

# **Do we need new vasopressors or less of old ones?**

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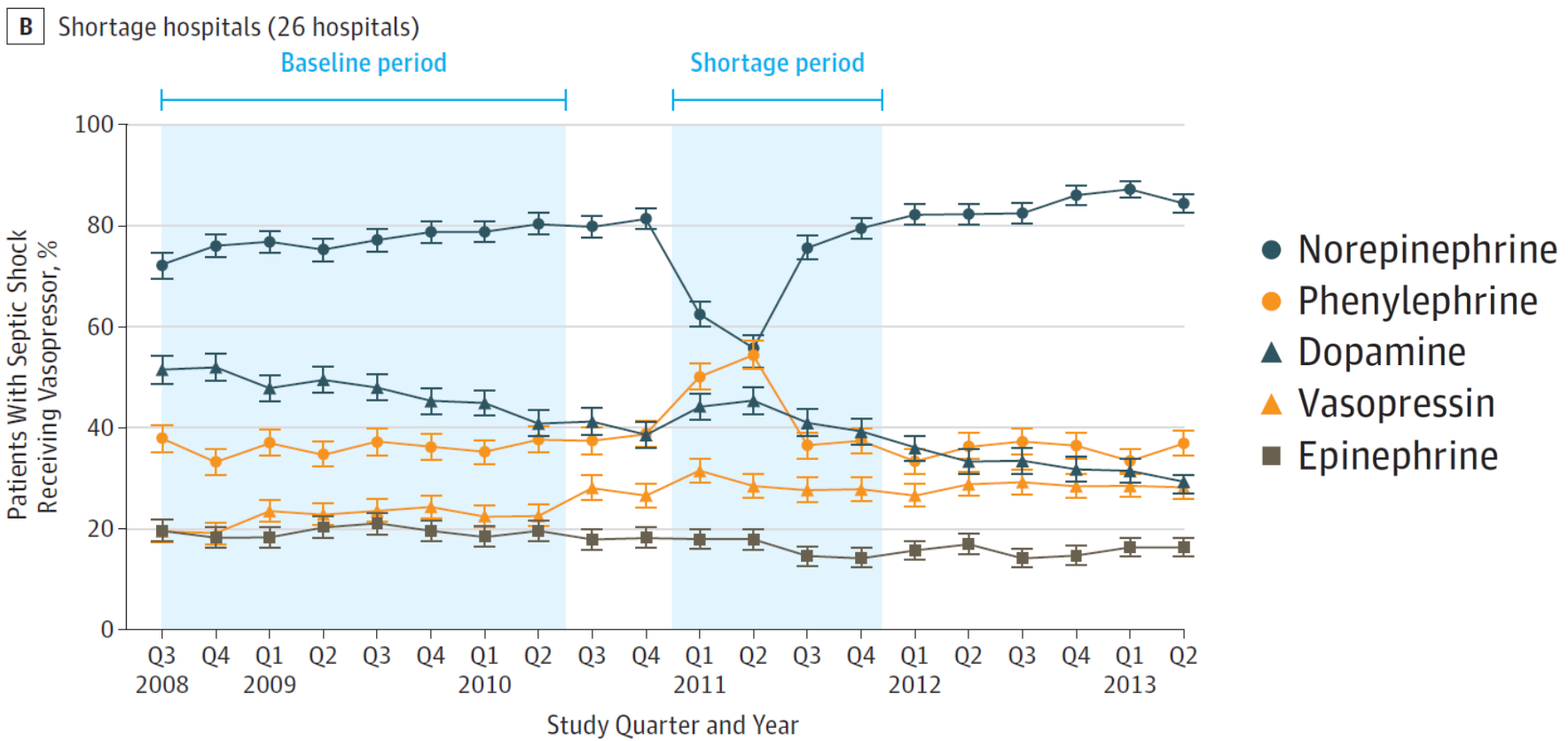


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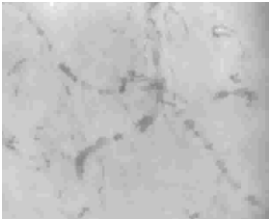
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Cohort	Deaths, No./Total Patients, No. (%)	Absolute Mortality Difference, % (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	P Value
Patients with septic shock receiving vasopressors				
Primary model <sup>c</sup>				
Admission to shortage hospitals during a nonshortage quarter	9283/25 874 (35.9)	NA	1 [Reference]	
Admission to shortage hospitals during a quarter of 2011 in which norepinephrine use decreased >20% below baseline	777/1961 (39.6)	3.7 (1.5-6.0)	1.15 (1.01-1.30)	.03

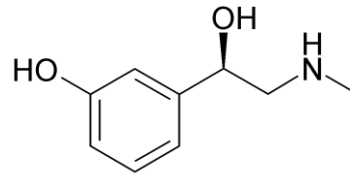
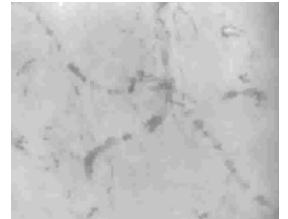
**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Among patients with septic shock in US hospitals affected by the 2011 norepinephrine shortage, the most commonly administered alternative vasopressor was phenylephrine. Patients admitted to these hospitals during times of shortage had higher in-hospital mortality.

# Safety margins: Phenylephrine vs. Norepinephrine

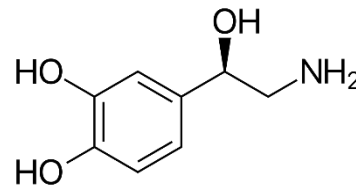
Heart failure



Microcirc. failure

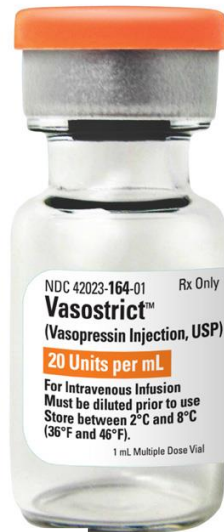


Phenylephrine

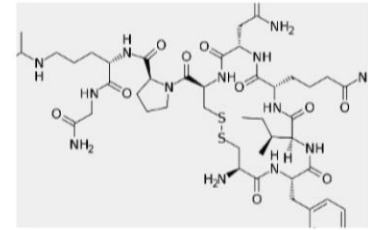


Norepinephrine

# Which „old“ vasopressors do we have?



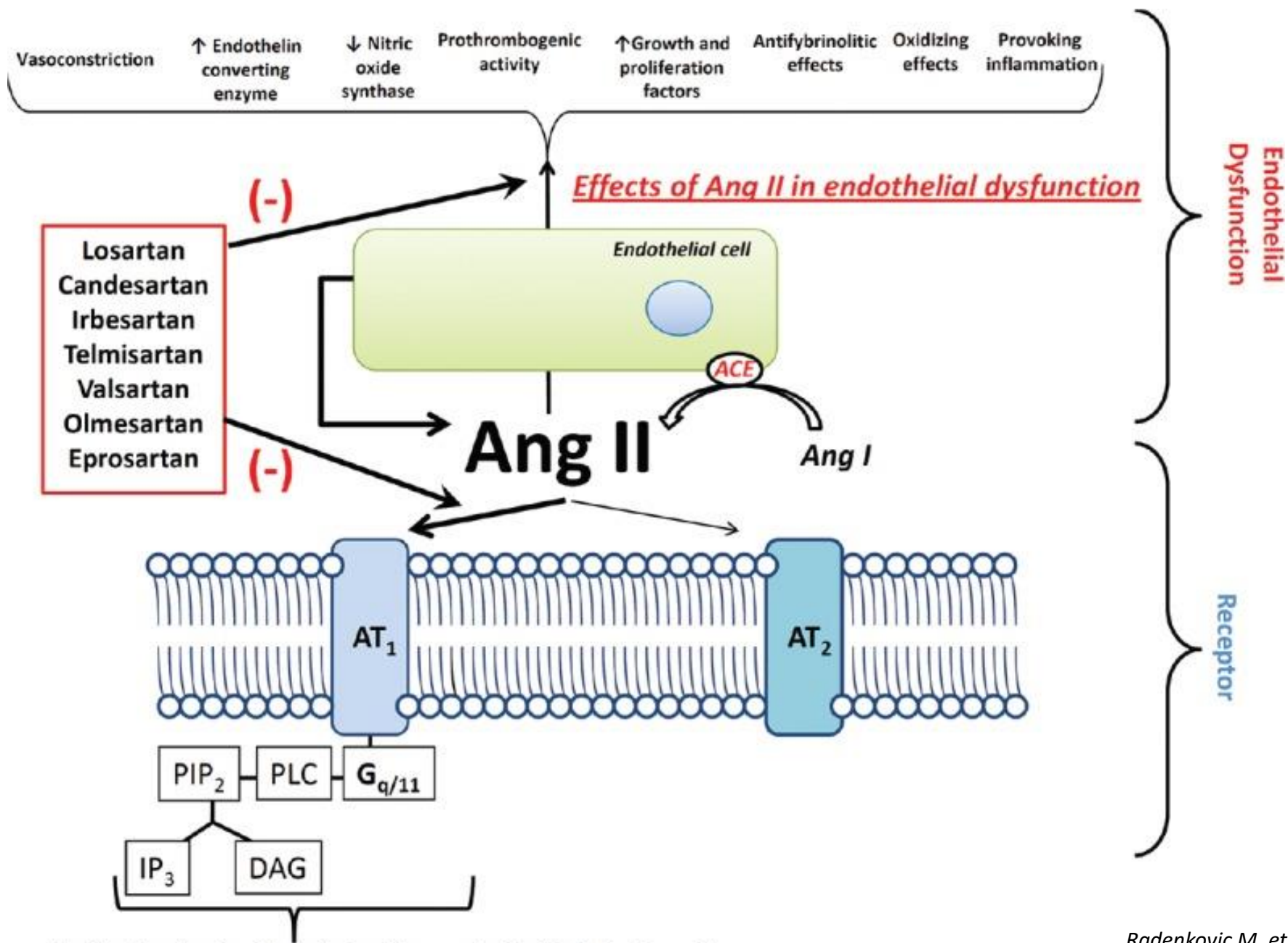




**Selepressin**



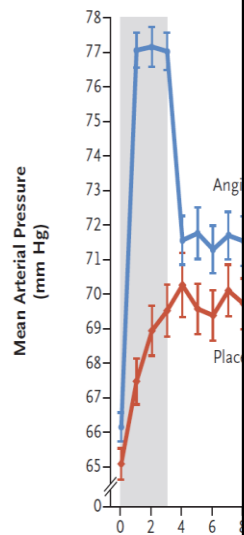
**Angiotensin II**



# Angiotensin II for the Treatment of Vasodilatory Shock

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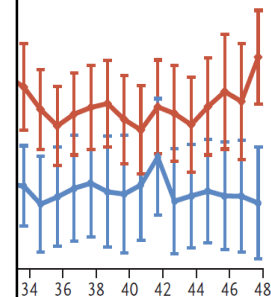
Mean Arterial Pressure over Time



	Angiotensin II	Placebo	P-value
<b>MAP <math>\geq 75</math> mmHg</b>	69.9%	23.4%	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

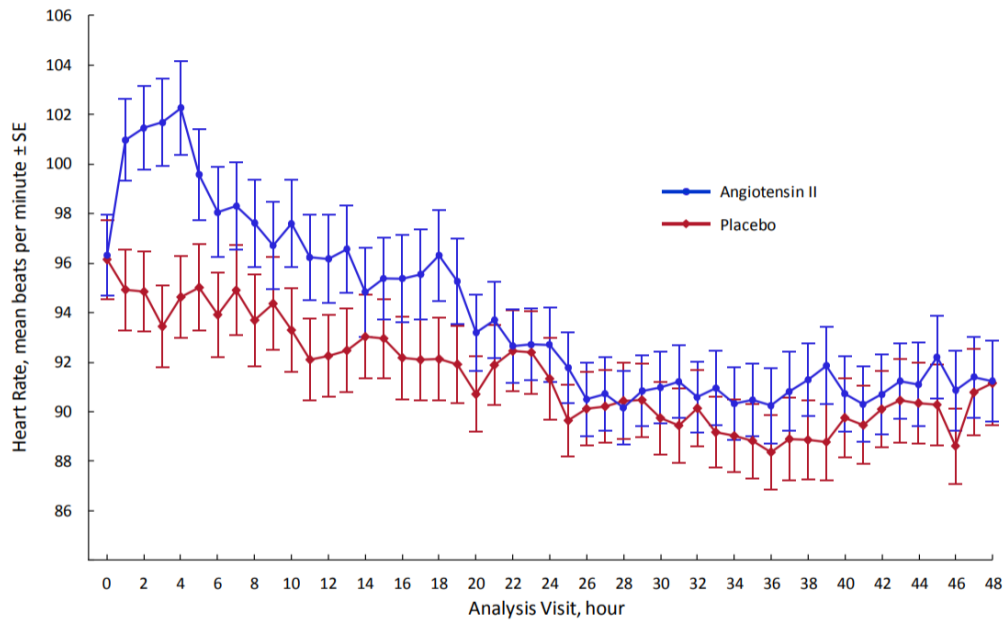
Angiotensin II	NE $< 0.5$ $\mu\text{g/kg/min}$	NE $> 0.5$ $\mu\text{g/kg/min}$	P-value
<b>MAP <math>\geq 75</math> mmHg</b>	77.8%	50%	<b>&lt;0.001</b>



Event	Angiotensin II (N=163)	Placebo (N=158)
	<i>no. of patients (%)</i>	
Adverse event of any grade†	142 (87.1)	145 (91.8)
Adverse event leading to discontinuation‡	23 (14.1)	34 (21.5)
Serious adverse event with frequency $\geq 1\%$ in either study group		

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**Cardiac output**

**Tissue perfusion**

**Organ function**





Trial data were collected by the investigators with the assistance of a contract research organization and were analyzed by the sponsor. Study oversight was provided by an independent data and safety monitoring board. The writing committee, which included investigators and representatives of the sponsor, drafted the manuscript and vouch for the accuracy and completeness of the data and analyses and for the fidelity of the trial to the protocol. A professional medical writer funded by the sponsor assisted with manuscript revisions. All the authors made the decision to submit the manuscript for publication.

## CONCLUSIONS

Angiotensin II effectively increased blood pressure in patients with vasodilatory shock that did not respond to high doses of conventional vasopressors. (Funded by La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company; ATHOS-3 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02338843.)

# Clinical Experience With IV Angiotensin II Administration: A Systematic Review of Safety

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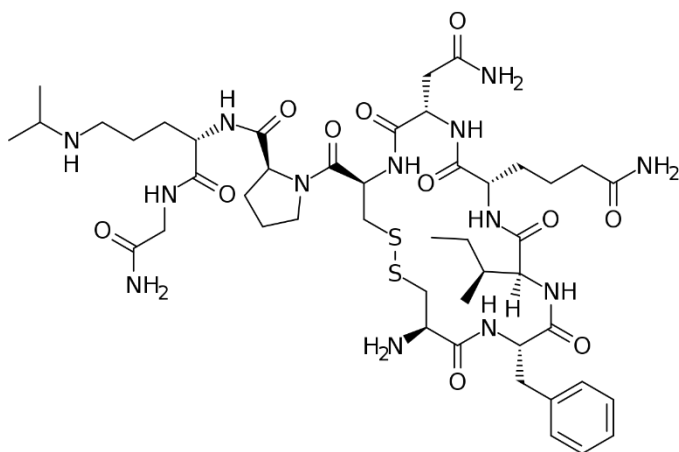
**1124 Studies included (31,281 patients receiving angiotensin II)**

**Conclusion:** Adverse events associated with angiotensin II were infrequent; however, exacerbation of asthma and congestive heart failure and one fatal cerebral hemorrhage were reported. This systematic review supports the notion that angiotensin II has an acceptable safety profile for use in humans. (*Crit Care Med* ; XX:00–00)

# Pharmacological Characterization of FE 202158, a Novel, Potent, Selective, and Short-Acting Peptidic Vasopressin V<sub>1a</sub> Receptor Full Agonist for the Treatment of Vasodilatory Hypotension

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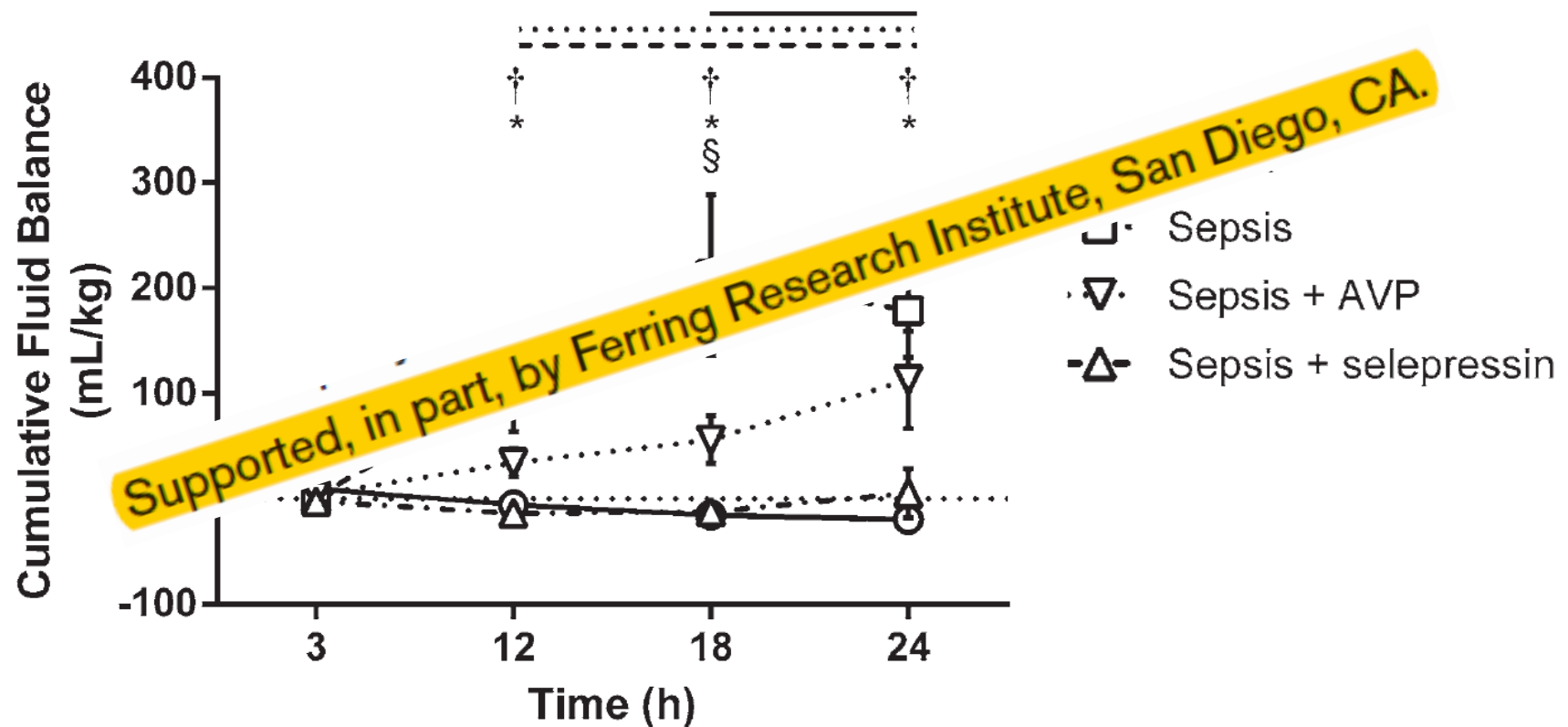
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Receptor	EC <sub>50</sub>	
	Mean	95% CI
	<i>nM</i>	
FE 202158		
V <sub>1a</sub> R	2.4	1.73–3.35
V <sub>1b</sub> R	340	130–888
V <sub>2</sub> R	2656	2083–3387
OTR	1057	269–4153
AVP		
V <sub>1a</sub> R	0.24	0.22–0.25
V <sub>1b</sub> R	4.3	3.9–4.7
V <sub>2</sub> R	0.05	0.04–0.07
OTR	22	15–33

# The Selective Vasopressin Type 1a Receptor Agonist Selepressin (FE 202158) Blocks Vascular Leak in Ovine Severe Sepsis\*

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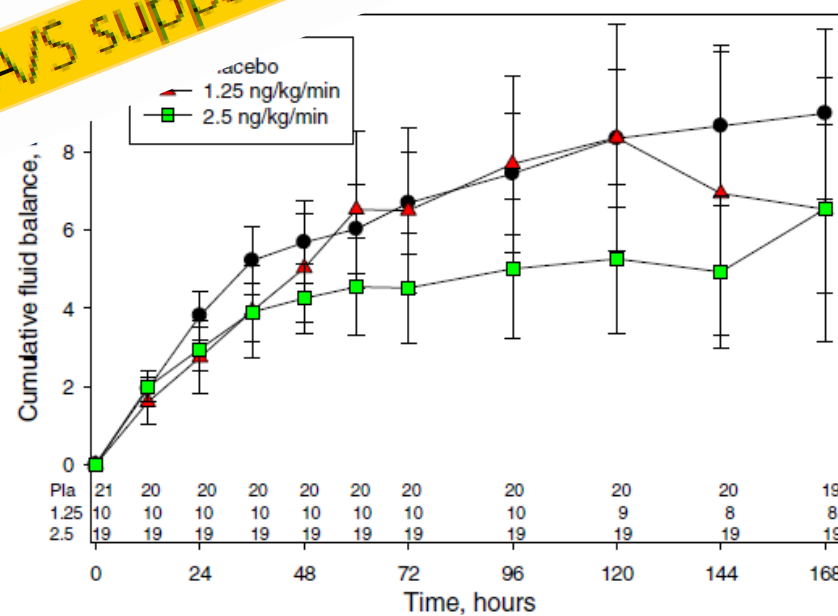
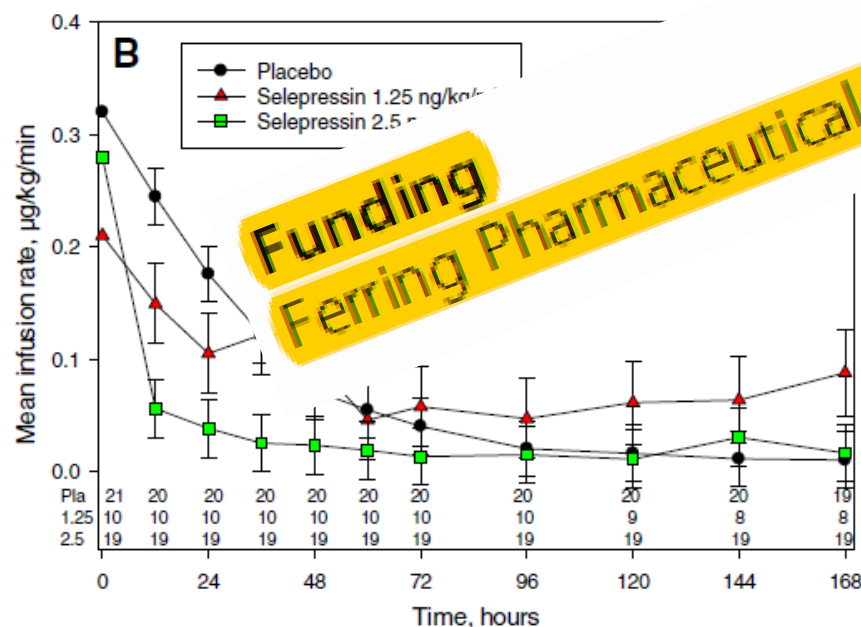




# Selepressin, a novel selective vasopressin $V_{1A}$ agonist, is an effective substitute for norepinephrine in a phase IIa randomized, placebo-controlled trial in septic shock patients

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# Rationale and Design of an Adaptive Phase 2b/3 Clinical Trial of Selepressin for Adults in Septic Shock

## Selepressin Evaluation Programme for Sepsis-induced Shock—Adaptive Clinical Trial

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### Inclusion criteria

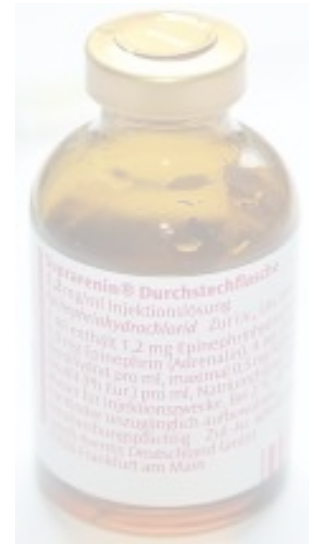
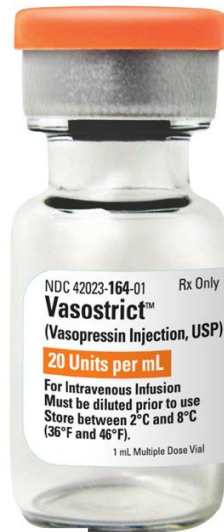
- 18 yr of age or older
- Proven or suspected infection
- Septic shock defined as hypotension (systolic blood pressure less than 90 mm Hg or MAP less than 65 mm Hg) requiring vasopressor (norepinephrine/noradrenaline base) for resuscitation (at least 1 L for fluid resuscitation)
- Informed consent

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Name	Starting Infusion Rate (ng/kg/min)	Target MAP (mm Hg)
Placebo	0*	0*
Arm 1	1.7	2.5
Arm 2	2.5	3.75
Arm 3	3.5	5.25
Arm 4 <sup>†</sup>	5.0	7.5

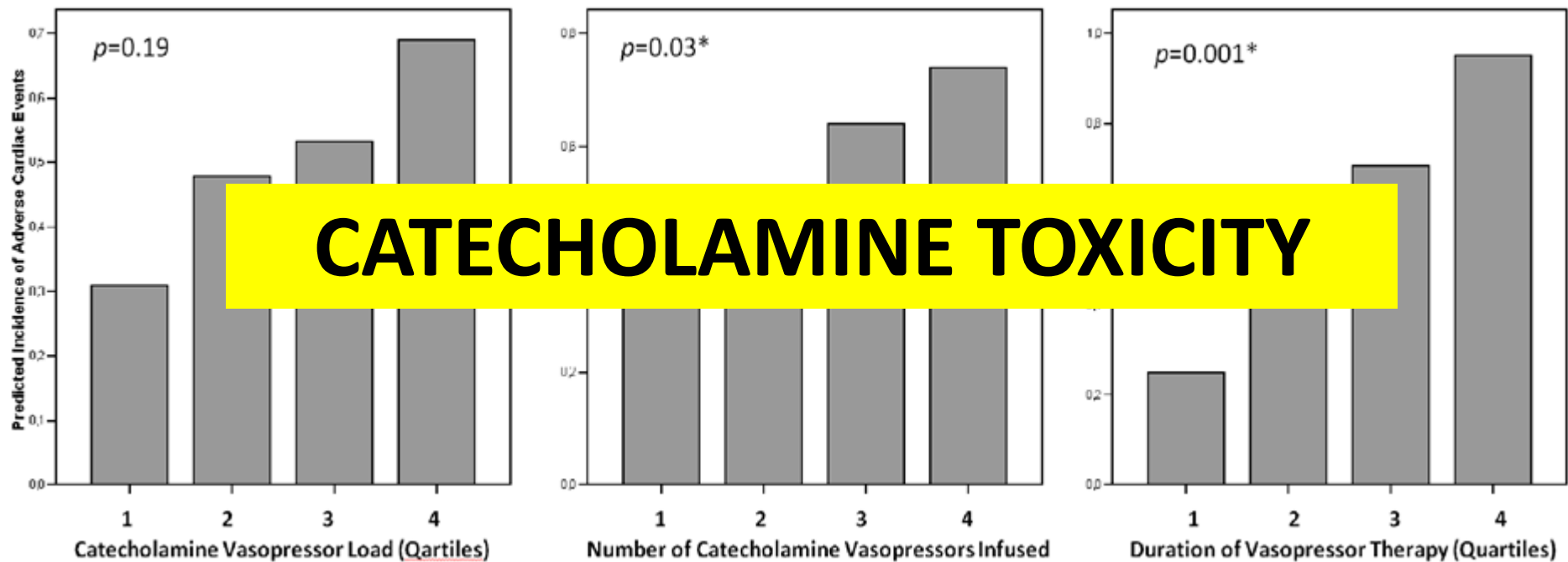
**Endpoints.** The primary endpoint for the trial is the number of pressor- and mechanical ventilator-free days (P&VFDs) up to Day 30. We define this composite

# What is the problem of the old vasopressors? Why do we need new ones?



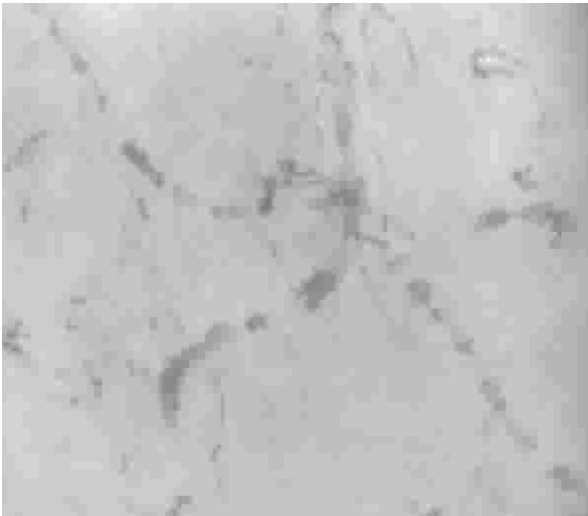
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## Adverse cardiac events during catecholamine vasopressor therapy: a prospective observational study



# Ischemic skin lesions as a complication of continuous vasopressin infusion in catecholamine-resistant vasodilatory shock: Incidence and risk factors\*

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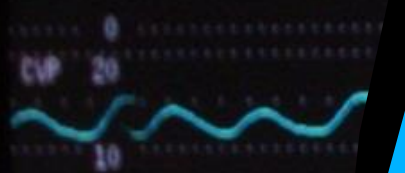




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**(78)**



Kontr.  
**(14)**  
16/12



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**(28)**  
38/20



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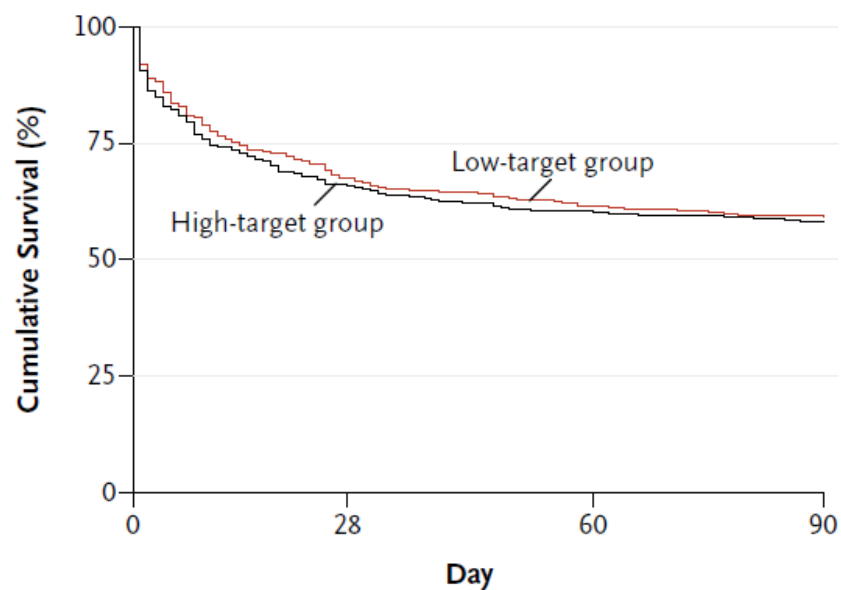
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## High versus Low Blood-Pressure Target in Patients with Septic Shock

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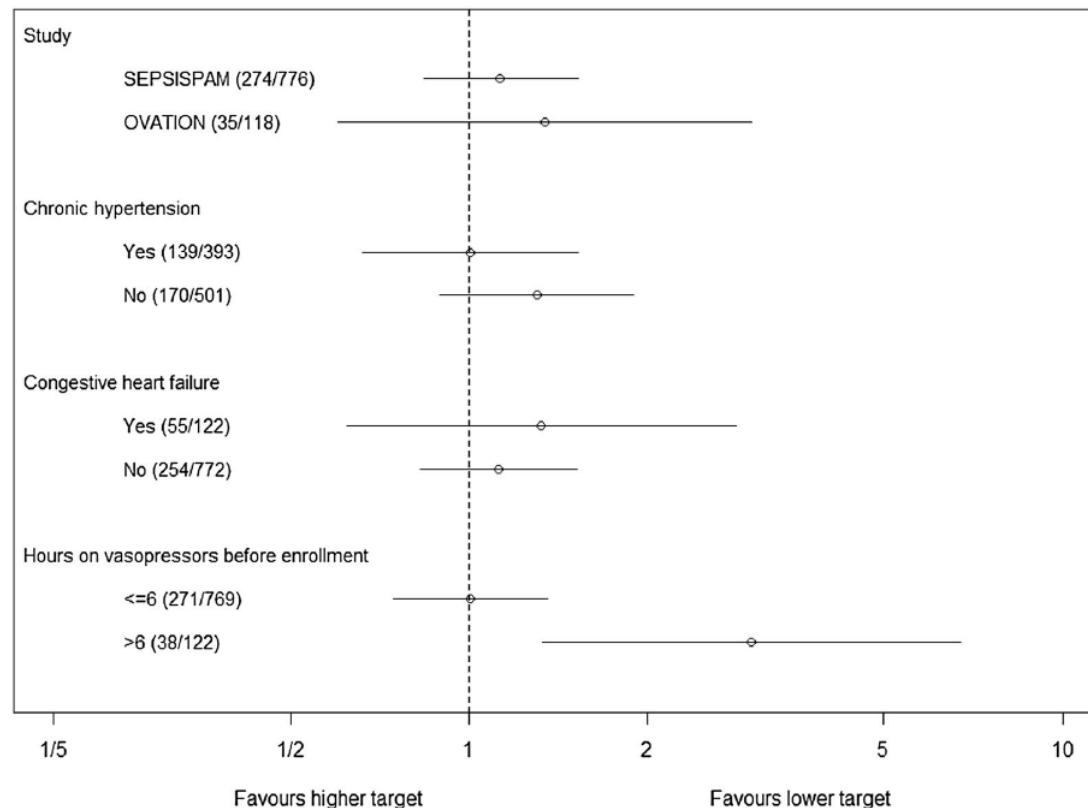


### No. at Risk

Low target	379	256	233	225
High target	375	249	227	219

# Pooled analysis of higher versus lower blood pressure targets for vasopressor therapy septic and vasodilatory shock

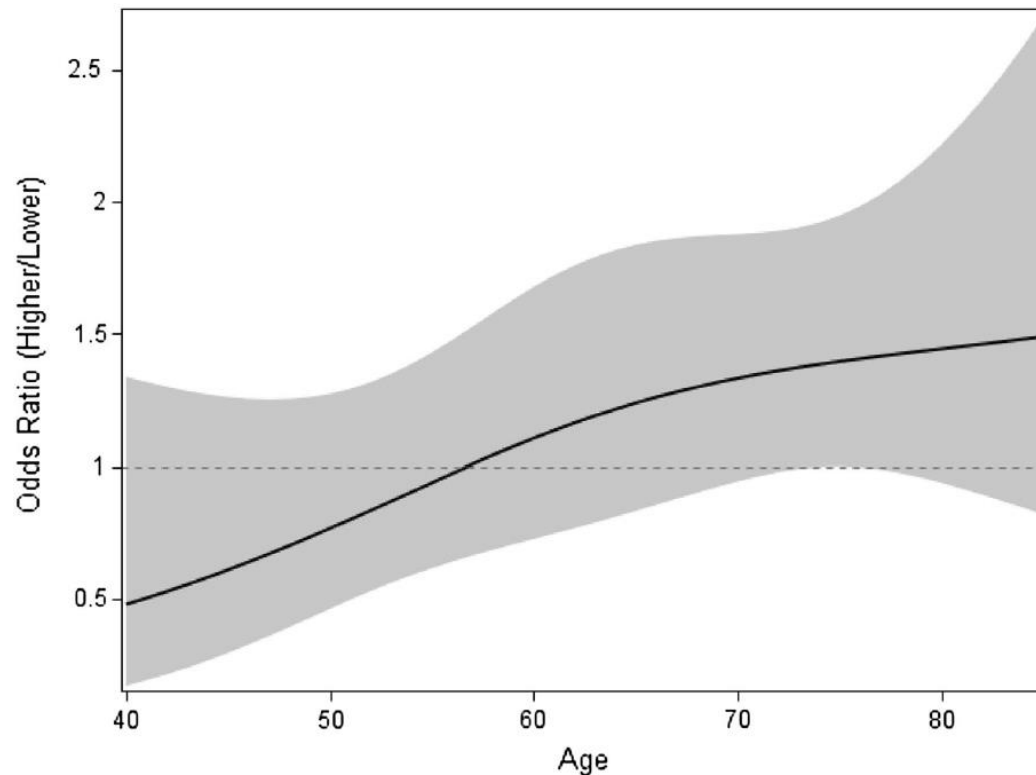
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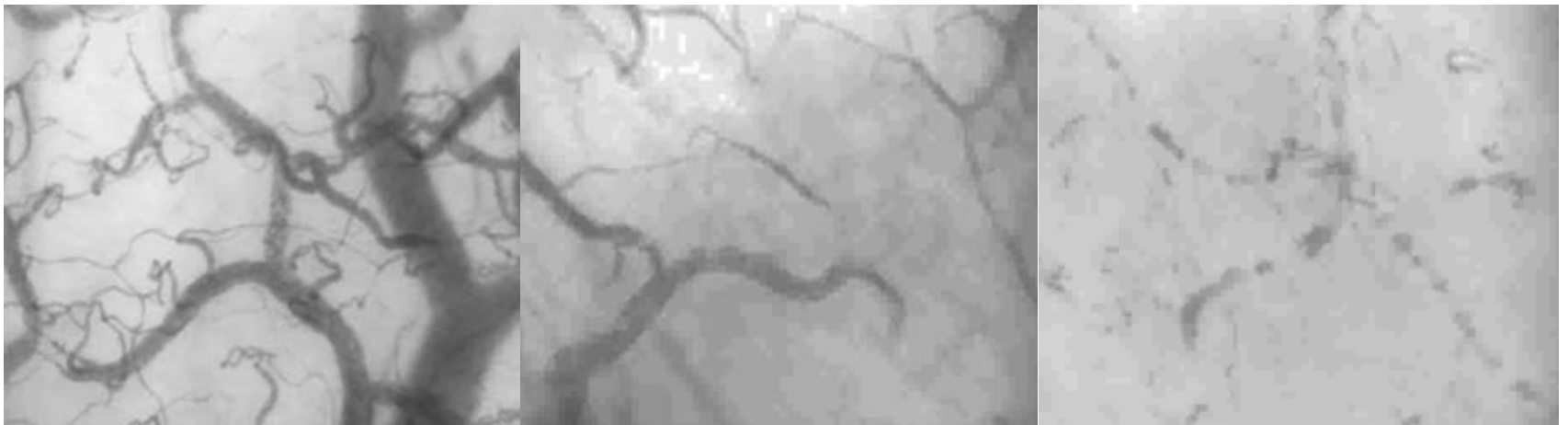
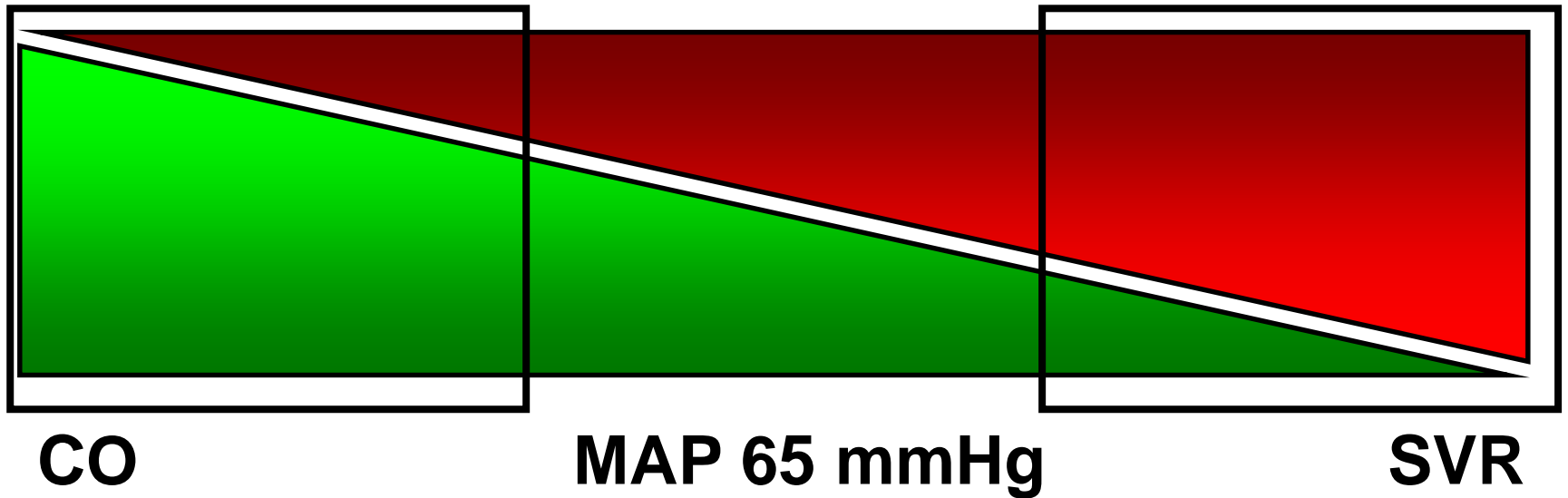


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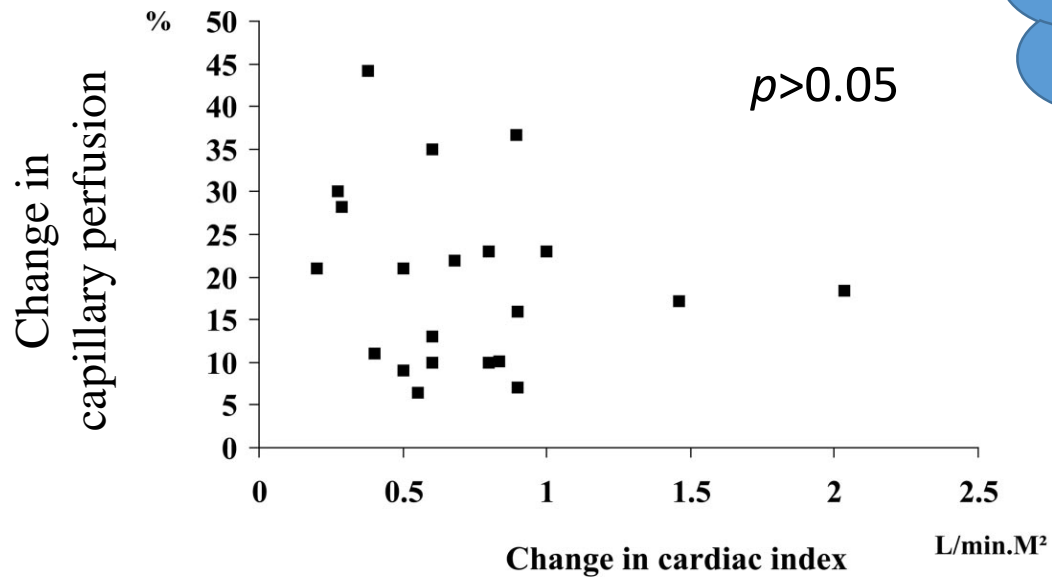
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# Pressure = Flow x Resistance



# Absolute CO vs. adequacy

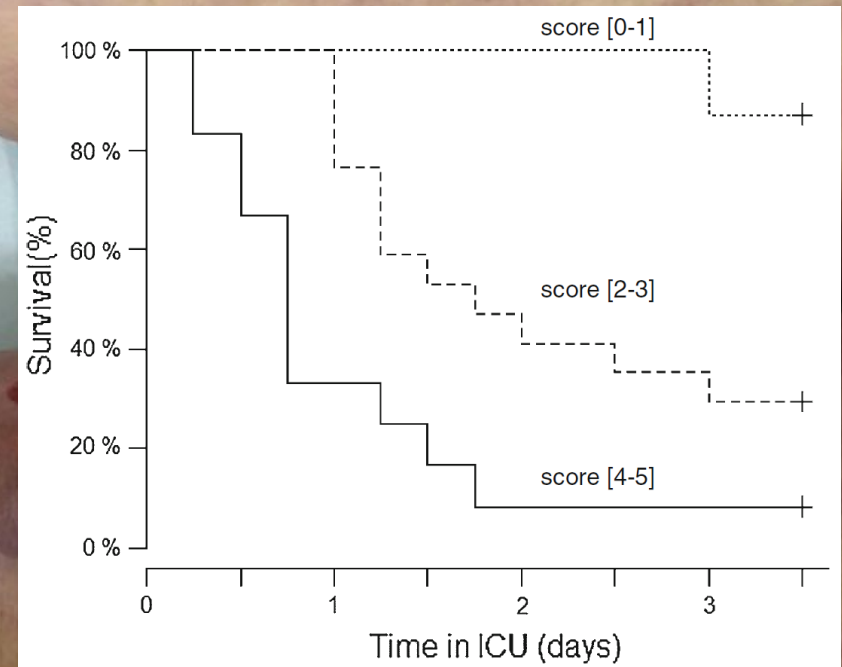
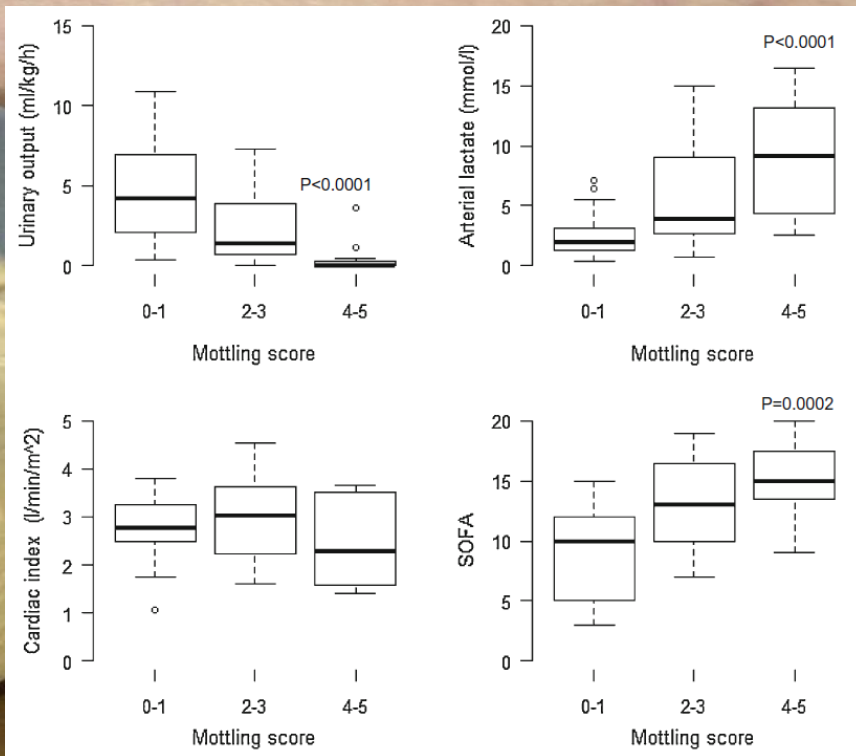


Is the cardiac output  
enough to adequately  
perfuse the tissues?

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## Mottling score predicts survival in septic shock

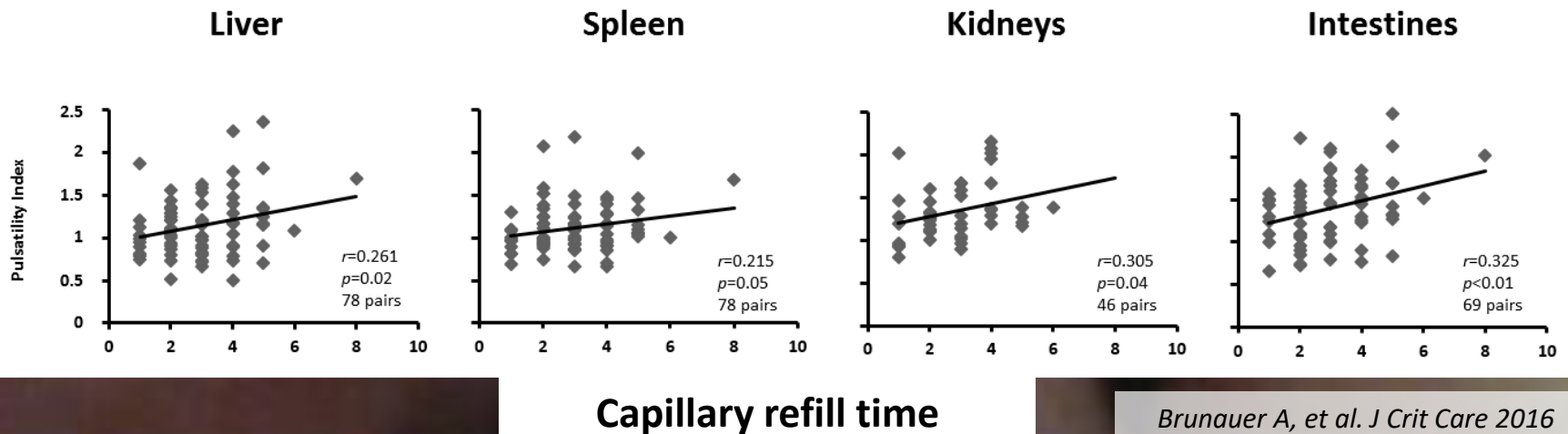


Ait-Oufella H, et al. *Intensive Care Med* 2011; 37:801-807

# Changes in peripheral perfusion relate to visceral organ perfusion in early septic shock: A pilot study<sup>☆</sup>



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# Re-thinking resuscitation: leaving blood pressure cosmetics behind and moving forward to permissive hypotension and a tissue perfusion-based approach

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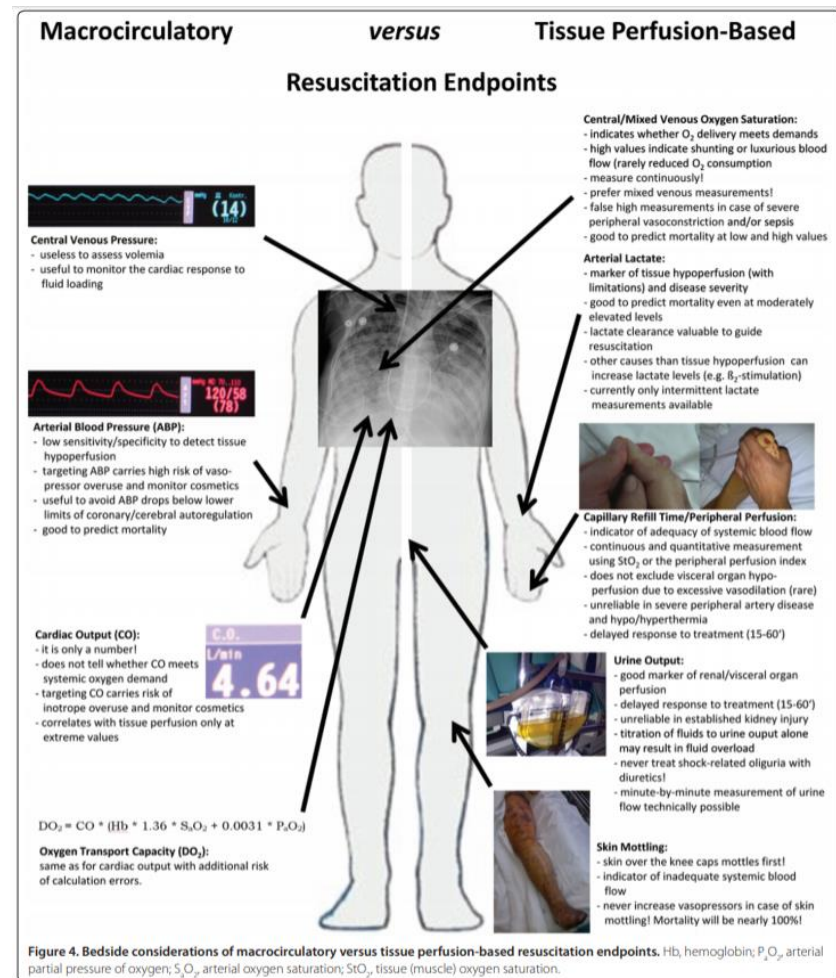
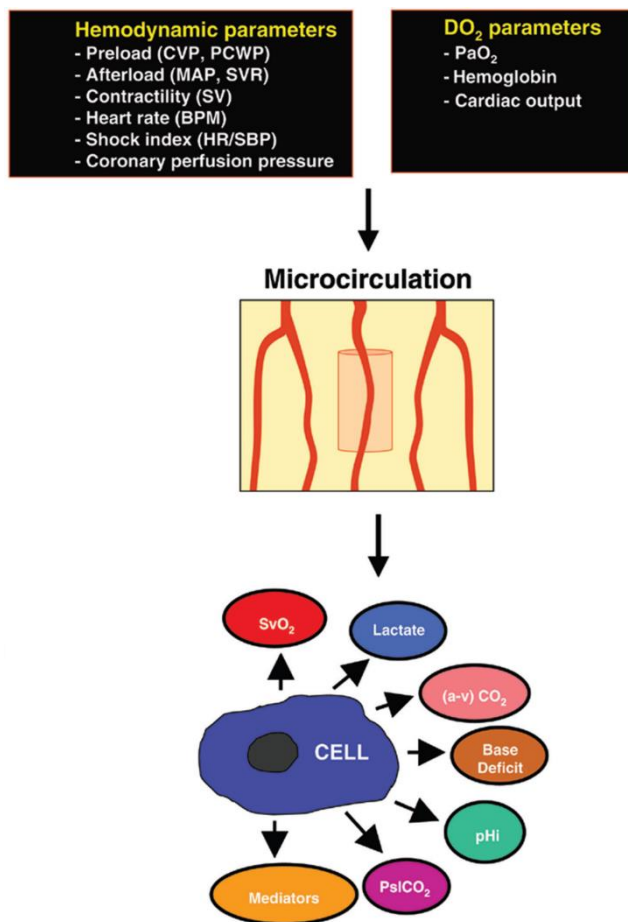
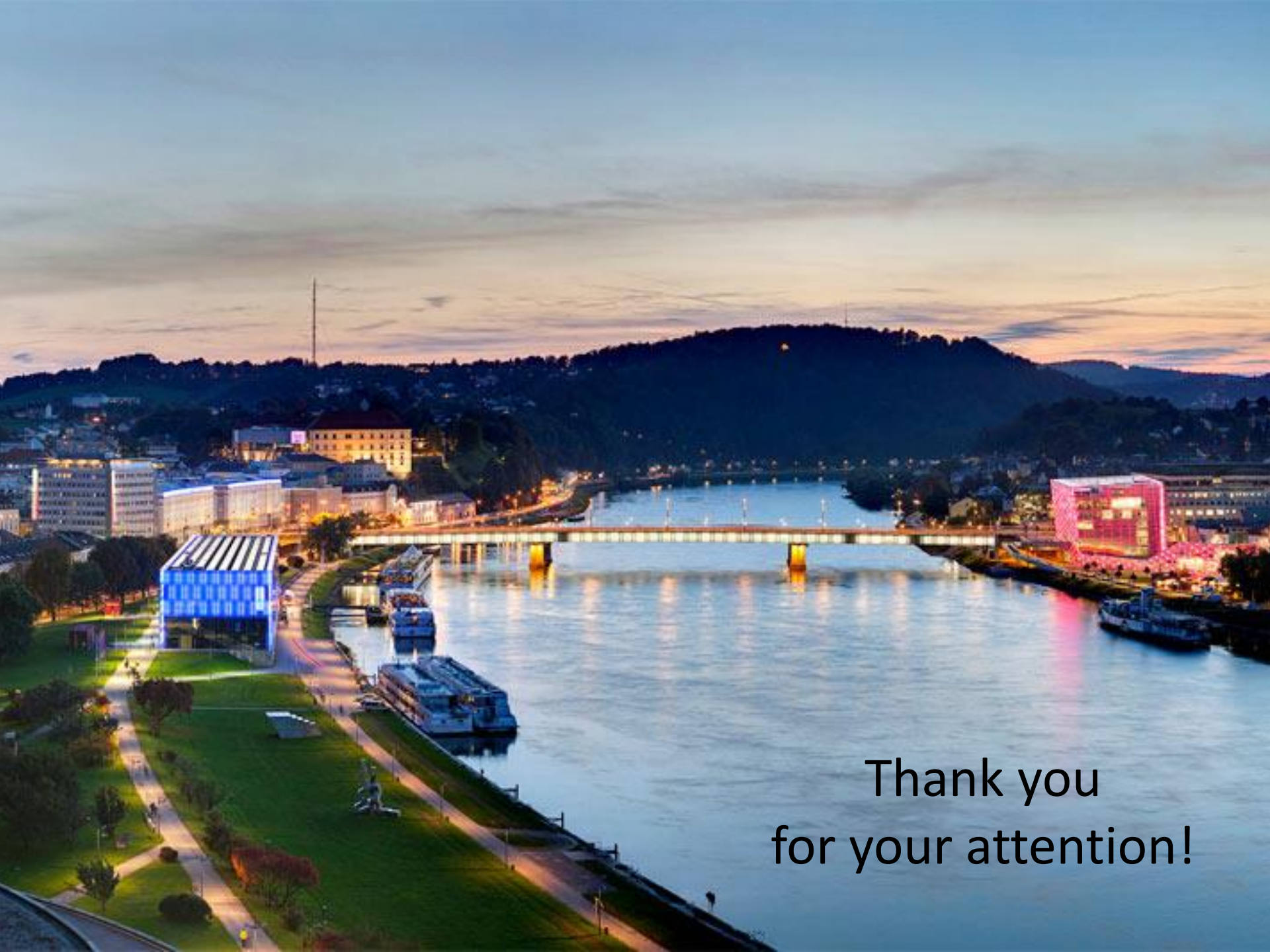


Figure 4. Bedside considerations of macrocirculatory versus tissue perfusion-based resuscitation endpoints. Hb, hemoglobin; P<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, arterial partial pressure of oxygen; S<sub>a</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, arterial oxygen saturation; ST<sub>O<sub>2</sub></sub>, tissue (muscle) oxygen saturation.



# Conclusions

- **Norepinephrine is a safe vasopressor when used correctly at low doses.**
- **New vasopressors are coming ...**
- **... but there are more important questions to be solved than simply playing with a new drug which we do not know how to steer.**



Thank you  
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