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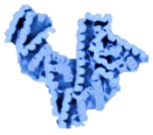
*Albumina: 20% vs. 5%.
Indicazioni e differenze*



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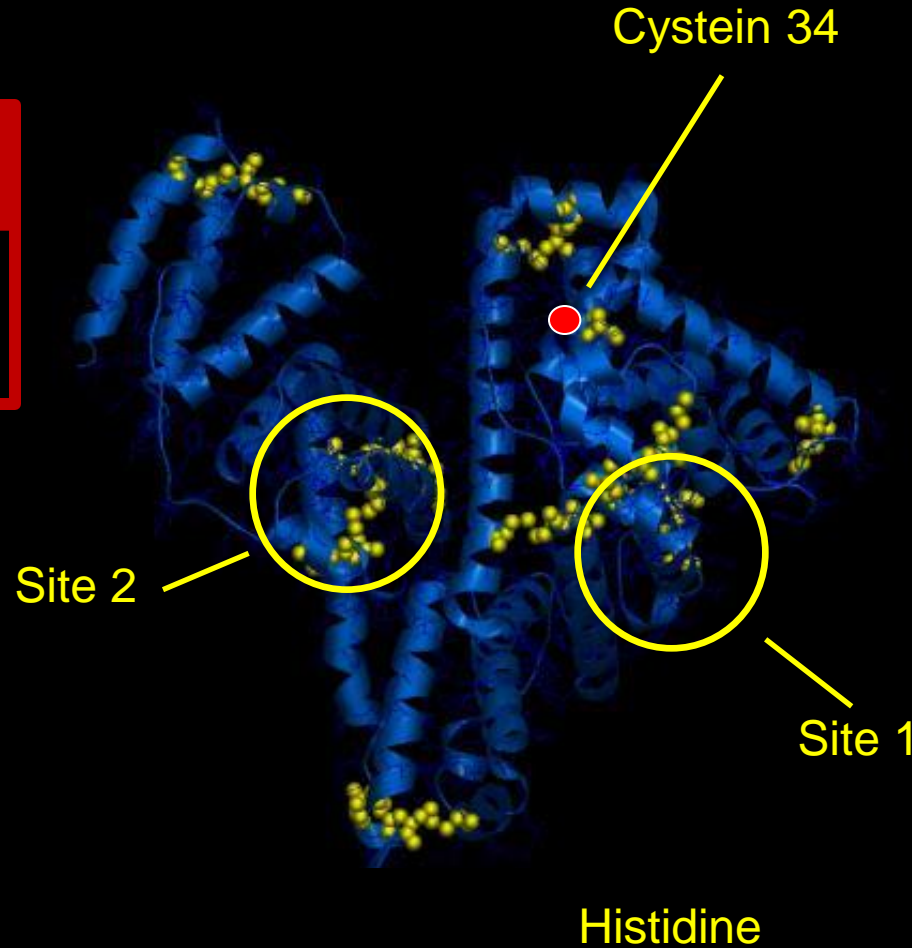
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**PRIMARY
FUNCTION**

Oncotic
Pressure



**SECONDARY
FUNCTIONS**

Transport

Anti-inflammatory

Anti-oxidant

Endothelial
stabilization

Anti-aggregant

Acid-base balance

Immune system
stabilization

Primary and Secondary functions of ALBUMIN, as potentially clinically relevant in hospitalized patients

- General overview
(composition, rationale, caveats, efficacy)
- Specific indications and clinical evidence
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Composition of different Albumin-containing solutions

Table 2 | Composition of commonly used colloid intravenous fluids

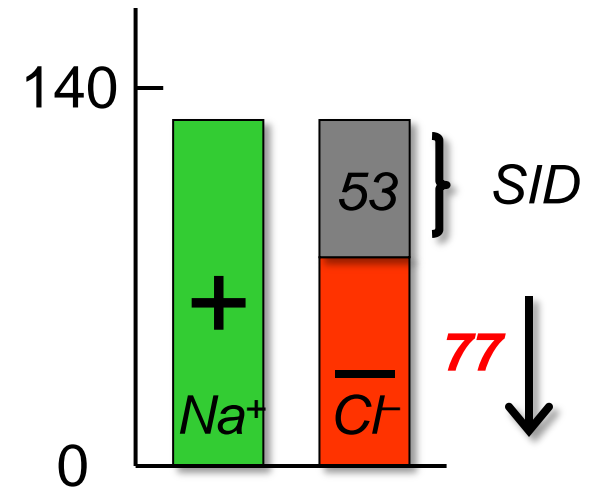
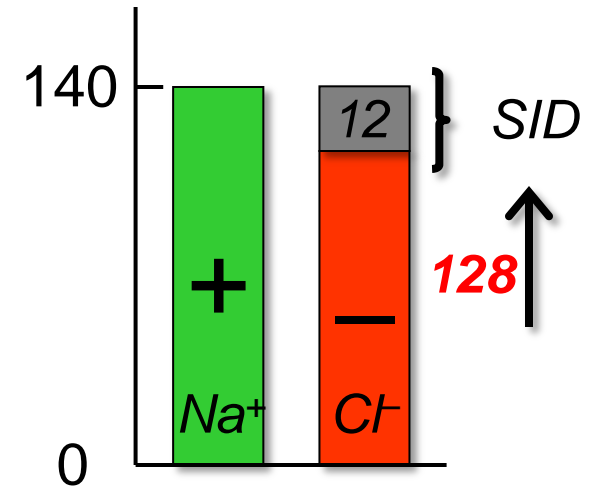
Solution	Characteristics and composition (per litre)
Albumin 4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osmolarity: 250 mOsm/l (calculated) • Osmolality: 260 mOsm/kg (measured) • pH 6.7–7.3 • Na⁺ 140 mmol, Cl⁻ 128 mmol and octanoate 6.4 mmol
Albumin 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osmolarity: 309 mOsm/l (calculated) • Osmolality: 309 mOsm/kg (measured) • pH 6.4–7.4 • Na⁺ 130–160 mmol, K⁺ <2 mmol, Cl⁻ ~130 mmol, sodium caprylate 4 mmol and sodium N-acetyl tryptophanate 4 mmol
Albumin 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osmolarity: 130 mOsm/l (calculated) • Osmolality: 130 mOsm/kg (measured) • pH 6.7–7.3 • Na⁺ 48–100 mmol and octanoate 32 mmol
Albumin 25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osmolarity: 312 mOsm/l (calculated) • Osmolality: 312 mOsm/kg (measured) • pH 6.4–7.4 • Na⁺ 130–160 mmol, K⁺ <1 mmol, Cl⁻ ~130 mmol, sodium caprylate 4 mmol and sodium N-acetyl tryptophanate 4 mmol

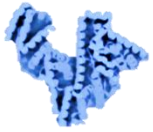
Iso-oncotic

Hypo-tonicity

Iso-tonicity

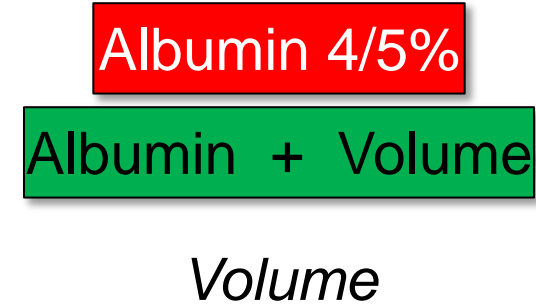
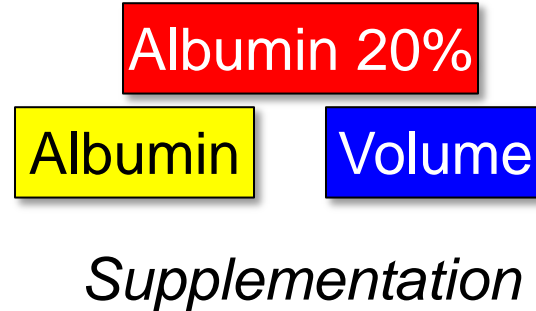
Hyper-oncotic





Albumin vs. Volume administration – DIFFERENCES and CAVEATS

1 Dissociation of the two effects



2 Similarity of the final effect

5% albumin =
20% albumin + crystalloids

100 ml 20% albumin + 500 ml crystalloid

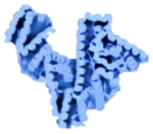
20% albumin = 20 gr / 100 ml = 10 gr / 50 ml

100 ml with 20 gr + 400 ml = 20 gr / 500 ml

4% albumin = 4 gr / 100 ml = 20 gr / 500 ml

500 ml (4 gr/100 mL) = 500 ml 4% albumin

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Crystalloids vs. colloids for fluid resuscitation in the Intensive Care Unit: A systematic review and meta-analysis

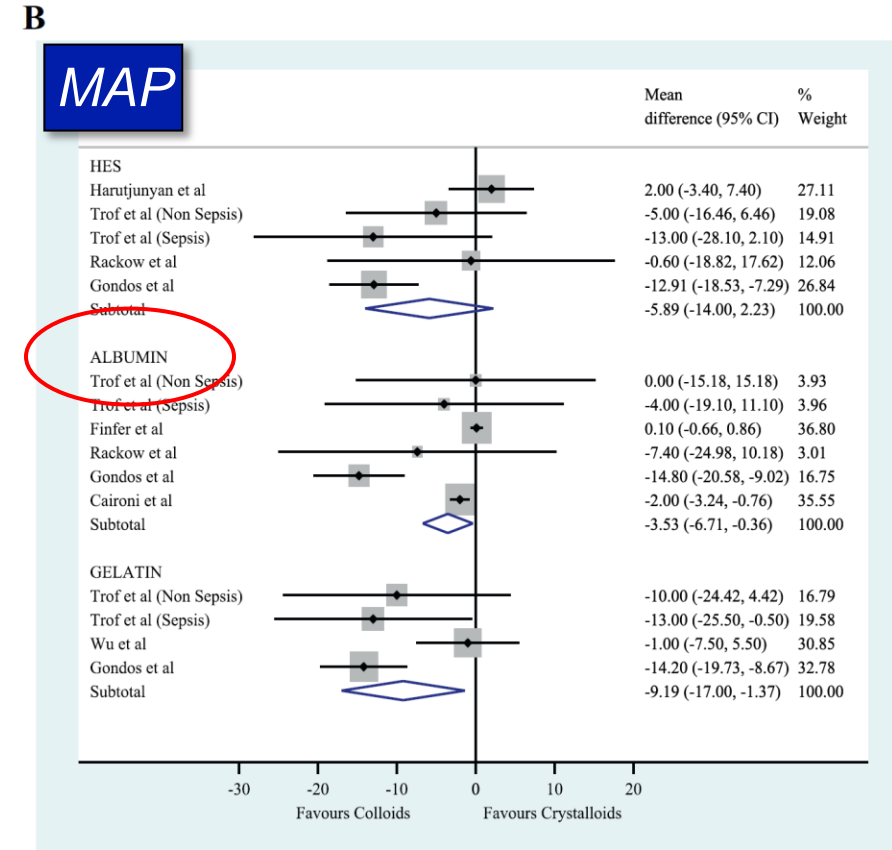
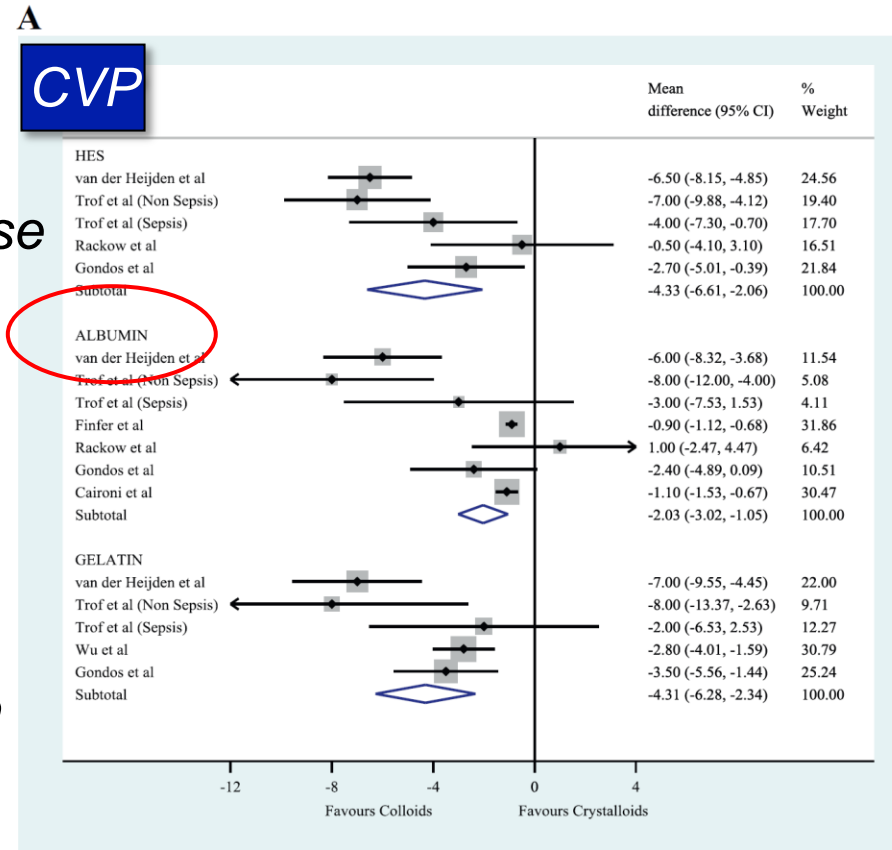


Evidence for Hemodynamic Advantage

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Hemodynamic response to crystalloids/colloids (critically ill pts)

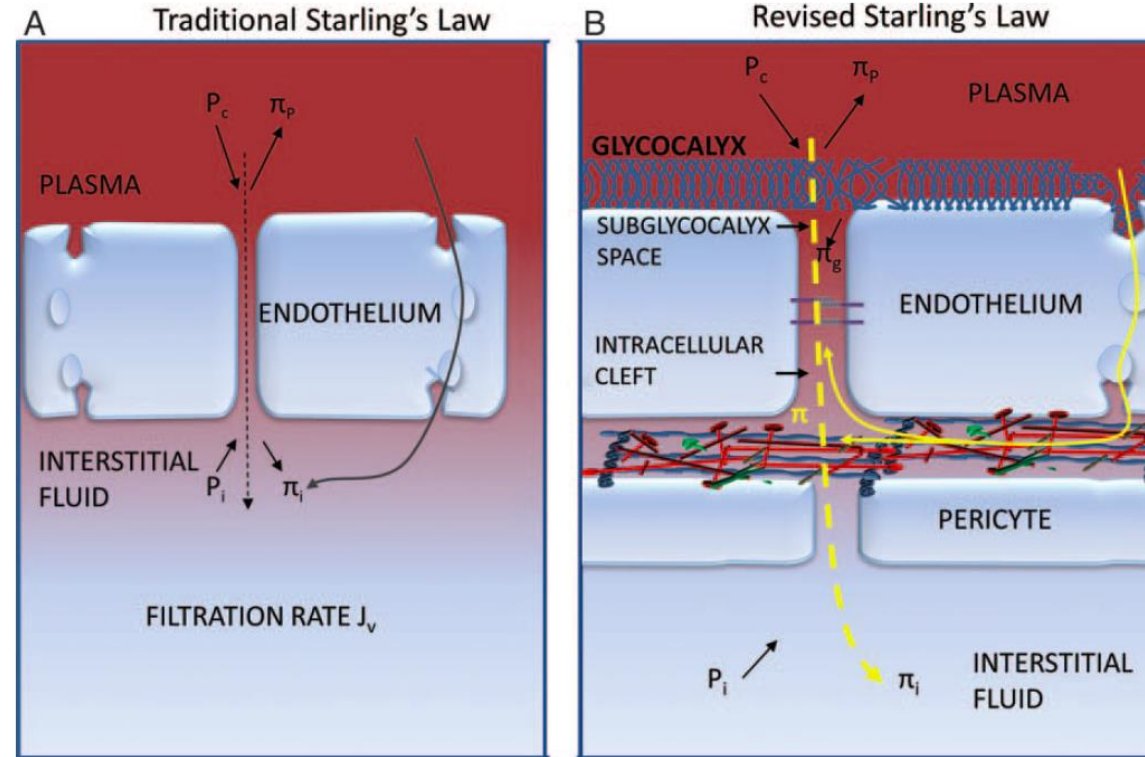
55 RCTs
27,036 pts

HES, Albumin, Gelatin vs. Crystalloids



Capillary hemodynamics – Glycocalyx and Vascular Permeability

Oncotic gradient shift
(from interstitium to
sub-glycocalyx space)



A Filtration rate = $K_f [(P_c - P_i) - \sigma (\pi_c - \pi_i)]$

B Filtration rate = $K_f [(P_c - P_i) - \sigma (\pi_c - \pi_g)]$

σ reflection coefficient
 P hydrostatic pressure
 Π oncotic pressure

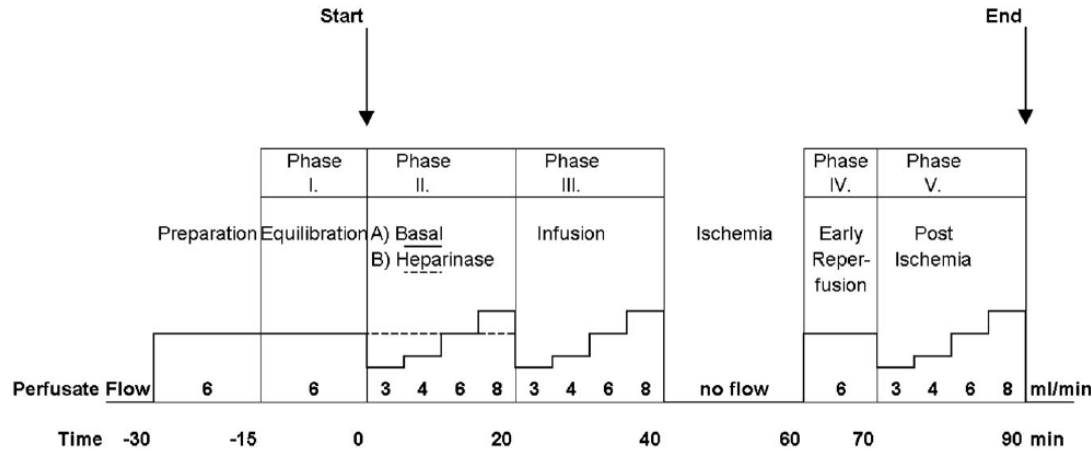


Contrasting Effects of Colloid and Crystalloid Resuscitation Fluids on Cardiac Vascular Permeability

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FLUIDS: In-vitro Isolated model

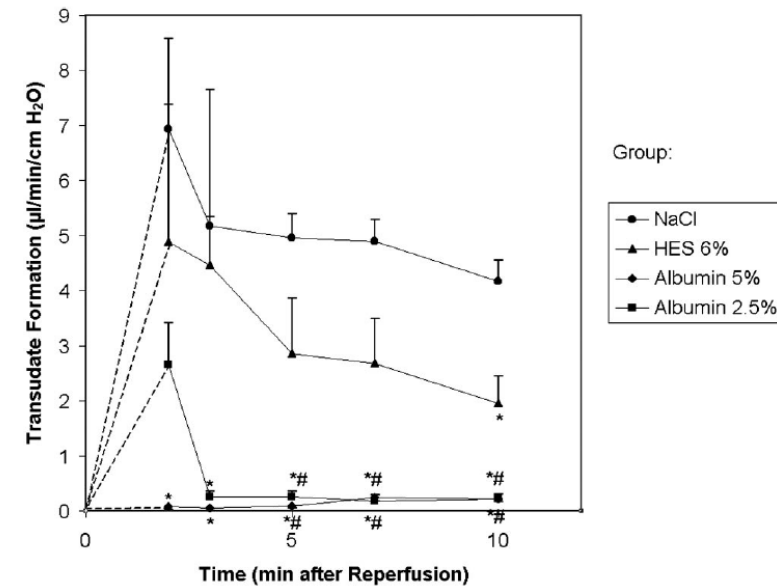
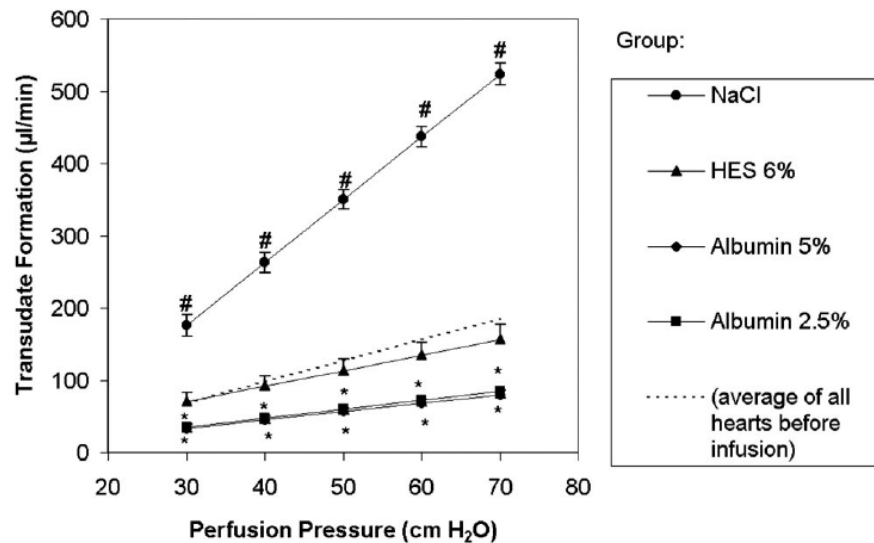
Anesthesiology 2006;104:1223-31

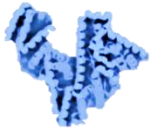


Isolated perfused heart model (guinea pig) of IR-injury

Perfusion pressure vascular fluid filtration (different flow rates)

Albumin more effectively prevented fluid extravasation than crystalloid and synthetic colloids





ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Albumin Replacement in Patients with Severe Sepsis or Septic Shock

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ABSTRACT

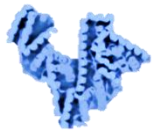
BACKGROUND

Although previous studies have suggested the potential advantages of albumin administration in patients with severe sepsis, its efficacy has not been fully established.

METHODS

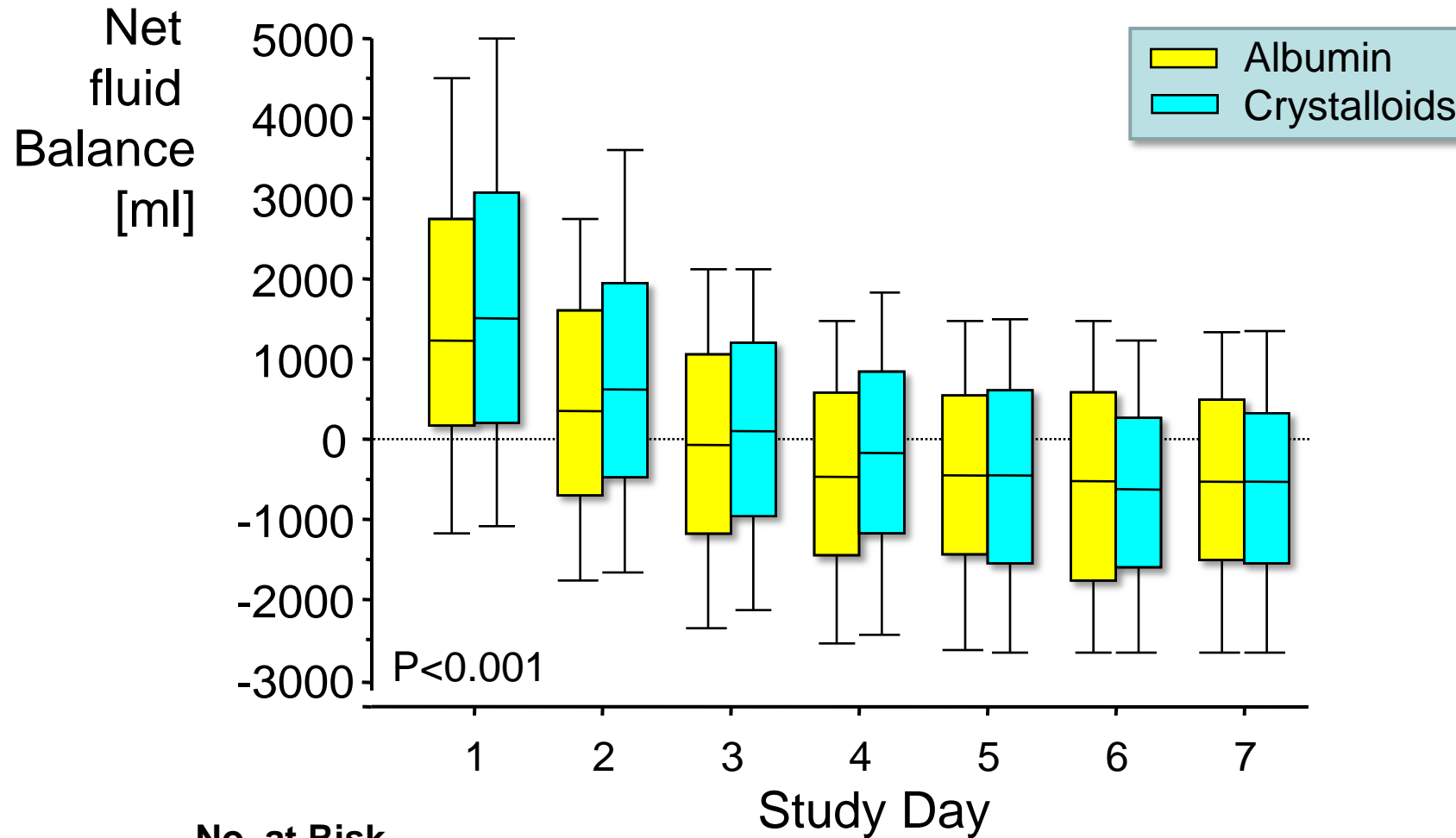
In this multicenter, open-label trial, we randomly assigned 1818 patients with severe sepsis, in 100 intensive care units (ICUs), to receive either 20% albumin and crystalloid solution or crystalloid solution alone. In the albumin group, the target serum albumin concentration was 30 g per liter or more until discharge from the ICU or 28 days after randomization. The primary outcome was death from any cause at 28 days. Secondary outcomes were death from any cause at 90 days, the number of patients with organ dysfunction and the degree of dysfunction, and length of stay in the ICU and the hospital.

- 1818 patients with severe sepsis or septic shock
- Albumin + Crystalloids vs. Crystalloids during the first 28 days
- 28-day and 90-day mortality
- Funded by Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA)



From ALBIOS trial: net daily fluid balance

20% Albumin



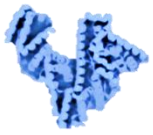
No. at Risk

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Albumin	840	789	742	701	639	586	542
Crystalloids	844	795	735	685	635	587	529

“Using albumin in addition to crystalloids when pts require substantial amount of crystalloids”

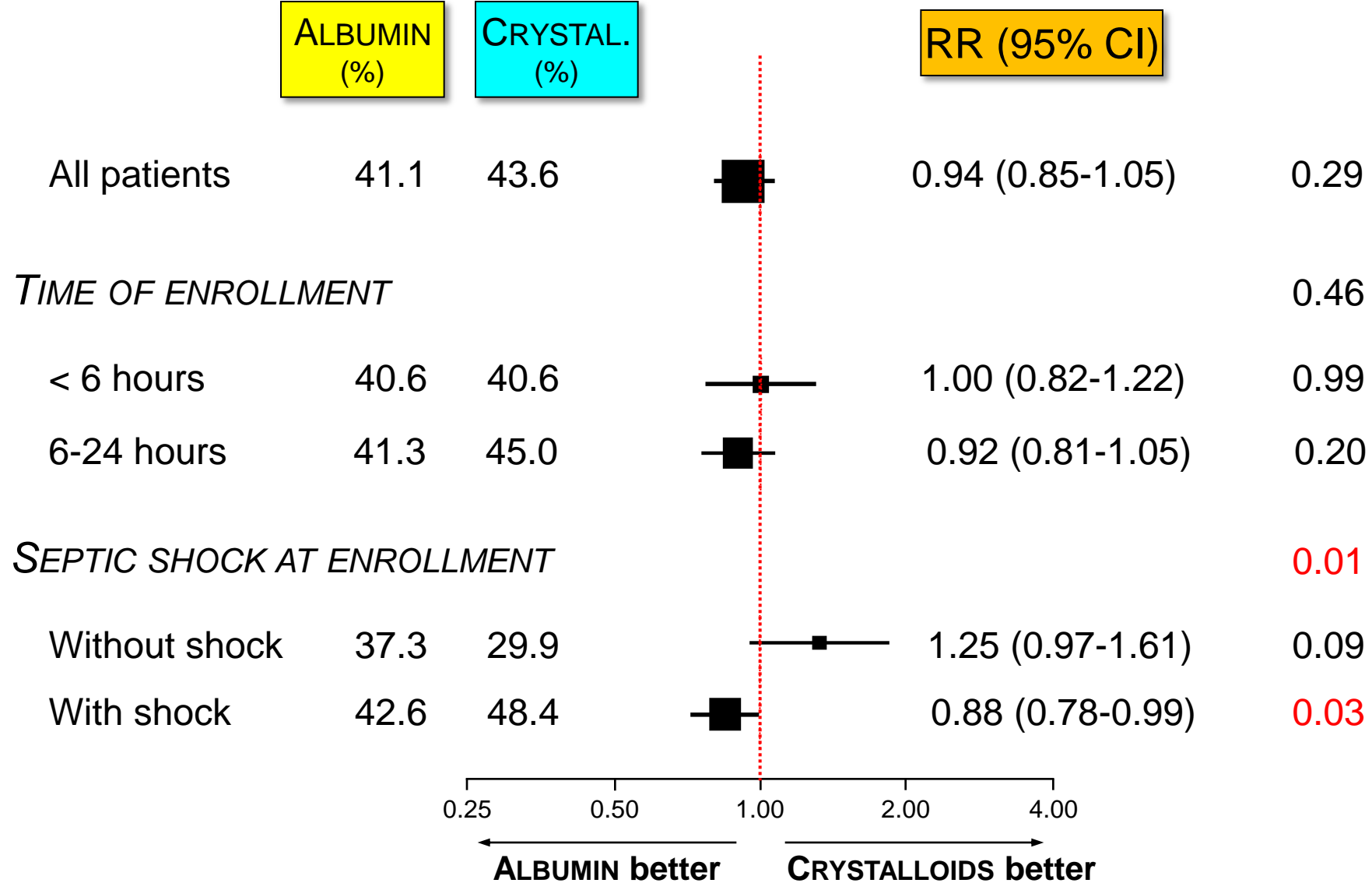
*Weak recommendation
Low quality of evidence*

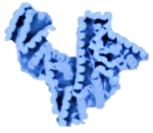
SSC 2017
Crit Care Med 2017;45:486-552



Results of main study – Subgroup post-hoc analysis

20%
Albumin





Future RCTs
upcoming...

ALBIOSS-BALANCED trial

*(Efficacy of Albumin Replacement and Balanced Solutions
in Patients with Septic Shock)*

20%
Albumin

ALBIOS 2
ALBumin Italian Outcome Sepsis study

Pietro Caironi (PI), Antonio Pesenti (co-PI)

ARISS trial

*(A Randomized Controlled Multicenter Trial
on Albumin Replacement in Septic Shock)*

Yasser Sakr (PI), Luciano Gattinoni and Michael Quintel (co-PI)

IPDMA
pre-planned



4%
Albumin

Lactated Ringer's Versus 4% Albumin on Lactated Ringer's in Early Sepsis Therapy in Cancer Patients: A Pilot Single-Center Randomized Trial

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- Albumin role as a resuscitation fluid in the early phase of sepsis never investigated
- Single-center, double blind, RCT, in 360 pts with cancer admitted to ICU with sepsis or septic shock
- 500 mL of either 4% albumin + RL or RL in < 10 min after analysis of fluid status (physical examination)
- Primary outcome: death from any cause within 7 days

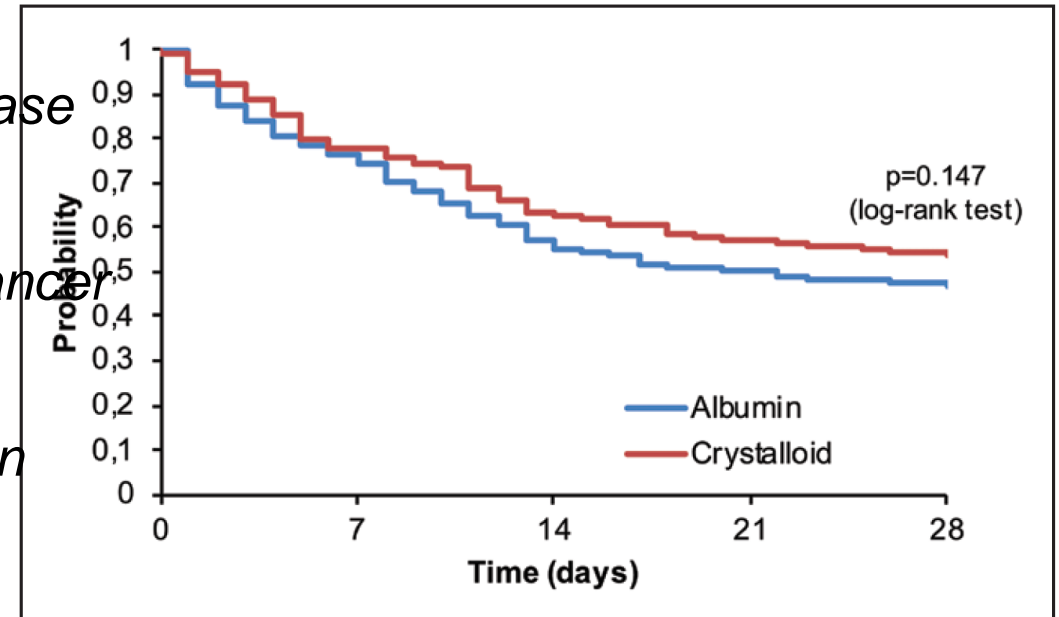
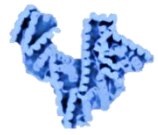


Figure 1. Twenty-eight-day mortality Kaplan-Meier curve.

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Small volume resuscitation with 20% albumin in intensive care: physiological effects

The SWIPE randomised clinical trial

Comparison of 4-5% vs. 20% Albumin

Resuscitation fluid requirements of ICU pts resuscitated with 20% albumin vs. 4-5% albumin

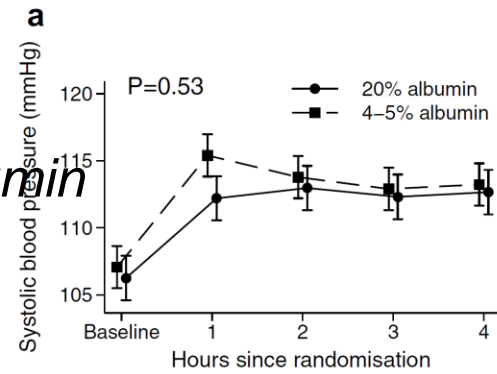
Inclusion criteria

Adult pts hemodynamic unstable requiring fluid bolus within 48 h of ICU admission (hypotension, vasopressor need, PPV positive, or CI, HR, UO, lactate, refill time)

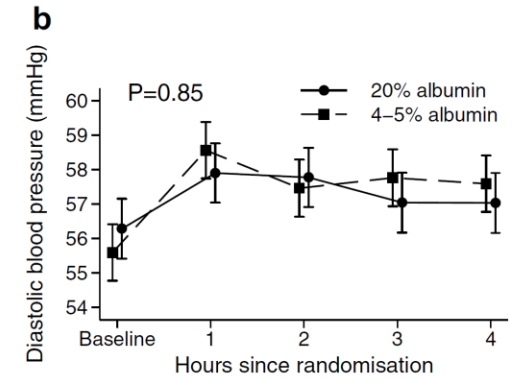
Fluid resuscitation with 20% or 4-5% albumin during the first 48 h for hemodynamic target

Primary outcome:

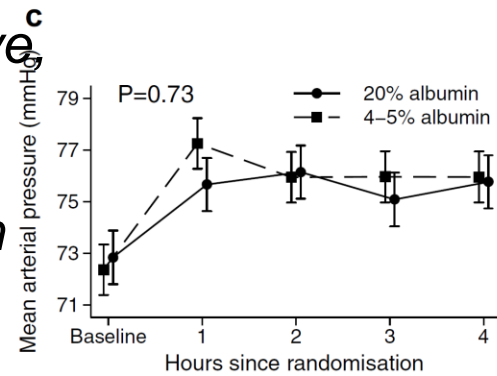
cumulative volume of resuscitation fluid



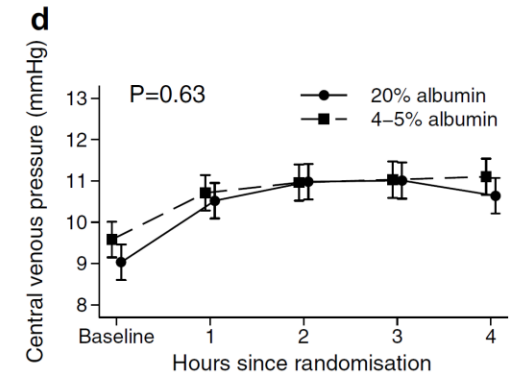
20%:	148	151	152	145	150
4-5%:	167	166	165	160	166



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20%:	118	115	114	106	111
4-5%:	111	111	105	106	106

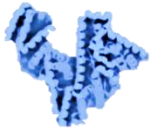


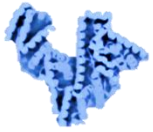
Table 2 Primary and secondary outcomes in the first 48 h after randomisation

Outcome	20% albumin group (n = 153)	4–5% albumin group (n = 168)	20% albumin vs. 4–5% albumin (95% CI)	P value ^a
Volume of resuscitation fluid, median (IQR), ml	300 (200, 500)	900 (500, 1250)	– 600 (– 800 to – 400)	<0.001
Volume of study fluid, median (IQR), ml	300 (200, 400)	750 (500, 1250)	– 450 (– 547 to – 353)	<0.001
Total fluid input, median (IQR), ml	3429 (2132, 4937)	4217 (2634, 5847)	– 801 (– 1634 to 31.8)	0.06
Total fluid output, median (IQR), ml	2995 (1850, 4409)	3353 (2180, 4781)	– 360 (– 836 to 116)	0.14
Total urine output, median (IQR), ml	2235 (1235, 3450)	2407 (1429, 3580)	– 188 (– 727 to 351)	0.49
Cumulative fluid balance, mean (SD), ml	354 (2124)	930 (2038)	– 576 (– 1033 to – 119)	0.01
Maximum norepinephrine infusion rate, median (IQR), µg/min	2 (0, 6)	4 (0, 10)	– 2 (– 5 to 1)	0.19
Maximum albumin level, mean (SD), g/l	35 (6.2)	32 (5.4)	2.5 (1.2–3.8)	<0.001

4-5%
vs. 20%
Albumin

Small volume resuscitation with 20% albumin reduced resuscitation fluid requirement and minimized fluid accumulation compared with resuscitation with 4-5% albumin

Small volume resuscitation with 20% albumin did not negatively impact kidney function or other key clinical outcomes



Possible Limitations of the SWIPE trial

- *Study population* (most postoperative pts, only 11% of septic pts)
- *Heterogeneity of the effect*
(possible different effect in septic pts; $P = 0.05$ – not discussed...)
- *Data collection*
(infusion rate and dosage not fixed; no data on infusion rate)
- *Short follow-up period*
(only 48 hours – inadequate follow-up period for renal injury / intravascular effect)

Open question: more severe patients (or pts with sepsis)?

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Possible risk of Renal Hyper-oncotic Injury

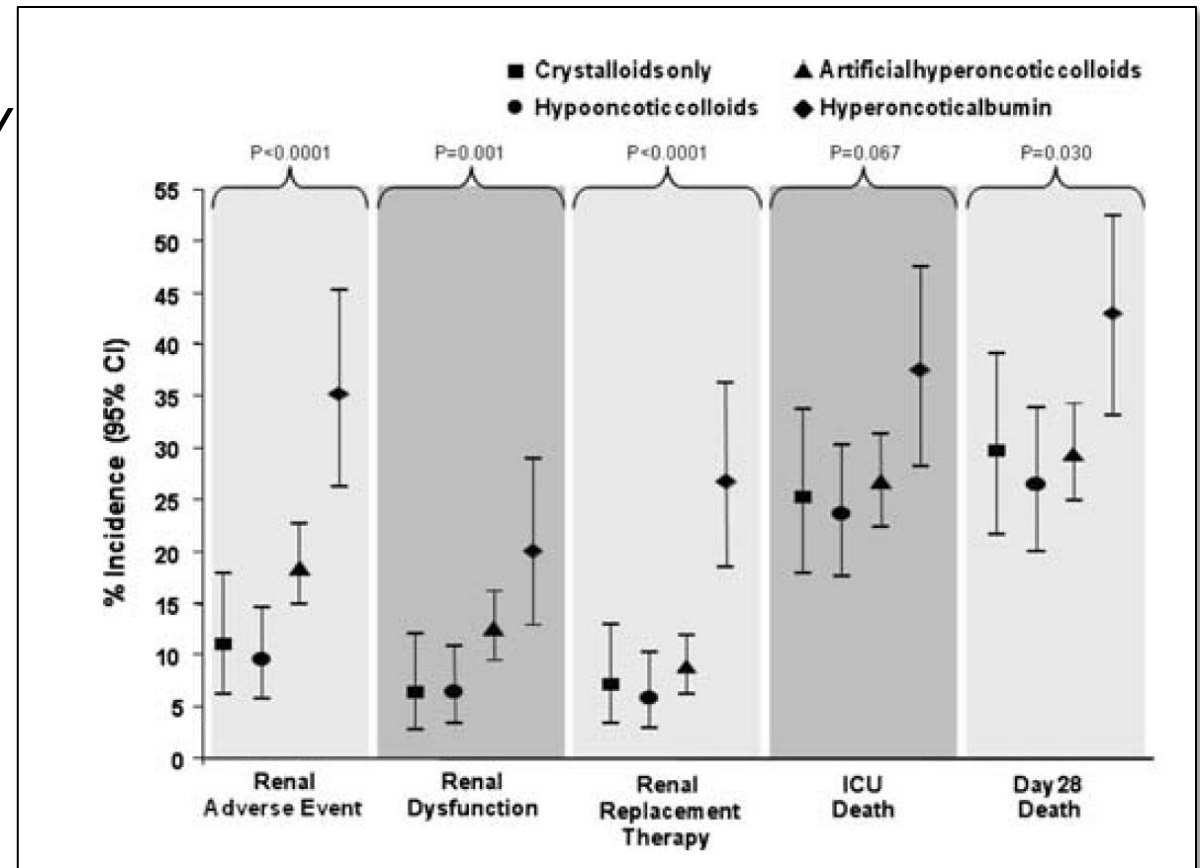
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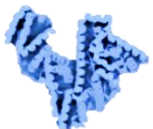
The risk associated with hyperoncotic colloids in patients with shock

Intensive Care Med 2008;34:2157-2168

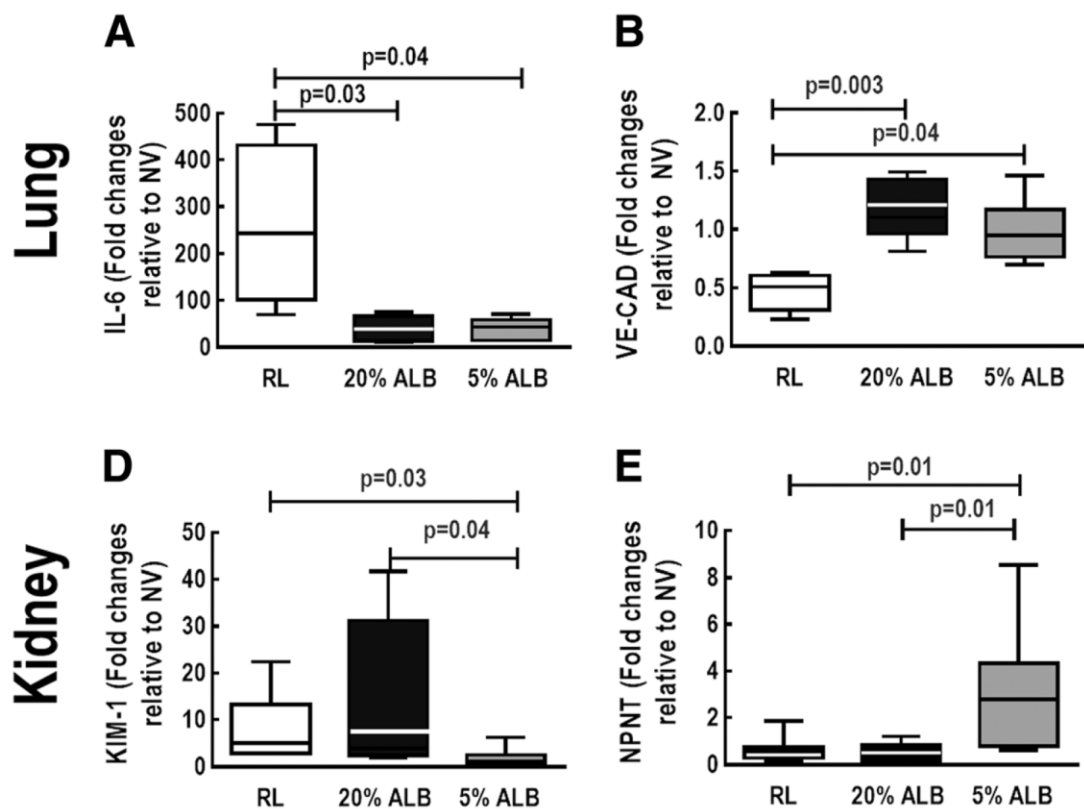
Multicenter, prospective, cohort study

- 1013 ICU pts
- needing fluids for shock
- rapid administration
- renal events / mortality





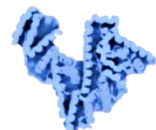
Effects of crystalloid, hyper-oncotic albumin, and iso-oncotic albumin on lung and kidney damage in experimental acute lung injury







Experimental in-vivo model of LPS-induced ALI

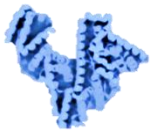
Hemodynamic resuscitation With RL, 20%ALB, or 5%ALB

Iso-oncotic and hyper-oncotic ALB solutions were associated with less lung injury compared to RL. Hyper-oncotic ALB resulted in a greater AKI than iso-oncotic ALB.



Possible importance of infusion rate – Hypothesis...

Study	Dosage and time	Infusion rate	Intravascular expansion	AKI	Healthy?
<i>ALBIOS</i> (<i>NEJM 2014</i>)	300 mL 20% ALB in 3h	4.7 mg/kg/min	Yes	No	
<i>RASP</i> (<i>CCM 2019</i>)	500 mL 4% ALB in < 10 min	30 mg/kg/min	No	No	
<i>De S. Mendes</i> (<i>RR 2019</i>)	2 mL/kg 20% ALB as bolus (<i>flush</i>)	420 mg/kg/min	~	Yes	
<i>Bihari S</i> (<i>JAP 2019</i>)	480 mL 20% ALB in 20 min	60 mg/kg/min	Yes	No	



Possible importance
of infusion rate

Importance of the Infusion Rate for the Plasma Expanding Effect of 5% Albumin, 6% HES 130/0.4, 4% Gelatin, and 0.9% NaCl in the Septic Rat*

Björn P. Bark, MD; Johan Persson, MD, PhD; Per-Olof Grände, MD, PhD

Crit Care Med 2013; 41:857-866

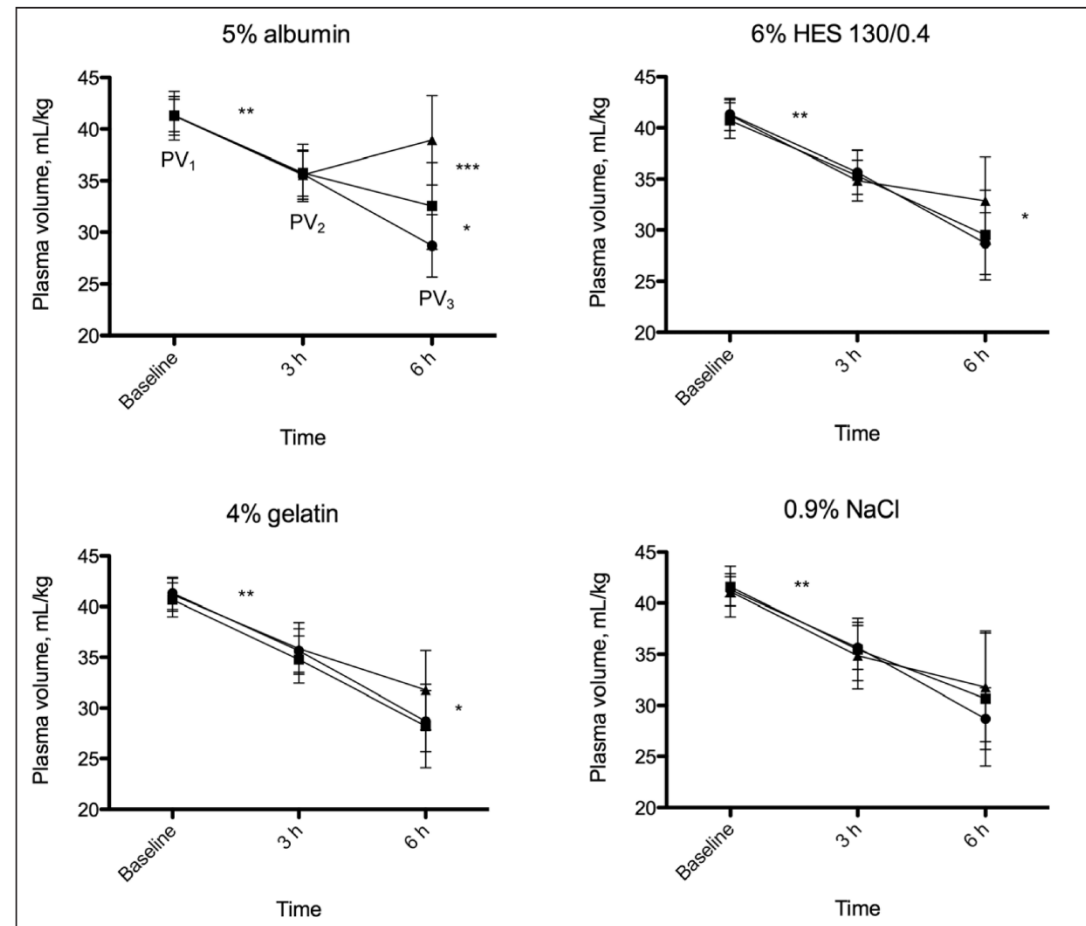
- 112 adult male rats with sepsis (cecal ligation model)

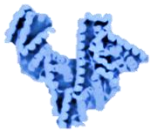
Volume replacement:

- 1) 5% albumin
- 2) 6% HES 130/0.4 12 mL/kg
- 3) 4% gelatin
- 4) 0.9% NaCl 48 mL/kg

- 15-min vs. 3-hrs infusion

- Plasma Volume measurement with ^{125}I -albumin





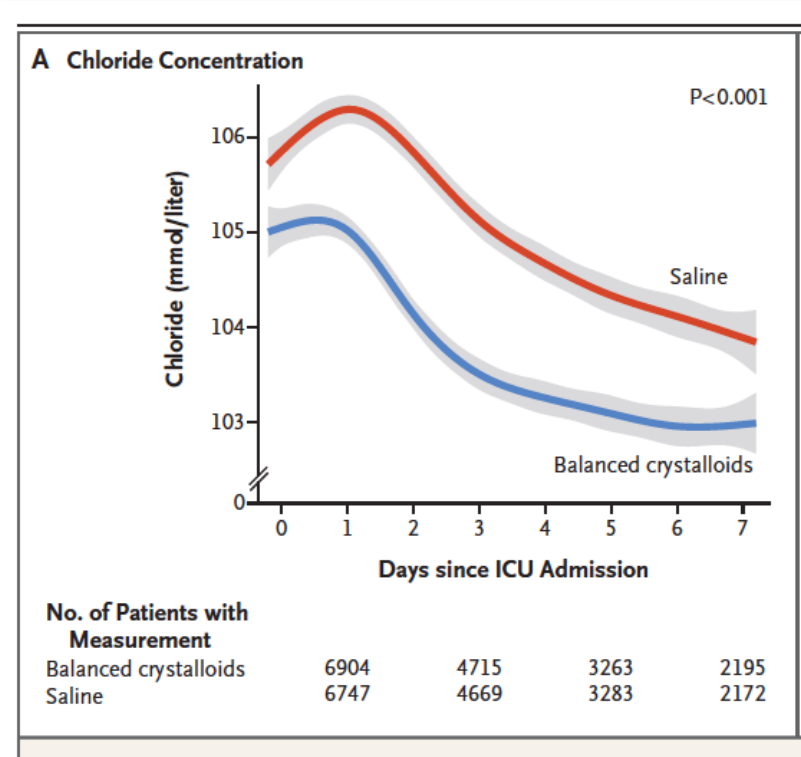
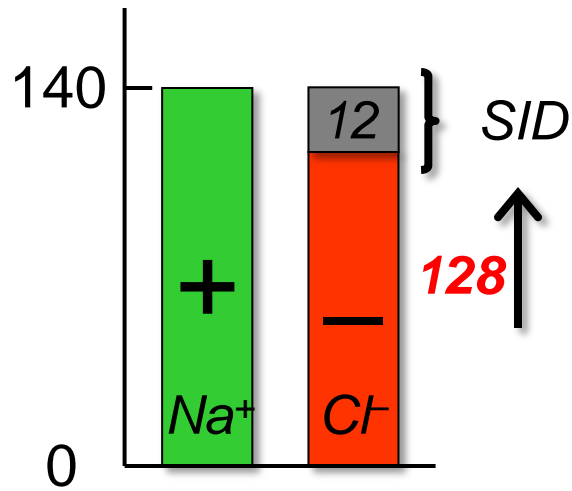
Efficacy of low-Cl content fluid therapy

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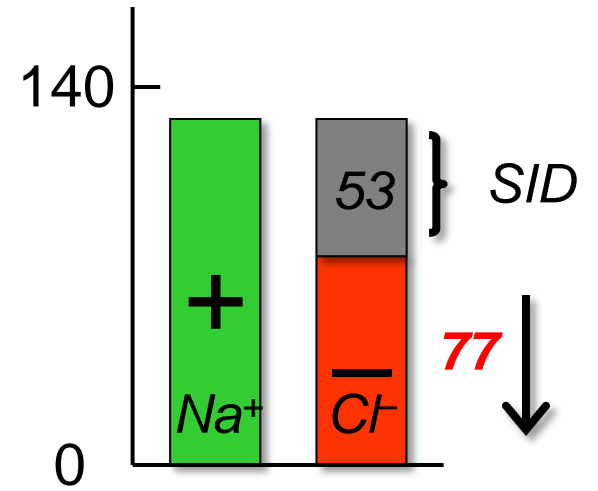
Balanced Crystalloids versus Saline in Critically Ill Adults

Matthew W. Semler, M.D., Wesley H. Self, M.D., M.P.H., Jonathan P. Wanderer, M.D., Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H.,

4-5% Albumin



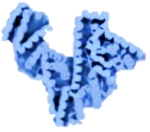
20% Albumin





CONCLUSIONS – Take-Home Messages

- 20% ALB reduces resuscitation **fluid requirement**
(solid evidence in post-operative ICU pts; not clear in sicker patients)
- 20% ALB do not have beneficial effects in **sepsis**,
while 20% ALB might be beneficial in patients with **septic shock**
- 4-5% ALB may be employed as a **colloid**, keeping in mind limitations
(volume effects, fluid accumulation / NO in **TBI**)
- NO clinical data whatsoever supporting the hypothesis of **renal damage**
associated with ALB administration (either 4-5% or 20%)
- Be careful to **infusion rate** (necessary more data)
- 20% ALB as included in a **low-chloride** content fluid therapy



The importance of albumin infusion rate for plasma volume expansion following major abdominal surgery – AIR: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial

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■ *Single center, assessor-blinded, parallel group, randomized prospective trial*

Adult patients, after abdominal surgery, presenting signs of hypovolemia will be randomized (

- *1) Rapid administration (30 min) – 5% albumin, 10 ml/kg IBW*
- *2) Slow administration (180 min) – 5% albumin, 10 ml/kg IBW*

■ *Primary end-point: change in plasma volume (¹²⁵I-HSA) after 180 min*

■ *Secondary end-point: transcapillary escape rate, other clinically relevant outcomes*