



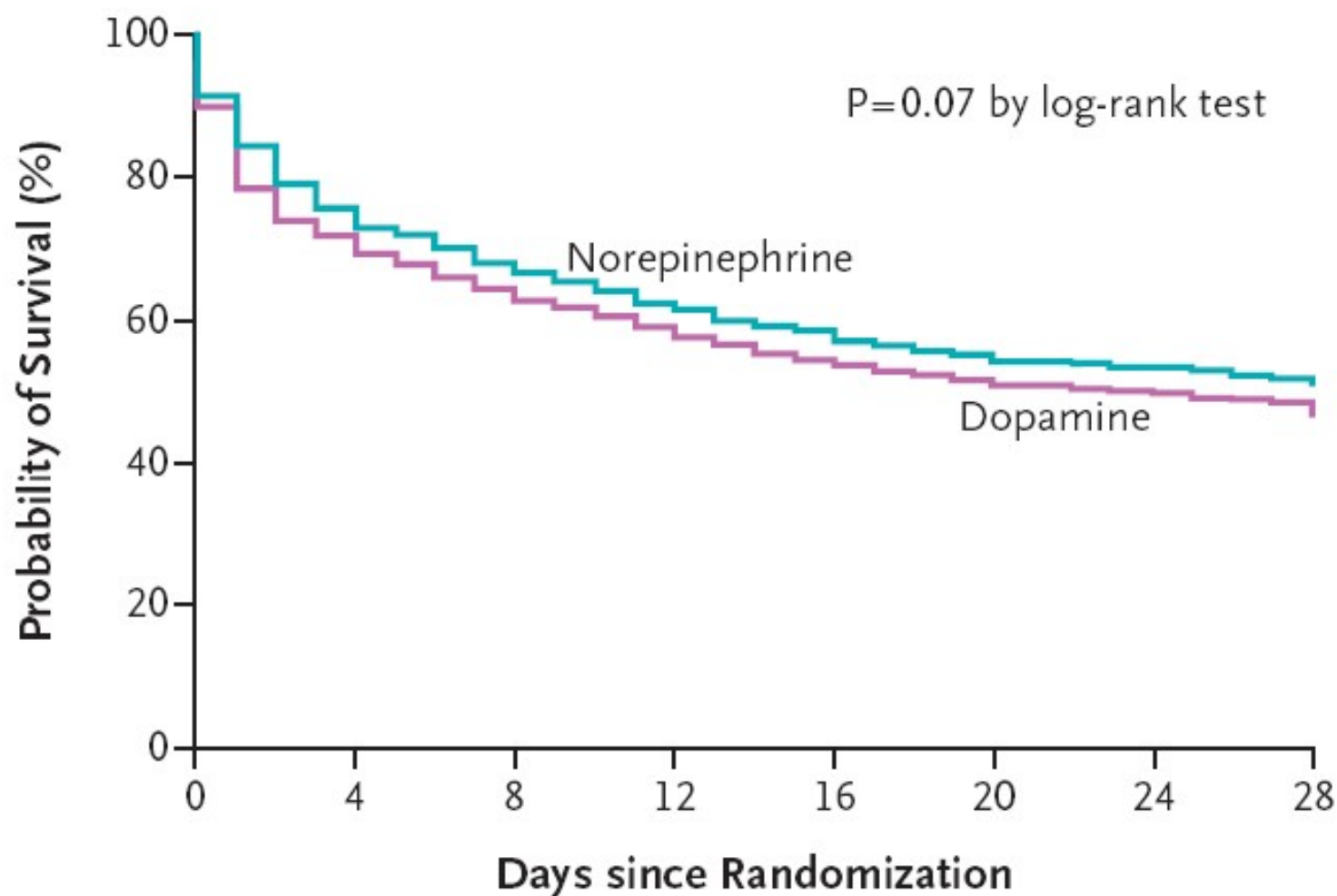
Place de la vasopressine

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Norepinephrine vs Dopamine in shock (SOAP investigators)

De Backer et al
NEJM 362: 779



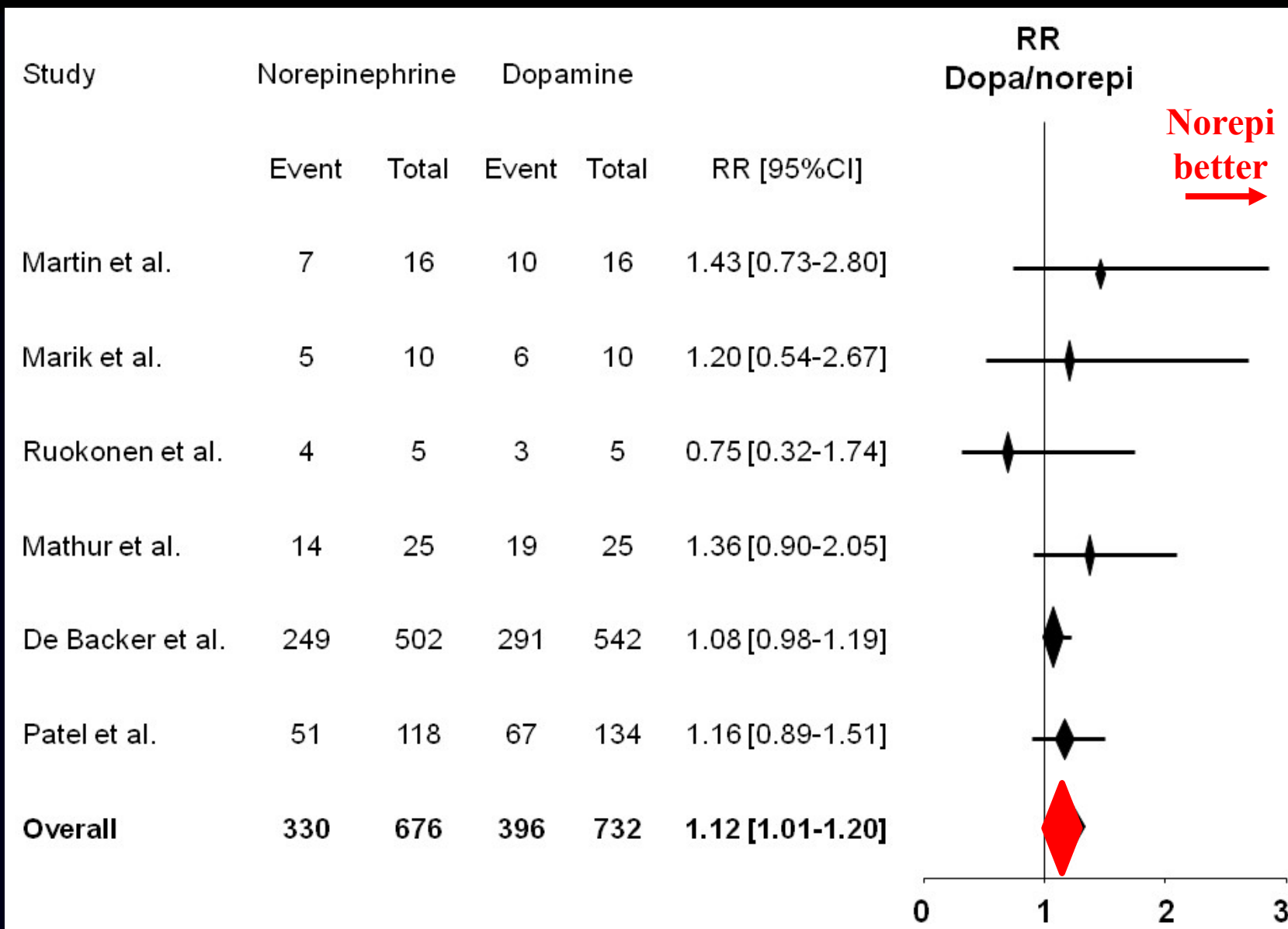
No. at Risk

Norepinephrine	821	617	553	504	467	432	412	394
Dopamine	858	611	546	494	452	426	407	386

Dopamine vs norepinephrine in septic shock

A meta-analysis

De Backer et al.
CCM 40:725



Association Between US Norepinephrine Shortage and Mortality Among Patients With Septic Shock

MD; Hayley B. Gershengorn, MD; May Hua, MD, MSc; Allan J. Walkey, MD, MSc; Benfeld, MD, MSc; Hannah Wunsch, MD, MSc

Vail E et al
JAMA

Shifting from norepi to phenylephrine + dopamine was associated with increased mortality



Cohort	Deaths, No./Total Patients, No. (%)	Absolute Mortality Difference, % (95% CI) ^a	Adjusted Odds Ratio (95% CI) ^b	P Value
Patients with septic shock receiving vasopressors				
Primary model ^c				
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

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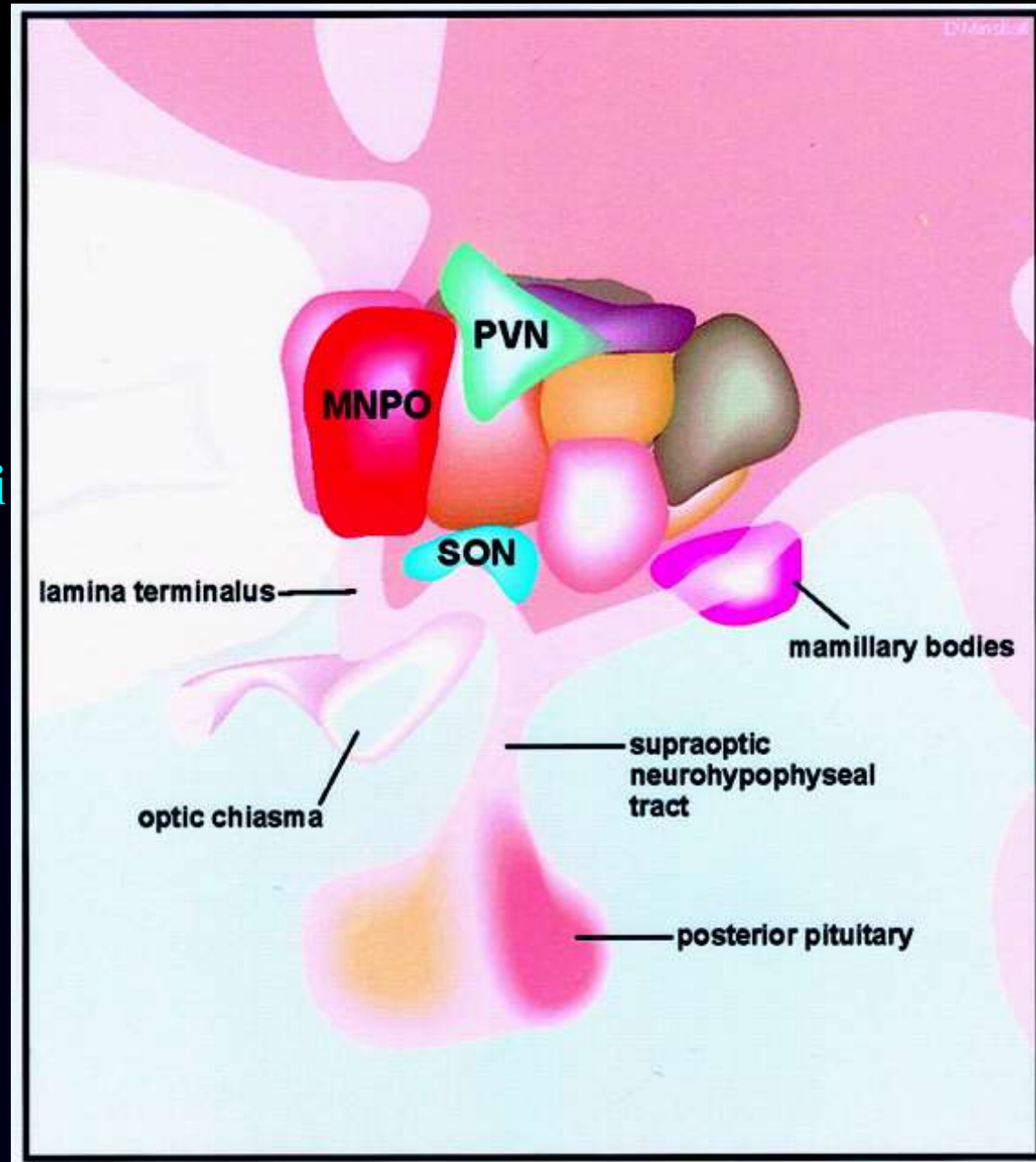
Vasopressin as an alternative?

VASOPRESSIN

Holmes et al
Chest 120:989;2

Nonapeptide hormone
synthesized in supraoptic
and paraventricular nuclei
of the hypothalamus

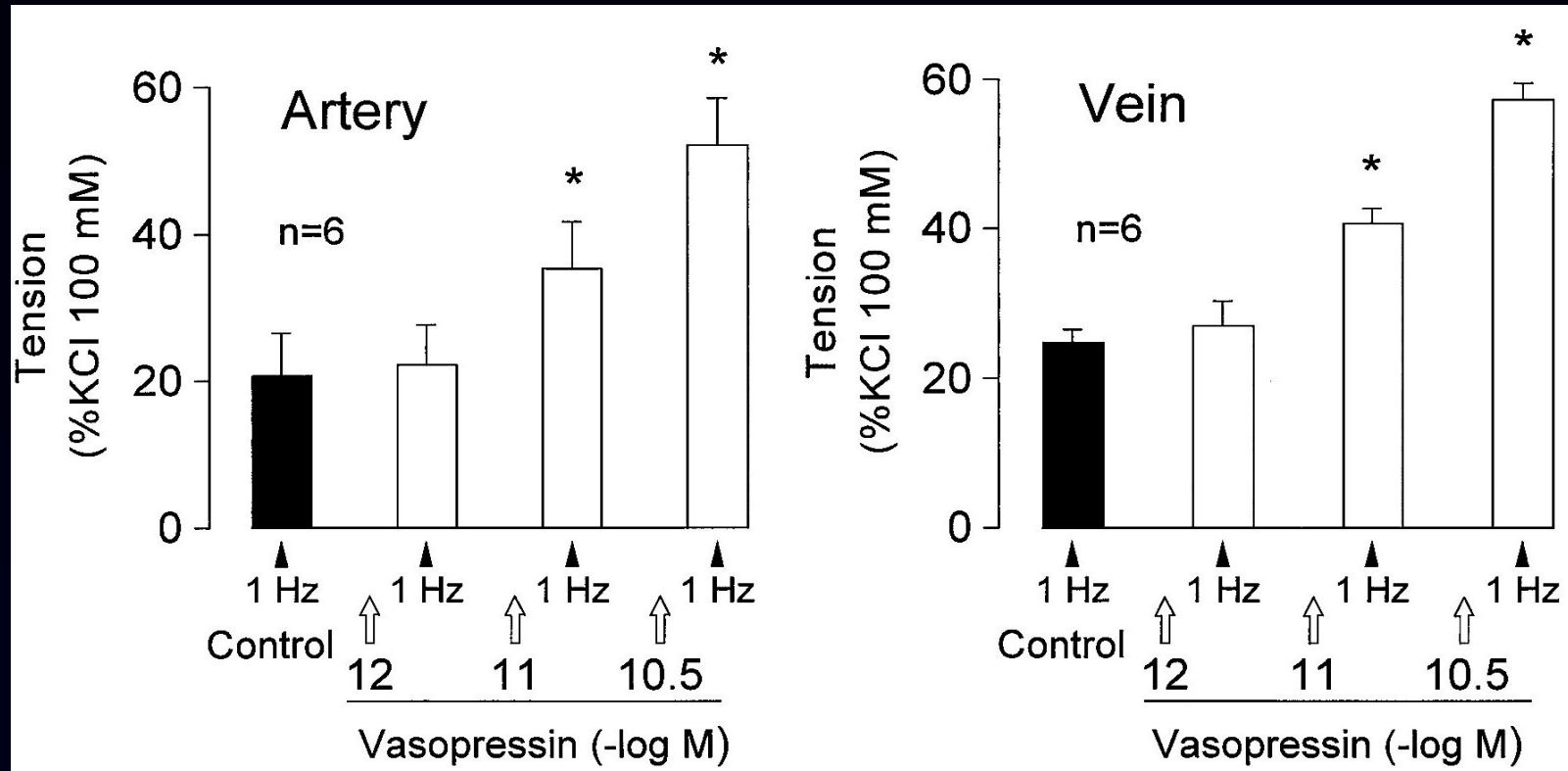
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in the posterior pituitary



Physiologic effects of vasopressin:

Segarra et al
J Pharm Exp T
286: 1315; 199

Pressure regulation

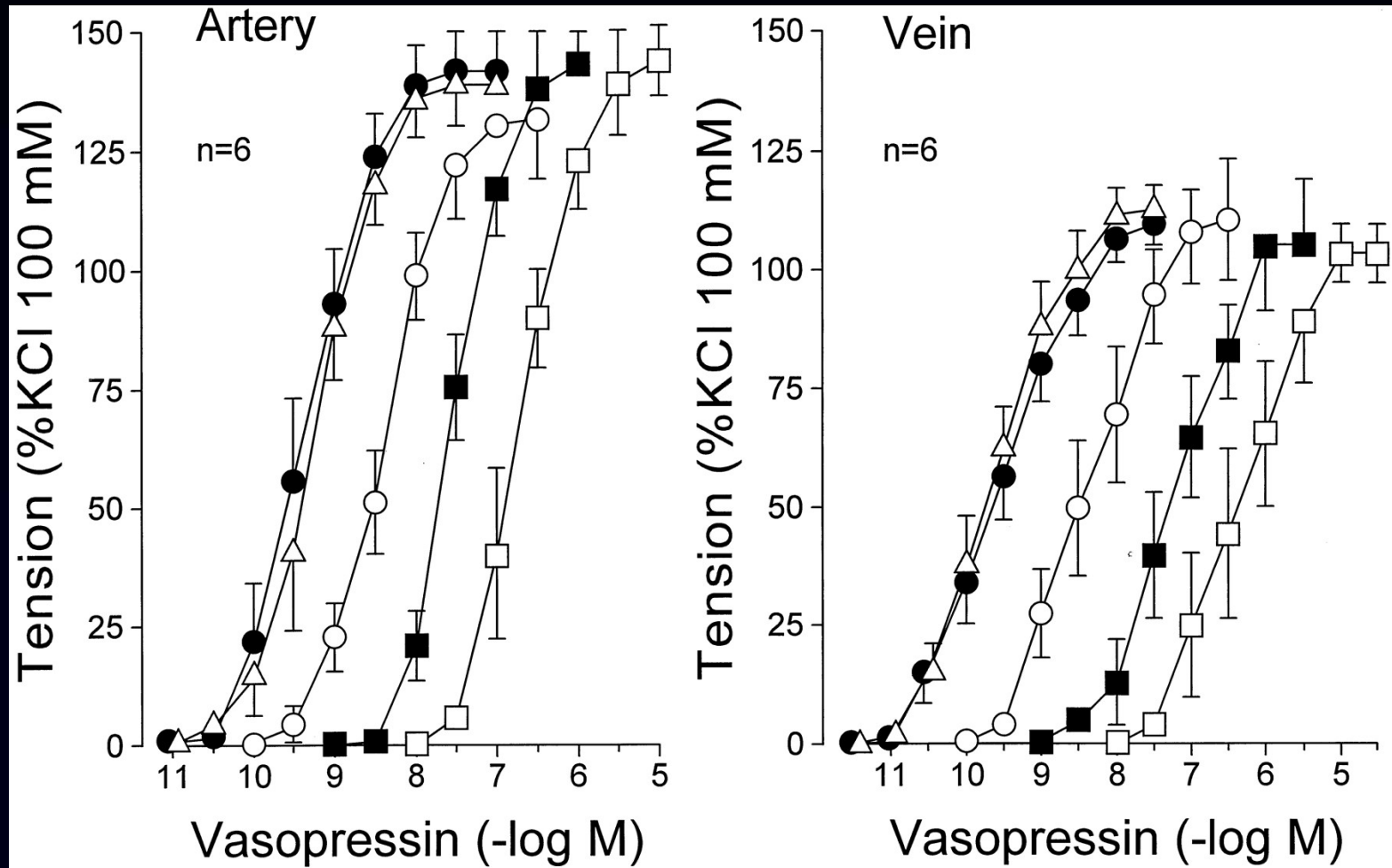


Vasopressin induces arterial and venous constriction

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V1 receptor receptors are implicated in
vasopressin induced vasoconstriction



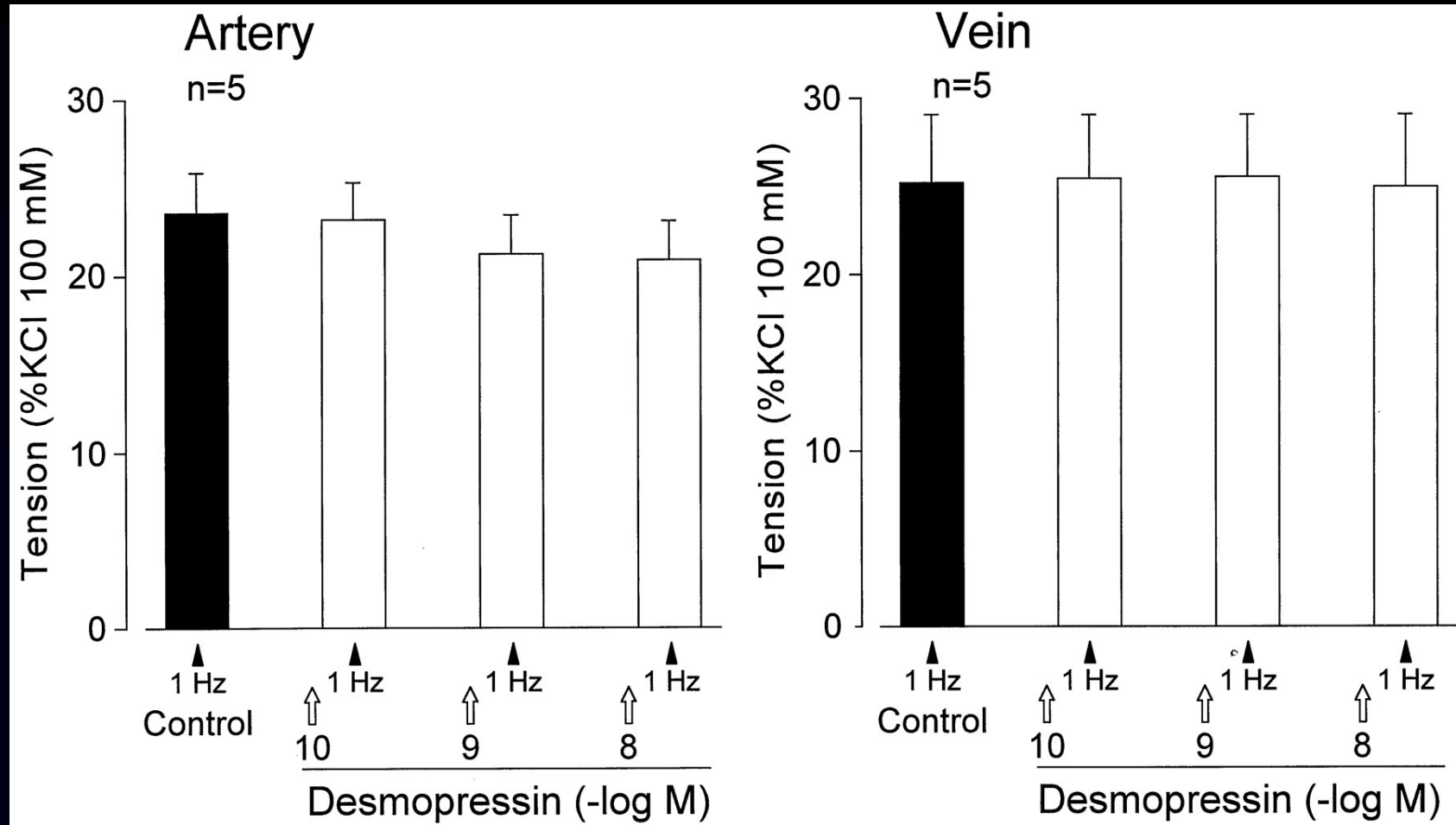
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==> increasing dose of V1 antagonist

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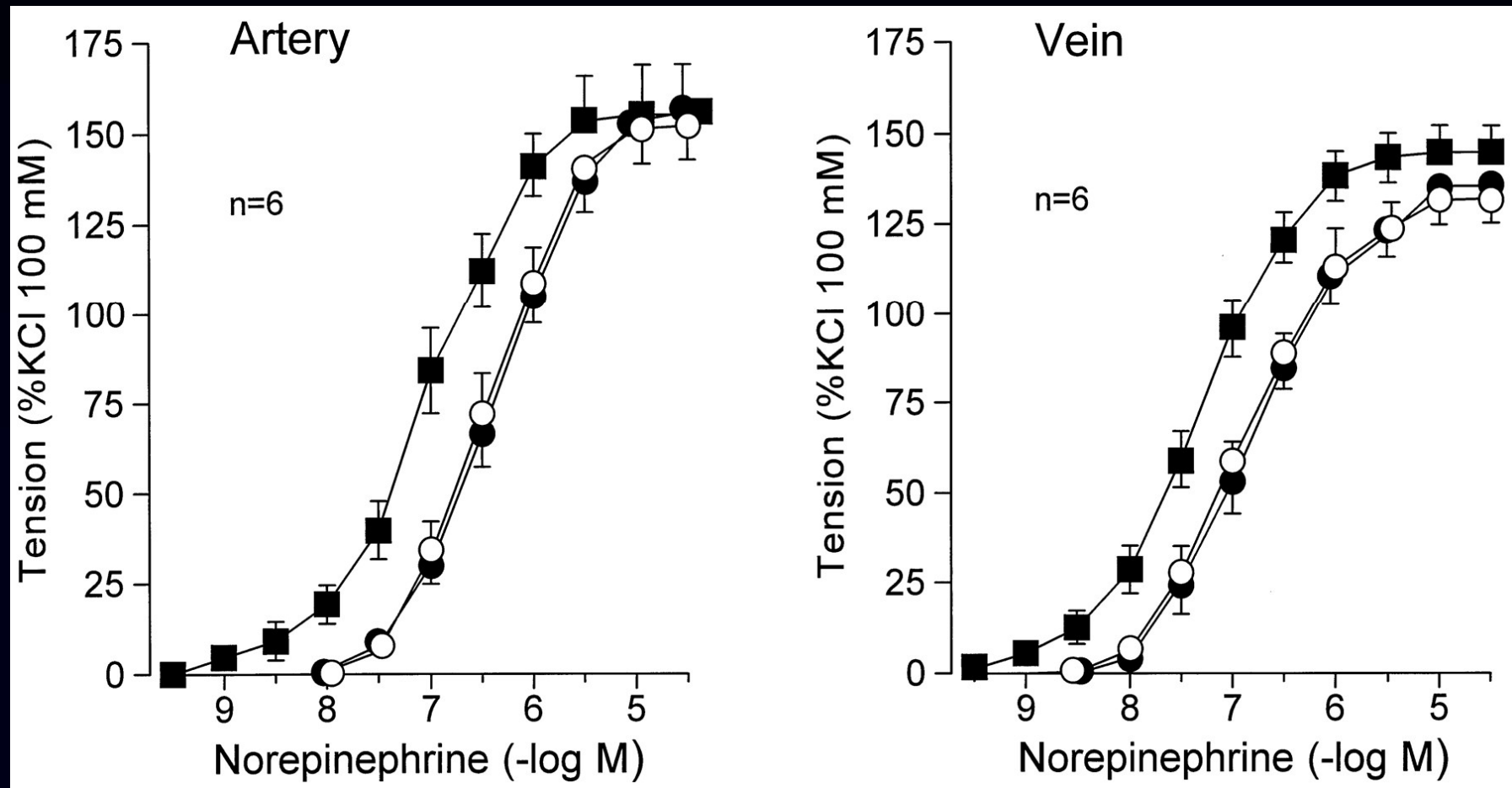


V1 but not V2 receptor stimulation
induces arterial and venous constriction

Physiologic effects of vasopressin:

V1 receptor stimulation potentiates the pressor effects of alpha adrenergic agents

Segarra et al
J Pharm Exp Ther
286: 1315; 1998



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VASOPRESSIN

Physiologic effects of vasopressin:

- **V1 receptor => vasoconstriction**
phospholipase C and increased intracellular [CA]
- **V2 receptor => antidiuretic action**
via adenylate cyclase stimulation and generation of cAMP

Physiologic effects of vasopressin:

- **V1 receptor => vasoconstriction**
vascular smooth muscle
kidney, platelets, uterus
- **V2 receptor**
renal collecting duct (cAMP)
=> **antidiuretic action**
endothelium => **dilation (NO)**
platelets => **aggregation**
- **V3 receptor**
pituitary => **ACTH release**
- **OTR receptor**
uterus => **vasoconstriction**
endothelium => **vasodilation (NO)**

VASOPRESSIN

vasopressin deficiency in (septic) shock

- **Depletion of neurohypophysal stores**

excessive stimulation (hypoxia, acidosis, hypotension)

only 20% VP pool can be released

- **Decreased stimulation of VP release**

impaired autonomic reflexes

inhibition by atrial stretch receptor (volume loading, mech vent)

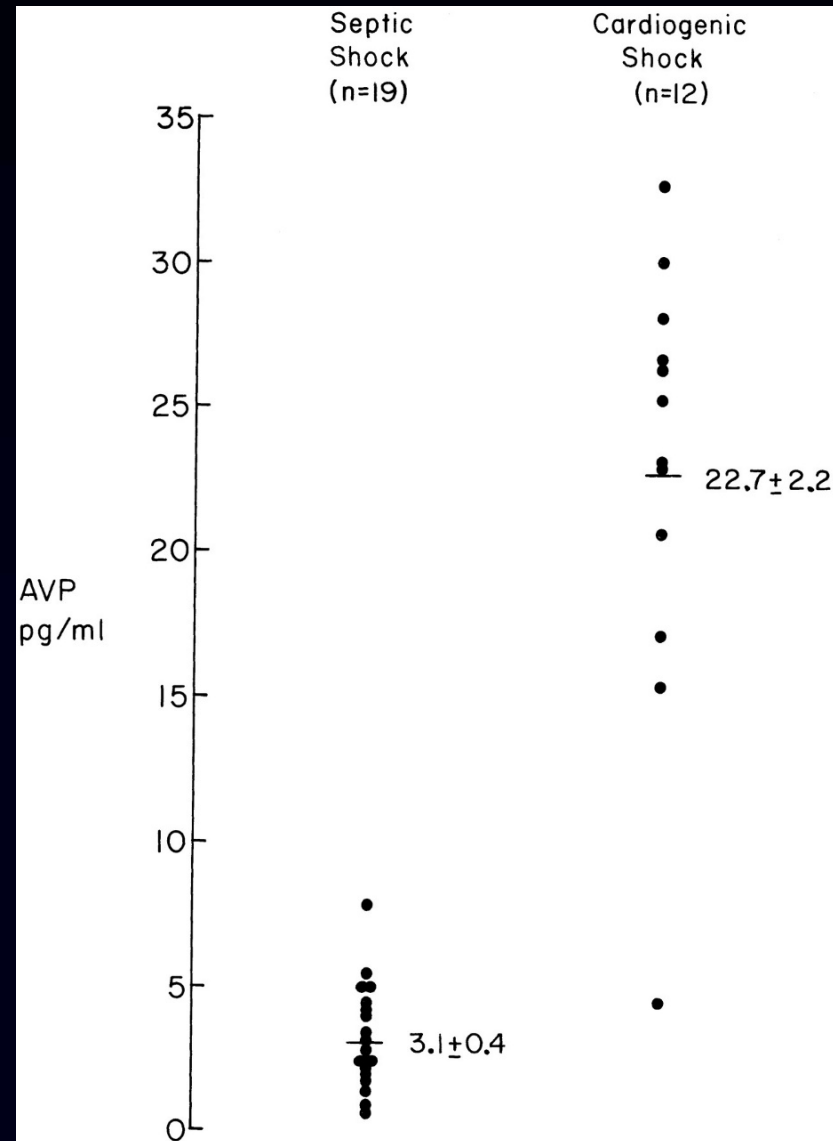
- **Inhibition of VP release**

high NO and norepinephrine levels inhibit VP release

VASOPRESSIN

vasopressin deficiency in septic shock

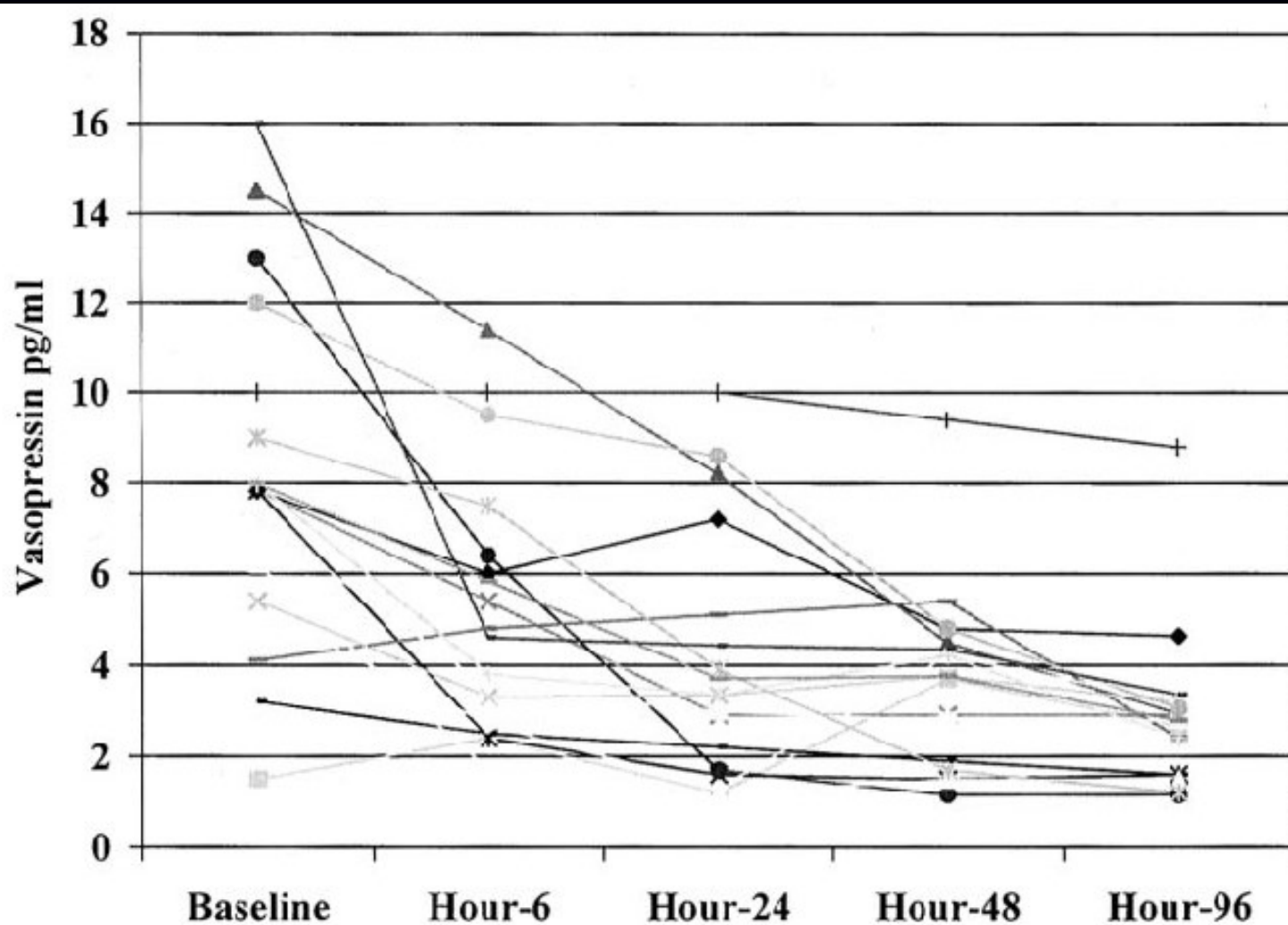
Landry et al
Circ 95:1122;1997



Vasopressin levels in septic shock

Sharshar et al
CCM 31:1752

levels decrease with time

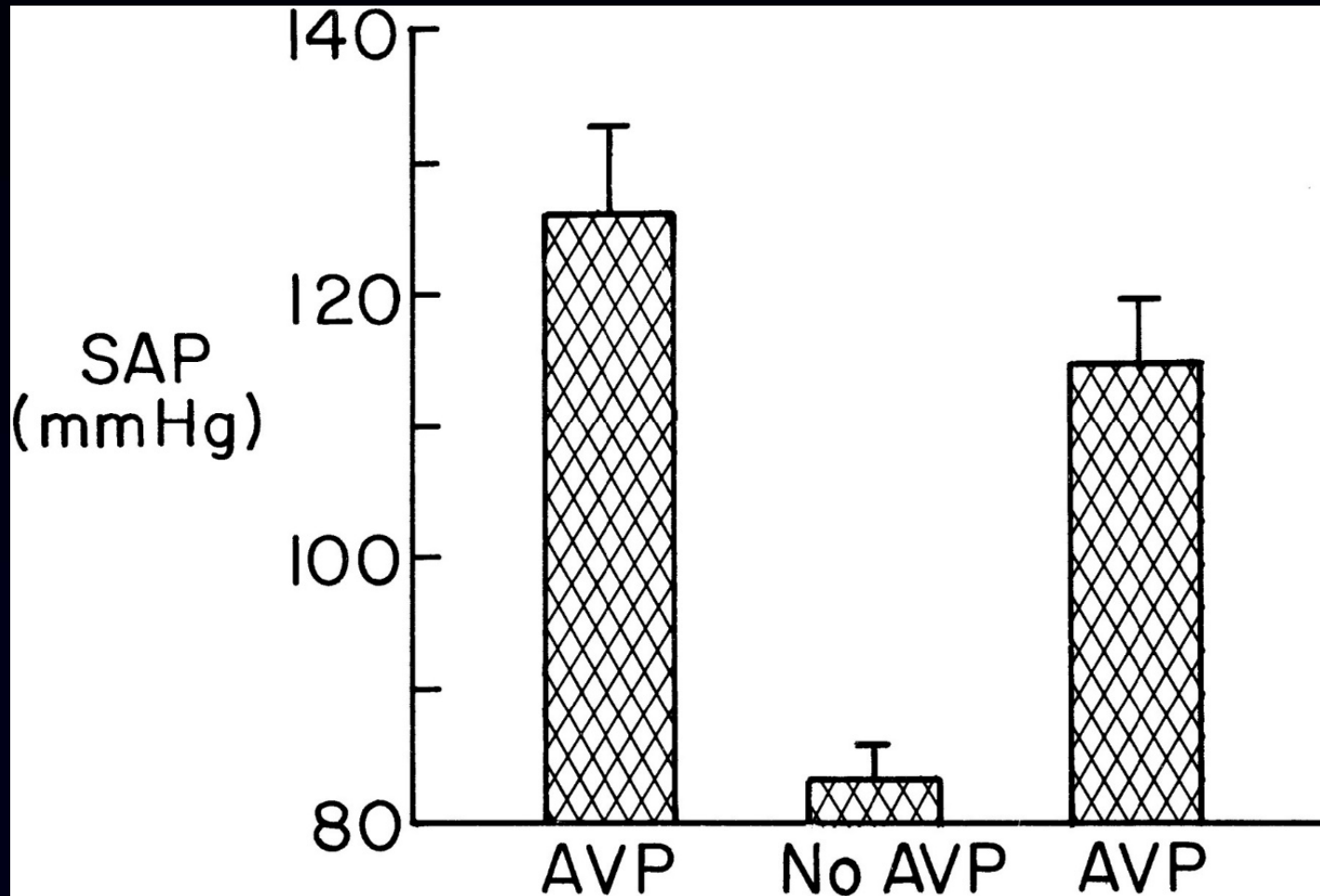


septic shock n=18

VASOPRESSIN

opressin deficiency in septic shock

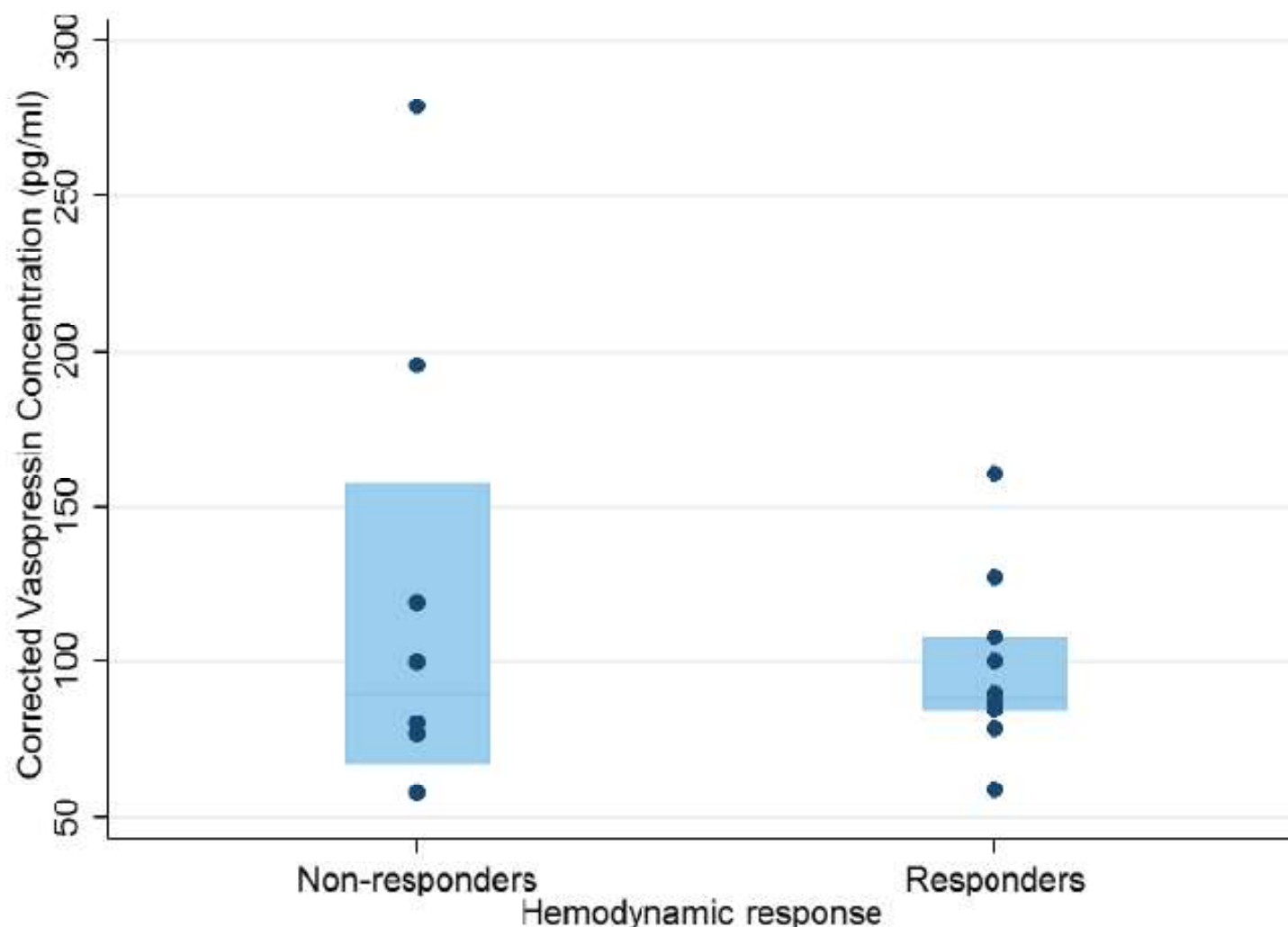
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=> restoration of blood pressor by the administration of a small dose of vasopressin (0.04 u/min) normalizing VP levels

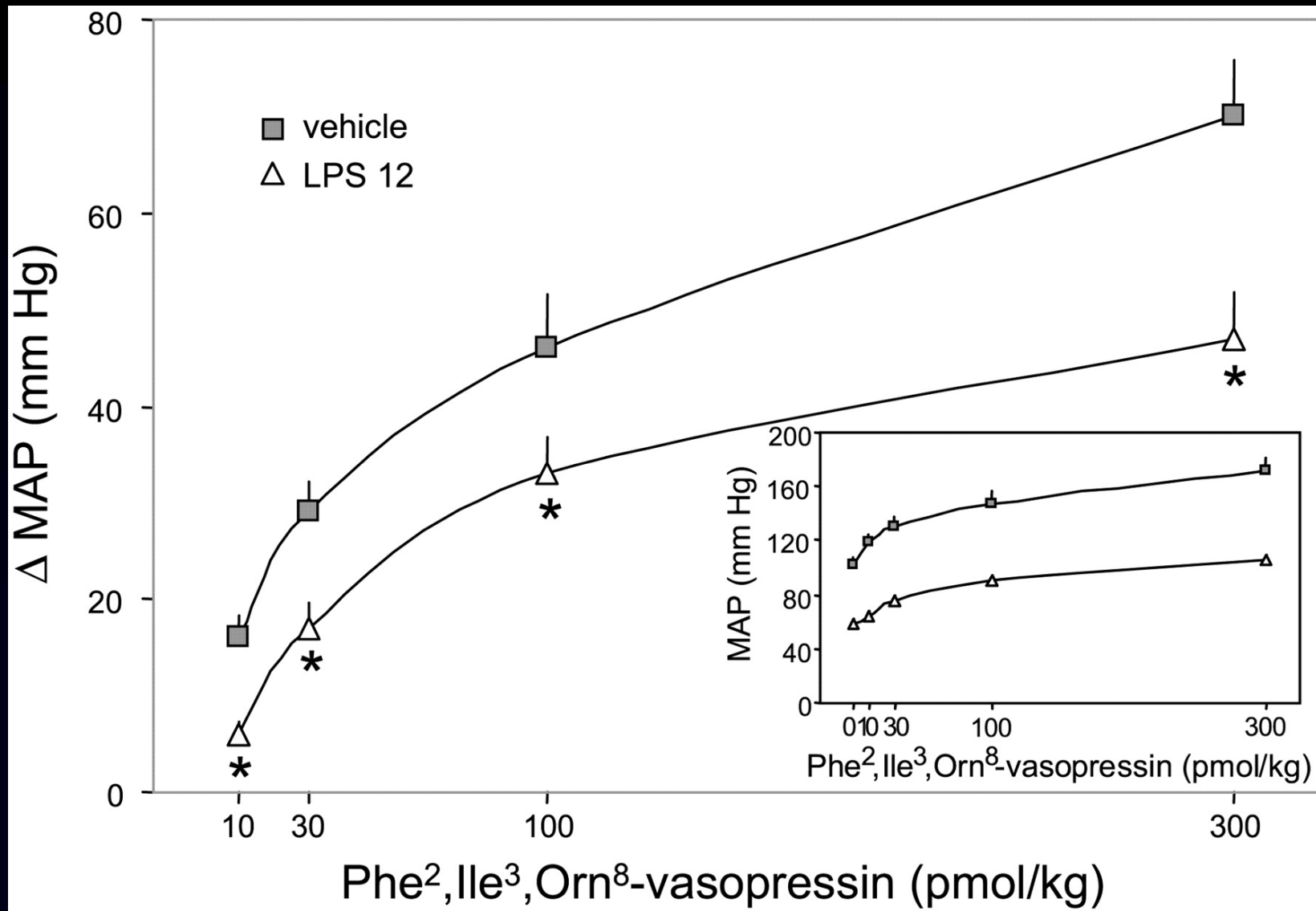
Vasopressin Plasma Concentrations Are Not Associated with Hemodynamic Response to Exogenous Vasopressin for Septic Shock

Yerke J et al
Pharmacotherapy
2020



DOWN REGULATION OF VASOPRESSIN RECEPTORS

Bucher et al
AJP 282:R979

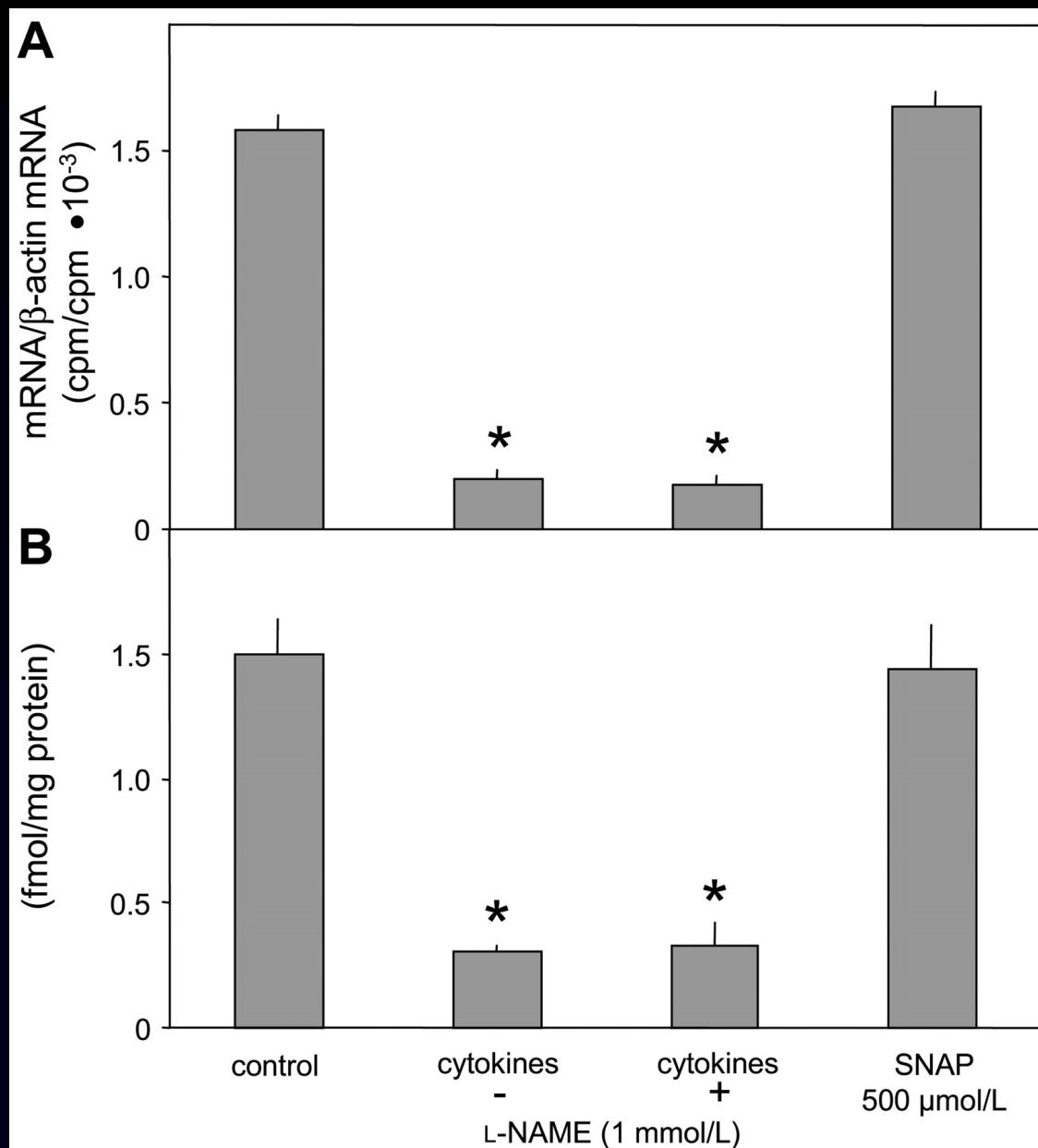


=> decreased sensibility to vasopressin in sepsis

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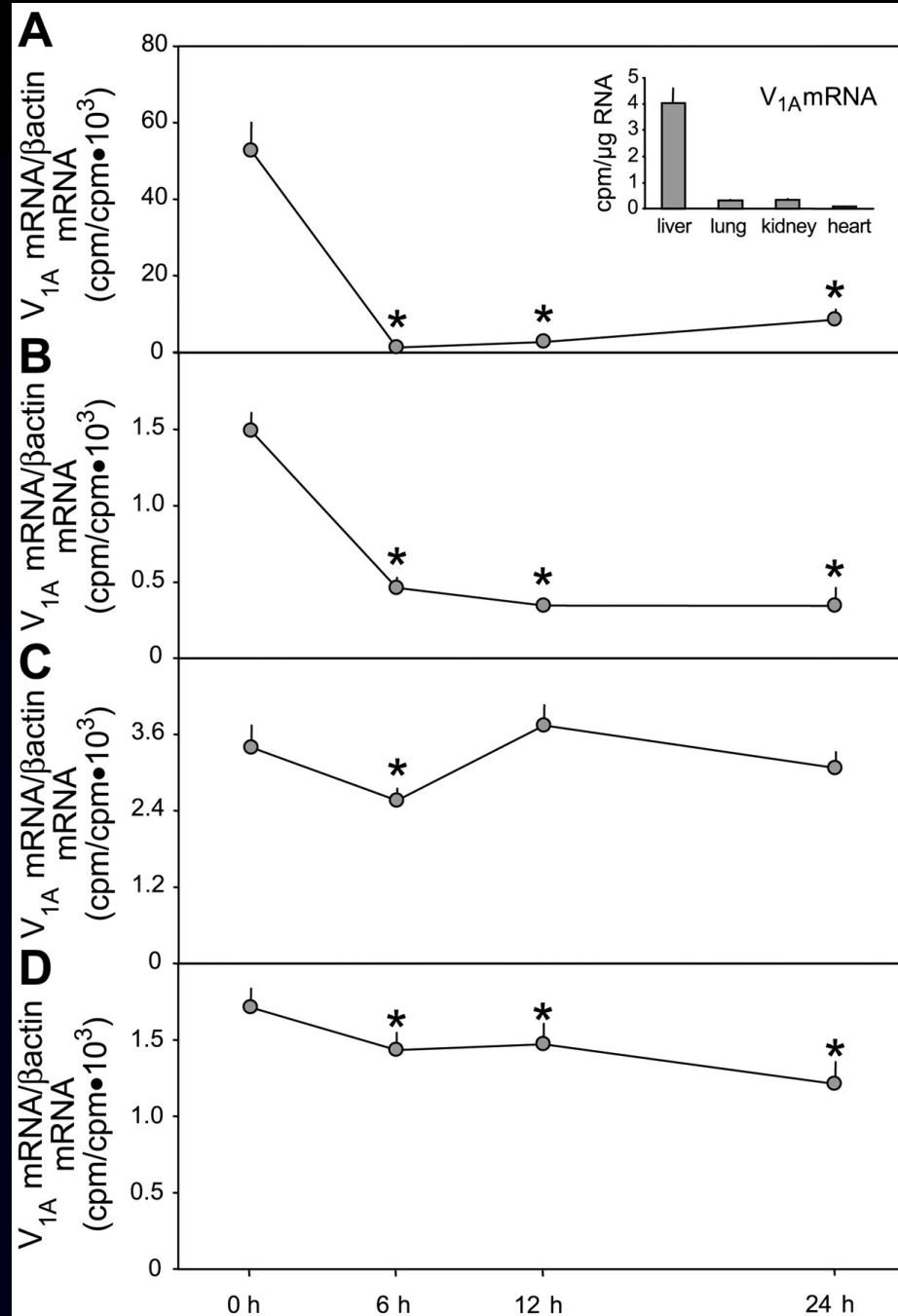
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Bucher et al
AJP 282:R979;20



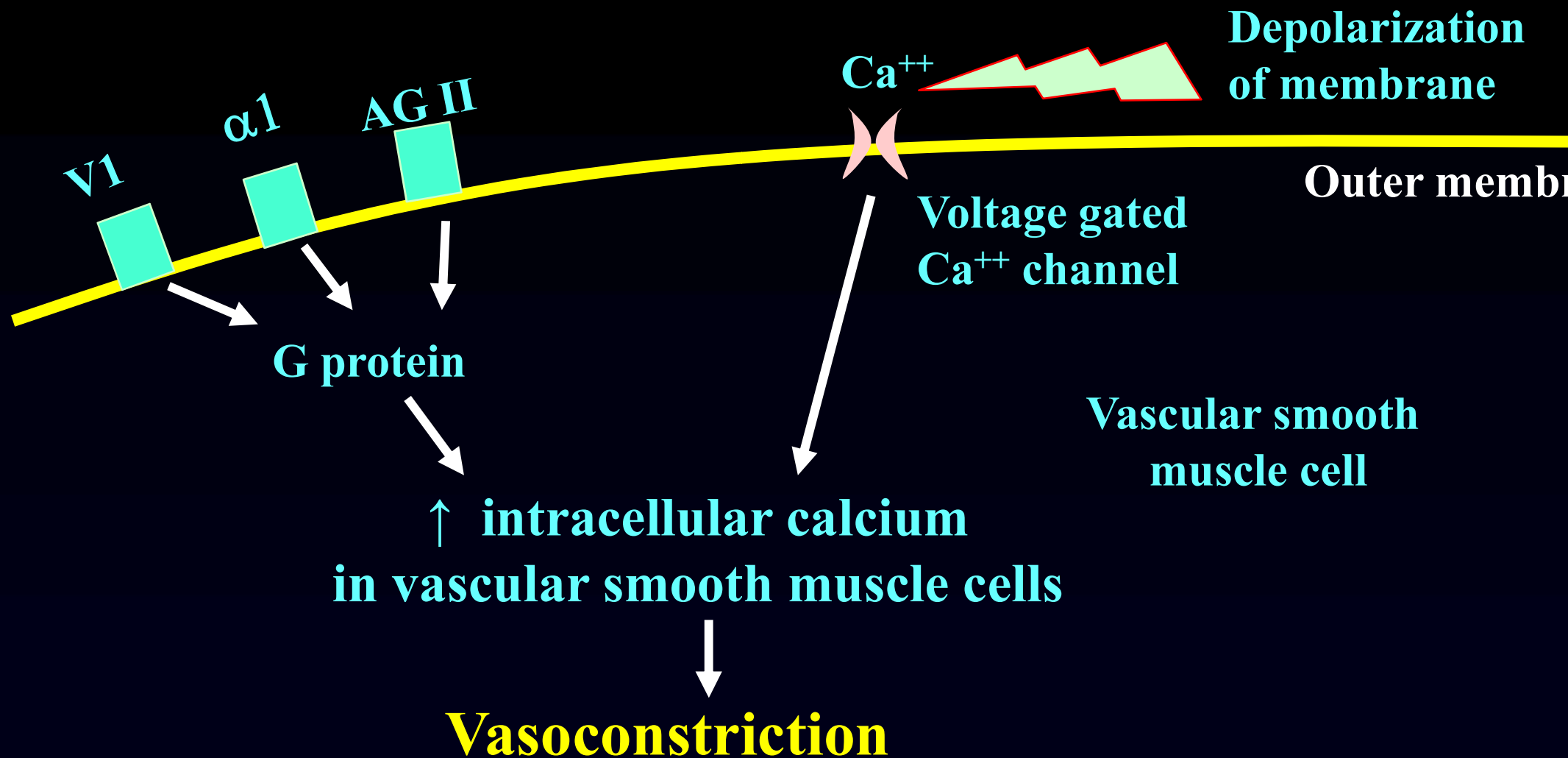
Related to cytokines,
independently of NO

WN REGULATION OF VASOPRESSIN RECEPTORS



Bucher et al
AJP 282:R979;2002

Rapid decrease
in V₁ receptor
mRNA
transcription in
various organs



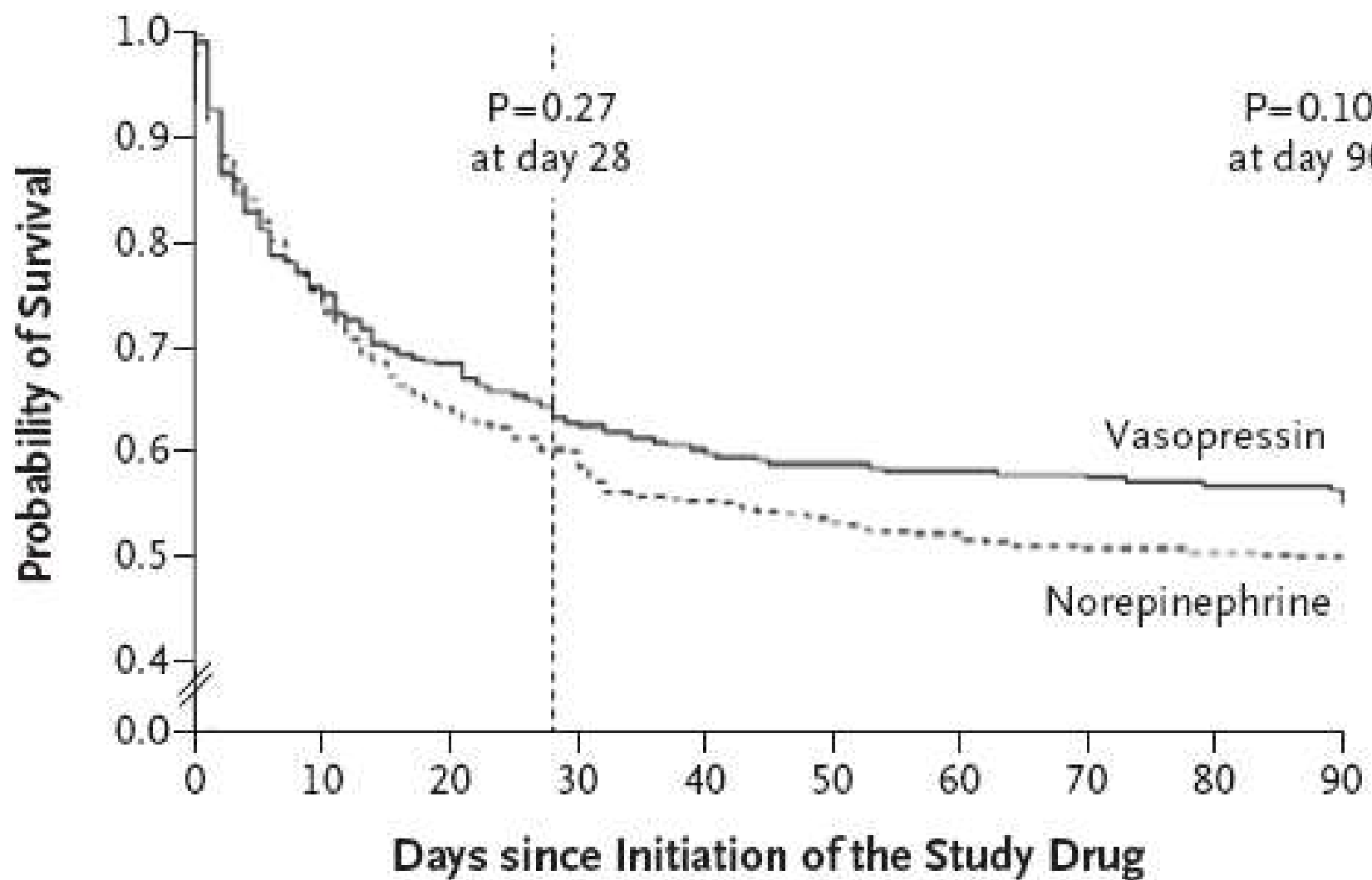
Differences arise due to receptor sensitivity and disposition in the vascular system, as well as stimulation of other receptors (beta/V2...)



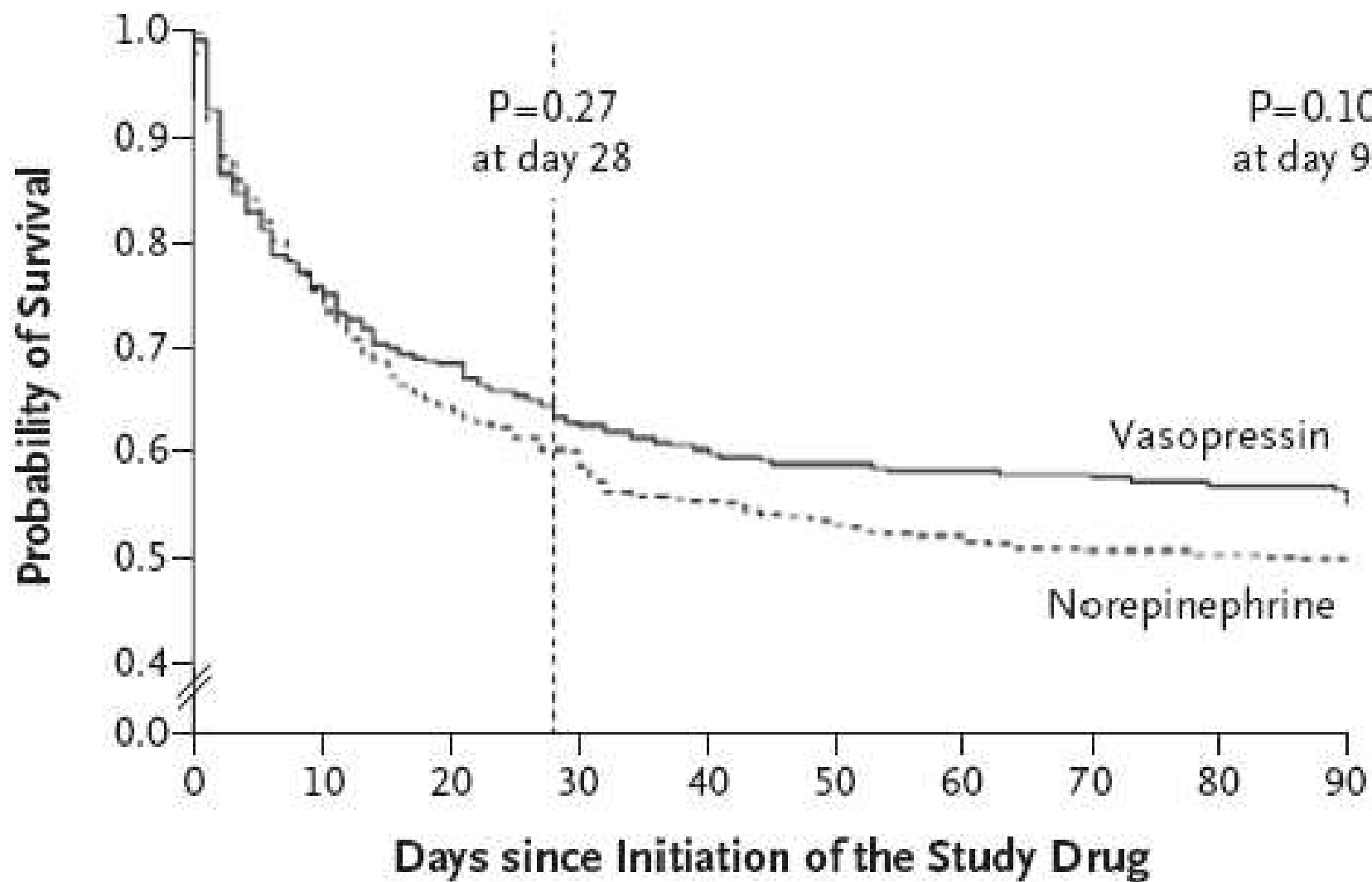
MODERATE

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For adults with septic shock on norepinephrine with inadequate mean arterial pressure levels, we **suggest** adding vasopressin instead of escalating the dose of norepinephrine.



802 septic shock pts

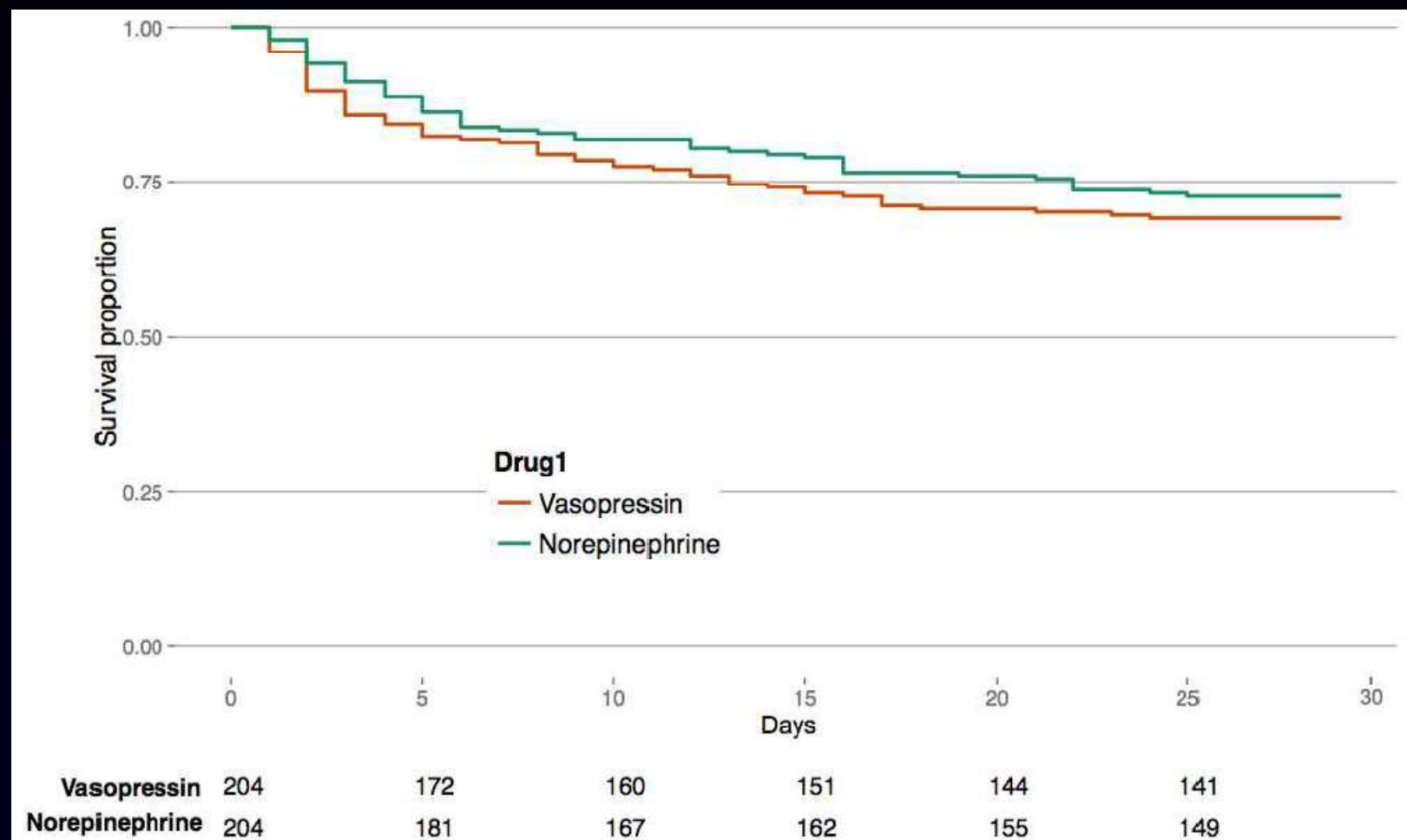


Effect of Early Vasopressin vs Norepinephrine on Kidney Function in Patients With Septic Shock VANISH Randomized Clinical Trial

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A double-blind randomised controlled trial of vasopressin (up to 0.06 u/min) vs noradrenaline within 6h of onset of septic shock.

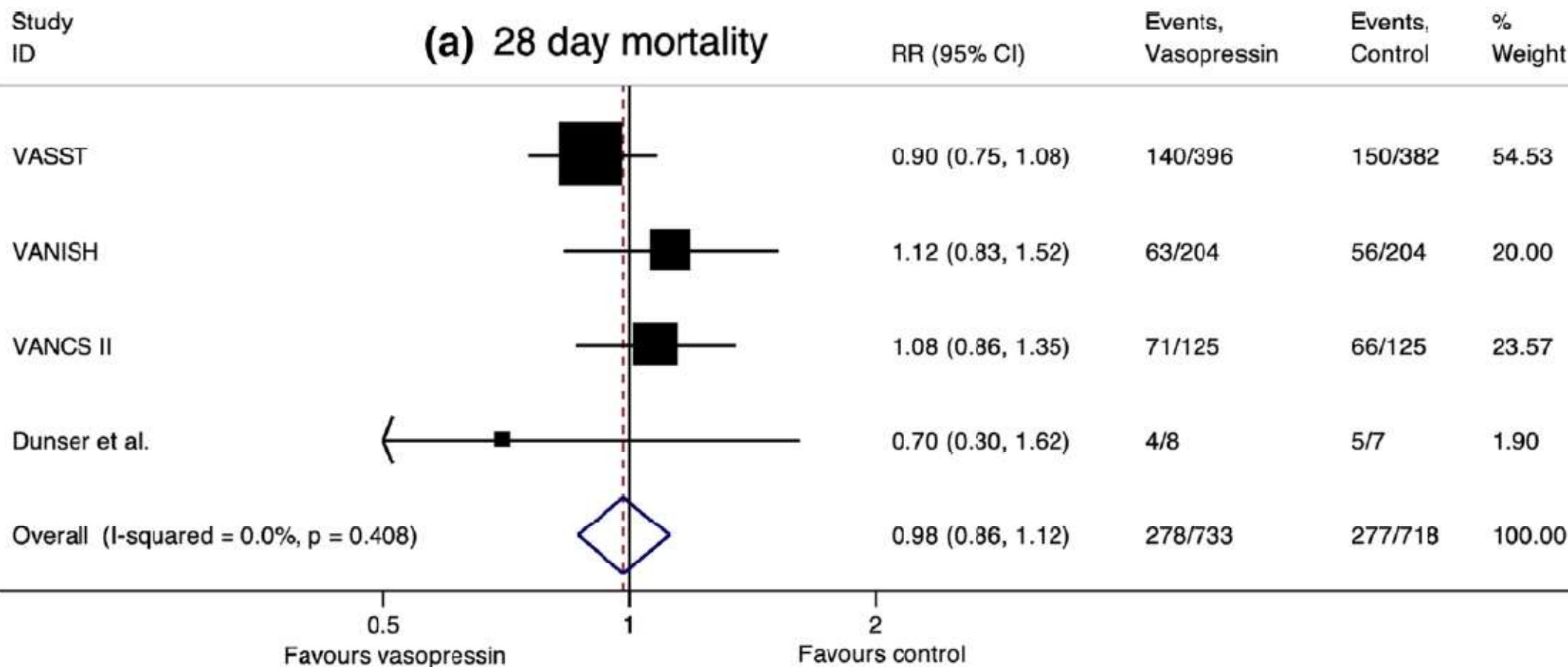
Gordon
JAMA 2



epi dose at randomization: 0.16 [0.10-0.31] mcg/kg.min

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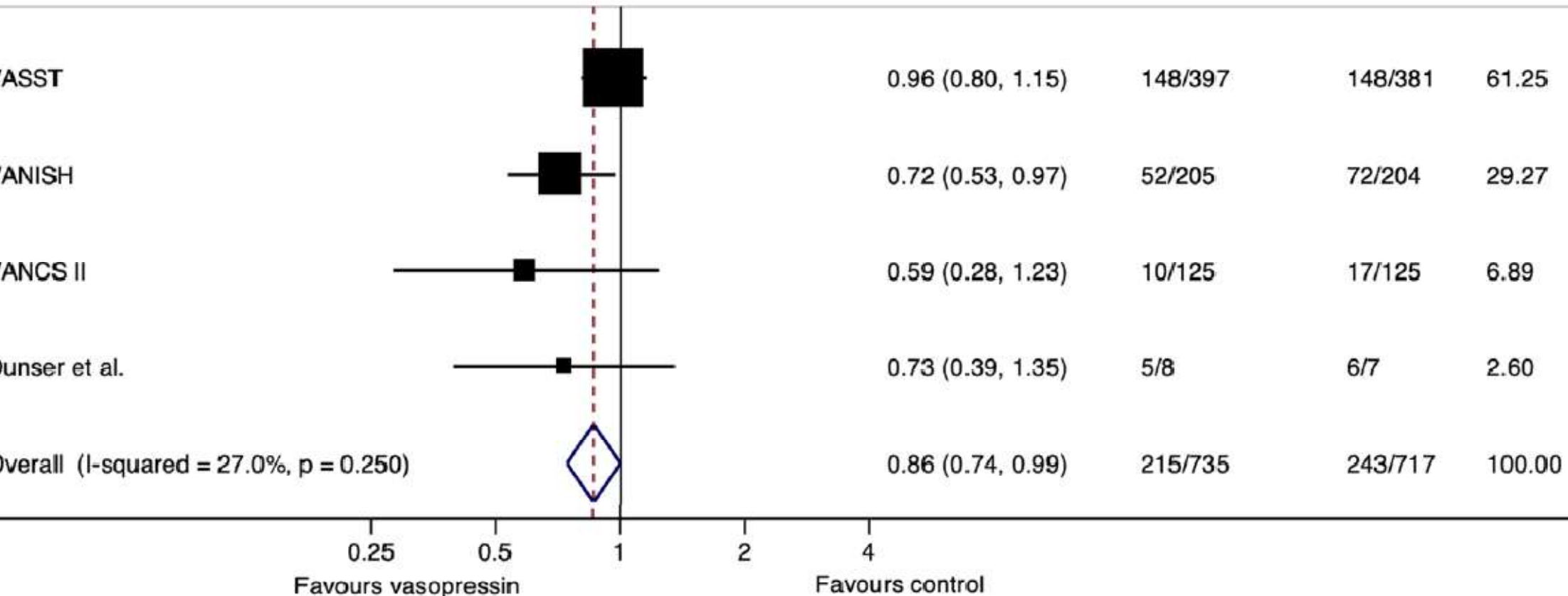
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Study
ID

(c) Requirement for RRT



Association of Vasopressin Plus Catecholamine Vasopressors vs Catecholamines Alone With Atrial Fibrillation in Patients With Distributive Shock

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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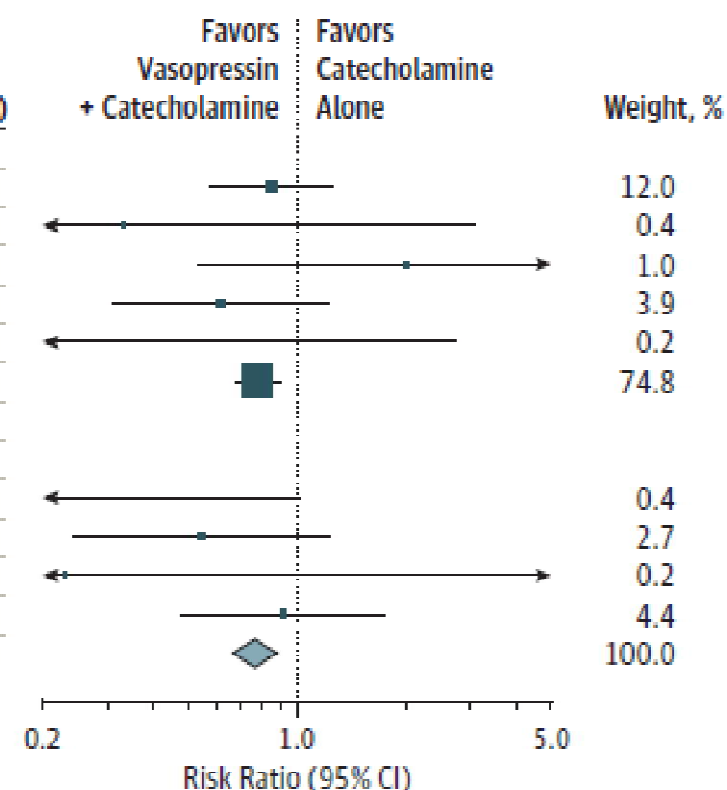
23 studies

A Atrial fibrillation

Source	Vasopressin + Catecholamine ^a		Catecholamine Alone		Risk Ratio (95% CI)
	No. With Events	Total No. of Patients	No. With Events	Total No. of Patients	
Abdullah et al, ²⁵ 2012	0	17	0	17	Not estimable
Capoletto et al, ³⁸ 2017	34	125	40	125	0.85 (0.58-1.25)
Choudhury et al, ²⁹ 2016	1	42	3	42	0.33 (0.04-3.08)
Clem et al, ³⁰ 2016	6	41	3	41	2.00 (0.54-7.46)
Dünser et al, ³⁹ 2003	8	24	13	24	0.62 (0.31-1.21)
Gordon et al, ²⁰ 2016	0	205	3	204	0.14 (0.01-2.73)
Hajjar et al, ¹⁸ 2017	95	149	124	151	0.78 (0.67-0.89)
Lauzier et al, ²¹ 2006	0	13	0	13	Not estimable
Malay et al, ³³ 1999	0	5	0	5	Not estimable
Morelli et al, ³⁵ 2009	1	30	4	15	0.13 (0.02-1.02)
Russell et al, ²² 2008	7	44	14	48	0.55 (0.24-1.23)
Russell et al, ²³ 2017	0	31	1	21	0.23 (0.01-5.37)
Svoboda et al, ³⁷ 2012	7	13	10	17	0.92 (0.48-1.74)
Total events (95% CI)	159	739	215	723	0.77 (0.67-0.88)

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2_9 = 9.10$ ($P = .43$); $I^2 = 1\%$

Overall effect: $z = 3.79$ ($P < .001$)



Terlipressin

Half-Life 6h

Bolus 0.5 – 1 mg /8-6h

O'Brien A Singer M Lancet 2002

Lange M et al ICM 2009

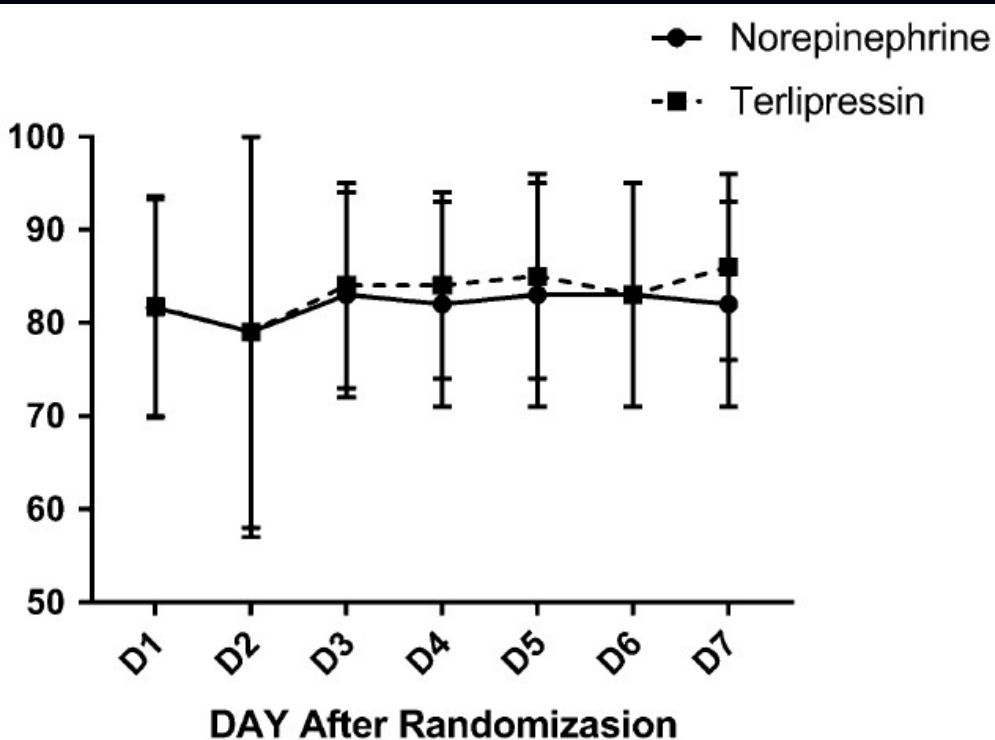
Infusion 20 – 160 µg/h

Morelli A Crit Care 2009

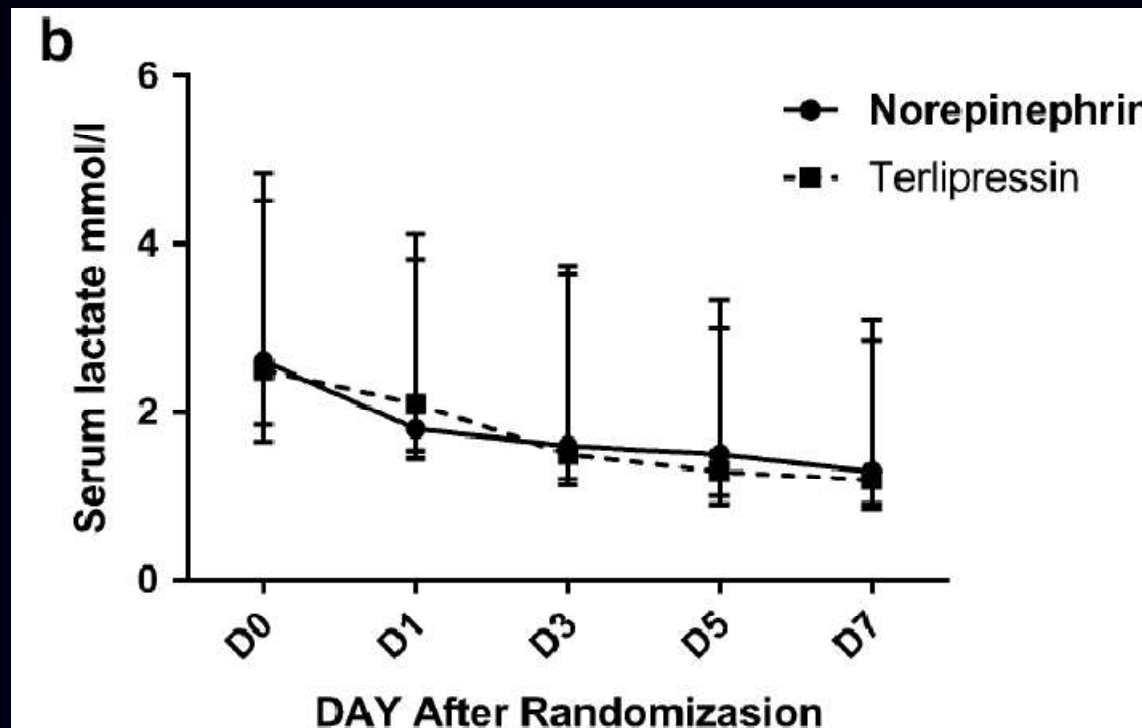
Liu Z et al ICM 2018

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N=617





LOW

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For adults with septic shock, we **suggest against** using terlipressin.





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Variable	Norepinephrine group (N = 266)	Terlipressin group (N = 260)	p
28-day mortality N (%)	101/266 (38%)	104/260 (40%)	0.633
Days alive and free of vasopressor	14.66 ± 11.13	15.50 ± 11.14	0.424
Change of SOFA score from D0 to D7 ^a	− 6 (− 10 to 5) ^b	− 7 (− 11 to 3) ^b	0.123

Variable N (%)	Norepinephrine group (n = 266)	Terlipressin group (n = 260)	p
Acute myocardial infarction or ischaemia	4 (1.39%)	2 (0.68%)	0.45
Life-threatening arrhythmia	6 (2.08%)	7 (2.38%)	1.00
Acute mesenteric ischaemia	1 (0.35%)	3 (1.02%)	0.62
Hyponatraemia	18 (6.25%)	25 (8.5%)	0.56
Digital ischaemia	1 (0.35%)	33 (12.6%)	<0.0001
Diarrhoea	1 (0.35%)	8 (2.72%)	0.037
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Any difference between vasopressin and terlipressin?

Evans L et al
ICM 2021
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Vasopressin in septic shock: an individual
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Outcome	Vasopressin	Norepinephrine	ARD ^a (95% CI)
Serious adverse events, no./total (%)	124/735 (16.9)	120/718 (16.7)	0.2 (– 3.7 to 4.0)
Digital ischaemia	21/735 (2.9)	8/718 (1.1)	1.7 (0.3–3.2)
Mesenteric ischaemia ^b	14/727 (1.9)	18/711 (2.5)	– 0.6 (– 2.1 to 0.9)
Acute coronary syndrome	18/735 (2.5)	17/718 (2.4)	0.1 (– 1.5 to 1.7)
Arrhythmia	39/735 (5.3)	58/718 (8.1)	– 2.8 (– 0.2 to – 5.3)

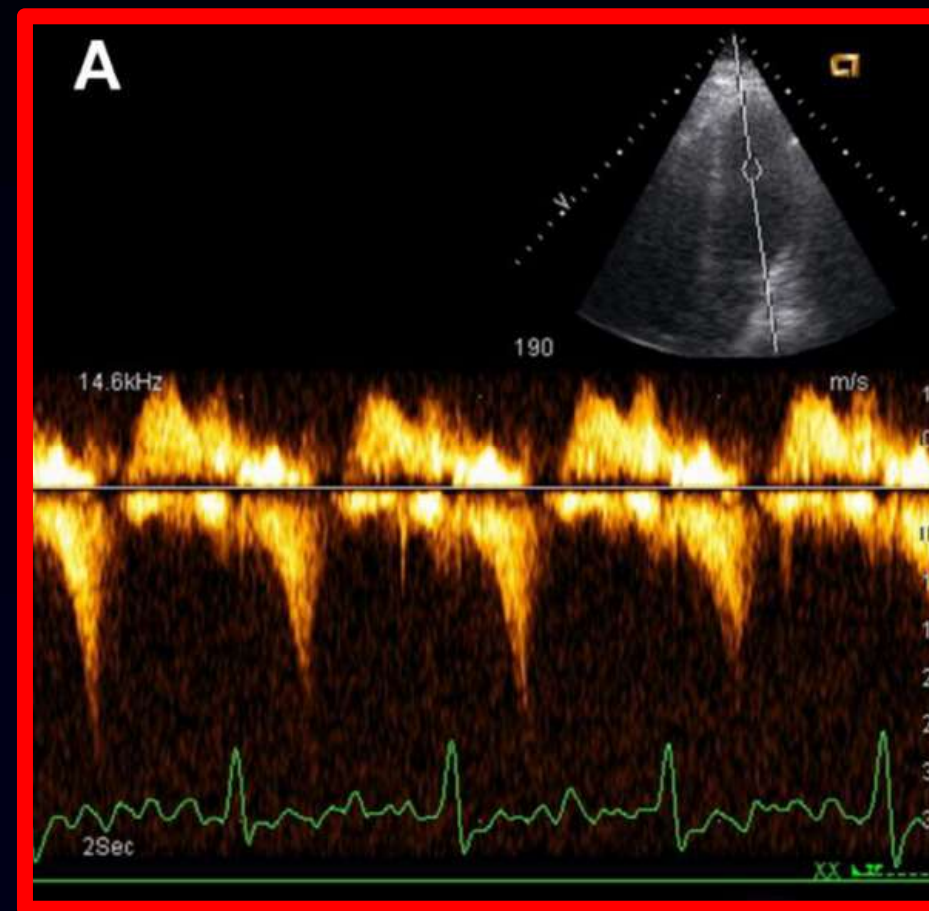
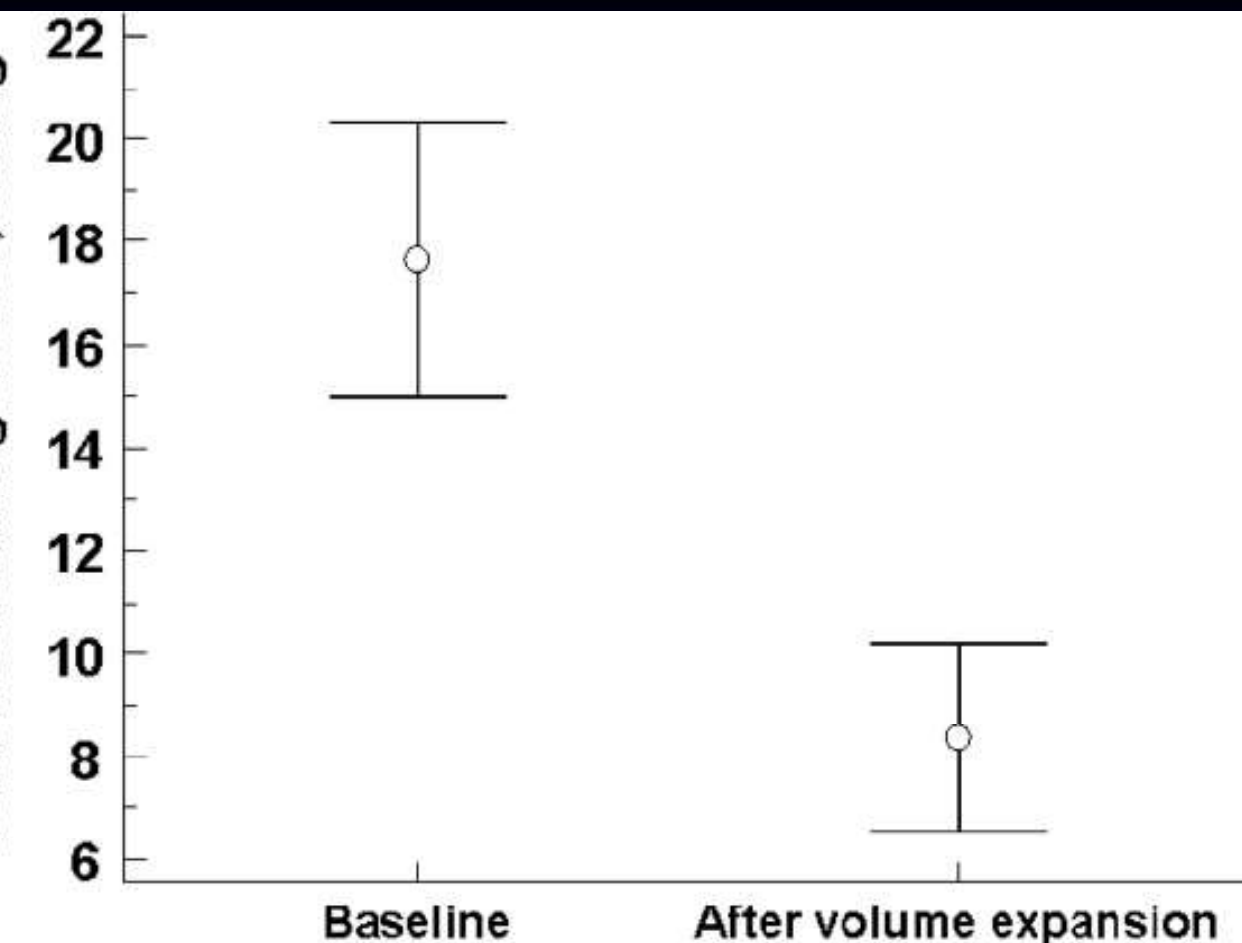
Vasopressin in specific situations ?



Look carefully for LVOT obstruction !

Chauvet JL et al
Crit Care 2015

218 pts septic shock
=> 47 pts with LVOT



milrinone in Patients with Septic Shock and Dynamic Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction

Balik M et al
 Cardiovasc Drug J
 2020

Parameter	LVOT CW gradient [mmHg]	MR [0–4 scale]	SAM [present /all]	NE dosage [μg/kg.min]	HR [b/min]	Lactate arterial [mmol/l]	paO ₂ /FiO ₂ [mmHg]
Pre	78 [56–123]	3 [2–4]	10/10	0.58 [0.40–0.78]	98 [90–120]	2.5 [2.1–4.6]	103 [88–118]
Post	35 [24–60] *	2 [1–2] *	3/10	0.18 [0.14–0.30] *	93 [82–100]	1.7 [1.5–2.2] *	174 [125–213]

10 septic shock pts with severe LVOTO
 among 527 pts with septic shock over 29 months)

**Vasopressin and
mesenteric ischemia ?**







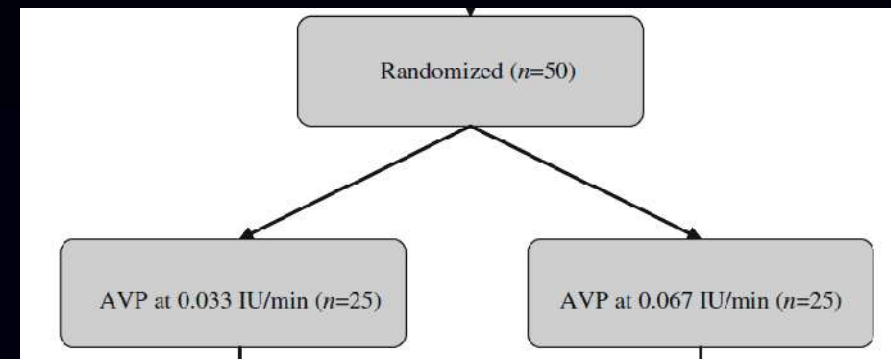
Vasopressors and Risk of Acute Mesenteric Ischemia: A Worldwide Pharmacovigilance Analysis and Comprehensive Literature Review

Jozwiak M
Front Med

Point of interest	Overall	Norepinephrine	Epinephrine	Phenylephrine	Dopamine	Vasopressin	Terlipressin	Angiotensin
Total cases	104	47	30	10	19	14	17	2
< 65 years-old	59 (60.8%) [97]	28 (59.6%) [47]	15 (53.6%) [28]	3 (30.0%) [10]	10 (62.5%) [16]	9 (69.2%) [13]	9 (64.3%) [14]	2 (100.0%) [2]
> 65 years-old	44 (47.8%) [92]	24 (53.3%) [45]	15 (53.6%) [28]	3 (37.5%) [8]	7 (43.8%) [16]	3 (25.0%) [12]	5 (35.7%) [14]	1 (50.0%) [1]
Severe adverse event	96 (100.0%) [96]	46 (100.0%) [46]	30 (100.0%)	7 (100.0%) [7]	17 (100.0%) [17]	14 (100.0%)	14 (100.0%) [14]	2 (100.0%) [2]
Deaths	47 (49.0%) [96]	22 (47.8%) [46]	15 (50.0%)	6 (85.7%) [7]	8 (47.1%) [17]	9 (64.3%)	8 (57.1%) [14]	0 (0.0%) [0]

Comparing two different arginine vasopressin doses in advanced vasodilatory shock: a randomized, controlled, open-label trial

**Torgersen C et al
ICM 36:57;2010**



	0.033 IU/min	0.067 IU/min	<i>P</i> -value
Decrease in cardiac index, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (25)	7 (50)	0.26
Increase in serum transaminases, <i>n</i> (%)	10 (47.6)	15 (65.2)	0.36
Increase in total bilirubin, <i>n</i> (%)	4 (19)	6 (26.1)	0.72
Decrease in platelet count, <i>n</i> (%)	15 (71.4)	17 (73.9)	1

The higher dose of VP increased more blood pressure but it was associated with more adverse effects compared to lower dose

EARLY INITIATION OF VASOPRESSIN REDUCES ORGAN FAILURE AND MORTALITY IN SEPTIC SHOCK

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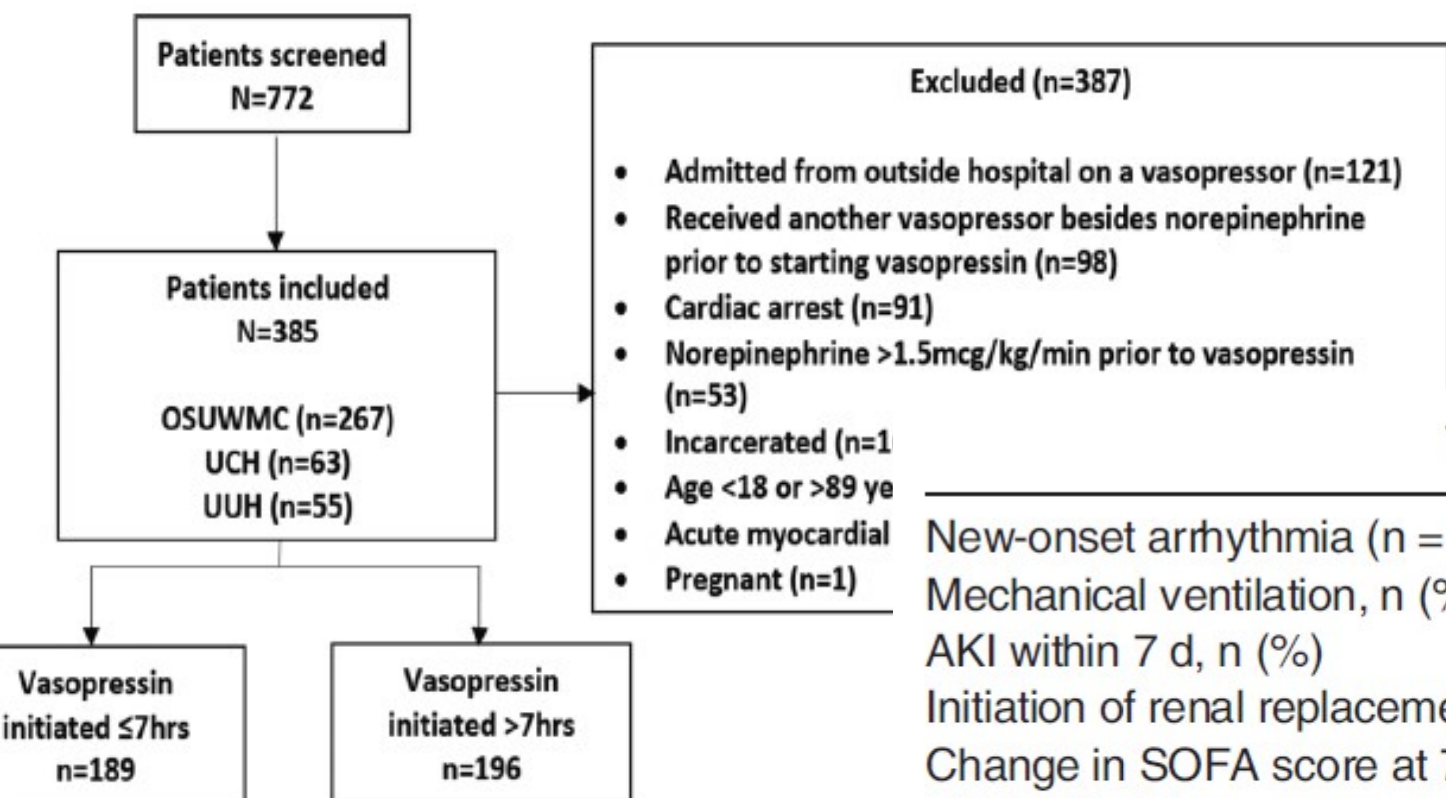


TABLE 2. Outcomes

New-onset arrhythmia (n = 335), n (%)	42 ()
Mechanical ventilation, n (%)	313 ()
AKI within 7 d, n (%)	215 ()
Initiation of renal replacement therapy, n (%)	186 ()
Change in SOFA score at 72 h*	1.7 :
ICU LOS, d†	6 ()
Composite primary outcome, n (%)	238 ()
Increase in SOFA >3 at 72 h (n = 292)	56 ()
In-hospital all-cause mortality	231 ()

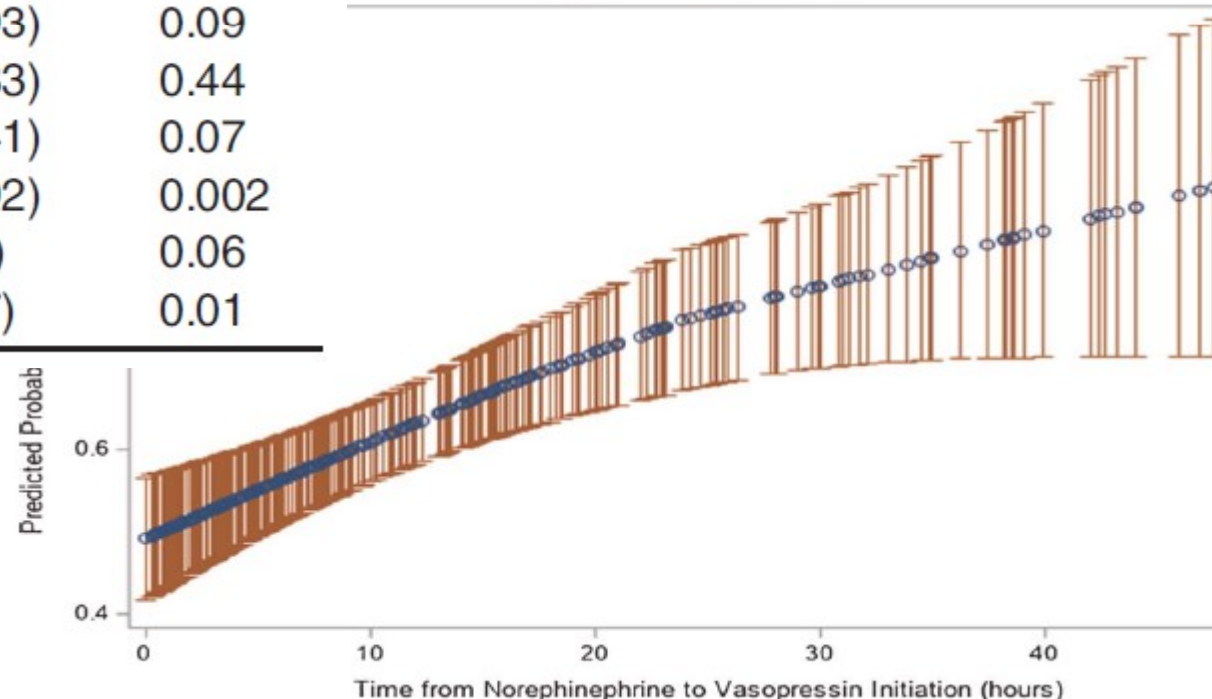
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TABLE 5. Multivariable logistic regression analysis for time to initiation of vasopressin based on 7-hour split

Variable	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	Adjusted <i>P</i>
Initiated within 7 d	1.72 (1.07 to 2.77)	0.03
Initiation of renal replacement therapy	1.20 (0.75 to 1.93)	0.09
Hospital all-cause mortality	1.48 (0.94 to 2.33)	0.44
Composite primary outcome	1.53 (0.97 to 2.41)	0.07
LOS, d	3.00 (1.07 to 4.92)	0.002
Duration of mechanical ventilation, h	45.3 (−1.4 to 92)	0.06
Duration of NE, h	17.8 (4.8 to 30.7)	0.01

Score Plot for Primary Outcome
With 95% Confidence Limits

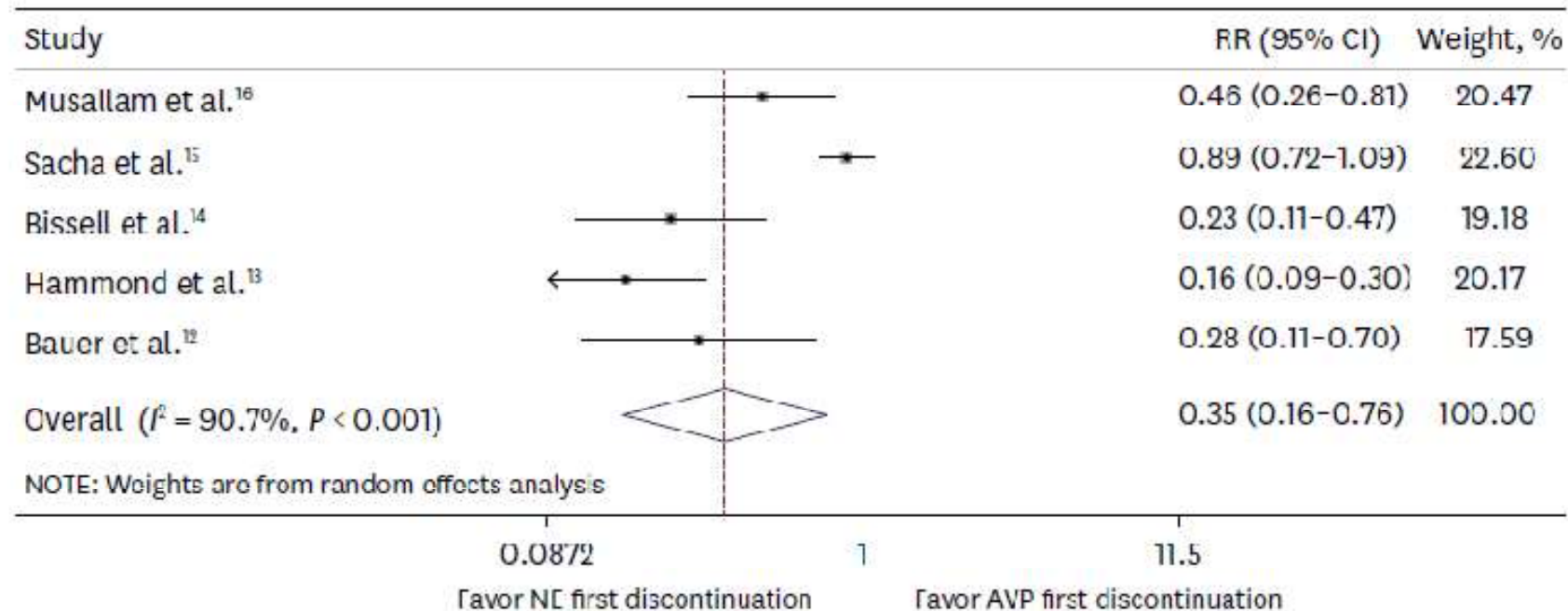


Weaning vasopressor agents:

**Norepinephrine first or
vasopressin first?**

Incidence of Hypotension after Discontinuation of Norepinephrine or Arginine Vasopressin in Patients with Septic Shock: a Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Song JU et al
JKMS 2020



5 studies / 930 patients



Putting all together

Vasopressin in septic shock

- Early introduction of vasopressors in severe hypotension or low diastolic pressure in addition to fluid resuscitation.
- Norepinephrine as first line vasopressor agent. It is usually well tolerated and is associated with favorable hemodynamic effects.
- Vasopressin derivatives are excellent adjunctive and in some cases alternative to norepinephrine
 - Caution in hepatosplanchnic ischemia
 - Benefits in AKI and AF



Thank you

