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# Drug administration in animal studies of cardiac arrest does not reflect human clinical experience

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#### Summary

Introduction: To date, there is no evidence showing a benefit from any advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) medication in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OOHCA), despite animal data to the contrary. One explanation may be a difference in the time to first drug administration. Our previous work has shown the mean time to first drug administration in clinical trials is 19.4 min. We hypothesized that the average time to drug administration in large animal experiments occurs earlier than in OOHCA clinical trials.

Methods: We conducted a literature review between 1990 and 2006 in MEDLINE using the following MeSH headings: swine, dogs, resuscitation, heart arrest, EMS, EMT, ambulance, ventricular fibrillation, drug therapy, epinephrine, vasopressin, amiodarone, lidocaine, magnesium, and sodium bicarbonate. We reviewed the abstracts of 331 studies and 197 full manuscripts. Exclusion criteria included: non-peer reviewed, all without primary animal data, and traumatic models. From these, we identified 119 papers that contained unique information on time to medication administration. The data are reported as mean, ranges, and 95% confidence intervals. Mean time to first drug administration in animal laboratory studies and clinical trials was compared with a *t*-test. Regression analysis was performed to determine if time to drug predicted ROSC.

Results: Mean time to first drug administration in 2378 animals was 9.5 min (range 3.0–28.0; 95% CI around mean 2.78, 16.22). This is less than the time reported in clinical trials (19.4 min, p < 0.001). Time to drug predicted ROSC (odds ratio 0.844; 95% CI 0.738, 0.966).

Conclusion: Shorter drug delivery time in animal models of cardiac arrest may be one reason for the failure of animal studies to translate successfully into the clinical arena.

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## Introduction

Despite numerous clinical trials, survival rates in out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OOHCA) remain low. To date, there is no evidence that supports the use of ACLS drugs in this setting. 1-3 Animal studies, in contrast, have demonstrated superior survival rates with drug use.4-13 One reason for failure of animal studies to translate to clinical practice may be the time at which the first drug is delivered. Previous work has demonstrated the average time to first drug administration in clinical trials is 19.4 min (range 13.3–25.0; 95% CI around the mean 12.8, 25.9) (Appendix A). 14 Thus, clinically, these drugs are given during the late metabolic phase of cardiac arrest. Consequently, it is not surprising they are ineffective. Based on our laboratory and clinical experience, we hypothesized that the average time to drug administration in large animal experiments occurs earlier than in OOHCA clinical trials.

#### **Methods**

We conducted a comprehensive literature review between 1990 and 2006 in MEDLINE using the following MeSH headings: swine, dogs, resuscitation, heart arrest, EMS, EMT, ambulance, ventricular fibrillation, drug therapy, epinephrine, vasopressin, amiodarone, lidocaine, magnesium, and sodium bicarbonate. We used no language restriction. We used OVID to search MEDLINE and obtain the abstracts. All abstracts were printed and two reviewers (JCR and JCR) jointly reviewed all abstracts. We eliminated the following from further review: small animal; non-peer reviewed; all without primary animal data (editorials, case reports, review articles, letters, practice guidelines); studies modeling trauma, sepsis, or burns; studies performed in vitro; those studies were no exogenous medications were given. We then reviewed independently the full manuscripts of all remaining papers for data describing the time to first medication administration. Both reviewers then compared the articles captured.

The type of animal, number of animals, time to first drug administration, route of medication administration, type of medication, method of delivery (bolus versus infusion), return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) and short-term survival were abstracted from the articles. Unlike most meta-analyses where we compare the effect size as a function of treatment compared to control across the studies, our analysis compares the mean response time to the 'minimally acceptable' time. Consequently, our effect size is the sample mean and our goal is to combine the study results, derive a confidence interval for mean response time and compare that range to what the guidelines define as appropriate. Given that variances were not available for all studies, we used the weighted study sample sizes relative to the entire sample size across the 119 studies to estimate the effect size variance<sup>15</sup>: weight<sub>i</sub> =  $N_i$ , where  $N_i$  is the sample size for each study and  $\sum_{i=1}^{k} \text{weight}_i = N$  which is the total sample size across all the studies.

Due to the large differences in sample sizes across the studies (and obvious heterogeneity), we chose to analyze the results using the random effects model as recommended by Hunter and Smith. 16 This approach accounts for the variability between studies and is a more conservative method to estimate the confidence interval around the mean. We used Microsoft Excel XP 2002 (Redmond, WA) and STATA 9.0 (College Station, TX) to record and analyze the data. We report the mean times, ranges, and the respective 95% confidence intervals around the mean. We next compared the data from this review with that of our previous study in clinical trials to determine if time to drug predicted ROSC. A t-test was completed to determine if the mean time to drug administration was different between the clinical trial data and the animal trial data. Multivariate logistic regression was used to determine predictors of ROSC in the

Table 1 Time to drug administration (min) by study					
Study	Number of subjects	Time to drug administration	First medication received		
Krieter et al. <sup>27</sup>	10	8	Epinephrine		
Loeckinger et al. <sup>28</sup>	8	7	Vasopressin		
	10	7	Epinephrine		
Krismer et al. <sup>29</sup>	7	7	Vasopressin		
20	6	7	Epinephrine		
Little et al. <sup>30</sup>	13	13	Angiotensin II		
	11	13	Epinephrine		
	13	13	Angiotensin II + epinephrine		
Johansson et al. <sup>31</sup>	24	7	Epinephrine		
Bahlmann et al. <sup>32</sup>	14	18	Vasopressin		
Behringer et al. <sup>33</sup> Voelckel et al. <sup>34</sup>	11	9	Epinephrine		
voeickei et ai.31	12	16	Vasopressin		
Holzer M et al. <sup>35</sup>	6 19	16 10	Vasopressin + epinephrine Endothelin-1		
notzer m et at.	6	10	Epinephrine		
Johansson et al. <sup>36</sup>	12	7	Vasopressin		
Johansson et at.	12	7	Epinephrine		
Prengel et al. <sup>7</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine		
renger et at.	7	, 7	Vasopressin		
	, 7	7	Vasopressin + epinephrine		
Amann et al. <sup>37</sup>	16	7	Vasopressin		
	9	7	Epinephrine		
	11	7	Novel vasopressor		
	12	4	Epinephrine .		
	11	4	Vasopressin		
	2	10	Vasopressin		
	3	10	Epinephrine		
Adams et al. <sup>38</sup>	12	18	Vasopressin		
Schwarz et al. <sup>39</sup>	7	18	Vasopressin		
40	7	28	Amiodarone		
Vukmir et al. <sup>40</sup>	12	5	Epinephrine		
	20	15	Epinephrine		
Manning et al. <sup>41</sup>	5	10.5	Epinephrine		
	5	10.5	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine		
Ct	5	10.5	Aortic occlusion + intraaortic epinephrine		
Strohmenger et al. <sup>42</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine Vasantassin		
Ayoub et al. <sup>43</sup>	7	7 10	Vasopressin		
Ayoub et at.	8 8	10	Cariporide Epinephrine		
	8	10	Cariporide + epinephrine		
Stadlbauer et al.44	6	7	Epinephrine		
Studibuder et ut.	6	, 7	Epinephrine + vasopressin		
Mayr et al. <sup>45</sup>	6	12	Epinephrine		
ay. or all	6	12	Vasopressin		
	6	12	High-dose epinephrine + vasopressin		
	6	12	Standard-dose epinephrine + vasopressin		
Amann et al.46	11	7	Vasopressin		
	5	7	Epinephrine Epinephrine		
	5	12	Vasopressin		
	4	12	Epinephrine		
Hilwig et al. <sup>47</sup>	12	8	Standard-dose epinephrine		
	12	8	Standard-dose epinephrine + $\beta$ blocker		
	10	8	High-dose epinephrine + $\beta$ blocker		
	10	8	Phenylephrine + β blocker		
Nozari et al. <sup>48</sup>	11	7	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine		
	12	7	Epinephrine IV		

udy	Number of subjects	Time to drug administration	First medication received
aberg et al. <sup>9</sup>	7	9	Combination therapy including
	Ť	•	epinephrine + novel
			cardiocerebral-protective agent
	0	9	
	9		Magnesium
	8	10	Epinephrine
enegazzi et al. <sup>13</sup>	9	9	Standard-dose epinephrine
	9	12	Standard-dose epinephrine
	9	15	Standard-dose epinephrine
	9	12	Standard-dose epinephrine
	7	15	Standard-dose epinephrine
	9	8	High-dose epinephrine
1 4 1 49	8	11	High-dose epinephrine
engel et al. <sup>49</sup>	8	5	Epinephrine
	8	5	Vasopressin
nzel et al. <sup>50</sup>	8	18	Vasopressin
	8	18	Vasopressin + epinephrine
nzel et al. <sup>51</sup>	7	7	Vasopressin
	7	7	Vasopressin + nitroglycerin
rie et al. <sup>52</sup>	12	8	Epinephrine + vasopressin
ie et at.			
52	12	8	Epinephrine
rg et al. <sup>53</sup>	12	11	Epinephrine
zer et al. <sup>54</sup>	21	10	Endothelin-1
	6	10	Epinephrine
ngel et al. <sup>55</sup>	6	6	Epinephrine
ske et al. <sup>56</sup>	7	5	Intra-nasal epinephrine
	6	5	Epinephrine IV
g ot al 57		9	
g et al. <sup>57</sup>	10		Epinephrine
dner et al. <sup>58</sup>	14	5.5	High-dose epinephrine
dner et al. <sup>59</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine
	21	7	Vasopressin
s et al. <sup>60</sup>	24	17	Epinephrine
Joseph et al. <sup>61</sup>	36	17	Epinephrine
dis et al. <sup>62</sup>	13	8	Epinephrine
ke et al. <sup>63</sup>	26	6	Epinephrine
dner et al. <sup>64</sup>	28	8	Epinephrine
f et al. <sup>65</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine
	7	7	Norepinephrine
	7	7	Vasopressin
cic et al. <sup>66</sup>	6	9	Atropine
	6	9	Atropine
ngel et al. <sup>67</sup>	8	5	Epinephrine
nger er ar.		5	
4 -1 68	8		Vasopressin
g et al. <sup>68</sup>	15	11	Standard-dose epinephrine
	15	11	High-dose epinephrine
hmenger et al. <sup>69</sup>	21	7	Vasopressin
ske et al. <sup>70</sup>	9	12	Bicarbonate
	9	13	Epinephrine
egazzi et al. <sup>5</sup>	9	8	Epinephrine
csuzzi ci ai.			
71	9	9	Epinephrine
nning et al. <sup>71</sup>	16	12	Epinephrine
nzel et al. <sup>72</sup>	9	18	Epinephrine
	9	18	Vasopressin
r et al. <sup>73</sup>			
r et al. <sup>73</sup>	7 7	3 3	Epinephrine Vasopressin

Table 1 (Continued)			
Study	Number of subjects	Time to drug administration	First medication received
Gervais et al. <sup>74</sup>	7	8	Epinephrine
	7	8	Phenylephrine
	7	8	Epinephrine + β blocker
Nejman et al. <sup>75</sup>	6	13	Novel vasopressor
Achleitner et al. <sup>76</sup>	5	7	Vasopressin
	5	7	Epinephrine
	5	12	Vasopressin
	6	12	Epinephrine
Neimann et al. <sup>6</sup>	14	8	Epinephrine
	14	7.5	Epinephrine
Voelckel et al. <sup>77</sup>	12	7	Vasopressin
Lindner et al. <sup>78</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine
	7	7	Vasopressin
Gazmuri et al. <sup>79</sup>	8	8	Bicarbonate
	8	8	Carbicarb
Bleske et al.80	7	6	Intra-nasal epinephrine
Jameson et al. <sup>81</sup>	19	18	Epinephrine
Wenzel et al. <sup>82</sup>	7	7	Vasopressin IV
	9	7	Endobronchial vasopressin
Lindner et al. <sup>83</sup>	7	5	Epinephrine
AI	7	5	Norepinephrine
Angelos et al. <sup>84</sup>	8	15	Standard-dose epinephrine
D	8	15	High-dose epinephrine
Prengel et al. <sup>85</sup>	7	7 7	Vasopressin
Littmann et al.86	7		Epinephrine
Littinann et at.	20 20	6.5	Epinephrine Epinephrine
DeBehnke et al. <sup>87</sup>	8	6 15	High-dose epinephrine
Debellike et at.	8	15	Standard-dose epinephrine
Manning et al.88	8	10	Epinephrine
Schleien et al. <sup>89</sup>	16	8	Epinephrine
Strohmenger et al. 90	21	7	Epinephrine
Lindberg et al. 91	6	6	Epinephrine
	6	6	Norepinephrine
Wenzel et al. <sup>92</sup>	6	7	Vasopressin
	6	7	Epinephrine Epinephrine
Menegazzi et al. <sup>6</sup>	8	9	Combination therapy including
			epinephrine + novel
			cardiocerebral-protective agent
	8	9	Epinephrine
	8	9	Lidocaine + bretylium
	8	9	Propanolol
	8	9	Novel cardiocerebral-protective agent
	8	10	Epinephrine
Suddath et al. 93	10	10	Epinephrine
Nozari et al. <sup>94</sup>	11	13	Epinephrine
	11	13	Vasopressin
Krismer et al. <sup>95</sup>	14	4	Epinephrine
	14	4	Vasopressin
Idris et al. 96	24	17	Epinephrine
Barton et al. <sup>97</sup>	4	12 12	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine
Berg et al. <sup>98</sup>	4 15	16	Epinephrine High-dose epinephrine
שכוצ כו מו.	15	16	Standard-dose epinephrine
Killingsworth et al. 99	8	9	β Blocker
Cairns et al. 100	14	8	Epinephrine
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Study	Number of	Time to drug	First medication received
Juan	subjects	administration	This medication received
Rubertsson et al. <sup>101</sup>	8	11	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine
	8	11	Epinephrine IV
Wenzel et al. <sup>102</sup>	6	7	Vasopressin IV
Wenzer et at.	6	7	Intraosseous vasopressin
Jasani et al. <sup>103</sup>	36	9	Epinephrine
Rubertsson et al. <sup>104</sup>	22	9	Epinephrine
Wenzel et al. 105	12	7	Epinephrine Epinephrine
Wenzel et al. 106			
	8	18	Vasopressin
/oelckel et al. <sup>107</sup>	6	7	Vasopressin
108	6	7	Epinephrine
Hoekstra et al. <sup>108</sup>	7	13	Norepinephrine
. 400	7	13	Epinephrine
∟eong et al. <sup>109</sup>	11	11	Epinephrine
	12	10	Epinephrine
Kornberger et al. <sup>110</sup>	6	7	Epinephrine
Schwarz et al. <sup>111</sup>	8	18	Vasopressin
Krismer et al. <sup>112</sup>	6	9	Epinephrine
	6	9	Epinephrine + novel K <sup>+</sup> channel blocker
Nozari et al. <sup>113</sup>	10	7	Aortic occlusion + vasopressin
	10	7	Vasopressin
Voelckel et al. <sup>114</sup>	6	16	Epinephrine
voctence et at.	6	16	Vasopressin
	6	16	Vasopressin + epinephrine
Salanda at al 115			
Roberts et al. <sup>115</sup>	6	3	Novel $\alpha_1$ -agonist
	6	3	Standard-dose epinephrine
97	6	3	High-dose epinephrine
Prengel et al. <sup>87</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine
	7	7	Vasopressin
Brunette et al. <sup>116</sup>	10	15	Standard-dose epinephrine
	10	15	High-dose epinephrine
Klouche et al. <sup>117</sup>	7	9	Novel $\alpha_2$ -agonist
	7	9	Epinephrine
Hornchen et al. 118	8	3	Standard-dose epinephrine
	8	3	High-dose epinephrine
Wenzel et al. <sup>119</sup>	6	7	Epinephrine
	6	7	Vasopressin
		12	Epinephrine
	6	12	Vasopressin
Bar-Joseph et al. <sup>120</sup>	38	17	Epinephrine
Hoekstra et al. 121	10	13	Epinephrine
Angelos et al. 122	8	10	Epinephrine
Hilwig et al. <sup>123</sup>	10	8	Endothelin-1 + epinephrine
	17	8	Epinephrine
DeBehnke et al. <sup>124</sup>	5	13	Endothelin-1
	6	13	Epinephrine
Kornberger et al. <sup>125</sup>	7	7	Epinephrine
	7	7	Vasopressin
Mulligan et al. <sup>126</sup>	11	8	Epinephrine
_	7	8	Vasopressin
	11	8	Epinephrine + vasopressin
Gedeborg et al. <sup>127</sup>	13	10	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine
Jeachors et at.	13	10	Epinephrine
Babar et al. <sup>128</sup>	17	8	
שמשמו בן מו			Epinephrine
Januaria and 1 120	18	8	Vasopressin
Hornchen et al. <sup>129</sup>	8	3	Epinephrine
	8	3	Endobronchial epinephrine

Study	Number of subjects	Time to drug administration	First medication received
Lindner et al. 130	7	7	Angiotensin II
Kern et al. 131	16	12.5	Epinephrine
	16	12.5	Vasopressin
	16	12.5	Vasopressin
Hornchen et al. 132	8	3	Epinephrine IV
	8	3	Endobronchial epinephrine
Schindler et al. 133	26	10	Epinephrine
Hornchen et al. 134	16	3	Epinephrine
Hornchen et al. 135	10	3	Norepinephrine IV
	10	3	Endotracheal norepinephrine
Hornchen et al. 136	26	3	Epinephrine IV
	18	3	Endotracheal epinephrine
Liu et al. <sup>137</sup>	10	10	Aortic occlusion + vasopressin
	10	10	Aortic occlusion + epinephrine
	10	10	Epinephrine
Manning et al. 138	12	12	Epinephrine

animal studies. Predictor variables included: time to drug, route of delivery (IV or ET), induction of hypothermia, and type of drug. Time to drug was analyzed as a continuous variable in this regression model. The Hosmer—Lemeshow test was used to assess goodness of fit.

#### **Results**

Our literature review yielded 332 abstracts. Of these, 197 were selected for review of the full manuscript. The reason for exclusion is presented in Figure 1. Of the 197 manuscripts, 119 contained

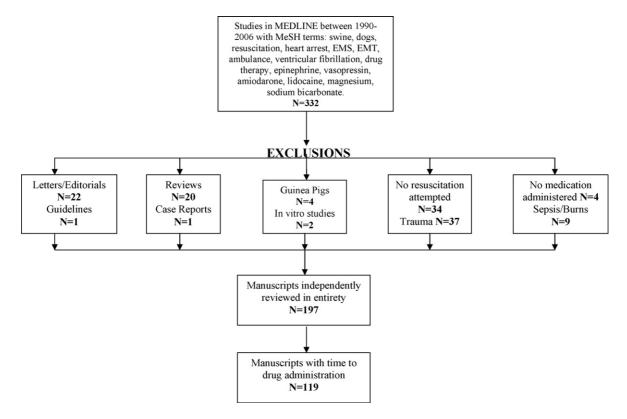


Figure 1 Results of decision algorithm used.

unique data on time to first drug administration. There was 100% agreement between both reviewers on which studies to include in our analysis (Table 1). The average time to first medication administration in these 2378 animals was 9.5 min (range 3.0–28.0; 95% CI around mean 2.78, 16.22). This was less than our previously reported clinical trial data (19.4 min; p < 0.001). In the regression analysis, time to drug was the lone predictor of ROSC (odds ratio 0.844; 95% CI 0.738, 0.966). This regression model had acceptable fit (Hosmer–Lemeshow value 0.195).

#### **Discussion**

Drugs are administered approximately 10 min earlier in animal studies than in clinical trials. Specifically, animal studies give drugs during the circulatory phase while clinical trials give drugs during the metabolic phase. This delay may be one reason animal studies have failed to translate to clinical practice.

Weisfeldt and Becker have proposed a threephase model of cardiac arrest. 17 The first phase is electrical and lasts from 0 to 4min. During this initial phase, ventricular fibrillation responds well to countershock. The second phase, from 4 to 10 min, is the circulatory phase. Both animal and human data support the initiation of CPR before attempting defibrillation to ensure adequate tissue oxygenation and perfusion. Data in this phase also supports supplementary administration of vasopressors with CPR. Immediate rescue shock alone has been ineffective during this phase. 13,18,19 The third phase of cardiac arrest occurs beyond 10 min. Little research has been conducted in this metabolic phase, even though it is usually during this phase that advanced life support is initiated and patients receive their first dose of medication. One study has suggested that cardiopulmonary bypass may be effective and result in neurologically intact survivors.<sup>20</sup> Using a swine model, we demonstrated recently that these phases may be extended through the use of an optimal resuscitation incorporating CPR and a drug cocktail prior to rescue countershock.<sup>21</sup> This model would predict a 21% probability of ROSC with drug administration at 19.4 min, and an 83% probability of ROSC with drug administration at 9.5 min.

The 2005 ILCOR guidelines downplay the import of medication administration.<sup>22</sup> In light of this literature review and our own experience with animal models, we believe that these drugs are not inert, but only effective when administered during the circulatory phase of cardiac arrest. These data sug-

gest a shift in resuscitation care to improve drug delivery in the out-of-hospital setting. One method employed to decrease time to drug is system-wide changes in dispatch protocols. These changes have been shown to decrease time to medication administration by 3.5 min.<sup>23</sup> A second method to improve drug delivery time is to provide first responders with the ability to establish intraosseus access and give drugs. We have demonstrated previously that the use of an intraosseus needle by prehospital basic life support providers is feasible and compares favorably with prior studies of advanced life support intravenous catheter placement. 24,25 If drug delivery continues to occur late during resuscitative efforts, we are unlikely to find a benefit from any drug or cocktail of drugs in the clinical setting.

Our study has several limitations. First, it is limited to a retrospective review of the literature. There is the possibility that studies have been missed, but we believe this to have been minimized by our inclusive search criteria and extensive review. Second, the animals used are young, healthy animals. The cardiovascular physiology of these animals may be different than that of many people who experience OOHCA. Third, time to drug delivery is reliably and consistently recorded in animal studies. However, in clinical settings this data is limited due to being self-reported. The time from collapse to EMS activation is rarely known. Finally, the outcomes assessed are ROSC and short-term survival. Most animal studies do not provide information on neurologically intact survival, which is the most relevant outcome from the perspective of the patient. We note that previous studies showing short-term benefits have failed to translate to long-term survival.<sup>26</sup>

#### **Conclusions**

Time to first drug delivery in animal resuscitation studies occurs approximately 10 min earlier than in clinical trials. In animal trials, time to drug predicts ROSC. These data suggest that one reason for the failure of animal studies to translate into clinical practice may be delay to drug delivery. We suggest that an emphasis on gaining vascular access may improve drug effectiveness.

#### Conflict of interest statement

None of the authors have a conflict of interest to report.

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# Appendix A

Time to medication administration (min) in clinical studies of cardiac arrest. Subject group given for studies comparing interventions. Grey shading indicates studies specifically evaluating time to study drug administration.

Study	Number of	Time to	Subject Group
	Subjects	Medication	Subject Steap
		Administration	
Nolan J, et al.	309	14.7	Standard CPR
Nolan J. et al.	267	15.8	Active
Trouble of the	20.	10.0	compression-
			decompression
			CPR
Eisenburger P, et al.	114	18.0	
Allegra J, et al.	58	13.3	Magnesium sulfate
Allegra J, et al.	58	14.7	Placebo
Mauer D, et al.	83	14.2	Active
			compression-
			decompression
			CPR
Mauer D, et al.	90	13.4	Standard CPR
Mader TJ, et al.	66	12.5	Aminophylline
Mader TJ, et al.	45	12.9	Control
Callaham M, et al.	286	16.0	High-dose
23			epinephrine
Callaham M, et al.	260	17.0	Standard-dose
			epinephrine
Callaham M, et al.	270	16.0	Norepinephrine
Gueugniaud P, et al.	153	20.7	Standard-dose
200			epinephrine
Gueugniaud P, et al.	173	20.6	High-dose
			epinephrine
Persse DE, et al.	24	18.8	Uniform response
Persse DE, et al.	181	15.2	Targeted response
Rudner R, et al.	171	10.0	Resuscitation not
			successful
Rudner R, et al.	17	10.0	Resuscitation
M. d. DD I	1.0	16.5	successful
Martin DR, et al.	16	16.7	Countershock
Martin DD at al	31	10.5	group
Martin DR, et al.	31	18.5	No countershock
Schneider T, et al.	72	13.8	group
Van der Hoeven JG, et al.	261	11.8	Before physician
van der Hoeven JG, et al.	201	11.8	supervision
Van der Hoeven JG, et al.	218	13.9	After physician
van der 110e ven 3d, et ut.	216	13.5	supervision
Kudenchuk PJ, et al.	123	21.4	Amiodarone
Kudenchuk PJ, et al.	179	20.5	Placebo
Dorian P, et al.	162	25.0	Amiodarone
Dorian P, et al.	148	24.0	Lidocaine
Wenzel V. et al.	589	17.5	Vasopressin
Wenzel V, et al.	597	18.1	Epinephrine
Brown CG, et al.	244	24.8	Standard-dose
			epinephrine
Brown CG, et al.	230	24.0	High-dose
			epinephrine

Bar-Joseph G, et al.	65	18.7	Escalating Dose Epinephrine BRCT III Site 1
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	144	18.6	BRCT III Site 2
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	114	20.1	BRCT III Site 3
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	136	21.6	BRCT III Site 4
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	173	17.1	BRCT III Site 5
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	156	20.7	BRCT III Site 6
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	96	23.2	BRCT III Site 7
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	153	20.3	BRCT III Site 8
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	60	19.7	BRCT III Site 9
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	290	19.4	BRCT III Site 10
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	77	20.5	BRCT III Site 11
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	275	14.8	BRCT III Site 12
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	37	21.2	BRCT III Site 13
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	213	10.7	BRCT III Site 14
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	77	24.7	BRCT III Site 15
Bar-Joseph G, et al.	56	18.3	BRCT III Site 16

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