

Optimal Oxygenation of the Newborn

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Oxygenation of the Newborn

resolved and unresolved questions



- **FiO_2 for resuscitation of term infants**
- **FiO_2 during chest compressions**
- **Effect of hypothermia after normoxic resuscitation**
- **FiO_2 for resuscitation of preterm infants < 33 weeks**
- **Oxygenation of preterm infants (ELBWI) beyond the delivery room**

OXYGEN

**ESSENTIAL
FOR LIFE**

VS

**POTENTIALLY
TOXIC AND
MUTAGENIC**



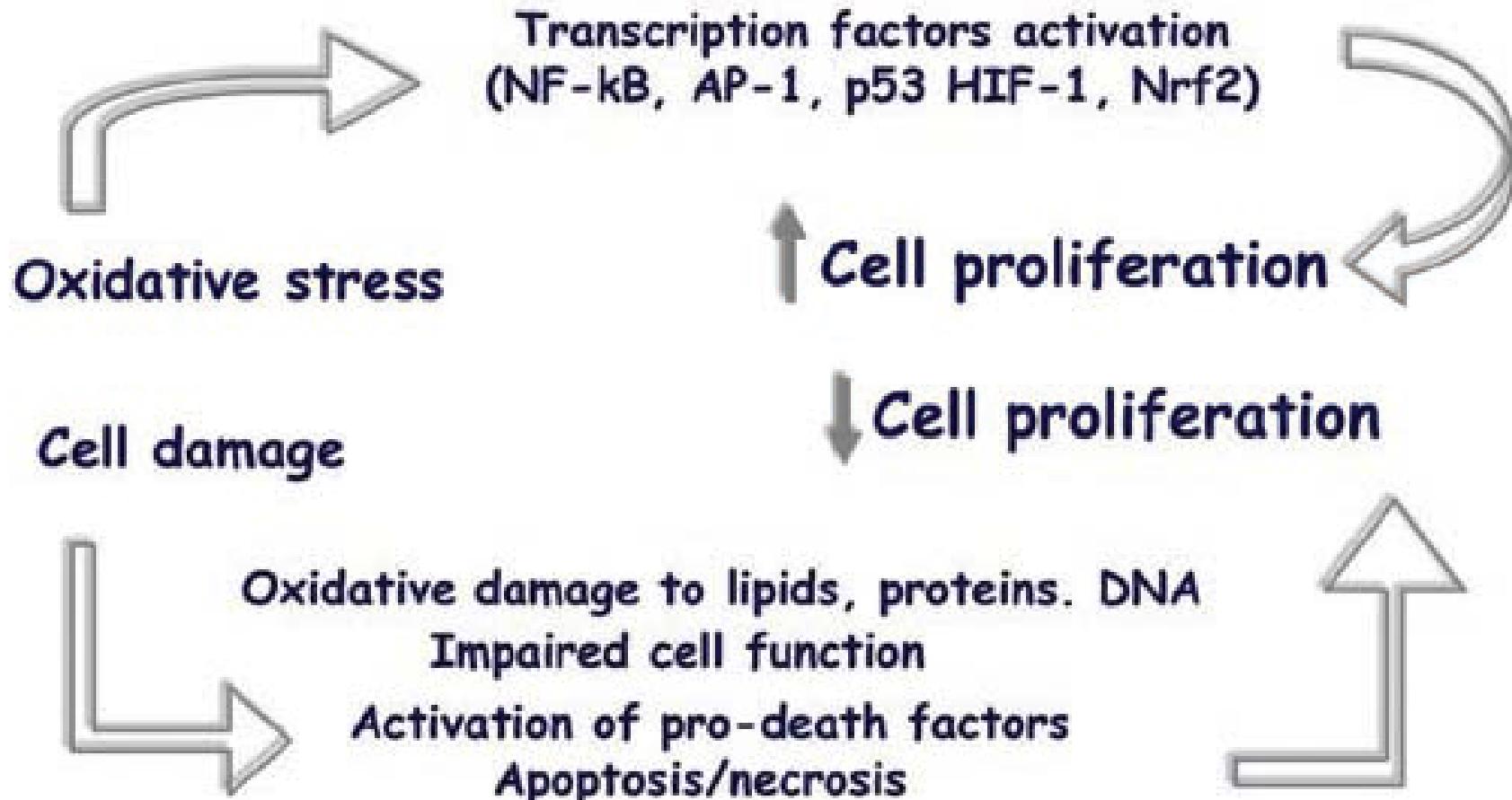
- It is completely available
- It can easily diffuse across biological membrane
- It can bind heme in protein (Hemoglobin and Cytochrome)



***Over production of
Free Radicals***

Oxidative stress

Cellular Effects of Free Radicals



Oxygenation of term and preterm babies in the delivery room

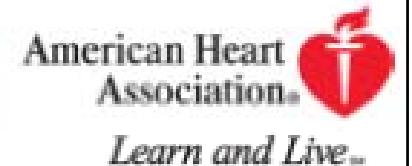


Ventilation term/near term babies after birth

Treatment Recommendation

In term infants receiving resuscitation at birth with positive pressure ventilation, it is best to begin with air rather than 100% oxygen.

ILCOR 2010



Newborn resuscitation – term babies

Air versus Oxygen

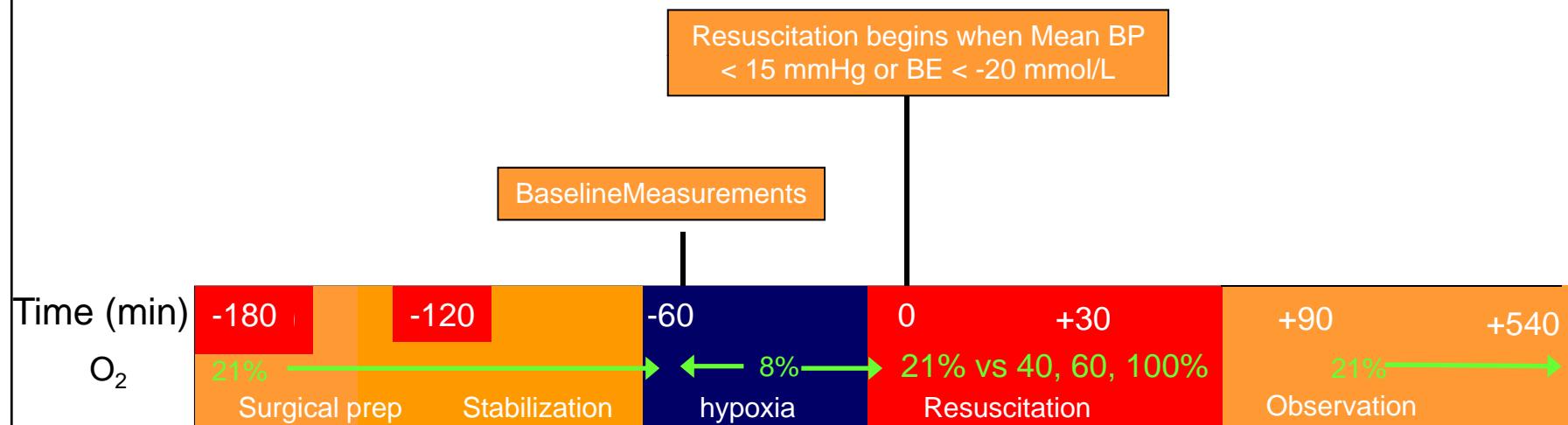
Why is it best to start with air?

Experimental Protocol

1-2 d old piglets: Hypoxia-Reoxygenation

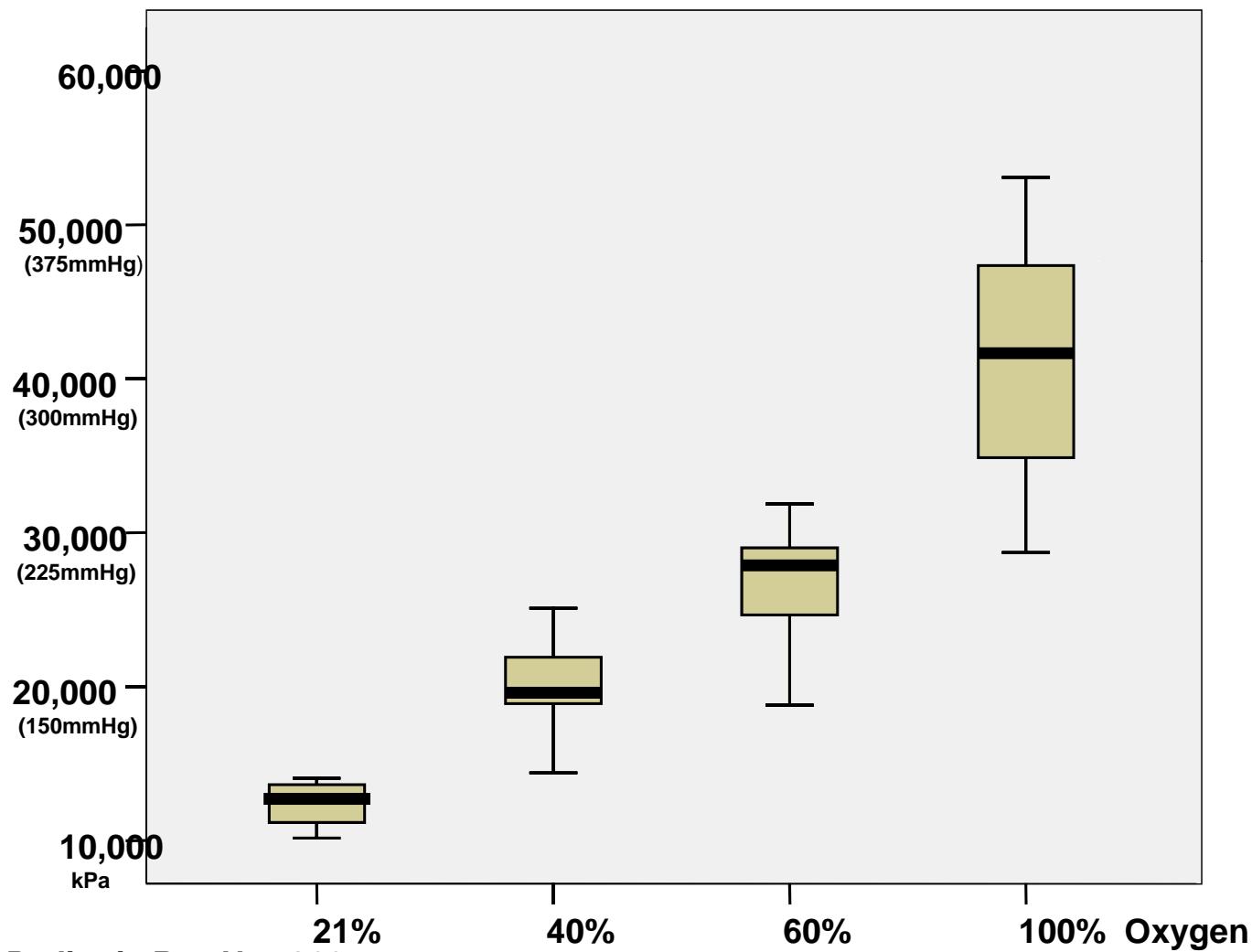


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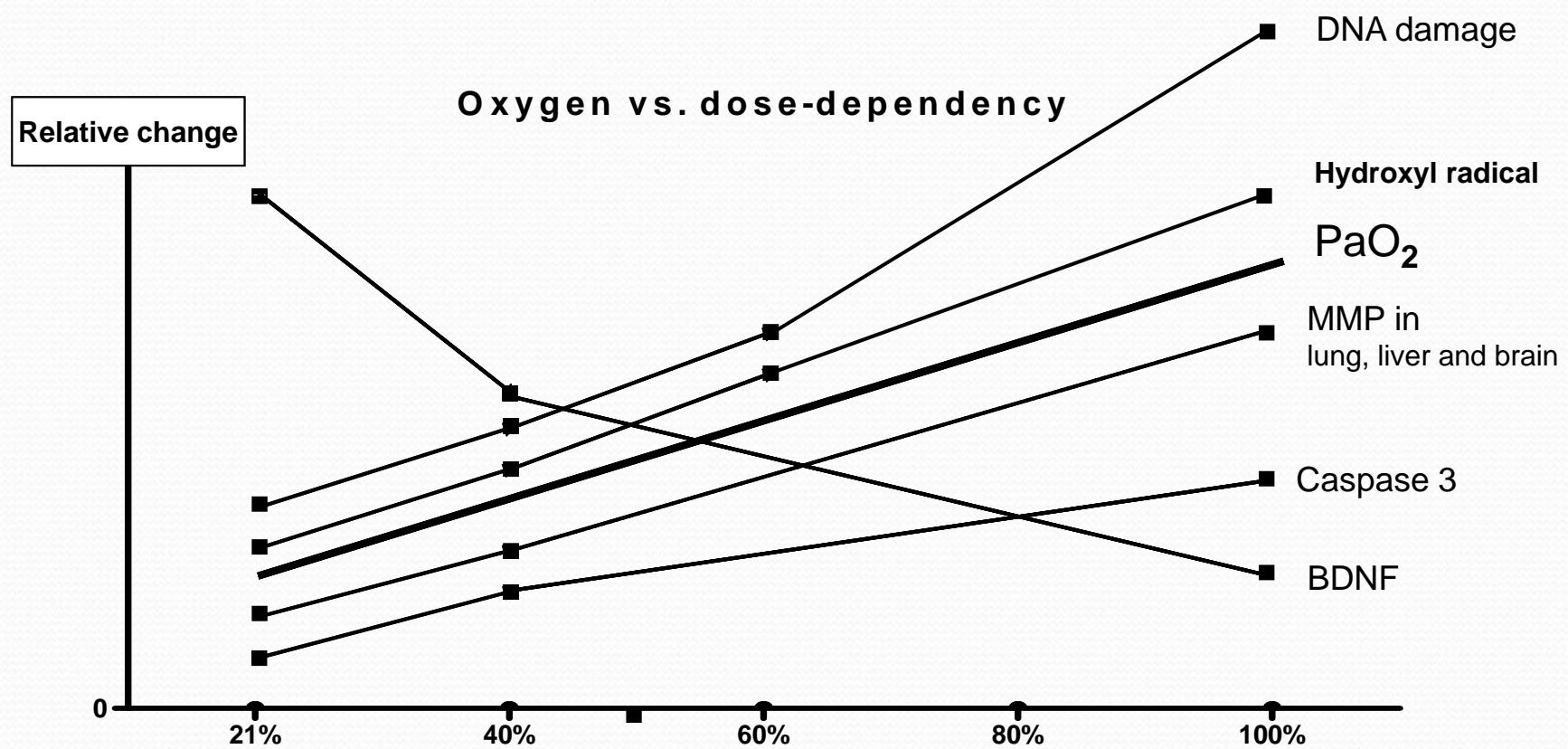
The newborn pig brain resembles the human brain before 3 days of age

PaO_2 after Hypoxia and 15 Minutes Resuscitation with Different FiO_2

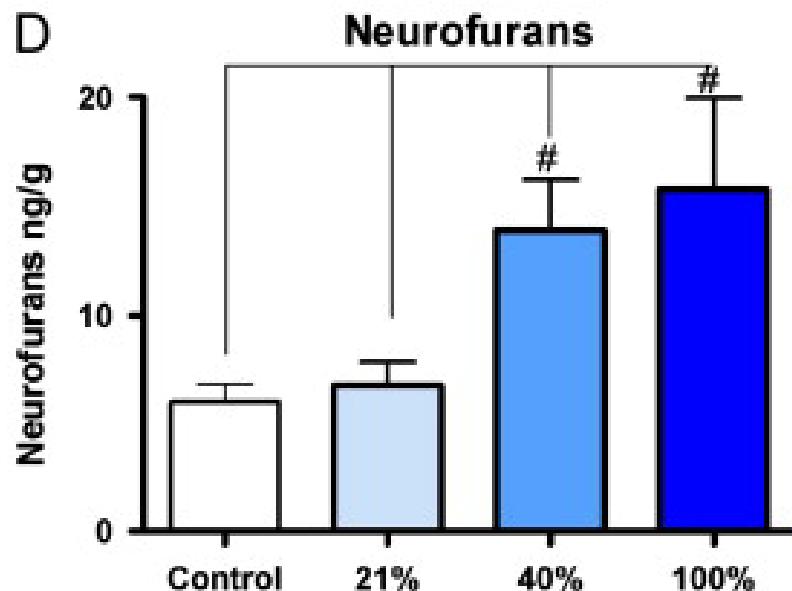
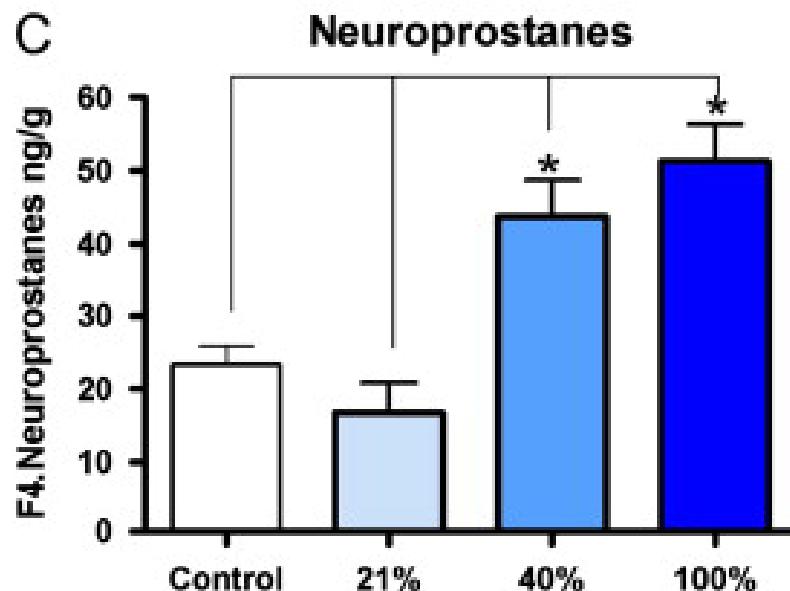
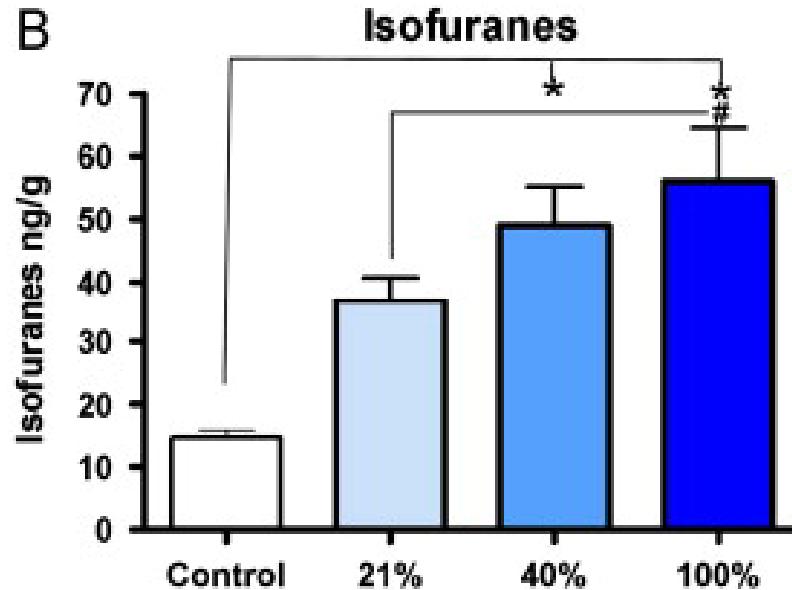
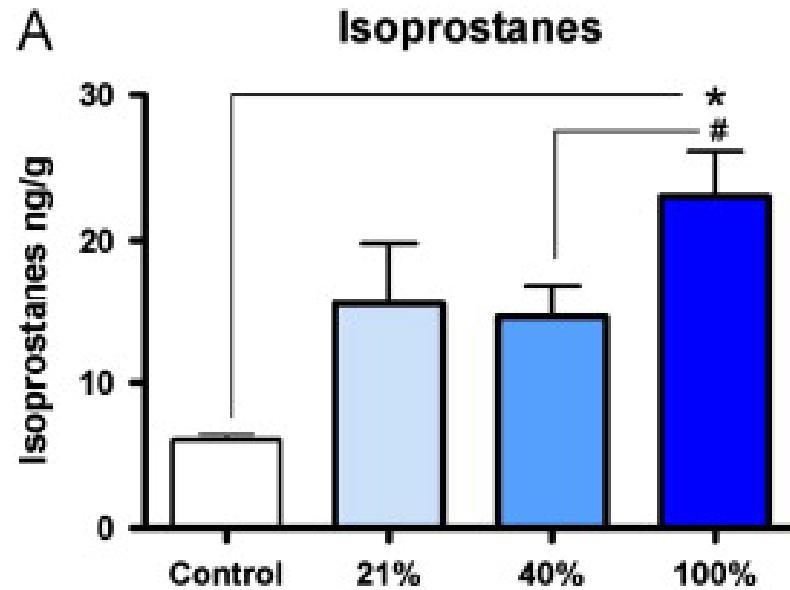


Solberg et al Pediatric Res Nov 2007

Summary of Findings Regarding FiO₂

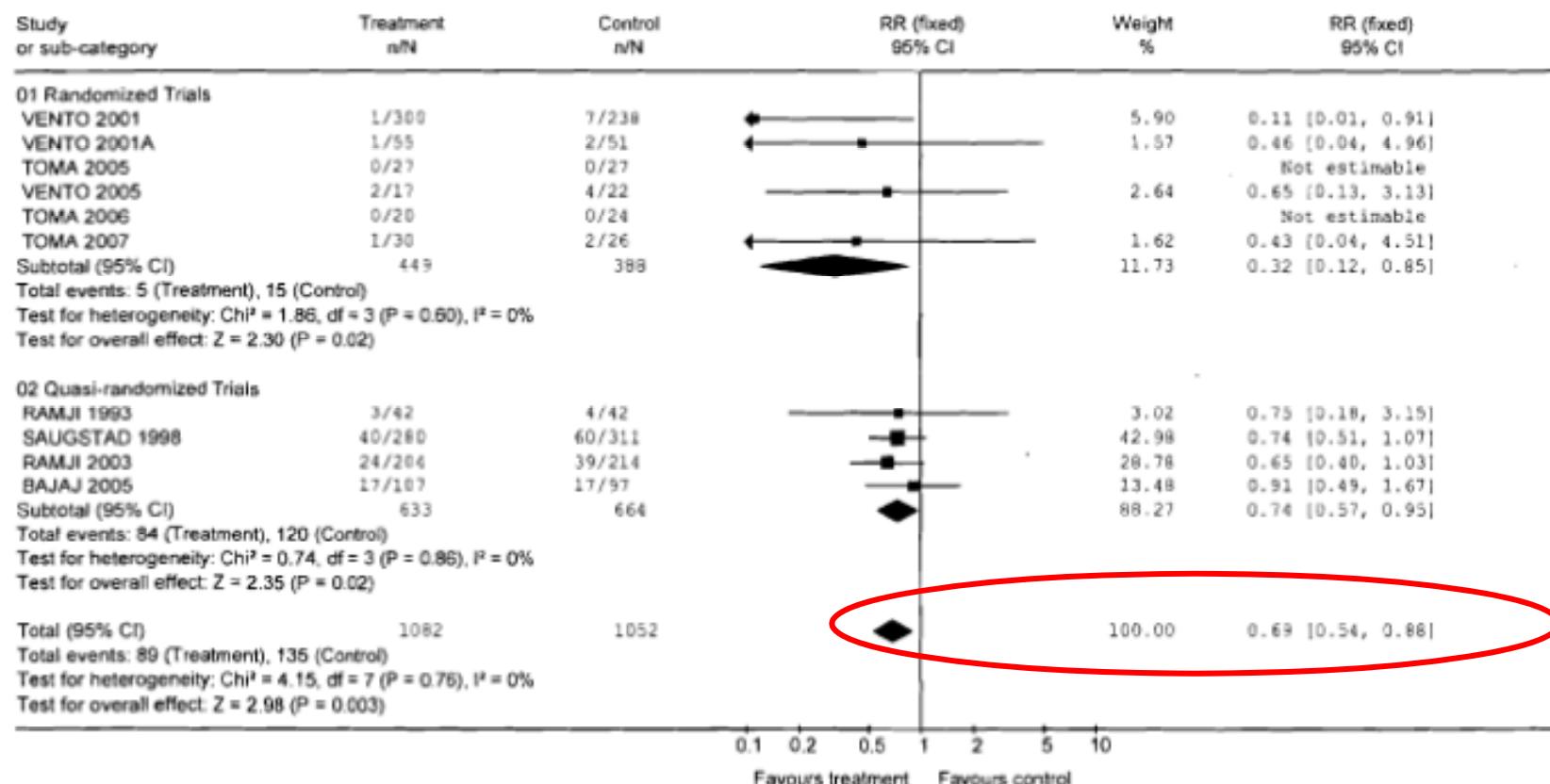


Resuscitation of newborn pigs - effect on the brain of 21- 40 or 100% O₂



Neonatal Mortality after 21% or 100% O₂ Resuscitation

10 studies including 2134 infants



814 000 asphyxic deaths:
252,000 (95% CI: 146,000 - 374,000) saved lives

When is oxygen supplementation needed?

Preterm infants: ILCOR recommends blended oxygen

Chest compressions: ILCOR has no recommendations

Newborn piglets with cardiac arrest

Chest compressions and ventilated with air or 100% oxygen:

Group time to ROSC (median and interquartile range) s

21% O₂ 150 s (115–180)

100% O₂ 135 s (113–168)

p = 0.80

ROSC: return of spontaneous circulation, ie heart rate > 100 bpm

Solevaag et al Neonatology. 2010;98:64-72

Is the effect of hypothermia related to initial oxygenation?

- The babies enrolled in the randomized trials on hypothermia were resuscitated with 100% oxygen
- Hyperoxia induces inflammation in the brain
- Is hypothermia more or less protective if initial resuscitation is carried out in normoxia?

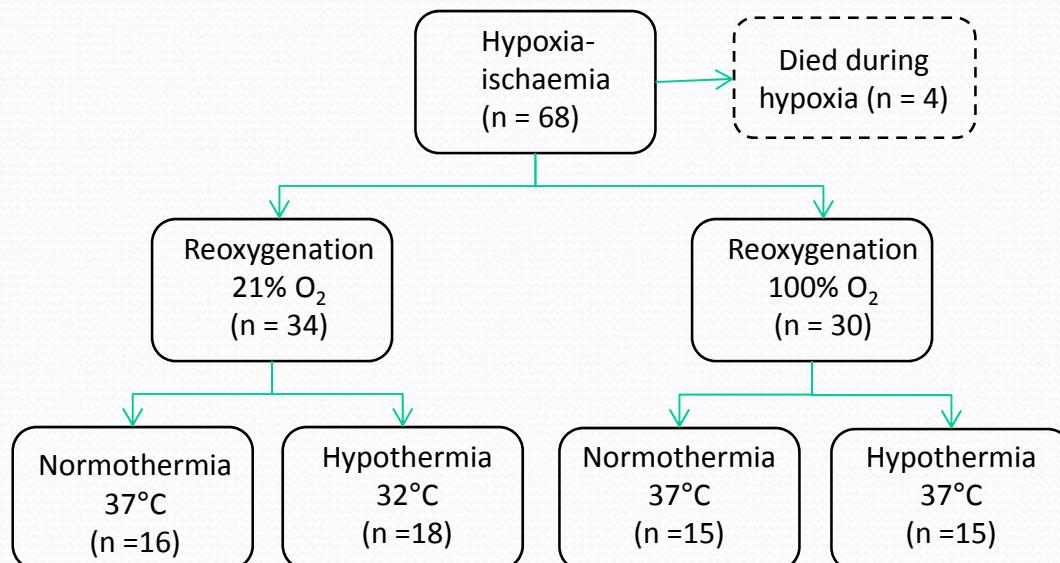
Experimental design

7-day-old Wistar rats of both sex

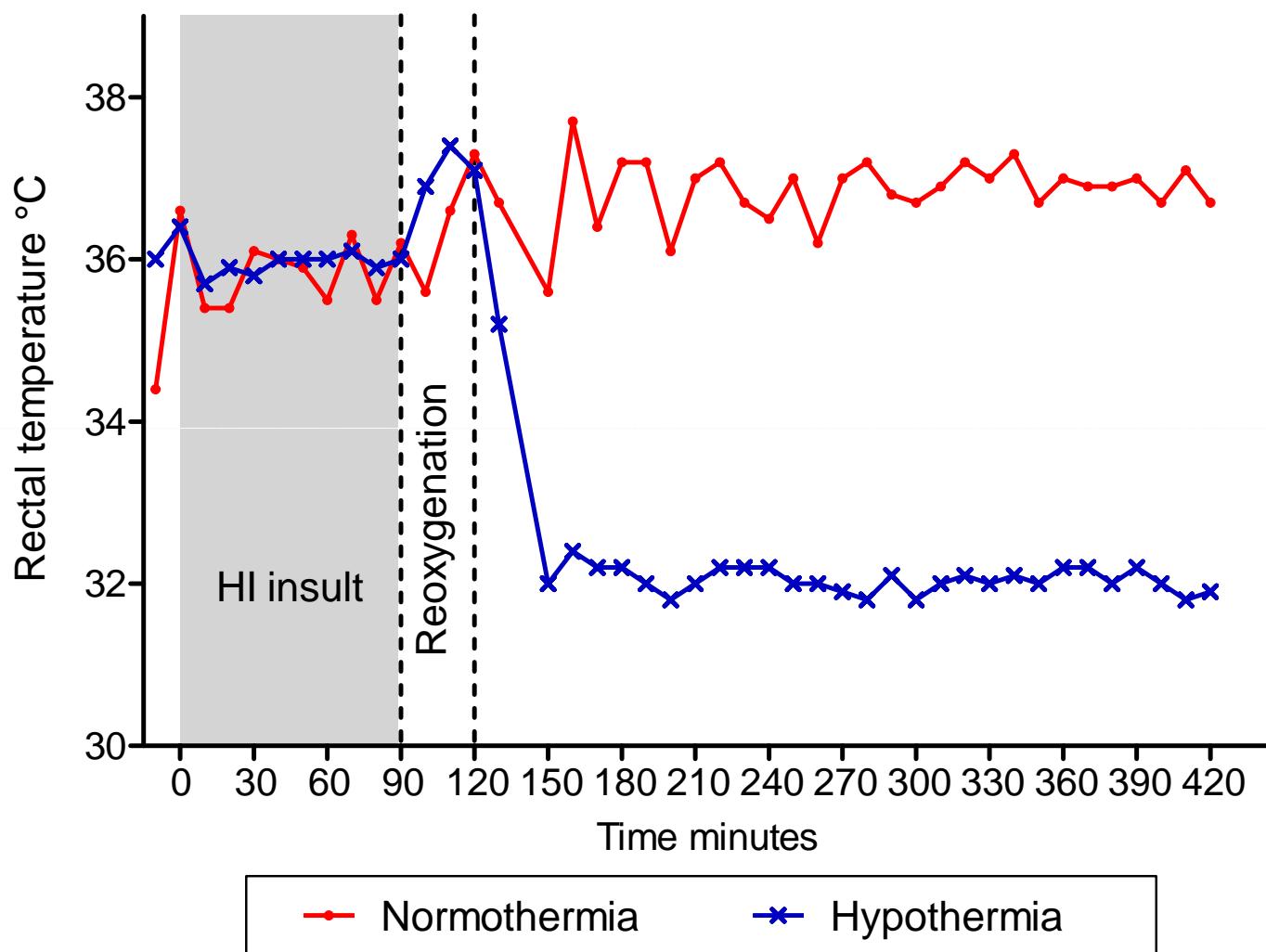
Hypoxia/ischemia 90 min – Reoxygenation 30 min – Hypothermia/Normothermia 5 h

One-week survival

Reflex performance testing - Histopathology

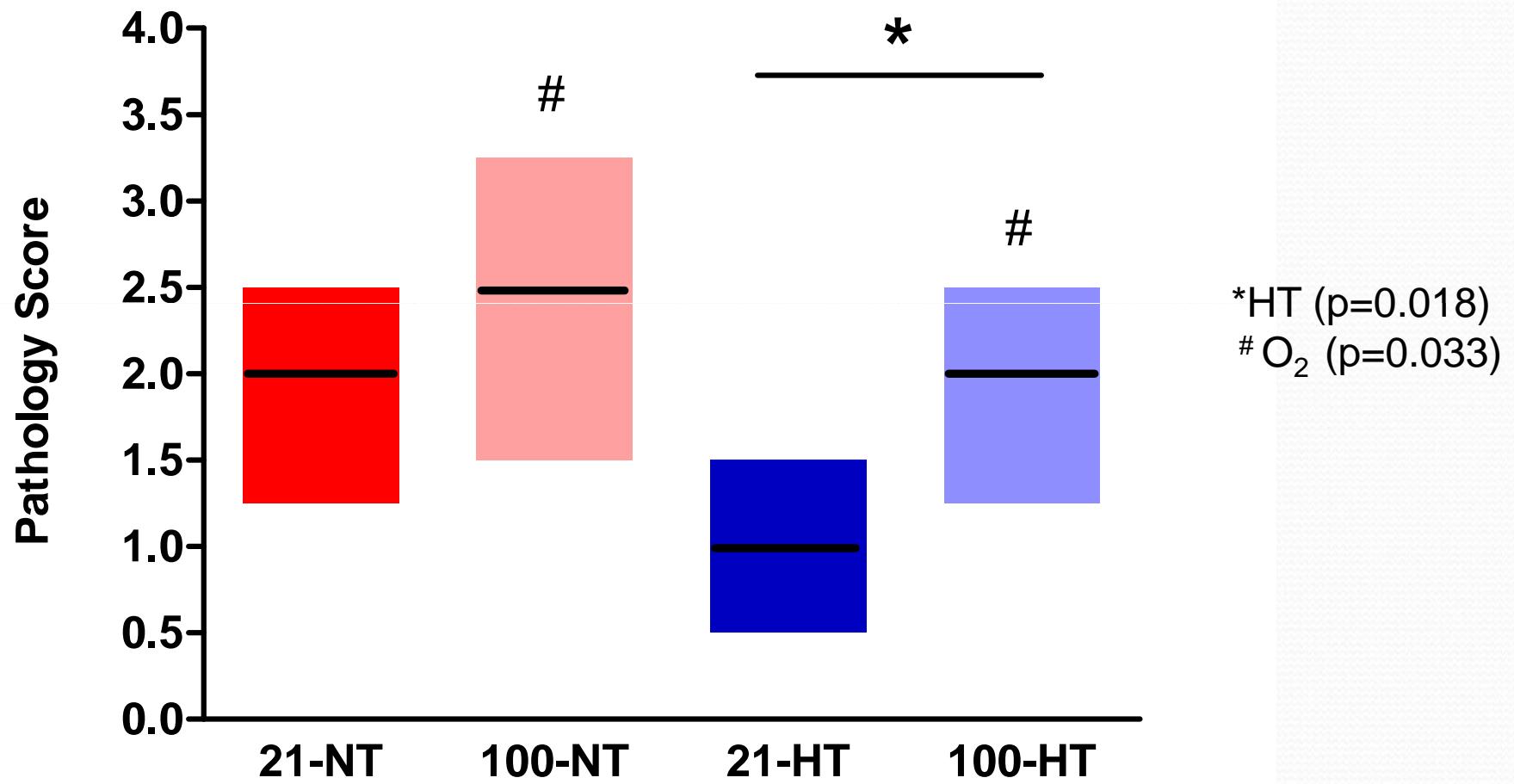


Results



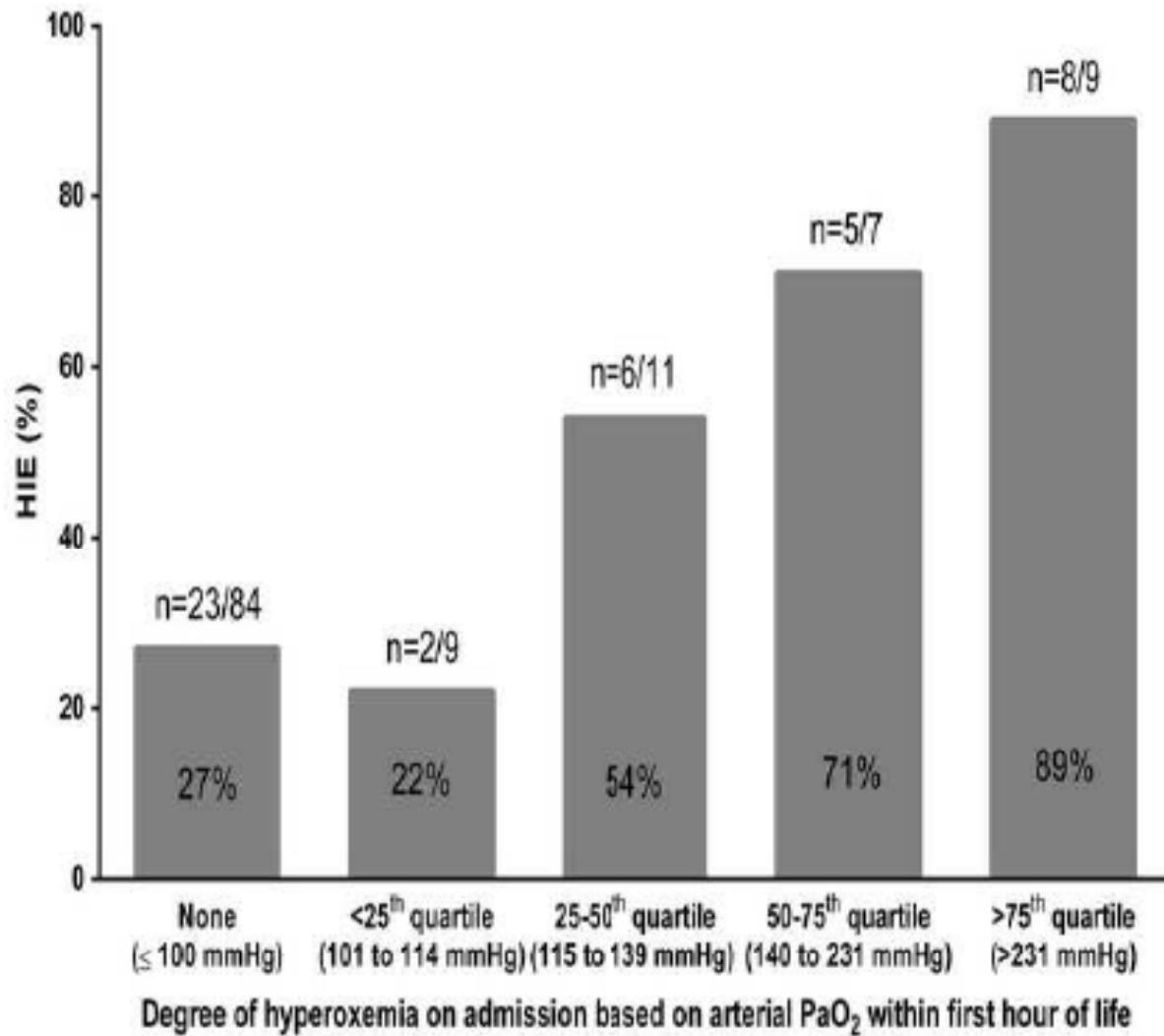
Dalen, Liu, Elstad, Løberg, Saugstad, Rootwelt, Thoresen, Pediatric Res 2012

Pathology Scores in Hippocampus



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Relationship between degree of hyperoxemia on admission and incidence of moderate/severe HIE.



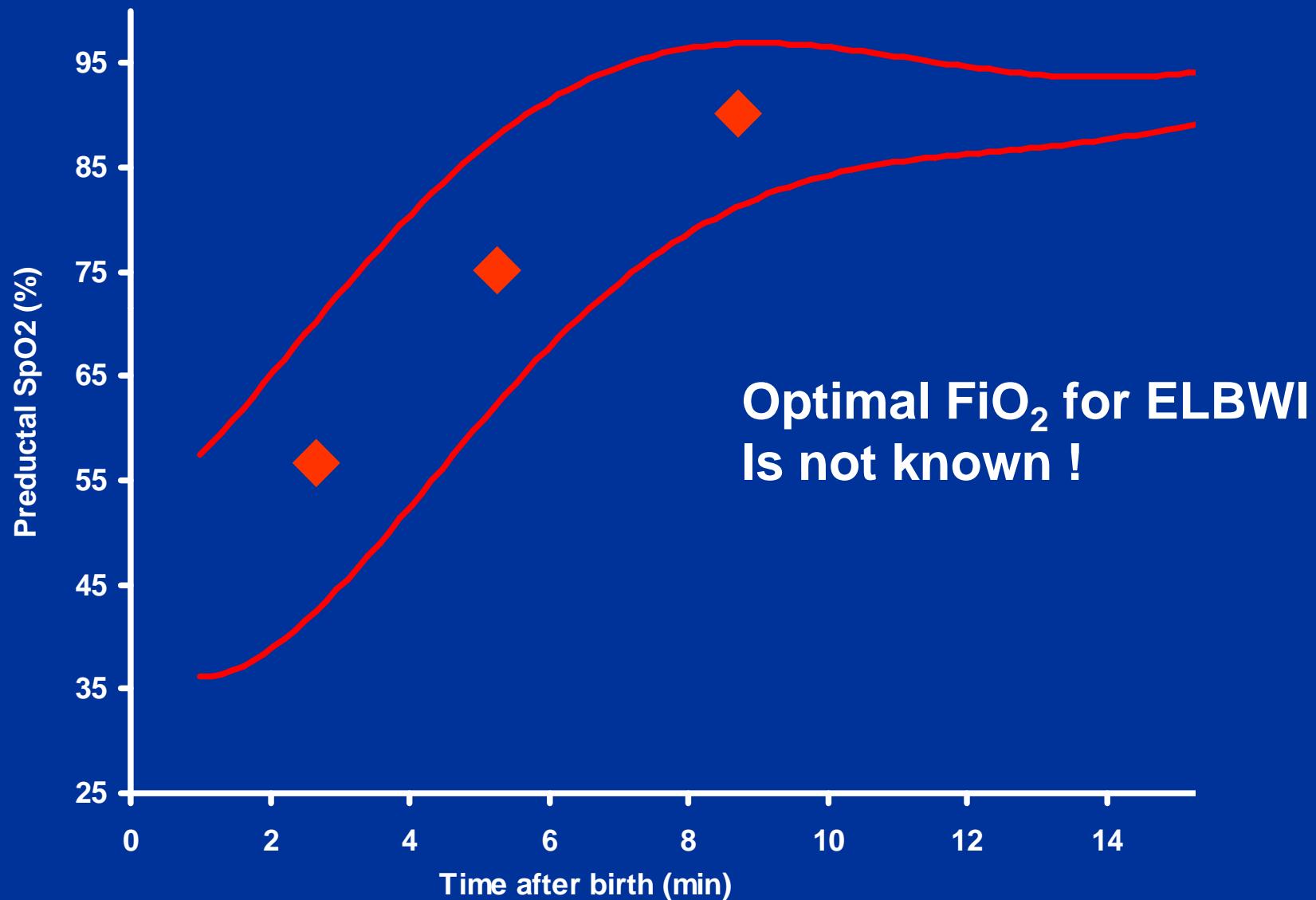
Moderate/Severe HIE is directly associated with the degree of hyperoxemia ($p<0.001$).

Kapadia VS et al,
J Pediatrics, 2013

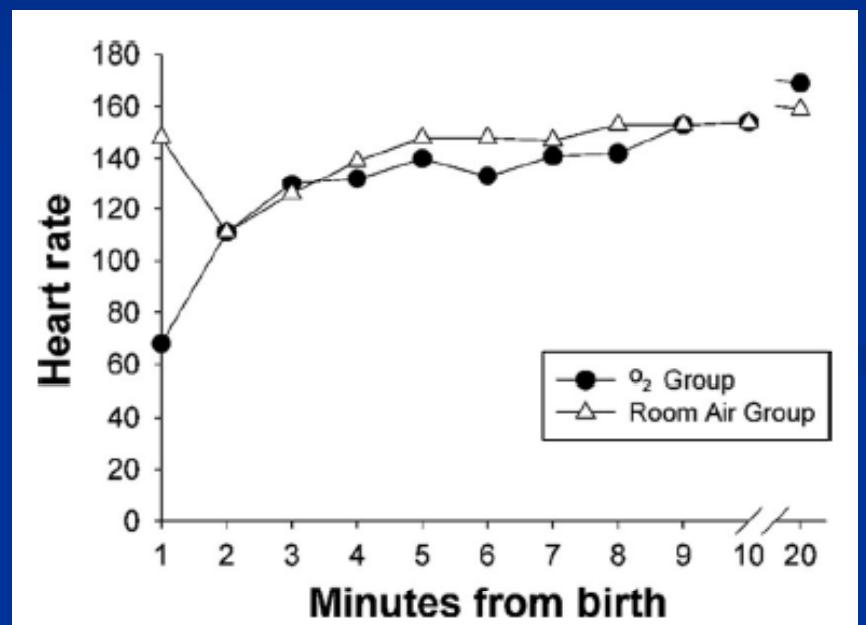
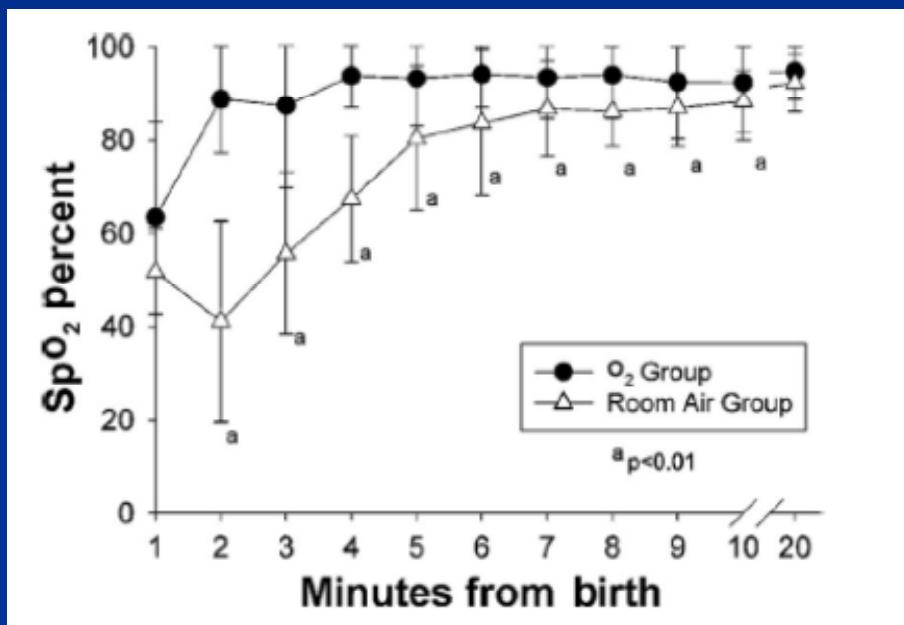
How to resuscitate/stabilise premature infants? High or low initial FiO_2 ?



**SpO₂ polynomial adjustment curve in “control” ELBWIs ≤ 28 w GA
(n=29, \pm SD)**



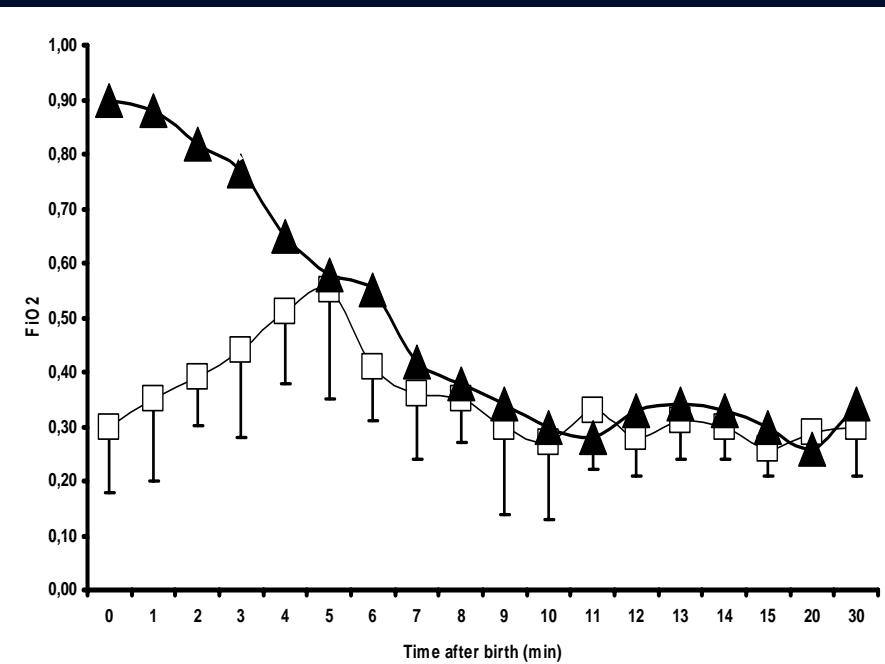
Resuscitation of preterm neonates <32 w using 21% or 100% oxygen.



Newborns < 29 weeks randomized to initial 90% or 30% oxygen

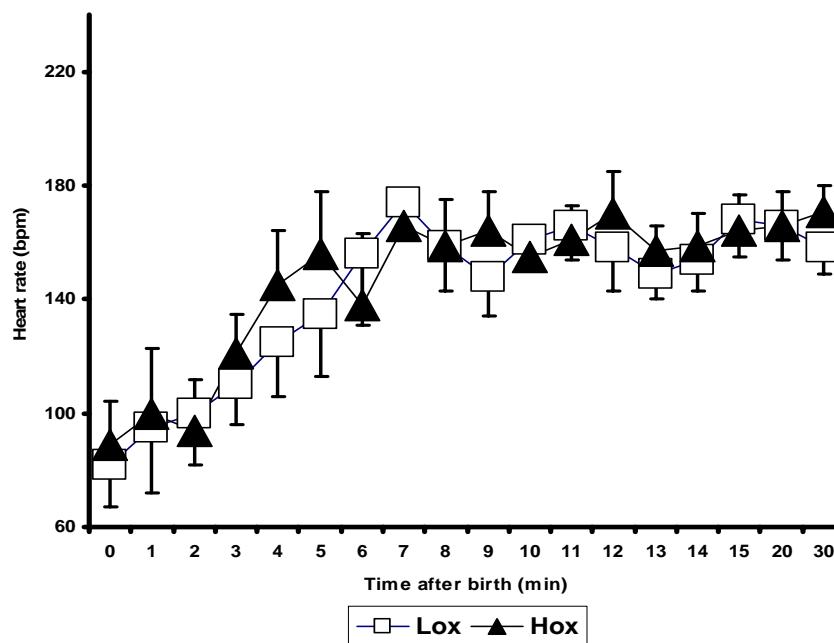
Initial FIO₂

High: 0.9
Low: 0.3

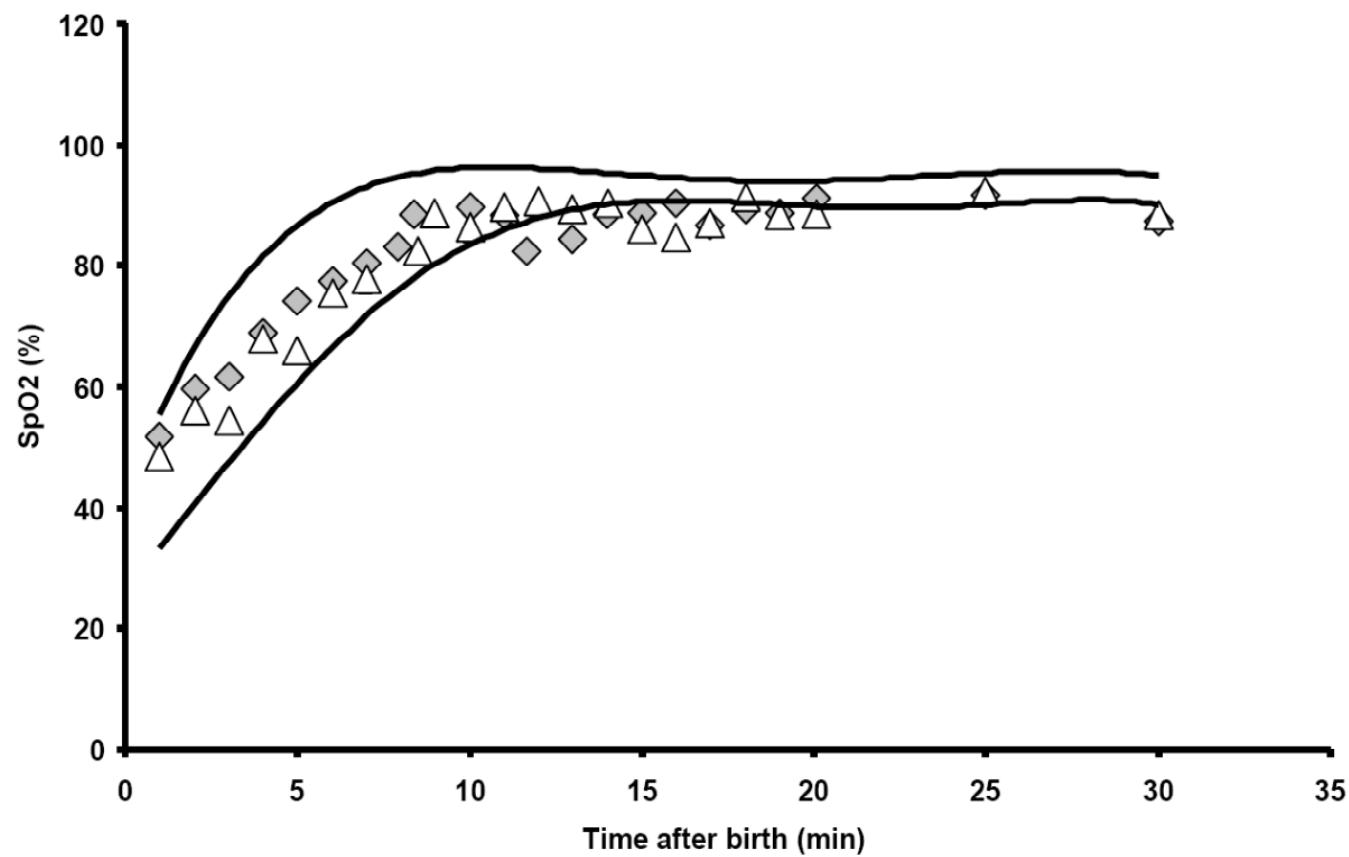


HEART RATE

Esriq, Vento et al, 2009



SpO₂ in extremely low gestational age neonates



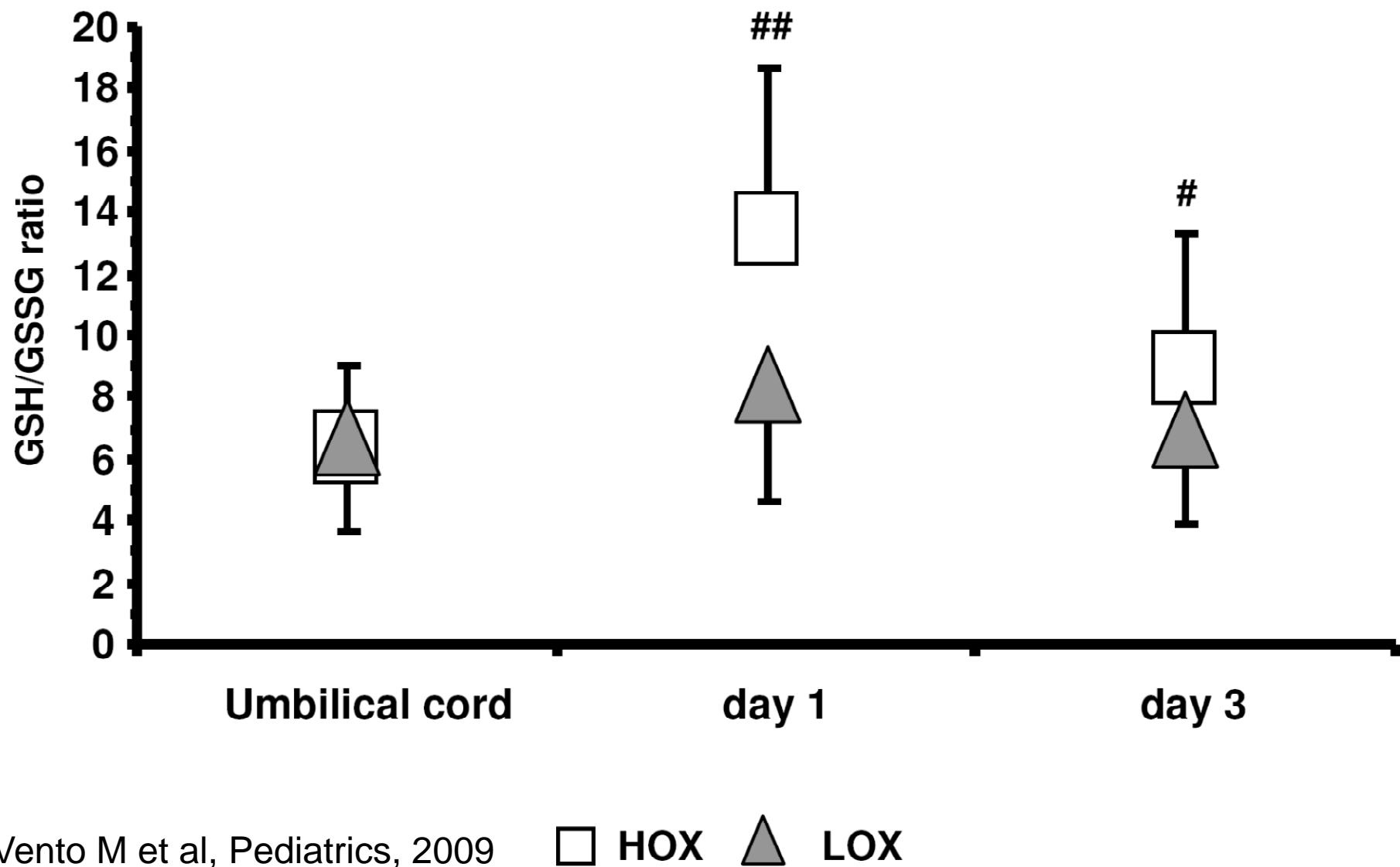
△ Hox group (n=41)

◆ Lox group (n=37)

Vento M et al, Pediatrics, 2009

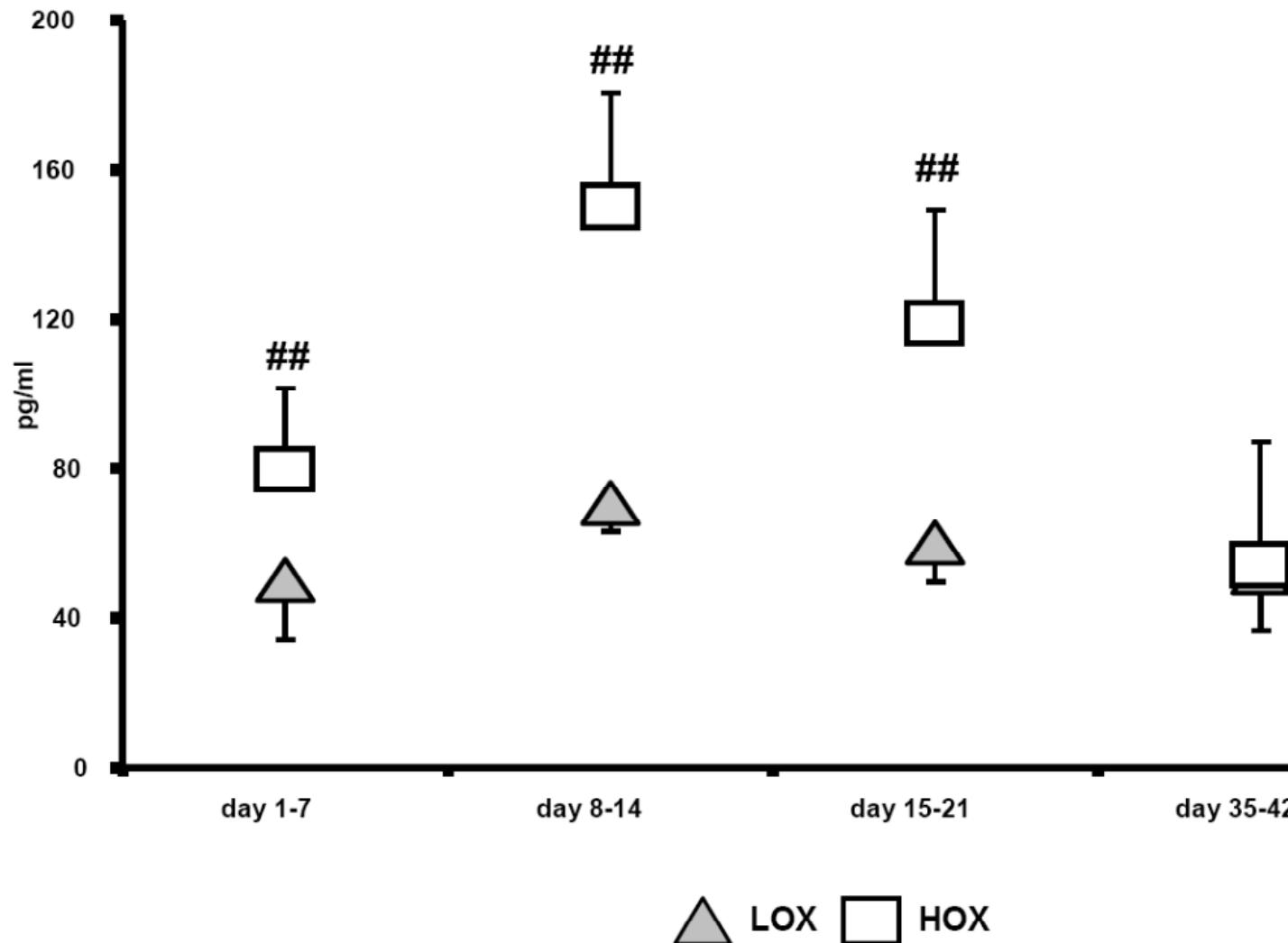
Effect of high (FiO_2 0.9) or low (FiO_2 0.3)
24-28 weeks GA

Oxidized to reduced glutathione ratio



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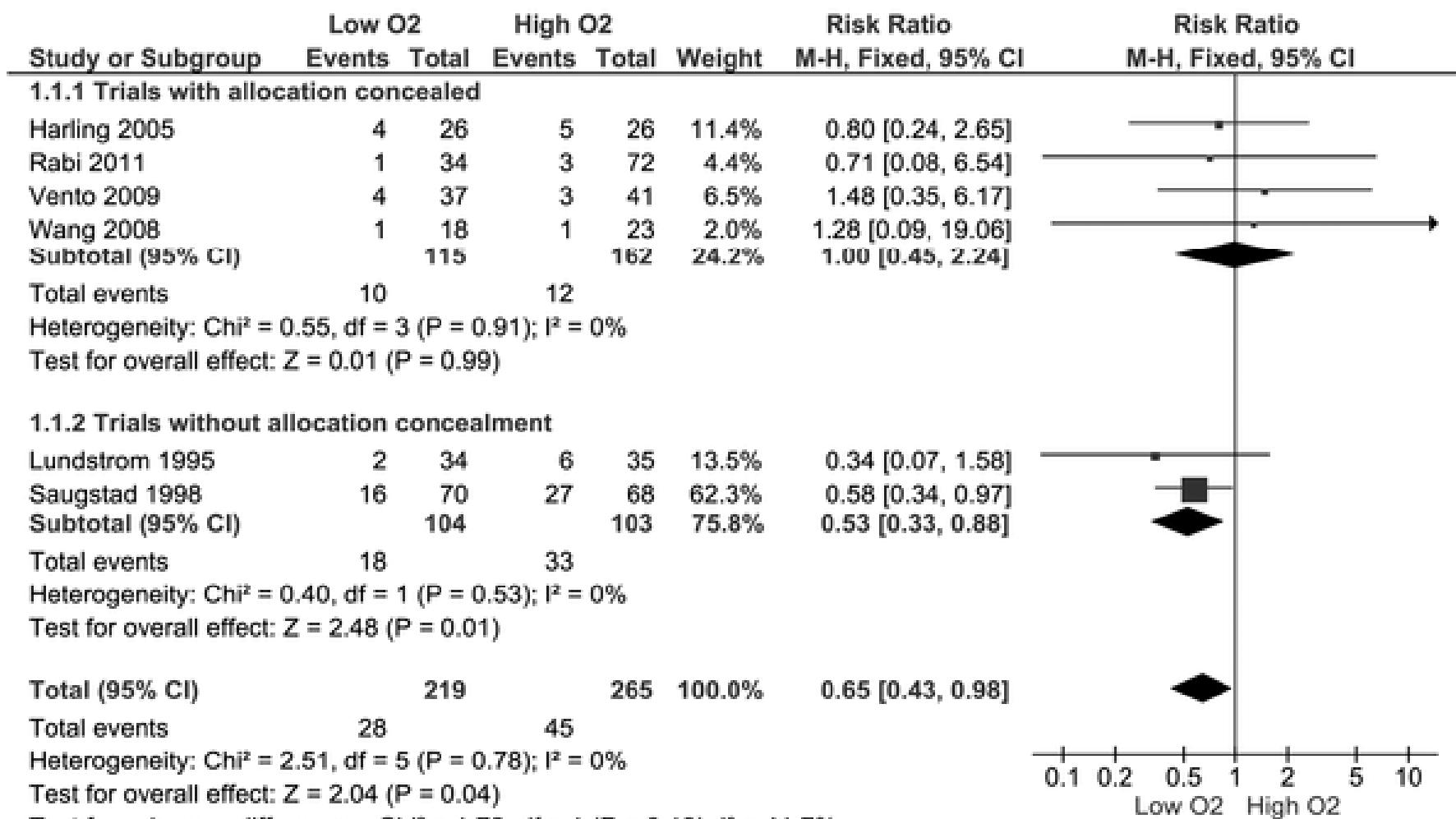
Interleukin 8



Vento M et al, Pediatrics, 2009

Lower versus Higher Oxygen Concentration for Delivery Room Stabilisation of Preterm Neonates: Systematic Review.

Meta-analysis of effect on mortality prior to hospital discharge.



Resuscitation of premature infants < 33 weeks GA with low (0.21-0.30) or high (0.60-1.0) oxygen

Lundstrøm KE et al Oxygen at birth and prolonged cerebral vasoconstriction in preterm infants. Arch Dis Childhood 1995;73:F81-F86

Escrig R et al Achievement of targeted saturation values in extremely low gestational age neonates resuscitated with low or high oxygen concentrations: a prospective, randomized trial. Pediatrics. 2008;121:875-81.

Wang CL et al. Resuscitation of preterm neonates by using room air or 100% oxygen. Pediatrics. 2008;121:1083-9.

Vento M et al Preterm resuscitation with low oxygen causes less oxidative stress, inflammation, and chronic lung disease. Pediatrics. 2009;124:e439-49.

Harling et al Does the use of 50% oxygen at birth in preterm infants reduce lung injury? Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed. 2005;90:F401-5

Rabi Y, et al. Room-air versus oxygen administration for resuscitation of preterm infants: the ROAR study. Pediatrics. 2011;128:e374-81.

See KS et al. Feasibility of a multinational trial of targeted oxygen saturation versus 100% oxygen in the resuscitation of premature infants and their developmental outcome (To2rpido). PSAZN 2009 (abstr).

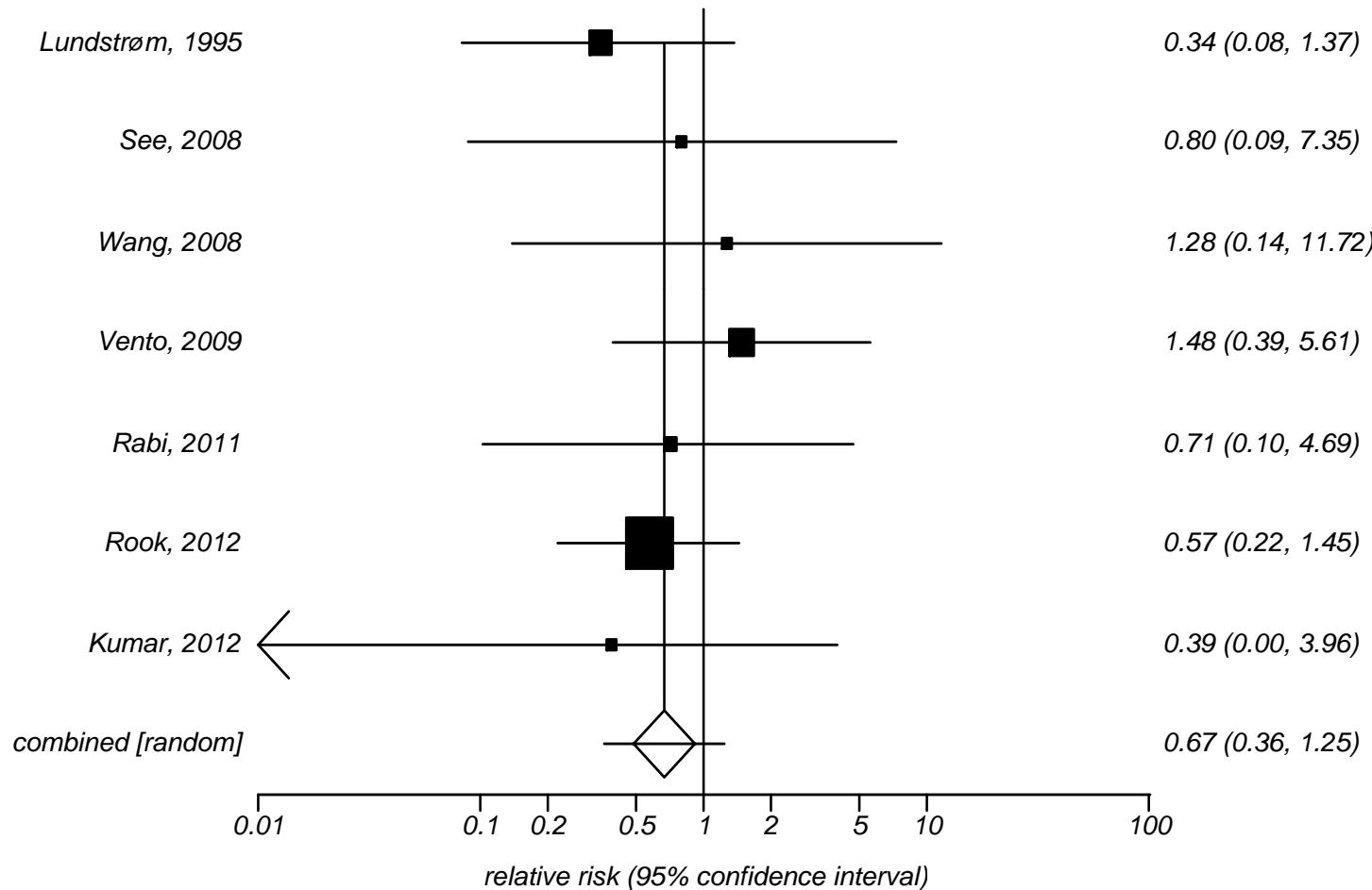
Rook D et al Randomized Controlled Trial on the Resuscitation of Preterm Infants with 30% Versus 65% Oxygen at Birth Arch Dis Child 2012; 97(Suppl 2): Abstr 385

Kumar VH et al. Randomized trial of varying levels of oxygen (21%, 40% and 100%) at resuscitation in premature infants < 32 weeks GA. E-PAS2012:4525.352

Saugstad, Aune, Finer, Vento, submitted

Mortality in low versus high iFiO₂

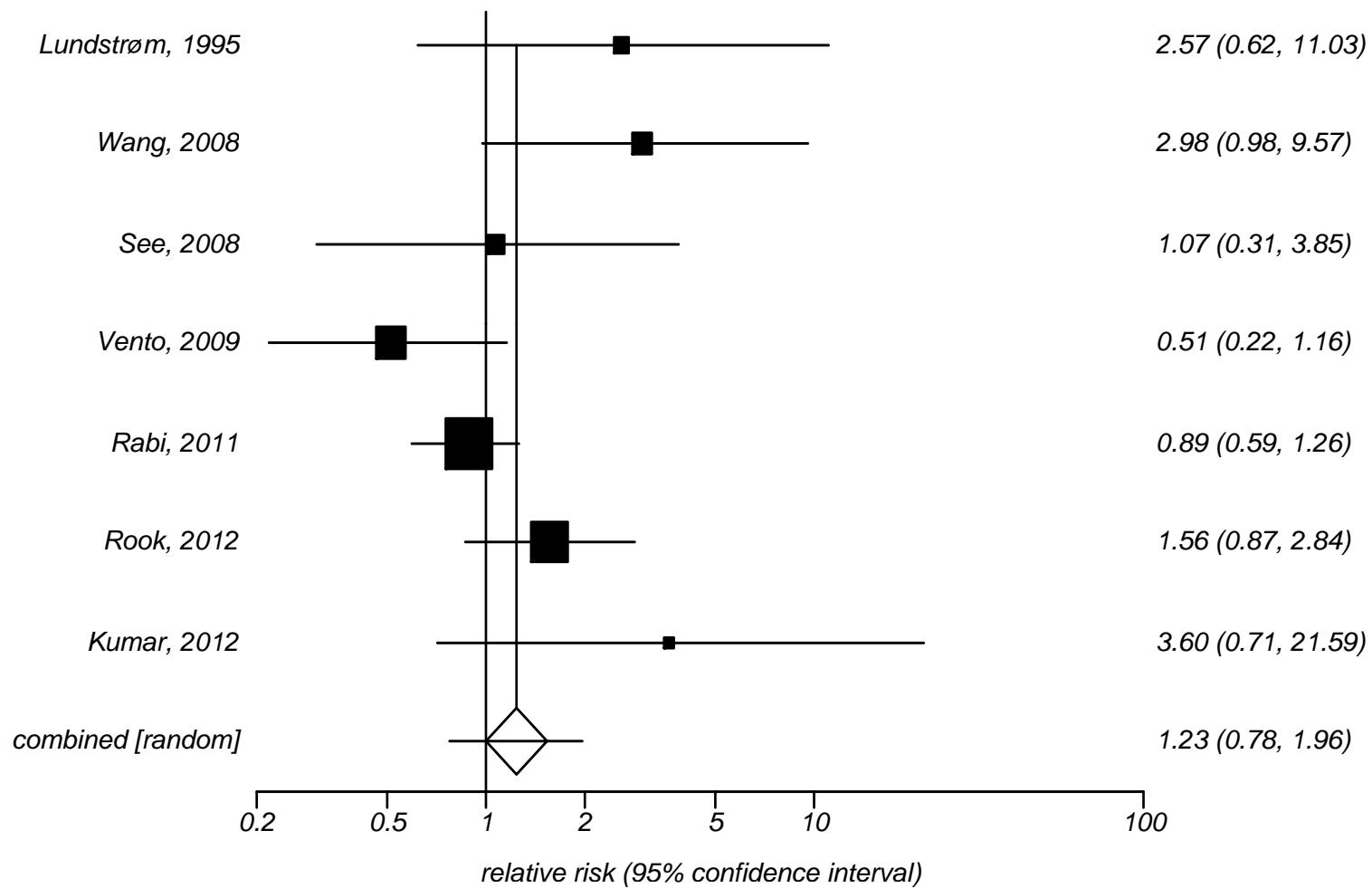
Relative risk meta-analysis plot (random effects)



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BPD in low versus high iFiO₂

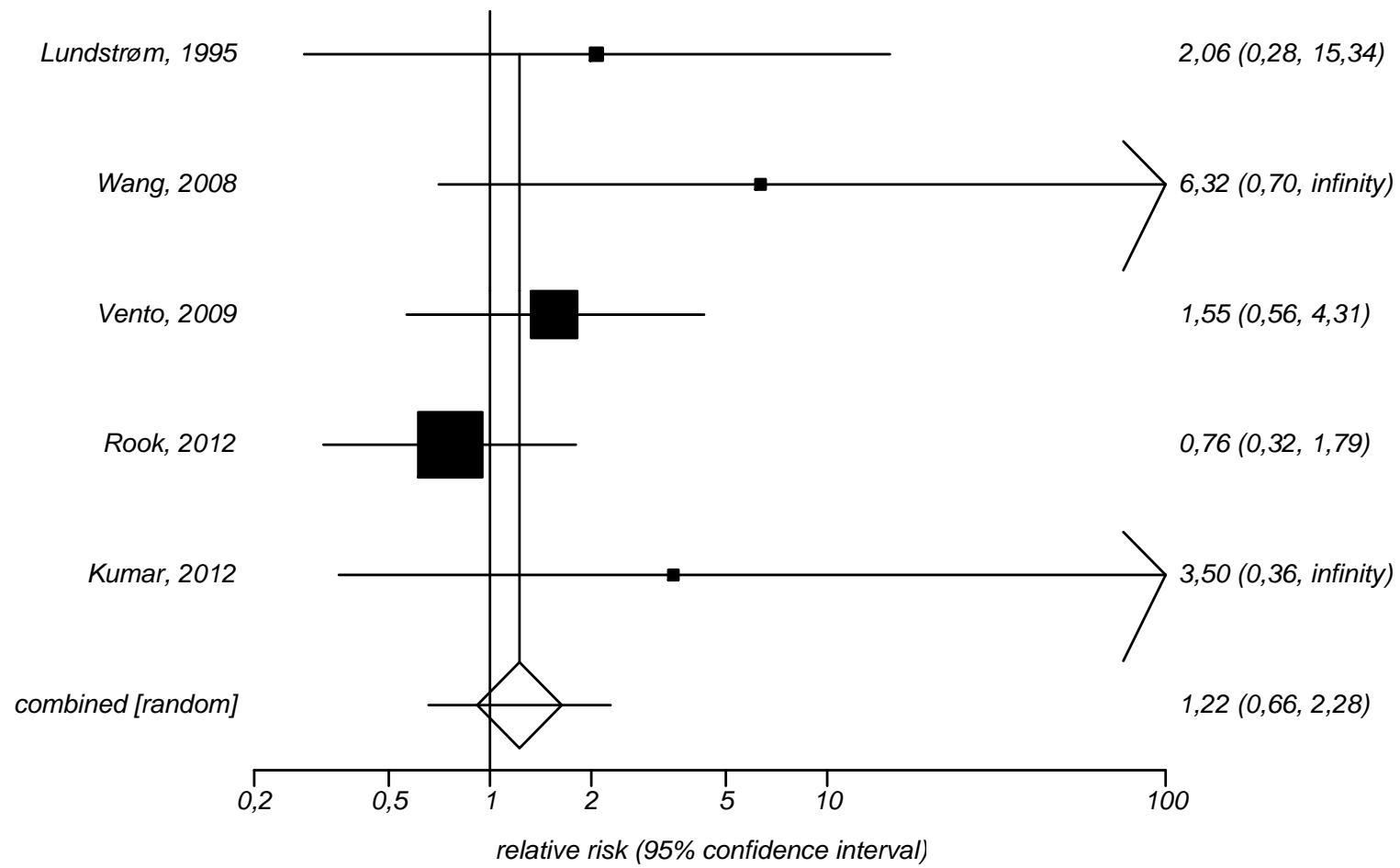
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IVH in low versus high iFiO₂

Relative risk meta-analysis plot (random effects)



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The TO₂RPIDO and the Presox Studies

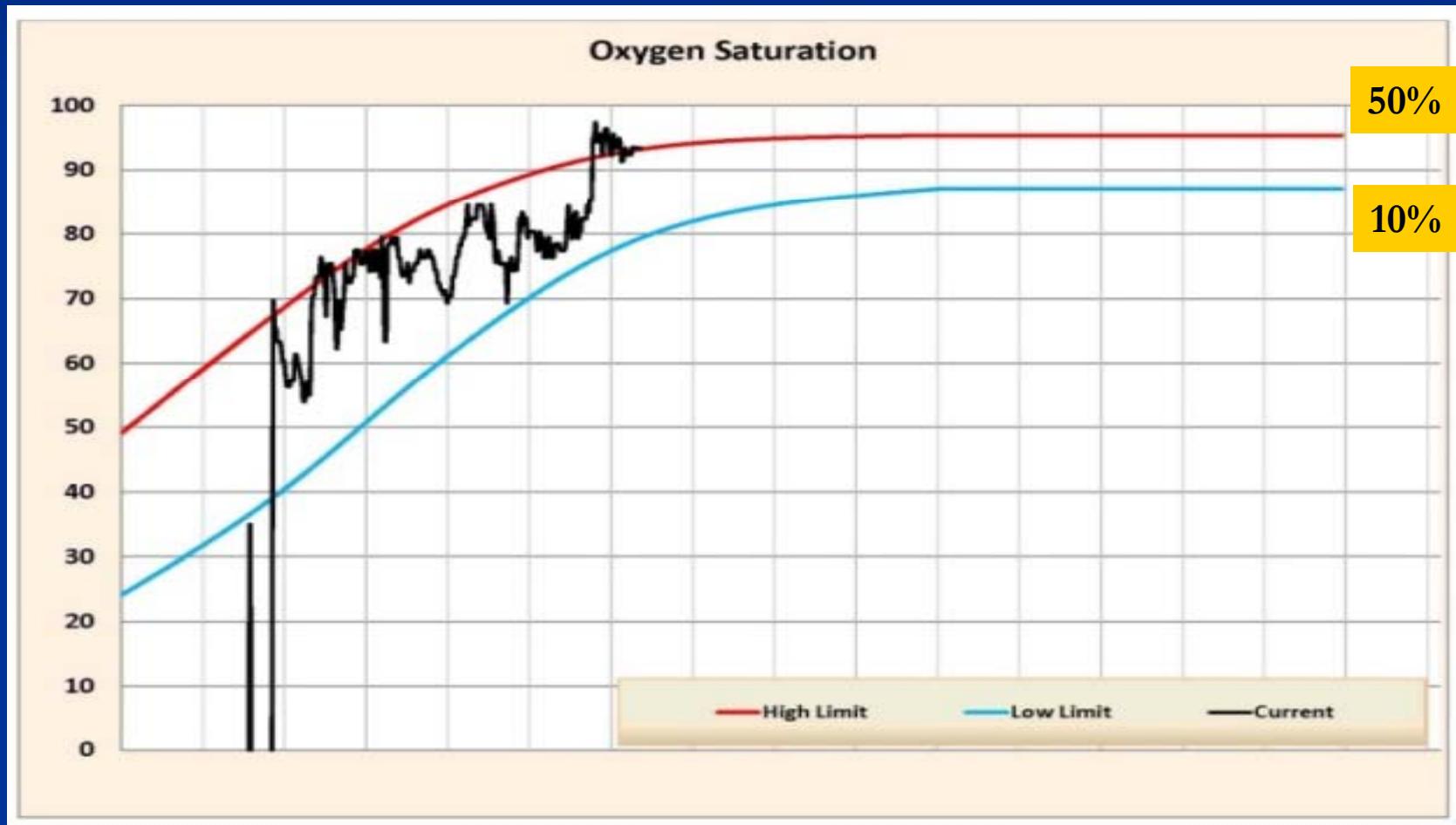
Randomize premature infants to low or high FiO₂

TO₂RPIDO: <31 completed weeks gestation with either 21% or 100% oxygen

PRESOX: < 29 weeks with either 21% or 60% oxygen

- Neonatal morbidities and mortality
 - BPD/ROP/NEC etc
 - Death
 - Major developmental disability at 18 months
- Acute oxidative stress
- Enrollment finished 2015?

Resuscitation of preterm infants < 33 weeks GA:
Start low (21-30% O₂)
Adjust FiO₂ according to preductal SpO₂ allowing to individualize FiO₂ avoiding hyper/hypoxia



How to oxygenate ELBWIs beyond the delivery room?



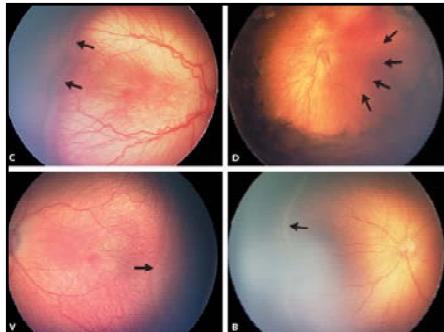
What is the effect of oxygen saturations on mortality, BPD and ROP?

At least 13 studies have been published investigating the effect on BPD and ROP of low or high oxygen saturation in VLBWIs or ELBWIs.

Of these 7 are randomized !

Studies regarding high or low SpO₂ targets in VLBWI or ELBWIs – Characterisation of Studies

Study	GA w/BW g	Study design	High SaO ₂	Low SaO ₂
STOP ROP 2000	Mean 25.4 w	Randomized	96-99	89-94
Tin 2001	<28 weeks	Observational	88-98	70-90
Sun 2002	500-1000gr	Survey	>95	≤ 95
BOOST 1 2003	<30 weeks	Randomized	95-98	91-94
Chow 2003	500-1500 gr	Observational	90-98	85-93
VanderVeen 2006	≤28 weeks ≤ 1250 gr	Historical control	87-97	85-93
Deulofeut 2006	≤ 1250 gr	Historical control	92-100	85-93
Noori 2009	< 1000 gr	Historical control	89-94	83-89
SUPPORT 2010	24-28 weeks	Randomized	91-95	85-89



Study

Randomized trials

Support, 2010

Subtotal

Observational studies

Tin, 2001

Sun, 2002

Chow, 2003

Deulefeut, 2006

VanderVeen, 2006

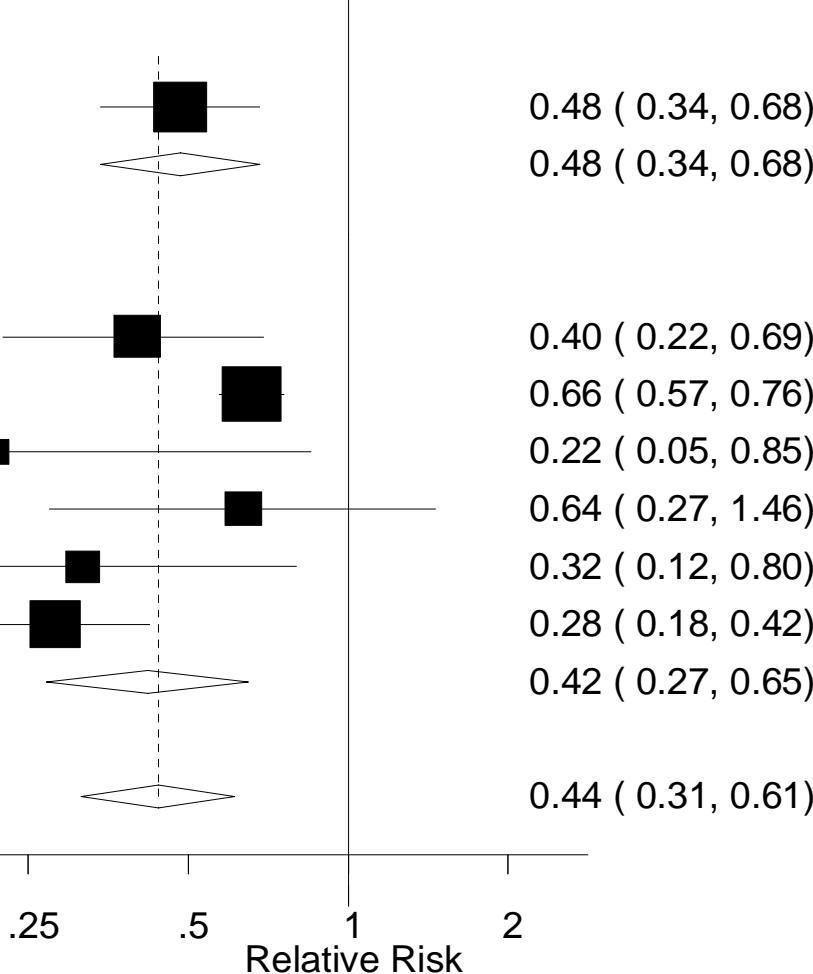
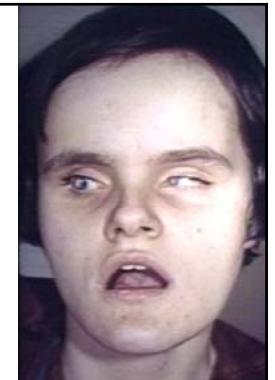
Noori, 2009

Subtotal

Overall

Severe ROP and SpO₂

Relative Risk
(95% CI)

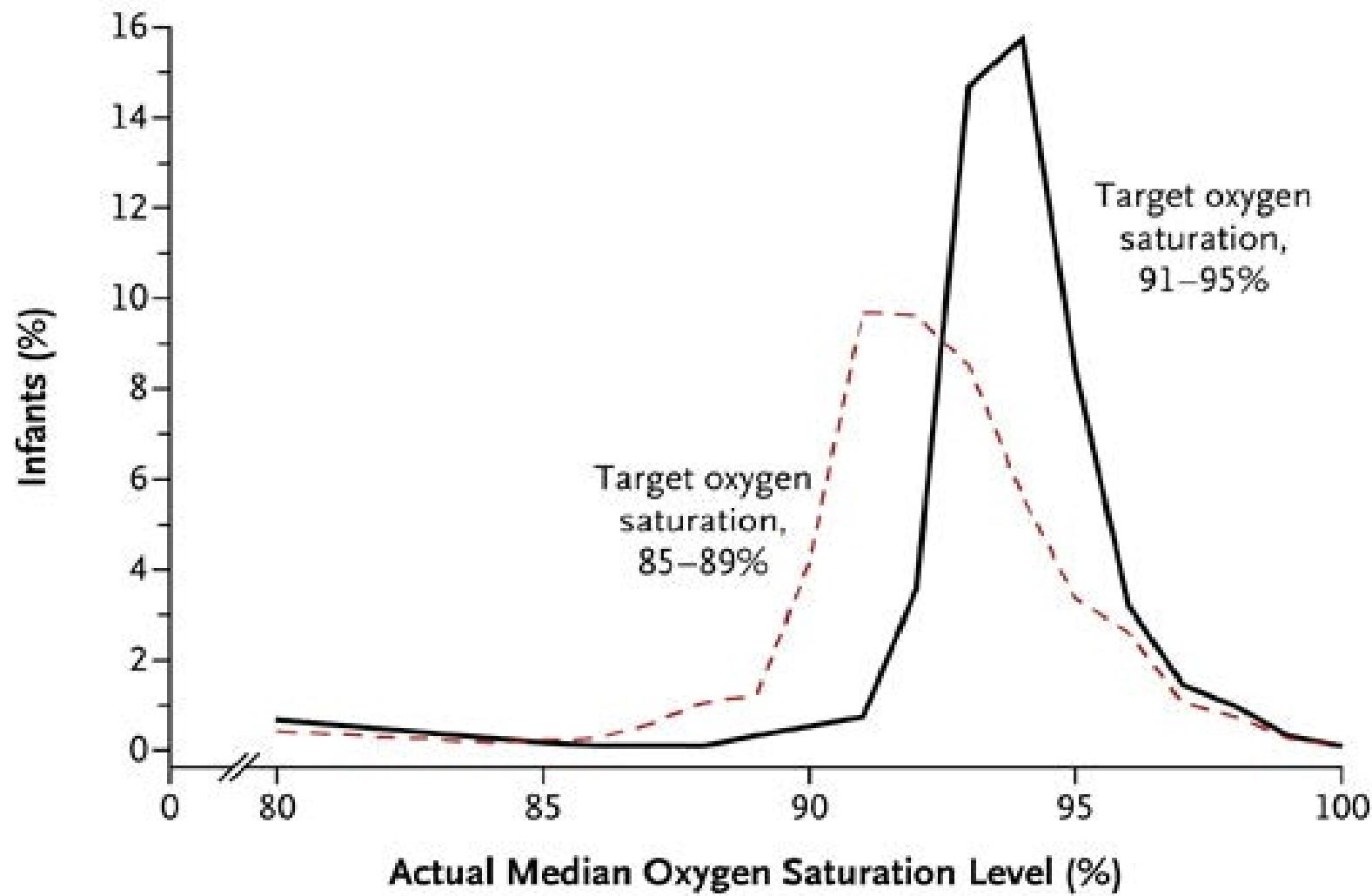


NEOPROM

Combination of 5 large studies, <28 weeks GA

<u>Study</u>	<u>Published</u>	<u>Trial Registry number</u>
Support <i>Surfactant, Positive Pressure, and Pulse Oximetry Randomized Trial</i>	NEJM 2010;362:1959 -69	NCT 00233324
BOOST II <i>Benefits Of Oxygen Saturation Targeting Trial</i>	NEJM 2013	ISRCTN00842661
COT <i>Canadian Oxygen Trial</i>	JAMA 2013;309:	NCT 00637169

Randomized to Oxygen Targets:
Low arm: SpO_2 85-89 %
High arm: SpO_2 91-95 %

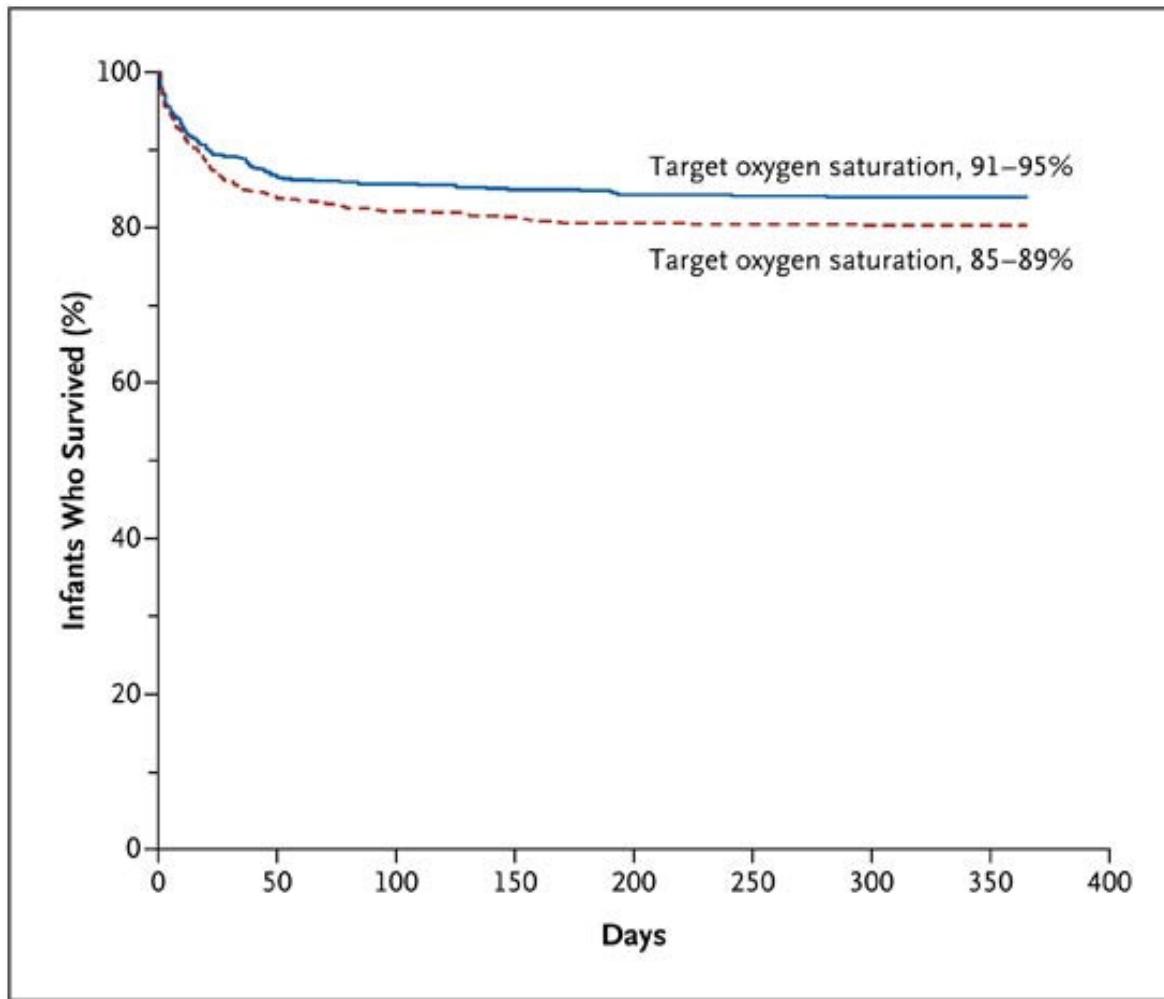


Neoprom

	SUPPORT		BOOST 2		COT	
	low	high	low	high	low	high
GA w	26(1)	26(1)	26.0(1.2)	26.0 (1,2)	25,6 (1,2)	25,6 (1,2)
BW g	836 (193)	825 (193)	826(184)	837(189)	827 (190)	844 (199)
AS %	96.8%	95,6	89,6	90,7	88,2	90,0
Number	654	662	1224	1224	578	569

Enrolled
Low: 2456
High: 2455

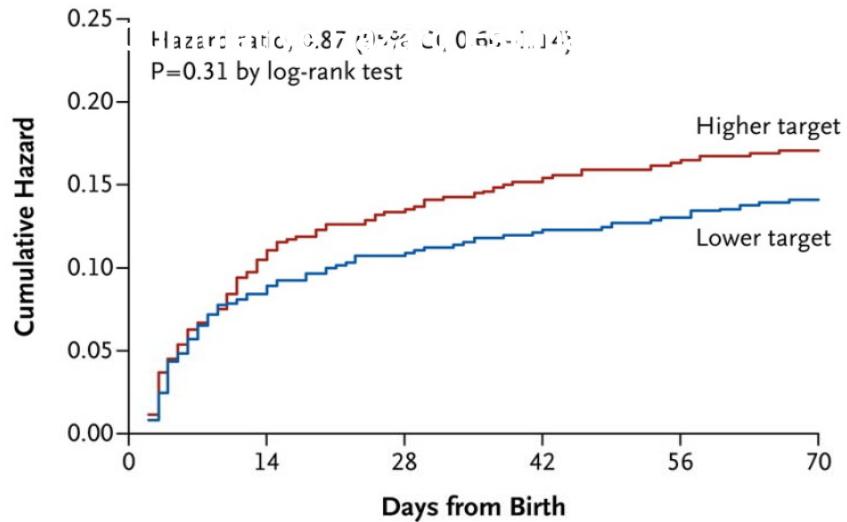
The SUPPORT TRIAL- Survival



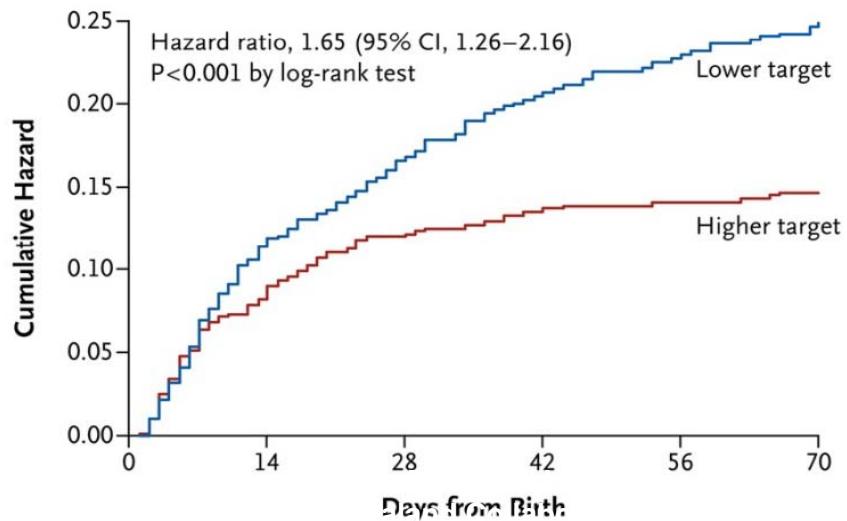
SUPPORT Study Group of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Neonatal Research Network
N ENGL J MED 2010; 362:1959-1969

Neoprom

	SUPPORT		BOOST 2		COT	
	low	high	low	high	low	high
Death^	19,9	16,2	23,1	16,6	16,6	15,3
BPD *	37,6	46,7	44,1	48,9	31,8	33,1
IVH**	13,2	12,7	10,6	12,3		
ROP #	8,6	17,9	12,1	15,7	12,8	13,1

A Original Algorithm**No. at Risk**

Lower target	629	578	565	557	552	546
Higher target	630	567	551	541	535	531

B Revised Algorithm**No. at Risk**

Lower target	593	528	501	482	471	462
Higher target	590	543	523	515	512	509

Mortality data from BOOST 2 (UK)

Mortality difference between low and high saturations increases up to 70 days after birth

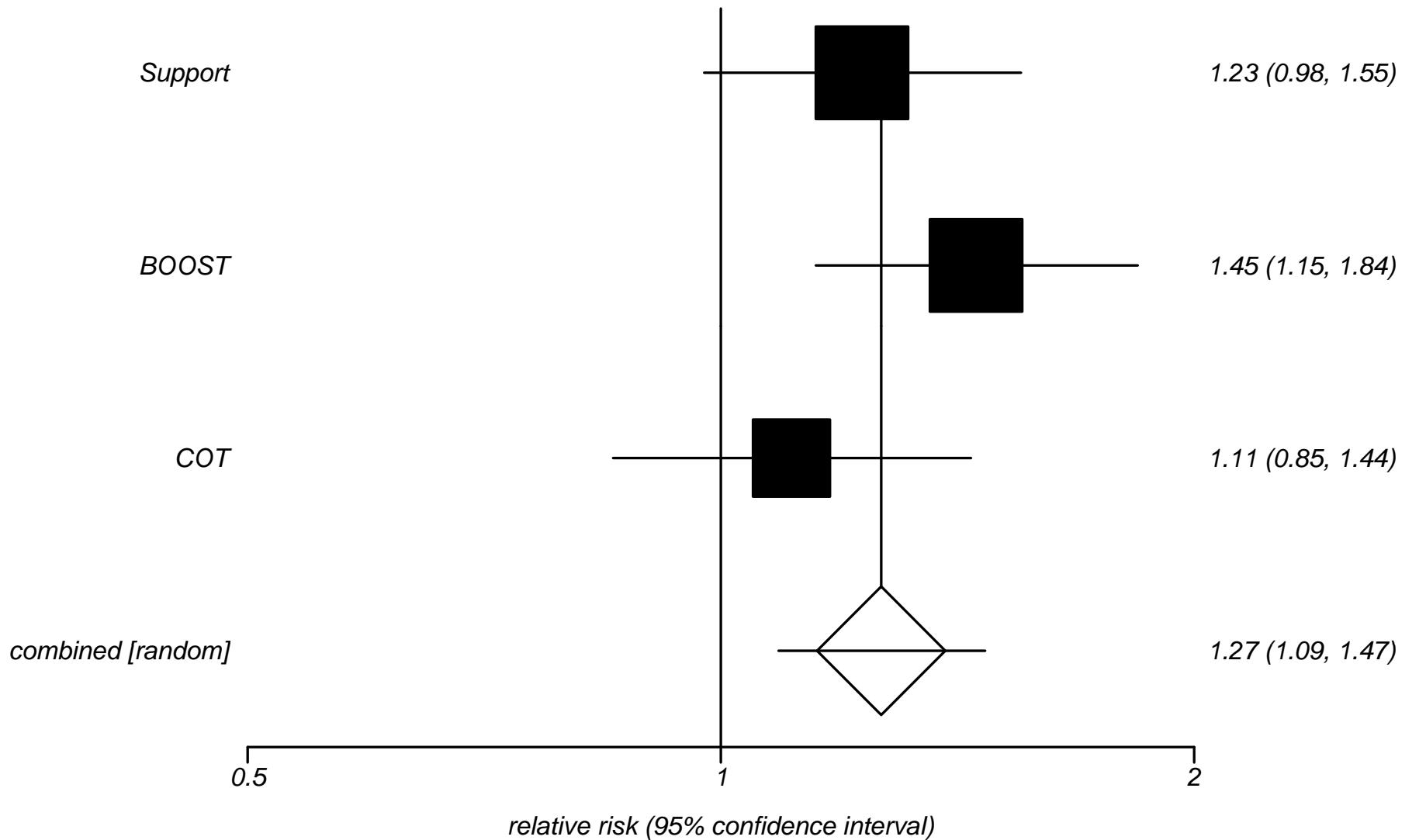
Neoprom

	low	high	OR (95%CI)
Death (%)	366/1801 (20,3)	289/1829 (15,8)	1,27 (1,09 -1,47)
Severe ROP (%)	293/1584 (18,5)	344/1628 (21,1)	0,87 (0,76-1.00)*
NEC (%)	205/1785 (11,5)	165/1878 (8,8)	1.35 (1.09 -1.67)

* P = 0,05

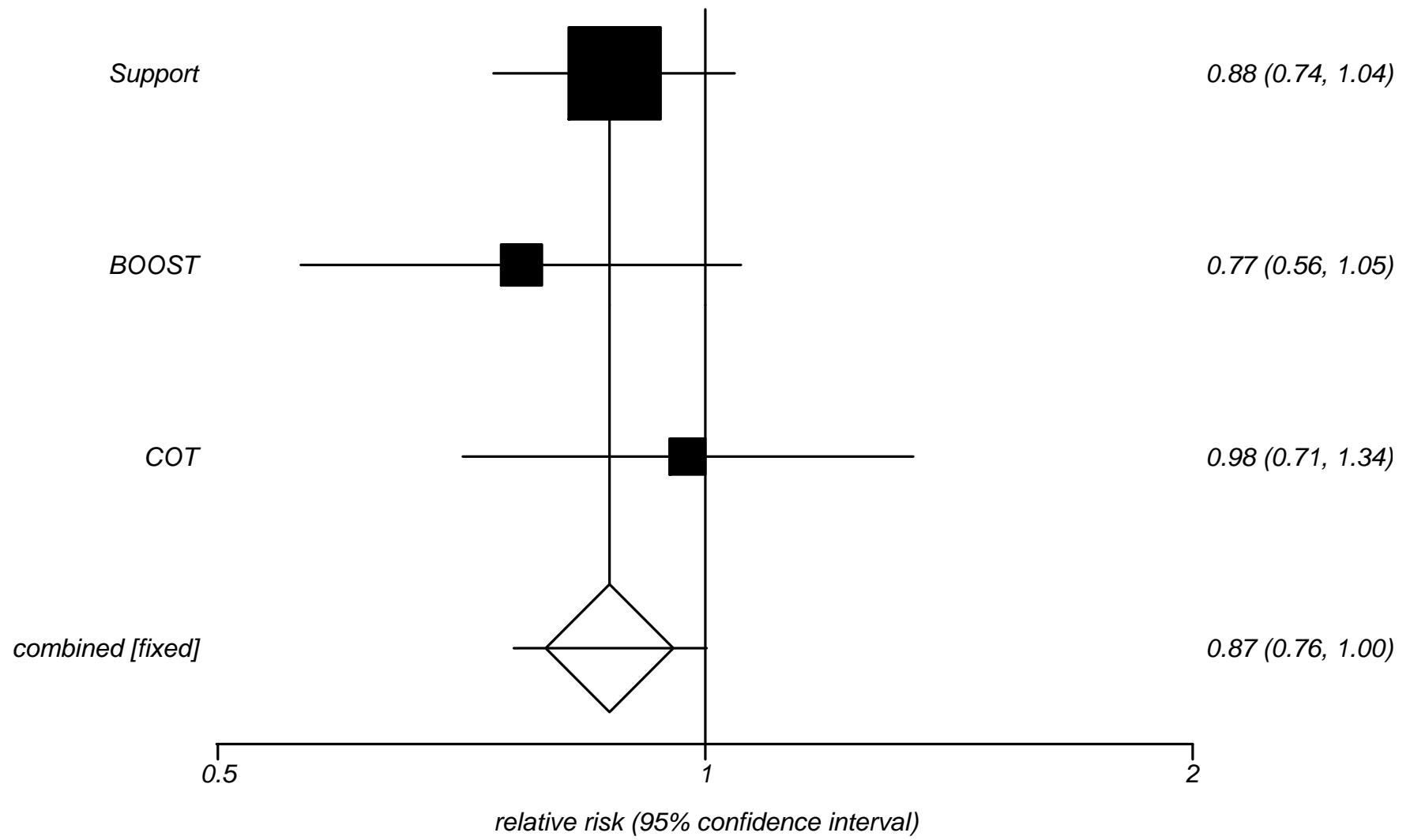
Relative risk meta-analysis plot (random effects)

Death



Relative risk meta-analysis plot (fixed effects)

Severe ROP



Oxygen saturation in ELBWIs

Unanswered questions and updated recommendations

Did Neoprom add to our enlightenment in this matter?

COT Vs Support and BOOST which data should we "believe" in?

What about babies > 27 w GA

Do we need separate data for SGA?

Should SpO₂ be kept constant throughout the postnatal period?

SpO₂ of ELBWIs should not be targeted at 85-89 % until further data become available. 91-95% is best choice. (2011)

SpO₂ of ELBWI should be targeted between 90-95% (European Guidelines on RDS 2013)

The SpO₂ targets describing the optimal balance between mortality and ROP and BPD is presently not known

SpO_2 85-89% Vs 91-95 %



Low SpO_2 (85-89%) beyond the DR probably reduces ROP but may increase mortality.

Keep SpO_2 90-95% (European guidelines 2013)

Conclusions

- It is best to initiate resuscitation of term babies with air
- Optimal FiO₂ during chest compressions is not known
- Keep oxygen normal before admission, Hyperoxia may increase risk of HIE and reduce the effect of hypothermia
- The optimal FiO₂ for resuscitation of < 33 w GA is not known. Start low (21-30%), increase if needed
- Low SpO₂ for ELBWIs (85-89%) beyond the DR probably reduces ROP but may increase mortality
- Keep SpO₂ between 90-95% (European guidelines 2013)
- Still there are a number of unanswered questions!

Thank you for your attention

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