

# Current status of temperature management in the neuro-ICU

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## Outline:

Pathophysiological effects of fever

Mechanisms of therapeutic hypothermia

Practical aspects of hypothermia

Concept of prophylactic normothermia

Ongoing trials / future indications of temperature management

Discussion

40 minutes



## Impact of Fever on Outcome in Patients With Stroke and Neurologic Injury: A Comprehensive Meta-Analysis

David M. Greer, Susan E. Funk, Nancy L. Reaven, Myrsini Ouzounelli and Gwen C. Uman

# Stroke

Metaanalysis of 39 studies and 14.000 patients

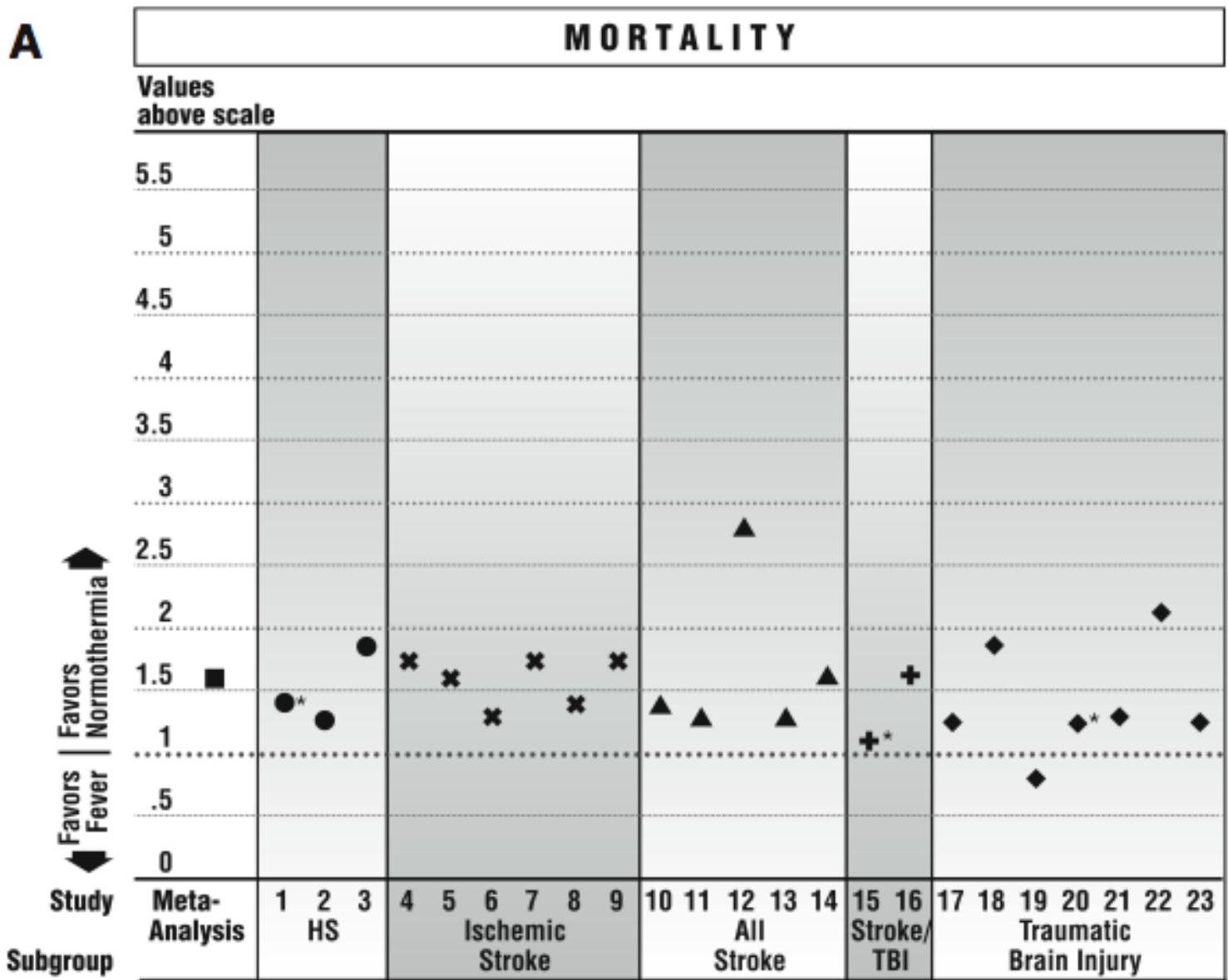
Outcome Measure	No. of Articles/Hypotheses*	RR	Fever/Higher Body Temperature Associated Significantly With
Mortality	24/24	1.5	Death
GOS	9/11	1.3	Neurological deficit/death
BI	8/10	1.9	More dependence
mRS	5/5	2.2	Lower functioning
CSS	5/8	1.4	Greater severity
ICU LOS	6/6	2.8	Longer ICU stay
Hospital LOS	3/3	3.2	Longer hospital stay



# Negative effects of fever, „secondary neuronal injury“ II:



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Traumatic brain  
injury (TBI)

Stroke

Hypoxia  
intracerebral  
hematoma  
metabolic

ICP= intracranial pressure



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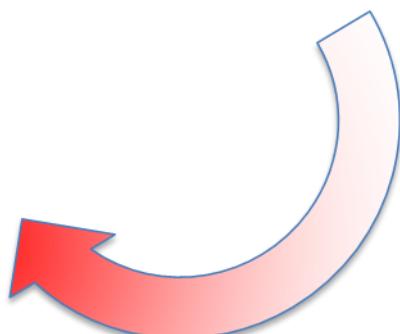
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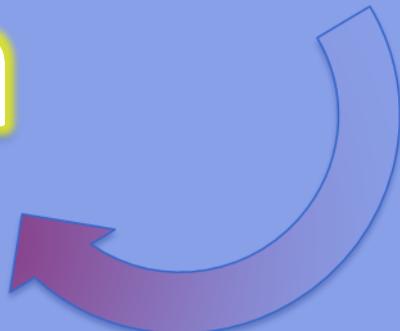
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**Normo-  
/Hypothermia**

elevation  
ICP

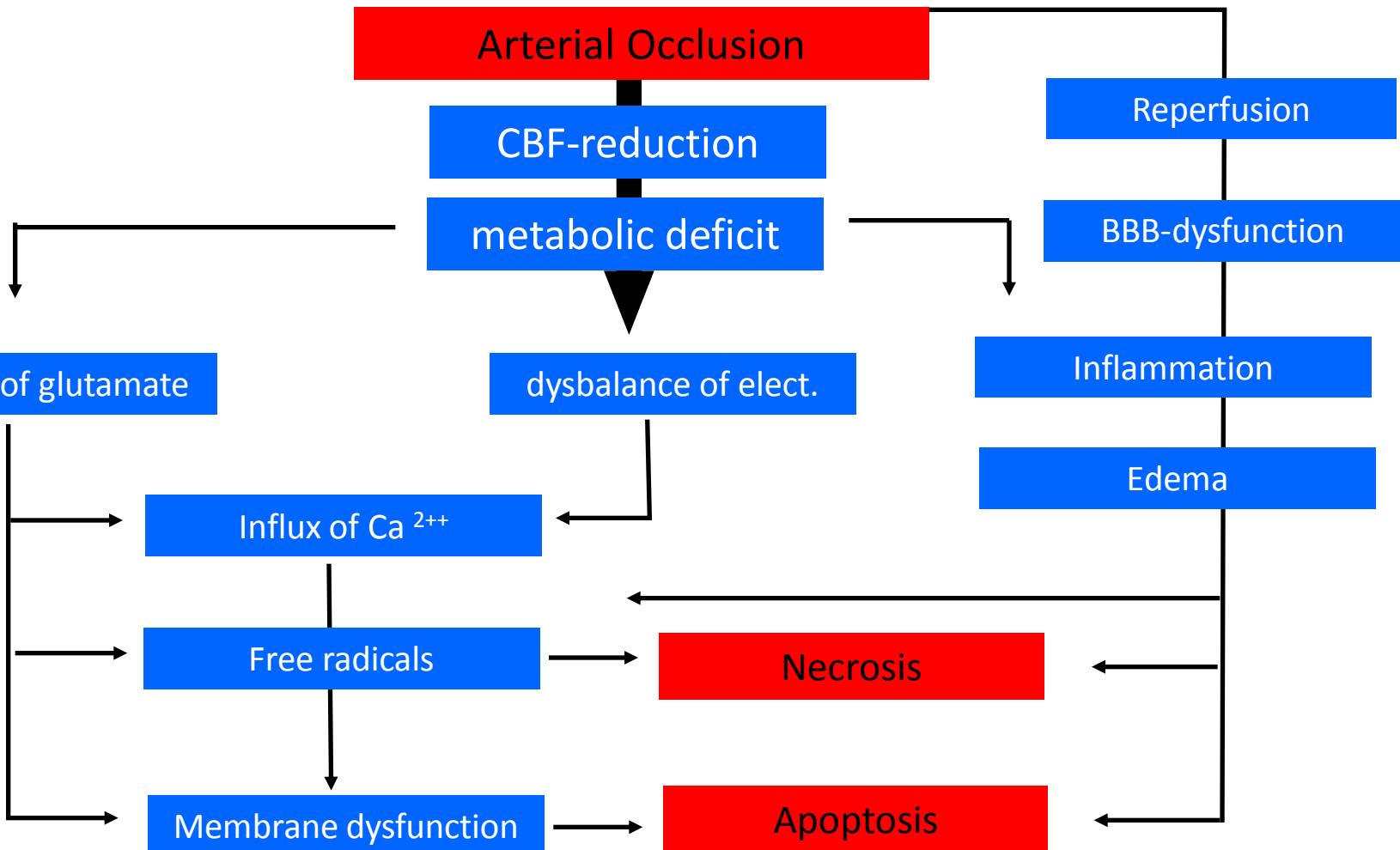
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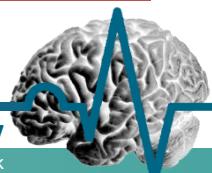
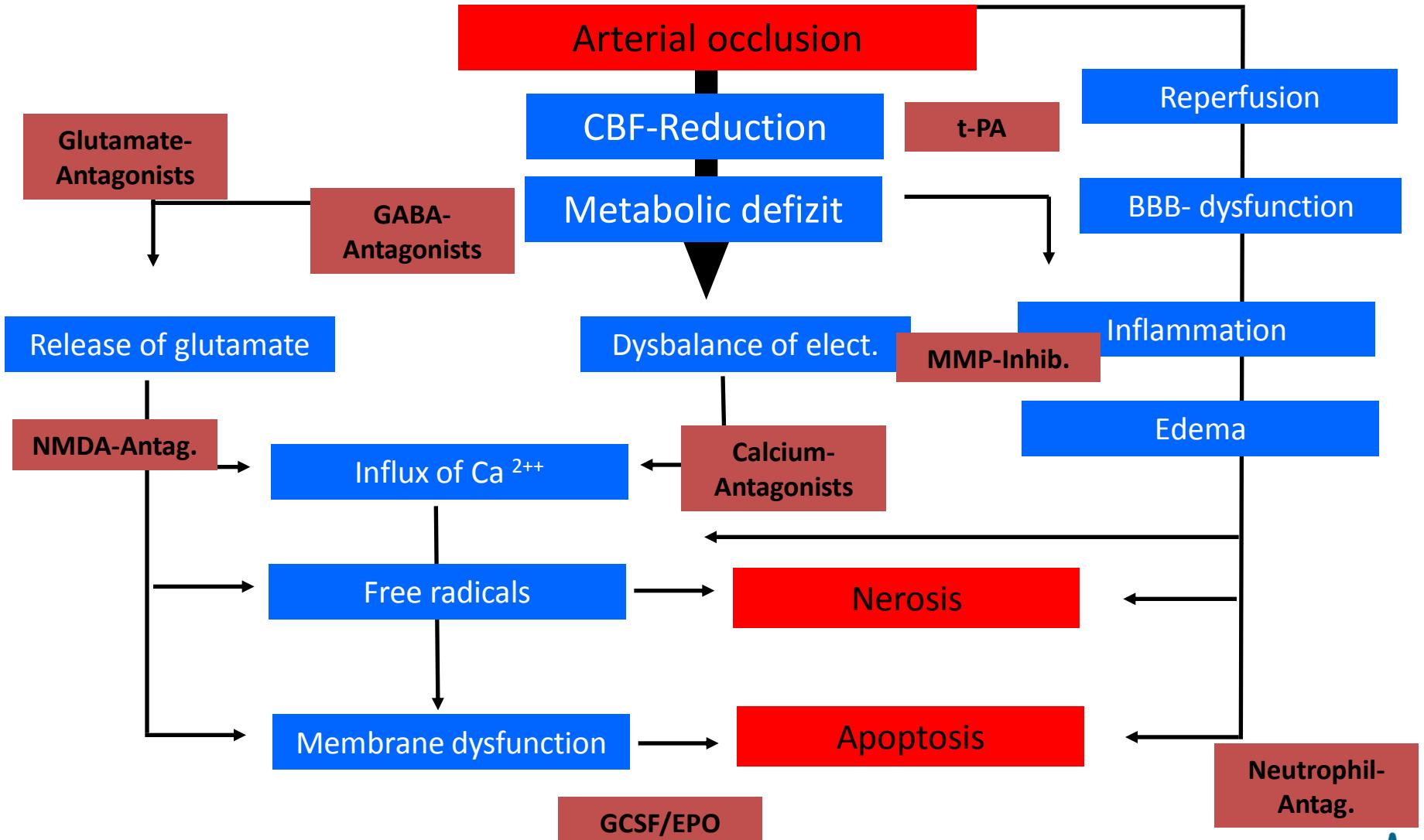
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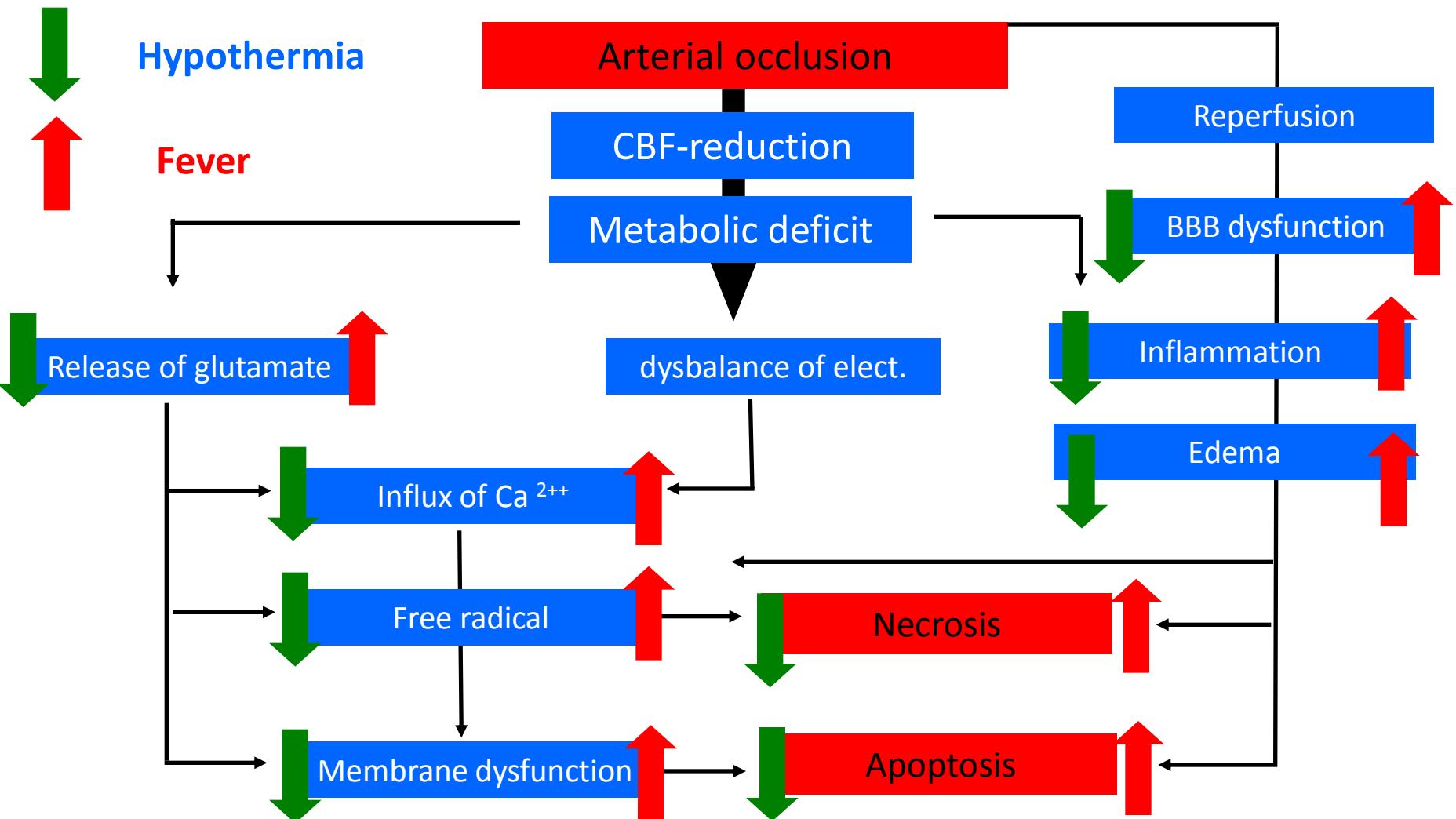
# Pathophysiological mechanism induced by isch. Stroke:



# Neuroprotection after Stroke:



# Onsets of Hypothermia:



# (Possible) indications for therapeutic hypothermia:



Comatose survivors after cardiac arrest

(refractory ) Elevated intracranial pressure (ICP)

***Evidence level***

Asphyctic neonates

Hepatic encephalopathy

Heat stroke

Stroke

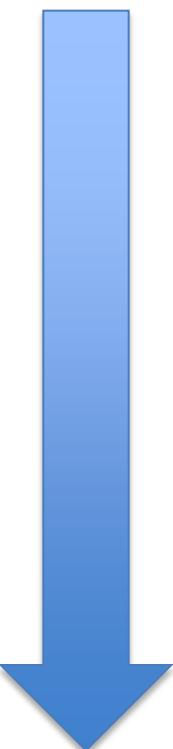
Traumatic brain injury

Myocardial infarction

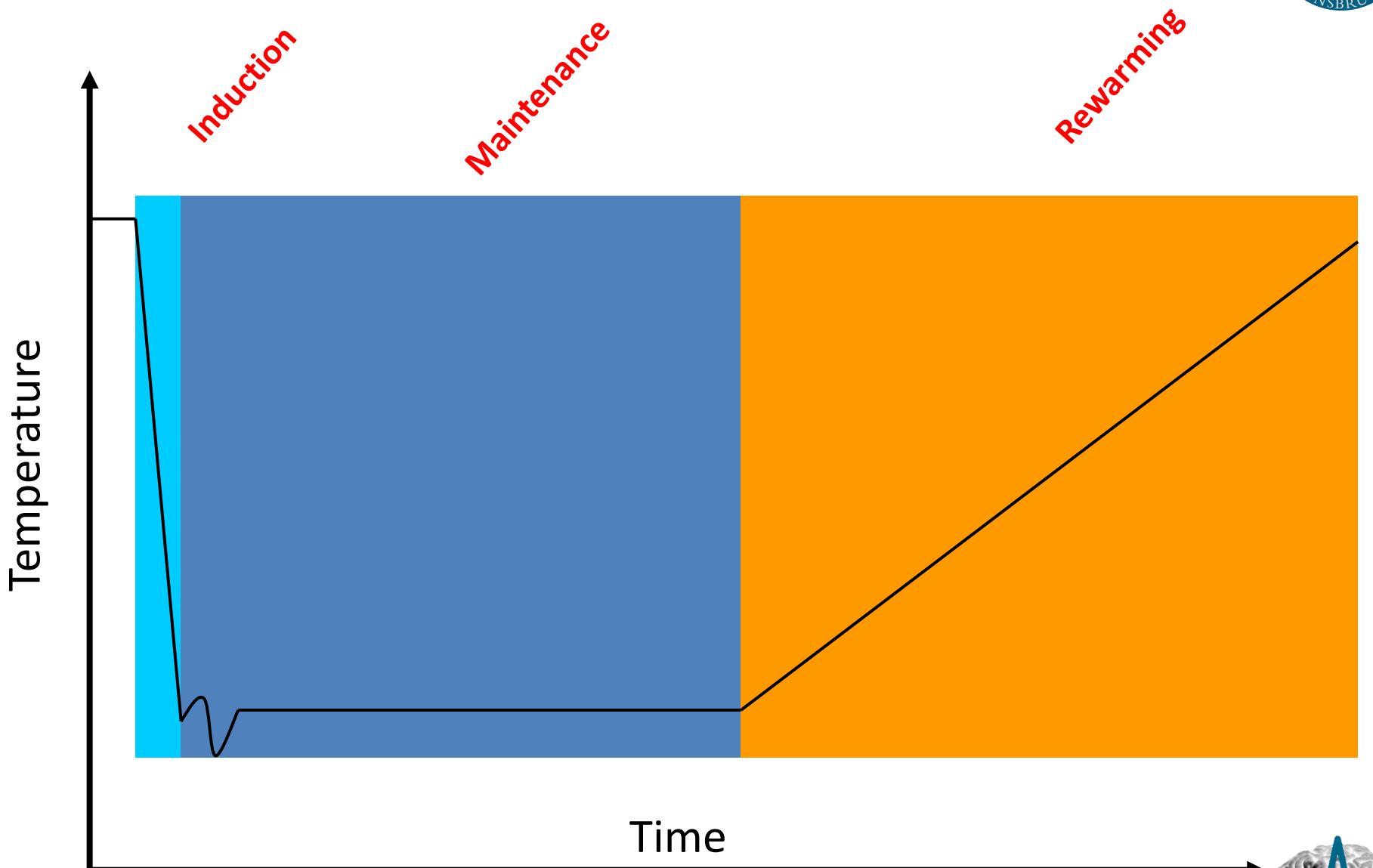
Spinal cord injury

Status epilepticus

Meningitis



# Phases of hypothermia:



Time



## ***Pre-Induction:***

avoid shivering through medication and counter warming

## ***Induction:***

as fast as possible (ice cold saline 4°C i.v., 30ml/kg /bw)

Target temperature 34° - 35°C (avoid overshoot)

## ***Maintenance:***

at least 24hrs (up to 7 days)

closely maintain target temperature (use devices – endovascular vs surface)

## ***Rewarming:***

very slow (!)

controlled rewarming (0.1 °C/hr)

## ***Post rewarming:***

avoid fever (close temperature surveillance)





## *continuous monitoring of:*

body core temperature  
cardiovascular functions  
renal functions

## *standardized*

surveillance of infections  
laboratory work up  
treatment of shivering

ICP monitoring





## LACK OF EFFECT OF INDUCTION OF HYPOTHERMIA AFTER ACUTE BRAIN INJURY

GUY L. CLIFTON, M.D., EMMY R. MILLER, PH.D., R.N., SUNG C. CHOI, PH.D., HARVEY S. LEVIN, PH.D.,  
STEPHEN McCAULEY, PH.D., KENNETH R. SMITH, JR., M.D., J. PAUL MUIZELAAR, M.D., PH.D.,  
FRANKLIN C. WAGNER, JR., M.D., DONALD W. MARION, M.D., THOMAS G. LUERSSEN, M.D., RANDALL M. CHESNUT, M.D.,  
AND MICHAEL SCHWARTZ, M.D.

NEJM, 2001

## Very early hypothermia induction in patients with severe brain injury (the National Acute Brain Injury Study: Hypothermia II): a randomised trial

Guy L Clifton, Alex Valadka, David Zygur, Christopher S Coffey, Pamala Drever, Sierra Fourwinds, L Scott Janis, Elizabeth Wilde, Pauline Taylor, Kathy Harshman, Adam Conley, Ava Puccio, Harvey S Levin, Stephen R McCauley, Richard D Bucholz, Kenneth R Smith, John H Schmidt, James N Scott, Howard Yonas, David O Okonkwo

Lancet Neurology, 2010

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## Intravenous Thrombolysis Plus Hypothermia for Acute Treatment of Ischemic Stroke (ICTuS-L): Final Results

**Table 3. Outcome Measures Between HY and NT Patients**

	HY (Groups 2, 5, 6; n=28)	NT (Groups 1, 3, 4; n=30)	Fisher Exact Test <i>P</i>
mRS 0–1 at 90 days	5	7	0.747
NIHSS at 90 day (mean±SD)	6.3 ( $\pm 6.6$ )	3.8 ( $\pm 3.0$ )	0.355
At least one SAE (%)	75	43.3	0.018
Pneumonia (%)	50	10	<b>0.001</b>
All ICH (%)	28.6	20	0.752
Symptomatic ICH (%)	3.6	10	0.609
Mortality by 90 days (%)	21.4%	16.7	0.744

SAE indicates serious adverse event; ICH, intracerebral hemorrhage.

Hemmen et al., *Stroke* 2010



# *Controlled prophylactic normothermia*



## ***Negative effects of fever:***

independent predictor of unfavorable outcome

breakdown of blood-brain-barrier

vascular permeability↑

– leads to brain edema

mitochondrial dysfunction

increased metabolic demand↑

free radicals↑

focal hyperthermia

„Thermopooling“↑

Reperfusion Injury ↑

Broessner 2009, Diringer 2005, Polderman 2004, Polderman 2008, Child 2005, Rumana 1998, Clifton 2001

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## ***Negative effects of hypothermia:***

**Hypotonia (TBI)**

**Infectious complications**

Magnesium

Sodium

**Shivering**

**Rewarming Injury („rebound effect“)**

„awake patient“

reduction of rTPA action (?)



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# Cerebrovascular diseases – Normothermia I



**Prophylactic, Endovascularly Based, Long-Term Normothermia in ICU Patients With Severe Cerebrovascular Disease: Bicenter Prospective, Randomized Trial**  
Gregor Broessner, Ronny Beer, Peter Lackner, Raimund Helbok, Marlene Fischer, Bettina Pfausler, Janelle Rhorer, Lea Küppers-Tiedt, Dietmar Schneider and Erich Schmutzhard

**Stroke**  
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JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

**SAH HH 3-5**  
**ICH GCS  $\leq 10$**   
**Stroke NiHSS  $\geq 15$**

**36,5°C**



**A**  
*CoolGard 3000, Zoll Corp.*



**B**

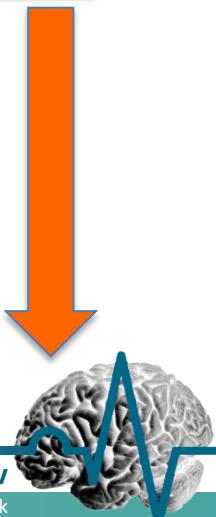
*conventional  
„controls“*

**Temp  $> 37,9^{\circ}\text{C}$**

conventional temperature management treatment, stepwise escalating

1. Paracetamol 500mg p.o.
2. Naproxen 500mg p.o.
3. Pethidin 100mg i.v.
4. ICE packs
5. Cool „washing“
6. cooling blankets (Blanketrol®)

*Broessner et. al., Stroke 2009*



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Baseline Variable	CoolGard (n=51)	Control (n=51)	P Value
Cerebrovascular disease, n (%)			0.60
CI	4 (8)	6 (12)	
ICH	19 (37)	22 (43)	168 hrs
SAH	28 (55)	23 (45)	336 hrs

Broessner et. al., Stroke 2009

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## Primary Outcome

Disease Category	Total Fever Burden in Hours (AUC)		
	CoolGard (n=51)	Control (n=51)	P Value
Overall	<0.0001		
No.	51	51	
Mean±SD	1.5±3.3	9.3±14.5	
Median	0.0	4.3	

Broessner et. al., Stroke 2009

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## Sekondary Outcome (AE)

**Table 2. Any Adverse Event by Infection Status**

Infection Type	Through Neuro-ICU Discharge			Through Day 30			Through Month 6		
	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)	P Value	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)	P Value	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)	P Value
Overall	48 (94)	43 (84)	0.20	49 (96)	44 (86)	0.16	49 (96)	44 (86)	0.16
Infectious	48 (94)	40 (78)	0.04	49 (96)	41 (80)	0.03	49 (96)	41 (80)	0.03
Noninfectious	19 (37)	20 (39)	1.00	19 (37)	20 (39)	1.00	19 (37)	20 (39)	1.00

*Broessner et. al., Stroke 2009*

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## Tertiary Outcome

**Table 5. Neurologic Function**

	Discharge		Day 30		Month 6	
	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)	CoolGard n (%)	Control n (%)
<b>GOS</b>						
Death	9 (18)	8 (16)	12 (24)	10 (20)	18 (35)	14 (27)
Persistent vegetative state	6 (12)	7 (14)	3 (6)	4 (8)	0	3 (6)
Severe disability	25 (49)	24 (47)	21 (41)	21 (41)	9 (18)	9 (18)
Moderate disability	8 (16)	7 (14)	7 (14)	6 (12)	8 (16)	9 (18)
Good recovery	3 (6)	5 (10)	2 (4)	5 (10)	9 (18)	12 (24)
Intubated	0	0	3 (6)	1 (2)	0	0
Lost to follow-up	0	0	2 (4)	1 (2)	7 (14)	4 (8)
Missing	0	0	1 (2)	3 (6)	0	0
<i>P</i> value	0.81		0.55		0.41	

*Broessner et. al., Stroke 2009*

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## Rate of infectious complications vs. inflammatory parameters?

Baseline Variable	CoolGard (n=51)	Control (n=51)	P
<b>Longitudinal data of inflammatory parameters</b>			
C-reactive protein, mg/100 mL (mean±SD)	10.8±6.0	8.6±5.6	0.03
WBCs, G cells/L (mean±SD)	10.3±3.3	10.5±2.8	0.84
IL-10, pg/mL (mean±SD)	11.3±17.2	10.9±16.5	0.72
IL-6, pg/mL (mean±SD)	95.2±82.2	72.7±83.8	0.03
Procalcitonin, µg/L (mean±SD)	0.4±1.1	0.7±1.4	0.60

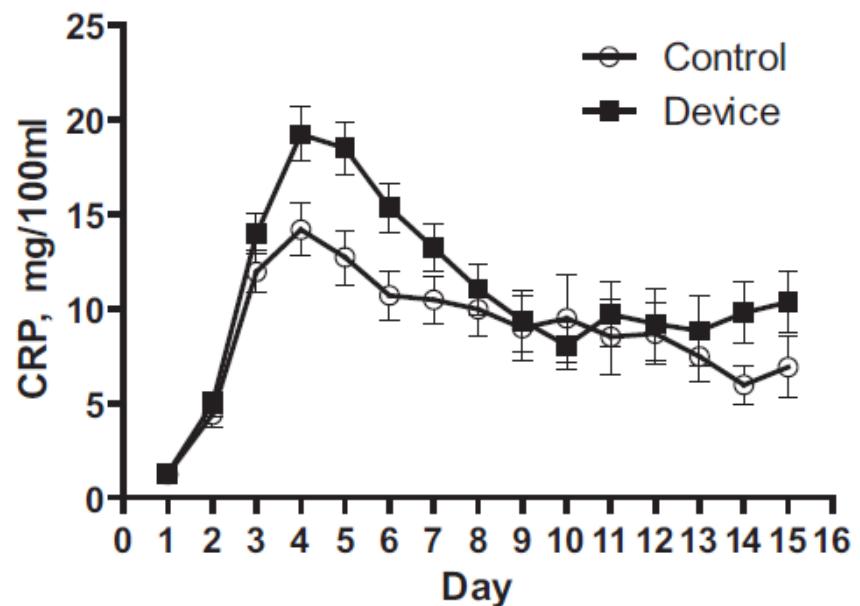
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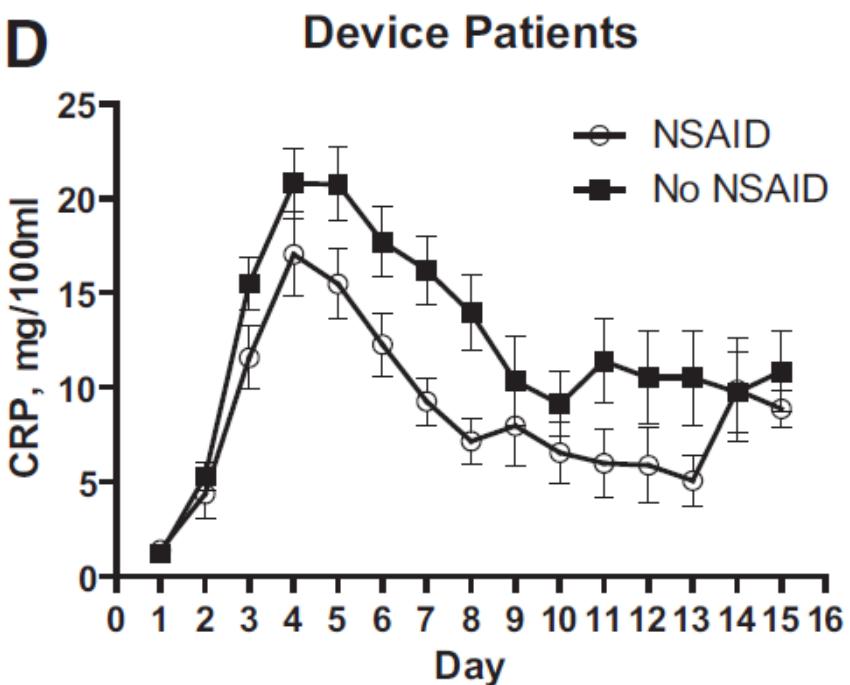
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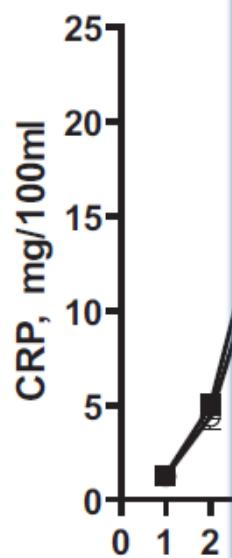
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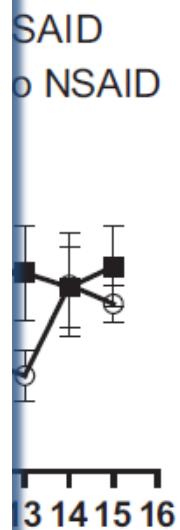
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**Table 2. Predictors of Unfavorable Neurologic Long-Term Outcome**

Parameter	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval		P
Age	1.09	1.04	1.13	<0.001
Endovascular group		Reference Category		
Control group	1.56	0.5	4.88	0.44
No NSAID		Reference Category		
NSAID applied	0.36	0.1	1.24	0.1
LOS neuro-ICU	1.01	0.99	1.04	0.35
Sex	0.58	0.2	1.68	0.31



Unfavorable outcome MRS 3-6

Broessner &amp; Schmutzhard et al., Stroke 2010

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## Induced Normothermia Attenuates Intracranial Hypertension and Reduces Fever Burden after Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

severe TBI GCS  $\leq 8$

N= 21 patients  
endovaskular normothermia (TT 36 – 36,5°C)  
(Zoll®, Coolgard®) over 36 hrs

comparison with „historic controls“ (N=21)

ICP monitoring (Licox®)

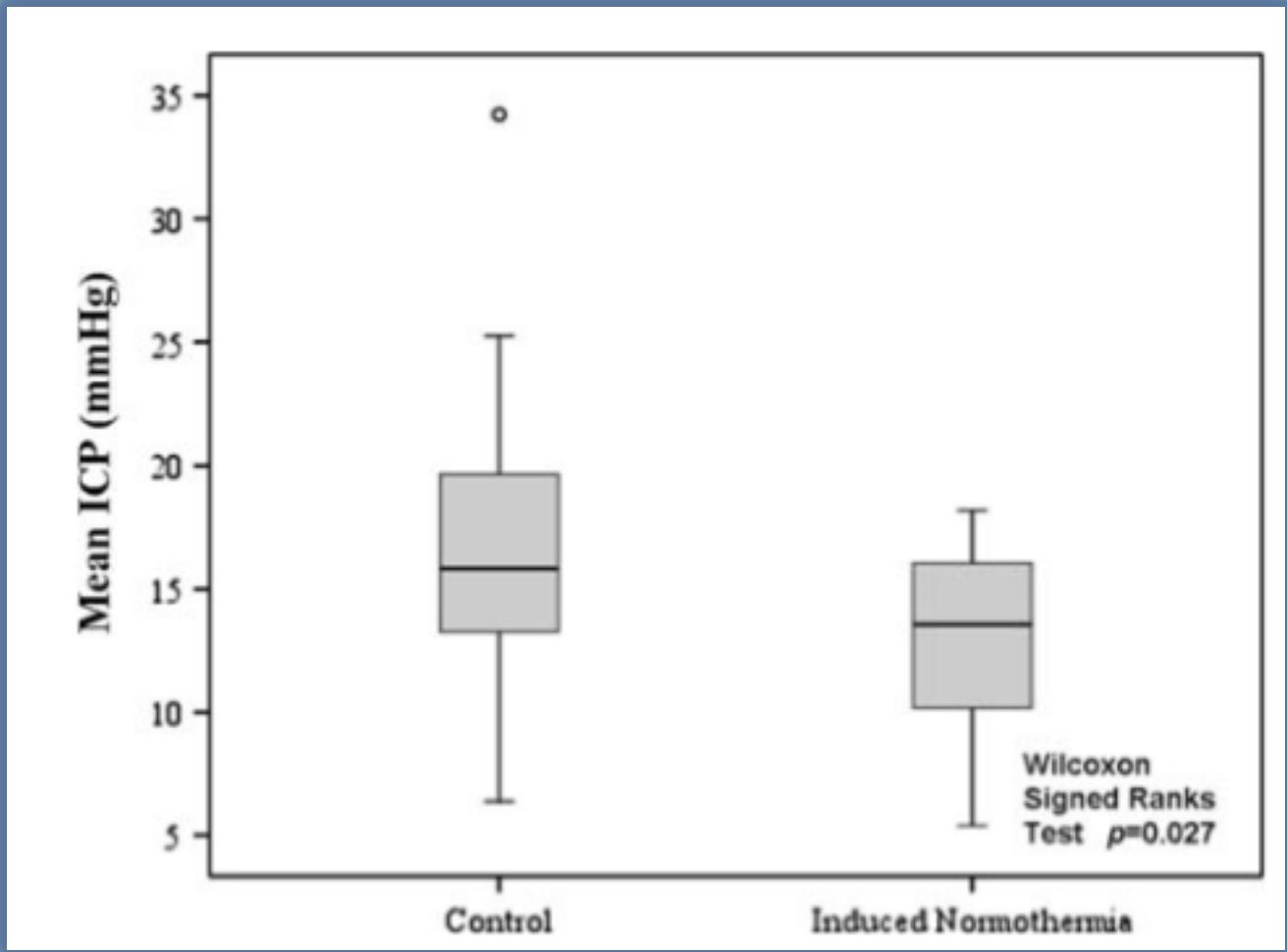
Puccio et al., Neuro Crit Care 2009

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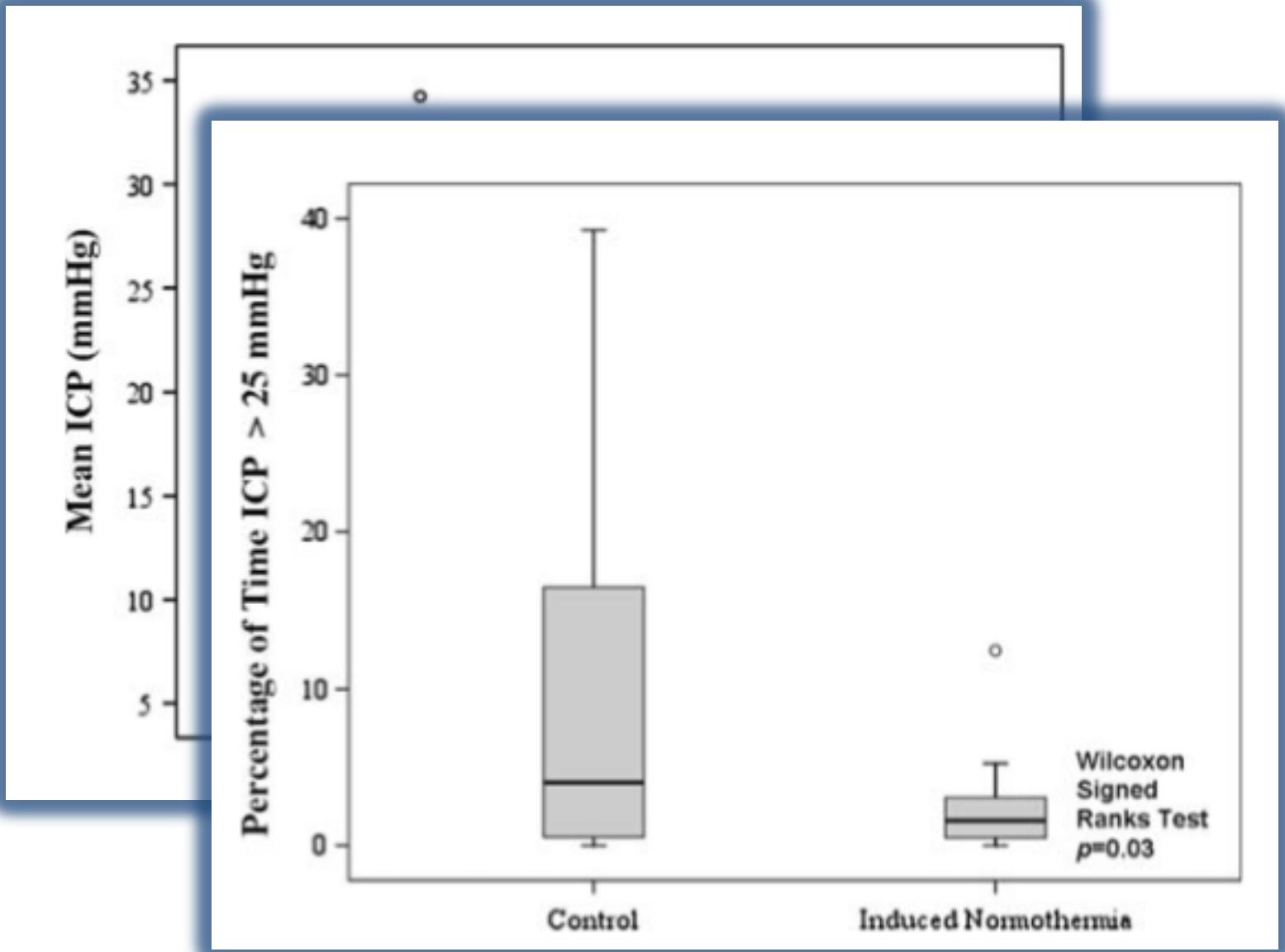
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# Normothermia and TBI II:



# Normothermia and TBI il:



# *Therapeutic hypothermia*



Can prophylactic endovascular normo-/hypothermia influence brain temperature (in patients with severe TBI)?

Inclusion criteria:

severe TBI (initial GCS  $\leq 8$ )

Interventions:

ICP + temperatureprobe (Neurovent-Temp-P, Raumedic AG, Muenchberg, Germany)  
endovascular normo/ hypothermia (CoolGard 3000®, Zoll®)

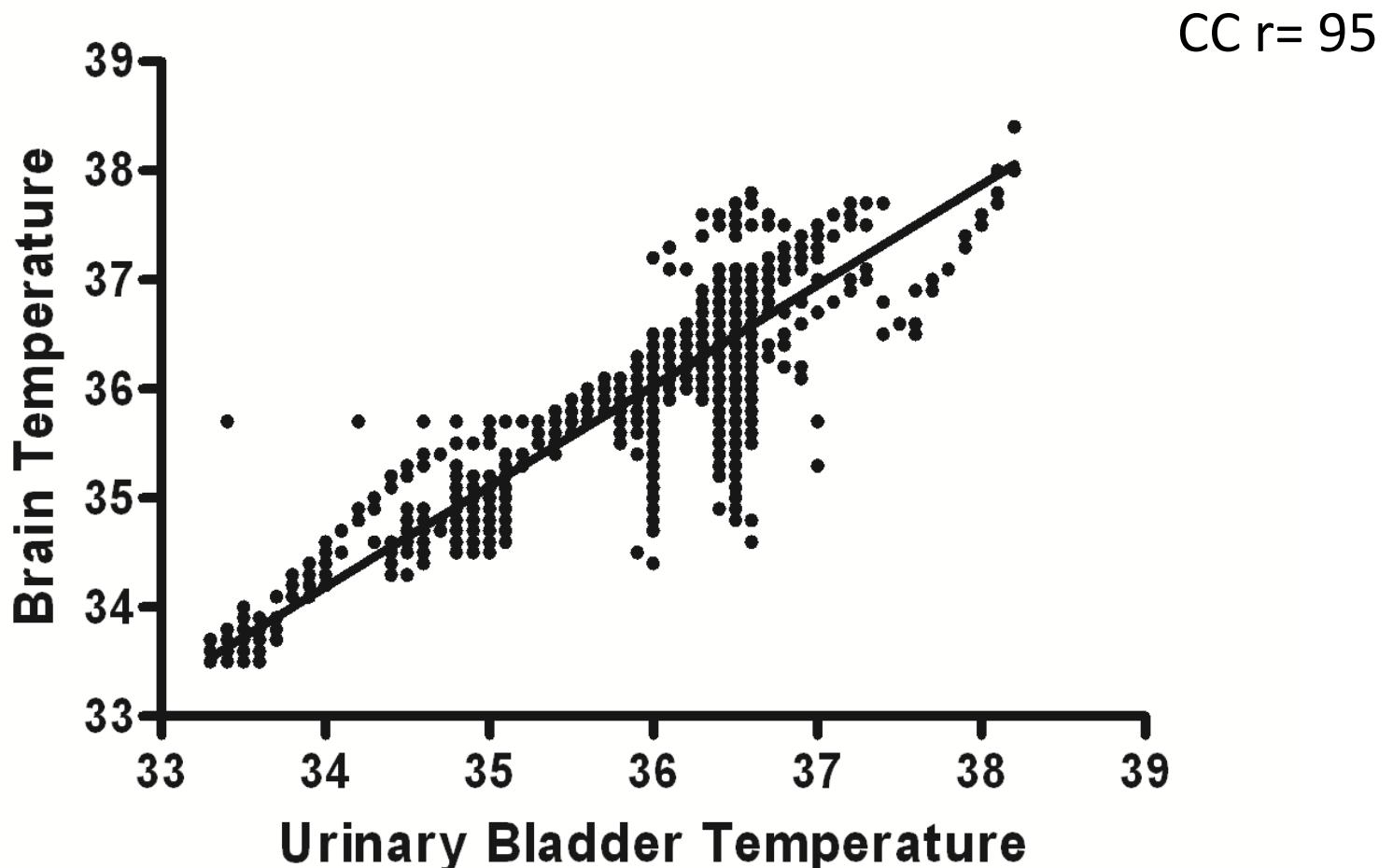
N=7 patients

Fischer & Broessner et al., Neurosurgery 2011

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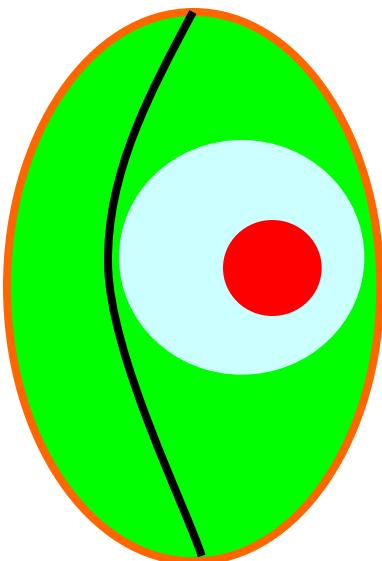
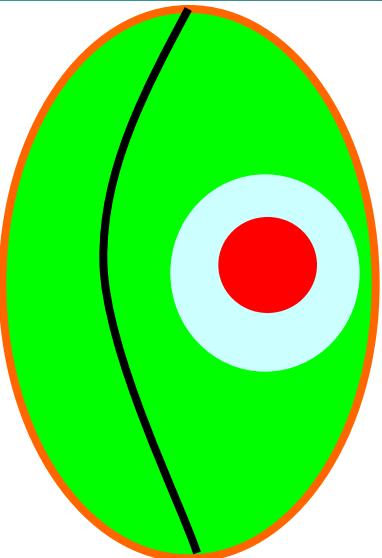
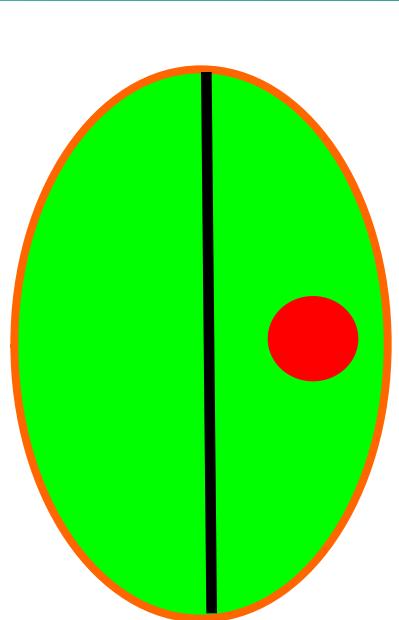




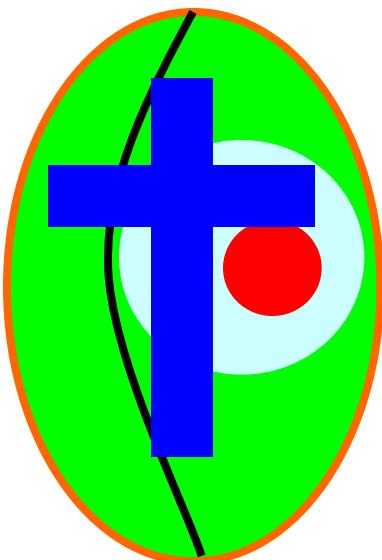
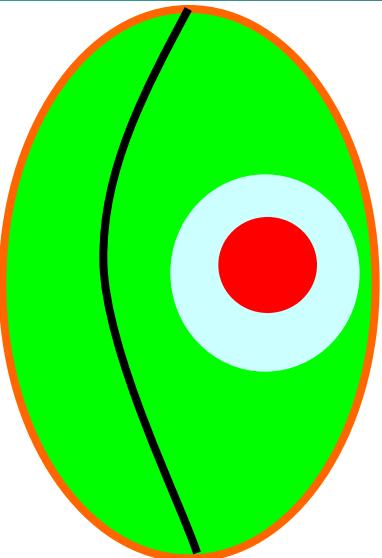
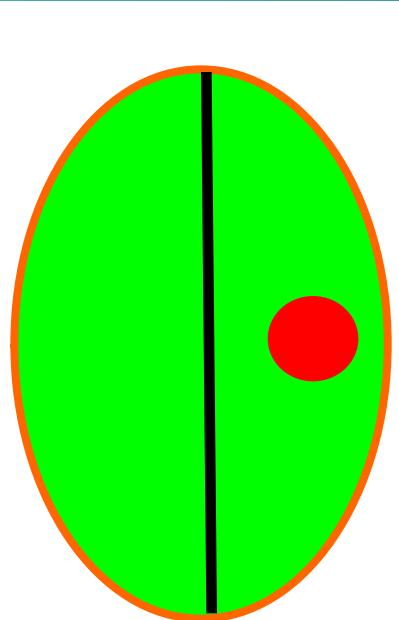
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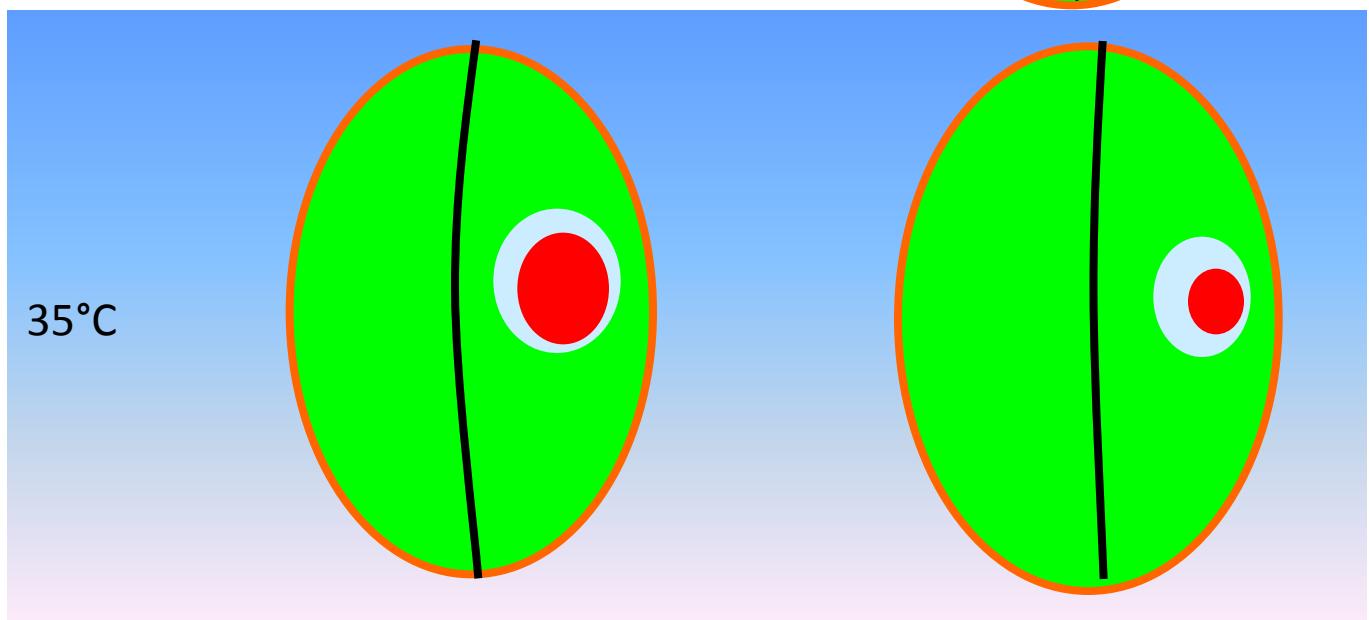
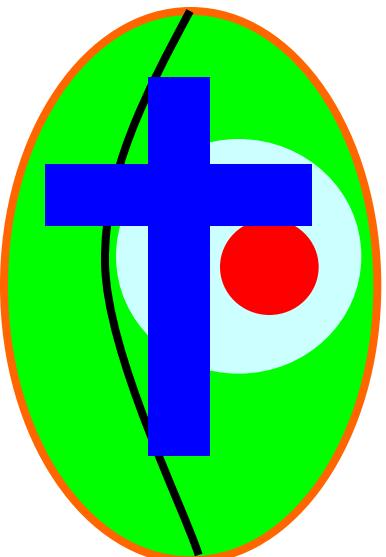
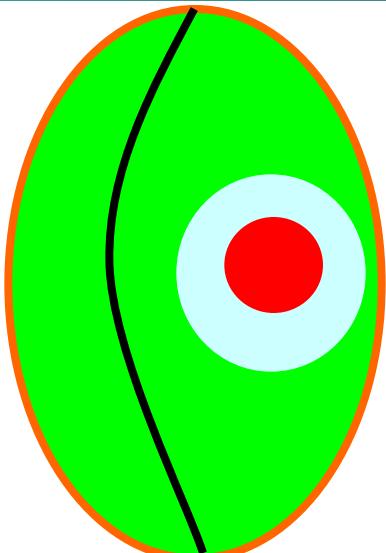
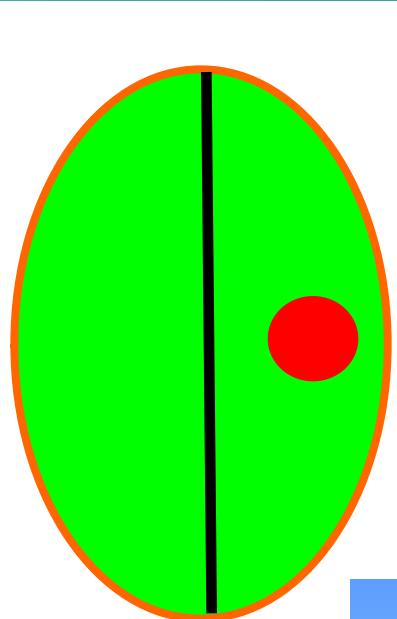
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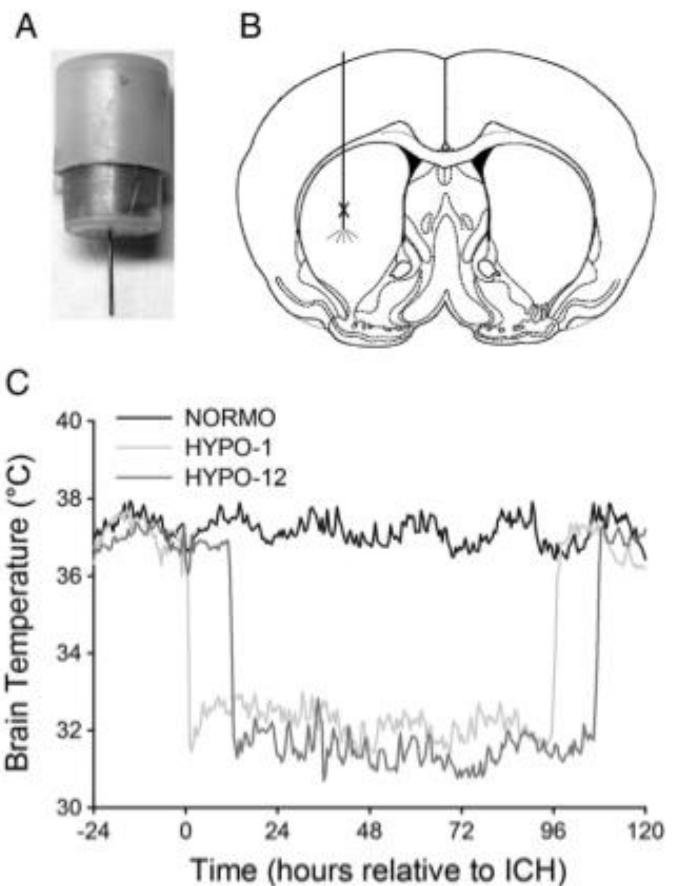


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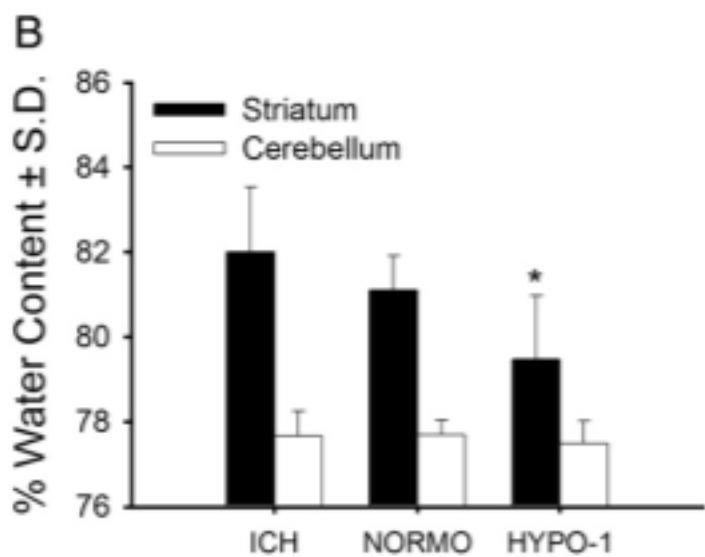
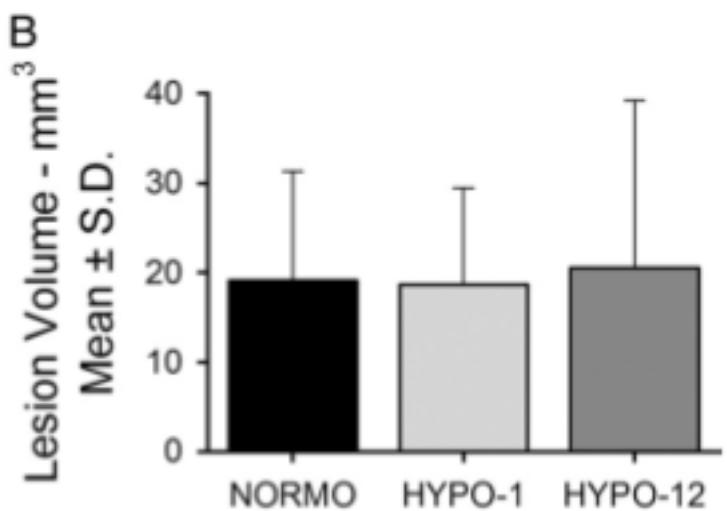


## The effects of selective brain hypothermia on intracerebral hemorrhage in rats

Matthew Fingas <sup>a</sup>, Darren L. Clark <sup>a</sup>, Frederick Colbourne <sup>a,b,\*</sup>



# Hypothermia in ICH rat model:



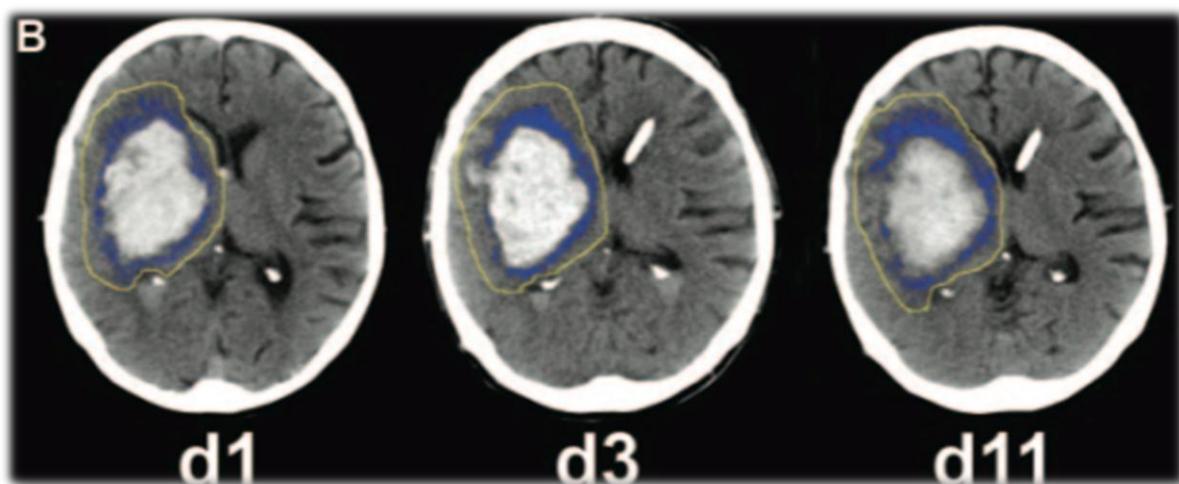
## Hypothermia Reduces Perihemorrhagic Edema After Intracerebral Hemorrhage

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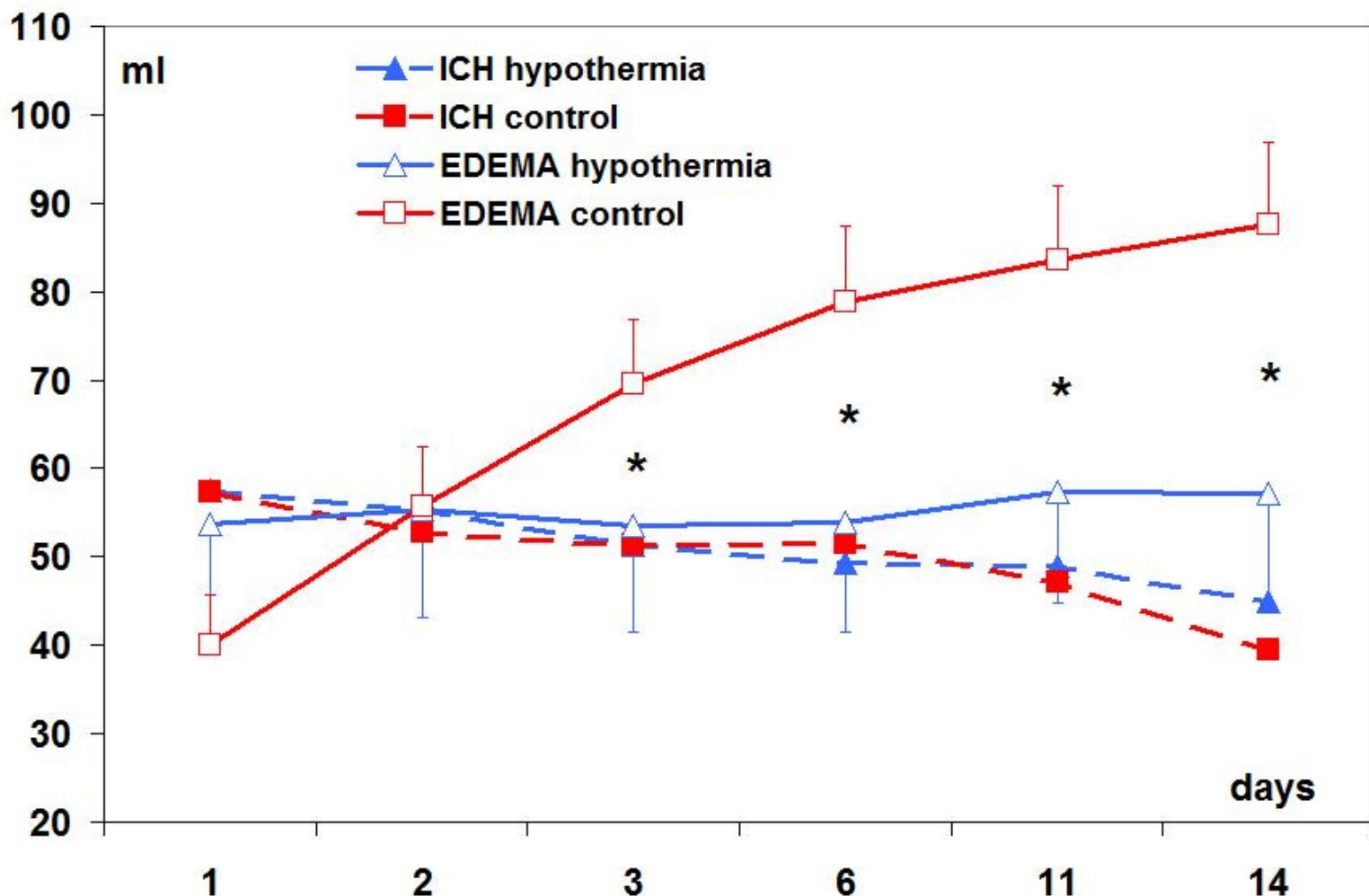
Normo / Hypothermia over 10 days

Hypothermia (n=12)

Control (n=25)



# Hypothermia and ICH :



Kollmar, Staykov et al., Stroke 2010



**Clinicaltrials.gov** (National Institutes of Health (NIH))

## ***Hypothermia:***

78 registered trials (recruiting or before recruiting)

*Indications: Stroke, bact. meningitis, status epilepticus,  
TBI, SAH, cardiac arrest, asphyxia a.m.m.*

## ***Controlled normothermia:***

9 registered trials (recruiting or before recruiting)





## Cooling in intracerebral hemorrhage (CINCH) trial: protocol of a randomized German–Austrian clinical trial

Rainer Kollmar<sup>1\*</sup>, Eric Juettler<sup>2</sup>, Hagen B. Huttner<sup>1</sup>, Arnd Dörfler<sup>3</sup>, Dimitre Staykov<sup>1</sup>,  
Bernd Kallmuenzer<sup>1</sup>, Erich Schmutzhard<sup>4</sup>, Stefan Schwab<sup>1</sup>, Gregor Broessner<sup>4</sup>  
for the CINCH investigators



# Ongoing trials with temperature management:



## ICTuS-2/3

Intravenous Thrombolysis Plus Hypothermia for Acute Treatment of Ischemic Stroke-2/3





## EXTENDED SYNPOSIS

**EuroHYP-1: A European, multicentre, randomised, phase III, clinical trial of hypothermia plus medical treatment versus best medical treatment alone for acute ischaemic stroke**



***fever*** has to be ***avioded in patients with acute neuronal injury*** by any means

***Good evidence for hypothermia (RCT):***

- Post resuscitation
- Refractory elevated ICP
- Asphyctic neonates

promising results in Stroke, ICH....

***(longterm-) prophylactic endovasacular normothermia is efficacious and feasibel***



***Understanding and treating the limitations*** in therapeutic temperature management is pivotal:

(even under prophylactic normothermia) close and ***standardized surveillance*** for ***infections*** is absolutely mandatory – treatment of fever does ***not replace treatment of infections***

use anti-shivering protocol

avoid fever rebound



Сердечное спасибо!

