

Perioperative Glycemic Control for all Surgical Patients?

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Outline

- The problem with hyperglycemia
- Glycemic control in ICU
- Glycemic control in Surgery

The Problem with Hyperglycemia

- Diabetes mellitus is the most common endocrine disorder encountered in the perioperative period.
- The endocrine response to the stresses of surgery predisposes to hyperglycemia.

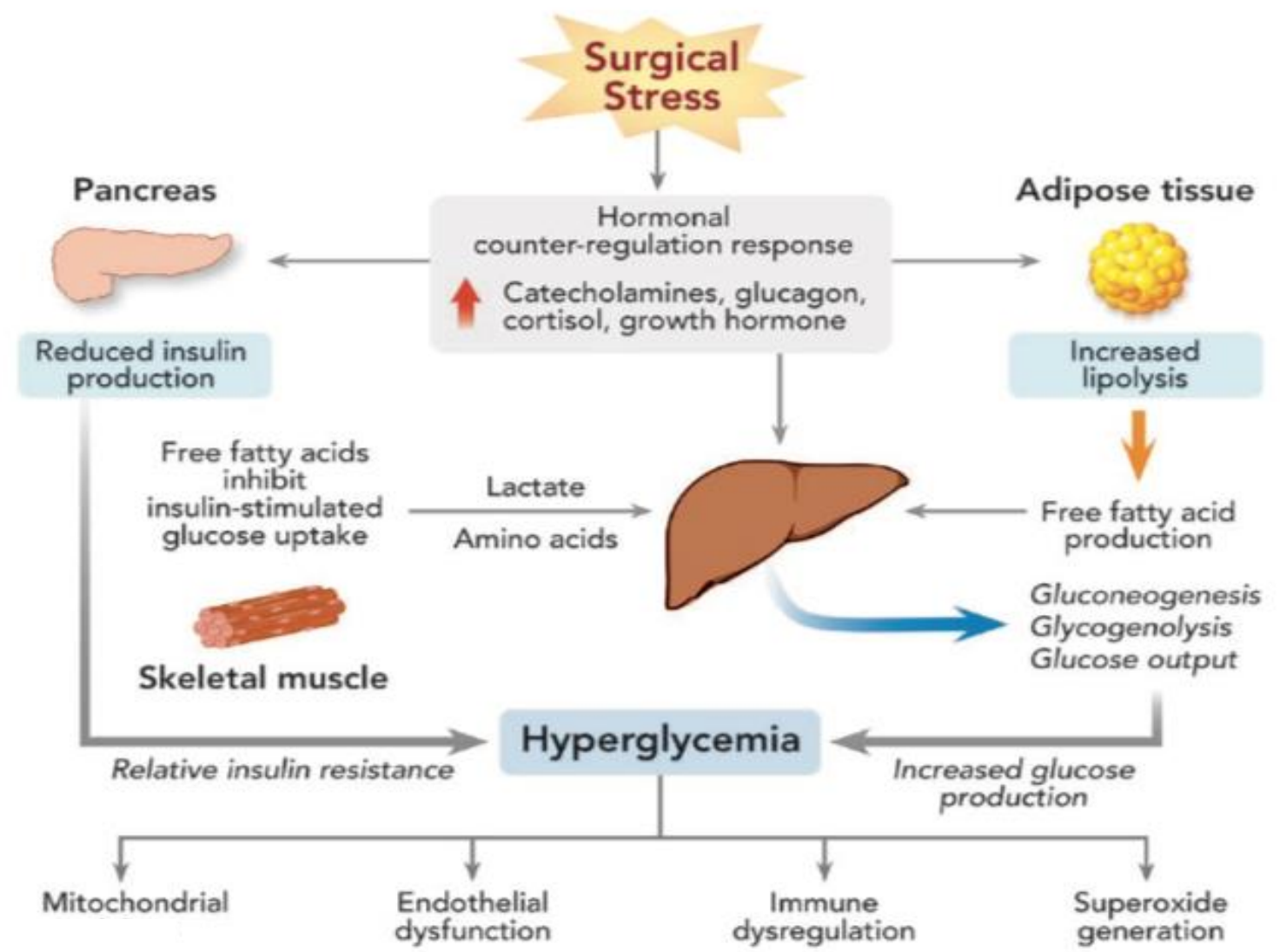


Fig. 1. The surgical stress response.

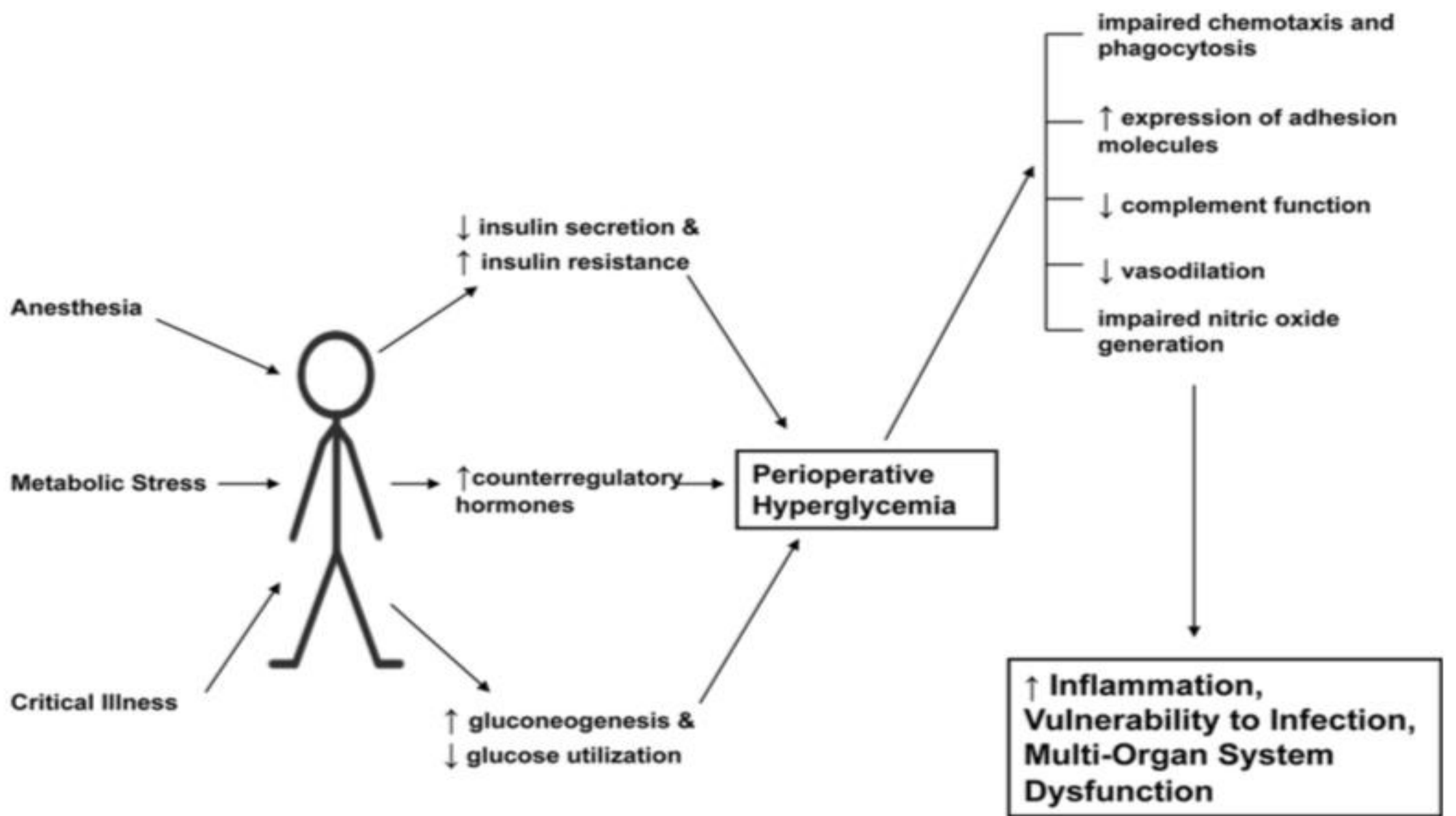


Fig. 1. Pathophysiology of hyperglycemia. Anesthesia, metabolic stress, and critical illness lead to metabolic derangements, resulting in hyperglycemia. Hyperglycemia is associated with increased inflammation, susceptibility to infection, and organ dysfunction.

Glycemic Control in ICU



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Glycemic Control in ICU:

Network Meta-Analysis #1

- Four different target blood glucose levels
 - <110 mg/dL
 - 110–144 mg/dL
 - 144–180 mg/dL
 - >180 mg/dL

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glycemic control in critically ill patients: a network meta-analysis.



Glycemic Control in ICU:

Network Meta-Analysis #1

- 35 RCTs, N = 18,098 patients.
- No significant differences in the risk of mortality and infection.
- <110 and 110–144 mg/dL had 4x - 9x increase in the risk of hypoglycemia compared with 144–180 and >180 mg/dL.

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Glycemic Control in ICU:

Network Meta-Analysis #2

- Four glycemic control groups:
 - $4.4 < 6.1$ mmol/l
 - $6.1 < 7.8$ mmol/l
 - $7.8 < 10.0$ mmol/l
 - 10.0 to < 12.2 mmol/l



Glycemic Control in ICU:

Network Meta-Analysis #2

- Thirty-six randomized trials (17,996 patients):
- No differences in mortality
- Hierarchy for avoiding death (highest to lowest rank): mild control, tight control, and very mild control.



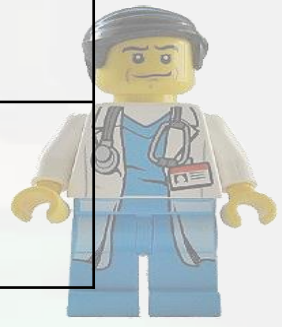
Glycemic Control in ICU: Network Meta-Analysis #2

- Severe hypoglycemia (<2.2 mmol/l) was more frequent with tight control than very mild control [**RR 5.49** (3.22–9.38), $p < 0.001$] or mild control [RR 4.47 (2.5–8.03), $p < 0.001$].



Glycemic Control in ICU:

Surviving Sepsis Campaign	< 150
American Heart Association	< 140
European Society of Cardiology	140-180
American Diabetes Association	140-180
American College of Physicians	140-180



Glycemic Control in Surgery





The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Practice Guideline Series: Blood Glucose Management During Adult Cardiac Surgery

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Perioperative Glycemic

Control in Cardiac Surgery

- In 6280 patients, higher glucose levels during surgery were found to be an independent predictor of mortality in patients with and without diabetes.



Perioperative Glycemic Control in Cardiac Surgery

- **Preoperative:**

- in 1,375 CABG patients, those with elevated fasting blood glucose had a 1-year mortality that was twice as great as patients with normal fasting values and equal to that of patients who were suspected, or known to have diabetes mellitus.



Perioperative Glycemic Control in Cardiac Surgery

- **Intraoperative:**
 - In 409 patients hyperglycemia was an independent risk factor for perioperative complications, including death.



Perioperative Glycemic Control in Cardiac Surgery

- **Post- operative:**
 - In 200 (291) patients, serum glucose level (>250 mg/dL) was associated with a 10-fold increase in complications.



Perioperative Glycemic

Control in Cardiac Surgery

- Glycemic Control (>180 mg/dL) in patients with diabetes during cardiac surgery:
 - Reduces mortality
 - Reduces morbidity
 - Lowers the incidence of wound infections
 - Reduces hospital length of stay
 - Enhances long-term survival



Perioperative Glycemic

Control in Cardiac Surgery

- Intraoperative glycemic control using intravenous insulin infusions is not necessary in cardiac surgery patients without diabetes provided that glucose values remain >180 mg/dL



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The effect of tight glycaemic control, during and after cardiac surgery, on patient mortality and morbidity: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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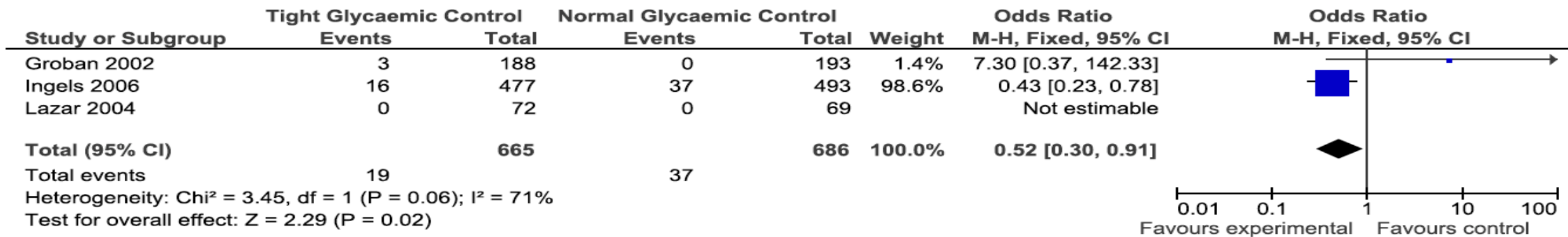


Figure 2 Results of the meta-analysis performed on the incidence of early mortality, following cardiac surgery, for patients with and without tight glycaemic control. This figure illustrates the forest plot created as a result of the meta-analysis for early mortality data. “Early mortality” was defined as death in CCU or within 30 days. Only three of the seven studies presented useable data and were included in the analysis. Tight glycaemic control peri- and post-operatively significantly reduced early mortality as compared to normal glycaemic control ($p = 0.02$).



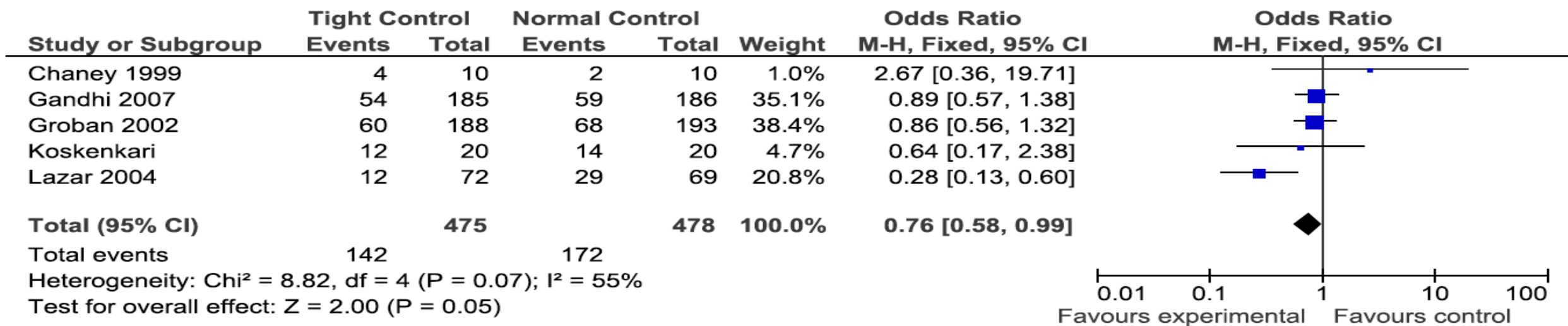


Figure 3 Results of the meta-analysis on the incidence of atrial fibrillation following cardiac surgery, for patients with and without tight glycaemic control. This figure illustrates the forest plot created as a result of the meta-analysis performed on the incidence of atrial fibrillation (AF) following cardiac surgery for the tight and normal glycaemic control groups. As can be seen, tight glycaemic control demonstrated a borderline significant reduction in the incidence of AF following cardiac surgery ($p = 0.05$). Only one study, Chaney et al reported a higher incidence of AF in patients in the tight glycaemic control group, however their overall patient numbers was extremely small ($n = 20$).



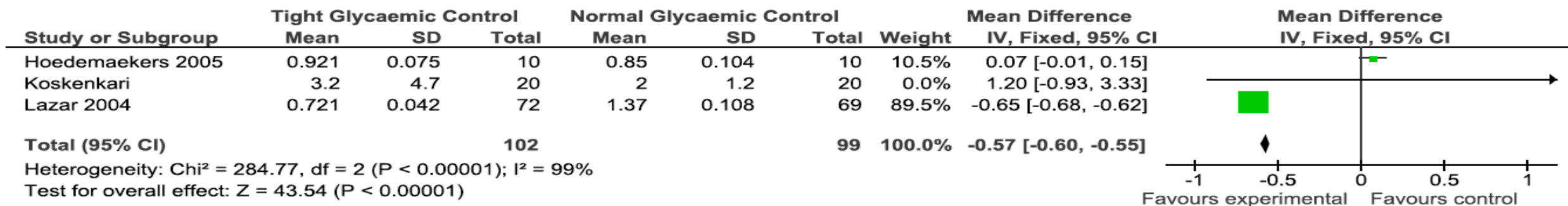


Figure 4 Results of the meta-analysis conducted on the time spent in CCU/ICU, for patients with and without tight glycaemic control, following cardiac surgery. This figure illustrates the forest plot created from the meta-analysis of total time spent in CCU or ICU following cardiac surgery, for those patients with and without tight glycaemic control. Although the results suggest that patients who were randomised to the tight glycaemic control group spent significantly less time in CCU/ICU ($p < 0.00001$), the significant heterogeneity (99%) of this sample makes it difficult to interpret these results. The data are significantly weighted by one study, the Lazar (2004) study, and the times spent in CCU/ICU vary dramatically between groups.



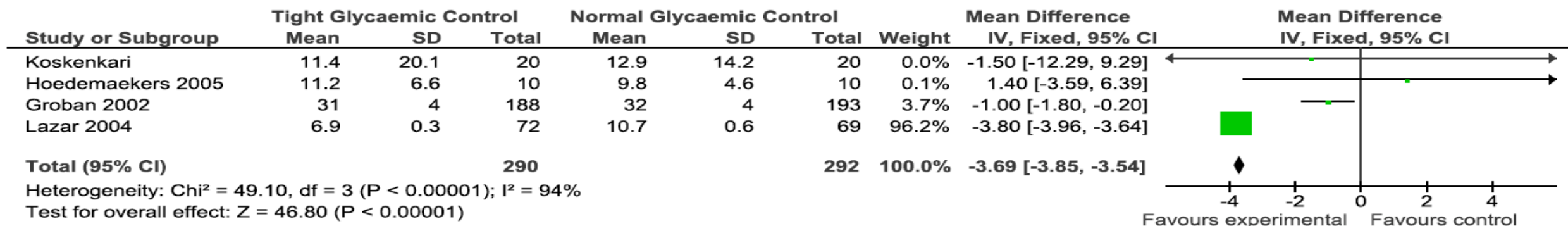


Figure 5 Results of the meta-analysis conducted on the time spent on mechanical ventilation, following cardiac surgery, for patients with and without tight glycaemic control. This figure illustrates the forest plot created from the meta-analysis of the time spent on mechanical ventilation, following cardiac surgery, for patients with and without tight glycaemic control. The results of this analysis suggest that patients who experienced tight glycaemic control peri and/or post-operatively spent significantly less time on mechanical ventilation ($p < 0.00001$). However, the results are heavily weighted by the Lazar (2004) study due to the wide ranges of time and large standard deviations in the other four studies.



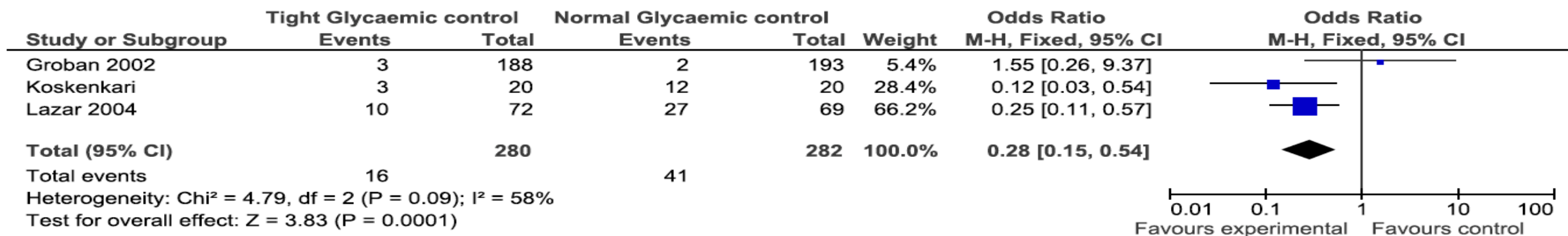


Figure 6 Results of the meta-analysis conducted on the need for epicardial pacing, following cardiac surgery, in patients with and without tight glycaemic control. This figure illustrates the forest plot produced as a result of the meta-analysis on the need for epicardial pacing in patients with and without tight glycaemic control. As can be seen in the figure, those patients with tight control experienced less need for epicardial pacing ($p = 0.0001$).



- Results: N= 7 RCT's
- Tight glycaemic control reduced:
 - early mortality (death in ICU) (OR 0.52 [95% CI 0.30, 0.91]);
 - post-surgical atrial fibrillation (odds ratio (OR 0.76 [95%CI 0.58, 0.99]));
 - the use of epicardial pacing (OR 0.28 [95%CI 0.15, 0.54]);
 - the duration of mechanical ventilation (mean difference (MD) -3.69 [95% CI -3.85, -3.54])



- Conclusion:
- The results from this study suggest that there may be some benefit to tight glycaemic control during and after cardiac surgery. However, due to the limited number of studies available and the significant variability in glucose levels; period of control; and the reporting of outcome measures, further research needs to be done to provide a definitive answer on the benefits of tight glycaemic control for cardiac surgery patients.



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Perioperative Hyperglycemia Management

An Update

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Table 1. Society Guideline Recommendations for Treatment of Perioperative Hyperglycemia and Diabetes

	Ambulatory Surgery	ICU	Non-ICU
SAMBA ⁵⁰	SC rapid-acting insulin analogs are preferred over IV or SC regular insulin Treatment goal: intraoperative blood glucose levels < 180 mg/dl (10 mM)		
ADA/AACE ⁵¹		Initiate insulin therapy for glucose > 180 mg/dl (10 mM) Treatment goal: For most patients, target a glucose level between 140 and 180 mg/dl (7.7–10 mM). Glucose target between 110 and 140 mg/dl (6.1–7.7 mM) may be appropriate for select patients if achievable without significant risk for hypoglycemia	Treatment goal: If treated with insulin, premeal glucose targets should generally be < 140 mg/dl (< 7.7 mM), with random glucose levels < 180 mg/dl (10 mM)
ACP ⁵⁴		Recommends against intensive insulin therapy in patients with or without diabetes in surgical/medical ICUs Treatment goal: Target glucose is between 140 and 200 mg/dl (7.7–11.1 mM) in patients with or without diabetes	
Critical Care Society ⁵²		BG > 150 mg/dl (8.3 mM) should trigger insulin therapy Treatment goal: Maintain glucose < 150 mg/dl (8.3 mM) for most patients in ICU	

Endocrine Society³⁰

Society of Thoracic Surgeons⁵³

Joint British Diabetes Societies⁵⁵

Continuous insulin infusion preferred over SC or intermittent IV boluses
Treatment goal: Recommend glucose < 180 mg/dl (10 mM) during surgery, ≤ 110 mg/dl (6.1 mM) in fasting and premeal states

Treatment goal: Target premeal blood glucose < 140 mg/dl (7.7 mM) and random glucose < 180 mg/dl (10 mM)
Higher target glucose < 200 mg/dl (11.1 mM) is acceptable in patients with terminal illness and/or with limited life expectancy or at high risk for hypoglycemia

Initiate insulin therapy for glucose > 10 mM (180 mg/dl)

Target blood glucose levels in most patients are between 6 and 10 mM (108–180 mg/dl) with an acceptable range of between 4 and 12 mM (72–216 mg/dl)

ACP = American College of Physicians; ADA/AACE = American Diabetes Association/American Association of Endocrinologists; ICU = intensive care unit; IV = intravenous; SAMBA = Society for Ambulatory Anesthesia; SC = subcutaneous.



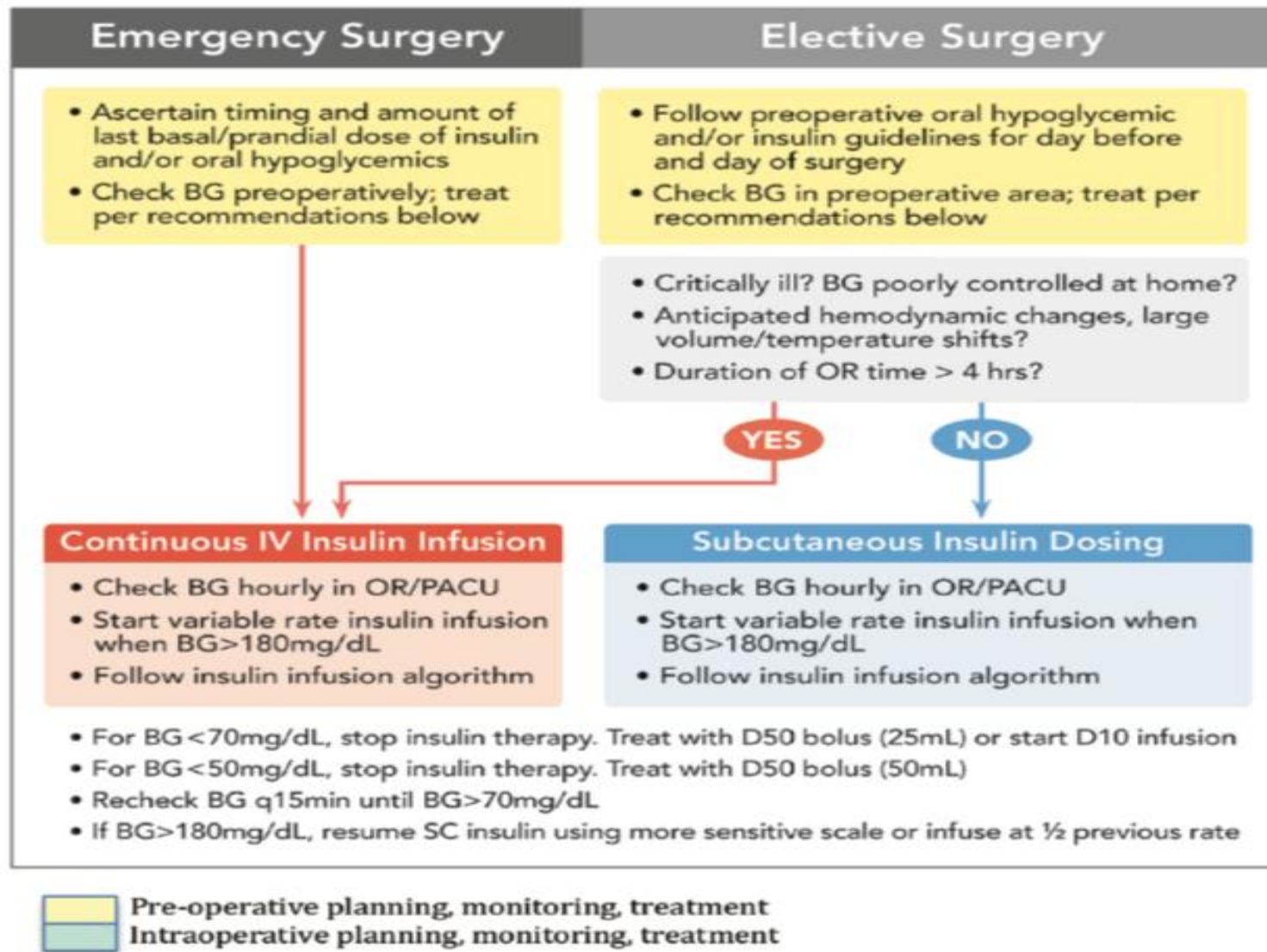


Fig. 2. Pre- and intraoperative testing and treatment algorithm (intravenous or subcutaneous insulin). BG = blood glucose; D10 = dextrose 10% solution; D50 = dextrose 50% solution; IV = intravenous; OR = operating room; PACU = postanesthesia care unit; q15min = every 15 min; SC = subcutaneous. BG 180 mg/dl = 10 mM; BG 70 mg/dl = 3.9 mM, BG 50 mg/dl = 2.8 mM.

Table 9 Recommended glucose target ranges for intensive care patients and related subgroups

Society, guideline	Patient group	Trigger BG value to start insulin infusion, mM (mg dl ⁻¹)	Target range, mM (mg dl ⁻¹)	Rationale
Society of Critical Care Medicine's clinical practice guideline ¹⁰⁵	General recommendation	8.3 (150)	5.6–8.3 (100–150)	
	Cardiac surgery		< 8.3 (150)	Decreased risk for deep sternal wound infection and death ^{70, 127–130}
	Critically ill trauma patients	8.3 (150)	< 10 (180)	
	Traumatic brain injury ^{131, 132}	8.3 (150)	< 10 (180)	
	Neurological ICU patients - Ischaemic stroke ^{133–135} - Intraparenchymal haemorrhage ¹³⁶ - Aneurysmal subarachnoid haemorrhage ^{137–139}	8.3 (150)	< 10 (180)	
American Diabetes Association guidelines ²³	General recommendation	10 (180)	7.8–10 (140–180)	
	Adaptation		6.1–7.8 (110–140)	Adjust to lower target range in documented low rate of severe hypoglycaemia
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists ¹¹¹	General recommendation		7.8–10 (140–180)	
	Surgical patients		Lower range	Only in units showing low rates of hypoglycaemia
Surviving Sepsis Campaign ¹⁰³	General recommendation	10 (180)	< 10 (180)	Based on NICE-SUGAR study
Clinical Practical Guideline from the American College of Physicians ⁸⁰	General recommendation		7.8–11.1 (140–200)	If insulin infusion is applied. But guideline does not recommend intensive insulin therapy
Spanish Society of Intensive Care Medicine and Coronary Units ¹⁴⁰	General recommendation		< 8.3 (150)	
French Society of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care ¹⁰⁶	General recommendation		10 (180)	
	Surgical patients		< 6.1 (110)	
	Cardiac patients		< 6.1 (110)	
Society of Thoracic Surgeons ²⁰	Cardiac surgery patients		< 10 (180) except < 8.3 (150) for those with devices in place	



Diabetes and the Association of Postoperative Hyperglycemia With Clinical and Economic Outcomes in Cardiac Surgery

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Table 2—Clinical and economic outcomes associated with postoperative hyperglycemia

Outcome	No DM		NITDM		ITDM	
	No hyperglycemia	Hyperglycemia	No hyperglycemia	Hyperglycemia	No hyperglycemia	Hyperglycemia
Hospital costs (U.S. \$)						
Unadjusted mean (95% CI)	28,987 (27,850–30,246)	38,664 (36,537–40,856)	31,264 (28,134–34,744)	34,835 (31,845–38,730)	55,004 (45,104–67,403)	39,599 (35,072–44,371)
Adjusted incremental (95% CI)*	Reference	3,192 (1,972 to 4,456)	Reference	2,151 (–572 to 5,034)	Reference	–6,225 (–12,886 to –222)
Hospital LOS (days)						
Unadjusted mean (95% CI)	8.7 (8.4–9.1)	11.3 (10.7–11.9)	9.7 (8.9–10.5)	10.7 (9.9–11.7)	16.6 (14.0–19.9)	12.4 (11.2–13.7)
Adjusted incremental (95% CI)*	Reference	0.8 (0.4–1.3)	Reference	0.6 (–0.2 to 1.5)	Reference	–1.6 (–3.7 to 0.4)
Composite clinical end point						
Unadjusted mean (95% CI)	0.262 (0.243–0.280)	0.310 (0.284–0.338)	0.310 (0.241–0.378)	0.406 (0.358–0.456)	0.430 (0.342–0.519)	0.305 (0.254–0.365)
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Major infections						
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Adjusted incremental (95% CI)**	Reference	0.016 (0.005–0.028)	Reference	0.012 (–0.021 to 0.040)	Reference	–0.041 (–0.091 to 0.000)
Cardiac complications						
Unadjusted mean (95% CI)	0.150 (0.136–0.165)	0.178 (0.157–0.199)	0.161 (0.110–0.217)	0.222 (0.181–0.260)	0.193 (0.124–0.270)	0.164 (0.125–0.211)
Adjusted incremental (95% CI)**	Reference	0.016 (–0.010 to 0.042)	Reference	0.049 (–0.018 to 0.118)	Reference	–0.037 (–0.123 to 0.042)
Respiratory complications						
Unadjusted mean (95% CI)	0.133 (0.086–0.111)	0.166 (0.107–0.144)	0.190 (0.133–0.250)	0.232 (0.193–0.276)	0.307 (0.222–0.395)	0.180 (0.138–0.227)
Adjusted incremental (95% CI)**	Reference	0.026 (0.000–0.053)	Reference	0.042 (–0.034 to 0.114)	Reference	–0.125 (–0.224 to –0.030)

DM, diabetes mellitus. *Adjusted for age, gender, race, BMI, white blood cell count, GFR, hemoglobin, history of heart failure, renal insufficiency, ejection fraction, prior cardiac surgery, history of lung disease, corticosteroids, surgery time, sternotomy performed yes/no, surgery type, procedure, and study site. **Adjusted for age, gender, and procedure.



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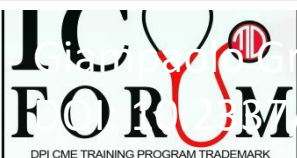
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• Findings suggest that current recommendations, which use a single maximum glucose threshold for the control of stress hyperglycemia after cardiac surgery, may not achieve the intended benefits in all patient subgroups.

- Such a blanket approach could instead be harmful to patients with more advanced diabetes.
- Given the substantial clinical and economic benefits that may be attained, patient stratification with indicators of chronic glucose dysregulation should be investigated.



Summary

