

## Journal Reading

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## Hyperfibrinolysis in out of hospital cardiac arrest is associated with markers of hypoperfusion

V.A. Viersen et al., Resuscitation  
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## Background

- Cardiopulmonary arrest VS Hyperfibrinolysis
- Severity of hyperfibrinolysis associated with the degree of shock and hypoperfusion?

## Material and Method

- Inclusion criteria
  - Age  $\geq 18$  y/o
  - Witness out of hospital cardiac arrest but not related to trauma

## Material and Method

- Exclusion criteria
  - Inability to drawn blood samples
  - Previous haemostatic abnormalities
  - Traumatic arrest
  - Pregnancy
  - Cardiac arrest from septic shock
  - Use of heparin or warfarins
  - Suspected (massive) pulmonary embolism

## Material and Method

- Hyperfibrinolysis
  - Definition: maximum lysis of the clot of >20% within 60 min following initiation of rotational thromboelastometry in the EXTEM channel
- Maximum lysis index (ML): Max MCF-Min MCF (%)
- Lysis onset time (LOT): Rx=>lysis of 20%

Table 1

Characteristics of patients without or with hyperfibrinolysis.

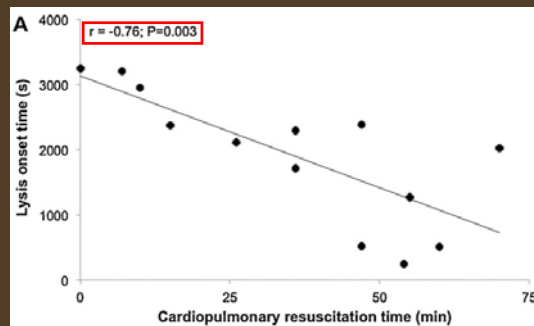
	No hyperfibrinolysis	Hyperfibrinolysis	P
N	14	16	
Age (years)	65 ± 18	68 ± 13	ns
Resuscitation parameters			
Median transportation time (min)	44 (34–49)	38 (32–53)	ns
Median CPR time (min)	10 (7–18)	36 (15–55)	0.001
Median time to 1st output (min)	16 (13–28)	44 (33–58)	0.007
Coagulation parameters			
Haemoglobin (mmol/l)	8.3 ± 1.0	8.5 ± 1.2	ns
Haematocrit	0.41 ± 0.05	0.43 ± 0.06	ns
aPTT (s)	38 ± 10	54 ± 16	0.006
INR	1.06 ± 0.05	1.08 ± 0.05	ns
Platelet count (10 <sup>9</sup> /l)	248 ± 66	249 ± 68	ns
Fibrinogen (g/l)	4.6 ± 0.6	4.6 ± 0.6	ns
D-dimers (µg/ml)	2.3 ± 2.0	6.1 ± 2.1	0.02
Markers for hypoperfusion			
pH	7.17 ± 0.15	6.96 ± 0.11	<0.001
BE	-11.91 ± 6.44	-20.01 ± 3.53	<0.001
Lactate (mmol/l)	8.0 ± 3.7	13.1 ± 3.7	0.001
Median pO <sub>2</sub> (kPa)	237 (127–405)	92 (54–124)	0.001
Median pCO <sub>2</sub> (kPa)	44 (35–52)	59 (46–78)	0.03

Values are mean (SD) or median (IQR) for normally distributed variables, IQR = interquartile range, CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation, aPTT = activated partial thromboplastin time, INR, international normalized ratio.

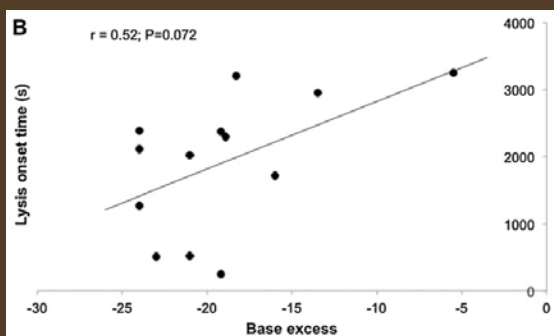
ns = not significant, P > 0.05; \* P < 0.05 was considered as statistically significant.

Hyperfibrinolysis associated with signs of DIC

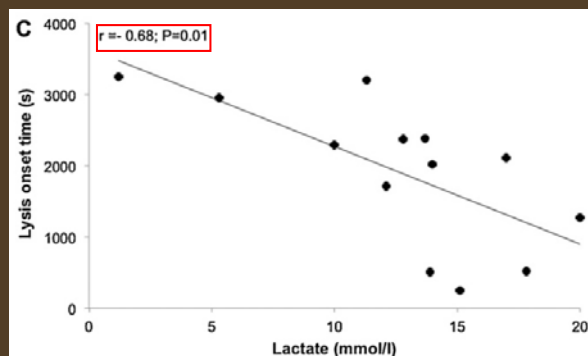
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- Lysis onset time correlates well with CPR time and lactate levels
- Lactate associated with the maximum lysis ( $r = 0.52$ ;  $P = 0.04$ ), LI30 ( $r = -0.61$ ;  $P = 0.01$ ) and LI45 ( $r = -0.87$ ;  $P < 0.001$ )

## Discussion

- A significant part of OHCA patients develop hyperfibrinolysis, in particular in case of signs of hypoperfusion => hyperfibrinolysis may be induced by shock and hypoperfusion solely, without the presence of trauma or massive blood loss

## Disucssion

- Degree of hyperfibrinolysis: how to determine?
- Body temperature, a confounding factor?
- Hyperfibrinolysis vs mortality and morbidity

## Etomidate is associated with mortality and adrenal insufficiency in sepsis: A meta-analysis

Chee Man Chan et al, Crit Care Med 2012 Vol. 40, No. 11

## Background

- To evaluate the effects of single-dose etomidate on the adrenal axis and mortality in patients with severe sepsis and septic shock

## Material and Method

- Meta-analysis of RCT and observational studies
- January 1950 and February 2012: EMBASE, Medline, Cochrane Database

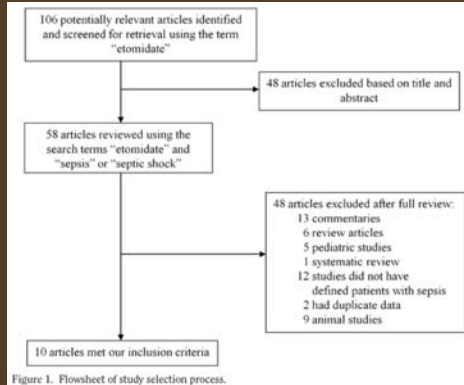
## Material and Methods

- Inclusion criteria (for mortality)
  - randomized or prospective observational approach
  - control group
  - provided sufficient quantitative data to evaluate mortality (either in-hospital or 28-day)

## Material and Method

- Inclusion criteria (for adrenal insufficiency)
  - Presence of AI (formal cosyntropin stimulation test or measurement of random cortisol level with a value  $\leq 15$   $\mu\text{g/dL}$ )
  - Control group
  - Quantitative data
  - Retrospective or prospective

## Result



## Results

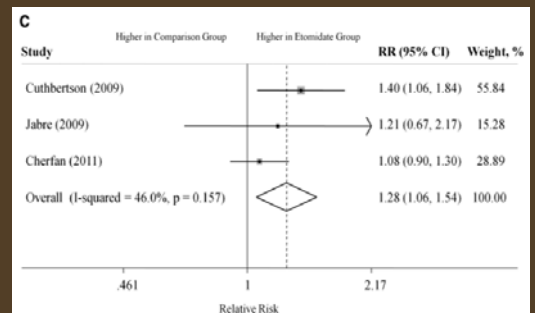
- Mortality
  - Adrenal insufficiency
- } VS Etomidate

## Mortality

Table 1. Studies included for mortality

Study/Year (Country-Language)	Intervention	Design	Age, yrs	Patients, n	Male Gender, %	Severity of Illness, (Score)*	End Point	Mortality in Etomidate Group, n (%)	Mortality in Comparison Group, n (%)	Quality Score	Quality Problems
Cuthbertson et al/2009 (14) (Israel-English)	Etomidate (any dose) vs. other sedatives	Subgroup of double-blind RCT	65 [57-74]	499	66.5	SAPS II (37-62)	All-cause 28-day mortality	41 (42.7)	123 (30.5)	4	Randomization; blinding
Tobiani et al/2009 (17) (USA-English)	Etomidate vs. other sedatives	Prospective observational cohort	77 [68-84]	106	45.3	Mortality in the Emergency Department of Sepsis (13 [10-16])	All-cause in-hospital mortality	28 (38.0)	14 (43.7)	1	Inclusion/exclusion criteria; follow-up; adverse effects
Jabre et al/2009 (5) (French-English)	Etomidate (0.3 mg/kg) vs. ketamine (2 mg/kg)	Single-blind RCT	57.9 ± 18.6	76	59.7	SAPS II (50.9 ± 17.9)	All-cause 28-day mortality	17 (41.5)	12 (34.3)	5	Follow-up
Tobiani et al/2010 (16) (USA-English)	Etomidate (0.3 mg/kg) vs. midazolam (0.1 mg/kg)	Double-blind RCT	72 [60-82]	122	22.1	SAPS II (54 ± 16)	All-cause in-hospital mortality	26 (36)	21 (43)	7	None
Cherfan et al/2011 (22) (Saudi Arabia-English)	Etomidate (20 mg) vs. other sedatives	Subgroup of double-blind RCT	61.0 ± 12.0	62	59.7	Sequential Organ Failure Assessment (15.2 ± 3.3)	All-cause 28-day mortality	21 (91)	33 (84)	6	Randomization

## Mortality

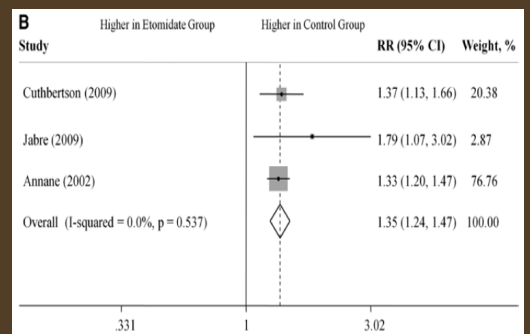


## Adrenal Insufficiency

Table 2. Studies included for adrenal insufficiency

Study/Year (Country-Language)	Intervention	Design	Age, yrs	Patients, n	Male Gender, %	Severity of Illness, (Score)*	End Point (Time Frame for AI Testing After Etomidate Dose)	AI in Etomidate Group, n (%)	AI in Comparison Group, n (%)	Quality Score	Quality Problems
Cuthbertson et al/2009 (14) (Israel-English)	Etomidate (any dose) vs. other sedatives	Subgroup of double-blind RCT	65 [57-74]	499	66.5	SAPS II (37-62)	AI by CST (60 mins after 0.25 mg tetraacetic acid) [within 72 hrs]	58 (61.0)	175 (44.6)	4	Randomization; blinding
Jabre et al/2009 (5) (French-English)	Etomidate (0.3 mg/kg) vs. ketamine (2 mg/kg)	Single-blind RCT	57.9 ± 18.6	46	59.7	SAPS II (50.9 ± 17.9)	AI by CST (30 and 60 mins after cosyntropin) [within 48 hrs]	21 (86.1)	9 (45.0)	5	Follow up
Kim et al/2008 (18) (Korean-English)	Etomidate (0.2 mg/kg) vs. midazolam (0.07 mg/kg)	Single-center retrospective cohort	63.6 ± 13.3	65	72.3	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II (27.0 ± 5.9)	AI by CST (0.25 mg tetraacetic acid) [within 24 hrs]	21 (84.0)	19 (48.0)	3	Randomization; follow-up
Mohammad et al/2006 (19) (USA-English)	Etomidate vs. other sedatives	Single-center retrospective cohort	60.1 ± 17.3	152	54.6	None	AI by CST (30 and 60 mins after cosyntropin) [at least 24 hrs after etomidate]	29 (76.0)	58 (51.0)	3	Randomization; follow-up
Droells et al/2010 (15) (USA-English)	Etomidate (0.3 mg/kg) vs. other sedatives	Single-center retrospective cohort	64.5 ± 18.0	126	54.9	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II (21.6 ± 8.2)	AI by CST (30 and 60 mins after 0.25 mg cosyntropin, random cortisol level) [within 72 hrs]	16 (24.0)	12 (22.0)	2	Randomization; follow-up; inclusion/exclusion

## Adrenal Insufficiency



## Discussion and Conclusion

- Long term effects of etomidate not been evaluated yet
- Etomidate in pt with sepsis associated with higher mortality (1.2X) and AI
- Etomidate should be warranted when in use

## Limitation

- Meta-analysis, confounders
- Etiology of AI, definition of AI
- Mortality evaluated differed between studies