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Neuromonitoring for Prognostication under ECMO

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Q: What is neuromonitoring ?



A: Neuromonitoring refers to the (continuous or intermittent) **assessment of the neurological status of critically ill patients.**

Main aims :

- to **detect and prevent secondary brain injury**
- to guide **therapeutic intervention**
- to provide **prognostic information**

Framework

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VV-ECMO & Neurologic Complications

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1992-2015

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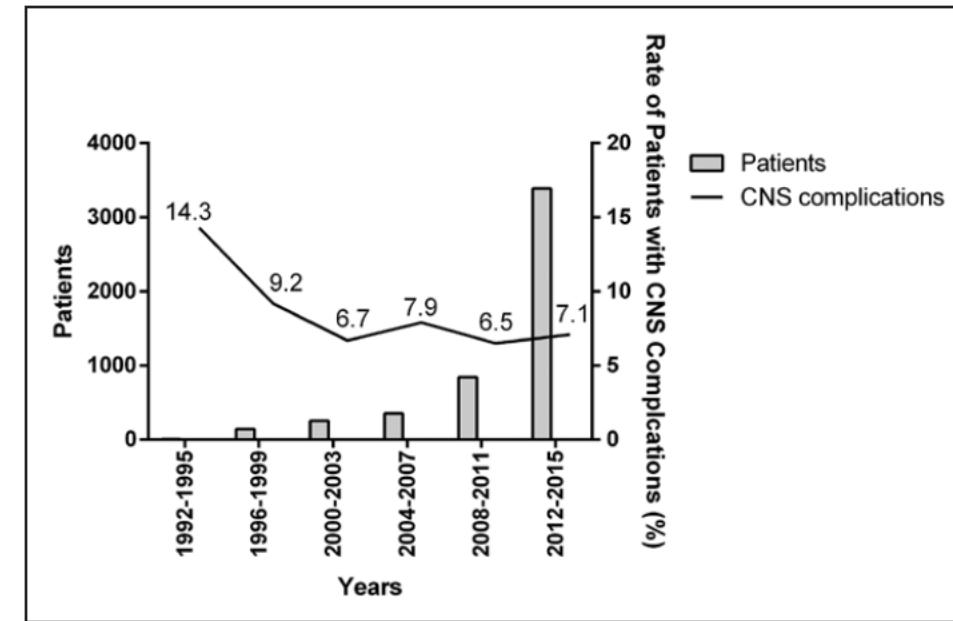


Figure 1. Trends and survival rate in veno-venous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation use and neurologic complications during 1992–2015 period according to the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization Database.

R Lorusso, Crit Care Med 2017

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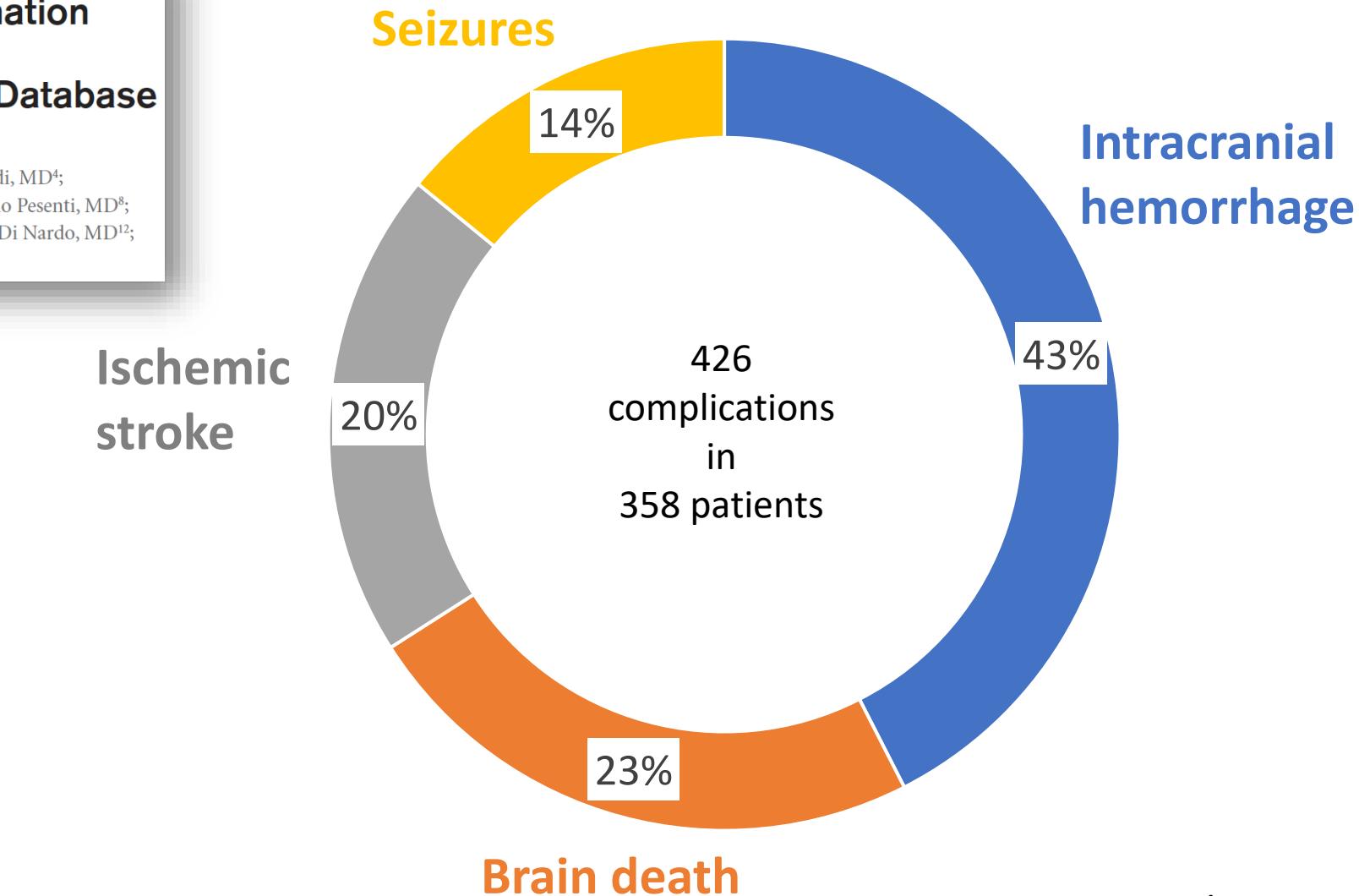
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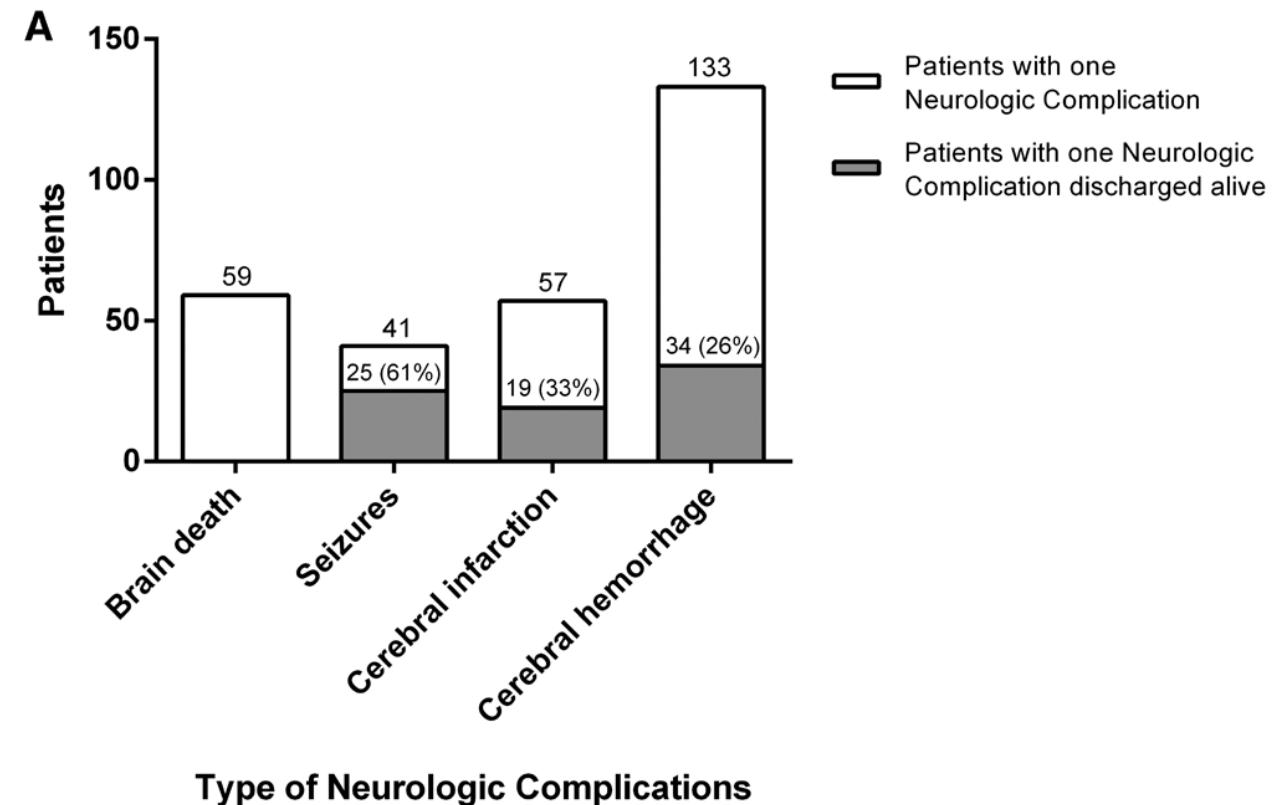
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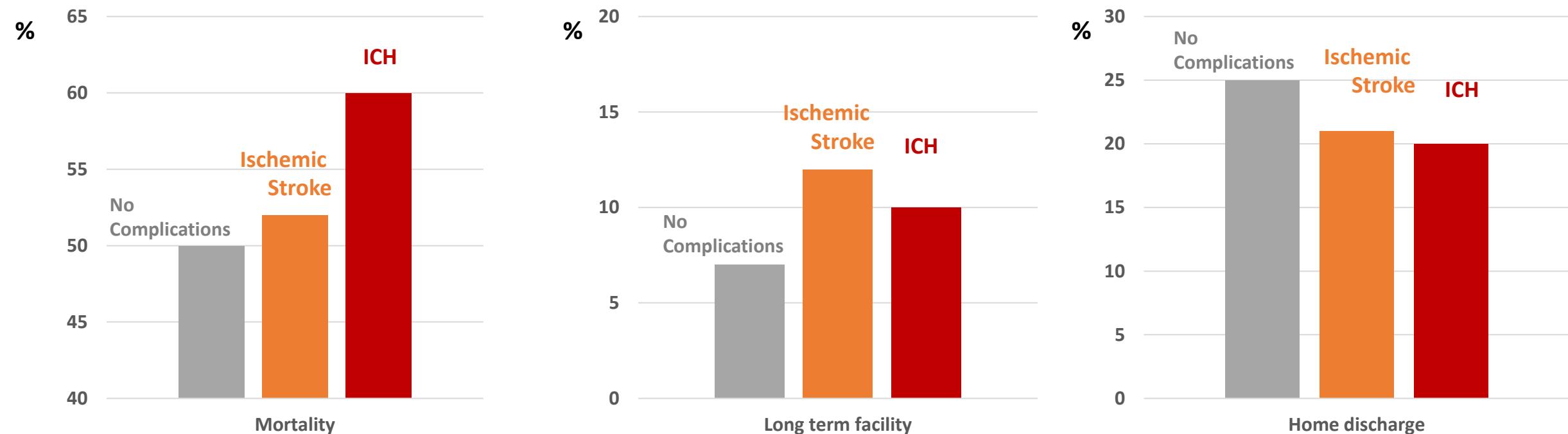


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VV-ECMO & Neurologic Complications

Neurologic Complications of Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

2001-2011, n=23951 patients on ECMO (all ages, all types of ECMO)



ICH is a strong independent predictor of mortality, aOR 2.31 (95%CI, 1.89-2.84)

DM Nasr, AA Rabinstein, J Clin Neurol 2015

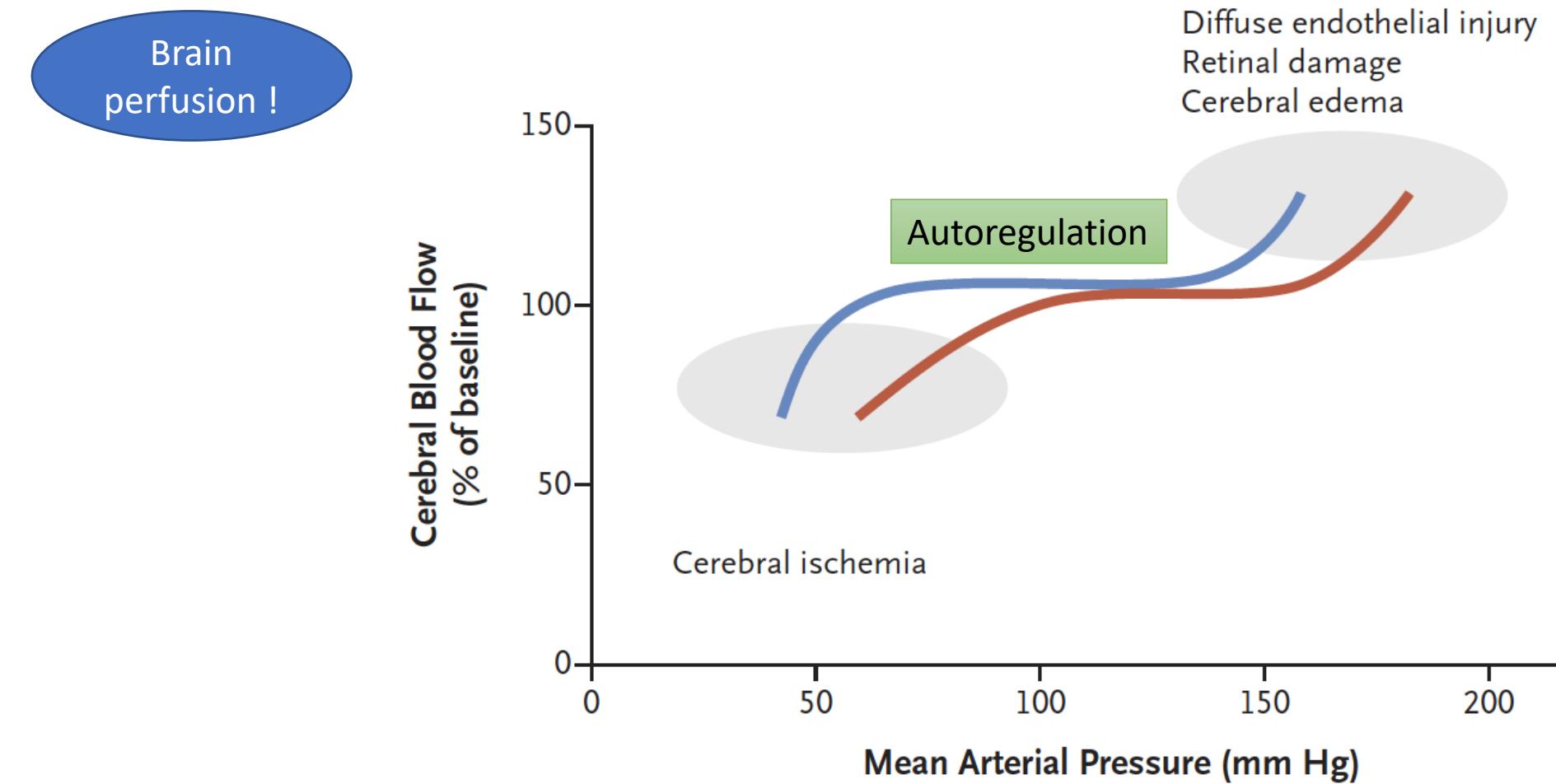
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Determinants of Cerebral Blood Flow (CBF) : MAP

CBF is preserved under physiological conditions

Both acute **hypotension** and **hypertension** -> deleterious neurologic consequences

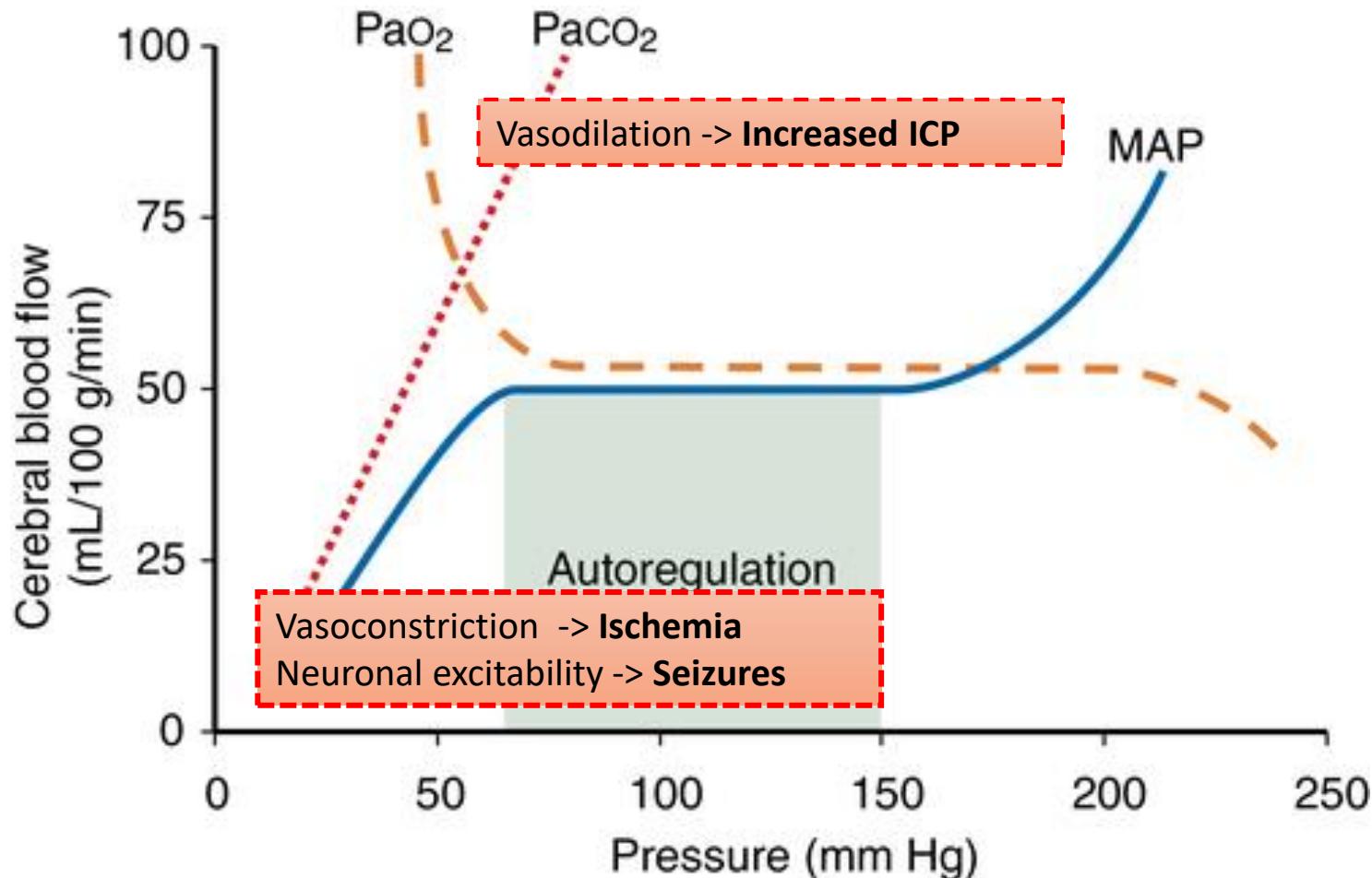


AJ Peixoto, New Eng J Med 2018

Determinants of CBF : PaCO₂ and PaO₂

CBF is preserved under physiological conditions

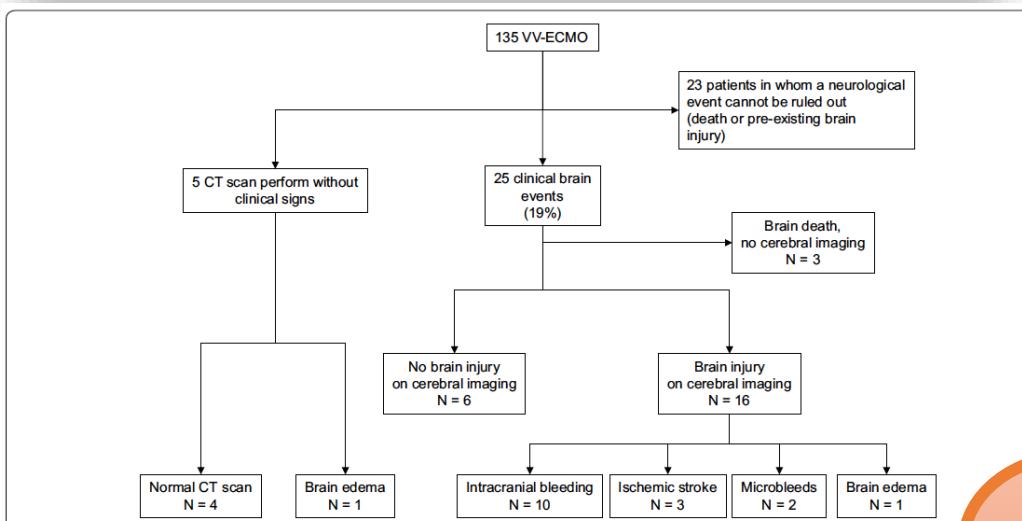
Both **acute hypo** and **hypercapnia** -> deleterious neurologic consequences



ORIGINAL

Brain injury during venovenous extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

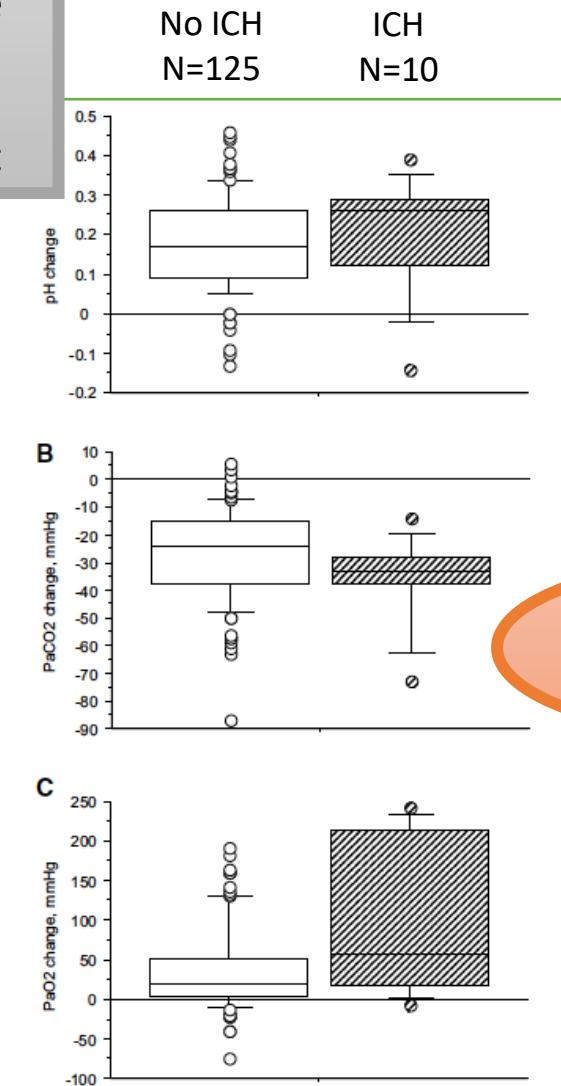
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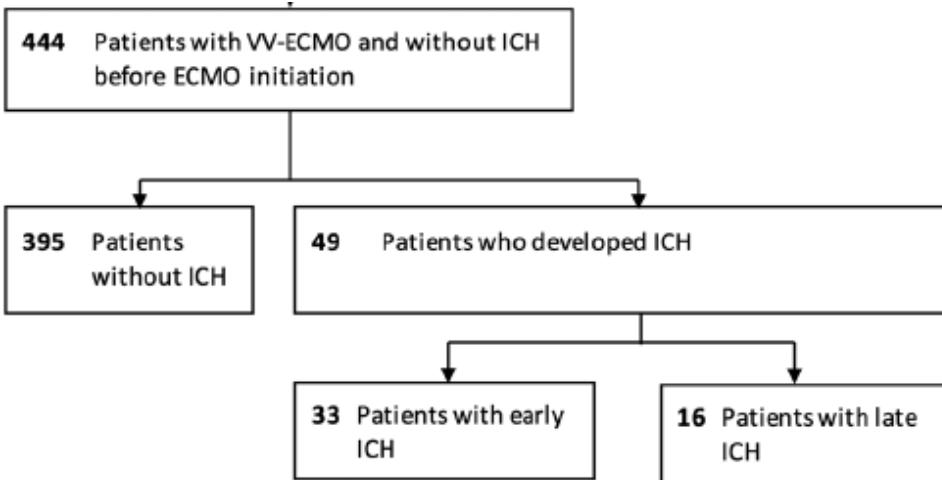
Risk Factors for ICH, multivariable analysis

Variable	Odds Ratio	95%CI
Renal failure	1.22	1.05-1.44
PaCO ₂ drops > 27 mmHg	1.28	1.11-1.52

Gas exchange parameters changes @ECMO start



Timing, Outcome, and Risk Factors of Intracranial Hemorrhage in Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Patients During Venovenous Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation



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PEEP, cm H ₂ O	1.28	1.11-1.52
Platelets, per 10/nl	0.83	0.71-0.94

49/444 (11%) patients developed ICH after a median time of 4 (2-7) days

O Hunsiker, Crit Care Med 2021

Risk Factors for Neurologic Complications

Patient-related ?

Age ?

High BMI

Cardiovascular risk factors ?

Arythmia ?

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Critical illness

Pre-ECMO cardiac arrest

CV failure

Renal failure* / CVVHD

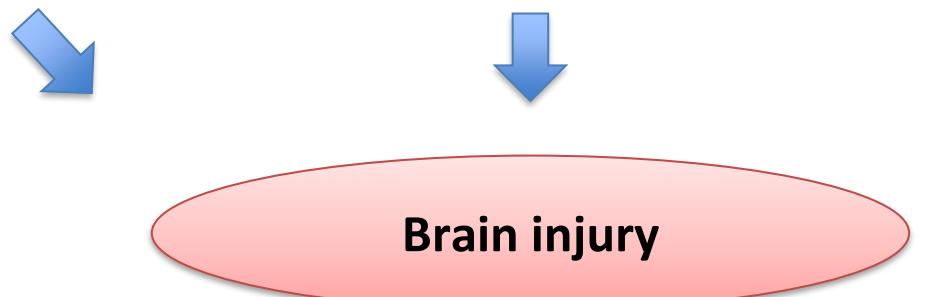
Hyperbilirubinemia

ECMO-related

PaCO_2 drops*

Hyperoxia

Low platelet count*



*Specific risk factors for ICH

CE Luyt, Intensive Care Med 2016

R Lorusso, Crit Care Med 2017

O Hunsiker, Crit Care Med 2021

AM Zaaqoq, Crit Care Med 2023

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Validation of a New Coma Scale: The FOUR Score

A 4-component score

Greater neurological detail than the GCS, including :

- **brainstem reflexes**
- **(breathing patterns)**
- the ability to recognize different stages of herniation.

A strong predictor of outcome

FOUR Score

Eye response

- 4 = eyelids open or opened, tracking, or blinking to command
- 3 = eyelids open but not tracking
- 2 = eyelids closed but open to loud voice
- 1 = eyelids closed but open to pain
- 0 = eyelids remain closed with pain

Motor response

- 4 = thumbs-up, fist, or peace sign
- 3 = localizing to pain
- 2 = flexion response to pain
- 1 = extension response to pain
- 0 = no response to pain or generalized myoclonus status

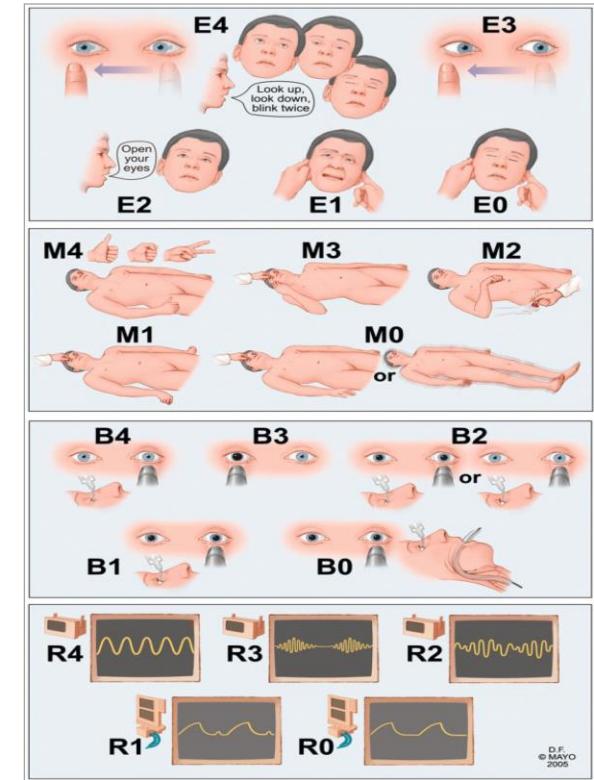
Brainstem reflexes

- 4 = pupil and corneal reflexes present
- 3 = one pupil wide and fixed
- 2 = pupil or corneal reflexes absent
- 1 = pupil and corneal reflexes absent
- 0 = absent pupil, corneal, and cough reflex

Respiration

- 4 = not intubated, regular breathing pattern
- 3 = not intubated, Cheyne–Stokes breathing pattern
- 2 = not intubated, irregular breathing
- 1 = breathes above ventilator rate
- 0 = breathes at ventilator rate or apnea

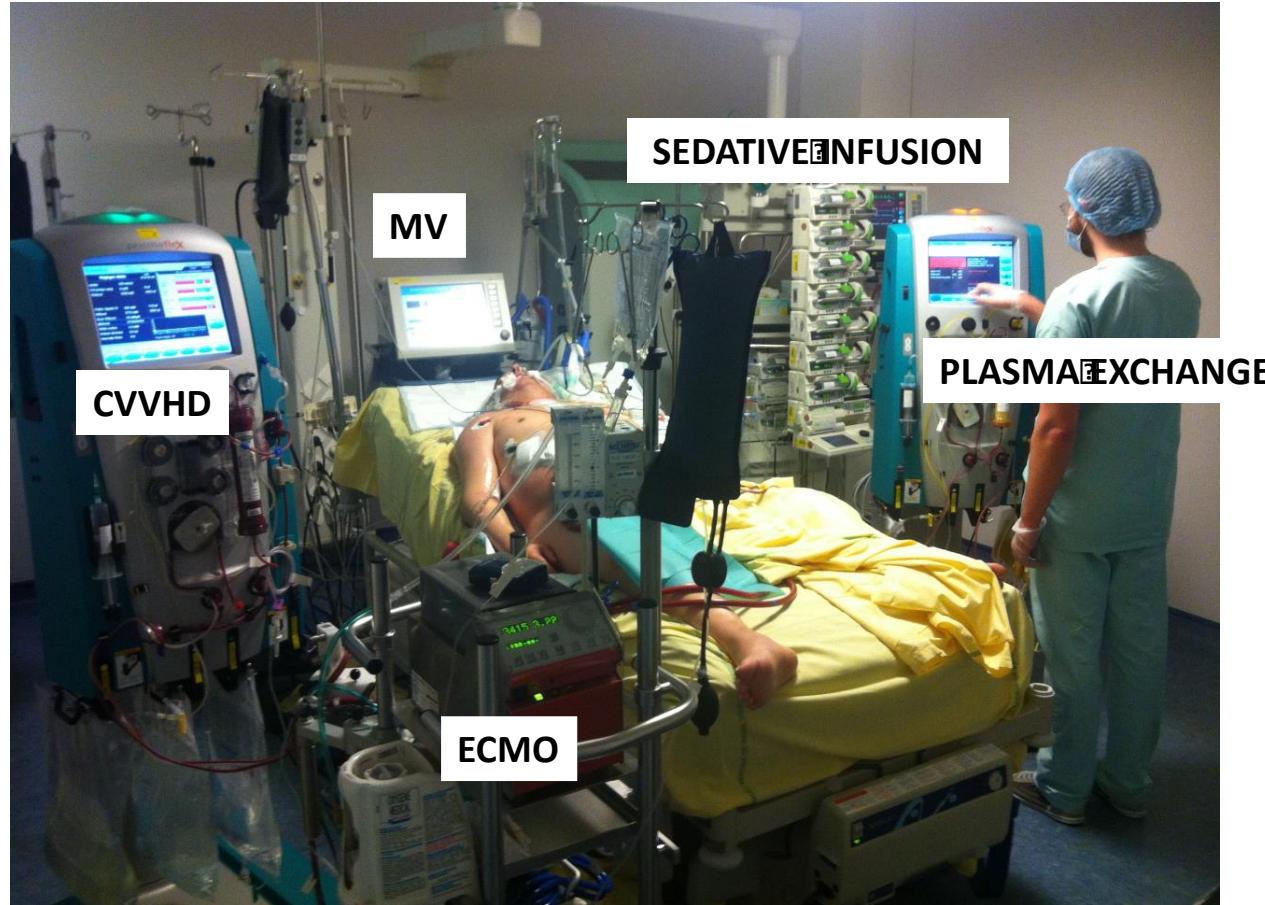
FOUR = Full Outline of UnResponsiveness.



EF Wijdicks, Annals of Neurology 2005

Confounders ...

- Sedation
- Paralyzing agents



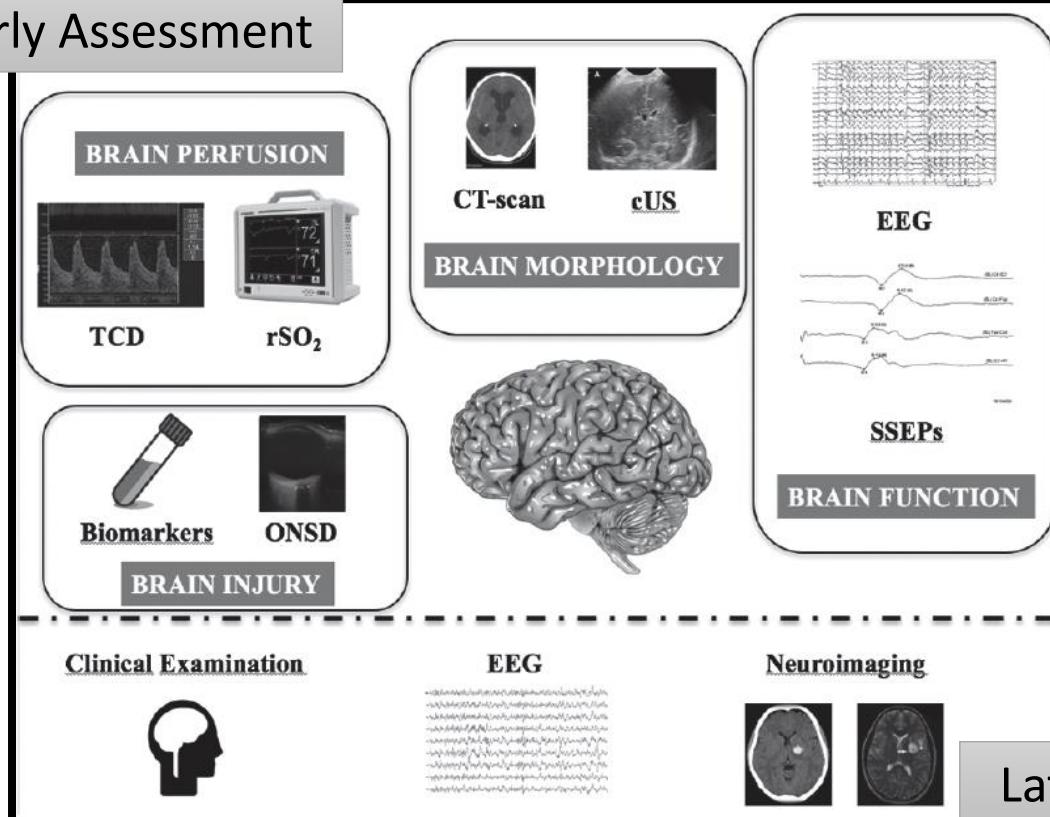
Guidelines ?

Brain monitoring in adult and pediatric ECMO patients: the importance of early and late assessments

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Multimodal Monitoring ?

Early Assessment



Minerva Anestesiologica 2017

Automated Pupillometry

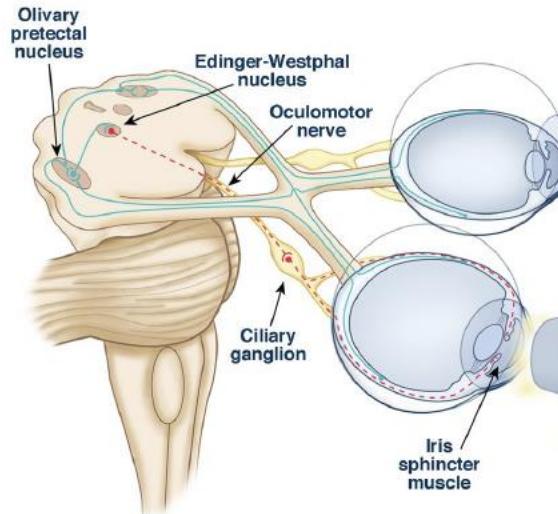
SPECIAL ISSUE INSIGHT

Automated pupillometry in intensive care

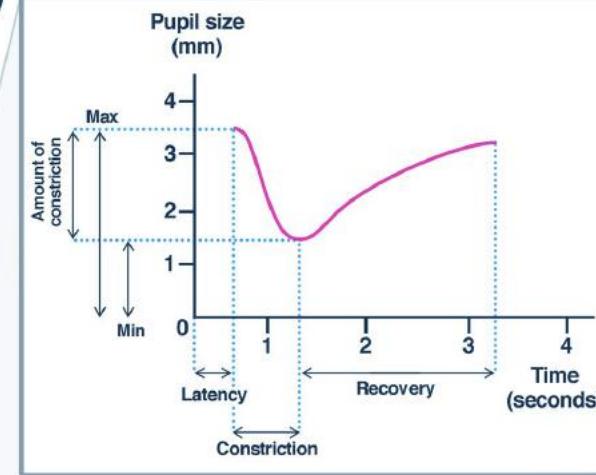


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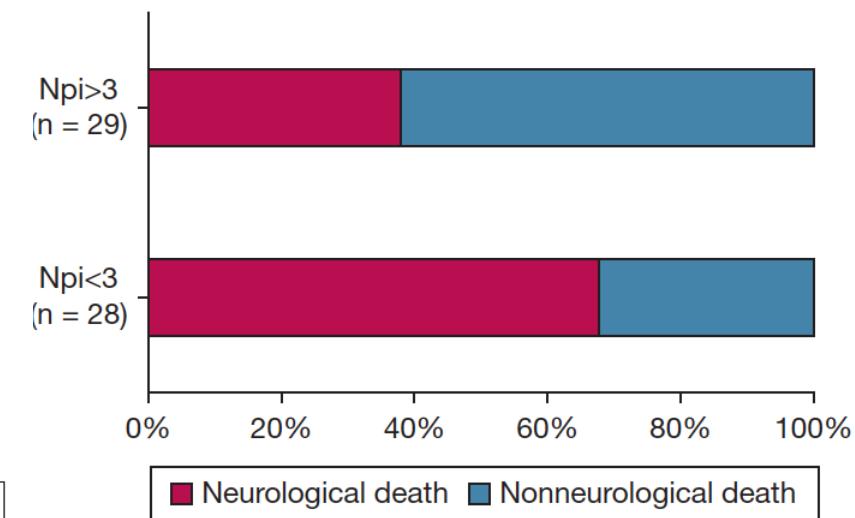
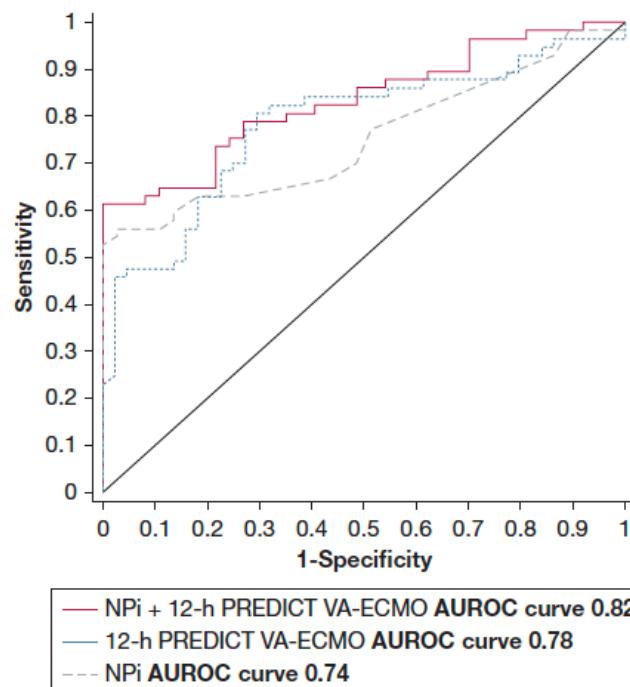
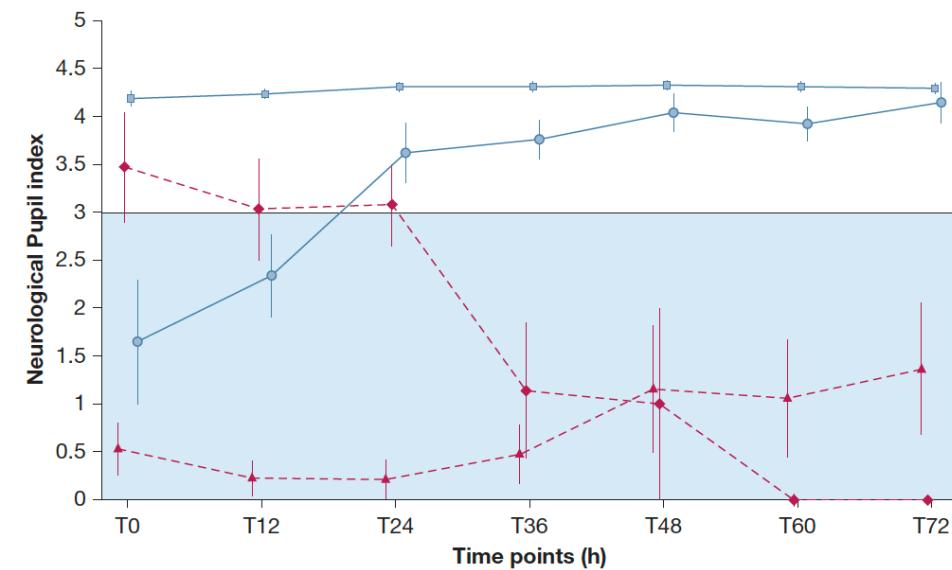


Automated Pupillometry

Neurological Pupil index for Early Prognostication After Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

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Single-center study, n=100 patients under VA-ECMO

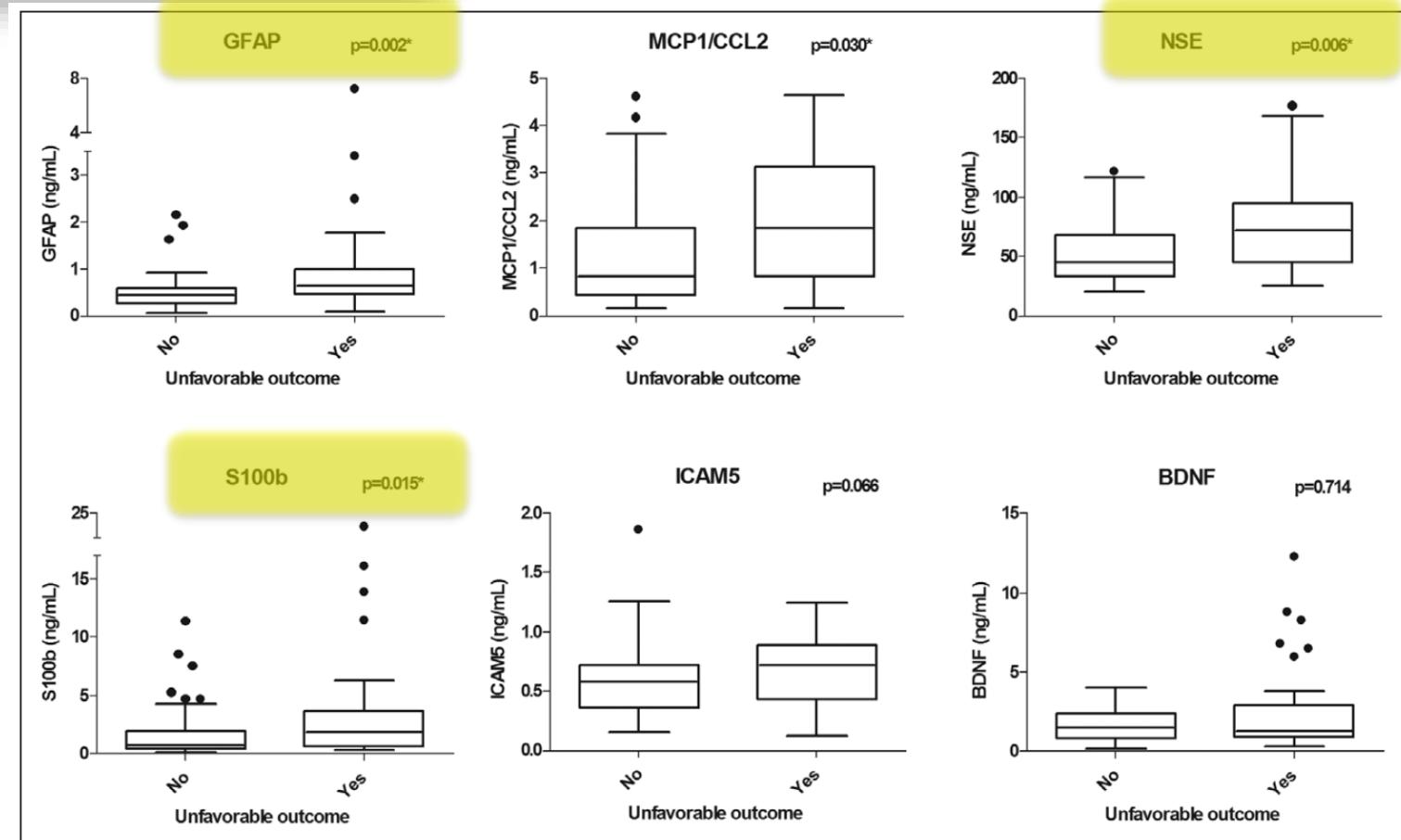


Quantitative NPI alone had excellent ability to predict a poor outcome from day 1 after VA-ECMO insertion, with no false positives.

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Plasma Biomarkers of Brain Injury as Diagnostic Tools and Outcome Predictors After Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation*

80 children on ECMO
Prospective study
Tertiary care center



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TABLE 4. Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve for Plasma Brain Injury Biomarkers to Classify Outcomes

Biomarker	Cutoff (ng/mL)	Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve	SE	95% CI	Sensitivity	Specificity	Positive Predictive Value	Negative Predictive Value
Unfavorable outcome								
GFAP	0.46	0.707	0.059	0.60–0.81 ^a	76	57	56	77
MCP-1/CCL-2	0.63	0.643	0.063	0.52–0.74 ^a	85	45	52	81
NSE	68.1	0.682	0.062	0.57–0.79 ^a	61	75	63	73
S100b	0.52	0.660	0.061	0.55–0.76 ^a	94	36	51	90
ICAM-5	0.70	0.621	0.065	0.51–0.73	55	75	60	70
BDNF	3.82	0.524	0.068	0.41–0.64	21	98	88	64
GFAP + NSE	NA	0.730	0.058	0.61–0.82 ^a	67	77	67	77

Neuron-Specific Enolase Levels in Adults Under Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

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N=103 VA-ECMO patients
(Pre-ECMO CPR n=26, 25%) patients

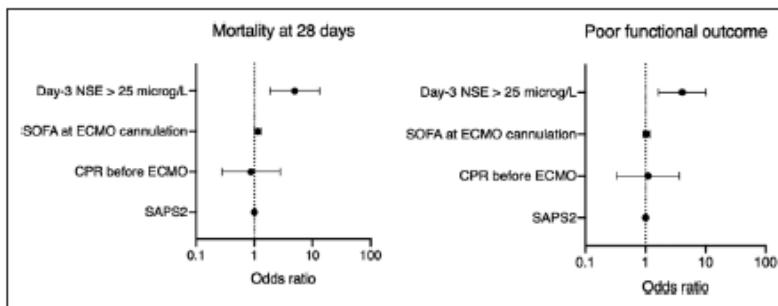
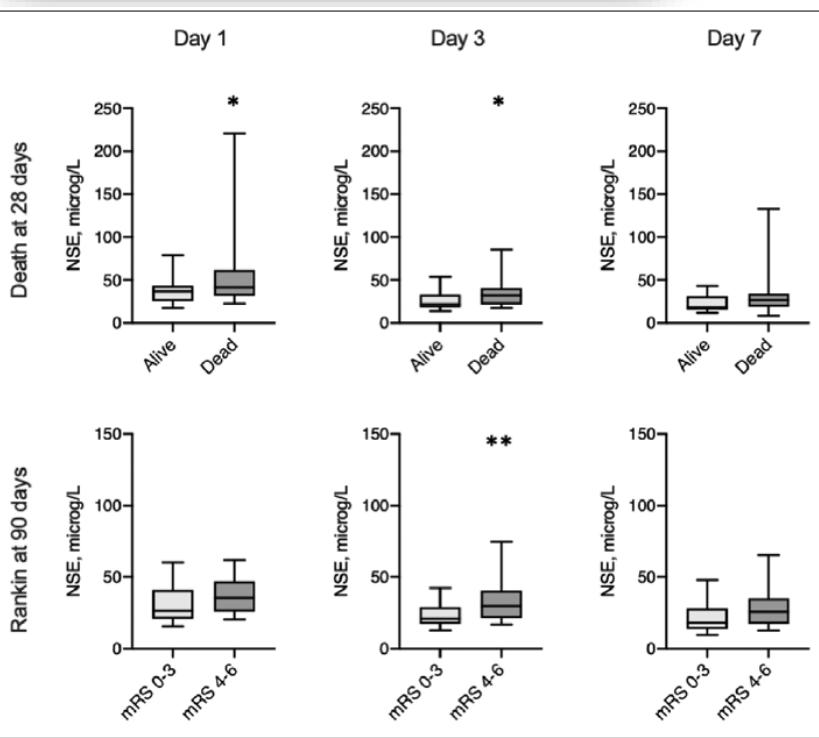


Figure 2. Predictors of outcomes, multivariable logistic regression analysis. The analysis was conducted on 99 patients (Three patients died before day 3, and one patient was weaned from extracorporeal membrane oxygenation [ECMO] before day 3). Area under the curve (AUC) = 0.739 for mortality; AUC = 0.714 for poor functional outcome. A poor functional outcome was defined as a score of 4 to 6 on the modified Rankin scale at 90 d. CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation, NSE = neuron-specific enolase, SAPS = Simplified Acute Physiology Score, SOFA = Sepsis-related Organ Failure Assessment.

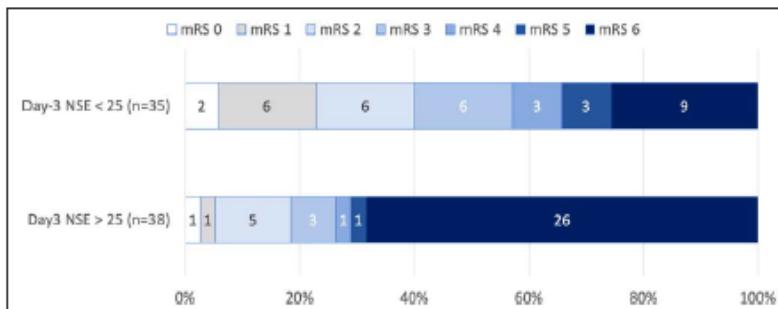


Figure 3. Distribution of the modified Rankin Scale (mRS) scores at 90 d. Scores range from mRS 0 to mRS 6, with mRS 0 indicating no neurologic deficit; mRS 1, no clinically significant disability (return to usual activities); mRS 2, slight disability; mRS 3, moderate disability requiring some help; mRS 4, moderately severe disability; mRS 5, severe disability; and mRS 6, death. NSE = neuron-specific enolase.

TABLE 2. Measures of Diagnostic Accuracy of Different Neuron-Specific Enolase Concentration Thresholds at Day 3 for Prediction of Mortality at 28 Days and Poor Functional Outcome at 90 Days

Variable	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)
Mortality at day 28, µg/L		
NSE > 25	71 (53–85)	62 (48–75)
NSE > 50	14 (6–31)	89 (77–95)
NSE > 75	11 (4–27)	98 (88–100)
NSE > 80	10 (4–27)	100 (92–100)
Modified Rankin scale ≥ 4 at 90 d, µg/L		
NSE > 25	65 (51–79)	67 (50–84)
NSE > 50	19 (10–33)	93 (79–99)
NSE > 75	9 (4–22)	100 (89–100)
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EEG monitoring

- Background
- Reactivity
- Seizure detection

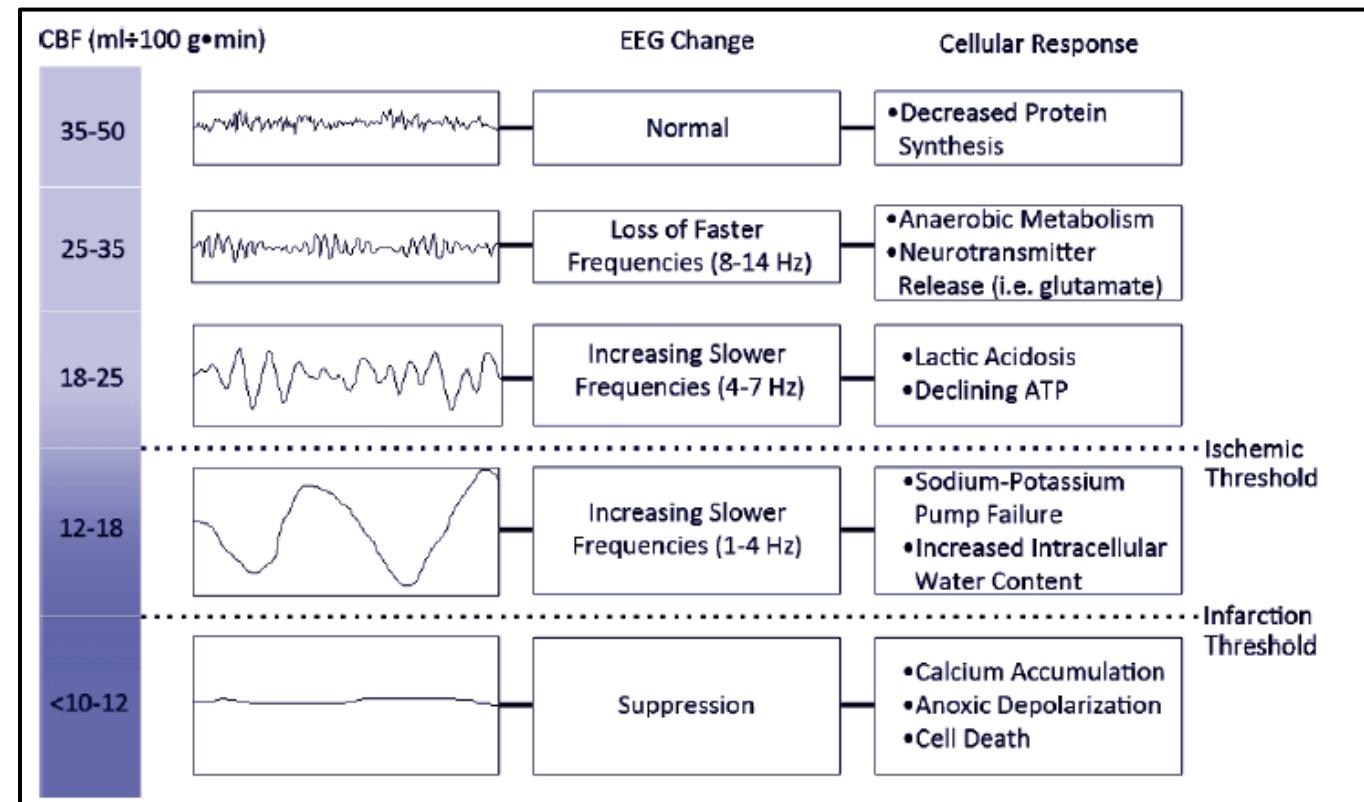
Background frequency

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Foreman and Claassen, Crit Care 2018



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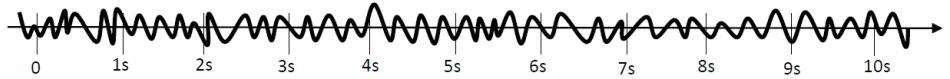
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Suppression ?

Attenuation or suppression, % of recording (≥ 1 s)

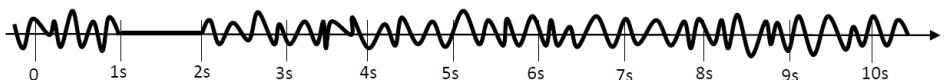
Continuous

<1%



Nearly continuous

1 to 9%



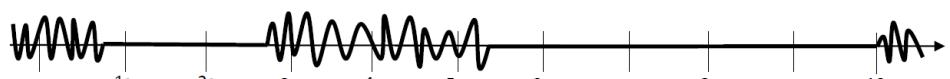
Discontinuous

10 to 49%



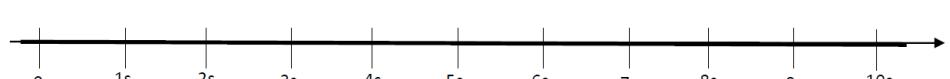
Burst-attenuation/
Burst-suppression

50 to 99%



Attenuation/
Suppression

>99%



Attenuation: $\geq 10 \mu\text{V}$, < 50% of higher voltage background
Suppression: < $10 \mu\text{V}$

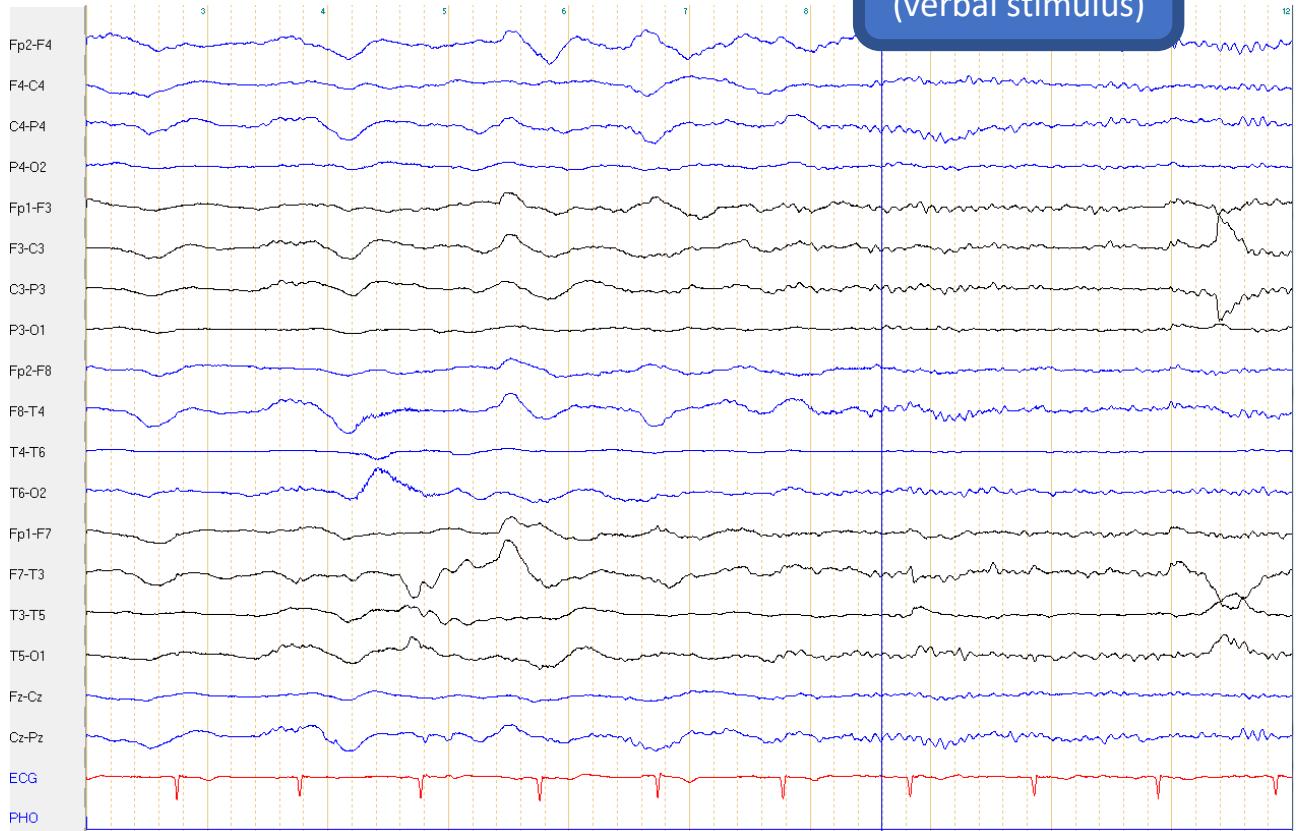


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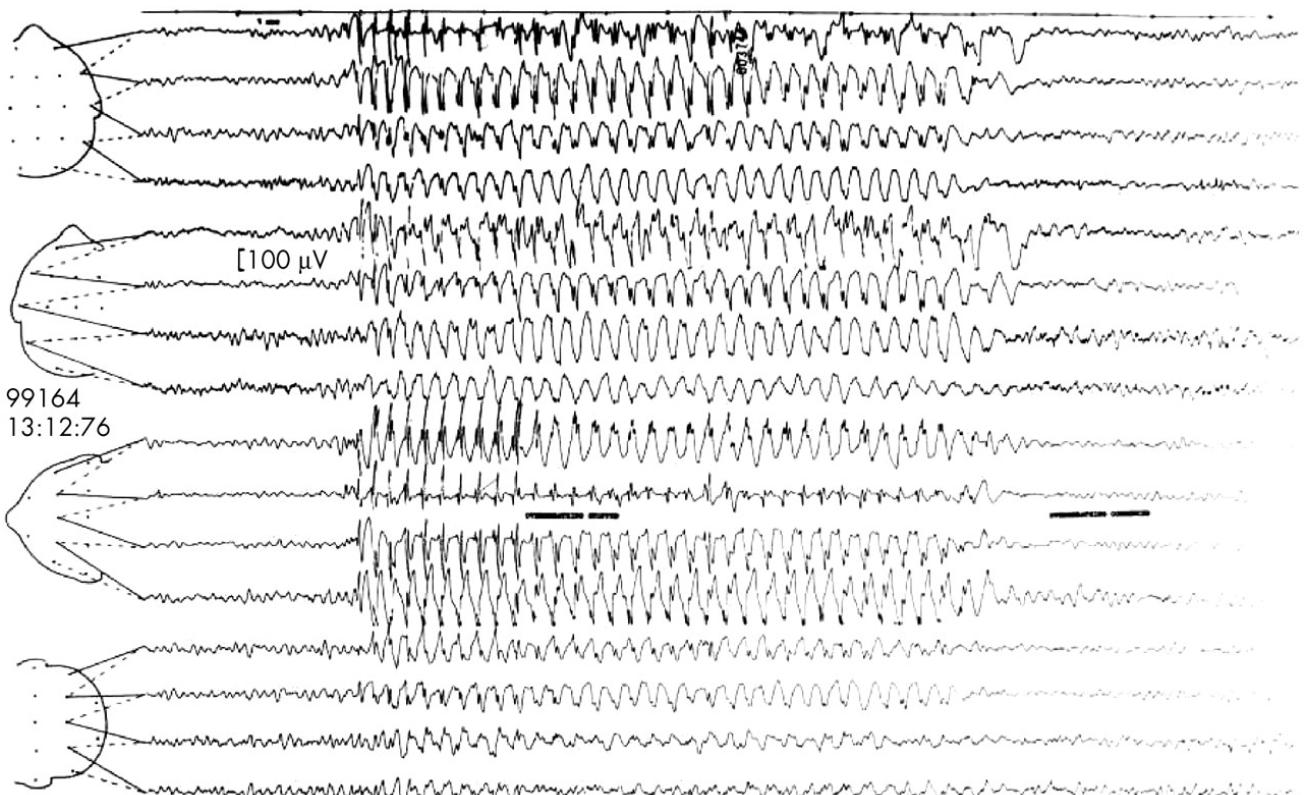


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EEG monitoring

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SJM Smith, JNNP 2005

RESEARCH

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Electroencephalographic features in patients undergoing extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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Table 2 Univariate and multivariate analysis to unfavorable neurological outcome at 3 months

	Univariate		Multivariate	
	Unadjusted OR [CI 95%]	p value	Adjusted OR [CI 95%]	p value
Age	1.02 [0.99–1.04]	0.10	1.02 [1.00–1.05]	0.10
Cardiac arrest	1.44 [0.70–3.00]	0.32	1.20 [0.52–2.73]	0.67
Lactate	1.11 [1.02–1.21]	0.02	1.08 [0.98–1.19]	0.14
Stroke/ICH	3.93 [1.11–13.91]	0.03	4.57 [1.25–16.74]	0.02
Background categories				
Mild/moderate encephalopathy	1		1	
Severe encephalopathy	3.23 [1.13–9.27]	0.03	2.48 [0.82–7.48]	0.11
Burst-suppression	2.69 [0.29–25.10]	0.39	3.94 [0.36–42.75]	0.26
Suppressed background	12.79 [1.64–99.94]	0.02	10.08 [1.24–82.20]	0.03

Hosmer and Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test: $p=0.04$

Crit Care 2020

ORIGINAL WORK

Early EEG for Prognostication Under Venoarterial Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation

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Variable	Number of events	AUROC	Sensitivity % (95% CI)	Specificity % (95% CI)	PPV % (95% CI)	NPV % (95% CI)	FPR % (95% CI)
<i>Clinical characteristics</i>							
Age > 60 years	48/122	0.602	49 (37; 62)	71 (60; 83)	65 (51; 78)	57 (45; 68)	29 (21; 37)
Abnormal pupillary reactivity	10/109	0.528	7 (0; 13)	88 (79; 97)	40 (10; 70)	43 (34; 53)	12 (6; 18)
GCS motor response 1 or 2	89/122	0.550	78 (68; 88)	32 (20; 44)	55 (45; 65)	58 (41; 74)	68 (60; 76)
<i>Electroencephalography</i>							
≤ 4 Hz	27/121	0.582	30 (19; 41)	86 (77; 95)	70 (53; 88)	53 (43; 63)	14 (8; 20)
Background abnormalities	27/120	0.581	30 (19; 41)	86 (77; 95)	70 (53; 88)	53 (43; 63)	14 (8; 20)
Discontinuous	20/121	0.576	24 (13; 34)	91 (84; 99)	75 (56; 94)	52 (43; 62)	9 (4; 14)
Unreactive	12/120	0.545	14 (6; 23)	95 (89; 100)	75 (51; 100)	50 (41; 59)	5 (1; 9)
≤ 4 Hz and unreactive	5/120	0.540	8 (1; 15)	100 (100; 100)	100 (100; 100)	50 (40; 59)	0 (0; 0)

An unfavorable outcome, defined by mortality at 28 days, occurred in 63/122 (52%) patients

AUROC area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve, FPR false positive rate, GCS Glasgow Coma Scale, NPV negative predictive value, PPV positive predictive value

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Simplified frontal EEG in adults under veno-arterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation

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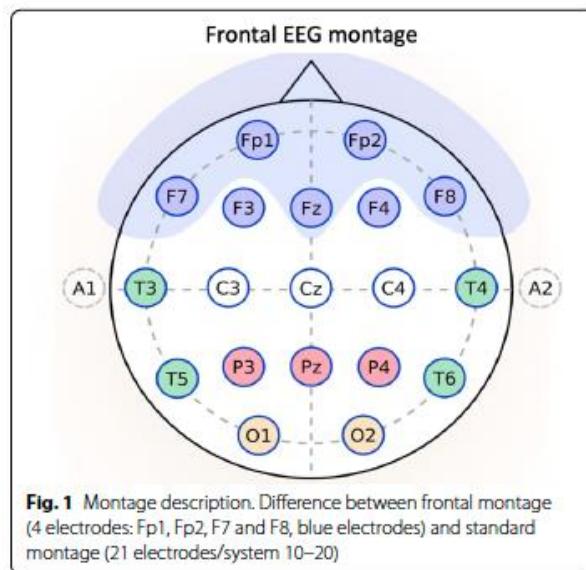


Table 2 Association between EEG parameters and outcomes

Outcomes	Day-28 mortality		Day-90 mRS ≥ 4	
	Variable	Adjusted OR ^a	95% CI	Adjusted OR ^a
Synek score, _{4-front} EEG (per 1-point increment)	1.67	[1.25; 2.24]	1.83	[1.25; 2.70]
Synek score, _{std} EEG (per 1-point increment)	1.55	[1.16; 2.07]	1.68	[1.13; 2.49]
Background rhythm _{std} EEG (per 1-Hz increment)	0.71	[0.52; 0.97]	0.73	[0.52; 1.03]

The Synek score ranges from 1 to 5, with higher scores indicating more severe encephalopathy

mRS: modified Rankin scale; OR: odds ratio; EEG: electroencephalography; _{4-front}EEG: 4-electrode montage; _{std}EEG: 21-electrode montage

^a The association between each EEG variable (background rhythm, and Synek's scores on _{4-front}EEG and _{std}EEG) and outcomes (day-28 mortality and day-90 mRS score ≥ 4) were evaluated using logistic regression analyses adjusted for age, pre-ECMO cardiac arrest, and non-neurological SOFA score at time of cannulation

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Table 3 Multivariable analyses with cerebral desaturation, acute cerebral complication, or hospital mortality as dependent variables

	OR	95% CI	p value	AUC (95% CI)
Cerebral desaturation				
SOFA score	1.40	1.06–1.84	0.016	0.80 (0.66–0.94)
Minimum BF (L/min)	3.05	1.01–9.17	0.048	
Acute cerebral complication				
Lowest rSO ₂ (%)	1.009	1.005–1.012	0.002	0.88 (0.78–0.98)
ΔrSO ₂ > 10%	24.24	2.77–211.80		
Hospital mortality				
High lactate (mmol/L)	1.22	1.03–1.46	0.025	0.79 (0.66–0.91)
Cerebral desaturation	7.93	1.62–38.74	0.011	

BF, blood flow; rSO₂, regional oxygen saturation; ΔrSO₂ > 10%, maximal difference between right and left cortical oxygen tissue saturation greater than 10%; SOFA, sequential organ failure assessment score on the day of ECMO initiation

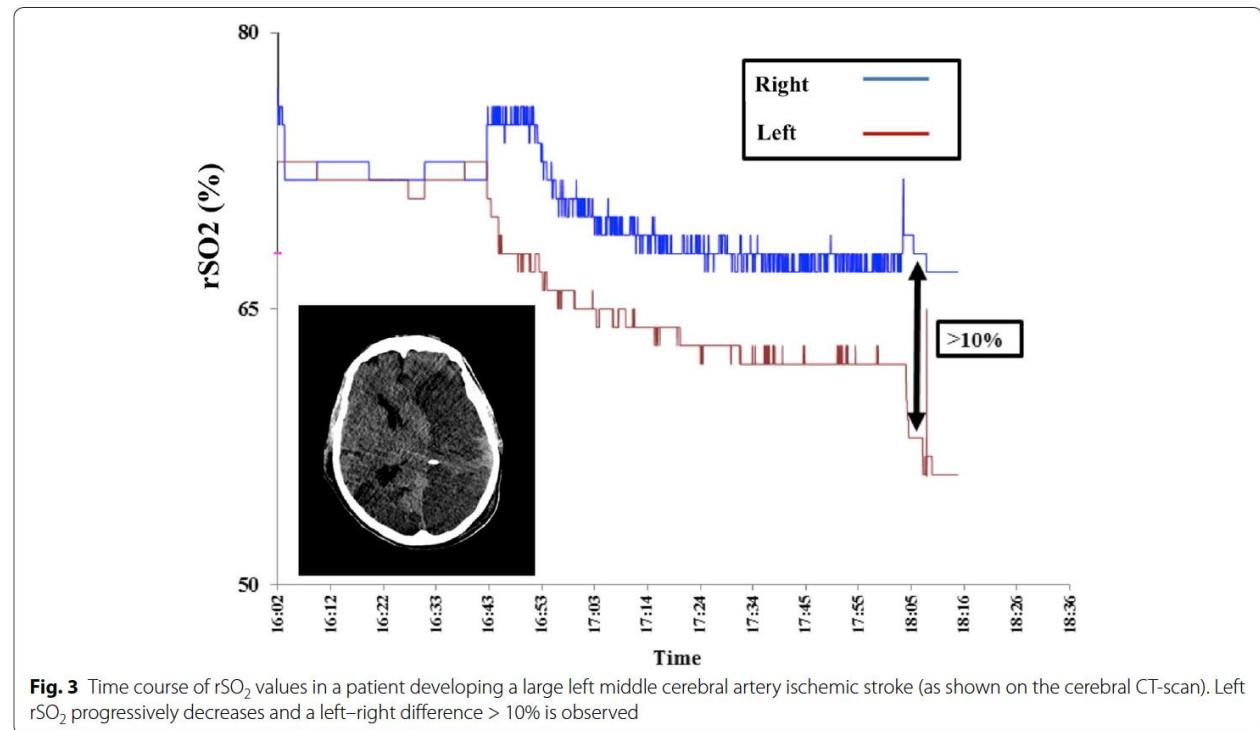


Fig. 3 Time course of rSO₂ values in a patient developing a large left middle cerebral artery ischemic stroke (as shown on the cerebral CT-scan). Left rSO₂ progressively decreases and a left-right difference > 10% is observed

Outcome Parameters in ECMO

Tool	Favorable Outcome (All of the following)	Unfavorable Outcome (Any parameter)
Clinical examination (FOUR score)	Preserved motor AND brainstem responses	Poor motor response OR Altered brainstem responses
Automated Pupillometry	NPi>3 AND symmetrical responses	NPi<3 OR asymmetrical responses
EEG	Continuous AND reactive No severe slowing (delta) No seizure	Suppressed OR severe slowing and unreactive
TCD	Preserved velocities	Altered velocities
rSO2	>65% AND symmetrical values	Asymmetrical (Delta > 10%)
NSE	Normal values <15 microg/L	High values >50-60 microg/L

At ECMO onset: optimize cerebral perfusion, avoid **PaCO₂** drops ++

Early assessment of neurological status :

- **Multimodal, non-invasive, bedside evaluation:** Automated Pupillometry, EEG, TCD
- Repeated **brain imaging (CT) ?**

Use **lower anticoagulation targets** (anti-Xa 0.2-0.3) ?

Higher **transfusion thresholds** ?

platelet count > 100,000 / mm³

FFP as needed to maintain INR < 1.5

Optimize ECMO weaning process ++

Late assessments after sedation discontinuation and weaning of ECMO



Brain MRI under ECMO ... ?

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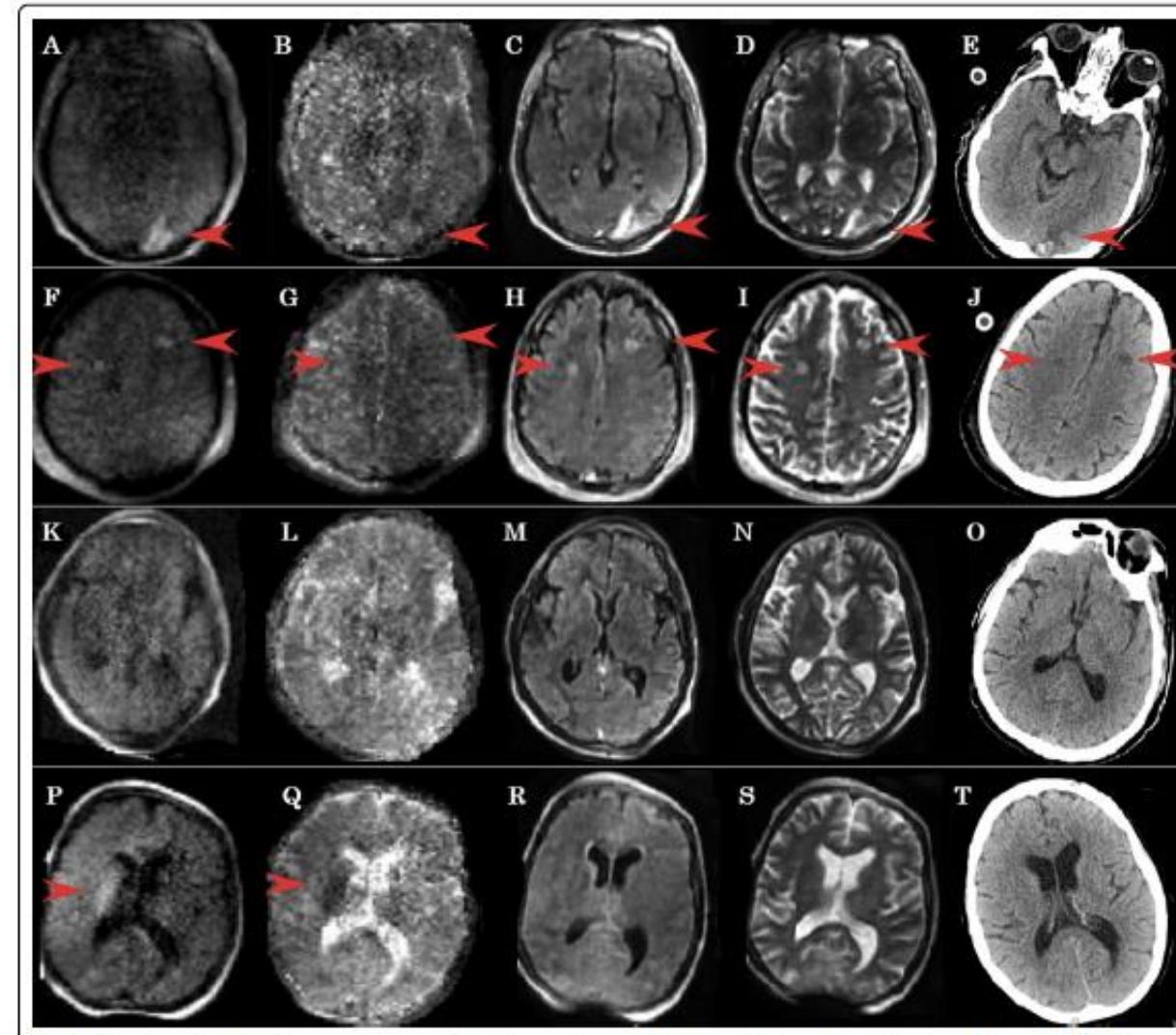


Assessing the SAfety and FEasibility of bedside portable low-field brain Magnetic Resonance Imaging in patients on ECMO (SAFE-MRI ECMO study): study protocol and first case series experience

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POC MRI @bedside of ECMO patients utilizing a 64mT Swoop® MR imaging system



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Framework

- VV-ECMO is associated with neurologic complications
- Pathophysiology and risk factors
- Brain monitoring tools
- Conclusion

WHAT'S NEW IN INTENSIVE CARE

Neuromonitoring for prognostication under ECMO



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- **Neurologic complications (ICH, ischemic stroke) contribute to poor outcomes**
- **Early multimodal non-invasive neuromonitoring is mandatory**
 - to **detect and prevent brain injury**
 - to guide **therapeutic interventions**
 - to **assist with prognostication**
- Data arise from **single-center (retrospective) studies**
- **Further prospective data needed in VV-ECMO patients**

Thank you ! 😊

