
Pulmonary vascular dysfunction during ARDS

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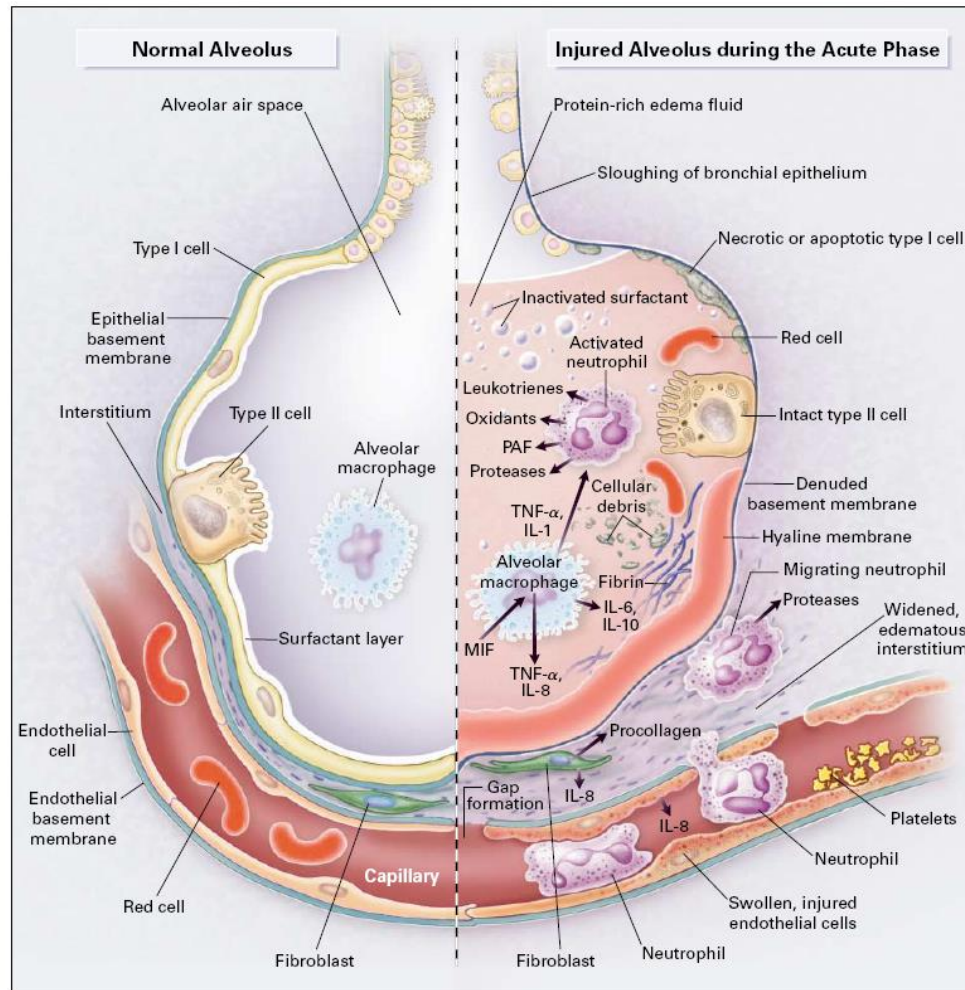
Pathophysiology

Diagnosis

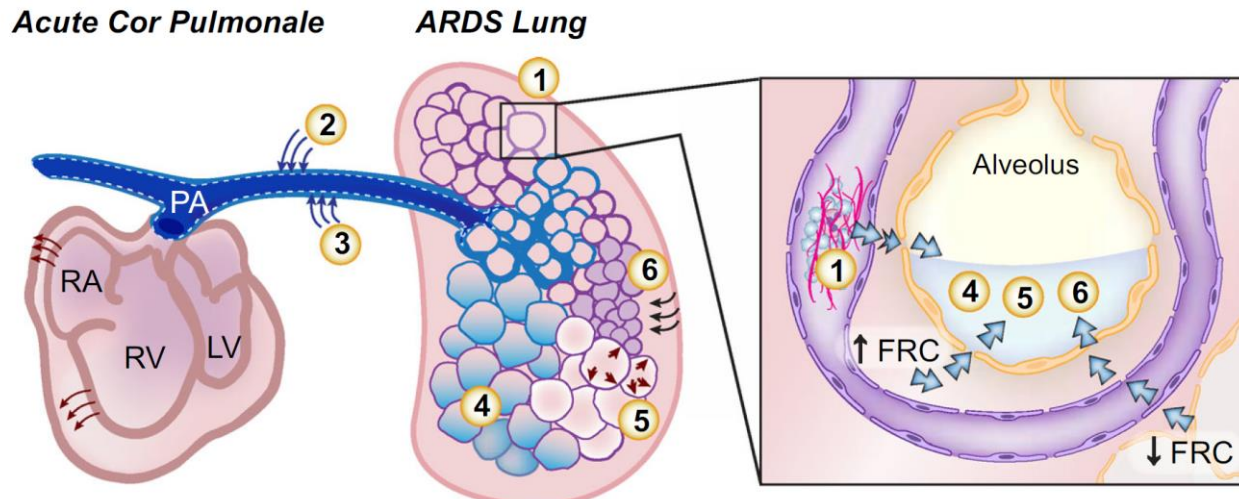
Prognosis

Treatment

ARDS is a disease of the pulmonary alveoli AND capillaries



Factors associated with lung vascular dysfunction during ARDS



VASO-OCCLUSION

1. Endothelial lesions, thrombosis, remodeling

VASOCONSTRICTION

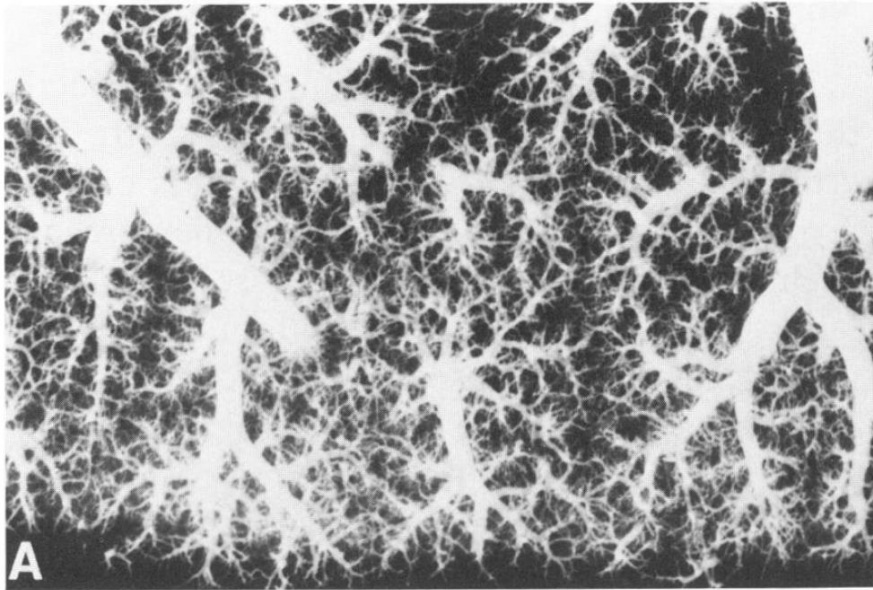
2. Hypoxemia, hypercapnia
3. Endogenous mediators (Tx, LT, ET...)

VESSEL COMPRESSION

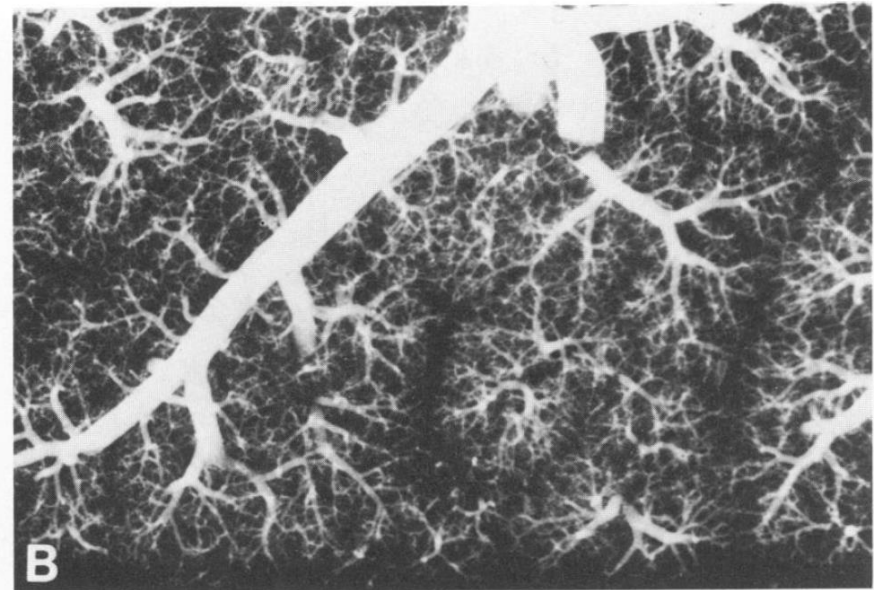
4. Edema
5. Overdistension
6. Lung collapse

Vaso-occlusion

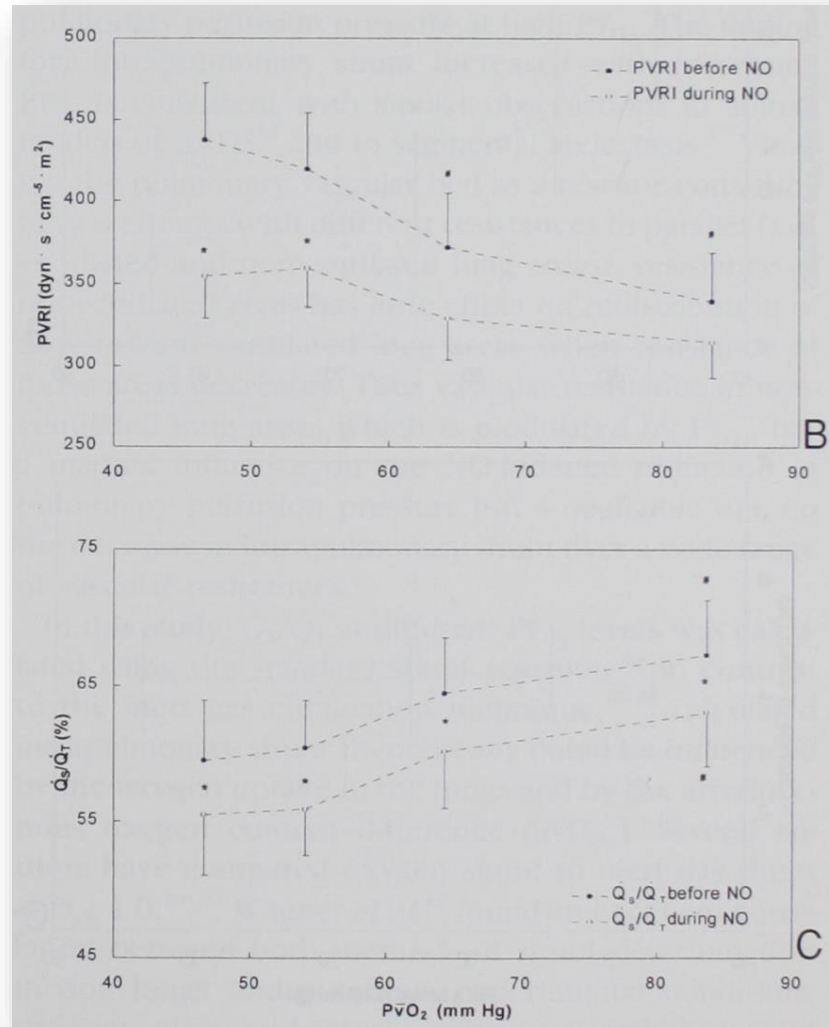
Normal adult



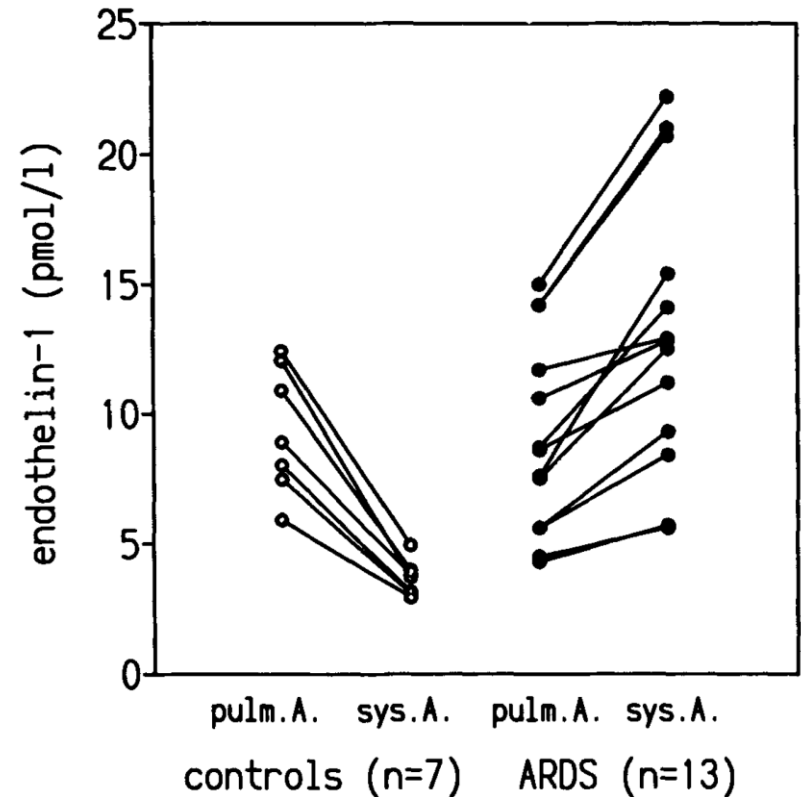
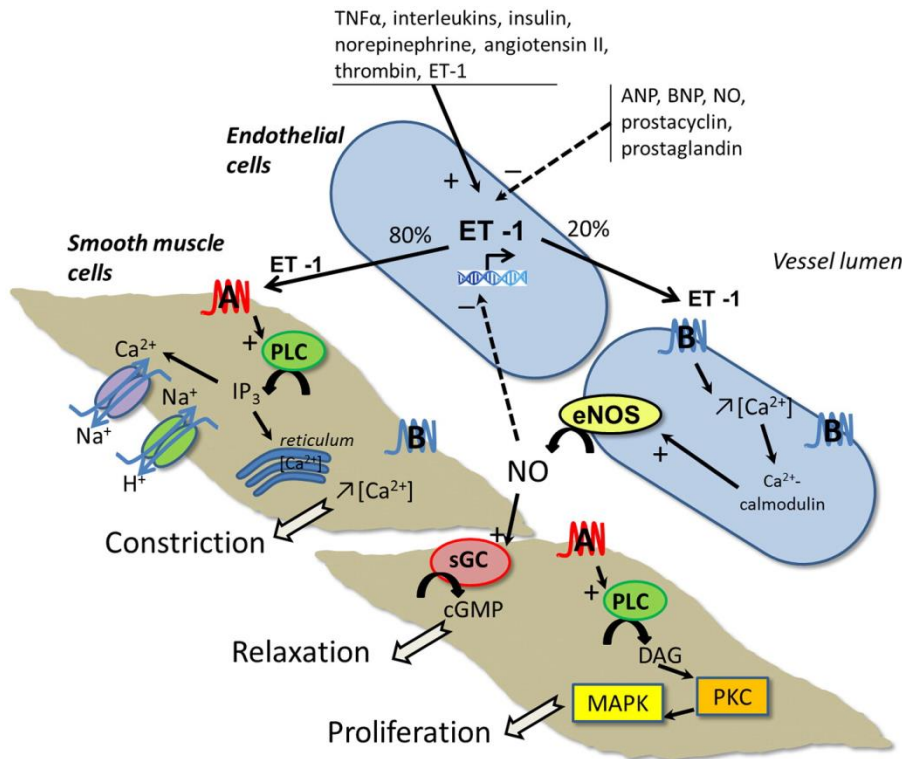
Early ARDS



Hypoxic pulmonary vasoconstriction



Endothelins



Role of ventilation

VASO-OCCLUSION

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VASOCONSTRICTION

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3. Mediators (Tx, LT, ET...)

VESSEL COMPRESSION

4. Edema

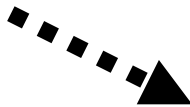
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Lung injury



Lung vascular dysfunction



Mechanical
ventilation

VASO-OCCLUSION

1. Endothelial lesions, thrombosis, remodeling

VASOCONSTRICTION

2. Hypoxemia, permissive hypercapnia

3. Mediators (Tx, LT, ET...)

VESSEL COMPRESSION

4. Edema (VILI)

5. Overdistension

6. Lung collapse

Intrathoracic pressures alteration: effect on RV function

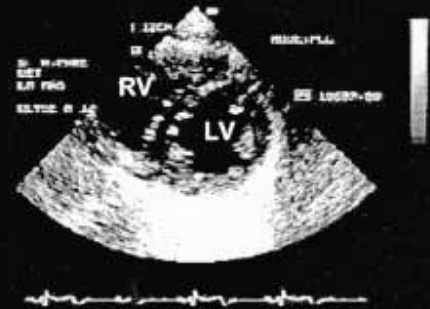
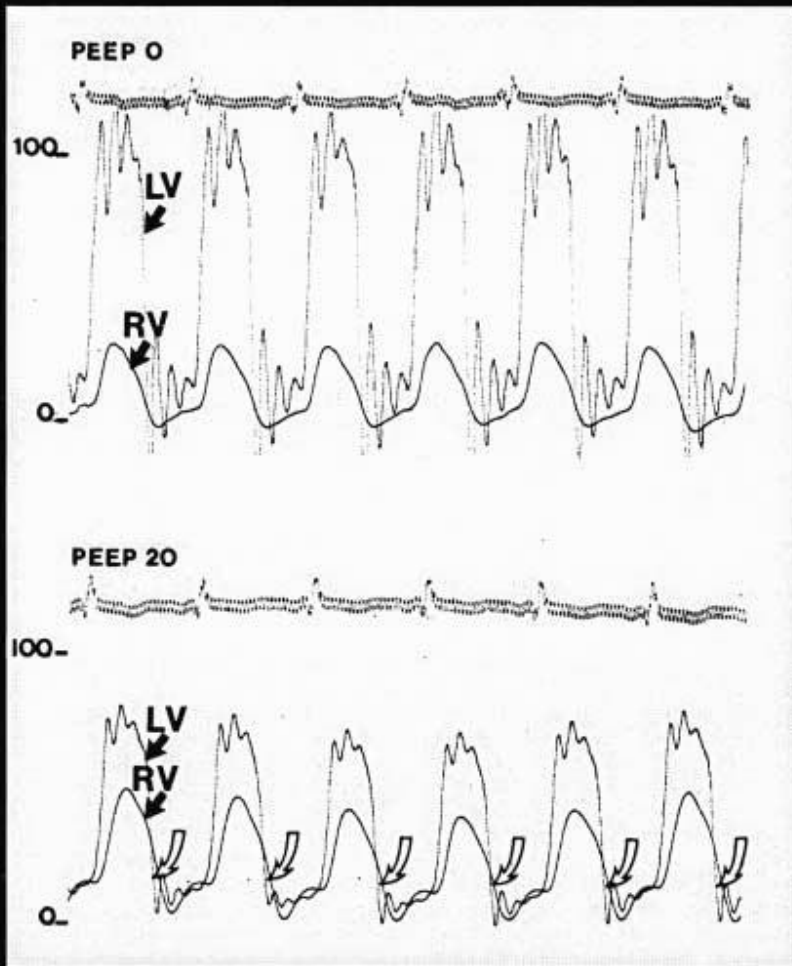
- ↑ pleural pressure
 - ↓ pressure gradient of venous return ?
 - ↓ conductance of venous return (collapsible zone)

 ↓ **RV preload** (preload effect)

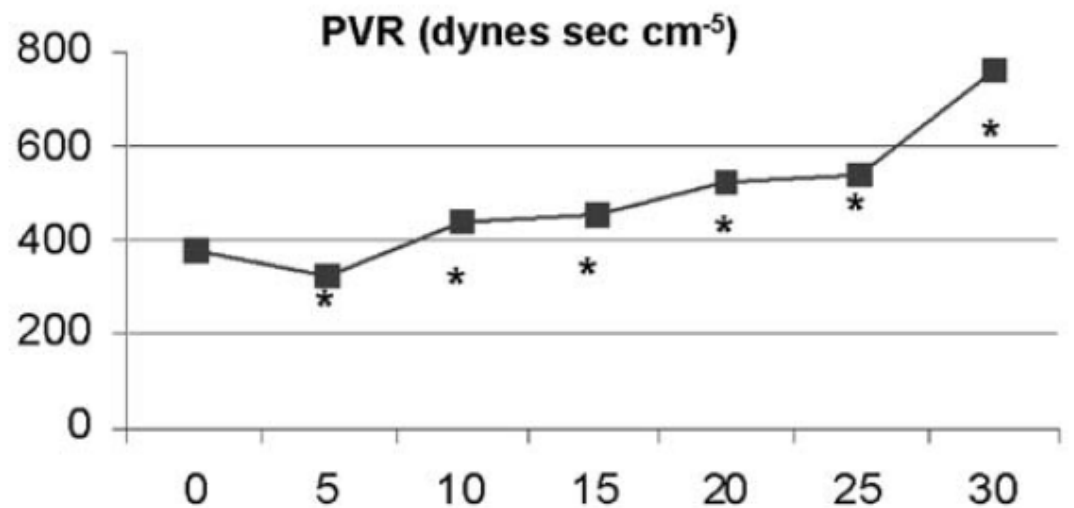
- ↑ transpulmonary pressure
 - ↓ pulmonary capillaries conductance

 ↑ **RV afterload** (afterload effect)

RV afterload effect and ventricular coupling



Dual effect of PEEP on RV afterload



Relief of atelectasis?
Slow compartment concept?

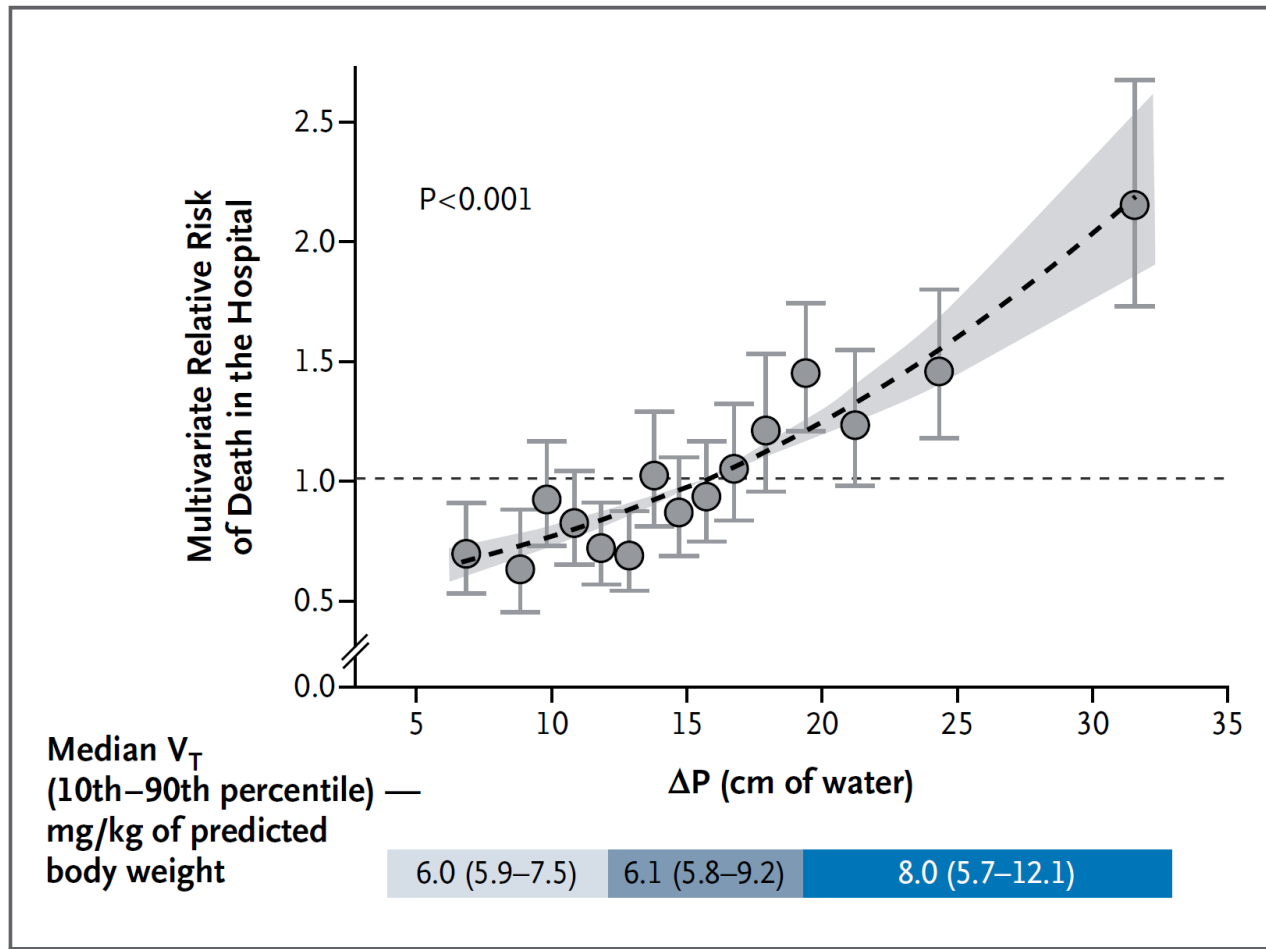
Increased transpulmonary
(alveolar distending) pressure

Role of respiratory settings

Table 2 Factors associated with acute cor pulmonale in patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome

Variable	Odds ratio (95 % CI) by logistic regression	
	Univariate	Multivariable ^a
Pneumonia as cause of ARDS	2.54 (1.79–3.62), $p < 0.01$	2.73 (1.84–4.05), $p < 0.01$
Respiratory settings on TEE day		
Tidal volume <7 mL/kg	1.70 (1.17–2.47), $p < 0.01$	I/NR
Respiratory rate ≥ 30 breaths/min	1.70 (1.11–2.60), $p = 0.02$	I/NR
Plateau pressure ≥ 27 cmH ₂ O	1.91 (1.33–2.73), $p < 0.01$	I/NR
Compliance <30 ml/cmH ₂ O	1.91 (1.33–2.73), $p < 0.01$	I/NR
Driving pressure ≥ 18 cmH ₂ O ^b	2.16 (1.51–3.10), $p < 0.01$	2.28 (1.53–3.38), $p < 0.01$
Arterial blood gases on TEE day		
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio <150 mmHg	2.41 (1.49–3.92), $p < 0.01$	2.60 (1.50–4.52), $p < 0.01$
PaCO ₂ ≥ 48 mmHg	2.95 (2.06–4.21), $p < 0.01$	2.39 (1.62–3.52), $p < 0.01$

Driving pressure and ARDS prognosis



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How to detect lung vascular dysfunction ?

■ Biology

- ↑blood marker of endothelial injury
eg: ↑ angiopoietin-2/angiopoietin-1 ratio
(► *may reflect systemic rather than pulmonary endothelial injury*)

■ Dead space calculation

- ↑alveolar dead space

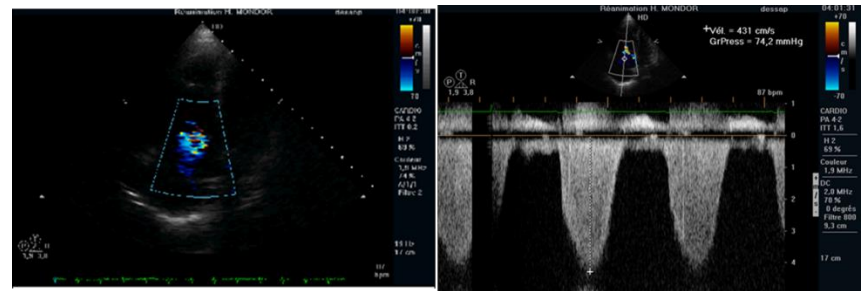
■ Pulmonary artery catheter

- ↑PAP and PVR
- ↑Transpulmonary gradient (PAPm - PAOP)
- CVP > PAOP

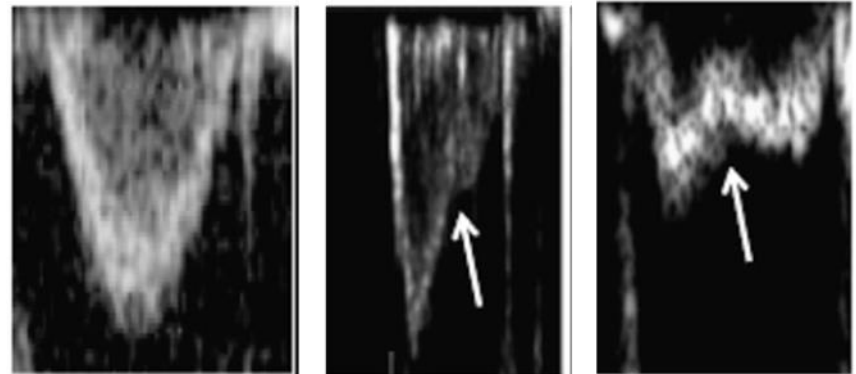
Echocardiography to detect lung vascular dysfunction

↑ RV afterload

■ ↑PAP

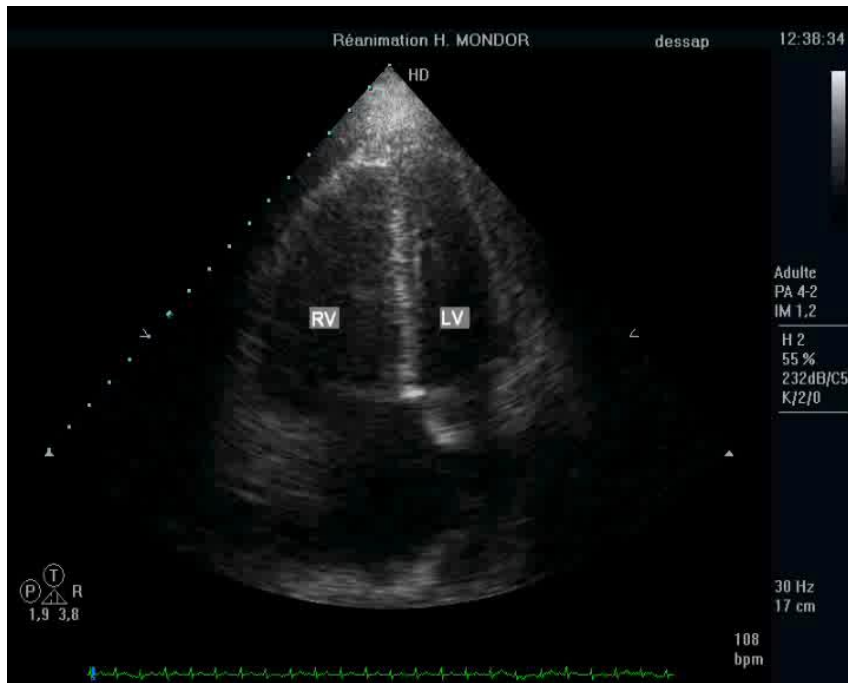


■ Alteration of pulmonary ejection flow

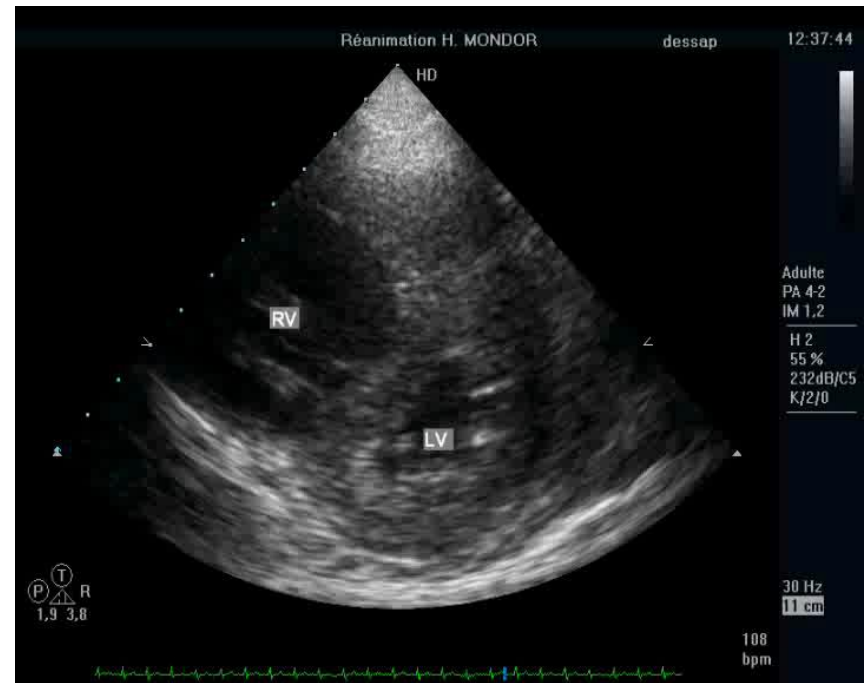


Cor pulmonale

RV dilatation



Septal dyskinesia



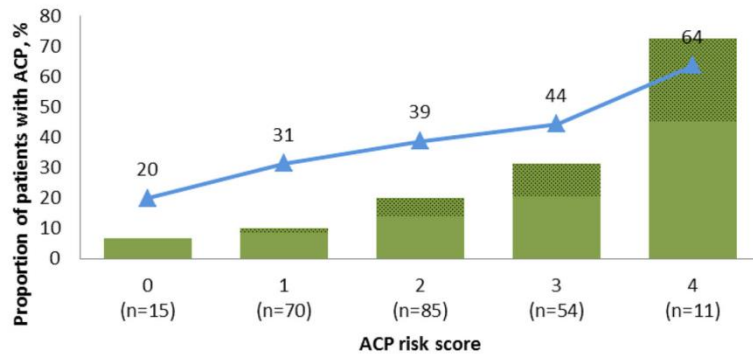
Risk factors for cor pulmonale

Table 3 The acute cor pulmonale risk score

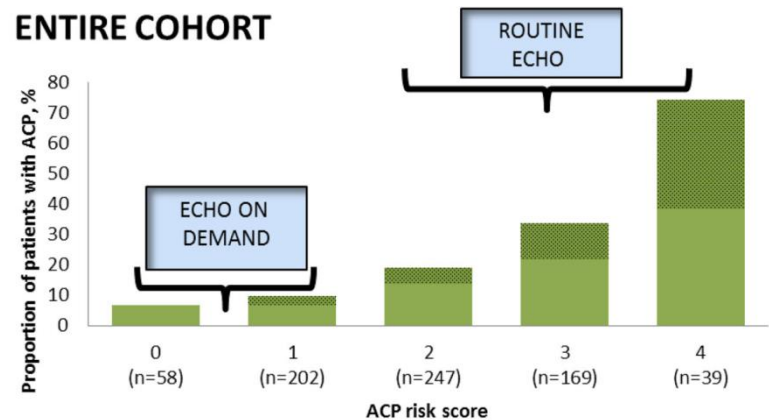
Parameter	Score
Pneumonia as cause of ARDS	1
Driving pressure ≥ 18 cmH ₂ O ^a	1
PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio <150 mmHg	1
PaCO ₂ ≥ 48 mmHg	1
Total score	0–4

ACP risk score

VALIDATION COHORT

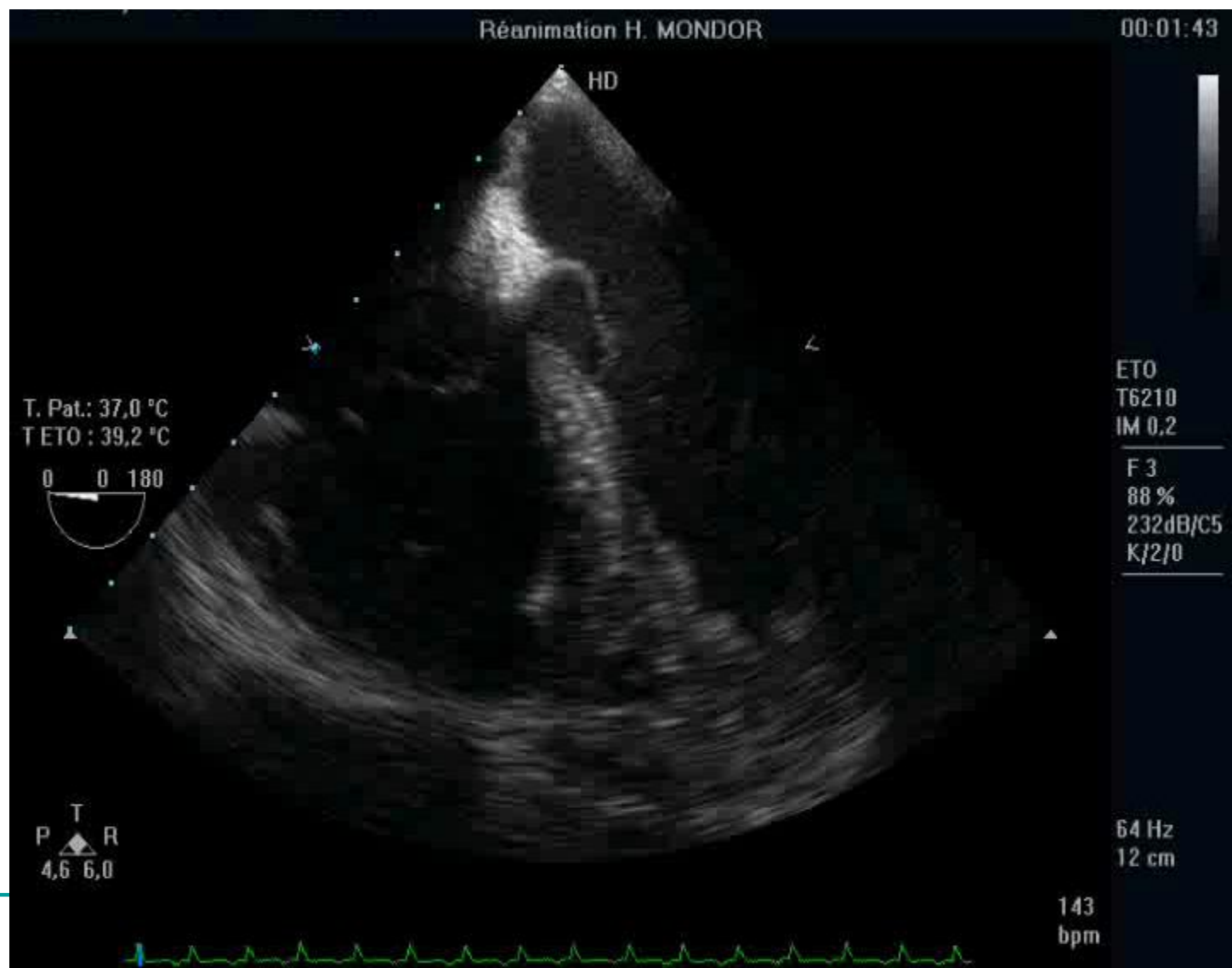


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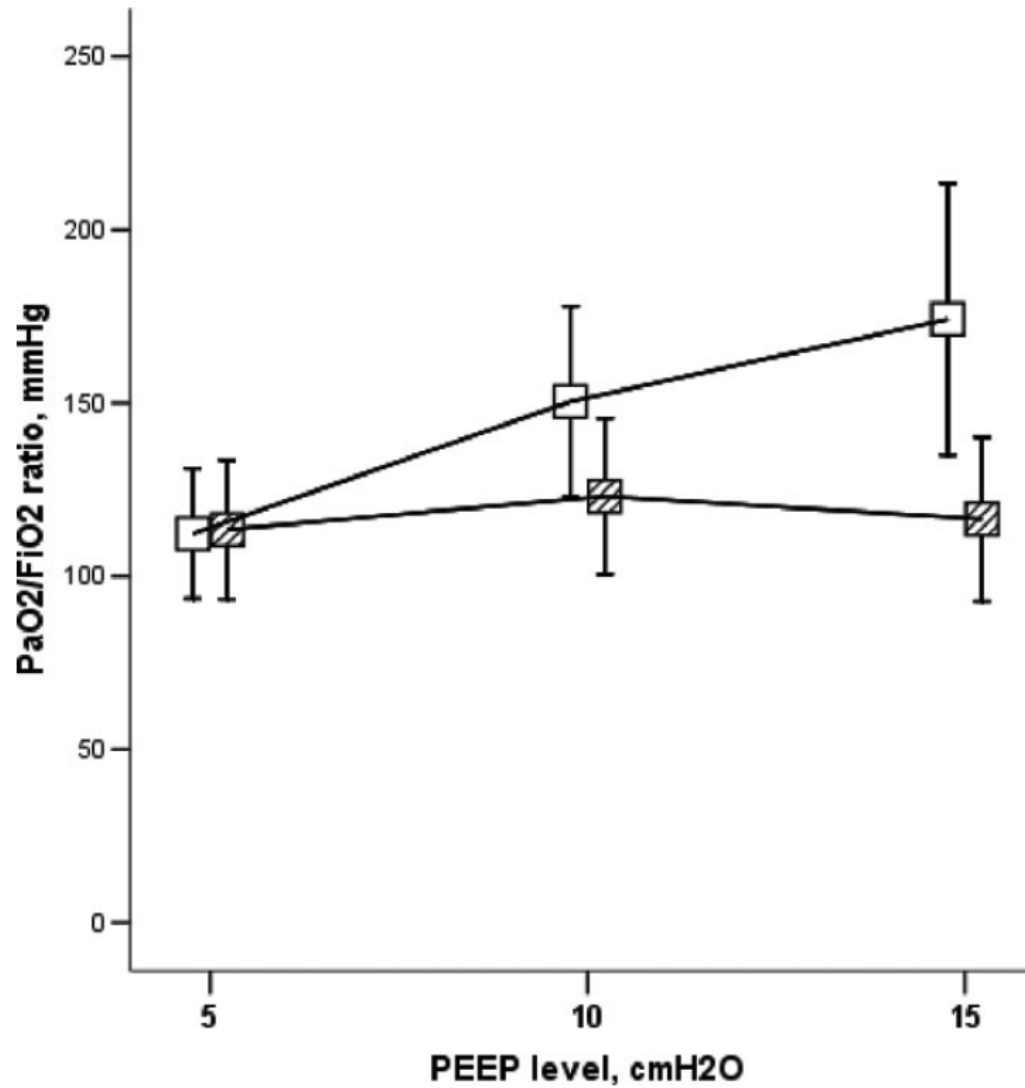


Clinical implications of lung vascular dysfunction during ARDS

- Hemodynamics (RV failure)
 - Oxygenation (PFO shunting)
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PFO and PEEP



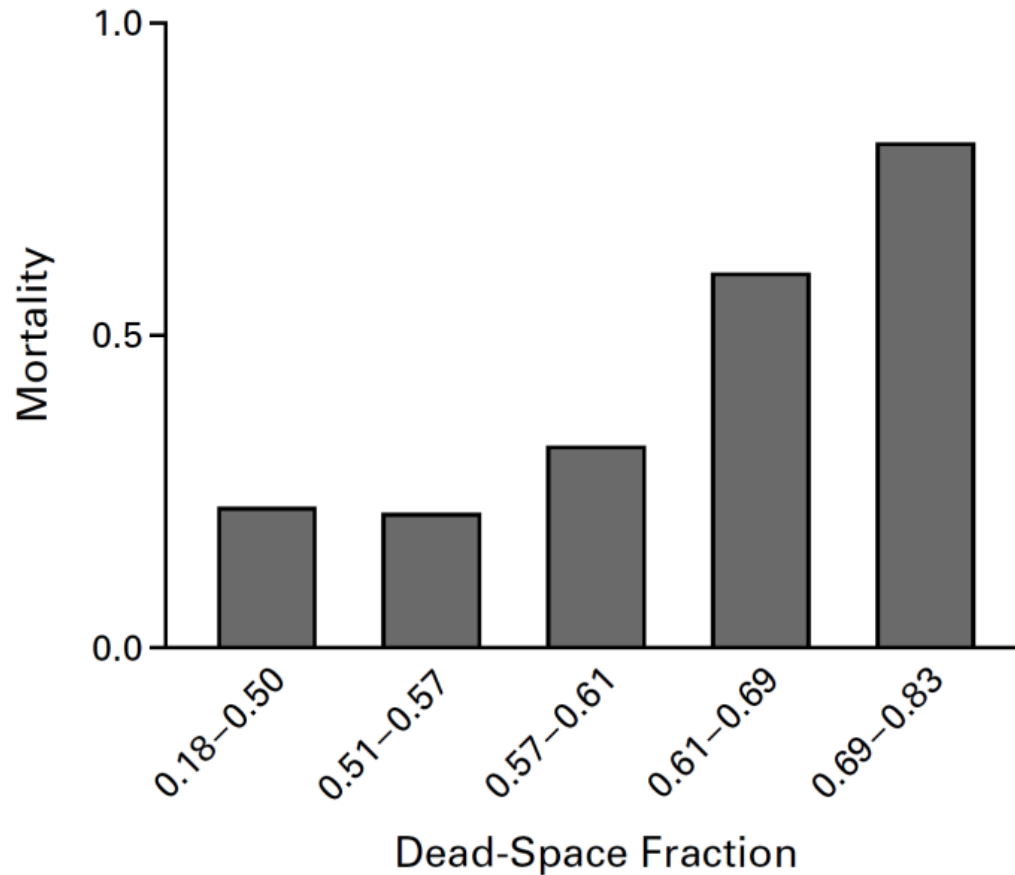
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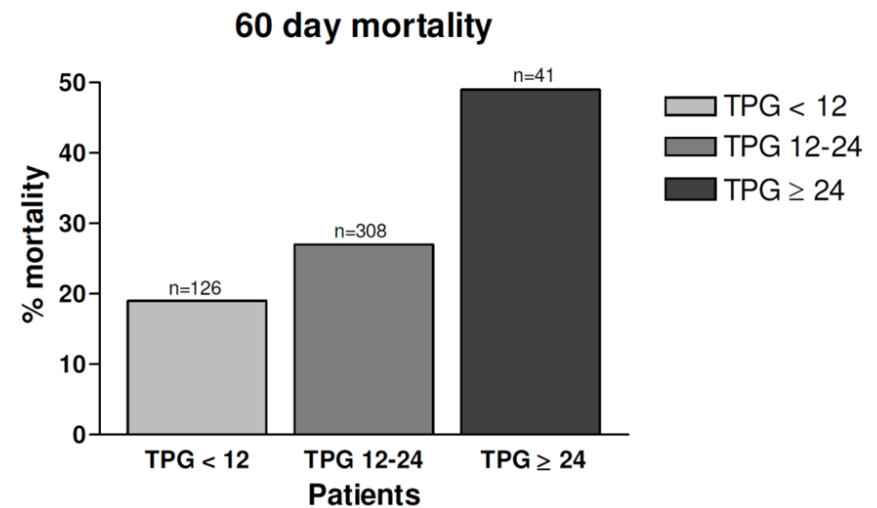
Prognosis of dead space fraction



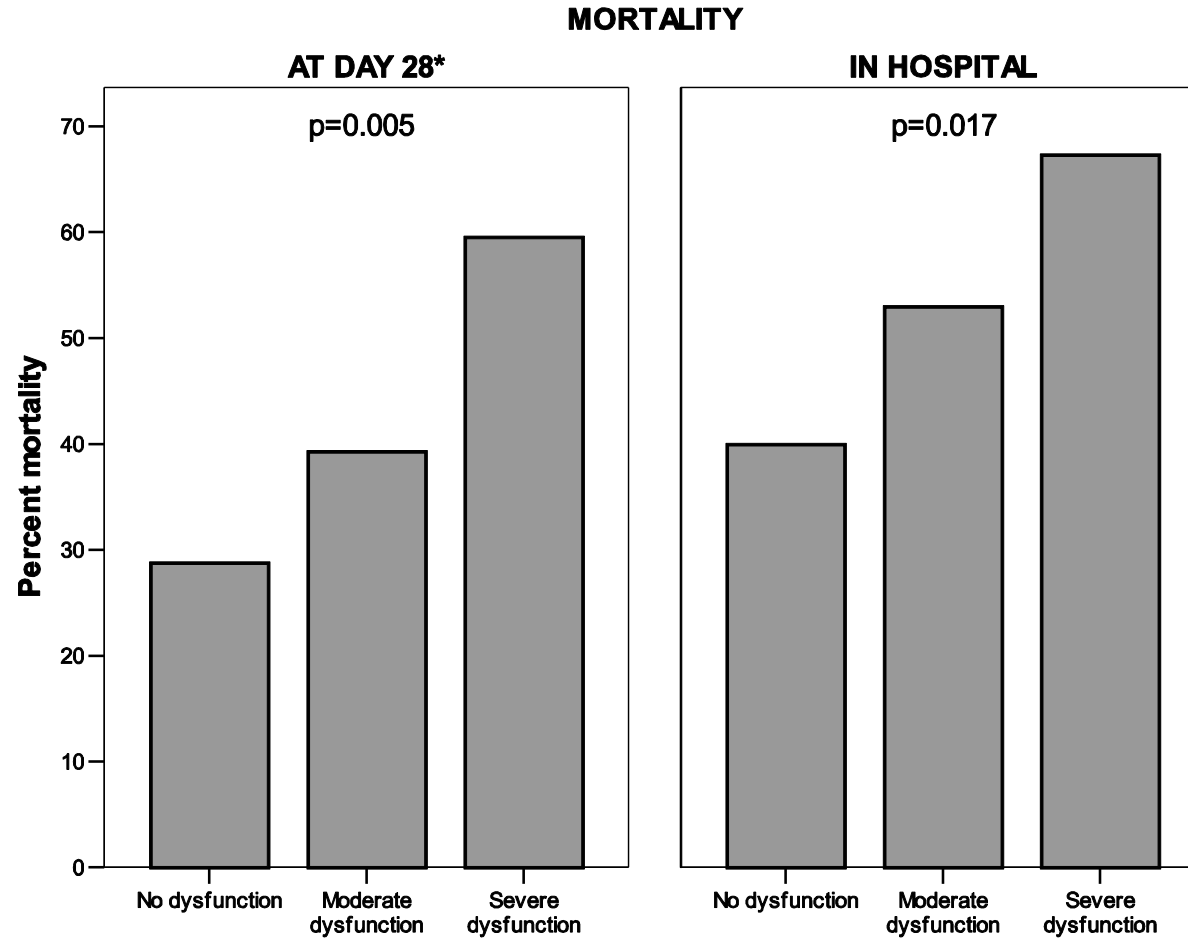
Prognosis of PAC indexes

	Survive (n=47)	Dead (n=98)	p
PAPm, mmHg	27	28	0.49
PVRi	350	367	0.60
CVP>PAOP	19%	33%	<0.05
RVF	9%	10%	0.98

	Survive (n=348)	Dead (n=127)	P
TPG	14.3	15.7	0.009
PVRI	299.9	326.4	0.03



Prognosis of lung vascular dysfunction



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Intravenous vasodilators

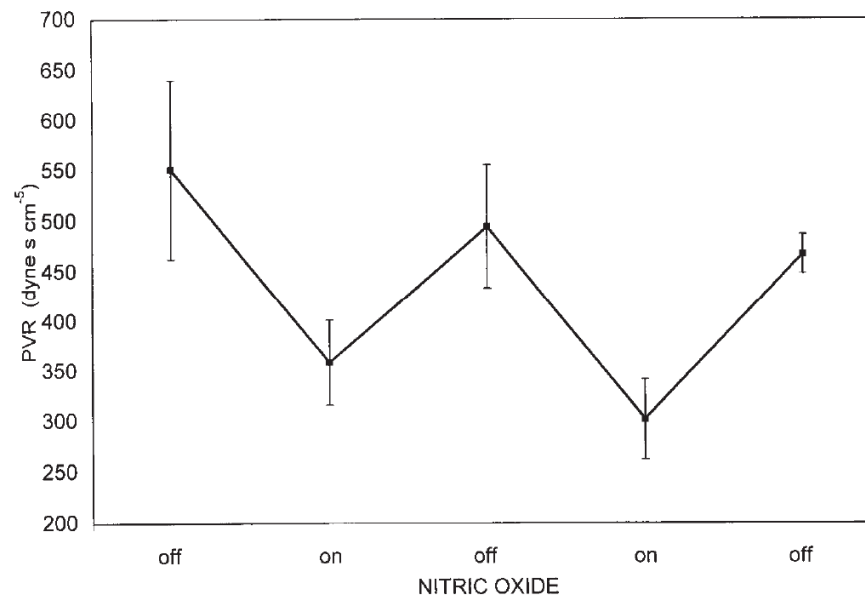
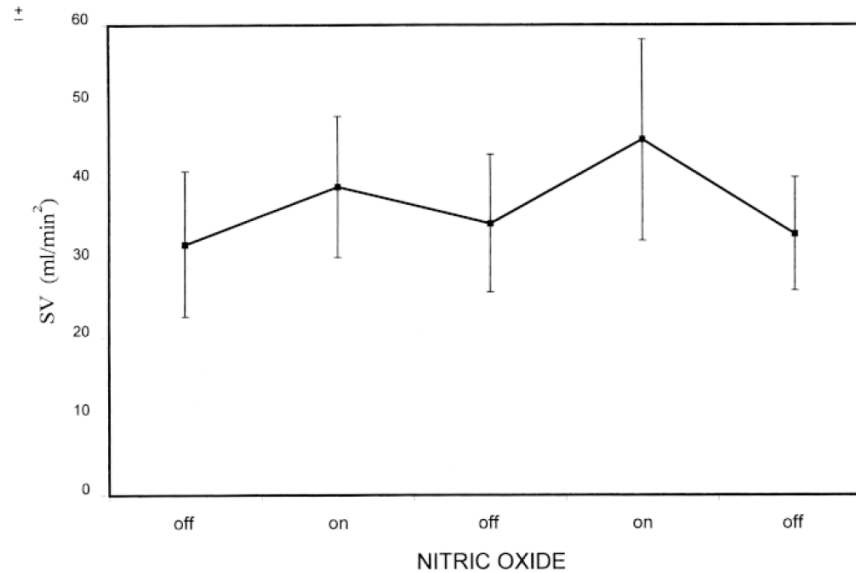
EXAMPLES

- PGE1
- PGI2 (prostacyclin)
- Nitroprusside
- Isoproterenol
- Diltiazem

DRAWBACKS

- Lack of selectivity for the pulmonary circulation
 - Systemic hypotension
- Act on ventilated and non ventilated pulm.vessels
 - \uparrow shunt fraction and \downarrow PaO₂
- **No clinical benefit in randomized trials**

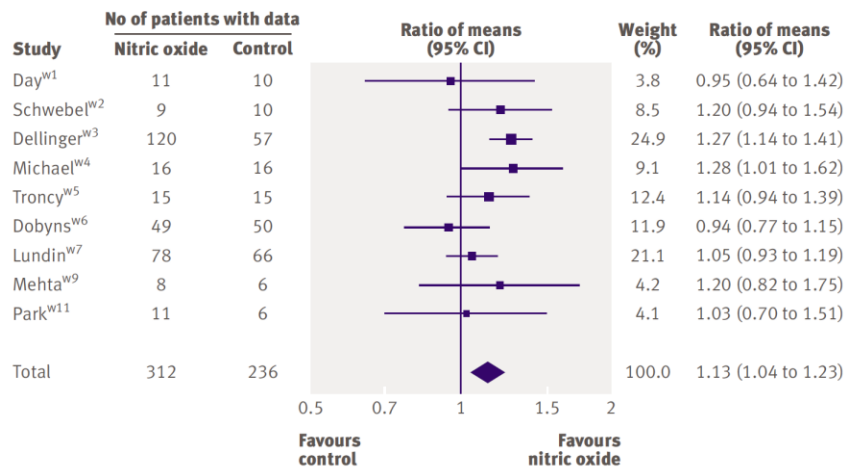
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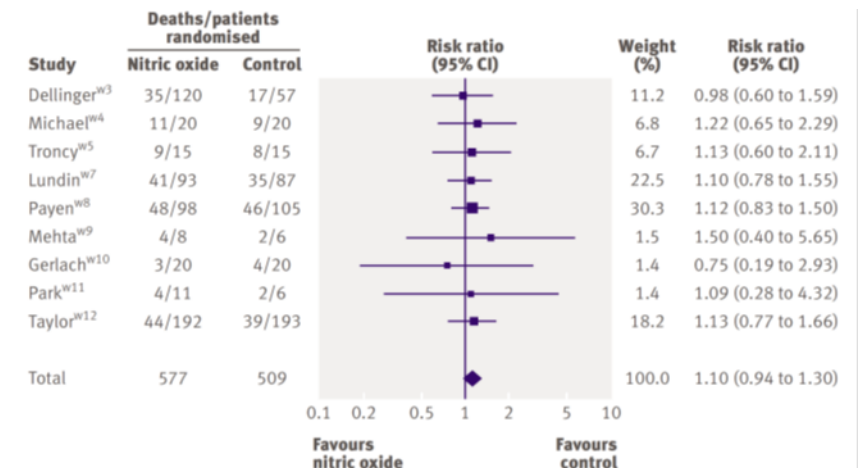
Human RV failure
Bohrade, AJRCCM 1999

Inhaled NO

P/F RATIO



SURVIVAL



Ventilatory strategy: primum non nocere:

- Avoid excessive hypoxemia / hypercapnia
 - Avoid lung vascular stretch
 - Limit driving pressure
 - Limit recruitment manoeuvres
 - Prone position
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Ventilatory strategy: RV protective approach

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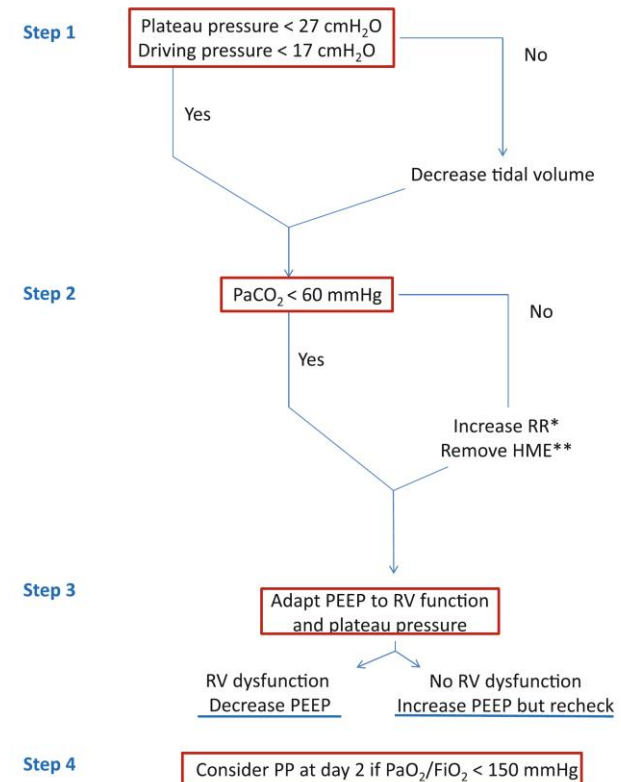
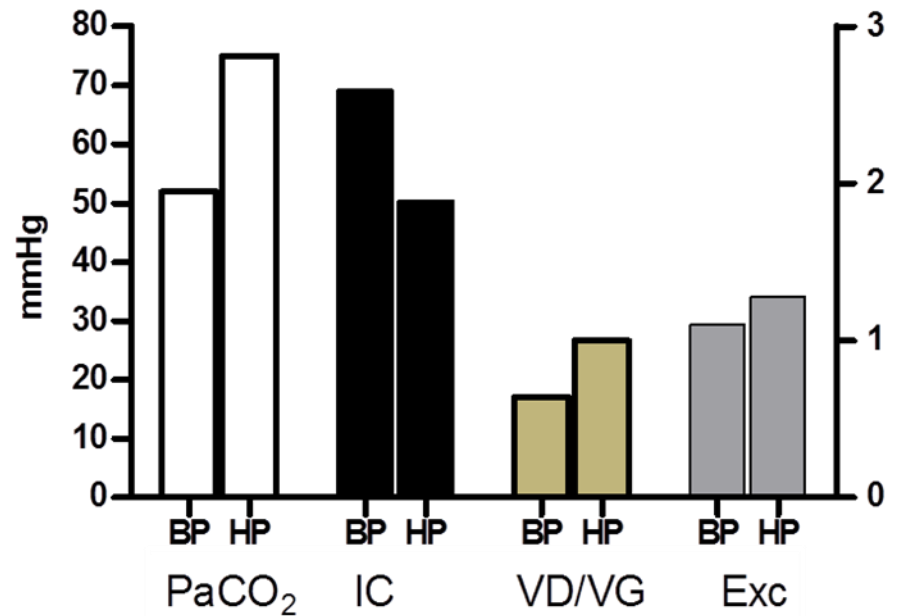
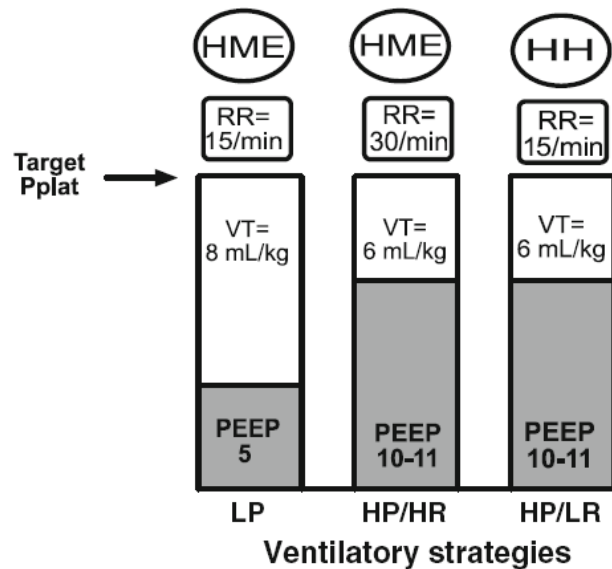
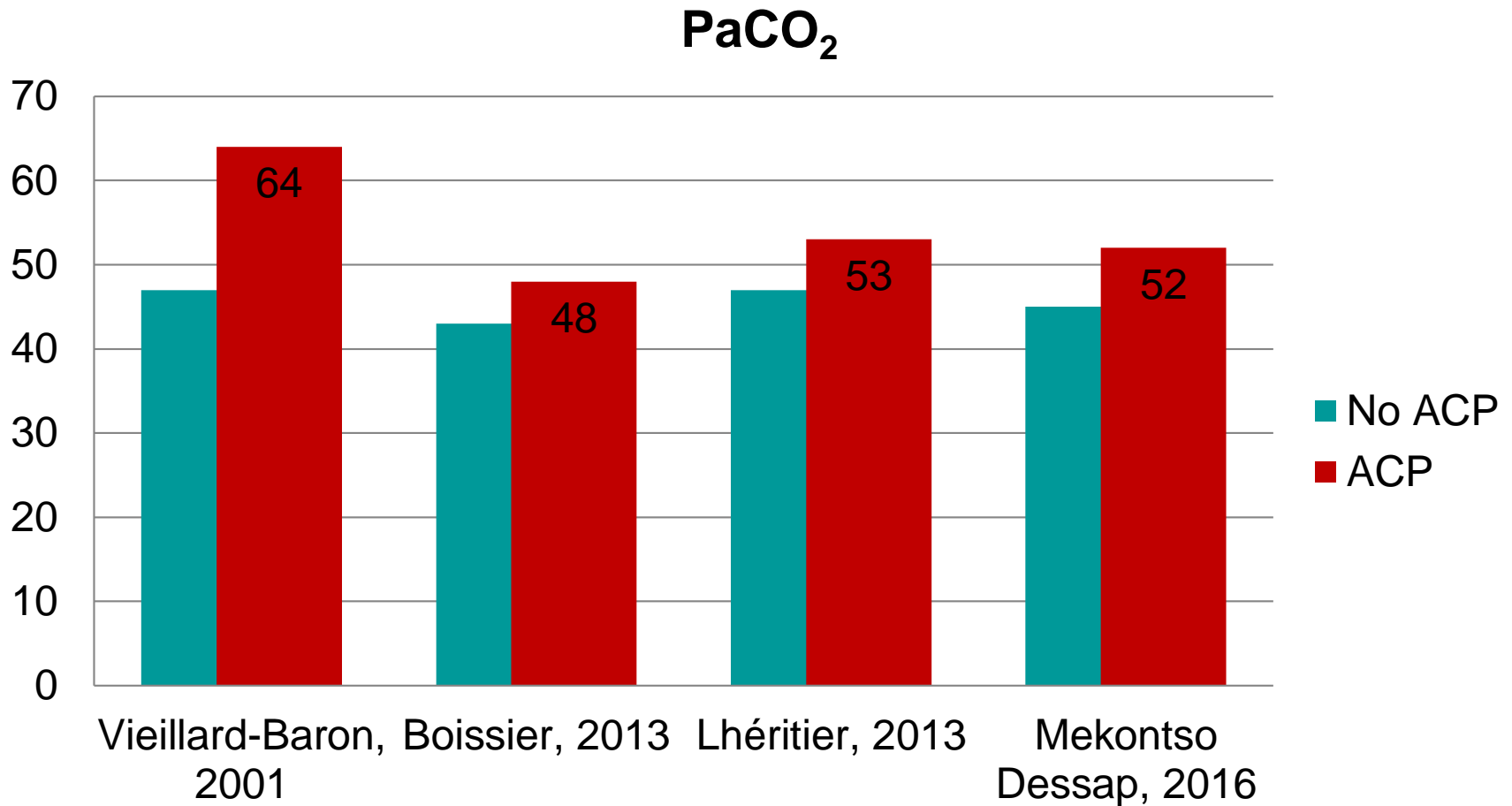


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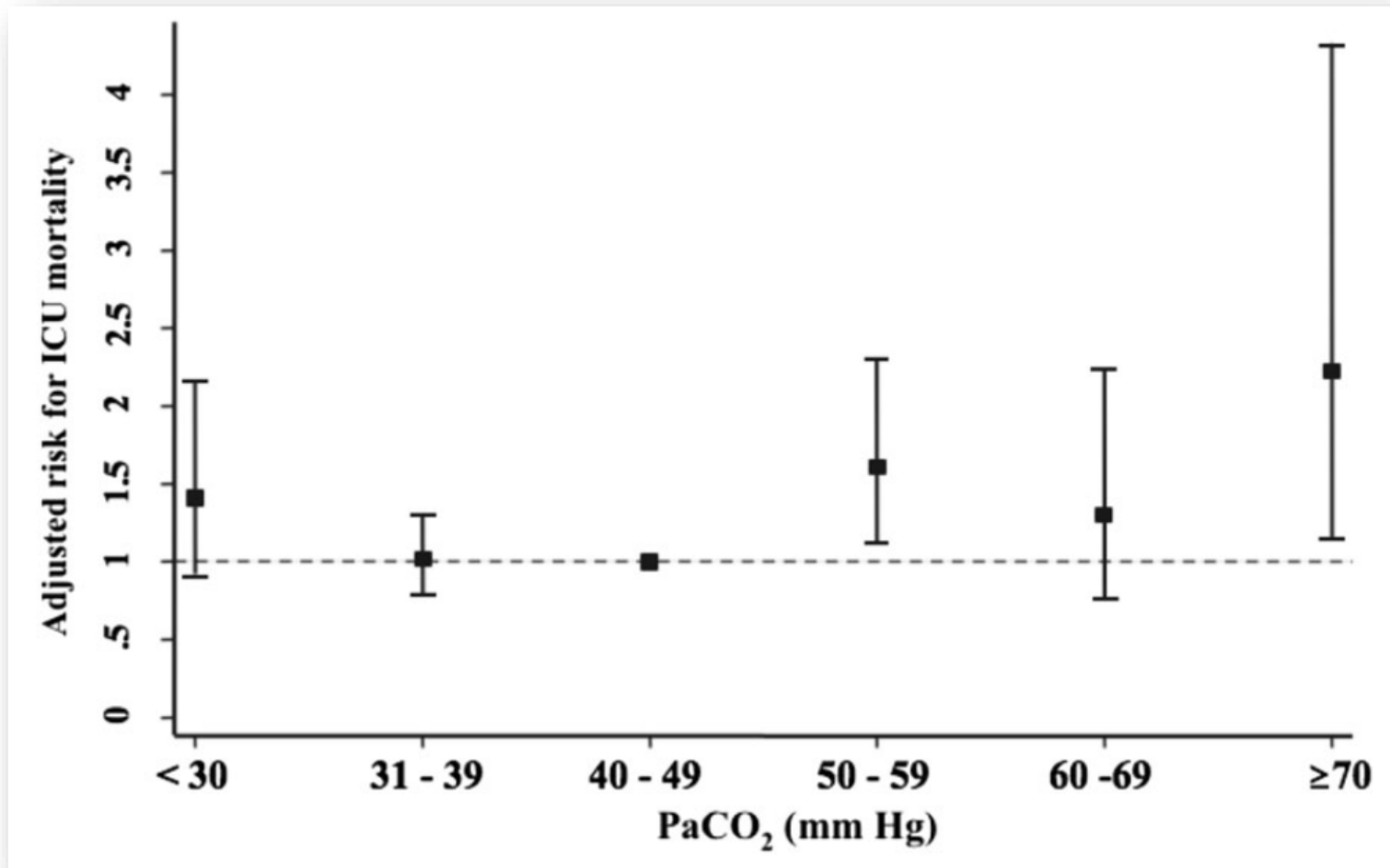
Hypercapnia and lung vascular dysfunction



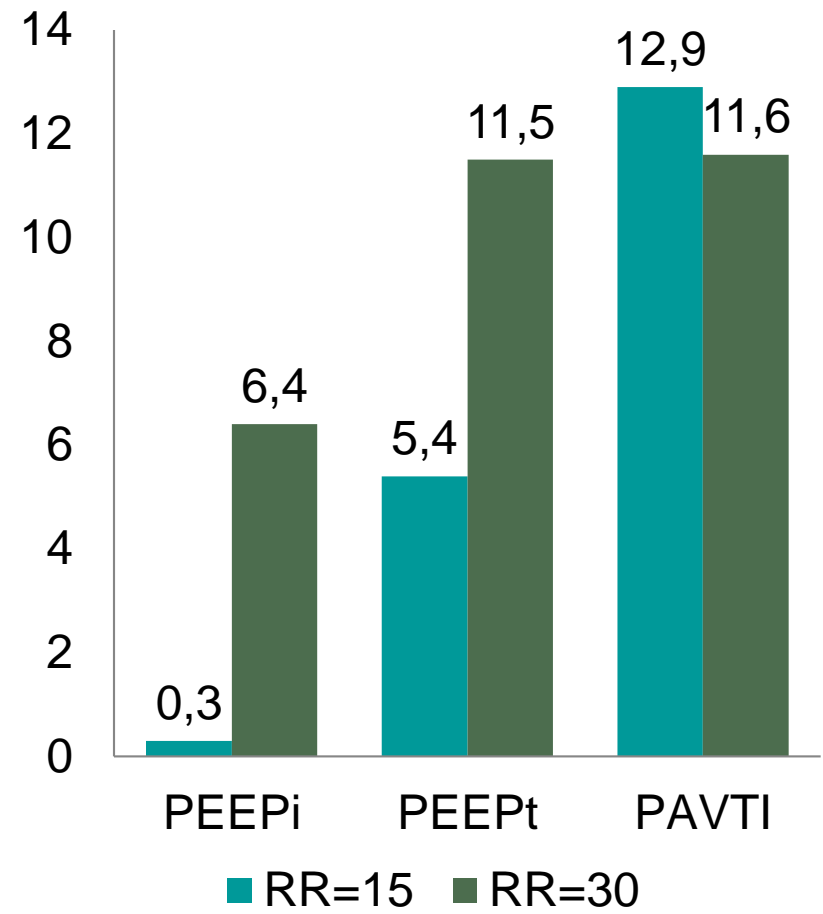
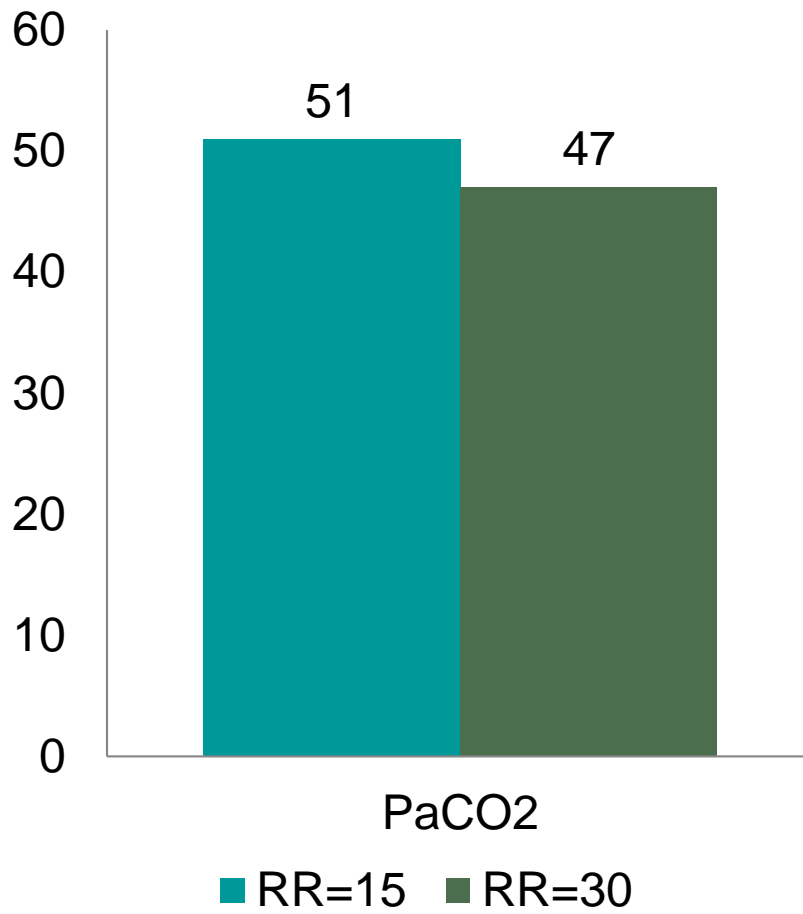
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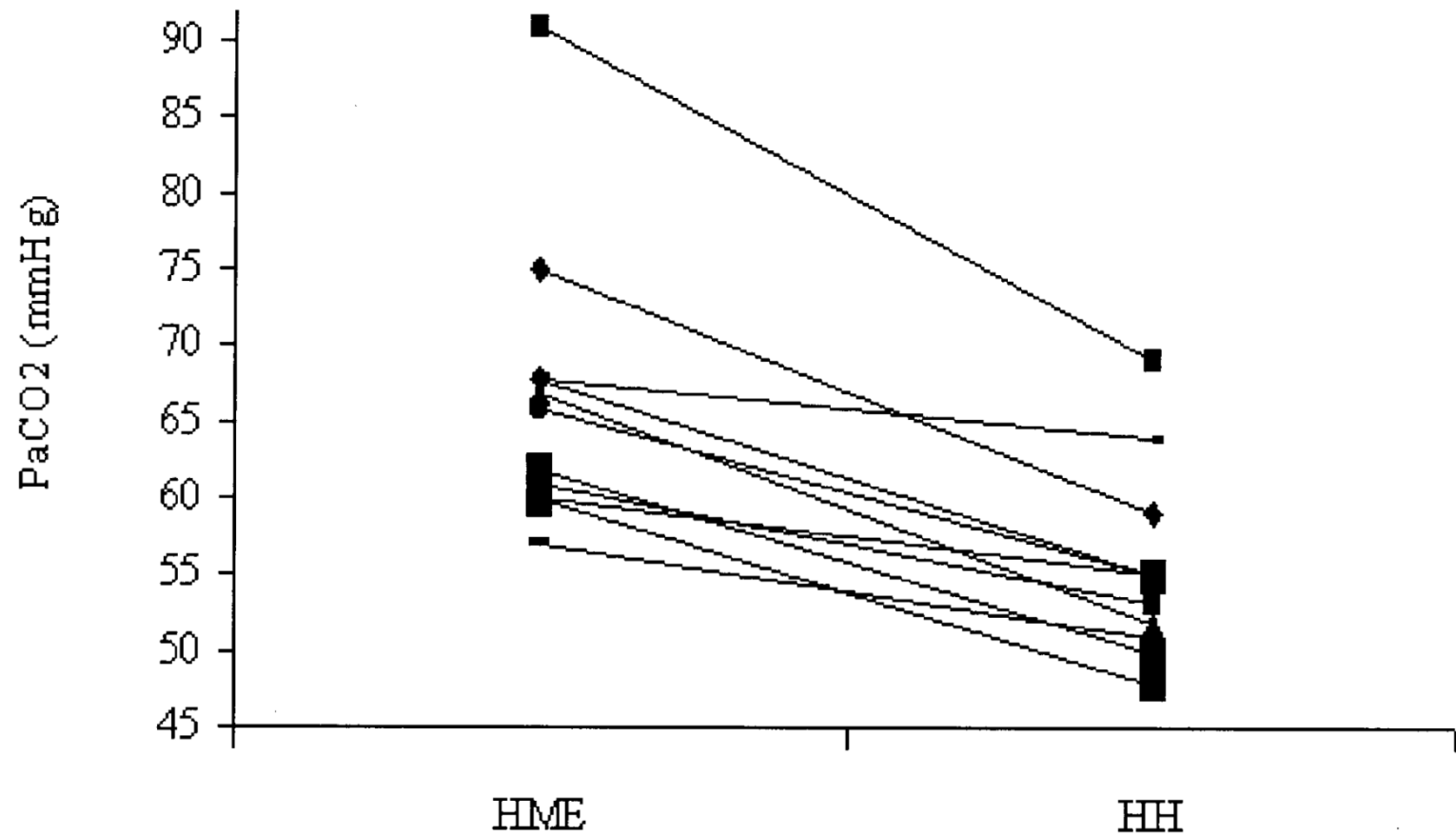
Hypercapnia and mortality of ARDS



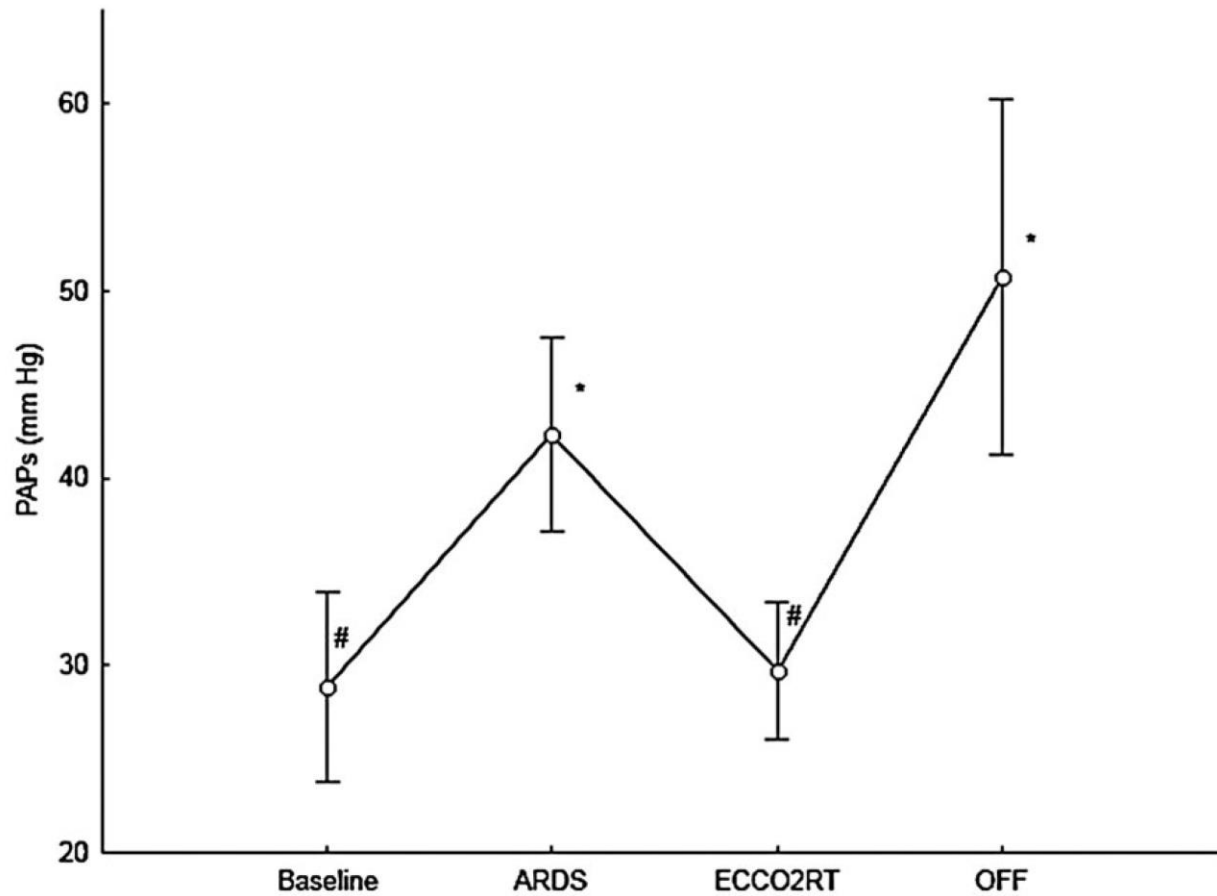
PaCO₂ and RR



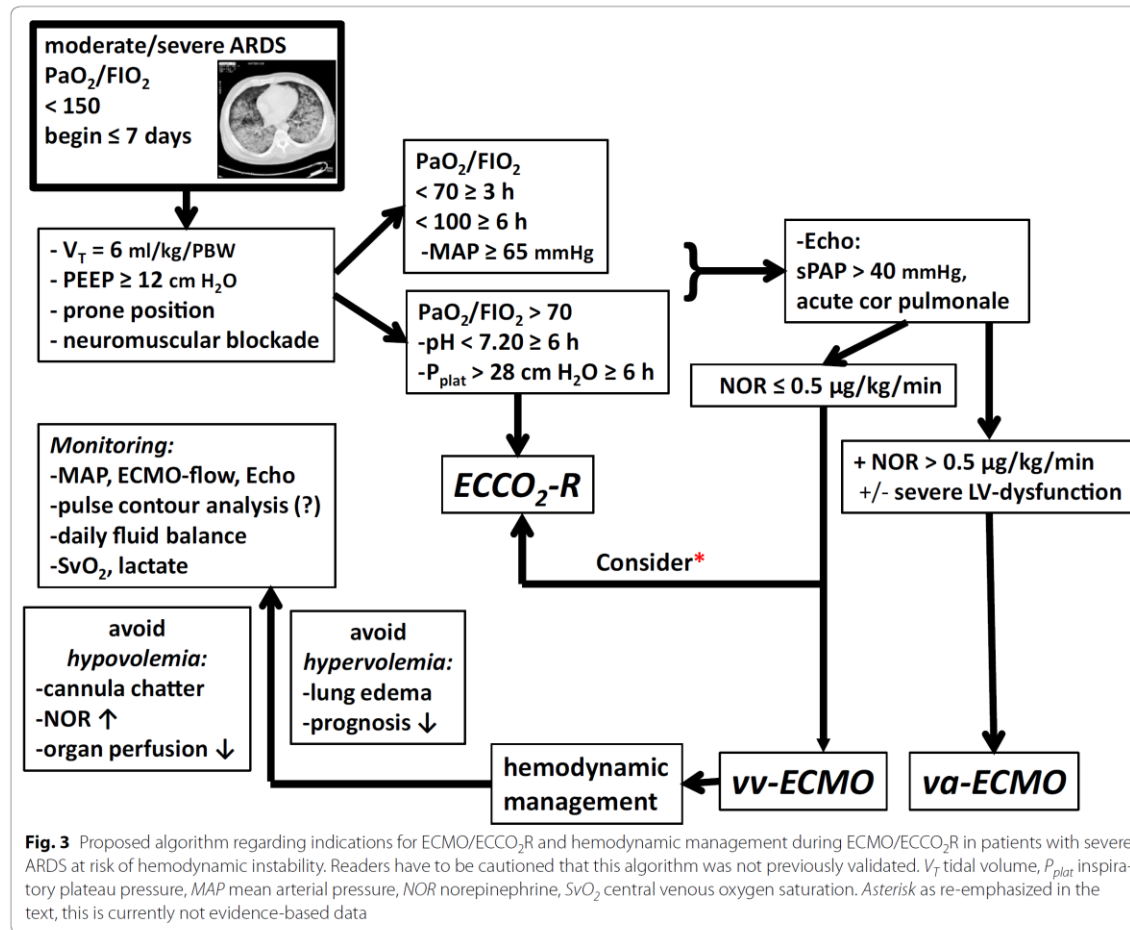
Heated humidifier



ECCO₂-R ?



Expert opinion



RV protective approach

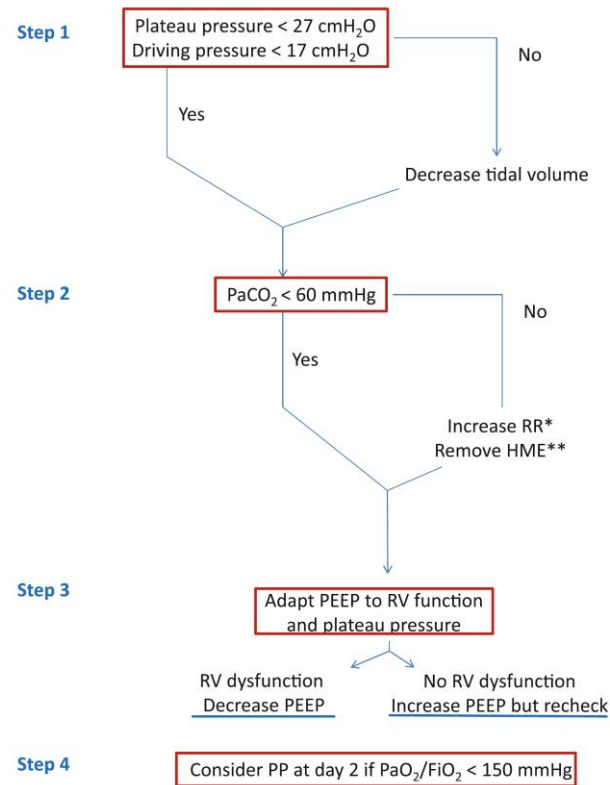
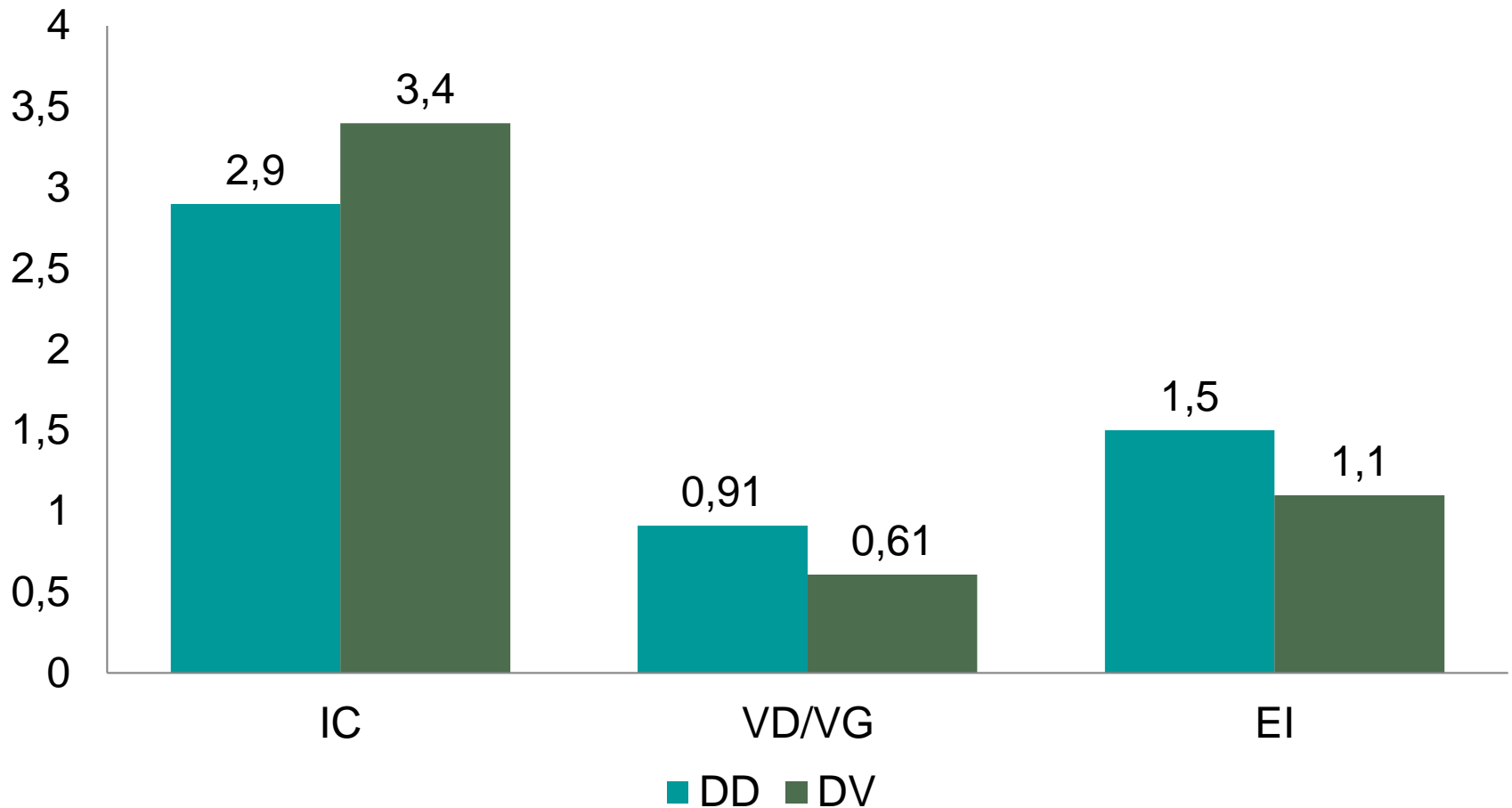
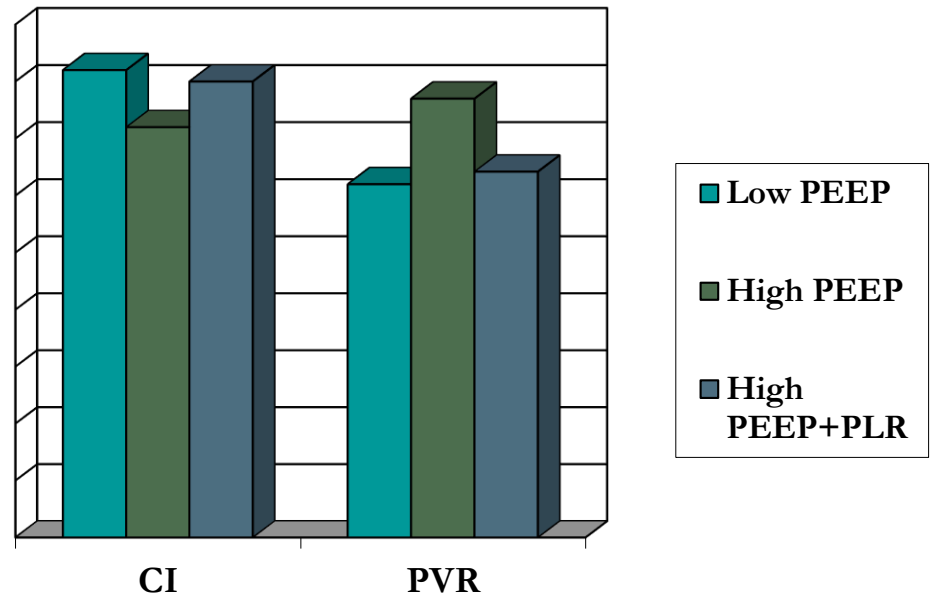
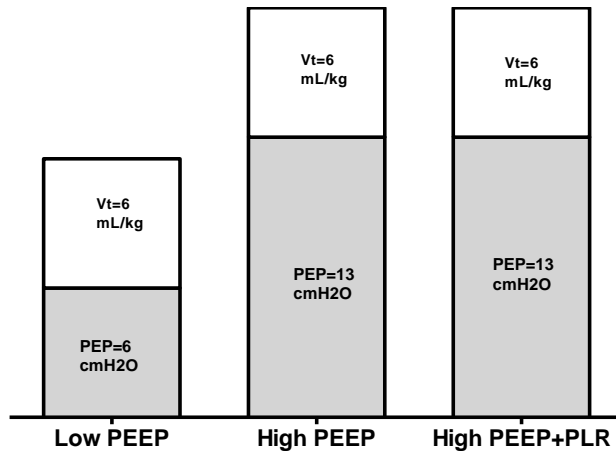


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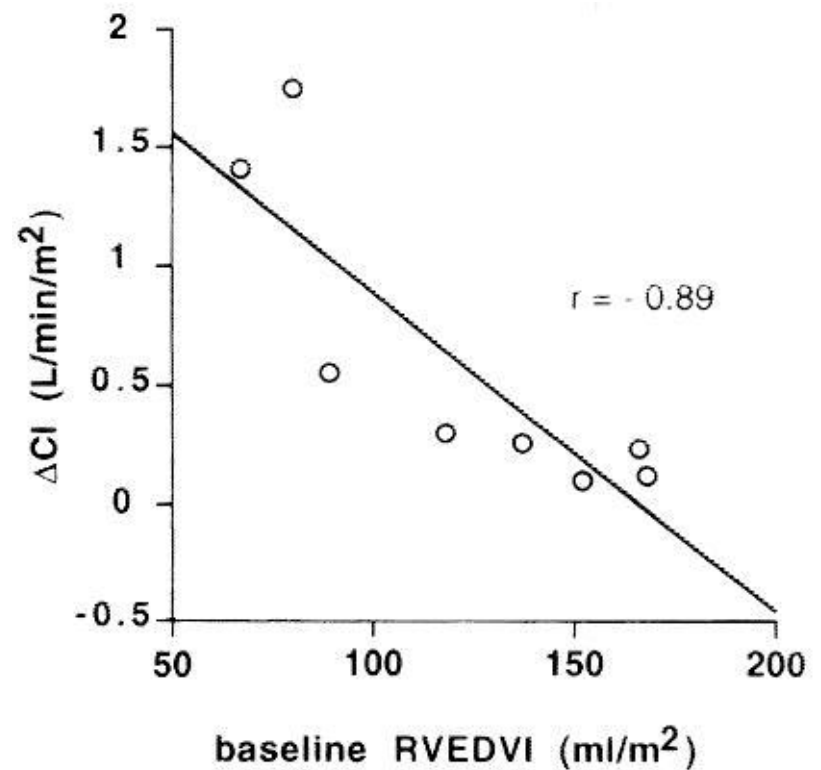
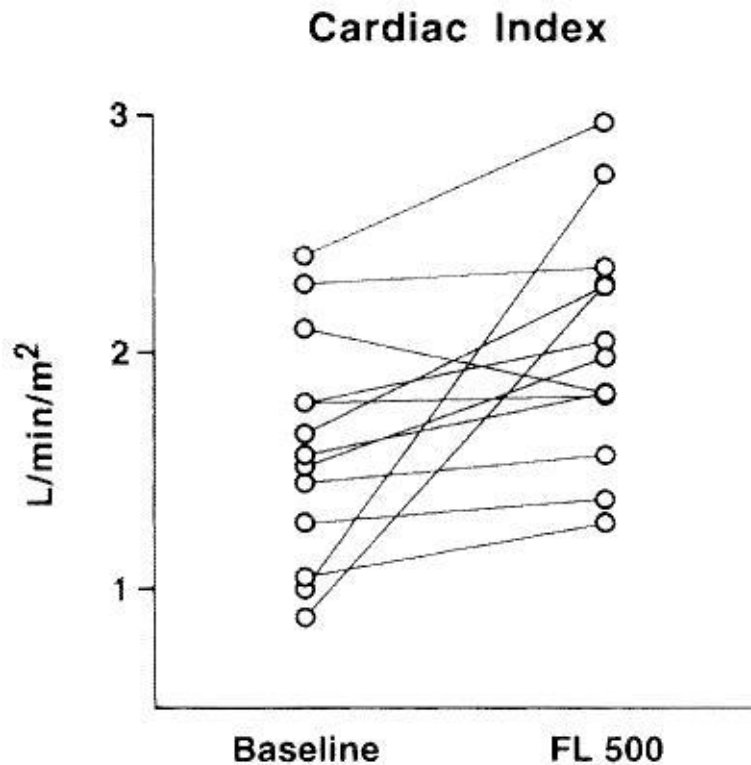
Prone position



Fluid loading



Fluid loading



Conclusions

- Lung vascular dysfunction :
 - ❑ is present in a significant number of ARDS patients
 - ❑ alters prognosis
 - ❑ can be detected with various tools, especially echocardiography
 - ❑ should prompt a specific ventilatory management
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