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# **METABOLIC DYSREGULATION IN CRITICAL CARE: HOW TO OVERCOME?**

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# CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- I regularly give lectures that are organized by Fresenius Kabi and Nestlé Nutrition Institute Africa
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- I provide consultancy work for ASPEN, Future Life, Fresenius Kabi and Nestlé Nutrition Institute Africa
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- I declare no conflict of interest which might have interfered with the scientific validity of this presentation

# INTRODUCTION

Metabolic response to stress in critical illness:

- Phased response
- Acute phase effects
  - Changes in energy expenditure
  - Changes in substrate utilization
  - Anabolic resistance
  - Increased protein breakdown
- Persistent inflammation

**Altered nutrient requirements**

**Altered substrate use**

**Hyperglycaemia**

**Muscle loss**

**Changes in body composition**

# DIETARY MANIPULATION OF DYSREGULATION

**Altered nutrient requirements**

**Altered substrate use**

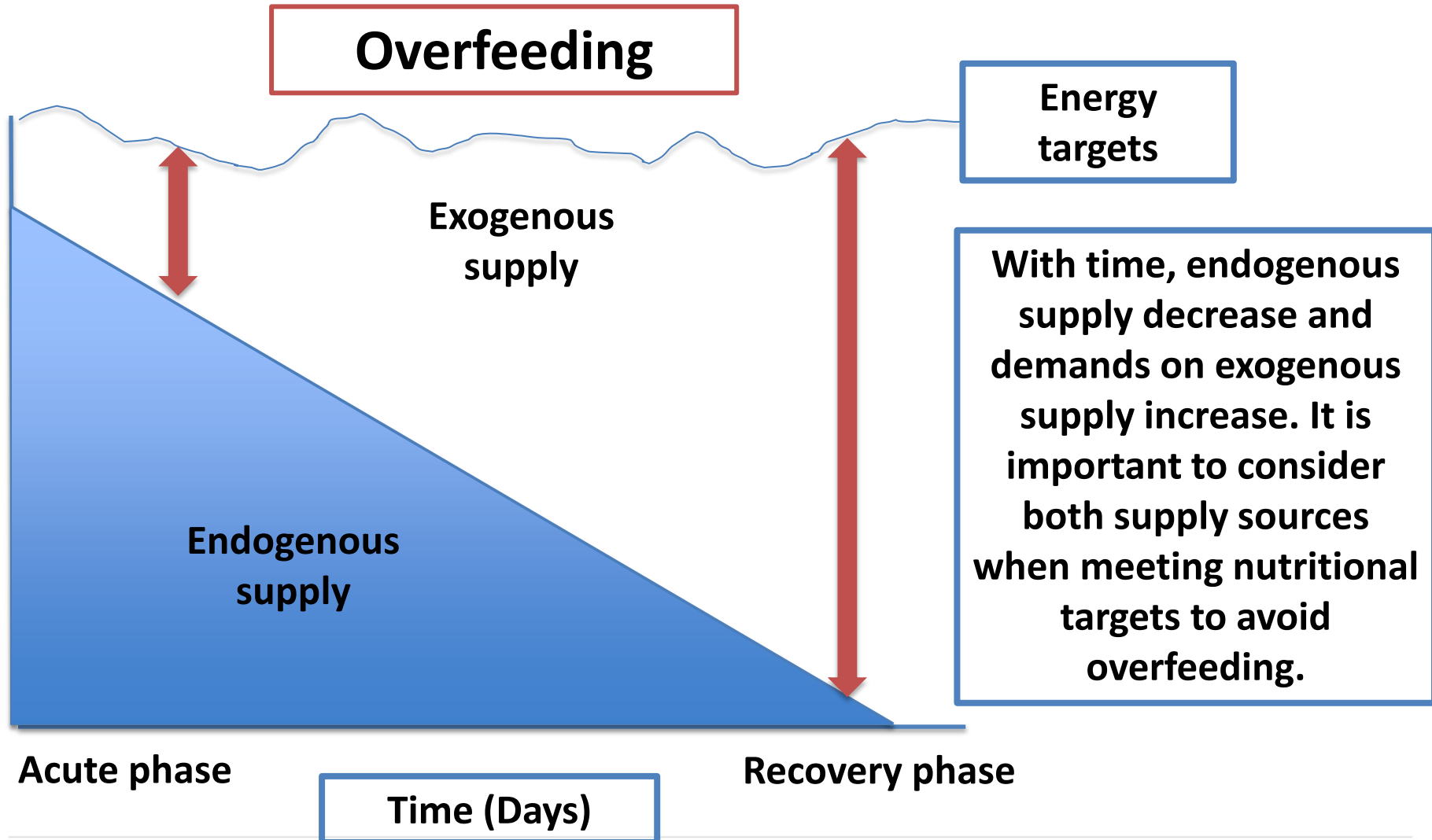
**Hyperglycaemia**

**Muscle loss**

**Changes in body composition**

- Energy requirements
- Specific nutrient needs
  - Protein/ Amino acids
    - Glutamine
  - Lipids
    - Omega-3 fatty acids
  - Micronutrients
    - Vitamins and trace elements
    - Antioxidants

# SUBSTRATE SUPPLY





# ENERGY REQUIREMENTS

- Indirect calorimetry vs Predictive equations vs Simplistic equations
- **ESPEN<sup>1,2</sup>**
  - Acute and initial phase: 20 – 25 kcal/kg/day
  - Recovery phase: 25 – 30 kcal/kg/day
- **ASPEN<sup>3</sup>**
  - High risk or severely undernourished:  $\leq 20$  kcal/kg/day
  - 25 – 30 kcal/kg/day (normal BMI)
  - 11-14 kcal/kg actual body weight/ day for BMI = 30-50
  - 22-25 kcal/kg ideal body weight/ day for BMI >50

1 Singer P et al. Clin Nutr 2009

2 Singer P et al. Clin Nutr 2014

3 McClave S et al. JPEN 2016

**Re-evaluate continuously**

# PROTEIN REQUIREMENTS

- **ESPEN<sup>1,2</sup>**
  - 1.3 -1.5 g/kg ideal / actual body weight / day
- **ASPEN<sup>3</sup>**
  - 1.2 – 2.0 g/kg actual body weight/day for BMI <30
  - $\geq 2.0$  g/kg ideal body weight/ day for BMI 30-40
  - $\leq 2.5$  g/kg ideal body weight/ day for BMI  $\geq 40$

## Disease-specific

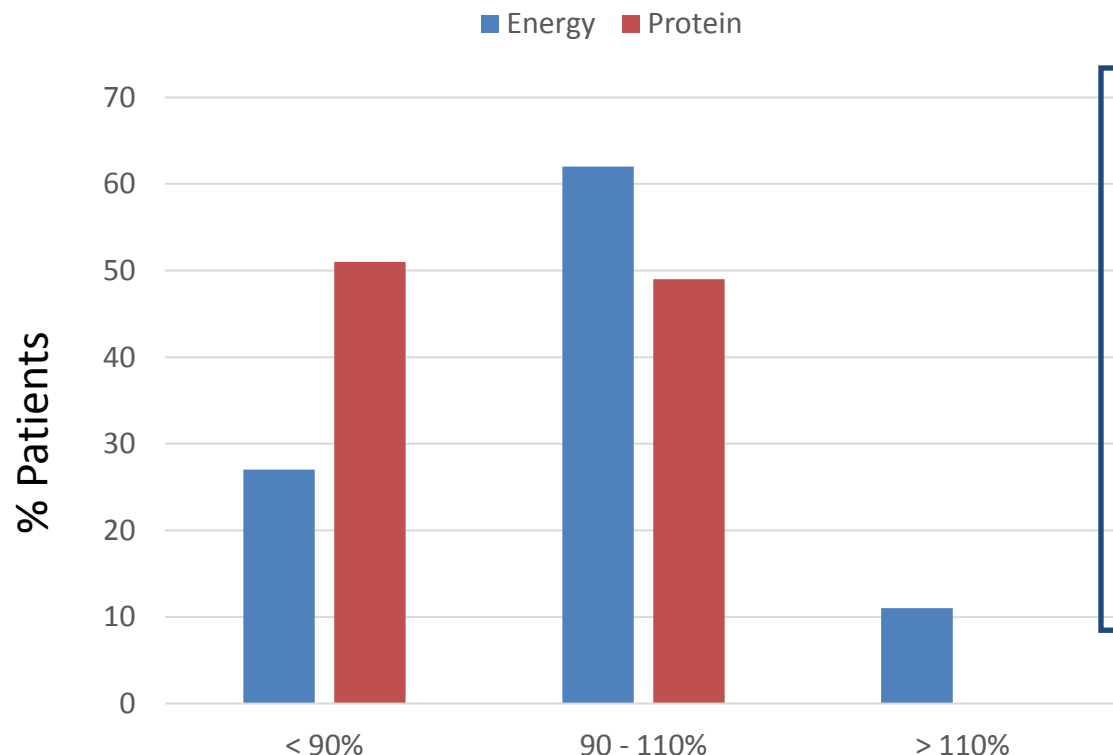
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# PERCENTAGE TARGETS ACHIEVED

- N=71 mixed ICU patients, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Median Energy intake = 26 kcal/kg/day
- Protein intake = 1.1 g/kg/day



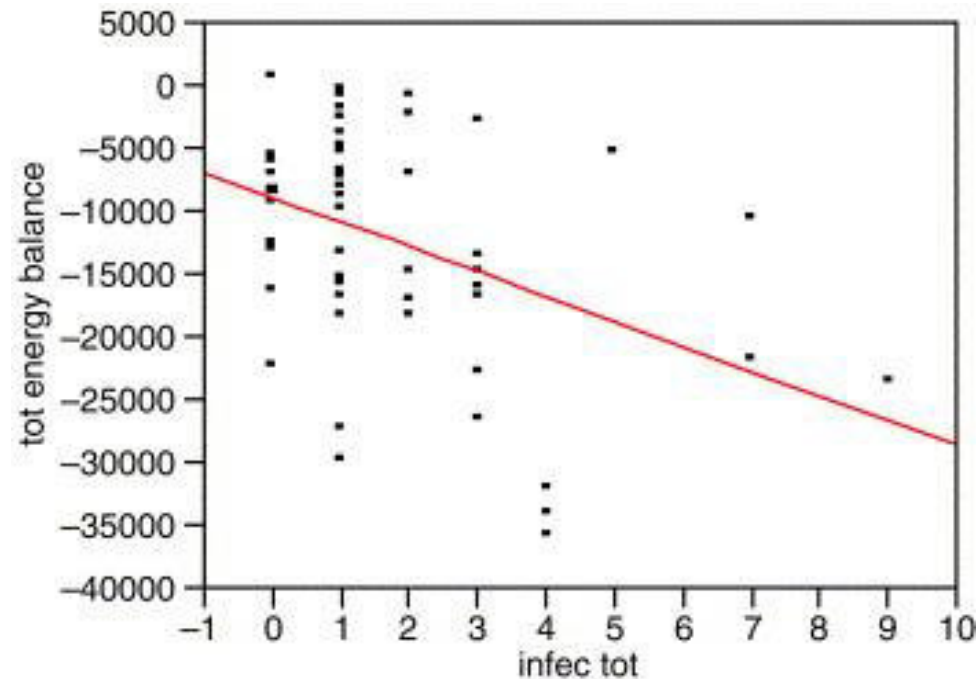
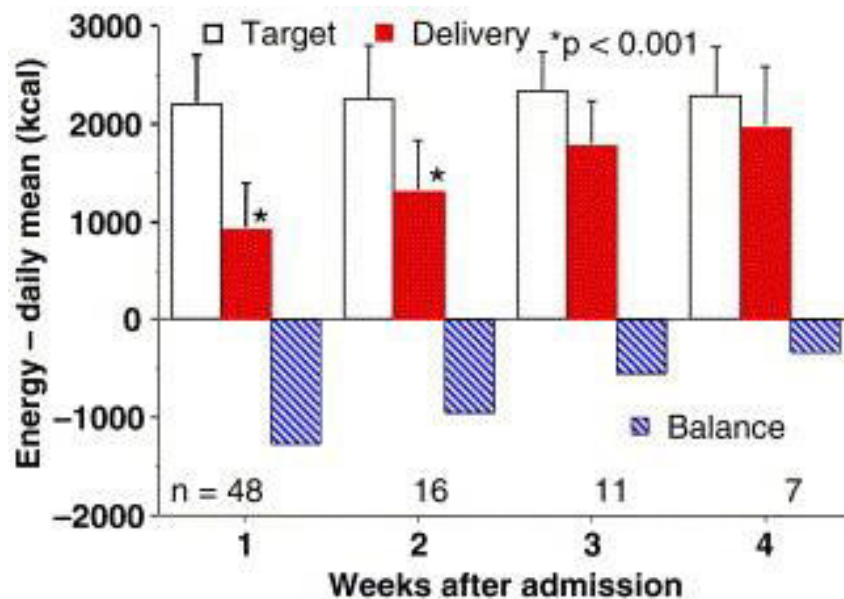
- **1 in 2 patients not meeting protein targets**
- **1 in 4 patients not meeting energy targets**



# Correlation between nutritional intake and clinical ICU outcome

- Prospective study in surgical ICU
- N = 48
- Average energy requirements:
- $29 \pm 7$  kcal/kg/d

- Largest deficit during first week
- Cumulated deficits correlated with complications
- Cannot be compensated for



# Correlation between nutritional intake and clinical ICU outcome

- N=886 mechanically-ventilated patients admitted to ICU
- Energy requirements = Indirect calorimetry
- Protein requirements: > 1.2 g/kg/d

Table 3. Relationship Between Nutrition Therapy and Intensive Care Unit, 28-Day, and Hospital Mortality<sup>a</sup>

	Protein and Energy Target	Energy Target
Model 0 <sup>b</sup>		
Intensive care unit	0.91 (0.64–1.31), <i>P</i> = .626	1.03 (0.86–1.25), <i>P</i> = .733
28 d	0.59 (0.40–0.88), <i>P</i> = .010	0.90 (0.74–1.09), <i>P</i> = .291
Hospital	0.76 (0.58–0.99), <i>P</i> = .041	0.93 (0.81–1.08), <i>P</i> = .339
Model 1 <sup>c</sup>		
Intensive care unit	0.79 (0.54–1.17), <i>P</i> = .242	0.99 (0.81–1.20), <i>P</i> = .886
28 d	0.51 (0.33–0.78), <i>P</i> = .002	0.84 (0.68–1.03), <i>P</i> = .085
Hospital	0.70 (0.53–0.94), <i>P</i> = .017	0.91 (0.79–1.06), <i>P</i> = .233
Model 2 <sup>a</sup>		
Intensive care unit	0.72 (0.48–1.09), <i>P</i> = .116	0.98 (0.80–1.19), <i>P</i> = .834
28 d	0.40 (0.26–0.64), <i>P</i> < .001	0.79 (0.64–0.97), <i>P</i> = .024
Hospital	0.62 (0.46–0.84), <i>P</i> = .002	0.89 (0.77–1.04), <i>P</i> = .137

# Correlation between nutritional intake and clinical ICU outcome

- N=886 mechanically-ventilated patients admitted to ICU
- Energy requirements = Indirect calorimetry
- Protein requirements:  $> 1.2 \text{ g/kg/d}$

**Not meeting Protein and Energy targets were significantly correlated with:**

- 28 day mortality
- Hospital mortality

# ENERGY AND PROTEIN COMBINATION

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Opinion paper

## Protein-energy nutrition in the ICU is the power couple: A hypothesis forming analysis



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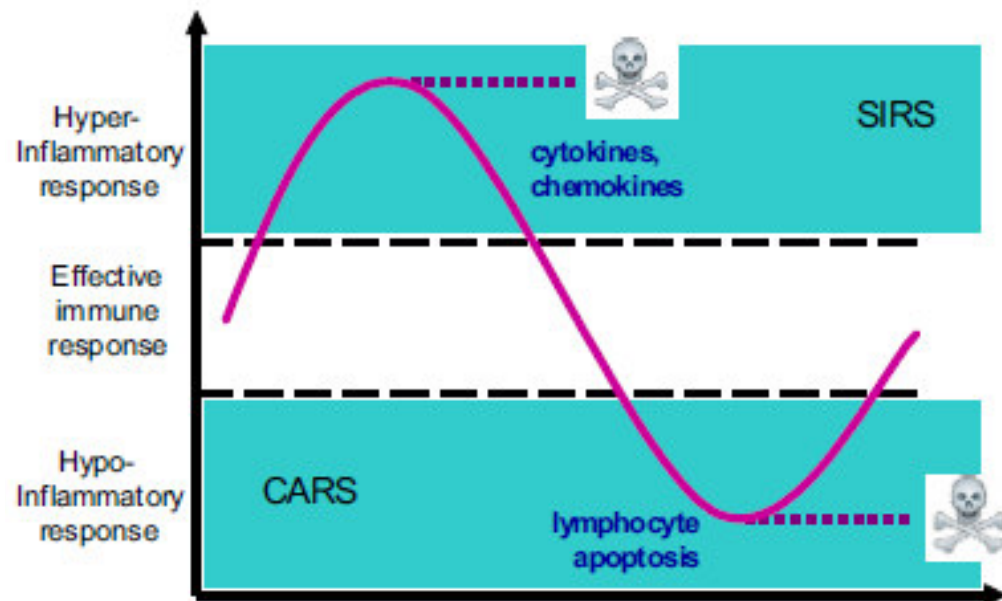
# INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

## An appropriate response

- Fights infection
- Coordinates metabolic response
- Supports wound healing

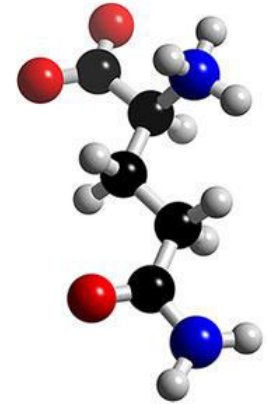
## An inappropriate response

- Exaggerated inflammation
- Excessive production of free radicals  
*and / or*
- Immunosuppression
- Increased risk of superinfection



Ott et al, Prostagl Leukotr Ess FA 2011

# GLUTAMINE



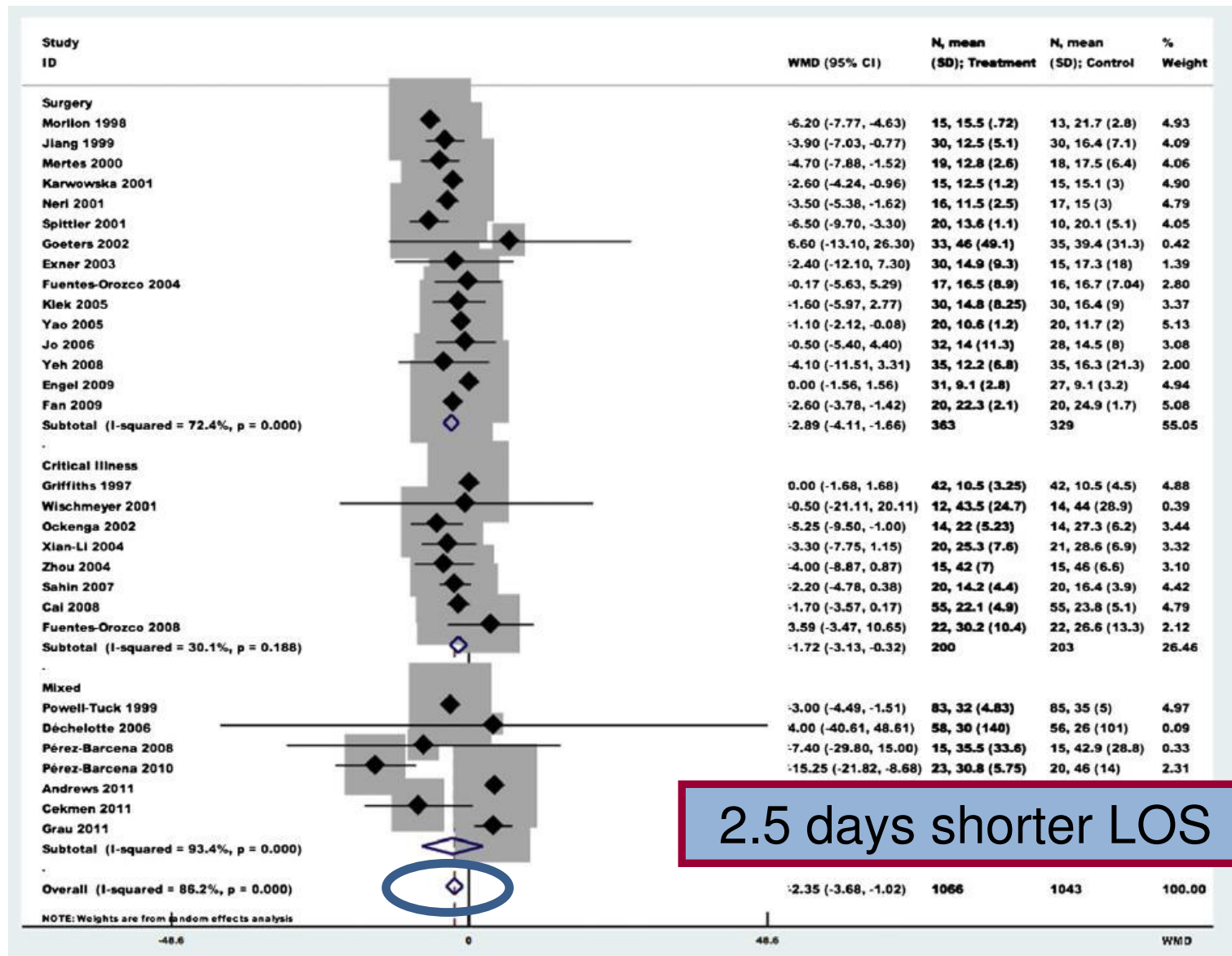
- Non essential amino acid
- Most abundant free amino acid
- Conditionally essential during periods of stress
  - Increased requirements
  - Adequate stores for 24-48 hr
- Major surgery / critical illness



- Immune dysfunction
- Increased mortality
- Indicator of poor outcome

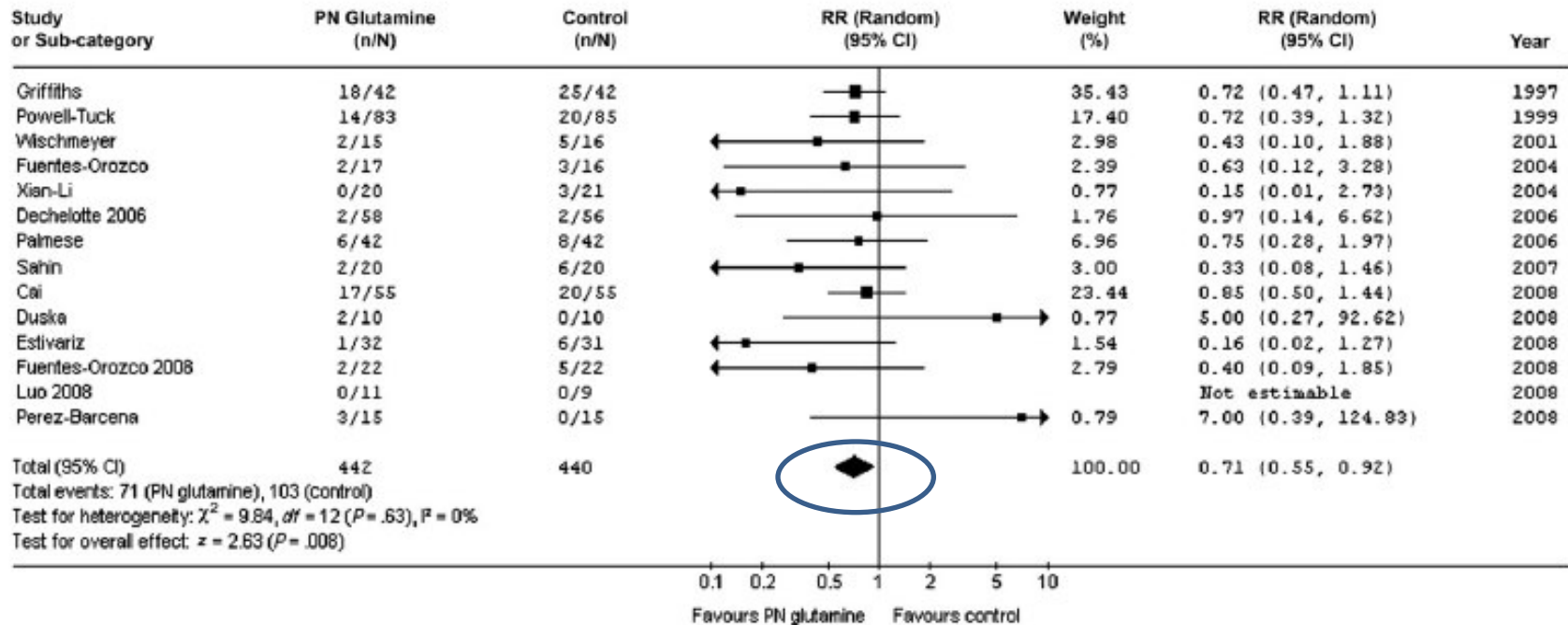


# Parenteral GLN and Hospital LOS in critically ill and patients undergoing major surgery



# Parenteral glutamine and overall mortality in critically ill patients

**Table 4**  
Effect of parenteral glutamine on mortality



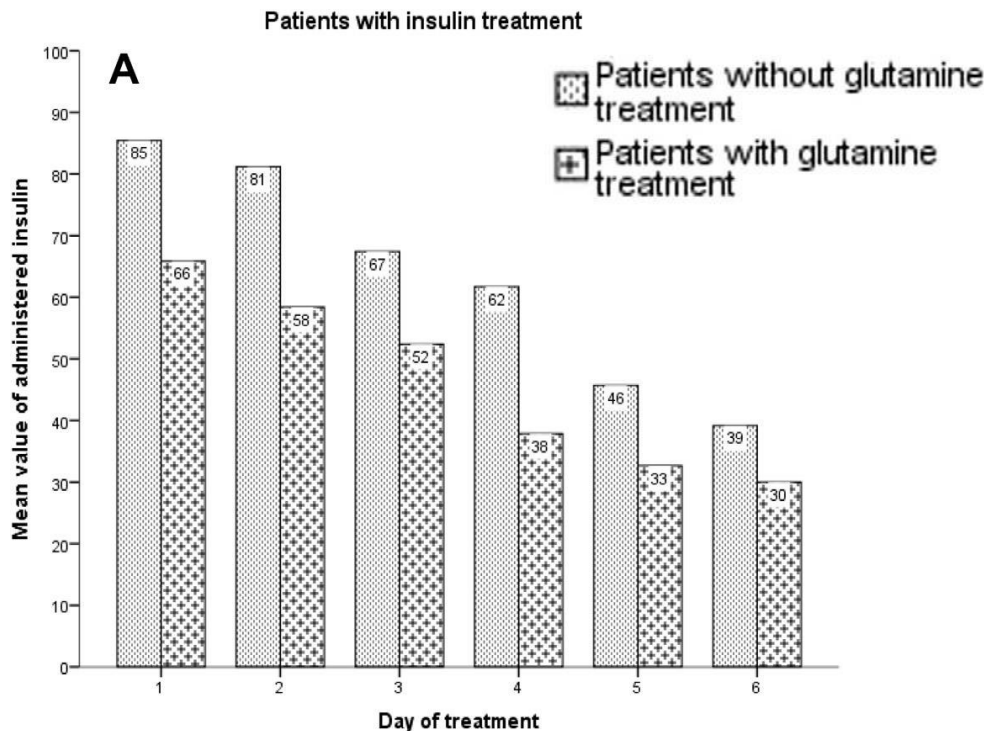
29% reduction in mortality



# Parenteral glutamine in critically ill patients

## Glucose control

- N=82 critically ill trauma patients
- i.v. Ala-Gln (0.5 g/kg/d) supplemented vs. isocaloric, isonitrogenous standard nutritional support



### Gln group:

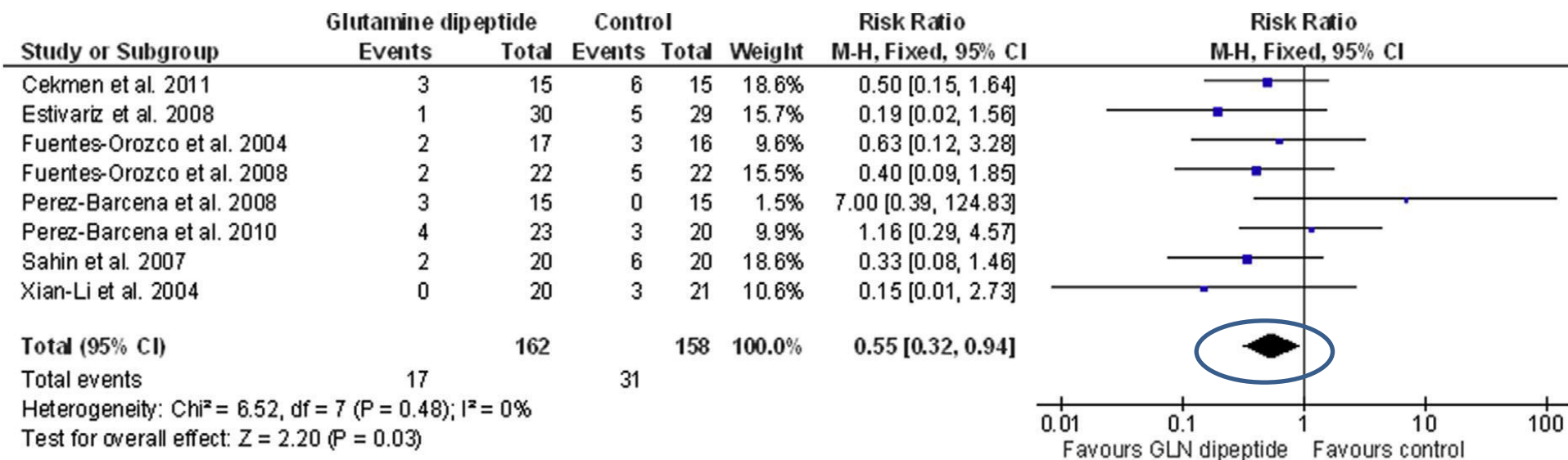
- Only 37% vs. 51% in the control group **required exogenous insulin**
- Glucose levels, though not significantly lower than in the control group, showed less variability

Grintescu et al, 2015

- Lowering mean daily insulin requirements (63 vs 44 U/d,  $p = 0.0407$ )

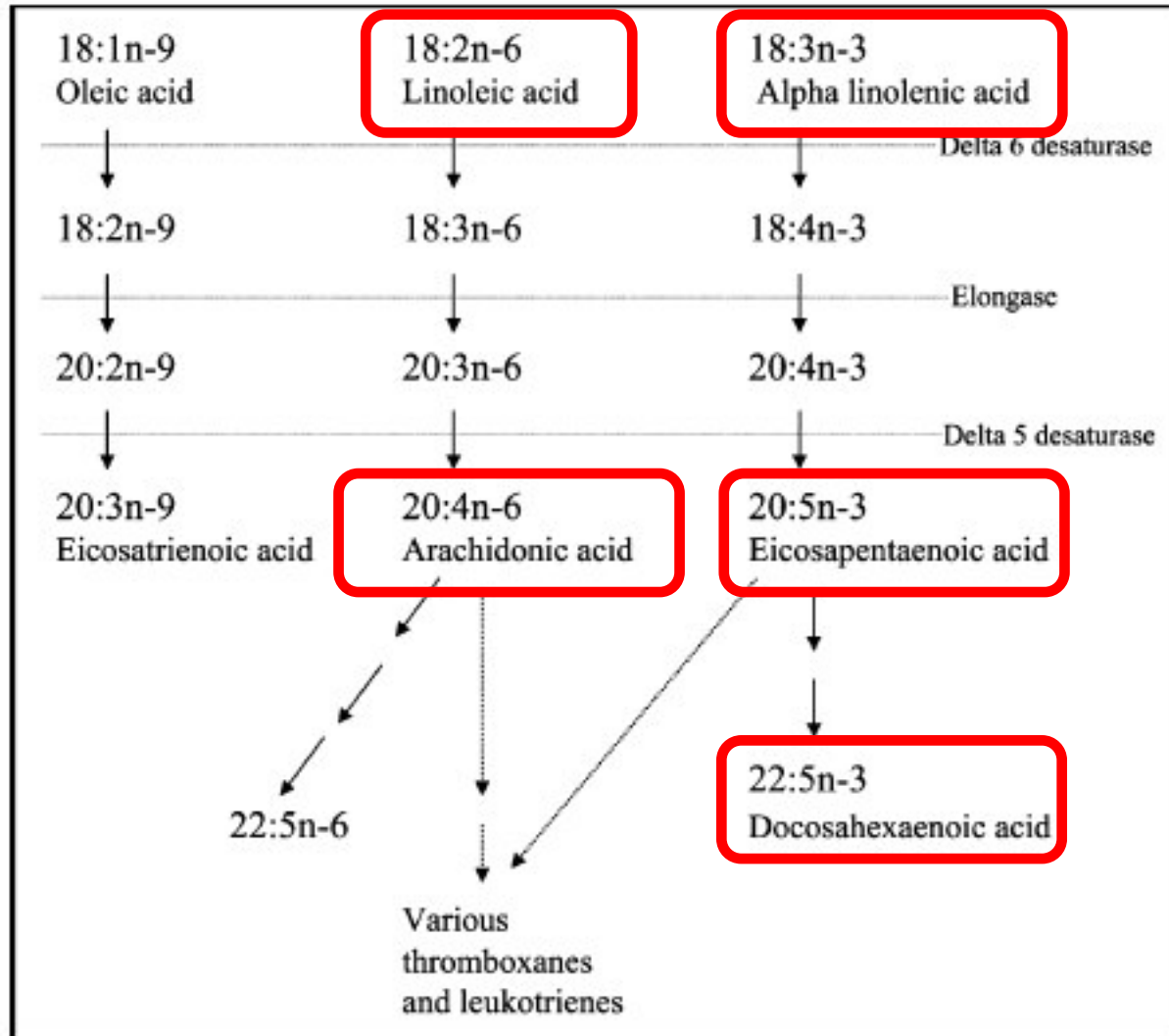
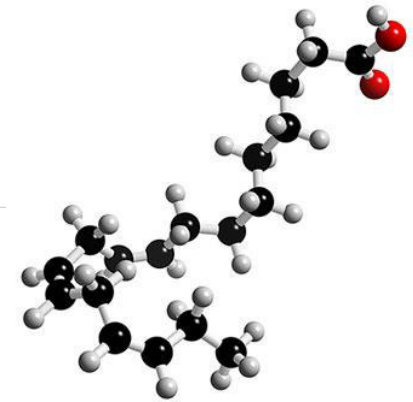
# Parenteral glutamine in critically ill patients

- Lower total infectious complication rate (RR 0.70,  $p < 0.0001$ )
- ~1.5 days shorter LOS in the ICU (MD -1.61,  $p = 0.04$ )
- 1.5 days shorter duration of mechanical ventilation (MD -1.56,  $p = 0.02$ )
- Lower hospital mortality (RR 0.55,  $p = 0.03$ )



# FATTY ACIDS

Figure 1. Parallel pathways of polyunsaturated fatty acid metabolism



McCowen & Bistrian 2005

# OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS

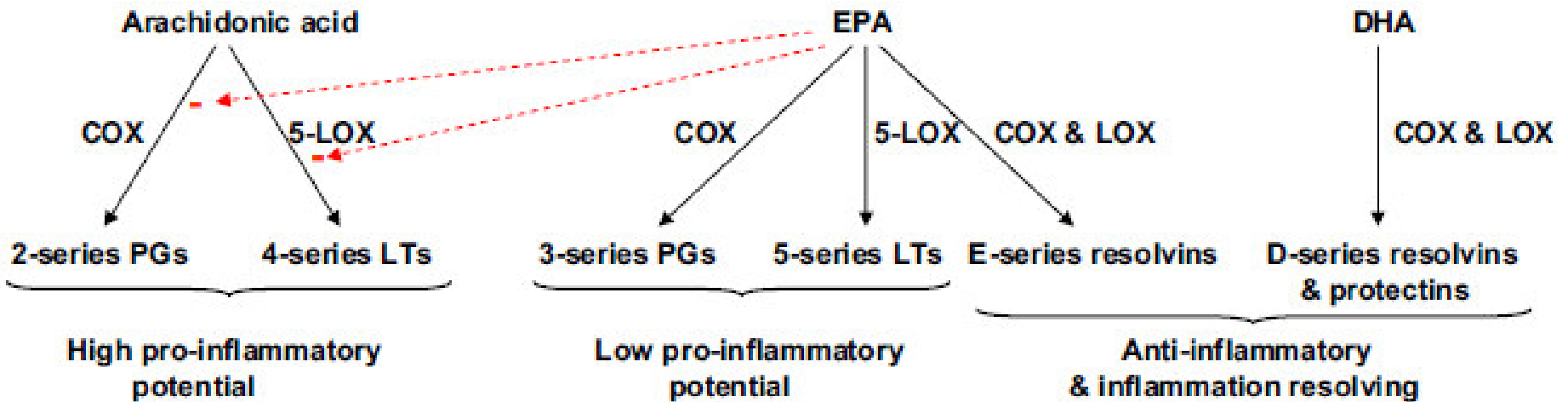


Fig. 4. General overview of the synthesis of lipid mediators from arachidonic acid, EPA and DHA and of their effects on inflammation.

Calder, 2010

RESEARCH

Open Access

# Intravenous fish oil lipid emulsions in critically ill patients: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis

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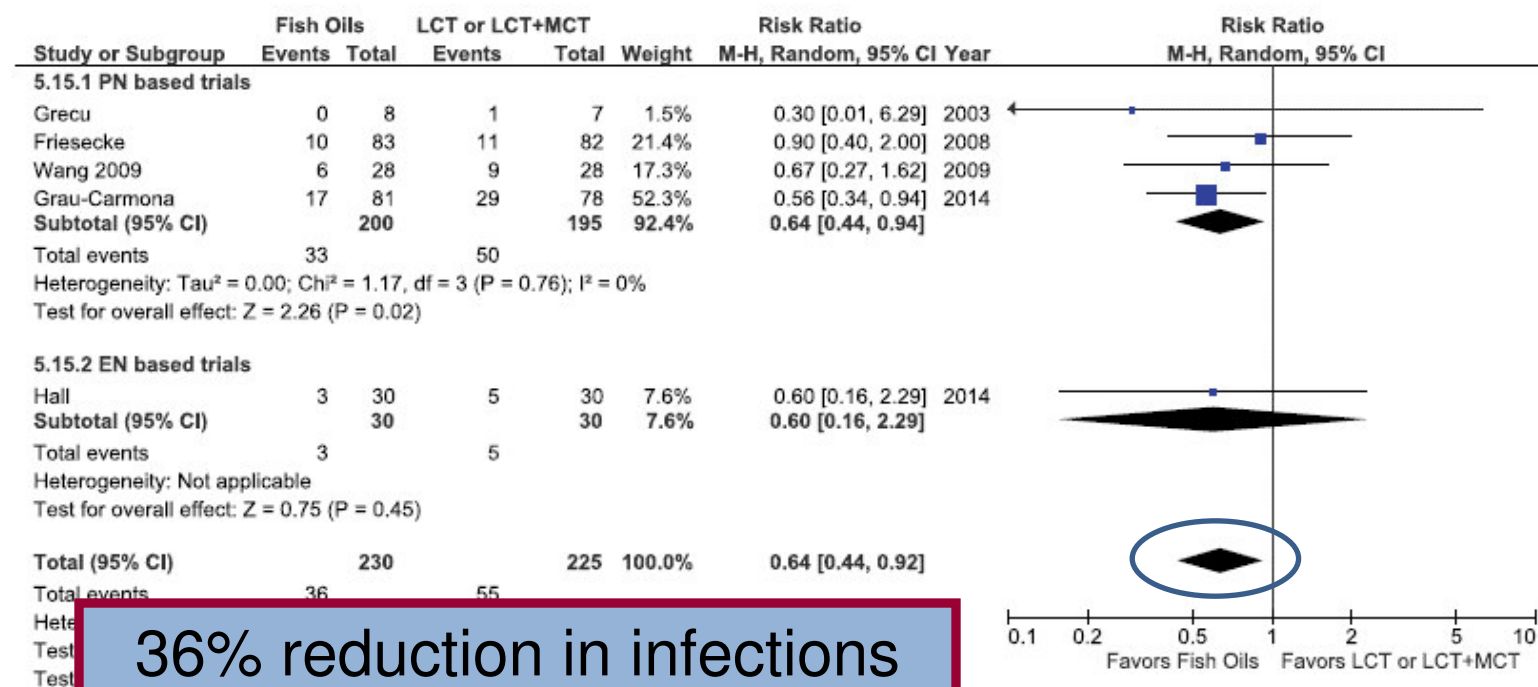


Figure 1. Effects of parenteral fish oil-containing emulsions on infections.



# N-3 FATTY ACID ENRICHED LIPID EMULSIONS

## n-3 fatty acid-enriched parenteral nutrition regimens in elective surgical and ICU patients: a meta-analysis

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*Critical Care* 2012, **16**:R184

- Meta-analysis on 23 RCT's to evaluate omega-3 enriched PN regimens in elective surgery and ICU patients
- n=1502 patients
- Parenteral omega-3 containing lipid emulsions vs other lipid emulsions without omega-3 fatty acids from fish oil

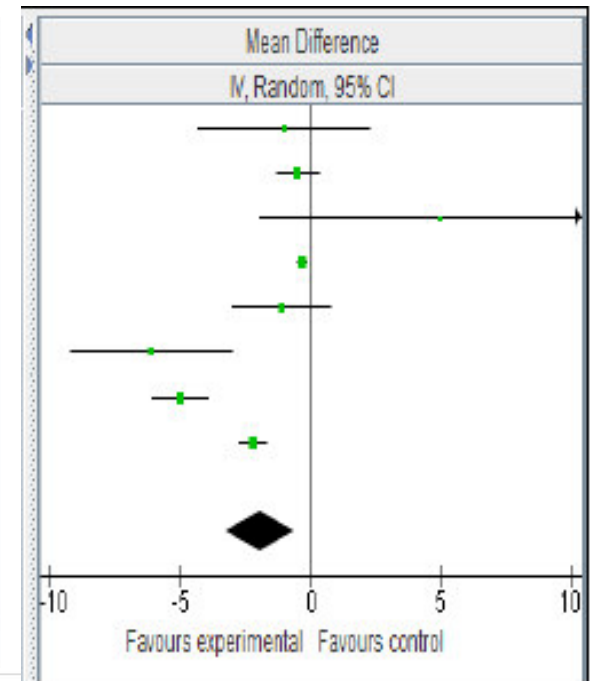
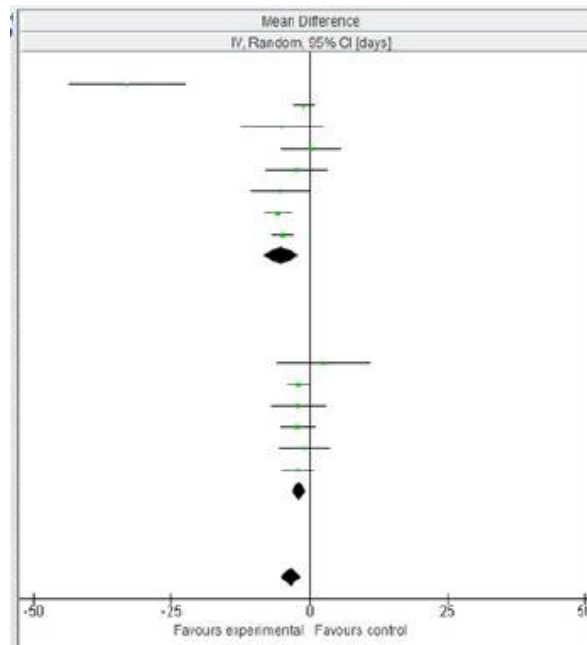
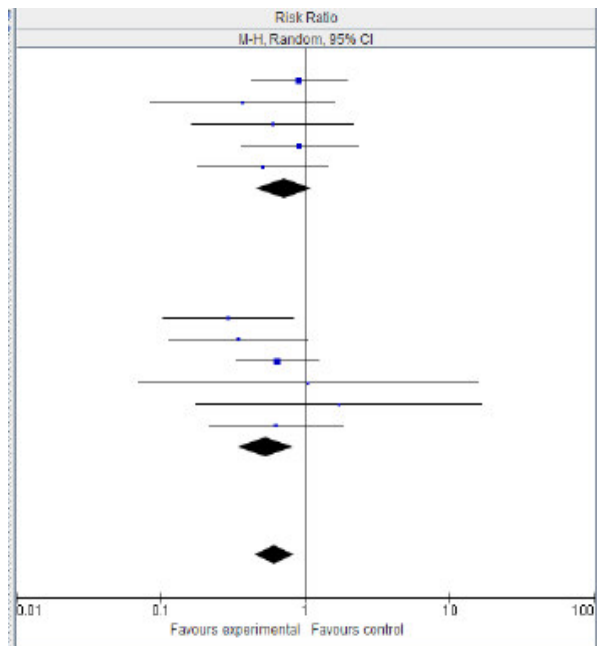
# N-3 FATTY ACID ENRICHED LIPID EMULSIONS

**Omega-3 fatty acid enriched lipid emulsions associated with significant reductions in:**

**Infection rate  
(39%)**

**Hospital LOS  
(3.29 days)**

**ICU LOS (1.92 days)**



# IVFE RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Recommended Dosage and Expert Opinions**
  - 0.7 – 1.5 (2) g lipids/kg/day<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Omega-6 : 3 FA ratio = 2:1 to 3:1<sup>3</sup>
  - Fish oil: 0.1 – 0.2 g/kg/day<sup>4</sup>
  - Infusion time: 12-24 hours

1 Singer P et al. Clin Nutr 2009    2 Vanek VW et al Nutr Clin Pract 2012    3 Mayer K. et al. 2006    4 Heller et al Crit Care 2006



# MICRONUTRIENTS

Manzanares et al. *Critical Care* 2012, **16**:R66  
http://ccforum.com/content/16/2/R66

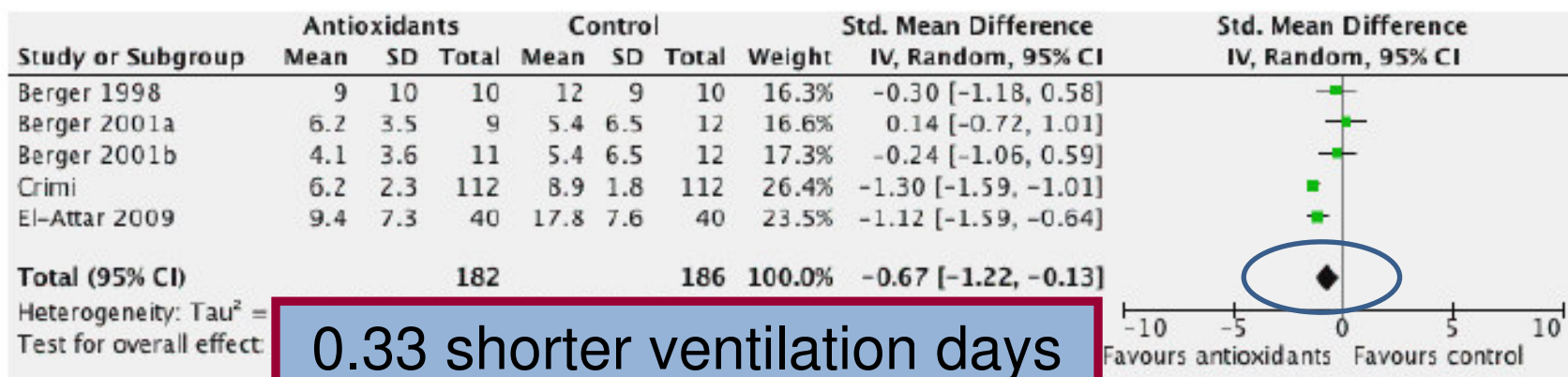


## RESEARCH

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# Antioxidant micronutrients in the critically ill: a systematic review and meta-analysis

William Manzanares<sup>1</sup>, Rupinder Dhaliwal<sup>2</sup>, Xuran Jiang<sup>2</sup>, Lauren Murch<sup>2</sup> and Daren K Heyland<sup>2,3\*</sup>



**Figure 3 Effect of combined antioxidant therapy on ventilation days (n = 4). RR, risk ratio; 95% CI, 95% confidence intervals.**



## Review

# Micronutrient supplementation for critically ill adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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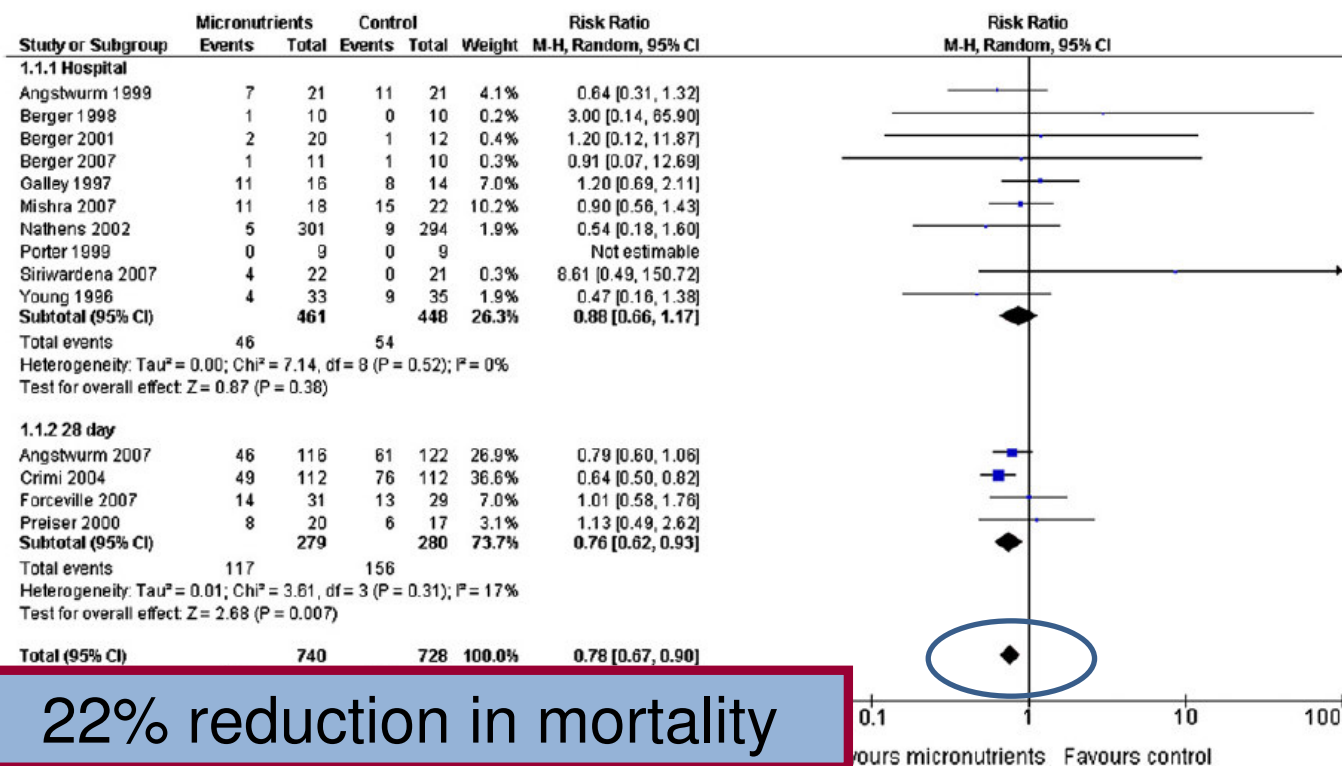


Fig. 3. Effect of micronutrient supplementation on overall mortality in critically ill patients. CI, confidence interval; M-H, Mantel-Haenszel method.

# MICRONUTRIENT RECOMMENDATIONS

## ■ Recommendations

- All PN prescriptions should include a daily dose of multivitamins and trace elements<sup>1</sup>
- Combinations of antioxidant vitamins and trace elements should be provided to patients requiring specialized nutrition therapy<sup>2</sup>

1 Singer P et al. Clin Nutr 2009, 2 McClave S et al. JPEN 2016

# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

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1. Nutrition is dynamic and exciting
2. Metabolic dysregulation can be altered through nutrition.
3. Nutrition prescription should be adapted according to patient needs and clinical condition.
4. *One size does not fit all* – Individualize approaches are needed