

RRT in Critically ill Patient

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outline:

- Time of initiation
- Therapy dose
- Filter membrane
- Modality choice
- RRT discontinuation



Indications for RRT in patients with AKI



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- Renal replacement therapy (RRT) : mainstay of supportive therapy in severe AKI
- Severe AKI, requiring renal replacement therapy, occurs in 5-13% of patients and has a mortality rate of 50-80%



Indications for RRT in patients with AKI



Appropriate time



Absolute indication for RRT

- Refractory fluid overload
- Severe hyperkalemia ($k > 6.5$ mEq/L) or rapidly rising k
- Signs of uremia(pericarditis, encephalopathy, or an otherwise unexplained decline in mental status)
- Severe metabolic acidosis ($\text{pH} < 7.1$)
- Certain alcohol and drug intoxications



ELECTIVE INITIATION for RRT

- Serum potassium >6.0 mEq/L, or >5.5 mEq/L if there is ongoing tissue breakdown or ongoing potassium absorption (GI bleeding)
- Severe metabolic acidosis ($\text{pH} < 7.2$) despite optimal medical management
- Hypervolemic patients who remain in persistent positive fluid balance despite aggressive attempts at diuresis



Is early dialysis better than late ?



Is early dialysis better?

- What is meant by early dialysis?
- What is meant by late dialysis?
 - ❖ Urea or cr
 - ❖ Urine output
 - ❖ Time to ICU admission

No clear definitions



Appropriate time for initiation RRT:

Is there potential benefit for early RRT??

Most of the evidence available from studies published between 2000 and 2010 came from observational studies

observational studies, as well as study-level meta-analyses including them, suggested a potential benefit for early RRT



— Early RRT  —

The ELAIN Trial












ELAIN trial (N=231)		AKIKI trial (N=620)
Centers	1 (Germany)	31 (France)
Inclusion Criteria		
AKI Stage	Stage 2	Stage 3
Other Criteria	At least 1 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe sepsis • On vasopressors • Refractory fluid overload • SOFA score ≥ 2 	At least 1 of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanically ventilated • On vasopressors
Biomarker	Serum NGAL >150 ng/mL	None
Dialysis Triggers		
Early Group	Within 8 h of stage 2	Within 6 h of stage 3
Delayed Group	12 h after progressing to KDIGO stage 3 AKI or any of the following dialysis triggers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUN >100 mg/dL • K >6 mEq/L (or ECG changes) • Mg >4 mmol/L • Urine <200 mL/24 h • Organ edema despite diuretics 	Any of the following dialysis triggers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUN >112 mg/dL • K >6 mEq/L (or 5.5 mEq/L with treatment) • pH <7.15 (pure metabolic or mixed) • Pulmonary edema with $F_{iO_2} >0.5$ (or $O_2 >5$ L/min or oligo/anuria >72 h)
Various criteria		
Outcomes		
90-d Mortality; early vs delayed (%)	39.3 vs 54.7 ($P = .03$) Absoluterisk reduction 15.34%, Number needed to treat (NNT) is 7, Fragility Index 3	48.5 vs 49.7 ($P = .79$)
Patients Needing Dialysis in Delayed Group (%)	90.8	51.0

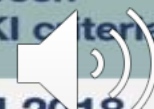


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better
survival
outcome



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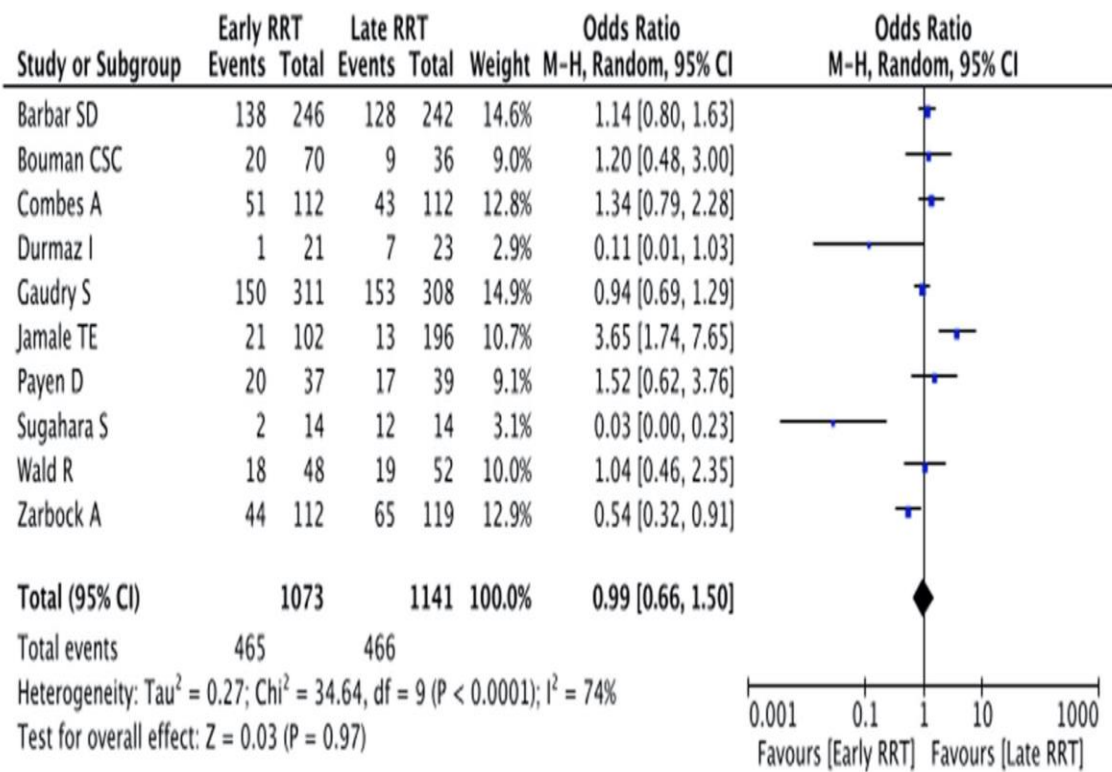


Fig. 2 Forest plot for mortality

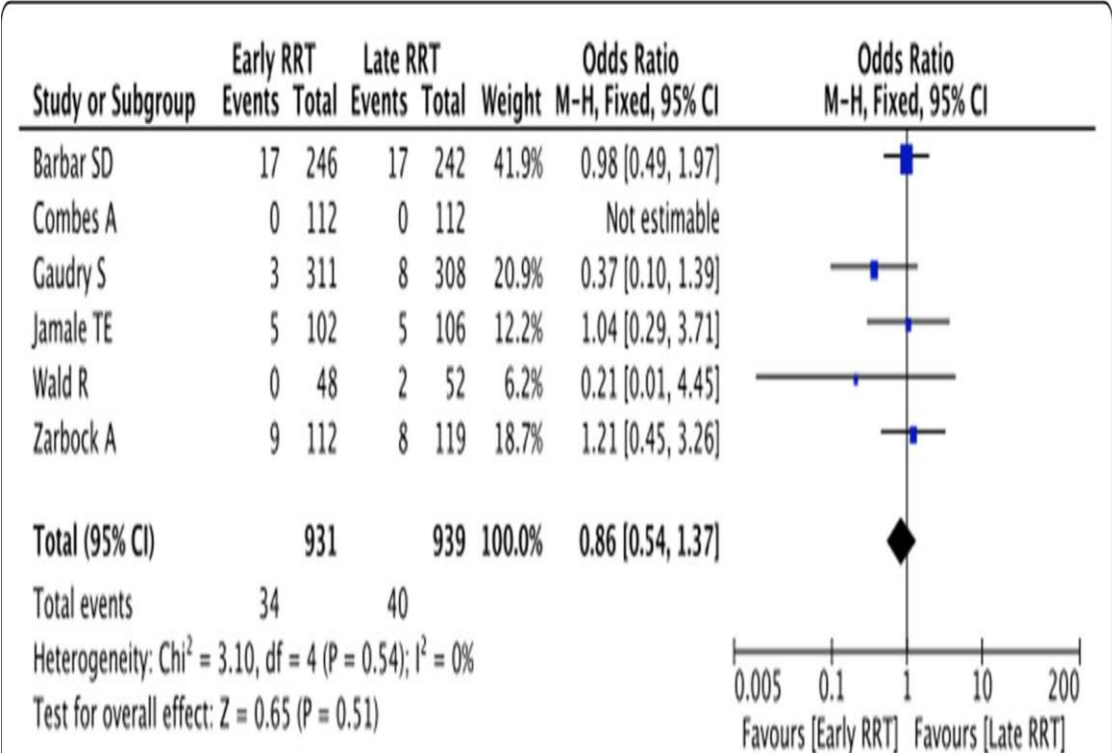


Fig. 3 Forest plot for survival with dependence on RRT

Conclusions: early initiation of RRT in critically ill patients with AKI does not provide a clinically relevant advantage when compared with standard/late initiation

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- Problem in this study:
 - (1) standardized definition of “early” and “late” initiation of RRT
 - (2) special populations such as the septic shock patients or post cardiac surgery patients
- Not probably allow to draw definitive conclusions on the optimal timing of starting RRT in critically ill patients

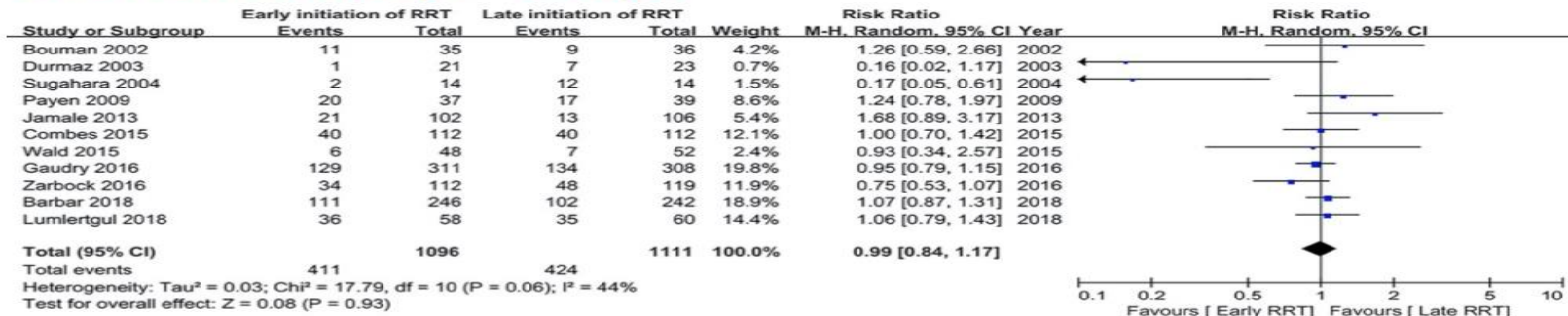


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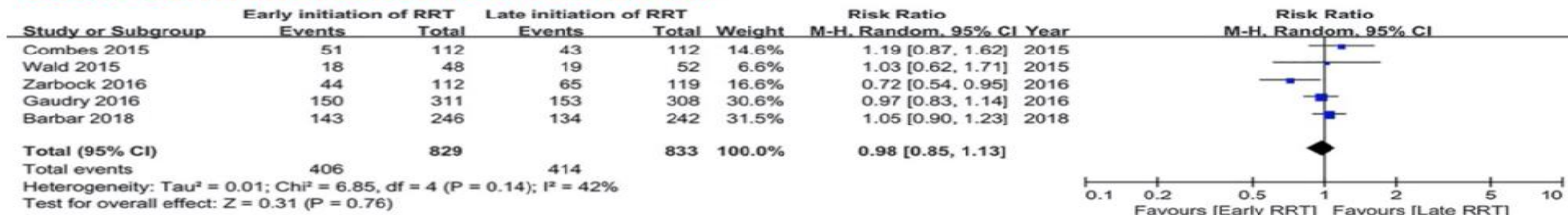
Early versus late initiation of renal replacement therapy for acute kidney injury in critically ill patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Li Xiao¹, Lu Jia², Rongshan Li², Yu Zhang³, Hongming Ji^{2*}, Andrew Faramand⁴

Short-term mortality (≤ 31 days)



Long-term mortality (60–180 days)



In critically ill patients with acute kidney injury, early compared with late initiation of RRT is not associated with favorable mortality outcomes, although it appears to reduce the risk of metabolic acidosis



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1506–15

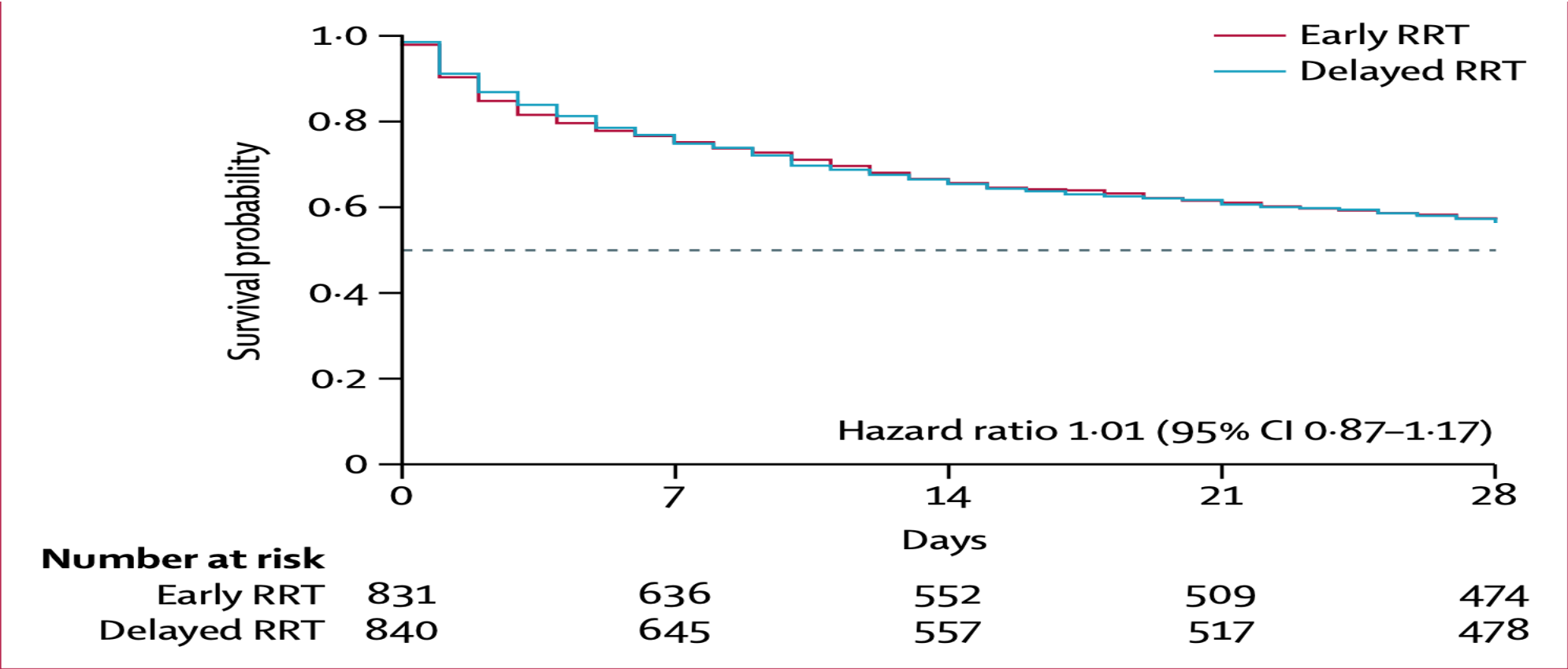


Delayed versus early initiation of renal replacement therapy for severe acute kidney injury: a systematic review and individual patient data meta-analysis of randomised clinical trials

Stéphane Gaudry, David Hajage*, Nicolas Benichou†, Khalil Chaibi†, Saber Barbar, Alexander Zarbock, Nuttha Lumlertgul, Ron Wald, Sean M Bagshaw, Nattachai Srisawat, Alain Combes, Guillaume Geri, Tukaram Jamale, Agnès Dechartres, Jean-Pierre Quenot‡, Didier Dreyfuss‡*



Probability of survival up to day 28 in the intention-to-treat population according to RRT initiation strategy



The timing of RRT initiation does not affect survival in critically ill patients with severe acute kidney injury in the absence of urgent indications for RRT. Delaying RRT initiation, with close patient monitoring, might lead to a reduced



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Timing of Initiation of Renal-Replacement Therapy in Acute Kidney Injury

The STARRT-AKI Investigators, for the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group, the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group, the United Kingdom Critical Care Research Group, the Canadian Nephrology Trials Network, and the Irish Critical Care Trials Group*



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- **Design**
- Multinational, RCT, critically ill patients with AKI, comparing accelerated strategy vs standard strategy of KRT initiation
- 168 hospitals from 15 countries participated randomizing 3019 patients
- Inclusion criteria:
- >18 year old
- Admitted to the ICU with kidney dysfunction (Creatinine >1.13 in woman and >1.47 in men)
- Severe AKI (doubling of serum Cr from baseline or a serum Cr of ≥ 4 mg/dl or a urine output of less than 6ml/kg for the preceding 12 hours)



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- **Interventions**
- **Accelerated strategy group:** After randomization a 12 hour window was given for consent and initiation of KRT
- **Standard strategy group:** KRT was not started until one or more of the following was present:
 - Potassium ≥ 6 mmol/L
 - pH ≤ 7.2
 - Bicarbonate ≤ 12 mmol/L
 - PaO₂/FiO₂ ≤ 200 + Volume overload
 - Persistent AKI for 72 hours after randomization



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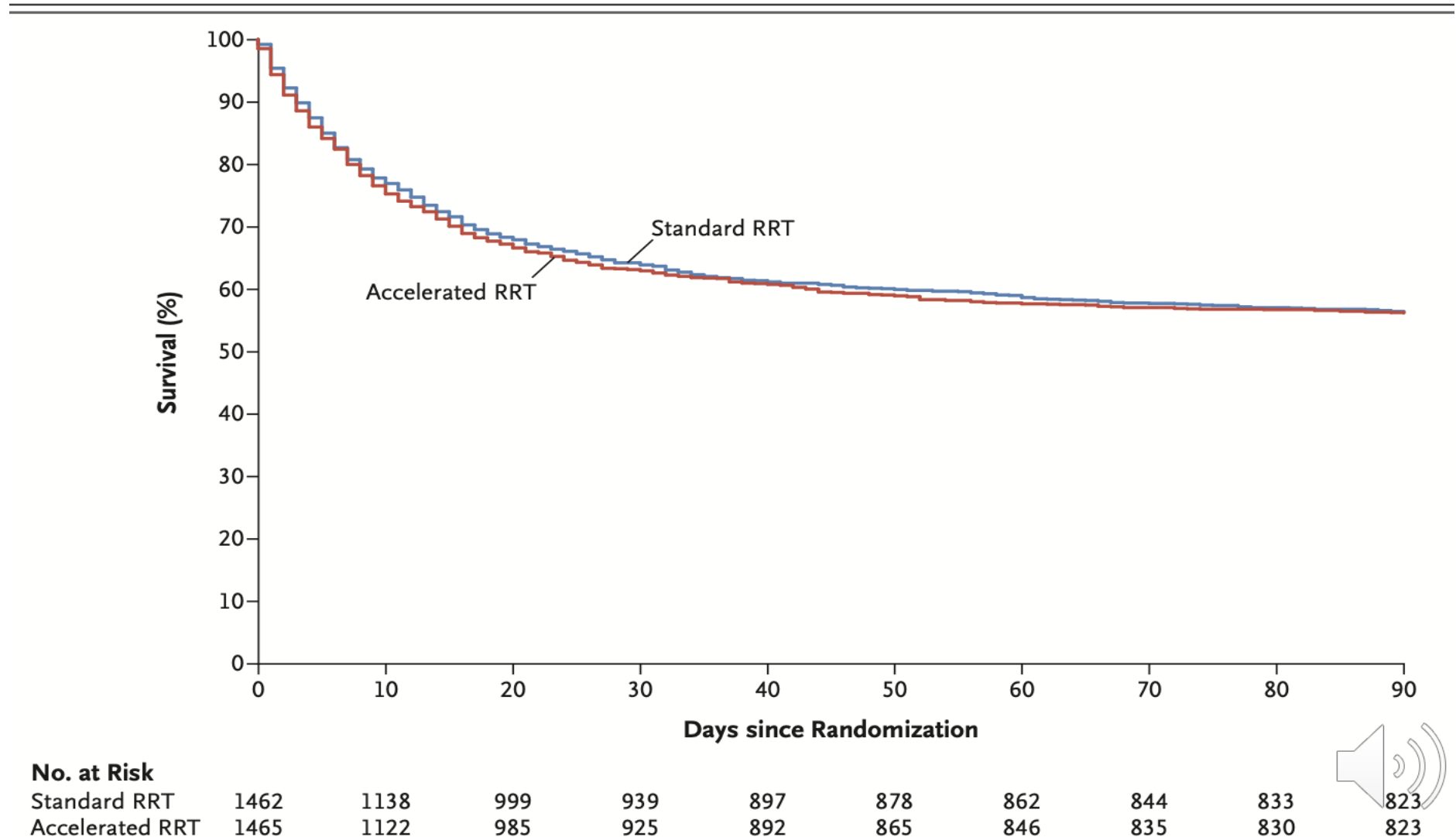
Primary outcome: Death from any cause at 90 days

Key secondary outcomes: Dependence of KRT Composite: death or dependence of KRT and major kidney event



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: 43.9% in accelerated strategy
43.7% in Standard strategy (relative risk, 1.00; 95% CI 0.93-1.09)



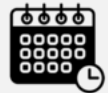
STARRT-AKI: Does early initiation of kidney replacement therapy (KRT) decrease mortality?



Methods



Multinational
open-label RCT
168 hospitals
15 countries



October 2015 -
September 2019



Critically ill patients
+
Kidney dysfunction



Severe AKI
(KDIGO Stage 2 or 3)
N=3019

Standard strategy

Standard of care
n=1462



Accelerated Strategy

KRT within 12 hours of
meeting eligibility criteria
n=1465

Findings

43.7%

6%

17%



Mortality
at 90 days



KRT
Dependence



Any
Adverse Event

43.9%

10%

23%

RR 1

p=0.92

RR 1.7

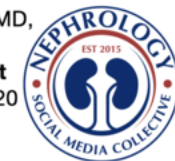
95% CI (1.2-2.4)

p < 0.001

Conclusion Among critically ill patients with acute kidney injury, an accelerated renal replacement strategy was not associated with a lower risk of death at 90 days than a standard strategy.

Reference: Sean Bagshaw MD, Ron Wald MD, CM, MPH., Neill Adhikari, MD, CM, et al.
Timing of Initiation of Renal-Replacement Therapy in Acute Kidney Injury. NEJM 2020
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- **Secondary outcomes**
- Higher dependence on KRT in the accelerated strategy 10.4% vs 6%
- Higher risk of rehospitalization in accelerated strategy (21 versus 17)
- Adverse events more common in early strategy (23.0% vs 16.5%) ($P < 0.001$)
- The most common adverse events :Hypotension and hypophosphatemia
- No difference in serious adverse events between the two strategies



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 Unique findings	Time on KRT, Kidney recovery, and ventilator time favored early group	61% of survivors did not receive KRT & fewer catheter infections in delayed group	Time on KRT, Kidney recovery, and ventilator time favored early group	Greater % adverse events, KRT dependence & rehospitalization in early (accelerated) group
 ICU Length of stay	No difference	No difference	No difference	↓ accelerated group
 Limitations & Critiques	Results potentially skewed as many early start patients may have recovered without KRT	Limited generalizability as \cong 50% received iHD and 30% CRRT	Inconsistencies between KDIGO and RIFLE AKI criteria	Heterogeneity of KRT start time in delayed (standard) group
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Time to Stop

Starting RRT

Early in AKI



Comparison of two delayed strategies for renal replacement therapy initiation for severe acute kidney injury (AKIKI 2): a multicentre, open-label, randomised, controlled trial



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more-delayed initiation strategy would result in more RRT-free days, compared with a delayed strategy



5336 patients with AKI and who received or had received vasoactive agent or invasive mechanical ventilation, or both

**Multicentre, prospective,
open-label, RCT, in 39 ICU in
France**

4466 excluded

1919 did not reach stage 3 of KDIGO classification

605 had immediate RRT indication

384 had severe chronic renal failure

304 had already received RRT for the current episode

108 had moribund state

288 had treatment limitation

253 had cardiac arrest without awakening

197 had AKI caused by urinary tract obstruction, renal vessel obstruction, tumour lysis syndrome, thrombotic microangiopathy, or acute glomerulopathy

175 had inclusion criteria already present for more than 24 h

74 had poisoning by a dialysable agent

70 had renal transplant

60 had class C liver cirrhosis

12 were under curatorship

17 were pregnant

103 were eligible but not followed up

767 patients with AKI stage 3 of KDIGO classification

10 were erroneously included

127 received RRT because of urgent indication (before reaching randomisation criteria)

352 did not reach randomisation criteria and did not receive RRT

278 patients randomly assigned

137 randomly assigned to
standard, delayed RRT strategy

141 randomly assigned to
more delayed RRT strategy



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- *Inclusion criteria*
- Age >18 years
- Receiving ICU care - on mechanical ventilation or catecholamine infusion
- KDIGO Stage 3 AKI
- Oliguria or azotemia
 - oliguria: urine output < 0.3 ml/kg/h or < 500 ml/d) or anuria (urine output < 100 ml/d) for > 72 hours
 - azotemia: blood urea nitrogen concentration between 112 mg/dl (40 mmol/l) and 140 mg/dl (50 mmol/l)



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- **Procedures**

- delayed strategy

KRT to be initiated within 12 hours of fulfilling randomization criteria

- more-delayed-strategy

KRT postponed until an urgent indication occurred or BUN reached 140 mg/dl for one day. (*note that duration of anuria was not a criterion*)



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- **More-delayed RRT strategy:**

1. Fewer patients receiving treatment
2. No association with more RRT-free days(12 days in the delayed strategy and 10 days in the more-delayed strategy
3. **higher 60-day mortality**
4. similar complications related to AKI or to RRT



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- Conclusion: Severe AKI patients with oliguria >72 h or BUN>112 mg/dL and no severe complication that would mandate immediate RRT, longer postponing of RRT initiation did not confer additional benefit and was associated with potential harm



Early vs Late Initiation Of Kidney Replacement Therapy : A Comparison Of RCTs



Study Design



RCT, Single center
France

Study participants (N)



231

Eligibility criterion



KDIGO stage 2 AKI

Early KRT criterion



Within 8 hrs

Delayed KRT criterion



Within 12 hrs or
no initiation

Difference in mortality (Early Vs Late)



At 90 d
39.3% vs 54.7%
(p=0.03)

Other Key outcomes



Shorter KRT duration
and hospital stay in
early group

Complications related to AKI OR KRT (Early Vs delayed)



No difference

Limitations



Small sample, single
centre, mostly surgical
patients

ELAIN

JAMA 2016

AKIKI

RCT, Multi-Centre
France

620

KDIGO stage 3 AKI

Within 6 hrs

- Life-threatening complications of AKI
- BUN > 40mmol/l
- Oliguria persisting >72 hrs

At 60 d
48.5% vs 49.7%
(p=0.79)

Diuresis occurred
earlier in delayed arm

CRBSI higher in early
group

Included pts with
advanced AKI, 50% pts
received IHD

NEJM 2016

IDEAL-ICU

RCT, Multi-Centre

488

RIFLE - FAILURE

Within 12 hrs

48 hrs after
randomisation in the
absence of kidney
recovery

At 90 d
58% vs 54%
(p= 0.38)

No difference in length
of ICU and hospital
stay

Hyperkalaemia more
in delayed group

Non blinded, stopped
early due to futility

NEJM 2018

STARTRT-AKI

RCT, Multinational

2927

KDIGO Stage 2 or 3

Within 12 hrs

- Life-threatening complications of AKI
- Persistent AKI for ≥ 72 hrs

At 90 d
43.9% vs 43.7%
(p=0.92)

Higher KRT
dependency at 90 d in
accelerated arm

More in accelerated
arm

Heterogeneity in
groups, Decision of
KRT at physician
discretion

NEJM 2020

AKIKI-2

RCT, Multi-Centre
France

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KDIGO stage 3 with
oliguria >72 hrs or
BUN 40-50 mmol/l

Within 12 hrs

- BUN >50 mmol/l
- Life-threatening complication of AKI

At 60 d
44% vs 55%
(p=0.07)

KRT free days between
D0 and D28
10 vs 12 days (p=0.93)

No difference

Small sample size,
Debate over BUN levels
for KRT initiation

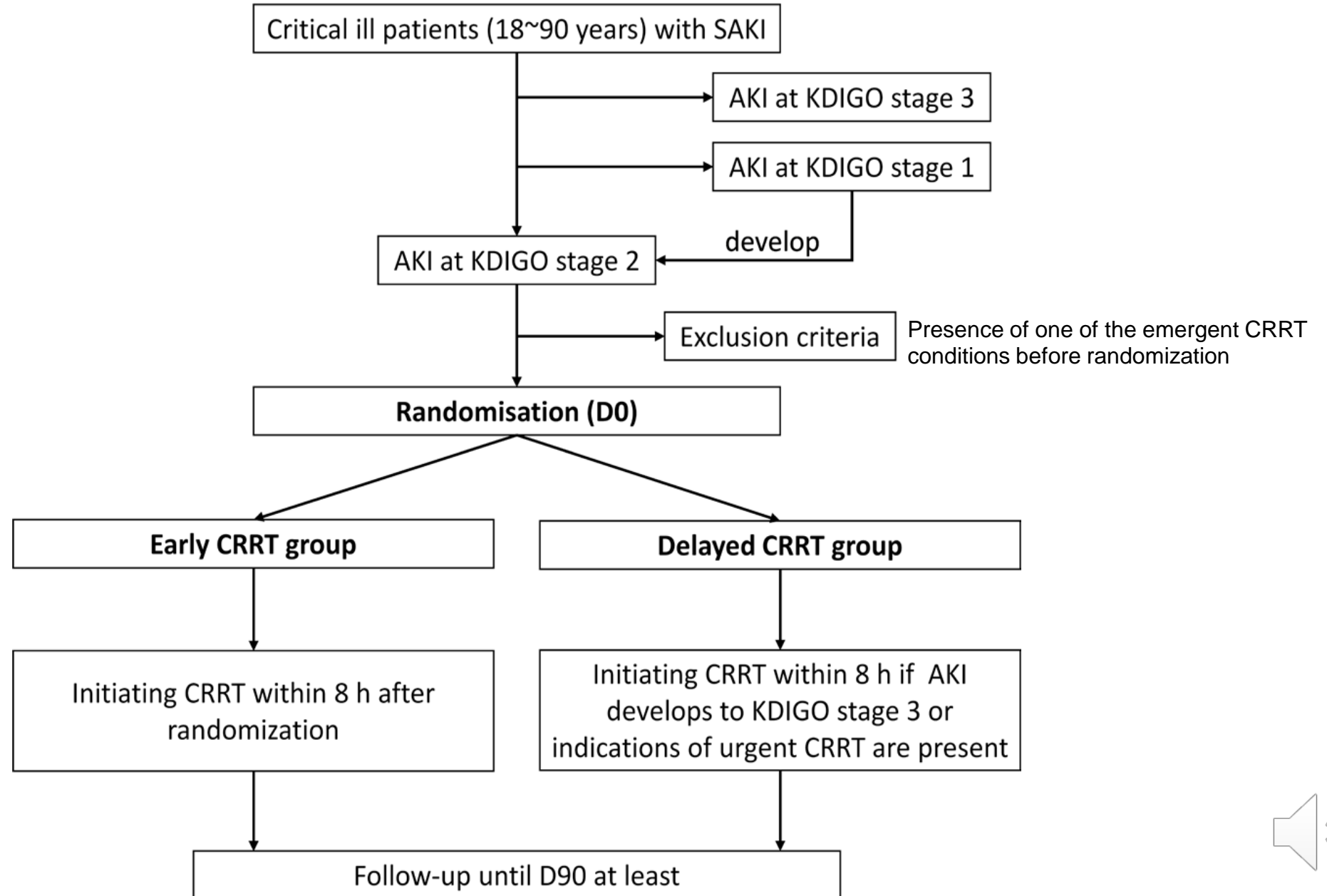
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Ongoing trial

The timing of continuous renal replacement therapy initiation in sepsis associated acute kidney injury in the intensive care unit: the CRTSAKI Study (Continuous RRT Timing in Sepsis-associated AKI in ICU): study protocol for a multicentre, randomised controlled trial



CRTSAKI Study



TIMING OF RENAL REPLACEMENT THERAPY

- **serum urea, serum creatinine and urine output :**

usual parameters used to guide

serum urea and creatinine are imprecise biomarkers of renal function
(variable rates of production during critical illness)

- **Renal biomarkers such as NGAL, tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases (TIMP), and insulin-like growth factor binding protein-7 (IGFBP7) :**

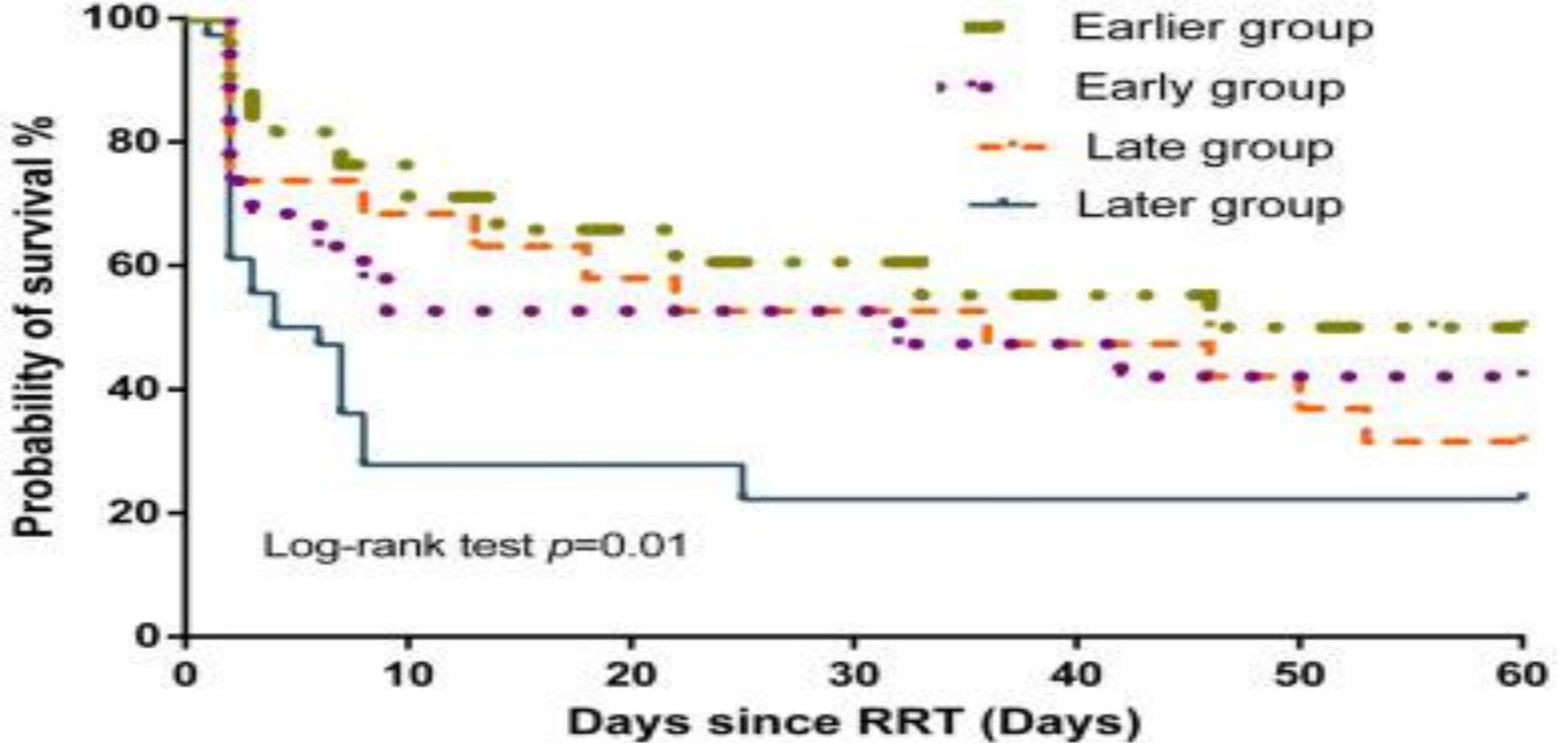
Better triggers to commence RRT in septic AKI



Corrigendum to “Timing of continuous renal replacement therapy in severe acute kidney injury patients with fluid overload: A retrospective cohort study” [J Crit Care. 2021 Aug; 64: 226–236]

- [Retrospective cohort study](#)
- Patients with fluid overload treated with CRRT due to severe AKI
- Mixed medical intensive care unit of China
- Patients were divided into early (≤ 15 h) and late (> 15 h) groups based on the median time from ICU admission to CRRT initiation
- Primary outcome was all-cause mortality at day 60



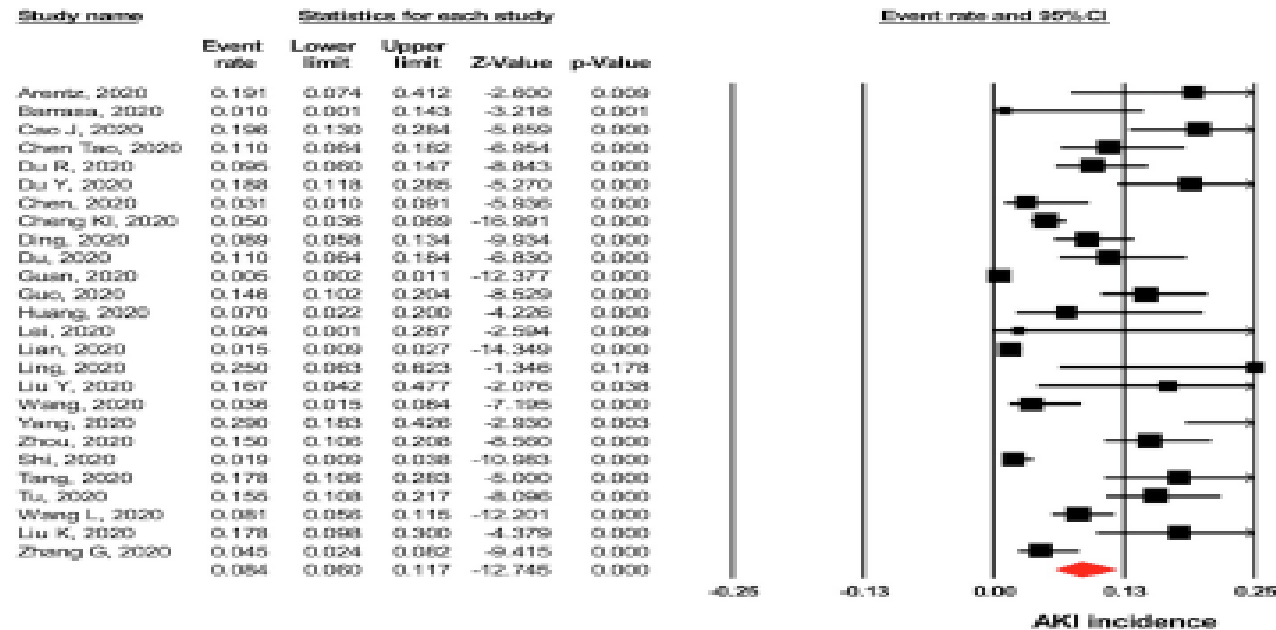


Early initiation of CRRT was independently associated with survival benefits in severe AKI patients with fluid overload.



Incidence of acute kidney injury and its association with mortality in patients with COVID-19: a meta-analysis

A) Incidence of AKI



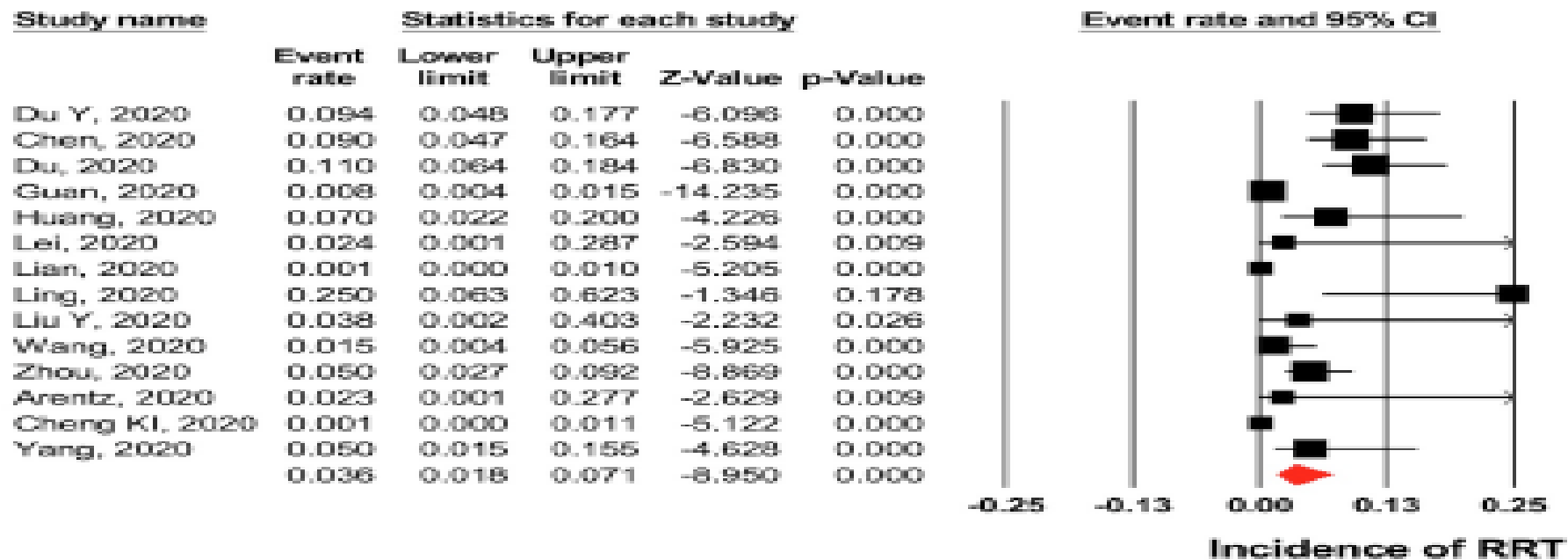
14 studies
included with a
total of 3364
patients

Incidence of AKI in patients with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection : 8.4%



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C) Incidence of RRT



incidence of RRT : 3.6%



Indications of renal replacement therapy in COVID-19 patients

- Renal indications : severe AKI (KIDGO AKI 2–3 stages) with hemodynamic instability
- Non-renal indications:
 1. severe ARDS and persistent inflammatory fever, which cannot be controlled not even with corticosteroid therapy
 2. hypernatremia refractory to conservative medical treatment
 3. volume overload or urine output, which cannot meet the needs of drug infusion and energy supply and diuretic resistance



The effectiveness of continuous renal replacement therapy in critical COVID-19 patients with cytokine release syndrome: a retrospective, multicenter, descriptive study from Wuhan, China

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- retrospective, multi-center study
- 83 patients diagnosed with COVID-19 and CRS
- 67 critical patients, 38 cases were treated with CRRT
- inclusion criteria :peak IL-6 >100 pg/mL, or a peak IL-6 >50-100 pg/mL with concurrent ARDS or multiple organ disease syndrome (MODS)
- Indications for CRRT include hyperkalemia, acidosis, multiple organ dysfunction, or severe CRS



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- For the 38 patients treated with CRRT, the changes of inflammation-related indicators before and after CRRT were compared
- WBC counts ($P=0.039$), neutrophil counts ($P=0.014$), CRP ($P=0.049$), D-dimer ($P=0.006$) : declined significantly from the values before CRRT
- lymphocytes, PCT and IL-6 : not change significantly



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LIMITATION OF STUDY:

Compared to the non-CRRT group, the CRRT group had more patients with an IL-6 value >4000 pg/mL (24.1% vs. 34.2%)
SO₂ in patients who received CRRT was lower than in the non-CRRT group



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- Fatality rate higher in CRRT group ($P=0.005$)
- Inflammatory markers such as C-reactive protein, neutrophil counts, and D-dimer decreased after CRRT ($P<0.05$)
- **Conclusions:** CRRT significantly reduced the inflammation, it did not decrease the fatality rate of patients with CRS. Therefore, the choice of CRRT indication, dialysis time and dialysis mode should be more careful and accurate in COVID-19 patients with CRS.



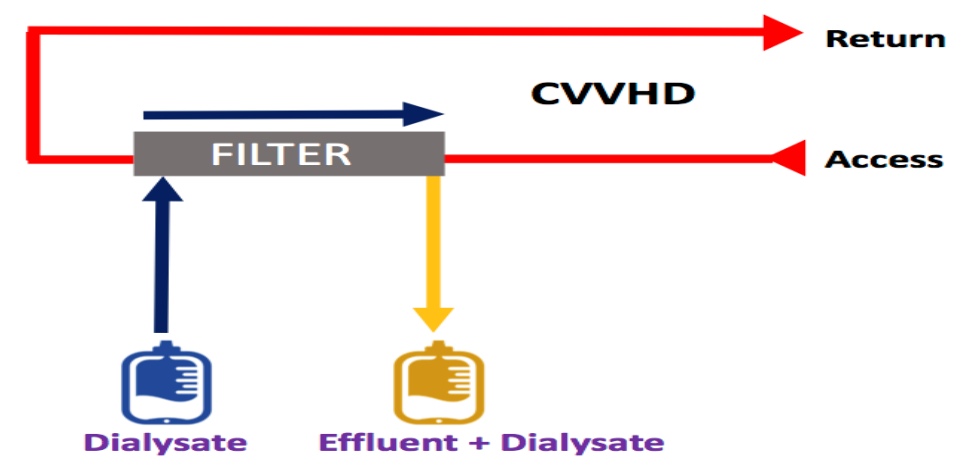
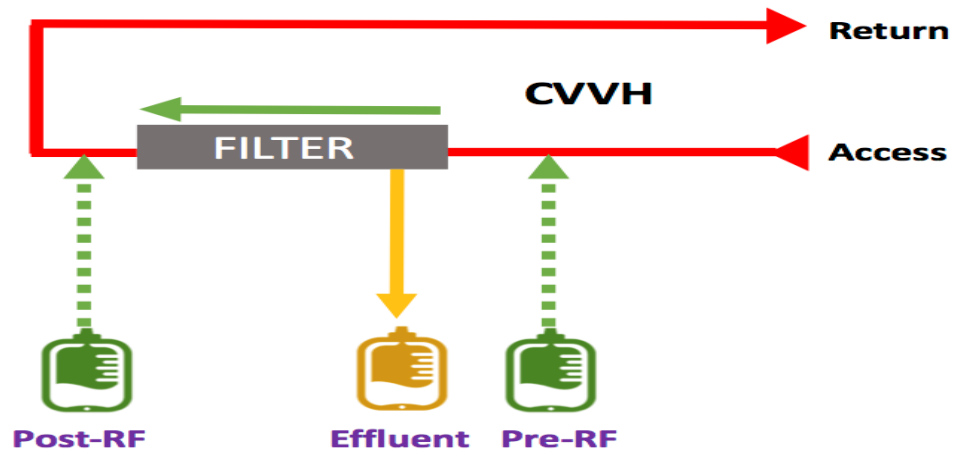
Dialysis dose prescription

Target dose of RRT in AKI :

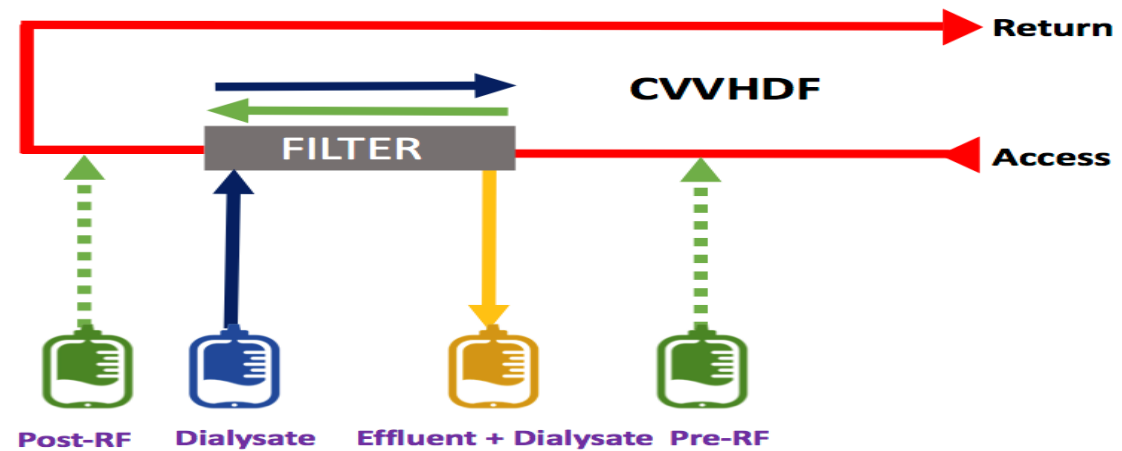
Modality of KRT	Typical Target Dose
Intermittent hemodialysis (delivered on a 3x/wk schedule) IHD /SLED	$Kt/V_{\text{urea}} > 1.2$ per treatment; or $URR > 0.67$
Continuous kidney replacement therapy	Total effluent flow of 20-25 mL/kg/hr



CRRT DOSE:



CVVH: Continuous venous-venous hemofiltration
CVVHD: Continuous veno-venous hemodialysis
CVVHDF: Continuous veno-venous hemodiafiltration
Post-RF: post-dilutional replacement fluid
Pre-RF: pre-dilutional replacement fluid





CRRT DOSE

- The [KDIGO clinical practice](#) guideline for acute kidney injury (AKI) recommends “**delivering an effluent volume of 20 to 25 mL/kg/h for CRRT in (AKI)**”



CRRT DOSE:

prescribed dose is not always *delivered* due to CRRT interruptions due to procedures, clotting, replacement of filters, and tubing changes. Therefore, the guidelines also recommend frequent evaluation and “assessment of the actual delivered dose in order to adjust the prescription

KDIGO recommends “to increase effluent dosing by 25% to ensure delivery of the target dose”

To Summarize

- CRRT Dose
 - = Delivered effluent volume of 20-25ml/kg/hr
 - = Prescribed effluent volume of 25-30ml/kg/hr
- Filtration fraction during CRRT must be < 30%



High-volume versus standard-volume haemofiltration for septic shock patients with acute kidney injury (IVOIRE study):

prospective, randomized, open, multicenter clinical trial conducted at 18 intensive care units

140 critically ill patients with septic shock and AKI for less than 24 h

HVHF at 70 mL/kg/h or
standard-volume
hemofiltration 35 mL/kg/h

No reduction of 28-day mortality or contributes to early improvements in hemodynamic profile or organ function



Dosing and initiation timing COVID-19

- CRRT dosing for COVID-19 patients :same guidelines as non-COVID-19 patients
- Recommendation for
 - pre-dilution filter : 25-30 mL/kg/h
 - post- dilution :20-25 mL/kg/h
- high volume hemofiltration (remove inflammatory mediators, usually in severe sepsis) :> 35 mL/kg/h



CRRT Dosing:

High-dose CRRT vs standard-dose CRRT

Pediatric Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (PCRRT) registry workgroup suggests high flow CVVHDF at 50 ml/kg/h for 12 h followed by step down CVVHDF at a dose of 25–30 ml/kg/h

HYPOTHESIS AND THEORY ARTICLE

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HV-CRRT EFFECTS PCT, TNF- α , IL-4, IL-6, IL-8 AND IL-10 LEVELS IN PANCREATITIS, LIU et al: DOI: 10.3892/etm.2017.4843

Used for more than one patient
↓ filter clotting
More effective in clearance of inflammatory cytokines

Not confer a benefit over Standard CRRT
Consumption of replacement fluid

Serum IL-6 and IL-1-ra with sequential organ failure assessment scores in septic patients receiving high-volume hemofiltration and continuous venovenous hemofiltration <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1440-1797.2006.00600.x>

High-volume hemofiltration at 6L/h may seem to successfully remove some inflammatory cytokines in septic patients. The improvement in the SOFA scores at day 7 promises benefit of continuous renal replacement therapy in septic patients, but after 20 days this effect may be lost



OPTIMAL CATHETER LOCATION

- The optimal site for catheter insertion is uncertain
 - Avoid subclavian dialysis catheters (risks of subclavian vein stenosis, disability for direct hemostasis in the event of hemorrhage)
 - KDIGO guidelines recommend:
 1. Right internal jugular vein
 2. Femoral veins
 3. left internal jugular vein
 4. Subclavian vein
 5. External jugular veins may be used when other veins are not usable
- Dominant side to preserve the contralateral side for future dialysis access



Hemodialysis catheter:

- Temporary HD catheter
- Length of catheter: important for sufficient BFR and less clotting
 - ❖ RIJ: 15-20 cm
 - ❖ Left IJ: 20-24 CM
 - ❖ Femoral: 24-30 cm
- Subclavian: 20cm
- Location:
 - ❖ Right IJ Preferred especially for prone position

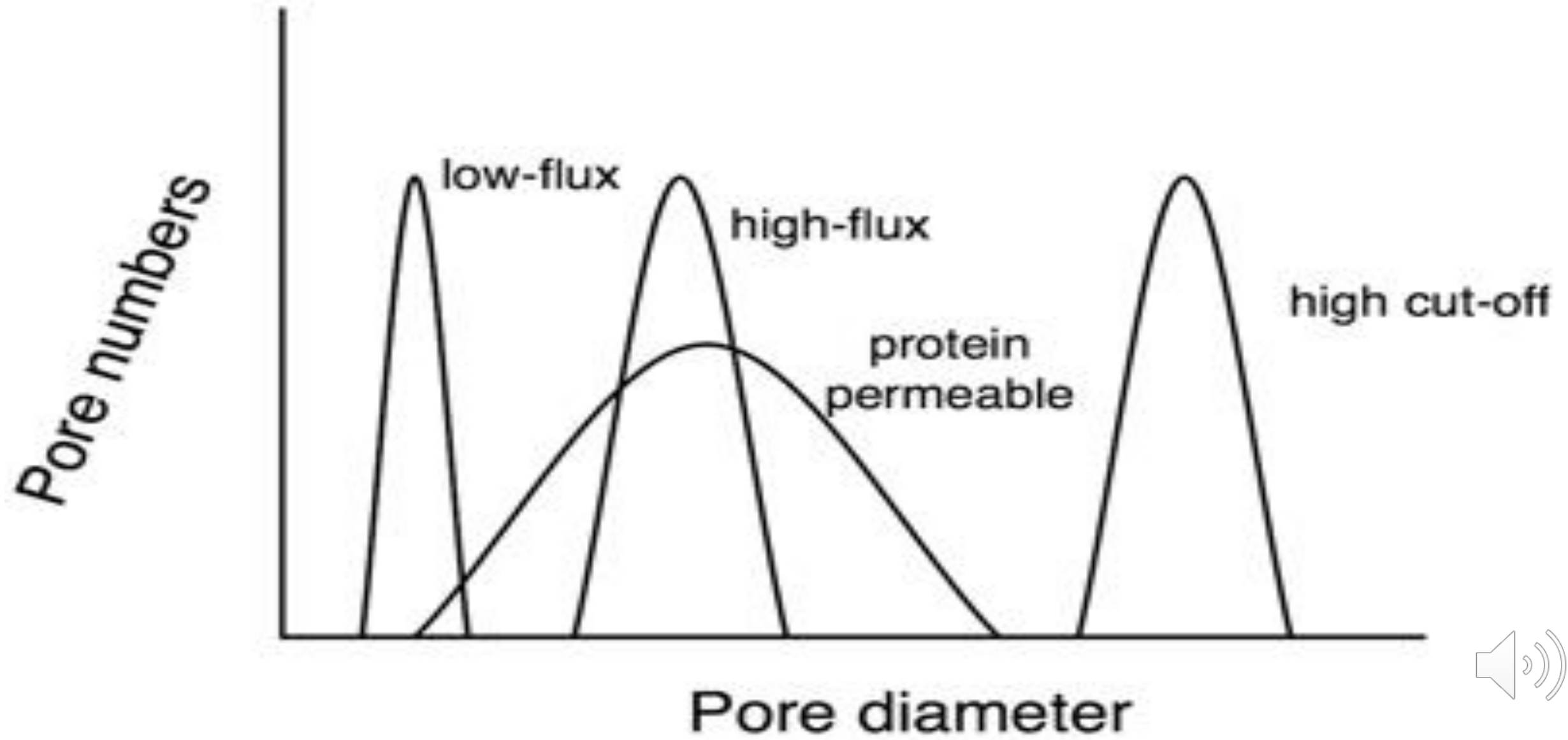


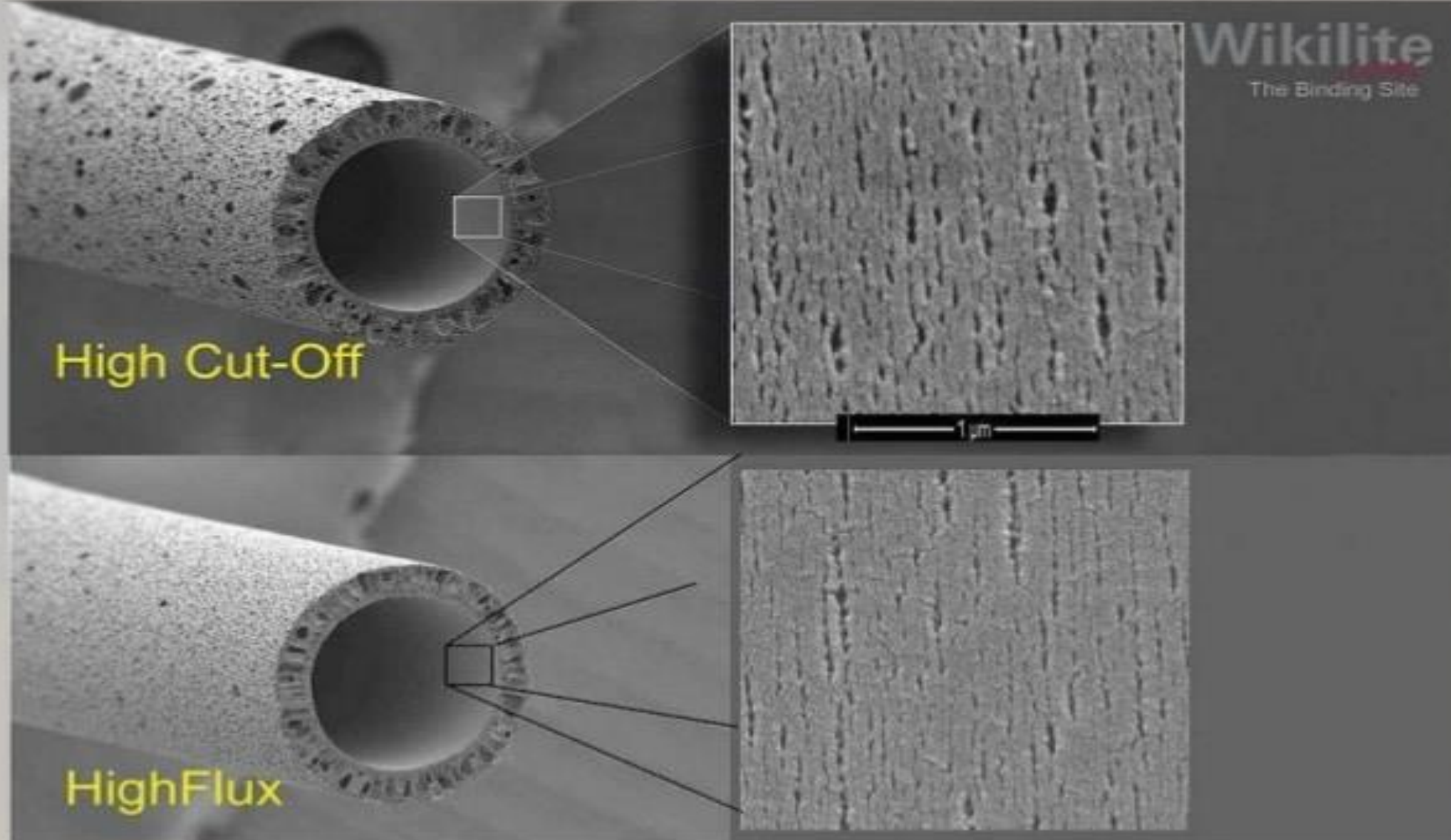
FILTER MEMBRANES

- **low-flux membranes** , cut-off of approximately 5 kDa and low water permeability
- **high-flux membranes** ,high hydraulic permeability, more efficient ultrafiltration ,clearance of larger solutes
- standard membrane for hemofiltration , cut-off 30-35 kDa, clearance of small to middle molecules
- **super permeable (super high-flux) membranes** ,cut-off 40-100 kDa ,larger molecules(such as cytokines, immunoglobulins and myoglobin, that could be theoretically beneficial in the treatment of sepsis and rhabdomyolysis) ,increased albumin loss, and clinical or survival benefit has not yet been established



FILTER MEMBRANES





In general, the size of the molecule and the degree of protein binding determines the degree to which the substance can be removed (smaller, nonprotein bound substances are easiest to remove).



Classification	Molecule	Molecular weight (Daltons)
Small (<500 Da)	Sodium	23
	Magnesium	24
	Phosphorus	31
	Potassium	35
	Calcium	40
	Urea	60
	Phosphate	80
	Creatinine	113
	Uric acid	168
	Glucose	180
	Gentamycin	470
Middle (500 – 15 000 Da)	Vitamin B12	1355
	Vancomycin	1488
	Endothelin	4238
	Endotoxin fragments	1000 – 15 000
	Cytokines	15 000 – 30 000
Large (>15 000 Da)	Inulin	5200
	Beta-2 microglobulin	11 800
	Myoglobin	17 000
	Albumin	55 000-60 000
	Globulin	150 000



Cytokine removal

- Molecular sizes of most cytokines :8 -60 kDa
- cutoff points of standard hemofiltration membranes :10 and 30 kD
need of more targeted membrane characteristics to achieve greater levels of cytokine removal
- high cutoff (HCO) filters: 60 and 150 kDa and better removal of cytokines ex vivo



FILTER MEMBRANES

- In preclinical and pilot clinical studies, RRT using these filters appeared to allow earlier reduction of noradrenaline doses in septic membranes in sepsis



A Double-Blind Randomized Controlled Trial of High Cutoff Versus Standard Hemofiltration in Critically Ill Patients With Acute Kidney Injury (2018)

76 patients: Vasopressor-dependent patients in acute kidney injury who were admitted to the ICU

CVVH-high cutoff vs CVVH-standard

The median hours of norepinephrine-free time at day 7 : 32 VS 56 hours
no significant difference in time to cessation of norepinephrine , hemofiltration and
filter life and Serum albumin

- **Conclusions:** In critically ill patients with AKI, CVVH-high cutoff did not reduce the duration of vasopressor support or mortality or change albumin levels compared with CVVH-standard



Cytokine removal In COVID-19

- Direct hemoperfusion using a neutro-macroporous sorbent
- CKRT with hollow fiber filters with adsorptive properties
- high-dose CKRT with medium cut-off (MCO) or high cut-off (HCO) membranes



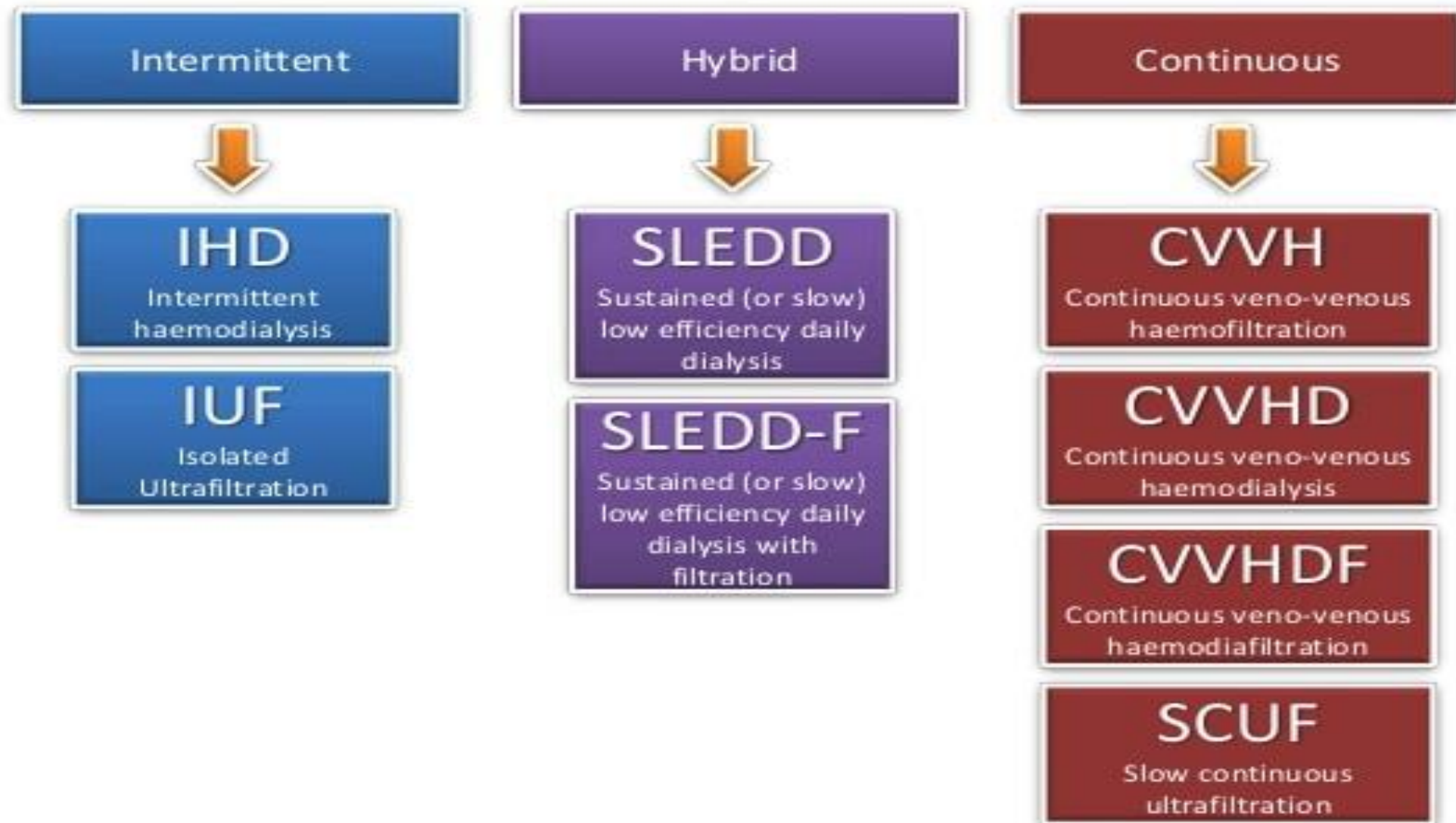
Compare HCO membranes, MCO membranes

- MCO Membranes:
- More uniformity in pore size
- Effective and selective removal of middle molecules such as myoglobin (17 kDa), IL-6 (21 kDa) and IL-10 (18 kDa)
- Minimizing albumin loss

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41581-020-0284-7>



Major Renal Replacement Techniques



IHD versus CRRT

- Availability
- experience of the team
- cost
- hemodynamic stability of the patient
- need for anticoagulation
- indication for renal replacement therapy



Advantageous OF CRRT

- Superior management of volume overload
- more consistent net salt and water removal in hemodynamically unstable patients
- Enhanced clearance of inflammatory mediators
- Better preservation of cerebral perfusion in patients with acute brain injury and fulminant hepatic failure





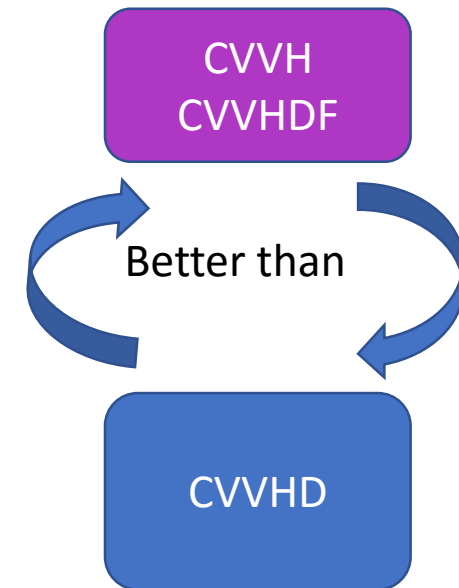
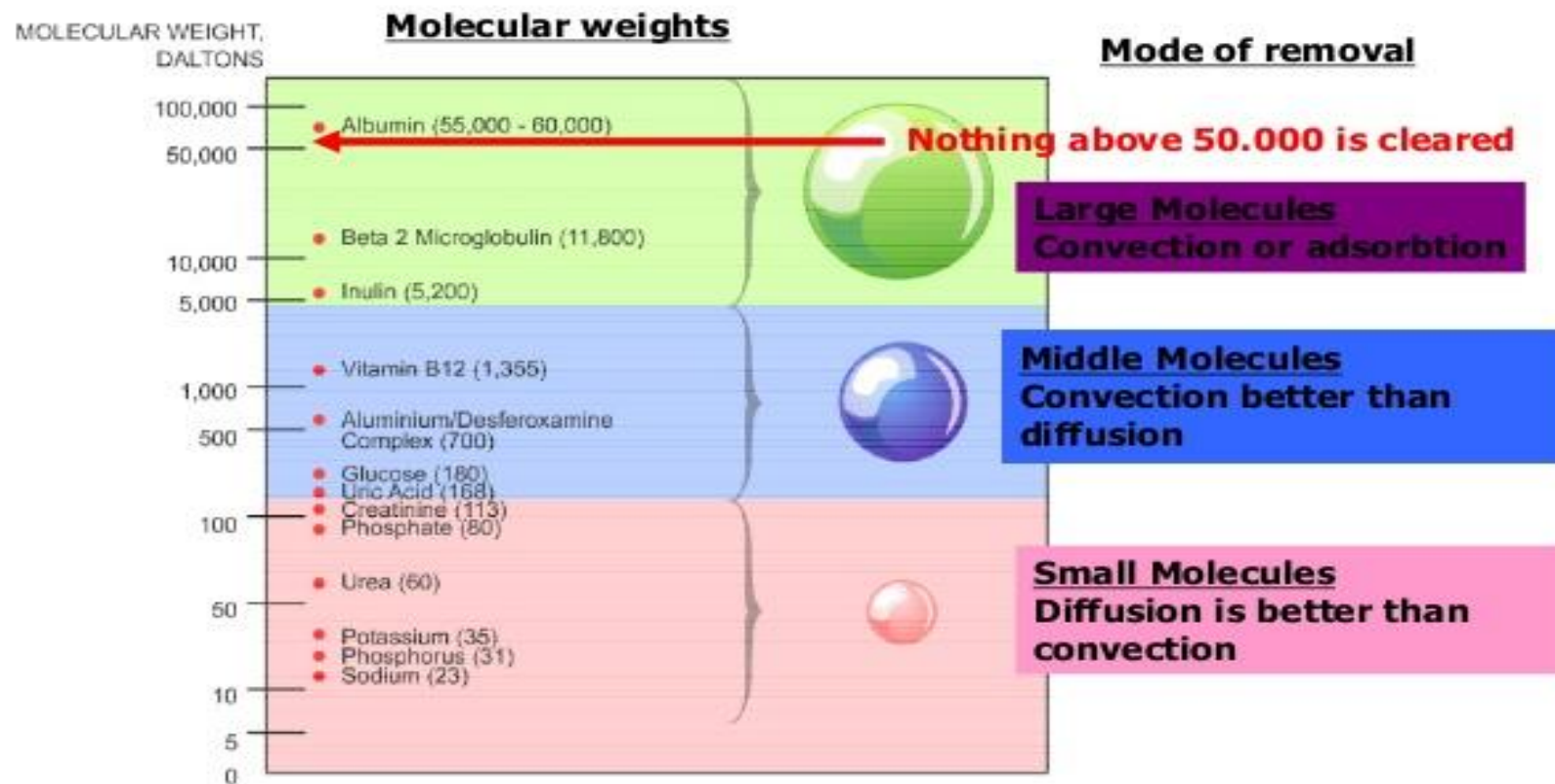
CRRT

- Use continuous and intermittent RRT as complementary therapies in AKI patients. (Not Graded)
- 5.6.2: We suggest using CRRT, rather than standard intermittent RRT, for **hemodynamically unstable patients** (2B)
- 5.6.3: We suggest using CRRT, rather than intermittent RRT, for AKI patients **with acute brain injury or other causes of increased intracranial pressure or generalized brain edema** (2B)



CRRT Modality

Size of molecules cleared by CRRT Hemofilter



Renal replacement therapy modality in critically ill patients with acute kidney injury – A network meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials



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meta-analysis ,Twenty-three studies compare the efficacy and safety of various RRT modalities: CRRT, IHD, hybrid RRT, and PD

primary outcomes were renal recovery and short-term mortality

No difference in the renal recovery
No difference in short-term mortality among the four RRT modalities
Similar effects on the incidence of infectious complications
PD :less fluid removal volume and lower incidence of hypotension



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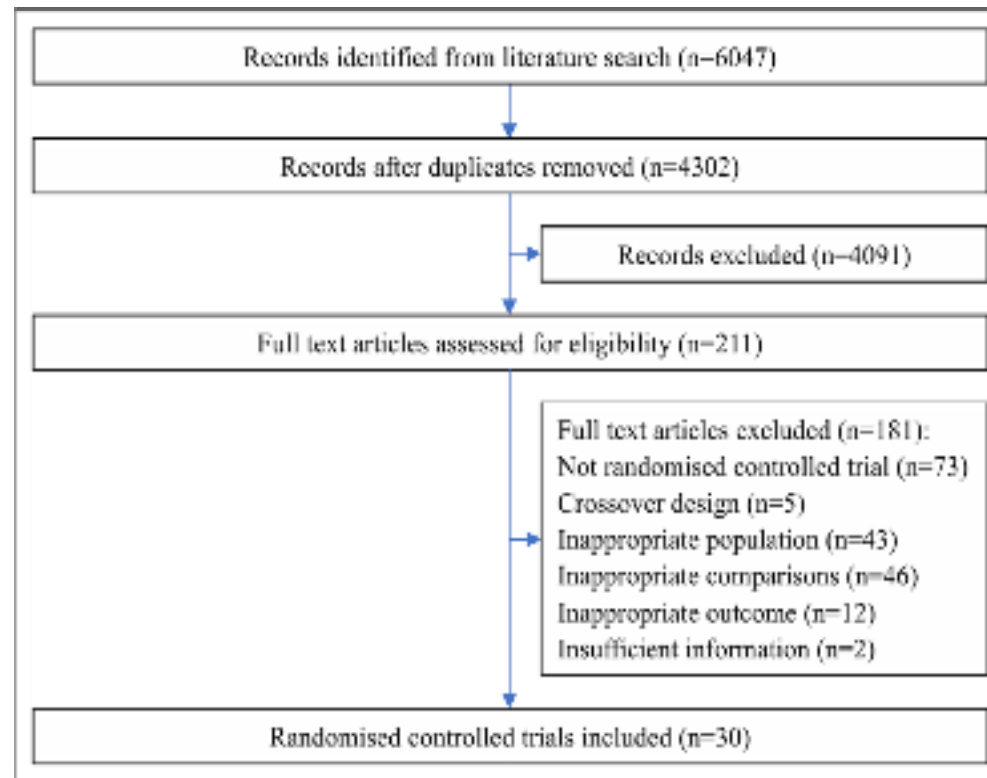
Conclusions

No superiority of one particular RRT modality over another in terms of renal recovery and short-term mortality in critically ill patients with AKI

PD exhibited worse fluid removal and better safety in the prevention of hypotension than the extracorporeal modalities



Comparing Renal Replacement Therapy Modalities in Critically Ill Patients With Acute Kidney Injury: A Systematic Review and Network Meta-Analysis



Primary Analysis Results for Mortality

Comparison	Direct Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence	Indirect Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence	Network Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence ^a	Plain Text Summary
CRRT vs IHD	1.04 (0.93–1.18); moderate ^a ; 9 studies	NA	1.04 (0.93–1.18); low ^{a,c}	There may be no important difference
CRRT vs PD	1.08 (0.76–1.49); low ^{a,b} ; 3 studies	1.28 (0.90–1.82); moderate ^a	1.16 (0.92–1.49); low ^{a,c}	CRRT may increase mortality compared with PD
CRRT vs SLED	1.12 (0.85–1.47); moderate ^a ; 5 studies	0.94 (0.63–1.41); low ^{a,b}	1.06 (0.85–1.33); low ^{a,c}	CRRT may increase mortality compared with SLED
IHD vs PD	NA	1.12 (0.85–1.46); low ^{a,b}	1.12 (0.85–1.46); very low ^{a,b,c}	Whether there is an important difference or not is very uncertain
IHD vs SLED	NA	1.02 (0.79–1.31); moderate ^a	1.02 (0.79–1.31); low ^{a,c}	There may be no important difference
PD vs SLED	0.88 (0.71–1.10); moderate ^a ; 2 studies	1.05 (0.68–1.62); low ^{a,b}	0.91 (0.75–1.11); low ^{a,c}	PD may reduce mortality compared with SLED

CRRT may be no different from IHD in terms of effect on mortality possible increase in mortality compared with SLED and PD (evidence for both comparisons is low)

No important difference between IHD and SLED

PD may reduce mortality compared with SLED



Renal Recovery Rate

Comparison	Direct Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence	Indirect Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence	Network Estimate (95% CI); Certainty of Evidence ^a	Plain Text Summary
CRRT vs IHD	1.15 (0.91–1.44); moderate ^b ; 7 studies	NA	1.15 (0.91–1.45); low ^{b,c}	CRRT may increase RRR compared with IHD
CRRT vs PD	0.97 (0.60–1.55); moderate ^a ; 2 studies	0.71 (0.38–1.35); moderate ^a	0.87 (0.60–1.27); low ^{a,c}	CRRT may reduce RRR compared with PD
CRRT vs SLED	0.84 (0.60–1.16); moderate ^a ; 4 studies	1.13 (0.55–2.34); moderate ^a	0.88 (0.65–1.19); low ^{a,c}	CRRT may reduce RRR compared with SLED
IHD vs PD	NA	0.76 (0.49–1.18); moderate ^a	0.76 (0.49–1.18); low ^{a,c}	IHD may reduce RRR compared with PD
IHD vs SLED	NA	0.77 (0.53–1.12); moderate ^a	0.77 (0.53–1.12); low ^{a,c}	IHD may reduce RRR compared with SLED
PD vs SLED	1.18 (0.68–2.04); moderate ^b ; 2 studies	0.87 (0.49–1.54); moderate ^a	1.02 (0.68–1.51); low ^{b,c}	There may be no impor- tant difference

CRRT may increase renal recovery compared with IHD, both CRRT and IHD may be worse for renal recovery compared with SLED, no important difference between PD and SLED



CONCLUSION:

- CRRT may **increase mortality** compared with SLED and PD
- CRRT and IHD may be worse for **renal recovery** compared with SLED and PD
- CRRT, IHD, or SLED would be reasonable options for any ICU patient whether on vasopressors or not



RRT in covid-19 associated AKI

➤ CRRT

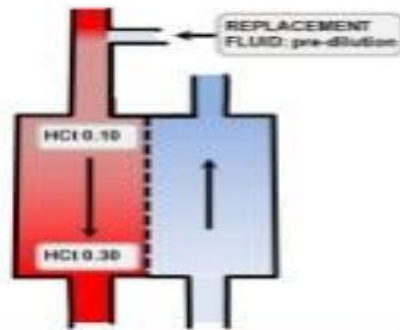
- Best modality in sepsis and unstable patients(KDIGO 2012)
- Recommended by the American Society of Nephrology (ASN)(Because of hemodynamic instability and minimization of nursing staff exposure)

➤PIRRT(Prolong intermittent renal replacement); SLED,....

- If CRRT is not available
- No data for comparison between CRRT and SLED in COVID-19

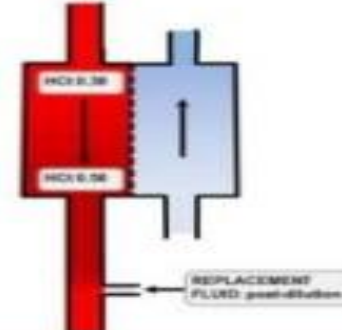
➤PD





Pre-dilution

Low risk of clotting



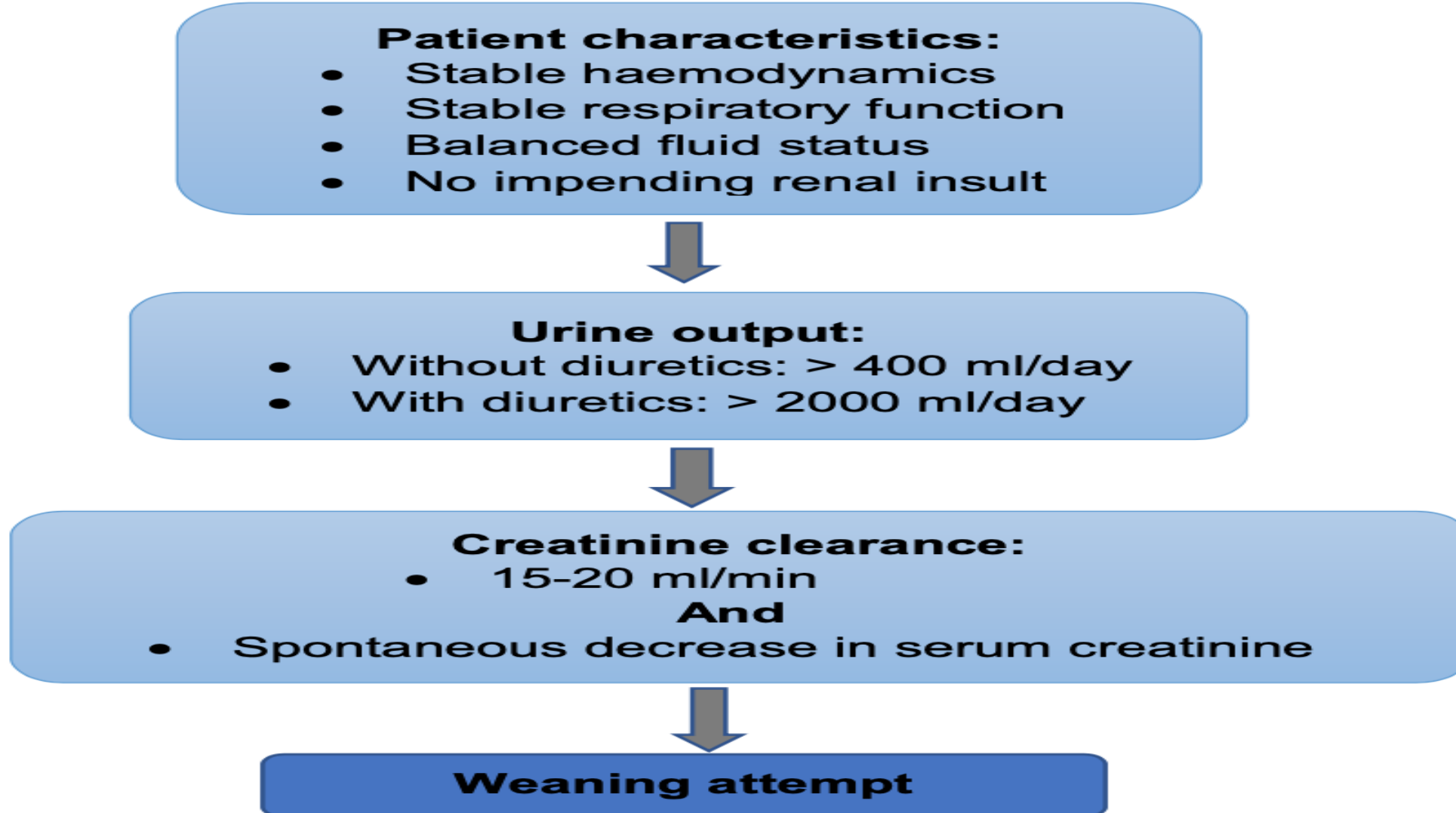
Post-dilution

High risk of clotting

No clinical study has definitively addressed when pre- or post-dilution HF should be used, so this decision is largely a matter of local experience and preference.



Stop CRRT:



Dose of Therapeutic Agents

- Therapeutic drug monitoring is important
- β -lactams, glycopeptides, and aminoglycoside readily pass across RRT membranes and Require dose adjustment (especially high volume hemofiltration)



Therapeutic options for patients with kidney disease

- Patients with estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) < 30 represent a large proportion of the patients who become critically ill from COVID-19
- Antiviral agents :Nucleoside analogs,HIV protease inhibitor ;
Lopinavir/ritonavir
- Monoclonal antibodies :Adalimumab ,Tocilizumab , Bevacizumab
- Pirfenidone
- Leflunomide,....



Remdesivir

- Nucleoside analogs
- limited water solubility
- IV dose of 200 mg once followed by 100 mg daily for a total of 5–10 days in adults and children ≥ 40 kg
- Elimination of Remdesivir and its active metabolite :renal predominant (74%)
- Potential accumulation of Remdesivir and its sulfobutylether- β -cyclodextrin (SBECD) carrier in kidney disease



Remdesivir



- **CYCLODEXTRIN CARRIER**(found in IV voriconazole):
- Filtered solely by the glomerulus
- Each 100 mg of remdesivir powder contains 3 g cyclodextrin
- Maximum recommended dose of 250 mg/kg/day
- Both dialysis and CRRT remove cyclodextrin
- The patient is on CRRT or is expected to begin it, the risk of cyclodextrin accumulation is low
- Patients at highest risk of cyclodextrin accumulation are those who have pre-existing advanced chronic kidney disease and no plan for dialysis



Remdesivir

The FDA has stated that patients with $\text{eGFR} < 30$ should not receive remdesivir unless the potential benefit outweighs the potential risk



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Compassionate Use of Remdesivir for Patients with Severe Covid-19

Not demonstrate an increased
risk of renal adverse events

limited duration of
treatment (5–10 days)

on a case-by-case basis, this medication could be
used in patients with kidney failure

low concentration of
SBECD carrier

The best initial candidates to receive remdesivir:
Without underlying liver disease who are expected to undergo
continuous or intermittent dialysis
or
Transient AKI



Others drug:

	Covid status	Dosage according to GFR	Renal adverse event
Ribavirin	phase2	Need	Not reported ;hyperuricemia due to hemolytic anemia
Lopinavir/ritonavir	Phase 4	Normal dosage regardless of hemodialysis schedule	Reversible AKI
Tenofovir	phase4	Need	AKI; RTAProximal;hyperkalemia
pirfenidone	Phase3	Not available	Not reported
Adalimumab	phase4	Normal dosage	Autoimmune GN(MN,IgA,Lupus,ANCA vasculitis);granulomatous AIN
Tocilizumab	phase4	Normal dosage	Not reported
IVIg	phase3	After HD	AKI; osmotic nephrosis



Thank You

