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# Lactate

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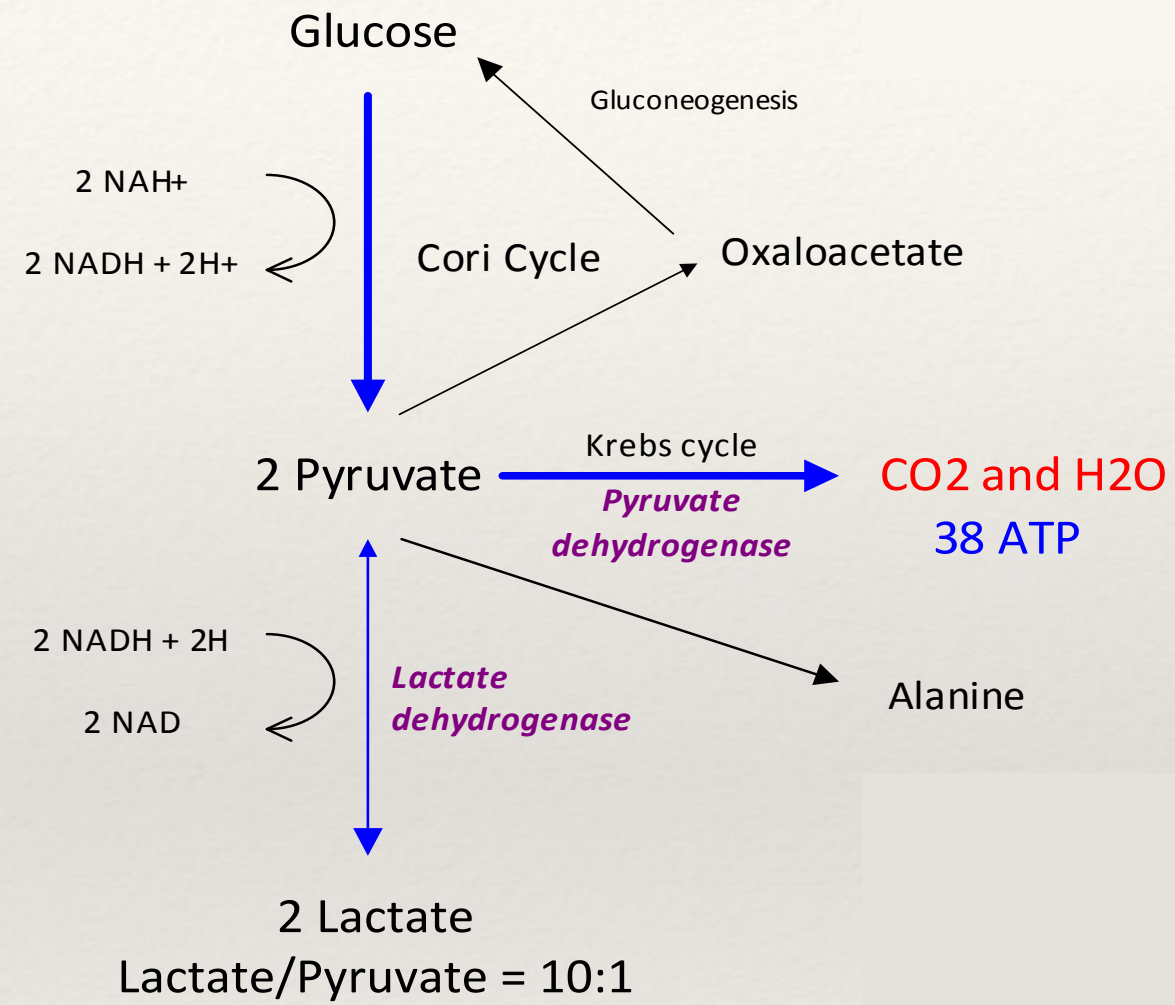
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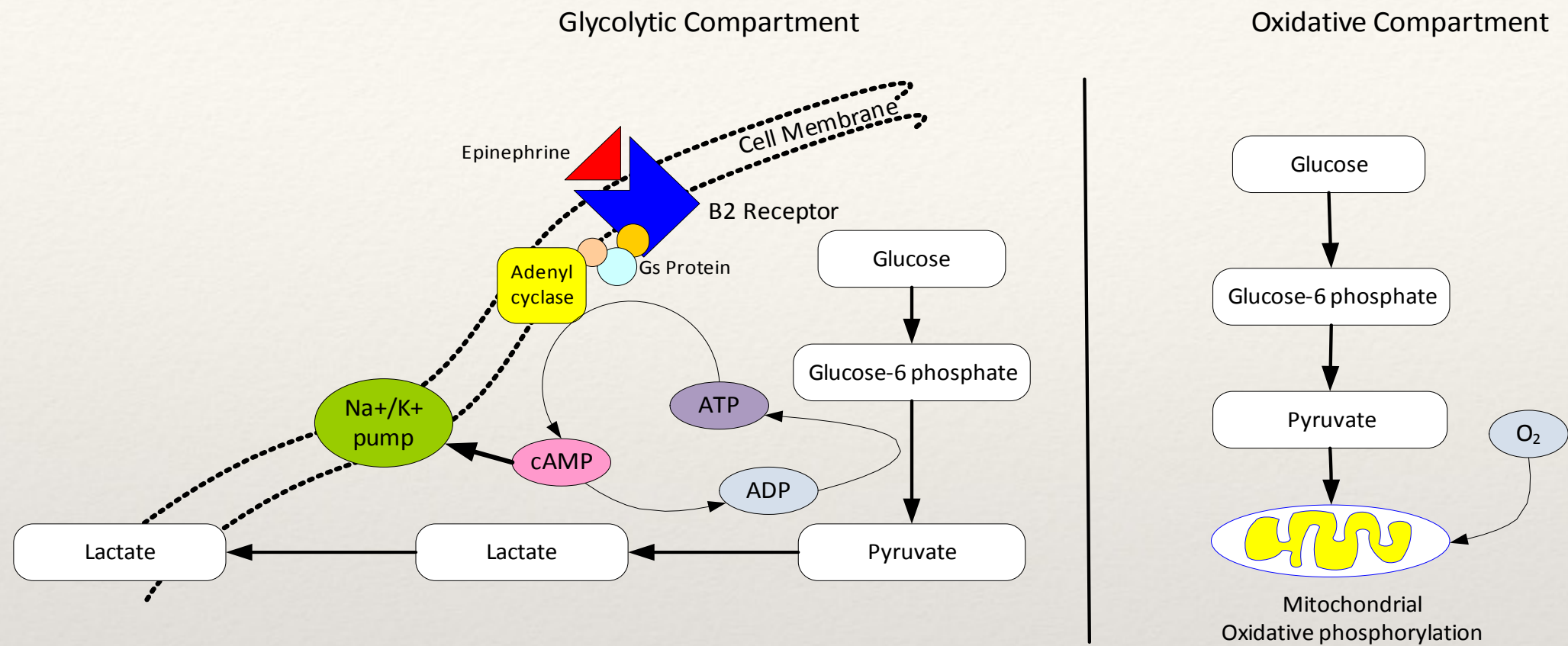
*Critical review*

# **Lactate clearance as a target of therapy in sepsis: a flawed paradigm**

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**Figure 2.** Glycolytic pathway. Epinephrine-increased glycolysis is coupled to Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> ATPase activity. *From James et al*<sup>39</sup>.



# Clinical Utility of Lactate levels

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**The first demonstration of lactic acid  
in human blood in shock  
by Johann Joseph Scherer (1814–1869)  
in January 1843**

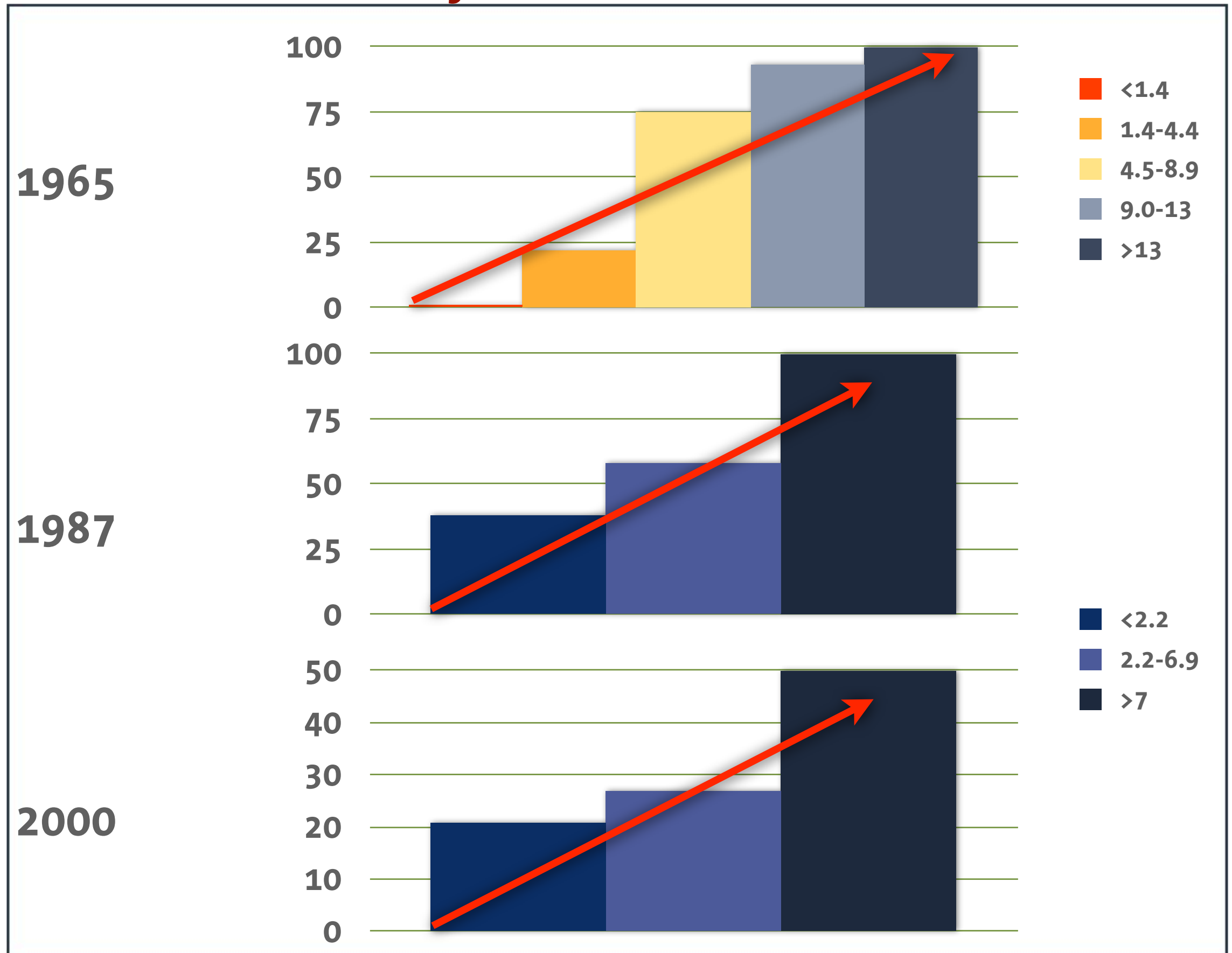
- 1780 Scheele: first description of lactic acid found in sour milk
- 1808 Berzelius: found lactic acid in fluid extracted from meat
- **1843 Scherer: lactic acid is increased in human blood of patients that died of septic shock**
- 1858 Folwarczny: first measurement of lactic acid in blood of a living patient (leukaemia)
- 1891-1892 Araki and Zillessen: interruption of oxygen supply to muscles result in lactic acid production and increased levels
- 1907 Fletcher and Hopkins: muscle contraction is accompanied by anaerobic formation of lactic acid that is removed aerobically at a rate depending on the level of exposure to oxygen

# Predictive value of lactate

- **Survivors decrease lactate levels within 60 minutes after start of therapy** (Vincent et al Crit Care Med 1983;11:449-451)
- **Increased area under the time-lactate curve is associated with organ failure and mortality in septic shock** (Bakker et al Am J Surg 1996;171:221-226)
- **Lactate levels predict mortality in Metformin-associated lactic acidosis** (Misbin et al N Engl J Med 1998;338:265-266)
- **Lactate levels predict survival in paracetamol-induced liver failure** (Bernal et al Lancet 2002;359:558-563)
- **Increasing lactate levels in Asthma are associated with persistent severe obstruction** (Appel et al Am J Med 1983;75:580-584)
- **Lactate production by the lung is related to lung injury** (Kellum et al Chest 1997;111:1301-1305)
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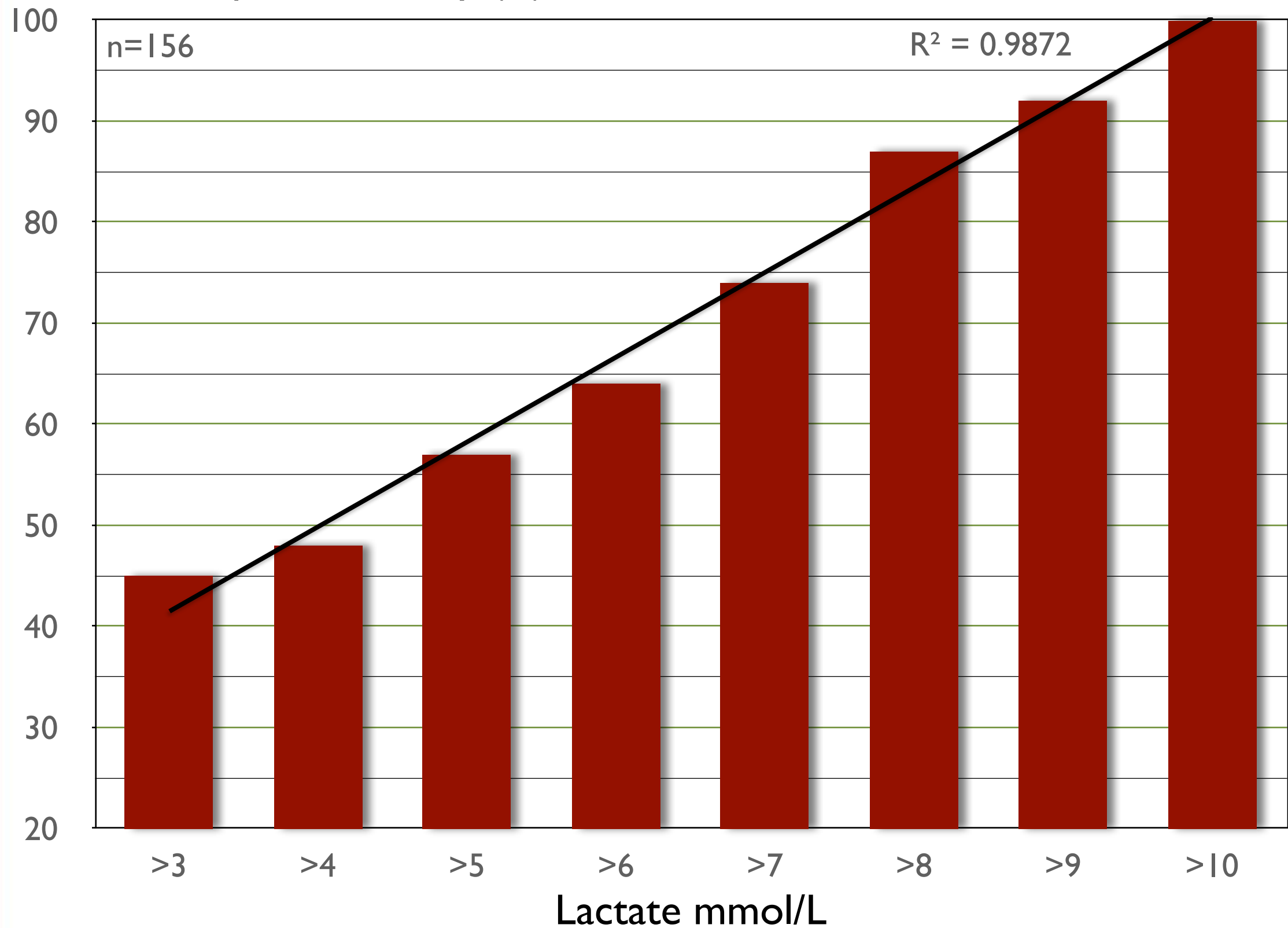


# Lactate and mortality



■ Hospital mortality (%)

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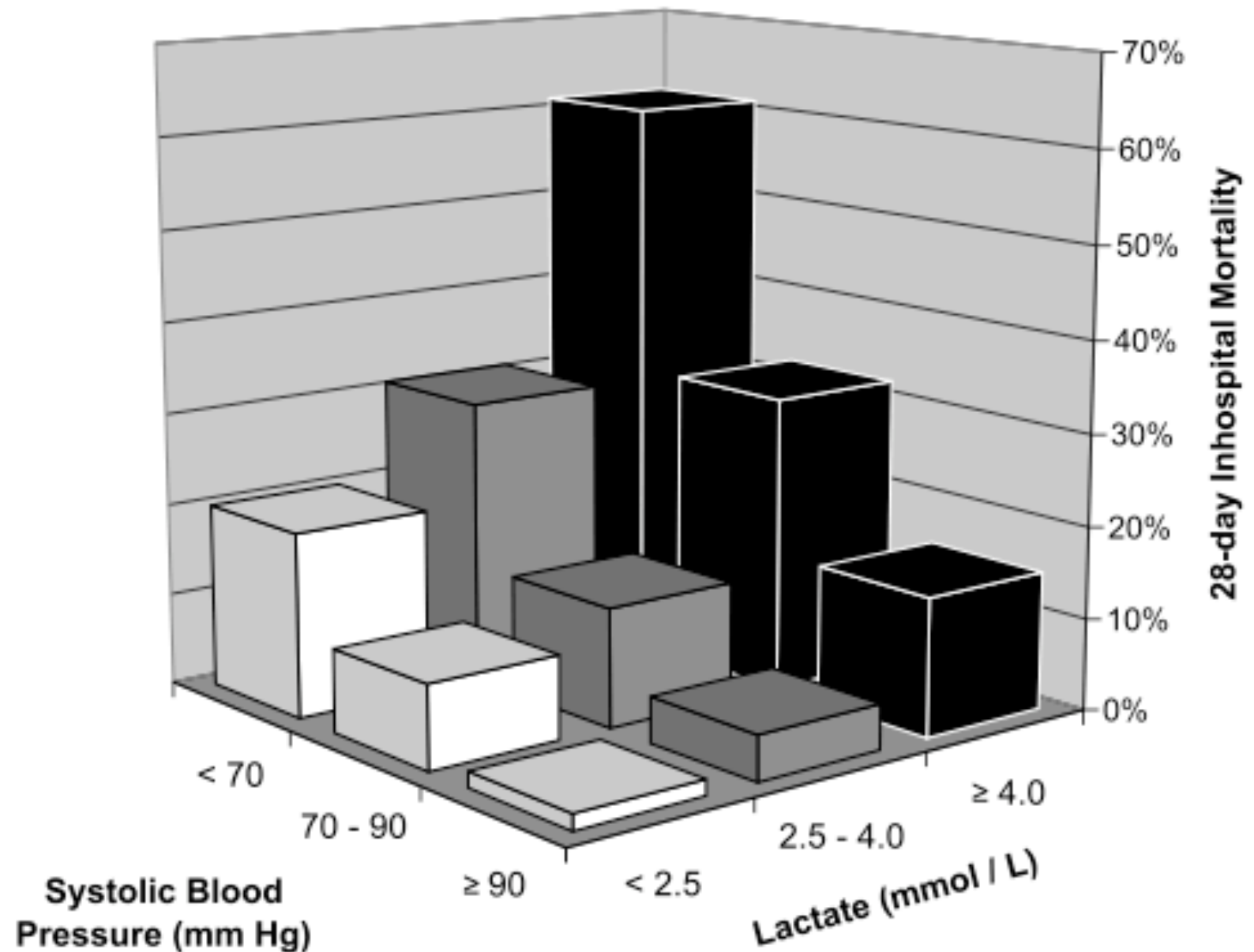


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## Occult hypoperfusion and mortality in patients with suspected infection



### Emergency Room



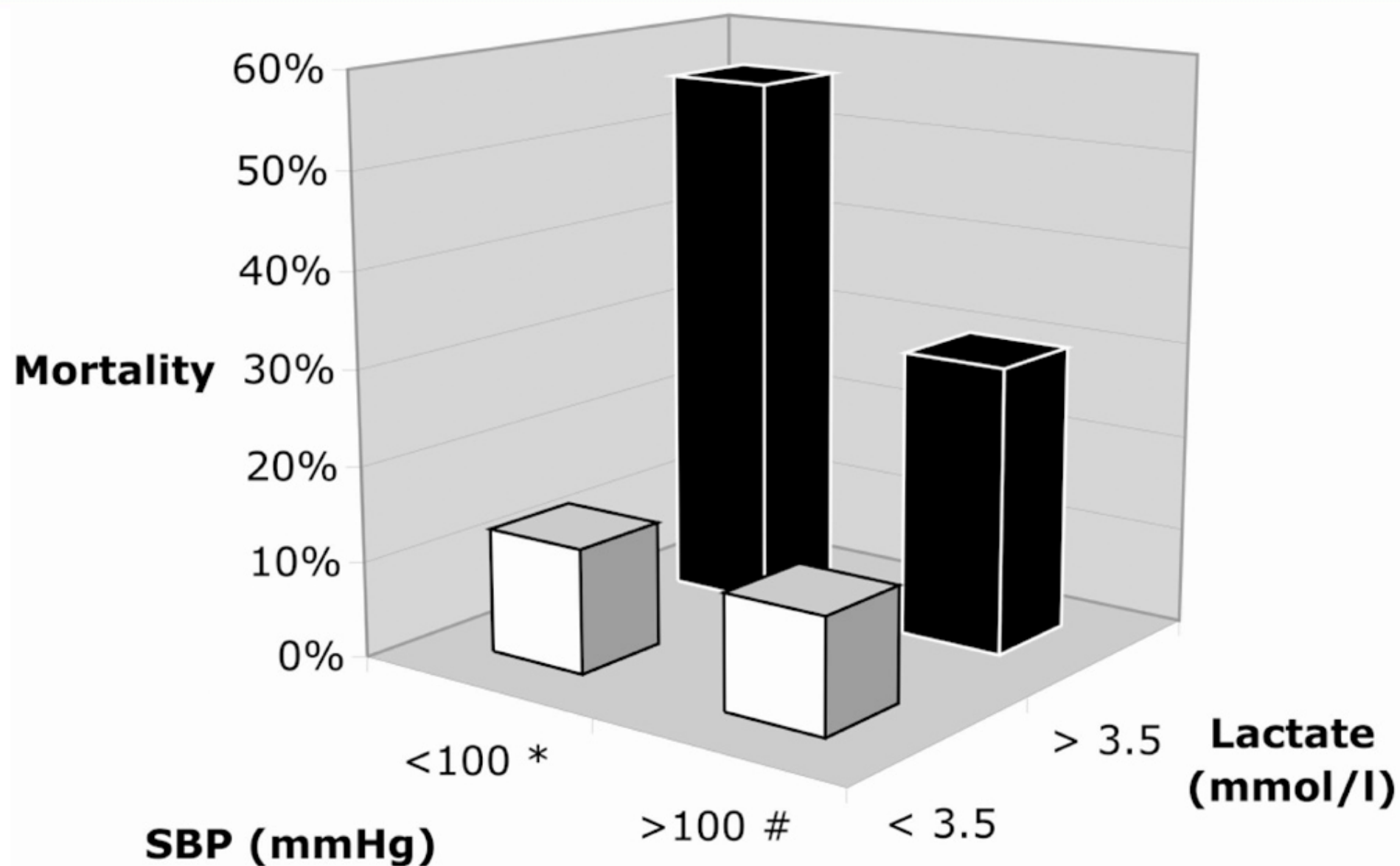


# The prognostic value of blood lactate levels relative to that of vital signs in the pre-hospital setting: a pilot study

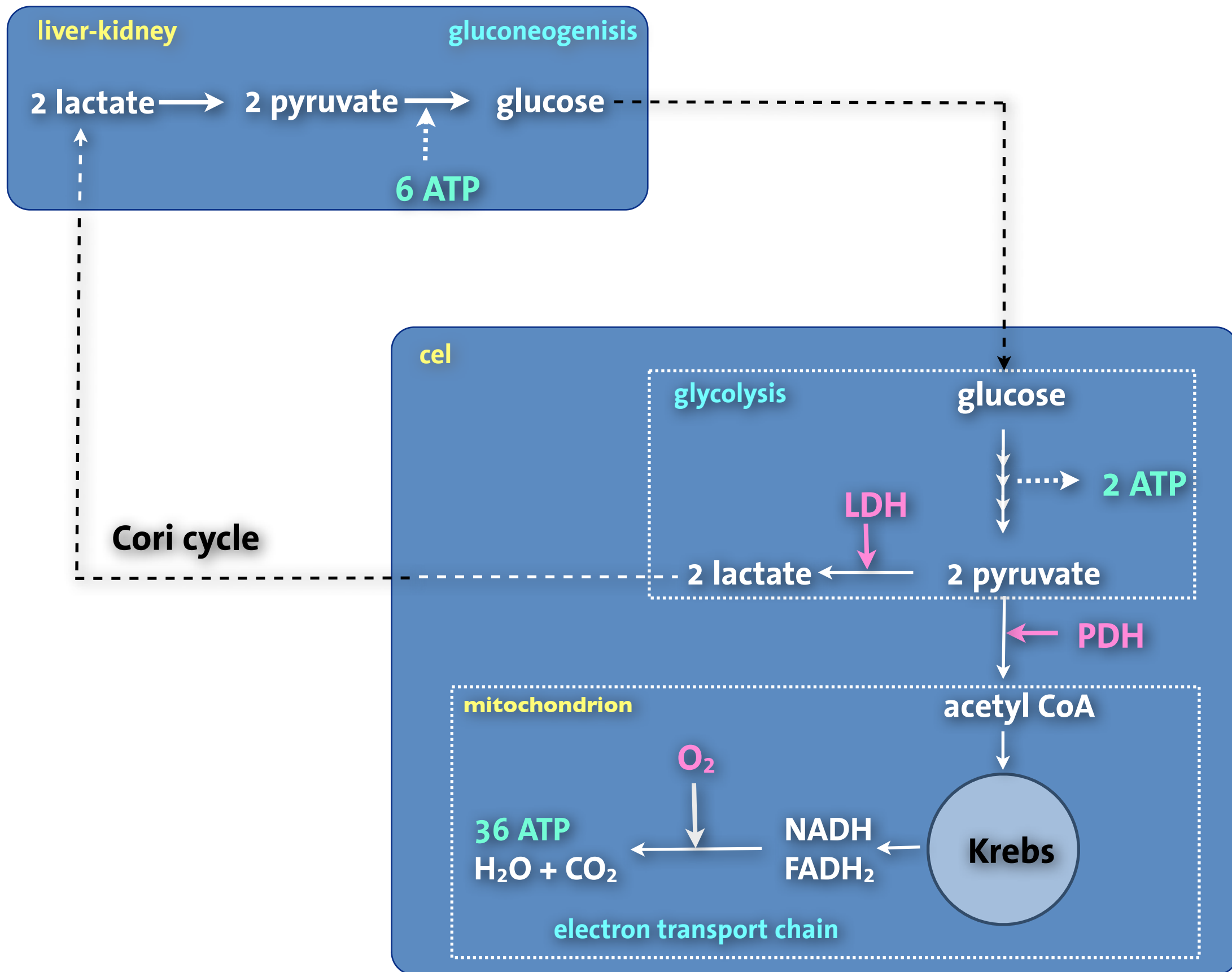
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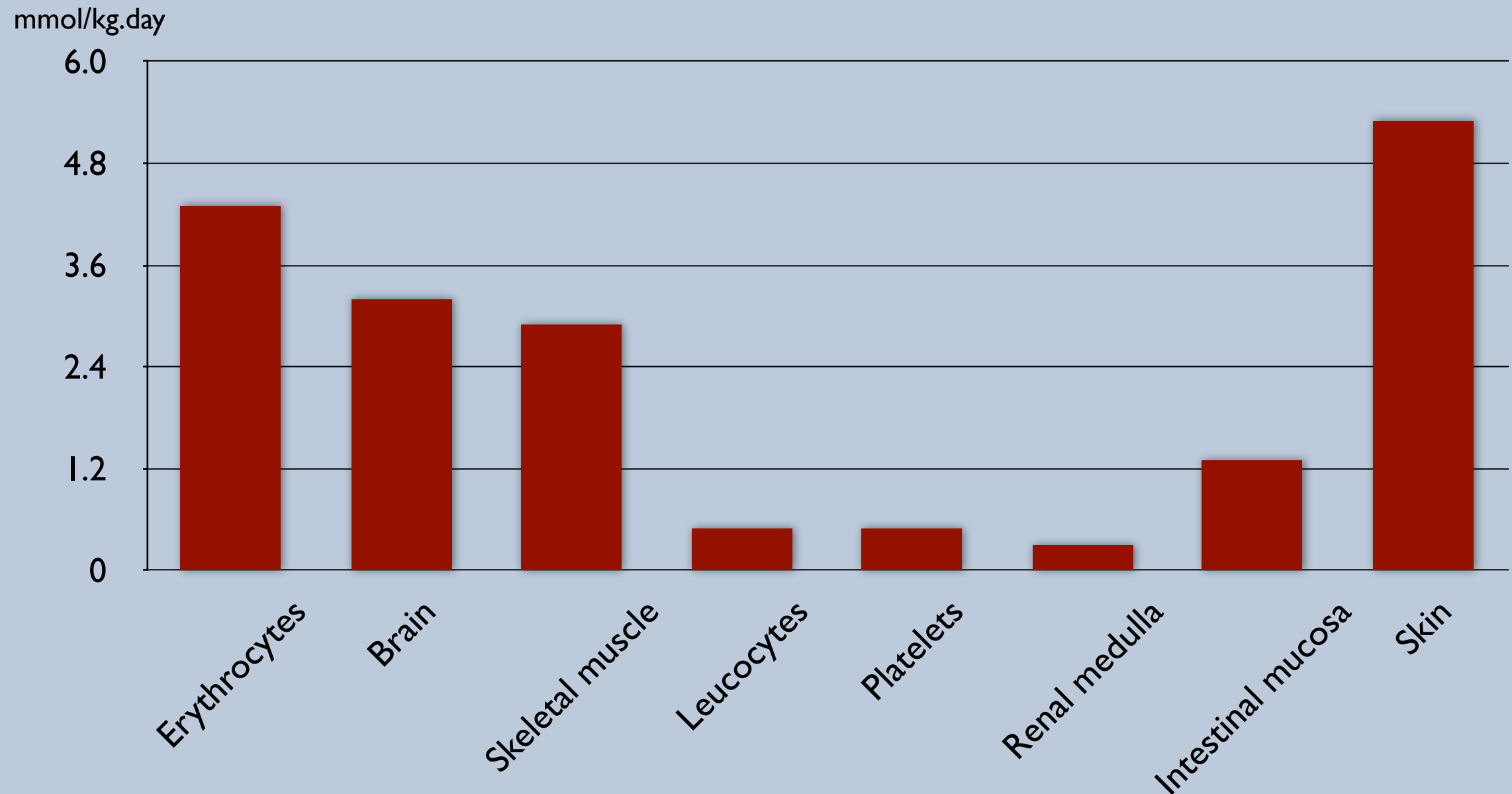


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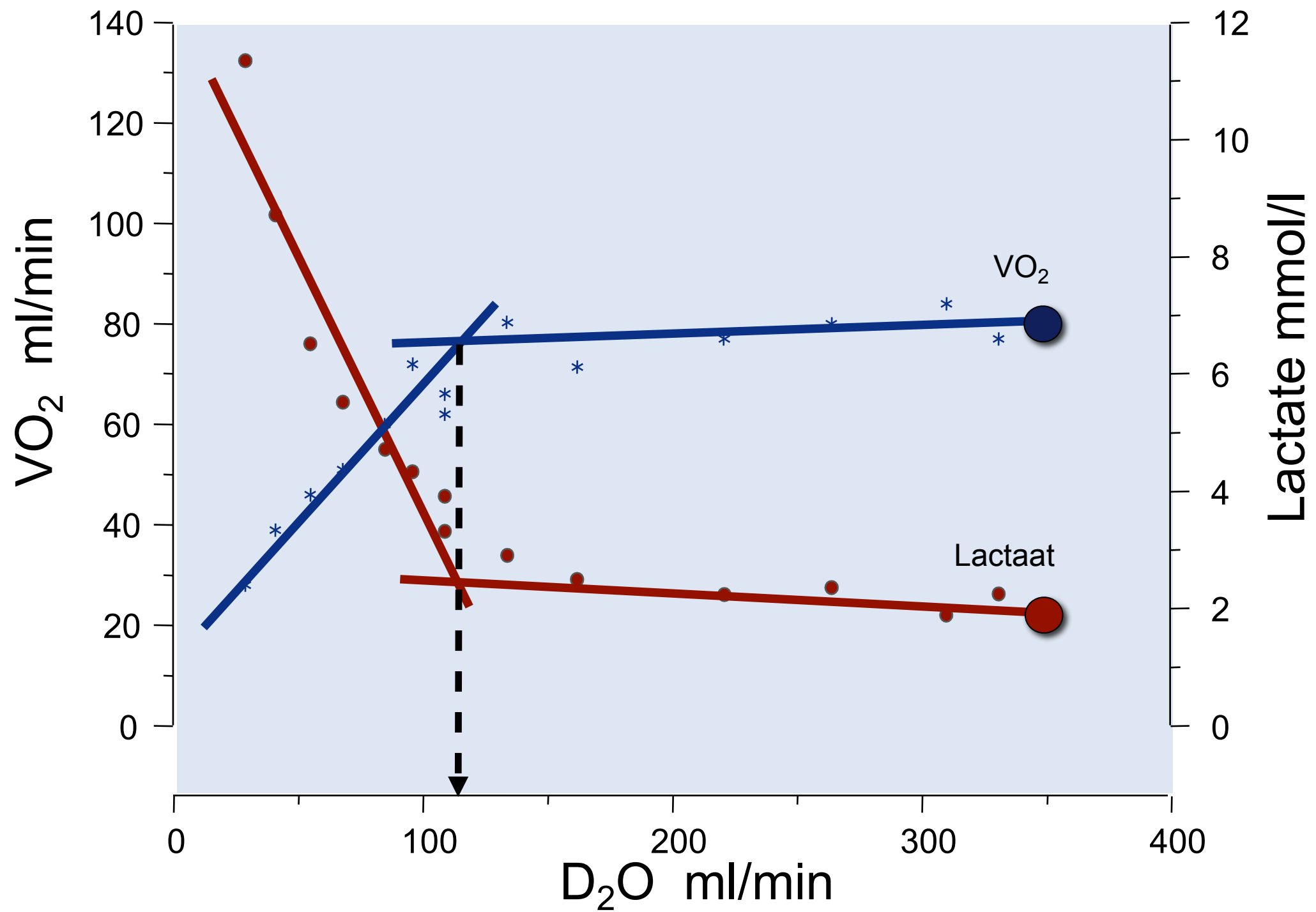
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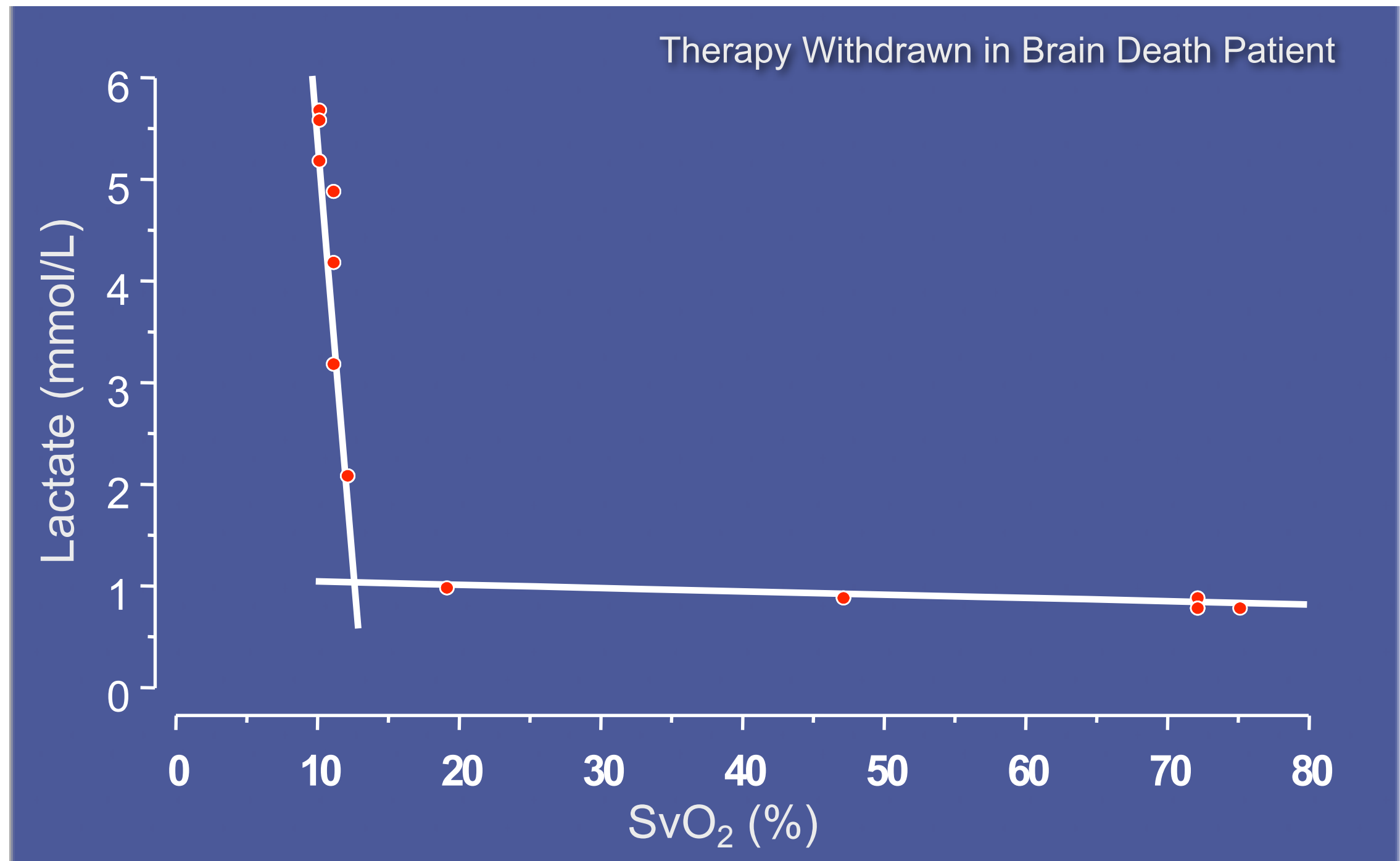
# Production of lactate





# Oxygen extraction

Decreased  $\text{DO}_2$



# Aerobic production and clearance

Increased activity of the  $\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+$  pump increased lactate production

(James et al J Clin Invest 1996;98:2388-2397 Levy et al Lancet 2005;365:871-875)

Decreased lactate clearance in patients with Sepsis and following CABG

(Levrant et al Am J Respir Crit Care Med 1999;157:1021-1026 – Intensive Care Med 2003;29:1279-1285)

Decreased lactate clearance in patients with liver dysfunction

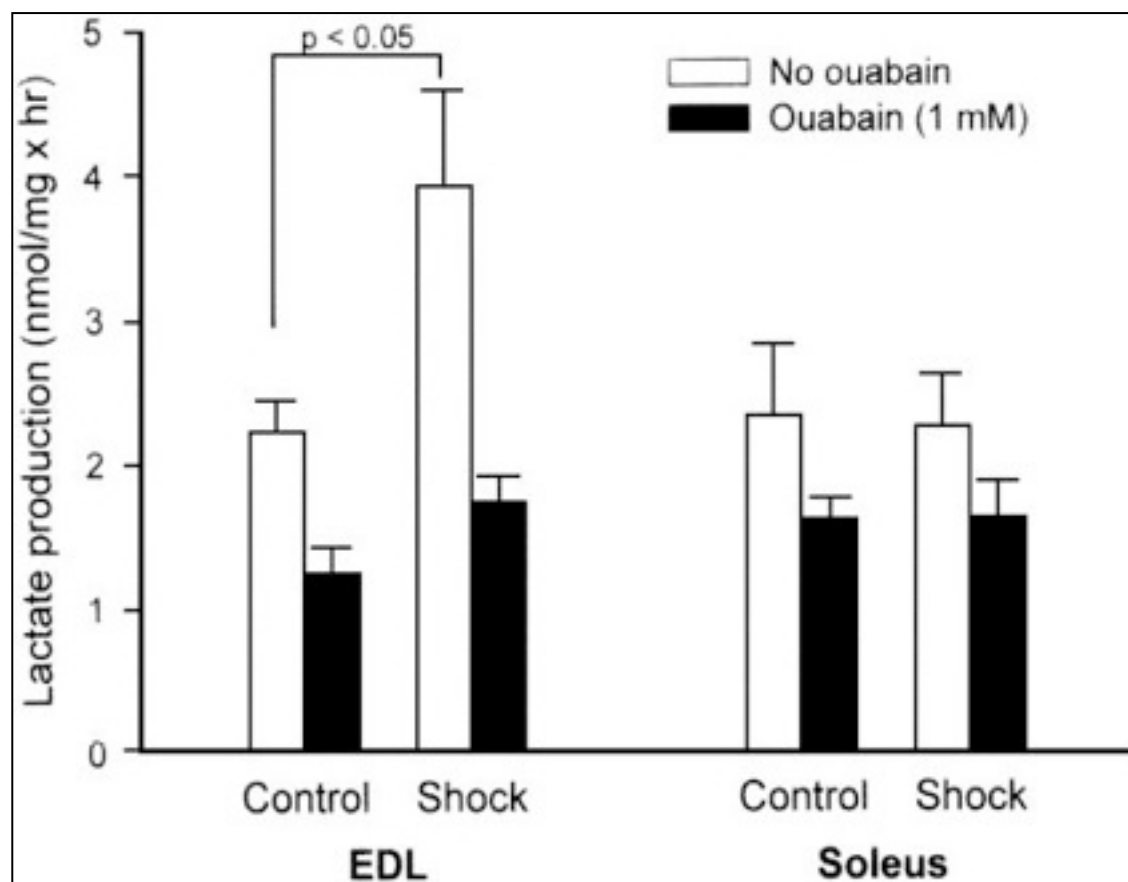
(Almenoff et al Crit Care Med 1989;17:870-873)

The effect of sepsis on activity of PDH-complex in skeletal muscle and liver

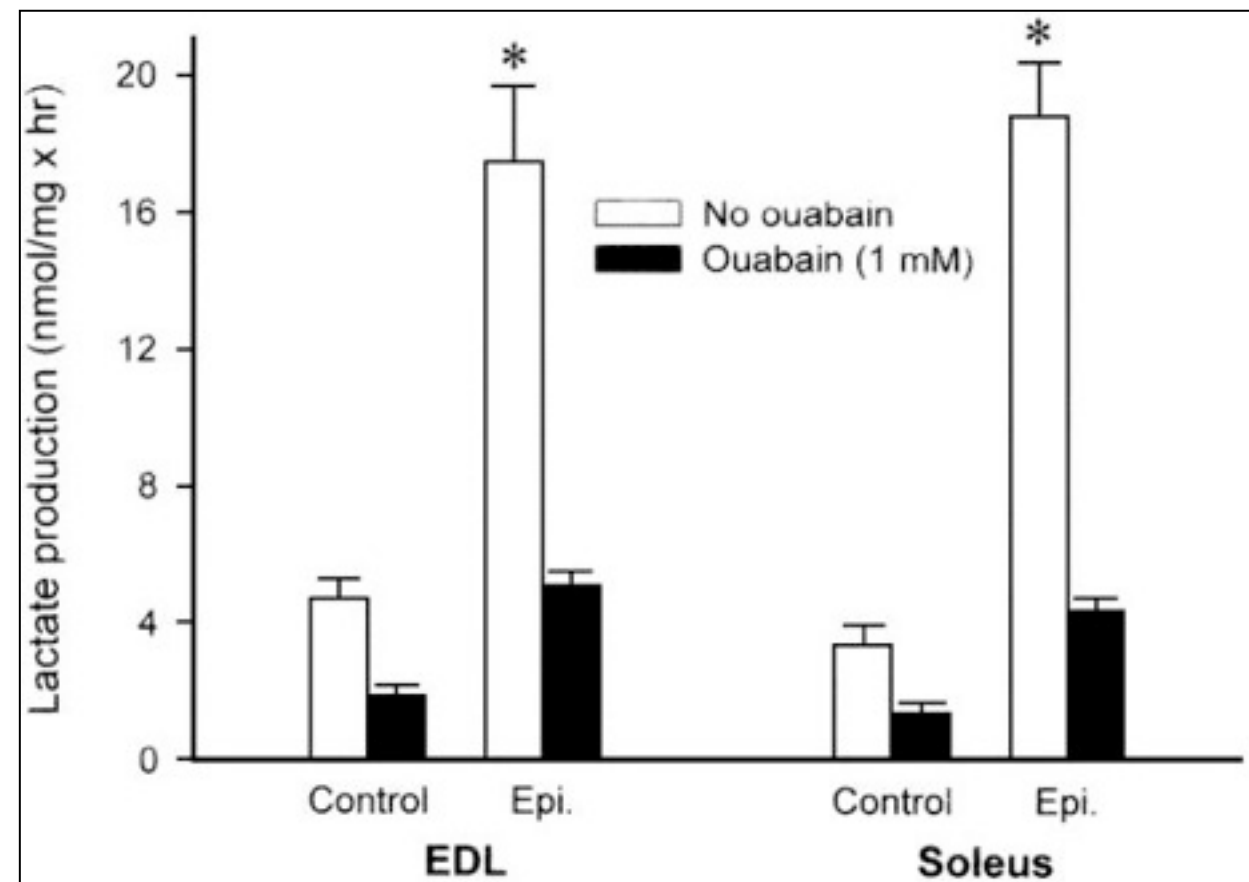
(Vary Am J Physiol 1986;250:E634-E640)



# Na<sup>+</sup>K<sup>+</sup>ATPase and Lactate in Shock



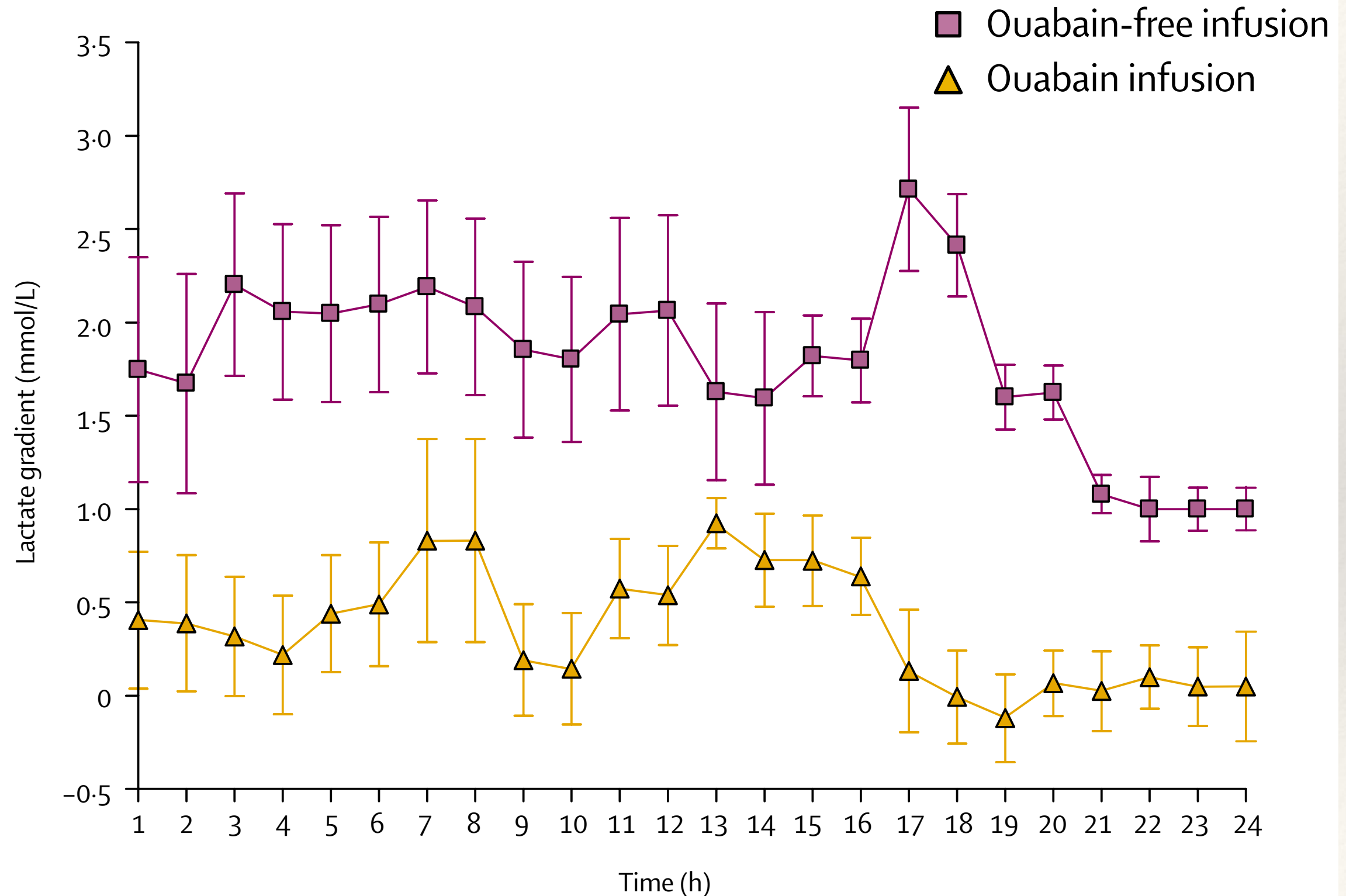
In hemorrhage Lactate production is increased more in the absence of Ouabain



During Epinephrine: Lactate production is increased more in the absence of Ouabain

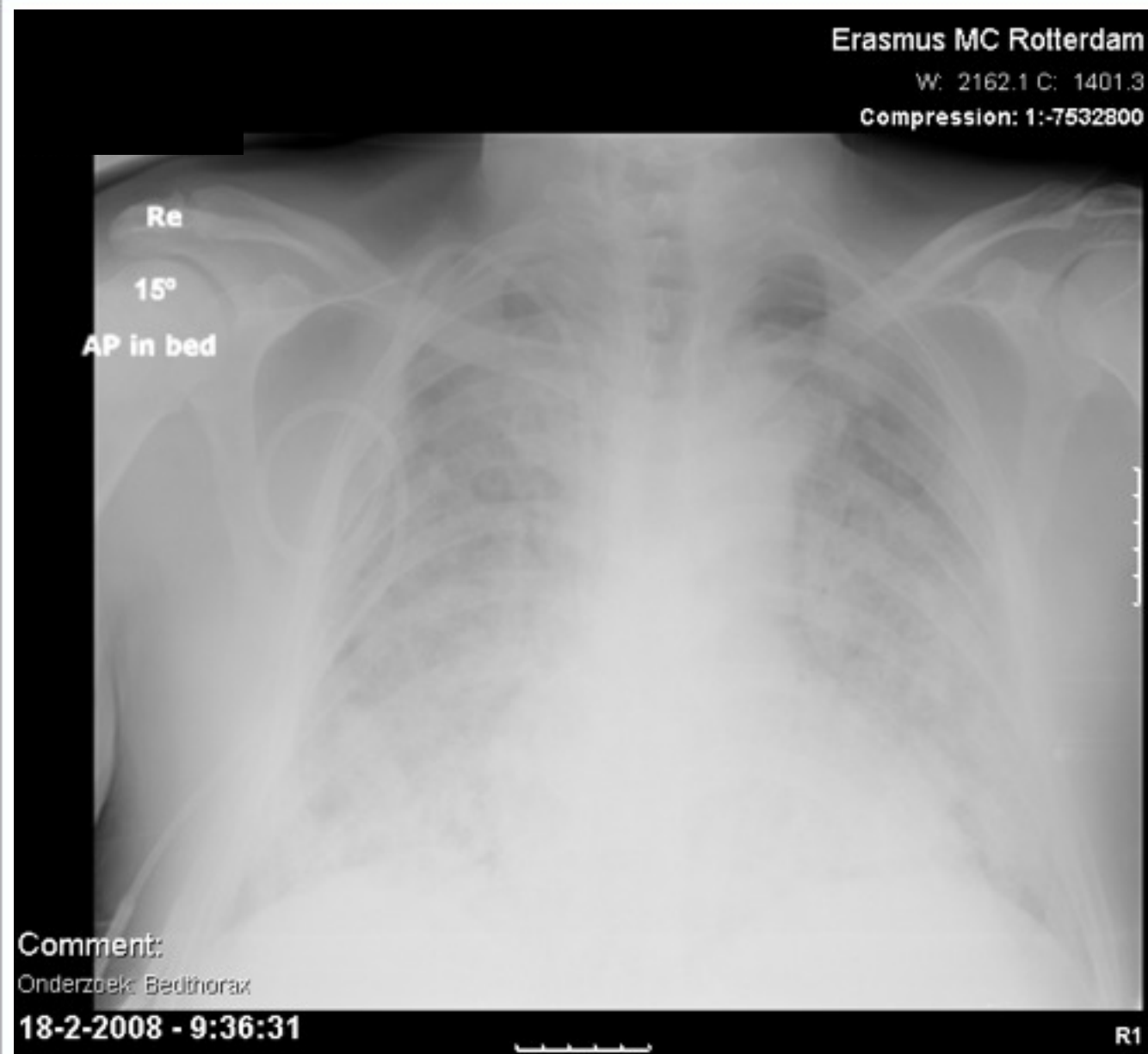
# Relation between muscle $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$ ATPase activity and raised lactate concentrations in septic shock: a prospective study

Bruno Levy, Sébastien Gibot, Patricia Franck, Aurélie Cravoisy, Pierre-Edouard Bollaert



# Lactate in B-cell lymphoma

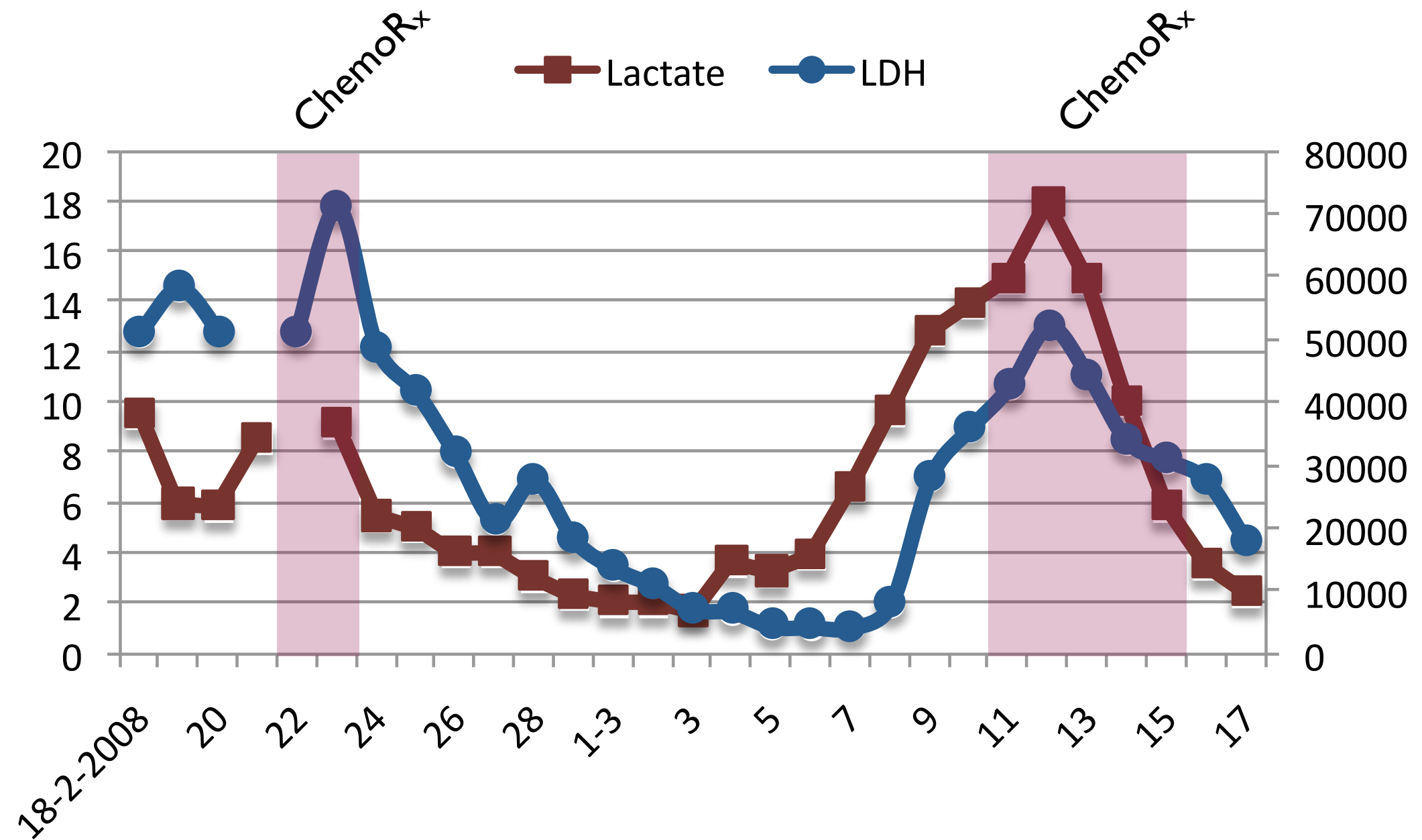
## The Warburg effect



62 yr old male  
admitted with respiratory  
failure following 1st  
chemotherapy for B-cell  
lymphoma

High lactate levels

Text

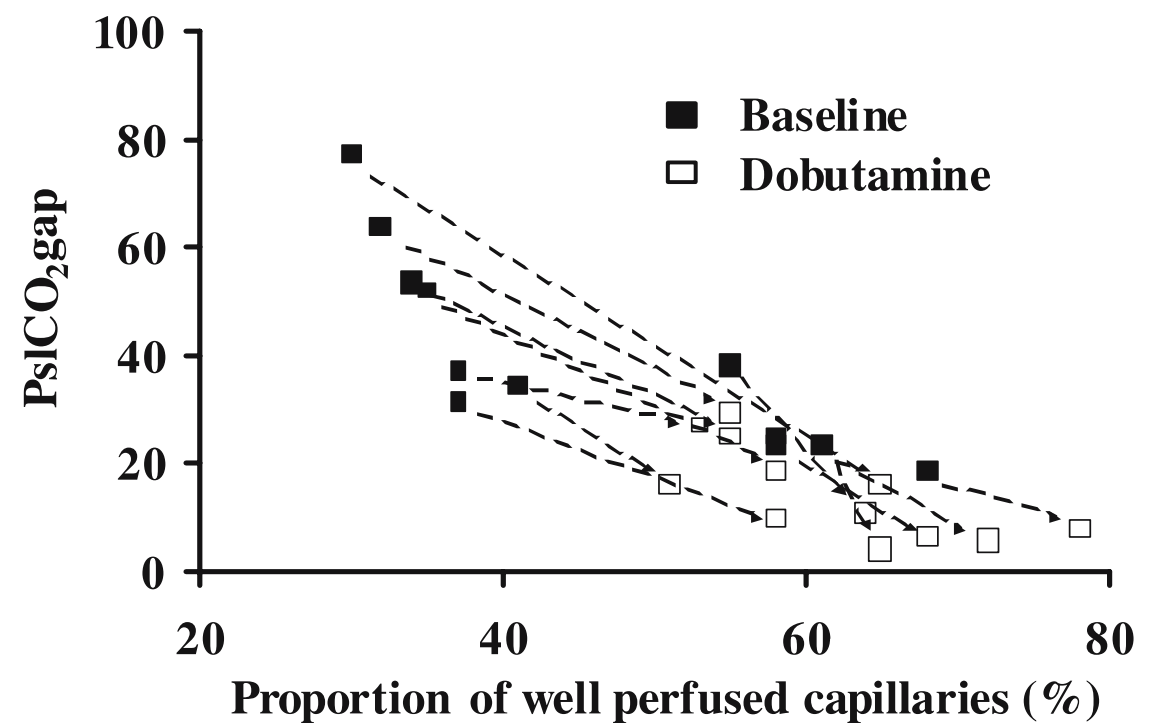
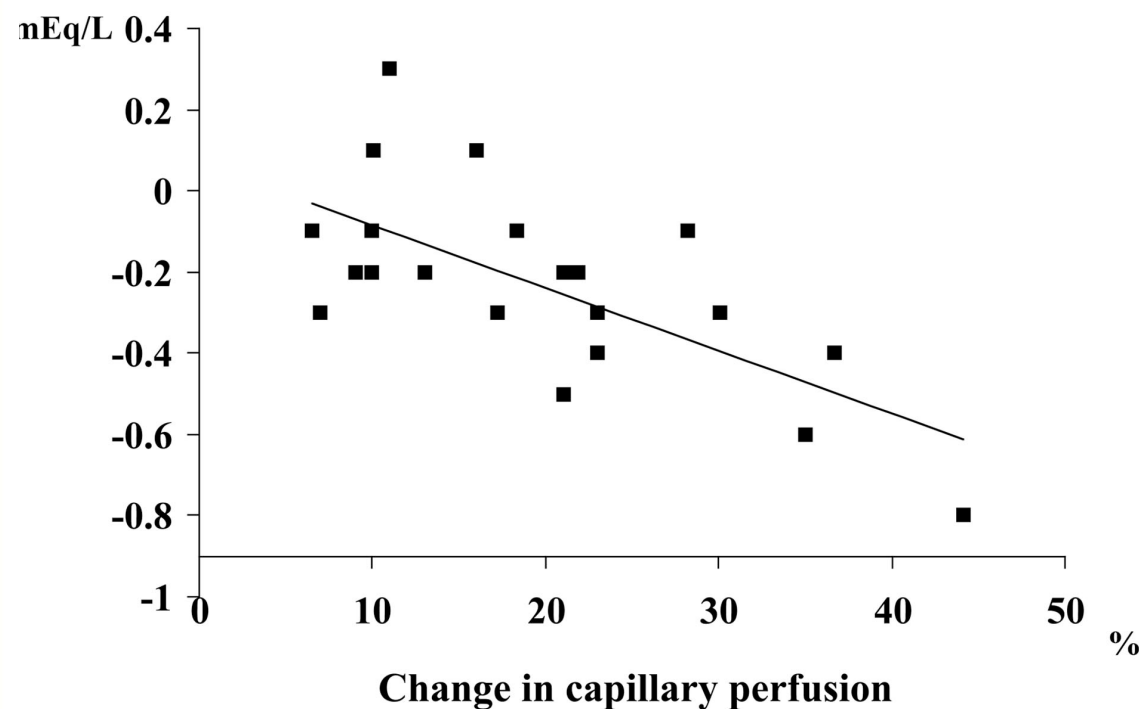




# Effect of Dobutamine on microcirculatory flow



Change in blood lactate



# Multicenter Study

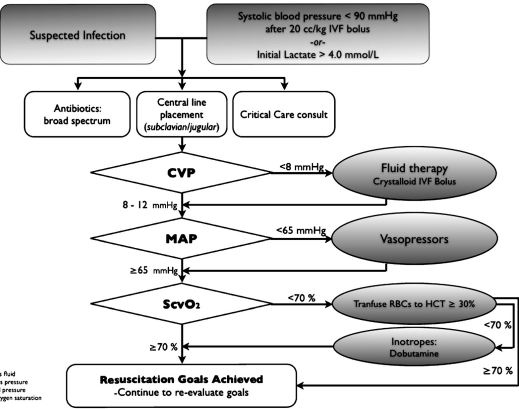
## Lactate levels as a guide to therapy

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TABLE 2. Lactate clearance versus lactate non-clearance

	Lactate clearance (n = 151)	Lactate non-clearance (n = 15)	P
Age, mean (SD), y	67 (15)	62 (16)	0.22
SBP <90 mmHg despite i.v. fluids, n (%)	50 (33)	13 (87)	0.02
Initial serum lactate, mean (SD)	4.5 (2.7)	3.9 (1.7)	0.08
Serial serum lactate, mean (SD)	2.3 (1.8)	5.1 (2.9)	<0.001
Vasopressor usage, n (%)	87 (58)	11 (73)	0.39
Individual organ failure, n (%)			
Cardiovascular	50 (33)	13 (87)	<0.001
Pulmonary	25 (17)	3 (20)	0.94
Renal	48 (32)	6 (40)	0.73
Hepatic	12 (8)	2 (13)	0.86
Coagulopathy	18 (12)	5 (33)	0.06
Total SOFA score, mean (SD)	3.6 (2.6)	4.1 (2.3)	0.47
Continuous ScvO <sub>2</sub> monitoring, n (%)	134 (81)	14 (93)	0.42
ScvO <sub>2</sub> ≥70% achieved	114 (85)	11 (79)	0.84
Mortality, n (%)	29 (19)	9 (60)	<0.001

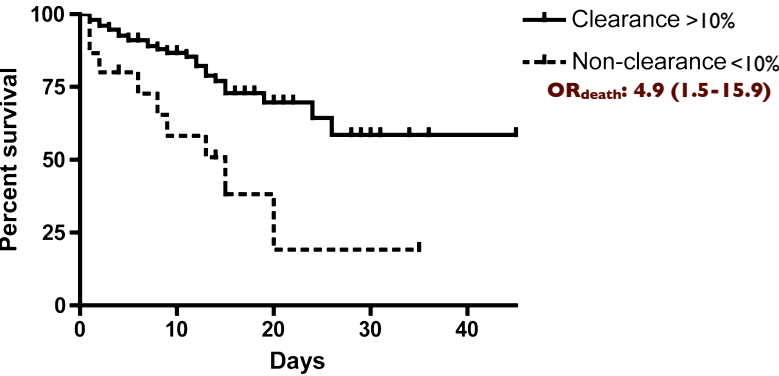
#### Lactate clearance: >10% in 6h

A lactate clearance of less than 10% in 6h off initial resuscitation is occurring infrequently (9% of the patients)

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# Lactate Clearance vs Central Venous Oxygen Saturation as Goals of Early Sepsis Therapy

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**Interventions** We randomly assigned patients to 1 of 2 resuscitation protocols. The ScvO<sub>2</sub> group was resuscitated to normalize central venous pressure, mean arterial pressure, and ScvO<sub>2</sub> of at least 70%; and the lactate clearance group was resuscitated to normalize central venous pressure, mean arterial pressure, and lactate clearance of at least 10%. The study protocol was continued until all goals were achieved or for up to 6 hours. Clinicians who subsequently assumed the care of the patients were blinded to the treatment assignment.

## My problems with the design

- why would lactate or ScvO<sub>2</sub> be specific for sepsis
- would a patient with a lactate of 5.0 mmol/L be sufficiently treated when it decreases to 4.5 mmol/L
- is there no more than dobutamine and Ht to optimize the balance between oxygen delivery and oxygen demand?
- what if lactate does not decrease and ScvO<sub>2</sub> and Ht are optimal?

# Lactate Clearance vs Central Venous Oxygen Saturation as Goals of Early Sepsis Therapy

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**Table 5.** Hospital Mortality and Length of Stay

Variable	Lactate Clearance Group (n = 150)	Scvo <sub>2</sub> Group (n = 150)	Proportion Difference (95% Confidence Interval)	P Value <sup>b</sup>
In-hospital mortality, No. (%) <sup>a</sup>				
Intent to treat	25 (17)	34 (23)	6 (−3 to 15)	
Per protocol	25 (17)	33 (22)	5 (−3 to 14)	
Length of stay, mean (SD), d				
ICU	5.9 (8.46)	5.6 (7.39)		.75
Hospital	11.4 (10.89)	12.1 (11.68)		.60
Hospital complications				
Ventilator-free days, mean (SD)	9.3 (10.31)	9.9 (11.09)		.67
Multiple organ failure, No. (%)	37 (25)	33 (22)		.68
Care withdrawn, No. (%)	14 (9)	23 (15)		.15



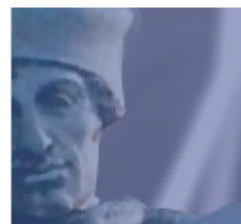
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## Early Lactate-Guided Therapy in Intensive Care Unit Patients

A Multicenter, Open-Label, Randomized Controlled Trial

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3351 evaluated

2623 lactate < 3.0 mmol/L  
96 liver failure/surgery  
19 epileptic seizure  
43 DNR  
105 contra-indication to CVcatheter  
103 other

362 randomized

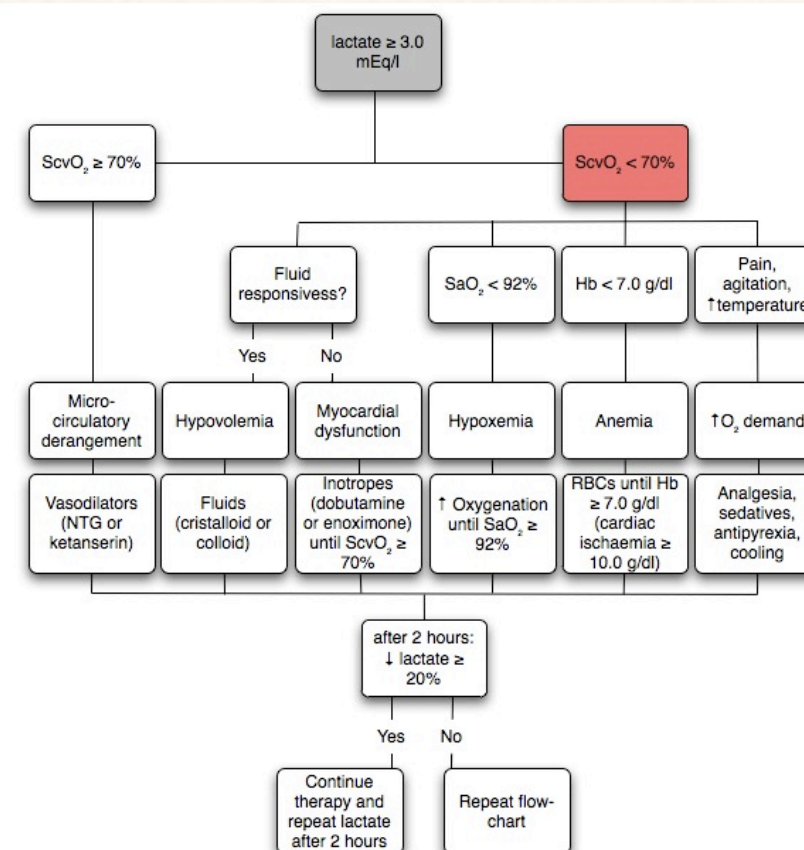
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348 ITT analysis

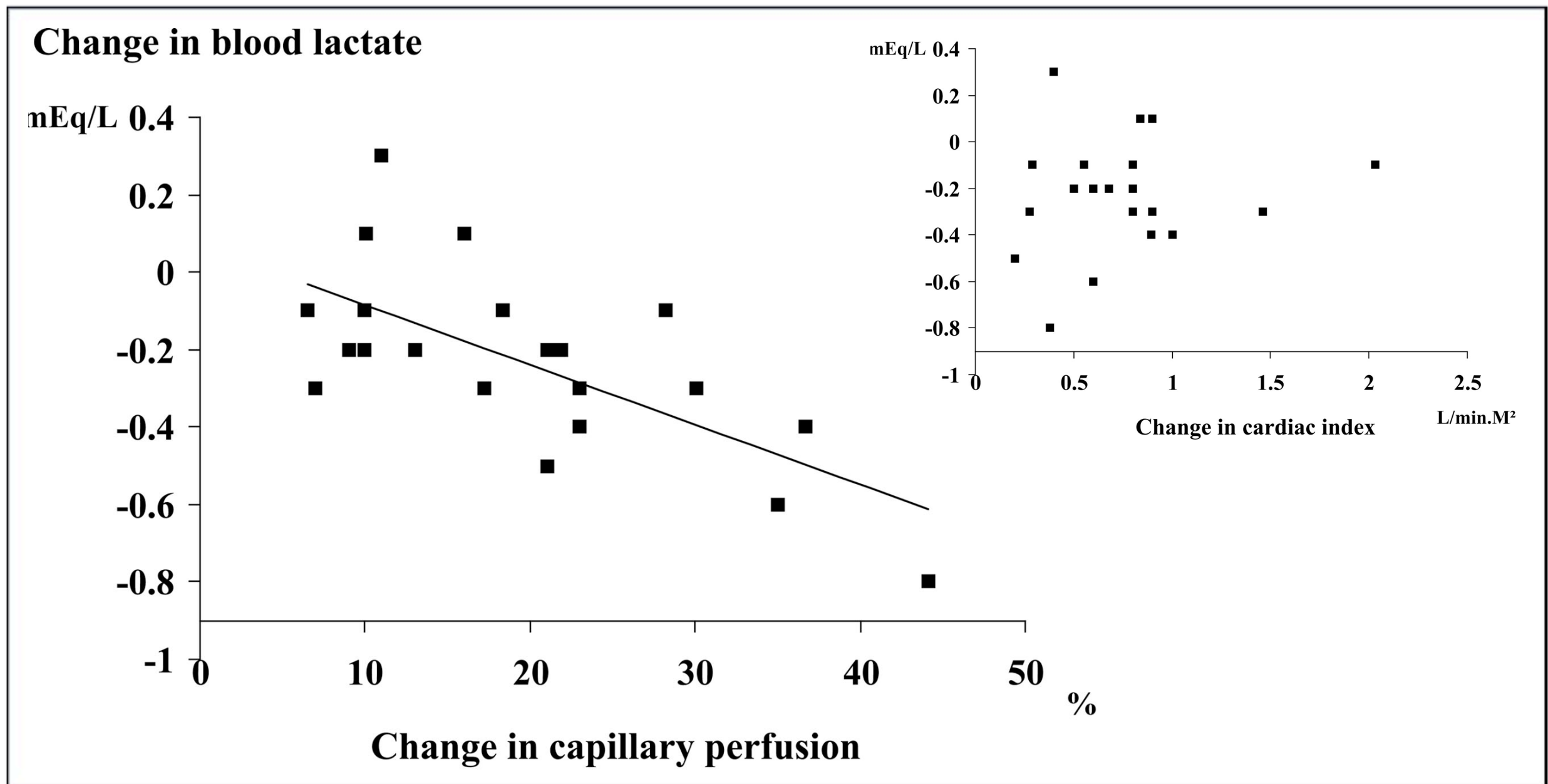
177 control group

171 lactate group

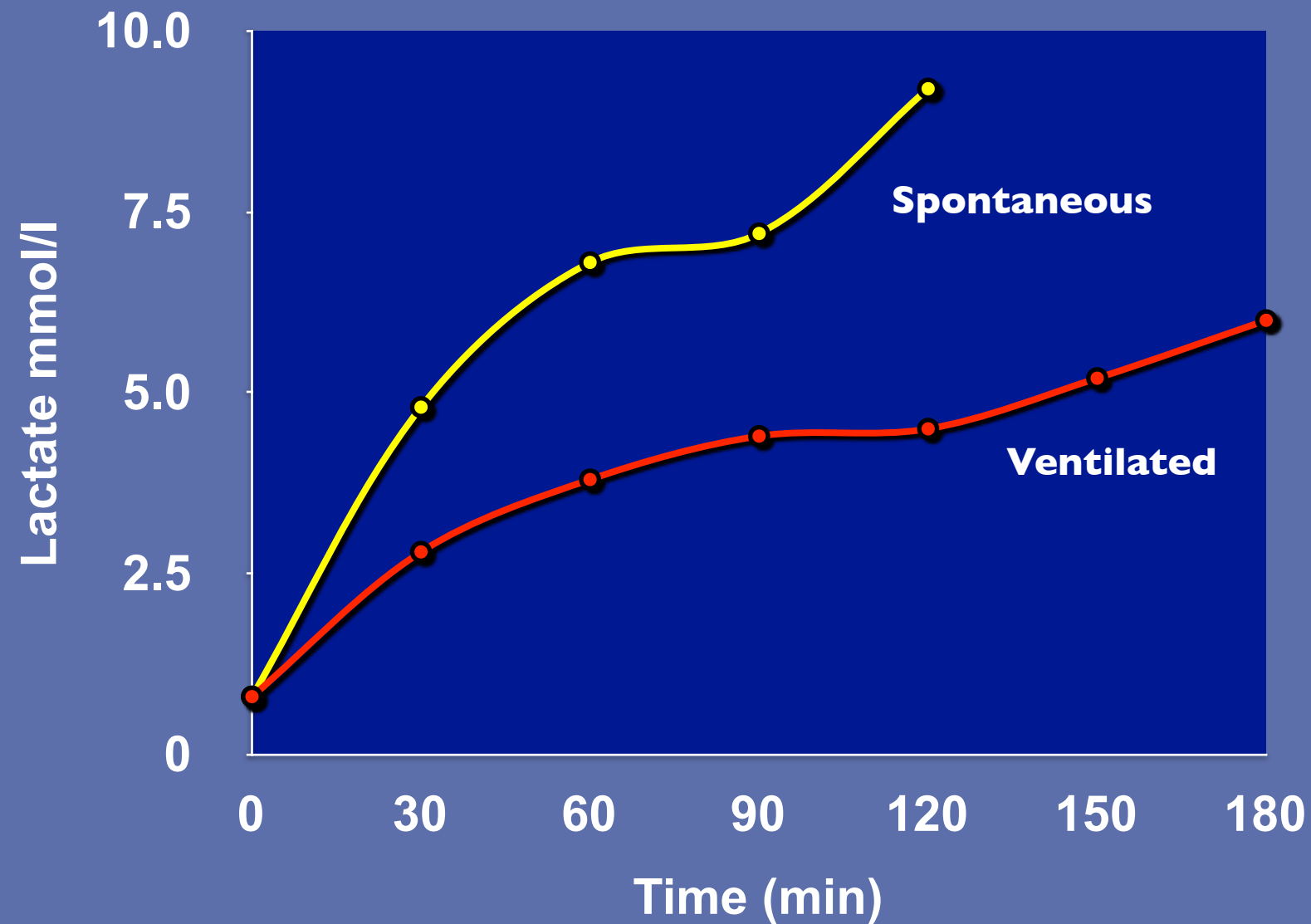
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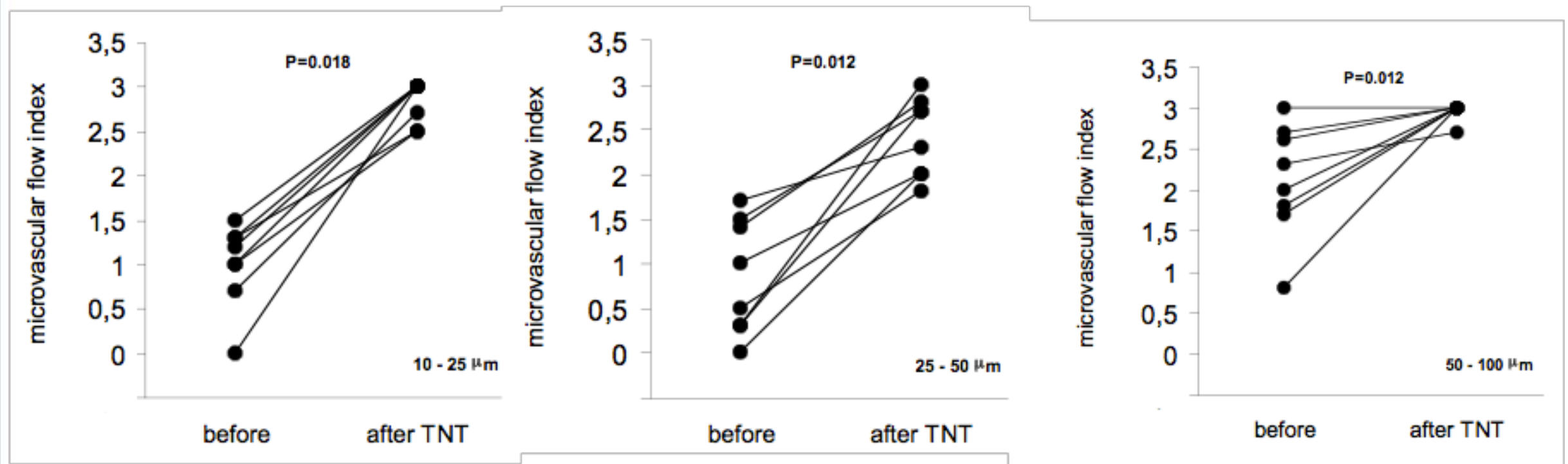
# O<sub>2</sub> costs of breathing in low output state



# Microcirculatory effect of NTG



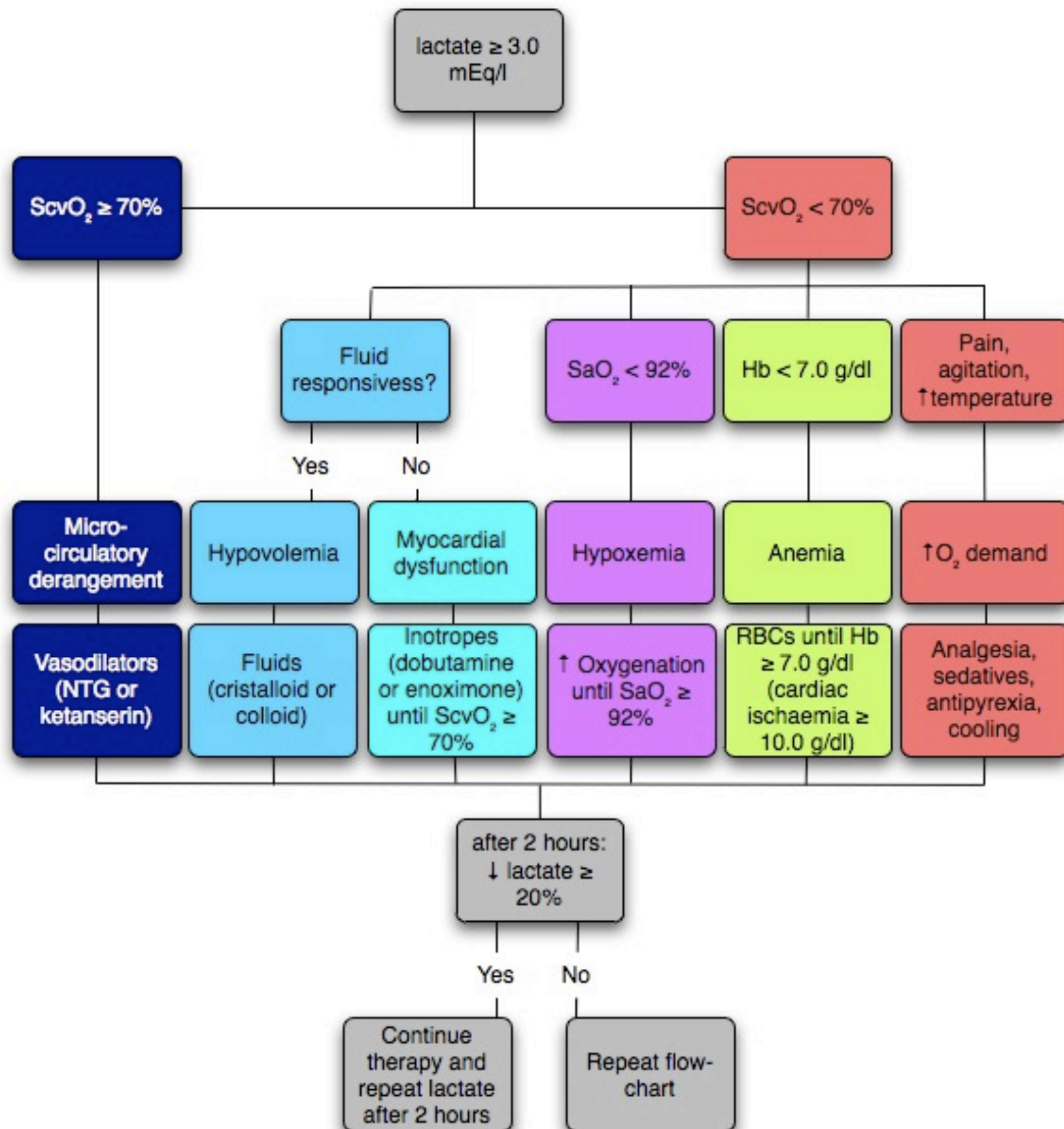
NTG used in patients with microcirculatory dysfunction (high ScvO<sub>2</sub> and no decrease in lactate levels)



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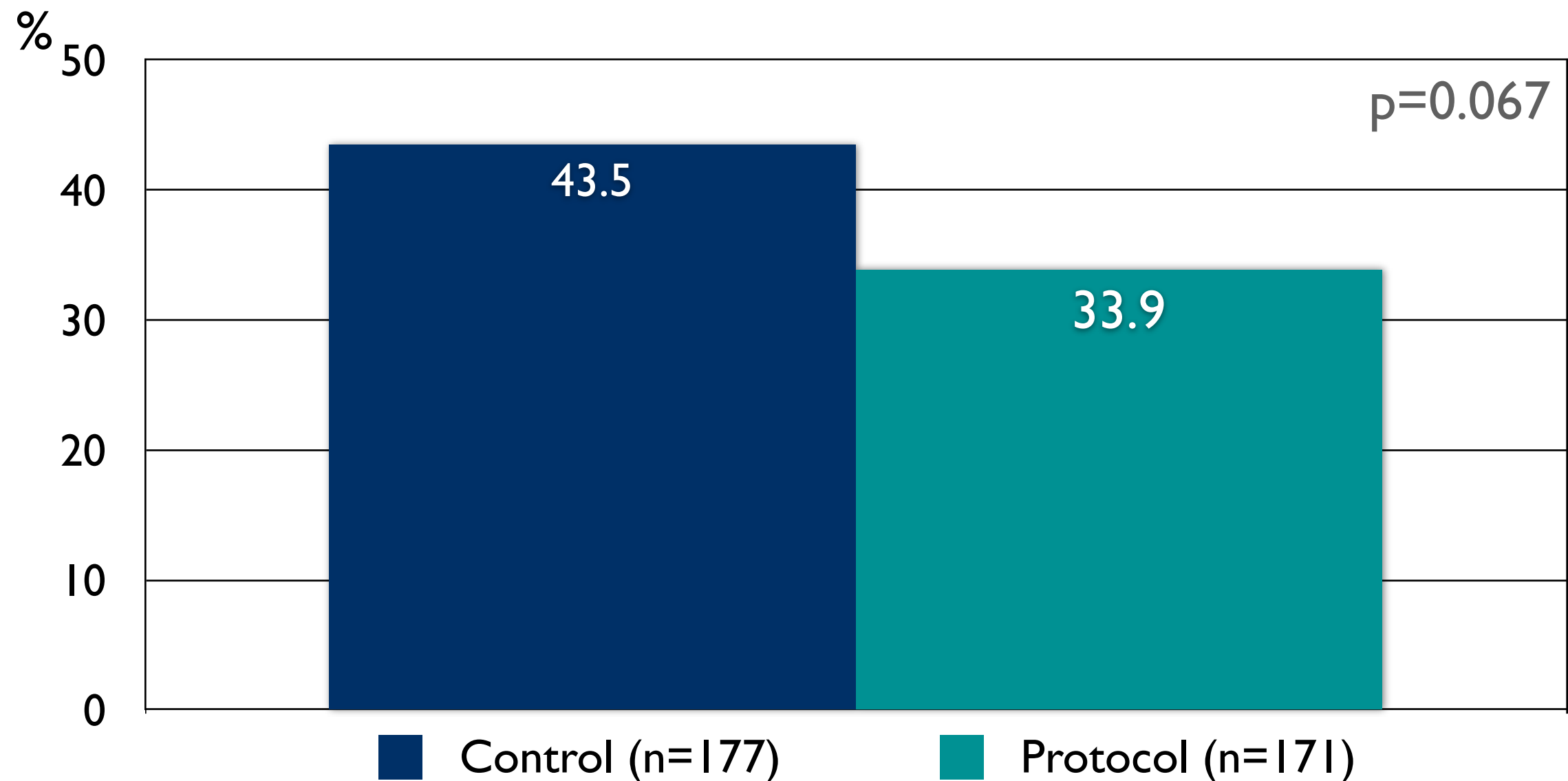
MAP > 60 mm Hg



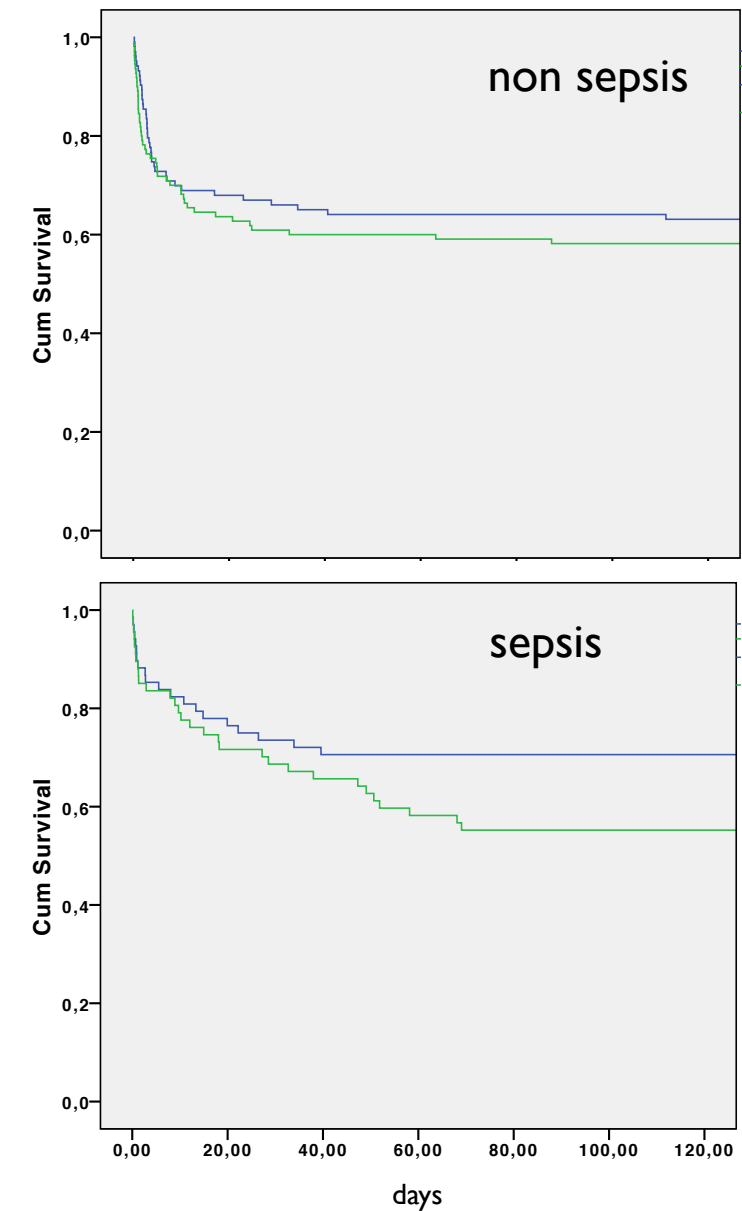
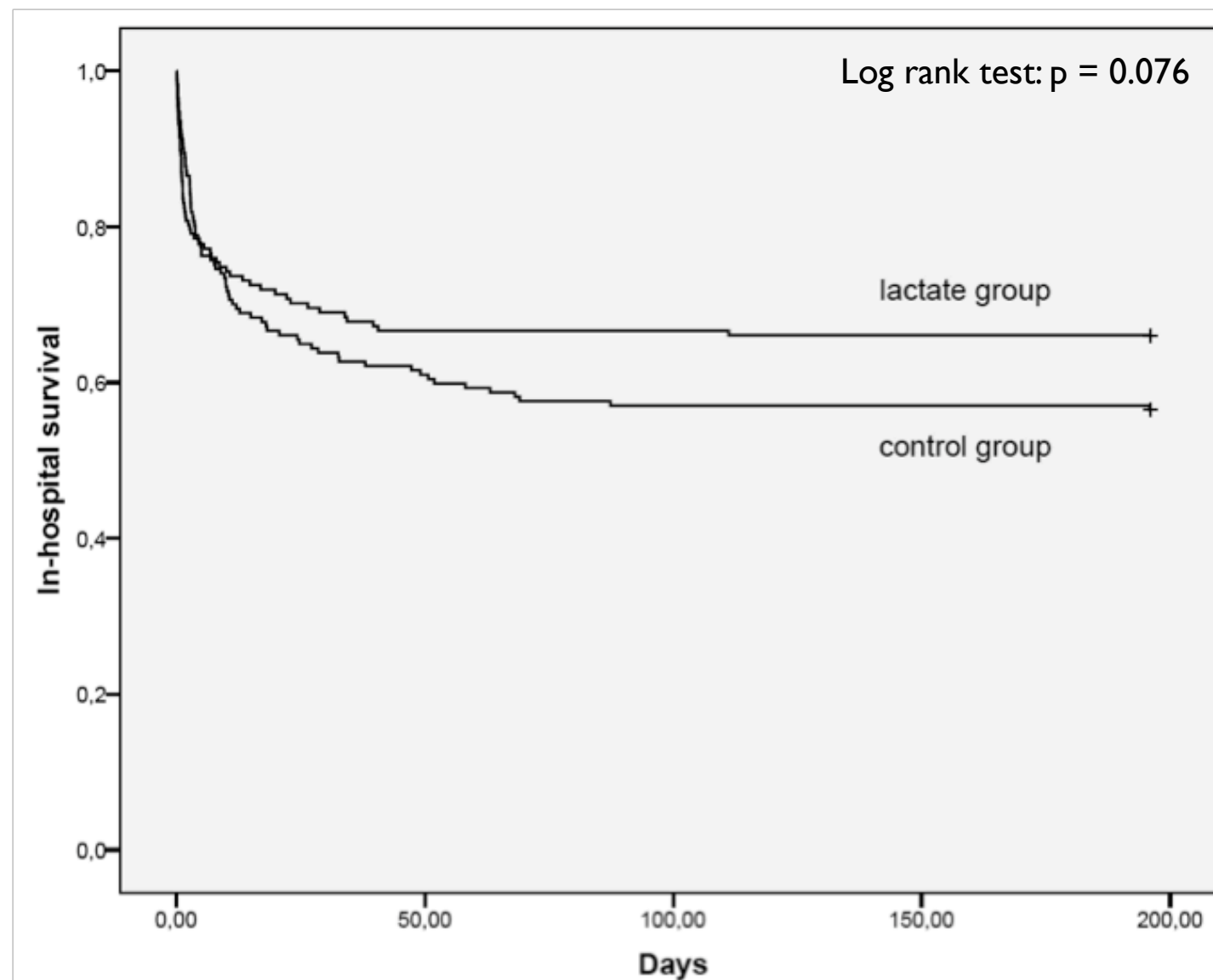


# Result

## Unadjusted Hospital Mortality

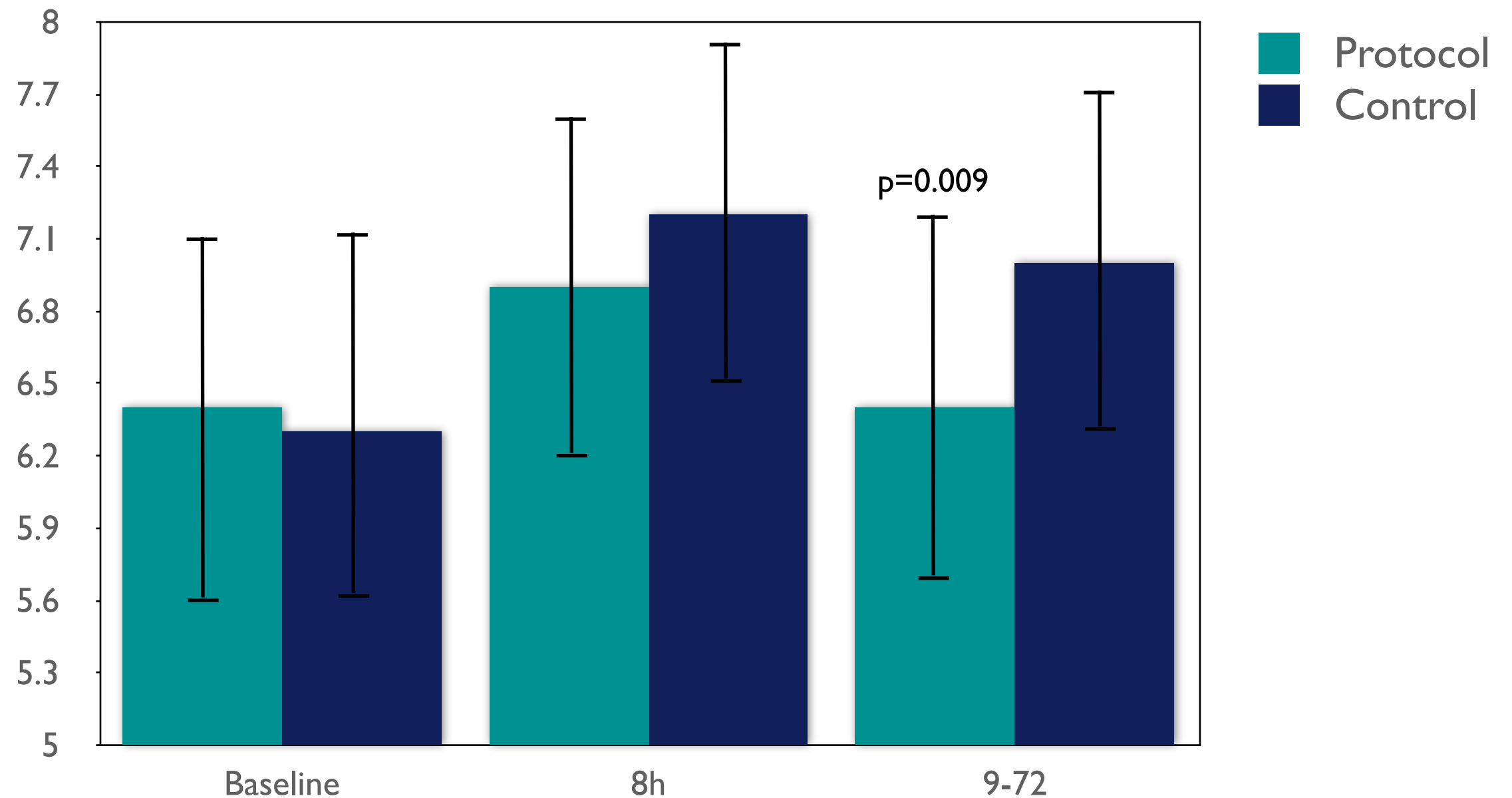


# Mortality



# Effect on organ failure

## SOFA score



New end-points of resuscitation?

# The prognostic value of the subjective assessment of peripheral perfusion in critically ill patients

Alexandre Lima, MD; Tim C. Jansen, MD; Jasper van Bommel, MD, PhD; Can Ince, PhD;  
Jan Bakker, MD, PhD

(Crit Care Med 2009; 37:934–938)



- ▶ 50 critically ill patients following initial resuscitation and stabilization
- ▶ Abnormal peripheral circulation was defined as
  - increase in capillary refill time ( $> 4.5$  sec) or cool skin (subjective)
- ▶ Measurements: Forearm-Finger Skin temperature difference, Central-Toe temperature difference, Peripheral Perfusion Index, SOFA score



# Clinical significance



- ▶ Odds for increase in SOFA score during first 48h of admission are 7.4 times higher (CI: 2-19,  $P < 0.05$ ) in patients with abnormal peripheral perfusion
- ▶ Odds to have increased lactate levels following initial resuscitation are 4.6 times higher (CI: 1.4-15,  $P < 0.05$ ) in patients with abnormal peripheral perfusion

# Low tissue oxygen saturation at the end of early goal-directed therapy is associated with worse outcome in critically ill patients

Alexandre Lima, Jasper van Bommel, Tim C Jansen, Can Ince and Jan Bakker

Critical Care 2009, 13(Suppl 5):S13 (doi:10.1186/cc8011)



## Patients with circulatory failure (increased lactate) enrolled in EGDT protocol (8 hours) immediately following admission

Patient demographic data	
Number of patients	22
Age (years)	62 (57 to 71)
Male/female	16/6
Sequential Organ Failure Assessment score	7 (5 to 9)
Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score	23 (16 to 30)
Admission category	
Septic shock	3 pneumonia, 3 abdominal sepsis, 1 meningitis
Circulatory failure not associated with sepsis	3 hypovolemic/hemorrhagic, 3 cardiogenic, 4 postoperative, 2 trauma
Without circulatory failure or sepsis	1 cerebrovascular accident, 2 postoperative
Noradrenaline use	16 (72%)
Noradrenaline dose (µg/kg/minute)	0.16 (0.07 to 0.24)
Dobutamine use	8 (36%)
Dobutamine dose (µg/kg/minute)	4.3 (3.6 to 6.3)
Mechanical ventilation	15 (68%)
Survivor/nonsurvivor	17/5

Data expressed as number, as median (25th to 75th percentile), or as *n* (%).

n=22

abnormal peripheral perfusion

n=14

29%

n=8

n=2

50%

StO<sub>2</sub> ±60%

2 hours

8 hours

Mortality

normal peripheral perfusion

n=8

13%

n=6

n=6

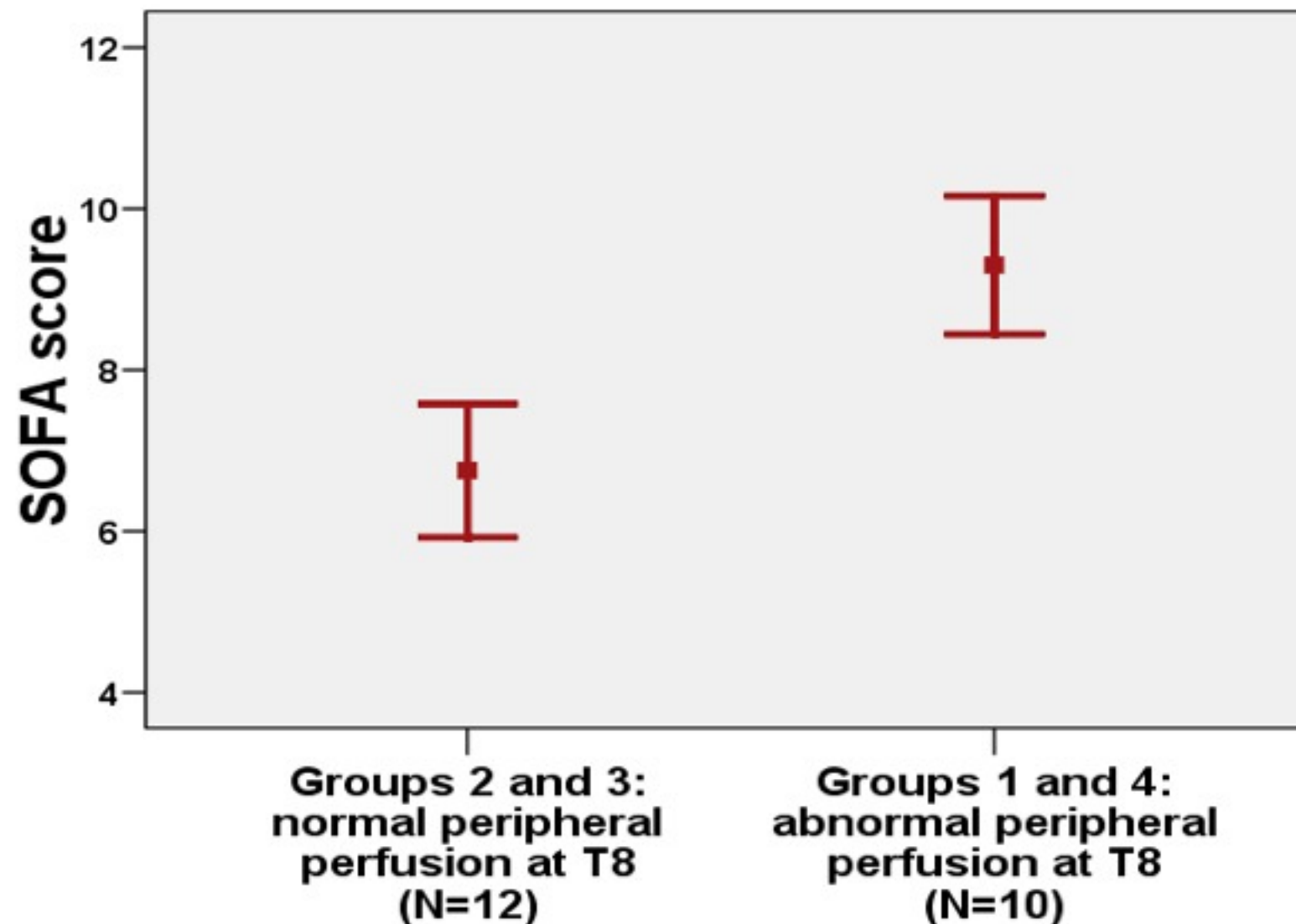
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StO<sub>2</sub> ±80%

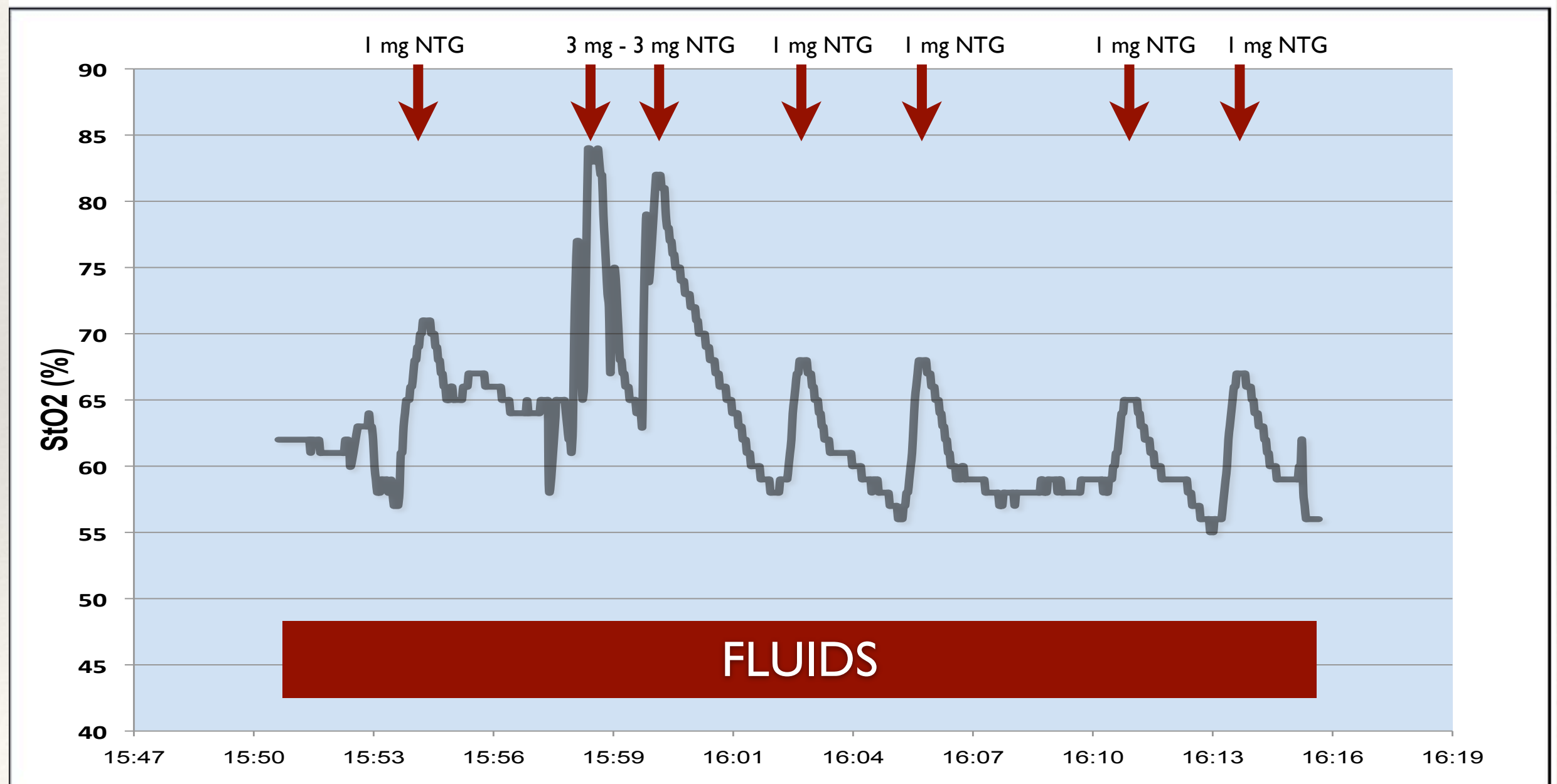
# Clinical significance of low $StO_2$ in patients with shock



patients with abnormal peripheral circulation following EGDT have more organ failure



# NTG in Septic Shock





# Conclusions



- ▶ Increased lactate levels or failure to clear associated with morbidity and mortality for more than 150 years
- ▶ Delivery dependent oxygen consumption, present early in the course of disease, is associated with increased lactate
- ▶ Improvement in tissue oxygen delivery is associated with a decrease in lactate levels and ultimate survival
- ▶ However other (aerobic) metabolic processes result in increased lactate levels
- ▶ Therapy aimed to improve the balance between oxygen demand and oxygen supply improves outcome in patients with increased lactate levels

# LACTATE : A REVIEW OF ITS METABOLISM IN SHOCK STATES

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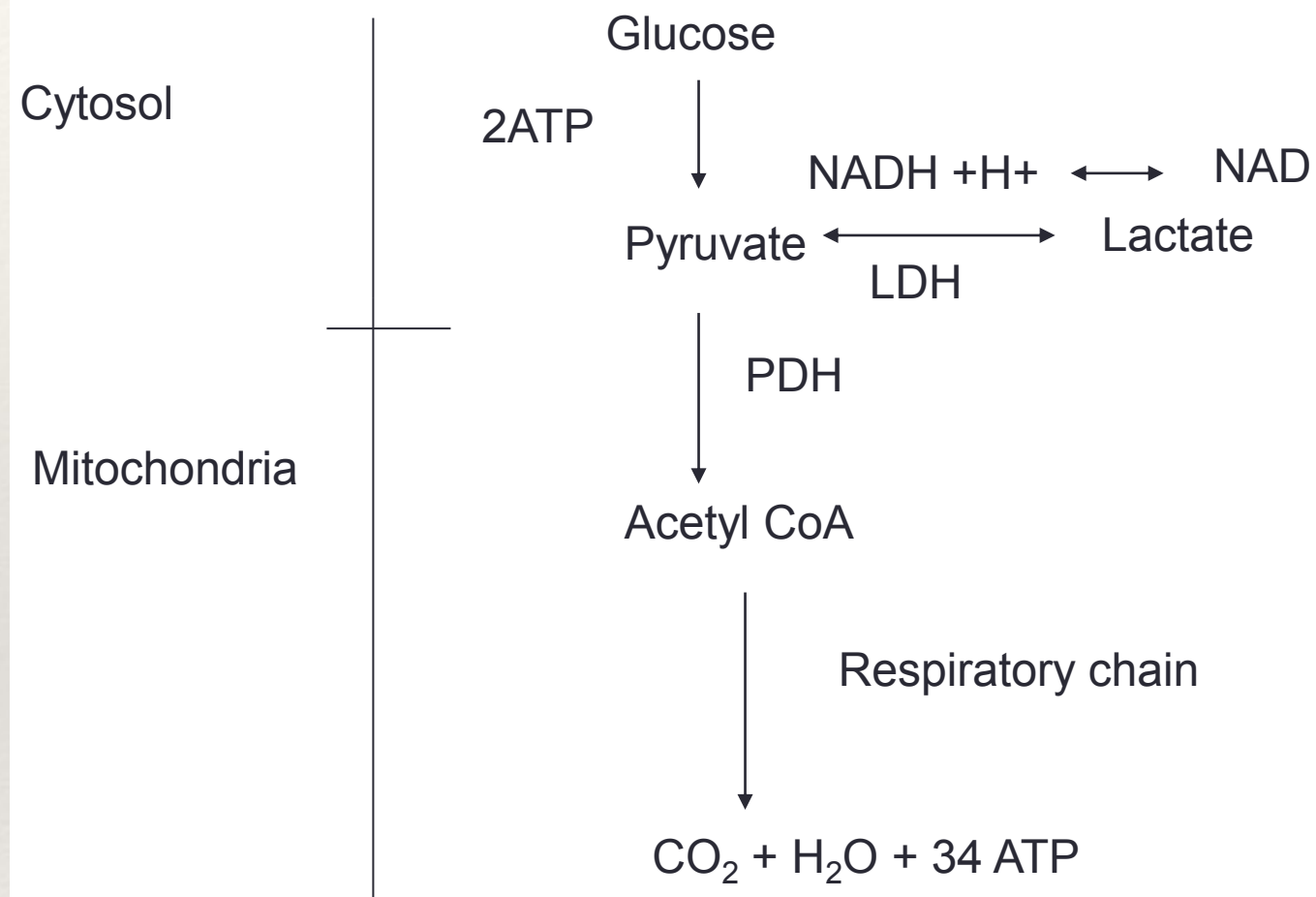
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## Normal lactate metabolism

- Normal value less than 2 mmol/l
- Released by skeletal muscle, adipose tissue, brain+++
  - but also lung, heart and gut.
- Daily production : 20 mmol/kg per day
- Lactate clearance : 800-1800 ml/min
  - Every 3-4 minutes all of the blood can be cleared of lactate
- Lactate released into the bloodstream is transported to the liver and the kidney where it is subsequently metabolised
  - Oxydation (50% at rest and 75 % during exercise)
  - Neoglucogenesis

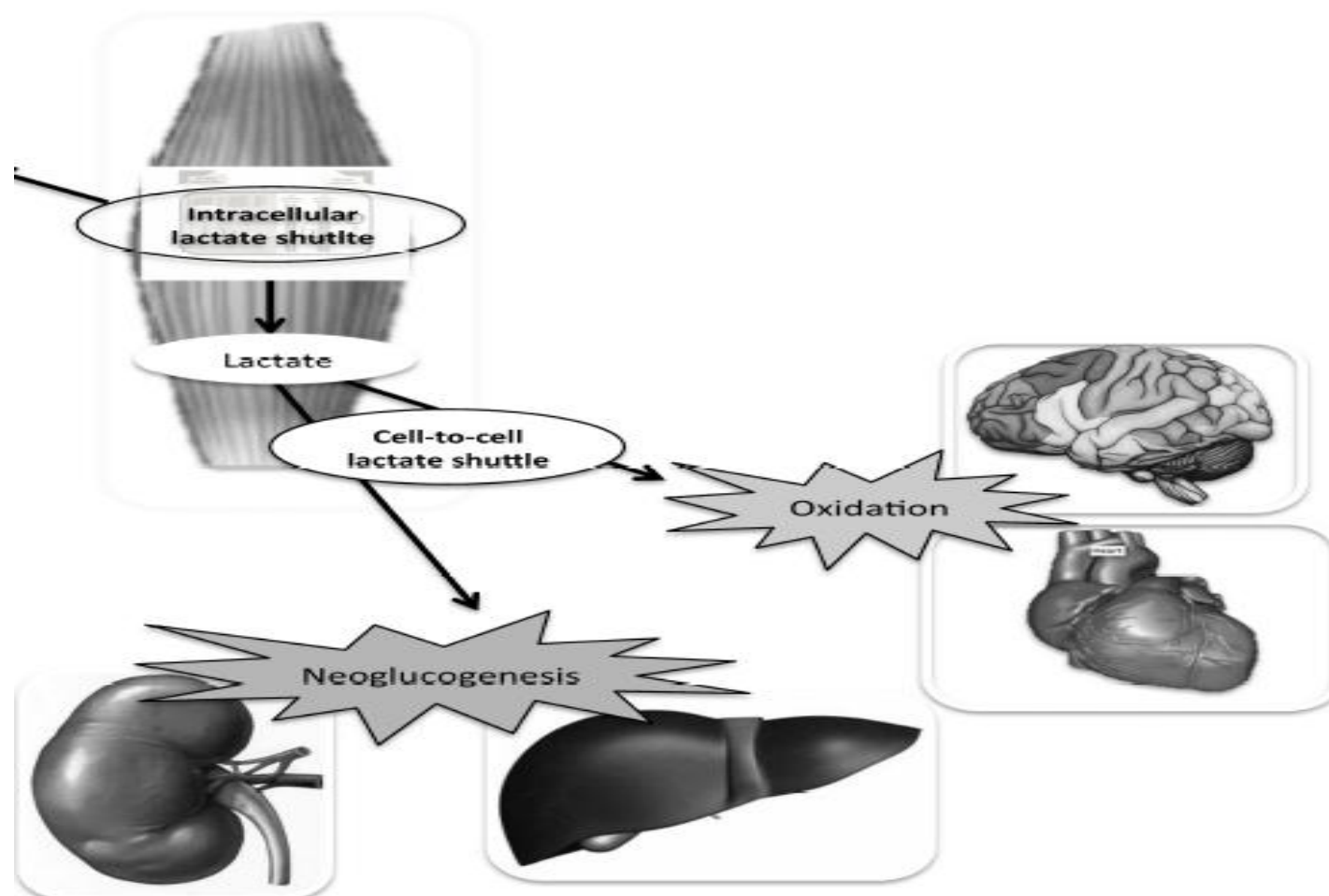
# Simplified glycolysis



Lactate therefore increases when production of pyruvate exceeds its utilization by the mitochondria

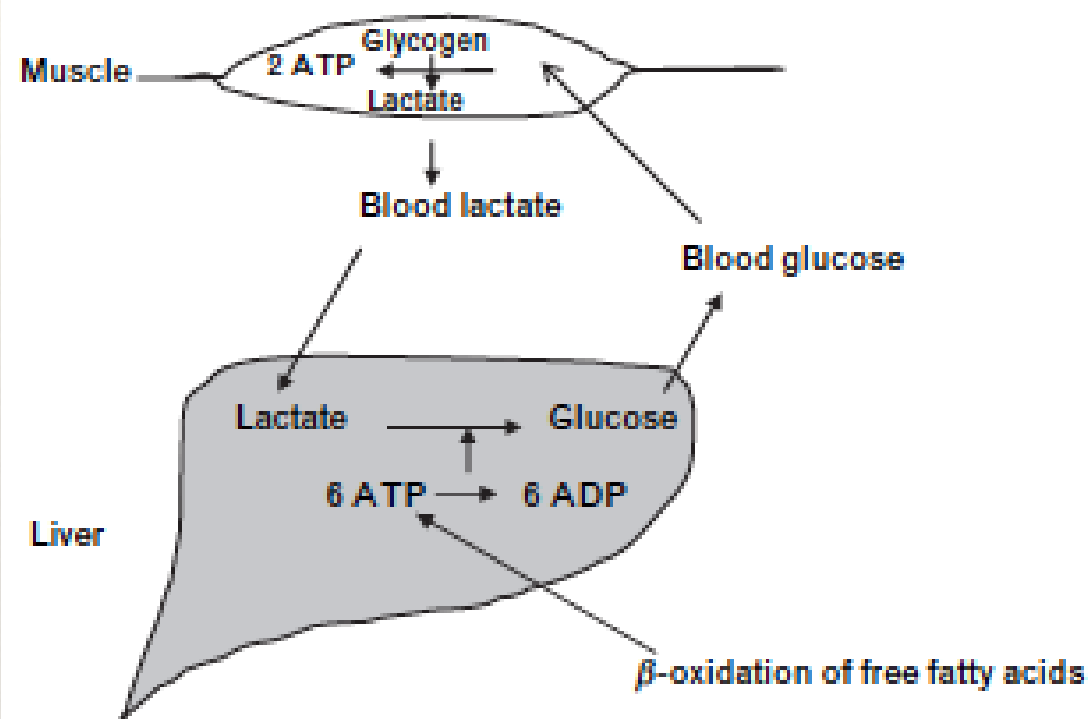


## Removal : Oxidation and Cori Cycle





# Cori Cycle

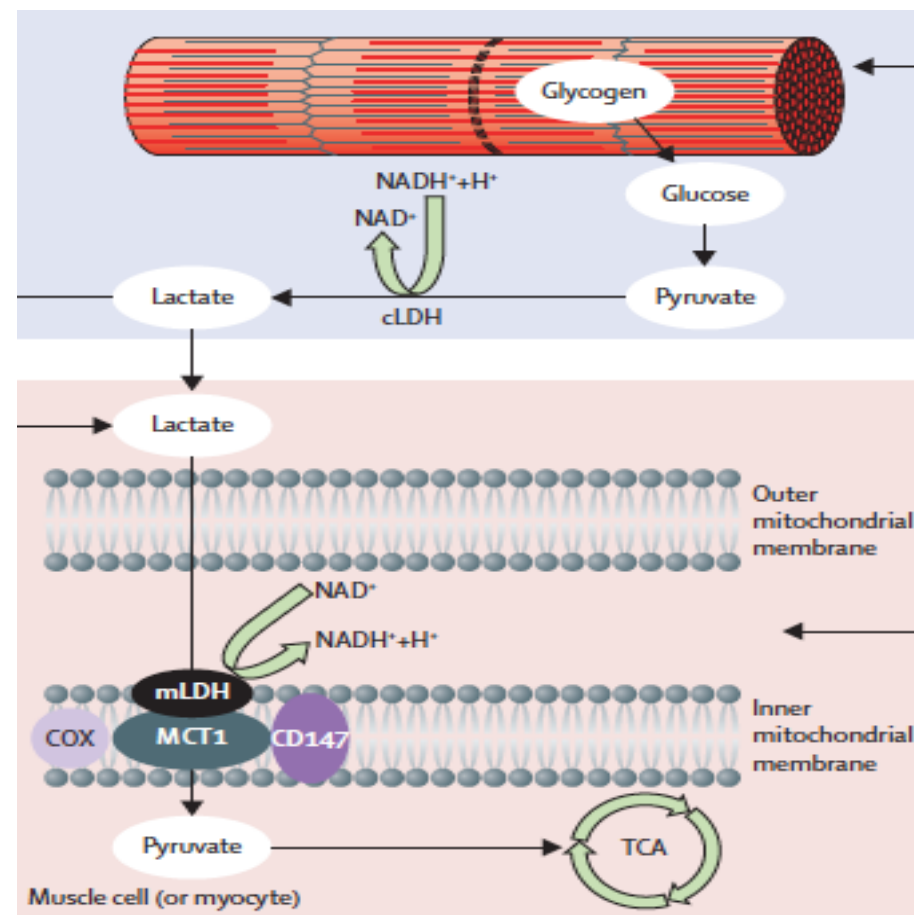


- Lactate reaches the liver where it enters the Cori cycle and becomes glucose
- The energy for such gluconeogenesis is supplied by  $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids
- Conversion of slow energy stored as fat into fast energy that is readily available as glucose.
- Energy is used to sustain the increased glycolytic flux necessary to meet the metabolic demands of severe sepsis

# Lactate oxydation

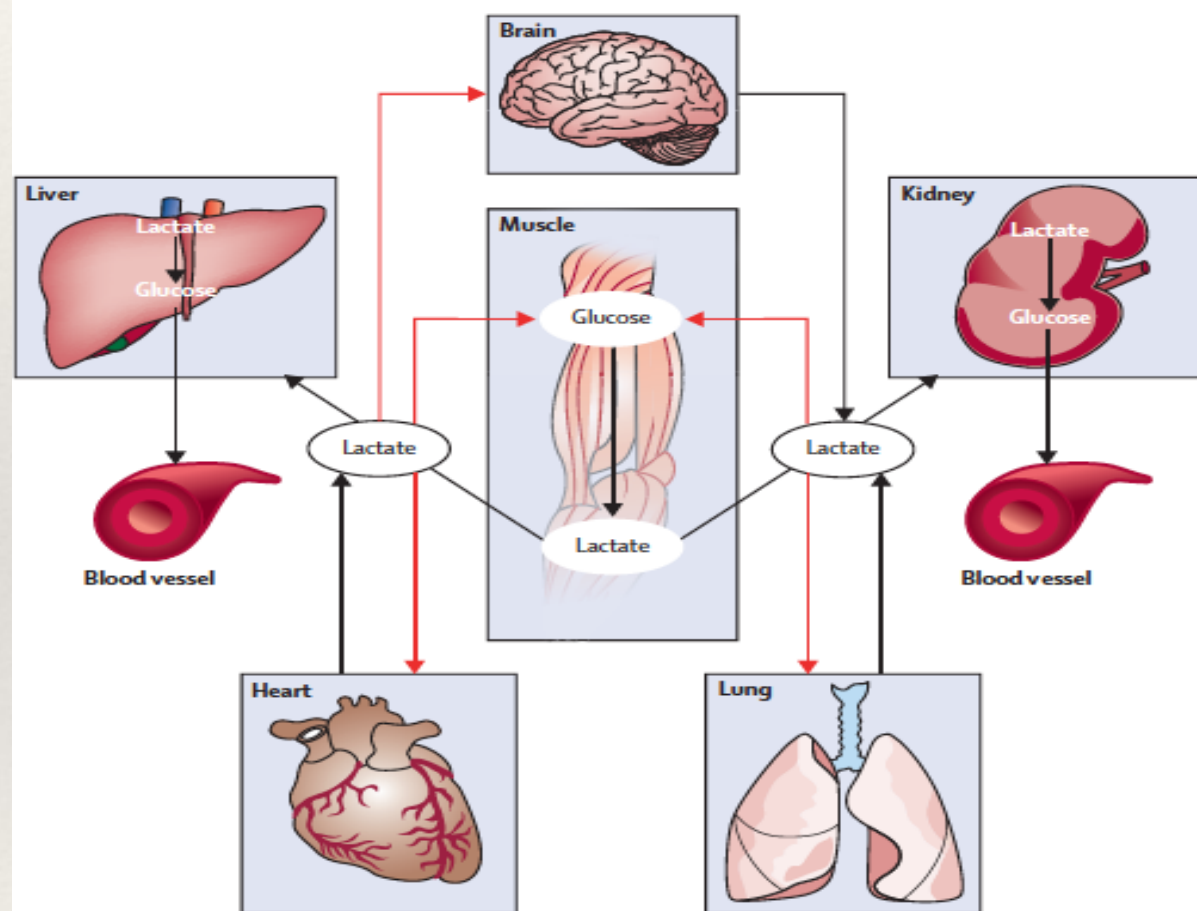
Cytosol

Mitochondria



Lactate oxydation complex

# Cell-to-cell lactate shuttle

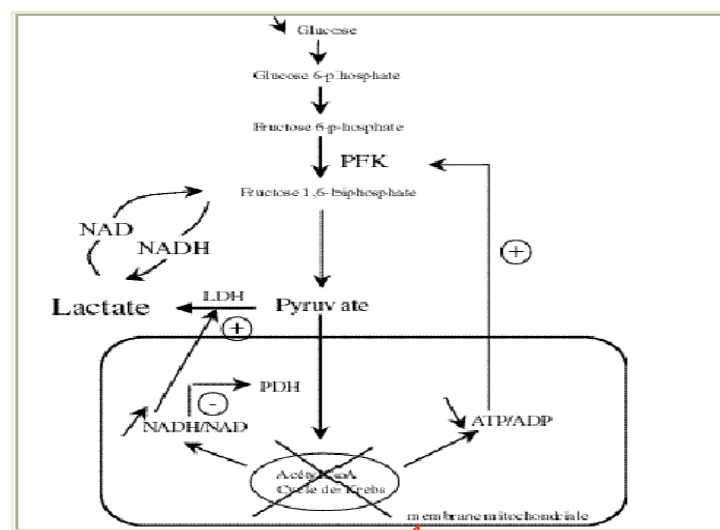


- Hypothesis : Lactate is not only produced in muscle and disposal within the same myocyte
- Lactate serve as a substrate in highly oxidative cells (eg, heart and brain) or contribute to gluconeogenesis (in the liver and kidney)
- Lactate is also released by brain, lung, and heart.

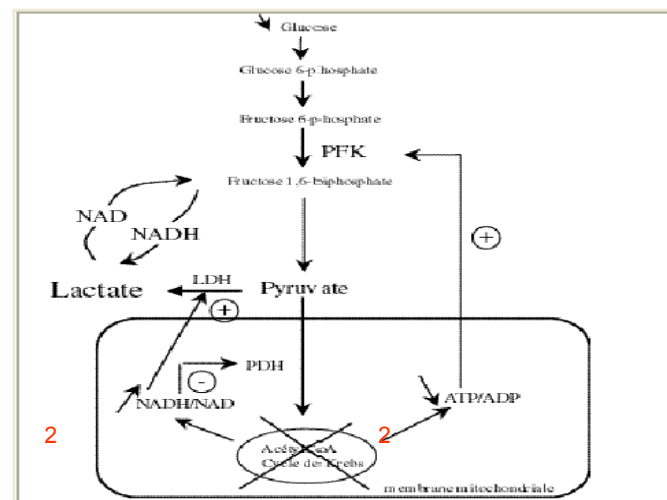
# LACTATE AND SHOCK

## THE CLASSICAL PARADIGM

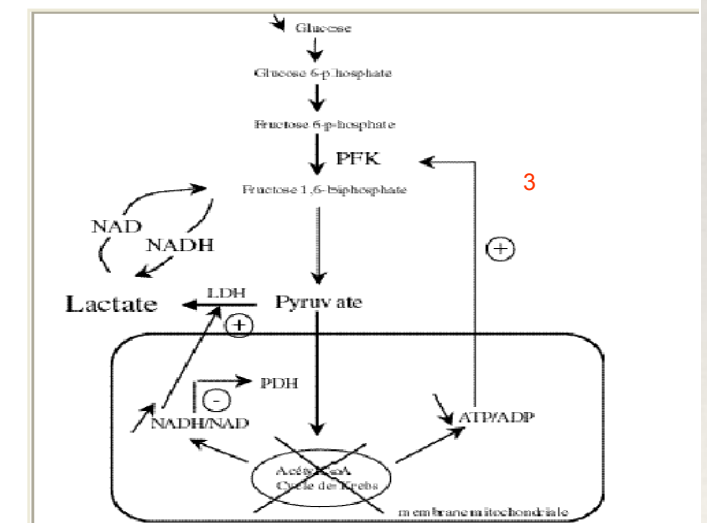
Hyperlactataemia during shock is a marker of tissue hypoperfusion or tissue hypoxia, and is indicative of the onset of anaerobic glycolysis



1. Absence of  $O_2$  : stoppage or decrease in ATP production by mitochondrial electron transfer

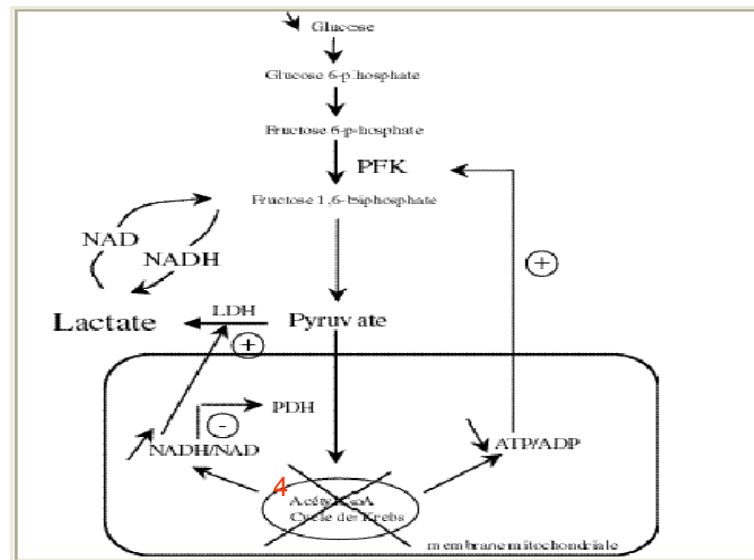


2. Decrease in ATP/ADP ratio and increase in NADH/NAD ratio

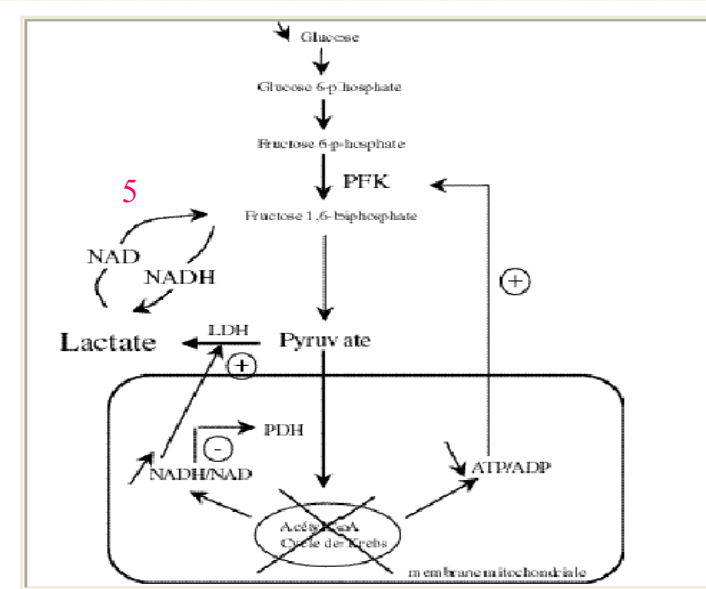


3. The decrease in ATP/ADP ratio induces an increase in PFK activity





4. The increase in NADH/NAD ratio decreases in PDH and increased LDH activity in favour of lactate formation



5. The conversion allows NAD regeneration and ATP production (2 ATP for one glucose)

## Anaerobic metabolism

- Hyperlactatemia and elevated L/P ratio
- Accelerated aerobic glycolysis
- Low energy production
- Adaptive mechanism in crisis situation



# THE NEW PARADIGM

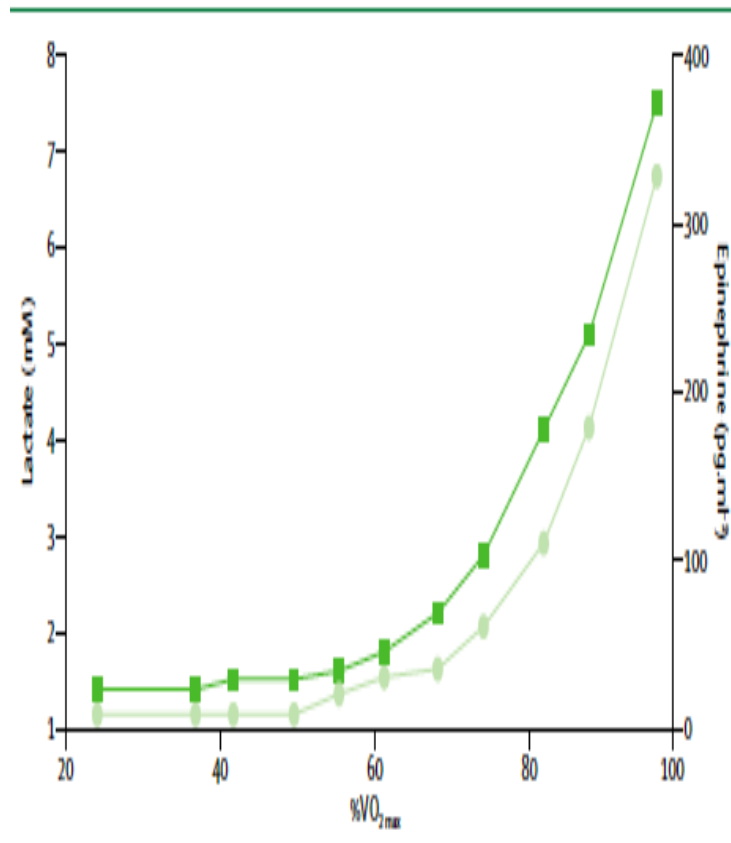
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Shock induced hyperlactataemia should no longer be seen as a biomarker of hypoxia or anaerobic glycolysis, but as a major protective component of the stress response.

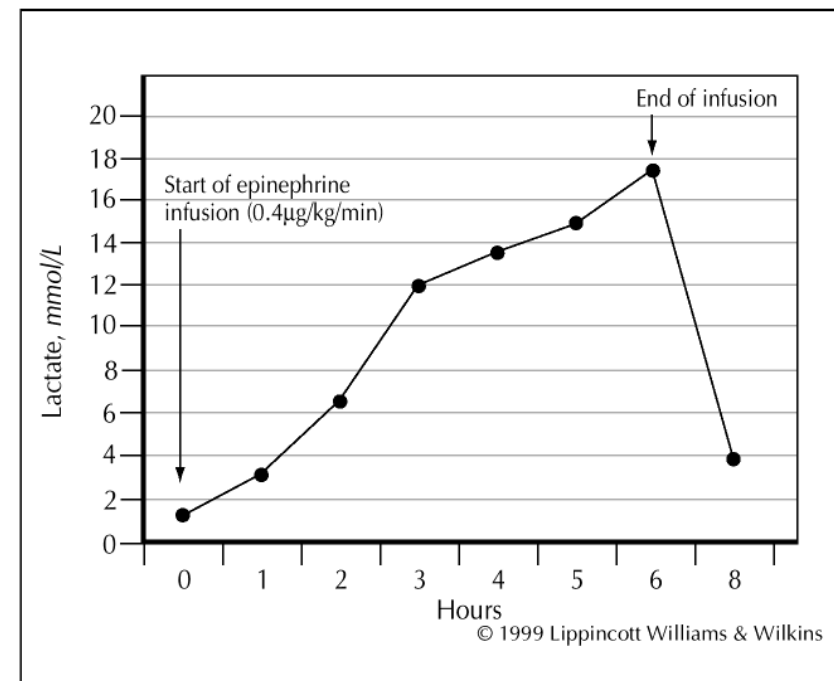
## Proof against hypoxia induced hyperlactatemia in septic shock

- Oxygen delivery after initial resuscitation is generally elevated
- Increasing oxygen delivery does not decrease lactate level in all patients
- Muscular ATP and  $PO_2$  level are normal or elevated.
- Splanchnic production is scarce (De Backer et al)
- Lungs produce lactate

# Relationship between epinephrine and lactate

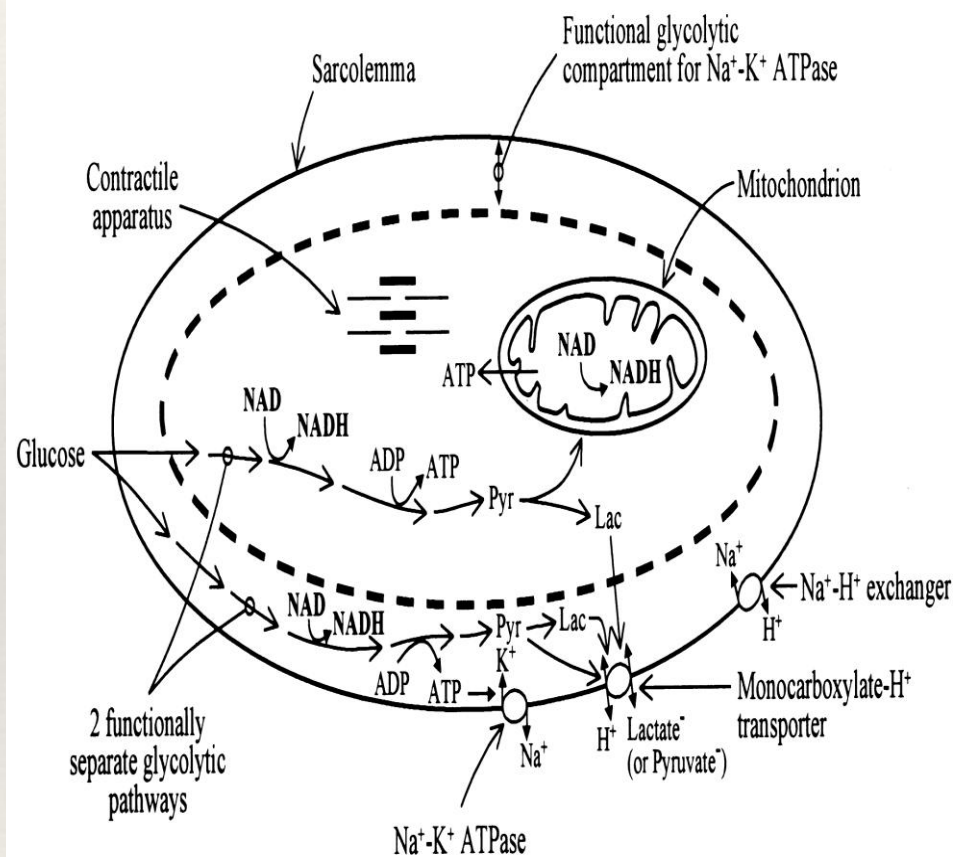


Mazzeo RS, Marshall P. *J Appl Physiol* 1989; **67**: 1319–22.



As can be seen, epinephrine infusion induces marked hyperlactatemia. During this time, systemic oxygen delivery is approximately doubled. This severe hyperlactatemia cannot be secondary to tissue hypoxia.

# Glycolysis compartmentalisation and Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup>ase activity

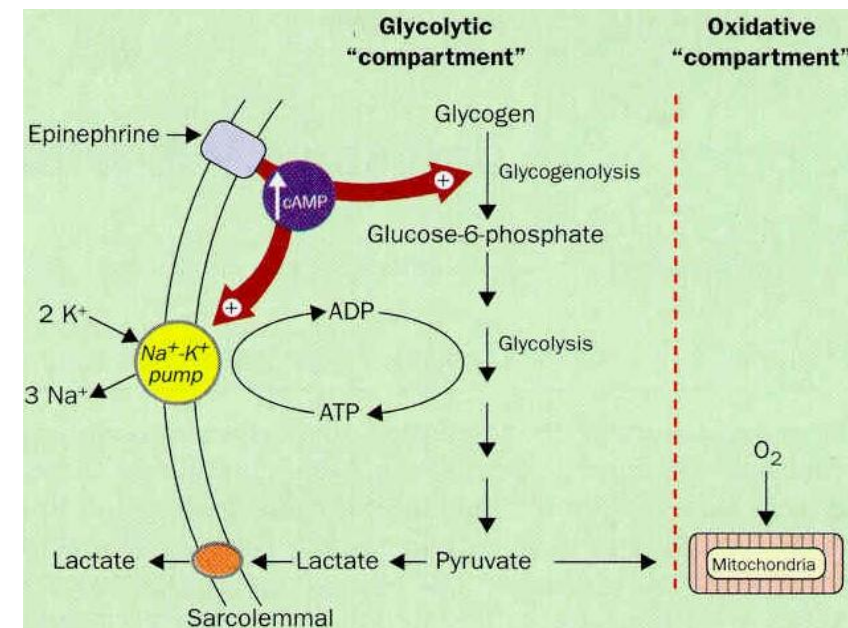


- Two glycolytic pathways with separate sets of glycolytic pathway enzymes
- The enzyme of the first pathway has been shown to be associated with NaK ATPase activity.
- Accelerated aerobic glycolysis provides ATP to sustain Na<sup>+</sup>K<sup>+</sup> ATPase activity in cells with intact oxidative activity
- The two compartments are independent.



# Aerobic production of lactate under epinephrine stimulation

- Epinephrine binds to muscle adrenergic  $\beta_2$  receptors and raises AMP production
  - Stimulation of glycogenolysis and ATP production
  - ATP is used to fuel the sarcolemmal  $\text{Na}^+-\text{K}^+$  ATPase that consumes ATP and increases ADP level
  - ADP increases PFK activity and thus pyruvate production
- Epinephrine increases glycogenolysis with a net increase in pyruvate production and thus an increase in lactate concentration

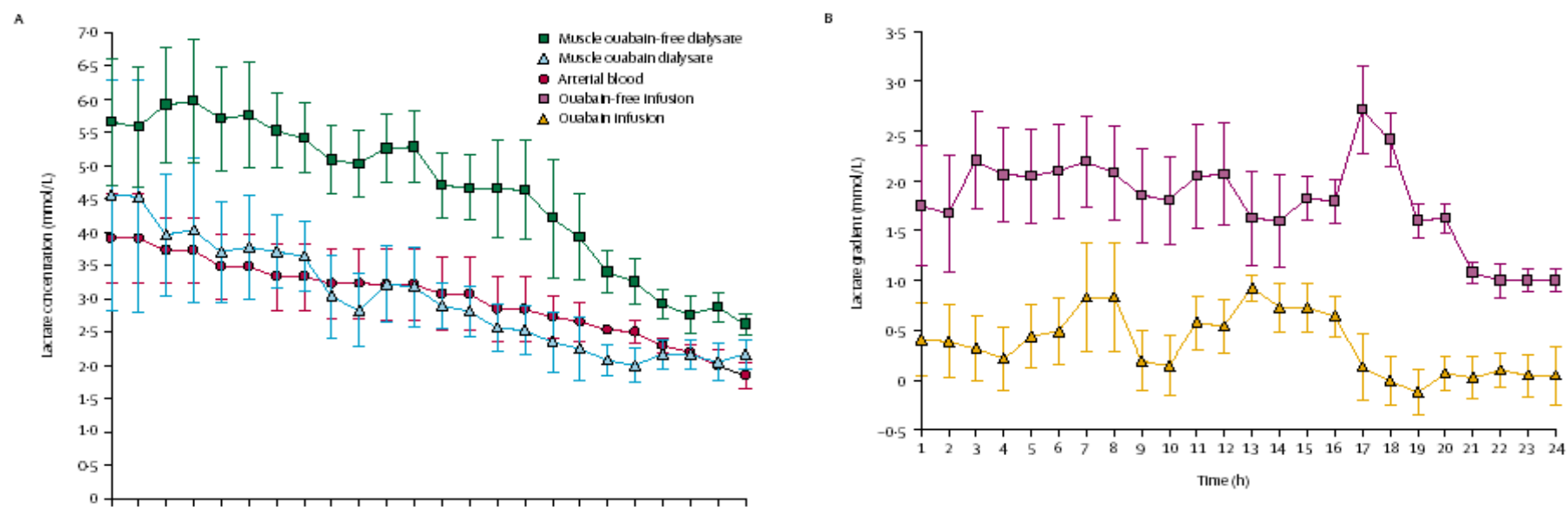


**James et al, Lancet 1999, 354 : 505-508.**

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**INCREASED AEROBIC GLYCOLYSIS THROUGH  $\beta$ 2 STIMULATION IS A  
COMMON MECHANISM INVOLVED IN LACTATE FORMATION DURING  
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**EARLY INCREASE IN ARTERIAL LACTATE CONCENTRATION UNDER  
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**ORIGINAL**

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**Increased muscle-to-serum lactate gradient  
predicts progression towards septic shock  
in septic patients**

# LACTATE METABOLISM MODIFICATION DURING SHOCK

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## Lactate and glucose metabolism in severe sepsis and cardiogenic shock\*

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	Healthy	Septic	Cardiac
Baseline			
Glucose rate of appearance, $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$	$7.2 \pm 1.1$	$14.8 \pm 1.8^a$	$15.0 \pm 1.5^a$
Plasma lactate concentration, mmol/L	$0.9 \pm 0.20$	$3.2 \pm 2.6^a$	$2.8 \pm 0.4^a$
Lactate infusion 10 $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$			
Lactate clearance, mL/kg/min	$12.0 \pm 2.6$	$10.8 \pm 5.4$	$9.6 \pm 2.1$
Endogenous lactate production, $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$	$11.2 \pm 2.7$	$26.2 \pm 10.5^a$	$26.6 \pm 5.1^a$
Lactate oxidation, % lactate load	$65 \pm 15$	$54 \pm 25$	$43 \pm 16$
Glucose rate of appearance, $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$	$6.7 \pm 0.9$	$14.3 \pm 3.2^a$	$13.1 \pm 1.2^a$
Gluconeogenesis from lactate, % lactate load	$10 \pm 7$	$15 \pm 15$	$9 \pm 18$
Lactate infusion 20 $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$			
Glucose rate of appearance, $\mu\text{mol/kg/min}$	$6.6 \pm 0.8$	$14.3 \pm 3.5^a$	$12.9 \pm 2.1^a$
Gluconeogenesis from lactate, % lactate load	$11 \pm 5$	$17 \pm 6$	$10 \pm 5$

<sup>a</sup>Different from the healthy subjects ( $p < .05$ ).



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TABLE 3  
BLOOD LACTATE DATA FOR SEPTIC PATIENTS WITH NORMAL OR SLIGHTLY INCREASED BLOOD LACTATE CONCENTRATIONS

	Normal Blood Lactate ( <i>n</i> = 20)	Increased Blood Lactate ( <i>n</i> = 10)	p Value
Blood lactate concentration, mmol/L	1.2 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.6	—
Maximum Δblood lactate, mmol/L*	3.4 ± 0.8	3.7 ± 0.5	0.22
Plasma lactate clearance, ml/kg/h	1,002 ± 284	473 ± 102	< 0.0001
Lactate production, μmol/kg/h	1,181 ± 325	1,194 ± 230	0.90
Half-life of infused lactate, min	17.9 ± 10.2	28.7 ± 8.9	0.008
Central distribution volume, ml/kg	122 ± 32	100 ± 17	0.052
Total distribution volume, ml/kg	264 ± 116	259 ± 61	0.91

## Lactate and heart

- Heart is an omnivore
  - Fatty acids : 60-90%
  - Pyruvate : 10-40%
    - Lactate oxydation
    - Glycolysis
- Septic shock (Dhainault JF, 1988)
  - Fatty acids : 12 % vs 54% in control group
  - Lactate : 36% vs 12% in control group



# Effects of substrate selection on contractile function

- Better if the heart oxidizes more glucose and lactate than FFA.
- Preferential FFA utilization increases  $\text{MVO}_2$  without changes in cardiac efficiency
- During ischemia, high dependance of cardiac function to glycolytic flux

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

## Conclusions

- Stress induced lactate formation is a ubiquitous phenomenon in shock state
- During shock, the heart uses lactate as a preferential fuel
- Reconsideration of the signification and the role of lactate in septic shock
  - Adapted mechanism
  - Preferential fuel for heart and brain
  - Metabolic signal

## **Stress hyperlactataemia: present understanding and controversy**

*Mercedes Garcia-Alvarez, Paul Marik, Rinaldo Bellomo*    [www.thelancet.com/diabetes-endocrinology](http://www.thelancet.com/diabetes-endocrinology)

## **Lactate and shock state: the metabolic view**

Bruno Levy

*Curr Opin Crit Care* 12:315–321.

## **Current Trends in Lactate Metabolism: Introduction**

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# Lactate: any beneficial role?

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# Lactate

- What is lactic acid?
- A physiological metabolite
- Does it have any function?
- Restoring NAD/ NADH ratio



# Lactate

- Its level may increase due to:
  - Increased production : increased glycolysis ( e.g. sepsis, exercise, catecholamines, inflammation etc )
  - Decreased clearance :
    - Intracellular ( lack of oxygen ; mitochondrial dysfunction)
    - Intercellular ( e.g. Liver failure )



# Oxygenation what for?

- Oxidative Phosphorylation
- End products of anaerobic metabolism (glycolysis, beta oxidation,) enter the Krebs cycle as Acetyl CoA to produce (some) ATP and reduce NAD FAD to NADH FADH
- Glycolysis only can proceed without oxygen because of the conversion Pyruvate to lactate, which reconverts NADH to NAD



# Glyco ATP summary

- Glucose  $\rightarrow$  2 Lactate = 2 ATPs
- Glucose + O<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O = 36 ATPs
- 2 Lactate  $\rightarrow$  Glucose = - 6 ATPs
- Glucose  $\rightarrow$  Lactate  $\rightarrow$  Glucose = - 4 ATPs

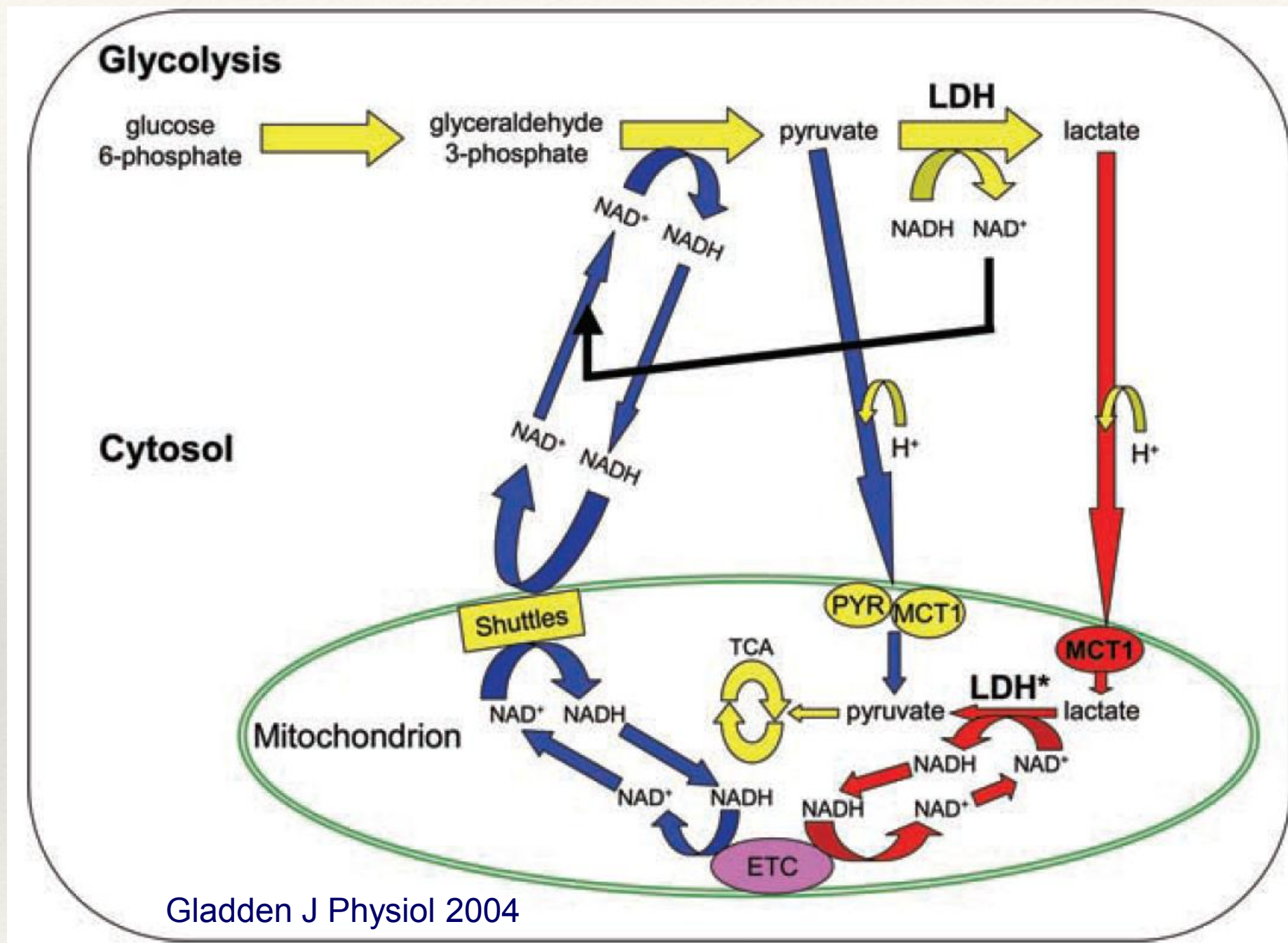
# Lactate

- Is lactate a toxic waste product?
- Apparently not. It may be useful
- Turbo fuel for many tissues

# LACTATE

- LACTATE SHUTTLE:
  - » Within cells
  - » Between cells
  - » Between Organs

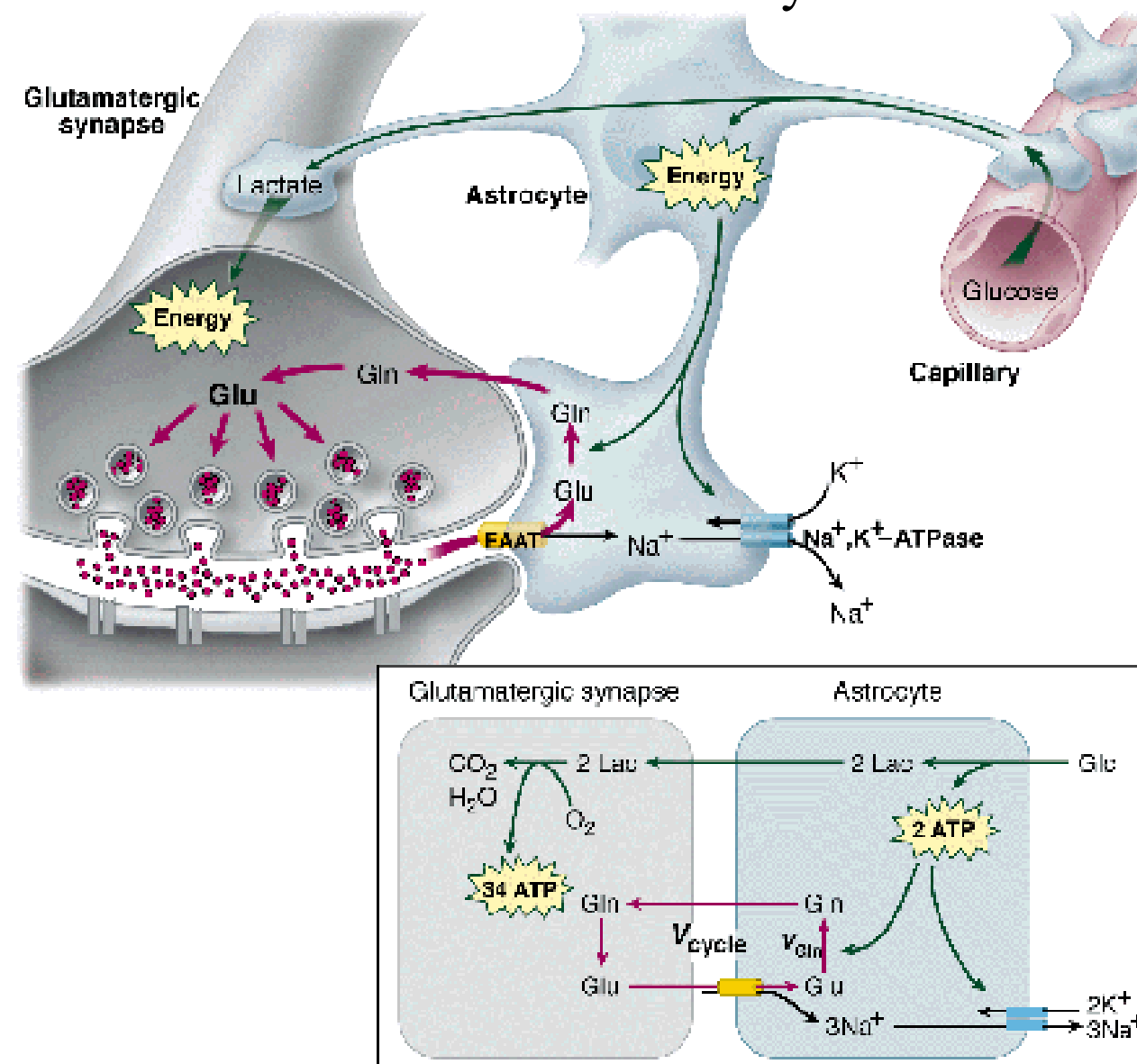




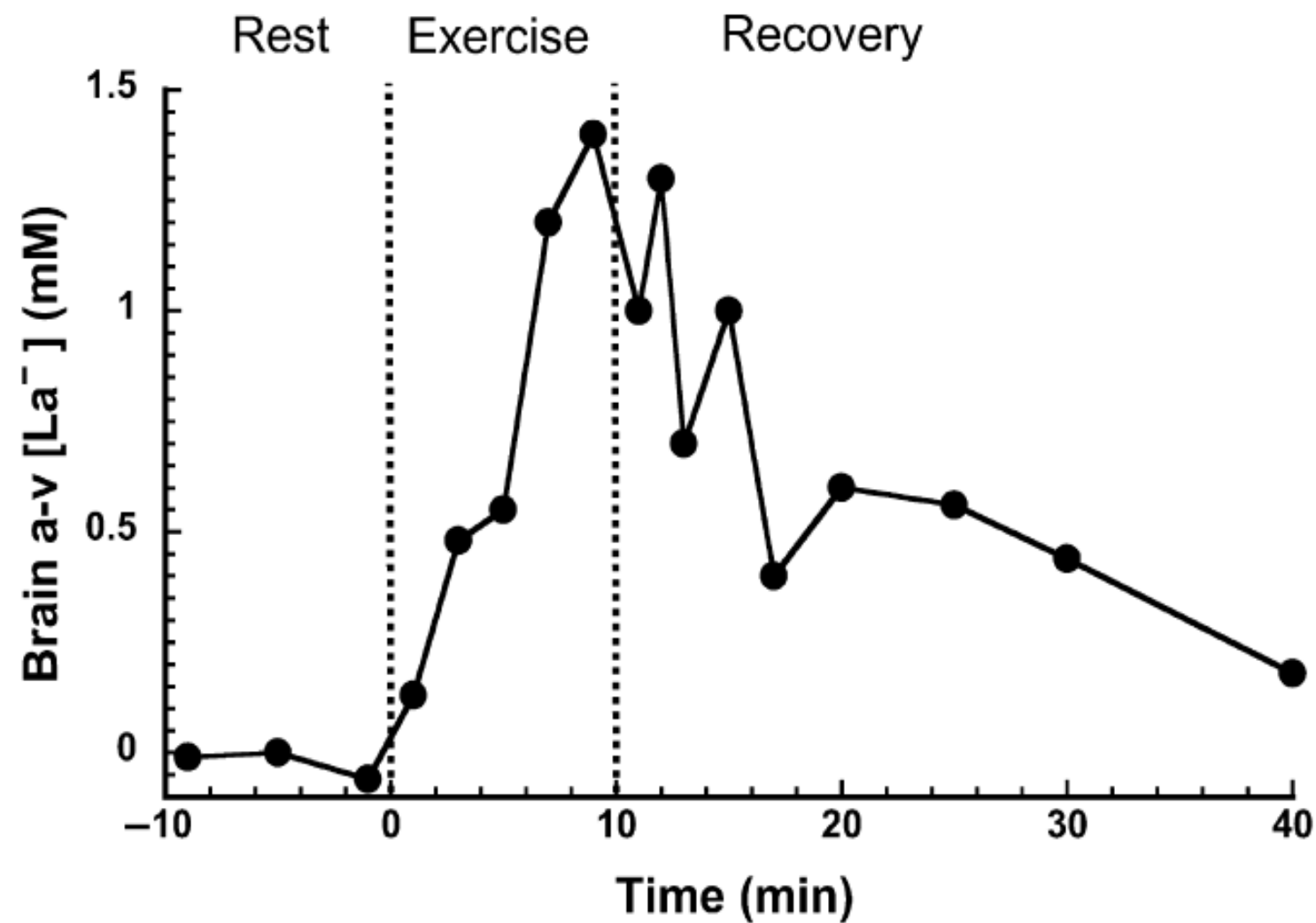
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## Glucose and Lactate: a metabolic dialogue between neurons and astrocytes



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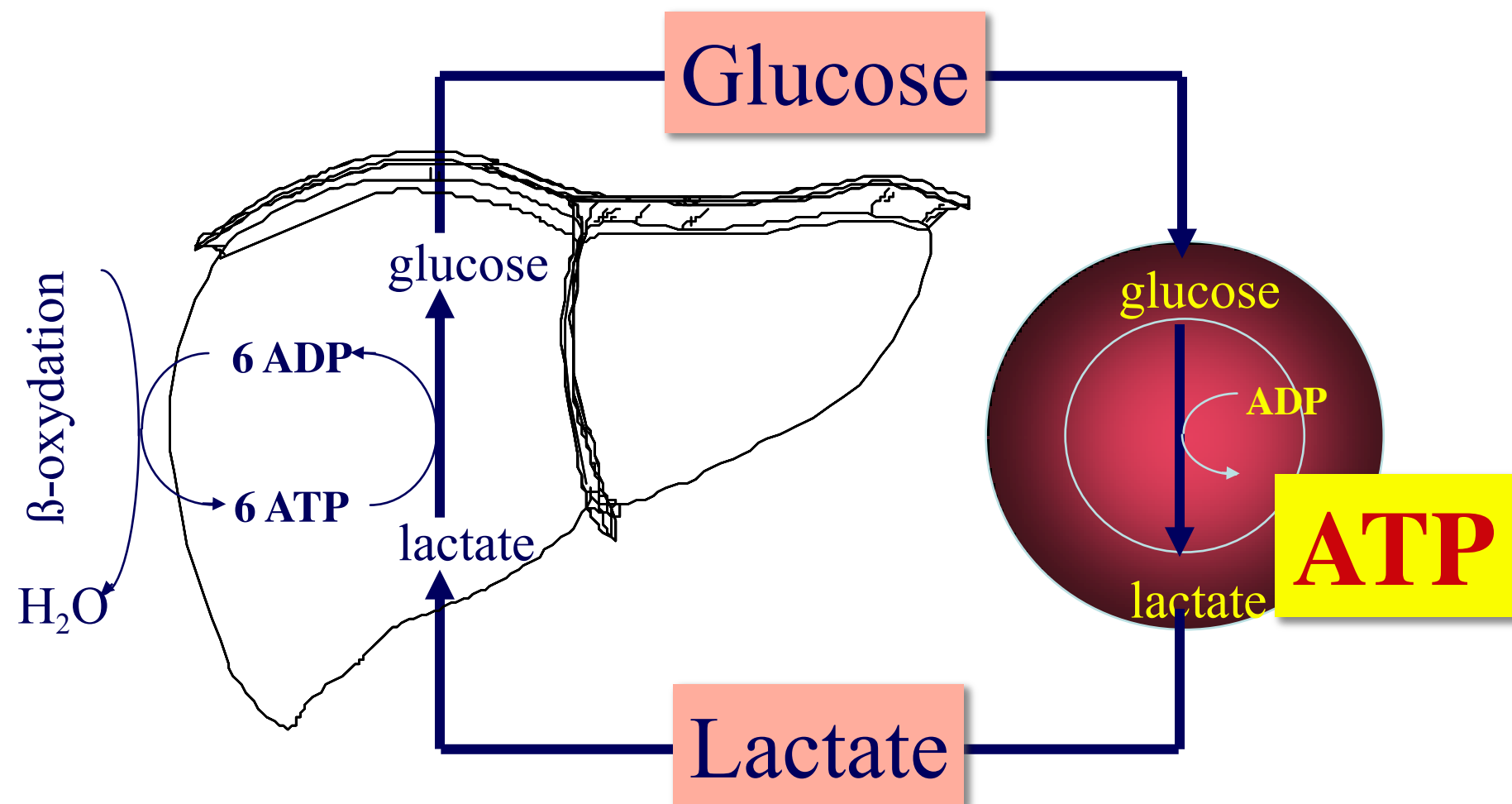
**FIGURE 3**—Global cerebral arteriovenous [La<sup>-</sup>] difference during rest, progressive incremental exercise, and recovery. Redrawn with permission from Dalsgaard et al. (17).

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# ANAEROBIC MAN

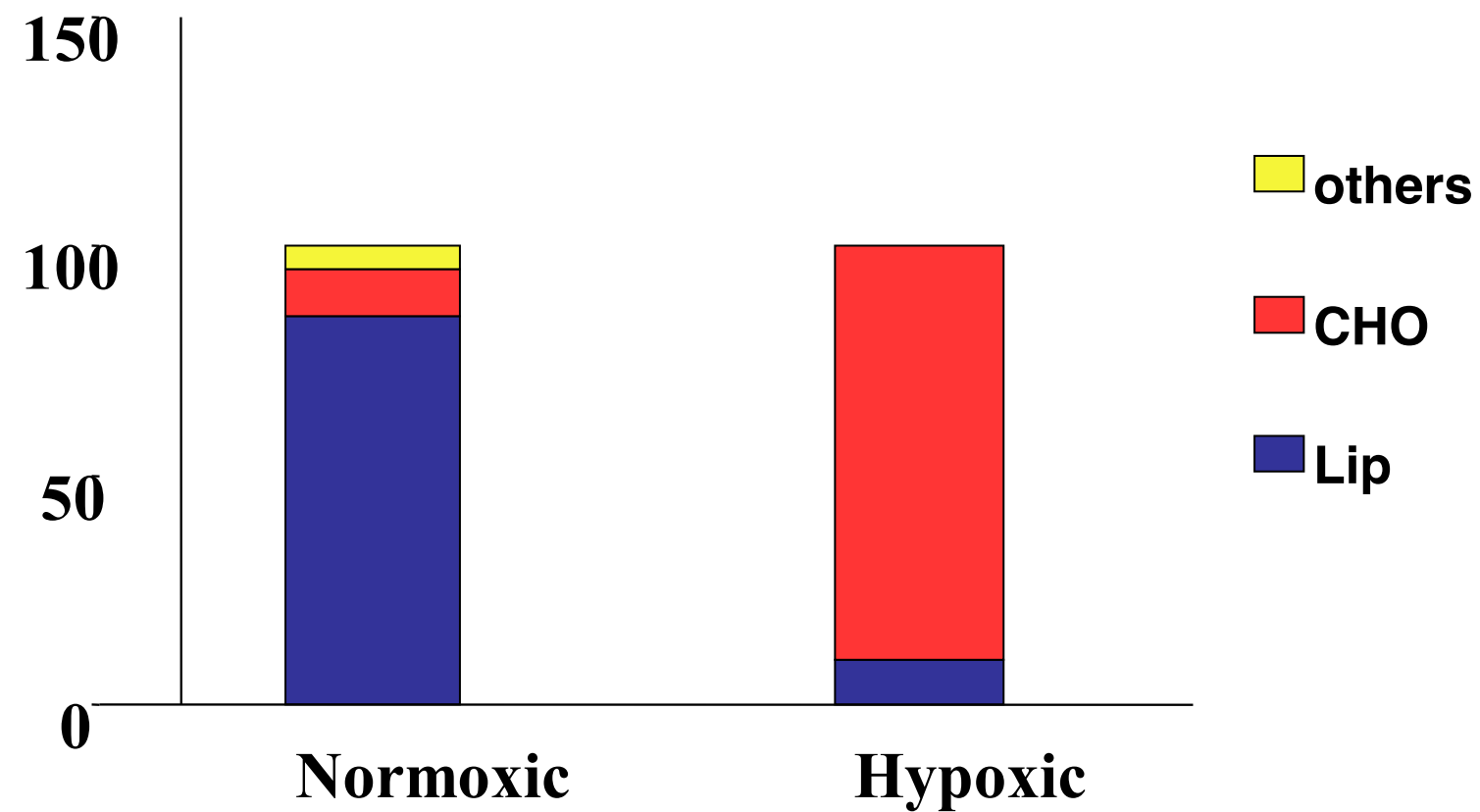
- Some organs or cells are anaerobic:
- Red Cells ( no mitochondria) a good example:
- Approx 3.5 Kg of anaerobic cells: the liver breaths for them

## Glucose-Lactate recycling: the Cori's Cycle





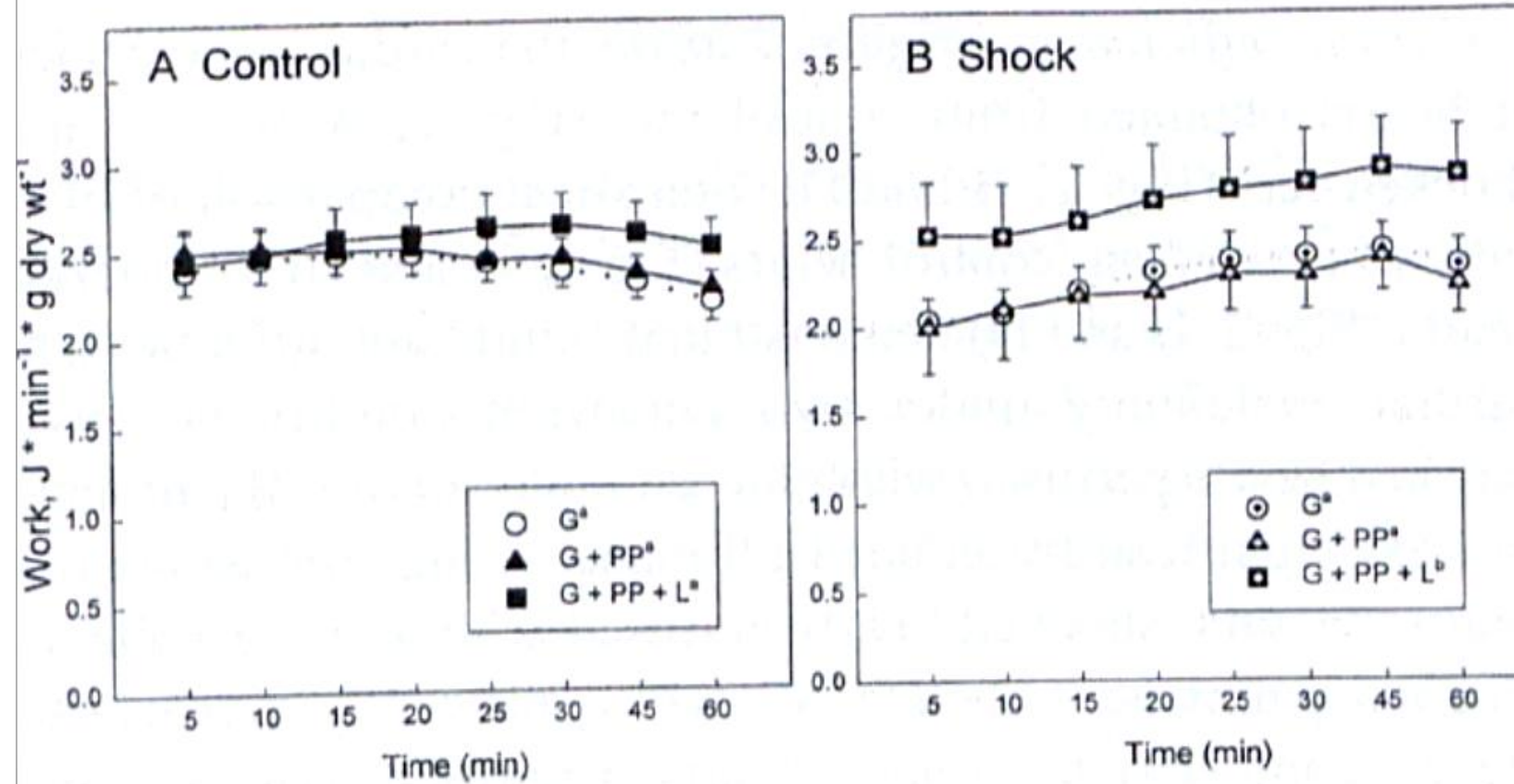
## Miocardial metabolism in humans under normoxic and hypoxic conditions



Hochachka et al, PNAS 2001

# LACTATE IMPROVES CARDIAC EFFICIENCY AFTER HEMORRHAGIC SHOCK

With this in mind, the increased lactate concentration permits an increase of a substrate readily oxidizable even after a transient period of hypoxia or ischemia



# Lactate and wound healing

- Healing wounds produce and accumulate Lactate ( 10-15 mMol/l)
- Lactate produced by rapidly multiplying cells
- Lactate enhances collagen deposition
- Lactate enhances angiogenesis

# Glucose paradox of cerebral ischemia

- Preischemic hyperglycemia associated to increased [Lac] associated to increased brain damage.
- Does Lac cause damage?
- Lac used up by neural tissue post ischemia : it is there where it is most needed



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**Interpretation :**  
Skeletal muscle could be a leading source of lactate formation as a result of exaggerated aerobic glycolysis through NaK ATPase stimulation during septic shock.

# Lactate

## Conclusions

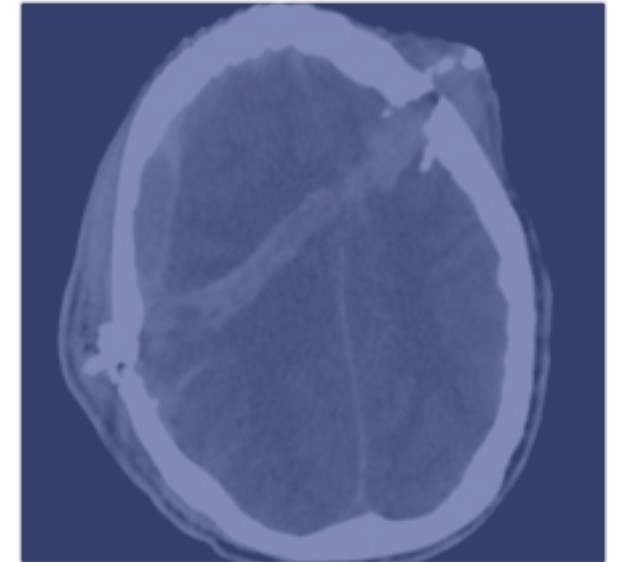
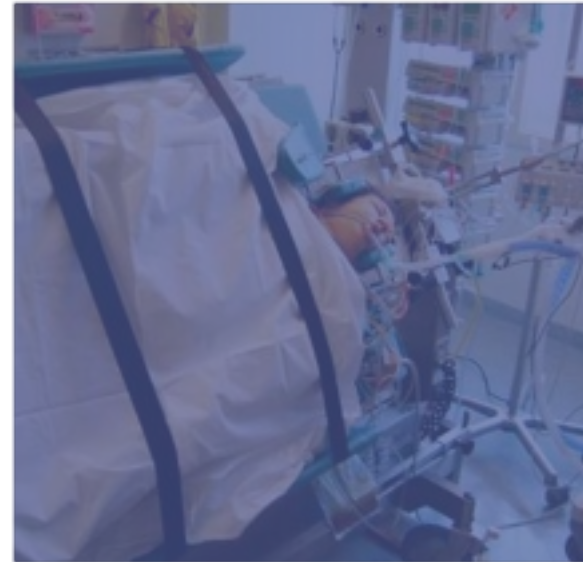
- Is not a bad guy, but a friend of the physician
- It is not dangerous in itself
- Most often it indicates that something is wrong: perfusion, oxygenation, sepsis, inflammation
- Energy failure
- Guide to therapy
- We still have to exploit all the potential advantages of lactate as a therapeutic agent

# Lactate

Time course in septic shock

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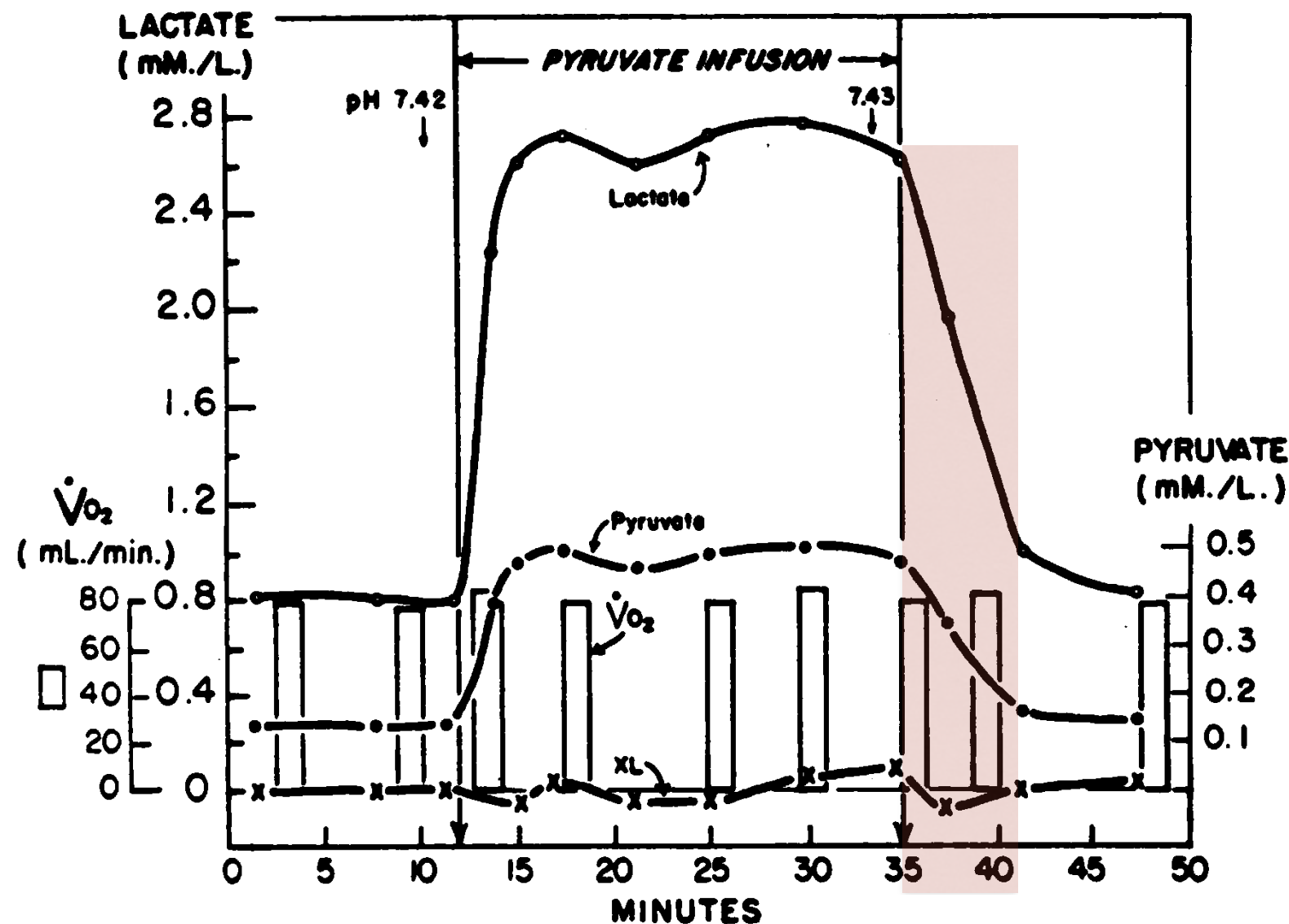
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# RELATIONSHIPS OF PYRUVATE AND LACTATE DURING ANAEROBIC METABOLISM. I. EFFECTS OF INFUSION OF **PYRUVATE** OR GLUCOSE AND OF HYPERVENTILATION

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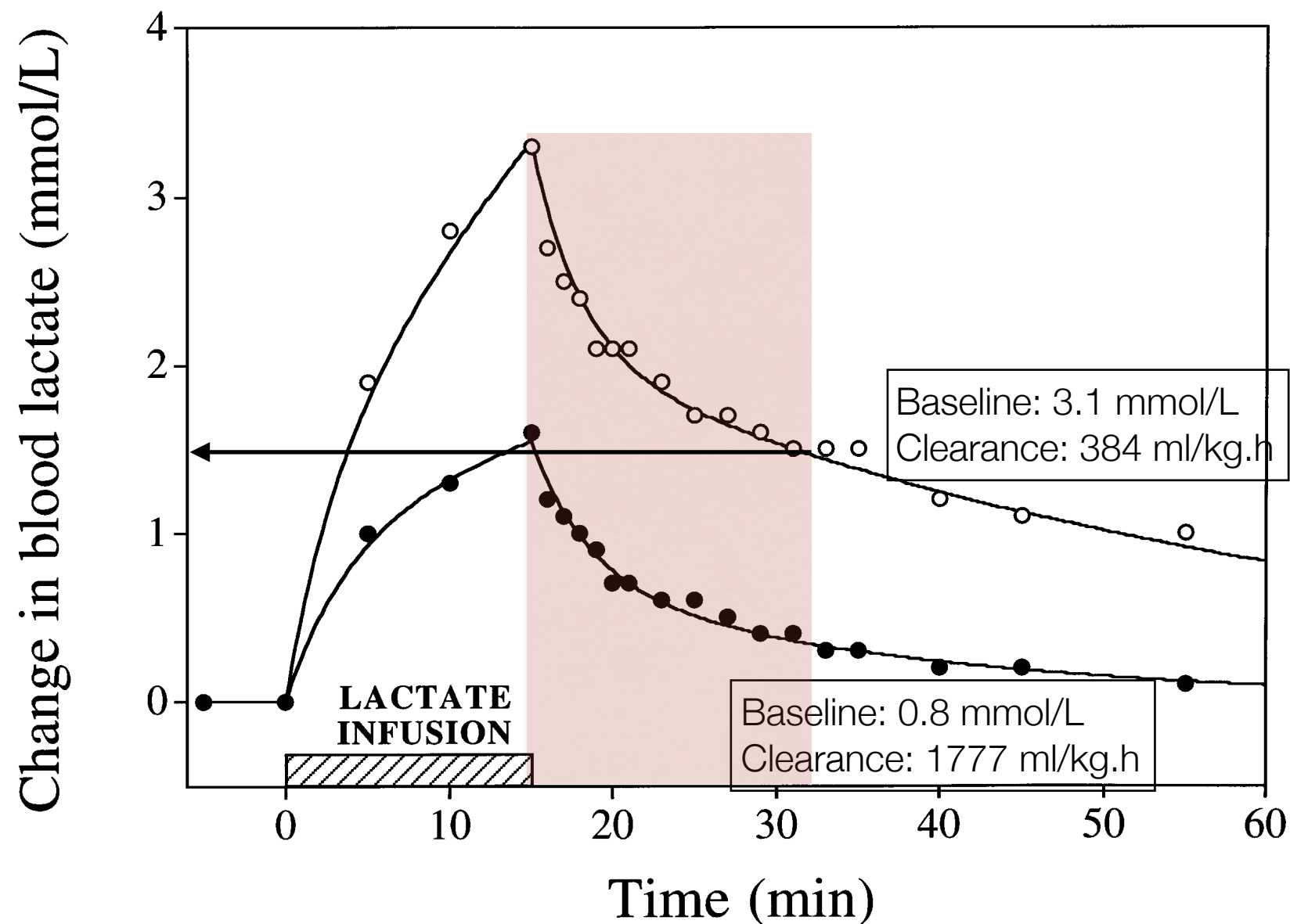
Lactate production theoretically is not controlled exclusively by the adequacy of cellular oxygenation, and is demonstrably affected to a very significant extent by the pyruvate changes of over-ventilation or pH alterations of the body, of blood glucose changes and probably other stimuli. **It would, therefore, seem quite inadvisable to draw any conclusions about tissue oxygen supply from determinations of lactate alone.**



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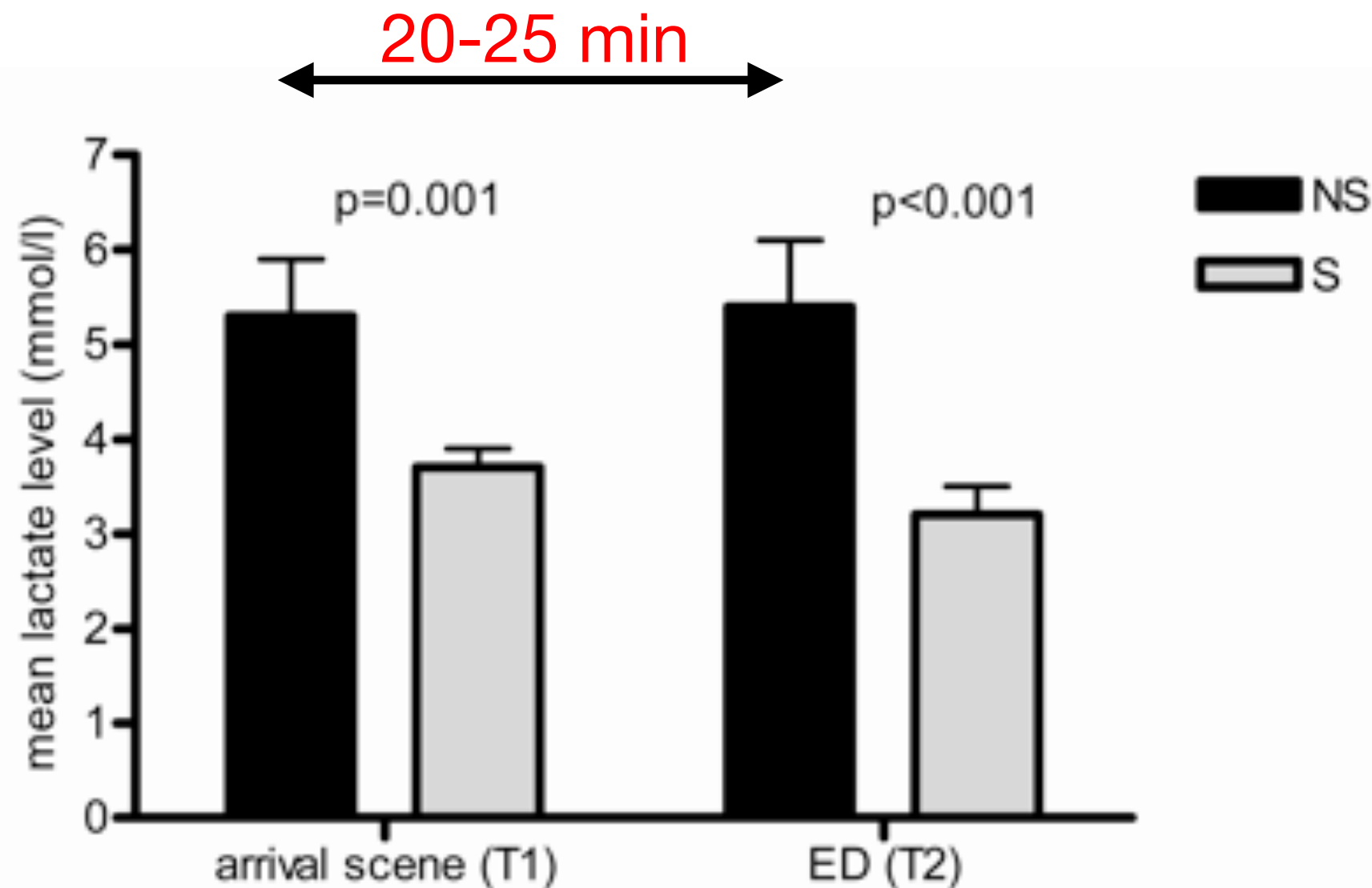
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- 124 patients enrolled
  - ▶ inclusion criteria
    - $SAP < 100$  mm Hg
    - $29 < RR < 10$  /min
    - $GCS < 14$
  - ▶ cap or venous lactate on arrival at the scene (T1) and just before arrival at the hospital (T2)
  - ▶ Outcome: hospital mortality

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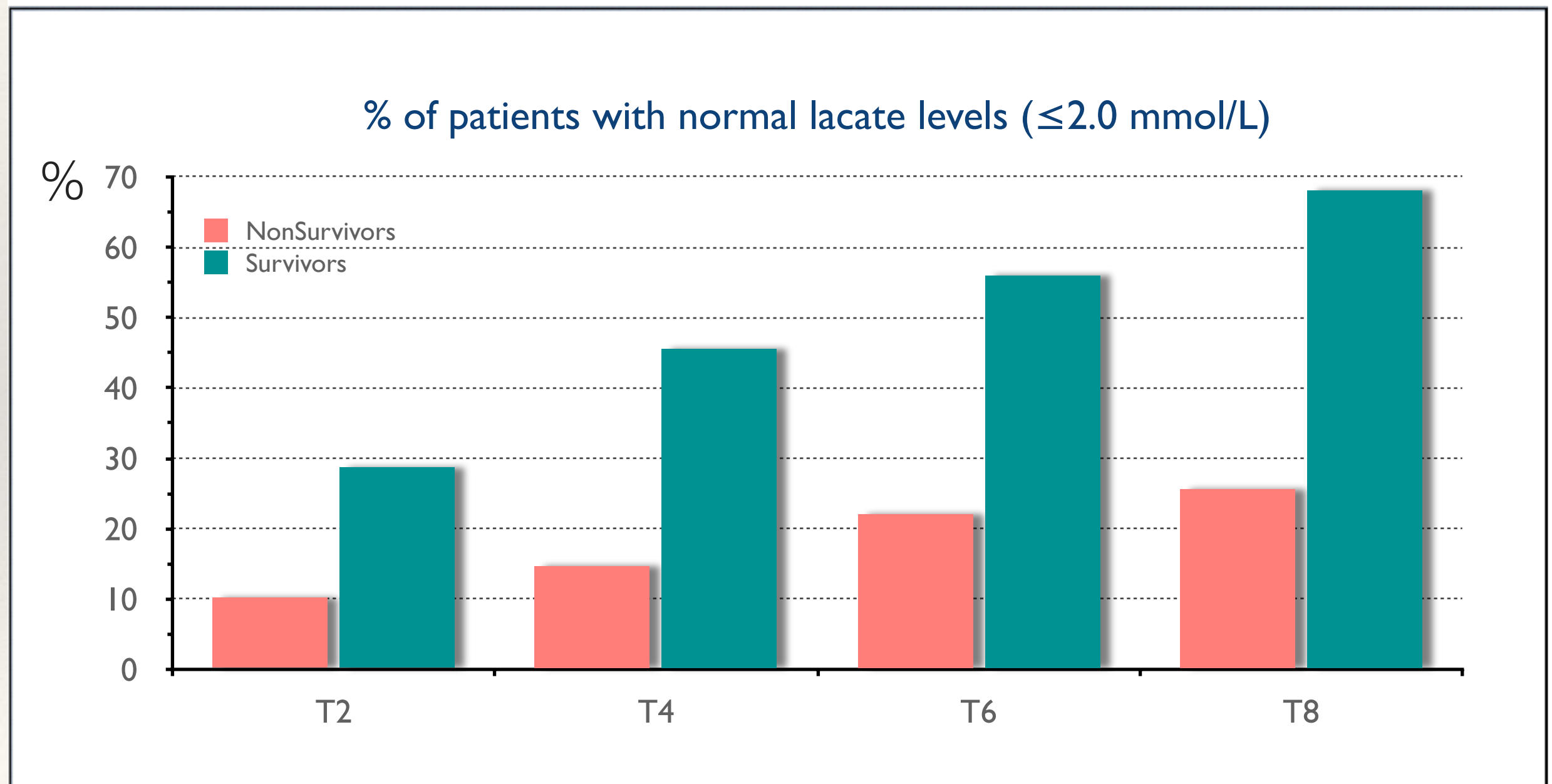
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# Change in lactate levels

data from MC lactate study





# Conclusions



- ▶ The metabolic process of lactate production is fast
- ▶ When metabolic production ceases lactate levels fall rapidly
- ▶ Lactate levels in shock rise rapidly
- ▶ Clearance of exogenous lactate is limited, though still fast, in sepsis, liver dysfunction or SIRS
- ▶ Treatment of hypo perfusion results in a rapid decrease in lactate levels
- ▶ In sepsis there may be a flow-dependent phase in lactate clearance that may have important clinical consequences

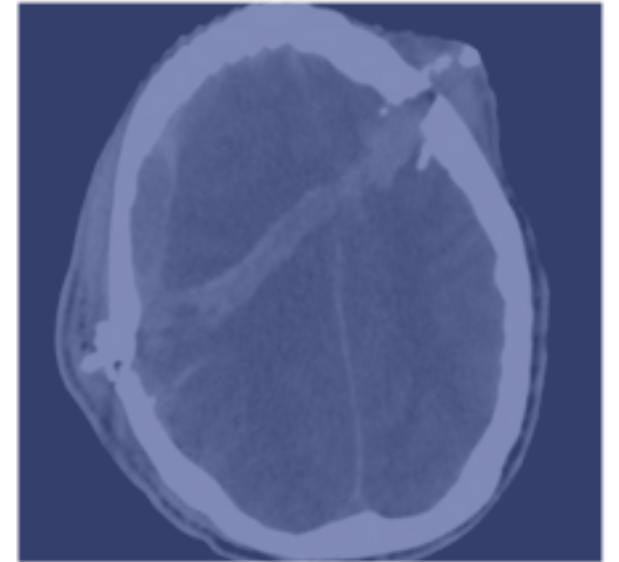
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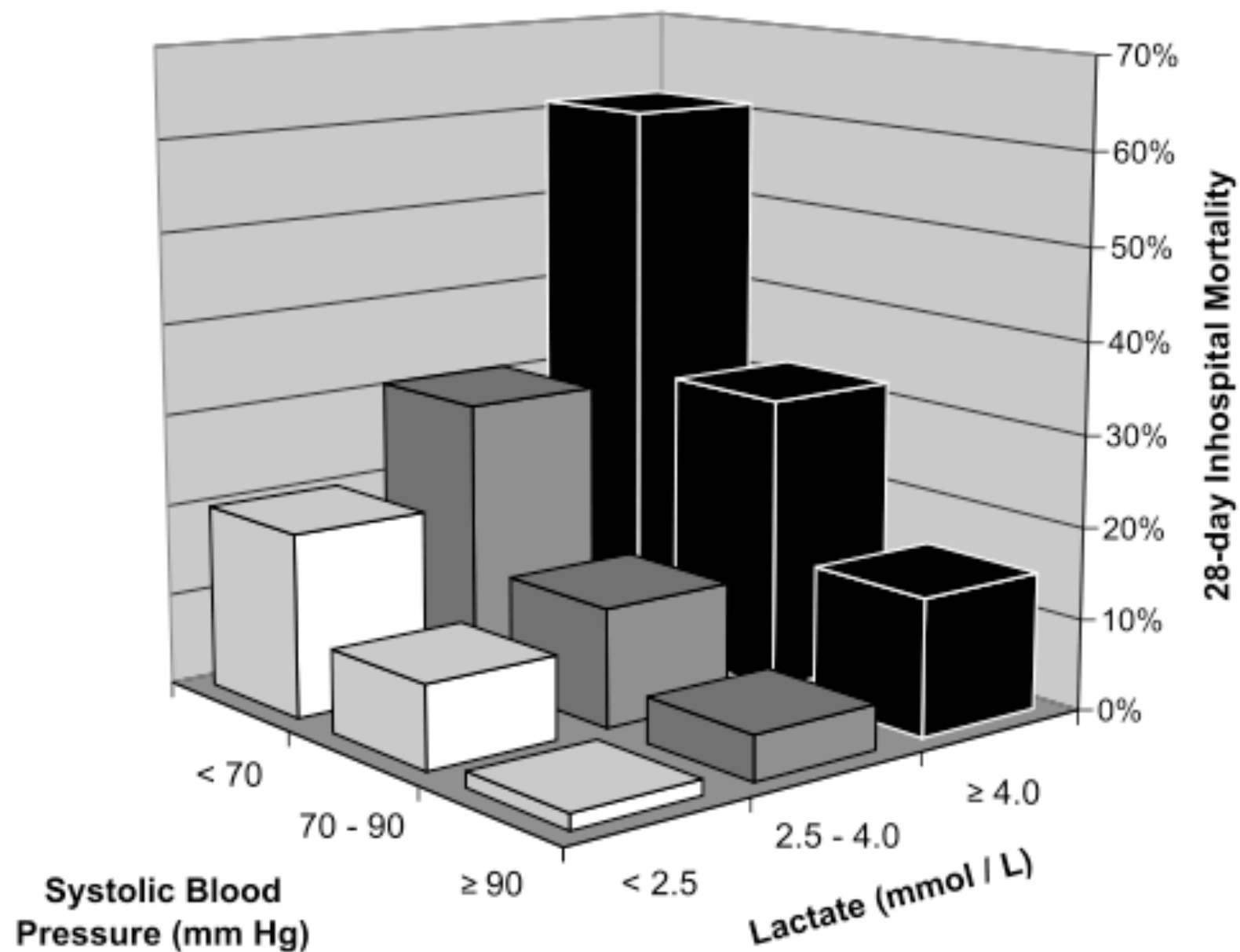


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## Occult hypoperfusion and mortality in patients with suspected infection



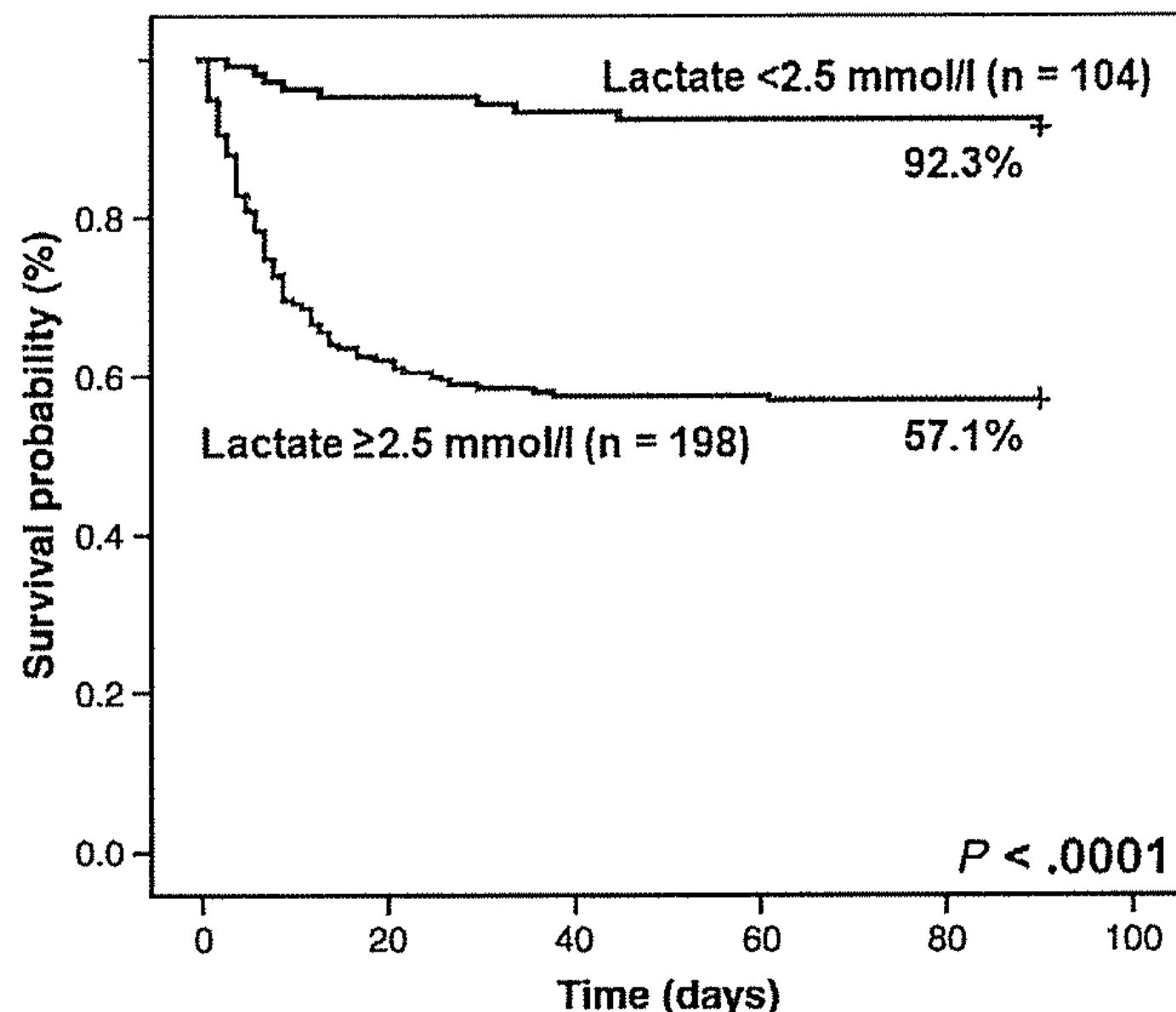
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# Persistent sepsis-induced hypotension without hyperlactatemia: Is it really septic shock?

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Persistent sepsis-induced hypotension without hyperlactatemia may not constitute a real septic shock.

Our results support the need to review the current definition of septic shock.

Hyperlactatemia could represent an objective parameter worth to be explored as a potential diagnostic criterion for septic shock



# MULTICENTER STUDY OF EARLY LACTATE CLEARANCE AS A DETERMINANT OF SURVIVAL IN PATIENTS WITH PRESUMED SEPSIS

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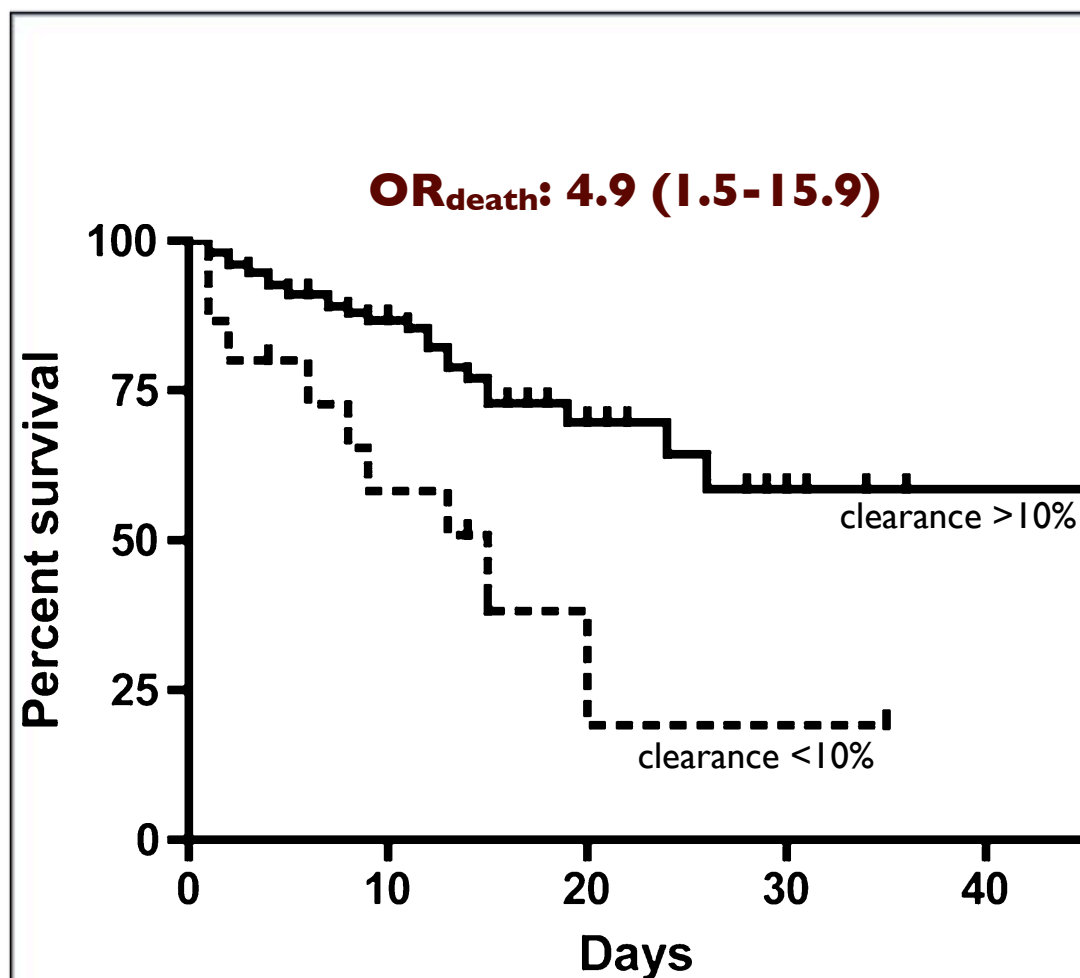
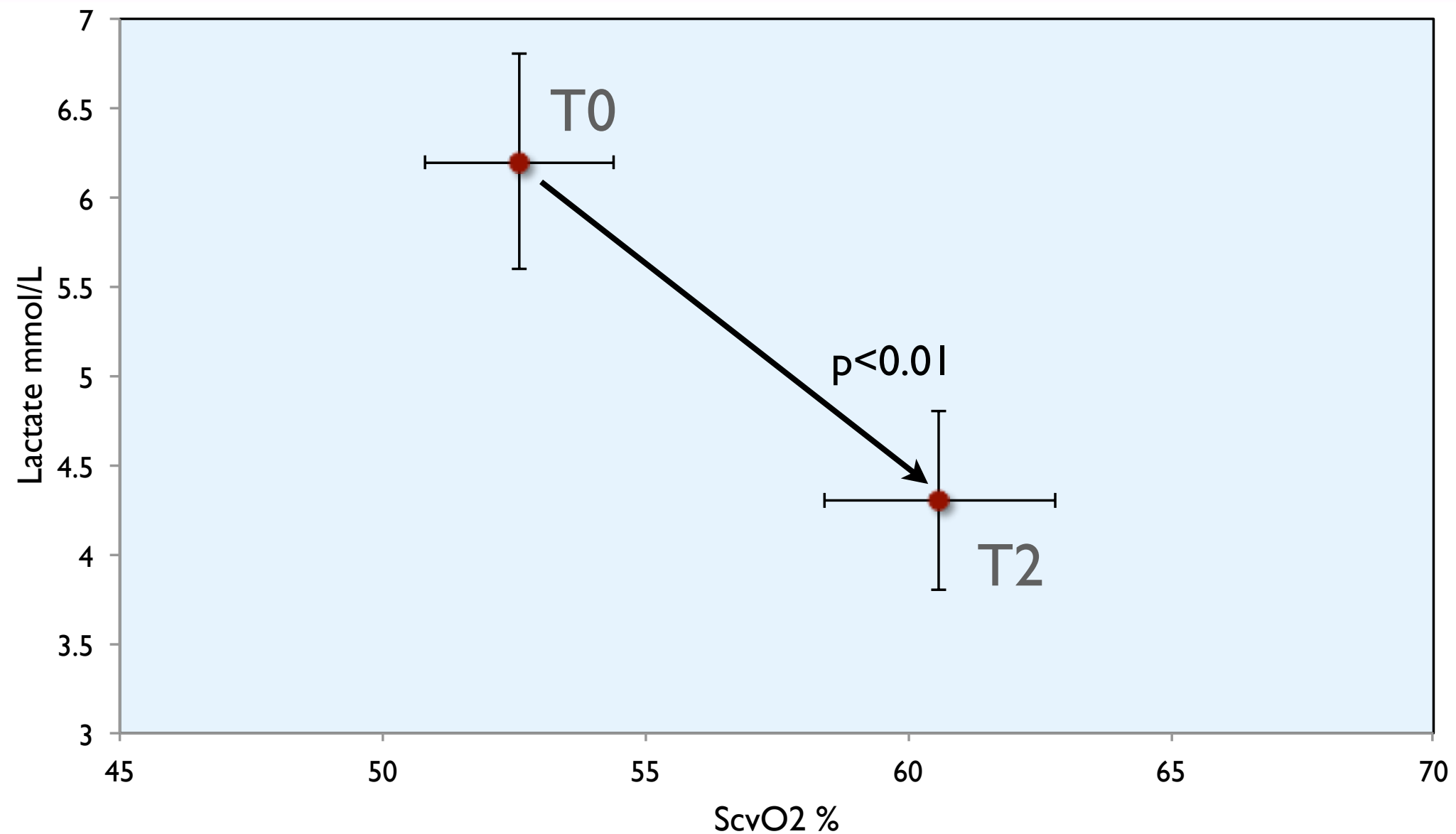


TABLE 4. Survivors versus nonsurvivors (n = 166)

	Survivors (n = 128)	Nonsurvivors (n = 38)	P
Age, mean (SD), y	66 (15)	66 (16)	1.00
SBP <90 mmHg despite i.v. fluids, n (%)	42 (33)	21 (55)	0.02
Initial serum lactate, mean (SD)	4.3 (2.6)	4.7 (2.8)	0.41
Serial serum lactate, mean (SD)	2.2 (1.6)	3.6 (2.8)	<0.001
Individual organ failure, n (%)			
Cardiovascular	42 (33)	21 (55)	0.02
Pulmonary	20 (16)	8 (21)	0.64
Renal	43 (34)	11 (29)	0.70
Hepatic	9 (7)	5 (13)	0.40
Coagulopathy	15 (12)	8 (21)	0.26
Total SOFA score, mean (SD)	3.6 (2.6)	3.7 (2.7)	0.84
Continuous ScvO <sub>2</sub> monitoring, n (%)	112 (87)	36 (95)	0.28
ScvO <sub>2</sub> ≥70% achieved, n (%)	99 (88)	26 (72)	0.03
Lactate clearance ≥10%, n (%)	122 (95)	29 (76)	0.001

# ScvO<sub>2</sub> and Lactate

ScvO<sub>2</sub> ≤ 60% § n=15



# Early Lactate-Guided Therapy in Intensive Care Unit Patients

## A Multicenter, Open-Label, Randomized Controlled Trial

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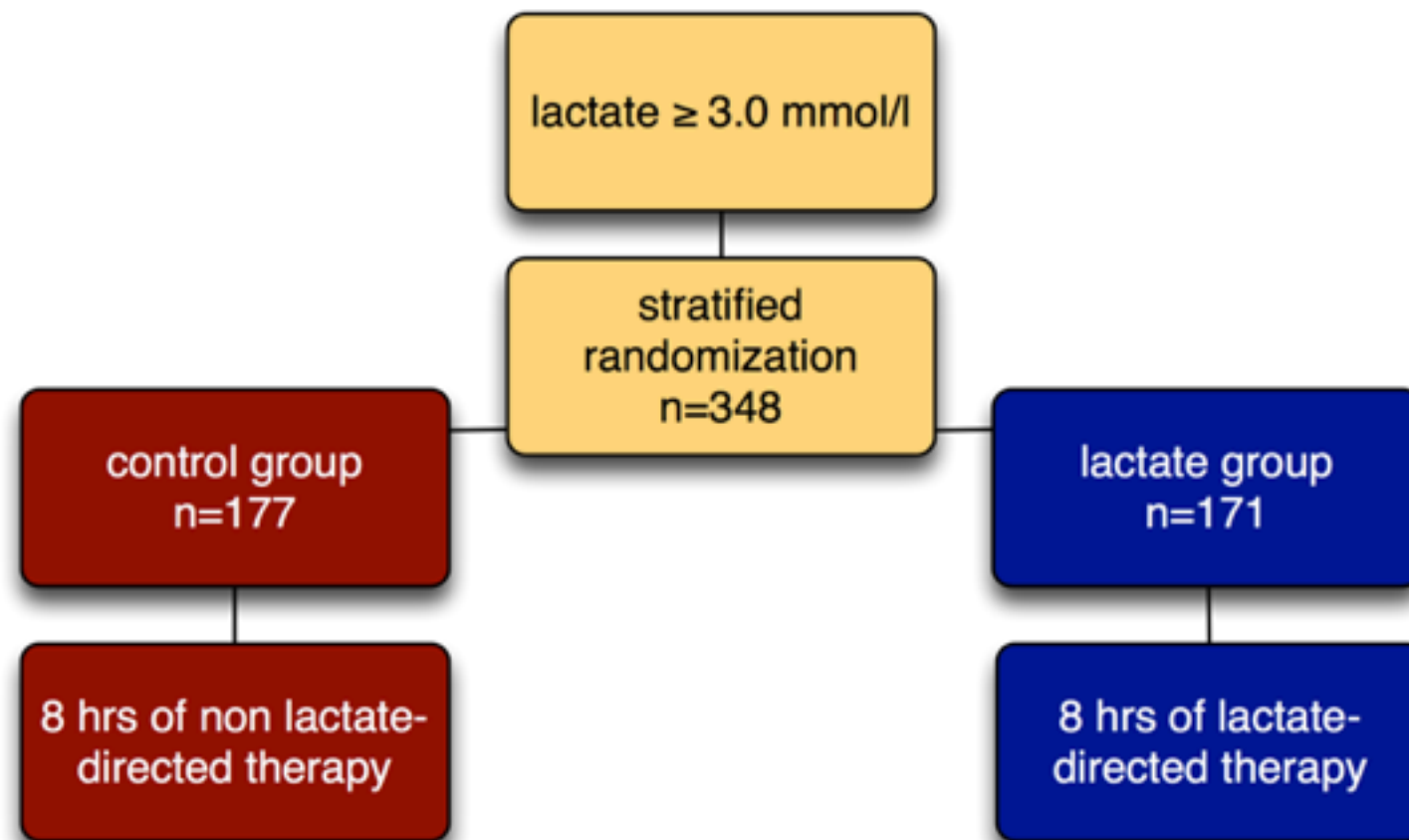
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No lactate levels  
standard therapy

every 2h lactate level  
goal: ↓20%  
ScvO<sub>2</sub> mandatory  
goal > 70%



# Conclusion



- ▶ Therapy aimed to optimize the balance between oxygen demand and oxygen supply ( $\text{ScvO}_2$ ) and decrease lactate levels by 20% /2h for 8h in patients with increased lactate levels reduced in-hospital mortality (when corrected for predefined risk factors) and it decreased organ failure and use of health care resources.