

Υπονατριαιμική εγκεφαλοπάθεια

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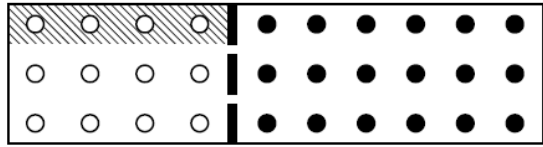


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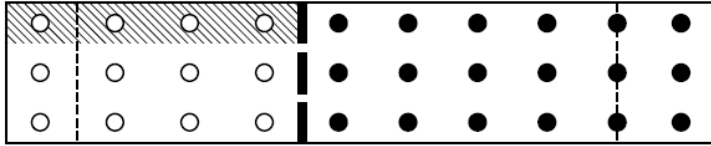
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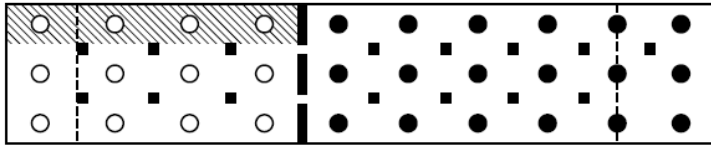
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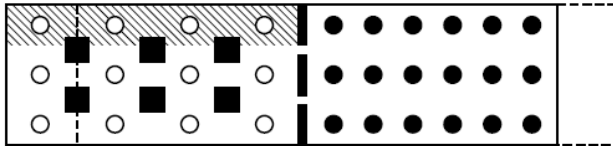
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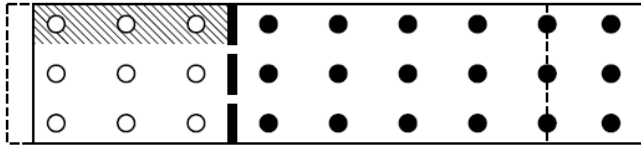
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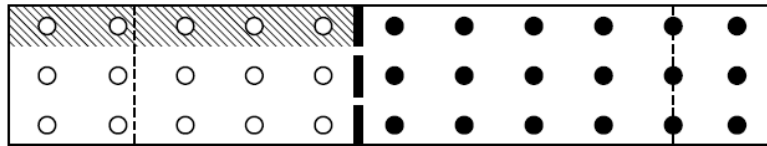
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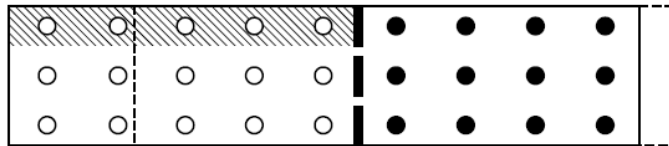
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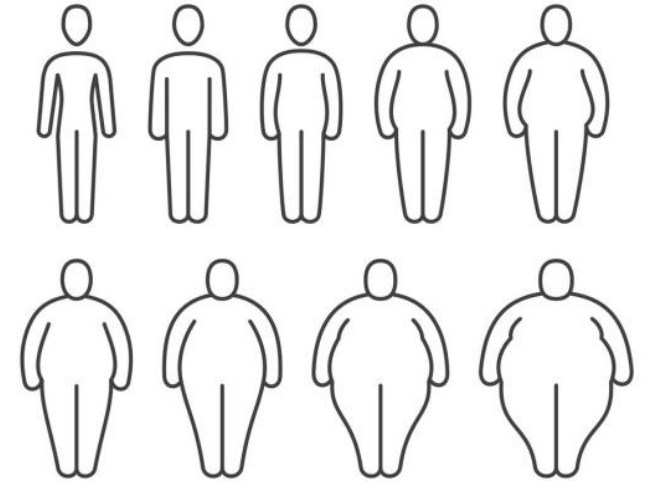


Hypotonic hyponatremia due to water retention in association with sodium gain (e.g., from the nephrotic syndrome)

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Hypotonic hyponatremia due to water retention in association with sodium gain and potassium loss (e.g., from congestive heart failure treated with diuretics)

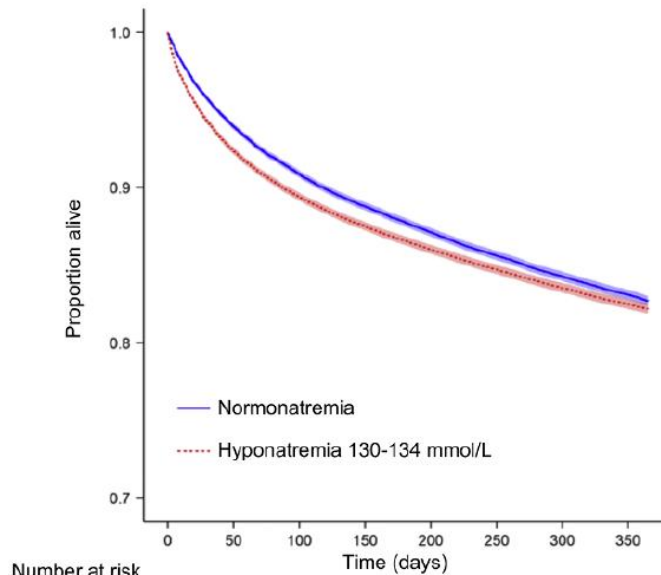


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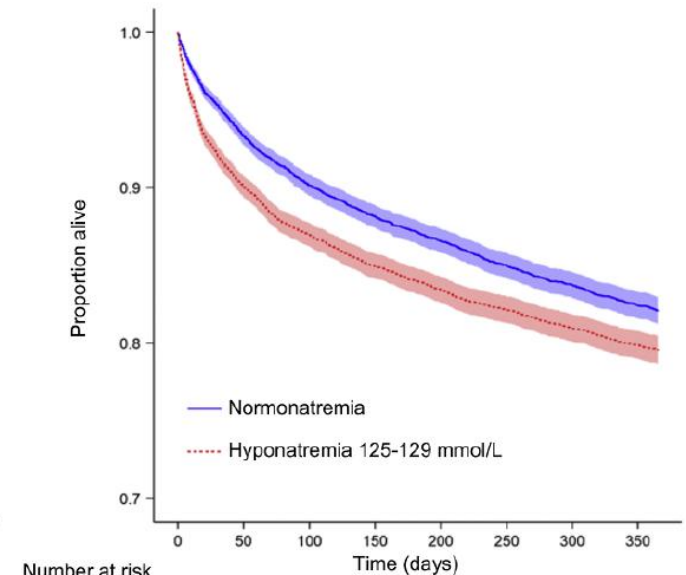
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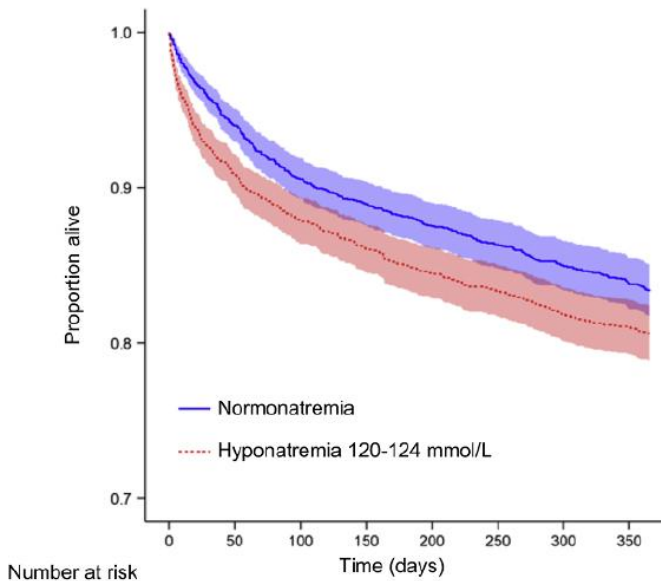
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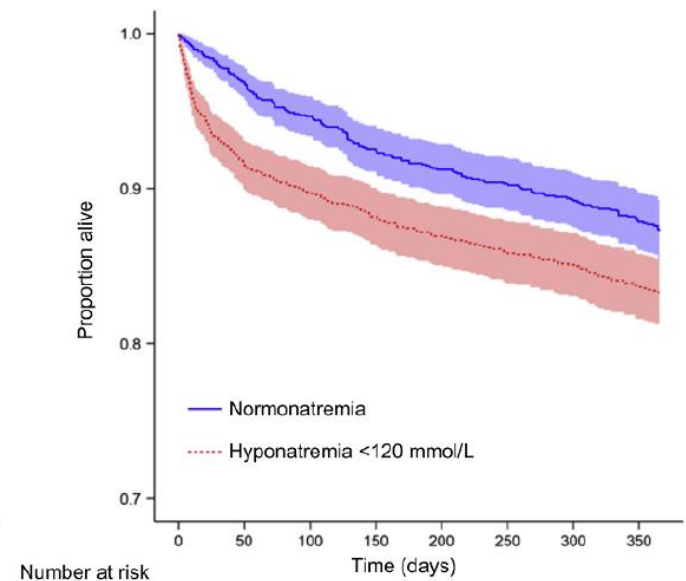
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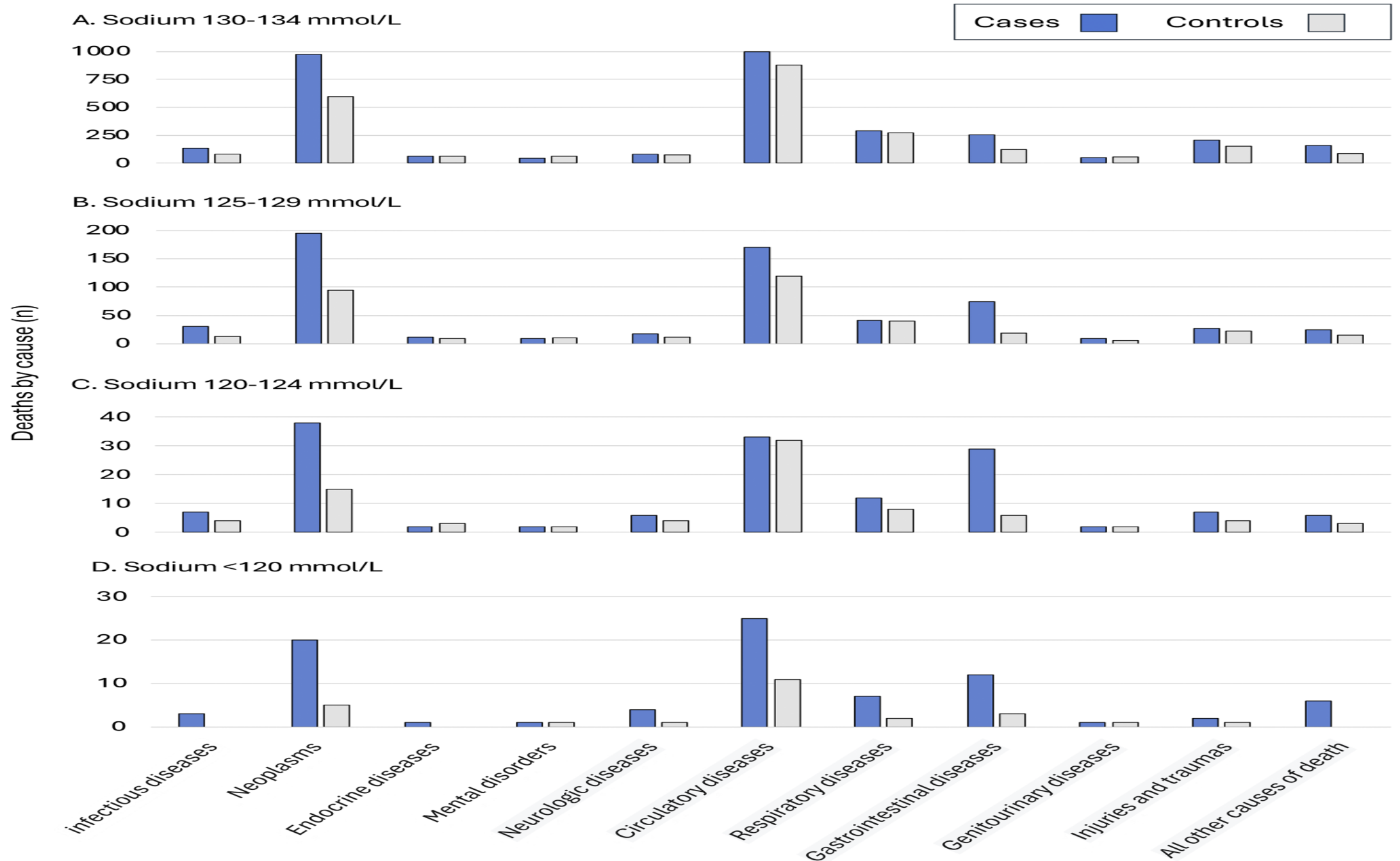
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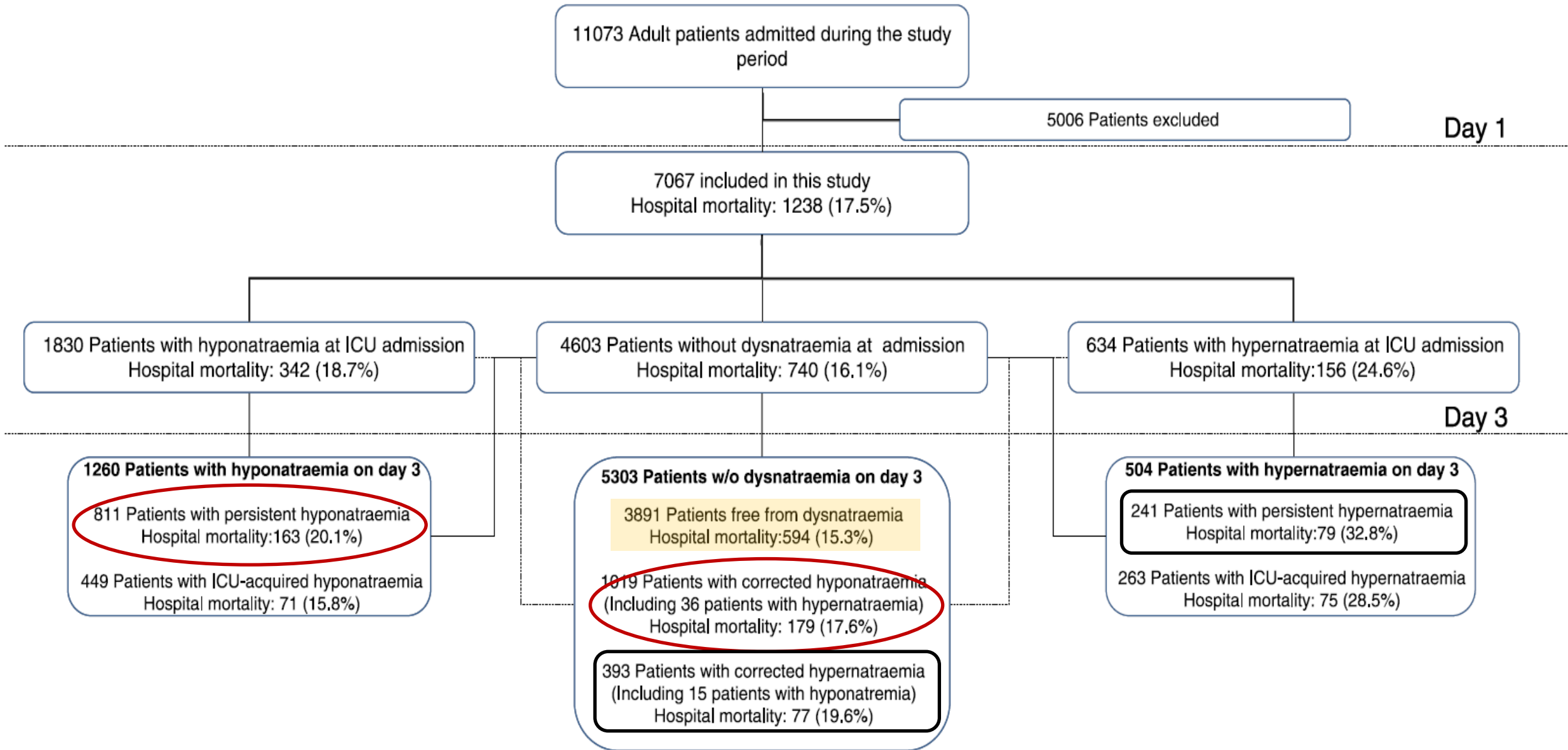
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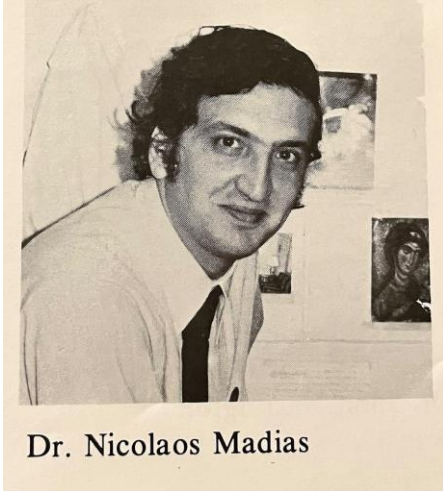


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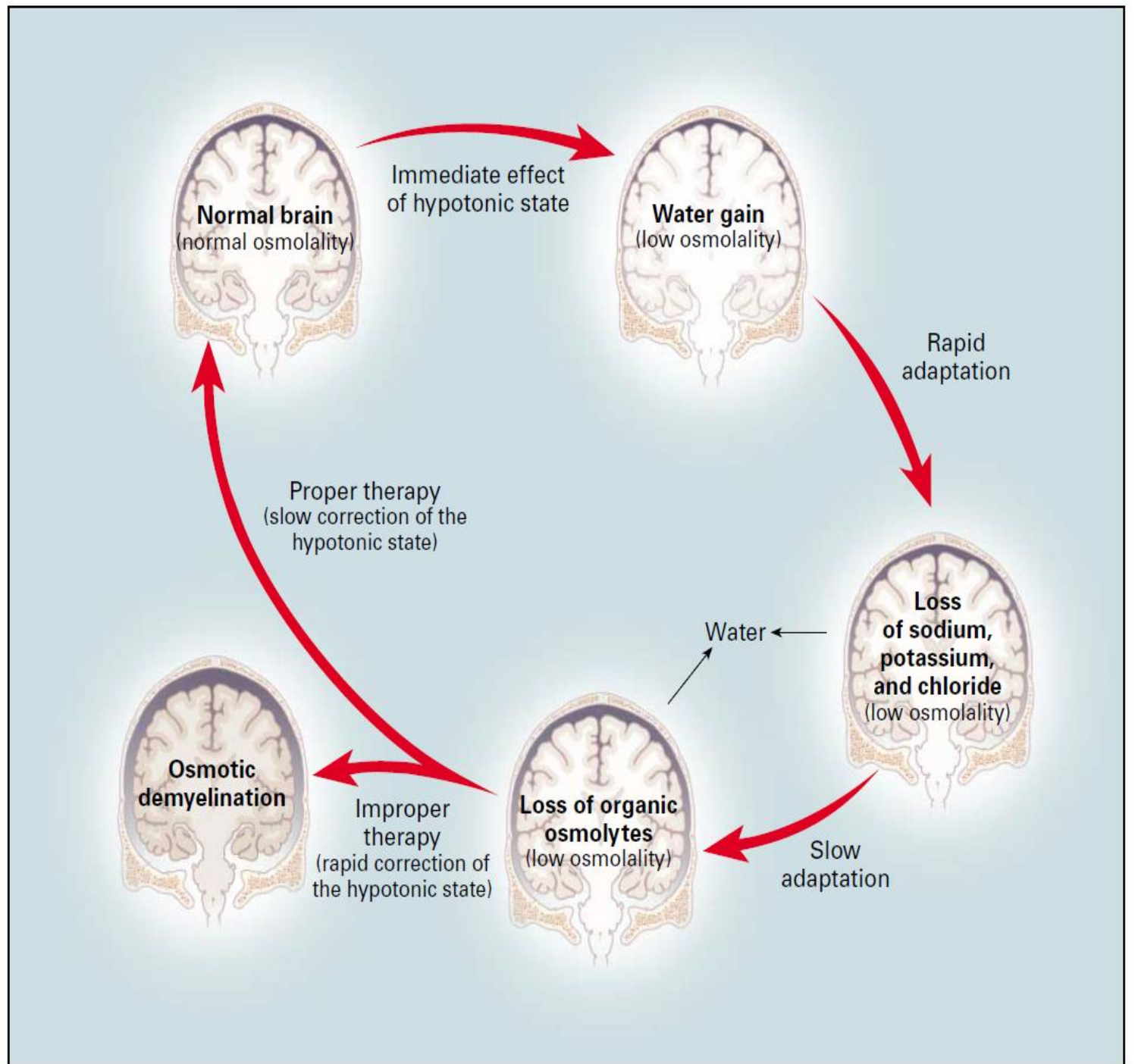
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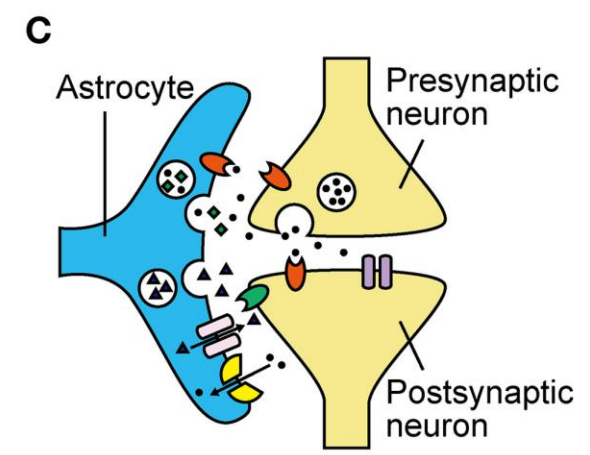
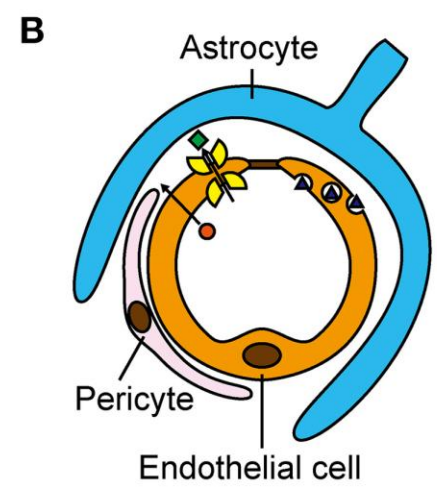
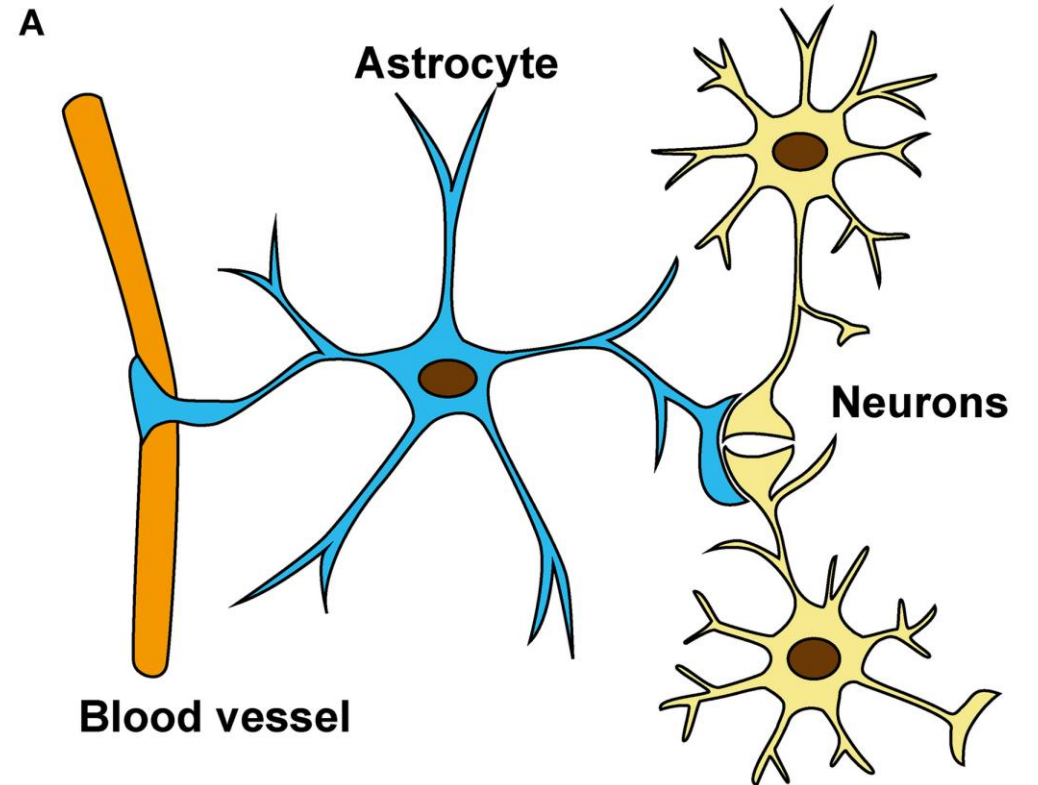
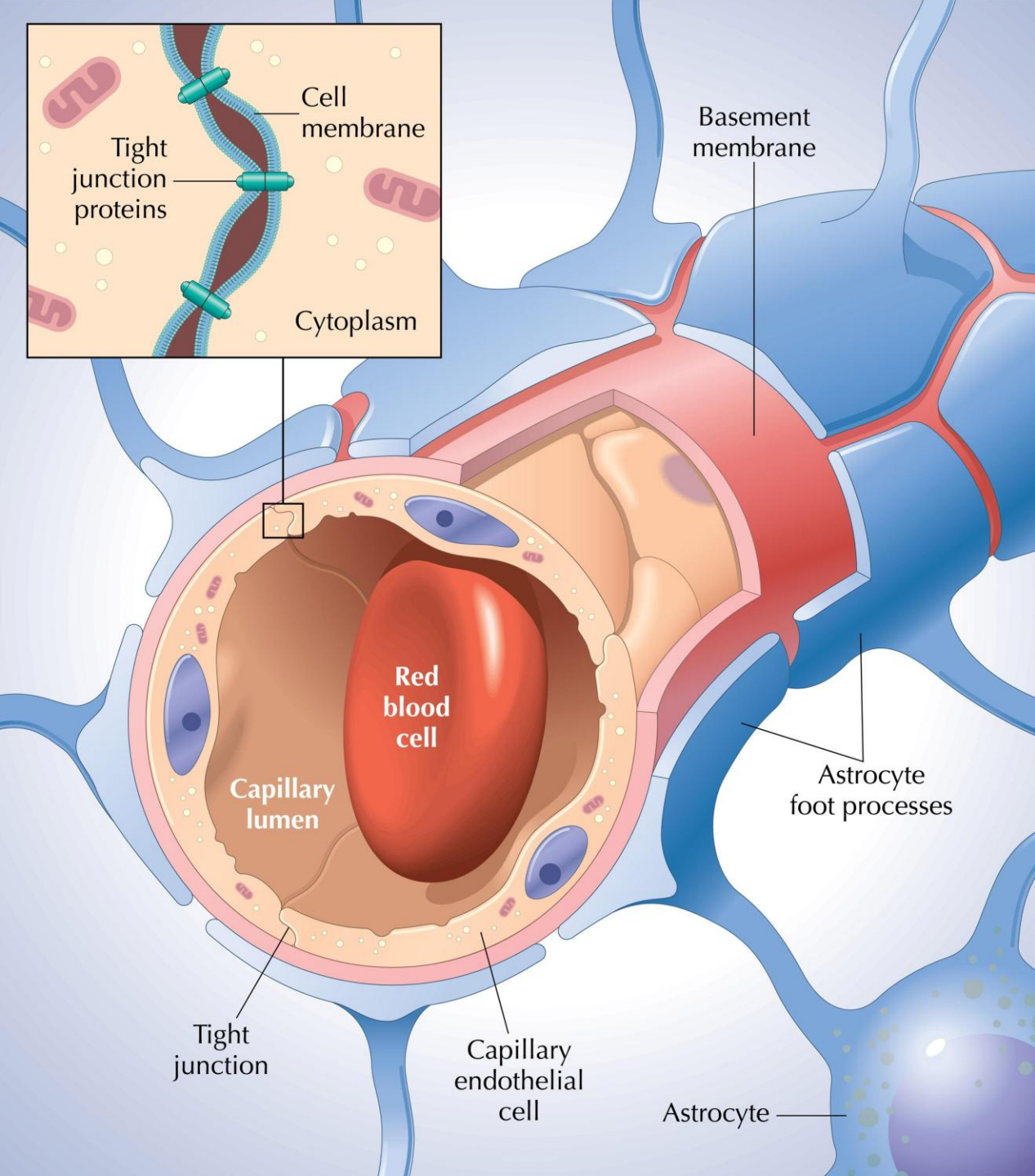




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Alexander MONRO (secundus)

1733 - 1817

Monro-Kellie hypothesis

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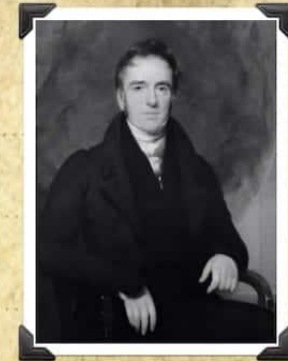


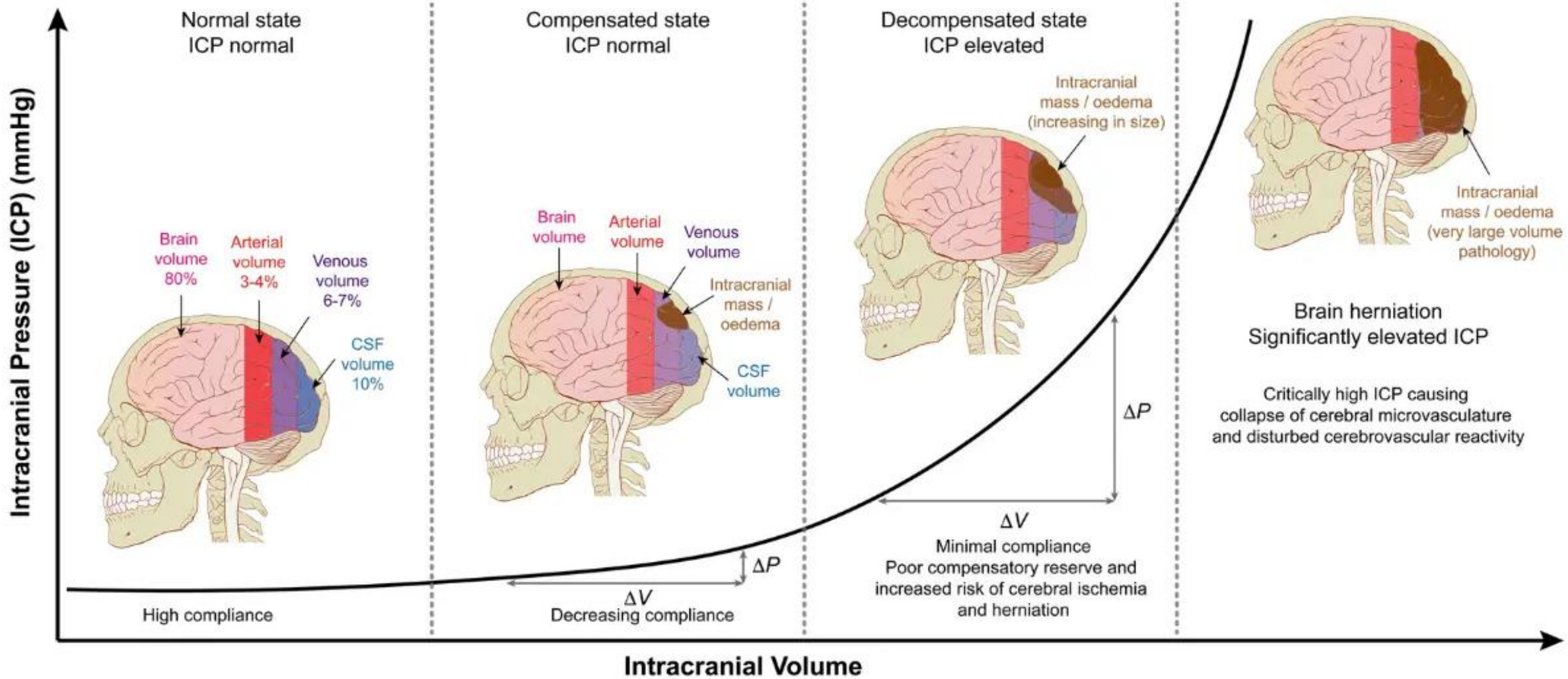
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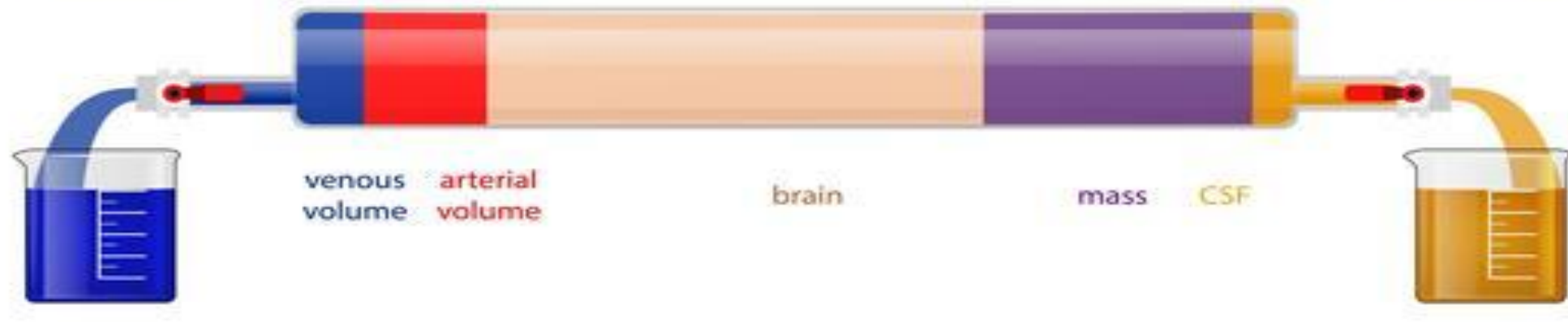
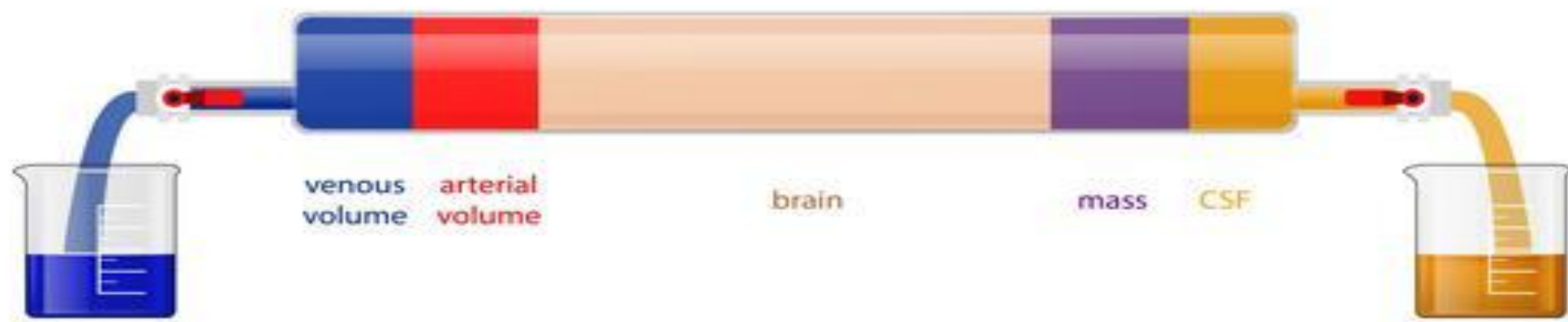
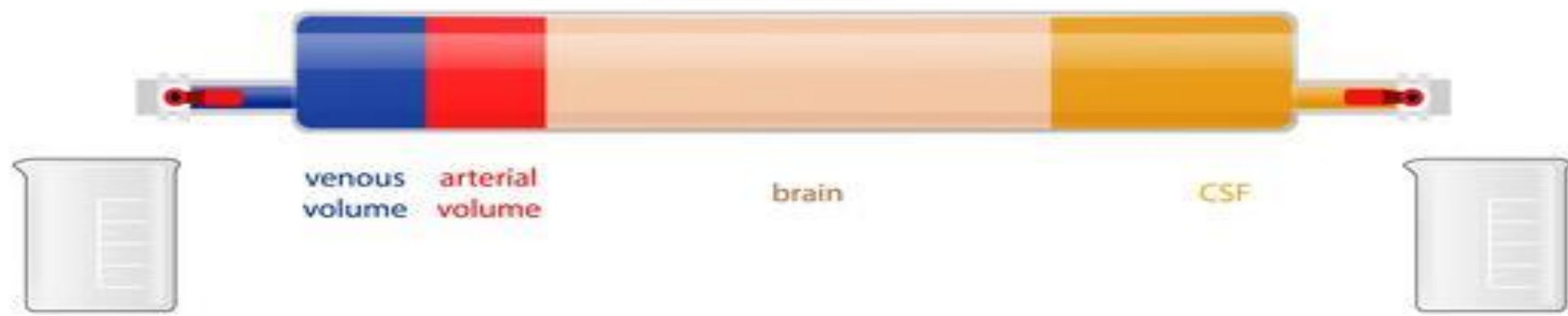
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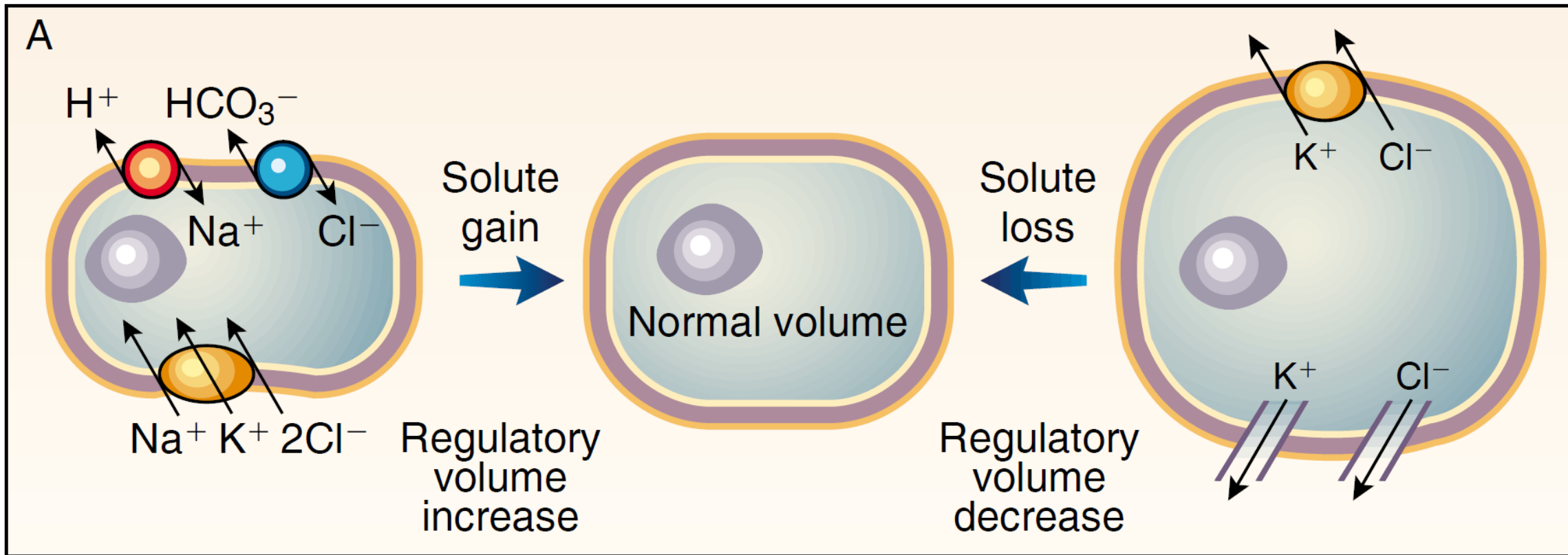
1770 - 1829

Monro-Kellie hypothesis









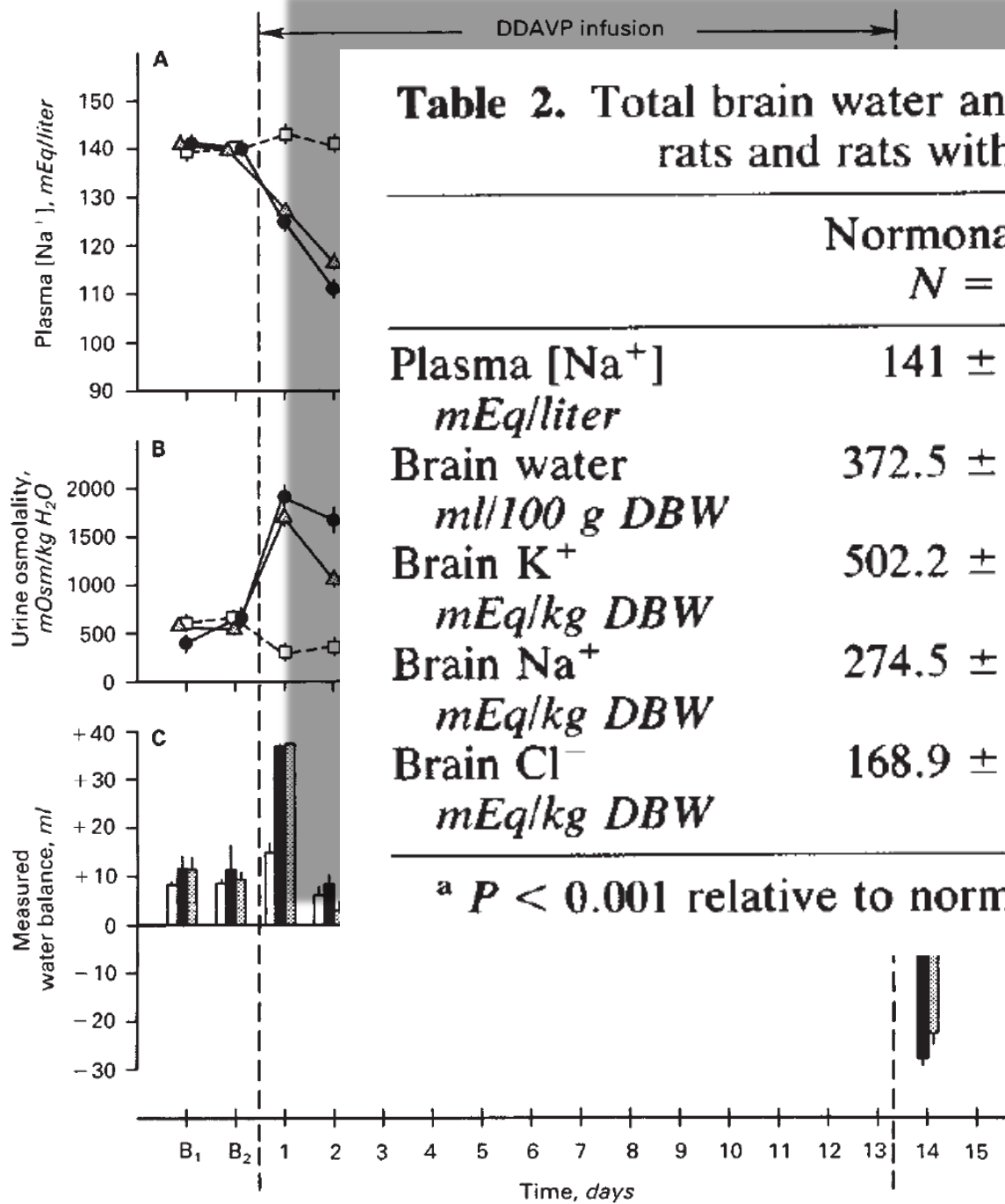


Table 2. Total brain water and electrolyte content of normonatremic rats and rats with sustained hyposmolality

	Normonatremic <i>N</i> = 18	Hyponatremic <i>N</i> = 25	Percent change
Plasma [Na ⁺] <i>mEq/liter</i>	141 ± 1	107 ± 1 ^a	-24.1%
Brain water <i>ml/100 g DBW</i>	372.5 ± 2.1	374.7 ± 1.2	+0.6%
Brain K ⁺ <i>mEq/kg DBW</i>	502.2 ± 14.6	415.2 ± 5.9 ^a	-17.3%
Brain Na ⁺ <i>mEq/kg DBW</i>	274.5 ± 6.1	244.3 ± 1.8 ^a	-11.0%
Brain Cl ⁻ <i>mEq/kg DBW</i>	168.9 ± 5.1	113.7 ± 2.4 ^a	-32.7%

^a *P* < 0.001 relative to normonatremic controls

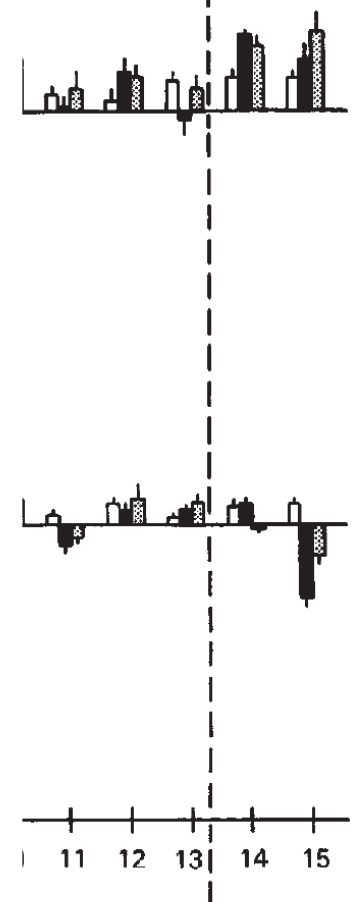


Table 1. Plasma data and brain water, electrolytes, and organic osmolytes in animals maintained in a constant environment

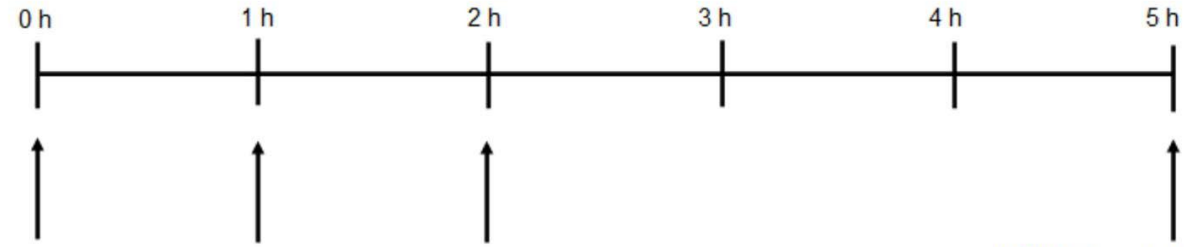
	Increase in Brain Water		Correlation With Plasma Sodium	
	With Organic Osmolyte Losses	Without Organic Osmolyte Losses	<i>P</i>	<i>r</i>
Plasma				
Sodium, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.94
Chloride, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.83
Osmolality, mOsm/kg	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.98
Weight change, %	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.96
Brain				
Water, l/kg	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.98
Sodium, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.97
Potassium, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	NS	0.12
Chloride, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	<0.04	0.49
Glutamate, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.75
Glutamine, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.79
Myo-inositol, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.92
N-acetylaspartate, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.006	0.63
Aspartate, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.68
Creatine, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.001	0.92
Taurine, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.006	0.63
GABA, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	0.002	0.68
Phosphoethanolamine, mM	~4.8%	~11.0%	<0.05	0.63

Values are mean ± SEM



A

Experimental protocol for acute hyponatremia studies



Group 1 Sham injection

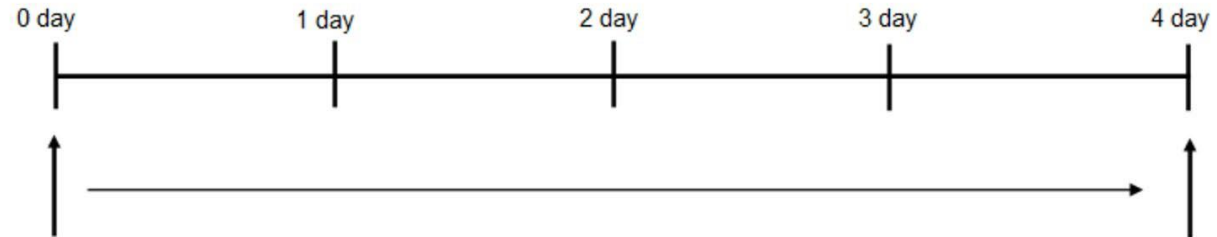
Group 2 dDAVP s.c. + water i.p. water i.p. dDAVP s.c. + water i.p.

Group 3 AVP s.c. + water i.p. water i.p. AVP s.c. + water i.p.

BBB determination (NaF), n=18
brain water content studies, n=18
tissue collection to RT-PCR, n=21
blood analyses, n=57

B

Experimental protocol for chronic hyponatremia studies

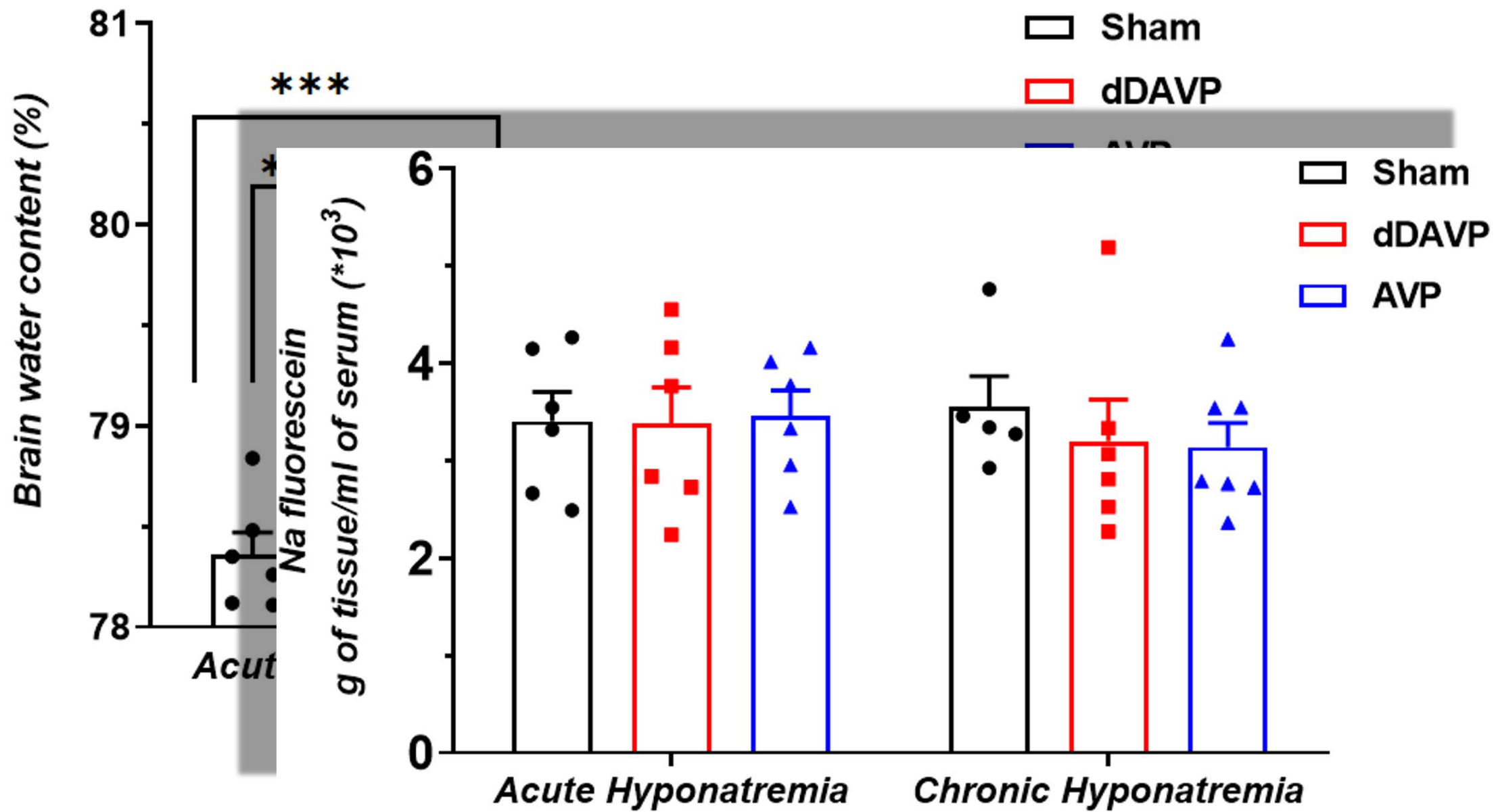


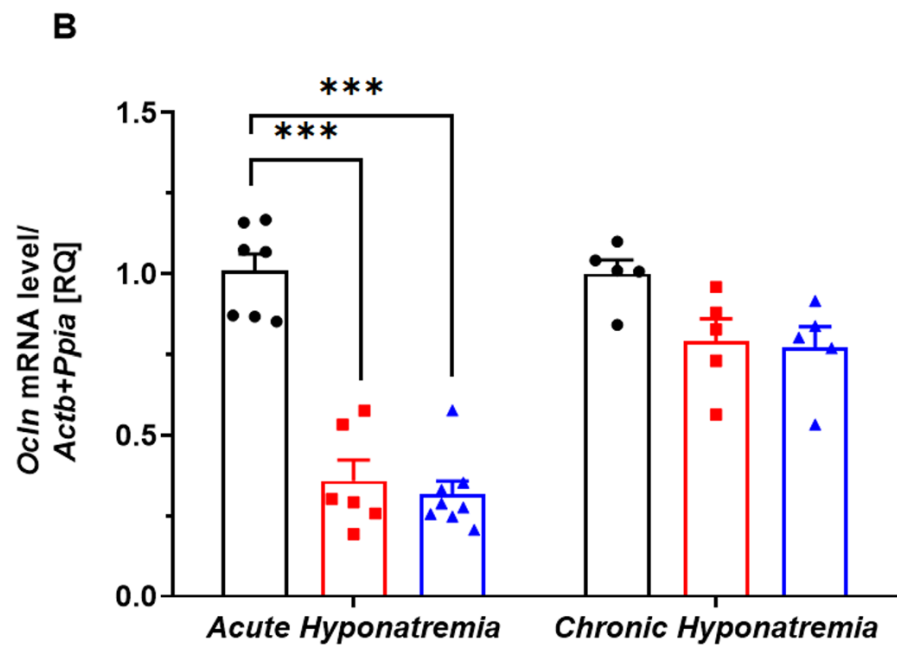
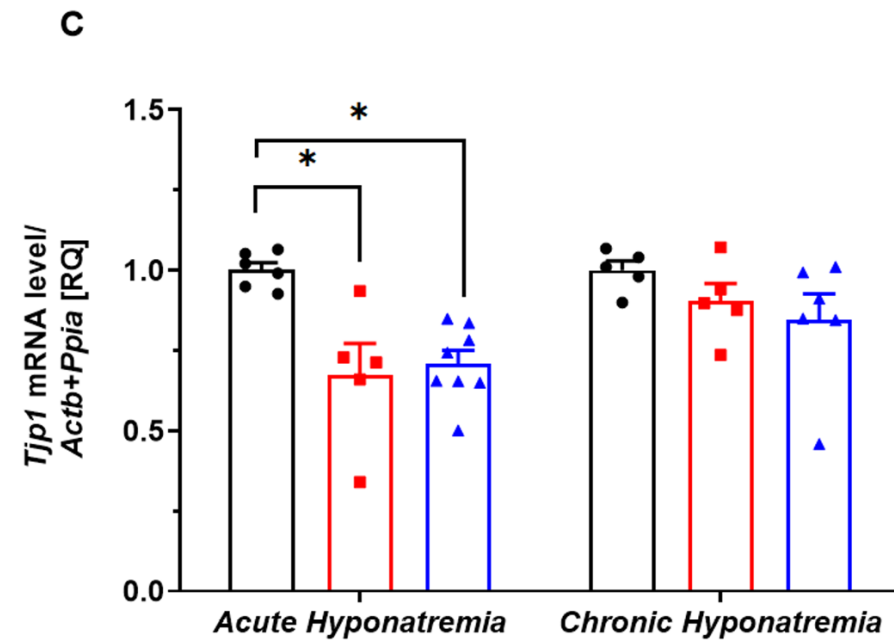
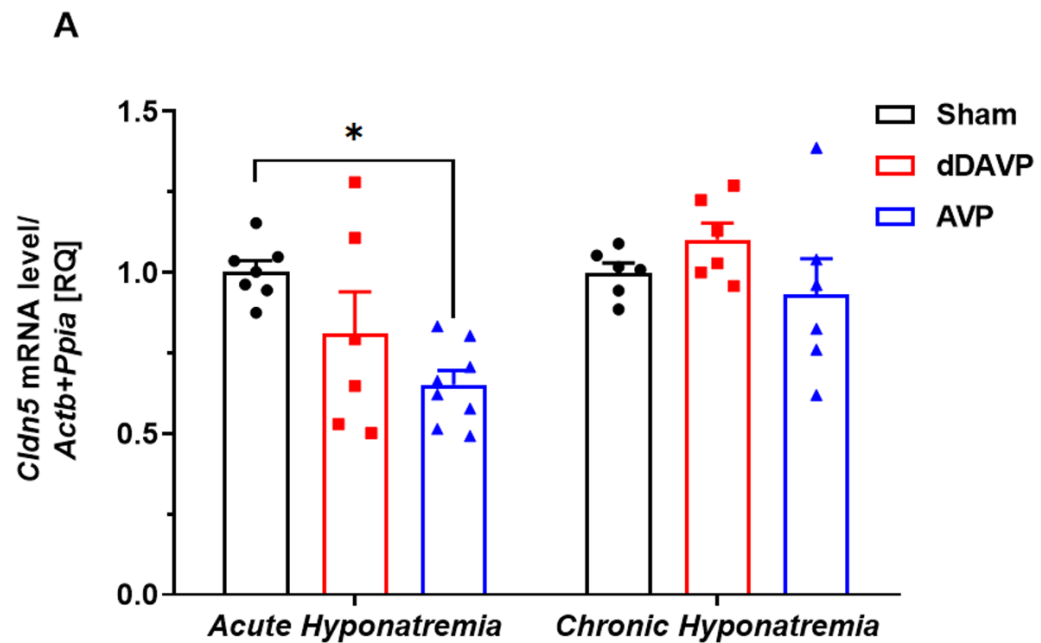
Group 4 Sham standard rat chow + osmotic pump filled with saline

Group 5 liquid diet + osmotic pump filled with dDAVP

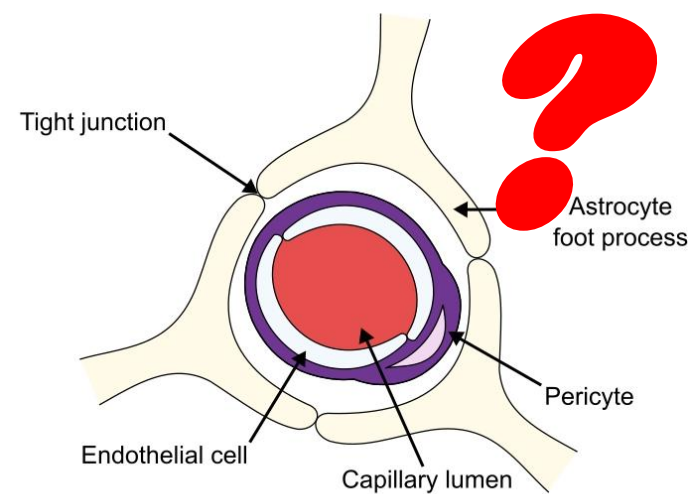
Group 6 liquid diet + osmotic pump filled with AVP

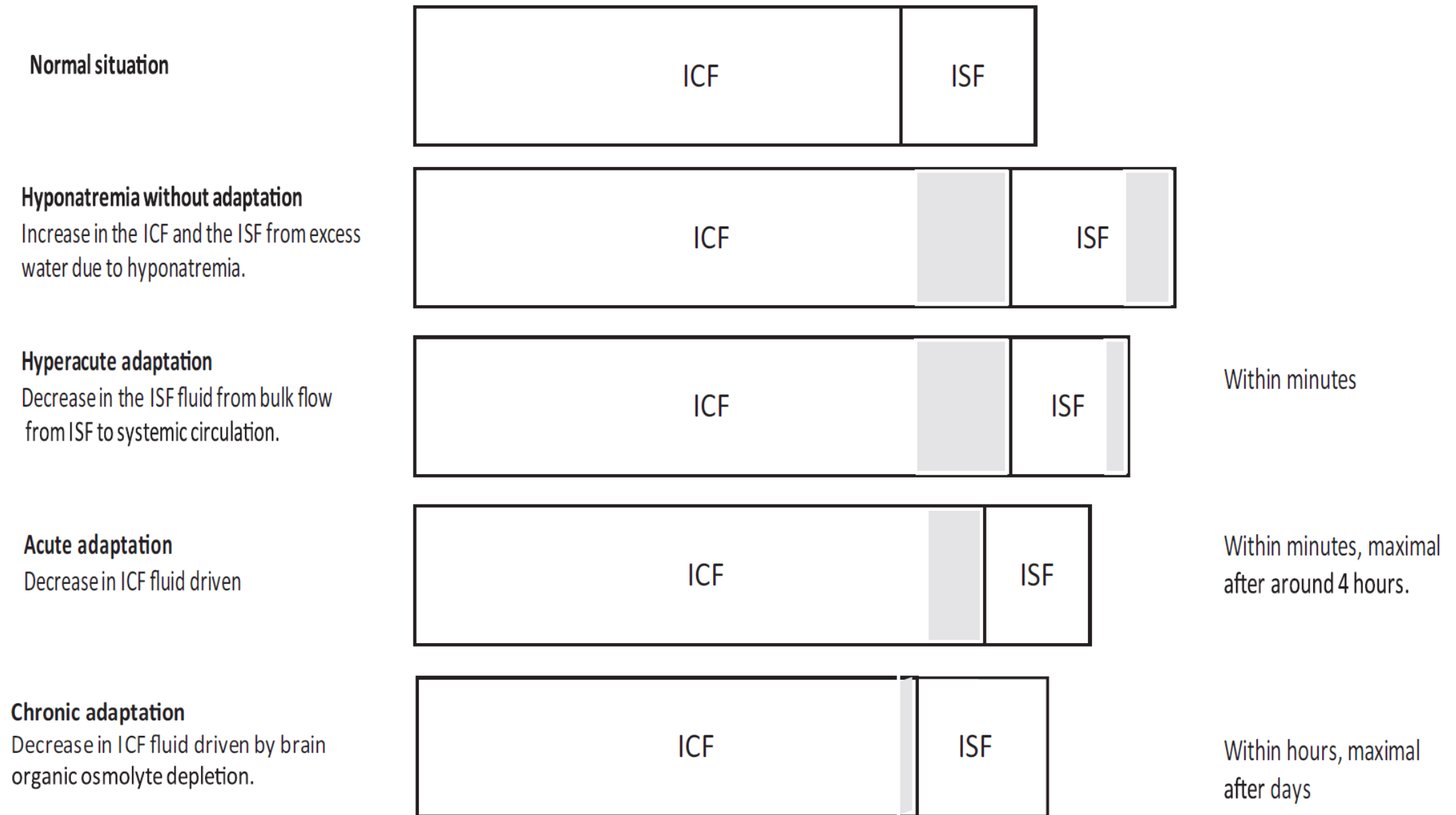
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tissue collection to RT-PCR, n=18
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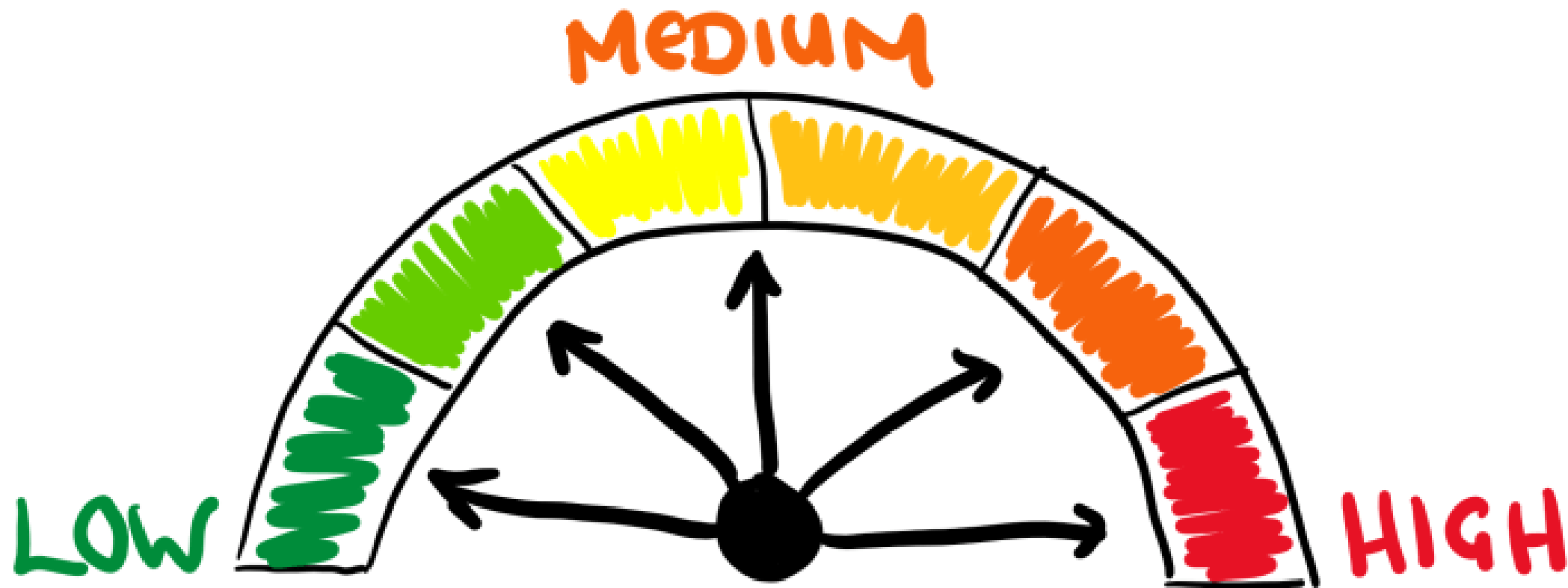




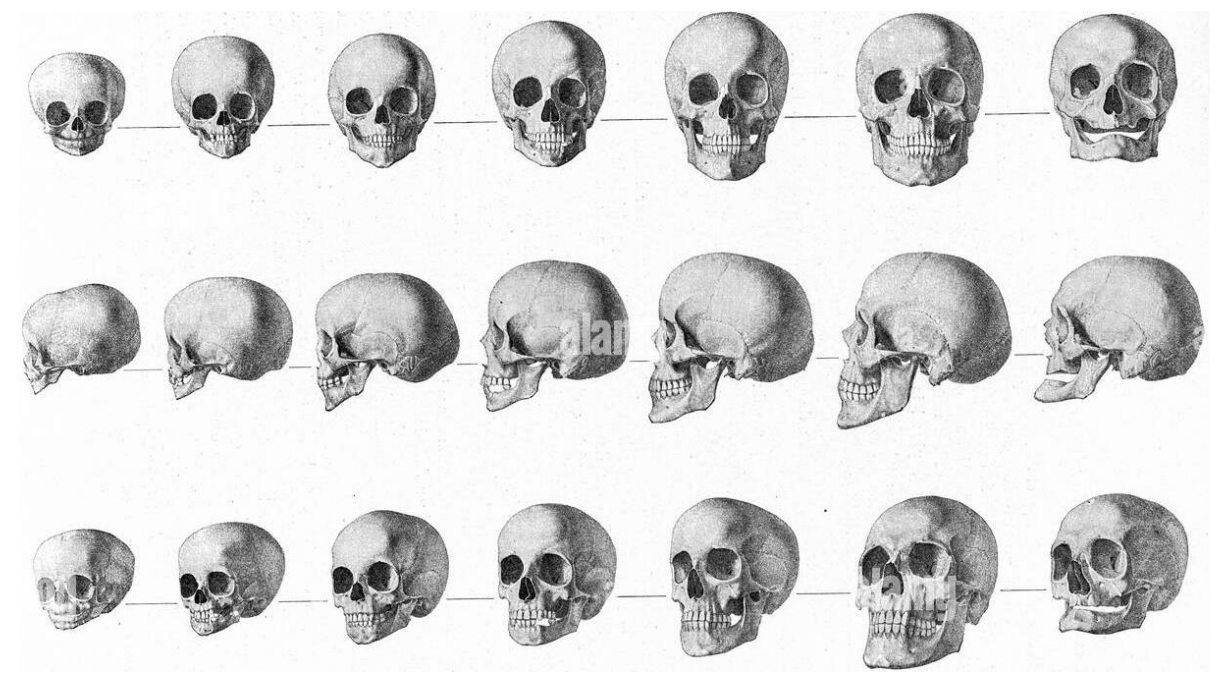
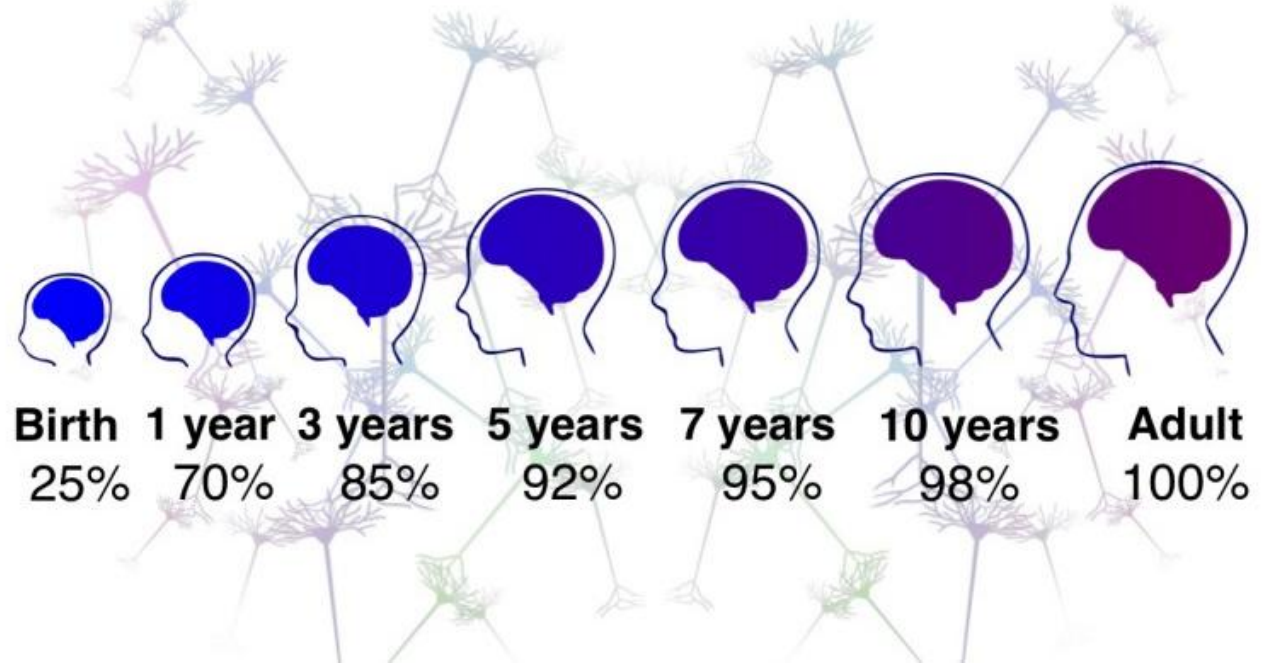
Blood-Brain Barrier







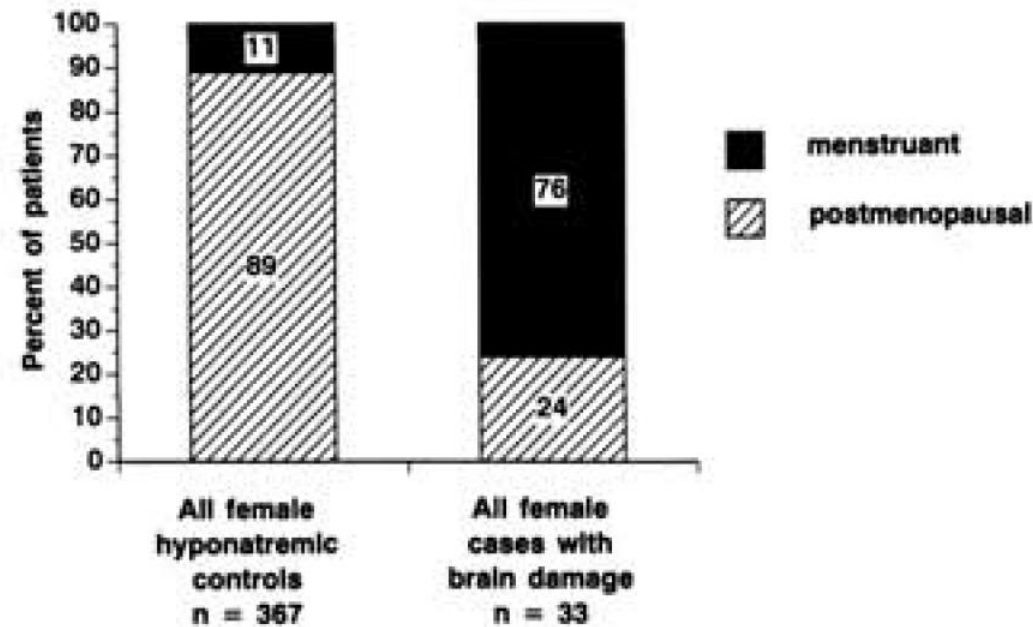
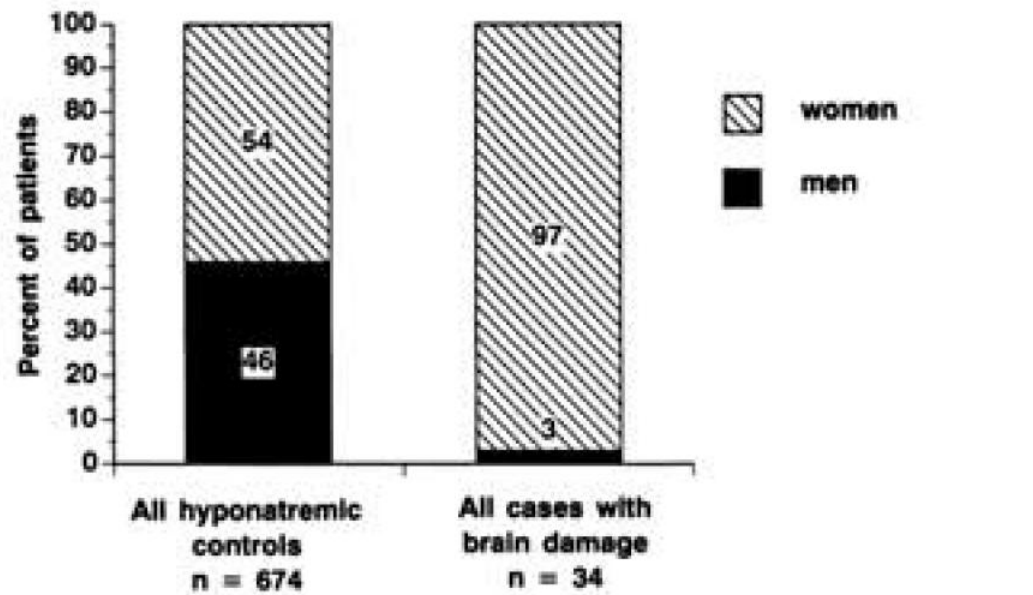
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Absence of Postoperative Hyponatremia Syndrome in Young, Healthy Females

Eelco F. M. Wijdicks, MD, and Timothy S. Larson, MD



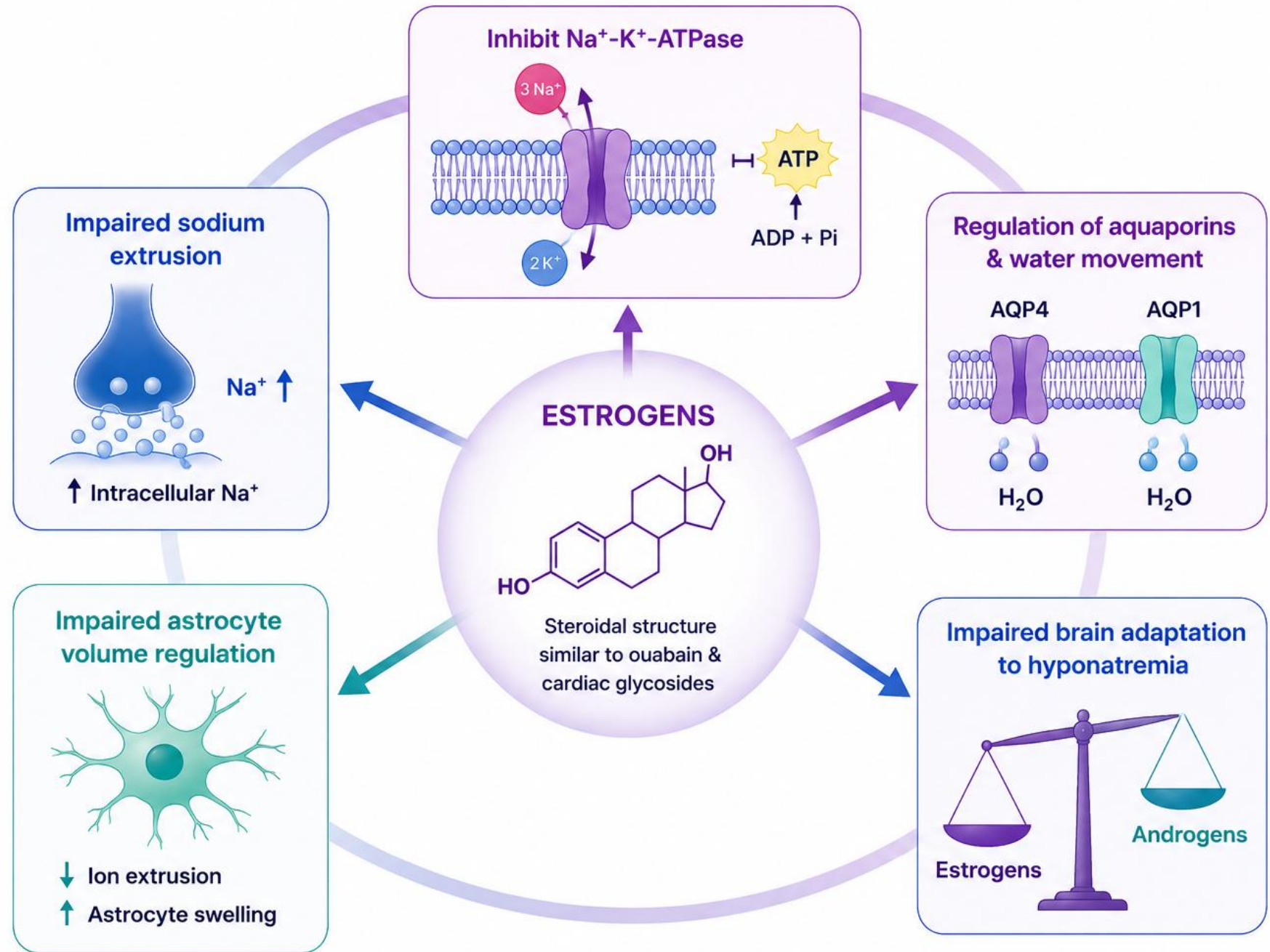
Young and previously healthy females have been reported to develop severe postoperative hyponatremia with a fatal outcome. The clinical presentation is dramatic, with seizures, respiratory arrest, and permanent, often catastrophic, brain damage. The true incidence is unknown. We report a survey of 290,815 surgical procedures on females at the Mayo Clinic from 1976 to 1992. Postoperatively 1,498 females had cardiopulmonary arrest, 255 had a metabolic encephalopathy, 32 had new-onset seizures, and 6 had central pontine myelinolysis. We failed to identify any association of respiratory arrest with postoperative hyponatremia. Our findings indicate that the postoperative hyponatremia syndrome in young, healthy females with respiratory arrest is extremely uncommon.

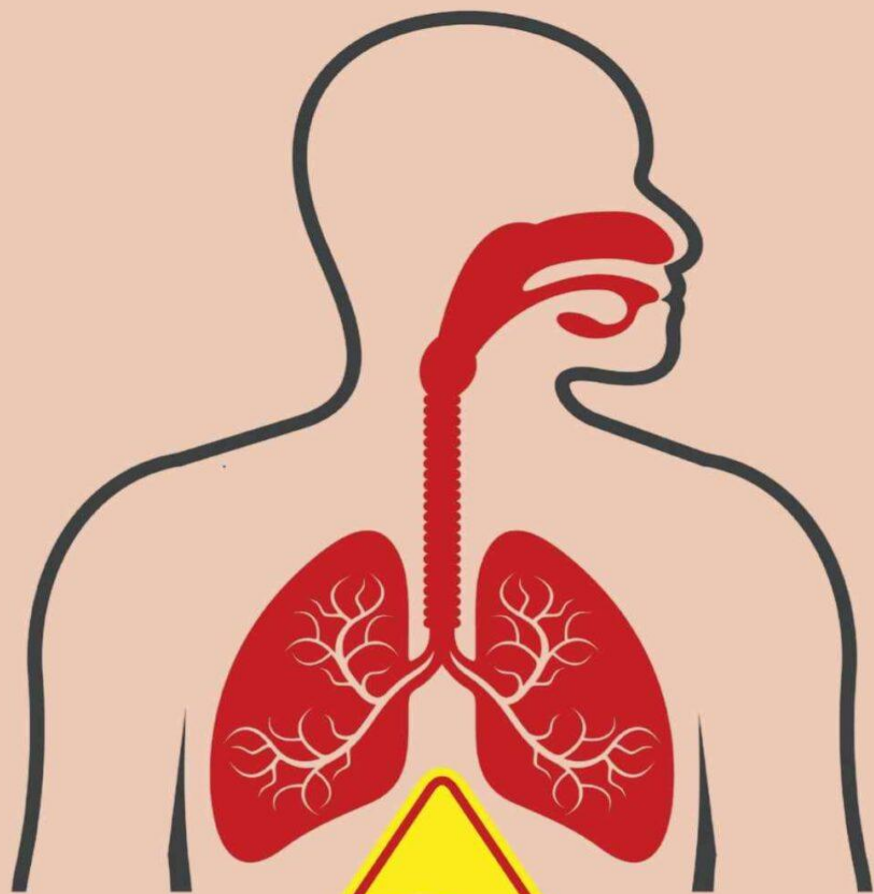
Wijdicks EFM, Larson TS. Absence of postoperative hyponatremia syndrome in young, healthy females. *Ann Neurol* 1994;35:626-628

*Summary of Numbers of Postoperative Females Who Had a Cardiopulmonary Arrest or Developed Metabolic Encephalopathy, New-Onset Seizures, or Central Pontine Myelinolysis and Hyponatremia: 1976-1992**

	No. with Post-operative Event	No. with Plasma Sodium <130 mmol/L
Cardiopulmonary arrest	1,498	0
Metabolic encephalopathy	255	2
New-onset seizures	32	3
Central pontine myelinolysis	6	6

*Total number of surgical procedures in females was 290,815.





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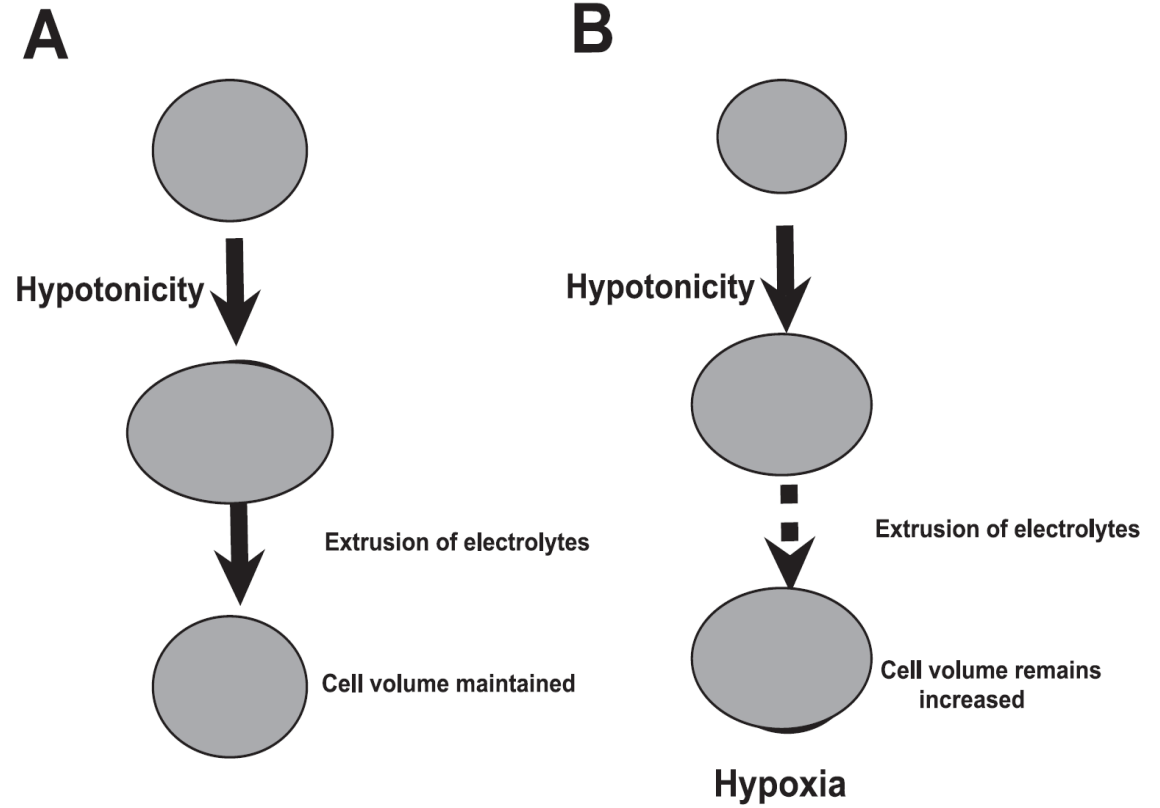
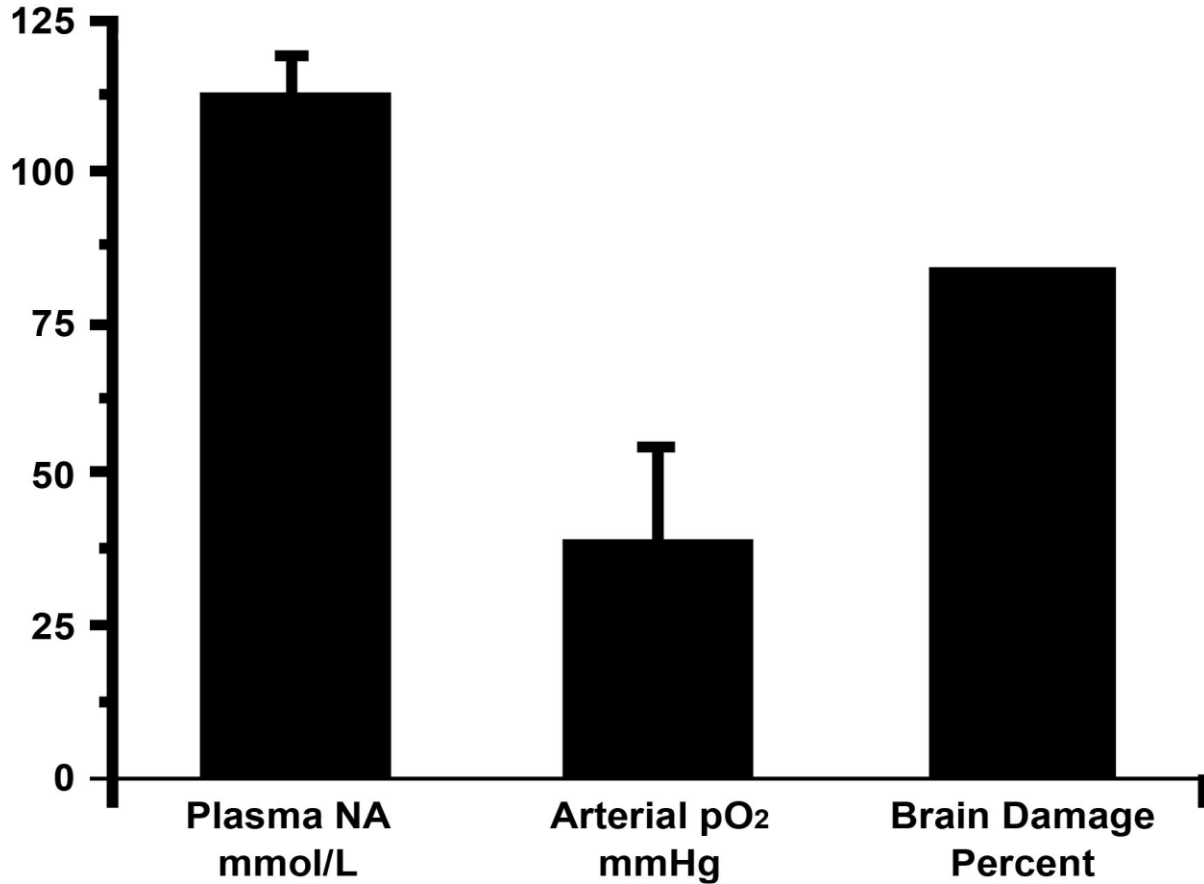
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HYPOXIA IN 144 PATIENTS WITH HYPONATREMIC ENCEPHALOPATHY



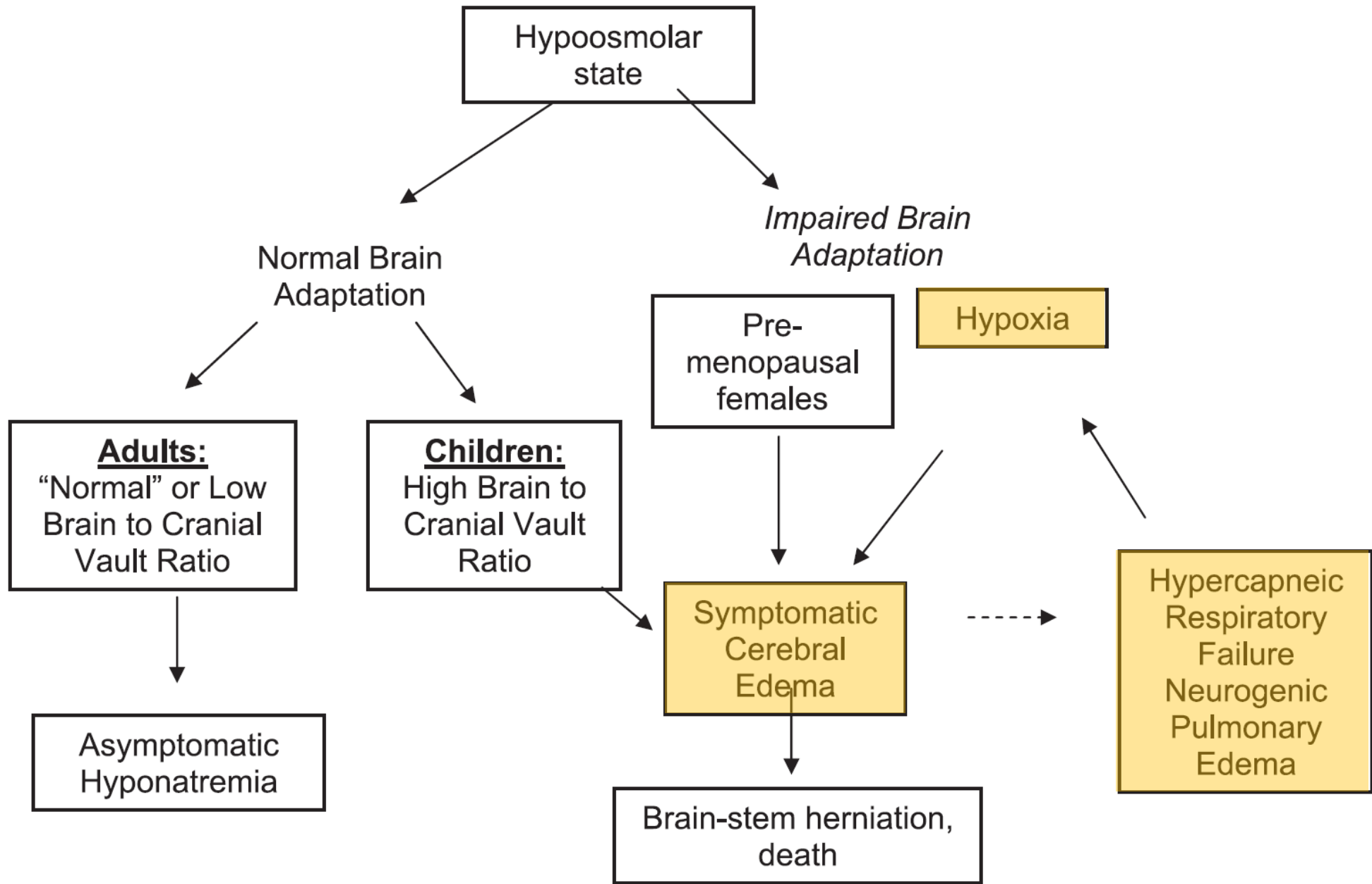


Table 1. Manifestations of hyponatremic encephalopathy

Acute severe

Nausea and vomiting

Headaches

Seizures

Coma

Death

Respiratory arrest

Noncardiogenic pulmonary edema

Chronic

Nausea

Fatigue

Gait and attention deficit

Falls and bone fractures

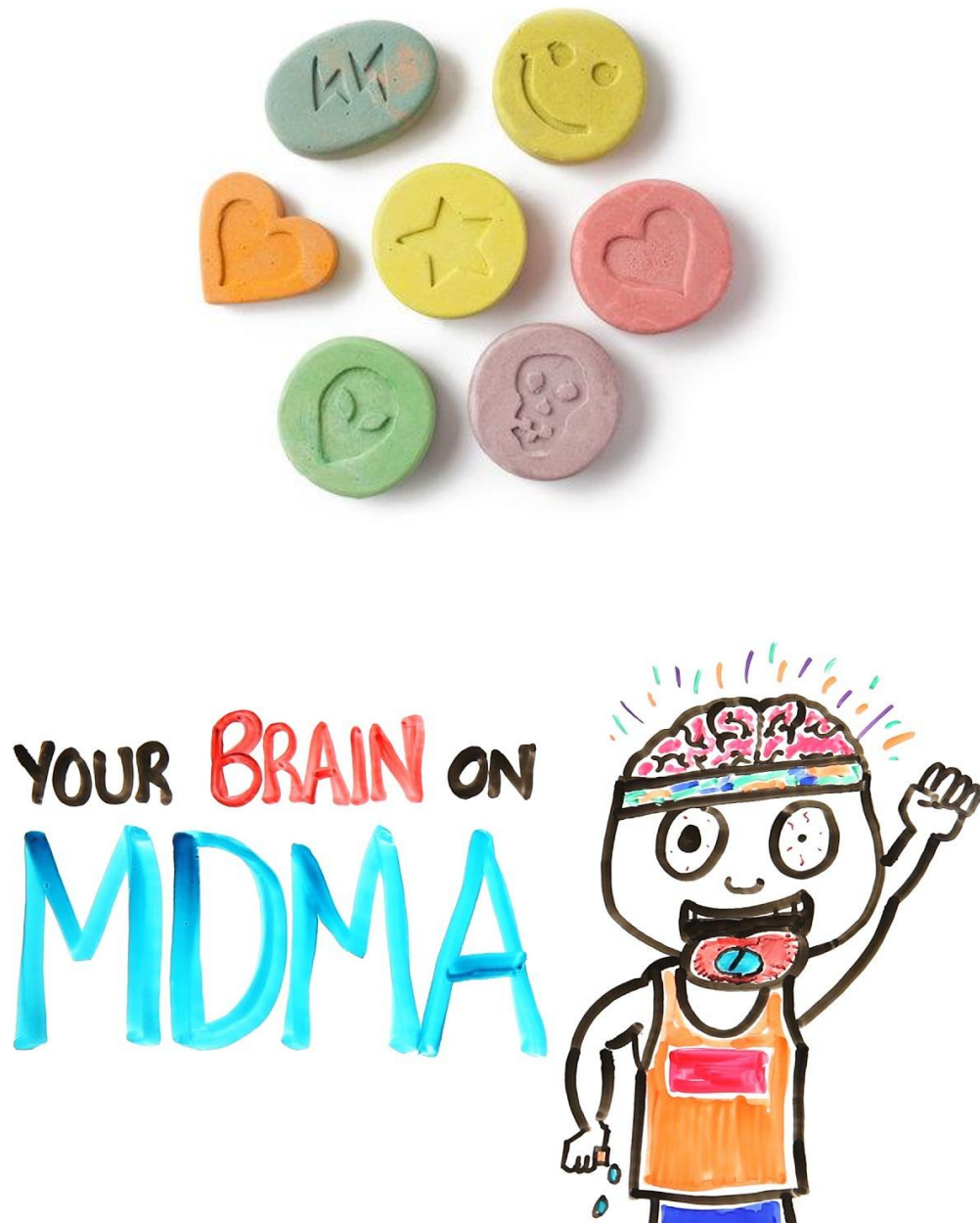


Table 3. Summary of reported cases of ecstasy-associated hyponatremia^a

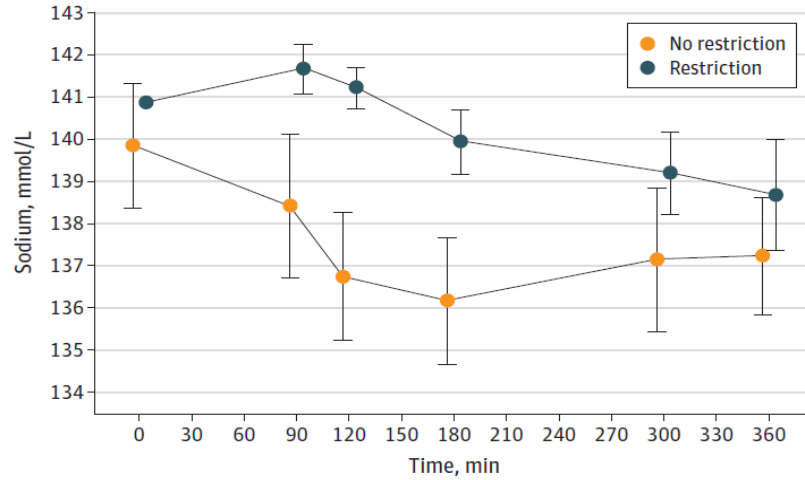
Age	Gender	Sodium		Osmolality		Symptoms	Intervention	Outcome	Reference
		Serum	Urine	Serum	Urine				
18	F	120	186	242	568	A, C	H, F, R	Recovered	(78)
27	F	124	NA	267	NA	A, C	F	Death	(60)
26	M	101	NA	248	NA	C, S, P	F, N	Recovered	(51)
17	F	115	10	256	577	A, C, S	N	Recovered	(61)
19	F	115	162	253	522	S, P	H, F	Recovered	(49)
24	F	113	153	240	639	A, C, S	R	Recovered	(56)
20	F	119	145	263	491	A, C, S	R, N	Recovered	(79)
30	F	117	1	NA	38	A, C, S	NA	NA	(62)
15	F	125	NA	NA	NA	A, RA, P, C	N, R, F	Death	(54)
20	F	112	112	238	256	A, C	Mannitol	Recovered	(57)
15	F	119	6	256	655	A, C	R	Recovered	(53)
16	F	112	99	242	184	A, C	R	Recovered	(53)
24	F	120	68	258	365	A	H	Recovered	(50)
23	F	123	NA	NA	NA	A	Observation	Recovered	(64)
17	F	130	NA	NA	NA	A	NA	Recovered	(52)
17	F	118	NA	247	970	A, E	Conservative	Recovered	(52)
23	F	115	246	NA	NA	C	N, glucose	Death	(80)
19	F	121	111	242	485	A, C	H	Recovered	(81)
16	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	A	NA	Death	(82)
18	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	CA, HT	NA	Death	(82)
18	M	NA	NA	NA	NA	A, HT	NA	Death	(82)
14	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	CA	NA	Death	(82)
16	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	A, CA	NA	Death	(82)
29	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	CA	NA	Death	(82)
16	F	123	NA	NA	NA	S, LBP, C, P	NA	Death	(82)
20	F	119	NA	NA	NA	LBP, LT, RD	NA	Death	(82)
20	F	124	NA	NA	NA	A, C	NA	Death	(82)
19	M	122	NA	NA	NA	A, C	NA	Death	(82)
19	F	NA	NA	NA	NA	CA	NA	Death	(83)
19	M	NA	NA	NA	NA	HT, LBP, AKI	"Saline"	Death	(84)
20	F	117	NA	245	NA	CA	N, H, F	Death	(65)
18	W	130	101	264	335	HA	R	Recovered	(66)

^aA, altered mental status; C, cerebral edema; CA, cardiac arrest; E, electrocardiogram abnormalities; F, furosemide; H, hypertonic saline; HA, headache; HT, hyperthermia; LBP, hypotension; LT, hypothermia; N, normal saline; NA, not available; P, pulmonary edema on chest x-ray; R, water restriction; RA, respiratory arrest; RD, respiratory depression; S, seizure.

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Oxytocin and the Role of Fluid Restriction in MDMA-Induced Hyponatremia A Secondary Analysis of 4 Randomized Clinical Trials

A Assessment by fluid intake



B Assessment by sex

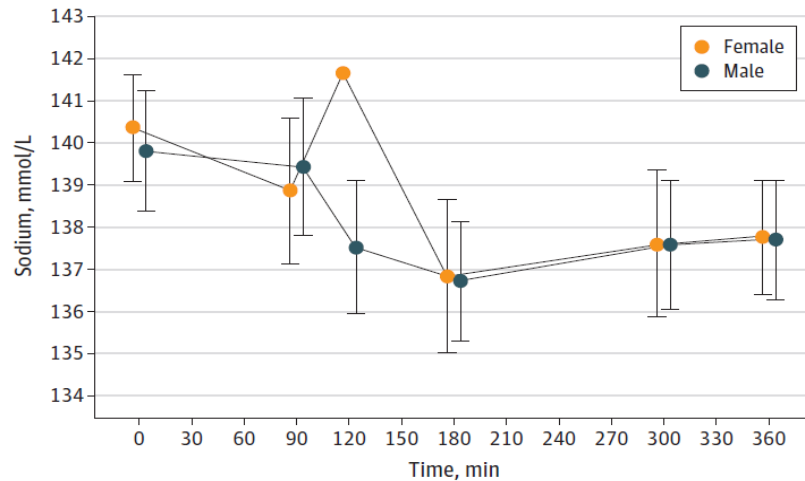
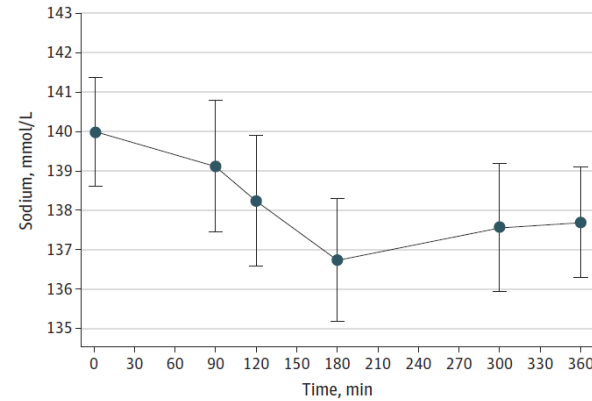
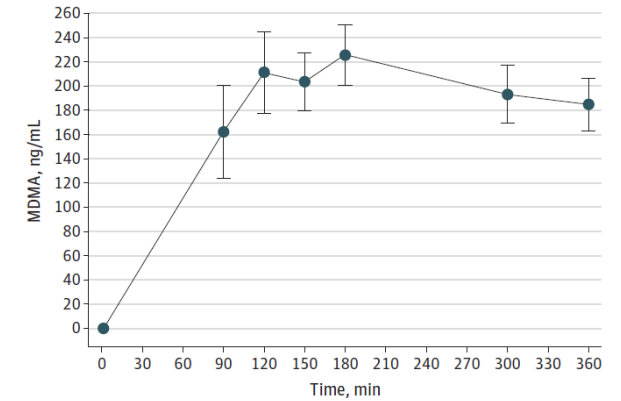


Figure 1. Changes in Laboratory Values Over 360 Minutes in Response to 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA) Intake

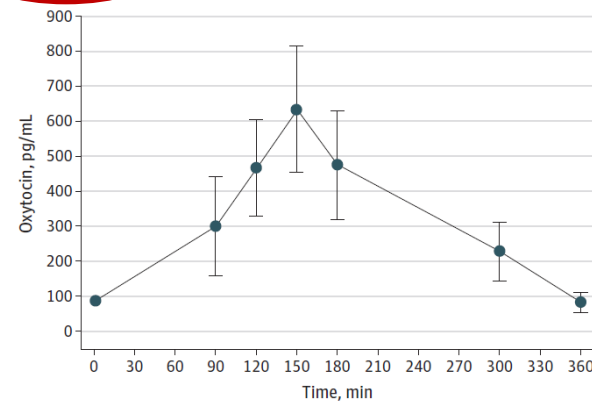
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B MDMA



C Oxytocin



D Copeptin

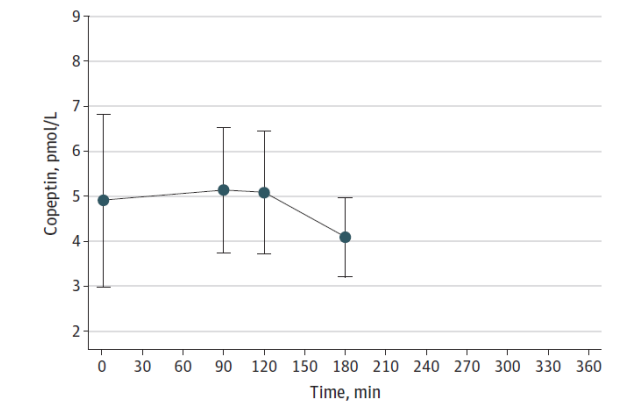


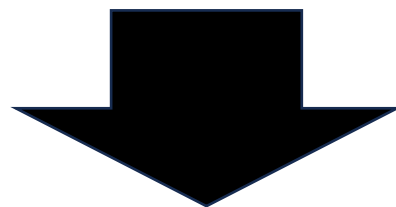
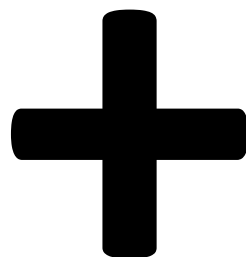


Table 2. Comparison of the United States and European guidelines

Subject	United States Guideline	European Guideline
Acute or symptomatic hyponatremia	<p>Severe symptoms: Bolus 3% NaCl (100 ml over 10 min × 3 as needed)</p> <p>Moderate symptoms: Continuous infusion 3% NaCl (0.5–2 ml/kg per h)</p>	<p>Severe symptoms: Bolus 3% NaCl (150 ml over 20 min 2–3 times as needed)</p> <p>Moderate symptoms: Bolus 3% NaCl (150 ml 3% over 20 min once)</p>
Chronic hyponatremia SIAD	<p>Fluid restriction (first line)</p> <p>Demeclocycline, urea, or vaptan (second line)</p>	<p>Fluid restriction (first line)</p> <p>Urea or loop diuretics + oral NaCl (second line)</p> <p>Do not recommend or recommend against vaptan^a</p> <p>Recommend against lithium or demeclocycline</p> <p>Isotonic saline or balanced crystalloid solution</p>
Hypovolemic hyponatremia	Isotonic saline	Isotonic saline or balanced crystalloid solution
Hypervolemic hyponatremia	<p>Fluid restriction</p> <p>Vaptans^b</p>	<p>Fluid restriction</p> <p>Recommend against vaptan</p>
Correction rates	<p>Minimum: 4–8 mmol/L per d, 4–6 mmol/L per d (high risk of ODS)</p> <p>Limits: 10–12 mmol/L per d, 8 mmol/L per d (high risk of ODS)</p>	<p>No minimum</p> <p>Limit: 10 mmol/L per d</p>
Management of overcorrection	<p>Baseline $S_{Na} \geq 120$ mmol/L: probably unnecessary</p> <p>Baseline $S_{Na} < 120$ mmol/L: start releveling with electrolyte-free water or desmopressin after correction exceeds 6–8 mmol/L per d</p>	<p>Start once limit is exceeded</p> <p>Consult an expert to discuss infusion containing electrolyte-free water (10 ml/kg) with or without 2 μg desmopressin iv</p>

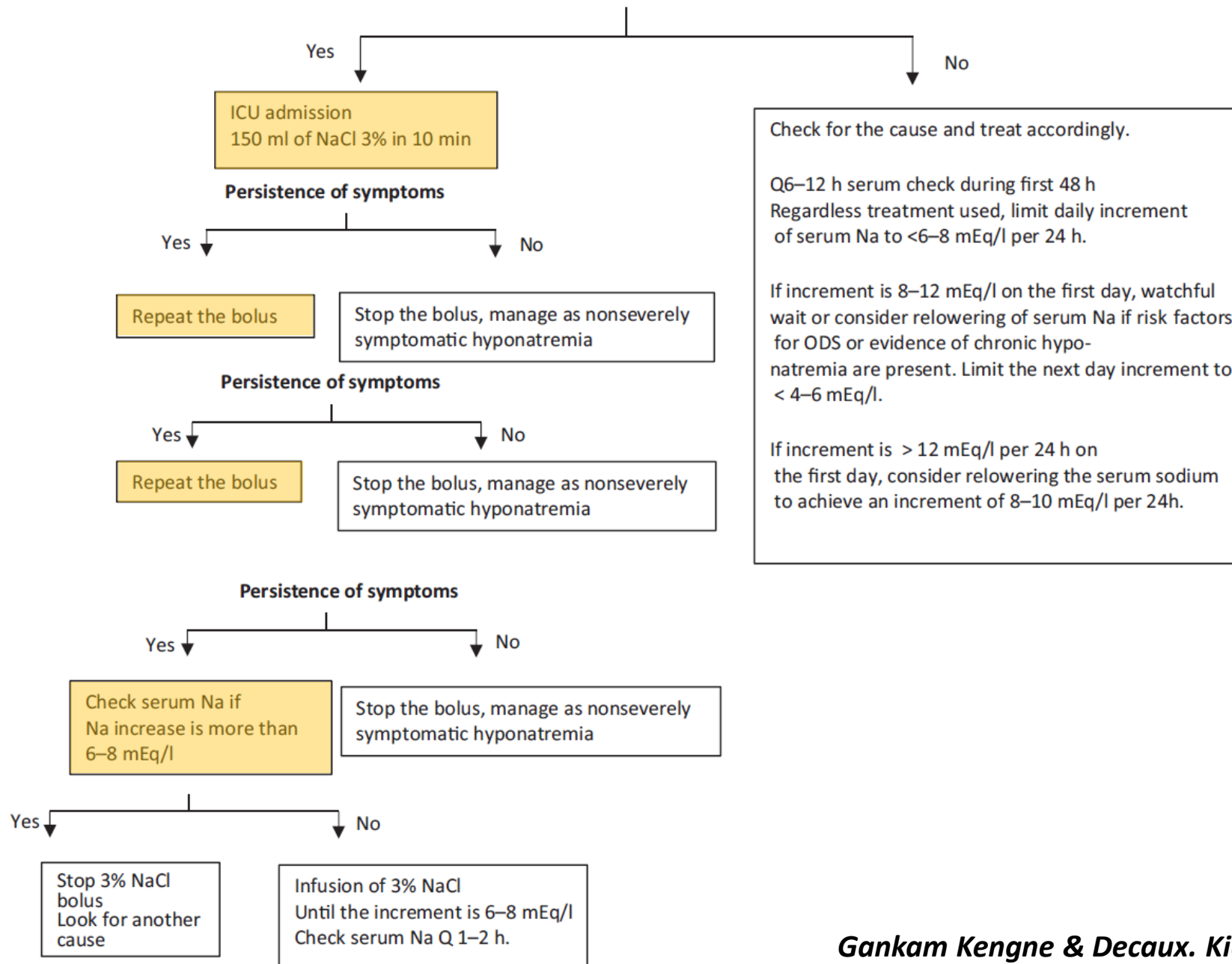
^a“Do not recommend” when $S_{Na} < 130$ mmol/L, “recommend against” when $S_{Na} < 125$ mmol/L.

^bIn liver cirrhosis, restrict to patients where potential benefit outweighs risk of worsened liver function.⁹



120 ml διάλυμα 3.17% NaCl

Hyponatremia and severe symptoms of brain edema





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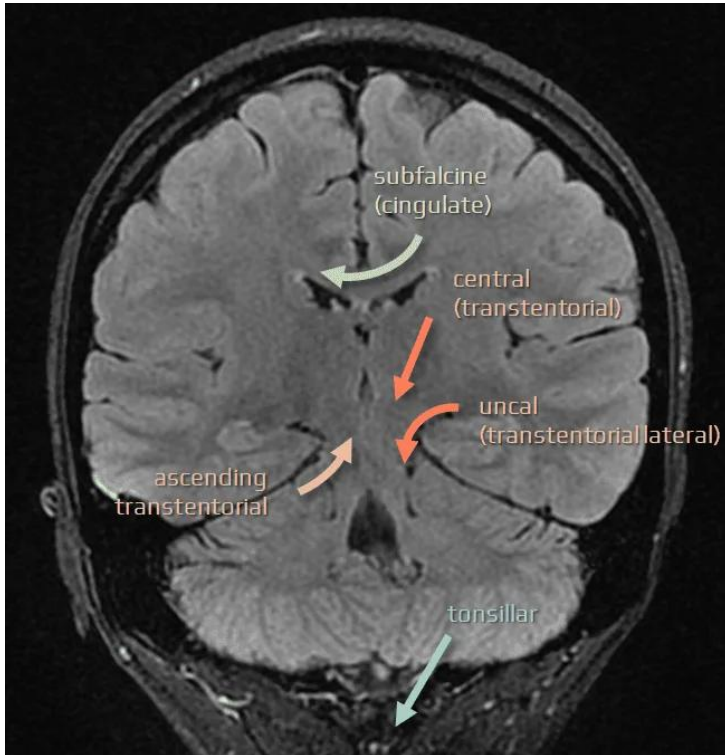


Figure Changes in physiologic variables before and after administration of 23.4% saline bolus

N = 68

A

Glasgow Coma Scale

B

Table 3 Univariable predictors of reversal of herniation

	Reversal of TTH	No reversal of TTH	p Value
Age, y	52.1 ± 14.1	52.8 ± 12.0	0.828
Hyperventilation	41/57 (71.9)	12/19 (63.2)	0.665
Propofol use	40/57 (70.2)	7/19 (36.8)	0.021*
Mannitol use	26/57 (45.6)	7/19 (36.8)	0.689
Pentobarbital use	10/57 (17.5)	1/19 (5.3)	0.347
2%/3% saline use	26/57 (45.6)	6/19 (31.6)	0.888
1-h Na >145	43/56 (76.8)	6/17 (35.3)	0.007*
1-h Na increase > 5	46/54 (85.2)	4/14 (28.6)	<0.001*
Surgical decompression	10/57 (17.5)	4/19 (21.1)	1.000
Ventriculostomy	16/57 (28.1)	5/19 (26.3)	0.882
Diagnosis of ICH	19/57 (33.3)	11/19 (57.9)	0.104*

C

Intracranial Pressure (mmHg)

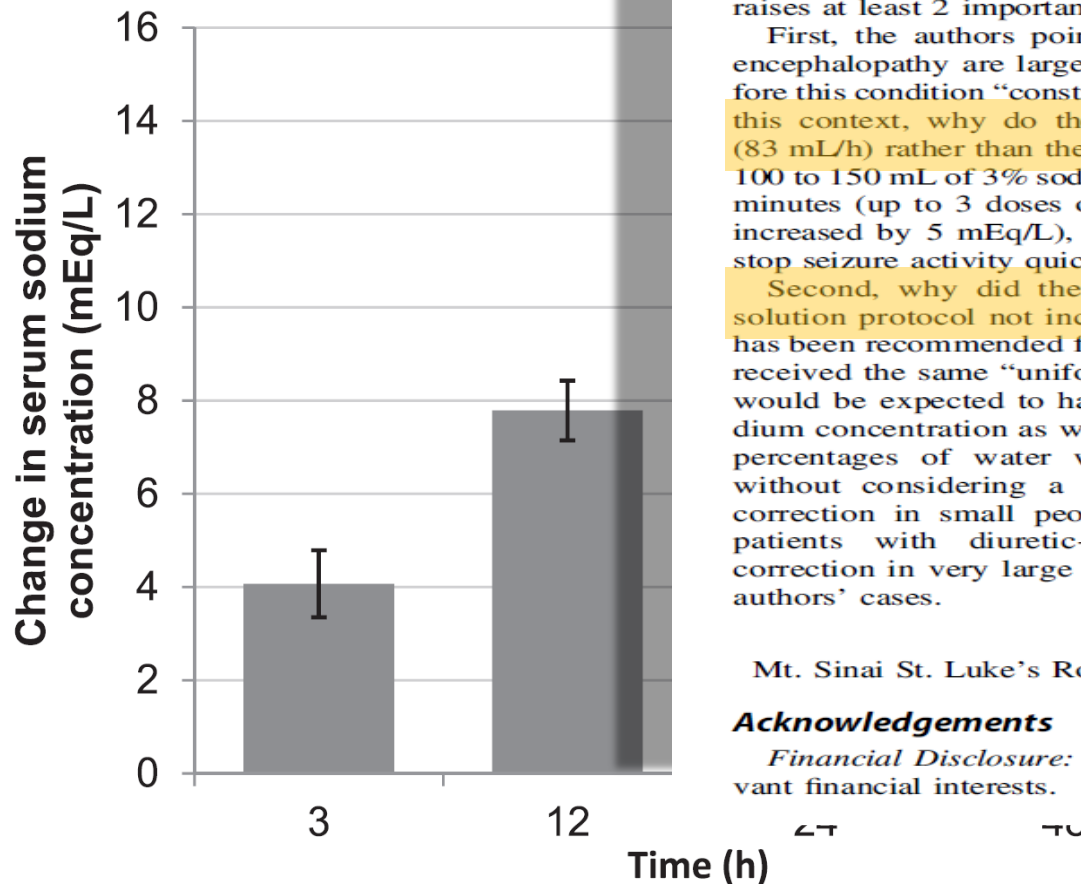


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Treatment of Hyponatremic Chloride

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Treatment of Hyponatremic Encephalopathy



To the Editor:

In the March issue of *AJKD*, Ayus et al¹ describe their experience treating hyponatremic encephalopathy with 500 mL of 3% sodium chloride solution over 6 hours. This provocative report raises at least 2 important questions.

First, the authors point out that “symptoms of hyponatremic encephalopathy are largely related to cerebral edema” and therefore this condition “constitutes a medical emergency.”¹ (p435) Given this context, why do the investigators support a slow infusion (83 mL/h) rather than the recently recommended bolus therapy of 100 to 150 mL of 3% sodium chloride solution given over 10 to 20 minutes (up to 3 doses or until serum sodium concentration has increased by 5 mEq/L), which can prevent brain herniation and stop seizure activity quickly?^{2,3}

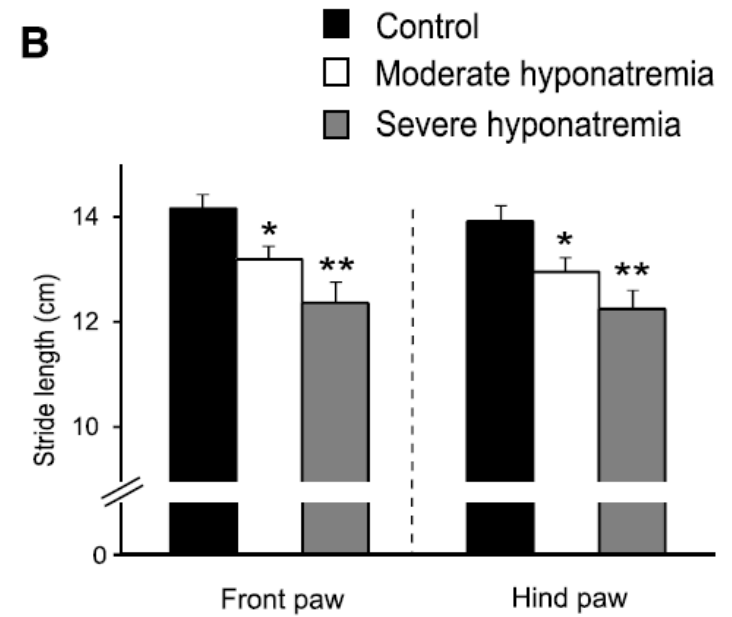
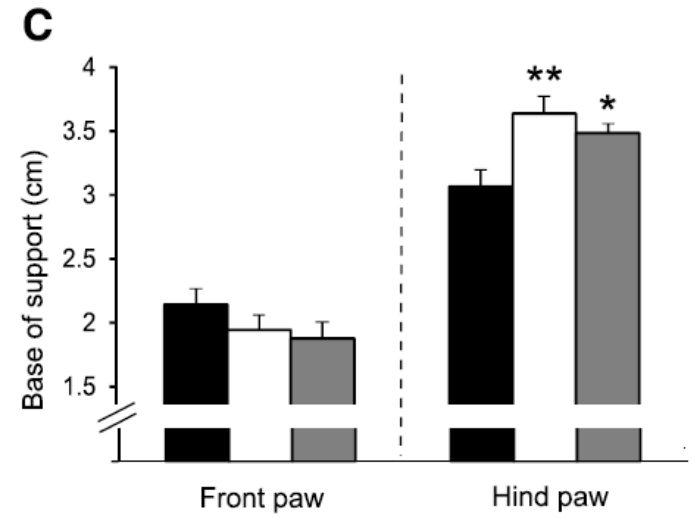
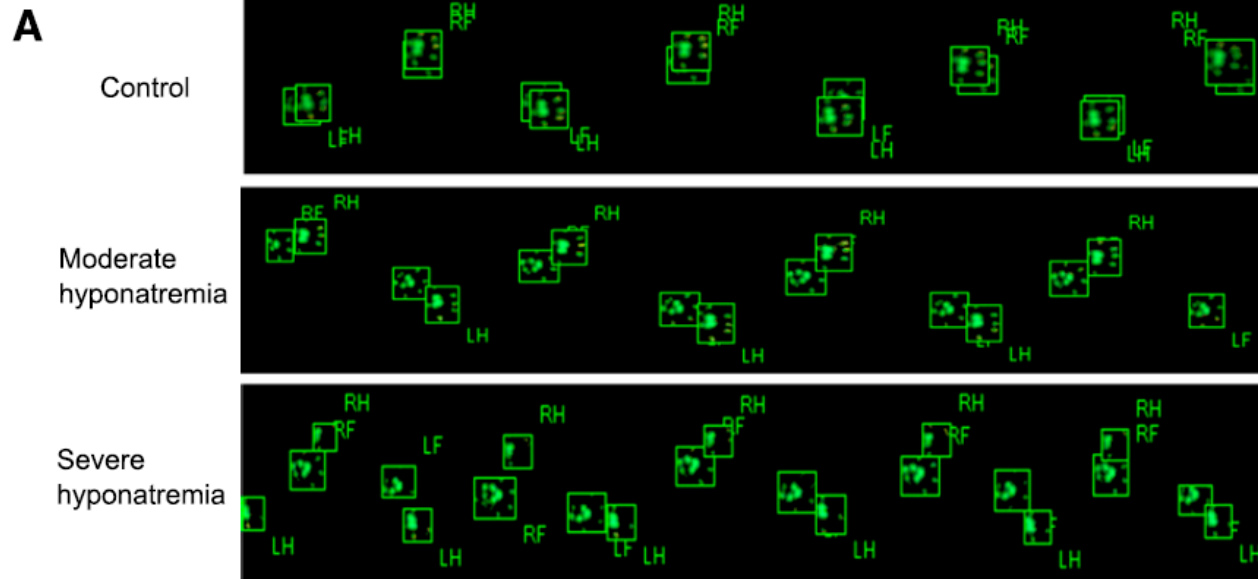
Second, why did the authors’ continuous hypertonic saline solution protocol not include an adjustment for body weight, as has been recommended for bolus therapy?^{2,3} Because all patients received the same “uniform treatment protocol,” a 50-kg patient would be expected to have had twice the increase in serum sodium concentration as would a 100-kg patient (assuming similar percentages of water weight). Thus, applying this protocol without considering a patient’s total-body water risks over-correction in small people, who are found frequently among patients with diuretic-induced hyponatremia,⁴ and under-correction in very large ones, as may have occurred in 2 of the authors’ cases.

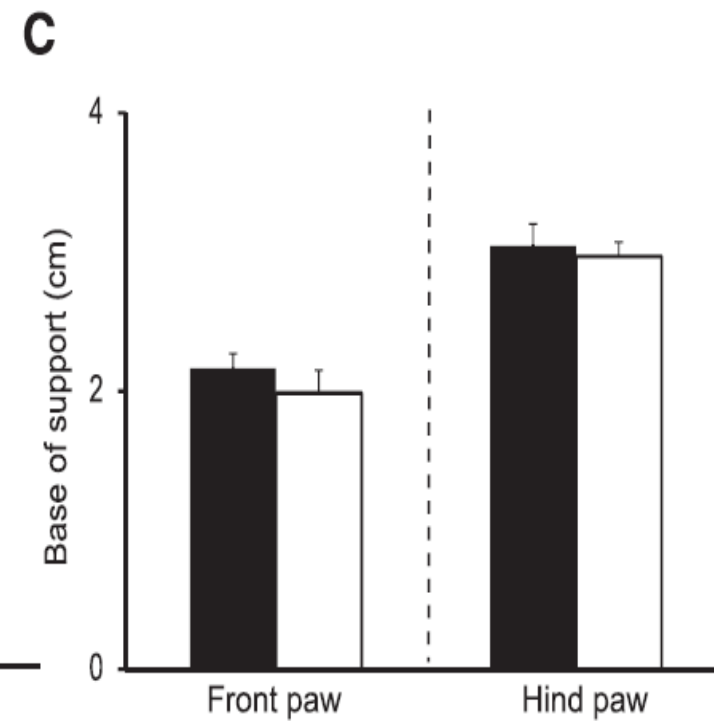
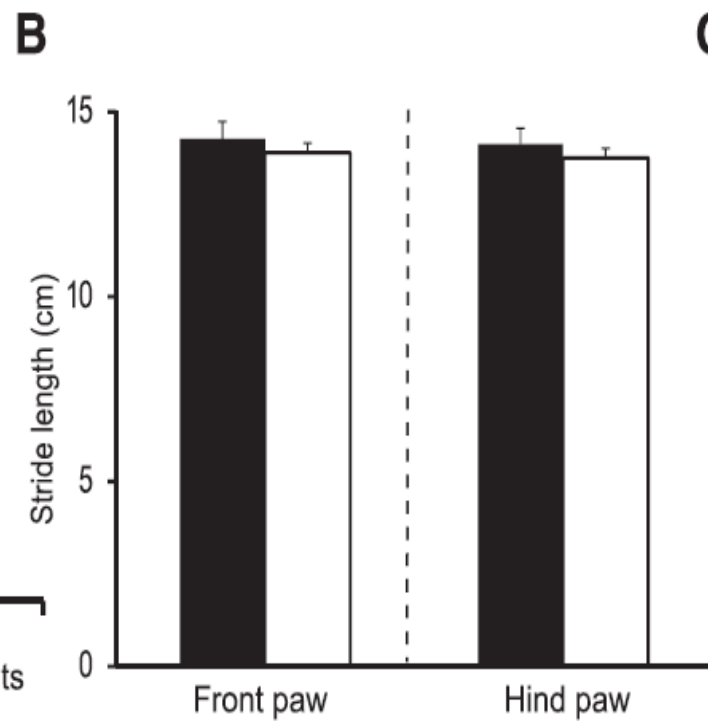
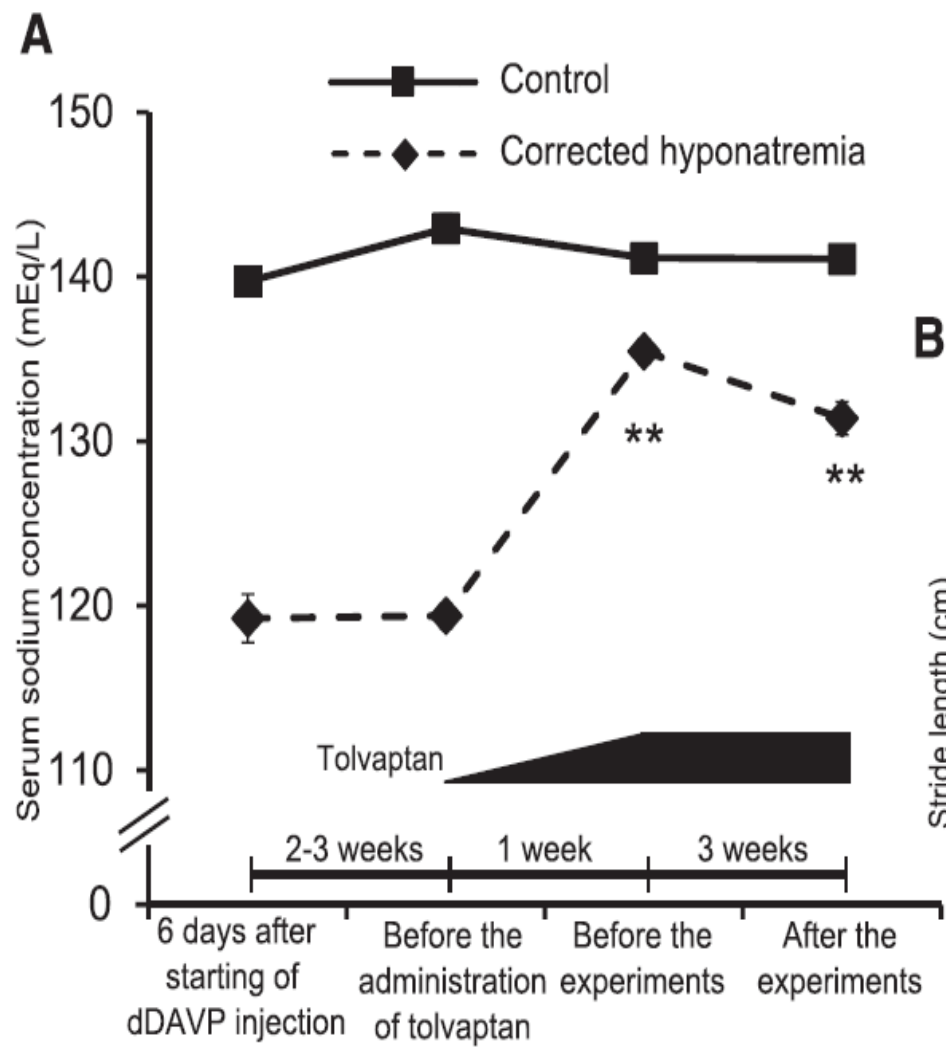
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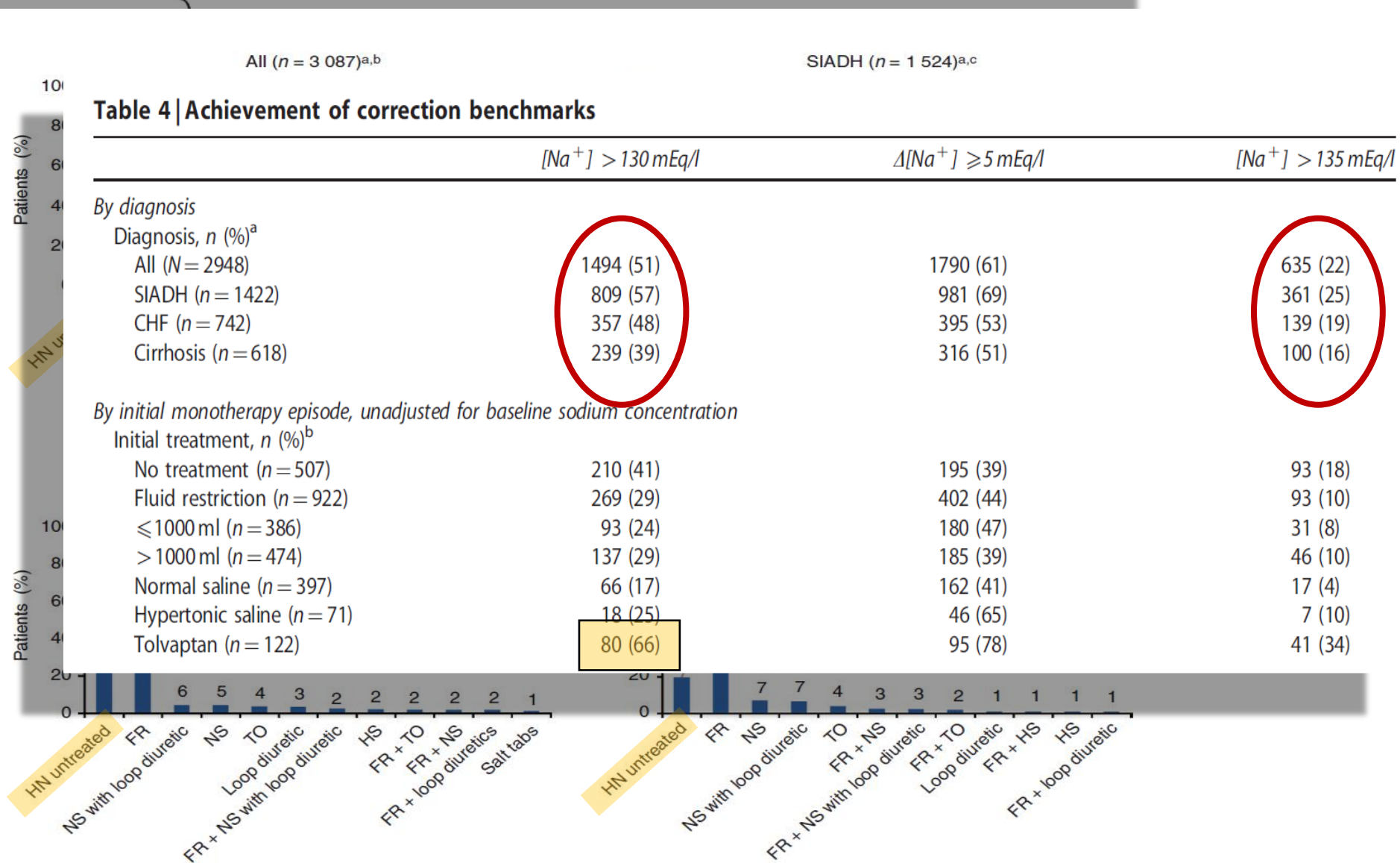
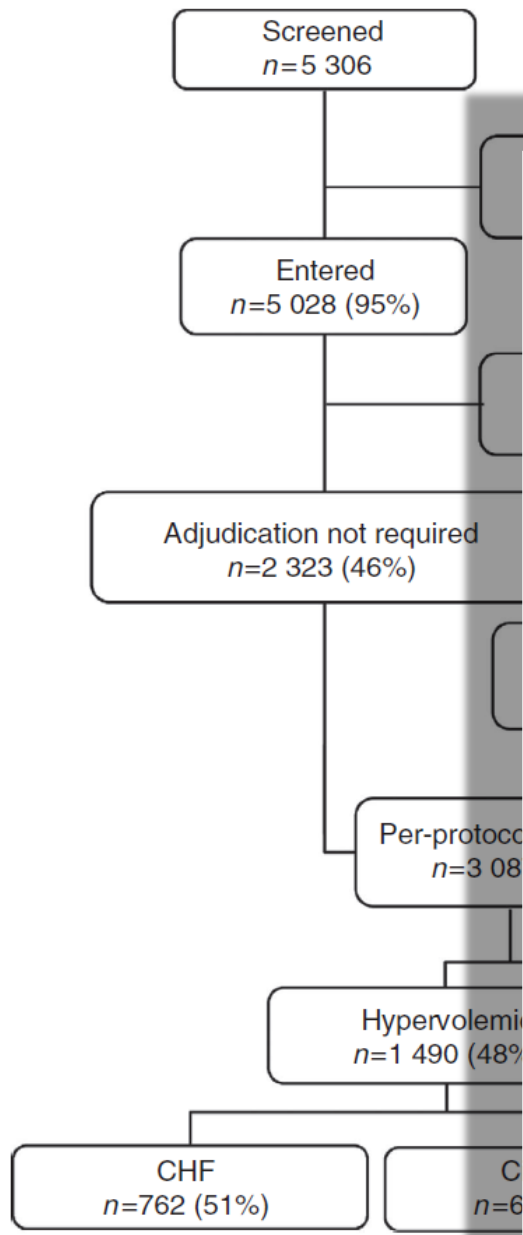
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Multicentre study of investigation and management of inpatient hyponatraemia in the UK

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Table 1 Investigation of patients with hyponatraemia

Investigation	Total (N=100) (%)	Centre 1 (N=38) (%)	Centre 2 (N=30) (%)	Centre 3 (N=32) (%)
Volume status	62	71.0	53.4	59.4
Serum osmolality	39	39.5	33.3	43.8
Urine osmolality	33	39.5	30.0	28.1
Urine Na	29	34.2	36.6	15.6
Paired osmolality–Na	23	26.3	26.7	15.6
Serum TSH	61	71.0	63.3	46.9
Serum cortisol	31	34.2	26.6	31.2
Full work-up	18	23.7	20.0	9.4
Expert input	16	13.1	13.3	21.8

TSH, thyroid-stimulating hormone.

Table 3 Serum sodium (sNa) concentration at hospital discharge

SNa at discharge	Overall N=84
Patients with sNa <125 mmol/L (%)	4.8
Patients with sNa 125–129 mmol/L (%)	19.0
Patients with sNa 130–134 mmol/L (%)	39.3
Patients with sNa ≥135 mmol/L (%)	36.9
Mean±SD sNa (mmol/L)	132.8±4.7

Utility and Limitations of the Traditional Diagnostic Approach to Hyponatremia: A Diagnostic Study

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Table 2 Etiologic Diagnosis – Performance of Senior Physician

Reference Standard	Senior Physician							Total	Delta per Category
	Primary Polydipsia	Hypervolemia	Hypovolemia	SIADH	Diuretic-induced	Adrenal Insufficiency			
Primary polydipsia	1	0	0	1	3	0	5	0.20	
Hypervolemia	0								
Hypovolemia	0								
SIADH	0								
Diuretic-induced	0								
Adrenal insufficiency	0								
Total	1								

SIADH = syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion.
Overall kappa (SE) = 0.20 (0.06).
Overall delta (SE) = 0.19 (0.06).

Table 4 Etiologic Diagnosis – Performance of Algorithm

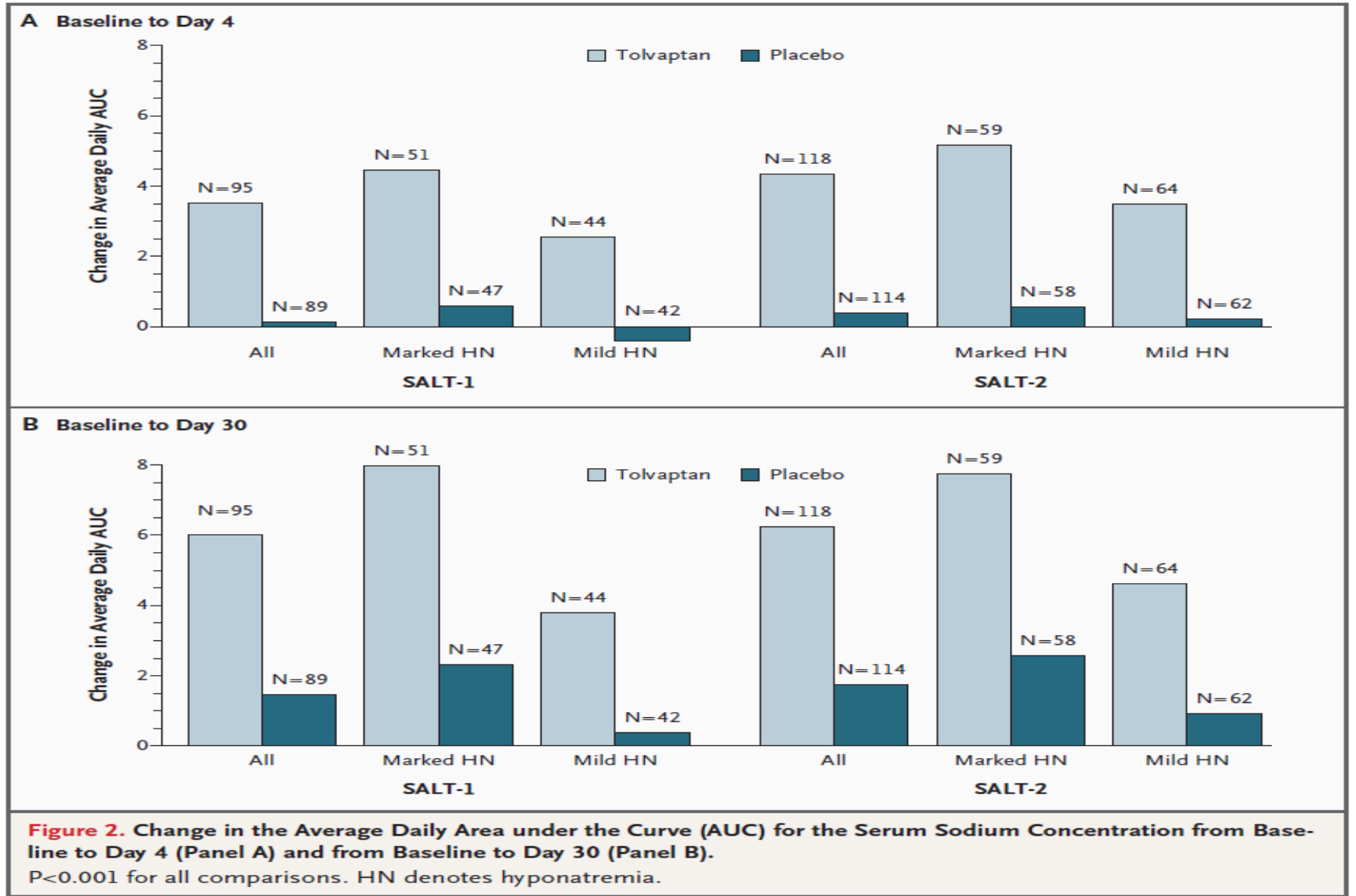
Reference Standard	Algorithm							Total	Delta per Category
	Primary Polydipsia	Hypervolemia	Hypovolemia	SIADH	Diuretic-induced	Adrenal Insufficiency			
Primary polydipsia	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	—*	
Hypervolemia	0	14	1	9	0	0	24	0.50	
Hypovolemia	0	1	29	9	0	0	39	0.66	
SIADH	0	0	1	41	0	0	42	0.78	
Diuretic-induced	0	0	1	4	3	0	8	0.28	
Adrenal insufficiency	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	0.21	
Total	0	15	32	70	3	1	121		

SIADH = syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone secretion.
Overall kappa (SE) = 0.64 (0.06).
Overall delta (SE) = 0.70 (0.06).

*Not computed because “Algorithm” failed to diagnose “Primary polydipsia.”



SALT trial



What are the risk factors for rapid Na⁺ correction and osmotic demyelination

Method:



Conclusion:

rapid correction occurred in a documented

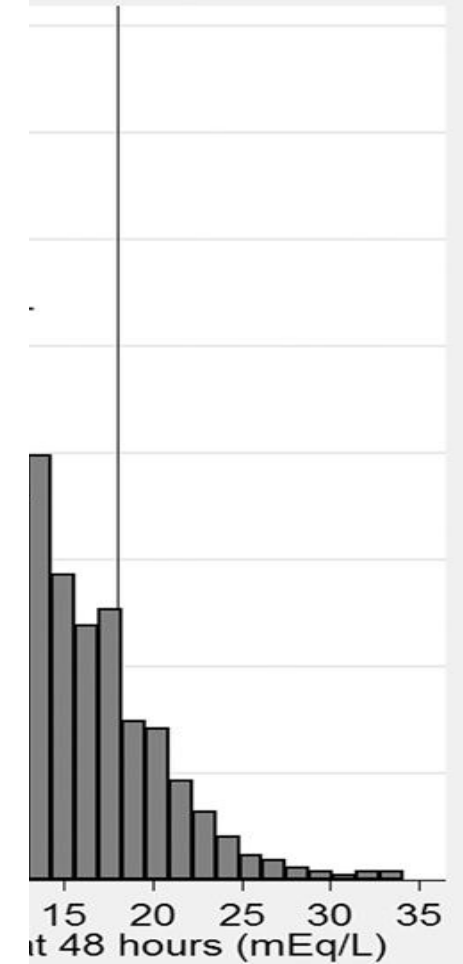
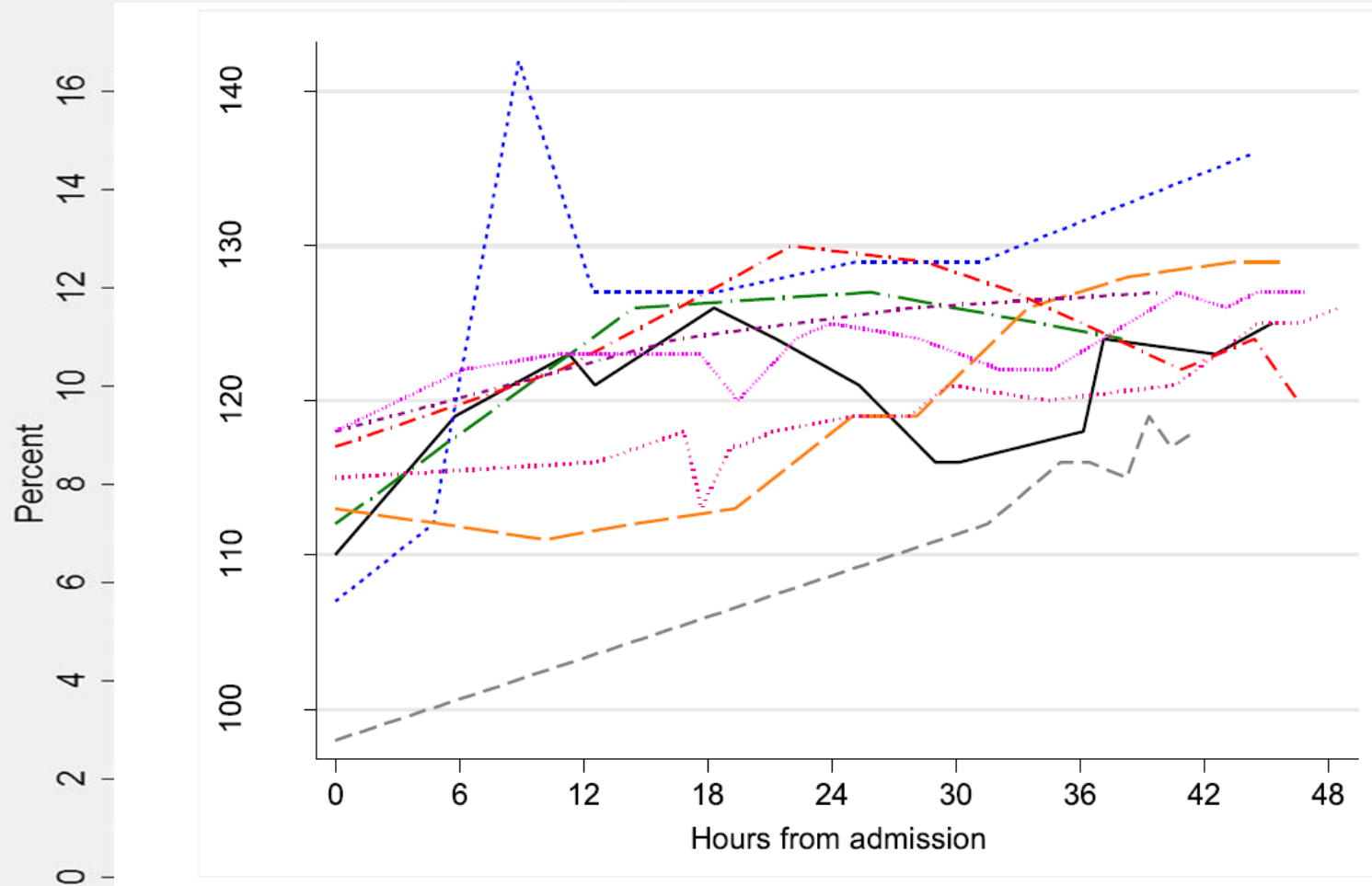


Figure 2. | Serum sodium trends during the first 24 and 48 hours of admission in patients with radiologic evidence of osmotic demyelination.

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Treatment Guidelines Stay the Course





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Abstract

International guidelines designed to treat severe hyponatremia have been widely accepted. A recent study of patients hospitalized with hyponatremia went too far in limiting the rate of rise of sodium, and frequent monitoring of the serum sodium level. This is a controversy that began many years ago. We support the guidelines, and the value of frequent monitoring should not be abandoned. To do so would be a disservice to patients.

The authors of this review, who represent 20 medical centers in nine countries, have all contributed significantly to the literature on the subject. We urge clinicians to continue to treat severe hyponatremia cautiously and to wait for better evidence before adopting less stringent therapeutic limits.



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