

RESTE T-IL UNE PLACE POUR LES CORTICOIDES DANS LE CHOC SEPTIQUE?

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Critical Illness-Related Corticosteroid Insufficiency (CIRCI): A Narrative Review from a Multispecialty Task Force of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)

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DEFINITION OF CIRCI

Defined as dysregulated host response to acute inflammation:

- inadequate cellular corticosteroid activity
- for the severity of critical illness,
- manifested by insufficient GC–GR -mediated down-regulation of pro-inflammatory transcription factors.

TABLE 1. Main Mechanisms of Critical Illness-Related Corticosteroid Insufficiency

General defect	Main mechanisms	Key factors
Decrease in cortisol production		
Altered adrenal synthesis of cortisol	Necrosis/hemorrhage	Acute kidney failure; hypo-coagulation; disseminated intravascular coagulation; cardiovascular collapse; tyrosine kinase inhibitors
	Decreased availability of esterified cholesterol	Depletion in adrenal storage regulated by annexin A1–formyl peptide receptors Down regulated scavenger receptor-B1
	Inhibition of steroidogenesis	Immune cells/Toll-like receptors/cytokines Drugs (e.g., sedatives, corticosteroids) ACTH-like molecules (e.g., corticostatin)
Altered synthesis of CRH/ACTH	Necrosis/hemorrhage	Cardiovascular collapse; disseminated intravascular coagulation; treatment with vasopressor agents
	Inhibition of ACTH synthesis	Glial cells/nitric oxide mediated neuronal apoptosis Increased negative feedback from circulating cortisol following up regulation of ACTH-independent mechanisms of cortisol synthesis Drugs (e.g., sedatives, anti-infective, psychoactive agents) Inappropriate cessation of glucocorticoid treatment
Alteration of cortisol metabolism	Decreased cortisol transport	Down regulation of liver synthesis of cortisol-binding globulins and albumin
	Reduced cortisol breakdown	Decreased expression and activity of the glucocorticoid-inactivating 5-reductase enzymes in the liver with putative role of bile acids; Decreased expression and activity of the hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase in the kidney
Target tissue resistance to cortisol	Inadequate glucocorticoid receptor alpha (GR- α) activity	Multifactorial etiology including reduced GR- α density and transcription and excessive NF-kappa B activation

DATA SOURCES

Use this information to gauge how similar your patients' conditions are to those of people studied in the trials

NUMBER OF TRIALS 42

NUMBER OF PATIENTS 10 194

TRIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Type of corticosteroid

Hydrocortisone	25	6037
Hydrocortisone and Fludrocortisone	2	1541
Methylprednisone and Prednisone	11	1426
Dexamethasone	5	333

Corticosteroid dose and duration:

Long course and low dose	35	8427
Short course and high dose	7	910

PATIENT CHARACTERISTICS

Patient subtype:

Septic Shock	24	6305
Sepsis without shock	7	1167
Sepsis and CAP	5	763
Sepsis and ARDS	4	311

Setting

All included trials took place in hospitalised patients including emergency department, ward and intensive care unit.

MEAN AGE at baseline

Min 1.0, Mean 49.5, Max 70.0

SEX % women

Min 15.0, Mean 38.9, Max 55.0

CONTROL GROUP 1-month mortality %

Min 21.6, Med 31.7, Max 53.6

FUNDING
2 trials were funded by steroid industry

PREREGISTRATION
14 trials were publicly preregistered

PATIENT PARTNERSHIP
No trials reported patient involvement

Fig 2 | Characteristics of patients and trials included in systematic review of the use of corticosteroids for treating sepsis³
CAP= community acquired pneumonia. ARDS= acute respiratory distress syndrome.

Comparison

Corticosteroid therapy

Intravenous corticosteroids plus usual care



or

No corticosteroid therapy

Usual care only



Corticosteroids

No corticosteroids

Strong

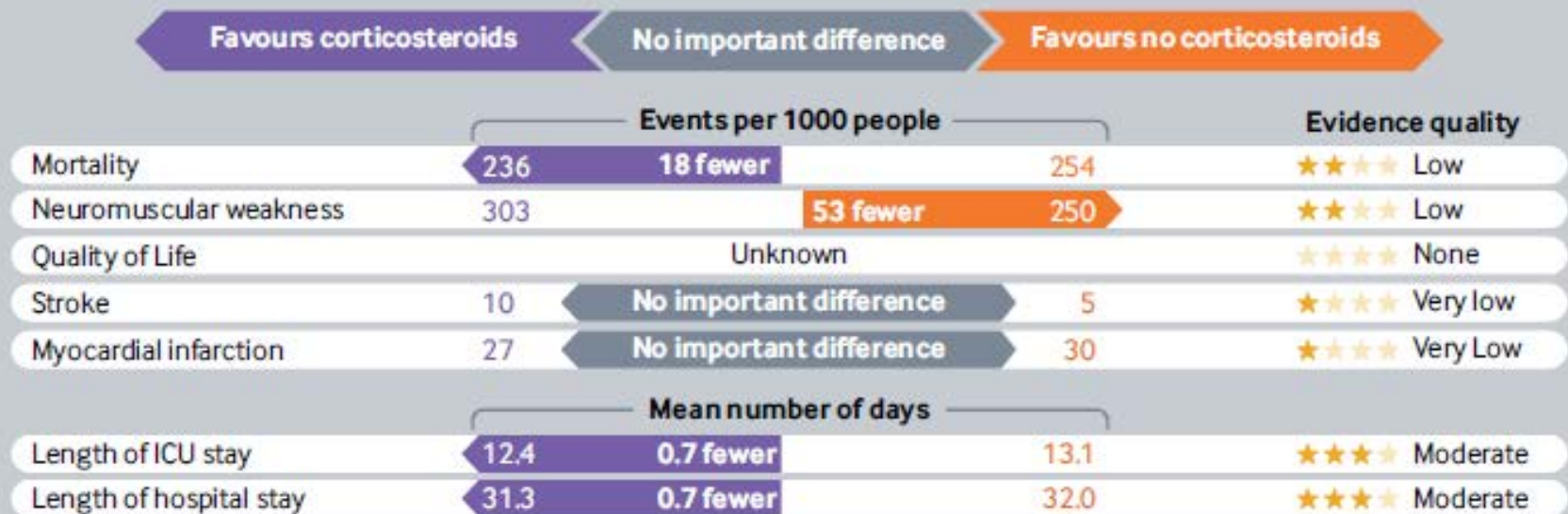
Weak

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Strong

We suggest corticosteroid therapy rather than no corticosteroid therapy.
Either option is reasonable.

Comparison of benefits and harms



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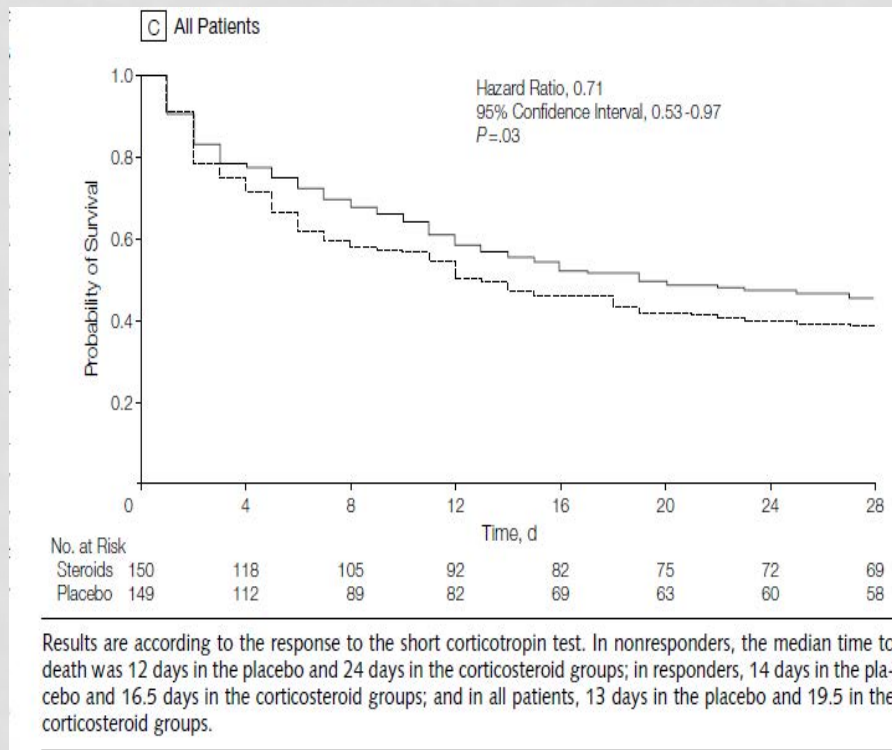
ALL CORTICOSTEROIDS ARE NOT EQUIVALENT

Molecules	Glucocorticoid activity relative to hydrocortisone	Mineralocorticoid activity relative to hydrocortisone	Non-genomic effects relative to hydrocortisone
Hydrocortisone	1	1	1
Prednisone	4	0.8	4
Prednisolone	4	0.8	4
Methylprednisolone	5	0.5	14
Betamethasone	25	0	0
Dexamethasone	25	0	20
Fludrocortisone	10	125	?

COMBINATION HYDROCORTISONE + FLUDROCORTISONE

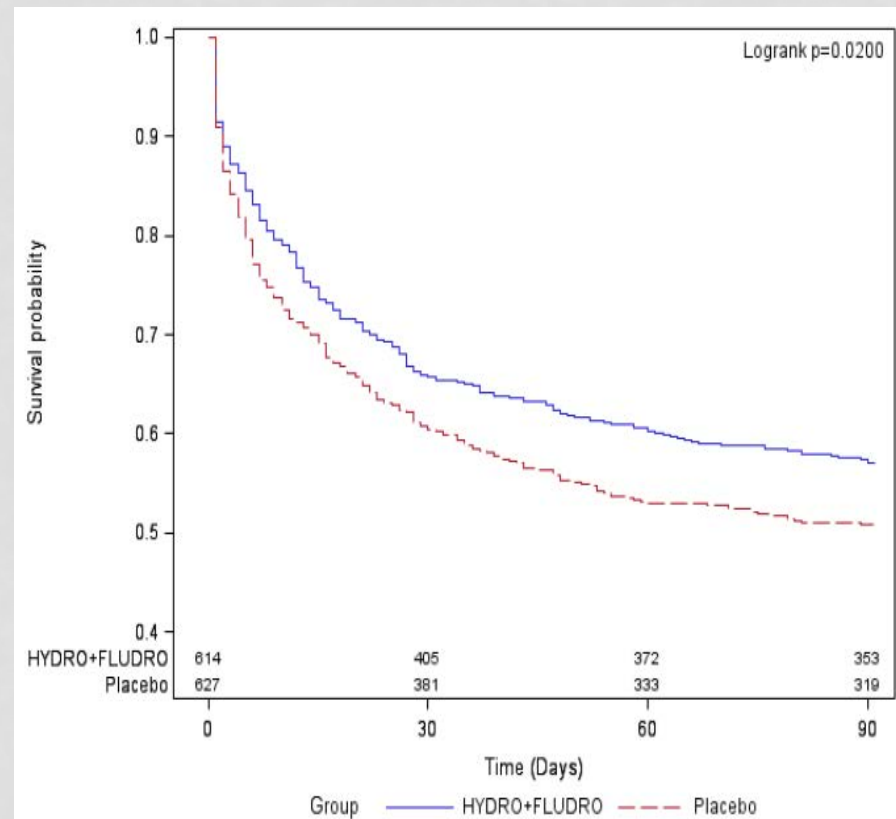
**TRIAL 1
N=300**

**TRIAL 2
N=1241**



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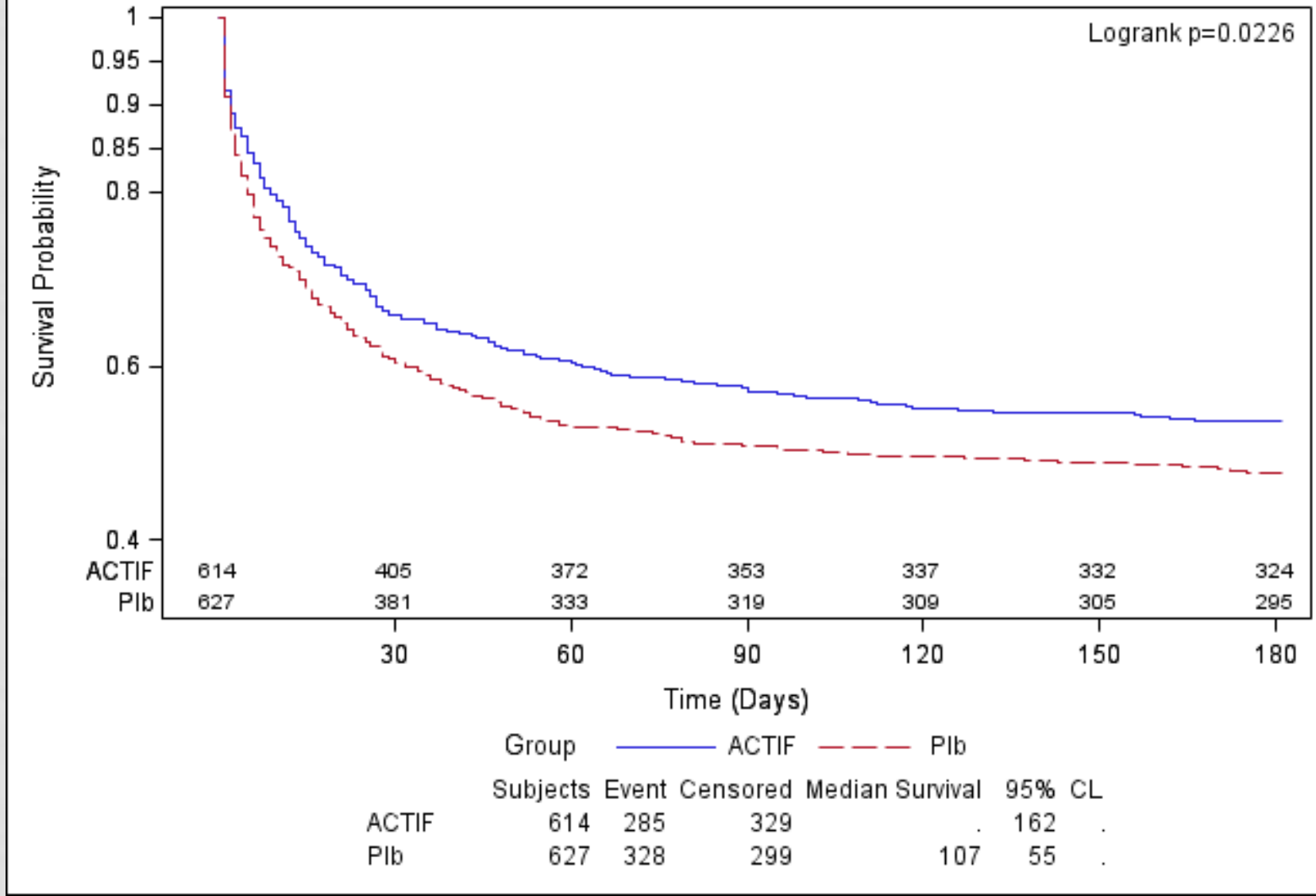
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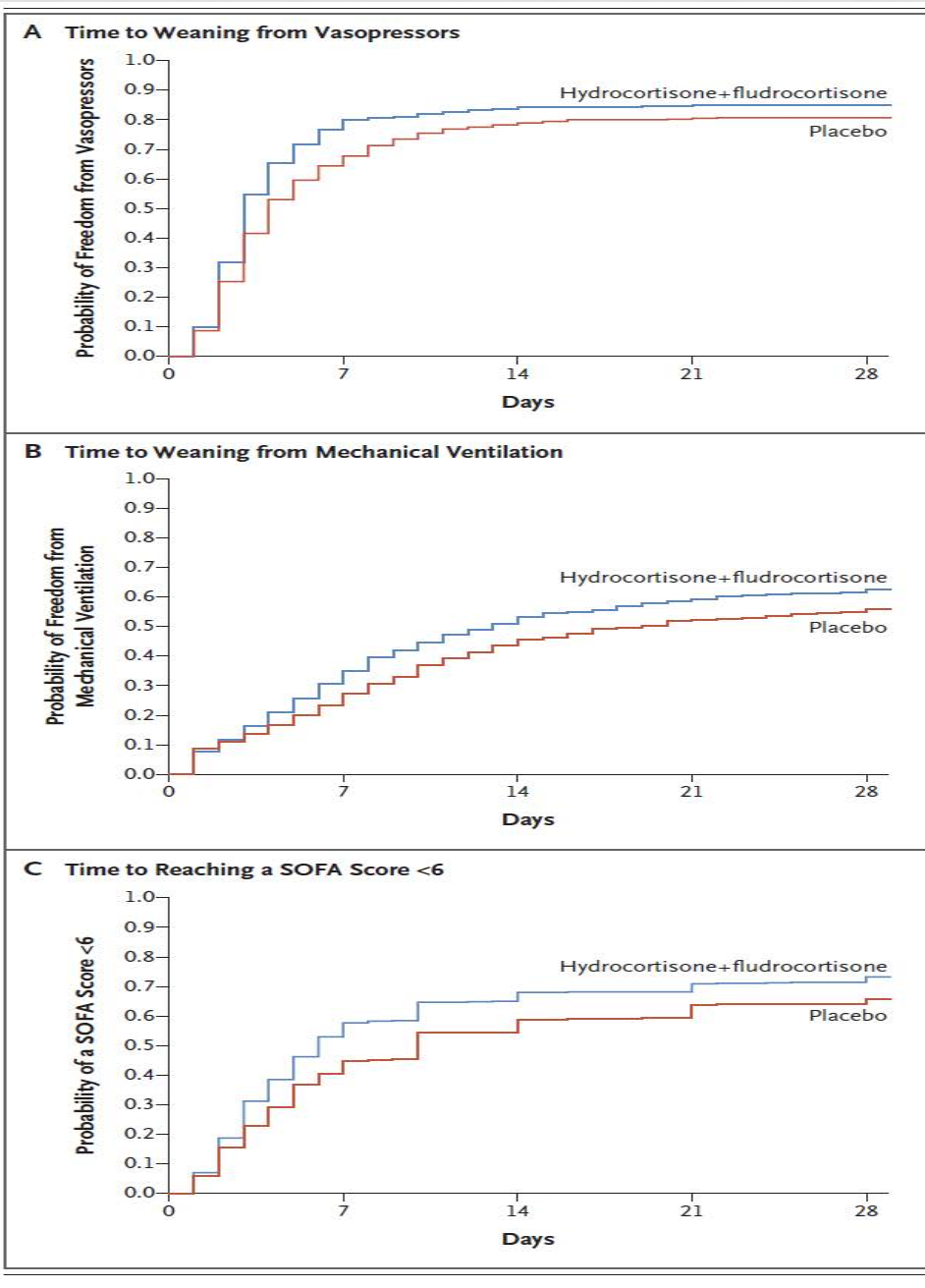


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Free Survival Estimates with Number of Subjects at Risk





P<0.001

P<0.006

P<0.001

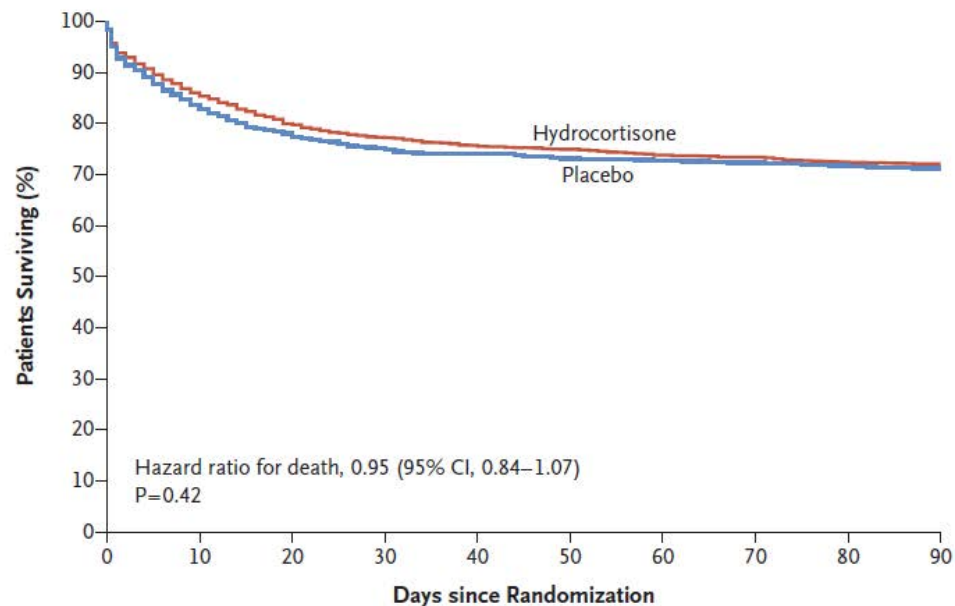
Table 3. Adverse Events.*

Event	Placebo (N=627)	Hydrocortisone plus Fludrocortisone (N=614)	Relative Risk (95% CI) [†]	P Value
≥1 Serious event by day 180 — no./total no. (%)	363/626 (58.0)	326/614 (53.1)	0.92 (0.83–1.01)	0.08
≥1 Serious bleeding event by day 28 — no./total no. (%)	119/626 (19.0)	127/614 (20.7)	1.09 (0.87–1.36)	0.46
Gastroduodenal bleeding — no./total no. (%)	45/626 (7.2)	39/614 (6.4)	0.88 (0.58–1.34)	0.56
≥1 Episode of superinfection by day 180 — no./total no. (%)	178/626 (28.4)	191/614 (31.1)	1.09 (0.92–1.30)	0.30
Site of superinfection — no./total no. (%)				
Lung	116/626 (18.5)	127/614 (20.7)	1.12 (0.89–1.40)	0.34
Blood	48/626 (7.7)	49/614 (8.0)	1.04 (0.71–1.53)	0.84
Catheter-related	37/626 (5.9)	40/614 (6.5)	1.10 (0.71–1.70)	0.66
Urinary tract	33/626 (5.3)	40/614 (6.5)	1.24 (0.79–1.93)	0.35
Other	57/626 (9.1)	70/614 (11.4)	1.25 (0.90–1.74)	0.18
New sepsis — no./total no. (%)	122/626 (19.5)	134/614 (21.8)	1.12 (0.90–1.39)	0.31
New septic shock — no./total no. (%)	103/626 (16.5)	109/614 (17.8)	1.08 (0.84–1.38)	0.54
Hyperglycemia				
≥1 Episode of blood glucose levels ≥150 mg/dl by day 7 — no./total no. (%)	520/626 (83.1)	547/614 (89.1)	1.07 (1.03–1.12)	0.002
No. of days with ≥1 episode of blood glucose levels ≥150 mg/dl by day 7				
Mean	3.4±2.5	4.3±2.5	—	<0.001
Median (IQR)	3 (1–6)	5 (2–6)		
Neurologic sequelae by day 28 — no./total no. (%) [‡]				
Last MDRS score >1	130/626 (20.8)	153/614 (24.9)	1.20 (0.98–1.47)	0.08
Last MDRS score >3	92/626 (14.7)	108/614 (17.6)	1.20 (0.93–1.54)	0.17
Last MDRS score = 5	65/626 (10.4)	73/614 (11.9)	1.15 (0.84–1.57)	0.40

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A Survival



No. at Risk

Hydrocortisone	1832	1591	1481	1418	1388	1374	1356	1348	1328	1321
Placebo	1826	1546	1433	1376	1354	1337	1330	1322	1312	1300

- N=3658
- HC 200 mg/d IV infusion vs placebo for 7 d or until death or d/c from ICU

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- Hydrocortisone group:

- Faster resolution of shock (median, 3d vs 4 days)
- Shorter duration of initial mechanical ventilation (median, 6 vs 7 days)
- Fewer blood transfusions

37.0% vs. 41.7%; OR, 0.82; 95% CI, 0.72 to 0.94; P = 0.004

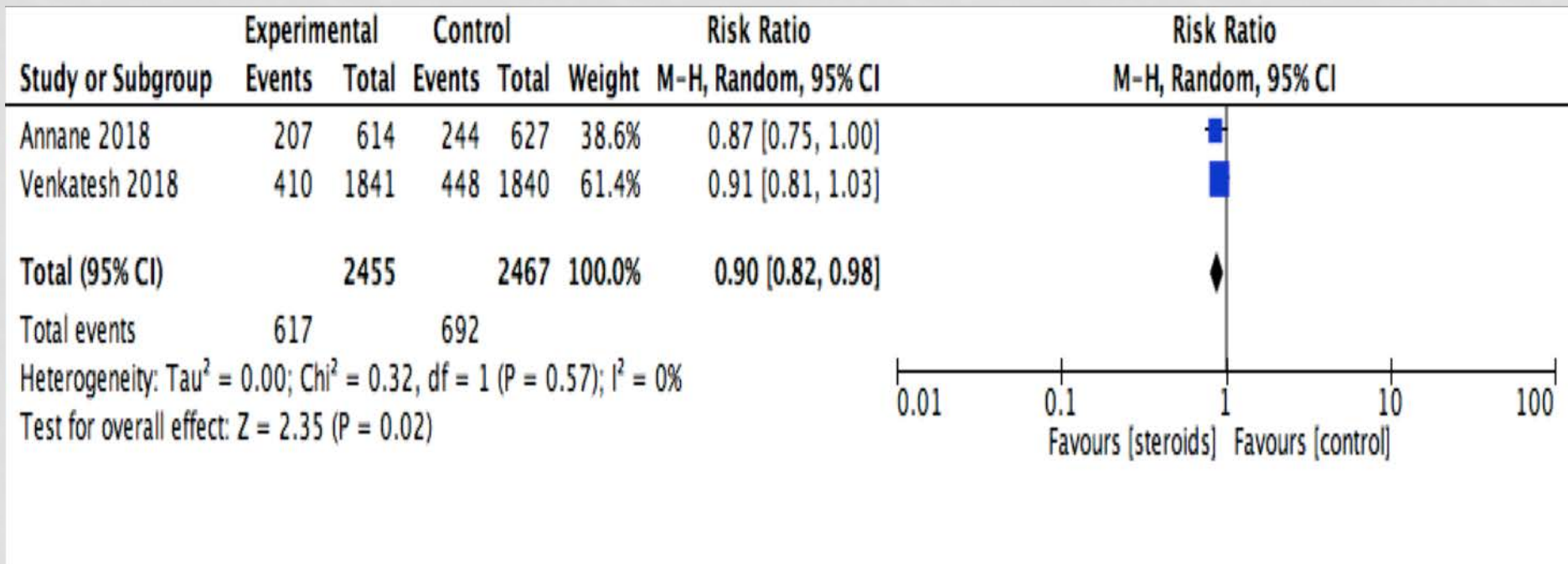
33 ADVERSE EVENTS:

- Hyperglycemia (6 HC vs 3 P)
- Hyponatremia (3 HC vs 0 P)
- Myopathy (3 HC vs 0 P)

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADRENAL AND APROCCHSS

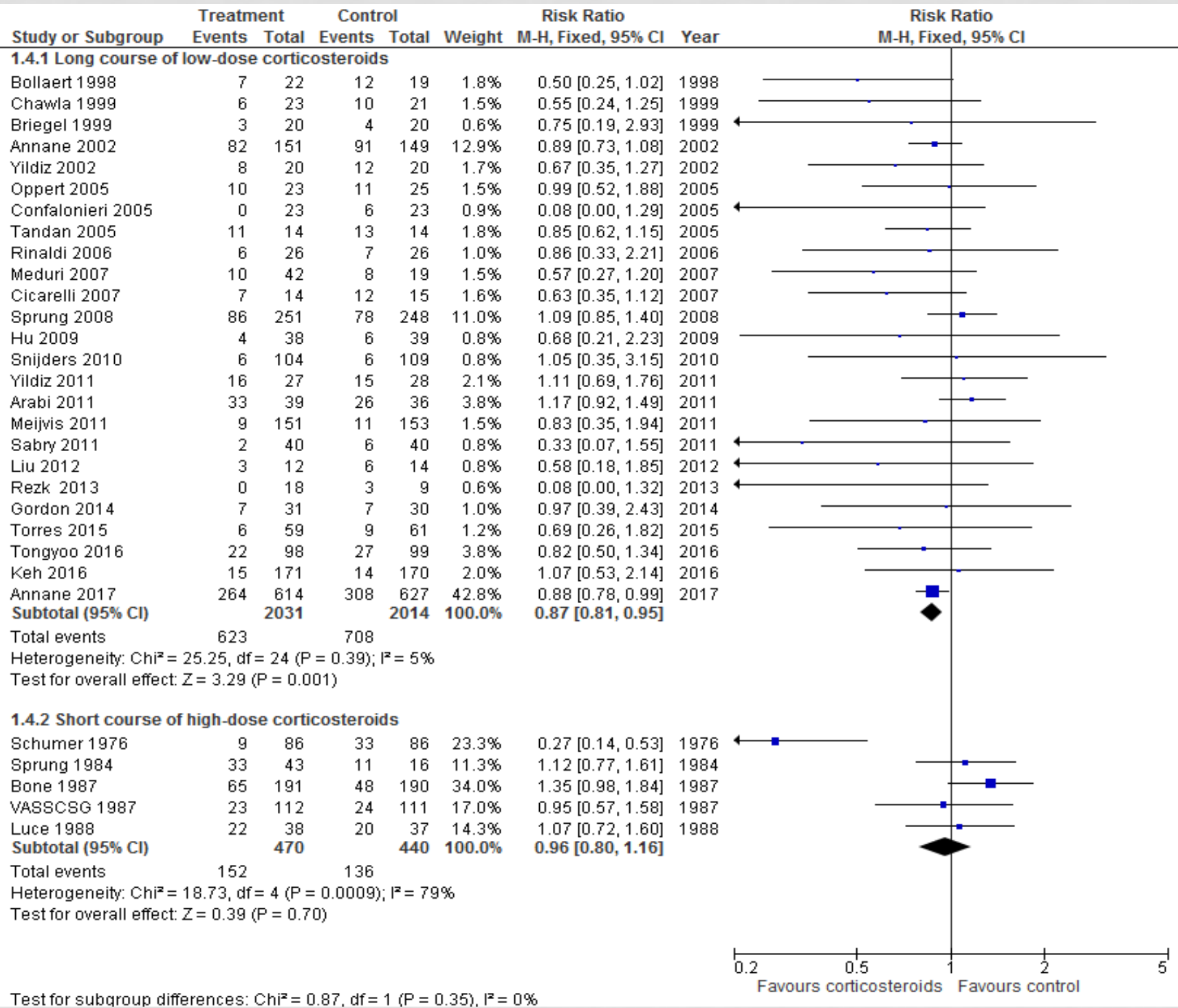
- Fludrocortisone added to HC in APROCCHSS
- HC given as 50 mg IV bolus q 6h + PO fludro 50 mcg tablet once daily x 7 days in APROCCHSS vs. HC continuous infusion 200 mg/day x 7 days or until death or ICU discharge in ADRENAL
- ADRENAL: higher rate of surgical admissions, lower rate of RRT, lower rates of lung infection and UTI and higher rate of abdominal infections
- APROCCHSS: high SOFA and SAPS II values (sicker population)

COMBINED ADRENAL AND APROCCHSS

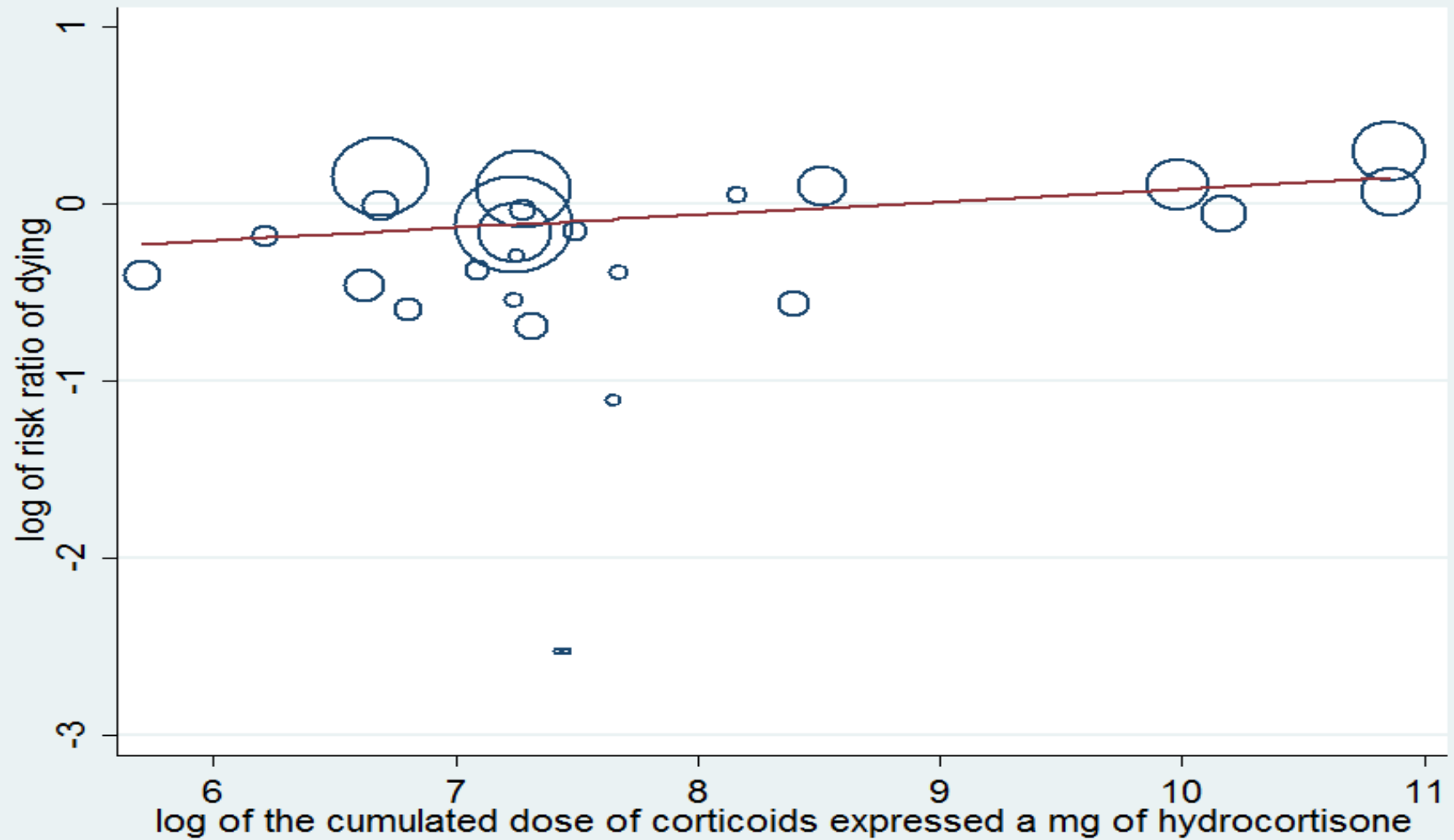


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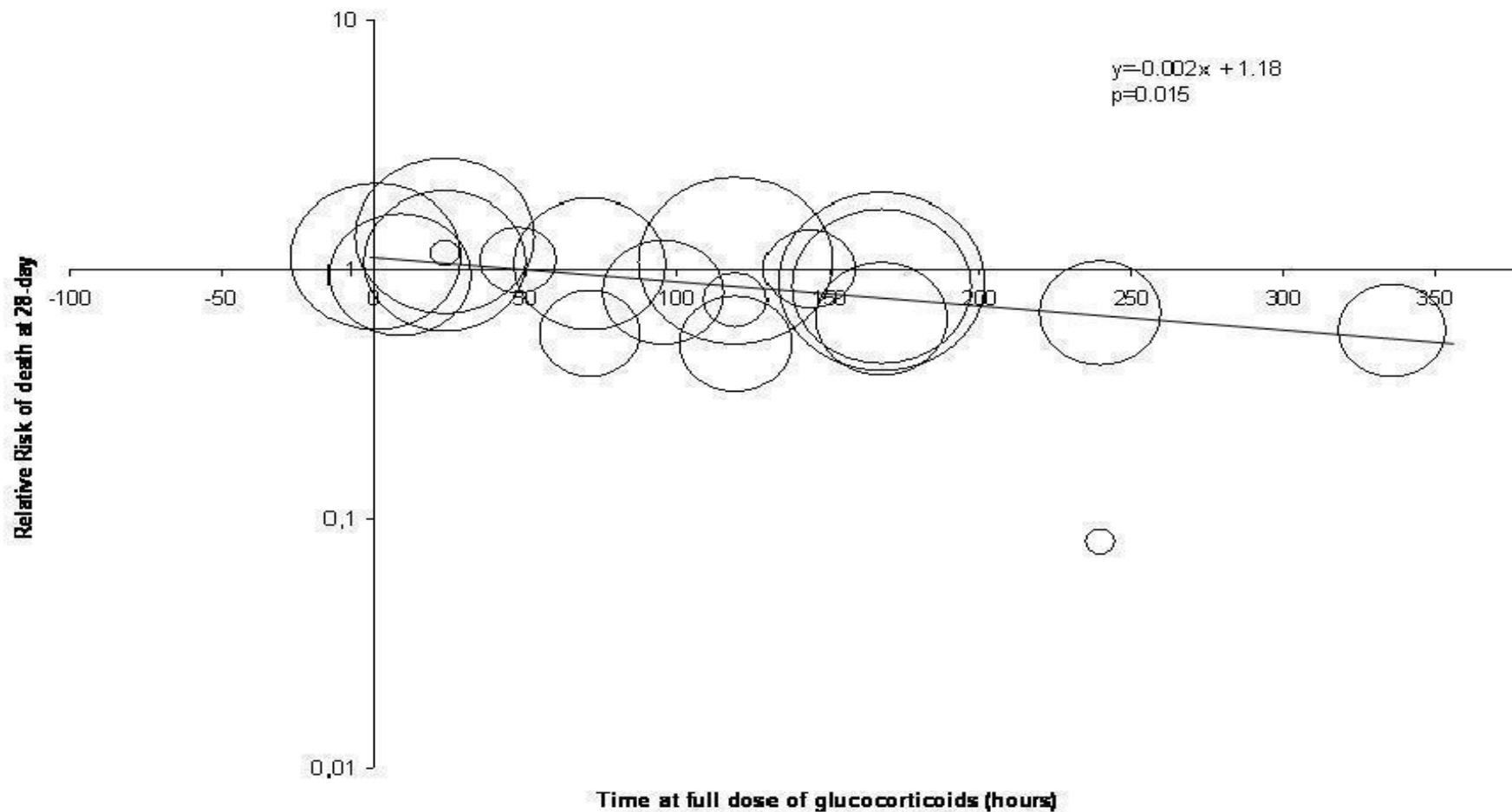
>400 mg/day HC equivalent <72 h
 <400 mg/day HC equivalent >72 h



CORTICOSTEROIDS DOSE THE LOWER THE BETTER



CORTICOSTEROIDS DURATION THE LONGER THE BETTER



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Sepsis

Study or Subgroup	Treatment		Control		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Fixed, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
1.5.1 Sepsis						
Bone 1987	65	191	48	190	34.3%	1.35 [0.98, 1.84]
Keh 2016	15	171	14	170	10.0%	1.07 [0.53, 2.14]
Luce 1988	22	38	20	37	14.4%	1.07 [0.72, 1.60]
Rinaldi 2006	6	26	7	26	5.0%	0.86 [0.33, 2.21]
VASSCSG 1987	23	112	24	111	17.2%	0.95 [0.57, 1.58]
Yildiz 2002	8	20	12	20	8.6%	0.67 [0.35, 1.27]
Yildiz 2011	16	27	15	28	10.5%	1.11 [0.69, 1.76]
Subtotal (95% CI)		585		582	100.0%	1.10 [0.92, 1.33]
Total events	155		140			
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 4.53, df = 6 (P = 0.61); I ² = 0%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.03 (P = 0.30)						

Septic shock

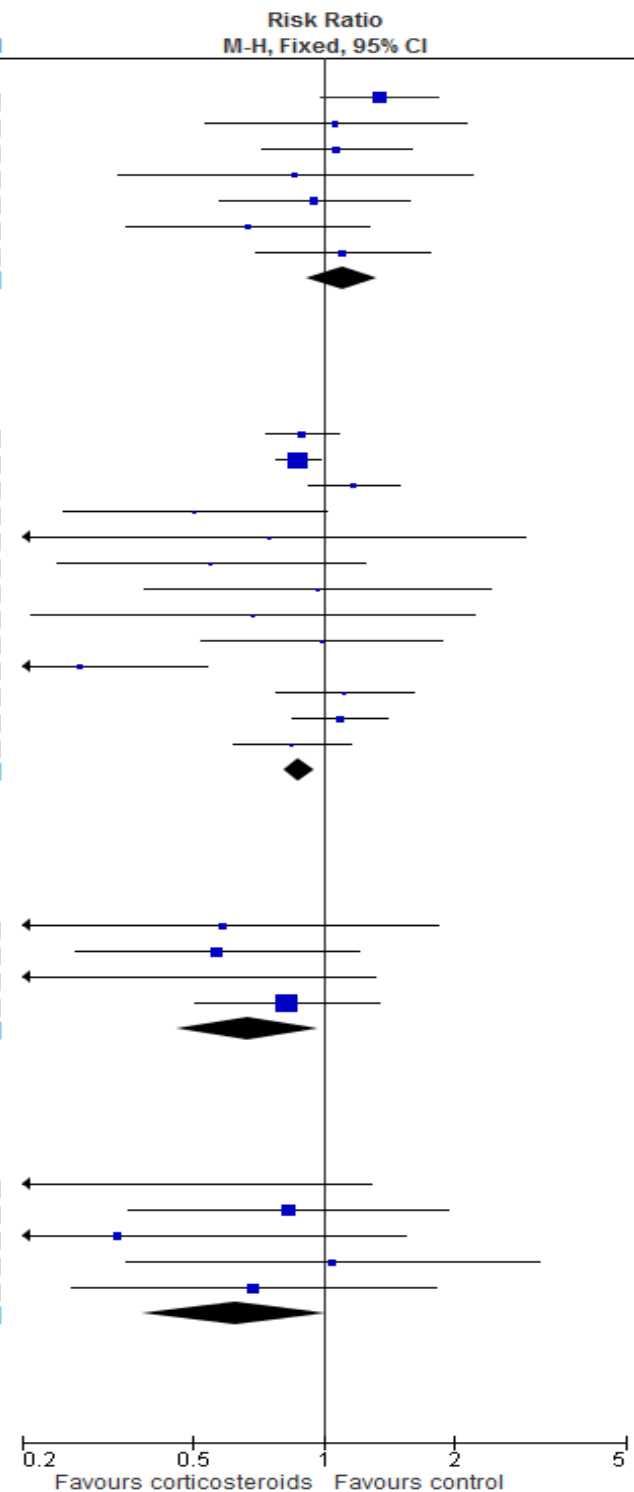
1.5.2 Septic shock only						
Annane 2002	82	151	91	149	14.9%	0.89 [0.73, 1.08]
Annane 2017	264	614	308	627	49.6%	0.88 [0.78, 0.99]
Arabi 2011	33	39	26	36	4.4%	1.17 [0.92, 1.49]
Bollaert 1998	7	22	12	19	2.1%	0.50 [0.25, 1.02]
Briegel 1999	3	20	4	20	0.7%	0.75 [0.19, 2.93]
Chawla 1999	6	23	10	21	1.7%	0.55 [0.24, 1.25]
Gordon 2014	7	31	7	30	1.2%	0.97 [0.39, 2.43]
Hu 2009	4	38	6	39	1.0%	0.68 [0.21, 2.23]
Oppert 2005	10	23	11	25	1.7%	0.99 [0.52, 1.88]
Schumer 1976	9	86	33	86	5.4%	0.27 [0.14, 0.53]
Sprung 1984	33	43	11	16	2.6%	1.12 [0.77, 1.61]
Sprung 2008	86	251	78	248	12.8%	1.09 [0.85, 1.40]
Tandan 2005	11	14	13	14	2.1%	0.85 [0.62, 1.15]
Subtotal (95% CI)		1355		1330	100.0%	0.88 [0.81, 0.96]
Total events	555		610			
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 25.59, df = 12 (P = 0.01); I ² = 53%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.02 (P = 0.002)						

ARDS

1.5.3 Sepsis and ARDS						
Liu 2012	3	12	6	14	11.5%	0.58 [0.18, 1.85]
Meduri 2007	10	42	8	19	22.9%	0.57 [0.27, 1.20]
Rezk 2013	0	18	3	9	9.6%	0.08 [0.00, 1.32]
Tongyoo 2016	22	98	27	99	56.0%	0.82 [0.50, 1.34]
Subtotal (95% CI)		170		141	100.0%	0.66 [0.46, 0.97]
Total events	35		44			
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 3.19, df = 3 (P = 0.36); I ² = 6%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.12 (P = 0.03)						

CAP

1.5.4 Sepsis and community-acquired pneumonia						
Confalonieri 2005	0	23	6	23	17.0%	0.08 [0.00, 1.29]
Meijvis 2011	9	151	11	153	28.7%	0.83 [0.35, 1.94]
Sabry 2011	2	40	6	40	15.7%	0.33 [0.07, 1.55]
Snijders 2010	6	104	6	109	15.4%	1.05 [0.35, 3.15]
Torres 2015	6	59	9	61	23.2%	0.69 [0.26, 1.82]
Subtotal (95% CI)		377		386	100.0%	0.62 [0.38, 1.02]
Total events	23		38			
Heterogeneity: Chi ² = 4.08, df = 4 (P = 0.40); I ² = 2%						
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.88 (P = 0.06)						



Test for subgroup differences: Chi² = 9.46, df = 3 (P = 0.02), I² = 68.3%

DIAGNOSTIC TEST

ADRENAL STATUS

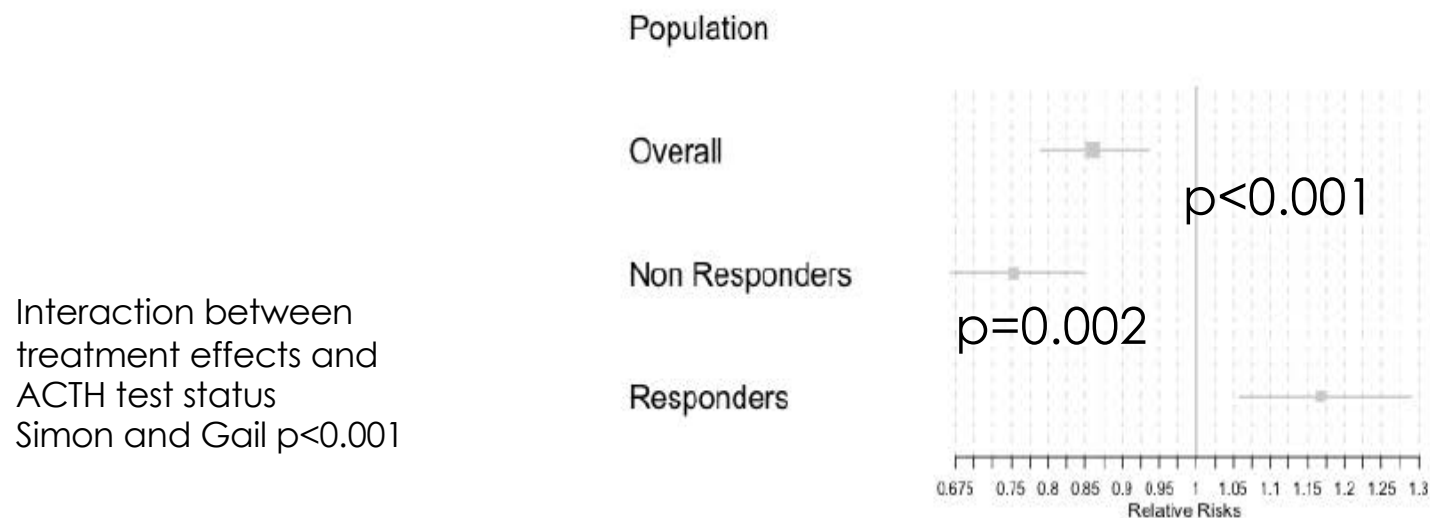
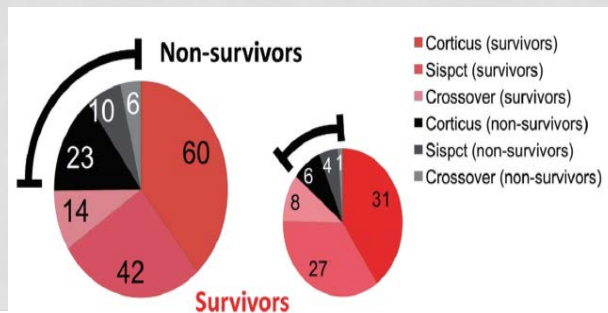
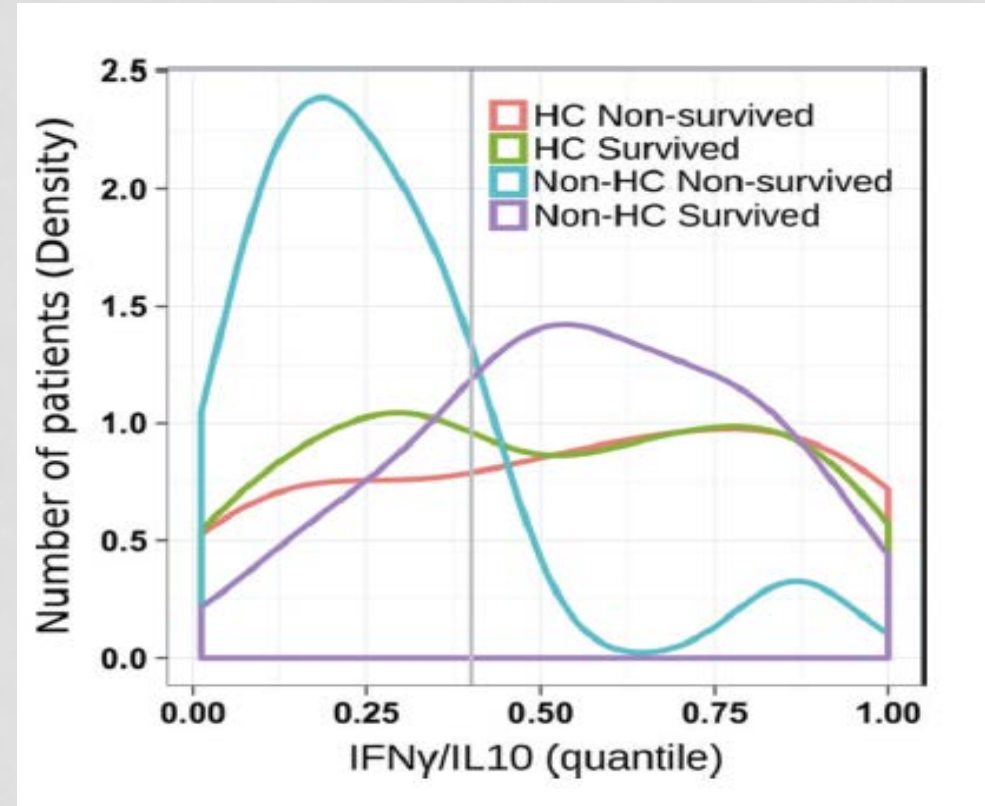
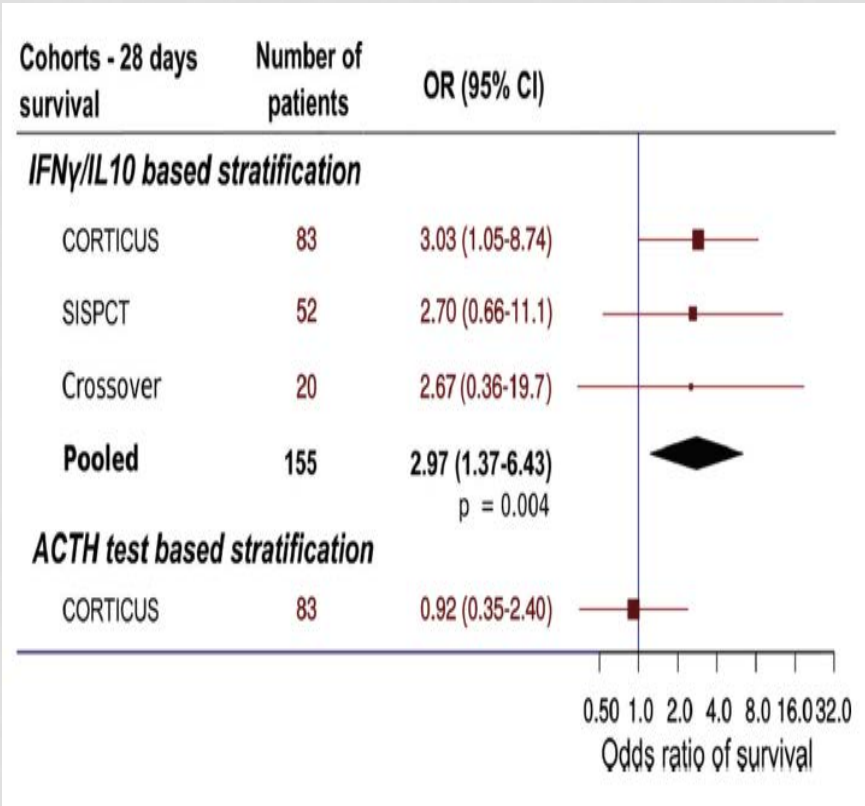


Figure 3: Treatment Effect by Response to the Corticotropin Stimulation Test. The treatment effect refers to the comparison of hydrocortisone+fludrocortisone versus hydrocortisone alone or placebo.

IPD Meta-analysis from 3 large RCTS

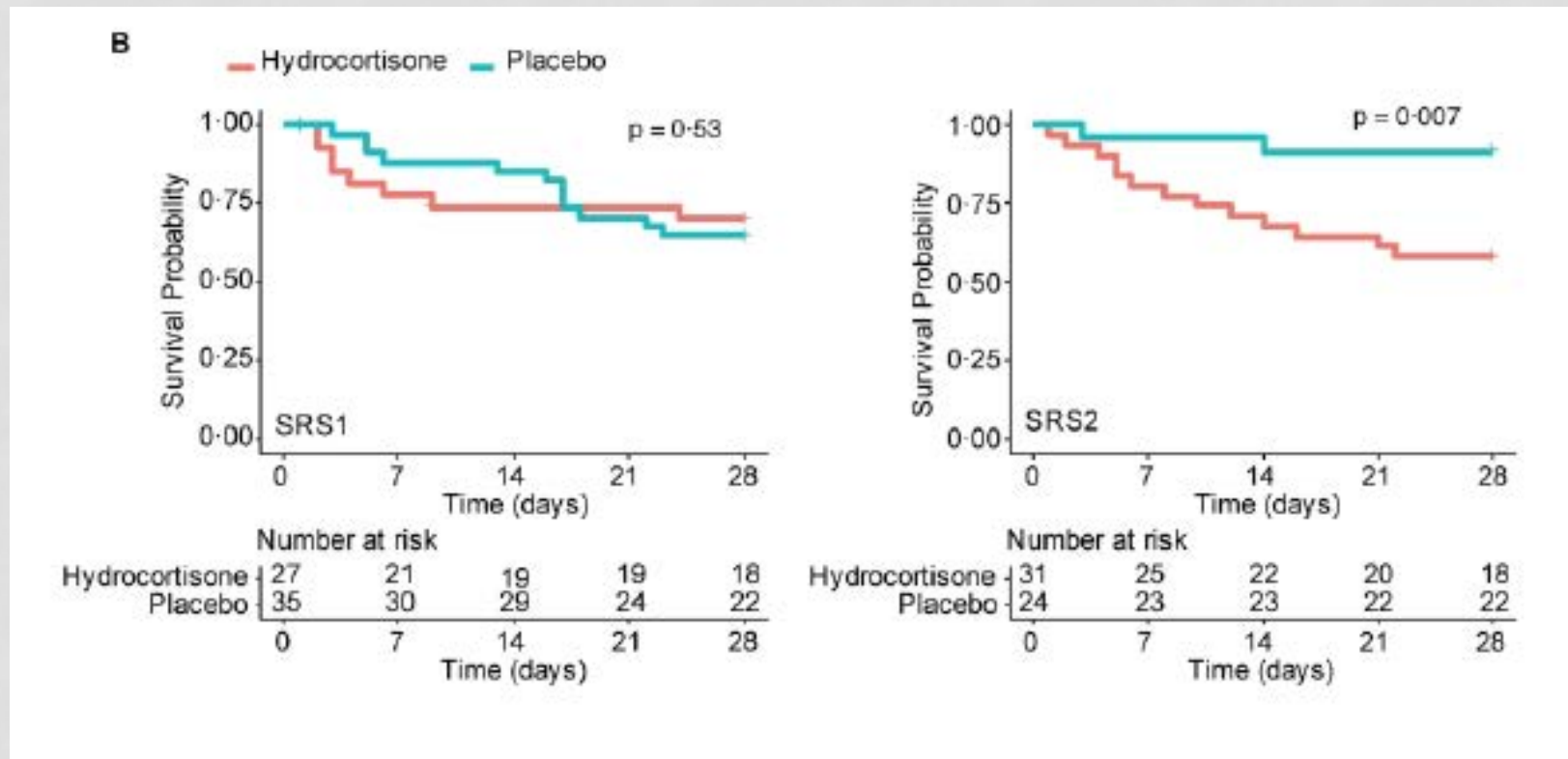
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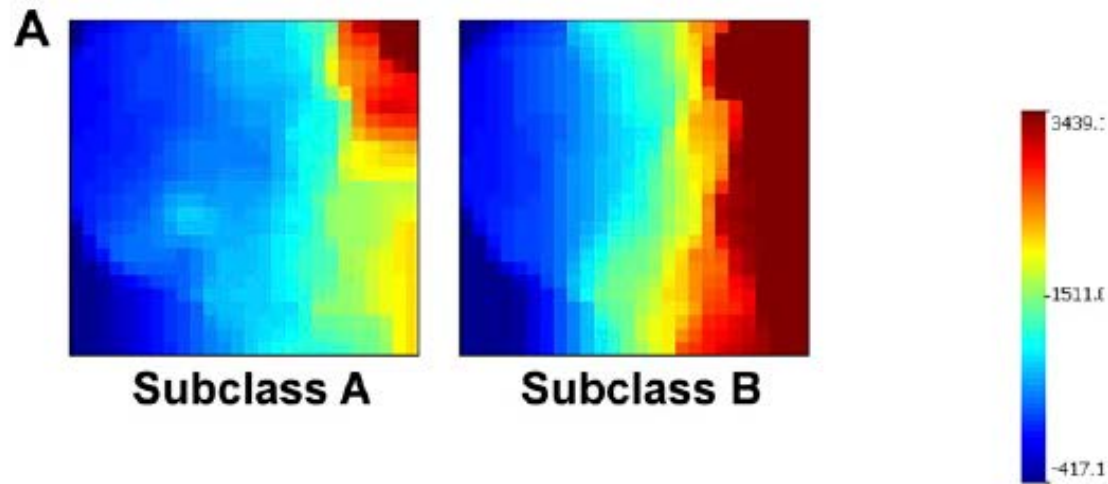
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OMICS CORTICOSTEROIDS RESPONSE SIGNATURE



SRS1: immune suppressed
 SRS2: immune competent

OMICS CORTICOSTEROIDS RESPONSE SIGNATURE



CS:52/120

CS:104/180

OR death: 4.1 (1.4-12) OR death: 3.9 (0.8-18)

Subclass A: immune suppressed
Subclass B: immune competent

Wong AJRCCM 2014

EN PRATIQUE – JE RETIENS LA RÈGLE DES 4 « P » : TRAITER

- Par
 - hydrocortisone (50mg q6) +
 - fludrocortisone (50µg q24)
- Pendant
 - 7 jours
 - Sans décroissance
- Pour
 - Choc septique,
 - Sepsis + ARDS,
 - Sepsis sur PCA
- Pas
 - répondeurs au test à ACTH, ie delta cortisol > 9µg/dl