


# Lattati nel paziente critico: stiamo rincorrendo una chimera?

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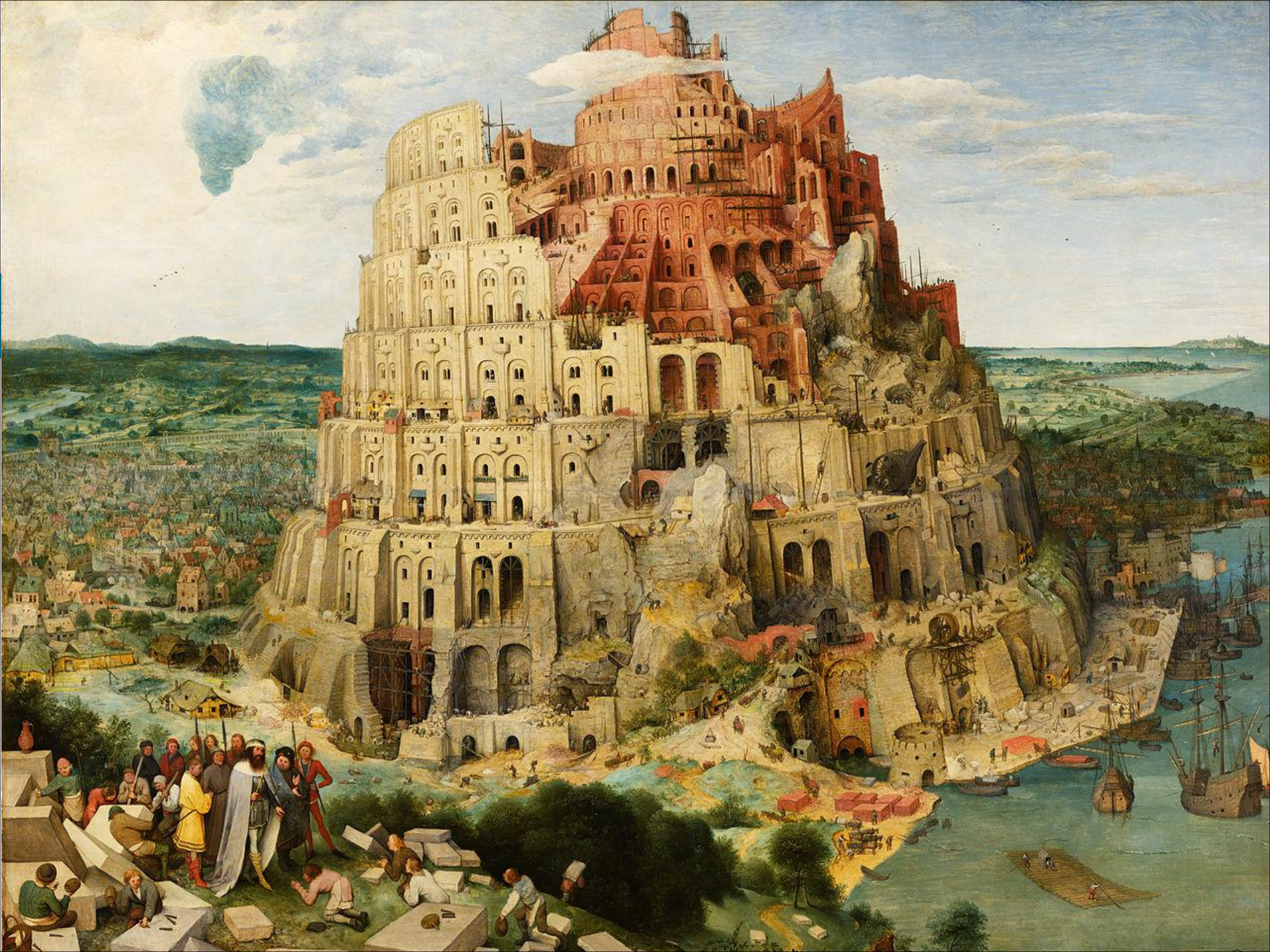
COMPARE QUANDO LA RISPOSTA DEL  
CORPO ALL'INFEZIONE E' COMPLICATA  
DA ABNORME RISPOSTA IMMUNE

20.000.000 / anno

Prevalenza: 37% dei pz in ICU

Prima patologia per impatto economico negli USA









New clinical criteria for septic shock: serum lactate level as new emerging vital sign

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## Lactate in the critically ill patients: an outcome marker with the times

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## 3-Hour Bundle

### 1. Measure Lactate Level

#### Background

Hyperlactatemia is typically present in patients with severe sepsis or septic shock and may be secondary to anaerobic metabolism due to hypoperfusion or other complex factors. The prognostic value of raised blood lactate levels has been well established in septic shock patients[1], particularly if the high levels persist.[2,3] In addition, blood lactate levels have been shown to have greater prognostic value than oxygen-derived variables.[4] Obtaining a lactate level is essential to identifying tissue hypoperfusion in patients who are not yet hypotensive but who are at risk for septic shock.

# LATTATI



MARKER DI IPOSSIA  
TISSUTALE

PRODOTTO DI  
METABOLISMO  
ANAEROBIO

# NORMALIZZAZIONE DEI LATTATI

# IPERLATTATEMIA

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# IPOPERFUSIONE



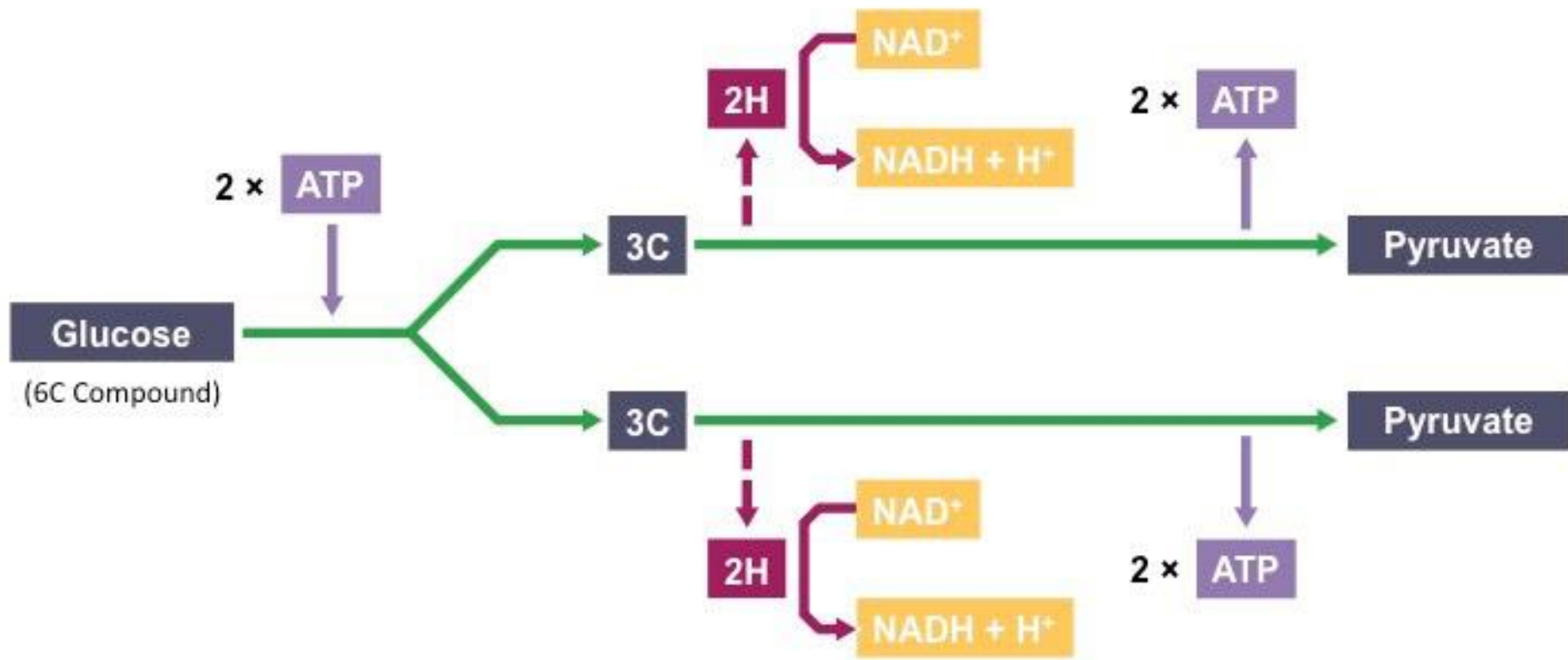




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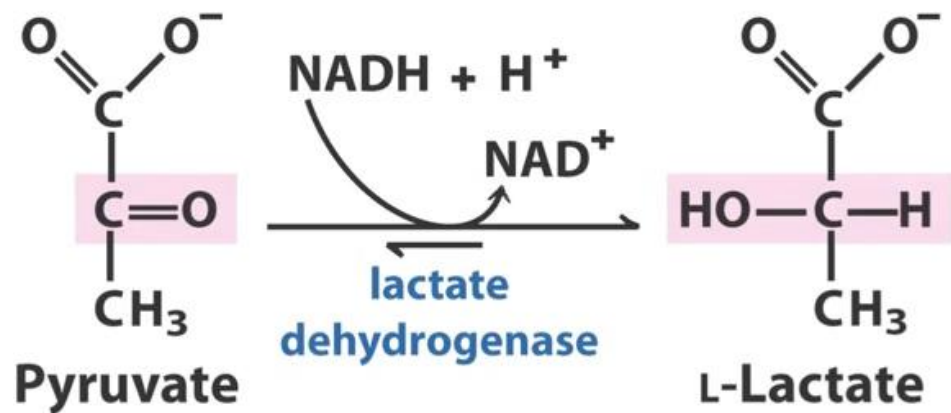


**RISPOSTA  
ADATTATIVA**



**Net Gain:**  $2 \times \text{ATP}$  ;  $2 \times \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  (+  $2 \times \text{pyruvate}$ )



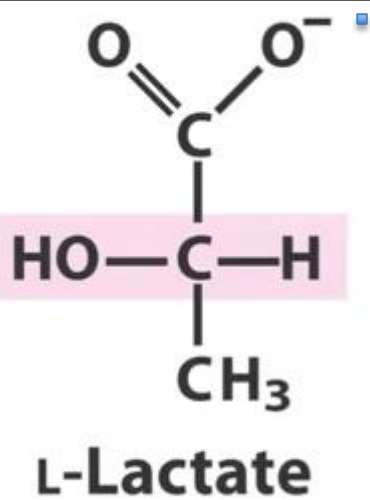


Mediata da LDH che mantiene rapporto 10:1

Libera NAD<sup>+</sup> (accettore di elettroni)

Ogni condizione che aumenta la produzione di Piruvato aumenta la generazione di Lattati.

La produzione di Lattato consuma 2 protoni  
(*J Mol Cell Cardiol* 1997;9[11]:867)



## PRODUZIONE

20 mmol/kg al giorno

## CLEARANCE

60-120 mmol/h

(tutto il sangue può essere ripulito in alcuni minuti)

## OSSIDAZIONE

(ciclo di Krebs)

50% dei lattati a riposo  
Fino all'80% sotto sforzo

[LATTATO] upregola i trasportatori di membrana mitocondriale e la LDH mitocondriale

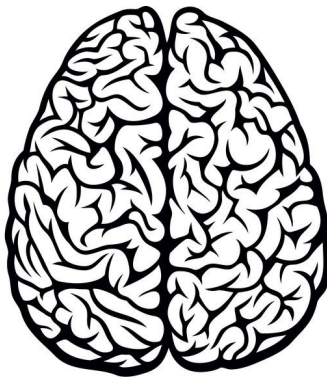
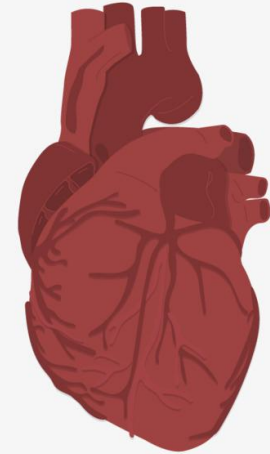
+ Lattato + Krebs

**CARBURANTE?**



**Metabolizza lattati a riposo**

**Durante shock quasi l'intero fabbisogno  
energetico viene erogato dall'ossidazione dei  
LATTATI**



**Fino al 25% dell'energia è fornita dai LATTATI nei  
momenti di stress**

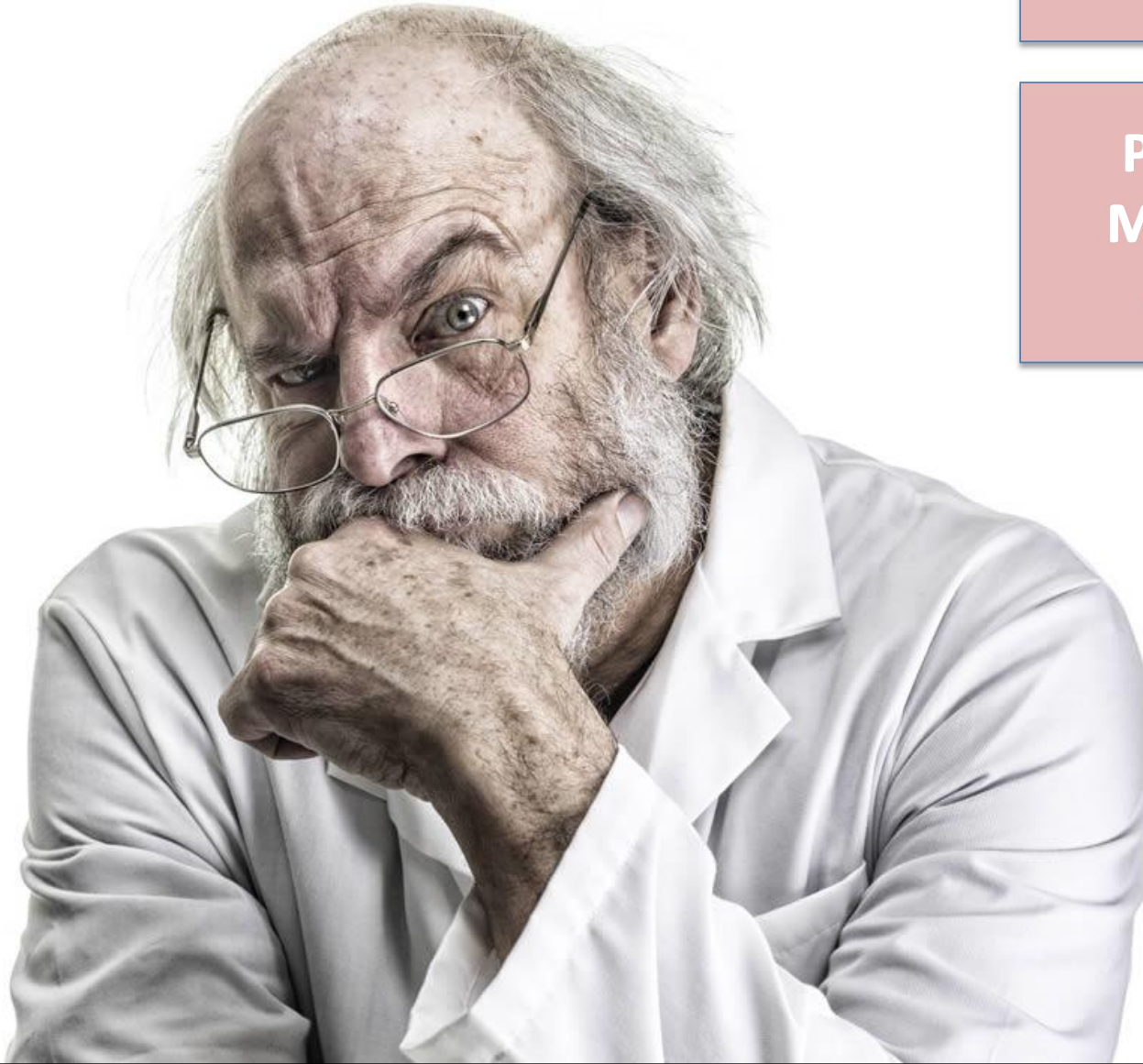
**Esiste uno 'shuttle' astrocita-neuroni  
(nei primi avviene la glicolisi, nei secondi il Krebs)**

# LATTATI



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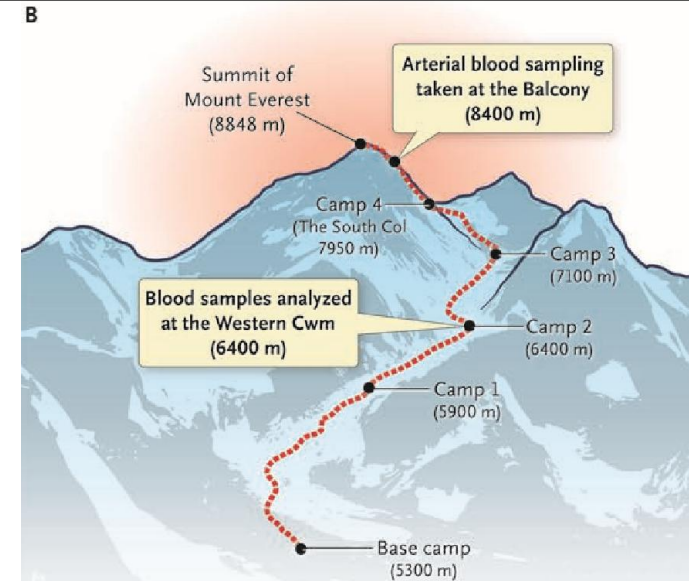




## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Arterial Blood Gases and Oxygen Content in Climbers on Mount Everest

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**Table 2. Arterial Blood Gas Measurements and Calculated Values for Pulmonary Gas Exchange from Four Subjects at an Altitude of 8400 m, during Descent from the Summit of Mount Everest.\***

Variable	Subject No.				Group Mean
	1	2	3	4	
pH	7.55	7.45	7.52	7.60	7.53
PaO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)†	29.5	19.1	21.0	28.7	24.6
PaCO <sub>2</sub> (mm Hg)†	12.3	15.7	15.0	10.3	13.3
Bicarbonate (mmol/liter)‡	10.5	10.67	11.97	9.87	10.8
Base excess of blood‡	-6.3	-9.16	-6.39	-5.71	-6.9
Lactate concentration (mmol/liter)	2.0	2.0	2.9	1.8	2.2
SaO <sub>2</sub> (%)‡	68.1	34.4	43.7	69.7	54.0
Hemoglobin (g/dl)§	20.2	18.7	18.8	19.4	19.3
Respiratory exchange ratio¶	0.81	0.74	0.72	0.70	0.74
PAO <sub>2</sub> — mm Hg†**	32.4	26.9	27.4	33.2	30.0
Alveolar–arterial oxygen difference — mm Hg†	2.89	7.81	6.44	4.51	5.41

# Lactate efflux from exercising human skeletal muscle: role of intracellular $\text{PO}_2$

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## *Summary*

This investigation illustrates that in hypoxic or normoxic exercise conditions net muscle lactate efflux is independent of intracellular  $\text{PO}_2$ . The former increases while the latter remains constant during progressive incremental exercise.

Although the latter observations indicate that a role for intracellular  $\text{PO}_2$  as a modulator of metabolism cannot be ruled out, arterial epinephrine levels are closely related to skeletal muscle lactate efflux in normoxia and hypoxia and, thus, may be a major stimulus for the observed rise in muscle lactate efflux during progressively intense exercise and for the elevated lactate efflux in hypoxia.





## Skeletal muscle partial pressure of oxygen in patients with sepsis.

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### Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** In order to obtain direct evidence for tissue hypoxia in patients with sepsis oxygen, partial pressure was measured within skeletal muscle. Furthermore, serial intermittent and continuous measurements of skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub> in patients with sepsis were used to find out whether skeletal muscle oxygenation may change in the course of sepsis and depends on the severity of sepsis.

**DESIGN:** Prospective study.

**SETTING:** Intensive care unit of a university hospital.

**PATIENTS:** Intensive care patients (n = 98) with sepsis (group 1, n = 39; group 4, n = 28), limited infection (group 2, n = 16), and cardiogenic shock (group 3, n = 15).

**INTERVENTIONS:** Pulmonary artery catheterization; standard antibiotic therapy and volume replacement.

**MEASUREMENTS AND MAIN RESULTS:** Skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub> was determined by polarographic needle electrodes or catheter probes. In patients with sepsis (n = 67), no evidence for skeletal muscle hypoxia was obtained from the PO<sub>2</sub> distribution within biceps muscle. Mean skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub> was increased in patients with sepsis (group 1, 48 torr [6.4 kPa]) compared with patients with limited infection (group 2, 28 torr [3.7 kPa]),  $p < .001$ ) and with patients with cardiogenic shock (group 3, 22 torr [2.9 kPa],  $p < .001$ ). Serial measurements of the PO<sub>2</sub> distribution during seven consecutive days in another 28 patients (group 4) with sepsis showed that a more severe degree of sepsis was associated with an increase of mean skeletal muscle (p < .001). These results were confirmed by continuous measurements of mean skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub>, using PO<sub>2</sub> catheters.

**CONCLUSIONS:** In patients with sepsis, oxygen transport to skeletal muscle was not critically reduced. Serial intermittent and continuous measurements of skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub> showed that skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub> increased in relation to the severity of the stage of sepsis. Our findings suggest that oxygen utilization within skeletal muscle decreased with deterioration of sepsis, thereby increasing skeletal muscle PO<sub>2</sub>.

# Relation between muscle $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$ ATPase activity and raised lactate concentrations in septic shock: a prospective study

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## Summary

**Background** Hyperlactataemia during septic shock is often viewed as evidence of tissue hypoxia. However, this blood disorder is not usually correlated with indicators of perfusion or diminished with increased oxygen delivery. Muscles can generate lactate under aerobic conditions in a process linking glycolytic ATP supply to stimulation of  $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$  ATPase. Using in-vivo microdialysis, we tested whether inhibition of  $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$  ATPase can reduce muscle lactate.

LATTATI ELEVATI  
NORMALE PO2 TISSUTALE



aminoacid conversion to pyruvate. Nevertheless, evidence seems to implicate accelerated aerobic glycolysis, a definite state when the rate of glucose metabolism exceeds the oxidative capacity of the mitochondria. Accelerated aerobic glycolysis is induced by an endogenous or exogenous catecholamine and an inflammatory state. Gore and colleagues<sup>12</sup> showed that pyruvate production and oxidation are enhanced in septic patients. The rise in pyruvate concentration will ultimately drive lactate production by a mass effect.

# Lactic Acidosis During Sepsis Is Related to Increased Pyruvate Production, Not Deficits in Tissue Oxygen Availability

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## Objective

The purpose of this study was to quantitate the derangements in intermediary carbohydrate metabolism and oxygen use in severely septic patients in comparison with healthy volunteers.

## Summary Background Data

It commonly has been assumed that the development of lactic acidosis during sepsis results from a deficit in tissue oxygen availability. Dichloroacetate (DCA), which is known to increase pyruvate oxidation but only when tissue oxygen is available, provides a means to assess the role of hypoxia in lactate production.

## Methods

Stable isotope tracer methodology and indirect calorimetry was used to determine the rates of intermediary carbohydrate metabolism and oxygen use in five severely septic patients with lactic acidosis and six healthy volunteers before and after administration of DCA.

## Results

Oxygen consumption and the rates of glucose and pyruvate production and oxidation were substantially greater ( $p < 0.05$ ) in the septic patient compared with healthy volunteers. Administration of DCA resulted in a further increase in oxygen consumption and the percentage of glucose and pyruvate directed toward oxidation. Dichloroacetate also decreased glucose and pyruvate production, with a corresponding decrease in plasma lactate concentration.

## Conclusions

These findings clearly indicate that the accumulation of lactate during sepsis is not the result of limitations in tissue oxygenation, but is a sequelae to the markedly increased rate of pyruvate production. Furthermore, the substantially higher rate of pyruvate oxidation in the septic patients refutes the notion of a sepsis-induced impairment in pyruvate dehydrogenase activity.





# Reevaluation of the Role of Cellular Hypoxia and Bioenergetic Failure in Sepsis

Richard S. Hotchkiss, MD, Irene E. Karl, PhD

(*JAMA*. 1992;267:1503-1510)

# JAMA<sup>®</sup>

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Sepsis is frequently characterized by a number of metabolic abnormalities: increased plasma lactate concentration, metabolic acidosis, increased glycolysis, and an abnormal "delivery-dependent" oxygen consumption. Two hypotheses have been advanced to explain these metabolic abnormalities: (1) cellular hypoxia resulting from abnormal microcirculatory blood flow or (2) defect(s) in energy-producing metabolic pathways of cells. Results of our studies on rat muscle, liver, heart, brain, and plasma suggest that there is no evidence of bioenergetic failure in these septic tissues and that the increase in lactate production is not necessarily due to cellular hypoxia. The adequacy of cellular oxygenation and bioenergetics was verified using in vivo phosphorus 31 nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, [<sup>18</sup>F]fluoromisonidazole, and microfluorometric enzymatic techniques. Findings from these studies as well as results from several clinical investigations indicate that neither hypothesis can adequately account for the metabolic features typical of sepsis and that the pathophysiology of sepsis awaits further clarification. These studies and important clinical implications are discussed.

(*JAMA*. 1992;267:1503-1510)

## CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS

Perhaps the most important implication of the present review is that the hypothesis that sepsis results in systemic, ie, multiorgan, cellular hypoxia,<sup>74,78-80</sup> may be incorrect. Several investigative groups have proposed that the multiple organ failure that occurs in patients with sepsis is due to a substantial cumulative tissue oxygen debt that may be difficult to recognize.<sup>79,80</sup> In addition, these investigators argue that effective therapy for the patient with sepsis should consist of maximizing oxygen delivery to supranormal values in an attempt to reverse the presumed cellular hypoxia.<sup>79,80</sup> Our results using an animal model of sepsis as well as findings from the clinical studies of patients with sepsis discussed in the present report do not support the concept of systemic cellular hypoxia. It is important to note, however, that cellular hypoxia/ischemia is *not* excluded in the gastrointestinal tract or kidney. Although

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**Myocardial lactate deprivation is associated with decreased cardiovascular performance, decreased myocardial energetics, and early death in endotoxic shock**

Experimental data demonstrate that lactate production in the muscle is linked to epinephrine stimulation of the  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ -ATPase pump [4]. In human septic shock we have demonstrated that muscle is a net producer of lactate, and that this production is totally inhibited by ouabain, thus confirming a  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ -ATPase-dependent mechanism while clearly independent of tissue hypoxia [5]. Muscle

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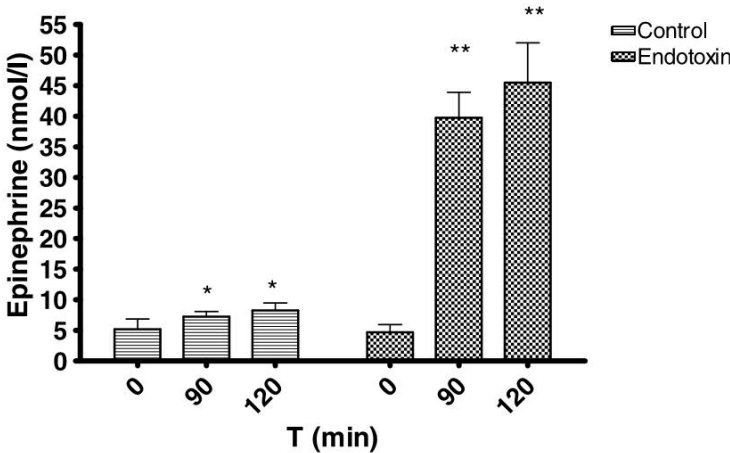


SOMMINISTRATO B-Bloccante e DCA (stimola PDH)

RIDUZIONE DEI LATTATI

COLLASSO CARDIOVASCOLARE

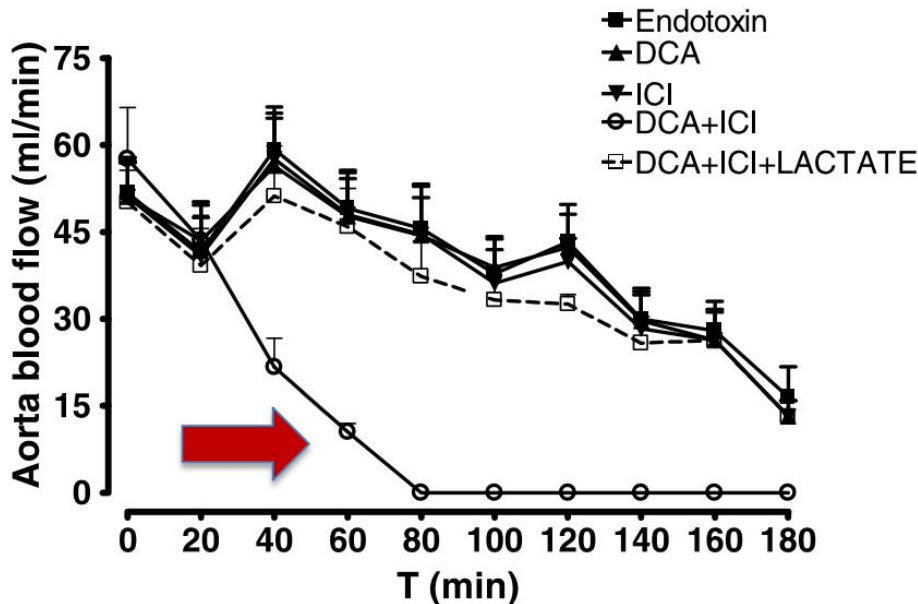
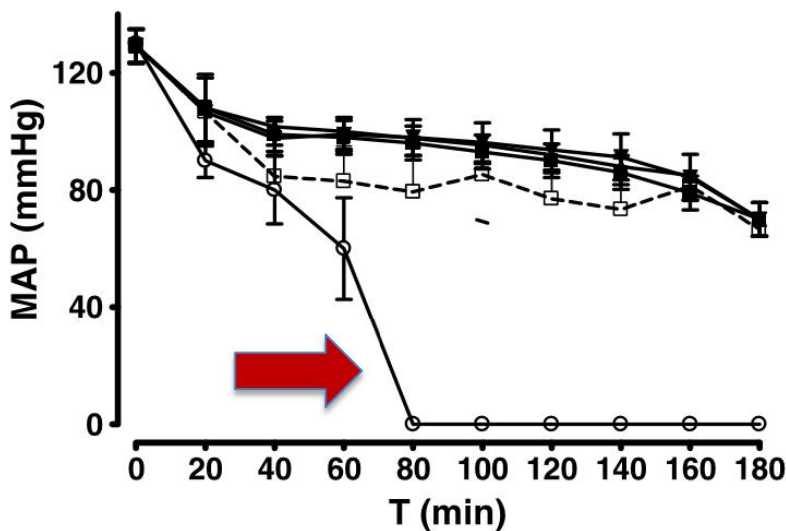
AUMENTO MORTALITA'



**Fig. 1** Plasmatic concentrations of epinephrine. Epinephrine concentrations were measured before and during endotoxic. \* $p < 0.01$  vs.  $t_0$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$  vs. controls

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**Fig. 3** Course of mean arterial pressure (*MAP*) and aorta blood flow in rats treated by either endotoxin, endotoxin plus ICI-118551, endotoxin plus dichloroacetate (*DCA*), endotoxin plus ICI-118551 plus *DCA* and endotoxin plus ICI-118551 plus *DCA* plus lactate. Neither *DCA* nor ICI-118551, a selective  $\beta_2$ -blocker, changed *MAP*

or aorta blood flow compared to endotoxin alone. The combination *DCA* and ICI-118551 dramatically decreased *MAP* and aorta blood flow and led to early death ( $p < 0.01$ ). The addition of lactate blunted the effects of ICI plus *DCA* on hemodynamics ( $p < 0.01$ )



**GLICOSI e GLICOGENOLISI AEROBIA  
INDOTTA DAL DRIVE ADRENERGICO**



**Il metabolismo dei carboidrati eccede la  
capacità del ciclo di Krebs di lavorare il  
Piruvato**

**AUMENTATO CATABOLISMO**



**Gli Aminoacidi vengono trasformati in  
Piruvato**

**RUOLO DELLA POMPA  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$  ATPasi**



**Consuma ATP  
ADP stimola Glicolisi e fa produrre Lattati**



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# *the* CONCLUSIONS

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**IPERLATTATEMIA E' COMUNE NEI PAZIENTI  
SETTICI ED E' UN MARKER DI MORTALITA' E  
DI SEVERITA' DI MALATTIA**

**IPERLATTATEMIA POTREBBE NON ESSERE  
UN MARKER DI IPOSSIA**

**IPERLATTATEMIA POTREBBE ESSERE UN  
MARKER DI RISPOSTA ALLO STRESS DA  
PARTE DELL'ORGANISMO**

**LA SEPSI NON PUO' ESSERE TRATTATA IN MANIERA STANDARDIZZATA  
MA SECONDO LE NECESSITA' DEL PAZIENTE**