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ECMO beyond 2020: from resuscitation to controlled reperfusion

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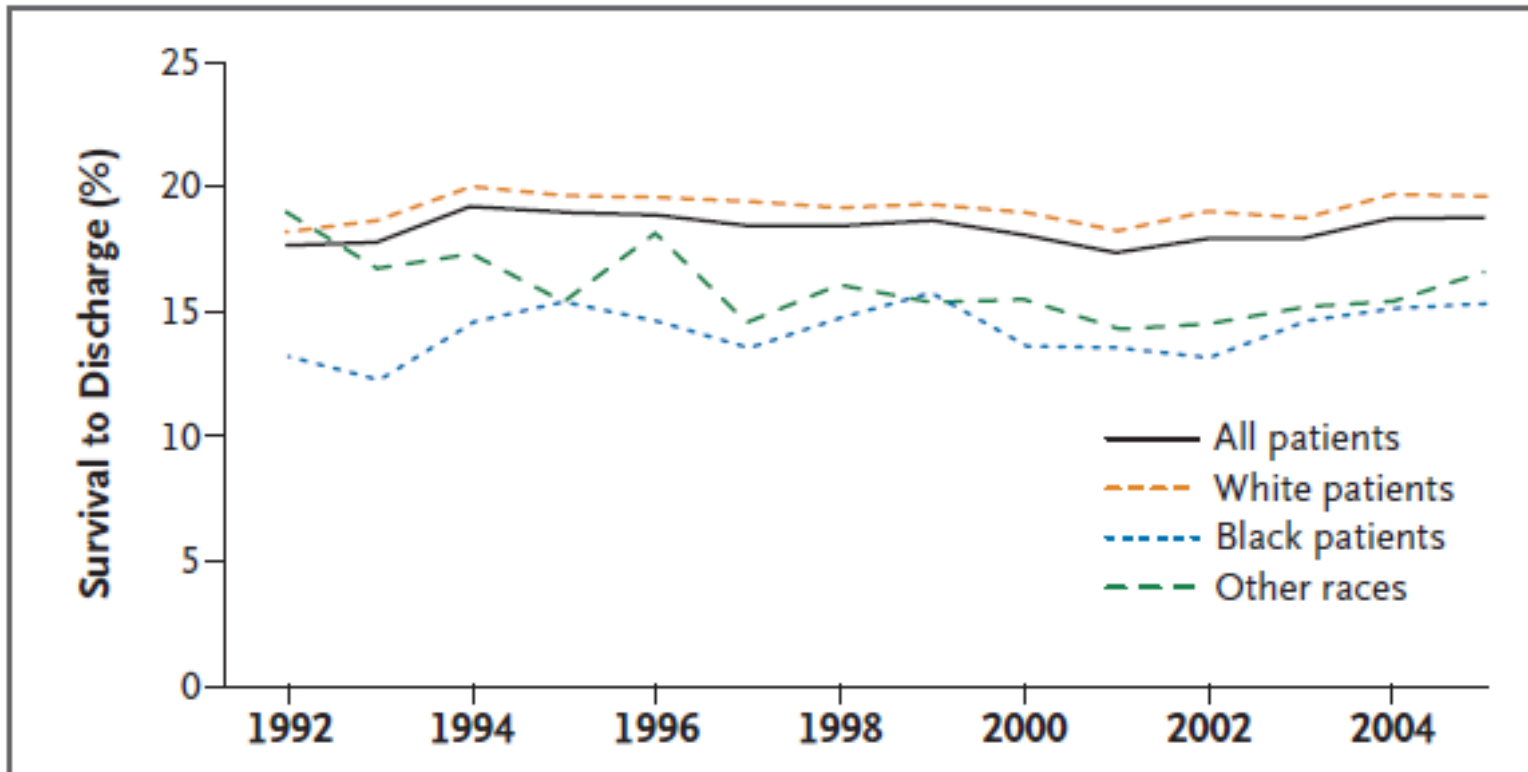


Figure 1. Survival to Hospital Discharge after In-Hospital CPR, According to Year and Race.

Survival is poorer for black and other nonwhite patients ($P < 0.001$). There is no significant change in overall survival from 1992 to 2005 ($P = 0.57$ with the use of the likelihood-ratio test).

(Ehlenbach WJ et al. NEJM 2009; 361: 22-31)

Survival out-of-hospital-CPR

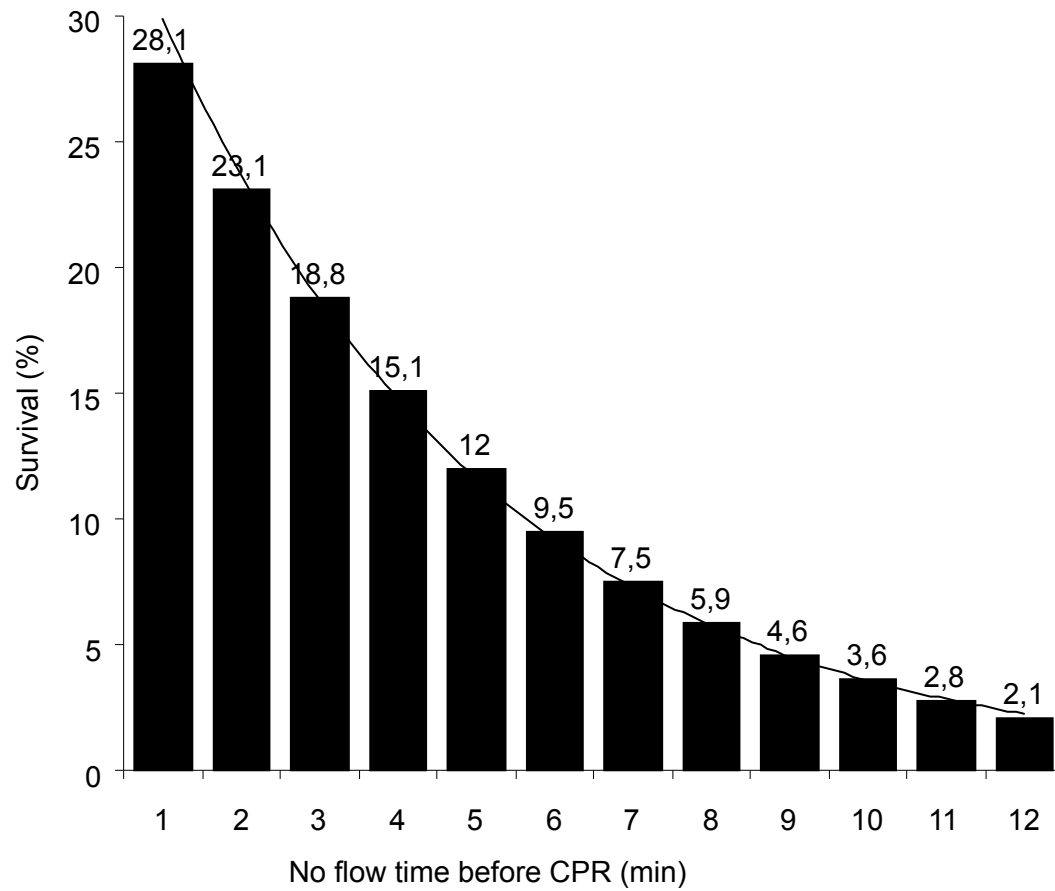
Survival 1-5 %

Neurologic intact survival < 1.5 %

(El-Menyar AA Chest 2005; 128: 2835-46)

Pathophysiology of inadequate hemodynamics during CPR

- Ischemic insult after cardiac arrest
- Low-flow state
 - coronary perfusion
 - cerebral perfusion
- Post-resuscitation syndrome
 - early inflammatory response („sepsis like“)
 - myocardial dysfunction
 - neurologic dysfunction



Dissertation Breuninger, Freiburg, 2012

Main reasons for poor prognosis in cardiac arrest patients

- Ischemia-reperfusion injury during cardiac arrest and CPR
- Lack of return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC)
- Re-arrest from hemodynamic instability after ROSC

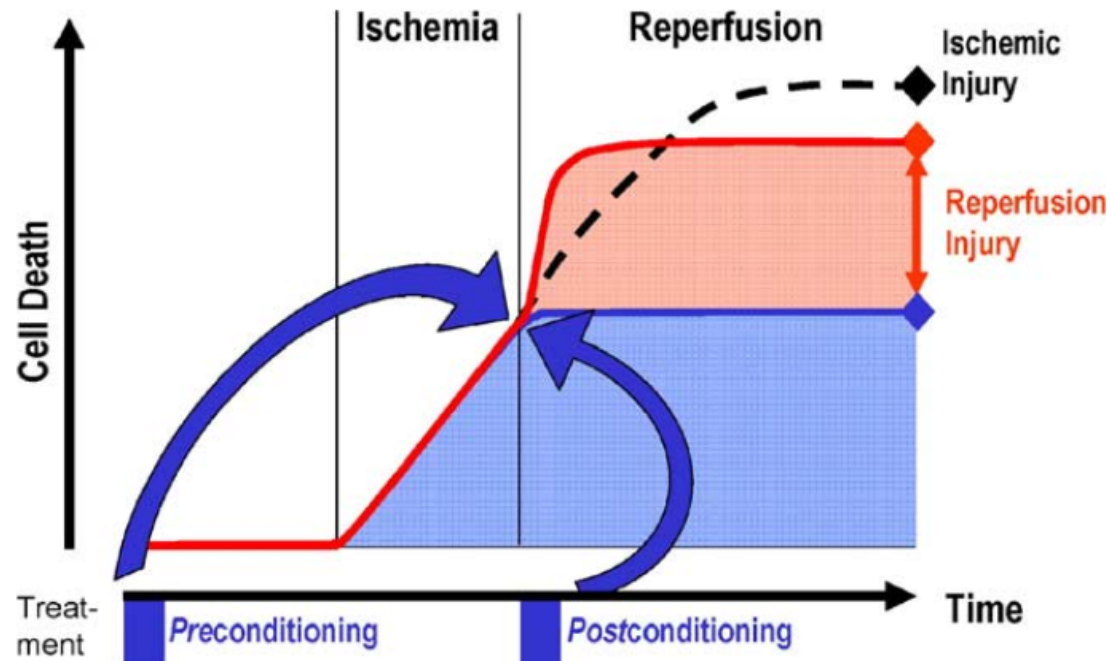
Results after extracorporeal CPR using ECLS (eCPR)

Neurologic intact survival

12.3 %

Inverse relationship between survival and
Collapse-to-ECLS interval

Reduce Ischemia/reperfusion to a sustainable extent



New Approach to CPR: Controlled Automated Reperfusion of the whoLe body (CARL)

- Control of the conditions of reperfusion after cardiac arrest
- Control of the compositions of the initial reperfusate after cardiac arrest
- Automation of analysis of blood parameters to determine individual constituents of the reperfusate

Control of the conditions of reperfusion after cardiac arrest

Control of the conditions of reperfusion

- High perfusion pressure (> 80 mmHg)
- Pulsatile perfusion
- High Flow
- Immediate hypothermia
- Avoid inotropes

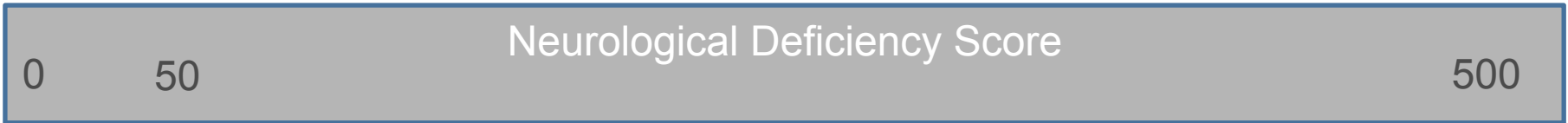
Control of the composition of the reperfusate after cardiac arrest

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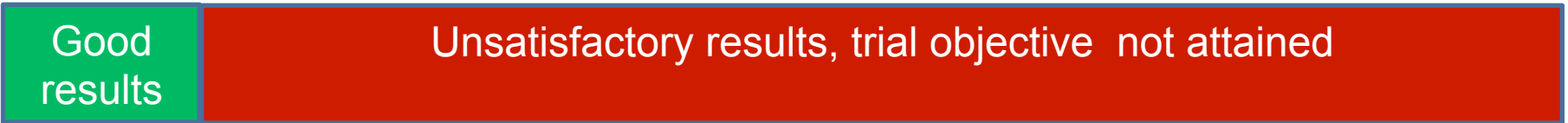
- Pharmacologic defibrillation by potassium (secondary cardioplegia)
- Immediate heparinization to counteract hypercoagulation after cardiac arrest
- Hyperosmolarity
- Control initial oxygen content
- Blood pH
- Prevention of cellular calcium overload

Automation of analysis of blood parameters to determine individual constituents of the reperfusate

Evaluation basis of the animal experiments



Consciousness,
movement,
“Rehabilitability“



Mortality and neurological recovery during an observation period of 7 days

Forbess et al, Ann Thorac Surg. 1995

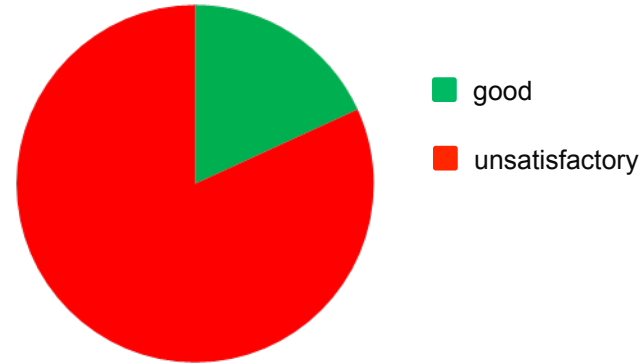
Animal experiments 20 minutes I

Investigated parameter
Normothermia

N=11

2/11 good

9/11 unsatisfactory



Interpretation

Normothermia in the reperfusion phase has adverse effects

Consequence

Hypothermia should be part of the controlled reperfusion

Animal experiments 20 minutes II

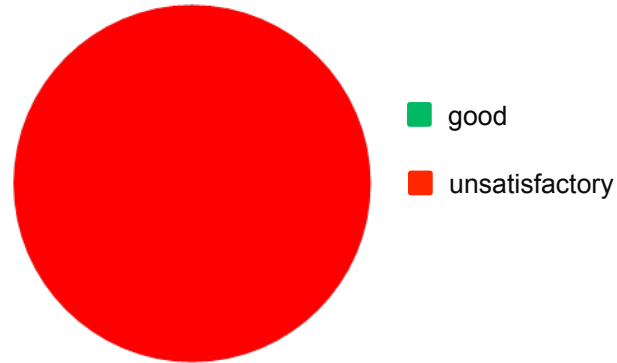
Investigated parameter

100 % Oxygen application with CIRD

N=8

0/8 good

8/8 unsatisfactory



Interpretation

The application of 100% oxygen in the reperfusion phase is unfavorable

Consequence

Oxygen should be applied cautiously and controlled

Animal experiments minutes III

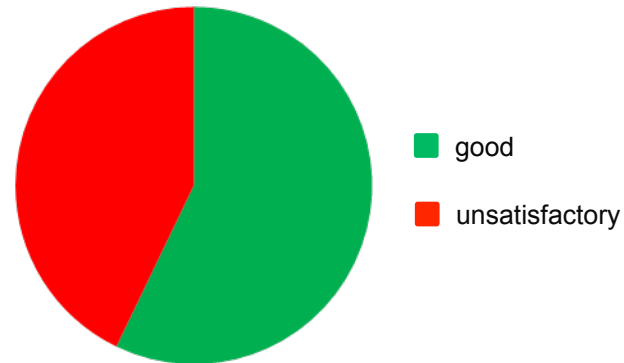
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Investigated parameter
Compensation of hyponatremia

N=7

4/7 good

3/7 unsatisfactory



Interpretation

A correction of the sodium level during the reperfusion could have a favorable effect

Consequence

Sodium application should be considered using a dosing system

Animal experiments 20 minutes IV

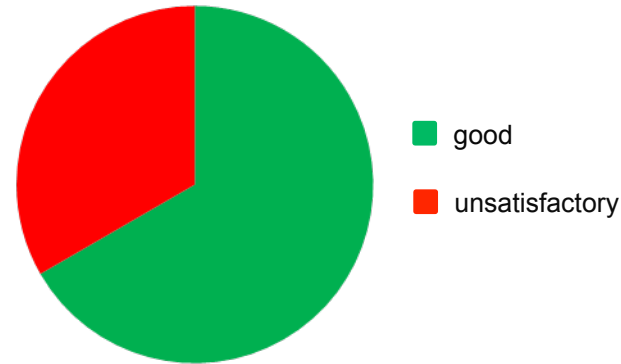
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Investigated parameter
Laminar blood flow

N=6

4/6 good

2/6 unsatisfactory



Interpretation

In the animal model (60 kg bw) satisfactory results could be achieved with a laminar blood flow. The power limit of the blood pump was however not attained.

Consequence

A sufficient blood flow must be achieved for patients with higher body weight

Animal experiments 20 minutes V

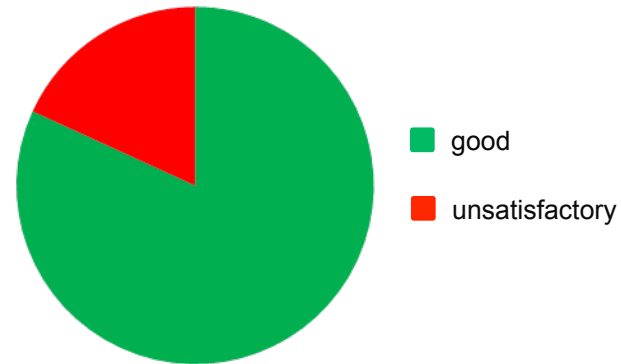
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„CIRD“

N=11

9/11 good

2/11 unsatisfactory



Interpretation

Obtaining and establishing a systematic reperfusion technique with very good results with an ischemic time of 20 minutes

Consequence

The implementation of all the individual elements in CIRD is useful



20 minutes circulatory arrest



Controlled Integrated Resuscitation Device (CIRD) (ResuSciTec GmbH)

CIRD 1.0



CIRD 1.0 "First in Man" in 2014



Conclusions

- Neurologic intact survival after in- and out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is extremely poor.
- Controlled automated reperfusion of the whole body (CARL) is a promising new strategy after cardiac arrest.
- Clinical studies using controlled automated reperfusion of the whole body (CARL) have started
- Clinical partners are highly welcome to join in