



Biomarkers contro LLGG nell'inquadramento della sepsi in PS



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Sepsis biomarkers: a review

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Abstract

Introduction: Biomarkers can be useful for identifying or ruling out sepsis, identifying patients who may benefit from specific therapies or assessing the response to therapy.

Methods: We used an electronic search of the PubMed database using the key words "sepsis" and "biomarker" to identify clinical and experimental studies which evaluated a biomarker in sepsis.

Results: The search retrieved 3370 references covering 178 different biomarkers.

Conclusions: Many biomarkers have been evaluated for use in sepsis. Most of the biomarkers had been tested clinically, primarily as prognostic markers in sepsis; relatively few have been used for diagnosis. None has sufficient specificity or sensitivity to be routinely employed in clinical practice. PCT and CRP have been most widely used, but even these have limited ability to distinguish sepsis from other inflammatory conditions or to predict outcome.

Table 1 Cytokine/chemokine biomarkers identified in the li

Sepsis marker	Evaluated in experimental studies	Evaluated in clinical studies
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GRO-alpha [49,50]

High mobility protein-1 [111]

IL-1 receptor [112]

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Table 2 Cell marker biomarkers identified in the li

Table 7 Biomarkers of organ dysfunction identified in the li

Sepsis marker	Evaluated in experimental studies
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Atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) [168,169]

Table 8 Acute phase protein biomarkers identified in the li

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Serum amyloid A (SAA) [194,195]

Ceruloplasmin [196,197]

C-reactive protein (CRP) [11,198,199]

Ferritin [200]

Alpha1-acid glycoprotein [201,202]

Hepcidin [203]

Lipopolysaccharide binding protein (LBP) [39,204]

Procalcitonin [21,134,205]

Pentraxin 3 [206,207]

Protein S-100b [187,190]

Surfactant protein (A, B, C, D) [191,192]

Troponin [193]

von Willebrand factor and antigen [143,144]

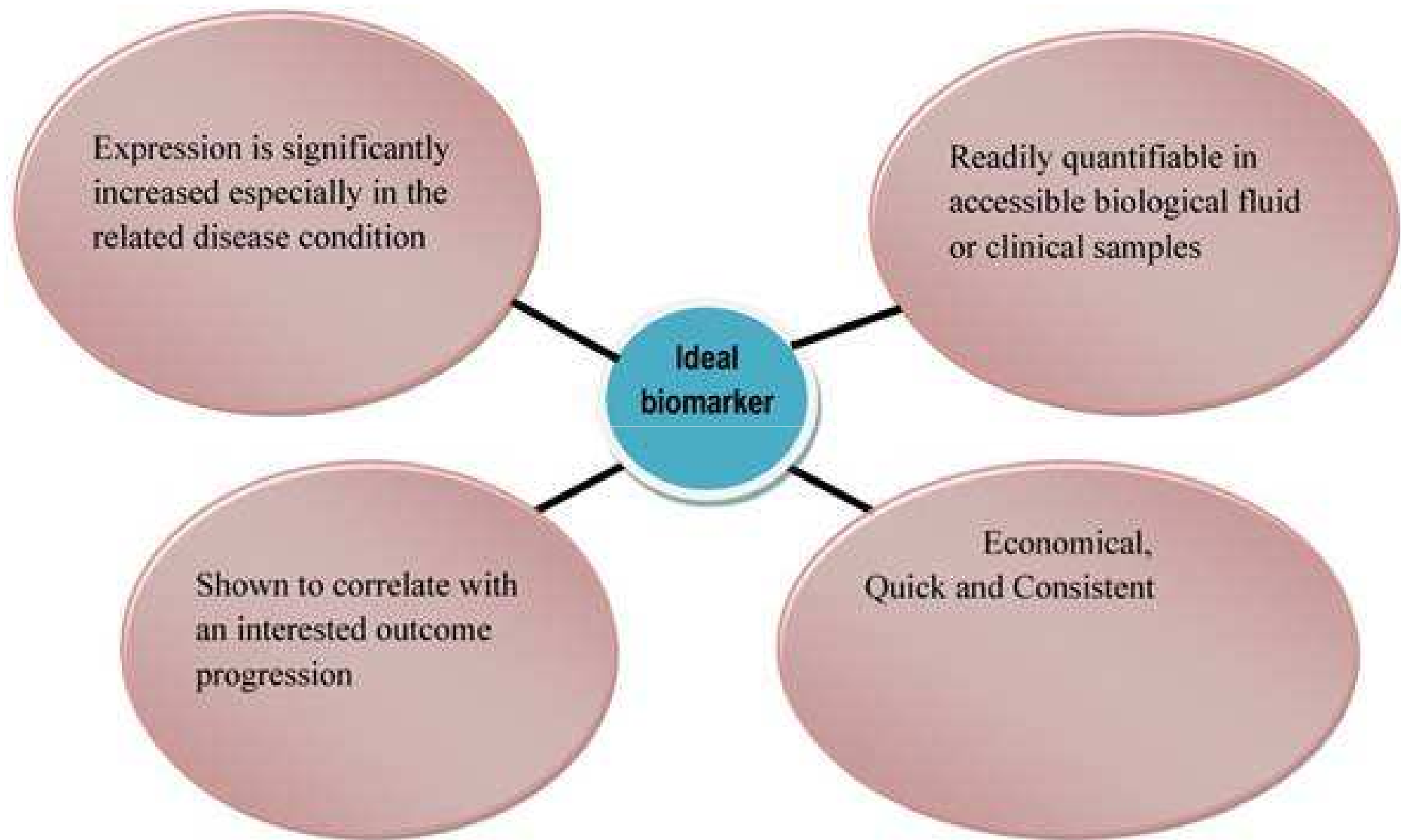
Table 9 Other biomarkers identified in the literature search (with some selected references)

Sepsis marker	Evaluated in experimental studies	Evaluated in clinical studies	Evaluated as a prognostic factor	Comment
Alpha2 macroglobulin [196,208]	✓			
Albumin [209]	✓			
Anti-endotoxin core antibodies (EndoCab) [210]		A	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days
Apolipoprotein C1 [211-213]		C	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days
Bcl-2 [214]		A	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days
Beta-thromboglobulin [215]		B	✓	Predicted response to therapy
Caspase-1 [216]		A		Increased in septic shock compared with healthy controls
Ceramide [217]		B	✓**	Predicted development of MOF
Cholesterol [218]		C	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days in patients with severe sepsis
Complement (C3, C4, C5a levels) [219,220]		B(n)	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days
Terminal complement complex [221]	✓			
Dendritic cell [222,223]	✓	B	✓	Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days, correlated with SOFA score

Conclusions

Our literature review indicates that there are many biomarkers that can be used in sepsis, but none has sufficient specificity or sensitivity to be routinely employed in clinical practice. PCT and CRP have been most widely used, but even these have limited abilities to distinguish sepsis from other inflammatory conditions or to predict outcome. In view of the complexity of the sepsis response, it is unlikely that a single ideal biomarker will ever be found. A combination of several sepsis biomarkers may be more effective, but this requires further evaluation.

Inter-alpha inhibitor proteins (Ialpaip) [251]	C	✓		Increased in sepsis compared with healthy controls
Intracellular nitric oxide in leukocyte [252]	B	✓		Negatively correlated with SOFA score
IP-10 [30]	C			Increased in sepsis compared with healthy controls
Lactate [253,254]	C	✓		Distinguished between survivors and non-survivors at 28 days, predicted response to therapy





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Platelet count < 100,000 μ L

Coagulopathy (international no

C. Diagnosis

1. Cultures as clinically appropriate (1C). At least 2 sets of blood cultures drawn aseptically and 1 drawn through percutaneously and 1 drawn through
2. Use of the 1,3 beta-D-glucan assay if candidiasis is in differential diagnosis
3. Imaging studies performed pro

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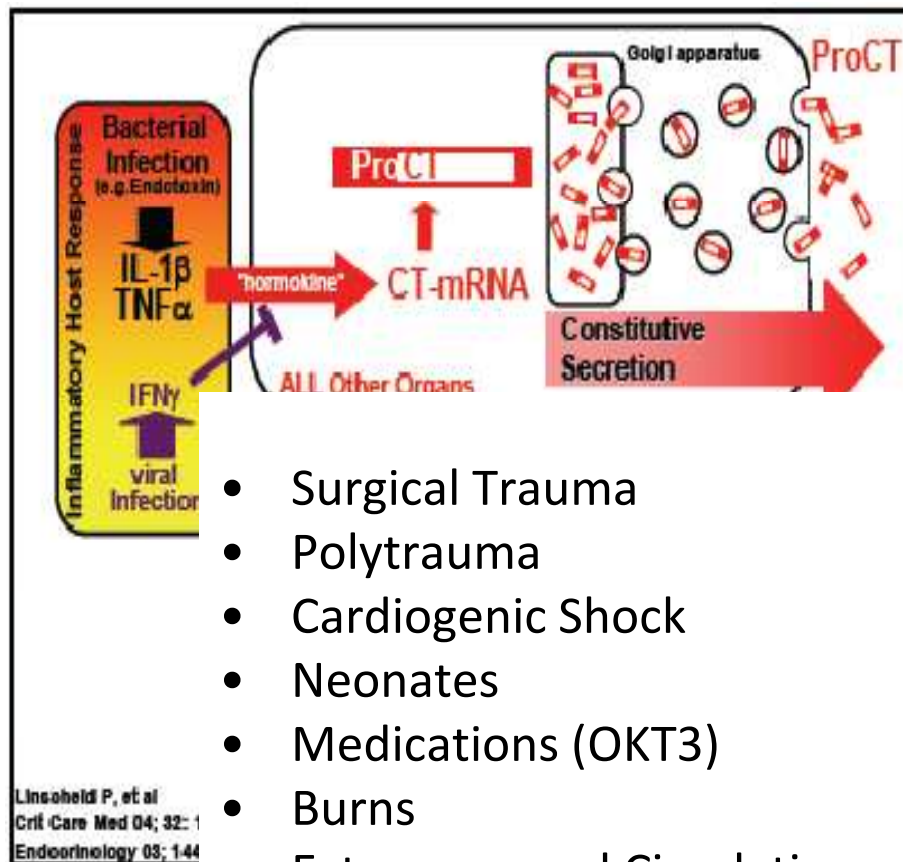
TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 HOURS:

- 1) Measure lactate level
- 2) Obtain blood cultures prior to administration of antibiotics
- 3) Administer broad spectrum antibiotics
- 4) Administer 30 mL/kg crystalloid for hypotension or lactate ≥ 4 mmol/L

TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 6 HOURS:

- 5) Apply vasopressors (for hypotension that does not respond to initial fluid resuscitation) to maintain a mean arterial pressure (MAP) ≥ 65 mm Hg
- 6) In the event of persistent arterial hypotension despite volume resuscitation (septic shock) or initial lactate ≥ 4 mmol/L (36 mg/dL):
 - Measure central venous pressure (CVP)*
 - Measure central venous oxygen saturation (ScvO₂)*
- 7) Remeasure lactate if initial lactate was elevated*

*Targets for quantitative resuscitation included in the guidelines are CVP of ≥ 8 mm Hg, ScvO₂ of $\geq 70\%$, and normalization of lactate.



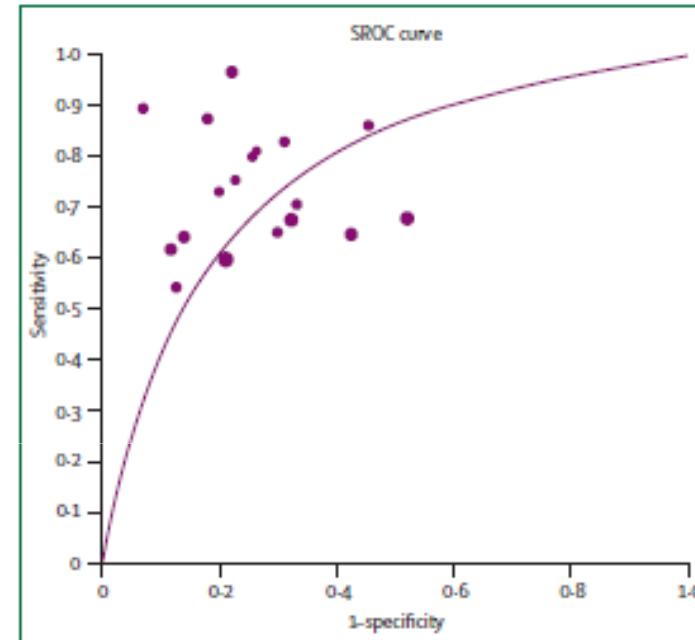
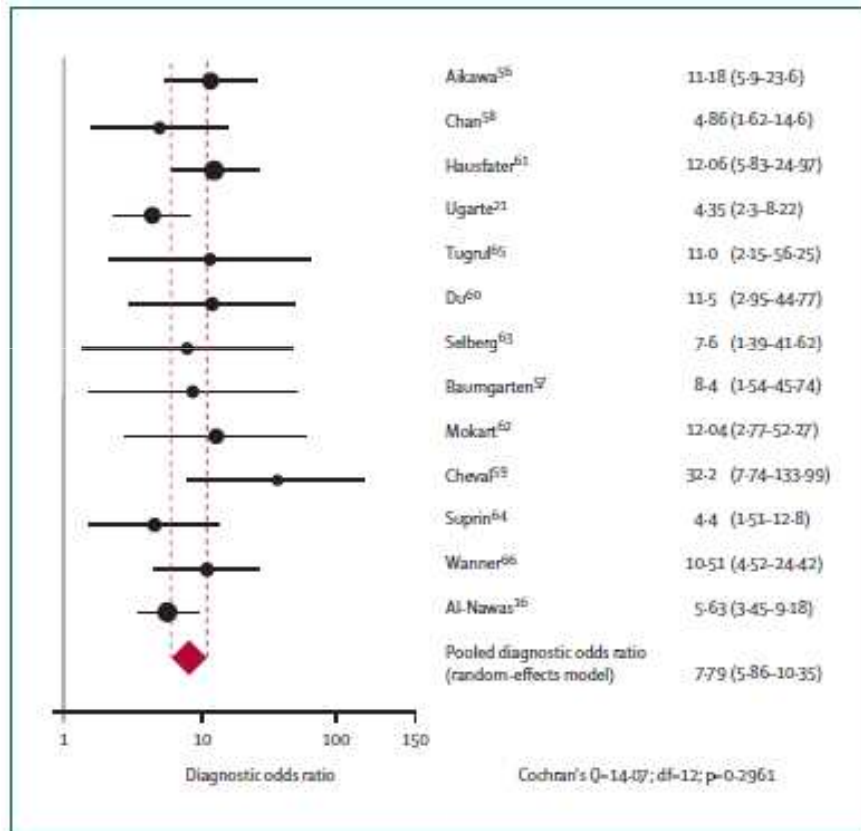
- Surgical Trauma
- Polytrauma
- Cardiogenic Shock
- Neonates
- Medications (OKT3)
- Burns
- Extracorporeal Circulation
- Tumors
- Liver cirrhosis
- Haemodialysis
- Goodpasture Syndrome
- Alzheimer, Dementia

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Accuracy of procalcitonin for sepsis diagnosis in critically ill patients: systematic review and meta-analysis

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In summary, we found that procalcitonin had a low diagnostic performance in differentiating sepsis from SIRS in critically ill adult patients. The evidence presented in this review does not lend support to the widespread use of the procalcitonin test for sepsis diagnosis in critical care settings.

Guidelines for starting antibiotics^a

If the blood sample taken for procalcitonin level was taken at the early stage of the episode, obtain a second procalcitonin level at 6–12 h

^aExcludes situations requiring immediate antibiotic treatment (e.g. septic shock, purulent meningitis)

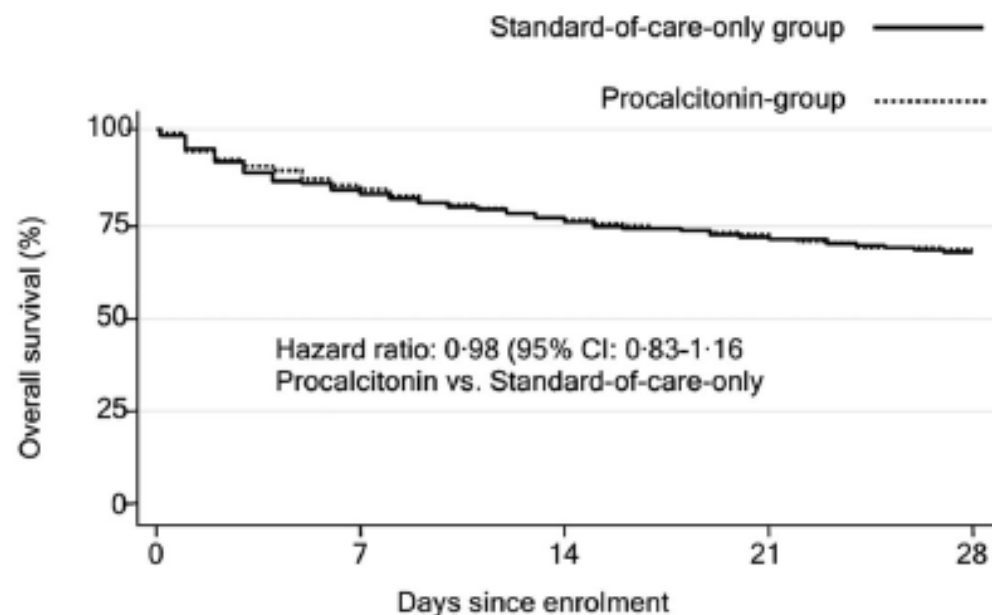
Concentration <0.25 µg/L	Concentration ≥0.25 to <0.5 µg/L	Concentration ≥0.5 to <1 µg/L	Concentration ≥1 µg/L
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Antibiotics strongly discouraged	Antibiotics discouraged	Antibiotics encouraged	Antibiotics strongly encouraged

Guidelines for continuing or stopping of antibiotics

Concentration <0.25 µg/L	Concentration decrease by ≥80% from peak OR ≥0.25 to <0.5 µg/L	Concentration decrease by <80% from peak AND ≥0.5 µg/L	Concentration increase compared with peak AND ≥0.5 µg/L
⇓	⇓	⇓	⇓
Stopping of antibiotics strongly encouraged	Stopping of antibiotics encouraged	Continuing antibiotics encouraged	Changing antibiotics strongly encouraged

Procalcitonin-guided interventions against infections to increase early appropriate antibiotics and improve survival in the intensive care unit: A randomized trial*

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A strategy with escalation of broad-spectrum antimicrobials in the intensive care unit guided by daily procalcitonin measurements as used in this trial did not improve survival and did lead to an increased use of broad-spectrum antimicrobials, which is concerning in regard to toxicity, resistance, and economics. We observed deleterious effects on organ function and length of stay in the intensive care unit and the strategy cannot be recommended.

Procalcitonin for reduced antibiotic exposure in the critical care setting: A systematic review and an economic evaluation*

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Conclusions: Procalcitonin-guided antibiotic therapy is associated with a reduction in antibiotic usage that, under certain assumptions, may reduce overall costs of care. However, the overall estimate cannot rule out a 7% increase in hospital mortality. (Crit Care Med 2011; 39:1792–1799)

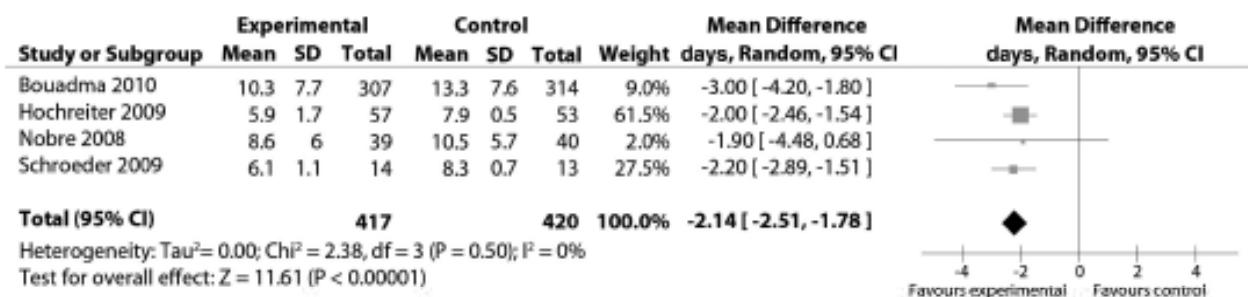


Figure 1. Effect of procalcitonin-guided therapy on duration of antibiotic utilization. *Gray squares* represent the point estimate and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) around the treatment effect of each individual study. The *black diamond* is the summary or overall combined estimate of treatment effect. *df*, degrees of freedom.

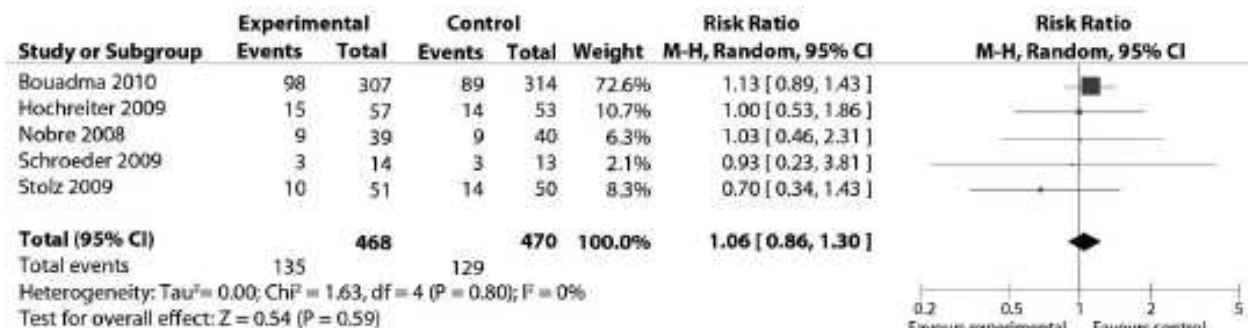
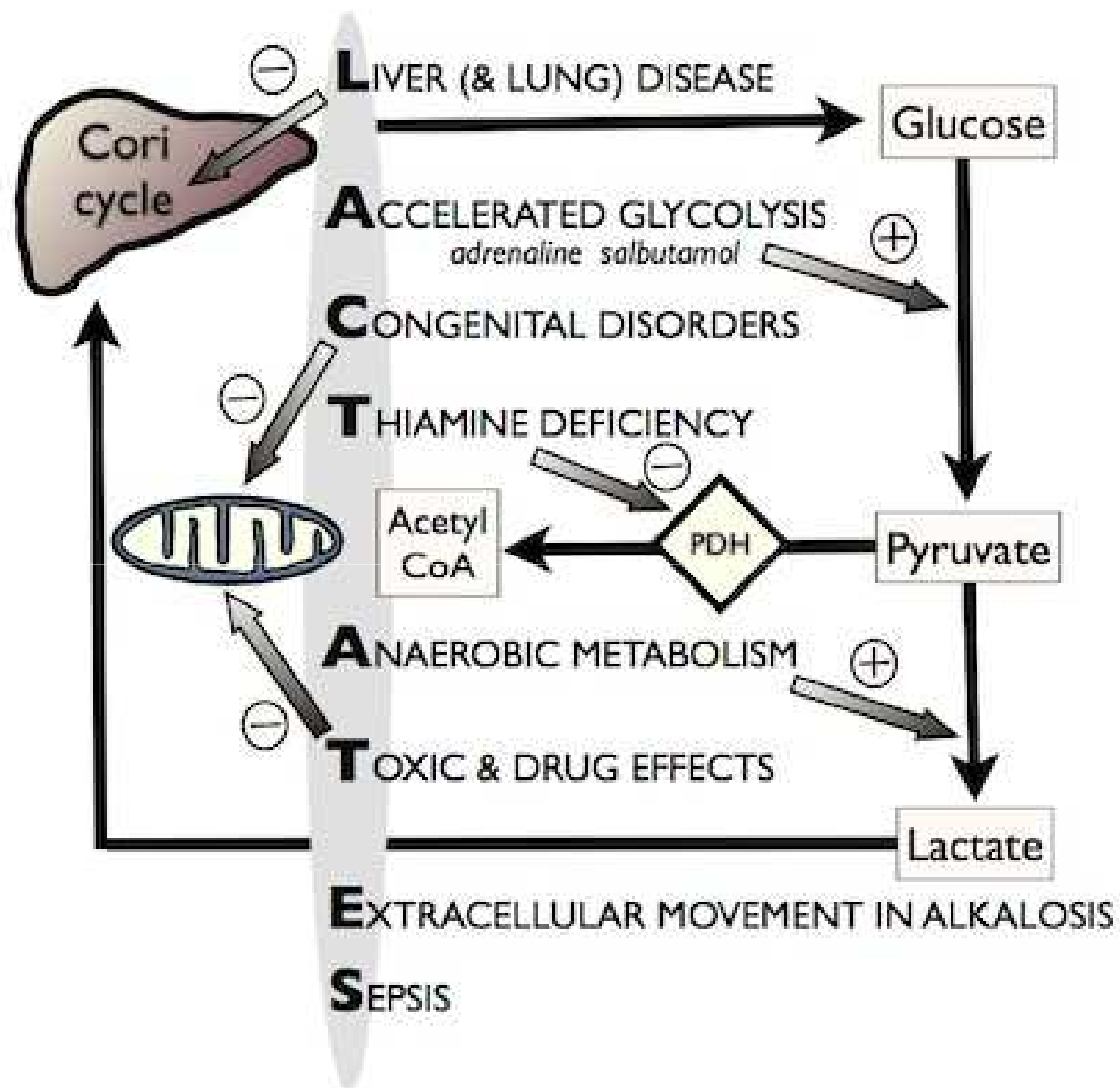


Figure 2. Effect of procalcitonin-guided therapy on hospital mortality. *Gray squares* represent the point estimate and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) around the treatment effect of each individual study. The *black diamond* is the summary or overall combined estimate of treatment effect. *M-H*, Mantel-Hanzel; *df*, degrees of freedom.

3. We suggest the use of low procalcitonin levels or similar biomarkers to assist the clinician in the discontinuation of empiric antibiotics in patients who appeared septic, but have no subsequent evidence of infection (grade 2C).

Rationale. This suggestion is predicated on the preponderance of the published literature relating to the use of procalcitonin as a tool to discontinue unnecessary antimicrobials (58, 83). However, clinical experience with this strategy is limited and the potential for harm remains a concern (83). No evidence demonstrates that this practice reduces the prevalence of antimicrobial resistance or the risk of antibiotic-related diarrhea from *C. difficile*. One recent study failed to show any benefit of daily procalcitonin measurement in early antibiotic therapy or survival (84).



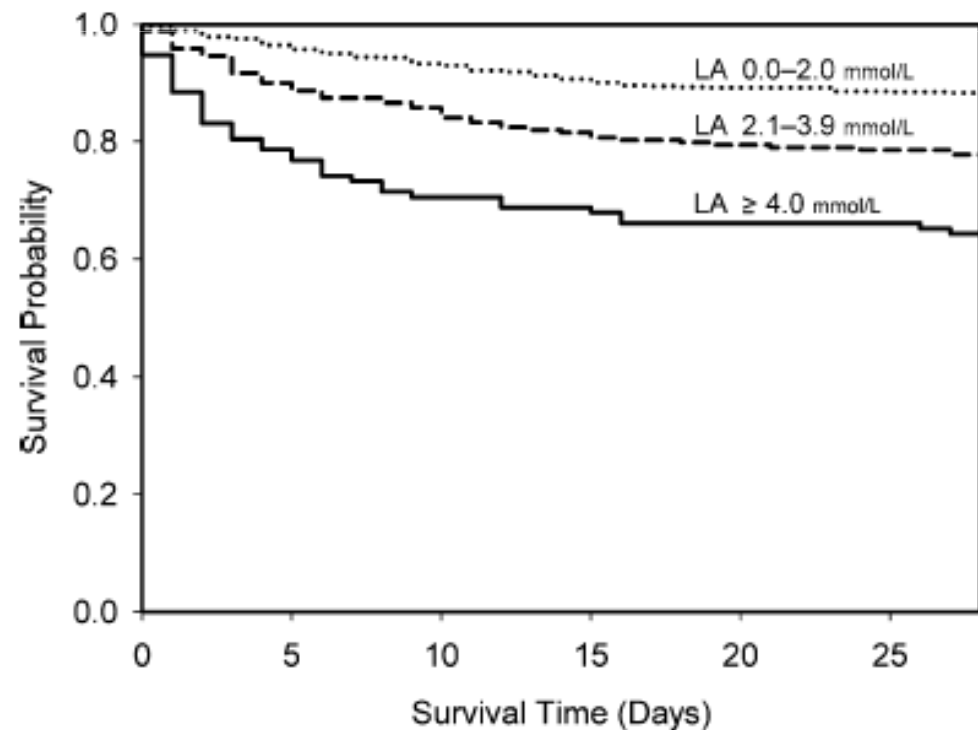
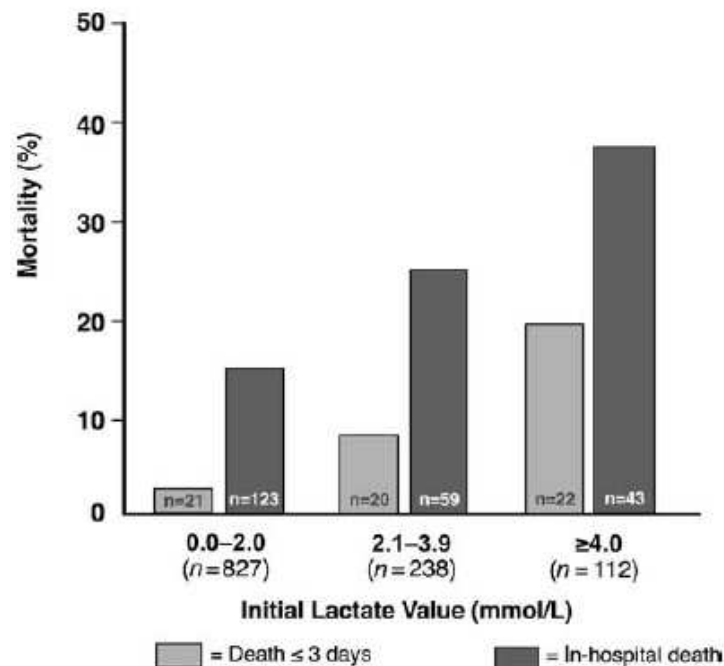
Nei quadri di shock i valori di LAC sierico correlano in maniera diretta con la mortalità; valori iniziali $\geq 4\text{mmol/l}$ associano ad un aumento di mortalità a 72h.

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Serum lactate as a predictor of mortality in patients with infection



La Clearance dei LAC ha valore prognostico più accurato dei valori iniziali. Normalizzazione a 24h associa con migliore sopravvivenza.

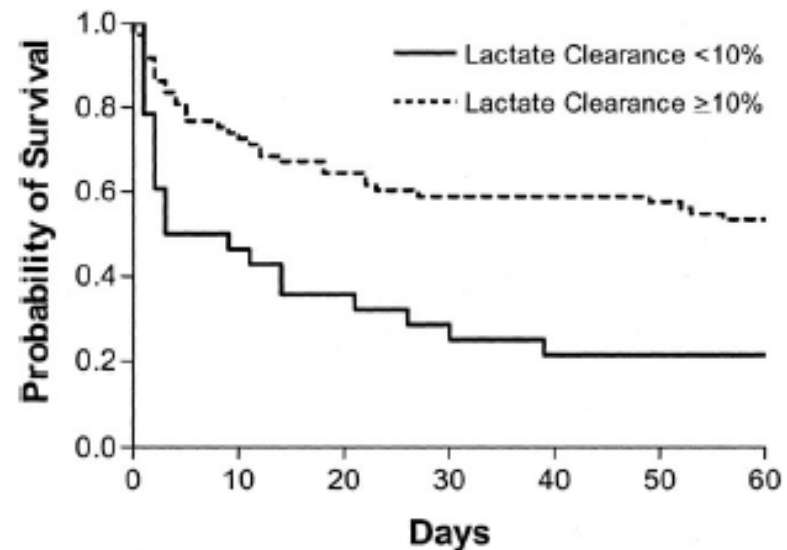
Early lactate clearance is associated with improved outcome in severe sepsis and septic shock*

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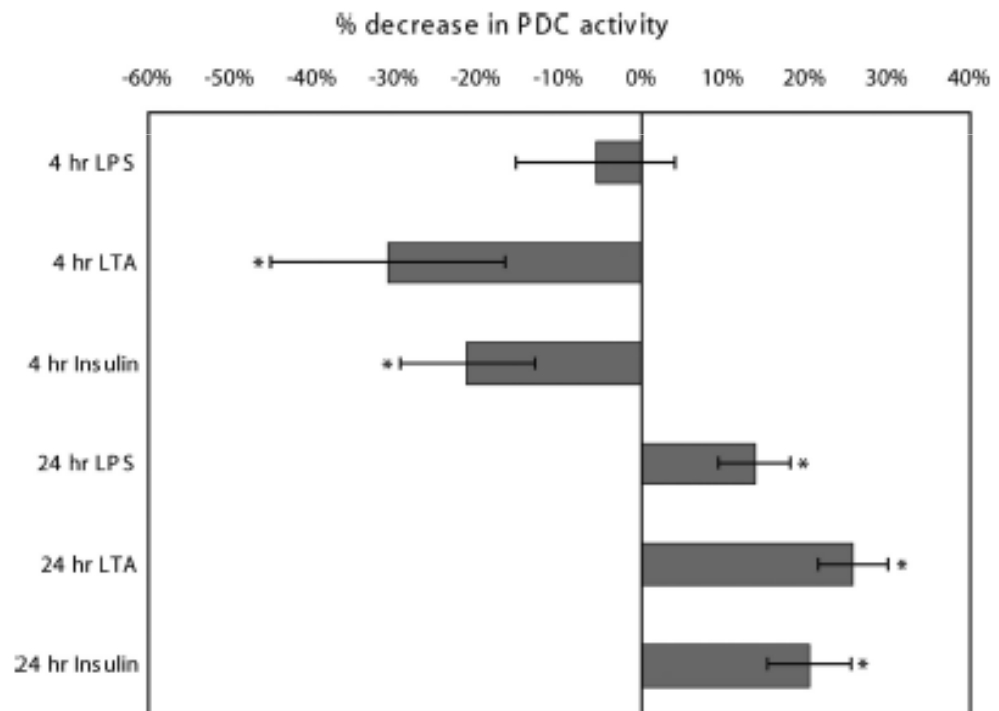
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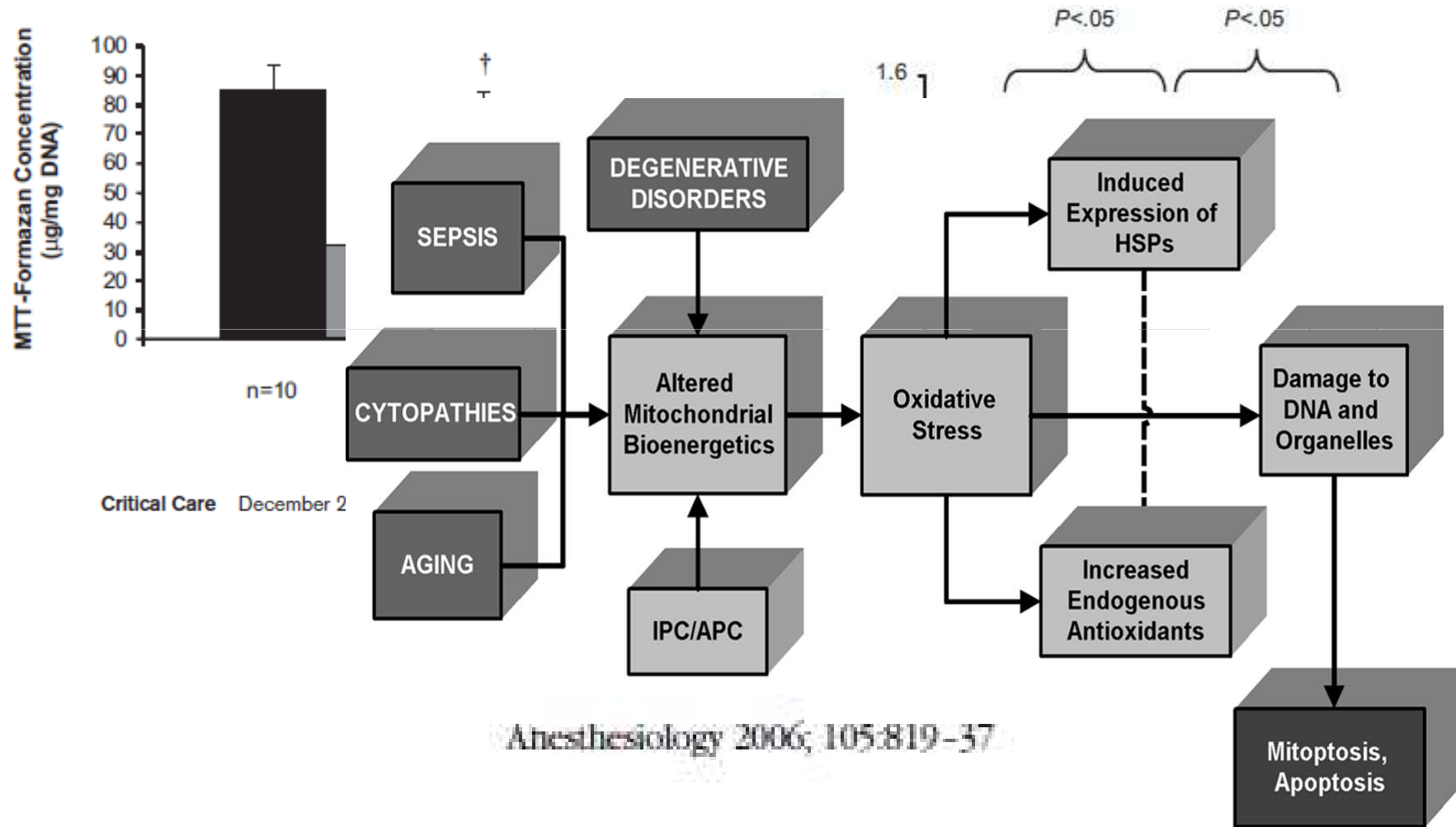
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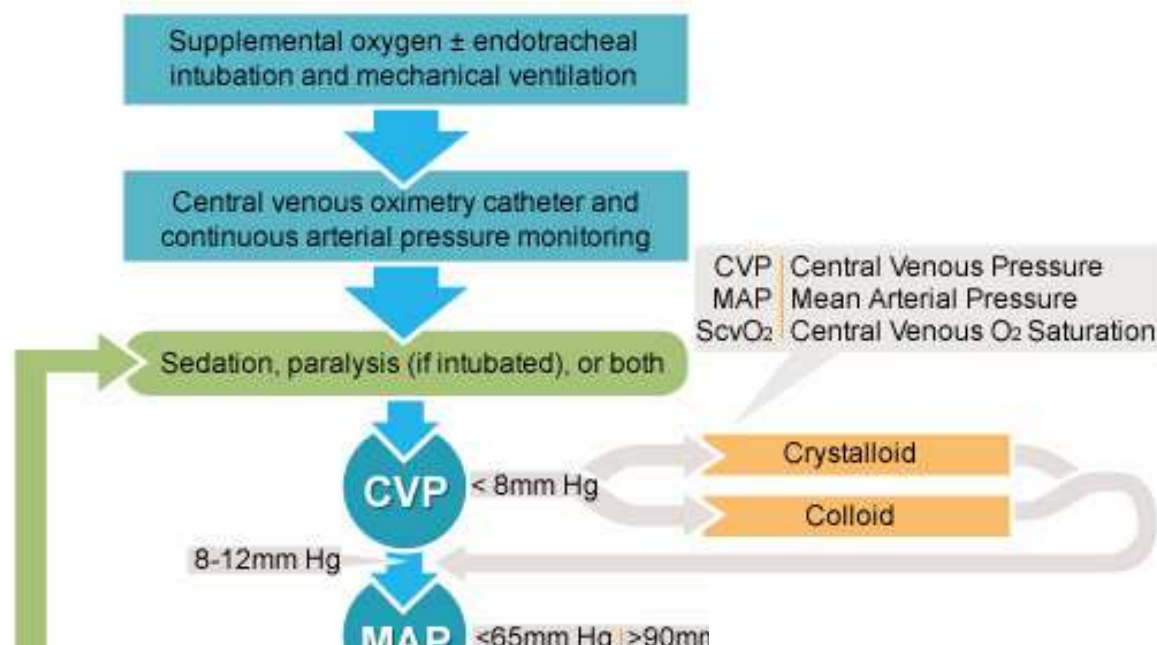
Potential Dysregulation of the Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Complex by Bacterial Toxins and Insulin

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Non si assiste a ipossia tissutale nei pazienti con sepsi grave/shock settico, ma un alterato utilizzo del O_2 da parte dei mitocondri (*cytopathic hypoxia*). PO_2 a livello muscolare \uparrow nella sepsi grave.





- SvO₂ 65-75%
- ↓ 65% = ↓ DO₂
- < 50% = inadeguata ossigenazione tissutale
- > 75% = difetto di utilizzo O₂ a livello tissutale (danno infiammatorio cellulare - sepsi grave/shock settico).

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 - a) Central venous pressure 8–12 mm Hg
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 - c) Urine output ≥ 0.5 mL/kg/hr
 - d) **Central venous (superior vena cava) or mixed venous oxygen saturation 70% or 65%, respectively** (grade 1C).
2. In patients with **elevated lactate levels targeting resuscitation to normalize lactate** (grade 2C).



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Se cerco qualcosa sulla diagnosi della sepsi nelle linee guida cosa trovo?

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WBC = white blood cell; SBP = systolic blood pressure; MAP = mean arterial pressure; INR = international normalized ratio; aPTT = activated partial thromboplastin time.

Diagnostic criteria for sepsis in the pediatric population are signs and symptoms of inflammation plus infection with hyper- or hypothermia (rectal temperature $> 38.5^{\circ}$ or $< 35^{\circ}\text{C}$), tachycardia (may be absent in hypothermic patients), and at least one of the following indications of altered organ function: altered mental status, hypoxemia, increased serum lactate level, or bounding pulses.

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heads and then by the entire committee. To satisfy peer review during the final stages of manuscript approval for publication, several recommendations were edited with approval of the SSC executive committee group head for that recommendation and the EBM lead.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Since the inception of the SSC guidelines in 2004, no members of the committee represented industry; there was no industry input into guidelines development; and no industry representatives were present at any of the meetings. Industry awareness or comment on the recommendations was not allowed. No member of the guidelines committee received honoraria for any role in the 2004, 2008, or 2012 guidelines process.

additional COI issues were reported that required further adjudication.

MANAGEMENT OF SEVERE SEPSIS

Initial Resuscitation and Infection Issues (Table 5)

A. Initial Resuscitation

1. We recommend the protocolized, quantitative resuscitation of patients with sepsis- induced tissue hypoperfusion (defined in this document as hypotension persisting after initial fluid challenge or blood lactate concentration ≥ 4 mmol/L). This protocol should be initiated as soon as hypoperfusion is recognized and should not be delayed pending ICU admission. During the first 6 hrs of resuscitation, the goals of initial resuscitation of

Cosa sappiamo:

- la sepsi è un disturbo funzionale
- dobbiamo individuare l'ipoperfusione prima che il danno sia irreversibile
- la precocità della stratificazione del paziente è probabilmente un punto critico

Quali sono gli elementi clinici diagnostici

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Altered mental status

Significant edema or positive fluid balance ($> 20\text{mL/kg}$ over 24 hr)

Hyperglycemia (plasma glucose $> 140\text{mg/dL}$ or 7.7 mmol/L) in the absence of diabetes

Forse sono aiutato dai marker infiammatori?

Inflammatory variables

Leukocytosis (WBC count $> 12,000 \mu\text{L}^{-1}$)

Leukopenia (WBC count $< 4000 \mu\text{L}^{-1}$)

Normal WBC count with greater than 10% immature forms

Plasma C-reactive protein more than two sd above the normal value

Plasma procalcitonin more than two sd above the normal value

Ho degli elementi per valutare l'ipoperfusione e la disfunzione d'organo?

Hemodynamic variables

Arterial hypotension (SBP < 90 mm Hg, MAP < 70 mm Hg, or an SBP decrease > 40 mm Hg in adults or less than two SD below normal for age)

Organ dysfunction variables

Arterial hypoxemia ($P_{aO_2}/F_{iO_2} < 300$)

Acute oliguria (urine output < 0.5 mL/kg/hr for at least 2 hrs despite adequate fluid resuscitation)

Creatinine increase > 0.5 mg/dL or 44.2 $\mu\text{mol/L}$

Coagulation abnormalities (INR > 1.5 or aPTT > 60 s)

Ileus (absent bowel sounds)

Thrombocytopenia (platelet count < 100,000 μL^{-1})

Hyperbilirubinemia (plasma total bilirubin > 4 mg/dL or 70 $\mu\text{mol/L}$)

Tissue perfusion variables

Hyperlactatemia (> 1 mmol/L)

Decreased capillary refill or mottling

I criteri diagnostici di ipoperfusione precoci continuano ad essere clinici e sono questi che attivano il processo diagnostico e il trattamento

Infatti le azioni che intraprendo inizialmente e rapidamente sono probabilmente le più efficaci

SURVIVING SEPSIS CAMPAIGN BUNDLES

TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3 HOURS:

- 1) Measure lactate level
- 2) Obtain blood cultures prior to administration of antibiotics
- 3) Administer broad spectrum antibiotics
- 4) Administer 30 mL/kg crystalloid for hypotension or lactate ≥ 4 mmol/L

TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 6 HOURS:

- 5) Apply vasopressors (for hypotension that does not respond to initial fluid resuscitation) to maintain a mean arterial pressure (MAP) ≥ 65 mm Hg
- 6) In the event of persistent arterial hypotension despite volume resuscitation (septic shock) or initial lactate ≥ 4 mmol/L (36 mg/dL):
 - Measure central venous pressure (CVP)*
 - Measure central venous oxygen saturation (Scvo₂)*
- 7) Remeasure lactate if initial lactate was elevated*

*Targets for quantitative resuscitation included in the guidelines are CVP of ≥ 8 mm Hg, Scvo₂ of $\geq 70\%$, and normalization of lactate.

- Il rilievo dei marcatori biologici è innescato dal rilievo clinico
- La selezione dei pazienti è cruciale perché la probabilità pretest determina l'accuratezza del test diagnostico

Valore Predittivo Positivo (VPP)

$$\text{VPP} = \frac{\text{sensibilità} \times \text{prevalenza sepsi}}{(\text{sensibilità} \times \text{prevalenza sepsi}) + [(1 - \text{specificità}) \times (1 - \text{prevalenza sepsi})]}$$

Tutte le altre indicazioni delle linee guida
sono di gestione trattamento

In pronto soccorso qual è il momento che
attiva la *macchina della sepsi* ?

Surviving Sepsis Campaign

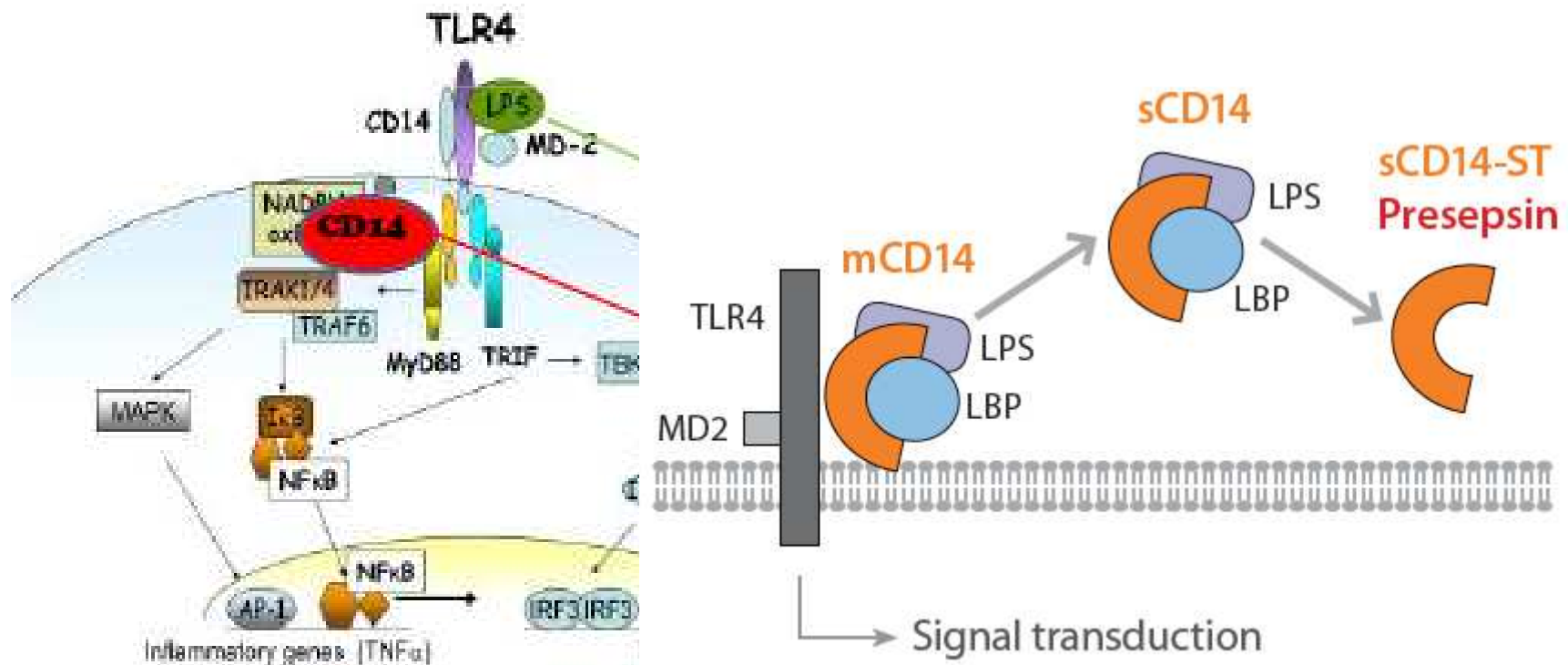
Statement from SSC Leadership on Time Zero in the Emergency Department

The conclusions and recommendations for the next phase of the Surviving Sepsis Campaign performance improvement initiative are to:

- Continue to use triage time as time zero in patients presenting to the ED
- Maximize the bundle's effectiveness for diagnosis as well as treatment
- Acknowledge that a percentage of patients may not meet criteria for severe sepsis or septic shock at ED triage

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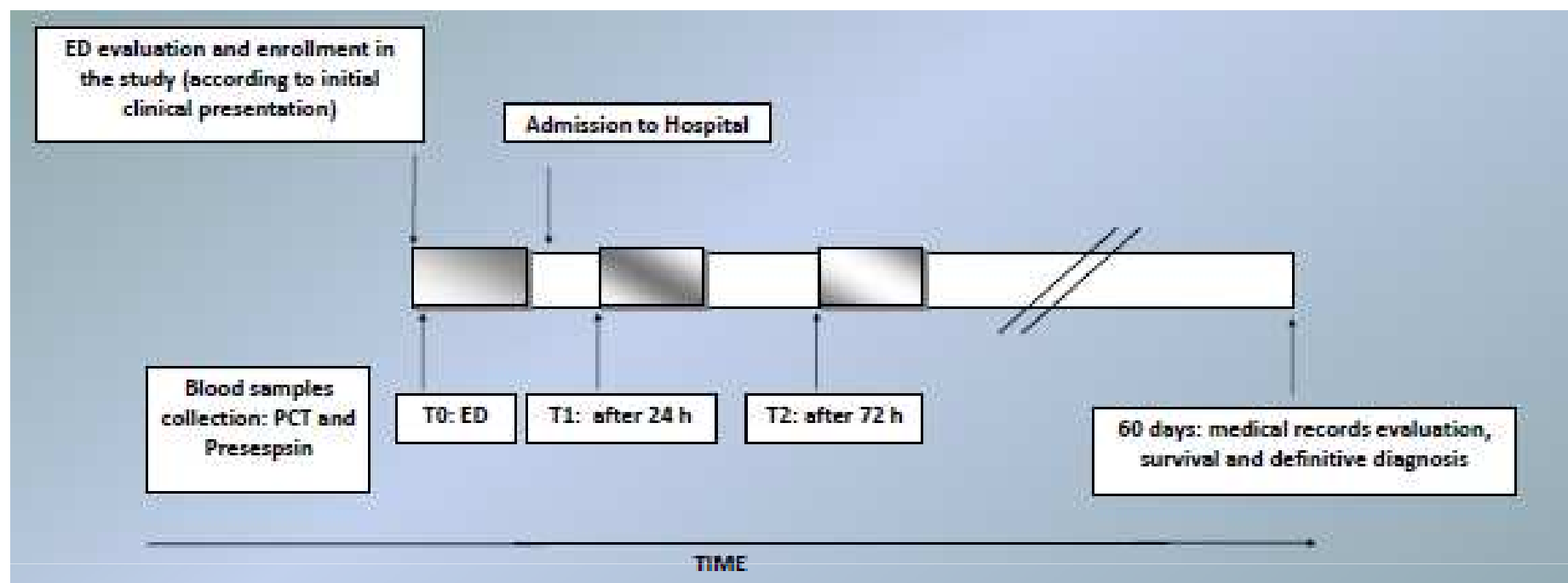
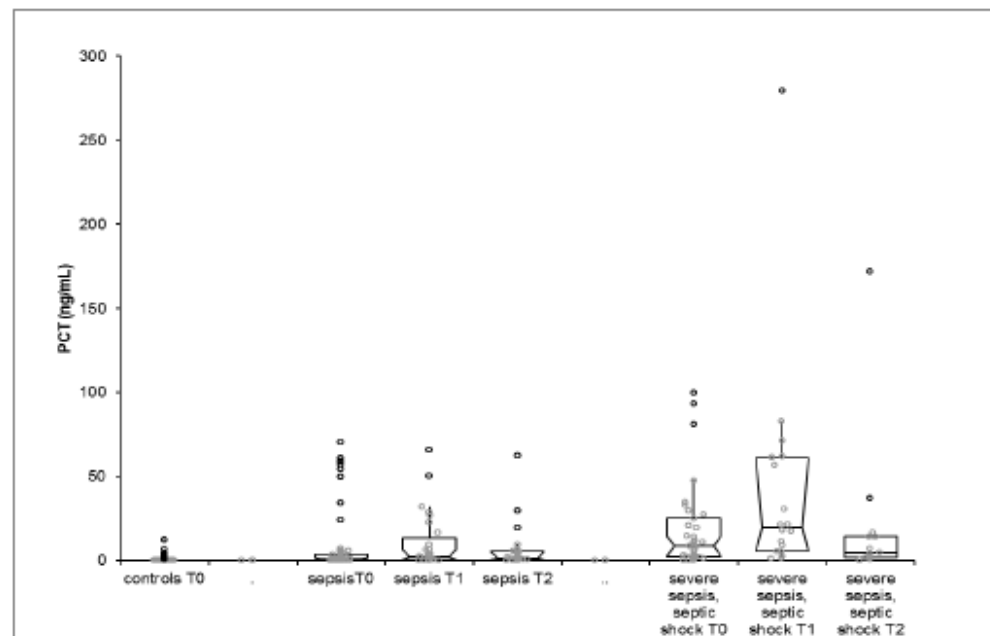
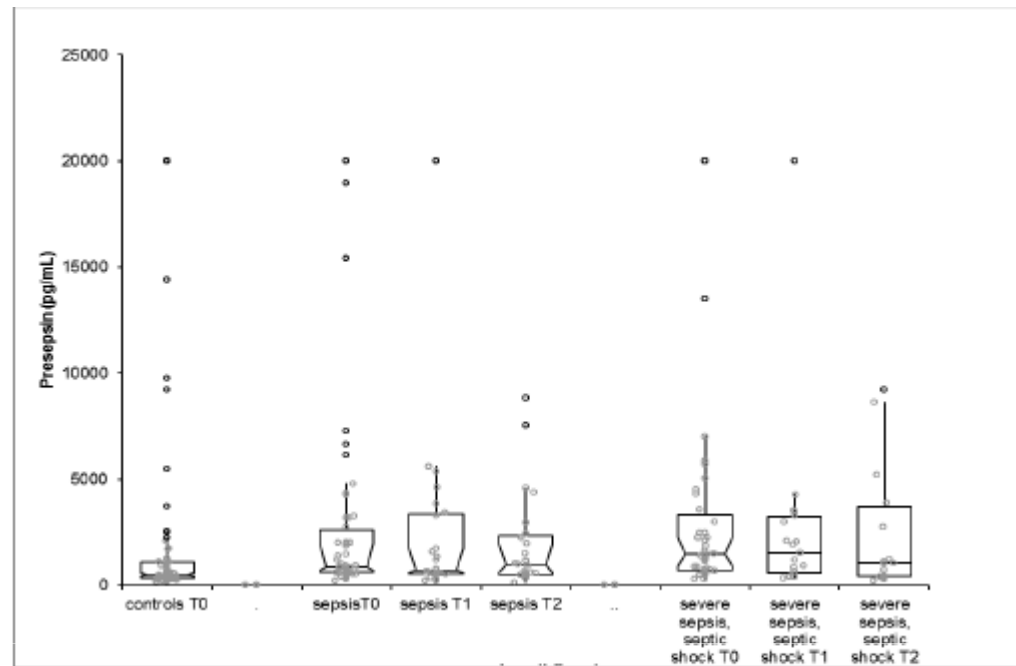
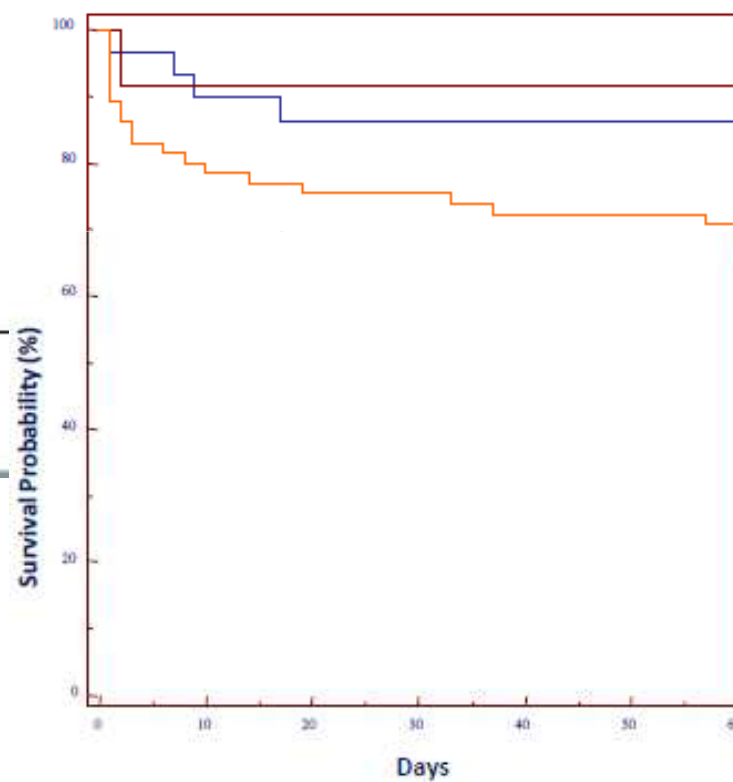
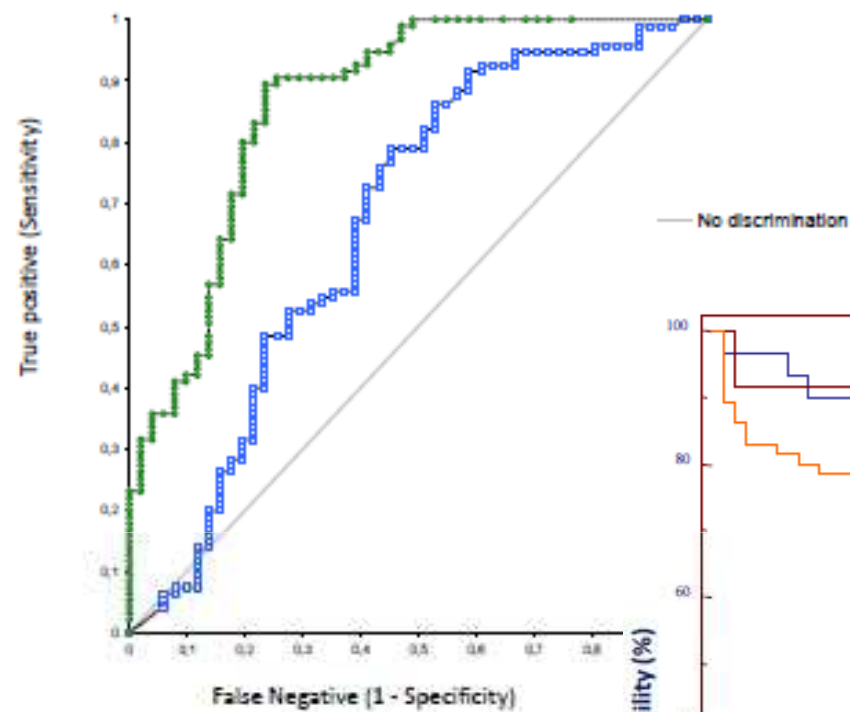


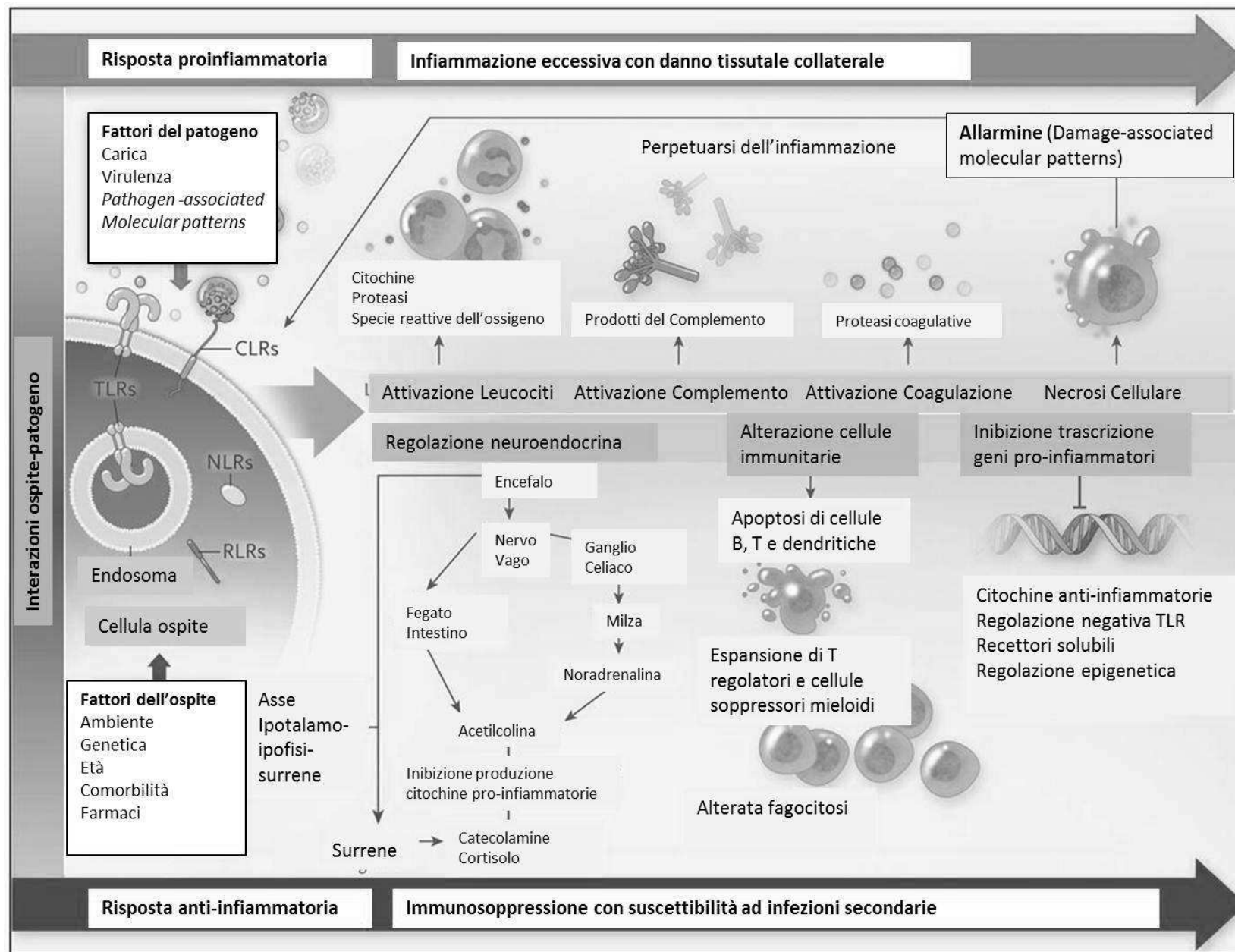
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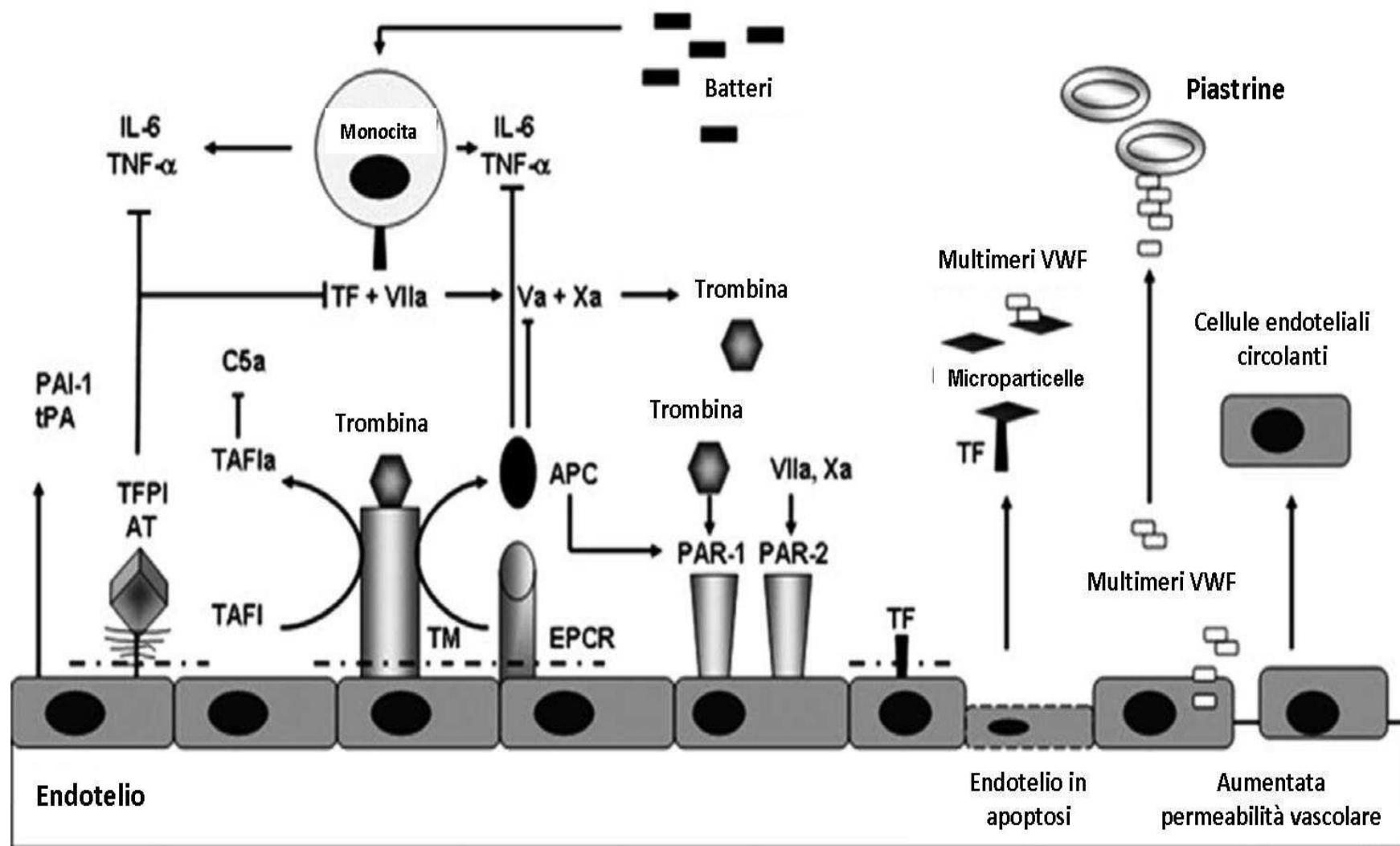
	SIRS (n = 83)	Sepsis (n = 55)	Severe sepsis/septic shock (n = 51)
Male	53	32	31
Female	30	23	20
Age	56 (19 to 92)	71 (27 to 99)	71 (22 to 90)
SOFA score	2 (0 to 8)	3 (0 to 9)	5 (0 to 15)
APACHE II score	7 (0 to 19)	11 (2 to 26)	14 (4 to 33)





	Presepsin T0 (pg/mL)	PCT T0 ng/mL
Non survivor	4232,4	17,12
Survivor	3451,2	9,59
P-value	0,0410	0,8640





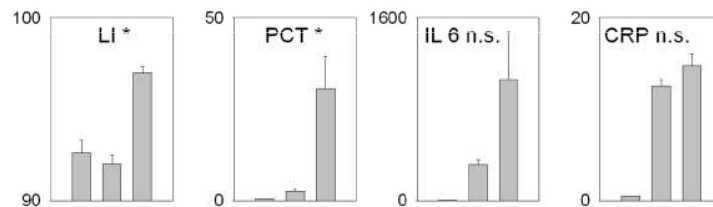
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Comparison of thromboelastometry with procalcitonin, interleukin 6, and C-reactive protein as diagnostic tests for severe sepsis in critically ill adults

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(a) Thromboelastometry clot lysis and conventional biomarkers



(b) Thromboelastometry clotting variables

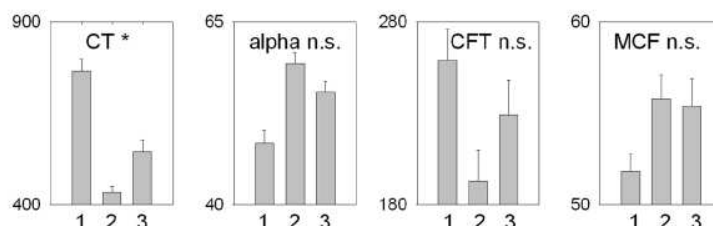
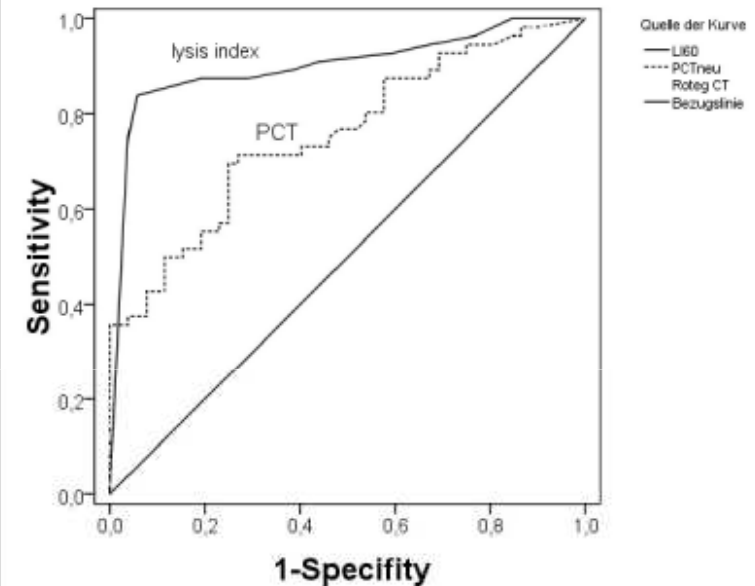


Figure 2 Thromboelastometry variables and conventional biomarkers in probands (1), postoperative patients (2), and patients with sepsis (3), respectively. Data are given as mean and standard error of the mean. The asterisks denote significant differences between postoperative and sepsis patients.

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Figure 1 Receiver operating characteristic curves comparing thromboelastometry lysis index and procalcitonin concentration for the diagnosis of severe sepsis in critically ill patients.

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Whole blood impedance aggregometry as a biomarker for the diagnosis and prognosis of severe sepsis

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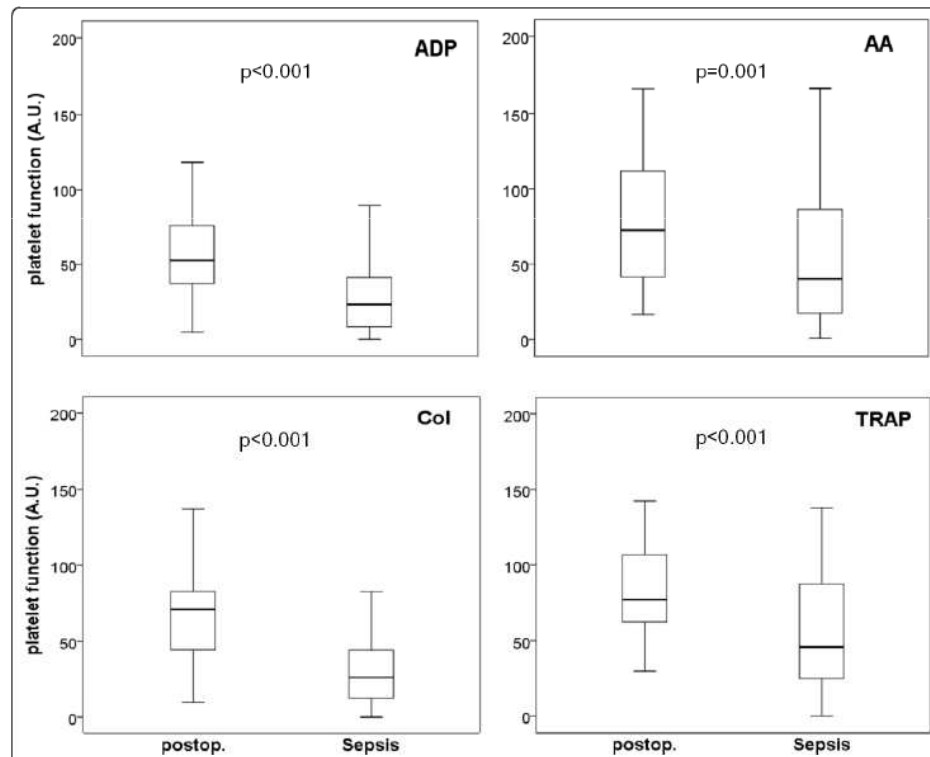


Figure 1 Platelet aggregation, as determined by impedance aggregometry, in postoperative and septic patients. Shown are the aggregometry findings (area under curve (AUC) in arbitrary units (A.U.)) with the activators adenosine diphosphate (ADP), collagen (COL), arachidonic acid (AA) and thrombin receptor activating peptide 6 (TRAP). Results are given as boxplots (with median, quartiles, minimum and maximum). For the statistical evaluation the Mann-Whitney test was used.

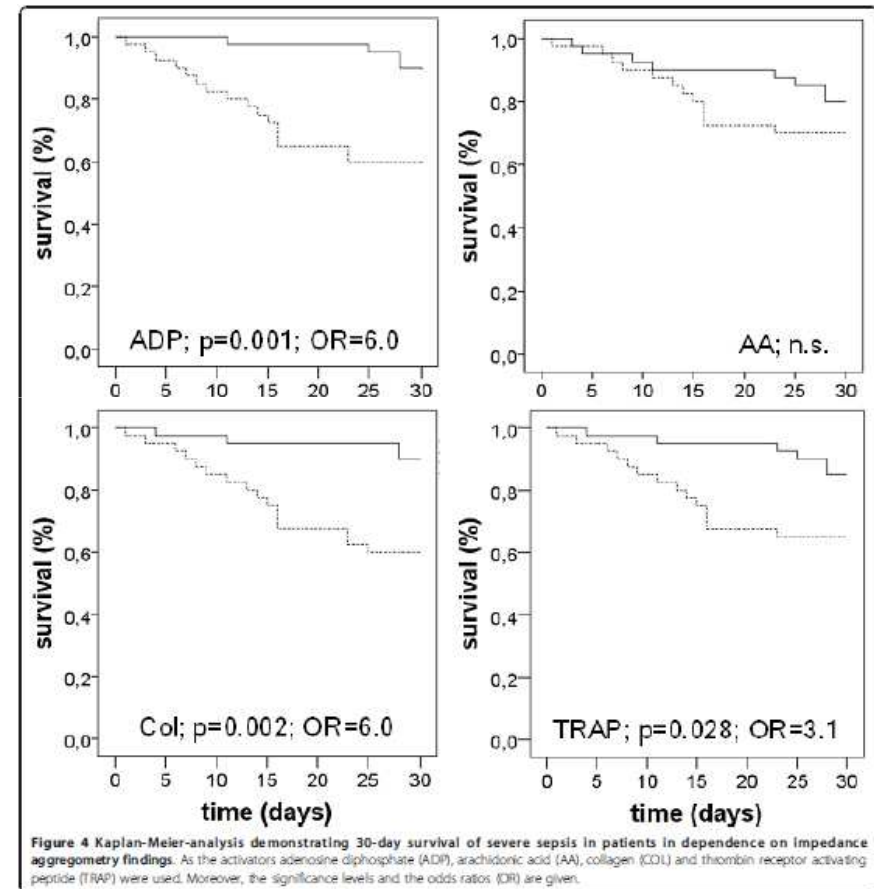


Figure 4 Kaplan-Meier-analysis demonstrating 30-day survival of severe sepsis in patients in dependence on impedance aggregometry findings. As the activators adenosine diphosphate (ADP), arachidonic acid (AA), collagen (COL) and thrombin receptor activating peptide (TRAP) were used. Moreover, the significance levels and the odds ratios (OR) are given.

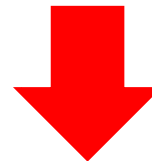
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SEPSI, SEPSI GRAVE/SHOCK SETTICO



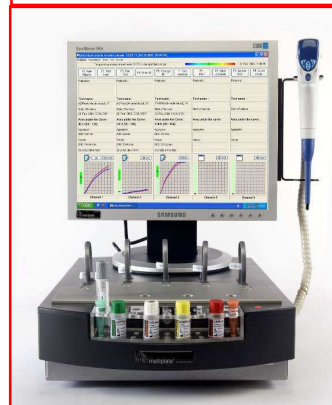
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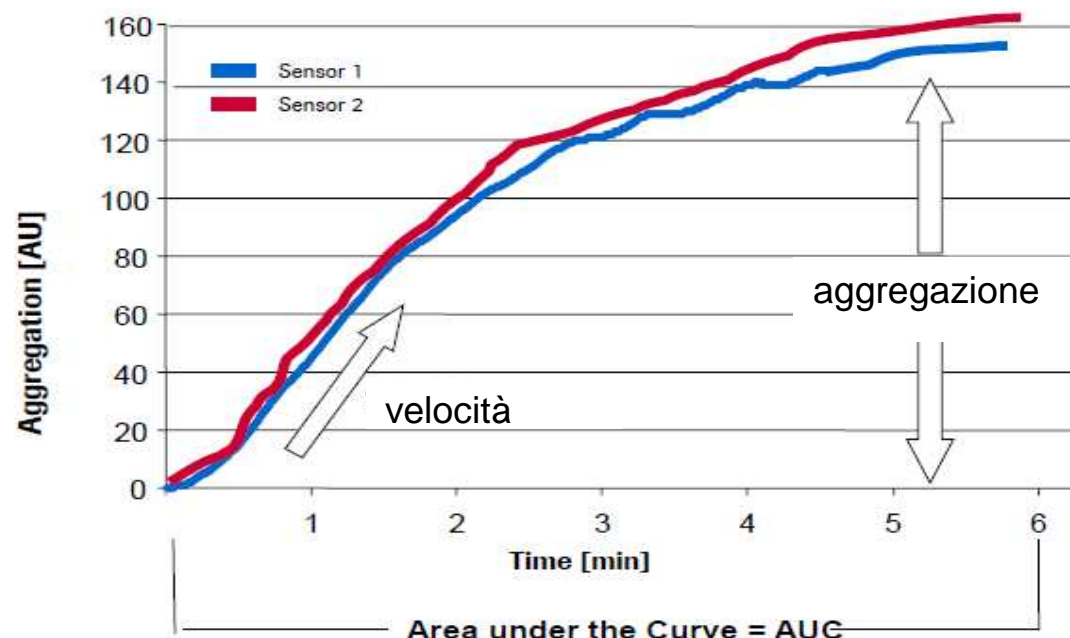
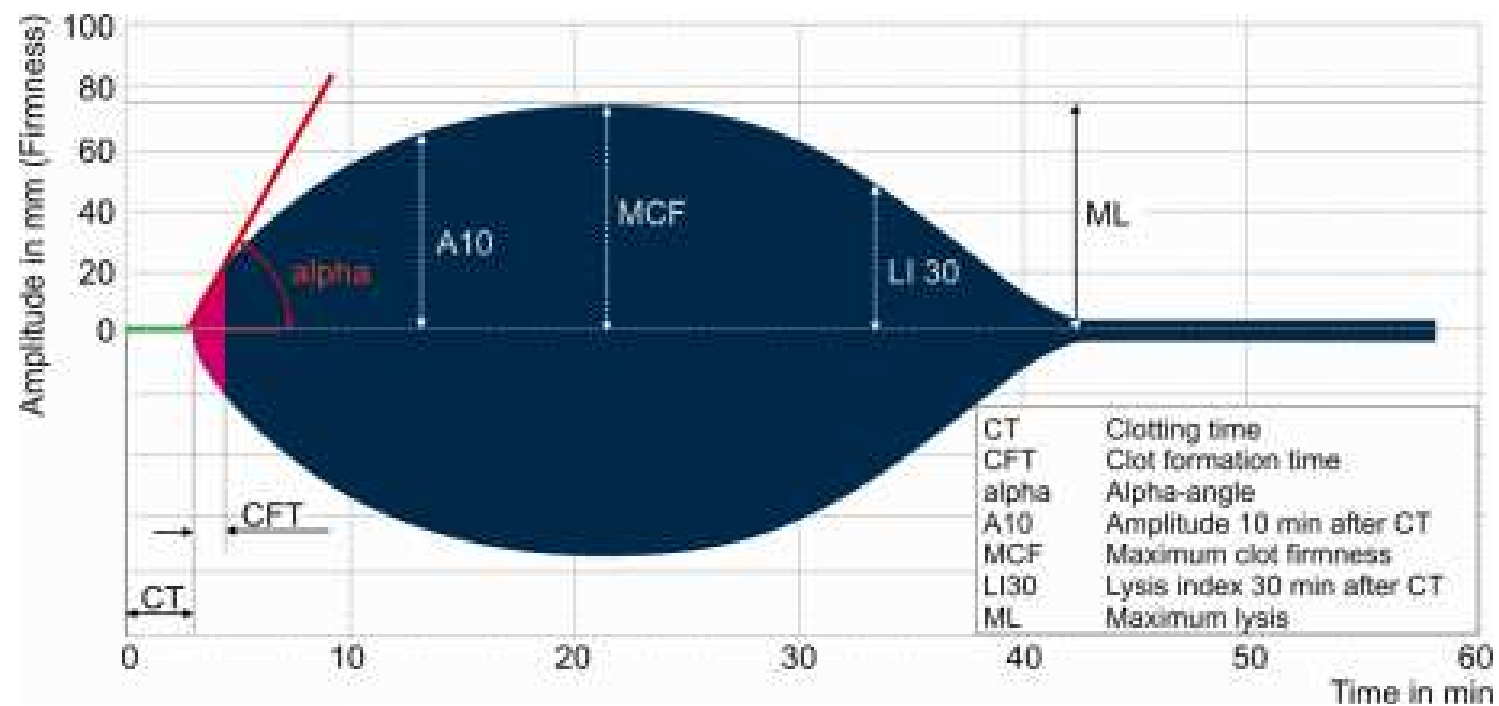


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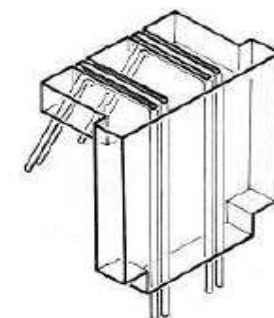


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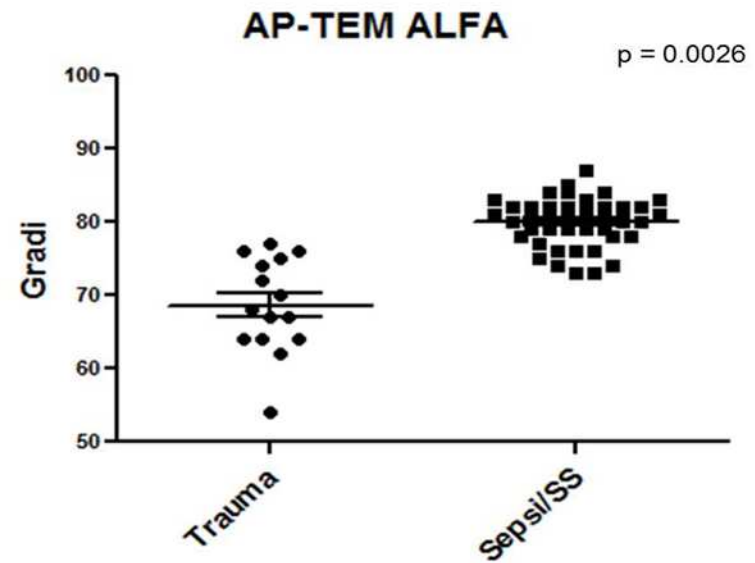
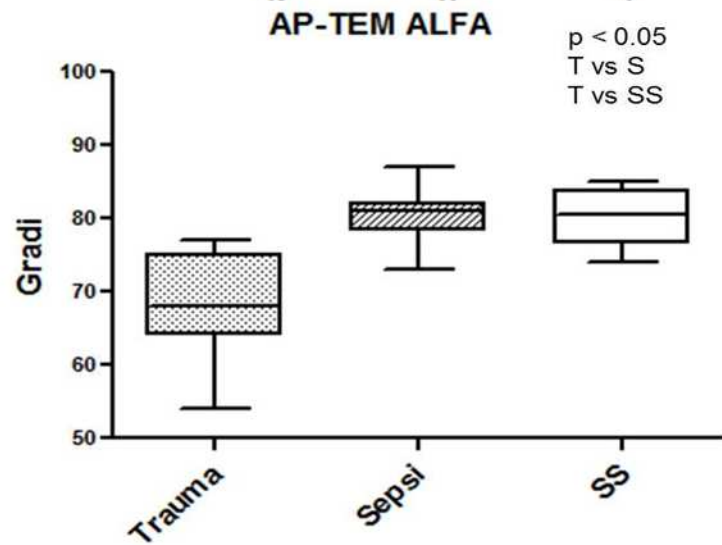
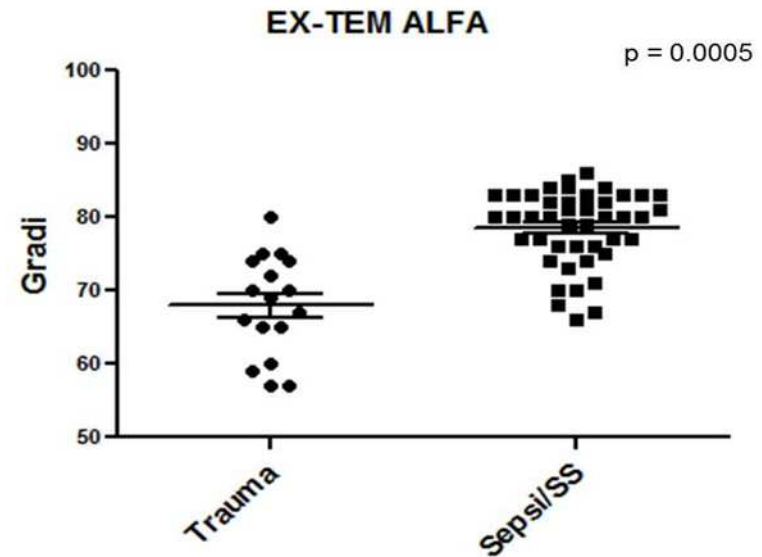
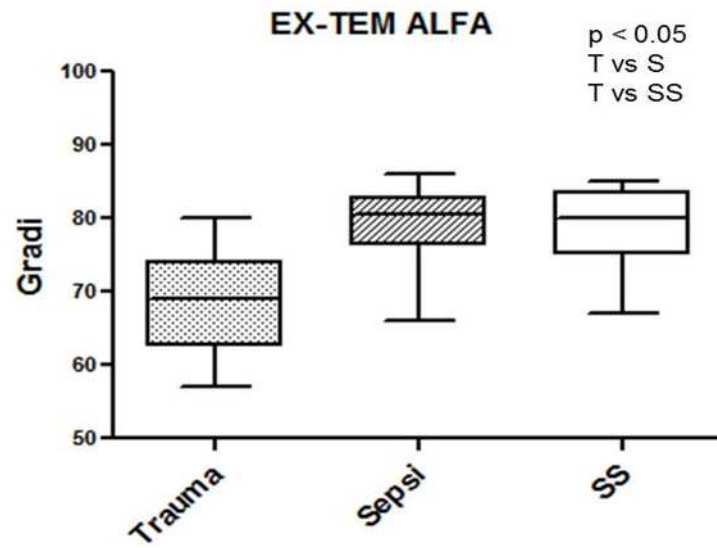
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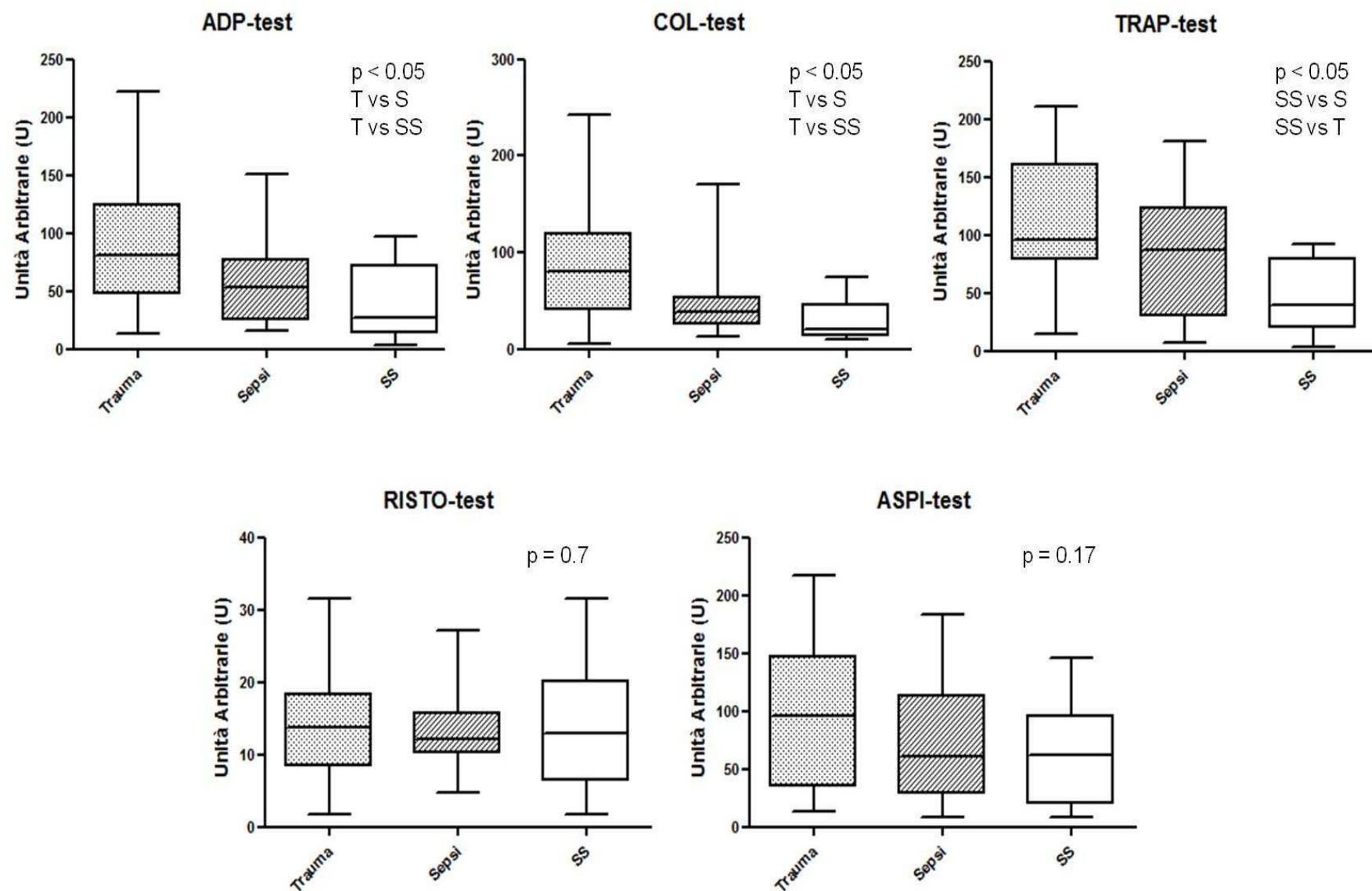
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Variabili CLINICHE	TRAUMA (T)	SEPSI (S)	SEPSI GRAVE SHOCK SETTICO (SS)	p-VALUE
PAM mmHg	93 (4)	91 (2.3)	62 (1.8)	<0.05 (SS vs S e T)
TC °	36.1 (0.16)	38.2 (0.18)	37.9 (0.23)	<0.05 (T vs S e SS)
GCS	11 (1)	15 (0.06)	14 (0.6)	<0.05 (T vs S e SS)
IOT e VM	9 (42%)	/	1 (3%)	
AMINE	5 (24%)	/	5 (26%)	
TERAPIA ANTICOAGULANTE	/	6 (18%)	6 (31%)	
TERAPIA ANTIAGGREGANTE	2 (1%)	8 (25%)	4 (19%)	
EXITUS A 28 GIORNI	1 (3,7%)	/	6 (23%)	
DURATA RICOVERO (Range)	18 (1-45)*	11 (1-42)	14 (5-30)**	

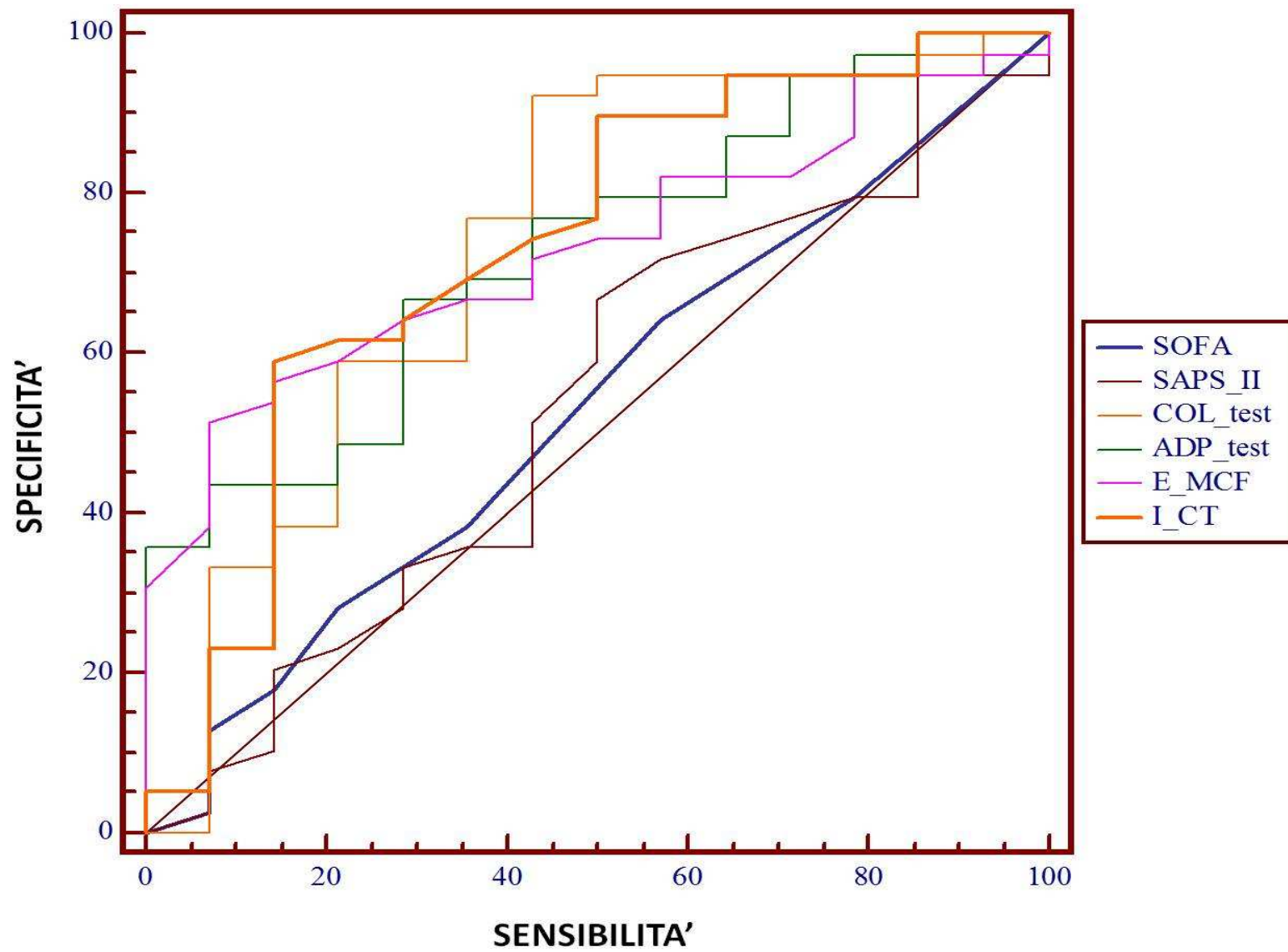
Variabili di LABORATORIO	TRAUMA	SEPSI	SEPSI GRAVE SHOCK SETTICO	p-VALUE
FIBRINOGENO mg/dL	270 (21)	566 (30)	531 (30)	<0.05 (T vs S e SS)
AT III %	95.7 (4.7)	86.5 (3.2)	85.3 (6.1)	NS
D-DIMERO µg/mL	20.4 (3.9)	2.4 (0.3)	10.5 (2.9)	<0.05
BE	-2.7 (1)	-0.7 (0.7)	-2.9 (0.7)	NS
LATTATO mmol/L	2.9 (0.5)	1.4 (0.11)	3.48 (0.5)	<0.05 (S vs T e SS)
CREATININA mg/dL	0.97 (0.05)	1.25 (0.16)	1.9 (0.3)	<0.05 (SS vs S e T)
PCR mg/L	/	132 (17)	128 (31)	NS
PCT ng/mL	0.074 (0.01)	4.89 (3.2)	20.8 (8.7)	<0.05



Tromboelastometria - MULTITEM study



Aggregometria - MULTITEM study

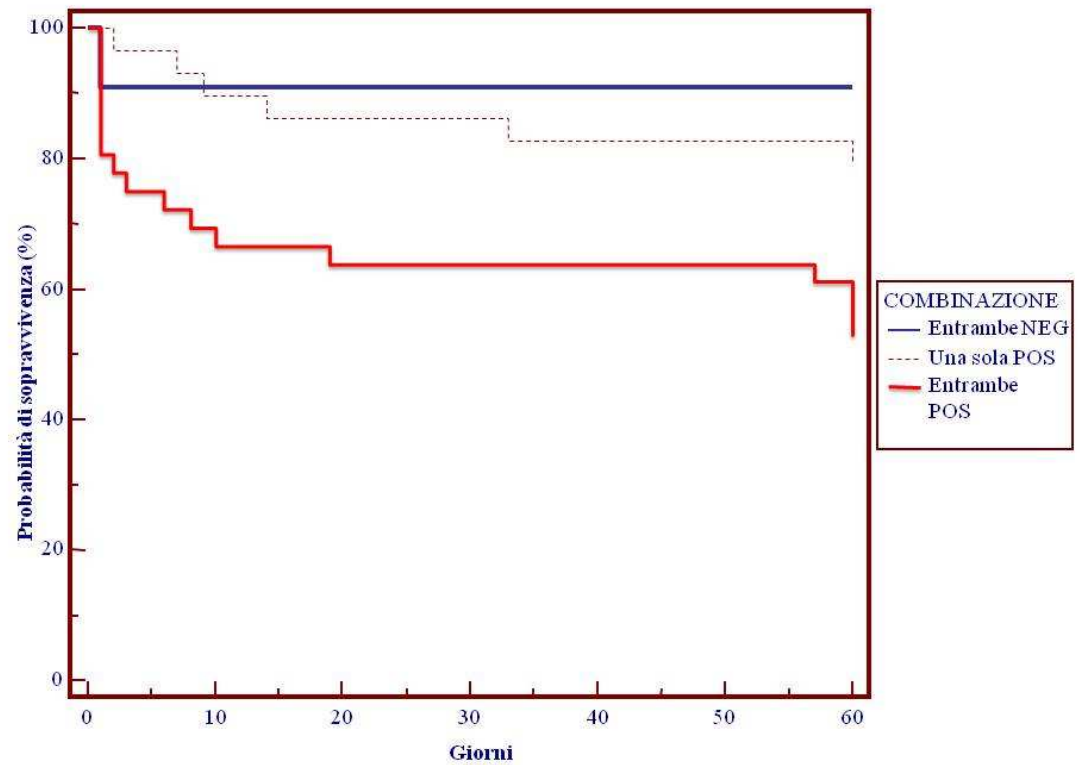
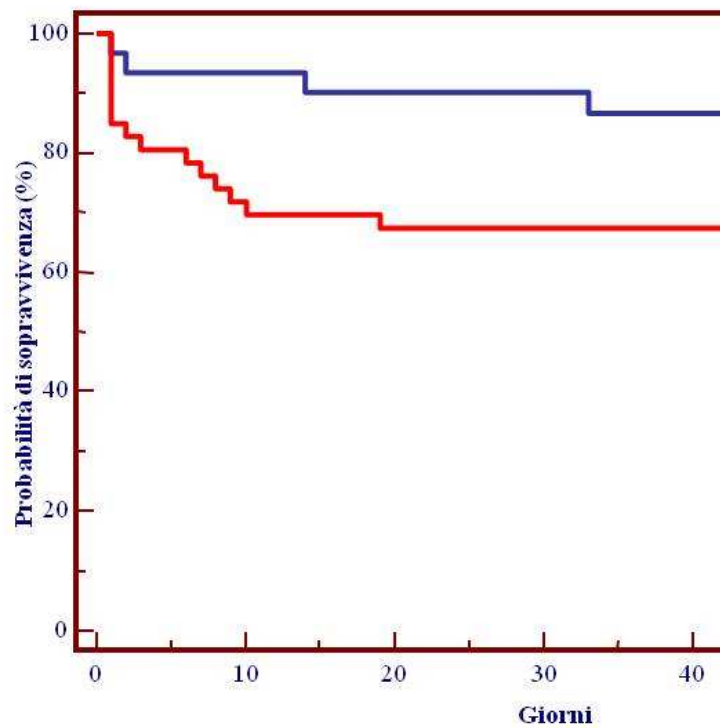
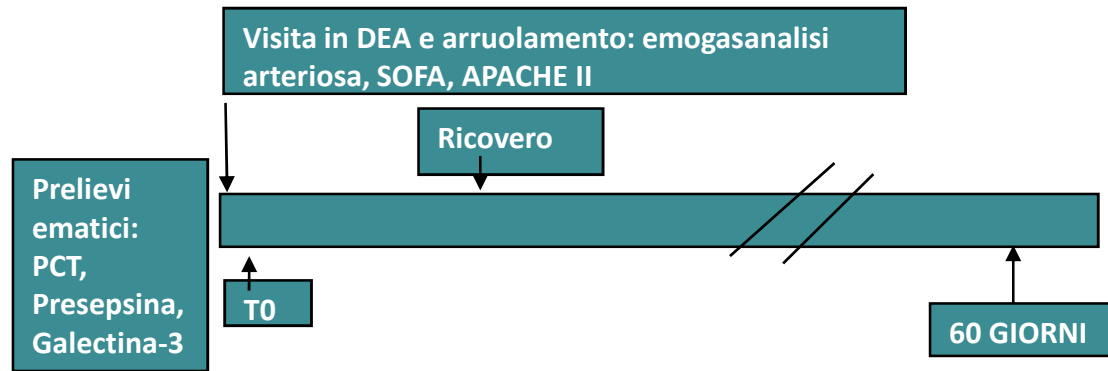


Accuratezza - MULTITEM study

- ❑ Questo lavoro rappresenta il primo esempio di applicazione congiunta di metodiche **Point-of-Care** per la valutazione della coagulazione plasmatica (Rotem®) e della funzionalità piastrinica (Multiplate®) in pazienti affetti da SIRS infettiva e non infettiva in pronto soccorso e **nell'ambito dell'emergenza**.
- ❑ Si sono osservate **alterazioni peculiari** a carico del sistema coagulativo (allungamento del CT, incremento di MCF, A10, angolo α) e della aggregabilità piastrinica (ipo-aggregabilità su ADP-test, COL-test e TRAP-test) **in pazienti affetti da sepsi, sepsi grave e shock settico** sin dalla prima valutazione in pronto soccorso.
- ❑ Tali alterazioni sono in grado di **distinguere** in maniera significativa e con una buona accuratezza le condizioni di SIRS a genesi infettiva rispetto a quadri di SIRS ad eziologia non infettiva.

CONCLUSIONI - MULTITEM study

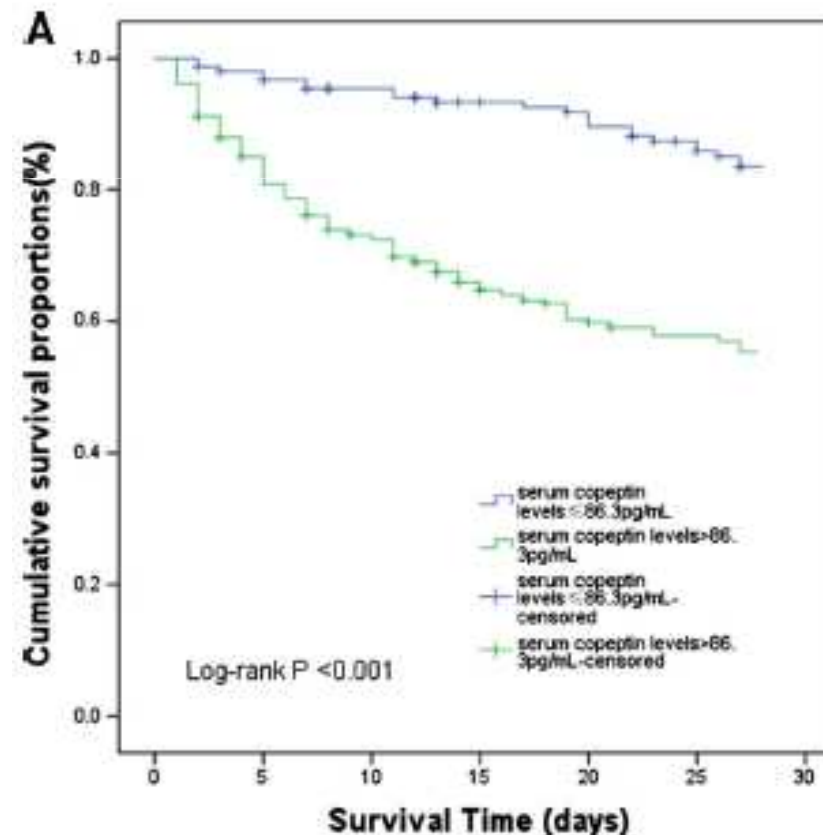
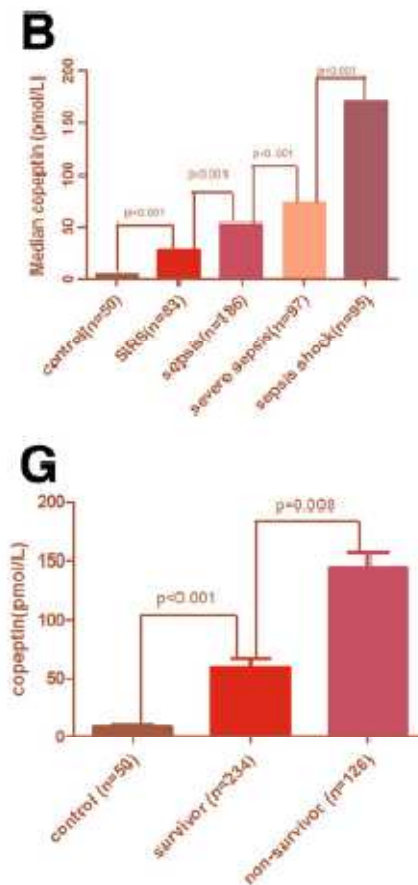
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Prognostic significance of hypothalamic–pituitary–adrenal axis hormones in early sepsis: a study performed in the emergency department



"Flat of the curve" medicine

Increasing
effectiveness



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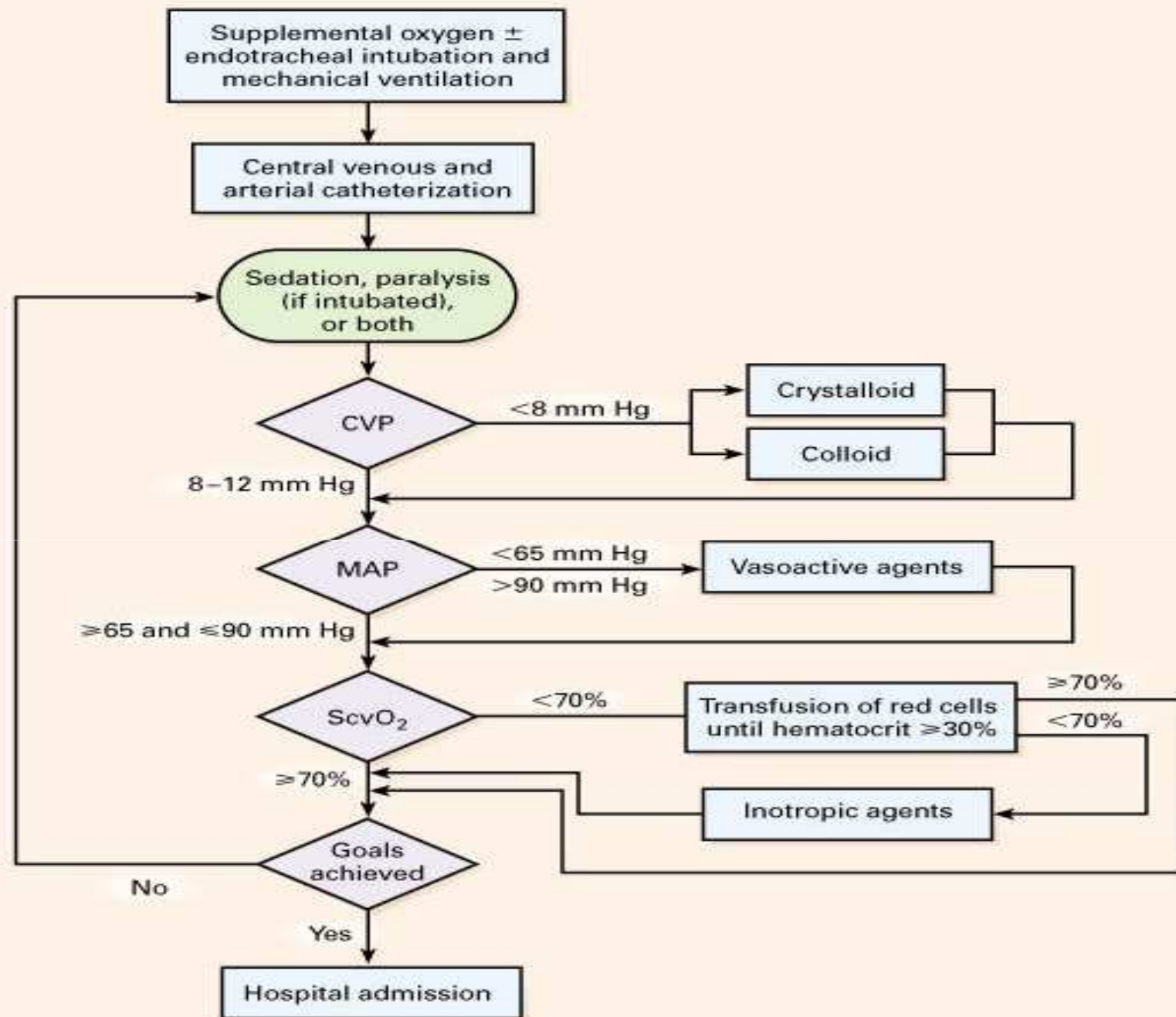
"Who owns the patent on this vaccine?"

'Well, the people, I would say. There is no patent. Could you patent the sun?'

Jonas Salk

APRA' SECONDA PARTE

Quando eravamo felici (2000-2013)



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Randomized Trial of Protocol-Based Care for Early Septic Shock

The ProCESS Investigators*

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EDITORIAL



The ProCESS Trial — A New Era of Sepsis Management

Craig M. Lilly, M.D.

The importance of early detection and treatment for reducing the mortality associated with sepsis has been a tenet of medical training since the middle ages, when it was noted that “. . . the physicians say it happens in hectic fever, that in the beginning of the malady it is easy to cure but creased mortality to delays in the administration of appropriate antibiotics⁶ suggested that early administration of antibiotics increased survival in all groups of the trial. Indeed, in the ProCESS trial, the early or facilitated recognition of septic shock. administration of intravenous antibi-

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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Is There a Good MAP for Septic Shock?

James A. Russell, M.D.

As fundamental as the issue is, there is no clear, high-level evidence to determine the most effective mean arterial pressure (MAP) for resuscitation of patients with septic shock. During hypo-

tions are based on low-quality evidence. Accordingly, Asfar et al.⁴ now report in the *Journal* the results of a large, randomized, controlled trial of targeting a low MAP (65 to 70 mm Hg) ver-

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Albumin Replacement in Patients with Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock

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Vieri Parrini, M.D., Gilberto Fiore, M.D., Roberto Latini, M.D.,
and Luciano Gattinoni, M.D., for the ALBIOS Study Investigators*

- Perché è successo tutto questo?
- EGDT non è servito a niente?



Surviving Sepsis Campaign Responds to ProCESS Trial
Updated 19 May 2014

The Surviving Sepsis Campaign (SSC) has received many inquiries regarding the recent publication of the Protocol-Based Care for Early Septic Shock (ProCESS) trial's effect on the continuing activities of the Campaign. (1)

- (1) The ProCESS trial reflects the consensus that early diagnosis of septic shock is essential. Notably, all groups in the study received on average more than 2 liters of fluid prior to randomization and more than 75% received antibiotics prior to randomization--both elements of the 3-hour Surviving Sepsis Campaign bundle. (2) The editorial accompanying the ProCESS study highlights these points. (3)



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(2) The 18% mortality rate in the “usual care” arm of ProCESS illustrates a dramatic change in the management and outcomes of patients with septic shock. (1) In comparison, septic shock mortality was 46.5% in the 2001 early goal-directed therapy trial by Rivers. (4)



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- (3) Given the remarkably low mortality rate in the control arm of ProCESS, and the pending results of 2 large ongoing trials (the Australian Resuscitation In Sepsis Evaluation Randomised Controlled Trial [ARISE] and The Protocolised Management in Sepsis Trial [ProMISe]), the SSC will determine any appropriate revisions to the bundle elements when these study results are available.

Bisogna stare attenti a quello che si dice!



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- (4) ProCESS does not address the protocolized management of patients with severe sepsis without septic shock, a group of patients for whom early detection and treatment remain critical. The aggressive protocolized management of these patients who do not yet have shock has likely lowered severe sepsis and septic shock mortality since the inception of the SSC. The recently formed Society of Critical Care Medicine/Society of Hospital Medicine (SCCM/SHM) Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Severe Sepsis on the Hospital Floors Collaboratives will focus in large part on this population. Further, the ProCESS results have no impact on the 3-hour bundle, which is the primary focus for the Collaboratives.

Ancora una volta gli studi non si occupano
dei pazienti più comuni, a di quelli che
interessano più i medici!



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- (5) Regarding the SSC 6-hour bundle (2):
- a. A companion paper appears to support a mean initial arterial pressure (MAP) target of 65 mm Hg, which is one of the indicators in this bundle. (5)
 - b. The ProCESS paper does not address repeating lactate measures in patients with elevated lactate while literature supports doing so. (6,7)
 - c. When measured, the first ScvO₂ was 71 ± 13%, which is another of the indication of the bundle.
 - d. The majority of the patients in the usual care (56.5%) and protocol-based standard care arms (57.9%) of ProCESS had central lines inserted as part of clinical care. (1) The 6-hour bundle currently asks only that central venous pressure (CVP) be measured and that a venous blood gas be sent from that line to obtain the central venous oxygen saturation (ScvO₂). SSC recognizes that alternate means of obtaining results exist and will address specific ways of including those data in future iterations of the quality improvement database.

Tutti d'accordo?

The effect of goal-directed therapy on mortality in patients with sepsis - earlier is better: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Harmonizing international trials of early goal-directed resuscitation for severe sepsis and septic shock: methodology of ProCESS, ARISE, and ProMISe

The ProCESS/ARISE/ProMISe Methodology Writing Committee

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Goal-Directed Resuscitation for Patients with Early Septic Shock

The ARISE Investigators and the ANZICS Clinical Trials Group*

Oltre a confermare quanto detto nel Process, il
trattamento più messo in discussione è l'uso dei
vasopressori

L'uso di liquidi è solo futile o
peggio?

Comparison of Two Fluid-Management Strategies in Acute Lung Injury

The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) Clinical Trials Network*

CONCLUSIONS

Although there was no significant difference in the primary outcome of 60-day mortality, the conservative strategy of fluid management improved lung function and shortened the duration of mechanical ventilation and intensive care without increasing nonpulmonary-organ failures. These results support the use of a conservative strategy of fluid management in patients with acute lung injury. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00281268.)

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Fluid Resuscitation in Septic Shock

A Positive Fluid Balance and Elevated Central Venous Pressure Are Associated With Increased Mortality

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Abstract and Introduction

Abstract

Objective: To determine whether central venous pressure and fluid balance after resuscitation for septic shock are associated with mortality.

Design: We conducted a retrospective review of the use of intravenous fluids during the first 4 days of care.

Setting: Multicenter randomized controlled trial.

Patients: The Vasopressin in Septic Shock Trial (VASST) study enrolled 778 patients who had septic shock and who were receiving a minimum of 5 µg of norepinephrine per minute.

Interventions: None.

Measurements and Main Results: Based on net fluid balance, we determined whether one's fluid balance quartile was correlated with 28-day mortality. We also analyzed whether fluid balance was predictive of central venous pressure and furthermore whether a guideline-recommended central venous pressure of 8–12 mm Hg yielded a mortality advantage. At enrollment, which occurred on average 12 hrs after presentation, the average fluid balance was +4.2 L. By day 4, the cumulative average fluid balance was +11 L. After correcting for age and Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score, a more positive fluid balance at both at 12 hrs and day 4 correlated significantly with increased mortality. Central venous pressure was correlated with fluid balance at 12 hrs, whereas on days 1–4, there was no significant correlation. At 12 hrs, patients with central venous pressure <8 mm Hg had the lowest mortality rate followed by those with central venous pressure 8–12 mm Hg. The highest mortality rate was observed in those with central venous pressure >12 mm Hg. Contrary to the overall effect, patients whose central venous pressure was <8 mm Hg had improved survival with a more positive fluid balance.

Conclusions: A more positive fluid balance both early in resuscitation and cumulatively over 4 days is associated with an increased risk of mortality in septic shock. Central venous pressure may be used to gauge fluid balance ≤12 hrs into septic shock but becomes an unreliable marker of fluid balance thereafter. Optimal survival in the VASST study occurred with a positive fluid balance of approximately 3 L at 12 hrs.

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**Fluid Overload in Patients with Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Treated with
Early-Goal Directed Therapy is Associated with Increased Acute Need for
Fluid-Related Medical Interventions and Hospital Death**

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Perchè

For sepsis, the drugs don't work

On Oct 25, 2011, Eli Lilly announced the voluntarily withdrawal from the market of drotrecogin alfa (activated), marketed as Xigris, a drug licensed for the treatment of severe sepsis. Drotrecogin alfa, a recombinant form of human activated protein C with anticoagulant and anti-inflammatory activity, was the only pharmaceutical available designed specifically to treat sepsis. Its withdrawal marks the end of another chapter in the inglorious history of the search for a specific treatment for sepsis.

Sepsis is a systemic response to infection, characterised by haemodynamic instability, mental confusion, and tachypnoea. Gram negative bacteria account for most cases of sepsis, but the disorder can also be caused by Gram positive organisms and fungi. Sepsis manifests in its most severe form as septic shock, when patients display hypotension and organ failure, caused by dysregulation of the immune response to infection. The key to managing sepsis is early treatment, but it can be difficult to diagnose



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The Search for Effective Therapy for Sepsis Back to the Drawing Board?

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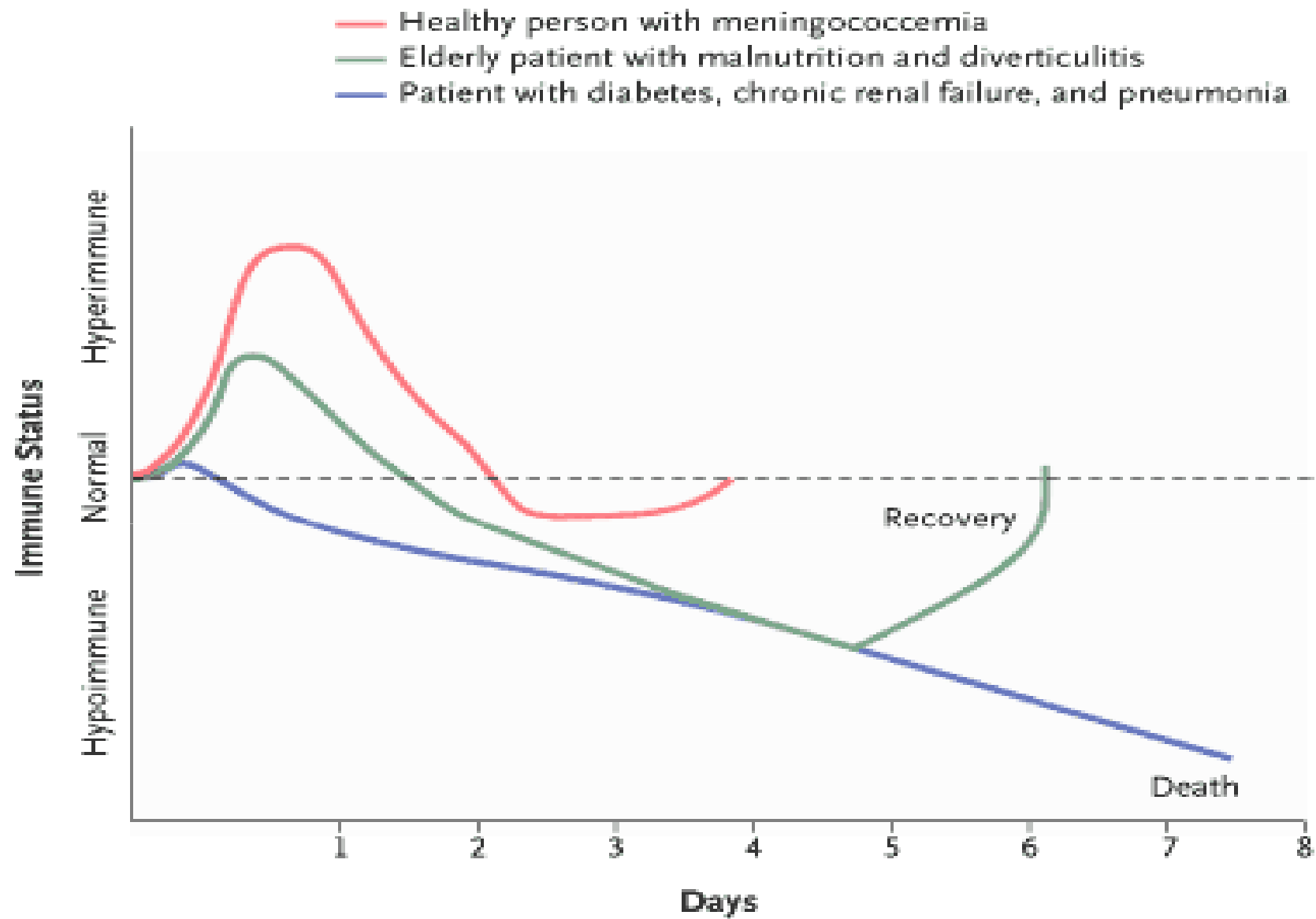
NEW THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES FOR SEPSIS HAVE NOT fared well recently. In January, Eisai announced that its worldwide phase 3 randomized trial of a novel anti-Toll-like receptor (TLR)-4 compound, eritoran tetrasodium, had failed to demonstrate an

saccharide (LPS), rapidly produce a broad array of cytokines, chemokines, and other proteins to sequester and eradicate invading pathogens. However, these same proteins can profoundly disturb and harm host tissue function and anatomy, a form of “friendly fire.”

These findings led to 2 central tenets of current sepsis research. First, the host response in sepsis is unhelpfully exuberant, and thus agents that block or suppress the host re-

La sepsi

- È una sindrome e non una malattia
- Non abbiamo un modello affidabile
- Non abbiamo nessuna capacità prognostica per poter stratificare i pazienti



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Towards a less invasive approach to the early goal-directed treatment of septic shock in the ED^{☆,☆☆}



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SUMMARY

COMMENTARY

In summary, more technical care is not always better; simple interventions applied consistently and timeously are equally effective. We continue to streamline the effective interventions for improved sepsis management.

Chissà come finisce?