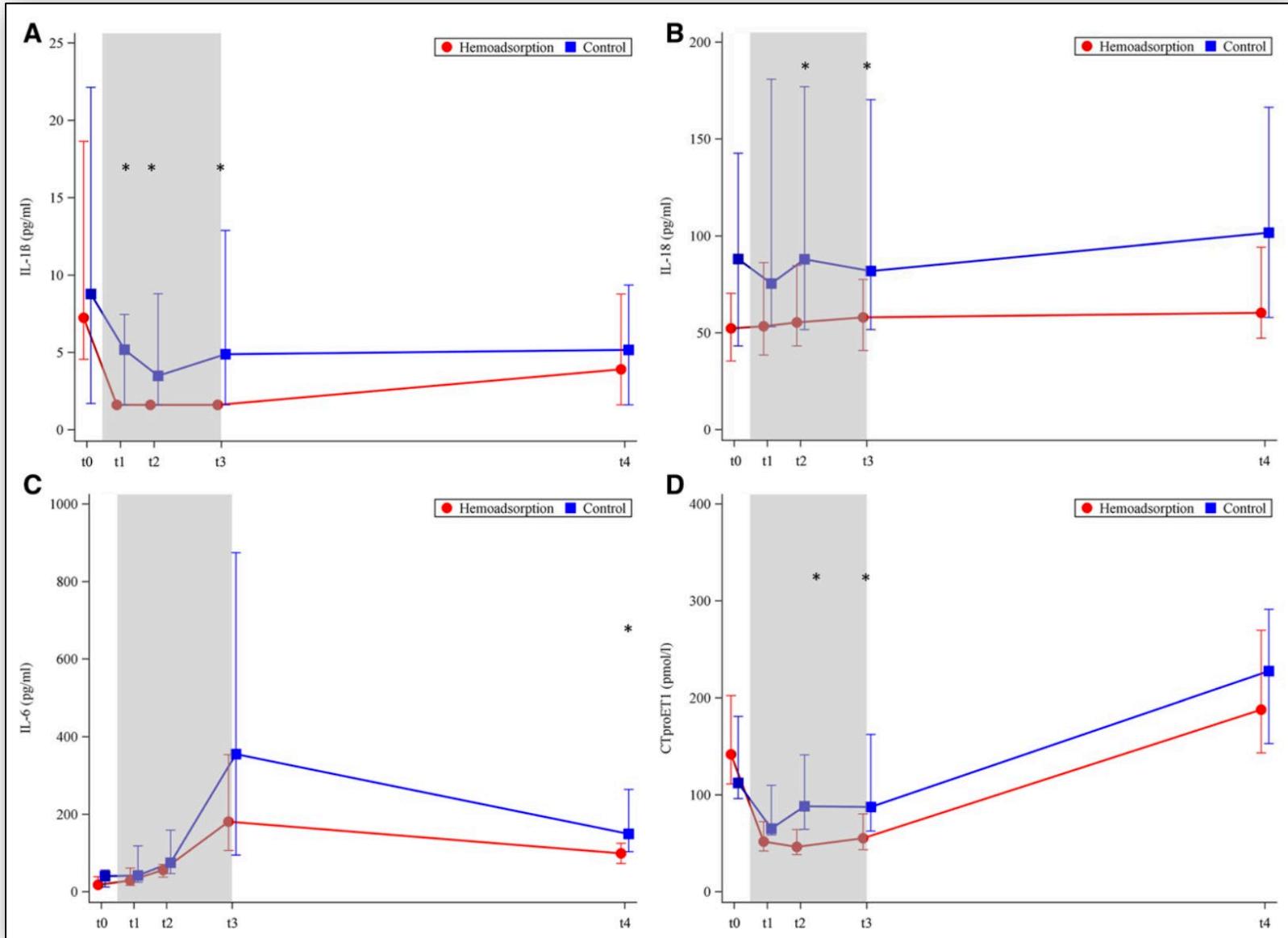
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## Clinical Perspective

### What Is New?

- This is the first multicenter randomized controlled trial investigating the efficacy of CytoSorb in reducing the severity of postoperative organ dysfunction in patients undergoing cardiac surgery for infective endocarditis.
- The trial failed to demonstrate a reduction in postoperative organ dysfunction, 30-day mortality, or any of the clinically relevant secondary outcome points through intraoperative hemoabsorption using CytoSorb.
- Clinical benefit of hemoabsorption was absent even though applying CytoSorb intraoperatively lowered plasma levels of key cytokines.

### What Are the Clinical Implications?

- The results of this trial do not justify routinely administering CytoSorb during cardiac surgery for infective endocarditis to reduce postoperative organ dysfunction or short-term mortality.



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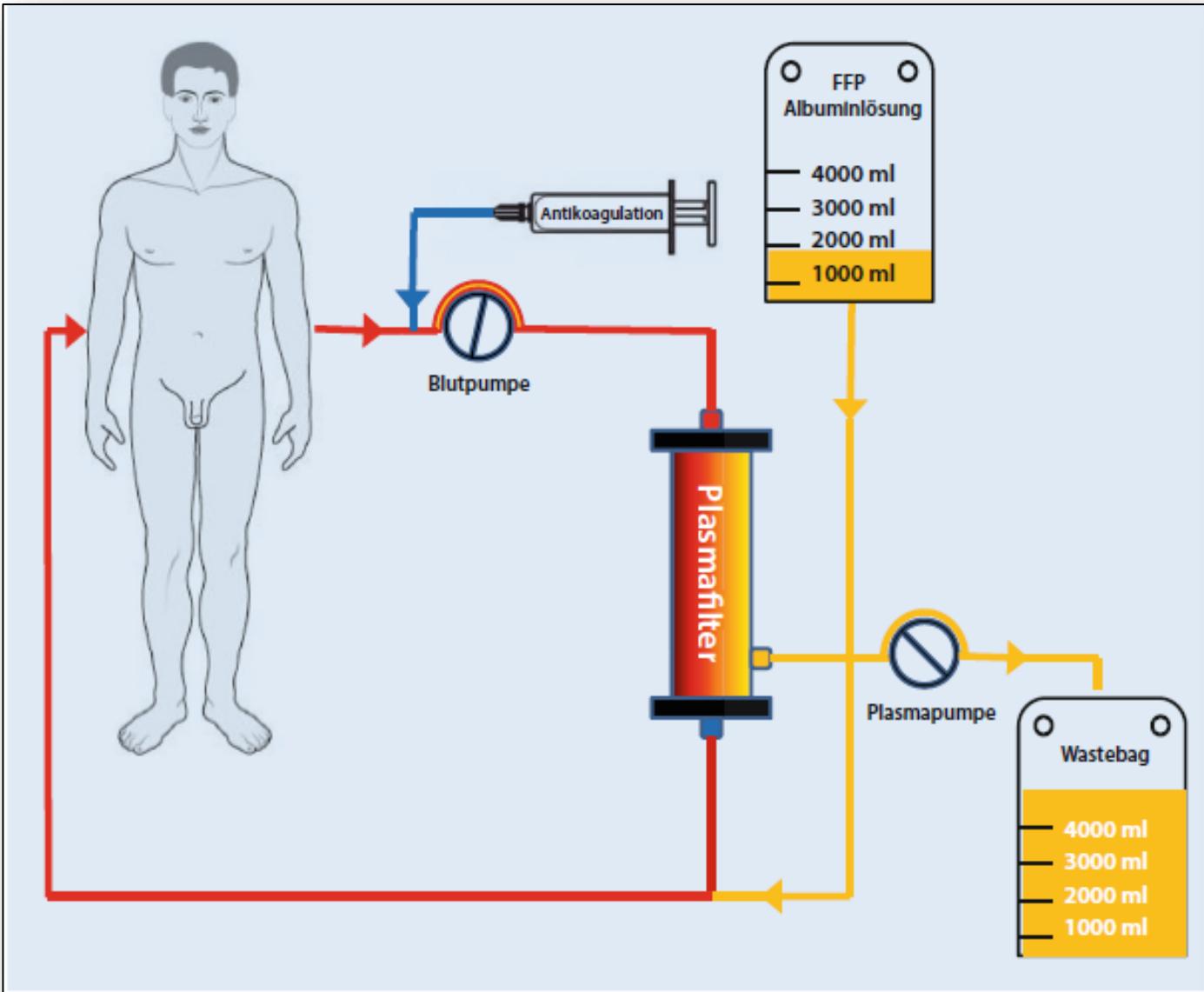
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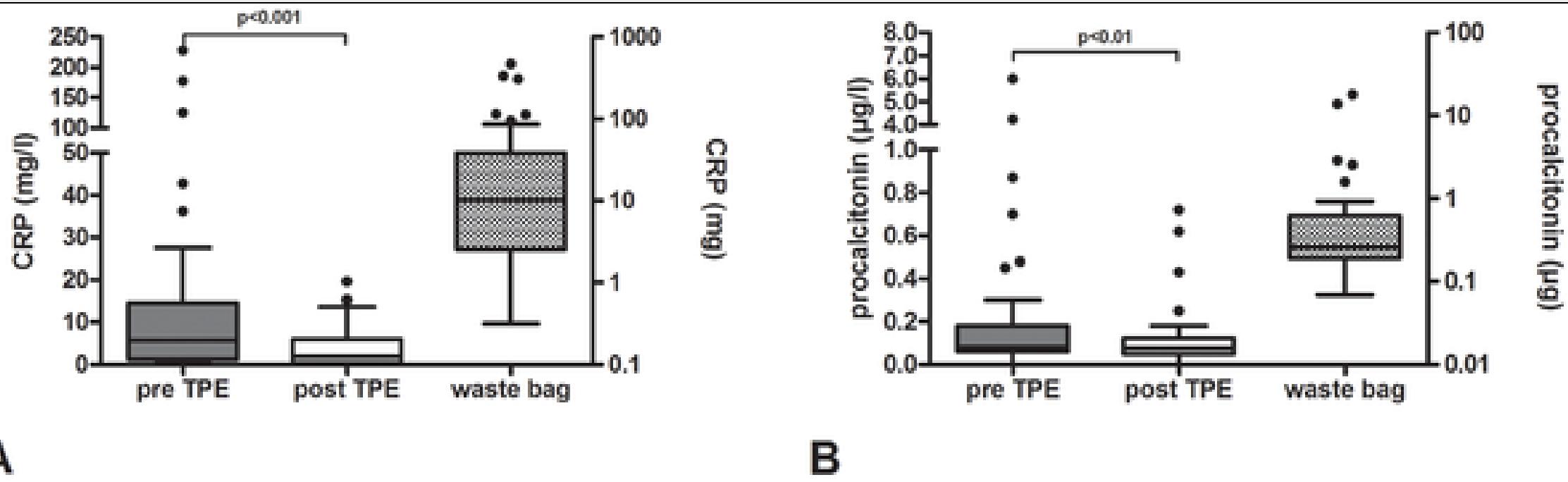
# Therapeutic Plasma Exchange



# Therapeutic Plasma Exchange Decreases Levels of Routinely Used Cardiac and Inflammatory Biomarkers

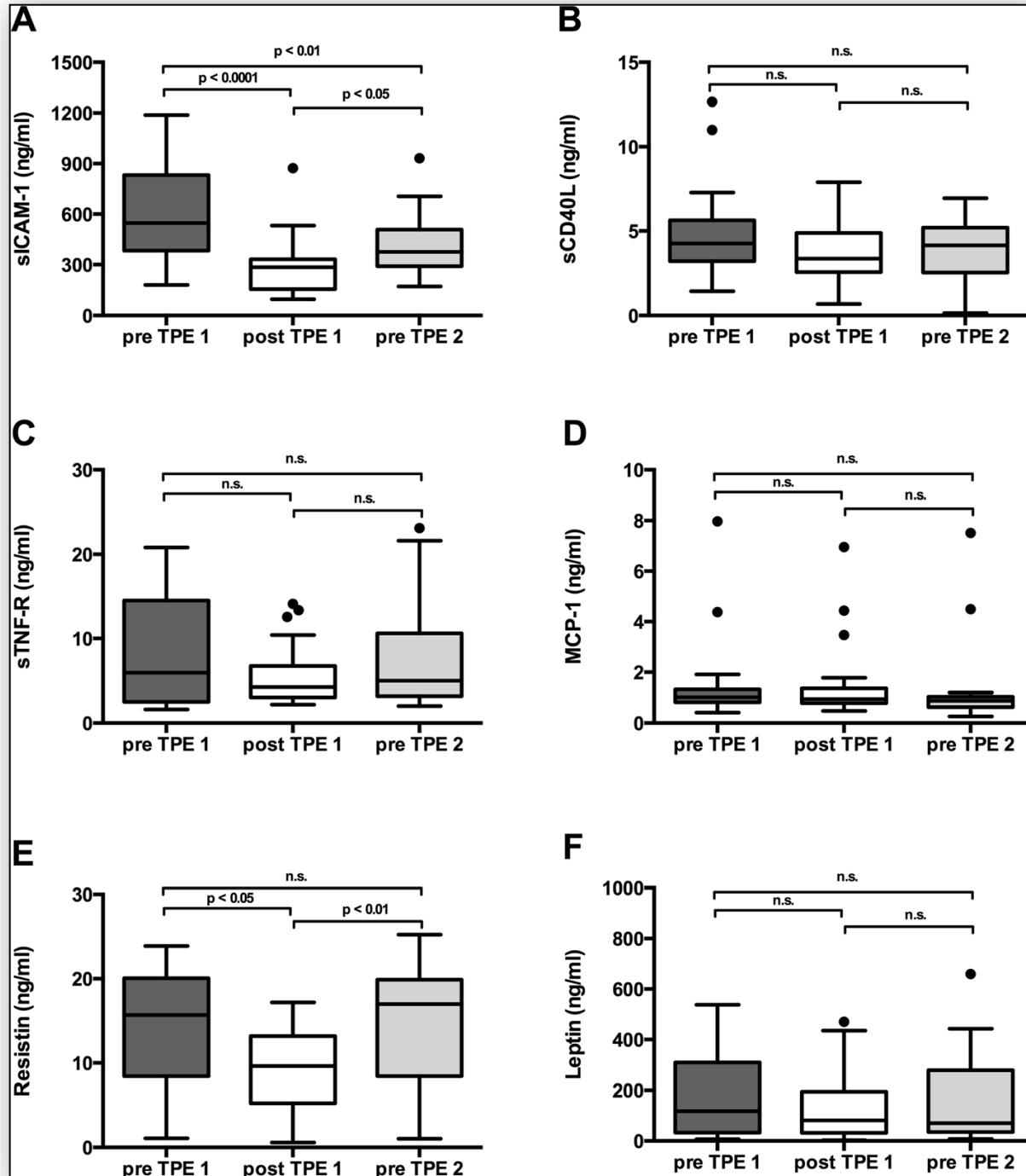
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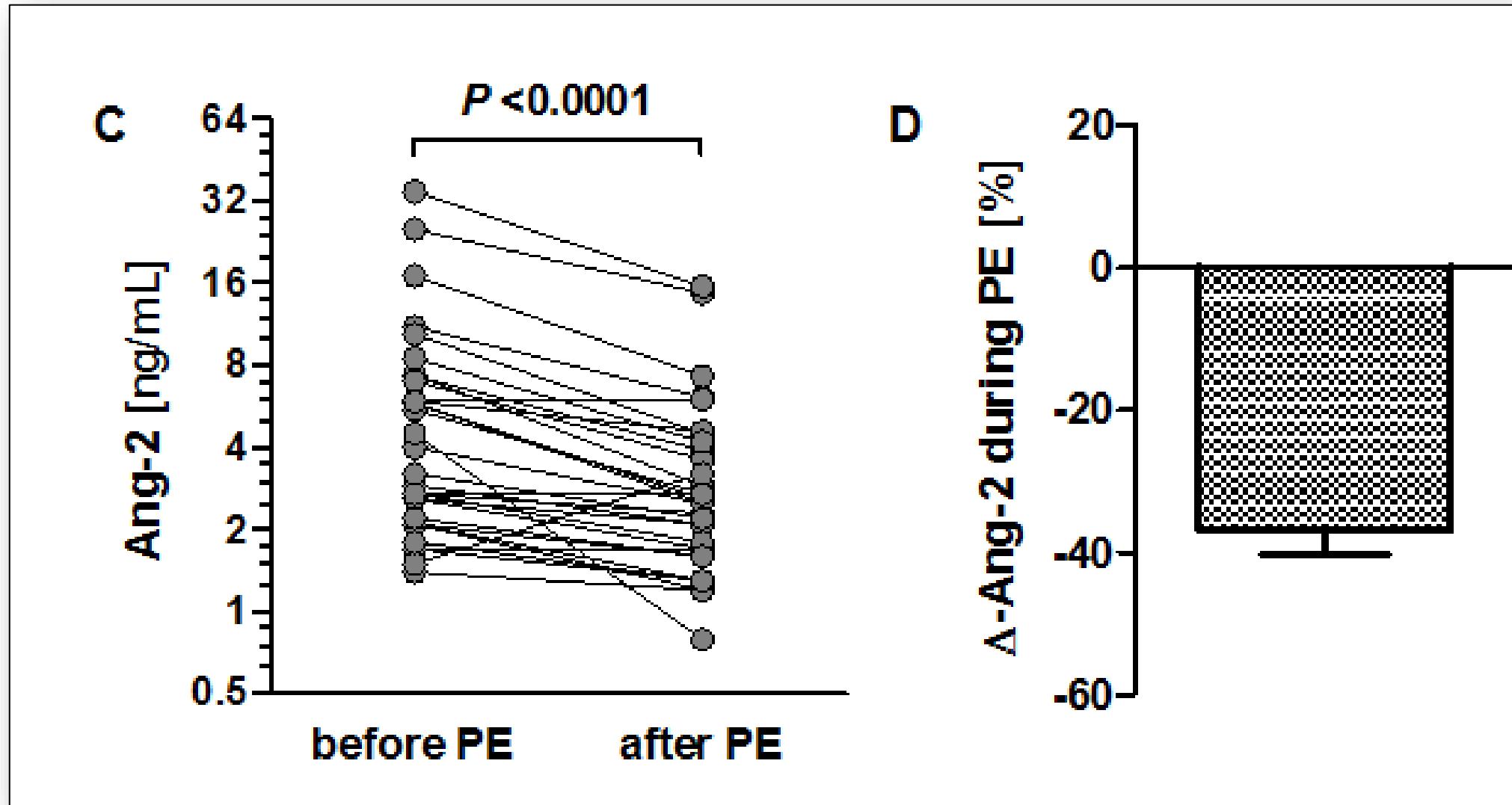
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# Effect of TPE on plasma levels and total removal of adipokines and inflammatory markers



BMC Obesity 2:37, 2015

# Removal of elevated circulating angiopoietin-2 by plasma exchange--a pilot study in critically ill patients with TMA and anti-GBM-disease



# Guidelines on the Use of Therapeutic Apheresis in Clinical Practice - Evidence-Based Approach from the Writing Committee of the American Society for Apheresis: The Eighth Special Issue

## SEPSIS WITH MULTIORGAN FAILURE

Incidence: Severe sepsis in adults 300/100,000/yr (US); 8% prevalence in pediatric intensive care	Procedure	Recommendation	Category
	TPE	Grade 2B	III
# reported patients: >300	RCT	CT	CR
	4(194)	6(215)	16(1,216)
			NA

TABLE II. Category Definitions for Therapeutic Apheresis

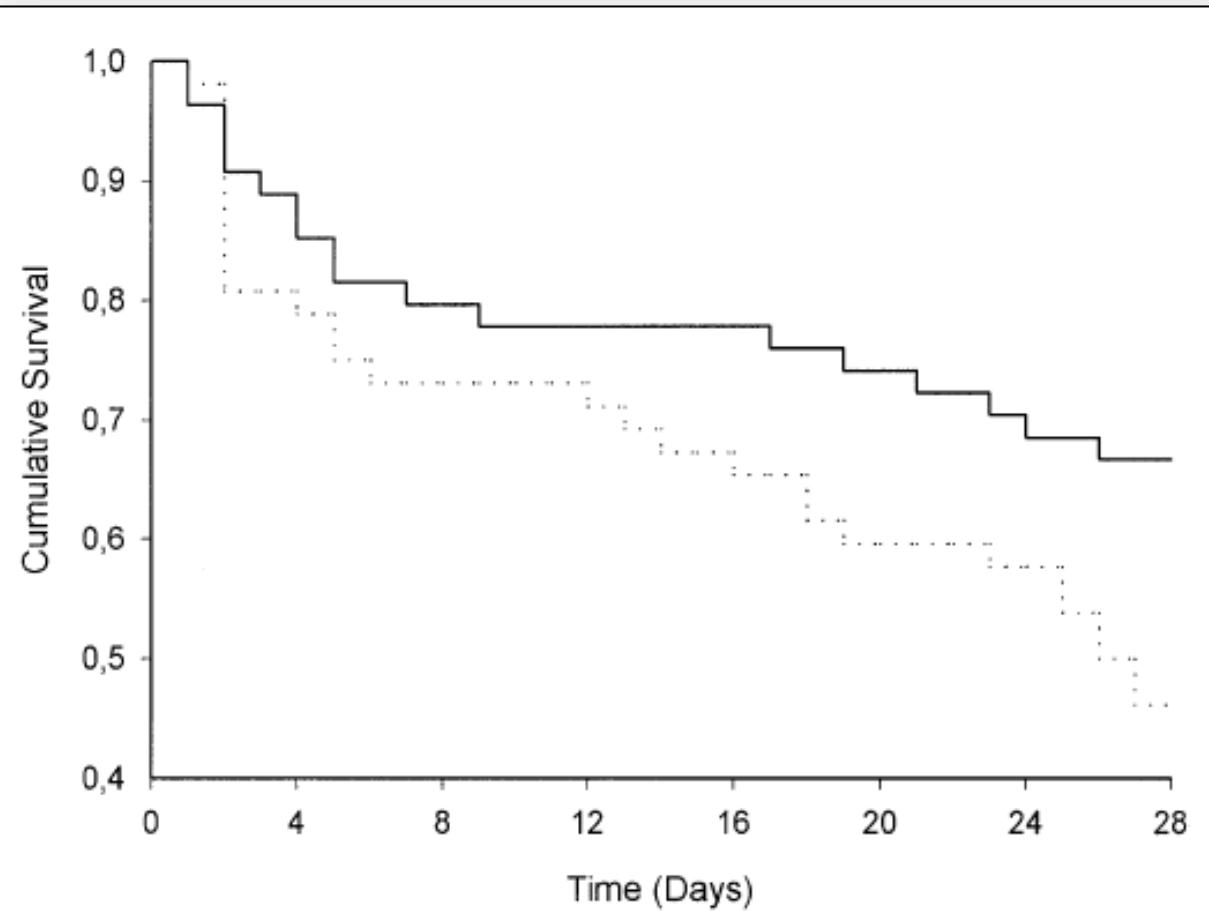
Category	Description
I	Disorders for which apheresis is accepted as first-line therapy, either as a primary standalone treatment or in conjunction with other modes of treatment.
II	Disorders for which apheresis is accepted as second-line therapy, either as a standalone treatment or in conjunction with other modes of treatment.
III	Optimum role of apheresis therapy is not established. Decision making should be individualized.
IV	Disorders in which published evidence demonstrates or suggests apheresis to be ineffective or harmful. IRB approval is desirable if apheresis treatment is undertaken in these circumstances.



# Plasmapheresis in severe sepsis and septic shock: a prospective, randomised, controlled trial

Intensive Care 28:1434–1439, 2002

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**Fig. 1** Cumulative survival in 106 patients with severe sepsis or septic shock randomly assigned to plasmapheresis (*solid line*) or not (*dotted line*) in addition to standard sepsis treatment



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**Table 4** Multiple logistic regression analysis evaluating the adjusted effects of unbalanced baseline characteristics and plasmapheresis on mortality in patients with severe sepsis or septic shock

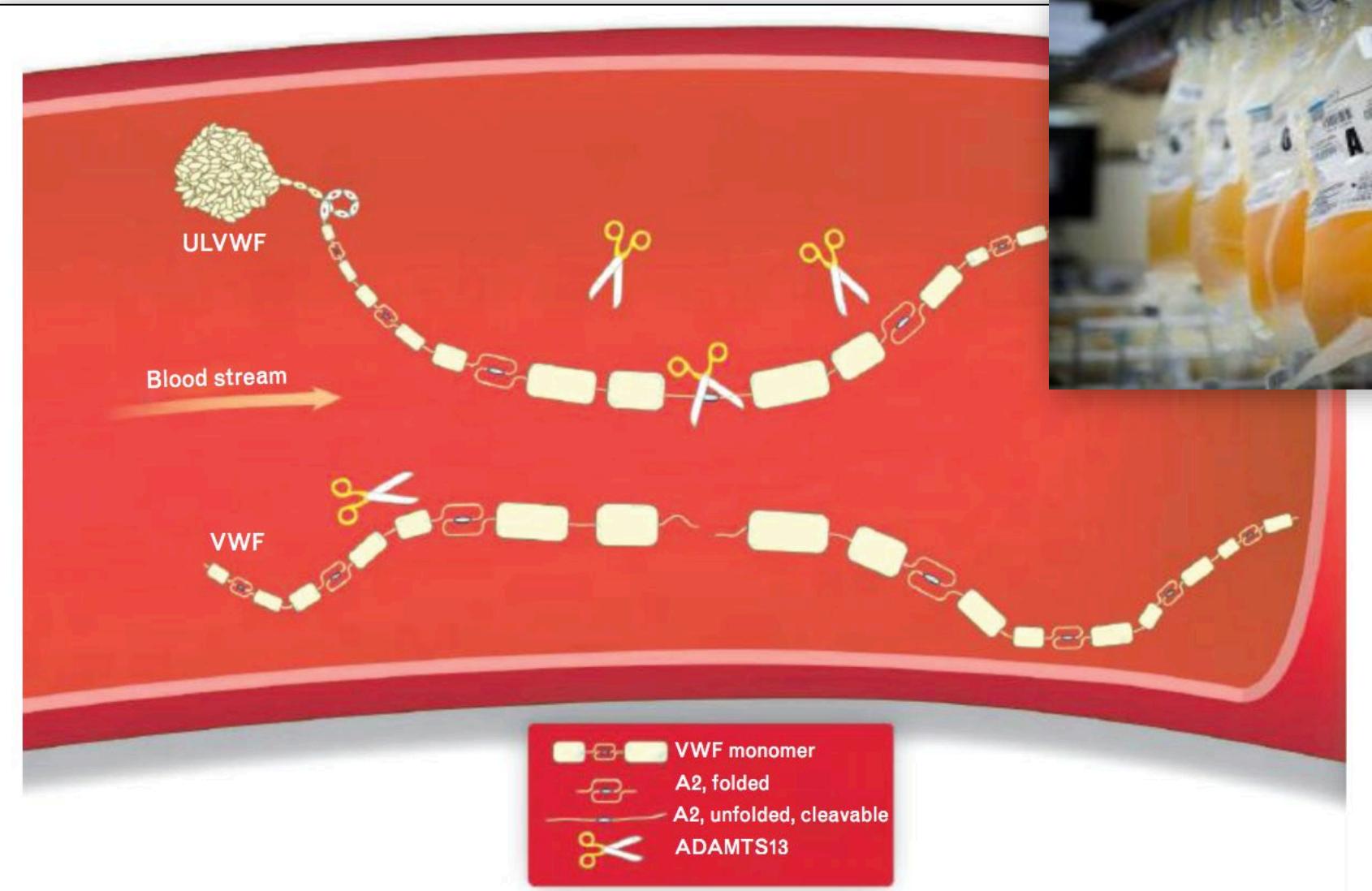
Independent variable	Odds ratio	95% CI	p
Age (10 years) <sup>a</sup>	1.48	1.03–2.12	0.03
Site of infection			0.04
Abdominal	Reference		
Female genital	0.54	0.07–4.00	
Urological	0.15	0.02–0.93	
Lung	4.04	0.74–22.2	
Skin/soft tissue	0.41	0.07–2.53	
Brain	1.60	0.30–8.62	
Other	1.71	0.33–8.88	
Plasma exchange	0.41	0.15–1.09	0.07

# Paul's Farewell to the Ephesians

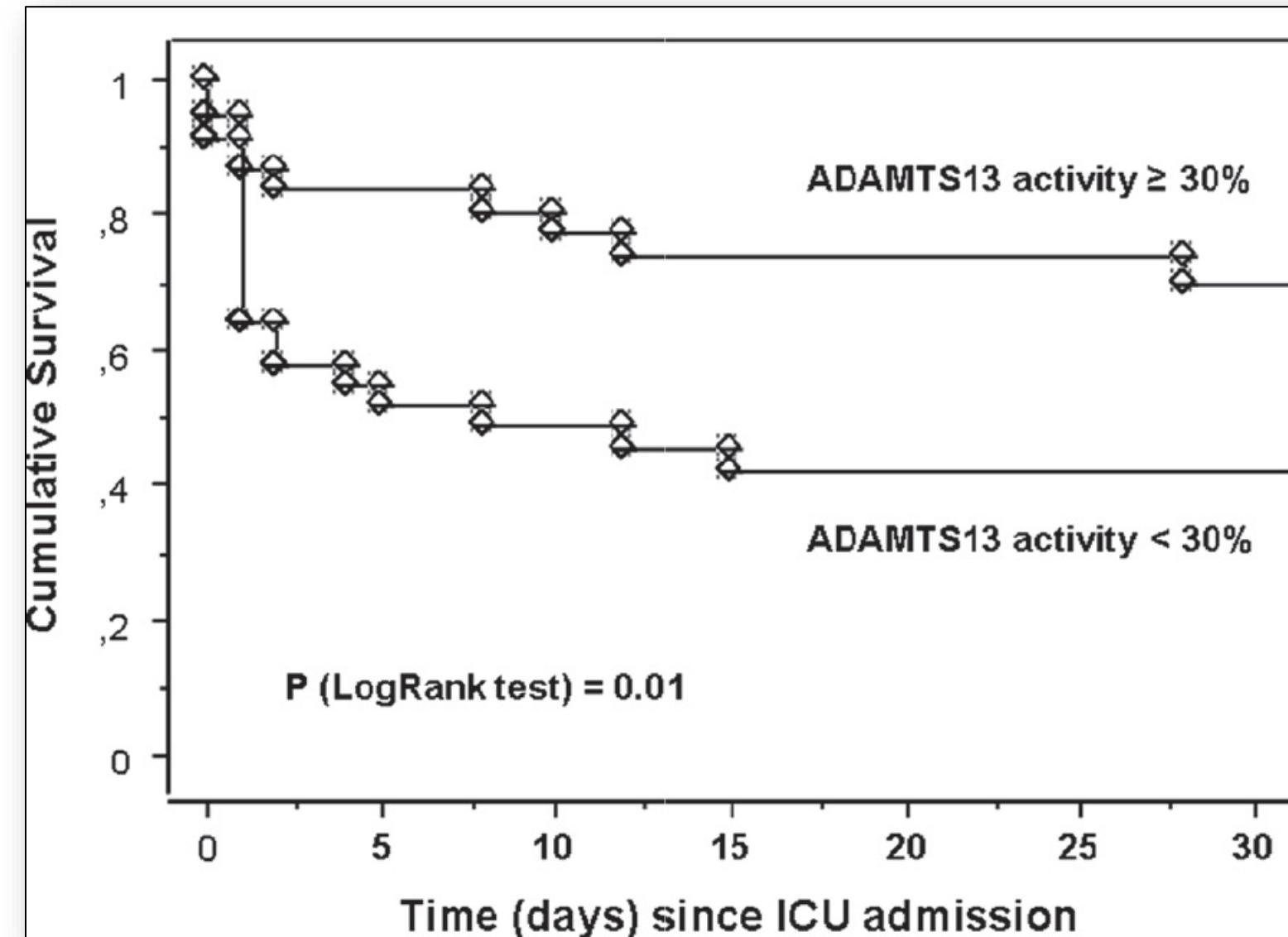
35 In everything, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Himself: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’



# Update on von Willebrand factor multimers: focus on high-molecular-weight multimers and their role in hemostasis



# The prognostic value of ADAMTS-13 deficiency in septic shock patients involves interleukin-6 and is not dependent on disseminated intravascular coagulation



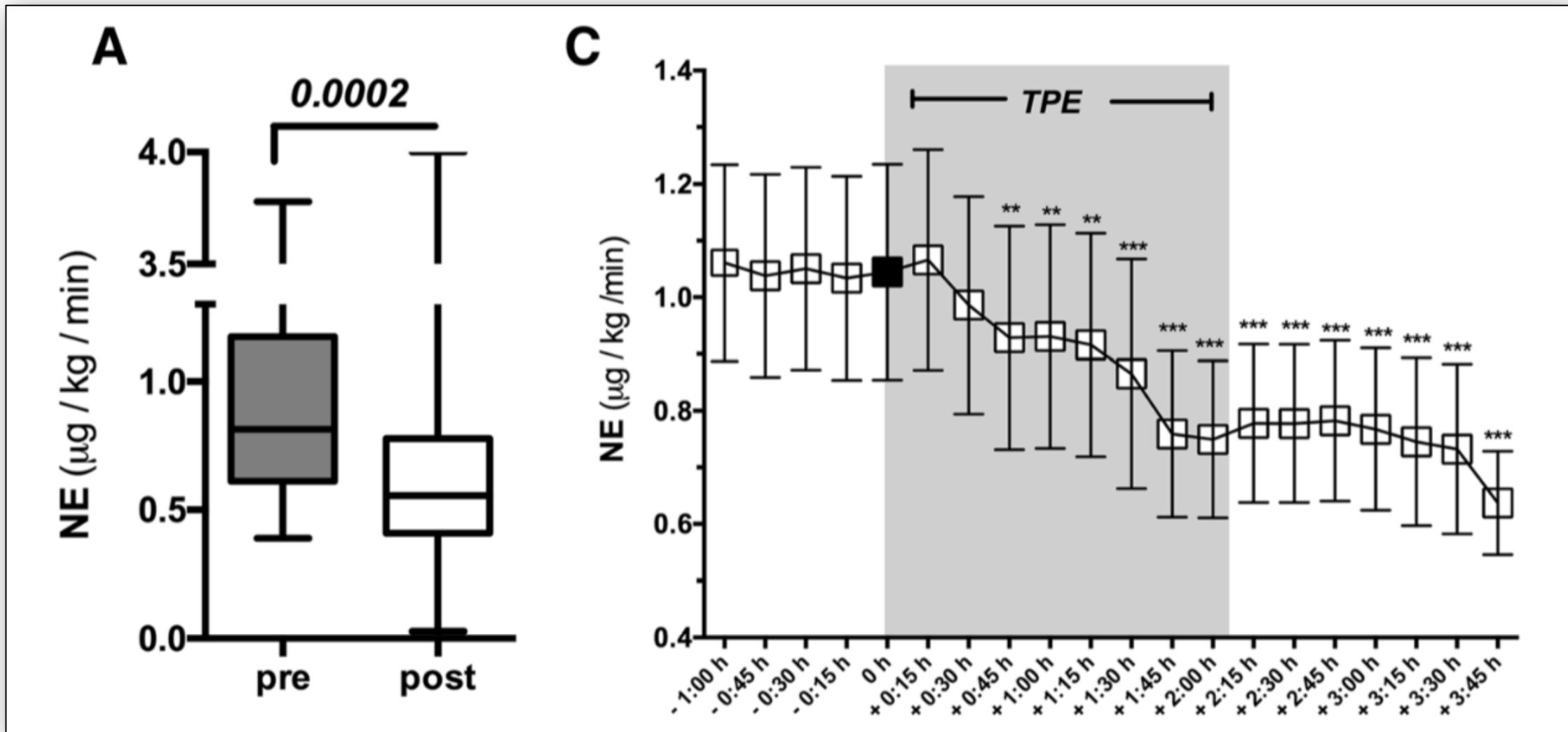
Crit Care 18;17(6):R273, 2013

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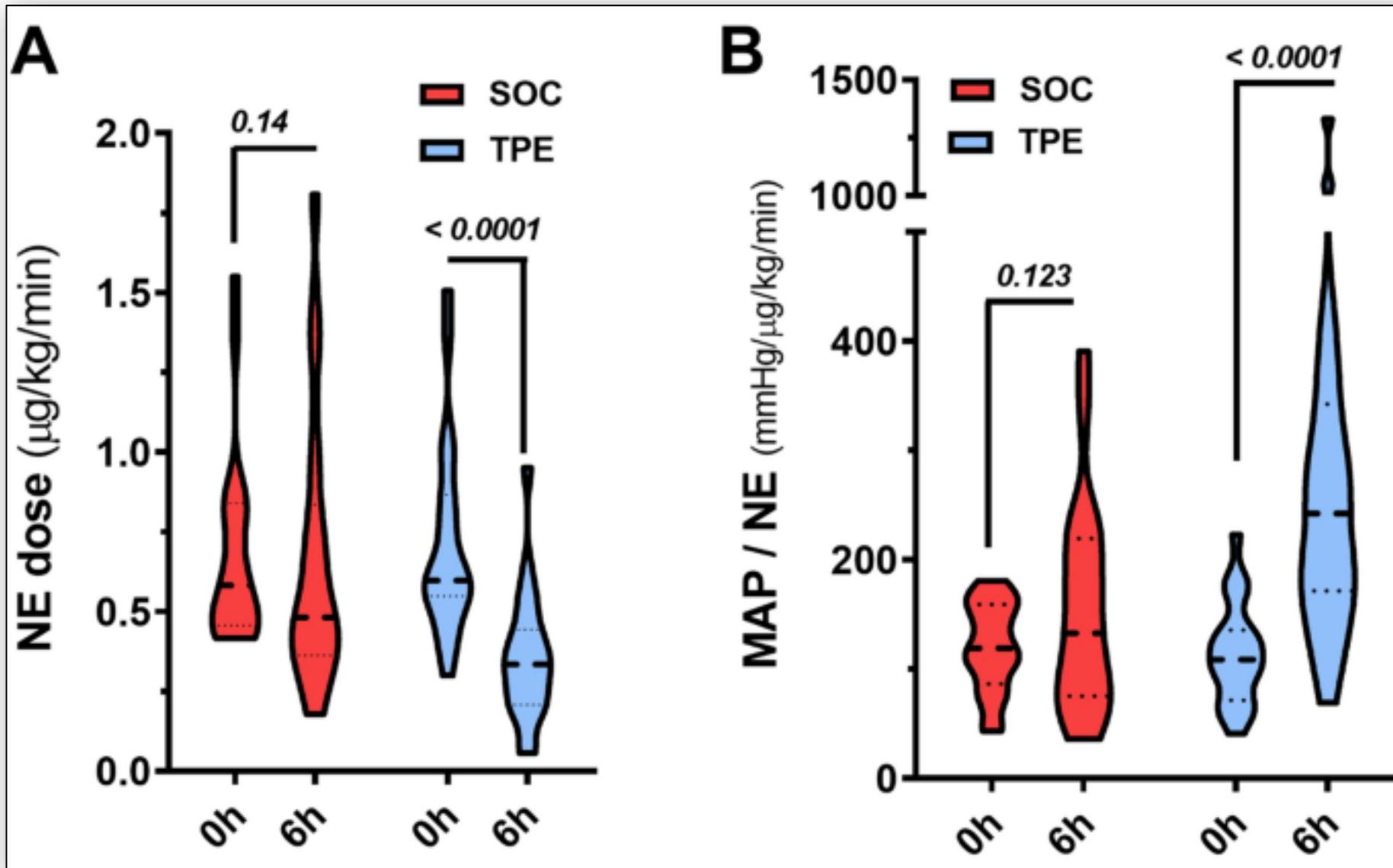
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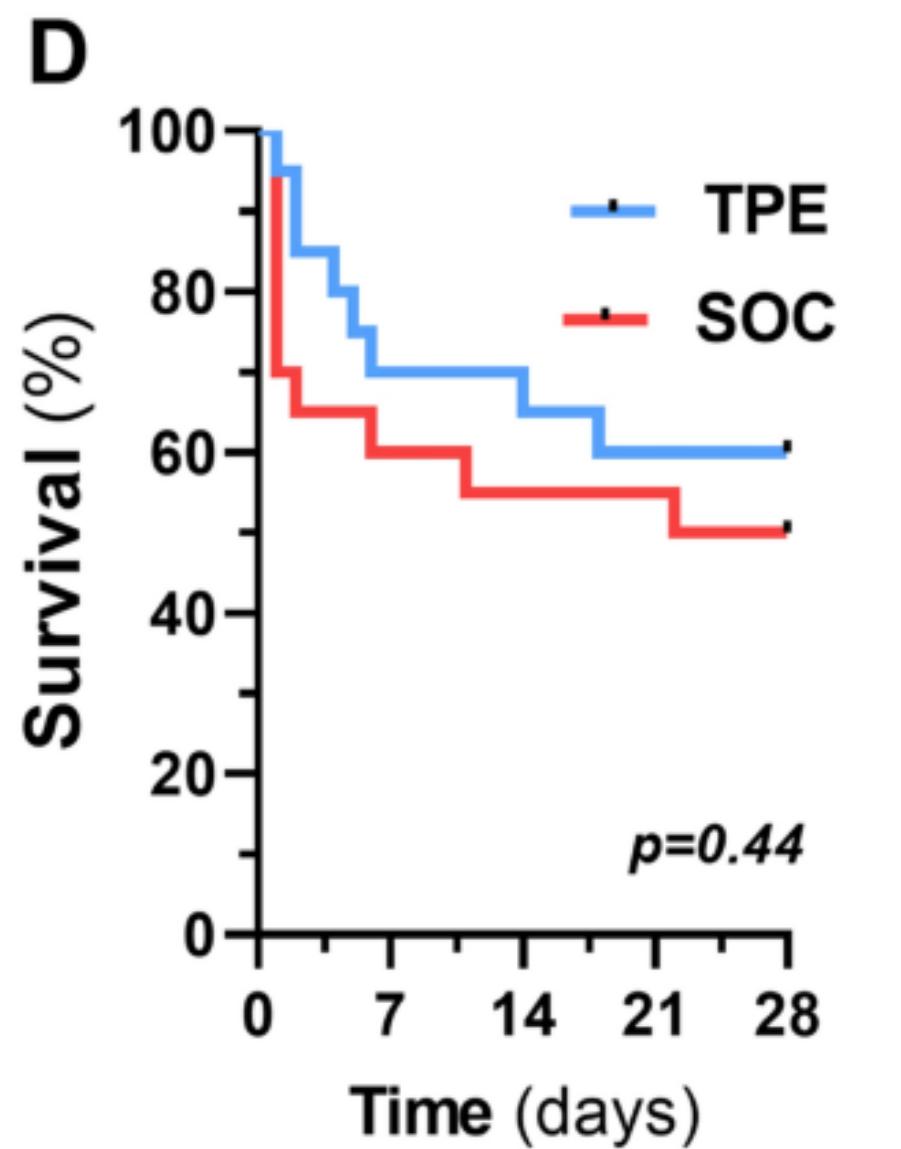
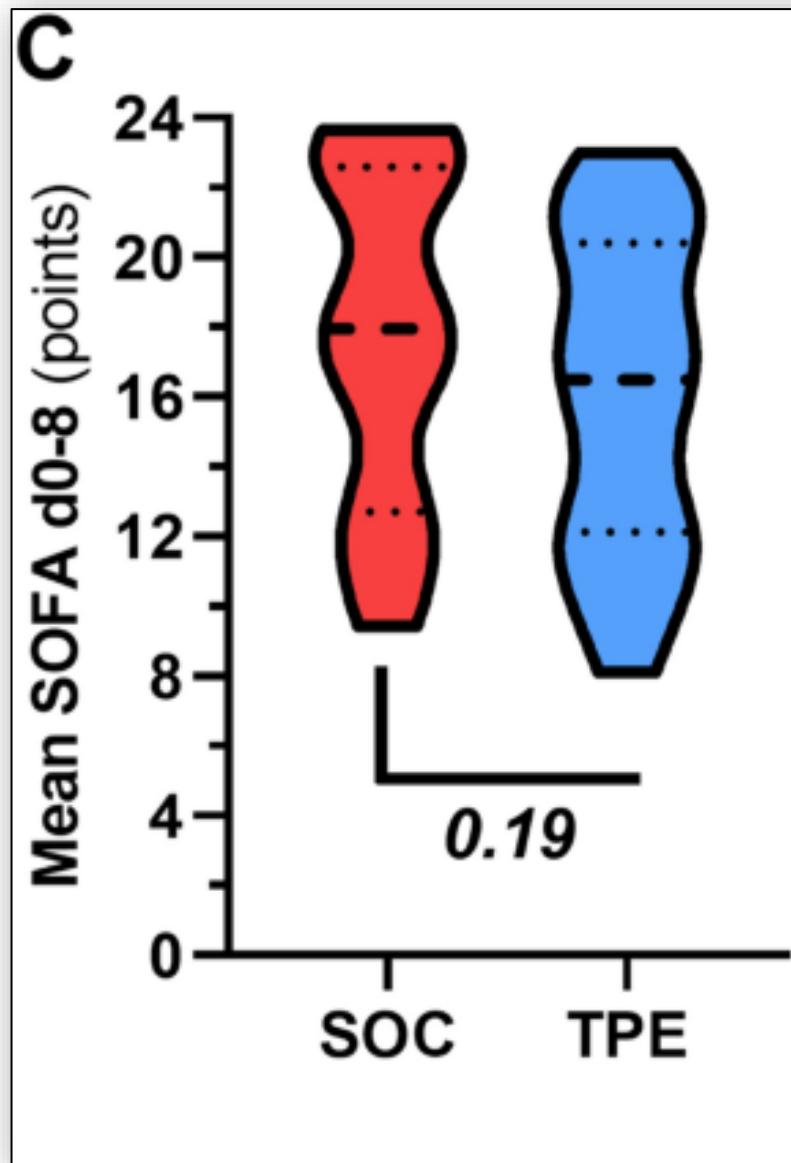
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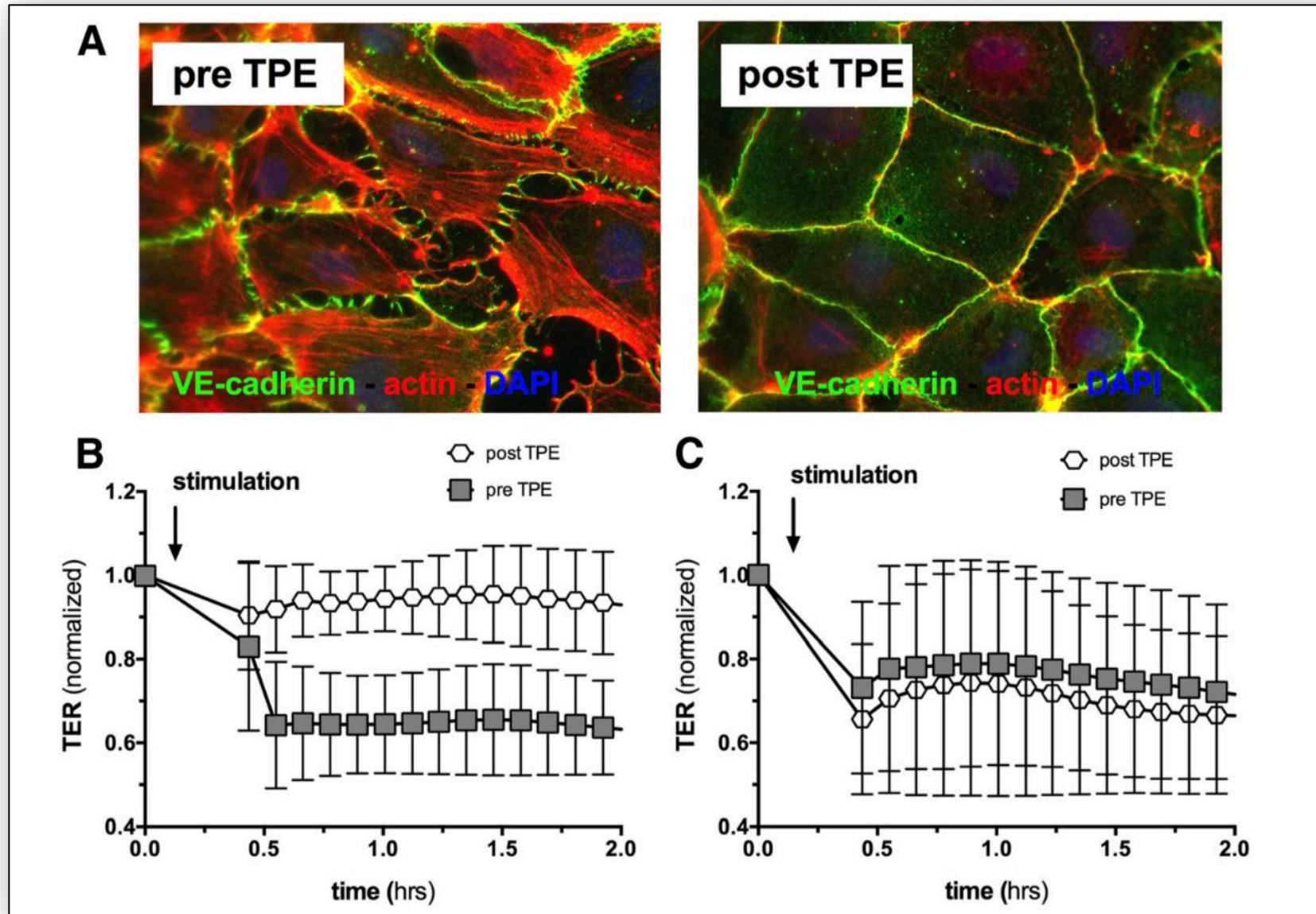
*Intensive Care Med 47(3):352-354, 2021*



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Outcome parameter	SOC	TPE	p
28 day Survival (%)	50	60	0.444
Mean SOFA-Score over d0-8	19 (15 to 24)	16.5 (12 to 20.5)	0.19
Δ ADAMTS-13 (%)	-6.9 (-13.9 to 6.3)	+70.4 (6.6 to 95.8)	< 0.001
Δ Protein C (%)	-3.3 (-15.5 to 3.3)	+14.7 (-3.5 to 33)	0.012
Δ Angiopoietin-1 (%)	-8.1 (-23.3 to -2.7)	-48.5 (-66.8 to 15.2)	0.202
Δ Angiopoietin-2 (%)	-1.5 (-12.4 to 29.1)	-25.4 (-38.7 to -5.5)	0.009
Δ sTie2 (%)	0.2 (-5.9 to 5.1)	-24.4 (-34 to -11.7)	< 0.001

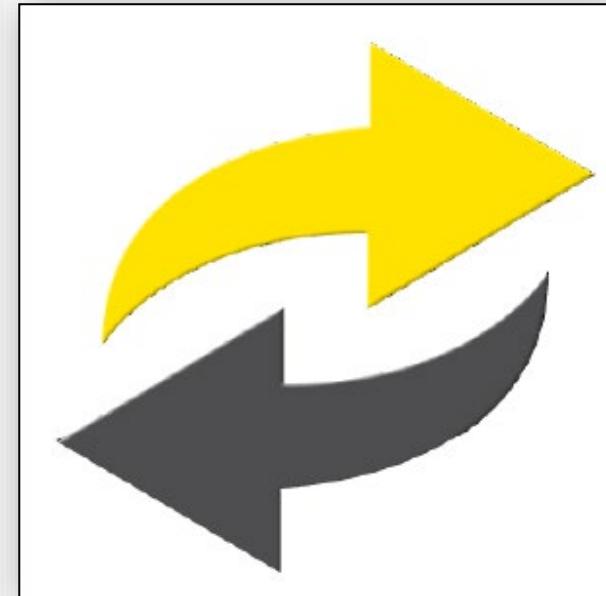
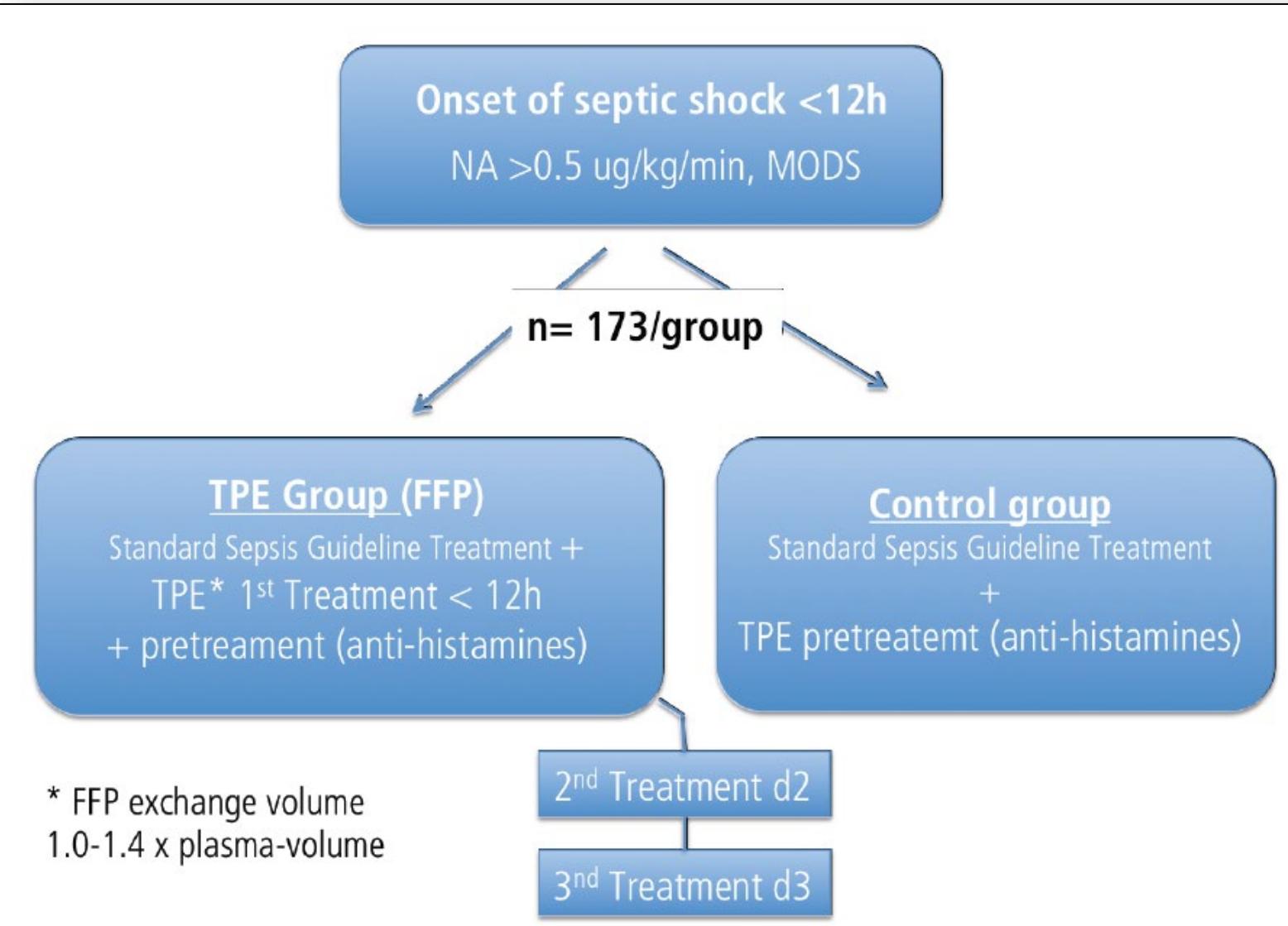
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# Plasmaexchange in Early Septic Shock (EXCHANGE)

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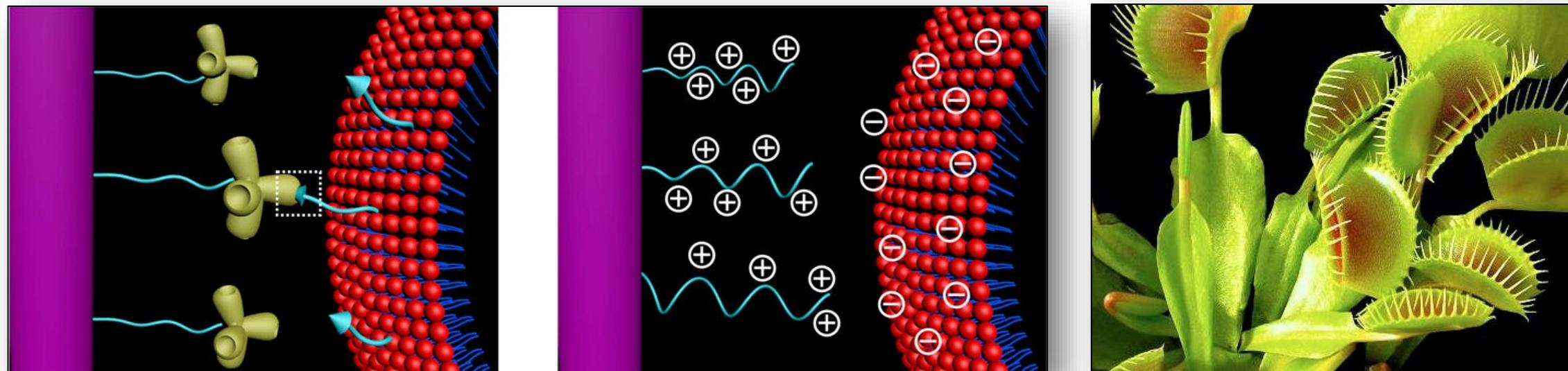
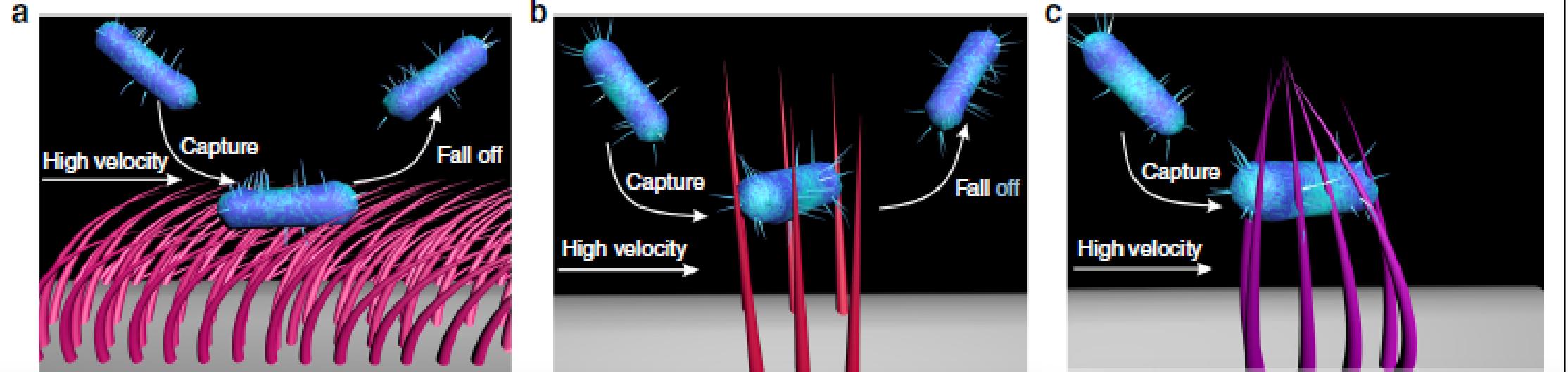
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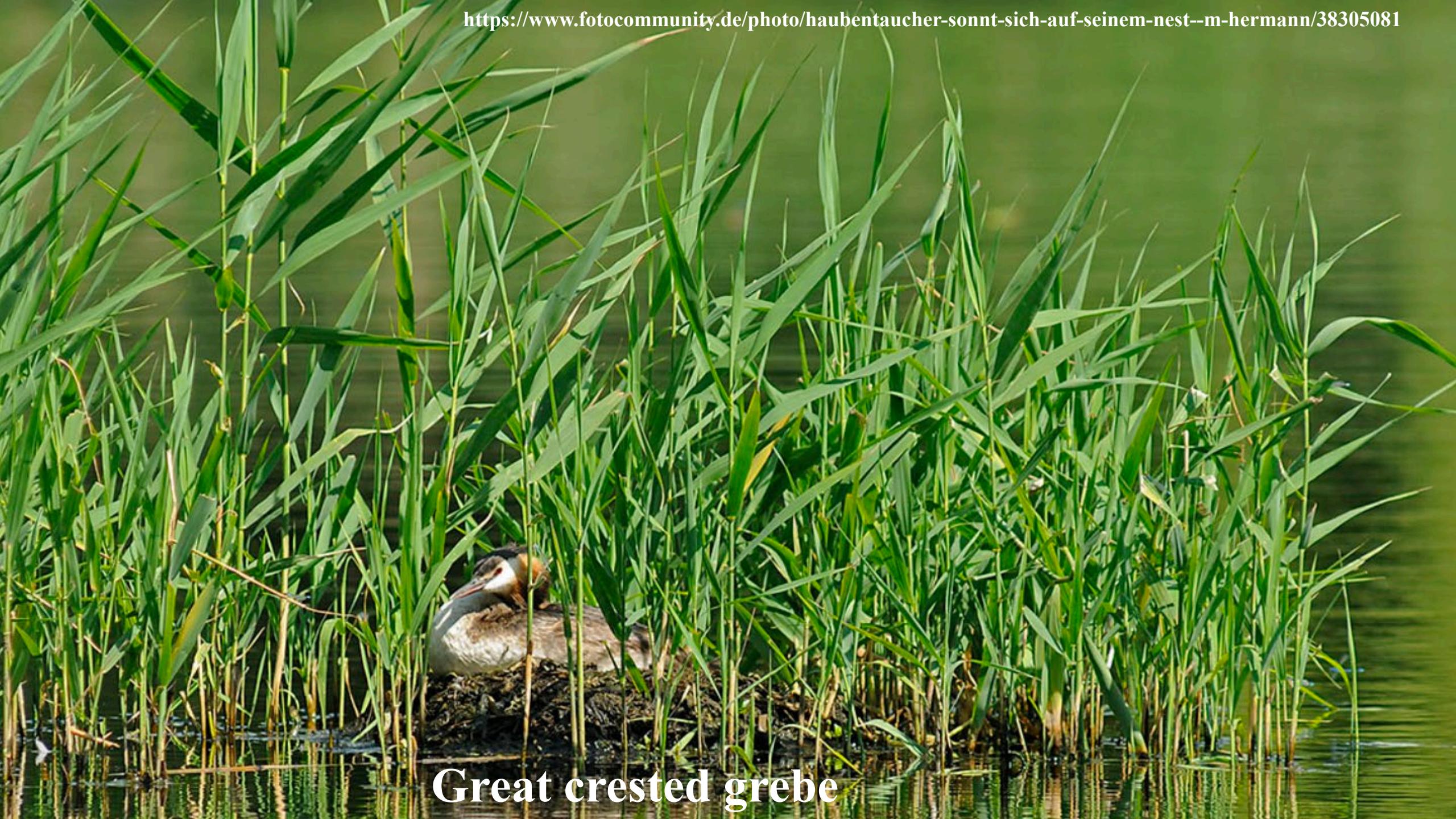
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# Bacterial capture efficiency in fluid bloodstream improved by bendable nanowires

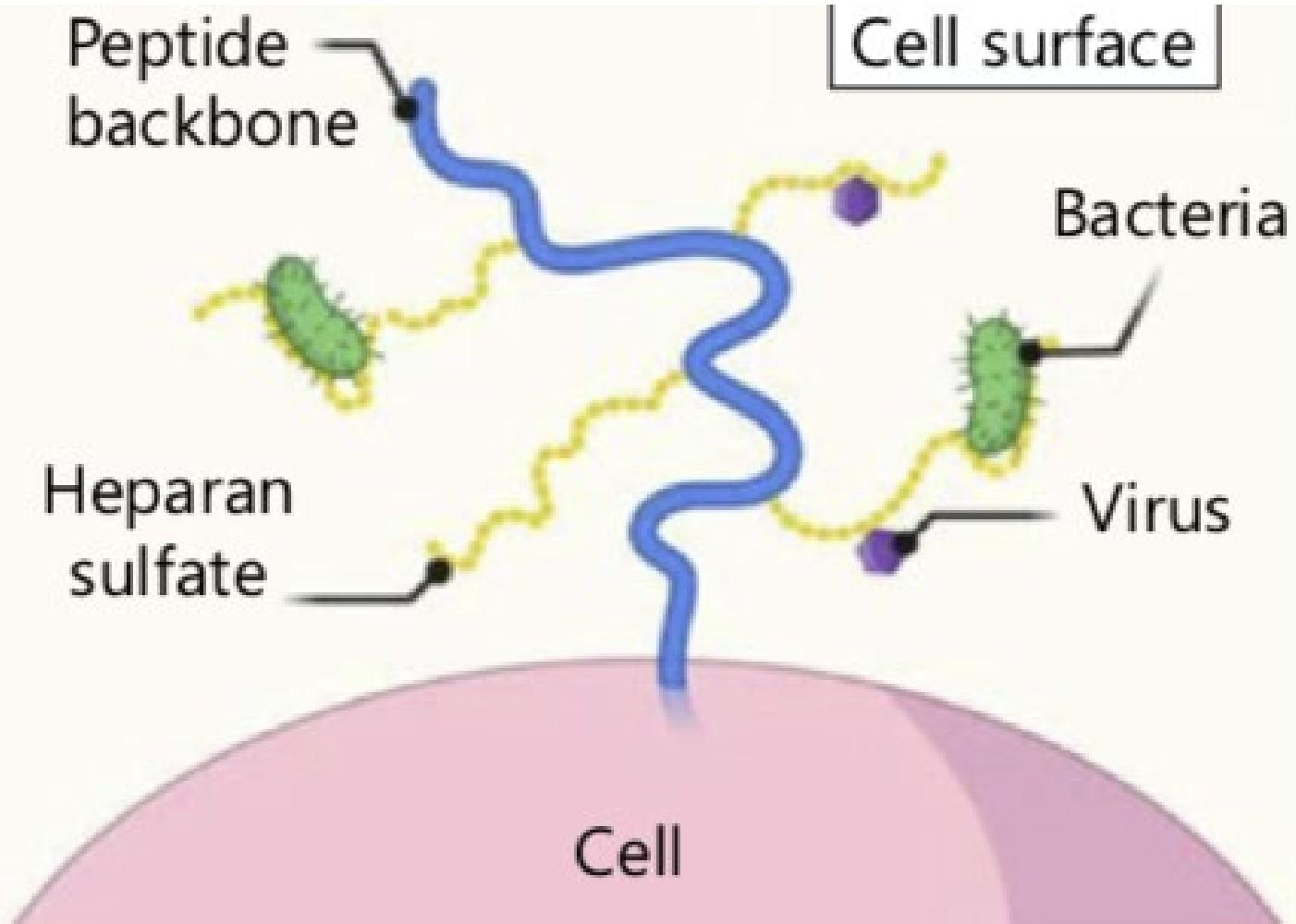
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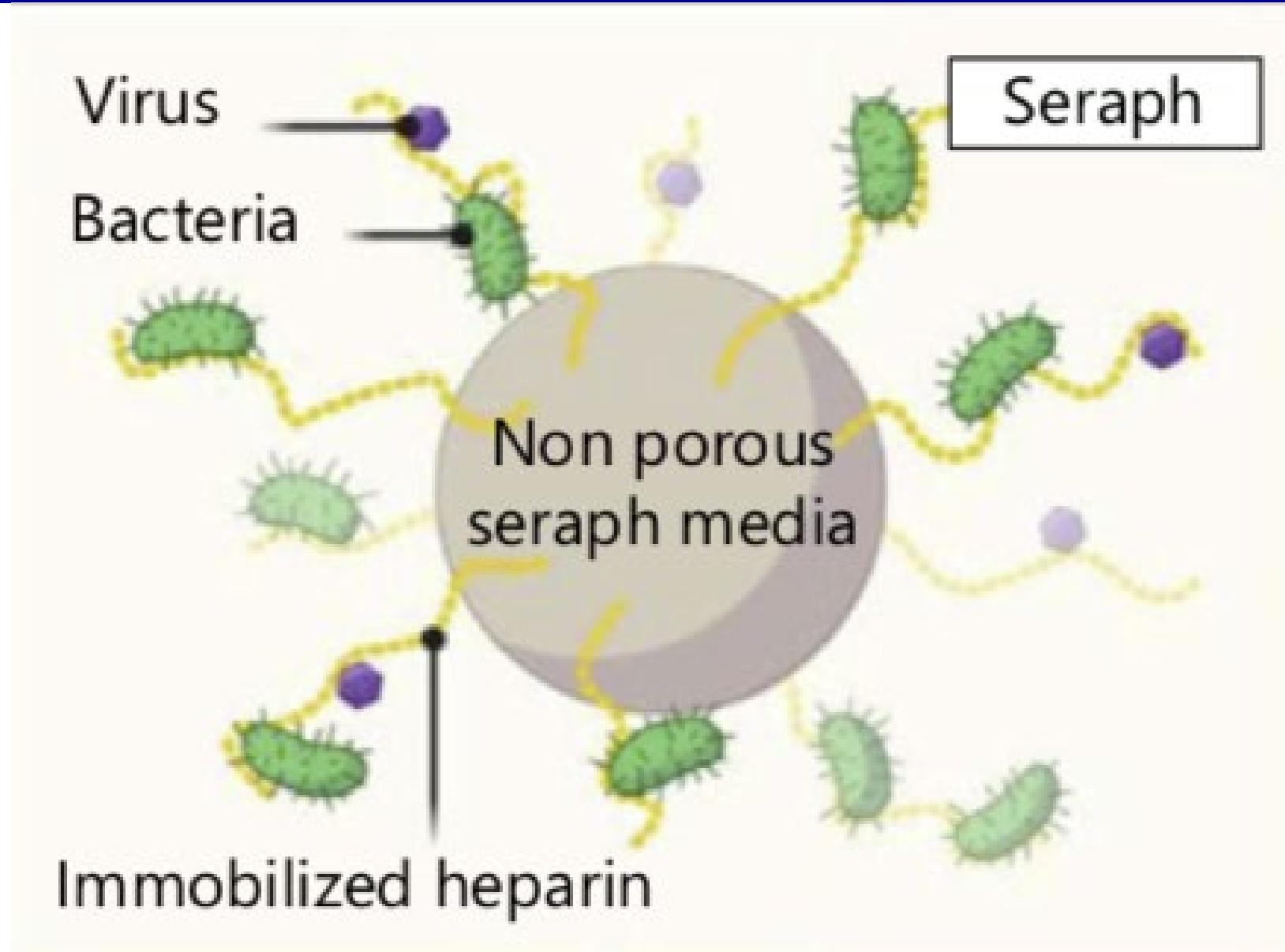
A Great Crested Grebe is sitting on a nest in a dense patch of tall green reeds. The bird has a distinctive crest, a white neck patch, and a dark body. It is facing towards the left of the frame. The background is a calm body of water with more reeds visible.

Great crested grebe

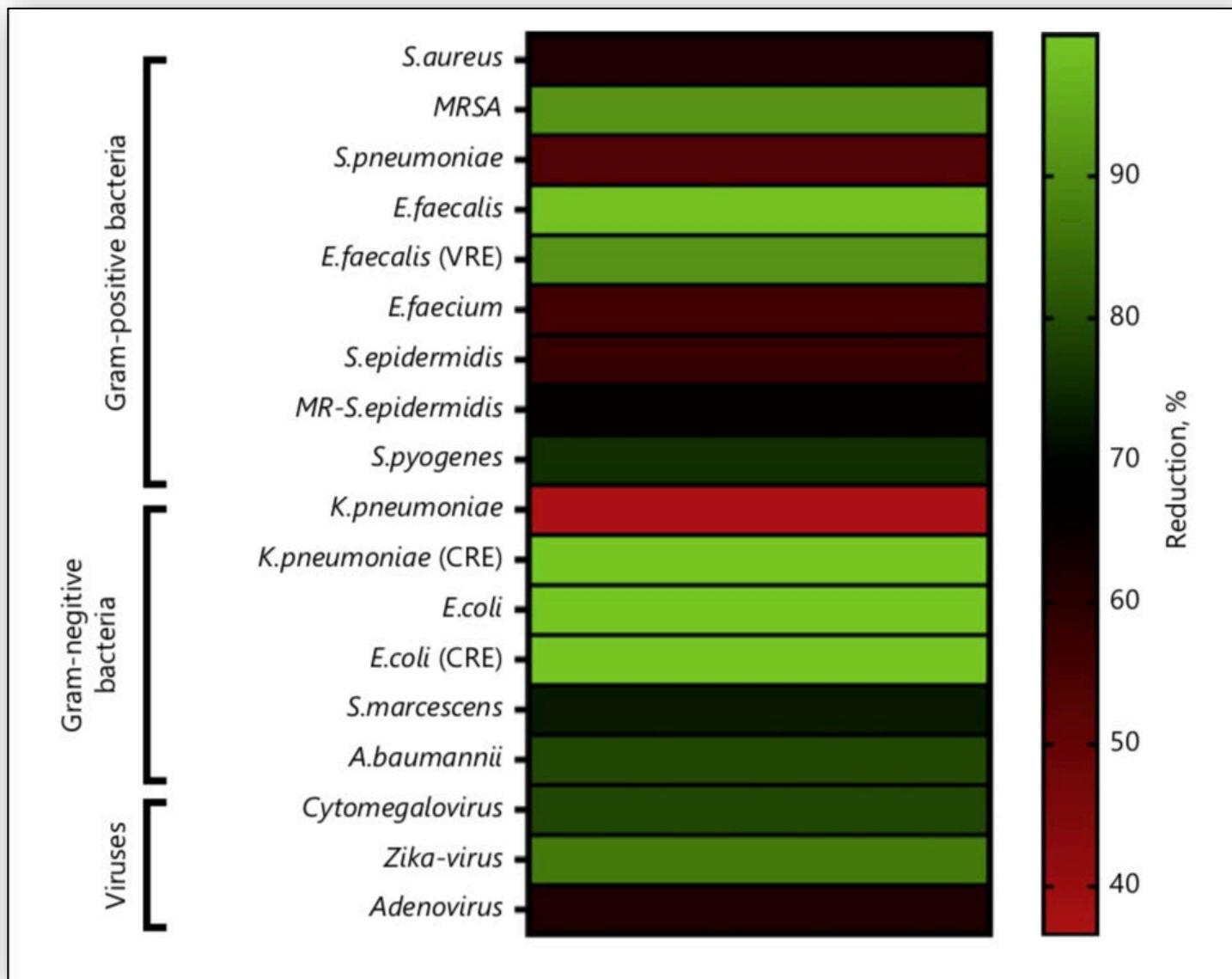
# Binding of pathogens to heparan-sulfate on the cell surface



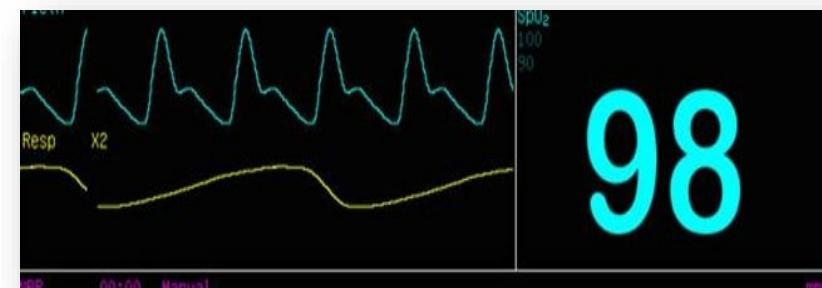
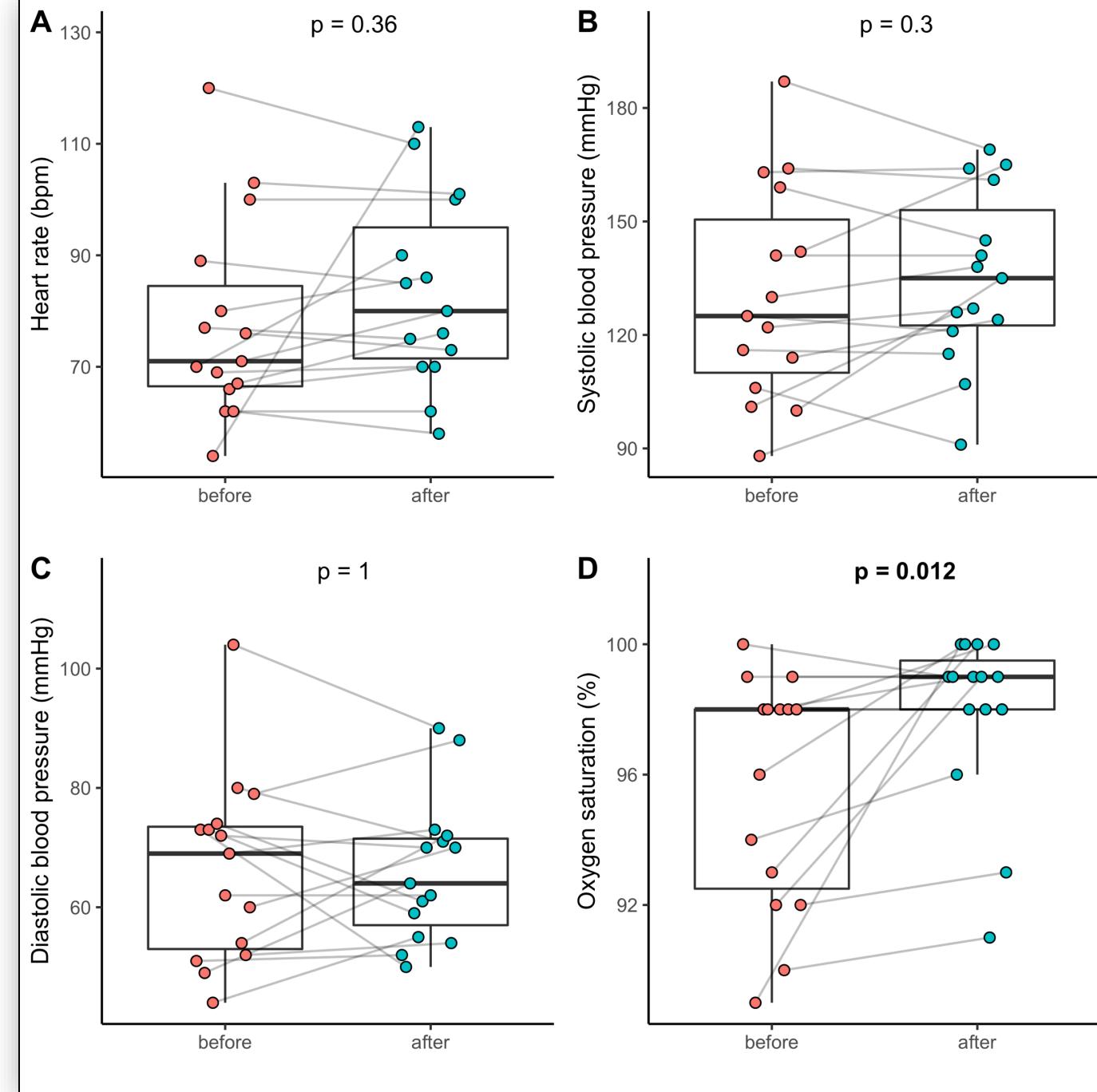
# Binding of pathogens to the immobilized heparin in the Seraph



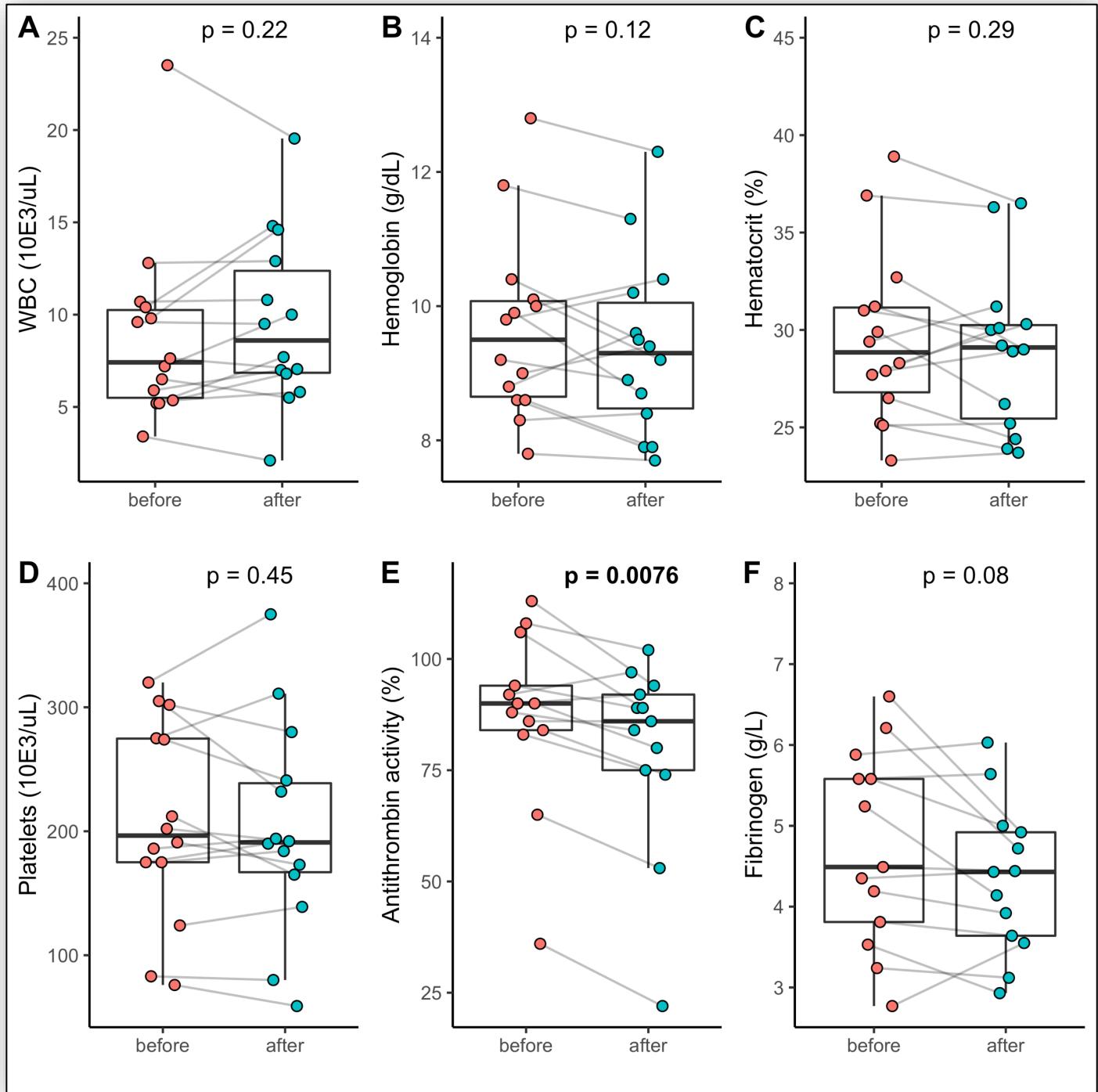
# *In vitro* reduction of bacteria and viruses by the Seraph



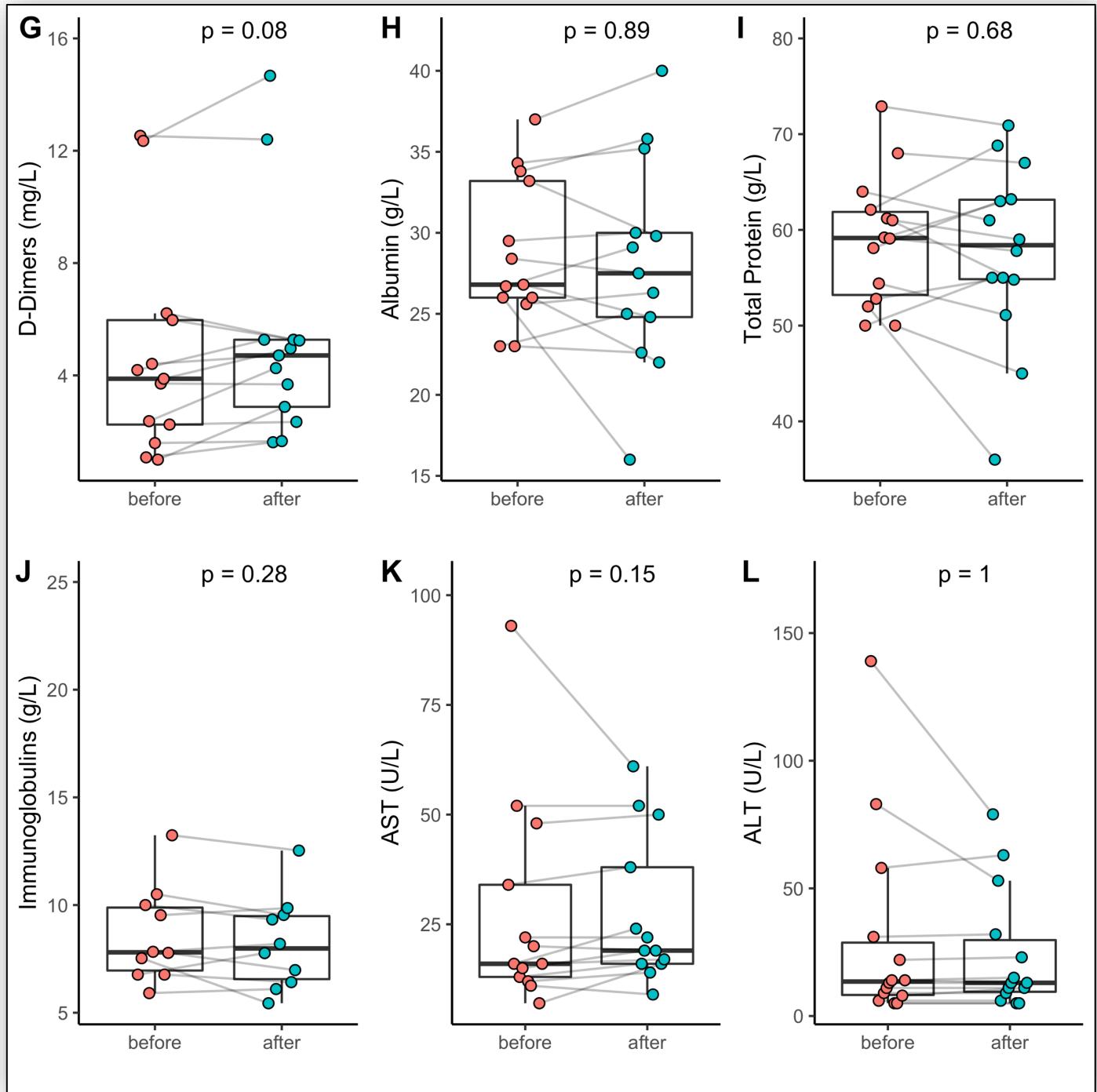
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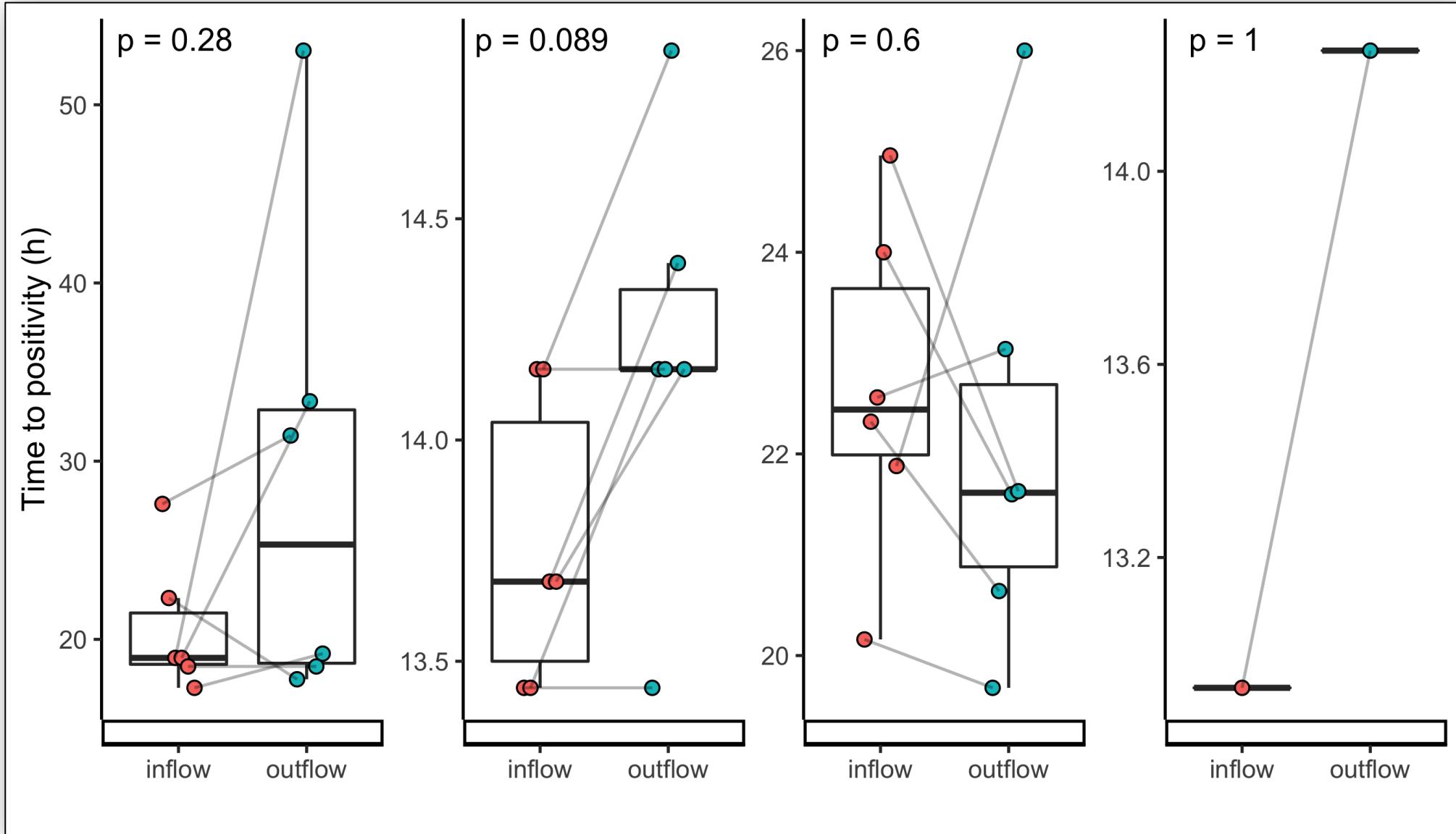
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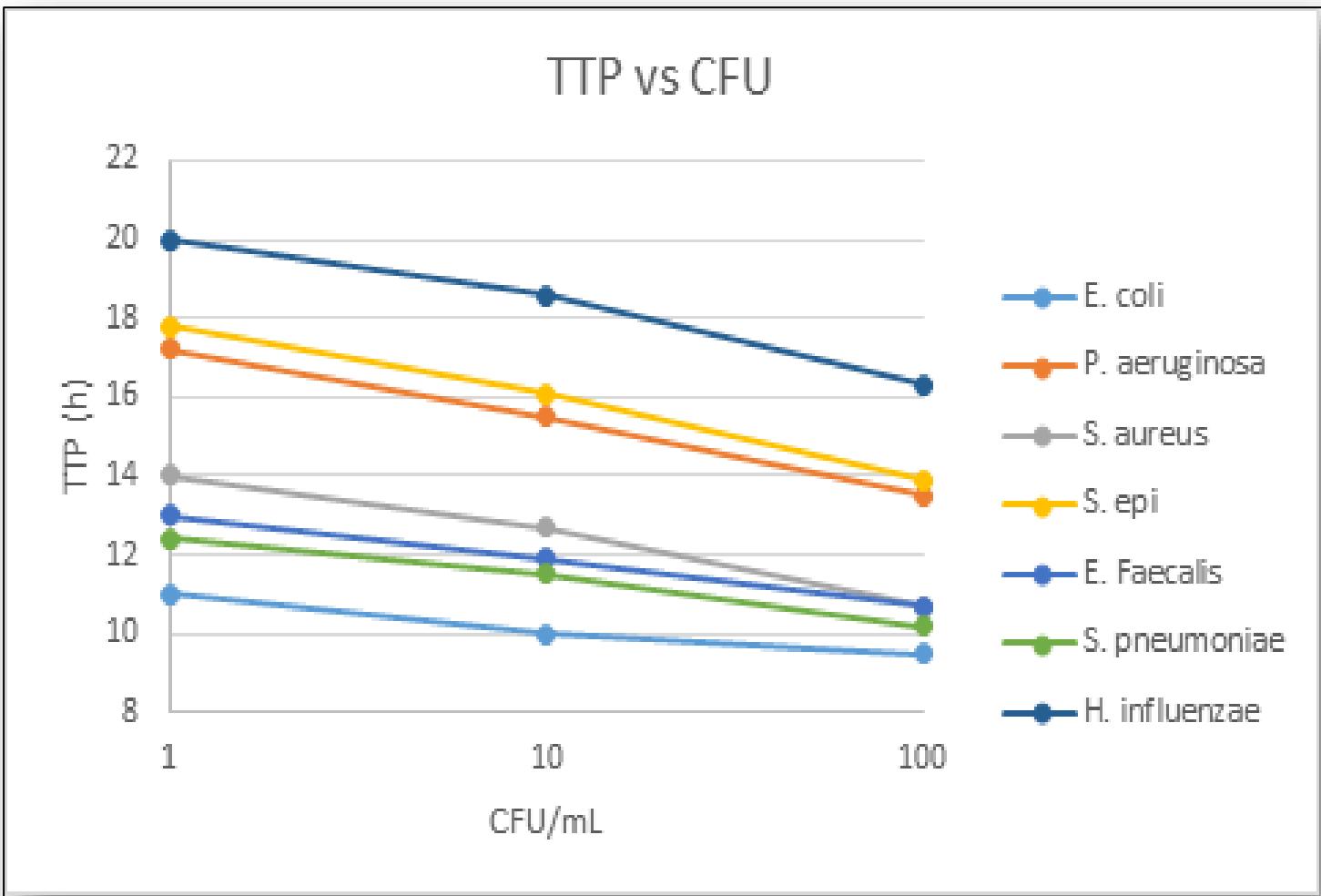
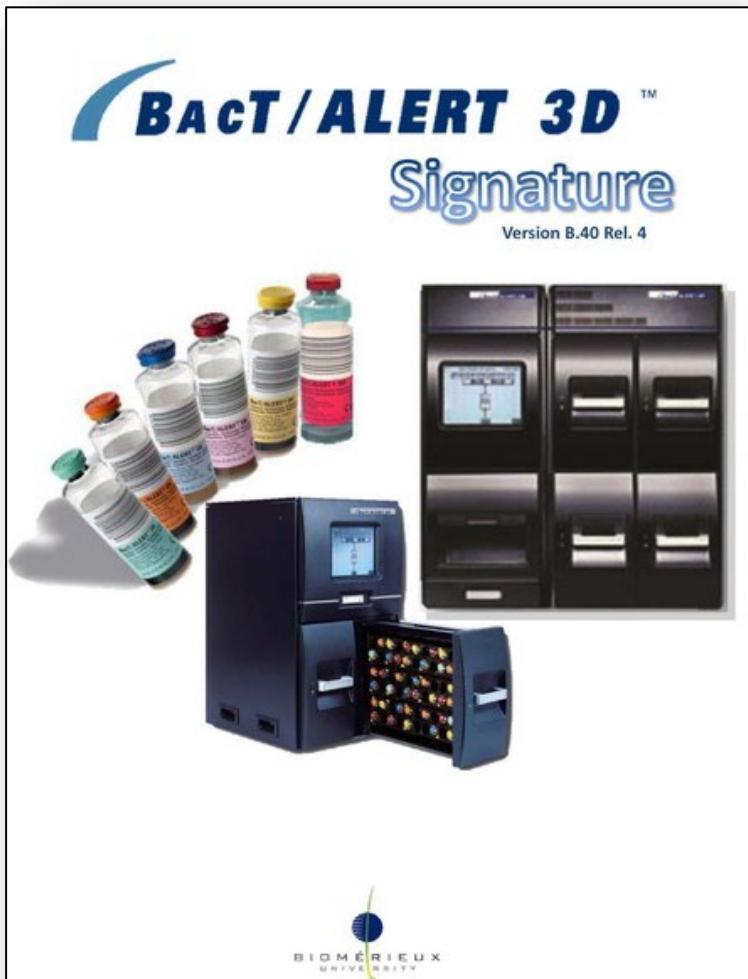
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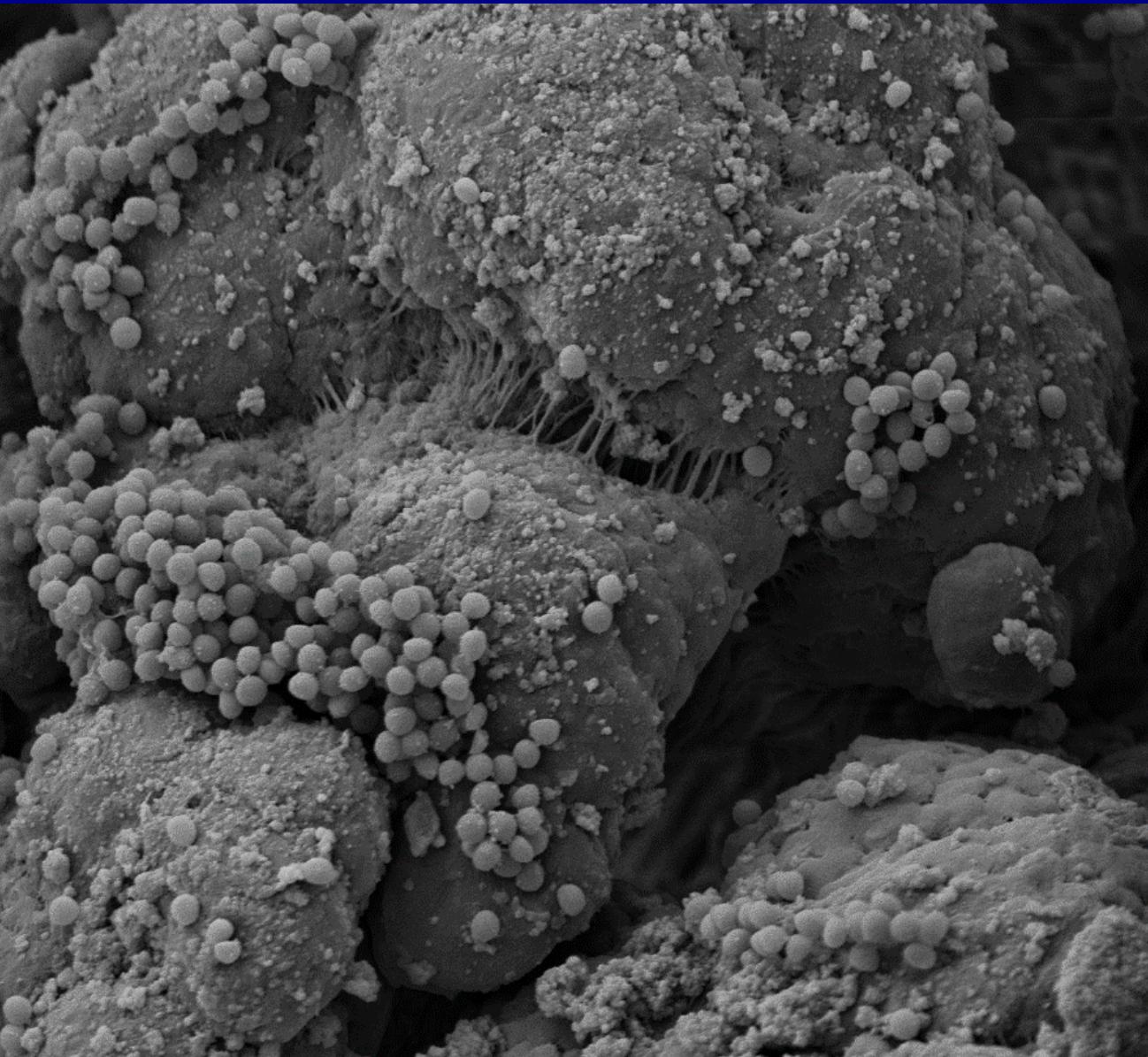
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# Reduction of bacterial count



# *S. aureus* binding to the Seraph® 100 Microbind® Affinity Filter

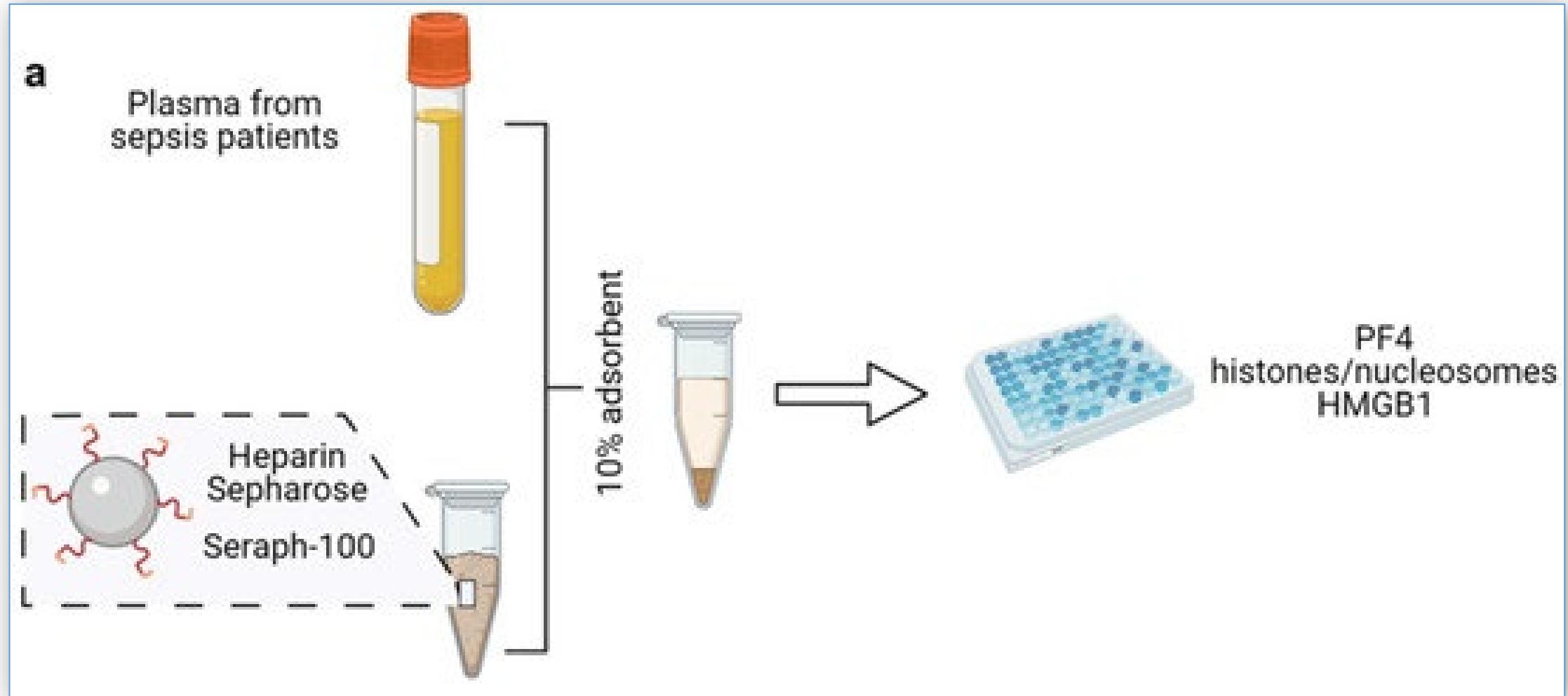


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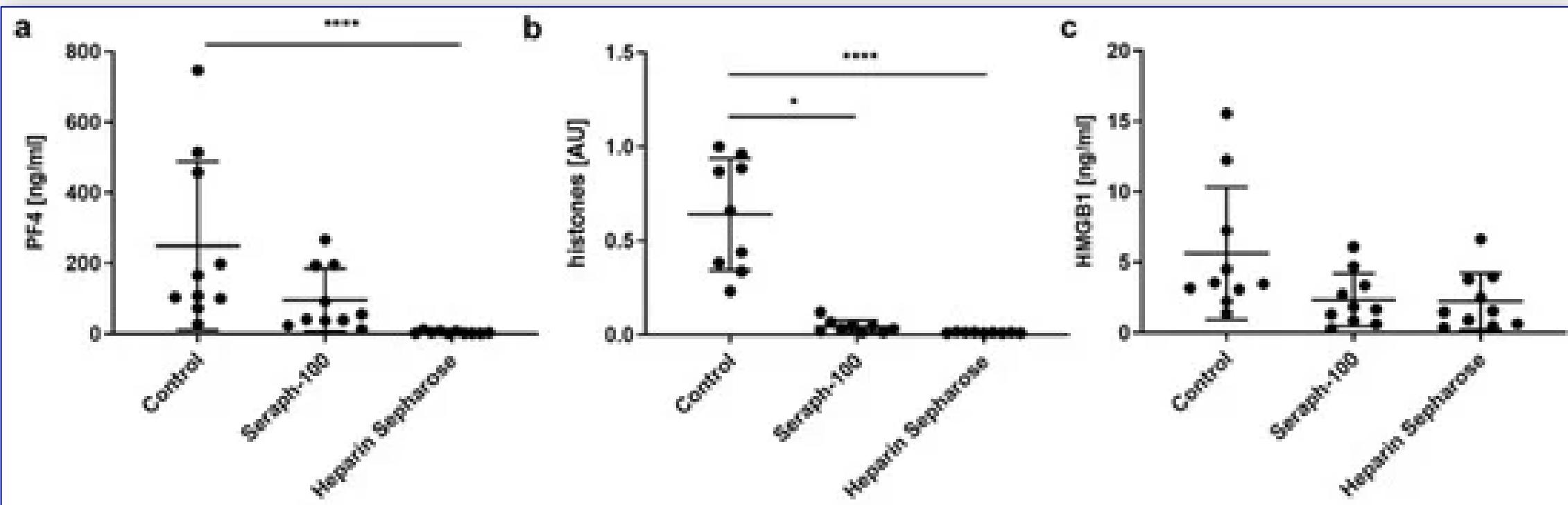
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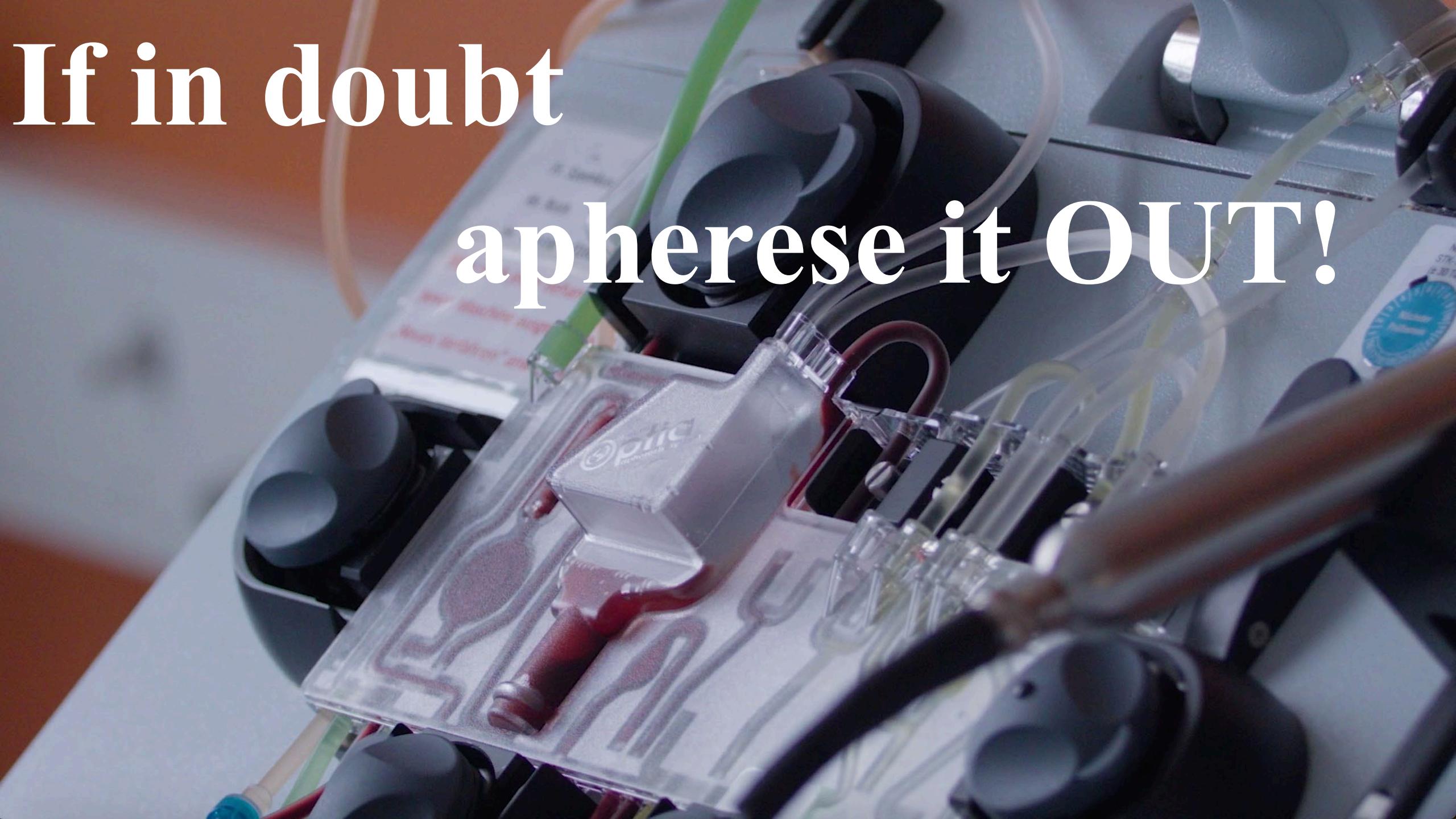


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