

# **REVIEW: HYPOTHERMIA FOR MALIGNANT INCREASED INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE**

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# INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE

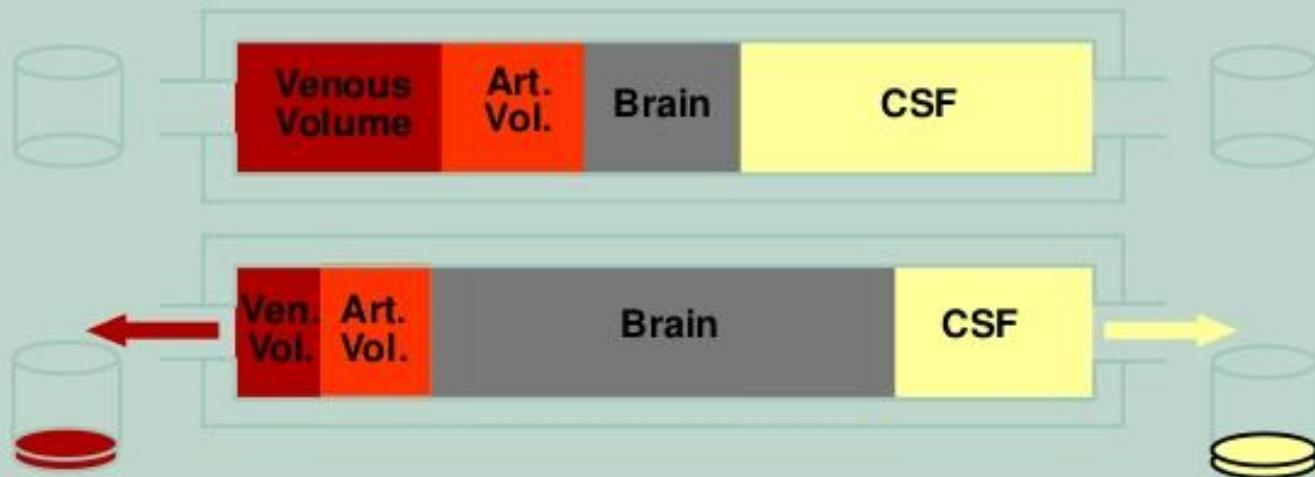
- Skull = 'closed box' Total Volume ; 1900ml
- 3 volume components
  - 1. Brain Parenchyme 1300ml  
IC space(1100ml) + EC space(200ml)
  - 2. Blood 60ml
  - 3. Cerebrospinal fluid 140ml
- Each of the 3 componets contributes ICP(Monro-Kerlly Doctrin)
- Normal ICP ; 10~15mmHg

# 3 COMPONENTS OF INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE

## Intracranial Hypertension in FHF

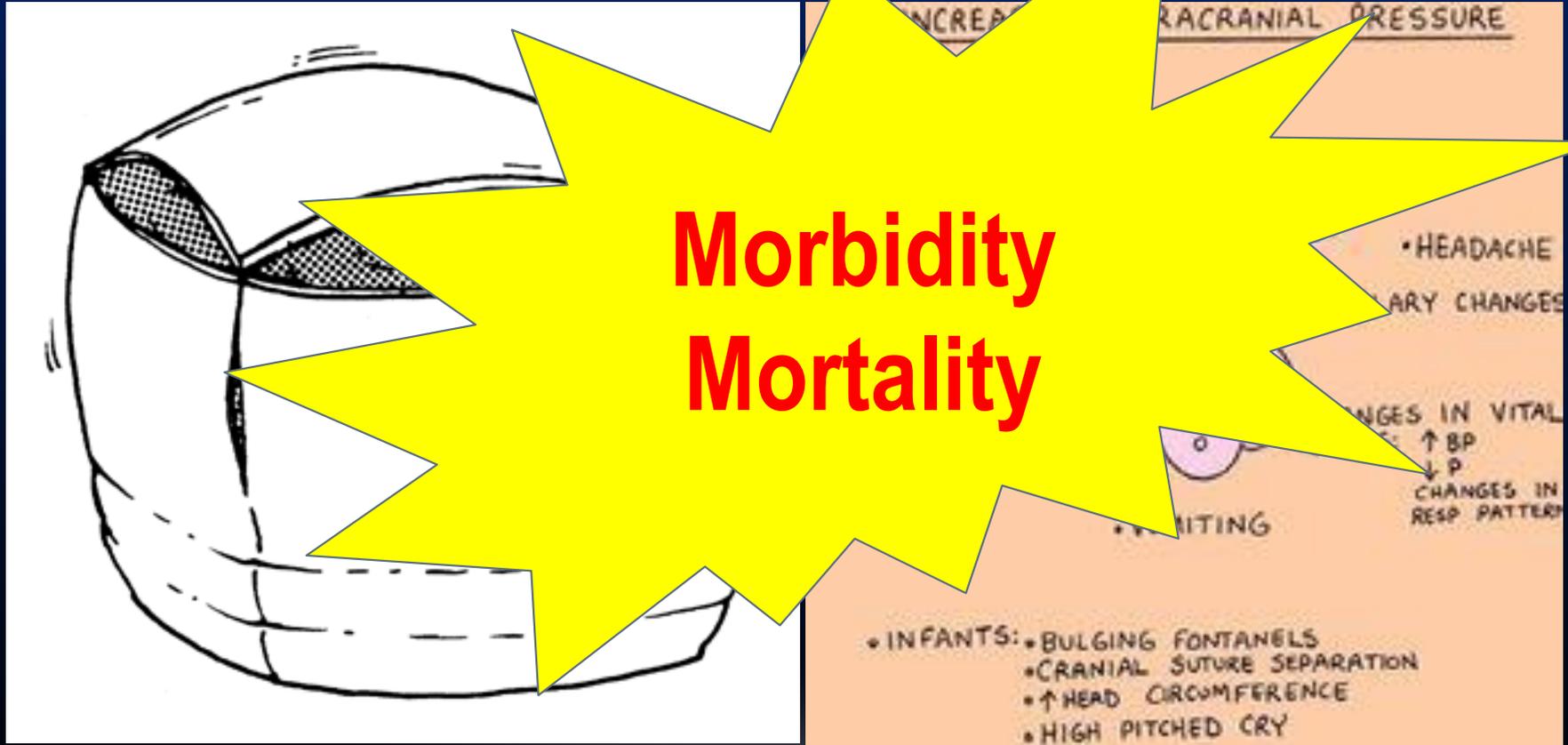


### Monro-Kellie Doctrine



$$V_{\text{blood}} + V_{\text{brain}} + V_{\text{CSF}} = \text{Constant}$$

# SYMPTOMS OF INCREASED ICP

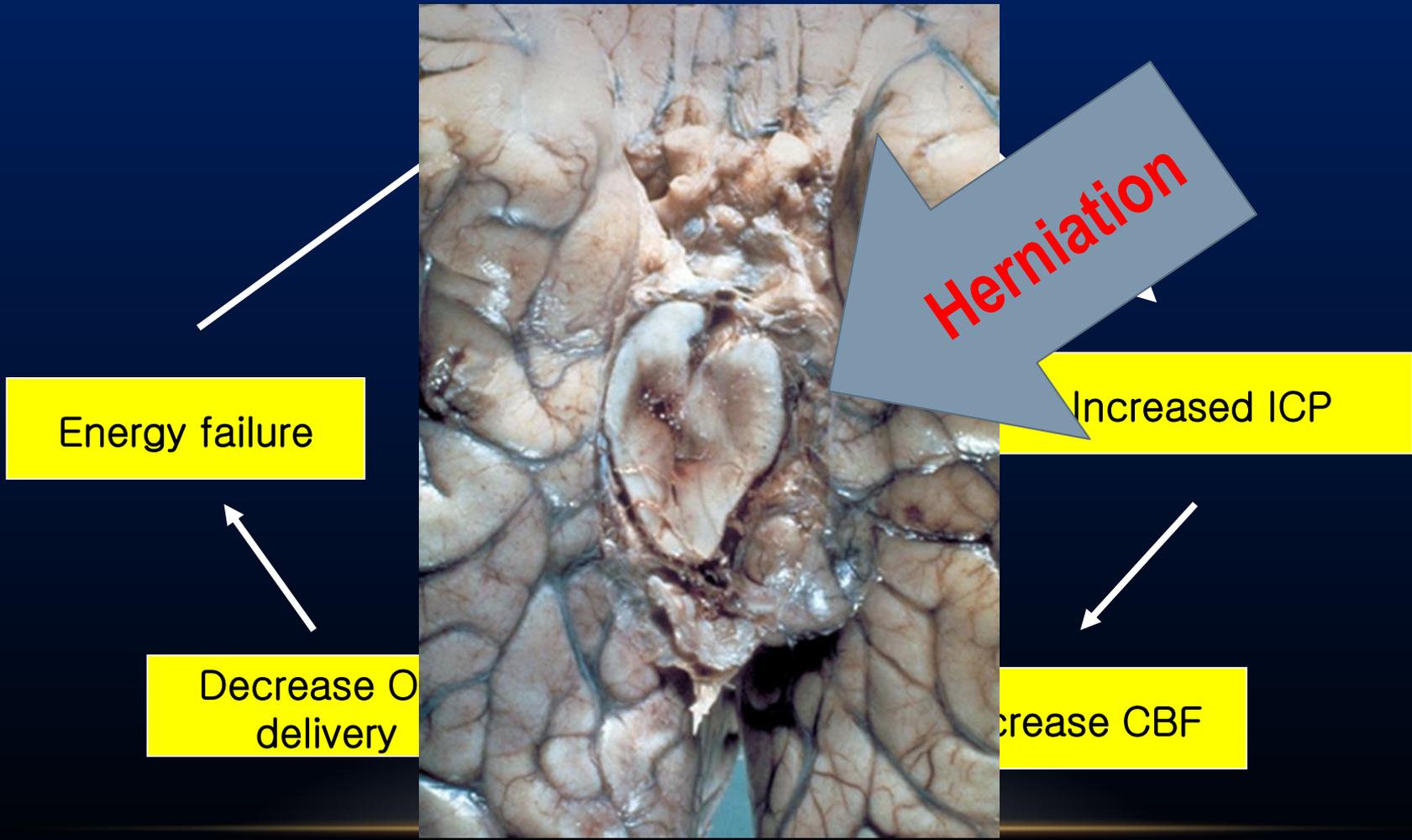


**Morbidity  
Mortality**

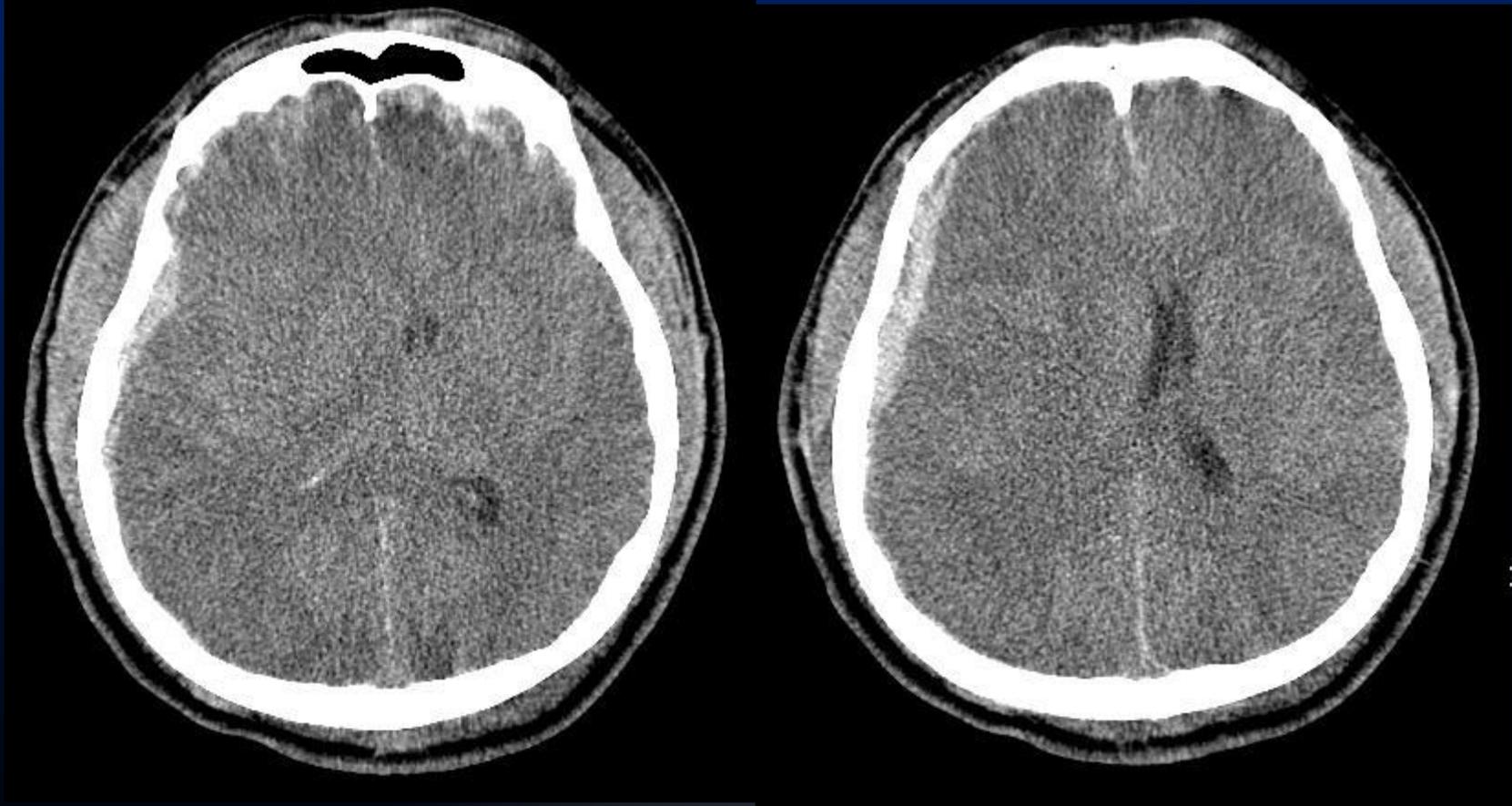
INCREASED INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE

- HEADACHE
- VITAL SIGN CHANGES
- CHANGES IN VITAL SIGNS
  - ↑ BP
  - ↓ P
  - CHANGES IN RESP PATTERN
- VOMITING
- INFANTS:
  - BULGING FONTANELS
  - CRANIAL SUTURE SEPARATION
  - ↑ HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE
  - HIGH PITCHED CRY

P.J. HUTCHINSON, P.J. KIRKPATRICK ; DECOMPRESSIVE CRANIECTOMY IN HEAD INJURY  
CURRENT OPINION IN CRITICAL CARE 10:101-104, 2004



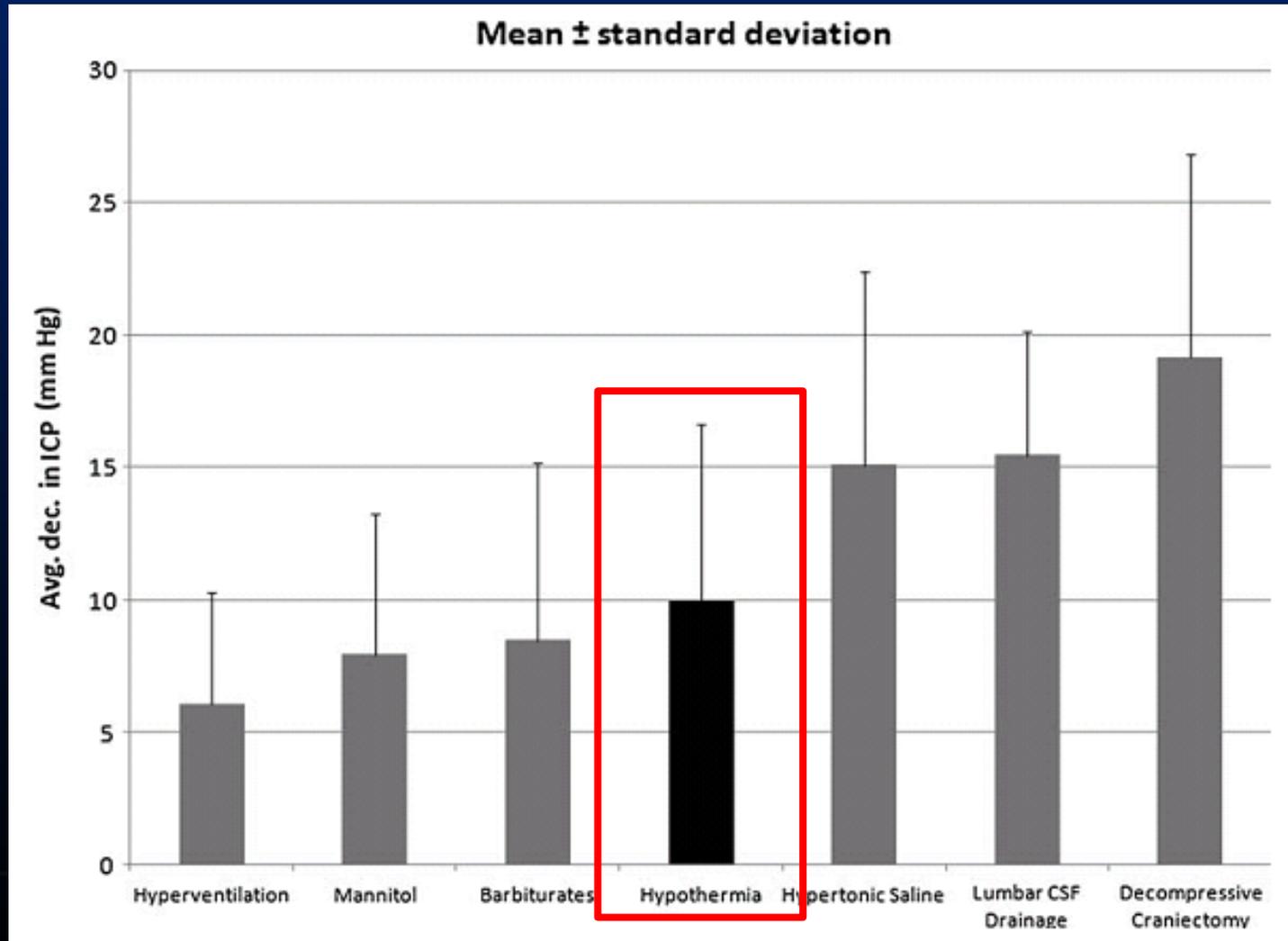
Escalating cycle of brain swelling



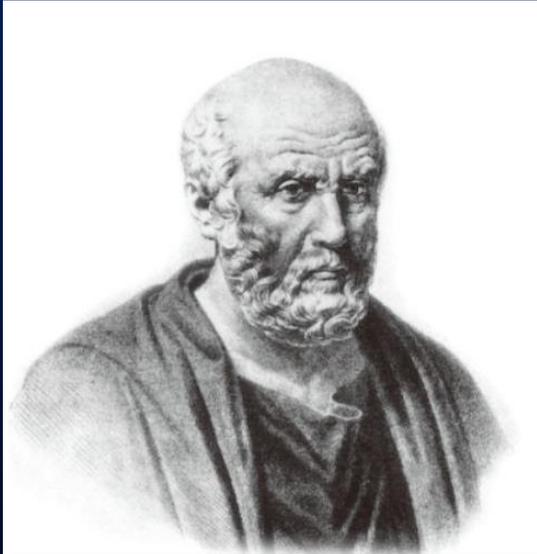
# MANAGEMENT TO INCREASED ICP

- Head elevation 30 degrees
- Mannitol
- Hyperventilation
- Steroid
- Hypertonic solution
- CSF drainage
- Decompressive craniectomy
- **Hypothermia**

# EFFECTIVE OF TH



# HISTORICAL BACK GROUND OF THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA(TH)



GMG



campaign in 1812 in an effort to preserve injured limbs as well as for its numbing effects during amputation.

# HISTORICAL BACK GROUND OF THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA(TH)

- In 1937, Dr. Temple Fay “cooled” a patient to 32° C for 24 h, in an attempt to prevent cancer cells from further multiplying.
- Smith and Fay in 1940, reported the physiologic effects that induced TH caused in a series of cancer patients.
- In 1953, using canine and monkey models, Bigelow and McBirnie, published a study reporting the beneficial effect of TH for the brain and the heart during cardiac surgery.
- Rosomoff and Gilbert demonstrated a direct effect between body temperature, and intracranial pressure and brain volume in 1955. These early investigators confirmed that TH reduced the cerebral oxygen consumption, blood flow, and metabolic rate of a normal dog brain.
- By 1959, induced TH was widely used by neurosurgeons for head and spinal cord injuries as well as during cardiac surgery.

**Effects of posttraumatic MgSO<sub>4</sub> and hypothermia an animal model of TBI. Journal of Korean Neurological Society  
29(10)1296-1302, 2000**

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Using Marmarou model(1m height weight drop)  
hypothermia 32°C, 1 hour , MgSO<sub>4</sub> 750μmol

hypothermia and MgSO<sub>4</sub> significant improve pathological changes.  
In all treated group, a significant reduction in TUNEL positive cells and beta APP staining were found in comparison with the control group each time(12hrs, 24hrs, 1wk and 2wks).

**Hypothermia group is better neuroprotection on 2 wks**

Otherwise simultaneously MgSO<sub>4</sub> and hypothermia treatment group is failed to provide additional neuroprotection.

# $\beta$ -APP immunoreactivity

12hrs

24hrs

1wk

2wks

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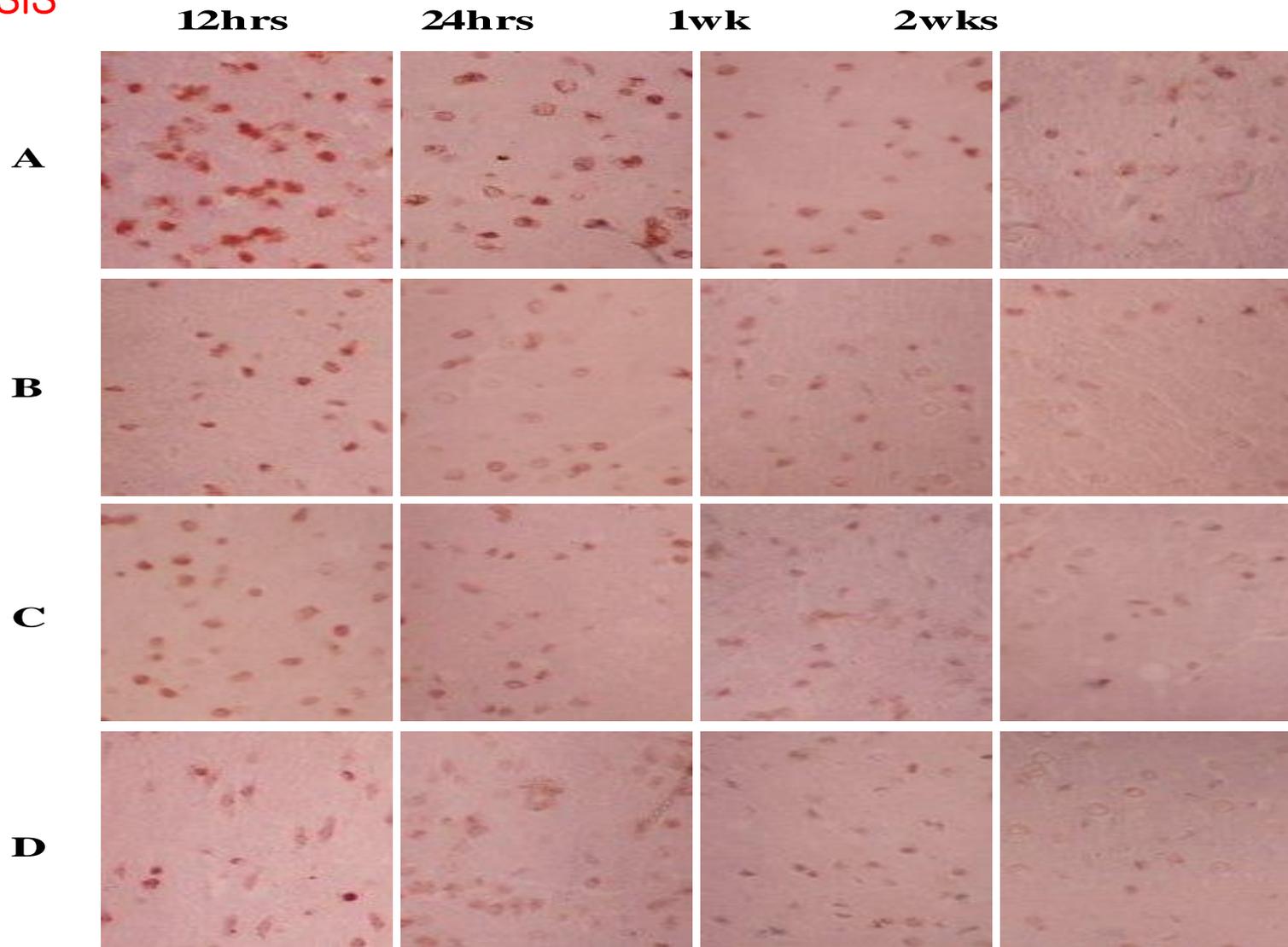
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Fig4. Photographs of  $\beta$ -APP immunohistochemical staining. Groups treated with MgSO<sub>4</sub>(B), or hypothermia(C), or MgSO<sub>4</sub> and hypothermia combined(D) show significant reduction of immunoreactivity (dark brown color and elongated or circular shape) compared with control group(A) at each times (P<0.0001). Original magnification(x100)

# APOPTOSIS



**Fig5 Photographs of TUNEL staining (showing apoptosis). These show significant reduction of apoptosis (pinkish condensed cytoplasm, chromatin and membrane blebbing) in treatment groups - MgSO<sub>4</sub>(B), hypothermia(C), MgSO<sub>4</sub> and hypothermia combined(D) - compared with control group(A) each times ( $P < 0.001$ ). As passing time, significant reduction is seen all groups ( $P < 0.001$ ). Original magnification (x100).**

## Apoptotic index of each group in TUNEL stain

	12 hours	24hours	1 week	2 weeks
control	$50 \pm 0.7$	$38.6 \pm 4.0$	$29.8 \pm 0.6$	$17.6 \pm 1.7$
MgSO <sub>4</sub>	$35.6 \pm 2.6$	$24 \pm 3.4$	$20.6 \pm 2.2$	$11.4 \pm 0.2$
Hypothermia	$31 \pm 1.3$	$22.4 \pm 1.3$	$15 \pm 3.6$	$3.5 \pm 2.0$
MgSO <sub>4</sub> with Hypothermia	$35.4 \pm 3.1$	$23 \pm 1.1$	$19.2 \pm 3.7$	$5.4 \pm 1.6$

# CURRENT UTILIZATION OF HYPOTHERMIA

- Cardiac arrest
- Traumatic brain injury / Ischemic stroke
- Perinatal asphyxia
- Cardiac surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Vascular surgery

# MECHANISM OF TH

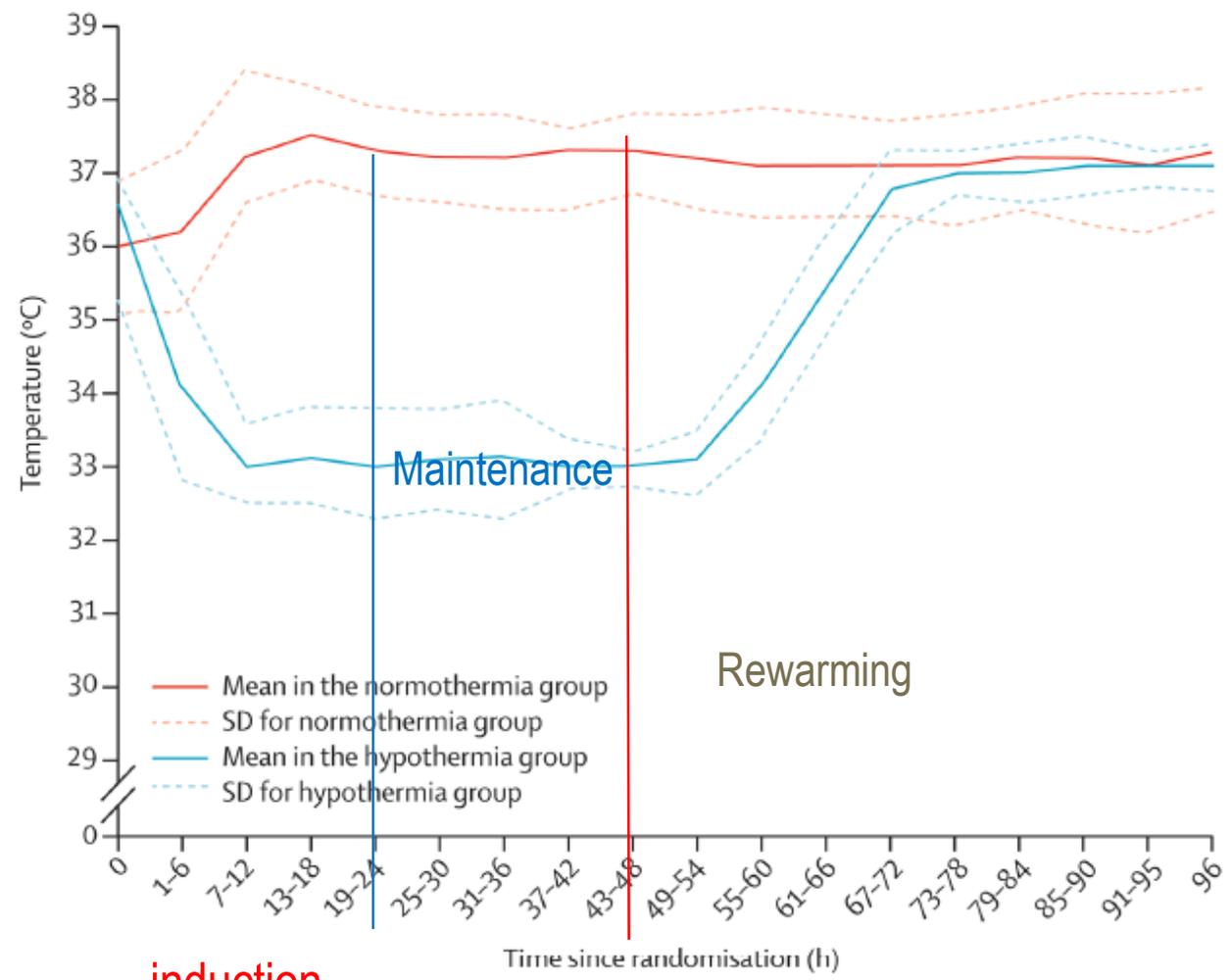
decreased

- Cellular energy requirements (6%/1°C)
- Excitatory neurotransmitter release
- Oxygen free radical production
- Ischemic depolarizations in the penumbra
- Cytoskeletal proteolysis
- Neutrophil infiltration
- Cytokine and leukotriene production
- Apoptotic signaling (cell death)
- Epileptic activity and seizures

increased

- BBB stability
- Calcium-dependent intracellular signaling
- Protein synthesis and gene expression

Inducti  
Max  
salin  
Use  
prev  
Sed



Number at risk	induction																	
	0	1-6	7-12	13-18	19-24	25-30	31-36	37-42	43-48	49-54	55-60	61-66	67-72	73-78	79-84	85-90	91-95	96
Hypothermia	52	52	52	52	51	51	49	48	49	48	47	47	45	46	45	45	45	43
Normothermia	45	45	45	44	44	45	44	44	44	44	44	42	42	42	41	40	37	35

**Figure 2. Temperature analysis during the first 96 h after randomisation**  
The number of patients decreased over time as patients died or were discharged from intensive care.

rain swelling,

tion &

paralytics

# COMPLICATIONS OF TH

Changes on drug metabolism

Coagulopathy

Electrolytes shifts/disturbances

Ileus

Increased creatine/liver enzymes

Insulin resistance

Lactic acidosis

Pancreatitis

Pneumonia

Postcooling diuresis

Wound infection

# CINCINNATI SUB – ZERO

Update of previous blanketrol II device

Covers more surface area

Bedside unit allows for more programmable options for depth/rate of cooling

Actual rates of cooling?



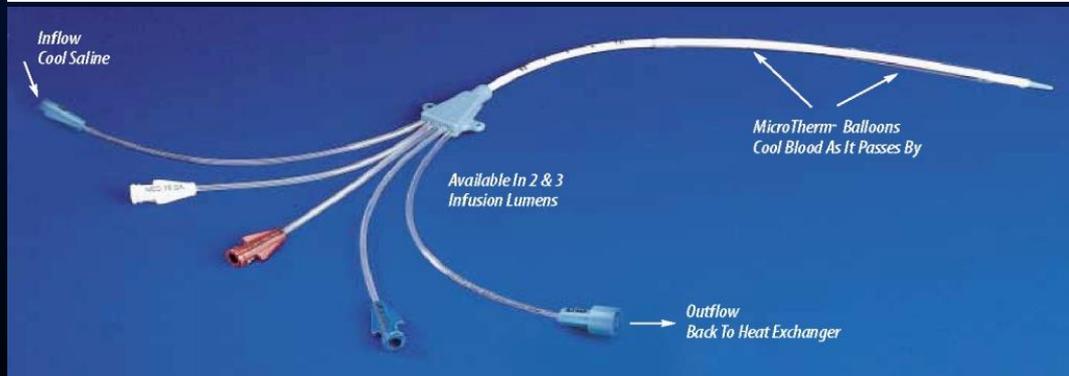
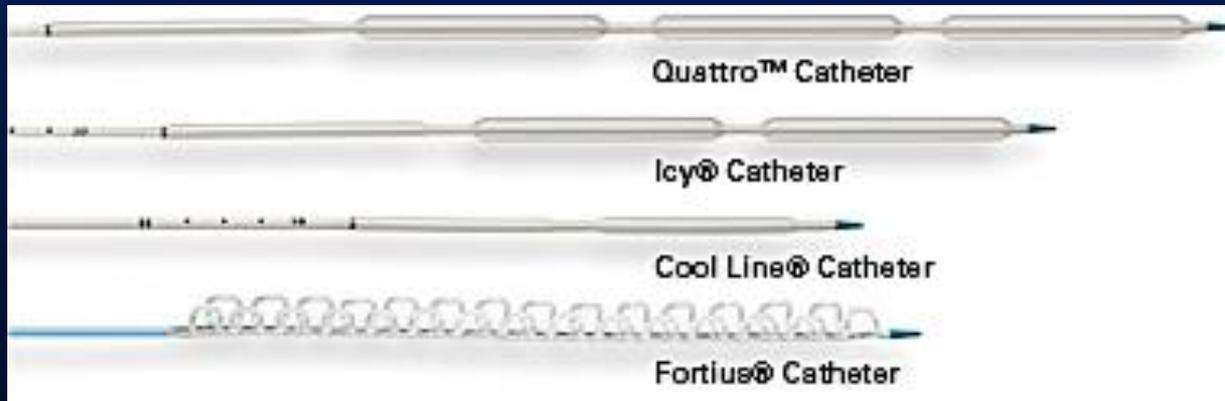
# ALSIUS: COOLGARD SYSTEM

Triple lumen subclavian catheter (9.3 F)

Standard central catheter length (22 cm)

Three lumens for infusion

Two lumens to bedside unit for circulation of sterile saline through micro-balloons (closed-loop)



# LIFE RECOVERY SYSTEMS: THERMOSUIT

Extremely rapid cooling by ice water immersion

Esophageal temperature probe

Await more extensive clinical experience



# CHOCHRANE

- **Chochrane study : hypothermia of traumatic head injury**
  - **Multicenter, randomized controlled trials, 23 trials until 2009**
  - **1614 pts. enrolled**
- **Study design**
  - **Multicenter, randomized**
  - **Any closed traumatic head injury requiring hospitalisation**
  - **Hypothermia (35°C) at least 12 consecutive hours**
  - **Whole body cooling or just the head**
  - **Compare with normothermia group**
  - **Primary outcomes**
    - **Mortality & unfavorable outcome**
  - **Secondary outcomes**
    - **The frequency of pneumonia**

## Hypothermia for traumatic head injury

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### ABSTRACT

#### Background

Hypothermia has been used in the treatment of head injury for many years. Encouraging results from small trials and laboratory studies led to renewed interest in the area and some larger trials.

#### Objectives

To estimate the effect of mild hypothermia for traumatic head injury on mortality and long-term functional outcome complications.

#### Search methods

We searched the Cochrane Injuries Group Specialised Register, Current Controlled Trials *MetaRegister* of trials, Zetoc, ISI Web of Science, Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) and Conference Proceedings Citation Index-Science (CPCI-S), CENTRAL (*The Cochrane Library*), MEDLINE and EMBASE. We handsearched conference proceedings and checked reference lists of all relevant articles. The search was last updated in April 2009.

#### Selection criteria

Randomised controlled trials of hypothermia to a maximum of 35°C for at least 12 consecutive hours versus control in patients with any closed traumatic head injury requiring hospitalisation. Two authors independently assessed all trials.

#### Data collection and analysis

Data on death, Glasgow Outcome Scale and pneumonia were sought and extracted, either from published material or by contacting the investigators. Odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated for each trial on an intention-to-treat basis.

#### Main results

We found 23 trials with a total of 1614 randomised patients. Twenty-one trials involving 1587 patients reported data on deaths. There were fewer deaths in patients treated with hypothermia than in the control group (OR 0.85, 95% CI 0.68 to 1.06). Nine trials with good allocation concealment showed no decrease in the likelihood of death with hypothermia compared with the control group (OR 1.11, 95% CI 0.82 to 1.51). In both cases the result was not statistically significant. Twenty-one trials involving 1587 patients reported data on unfavourable outcomes (death, vegetative state or severe disability). Patients treated with hypothermia were less likely to have an unfavourable outcome than those in the control group (OR 0.77, 95% CI 0.62 to 0.94). Nine trials with good allocation concealment showed patients treated with hypothermia were less likely to have an unfavourable outcome than those in the control group, but the

reduction was small and non-significant (OR 0.93, 95% CI 0.70 to 1.23). Hypothermia treatment was associated with a slight increase in the odds of pneumonia (OR 1.35, 95% CI 0.95 to 1.91) but there was a reduction in pneumonia for trials with good allocation concealment (four trials analysed separately, 306 patients, OR 0.84, 95% CI 0.52 to 1.35) although in both cases the results are not statistically significant.

#### Authors' conclusions

There is no evidence that hypothermia is beneficial in the treatment of head injury. Hypothermia may be effective in reducing death and unfavourable outcomes for traumatic head injured patients, but significant benefit was only found in low quality trials. Low quality trials have a tendency to overestimate the treatment effect. The high quality trials found no decrease in the likelihood of death with hypothermia, but this finding was not statistically significant and could be due to the play of chance. Hypothermia should not be used except in the context of a high quality randomised controlled trial with good allocation concealment.

### PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

#### Hypothermia (body temperature cooling) for traumatic head injury

This review includes twenty-three randomised controlled trials involving 1614 patients with traumatic head injury. In each trial, the patients were randomly divided into two groups: one group remained at normal body temperature, and the other group was cooled to a maximum of 35 degrees Celsius (or 95 degrees Fahrenheit) for at least 12 consecutive hours. Cooling could be of the whole body (e.g. with a blanket with circulating cold water), or just the head (e.g. with a helmet with circulating cold water). Information on death, disability, and pneumonia were evaluated for each trial.

The review authors found that fewer people died or became severely disabled if they were treated with hypothermia, but this finding may be due to chance. It was also found that patients given hypothermia were more likely to develop pneumonia, and some patients died from pneumonia, but the increased risk of pneumonia could also be due to chance.

Some of the trials included in the review were of low methodological quality. Low quality trials have a tendency to overestimate the effect of a treatment. In this review, the lower quality trials showed hypothermia treatment to be somewhat effective in reducing death and disability among patients with head injury. However, the good quality trials showed no decrease in the likelihood of death with hypothermia treatment and a reduced likelihood of pneumonia. Some of the findings in this review are therefore contradictory, and this is probably due to the inclusion of data from low quality trials.

The review authors conclude that there is no evidence that hypothermia is beneficial in the treatment of head injury. Most of the positive and negative effects found may be due to chance. Hypothermia should not be used except in the context of a randomised controlled trial with good allocation concealment.



**There is no evidence that hypothermia is beneficial in the treatment of head injury**

# BACKGROUND HYPOTHERMIA AFTER TBI

- Houston group, Clifton, 1993
  - Phase II study
  - 33° C within 8 hrs, maintain for 48 hrs
  - Good outcome (good recovery, mod disability in GOS): 15% improvement
- Pittsburg group, Marion, 1997
  - Phase II study
  - 33° C within 10 hrs, maintain for 24 hrs
  - Good outcome: 24% improvement
- No significant hypothermia-related toxicity

NABIS:H (National Acute Brain Injury Study: Hypothermia) by NINDS, 1994

NIND(National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke).

# NABIS:H

- Randomized, prospective, multicenter trial, 500 pt
- Surface cooling induced moderate hypothermia (33° C) within 6 hrs of severe TBI (GCS≤8), maintain for 48 hrs
- Functional outcome: GOS at 6 mos
- Stop in May 1998 after enrolling 392 pt
  - The Patient Safety and Monitoring Board
  - Low probability of detecting a treatment effect (Class I)
- No difference in outcome between hypothermia & normothermia
- Hypothermia blunt major elevations of ICP

# CLINICAL EVIDENCE OF HYPOTHERMIA

## NABIS:H

- Result
  - Poor in both groups
    - Severe disability, vegetative, death
  - Mortality
    - hypothermia vs normothermia 28% VS 27% ( $p=0.79$ )
  - More hospital days and complication in hypothermia group
- Conclusion: No effect of hypothermia

# NABIS:H

Tx group	Pt with admission temp $\leq 35^{\circ}\text{C}$			Pt with admission temp $> 35^{\circ}\text{C}$		
	No.	% Poor outcome	<i>p</i> Value	No.	% Poor outcome	<i>p</i> Value
All Pt	102		0.09	264		0.7
hypothermia	62	61		127	54	
normothermia	40	78		137	52	
Pt $\leq 45$ yrs	81		0.02	233		0.84
hypothermia	48	52		115	51	
normothermia	33	76		118	50	
Pt $> 45$ yrs	21		0.60	31		0.23
hypothermia	14	93		12	83	
normothermia	7	86		19	63	

Outcome at 6 mos, poor outcome: severe disability, vegetative state or death in GOS

# CAUSE OF HYPOTHERMIA ON ADMISSION

**NABIS:H**

- Hypothermia on admission
  - $< 35^{\circ} \text{ C}$
  - Environmental (Class II or III)
    - Winter month
    - Receipt of larger volumes of room-temp IV fluids
    - Positive blood alcohol level
    - Smaller body size
    - Increased age
    - Prehospital hypotension
  - Detrimental to rewarm hypothermic pt on admission

# HYPOTHERMIC EFFECT ON ICP

*NABIS:H*

- Treatment effect of hypothermia on IICP (Class I & II)
  - NABIS:H
    - All pt group: reduce incidence of ICP>30 mmHg
    - Over 45 yrs, normothermic on admission: no effect
  - Hypothermia to control IICP improve outcome (Class I & II)

Selective use of hypothermia to treat established IICP treat the early biochemical cascade occurring immediately after injury

# RECOMMENDATIONS

*NABIS:H*

- Not possible to recommend (Level I)
  - Use of hypothermia as a treatment for severe TBI
- Options
  - Possible that very early induction of hypothermia may improve outcome
    - Hypothermic ( $\leq 35\%$ ) pt on admission
    - $\leq 45$  yrs of age
  - Hypothermia may reduce marked IICP ( $>30$  mmHg) in selective pt

# CRITIQUES

*NABIS:H*

- Marked inter-center variance
  - Treatment effect of hypothermia
  - Age of participants
  - Severity of illness scoring between groups
  - Management of IICP
  - Hemodynamic and fluid management
- More favorable outcome at large patient volume centers
  - Different treatment quality between centers

# META-ANALYSIS FOR TBI

- BTF/AANS, 1996 to 2002
  - 8 trials, 781 patients
  - With more than 48 hr hypothermia
    - Reduction in risk of mortality *RR 0.51*
    - Favorable neurologic outcome *RR 1.91*
    - Risk of pneumonia *RR 2.37*
- National Guideline 2007

Recommendation for optional & cautious use of hypothermia for adult TBI (*Level III*)

*Peterson, J Neurotrauma 2008 25:62-71*

# NABIS: H II

## 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 Zygun, 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 Neurol 2011 10:131-139*

- RCT in US and Canada
  - 16-45 years old
  - Severe TBI (GCS $\leq$ 8)
  - Hypothermia within 2.5 hr
    - 35°C using iv 2L of cold crystalloid, wet sheets, gel packs
    - 33°C using Arctic Sun (Medivance®), ventilated air, chilled crystalloid, gastric lavage with cold water
  - Maintain for 48 hr
  - Rewarming: 0.5°C every 2 hr
- Functional outcome: GOS at 6mos
- Stop in June 2009 after enrolling 232 patients
- No difference in outcome between hypothermia & normothermia
- Surgical removal of ICH: fewer poor outcome in hypothermia

# NABIS: H II

	Poor outcome			Died		
	n (%)	RR (95% CI)	p value	n (%)	RR (95% CI)	p value
<b>Primary analysis</b>						
All patients (n=97)	56 (58%)	..	..	20 (21%)	..	..
Hypothermia (n=52)	31 (60%)	1.08 (0.76–1.53)	0.67	12 (23%)	1.30 (0.58–2.89)	0.52
Normothermia (n=45)	25 (56%)	..	..	8 (18%)	..	..
<b>Subgroup analysis</b>						
Diffuse brain injury (n=69)	42 (61%)	..	..	13 (19%)	..	..
<u>Hypothermia (n=37)</u>	26 (70%)	1.44 (0.95–2.17)	0.09	10 (27%)	2.88 (0.87–9.57)	0.08
Normothermia (n=32)	16 (50%)	..	..	3 (9%)	..	..
<u>Surgically removed haematomas (n=28)</u>	14 (50%)	..	..	7 (25%)	..	..
Hypothermia (n=15)	5 (33%)	0.44 (0.22–0.88)	0.02	2 (13%)	0.35 (0.08–1.50)	0.16
Normothermia (n=13)	9 (69%)	..	..	5 (39%)	..	..

Data are number (%). RR=relative risk.

**Table 2: Outcome and mortality rates**

# PROBLEMS IN TRIALS

- Standardization of selection criteria
- Method of cooling
- Depth and duration of cooling
- Strategies for rewarming
- Treatment of complication
- Difference in outcome measure
- F/U period

# EUROTHERM 3235 TRIAL

STUDY PROTOCOL

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## European society of intensive care medicine study of therapeutic hypothermia (32-35°C) for intracranial pressure reduction after traumatic brain injury (the Eurotherm3235Trial)

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### Abstract

**Background:** Traumatic brain injury is a major cause of death and severe disability worldwide with 1,000,000 hospital admissions per annum throughout the European Union. Therapeutic hypothermia to reduce intracranial hypertension may improve patient outcome but key issues are length of hypothermia treatment and speed of re-warming. A recent meta-analysis showed improved outcome when hypothermia was continued for between 48 hours and 5 days and patients were re-warmed slowly (1°C/4 hours). Previous experience with cooling also appears to be important if complications, which may outweigh the benefits of hypothermia, are to be avoided.

**Methods/design:** This is a pragmatic, multi-centre randomised controlled trial examining the effects of hypothermia 32-35°C, titrated to reduce intracranial pressure <20 mmHg, on morbidity and mortality 6 months after traumatic brain injury. The study aims to recruit 1800 patients over 41 months. Enrolment started in April 2010.

Participants are randomised to either standard care or standard care with titrated therapeutic hypothermia. Hypothermia is initiated with 20-30 ml/kg of intravenous, refrigerated 0.9% saline and maintained using each centre's usual cooling technique. There is a guideline for detection and treatment of shivering in the intervention group. Hypothermia is maintained for at least 48 hours in the treatment group and continued for as long as is necessary to maintain intracranial pressure <20 mmHg. Intracranial hypertension is defined as an intracranial pressure >20 mmHg in accordance with the Brain Trauma Foundation Guidelines, 2007.

**Discussion:** The Eurotherm3235Trial is the most important clinical trial in critical care ever conceived by European intensive care medicine, because it was launched and funded by the European Society of Intensive Care Medicine and will be the largest non-commercial randomised controlled trial due to the substantial number of centres required to deliver the target number of patients. It represents a new and fundamental step for intensive care medicine in Europe. Recruitment will continue until January 2013 and interested clinicians from intensive care units worldwide can still join this important collaboration by contacting the Trial Coordinating Team via the trial website <http://www.eurotherm3235trial.eu>.

**Trial registration:** Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN34555414

- Pragmatic multi-center randomised controlled trial
- Effect of TH 32~35°C
  - reduce ICP<20mmHg on morbidity and mortality 6 month after TBI
- 387 patients at 47 centers in 18 countries (2009.11 ~2014.10)
- The adjusted common odds ratio for the GOS-E score was 1.53 (95% confidence interval, 1.02 to 2.30; P = 0.04), indicating **“A worse outcome in the hypothermia group than in the control group.”**

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# EUROTHERM 3235 TRIAL

- **Methods/design**

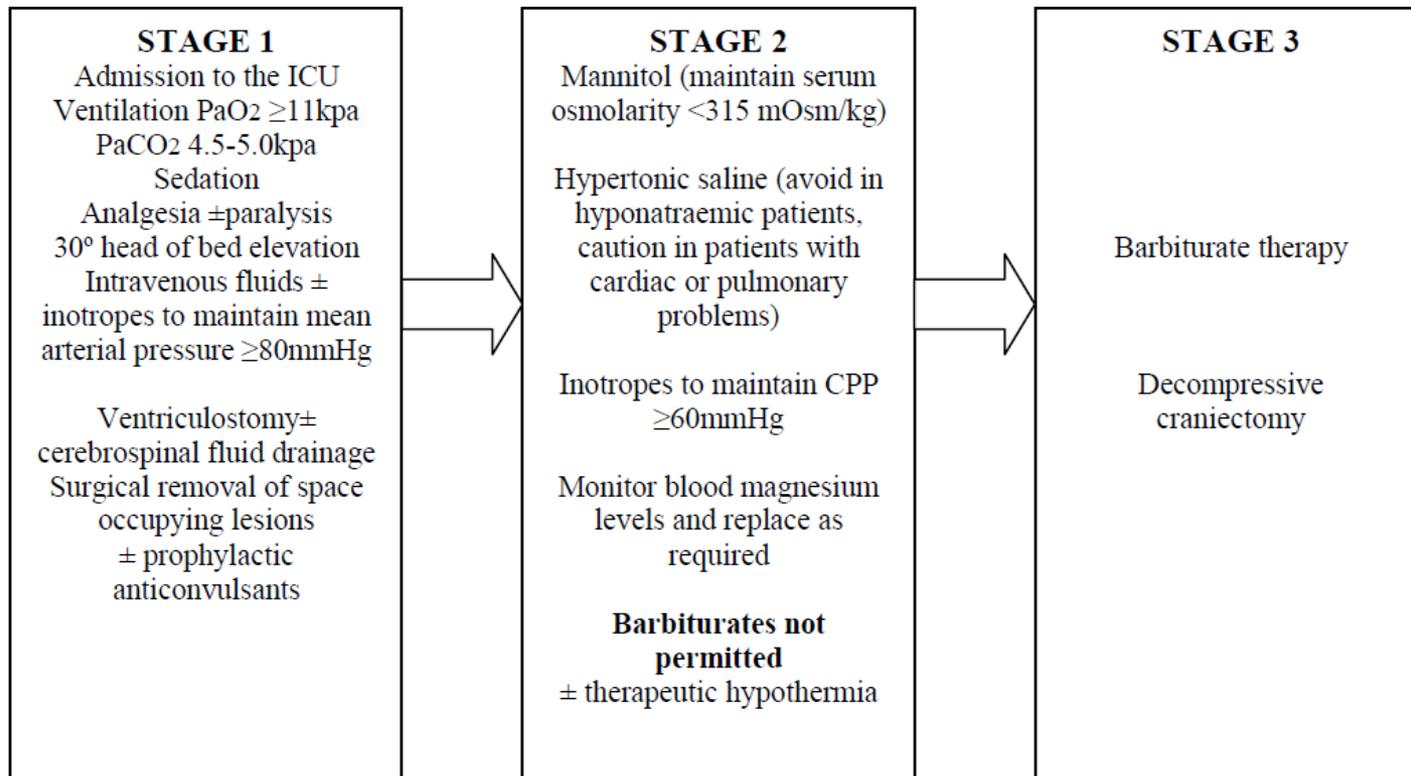
## *Inclusion Criteria*

- 1) Believed to be legal age for consent to take part in research to **65 years of age**
- 2) **Primary closed TBI**
- 3) Raised **ICP >20 mmHg** for **≥5 minutes** after first line treatments with no obvious reversible cause e.g. patient position, coughing, inadequate sedation
- 4) **≤72 hours** from the **initial head injury**
- 5) **Cooling device** or **technique available** for **>48 hours**
- 6) **Core temperature** **≥36°C** (at the time of randomisation)
- 7) An **abnormal CT scan** of the **brain**. This is defined as one that shows haematoma, contusion, swelling, herniation or compressed basal cisterns.

## *Exclusion Criteria*

- 1) Patient **already receiving** therapeutic hypothermia treatment
- 2) Administration of **barbiturate infusion** prior to randomisation
- 3) **Unlikely to survive for the next 24 hours** in the opinion of the ICU Consultant or Consultant Neurosurgeon treating the patient
- 4) **Temperature** **≤34°C** at hospital admission
- 5) **Pregnancy** (all female patients of child bearing age who meet the inclusion criteria will undergo a urine pregnancy test. This is performed as part of the screening for eligibility procedure by the investigator or research nurse in the ICU).

# EUROTHERM 3235 TRIAL



**Figure 1** Stages of therapeutic management of raised intracranial pressure after traumatic brain injury [37,43].

# EUROTHERM 3235 TRIAL

## Traumatic Brain Injury Management

Admission to the ICU  
**Stage 1 therapy**

ICP >20mmHg within 72 hours of injury - Check eligibility, obtain consent then **RANDOMISE** the patient

### Control Group

Standard Care  
(Stage 1+2)

without therapeutic  
hypothermia

**Barbiturates not  
permitted**

### Treatment Group

**Standard Care  
(Stage 1+2)**

**HYPOTHERMIA 32-35°C for ≥ 48 hours**  
20-30 ml/kg infusion of refrigerated 0.9% saline then a cooling technique available at the centre

**Barbiturates not  
permitted**

### Stage 3 Options (if required)

Continued Medical Care  
Barbiturate Therapy with processed EEG monitoring  
Decompressive Craniectomy  
Further surgical intervention if required

**Day 28, hospital discharge  
or death**

Modified Oxford Handicap Scale  
Length of Stay in ICU and Hospital

### 6 month Follow-up

Extended Glasgow Outcome  
Scale questionnaire

### Survey of Brain Temperature Management in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury in the Japan Neurotrauma Data Bank

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#### Abstract

The goal of this study was to evaluate the clinical characteristics and effects of brain temperature management in patients with severe traumatic brain injury (TBI). A total of 1091 patients were registered from the Japan Neurotrauma Data Bank Project 2009. Those with a Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score of 9 or more, a GCS score of 3, bilateral dilated pupils, or cardiopulmonary arrest on arrival were excluded. This left a total of 401 patients. Patients were classified into three groups: no temperature management, with no intervention for brain temperature (225 patients, 56.1%), intensive normothermia (129 patients, 32.2%), and hypothermia (47 patients, 11.7%). Patient age, GCS score, pupillary abnormality, Injury Severity Score (ISS), intracranial pressure (ICP) monitoring, and outcome according to CT classification (Traumatic Coma Data Bank classification) on admission were examined. Patients were significantly older in the no temperature management group (average age 61.5 years) compared with normothermia (53.6 years) and hypothermia (46.9 years). ICP monitoring was significantly decreased in 85.1% of patients with hypothermia, 42.6% with normothermia, and 14.7% in no temperature management group. Favorable outcome rate was significantly higher with hypothermia (52.4%) compared with normothermia (26.9%) and no temperature management (20.7%) with evacuated mass lesions in contrast to diffuse injury. Multivariate analysis in patients with evacuated mass lesions showed that GCS ( $\geq 6$  pts), and hypothermia were independent factors related to a favorable outcome. Appropriate thermoregulation of the brain for individual patients with various types of TBI are important.

**Key words:** brain temperature management; CT classification (TCDB classification); severe traumatic brain injury; survey

# JAPAN NEUROTRAUMA DATA BANK

## Study design

- 1091 pts Japan neurotrauma databank
- GCS 4~8 enrolled
- Total 401 pts classified 3 group
  - No temp manage 225pts, 56.1%  
(average age 61.5 yrs)
  - Intensive normothermia 129 pts, 32.2%  
(average age 53.6 yrs)
  - Hypothermia 47 pts, 11.7%  
(average age 46.9 yrs)

## on admission examined.

- Patient age,
- GCS score,
- pupillary abnormality,
- Injury Severity Score (ISS),
- intracranial pressure (ICP) monitoring
- outcome according to CT classification

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- “no temperature management” group did not receive brain temperature management, but received routine medical management including ice packs or drugs to control high fever.
- Brain temperature was maintained strictly below 38C with cooling blankets in patients with “normothermia.”
- Patients in the “hypothermia” group received temperature treatments, with temperatures maintained below 35C.

# JAPAN NEUROTRAUMA DATA BANK

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF RESULTS IN ALL PATIENTS

	No temperature management (C)	Normothermia (N)	Hypothermia (H)	p value
No. of cases (%)	225 (56.1)	129 (32.2)	47 (11.7)	
Male (%)	157 (69.8)	88 (68.2)	36 (76.6)	NS
Age (years)	61.5 ± 24.0	53.6 ± 22.6	46.9 ± 24.6	0.01 C vs. N, 0.0007 C vs. H
GCS score	6.2 ± 1.4	6.2 ± 1.3	6.3 ± 1.4	NS
Pupil abnormality (%)	68 (30.2)	48 (37.2)	15 (31.9)	NS
ISS	25.6 ± 11.4	26.3 ± 10.9	26.0 ± 8.6	NS
ICP monitoring (%)	33 (14.7)	55 (42.6)	40 (85.1)	<0.0001 C vs. N, <0.0001 C vs. H, <0.0001 N vs. H
Favorable outcome (%)	57 (25.3)	43 (33.3)	21 (44.7)	0.0076 C vs. H
Mortality (%)	69 (30.7)	31 (24.0)	16 (34.0)	NS

NS, not significant; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale; ISS, Injury Severity Score; ICP, intracranial pressure.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF RESULTS IN PATIENTS WITH DIFFUSE INJURY I~IV

Parameters	Total	No temperature management (C)	Normothermia (N)	Hypothermia (H)	p value
No. of cases (%)	158	88 (55.7)	49 (31.0)	21 (13.3)	
Male (%)	117 (74.1)	67 (76.1)	36 (73.5)	14 (66.7)	NS
Age (years)	49.2 ± 23.8	54.2 ± 23.2	43.8 ± 23.1	41.0 ± 24.3	0.0456 C vs. N
GCS score	6.3 ± 1.3	6.4 ± 1.3	6.2 ± 1.3	6.0 ± 1.4	NS
Pupil abnormality (%)	33 (20.9)	14 (15.9)	12 (24.5)	7 (33.3)	NS
ISS	26.9 ± 12.5	27.1 ± 12.8	27.6 ± 13.4	24.6 ± 8.5	NS
ICP monitoring (%)	44 (27.8)	8 (9.1)	18 (36.7)	18 (85.7)	<0.0001 C vs. N, <0.0001 C vs. H, <0.0002 N vs. H
Favorable outcome (%)	56 (35.4)	29 (33.0)	19 (38.8)	8 (38.1)	NS
Mortality (%)	42 (26.6)	21 (23.9)	12 (24.5)	9 (42.9)	NS

NS, not significant; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale; ISS, Injury Severity Score; ICP, intracranial pressure.

→ No significant favorable outcome among 3 group

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TABLE 3. SUMMARY OF RESULTS IN PATIENTS WITH EVACUATED MASS LESION

Parameters	Total	No temperature management (C)	Normothermia (N)	Hypothermia (H)	p value
No. of cases (%)	160	87 (54.4)	52 (32.5)	21 (13.1)	
Male (%)	106 (66.3)	56 (64.4)	33 (63.5)	17 (81.0)	NS
Age (years)	60.7 ± 24.2	64.9 ± 25.7	57.8 ± 19.0	50.6 ± 26.3	NS
GCS score	6.0 ± 1.3	6.0 ± 1.4	6.0 ± 1.3	6.3 ± 1.4	NS
Pupil abnormality (%)	72 (45.0)	36 (41.4)	29 (55.8)	7 (33.3)	NS
ISS	25.1 ± 8.0	24.1 ± 7.9	25.8 ± 7.2	27.2 ± 9.6	NS
ICP monitoring (%)	67 (41.9)	19 (21.8)	29 (55.8)	19 (90.5)	<0.001 C vs. N, <0.001 C vs. H, 0.006 N vs. H
Favorable outcome (%)	43 (26.9)	18 (20.7)	14 (26.9)	11 (52.4)	0.003 C vs. H, 0.04 N vs. H
Mortality (%)	40 (25.0)	24 (27.6)	12 (23.1)	4 (19.0)	NS

NS, not significant; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale; ISS, Injury Severity Score; ICP, intracranial pressure.

→ Favorable outcome in hypothermia group

TABLE 4. SUMMARY OF RESULTS IN PATIENTS WITH NONEVACUATED MASS LESION

Parameters	Total	No temperature management (C)	Normothermia (N)	Hypothermia (H)	p value
No. of cases (%)	83	50 (60.2)	28 (33.7)	5 (6.0)	
Male (%)	59 (71.1)	35 (70.0)	19 (67.9)	5 (100)	NS
Age (years)	65.8 ± 19.8	68.4 ± 18.7	62.9 ± 22.0	55.6 ± 14.4	NS
GCS score	6.3 ± 1.4	6.1 ± 1.5	6.6 ± 1.2	6.8 ± 1.6	NS
Pupil abnormality (%)	26 (31.3)	18 (36.0)	7 (25.0)	1 (20.0)	NS
ISS	25.5 ± 12.6	25.7 ± 13.7	24.9 ± 11.8	27.4 ± 1.9	NS
ICP monitoring (%)	17 (20.5)	6 (12.0)	8 (28.6)	3 (60.0)	0.006 C vs H,
Favorable outcome (%)	22 (26.5)	10 (20.0)	10 (35.7)	2 (40.0)	NS
Mortality (%)	34 (41.0)	24 (48.0)	7 (25.0)	3 (60.0)	0.047 C vs N

NS, not significant; GCS, Glasgow Coma Scale; ISS, Injury Severity Score; ICP, intracranial pressure.

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## Results

Favorable outcome rate

**hypothermia (52.4%)**

normothermia (26.9%)

no temperature management (20.7%)

with **evacuated mass lesions** in contrast to diffuse injury.

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## Conclusion

- patient outcomes with diffuse injury were not improved by hypothermia induction
- but hypothermia therapy was **significant in protecting** the brain of patients with **evacuated mass lesions.**

# ONLY POSITIVE RESULT

% of poor outcome	n	Hypothermia	Normothermia	P-value
NABIS-H1 (>35°C) at admission	73	55%	47%	0.70
NABIS-H1 (<35°C) at admission	36	50%	94%	0.005
NABIS-H2 (Hematoma)	28	33%	69%	0.02

Japan Neurotrauma Data Bank. 2014

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normothermia (26.9%)

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with **evacuated mass lesions** in contrast to diffuse injury

B-HYPO 2015

Prolonged Mild Therapeutic Hypothermia versus Fever Control with Tight Hemodynamic Monitoring and Slow Rewarming in Patients with Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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# PROLONGED MILD THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA VERSUS FEVER CONTROL WITH TIGHT HEMODYNAMIC MONITORING AND SLOW REWARMING IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL

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- To determine the effect of therapeutic hypothermia, while **Avoiding some limitations of earlier studies**, which included
  - **patient selection based on Glasgow coma scale (GCS), delayed initiation of cooling, short duration of cooling, inter-center variation in patient care, and relatively rapid rewarming.**
- Methods:
  - Therapeutic hypothermia (**32–34 °C**, n = 98) or fever control (35.5–37 °C, n = 50),
  - for more than **72 hrs**, **rewarmed at a rate of < 1°C/day**
- **The primary outcome:** GOS at 6 months
- **Conclusions:** Tight hemodynamic management and slow rewarming, together with prolonged therapeutic hypothermia (32–34 °C) for severe TBI, **“Did not Improve the neurological outcomes or risk of mortality”** compared with strict temperature control (35.5–37 °C).

# EFFECT OF EARLY SUSTAINED PROPHYLACTIC HYPOTHERMIA ON NEUROLOGIC OUTCOMES AMONG PATIENTS WITH SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: THE POLAR RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL.

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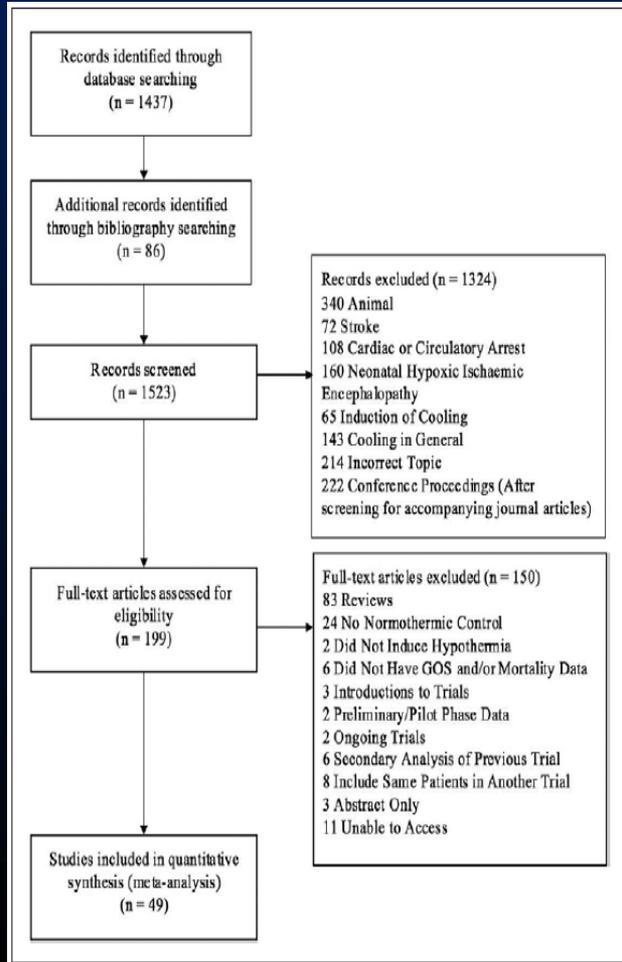


- A multicenter RCT in 6 countries
- **511 patients** both out-of-hospital and in ER after severe TBI. (2010.12.05 ~ 2018.05.15)
- **Early induction of hypothermia (33° C-35° C)** for at **least 72 hours** and **up to 7 days** if ICP were elevated, followed by **gradual rewarming**
- The primary outcome: **Favorable neurologic outcomes or independent living (GOS-Extended score, 5-8** [scale range, 1-8]) at **6 months** after injury.

# RECENT META-ANALYSIS

# META-ANALYSIS OF THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN ADULT AND PEDIATRIC PATIENTS.

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**TABLE 1. Relative Benefit of Hypothermia Versus Normothermia Patients for Favorable Neurologic Outcome Within Subgroup Analyses of Adult Patients**

Analysis	Effect Size		Subgroup Characteristics		Heterogeneity Level	
	Risk Ratio (95% CI)	p	No. of Trials	No. of Patients	$\chi^2$ (p)	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
<b>Induction of cooling</b>						
Selective brain cooling	2.36 (1.35–4.12)	0.003	2	77	0.91 (0.34)	0
Systemic cooling	1.30 (1.14–1.48)	0.0001	31	2,959	62.90 (0.0004)	52
<b>Target temperature</b>						
Moderate (below 33°C)	1.35 (1.06–1.70)	0.01	14	1,496	31.9 (0.002)	59
Mild (above 33°C)	1.33 (1.12–1.57)	0.0009	19	1,423	35.57 (0.008)	49
<b>Duration, hr</b>						
24	1.51 (1.11–2.06)	0.009	5	282	0.38 (0.98)	0
48	0.93 (0.75–1.16)	0.54	10	1,083	15.72 (0.07)	43
72	1.61 (1.32–1.96)	0.00001	5	308	1.53 (0.82)	0
> 72	1.41 (1.09–1.82)	0.009	7	610	11.26 (0.08)	47
<b>Rewarming rate</b>						
Natural	1.52 (1.29–1.78)	0.00001	7	573	4.06 (0.67)	0
1°C every 1–6 hr	1.24 (0.95–1.61)	0.11	9	1,482	28.42 (0.0004)	72
1°C every 12–24 hr	1.14 (0.82–1.59)	0.42	9	522	17.66 (0.02)	55
<b>Intracranial pressure coinventions</b>						
Barbiturates	1.02 (0.83–1.25)	0.87	12	1,273	22.67 (0.02)	51
No barbiturates	1.63 (1.35–1.97)	0.00001	12	641	3.65 (0.98)	0
Decompressive craniectomy/craniotomy	1.43 (1.13–1.82)	0.003	7	496	10.92 (0.09)	45
No decompressive craniectomy/craniotomy	1.21 (0.98–1.48)	0.07	18	1,521	33.64 (0.009)	49
CSF drainage	1.11 (0.87–1.40)	0.40	11	914	20.59 (0.02)	51
No CSF drainage	1.44 (1.14–1.81)	0.002	12	755	18.52 (0.07)	41

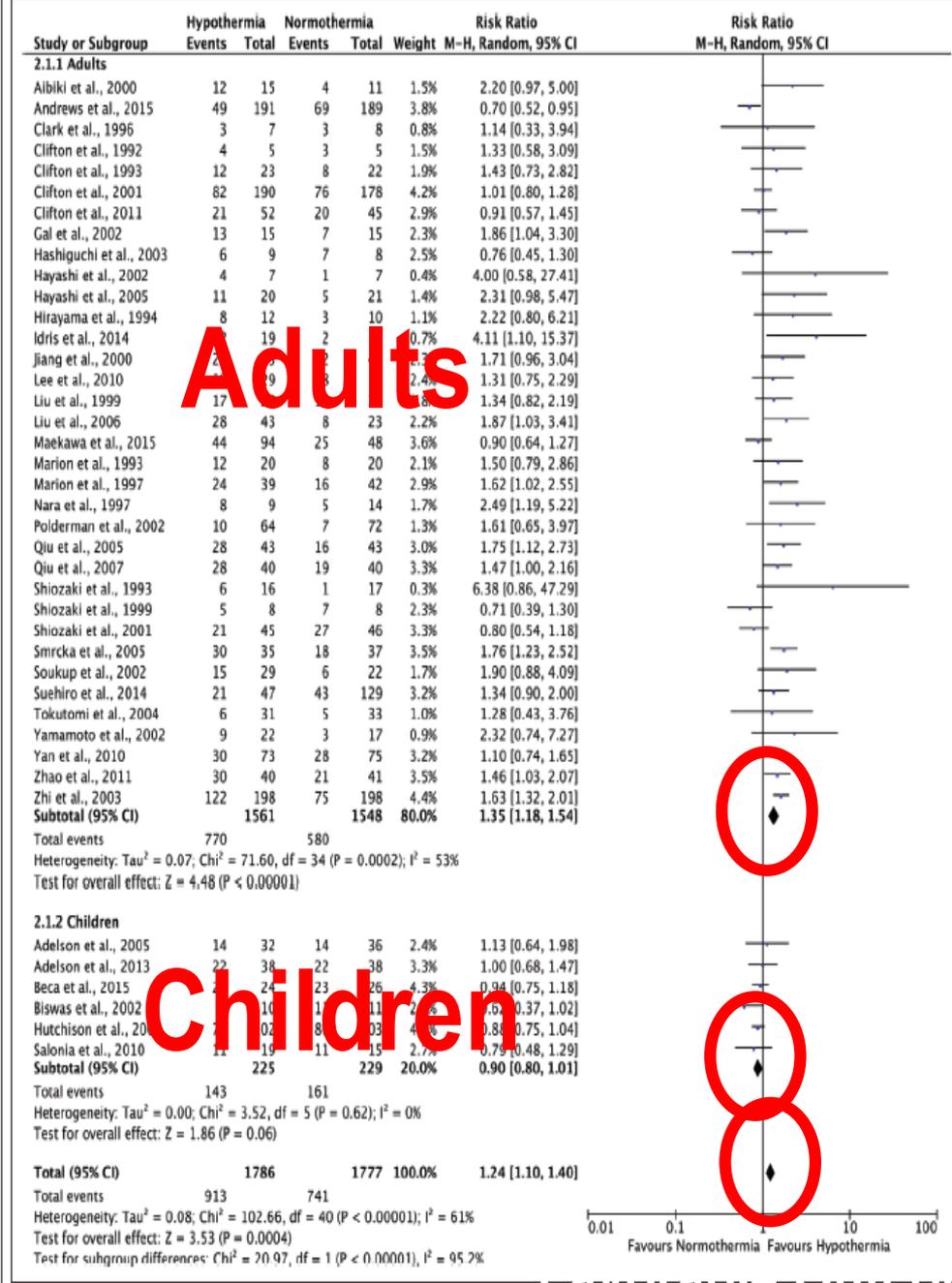
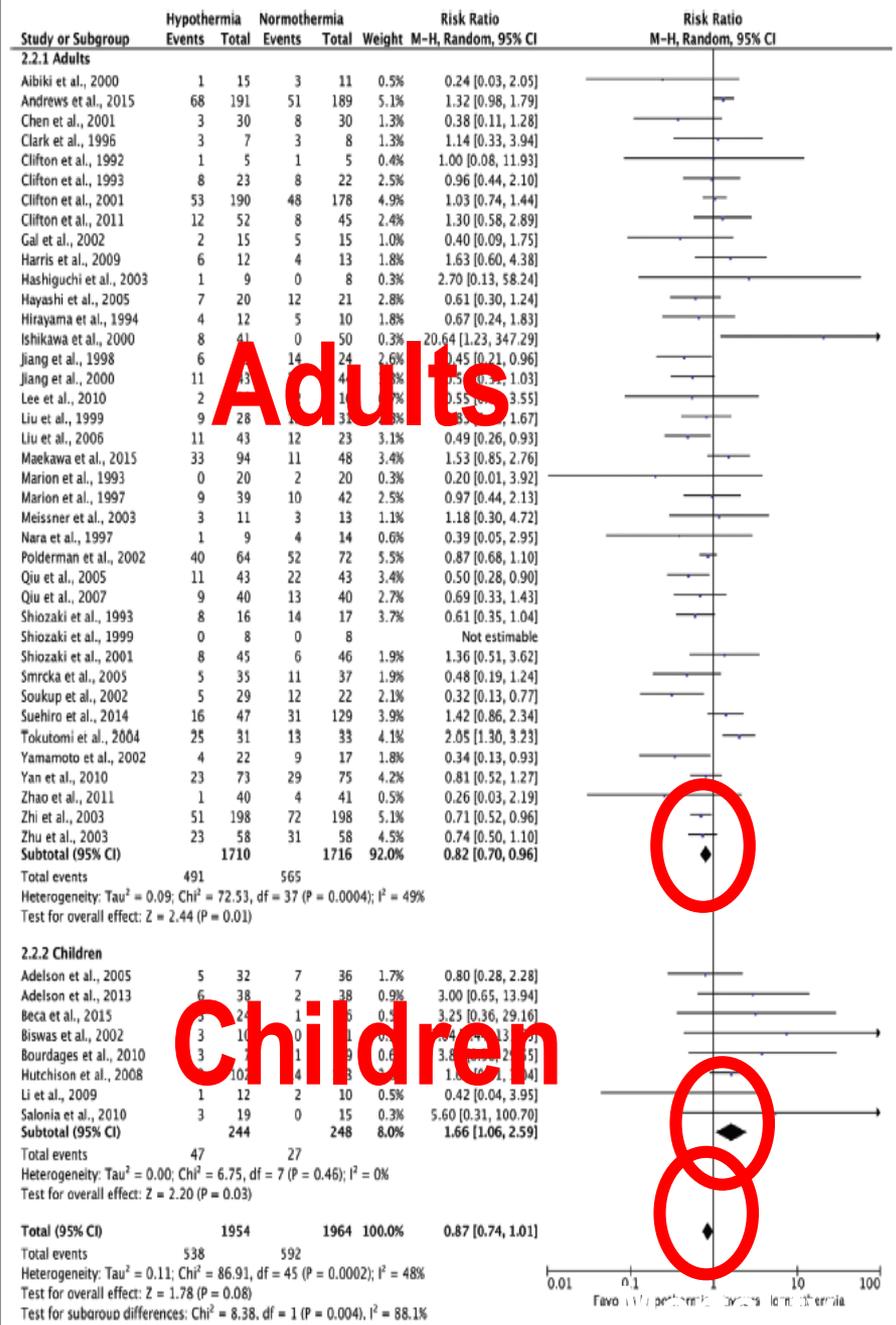


Figure 3. Relative risk of mortality in the hypothermia treatment group versus normothermia group for adult and pediatric studies.

Figure 2. Risk ratio of favorable neurologic outcome in the hypothermia treatment group versus normothermia group for adult and pediatric studies.

# META-ANALYSIS OF THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN ADULT AND PEDIATRIC PATIENTS.

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- **18% reduction in mortality** (RR, 0.82; 95% CI, 0.70–0.96;  $p = 0.01$ )
- **35% improvement in neurologic outcome** (RR, 1.35; 95% CI, 1.18–1.54;  $p < 0.001$ ).
- “The optimal management strategy for adult patients included cooling patients to **selective brain cooling, a minimum of 33° C for 72 hours, followed by spontaneous, natural rewarming.**”
- **Adverse outcomes** were observed in children who underwent hypothermic treatment with
  - **a 66% increase in mortality** (RR, 1.66; 95% CI, 1.06–2.59;  $p = 0.03$ )
  - **a marginal deterioration of neurologic outcome** (RR, 0.90; 95% CI, 0.80–1.01;  $p = 0.06$ ).
- **Conclusions:** Therapeutic hypothermia is **likely a beneficial treatment following traumatic brain injuries in adults** but **cannot be recommended in children.**

**THERAPEUTIC WHOLE-BODY HYPOTHERMIA **REDUCES DEATH** IN SEVERE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IF THE COOLING INDEX IS SUFFICIENTLY HIGH : META-ANALYSES OF THE EFFECT OF SINGLE COOLING PARAMETERS AND THEIR INTEGRATED MEASURE.**

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- We extracted data on TBI severity, body temperature, death, and cooling parameters; then we calculated the cooling index, an integrated measure of therapeutic hypothermia.
- **As independent factors, milder and longer cooling, and rewarming at  $<0.25^{\circ}$  C/h were associated with better outcome.**
- Therapeutic hypothermia **was beneficial only if the cooling index (measure of combination of cooling parameters) was sufficiently high.**
- By analyzing methodologically homogenous studies, we show that **“Cooling improves the outcome of severe TBI”**, and this beneficial effect depends on certain cooling parameters and on their integrated measure, the cooling index.

## Prophylactic Hypothermia

- Not significantly associated with decreased mortality when compared with normothermic controls.
- Target temperature 32-33 °C or >33 °C
- Rewarming 1degree/hr
- However, preliminary findings suggest that a greater decreased in mortality risk is observed when target temperatures are maintained for more than 48hrs(III)



Changed Level III to IIB

### **Level II B**

Early (within 2.5 hours), short-term (48 hours post-injury) prophylactic hypothermia is not recommended to improve outcomes in patients with diffuse injury.

# DISCUSSION

- Induced hypothermia protocol  
;target temperature, cooling time, rewarming time  
patient selection, cooling method
- Treatment target  
;intracranial pressure
- Prognosis ; lowering ICP not means prognosis
- Pathophysiology and multi-factorial monitoring
- Cardiac arrest vs diffuse brain injury vs focal evacuated mass???

# IN THE FUTURES

- **World wide RCT with standard protocols based on effectiveness results at animal models**
- **More detailed monitoring for perfusion, ICP, blood flow, O2 saturation etc**
- **Developed more safer induction, maintenance and rewarming techniques**
- **Combined management with variable neuroprotective agents**
- **Prehospital hypothermic induction manuals**

Thank you



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