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ESPEN guideline on clinical nutrition in the intensive care unit

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Metabolic response to critical illness

- ‘one-size fits all’ and ‘set and forget’ approaches to nutrition do not adequately address the complex metabolic, hormonal, and immunological changes that occur with critical illness

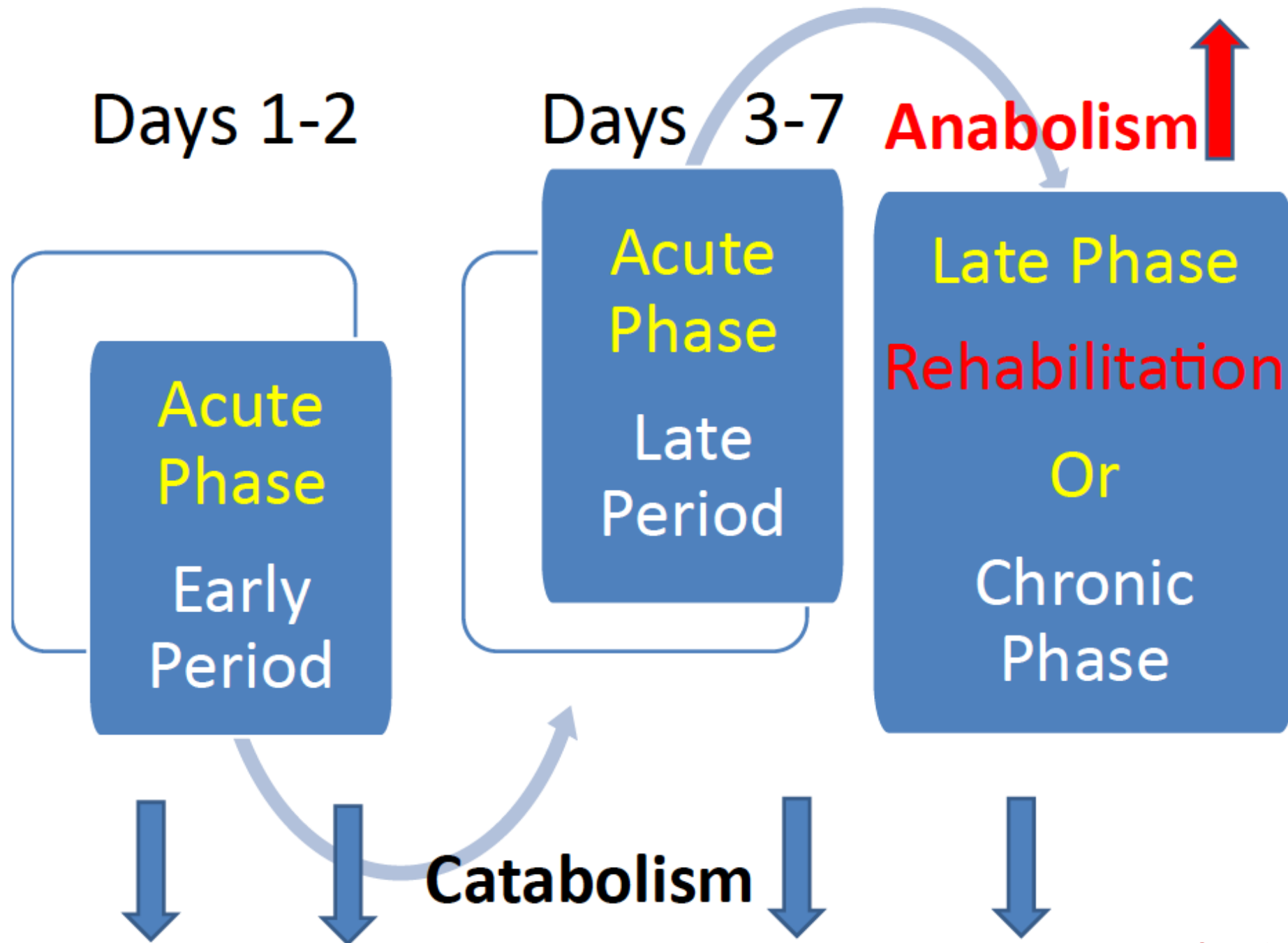
POST-SHOCK METABOLIC RESPONSE *

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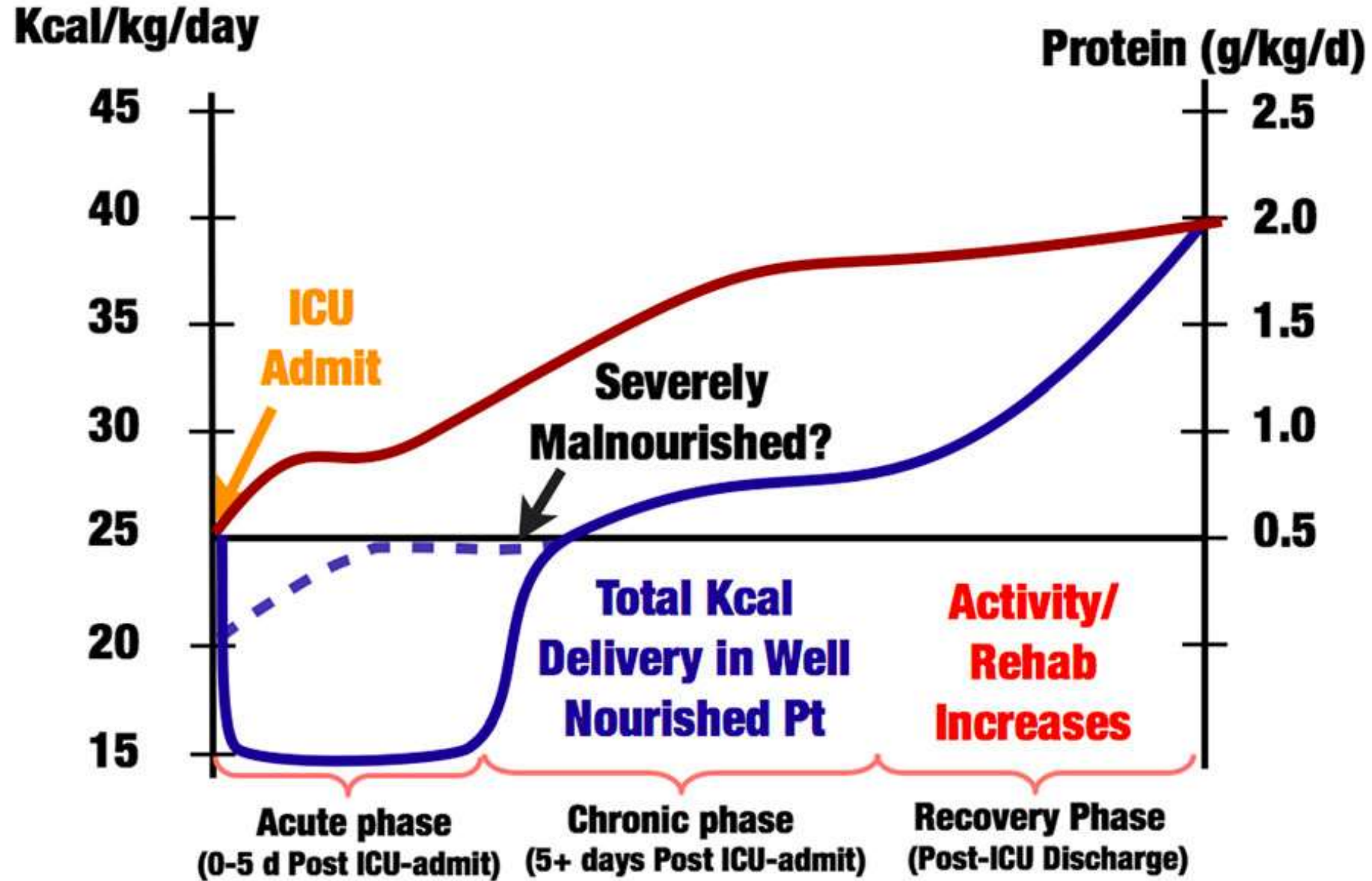
‘Ebb’ or early shock phase



‘Flow’ or catabolic phase



Targeted Nutrition Delivery in Critical Illness



Terminology

$$\text{IBW (male)} = 50 + (2.3 * (\text{height [in inches]} - 60))$$

$$\text{IBW (female)} = 45.5 + (2.3 * (\text{height [in inches]} - 60))$$

$$\text{ABW} = 0.25 * (\text{actual body weight} - \text{IBW}) + \text{IBW}$$

Isocaloric diet is an energy administration of around the defined target.

Hypocaloric or underfeeding is an energy administration below 70% of the defined target.

Trophic feeding is a minimal administration of nutrients having beneficial effects, such as preserving intestinal epithelium, stimulating secretion of brush border enzymes, enhancing immune function, preserving epithelial tight cell junctions, and preventing bacterial translocation.

Overfeeding is energy administration of 110% above the defined target.

Low protein diet is protein administration below 0.5 g/kg/day.

How to define the energy expenditure (EE)?

- ESPN & ASPEN/SCCM-indirect calorimetry is better
- Weir Equation for REE: $REE = (3.94 \times VO_2) + (1.1 \times VCO_2)$
- If indirect calorimetry is not available, ($REE = VCO_2 \times 8.19$)

VCO_2 only obtained from ventilators

- If both are not available we can use predicting equations

<p>TICACOS</p>	<p>indirect calorimetry measurements (study group, n = 56) Vs 25 kcal/kg/day (control group, n = 56).</p>	<p>Energy (2,086 ± 460 vs. 1,480 ± 356 kcal/day, p = 0.01) Protein (76 ± 16 vs. 53 ± 16 g/day, p = 0.01) Mortality ITT(32.3% vs.31/65 patients, 47.7%, p =0.058) MV-16.1 ± 14.7 vs. 10.5 ± 8.3 days, p = 0.03 ICU stay (17.2 ± 14.6vs. 11.7 ± 8.4, p = 0.04)</p>
<p>EAT-ICU trial EGDN) vs. standard nutritional</p>	<p>Indirect calorimetry(N=100) Vs 25 kcal/kg/day(n=99)</p>	<p>1877 Kcal/d Protein 1.47 g/kg/d Vs 1061 kcal/d Protein 0.50 g/kg Primary-PCS score at 6 months Secondary-mortality, rates of organ failures, serious adverse reactions or infections in the ICU, length of ICU or hospital stay, or days alive without life support at 90 days No benefit</p>
<p>ONCA Study</p>	<p>calorimetry (IC group)n=20 Vs SC group formula based (n=20)</p>	<p>Energy -(21.1 Å} 6.4 versus [vs] 25 kcal/kg/d, P < .01) Protein-(91% Å} 24%) vs (73% Å} 33%). ICU LOS (13 ± 8 vs 24 ± 20 days, p < 0.05)</p>

In conclusion

- Although in above RCT targets are higher in IC method and most of patients achieved it but outcomes are poor
- It can avoid avoid under- or over delivery of energy

Equations	Parameters Used for Calculation	Accuracy Rate *
Critically Ill Patients		
25 Kcal/Kg	$25 \times WT$	12% [91]
Harris-Benedict (1919)	M: $13.75 \times WT + 5.00 \times HT - 6.75 \times \text{age} + 66.47$	31% [91]
	F: $9.56 \times WT + 1.85 \times HT - 0.67 \times \text{age} + 655.09$	32% [92]
Ireton-Jones (1997)	$1925 - 10 \times \text{age} + 5 \times WT + (281 \text{ if M}) + (292 \text{ if trauma}) + (851 \text{ if burn})$	37% [93]
Mifflin-St Jeor (1990)	M: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} + 5$	18% [91]
	F: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} - 161$	35% [10]
Owen (1987)	M: $WT \times 10.2 + 879$	12% [91]
	F: $WT \times 7.18 + 795$	
Penn State (2003)	$0.85 \times HB + 175 \times T_{\text{max}} + 33 \times V_e - 6433$	43% [10]
Swinamer (1990)	$945 \times BSA - 6.4 \times \text{age} + 108 T + 24.2 \times RR + 81.7 \times$	55% [93]
	$VT - 4349$	45% [10]

Anorexic Patients (BMI < 16)		
Bernstein et al. (1983)	M: $11.02 \times WT + 10.23 \times HT - 5.8 \times \text{age} - 1032$ F: $7.48 \times WT - 0.42 \times HT - 3 \times \text{age} + 844$	40% [73]
Harris & Benedict (1919)	M: $13.75 \times WT + 5.00 \times HT - 6.75 \times \text{age} + 66.47$ F: $9.56 \times WT + 1.85 \times HT - 0.67 \times \text{age} + 655.09$	39% [73]
Huang et al. (2004)	$10.16 \times WT + 3.93 \times HT - 1.44 \times \text{age} + 273.82 \times \text{sex} + 60.65$	43% [73]
Lazzer et al. (2007)	M: $0.05 \times WT + 4.65 \times HT - 0.02 \times \text{age} - 3.60$ F: $0.04 \times WT + 3.62 \times HT - 2.68$	39% [73]
Mifflin-St Jeor (1990)	M: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} + 5$ F: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} - 161$	40% [73]
Müller et al. (2004)	$0.05 \times WT + 1.01 \times \text{sex} + 0.015 \times \text{age} + 3.21$	37% [73]
Owen (1987)	M: $WT \times 10.2 + 879$ F: $WT \times 7.18 + 795$	41% [73]

Obese Patients (BMI > 30)

Bernstein et al. (1983)	M: $11.02 \times WT + 10.23 \times HT - 5.8 \times \text{age} - 1032$ F: $7.48 \times WT - 0.42 \times HT - 3 \times \text{age} + 844$	16% [88] 21% [89]
Harris & Benedict (1919)	M: $13.75 \times WT + 5.00 \times HT - 6.75 \times \text{age} + 66.47$ F: $9.56 \times WT + 1.85 \times HT - 0.67 \times \text{age} + 655.09$	64% [88]
Huang et al. (2004)	$10.16 \times WT + 3.93 \times HT - 1.44 \times \text{age} + 273.82 \times \text{sex} + 60.65$	66% [88] 53% [89] 54% [90]
Lazzer et al. (2007)	M: $0.05 \times WT + 4.65 \times HT - 0.02 \times \text{age} - 3.60$ F: $0.04 \times WT + 3.62 \times HT - 2.68$	58% [88] 46% [90]
Mifflin-St Jeor (1990)	M: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} + 5$ F: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} - 161$	52% [89] 56% [90]
Müller et al. (2004)	$0.05 \times WT + 1.10 \times \text{sex} + 0.016 \times \text{age} + 2.92$	60% [88] 58% [89] 47% [90]
Owen (1987)	M: $WT \times 10.2 + 879$ F: $WT \times 7.18 + 795$	38% [73] 40% [89]

Equations	Parameters Used for Calculation	Accuracy Rate *
General Hospitalized Population		
25 kcal/kg	$25 \times WT$	43% [10] 23% [87]
Harris & Benedict (1919)	M: $13.75 \times WT + 5.00 \times HT - 6.75 \times \text{age} + 66.47$ F: $9.56 \times WT + 1.85 \times HT - 0.67 \times \text{age} + 655.09$	43% [10] 38% [87]
Ireton-Jones (1992)	$1925 - 10 \times \text{age} + 5 \times WT + (281 \text{ if male}) + (292 \text{ if trauma}) + (851 \text{ if burn})$	28% [10]
Mifflin-St Jeor (1990)	M: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} + 5$ F: $10 \times WT + 6.25 \times HT - 5 \times \text{age} - 161$	35% [10] 32% [87]
Schofield (1985)	$8.4 \times WT + 4.7 \times HT + 200$	42% [87]

How to assess malnutrition?

- Weight changes are difficult to evaluate in the ICU
- weight and BMI do not accurately reflect malnutrition
- more concern is the loss of lean body mass
- critical illness associated frailty

Laboratory tools

- Albumin and isolated pre-albumin levels-not good markers

How to assess malnutrition?

- Subjective global assessment (SGA)
- Mini-nutrition assessment (MNA)-elderly
- nutritional risk screening (NRS)
- MNA-short form (MNA-SF)
- Clinical Frailty Score
- No specific ICU nutritional score has been validated so far
- NRS,MUST scores not specifically for critically ill
- ASPEN and SCCM-recommends NRS,NUTRIC
- EPSN-not recommended any tools for assessing nutrition

TABLE 73.1 Parameters for High Nutrition Risk and Severe Acute Malnutrition

Severe Acute Malnutrition <i>(At least two of following are present)</i>	NRS 2002 <i>Total score ≥ 5 = High Risk</i>	NUTRIC Score <i>Total score ≥ 5 = High Risk</i>
Energy intake $\leq 50\%$ of need for 5 days or more	Energy intake for 7 days: 1 point: $<50-75\%$ 2 points: $25-50\%$ 3 points: $0-25\%$	Age (years) 0 point: <50 1 point: $50-74$ 2 points: >75
Weight loss: $>2\%$ in 1 week, $>5\%$ in 1 month, $>7.5\%$ in 3 months	Weight loss 1 point: $>5\%$ in 3 months 2 points: $>5\%$ in 2 months (BMI $18.5-20.5$) 3 points: $>5\%$ in 1 month (BMI < 18.5)	APACHE II 0 point: <15 1 point: $15-19$ 2 points: $20-27$ 3 points: ≥ 28
Moderate fat loss muscle wasting and/or peripheral edema	Diagnosis 1 point: chronic condition 2 points: acute condition 3 points: head injury, BMT, ICU patient	SOFA 0 point: <6 1 point: $6-9$ 2 points: ≥ 10 No. of comorbidities 0 point: $0-1$ 1 point: ≥ 2 Days from hospital to ICU admit 0 point: $0-1$ 1 point: ≥ 1
Decreased functional status		

- BMI <18.5 kg/m²

Alternative 2:

2015 ESPEN definition

- Weight loss (unintentional) > 10% indefinite of time, or >5% over the last 3 months combined with either
- BMI <20 kg/m² if <70 years of age, or <22 kg/m² if ≥70 years of age or
- FFMI <15 and 17 kg/m² in women and men, respectively.

 Thresholds for severity grading of malnutrition into Stage 1 (Moderate) and Stage 2 (Severe) malnutrition according to the recent ESPEN GLIM recommendations [23].

	Phenotype criteria			Etiology criteria	
	Weight loss (%)	Body mass index (kg/m ²)	Muscle mass ^a	Food intake, malabsorption or GI symptoms	Disease burden/ inflammation
Stage 1/Moderate Malnutrition (Requires 1 phenotypic and 1 etiologic criterion)	5–10% within the past 6 mo, or 10–20% beyond 6 mo	<20 if <70 yr, <22 if ≥70 yr Asia: <18.5 if <70 yr, <20 if ≥70 yr	Mild to moderate deficit (per validated assessment methods – see below)	Any reduction of intake below ER for >2 weeks, or moderate mal-absorption/GI symptoms ^b	Acute disease/injury ^d , or chronic disease-related ^e
Stage 2/Severe Malnutrition (Requires 1 phenotypic and 1 etiologic criterion)	>10% within the past 6 mo, or >20% beyond 6 mo	<18.5 if <70 yr, <20 if ≥70 yr Asia: TBD	Severe deficit (per validated assessment methods – see below)	≤50% intake of ER for >1 week, or severe mal-absorption/GI symptoms ^c	Acute disease/injury ^d , or chronic disease-related ^e

GI = gastro-intestinal, ER = energy requirements, yr = year, mo = month.

^a For example fat free mass index (FFMI, kg/m²) by dual-energy absorptiometry or corresponding standards using other body composition methods like bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA), CT or MRI. When not available or by regional preference, physical exam or standard anthropometric measures like mid-arm muscle or calf circumferences may be used. Thresholds for reduced muscle mass need to be adapted to race (Asia). Functional assessments like hand-grip strength may be used as a supportive measure.

^b Gastrointestinal symptoms of moderate degree – dysphagia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation or abdominal pain.

^c Gastrointestinal symptoms of severe degree – dysphagia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation or abdominal pain.

^d Acute disease/injury-related with severe inflammation. For example major infection, burns, trauma or closed head injury.

^e Chronic disease-related with chronic or recurrent mild to moderate inflammation. For example malignant disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, chronic renal disease or any disease with chronic or recurrent inflammation. CRP may be used as a supportive laboratory measure.

Muscle wasting

- Sarcopenia is defined as a decrease in muscle mass and/or function
- lean body mass evaluated by ultrasound , CT scan, bioelectric impedance or even stable isotopes
- Muscle function-handgrip dynamometer
- USG assessment of muscle glycogen

Discussion

- Initiation: Early vs Delayed
- Trophic vs full nutrition
- EN vs PN
- Nutrition while in shock

Lack of data

- Continuous vs intermittent feeds
- Organ failure subsets
- Feeding certain subset of populations
- Chronic mal nourished
- Obese
- Which type of protein

EN vs oral diet ?

- No studies comparing EN vs oral
- Preferred in no risks of vomiting or aspiration

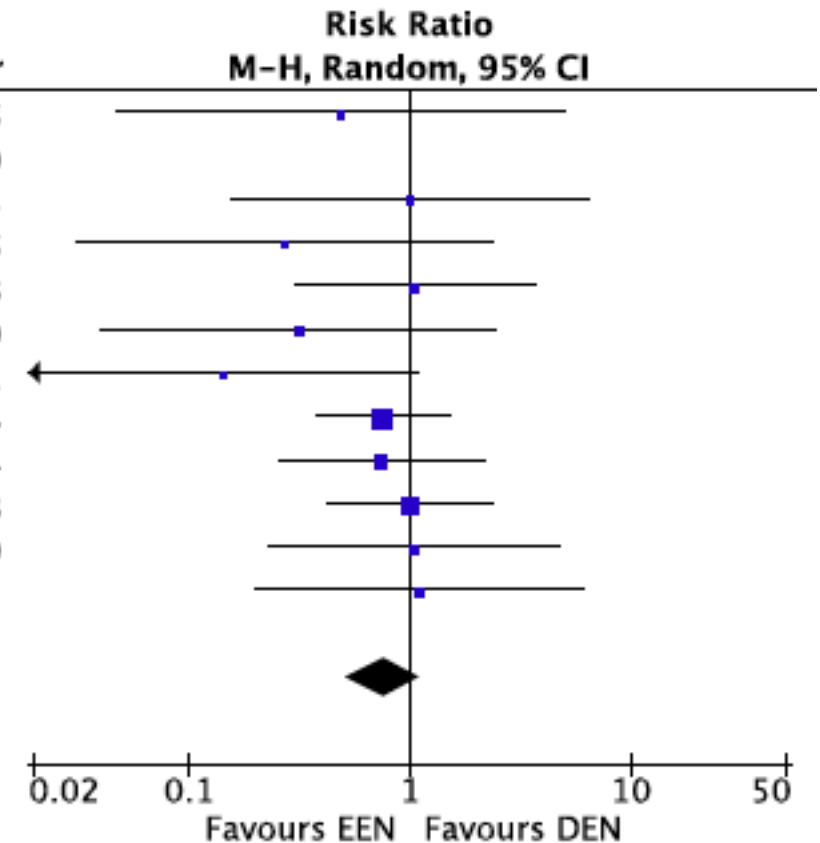
Initiation of nutrition
early or delayed ?

EEN vs delay nutritional intake (including delayed EN, oral diet or PN)

12 RCTs (662 patients)

a Mortality

Study or Subgroup	EEN		DEN		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
Moore 1986	1	32	2	31	2.6%	0.48 [0.05, 5.07]	1986
Chiarelli 1990	0	10	0	10		Not estimable	1990
Eyer 1993	2	19	2	19	4.2%	1.00 [0.16, 6.38]	1993
Chuntrasakul 1996	1	21	3	17	3.1%	0.27 [0.03, 2.37]	1996
Singh 1998	4	21	4	22	9.3%	1.05 [0.30, 3.66]	1998
Minard 2000	1	12	4	15	3.4%	0.31 [0.04, 2.44]	2000
Pupelis 2001	1	30	7	30	3.5%	0.14 [0.02, 1.09]	2001
Malhotra 2004	12	100	16	100	30.1%	0.75 [0.37, 1.50]	2004
Peck 2004	4	14	5	13	12.5%	0.74 [0.25, 2.18]	2004
Nguyen 2008	6	14	6	14	19.9%	1.00 [0.43, 2.35]	2008
Moses 2009	3	29	3	30	6.3%	1.03 [0.23, 4.71]	2009
Chourdakis 2012	3	34	2	25	5.0%	1.10 [0.20, 6.12]	2012
Total (95% CI)		336		326	100.0%	0.76 [0.52, 1.11]	

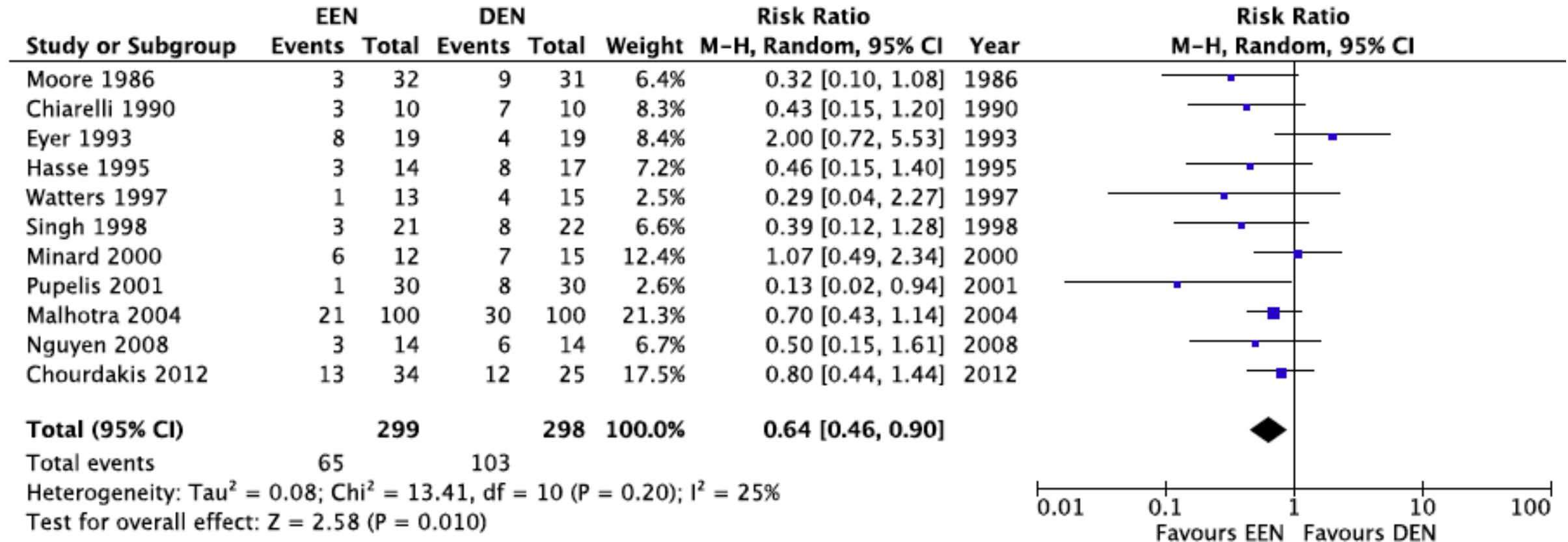


Total events: EEN 38, DEN 54
 Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 5.61$, $df = 10$ ($P = 0.85$); $I^2 = 0\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.44$ ($P = 0.15$)

EEN vs delay nutritional intake (including delayed EN, oral diet or PN)

11 RCTs (597 patients).

b Infections



EEN vs delay nutritional intake (including delayed EN, oral diet or PN)

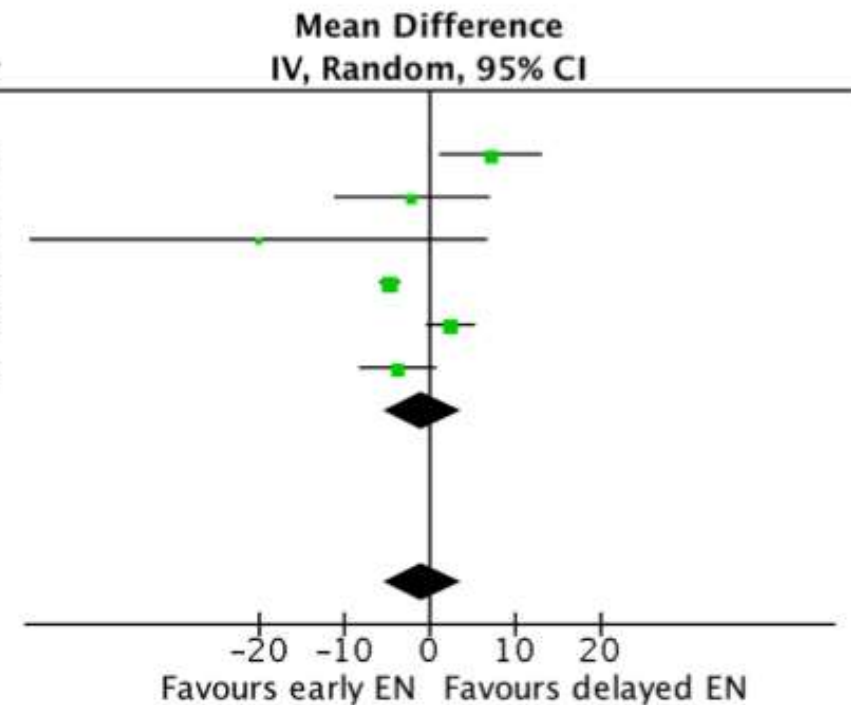
I., Figure 3: Intensive Care Unit Length of Stay (Includes Meta-analysis I A only)

Study or Subgroup	Early EN			Delayed EN			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
1.3.1 ICU studies									
Minard 2000	18.5	8.8	12	11.3	6.1	15	17.5%	7.20 [1.34, 13.06]	2000
Pupelis 2001	13.9	14.6	30	16	20.5	30	12.4%	-2.10 [-11.11, 6.91]	2001
Peck 2004	40	32	14	60	38	13	2.6%	-20.00 [-46.60, 6.60]	2004
Nguyen 2008	11.3	0.8	14	15.9	1.9	14	24.5%	-4.60 [-5.68, -3.52]	2008
Moses 2009	10.5	5.2	29	8	5.6	30	22.8%	2.50 [-0.26, 5.26]	2009
Chourdakis 2012	24.8	7.6	34	28.5	8.9	25	20.2%	-3.70 [-8.02, 0.62]	2012
Subtotal (95% CI)			133			127	100.0%	-0.82 [-5.31, 3.67]	

Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 21.11$; $Chi^2 = 36.51$, $df = 5$ ($P < 0.00001$); $I^2 = 86%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.36$ ($P = 0.72$)

Total (95% CI) 133 127 **100.0%** -0.82 [-5.31, 3.67]

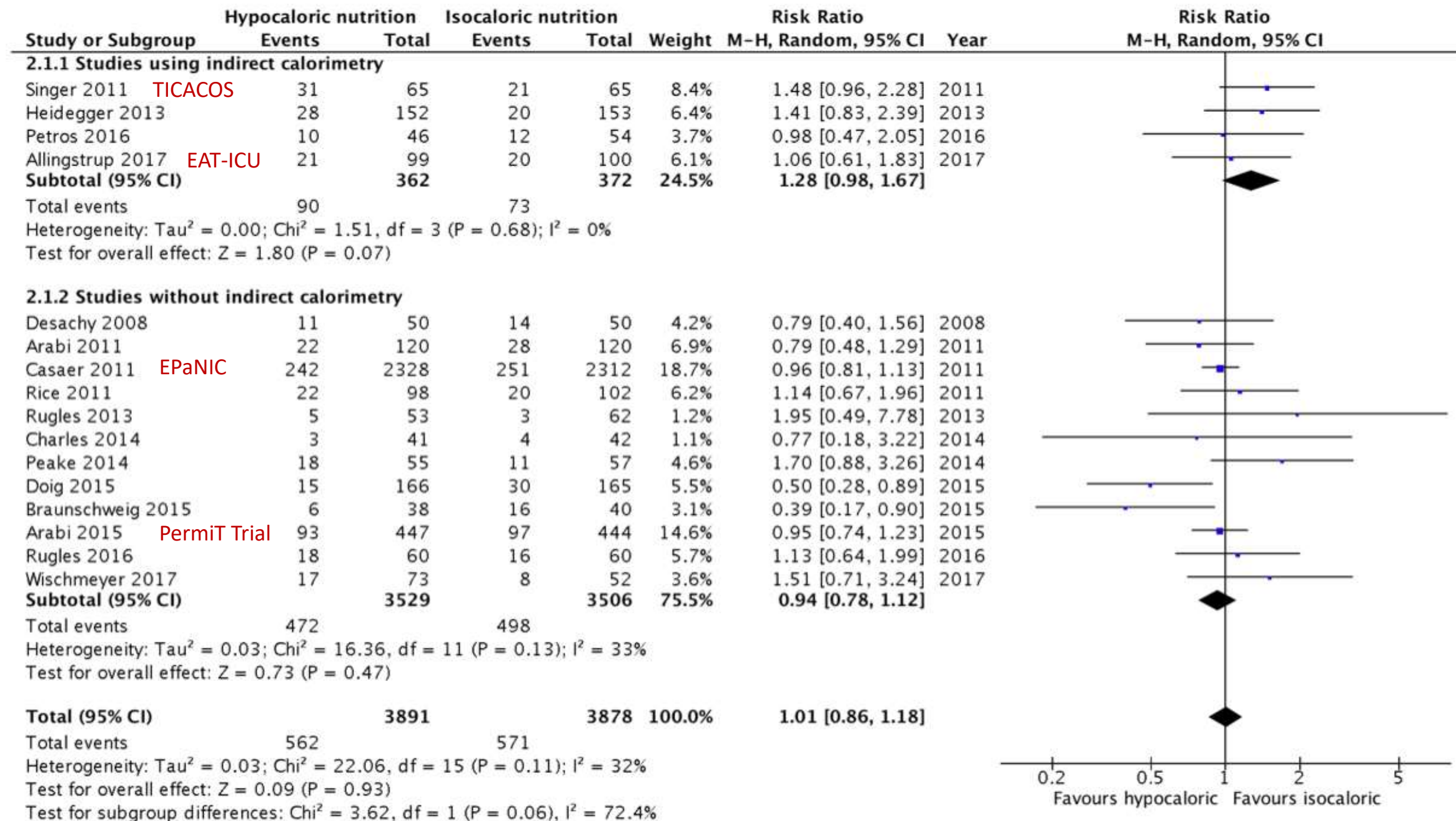
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 21.11$; $Chi^2 = 36.51$, $df = 5$ ($P < 0.00001$); $I^2 = 86%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.36$ ($P = 0.72$)
 Test for subgroup differences: Not applicable



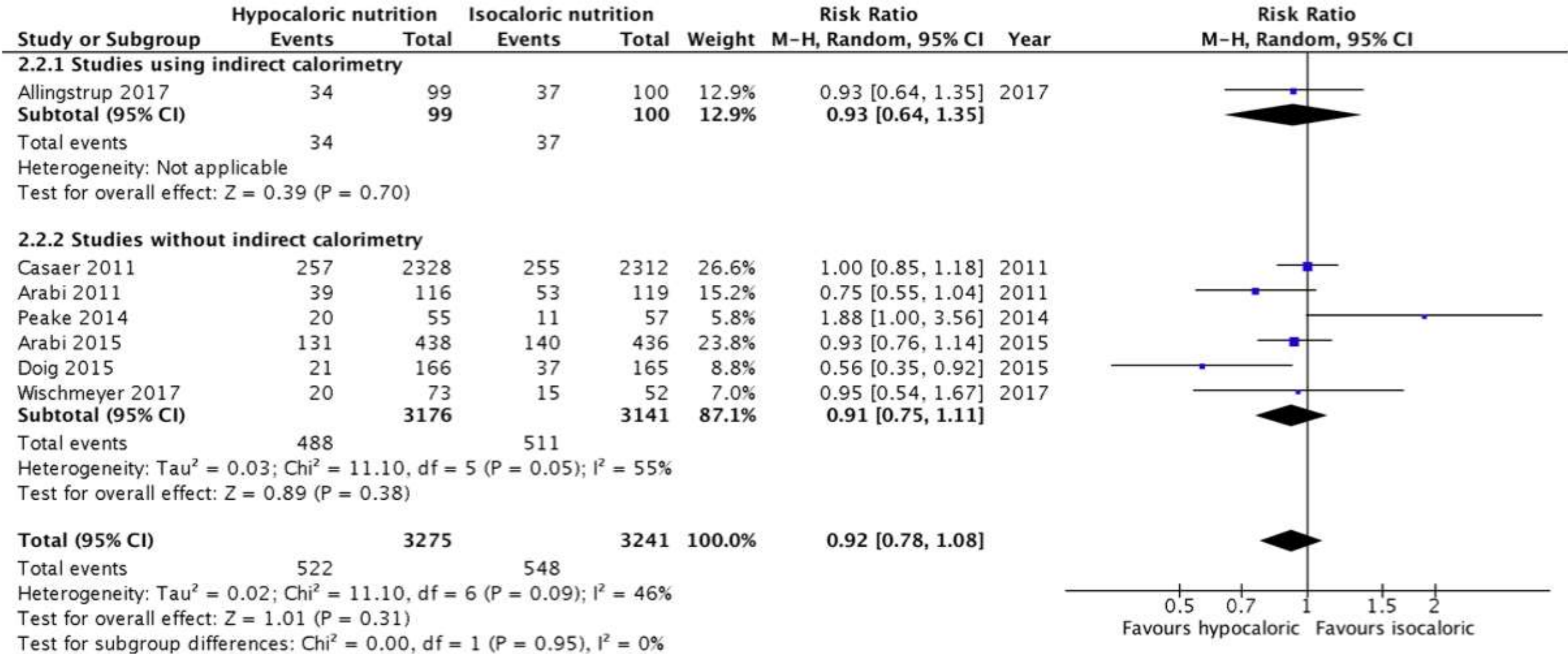
Trophic vs full nutrition

VI., Figure 1: Short-term mortality (Includes Meta-Analyses VI A and VI B)

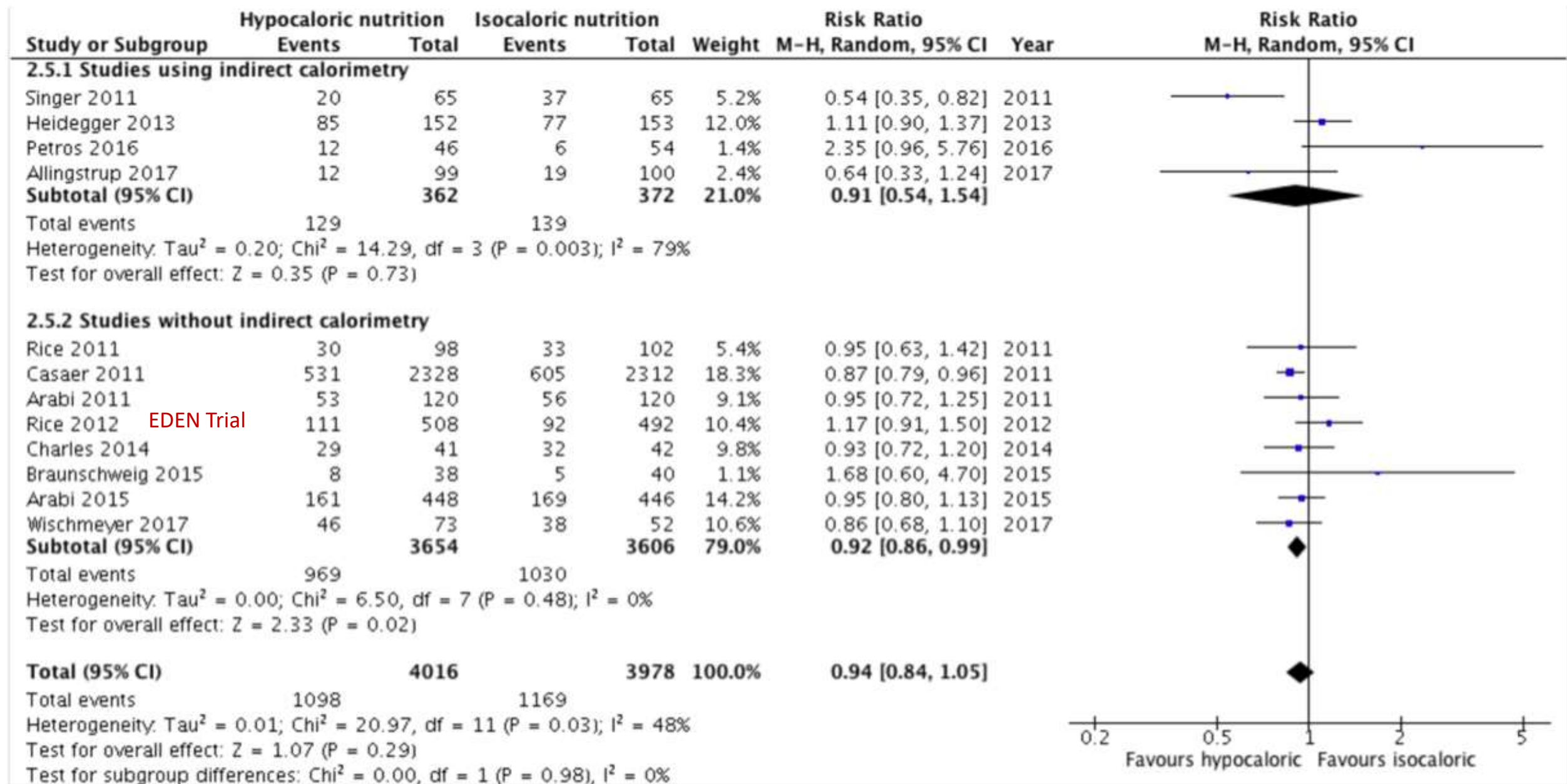
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VI., Figure 2: Long-term mortality (Includes Meta-Analyses VI A and VI B)

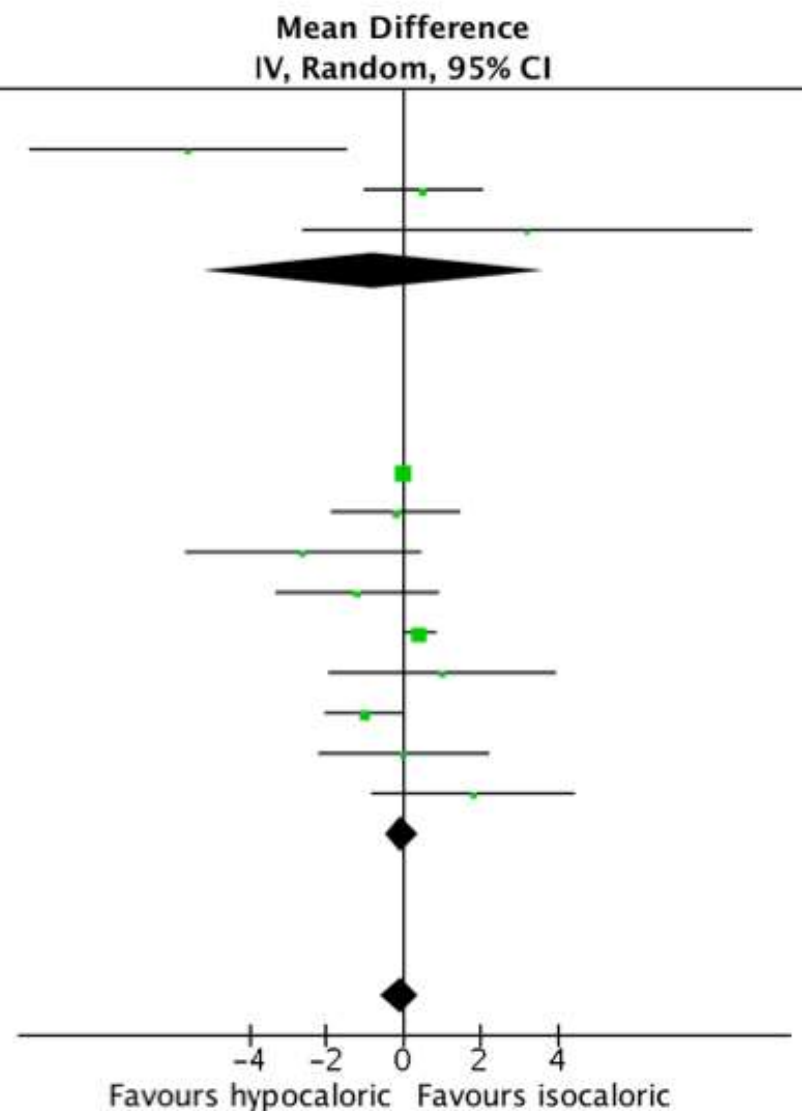


VI., Figure 3: Infections (Includes Meta-Analyses VI A and VI B)



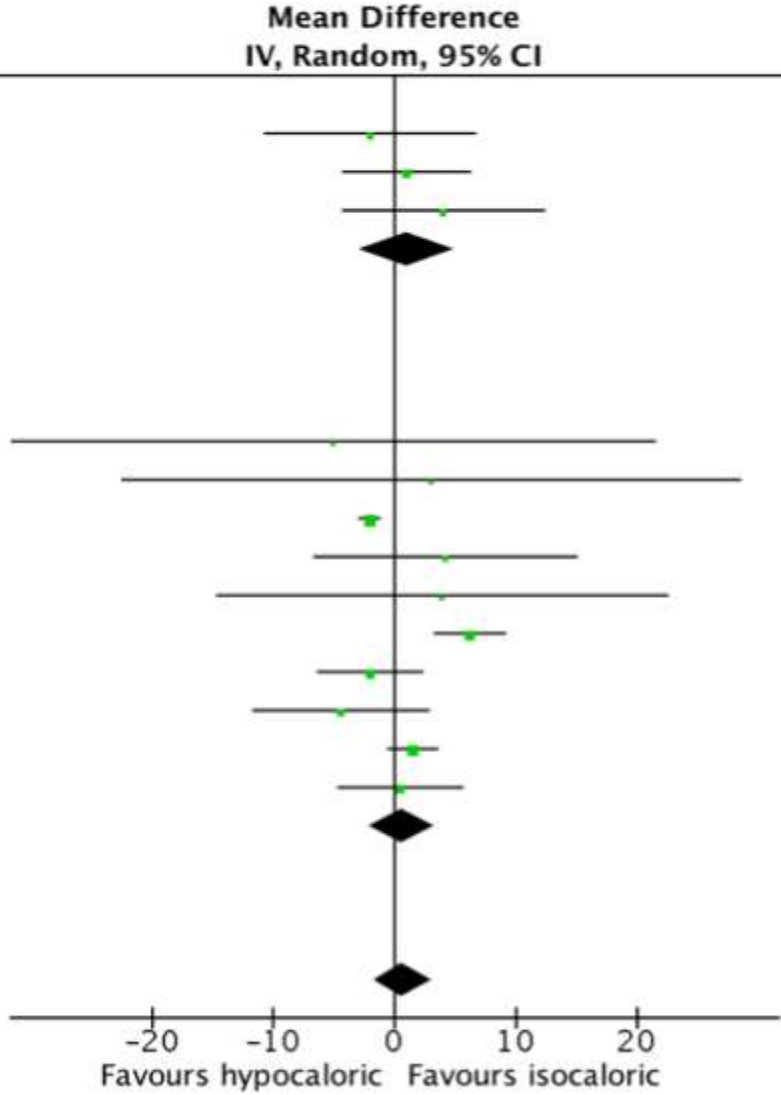
VI., Figure 4: Duration of mechanical ventilation

Study or Subgroup	Hypocaloric nutrition			Isocaloric nutrition			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
2.3.1 Studies using indirect calorimetry									
Singer 2011	10.5	8.3	65	16.1	14.7	65	1.3%	-5.60 [-9.70, -1.50]	2011
Heidegger 2013	6.9	6.7	152	6.4	6.8	153	7.6%	0.50 [-1.02, 2.02]	2013
Petros 2016	10.6	17.6	46	7.4	10.3	54	0.7%	3.20 [-2.58, 8.98]	2016
Subtotal (95% CI)			263			272	9.7%	-0.78 [-5.19, 3.63]	
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 11.33$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 8.75$, $\text{df} = 2$ ($P = 0.01$); $I^2 = 77\%$									
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.35$ ($P = 0.73$)									
2.3.2 Studies without indirect calorimetry									
Casaer 2011	2	3	2328	2	3	2312	28.9%	0.00 [-0.17, 0.17]	2011
Rice 2011	5.5	5.4	98	5.7	6.4	102	6.8%	-0.20 [-1.84, 1.44]	2011
Arabi 2011	10.6	7.6	120	13.2	15.2	120	2.3%	-2.60 [-5.64, 0.44]	2011
Rugles 2013	8.5	4.6	40	9.7	4.9	40	4.6%	-1.20 [-3.28, 0.88]	2013
Doig 2015	7.86	2.1	166	7.45	1.6	165	24.9%	0.41 [0.01, 0.81]	2015
Braunschweig 2015	7	8.1	38	6	4.4	40	2.5%	1.00 [-1.91, 3.91]	2015
Arabi 2015	9	7.4	448	10	8.1	446	12.9%	-1.00 [-2.02, 0.02]	2015
Rugles 2016	9	6.1	60	9	6.1	60	4.2%	0.00 [-2.18, 2.18]	2016
Wischmeyer 2017	8.3	7	73	6.5	7.6	52	3.1%	1.80 [-0.82, 4.42]	2017
Subtotal (95% CI)			3371			3337	90.3%	-0.04 [-0.46, 0.38]	
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.11$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 13.96$, $\text{df} = 8$ ($P = 0.08$); $I^2 = 43\%$									
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.17$ ($P = 0.86$)									
Total (95% CI)			3634			3609	100.0%	-0.09 [-0.58, 0.39]	
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.20$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 22.71$, $\text{df} = 11$ ($P = 0.02$); $I^2 = 52\%$									
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.37$ ($P = 0.71$)									
Test for subgroup differences: $\text{Chi}^2 = 0.11$, $\text{df} = 1$ ($P = 0.74$), $I^2 = 0\%$									



VI., Figure 5: Length of hospital stay

Study or Subgroup	Hypocaloric nutrition			Isocaloric nutrition			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
2.4.1 Studies using indirect calorimetry									
Singer 2011	31.8	27.3	65	33.8	22.9	65	5.1%	-2.00 [-10.66, 6.66]	2011
Heidegger 2013	32	23	152	31	23	153	9.4%	1.00 [-4.16, 6.16]	2013
Allingstrup 2017	34	28.9	99	30	30.4	100	5.5%	4.00 [-4.24, 12.24]	2017
Subtotal (95% CI)			316			318	20.0%	1.06 [-2.84, 4.97]	
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.00; Chi ² = 0.97, df = 2 (P = 0.62); I ² = 0%									
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.53 (P = 0.59)									
2.4.2 Studies without indirect calorimetry									
Desachy 2008	51	75	50	56	59	50	0.7%	-5.00 [-31.45, 21.45]	2008
Arabi 2011	70.2	106.9	120	67.2	93.6	120	0.8%	3.00 [-22.42, 28.42]	2011
Casaer 2011	14	13.3	2328	16	14.8	2312	17.2%	-2.00 [-2.81, -1.19]	2011
Charles 2014	35.2	31.4	41	31	16.2	42	3.7%	4.20 [-6.59, 14.99]	2014
Peake 2014	34.5	49.4	55	30.6	50.6	57	1.4%	3.90 [-14.62, 22.42]	2014
Doig 2015	27.9	15.1	166	21.7	11.5	165	13.8%	6.20 [3.31, 9.09]	2015
Arabi 2015	28	28.9	448	30	36.3	446	11.0%	-2.00 [-6.30, 2.30]	2015
Braunschweig 2015	22.8	14.3	38	27.2	18.2	40	6.5%	-4.40 [-11.64, 2.84]	2015
Rugles 2016	12	5.4	60	10.5	5.9	60	15.5%	1.50 [-0.52, 3.52]	2016
Wischmeyer 2017	24	16.5	73	23.5	12.7	52	9.5%	0.50 [-4.62, 5.62]	2017
Subtotal (95% CI)			3379			3344	80.0%	0.60 [-2.14, 3.34]	
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 9.28; Chi ² = 38.27, df = 9 (P < 0.0001); I ² = 76%									
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.43 (P = 0.67)									
Total (95% CI)			3695			3662	100.0%	0.70 [-1.63, 3.02]	
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 7.98; Chi ² = 40.31, df = 12 (P < 0.0001); I ² = 70%									
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.59 (P = 0.56)									
Test for subgroup differences: Chi ² = 0.04, df = 1 (P = 0.85), I ² = 0%									



Initial Trophic vs Full Enteral Feeding in Patients With Acute Lung Injury

The EDEN Randomized Trial

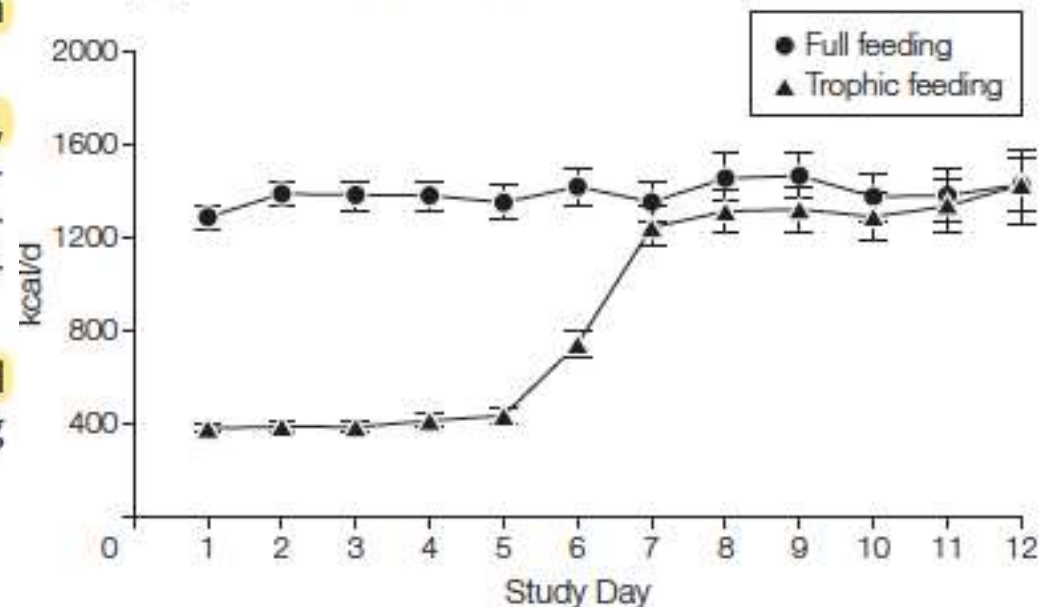
Objective To determine if initial lower-volume trophic enteral feeding would increase ventilator-free days and decrease gastrointestinal intolerances compared with initial full enteral feeding.

Design, Setting, and Participants The EDEN study, a randomized, open-label, multicenter trial conducted from January 2, 2008, through April 12, 2011. Participants were 1000 adults within 48 hours of developing acute lung injury requiring mechanical ventilation whose physicians intended to start enteral nutrition at 44 hospitals in the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute ARDS Clinical Trials Network.

Interventions Participants were randomized to receive either trophic or full enteral feeding for the first 6 days. After day 6, the care of all patients who were still receiving mechanical ventilation was managed according to the full feeding protocol.

Main Outcome Measures Ventilator-free days to study day 28.

A Mean Daily Energy Intake



- Full enteral vs trophic for 6 days
- N=1000

Table 2. Clinical Outcomes

Outcome	Trophic Feeding (n = 508)	Full Feeding (n = 492)	P Value
Ventilator-free days, No. (95% CI)	14.9 (13.9-15.8)	15.0 (14.1-15.9)	.89
Failure-free days, No. (95% CI)			
Cardiovascular	19.1 (18.2-20.0)	18.9 (18.1-19.8)	.75
Renal	20.0 (19.0-20.9)	19.4 (18.4-20.5)	.43
Hepatic	22.0 (21.2-22.9)	22.6 (21.8-23.5)	.37
Coagulation	22.3 (21.4-23.1)	23.1 (22.3-23.9)	.16
ICU-free days, No. (95% CI)	14.4 (13.5-15.3)	14.7 (13.8-15.6)	.67
60-d mortality, No. (%) [95% CI]	118 (23.2) [19.6-26.9]	109 (22.2) [18.5-25.8]	.77
Development of infections, No. (%) [95% CI]			
VAP	37 (7.3) [5.0-9.5]	33 (6.7) [4.5-8.9]	.72
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> colitis	15 (3.0) [1.5-4.4]	13 (2.6) [1.2-4.1]	.77
Bacteremia, No. (%)	59 (11.6) [8.8-14.4]	46 (9.3) [6.8-11.9]	.24

Abbreviations: ICU, intensive care unit; VAP, ventilator-associated pneumonia.

- Full-feeding group used more prokinetic agents,
- Vomiting (2.2% vs 1.7% of patient feeding days; P=.05),
- Elevated gastric residual volumes (4.9% vs 2.2% of feeding days; P.001)
- Constipation (3.1% vs 2.1% of feeding days; P=.003)

Permissive Underfeeding or Standard Enteral Feeding in Critically Ill Adults

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METHODS

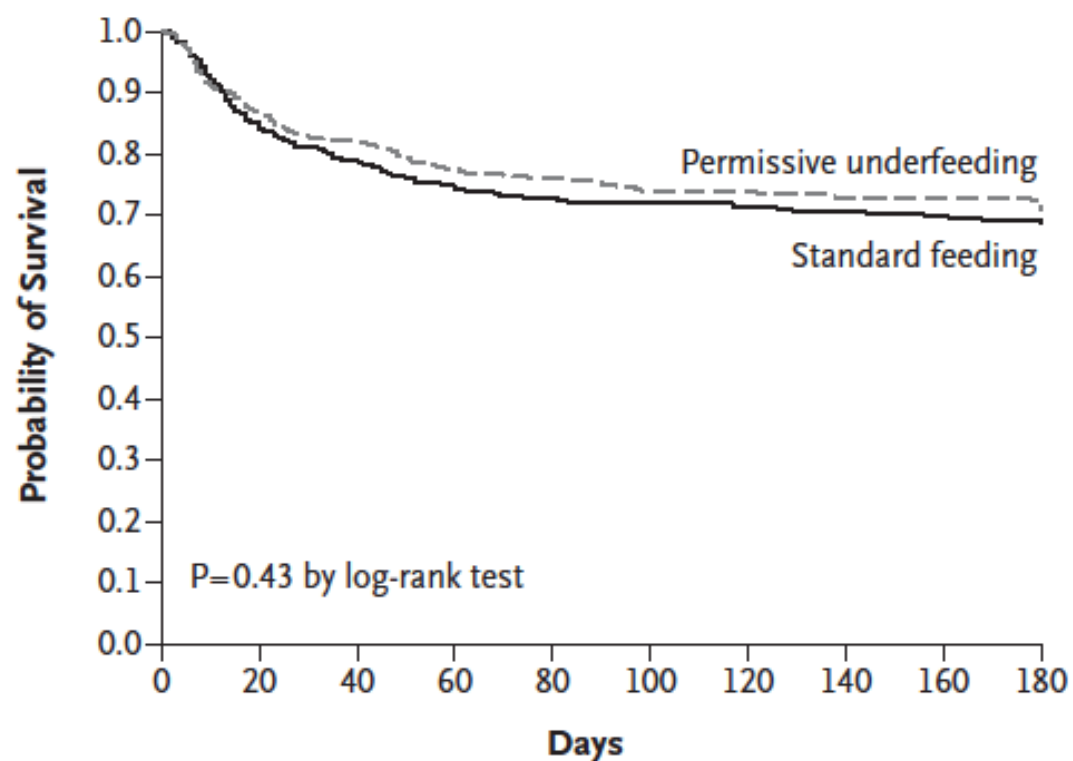
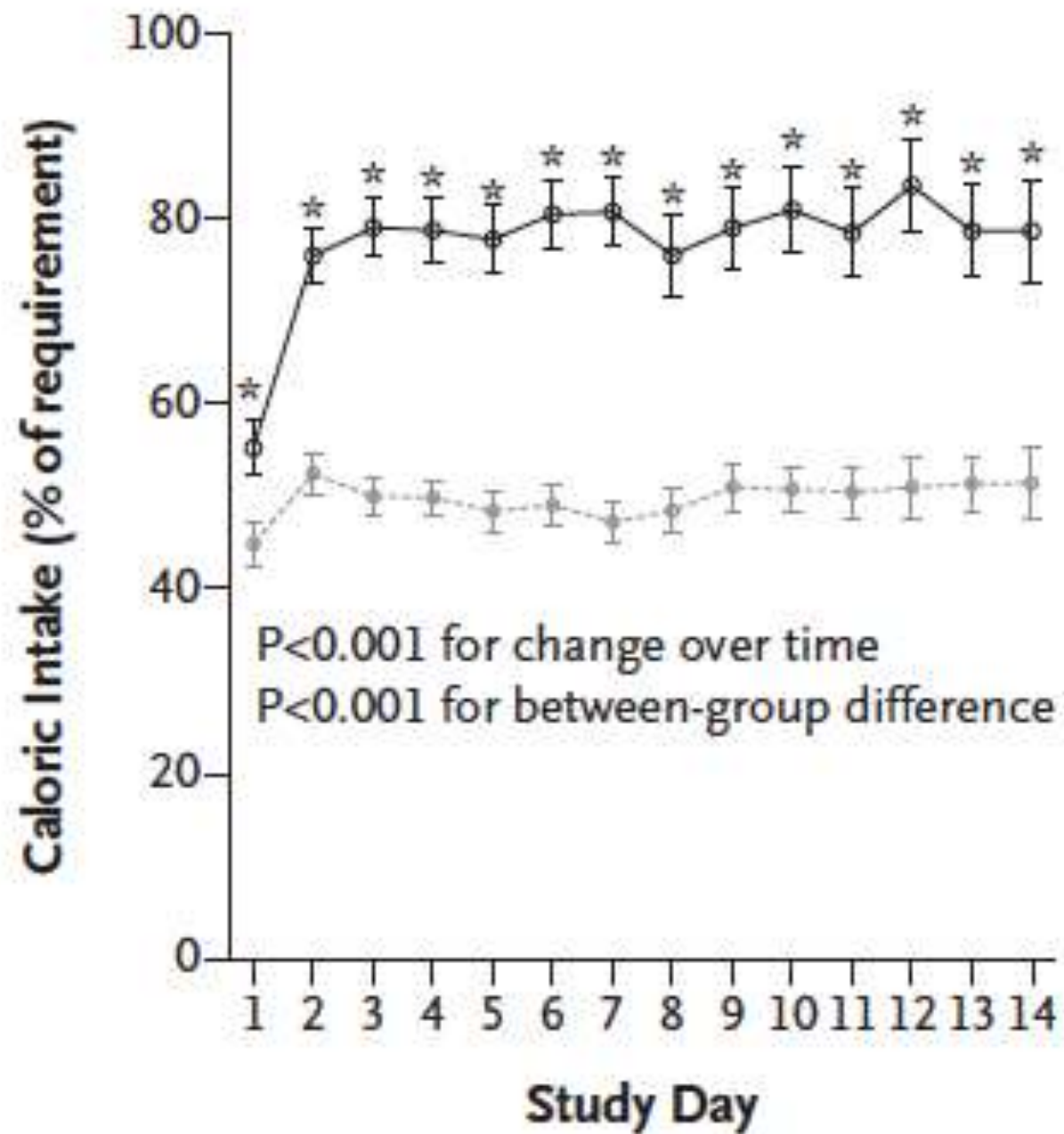
At seven centers, we randomly assigned 894 critically ill adults with a medical, surgical, or trauma admission category to permissive underfeeding (40 to 60% of calculated caloric requirements) or standard enteral feeding (70 to 100%) for up to 14 days while maintaining a similar protein intake in the two groups. The primary outcome was 90-day mortality.

Admission category — no. (%)		
Medical	336 (75.0)	335 (75.1)
Surgical	19 (4.2)	12 (2.7)
Nonoperative trauma	93 (20.8)	99 (22.2)
Severe sepsis at admission — no. (%)	159 (35.5)	133 (29.8)
Traumatic brain injury — no. (%)	55 (12.3)	63 (14.1)
APACHE II score‡	21.0±7.9	21.0±8.2
SOFA score§	9.9±3.5	9.8±3.5
Mechanical ventilation — no. (%)	436 (97.3)	429 (96.2)
Vasopressor therapy — no. (%)	255 (56.9)	243 (54.5)

Variable	Permissive Underfeeding (N = 448)	Standard Feeding (N = 446)	P Value
Calculated caloric requirement — kcal/day	1822±377	1842±370	0.51†
Caloric target for the trial — kcal/day	1036±262	1826±375	<0.001†
Daily caloric intake for duration of intervention			
No. of kilocalories	835±297	1299±467	<0.001‡
Percent of requirement	46±14	71±22	<0.001†
Caloric source for duration of intervention — kcal/day			
Enteral	740±294	1198±470	<0.001‡
Propofol	63±88	65±89	0.84†
Intravenous dextrose	32±59	35±60	0.23†
Parenteral nutrition	3±32	5±59	0.38†
Calculated protein requirement — g/day	85±21	88±23	0.18†
Daily protein intake for duration of intervention			
No. of grams	57±24	59±25	0.29†
Percent of requirement	68±24	69±25	0.56†
Protein source — g/day			
Main enteral formula	30±13	54±22	<0.001†
Supplemental enteral protein	27±16	6±10	<0.001†
Parenteral protein	0.2±2.6	0.2±2.7	0.79†

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Duration of intervention — days	9.1±4.6	9.4±4.4	0.36†
Cointerventions during study period			
Insulin			
Use — no. (%)	205 (45.8)	235 (52.7)	0.04
Dose — units/day	15±27	22±40	0.02†
Enteral formulas on day 1 — no./total no. (%)§			
Without a specific disease indication	263/441 (59.6)	240/443 (54.2)	0.10
With a specific disease indication	178/441 (40.4)	203/443 (45.8)	
Prokinetics — no. (%)¶	120 (26.8)	127 (28.5)	0.57
Blood glucose — mmol/liter	9.1±5.3	9.4±5.0	0.04†
Fluid balance — ml/day	490±1408	688±1196	<0.001†

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No. at Risk

Standard feeding	446	380	352	334	325	322	319	315	312	308
Permissive underfeeding	448	390	368	346	340	331	330	326	326	324

Outcome	Permissive Underfeeding (N=448)	Standard Feeding (N=446)	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
Death by 90 days — no./total no. (%)	121/445 (27.2)	127/440 (28.9)	0.94 (0.76–1.16)	0.58
Death in the ICU — no. (%)	72 (16.1)	85 (19.1)	0.84 (0.63–1.12)	0.24
Death by 28 days — no./total no. (%)	93/447 (20.8)	97/444 (21.8)	0.95 (0.74–1.23)	0.7
Death in the hospital — no./total no. (%)	108/447 (24.2)	123/445 (27.6)	0.87 (0.70–1.09)	0.24
Death by 180 days — no./total no. (%)	131/438 (29.9)	140/436 (32.1)	0.93 (0.76–1.14)	0.48
Duration of mechanical ventilation — days				
Median	9	10		0.49†
Interquartile range	5–15	5–16		
Days free from mechanical ventilation				
Median	77	75		0.48†
Interquartile range	0–84	0–84		
ICU length of stay — days				
Median	13	13		0.46†
Interquartile range	8–21	8–20		
ICU-free days				
Median	72	71		0.28†
Interquartile range	0–81	0–79		
Hospital length of stay — days				
Median	28	30		0.24†
Interquartile range	15–54	14–63		

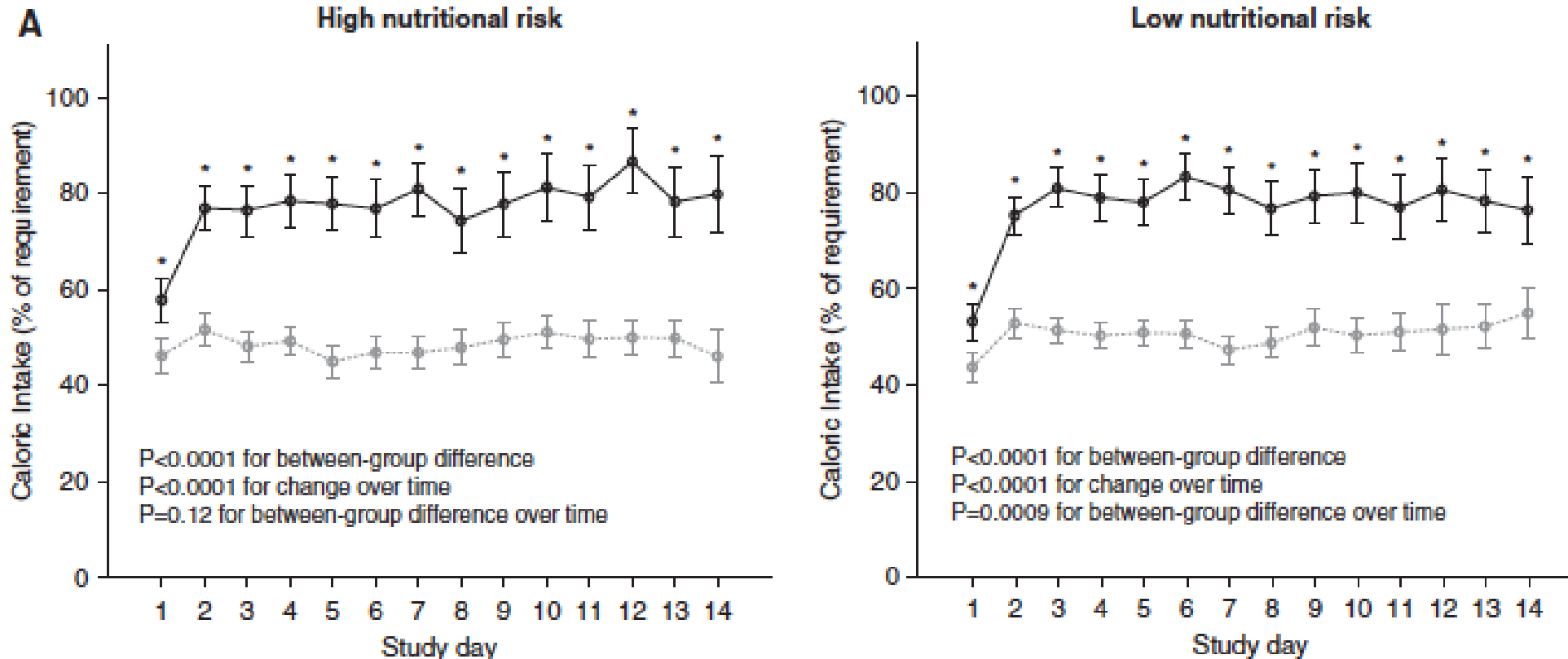
Outcome	Permissive Underfeeding (N=448)	Standard Feeding (N=446)	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
Hypoglycemia — no. (%)	6 (1.3)	7 (1.6)	0.85 (0.29–2.52)	0.77
Hypokalemia — no. (%)	101 (22.5)	91 (20.4)	1.10 (0.86–1.42)	0.44
Hypomagnesemia — no. (%)	127 (28.3)	131 (29.4)	0.97 (0.79–1.19)	0.74
Hypophosphatemia — no. (%)	267 (59.6)	261 (58.5)	1.01 (0.91–1.14)	0.74
Transfusion of packed red cells — no. (%)	141 (31.5)	142 (31.8)	0.99 (0.82–1.20)	0.91
Incident renal-replacement therapy — no./total no. (%)	29/406 (7.1)	45/396 (11.4)	0.63 (0.40–0.98)	0.04
ICU-associated infection — no. (%)	161 (35.9)	169 (37.9)	0.95 (0.80–1.13)	0.54
Urinary tract infection — no. (%)	45 (10.0)	48 (10.8)	0.93 (0.64–1.37)	0.73
Catheter-related infection — no. (%)	11 (2.5)	19 (4.3)	0.58 (0.28–1.20)	0.13
Ventilator-associated pneumonia — no. (%)	81 (18.1)	90 (20.2)	0.90 (0.68–1.17)	0.43
ICU-associated severe sepsis or septic shock — no. (%)	61 (13.6)	58 (13.0)	1.05 (0.75–1.46)	0.79
Feeding intolerance — no. (%)	67 (15.0)	79 (17.7)	0.84 (0.63–1.14)	0.26
Diarrhea — no. (%)	97 (21.7)	117 (26.2)	0.83 (0.65–1.04)	0.11

Permissive Underfeeding or Standard Enteral Feeding in High- and Low-Nutritional-Risk Critically Ill Adults

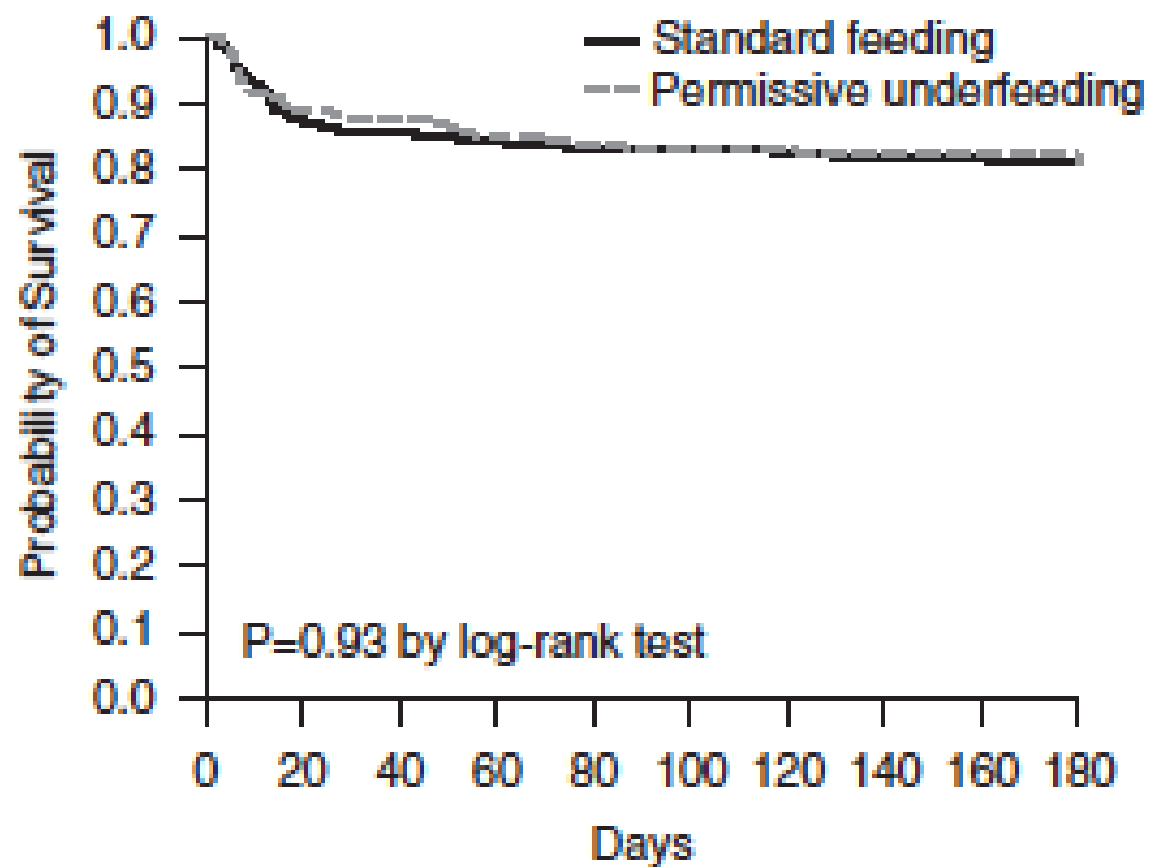
Post Hoc Analysis of the PermiT Trial

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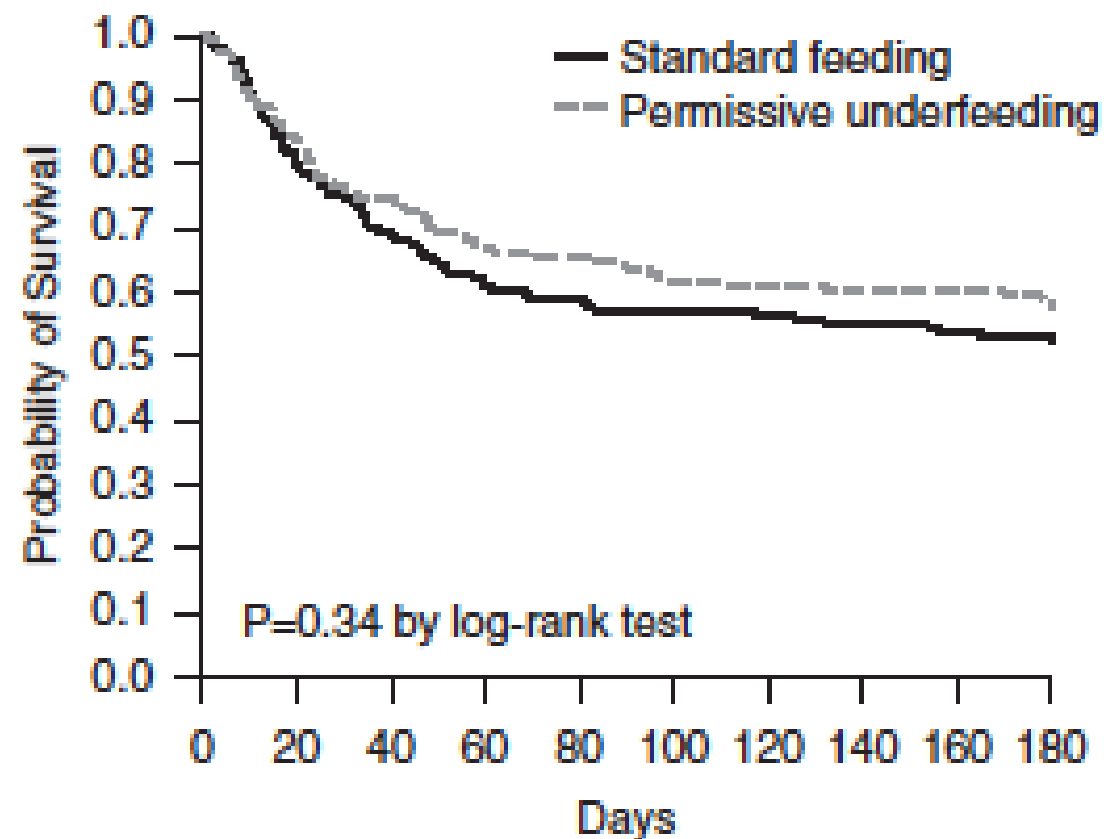
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NUTRIC score 0–4



NUTRIC score 5–9



Outcomes	High-Nutritional-Risk Group (n = 378)				Low-Nutritional-Risk Group (n = 516)				P Value for Interaction
	Permissive Underfeeding (n = 189)	Standard Feeding (n = 189)	Adjusted Odds Ratio or Correlation Coefficient (95% CI)	P Value	Permissive Underfeeding (n = 259)	Standard Feeding (n = 257)	Adjusted Odds Ratio or Correlation Coefficient (95% CI)	P Value	
28-d mortality, n (%)	56/189 (29.6)	59/189 (31.2)	0.93 (0.60 to 1.44)	0.74	37/258 (14.3)	38/255 (14.9)	0.93 (0.56 to 1.53)	0.76	0.93
90-d mortality, n (%)	75/189 (39.7)	83/189 (43.9)	0.84 (0.56 to 1.27)	0.40	46/256 (18.0)	44/251 (17.5)	1.01 (0.64 to 1.61)	0.96	0.53
180-d mortality, n (%)	81/188 (43.1)	90/189 (47.6)	0.86 (0.57 to 1.29)	0.45	50/250 (20.0)	50/247 (20.2)	0.96 (0.61 to 1.50)	0.85	0.60
ICU mortality, n (%)	43/189 (22.8)	51/189 (27.0)	0.80 (0.50 to 1.27)	0.34	29/259 (11.2)	34/257 (13.2)	0.82 (0.48 to 1.39)	0.46	0.91
Hospital mortality, n (%)	67/188 (35.6)	80/189 (42.3)	0.73 (0.48 to 1.11)	0.14	41/259 (15.8)	43/256 (16.8)	0.90 (0.56 to 1.45)	0.67	0.50
ICU LOS, d, median (Q1 to Q3)	13.0 (8.0 to 21.0)	14 (9.0 to 22.0)	-1.4 (-4.0 to 1.3)	0.30	13.0 (7.0 to 20.0)	13.0 (8.0 to 19.0)	-0.04 (-1.9 to 1.8)	0.96	0.39
Hospital LOS, d, median (Q1 to Q3)	29.0 (16.0 to 52.5)	35.0 (17.0 to 62.0)	-8.5 (-21.5 to 4.4)	0.20	27.0 (14.0 to 55.0)	27.0 (13.0 to 65.0)	-5.2 (-18.2 to 7.9)	0.44	0.72
Ventilation duration, d, median (Q1 to Q3)	9.0 (6.0 to 16.0)	10.0 (5.0 to 17.0)	-1.9 (-4.7 to 0.9)	0.18	9.0 (5.0 to 14.0)	9.0 (5.0 to 15.0)	-2.6 (-5.9 to 0.7)	0.13	0.72
PRBC transfusions, n (%)	81/189 (42.9)	82/189 (43.4)	1.02 (0.67 to 1.53)	0.94	60/259 (23.2)	60/257 (23.4)	0.97 (0.64 to 1.47)	0.89	0.90
Cumulative PRBC transfusion over 14 d, units, mean ± SD	0.17 ± 0.37	0.15 ± 0.25	0.01 (-0.05 to 0.08)	0.72	0.10 ± 0.20	0.10 ± 0.30	-0.02 (-0.06 to 0.02)	0.41	0.46
Hypoglycemia, n (%)	6/189 (3.2)	5/189 (2.7)	1.22 (0.37 to 4.09)	0.75	0/259 (0.0)	2/257 (0.80)	NA	NA	NA
Hypokalemia, n (%)	44/189 (23.3)	50/189 (26.5)	0.80 (0.49 to 1.28)	0.34	57/259 (22.0)	41/257(16.0)	1.48 (0.95 to 2.32)	0.08	0.06
Hypomagnesemia, n (%)	44/189 (23.3)	59/189 (31.2)	0.67 (0.42 to 1.06)	0.08	83/259 (32.1)	72/257 (28.0)	1.21 (0.83 to 1.77)	0.32	0.05
Hypophosphatemia, n (%)	108/189 (57.1)	99/189 (52.4)	1.16 (0.76 to 1.75)	0.49	159/259 (61.4)	162/257 (63.0)	0.96 (0.67 to 1.37)	0.81	0.46
Incident renal-replacement therapy, n (%)	22/153 (14.4)	35/148 (23.7)	0.45 (0.23 to 0.89)	0.02	7/253 (2.8)	10/248 (4.0)	0.55 (0.18 to 1.66)	0.29	0.61
Healthcare-associated infections, n (%)	66/189 (34.9)	73/189 (38.6)	0.85 (0.56 to 1.30)	0.46	95/259 (36.7)	96/257 (37.4)	0.99 (0.69 to 1.41)	0.94	0.60
Urinary tract infection, n (%)	28/189 (14.8)	25/189 (13.2)	1.12 (0.63 to 2.02)	0.70	17/259 (6.6)	23/257 (9.0)	0.72 (0.37 to 1.37)	0.31	0.36
Catheter-related bloodstream infection, n (%)	2/189 (1.1)	8/189 (4.2)	0.24 (0.05 to 1.16)	0.08	9/259 (3.5)	11/257 (4.3)	0.81 (0.33 to 1.98)	0.64	0.19
Ventilator-associated pneumonia, n (%)	25/189 (13.2)	33/189 (17.5)	0.72 (0.41 to 1.27)	0.25	56/259 (21.6)	57/257 (22.2)	0.99 (0.65 to 1.51)	0.95	0.41
ICU-associated severe sepsis or septic shock, n (%)	1/189 (0.5)	1/189 (0.5)	1.7 (0.09 to 33.17)	0.73	2/259 (0.8)	1/257 (0.4)	1.99 (0.18 to 22.11)	0.57	0.73
Feeding intolerance, n (%)	36/189 (19.1)	37/189 (19.6)	0.97 (0.58 to 1.61)	0.90	31/259 (12.0)	42/257 (16.3)	0.71 (0.43 to 1.17)	0.18	0.34
Diarrhea, n (%)	55/189 (29.1)	66/189 (34.9)	0.77 (0.50 to 1.18)	0.23	42/259 (16.2)	51/257 (19.8)	0.75 (0.48 to 1.18)	0.22	0.86

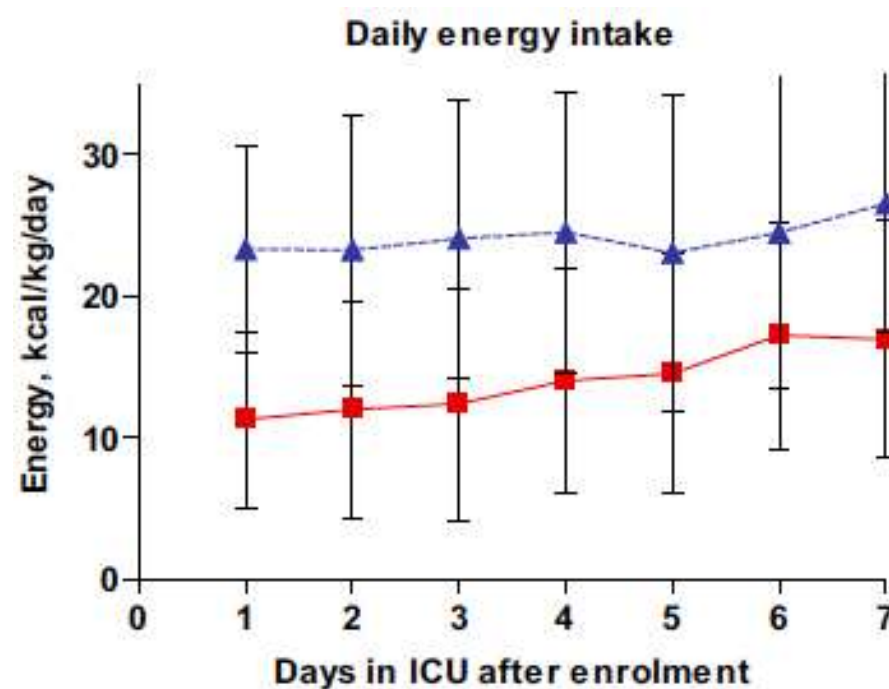
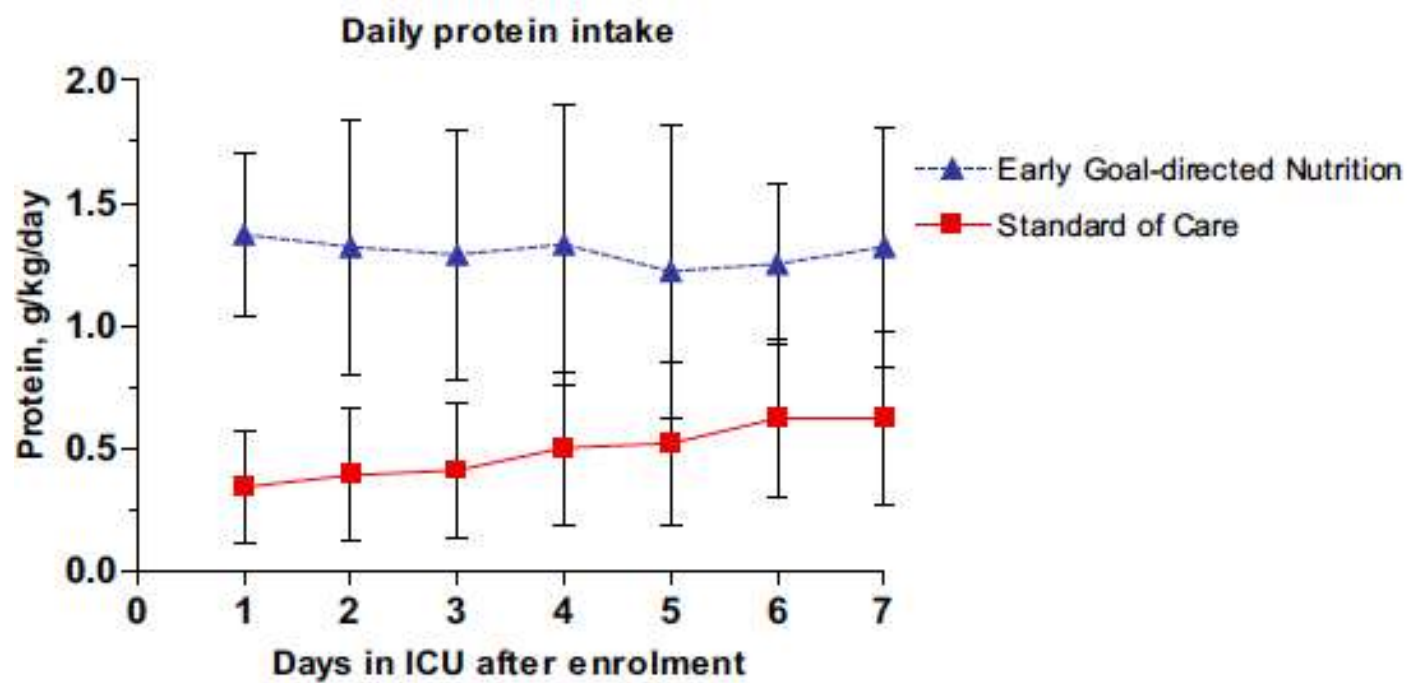
Early goal-directed nutrition versus standard of care in adult intensive care patients: the single-centre, randomised, outcome assessor-blinded EAT-ICU trial

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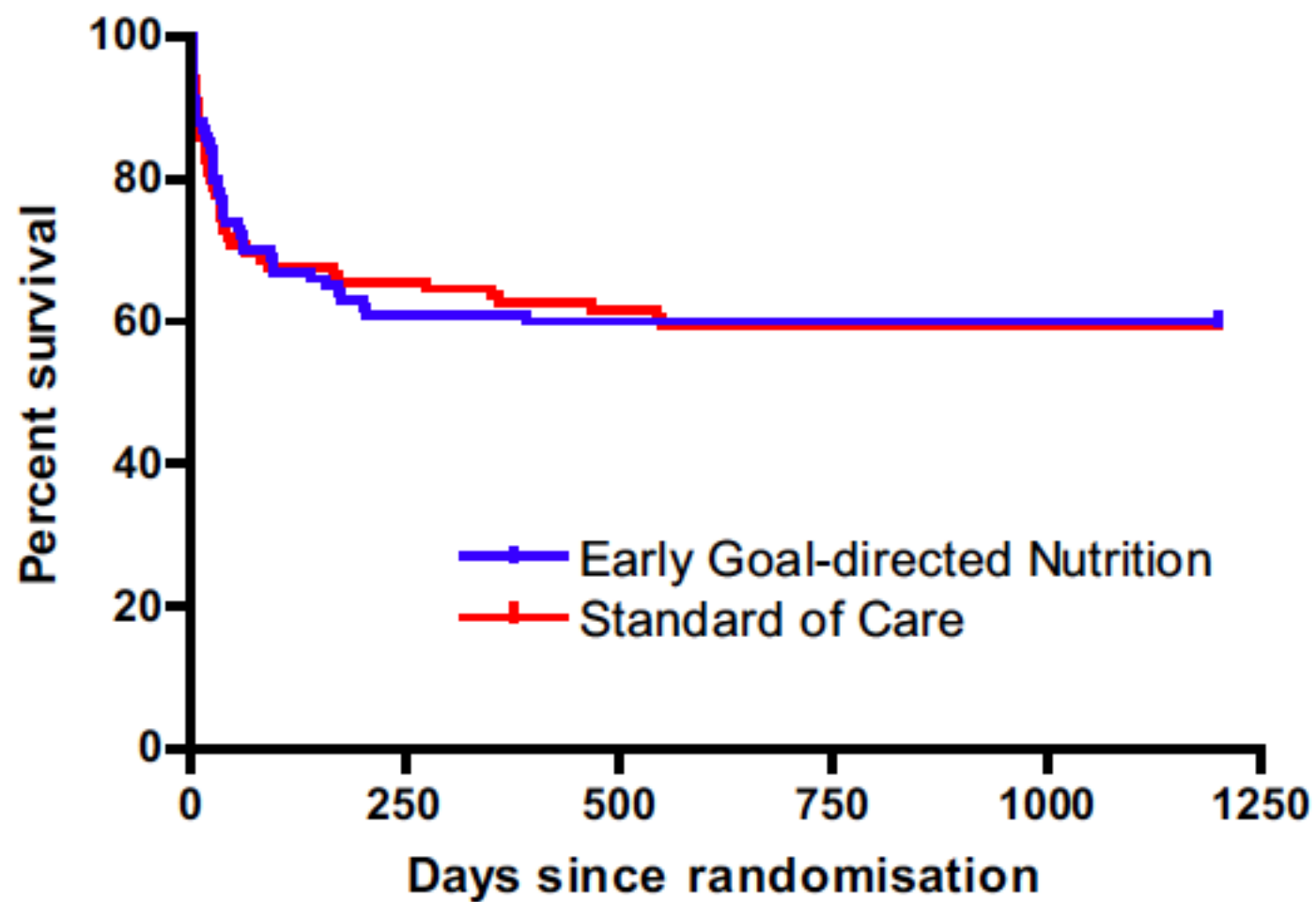
Methods: We randomised acutely admitted, mechanically ventilated ICU patients expected to stay longer than 3 days in the ICU. In the EGDN group we estimated nutritional requirements by indirect calorimetry and 24-h urinary urea aiming at covering 100% of requirements from the first full trial day using enteral and parenteral nutrition. In the standard of care group we aimed at providing 25 kcal/kg/day by enteral nutrition. If this was not met by day 7, patients were supplemented with parenteral nutrition. The primary outcome was physical component summary (PCS) score of SF-36 at 6 months. We performed multiple imputation for data of the non-responders.

Admission type, no. (%)		
Medical	52 (52%)	43 (43%)
Emergency surgery	43 (43%)	53 (54%)
Elective surgery	5 (5%)	3 (3%)
Diagnoses and procedures, no. (%)		
Haematologic malignancy ^F	13 (13%)	12 (12%)
Multiple trauma	8 (8%)	10 (10%)
Severe sepsis	47 (47%)	47 (47%)
Dialysis on admission	6 (6%)	5 (5%)
Mechanical ventilation	100 (100%)	99 (100%)
Days in hospital before ICU admission, days	0.9 (0.2–4.1)	1.1 (0.2–4.8)
Time from ICU admission to randomisation, h	14 (10–20)	13 (7–20)

Variable	Early goal-directed nutrition (N = 100)	Standard of care (N = 99)
Measured ^a energy requirement, kcal/day	2069 (1816–2380)	1887 (1674–2244)
Calculated ^b energy requirement, kcal/day	1950 (1750–2125)	1875 (1650–2100)
Energy intake, kcal/day	1877 (1567–2254)	1061 (745–1470)
Energy balance ^c , kcal/day	–66 (–157 to –6)	–787 (–1223 to –333)
Measured ^d protein requirement, g/kg/day	1.63 (1.36–2.05)	1.16 (0.89–1.62)
Protein intake, g/kg/day	1.47 (1.13–1.69)	0.50 (0.29–0.69)



Primary outcome measure	Early goal-directed nutrition (N = 100)	Standard of care (N = 99)	Adjusted mean difference (95% CI)	p value
PCS score at 6 months adjusted for presence of haematologic malignancy, mean (SD)	22.9 (21.8)	23.0 (22.3)	-0.0 ^a (-5.9 to 5.8)	0.99
Secondary outcome measures	Early goal-directed nutrition (N = 100)	Standard of care (N = 99)	Relative risk or mean difference (95% CI)	p value
Vital status, no. (%)				
Dead at day 28	20 (20%)	21 (21%)	0.94 (0.55-1.63)	0.83
Dead at day 90	30 (30%)	32 (32%)	0.93 (0.61-1.40)	0.72
Dead at 6 months	37 (37%)	34 (34%)	1.08 (0.74-1.57)	0.70
Length of stay among 6-month survivors, median days (IQR)				
ICU	7 (5-22)	7 (4-11)	NA	0.21
Hospital	30 (12-53)	34 (14-53)	NA	1.00
Percentage of days alive without life support at day 90, median (IQR)				
RRT	100% (97-100)	100% (97-100)	NA	0.64
Mechanical ventilation	86% (39-96)	92% (56-96)	NA	0.27
Inotrope/vasopressor support	96% (82-98)	96% (84-98)	NA	0.67
Time to new organ failure, mean days (SD)	5.4 (0.4)	5.9 (0.5)	NA	0.33 ^b
New organ failure in ICU, no. (%)	81 (81%)	77 (78%)	1.04 (0.90-1.20)	0.57
Time to death, mean days (SD)	60 (13)	91 (24)	NA	0.51 ^c
New use of RRT in ICU, no. (%)	22 (22%)	17 (17%)	1.28 (0.73-2.26)	0.39
Time to any infection, mean days (SD)	20 (1)	51 (9)	NA	0.80 ^b
Nosocomial infections, no. (%)				
Any	19 (19%)	12 (12%)	1.57 (0.80-3.05)	0.18 ^d



No. at risk			
EGDN	100	38	10
Std. of Care	99	41	8

In conclusion

- Early full feeding also increases the risk of refeeding
- Too low intake, below 50%, may lead to severe calorie debt and empty the energy reserves, reduce lean body mass and may increase infectious complications
- Optimal amount appeared to be between 70 and 100% of measured EE

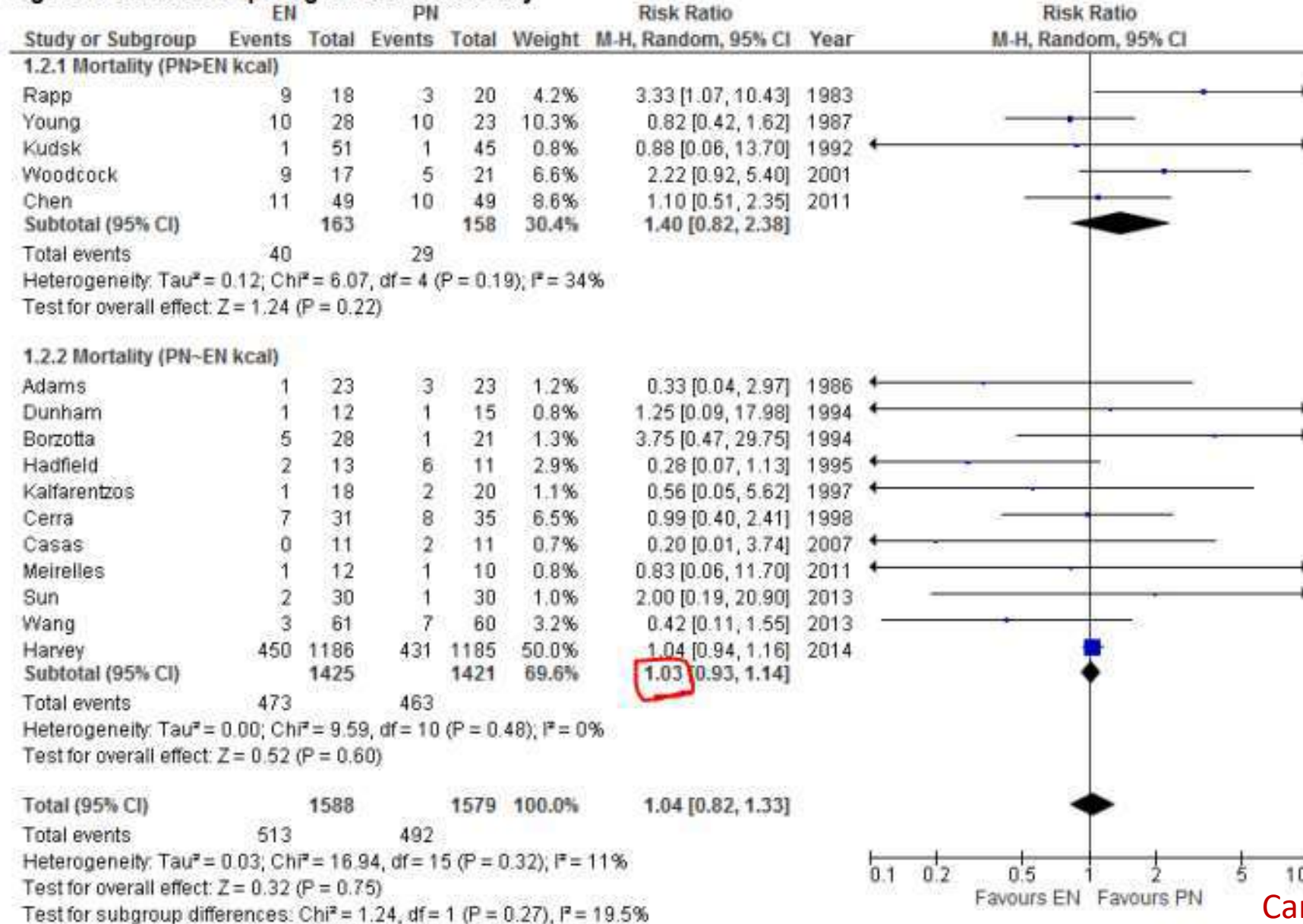
EN vs PN ?

EN vs PN – summary of evidences

- No benefit in mortality.
- Increase in number of infectious complication with use of PN
- EN associated with significant reduction in ICU days compared to PN
- But no difference in hospital length of stay or ventilator days
- EN associated with increased vomiting

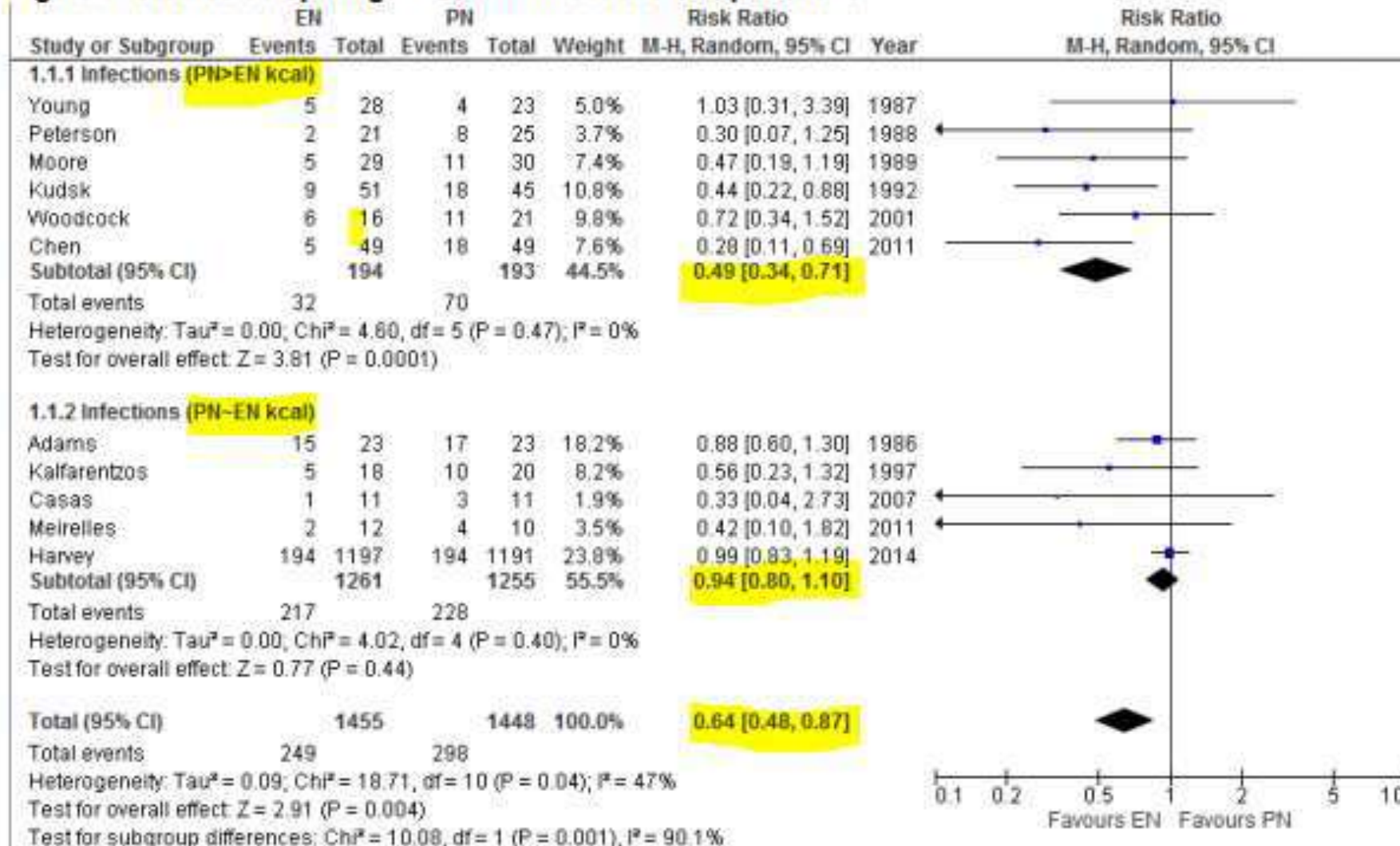
EN vs PN mortality

Figure 1. Studies comparing EN vs PN: Mortality



Infectious complication EN vs PN

Figure 3. Studies comparing EN vs PN: Infectious complications

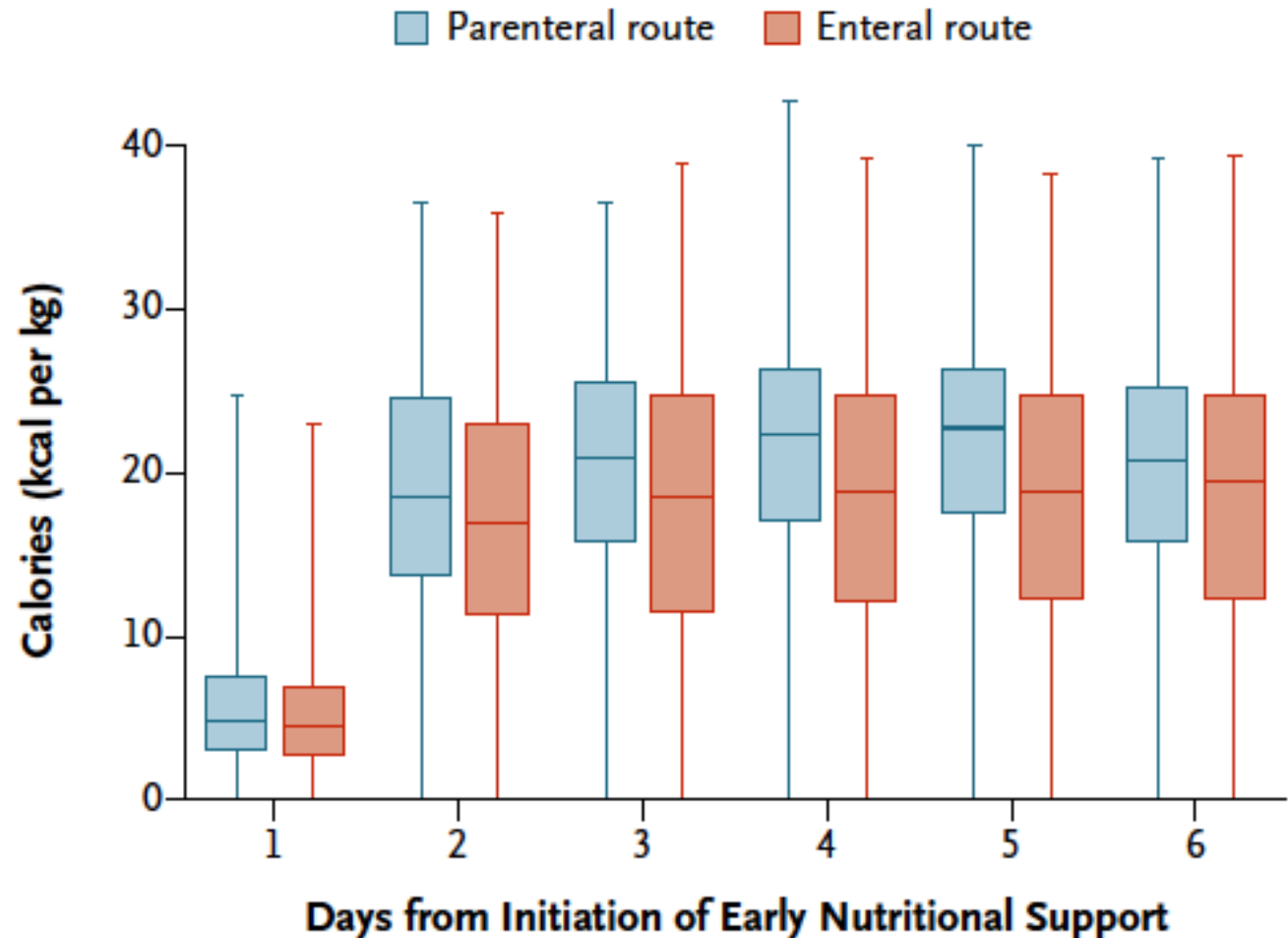


Trial of the Route of Early Nutritional Support in Critically Ill Adults

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- Pragmatic, randomized trial
- EN vs PN with in 36 hrs x5
- N=2388

C Caloric Intake



Outcome	Parenteral Group (N=1191)	Enteral Group (N=1197)	Absolute Difference between Groups (95% CI)	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
Primary outcome: death within 30 days — no./total no. (%)	393/1188 (33.1)	409/1195 (34.2)	1.15 (-2.65 to 4.94) [†]	0.97 (0.86 to 1.08) [‡]	0.57 [§]
Secondary outcomes					
No. of days alive and free of specified organ support up to 30 days [¶]					
Free of advanced respiratory support	14.3±12.1	14.3±12.2	0.04 (-0.94 to 1.01)		0.94
Free of advanced cardiovascular support	18.9±13.5	18.5±13.6	0.41 (-0.63 to 1.53)		0.44
Free of renal support	19.1±13.9	18.8±14.0	0.26 (-0.85 to 1.47)		0.66
Free of neurologic support	19.2±13.8	18.9±14.0	0.34 (-0.81 to 1.36)		0.57
Free of gastrointestinal support	13.0±11.7	13.2±11.8	-0.12 (-1.05 to 0.80)		0.81
No. of treated infectious complications per patient	0.22±0.60	0.21±0.56	0.01 (-0.04 to 0.06)		0.72
Noninfectious complications — no./total no. (%)					

Outcome	Parenteral Group (N=1191)	Enteral Group (N=1197)	Absolute Difference between Groups (95% CI)	Relative Risk (95% CI)	P Value
Noninfectious complications — no./total no. (%)					
Episodes of hypoglycemia	44/1191 (3.7)**	74/1197 (6.2)††	2.49 (0.75 to 4.22)†		0.006‡
Elevated liver enzymes	212/1191 (17.8)	179/1197 (15.0)	-2.85 (-5.81 to 0.12)†		0.07‡
Nausea requiring treatment	44/1191 (3.7)	53/1197 (4.4)	0.73 (-0.85 to 2.32)†		0.41‡
Abdominal distention	78/1191 (6.5)	99/1197 (8.3)	1.72 (-0.38 to 3.82)†		0.12‡
Vomiting	100/1191 (8.4)	194/1197 (16.2)	7.81 (5.20 to 10.43)†		<0.001‡
New or substantially worsened pressure ulcers	181/1190 (15.2)	179/1195 (15.0)	-0.23 (-3.10 to 2.64)†		0.91‡
Median no. of days in the ICU (IQR)‡‡	8.1 (4.0–15.8)	7.3 (3.9–14.3)			0.15
Median no. of days in acute care hospital (IQR)‡‡	17 (8–34)	16 (8–33)			0.32
Death — no./total no. (%)¶¶					
In the ICU	317/1190 (26.6)	352/1197 (29.4)		0.91 (0.80 to 1.03)	0.13‡
In acute care hospital	431/1185 (36.4)	450/1186 (37.9)		0.96 (0.86 to 1.06)	0.44‡
By 90 days	442/1184 (37.3)	464/1188 (39.1)		0.96 (0.86 to 1.06)	0.40‡

What if early EN is
contraindicated?

Should we start PN?

Early Parenteral Nutrition in Critically Ill Patients With Short-term Relative Contraindications to Early Enteral Nutrition

A Randomized Controlled Trial

- Standard care vs early PN
- Standard care-EN,PN, at =2,8 days
- Early PN-44 min after enrollment
- Multicenter study
- n=1372

Source of admission to ICU, No. (%) ^b		
Operating room	430 (63.0)	464 (68.1)
Other hospital	91 (13.3)	70 (10.3)
Emergency department	88 (12.9)	70 (10.3)
Hospital ward	71 (10.4)	72 (10.6)
Transfer from ICU	2 (0.3)	5 (0.7)
ICU readmission	0	0

Table 2. Mortality, Quality of Life, and Length of Stay

	Standard Care (n = 680) ^a	Early PN (n = 678) ^a	Risk Difference, % (95% CI)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Deaths before study day 60, No. (%)	155 (22.8)	146 (21.5)	-1.26 (-6.6 to 4.1)	0.93 (0.71 to 1.21)	.60
Covariate-adjusted deaths before study day 60 ^b			0.04 (-4.2 to 4.3)	1.00 (0.76 to 1.31)	>.99
Quality of life and physical function, mean (SD) ^c	(n = 525)	(n = 532)	Difference (95% CI)		
RAND-36 general health status ^d	45.5 (26.8) (n = 516)	49.8 (27.6) (n = 525)	4.3 (0.95 to 7.58)		
ECOG performance status ^e	1.53 (1.1) (n = 516)	1.51 (1.1) (n = 525)	-0.02 (-0.15 to 0.11)		
RAND-36 physical function ^f	40.7 (29.6) (n = 513)	42.5 (30.8) (n = 524)	1.8 (-1.85 to 5.52)		
Discharge status and length of stay	(n = 682)	(n = 681)	Difference (95% CI)		
ICU stay, mean (95% CI), d	9.3 (8.9 to 9.7)	8.6 (8.2 to 9.0)	-0.75 (-1.47 to 0.04)		
Deaths before ICU discharge, No. (%)	100 (14.66)	81 (11.89)	-2.77% (-8.08% to 2.52%)		
Hospital stay, mean (95% CI), d	24.7 (23.7 to 25.8)	25.4 (24.4 to 26.6)	0.7 (-1.4 to 3.1)		
Deaths before hospital discharge, No. (%)	151 (22.1)	140 (20.6)	-1.58% (-6.91% to 3.69%)		

Abbreviations: APACHE, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation; ECOG, Eastern Collaborative Oncology Group; ICU, intensive care unit; PN, parenteral nutrition.

^aFive patients (2 standard care, 3 early PN) who were alive at hospital discharge prior to day 60 could not be contacted on study day 60 to determine vital status. These patients were considered "missing at random" for the intention-to-treat primary and adjusted primary outcome analysis.

^bCovariate model controlled for confounding due to age, gender, body mass index, APACHE II score, chronic liver disease, chronic respiratory disease, and source of admission.

^cResponses available for analysis as reported by survivors at day-60 interview.

^dScored on a scale from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating better general health status.

^eScores range from 0 to 4, with lower scores indicating fewer physical limitations.

^fScored on a scale from 0 to 100, with higher scores indicating better physical function.

Table 3. Clinically Significant Organ Failure and Concomitant Interventions, Adjusted for Time at Risk (ICU Stay)^a

	Mean (95% CI), Days per 10 Patient × ICU Days		Mean Difference (95% CI), Days per 10 Patient × ICU Days	P Value ^b
	Standard Care (n = 682)	Early PN (n = 681)		
Organ system failures ^c				
Renal	1.66 (1.51 to 1.82)	1.65 (1.51 to 1.81)	-0.01 (-0.28 to 0.33)	.98
Pulmonary	8.51 (8.34 to 8.69)	8.54 (8.37 to 8.71)	0.03 (-0.31 to 0.37)	.88
Hepatic	1.14 (1.09 to 1.20)	1.08 (1.03 to 1.14)	-0.06 (-0.16 to 0.06)	.15
Coagulation	2.23 (2.09 to 2.38)	1.89 (1.78 to 2.02)	-0.34 (-0.57 to -0.08)	.01
Cardiovascular	1.16 (1.05 to 1.27)	0.99 (0.89 to 1.09)	-0.17 (-0.34 to 0.04)	.11
MODs	4.04 (3.85 to 4.25)	3.93 (3.74 to 4.13)	-0.11 (-0.48 to 0.29)	.59
No. of organ failures ^d	1.47 (1.44 to 1.51)	1.42 (1.39 to 1.46)	-0.05 (-0.12 to 0.02)	.12
Concomitant therapies and tertiary outcomes				
Renal replacement therapy	0.99 (0.82 to 1.81)	0.80 (0.67 to 0.96)	-0.19 (-0.42 to 0.16)	.25
Invasive mechanical ventilation	7.73 (7.55 to 7.92)	7.26 (7.09 to 7.44)	-0.47 (-0.82 to -0.11)	.01
Pressure ulcer treatment ^e	0.87 (0.74 to 1.02)	0.78 (0.67 to 0.92)	-0.09 (-0.30 to 0.22)	.54
Low serum albumin (<2.5 g/dL)	5.47 (5.28 to 5.67)	5.76 (5.56 to 5.97)	0.29 (-0.10 to 0.71)	.15
Systemic antibiotic use	7.95 (7.78 to 8.12)	8.05 (7.88 to 8.22)	0.10 (-0.23 to 0.45)	.55
Witnessed aspiration ^f	1.59 (0.98 to 2.54)	1.96 (1.21 to 3.13)	0.37 (-0.80 to 3.45)	.66
With new pulmonary infiltrates ^f	0.48 (0.20 to 1.15)	0.71 (0.30 to 1.72)	0.23 (-0.36 to 0.37)	.65

Abbreviations: ICU, intensive care unit; MODs, multiple organ dysfunction syndrome; PN, parenteral nutrition.

^aThese measures are reported as crude counts, not adjusted for time at risk (ICU stay), in eTable 5.

^bP values from negative binomial model, controlled for duration of risk (ICU stay).

^cOrgan failure was defined using the following measures: renal failure, creatinine >2.0 mg/dL; pulmonary failure, PaO₂:FiO₂ ratio <301; hepatic failure, total bilirubin >2.0 mg/dL; coagulation failure, platelets <81 × 10⁹/L; cardiovascular failure, systolic blood pressure <90 mm Hg, not fluid responsive; MODs, ≥2 organ system failures on the same day.

^dPer patient per ICU day.

^eTreatment for stage 1 or greater.

^fEvents per 1000 patient × ICU days.

Table 4. New Infections During Study

Patients With New Infections ^a	No. (%)		Risk Difference (Exact 95% CI)	Exact P Value ^b
	Standard Care (n = 682)	Early PN (n = 681)		
Catheter ^c	32 (4.69)	31 (4.55)	−0.14 (−5.45 to 5.12)	>.99
Catheter tip ^c	28 (4.11)	26 (3.82)	−0.29 (−5.60 to 5.01)	.89
Surgical wound	27 (3.96)	22 (3.23)	−0.73 (−6.04 to 4.57)	.56
Bloodstream	33 (4.84)	39 (5.73)	0.89 (−4.43 to 6.18)	.47
Abdominal	3 (0.44)	6 (0.88)	0.44 (−4.89 to 5.74)	.34
Clinically significant UTI	1 (0.15)	2 (0.29)	0.15 (−5.16 to 5.45)	.62
Airway or lung ^d	123 (18.04)	101 (14.83)	−3.20 (−8.52 to 2.08)	.12
CPIS-probable pneumonia ^e	96 (14.08)	81 (11.89)	−2.18 (−7.50 to 3.11)	.26
CPIS-confirmed pneumonia ^f	45 (6.60)	43 (6.31)	−0.28 (−5.60 to 5.01)	.91
Any major infection ^g	78 (11.4)	74 (10.9)	−0.57 (−5.89 to 4.72)	.80

Parenteral Nutrition

When should we start?

- EpaNIC
- N=4640, RCT
- Supplemental PN
- Day 1 vs day 8

Early versus Late Parenteral Nutrition in Critically Ill Adults

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Variable	Late-Initiation Group (N= 2328)	Early-Initiation Group (N= 2312)	P Value
Safety outcome			
Vital status — no. (%)			
Discharged live from ICU within 8 days	1750 (75.2)	1658 (71.7)	0.007
Death			
In ICU	141 (6.1)	146 (6.3)	0.76
In hospital	242 (10.4)	251 (10.9)	0.63
Within 90 days after enrollment†	257 (11.2)	255 (11.2)	1.00
Nutrition-related complication — no. (%)			
Hypoglycemia during intervention — no. (%)‡	81 (3.5)	45 (1.9)	0.001
Primary outcome			
Duration of stay in ICU§			
Median (interquartile range) — days	3 (2–7)	4 (2–9)	0.02
Duration >3 days — no. (%)	1117 (48.0)	1185 (51.3)	0.02
Hazard ratio (95% CI) for time to discharge alive from ICU	1.06 (1.00–1.13)		0.04

Primary outcome**Duration of stay in ICU§**

Median (interquartile range) — days	3 (2–7)	4 (2–9)	0.02
Duration >3 days — no. (%)	1117 (48.0)	1185 (51.3)	0.02
Hazard ratio (95% CI) for time to discharge alive from ICU	1.06 (1.00–1.13)		0.04

Secondary outcome**New infection — no. (%)**

Any	531 (22.8)	605 (26.2)	0.008
Airway or lung	381 (16.4)	447 (19.3)	0.009
Bloodstream	142 (6.1)	174 (7.5)	0.05
Wound	64 (2.7)	98 (4.2)	0.006
Urinary tract	60 (2.6)	72 (3.1)	0.28

Inflammation

Median peak C-reactive protein level during ICU stay (interquartile range) — mg/liter	190.6 (100.8–263.2)	159.7 (84.3–243.5)	<0.001
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Mechanical ventilation

Median duration (interquartile range) — days	2 (1–5)	2 (1–5)	0.02
Duration >2 days — no. (%)	846 (36.3)	930 (40.2)	0.006
Hazard ratio (95% CI) for time to definitive weaning from ventilation	1.06 (0.99–1.12)		0.07

Tracheostomy — no. (%)	134 (5.8)	162 (7.0)	0.08
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Variable	Late-Initiation Group (N = 2328)	Early-Initiation Group (N = 2312)	P Value
Kidney failure			
Modified RIFLE category — no. (%)¶	104 (4.6)	131 (5.8)	0.06
Renal-replacement therapy — no. (%)	201 (8.6)	205 (8.9)	0.77
Median duration of renal-replacement therapy (interquartile range) — days	7 (3–16)	10 (5–23)	0.008
Duration of hospital stay			
Median (interquartile range) — days	14 (9–27)	16 (9–29)	0.004
Duration >15 days — no. (%)	1060 (45.5)	1159 (50.1)	0.001
Hazard ratio (95% CI) for time to discharge alive from hospital	1.06 (1.00–1.13)		0.04
Functional status at hospital discharge			
Distance on 6-min walk test			
No. of patients evaluated	624	603	
Distance (interquartile range) — m	277 (210–345)	283 (205–336)	0.57
Activities of daily living			
No. of patients evaluated	1060	996	
Independent in all activities — no. (%)	779 (73.5)	752 (75.5)	0.31
Mean total incremental health care cost (interquartile range) — €	16,863 (8,793–17,774)	17,973 (8,749–18,677)	0.04

In conclusion-in early initiation group

- Fewer discharges
- Long ICU LOS
- More new infections
- More inflammation
- More time on vent
- More renal failure
- Cost more money

Guidelines for the Provision and Assessment of Nutrition Support Therapy in the Adult Critically Ill Patient: Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) and American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (A.S.P.E.N.)

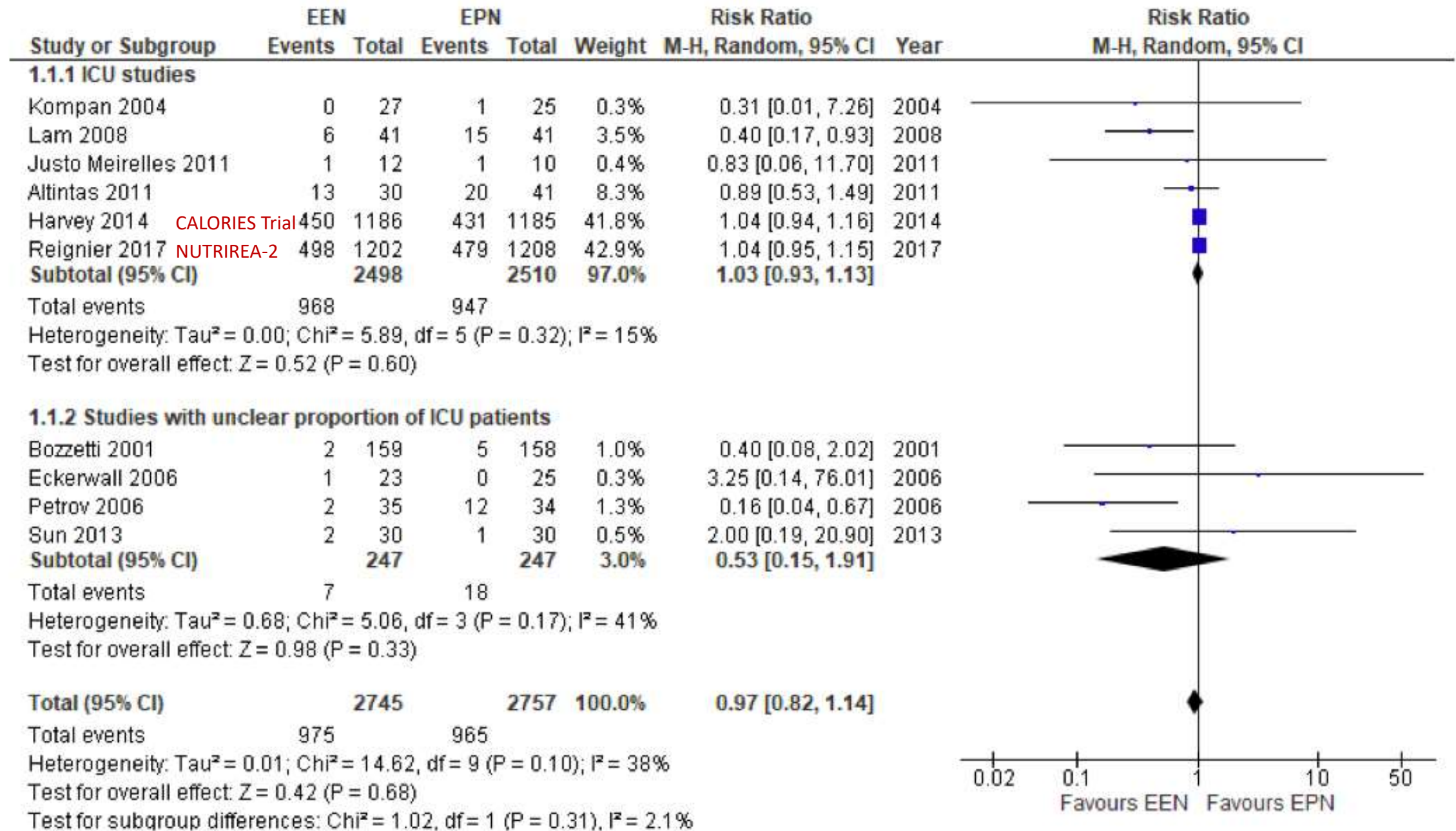
Adequately nourished critically ill patients

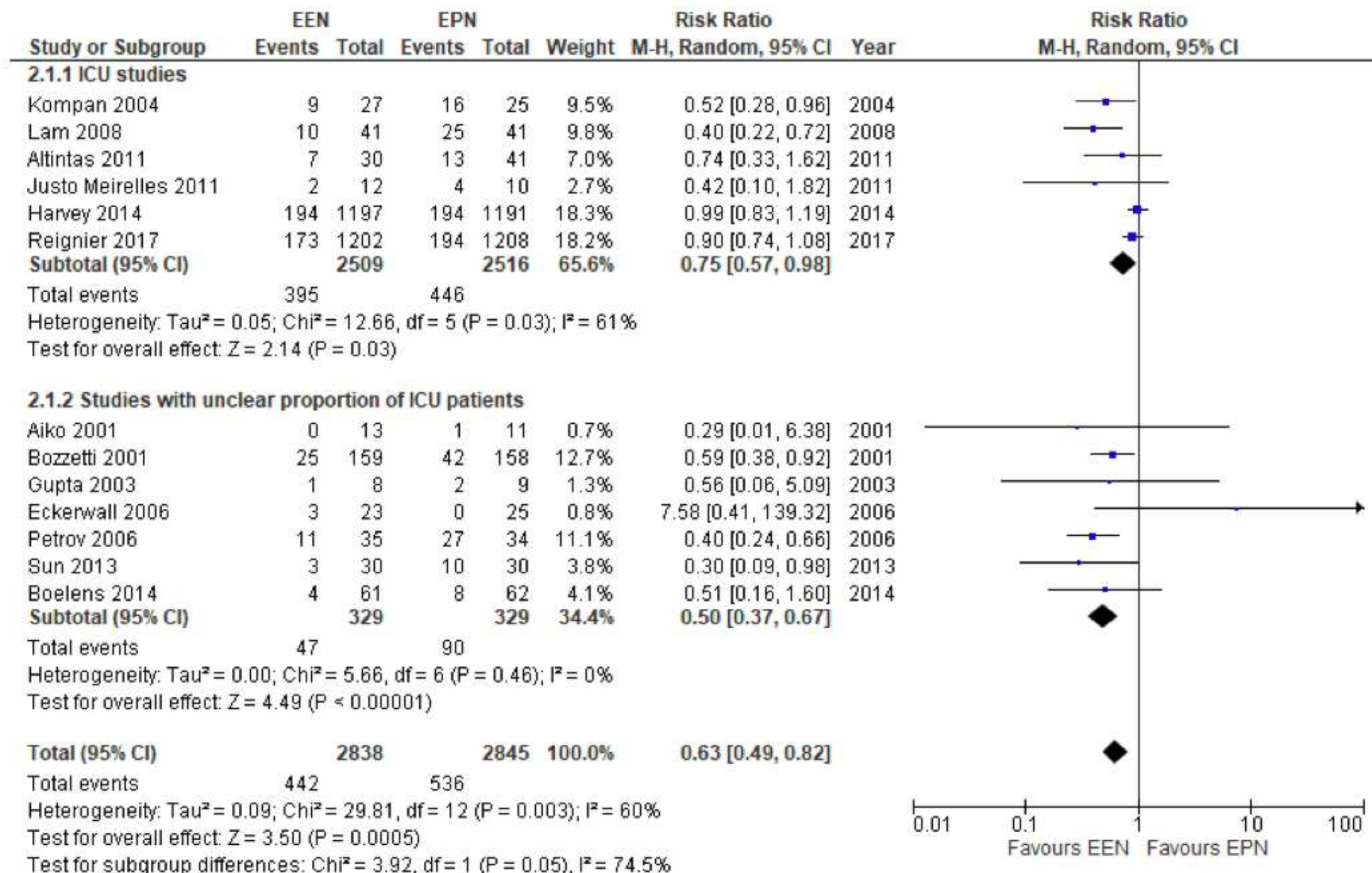
- No PN within the first 7 days
- Associated with unnecessary costs
- < 7 days of an ICU stay associated with harm, or at best no benefit, in terms of survival and ICU length of stay

Severely malnourished

- may benefit from earlier PN

Early EN vs Early PN ?





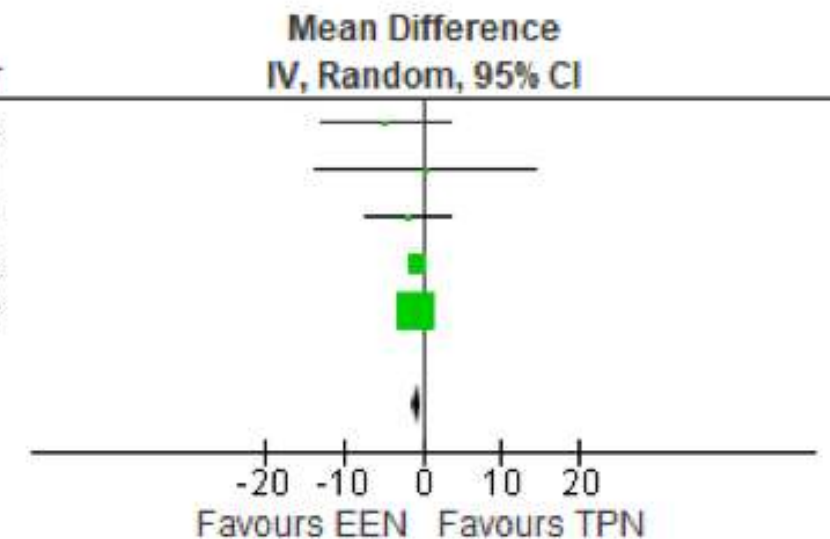
early EN vs early PN ?

II., Figure 3: Intensive Care Unit Length of Stay (Includes Meta-analysis II A only)

Study or Subgroup	EEN			EPN			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
Kompan 2004	15.9	9.7	27	20.6	18.5	25	0.5%	-4.70 [-12.82, 3.42]	2004
Justo Meirelles 2011	15	17.6	12	14.7	15.5	10	0.2%	0.30 [-13.54, 14.14]	2011
Altintas 2011	15.3	10.1	30	17	13	41	1.1%	-1.70 [-7.08, 3.68]	2011
Harvey 2014	11.3	12.5	1197	12	13.5	1190	29.5%	-0.70 [-1.74, 0.34]	2014
Reignier 2017	10	8.2	1202	10.7	8.9	1208	68.8%	-0.70 [-1.38, -0.02]	2017
Total (95% CI)			2468			2474	100.0%	-0.73 [-1.30, -0.16]	

Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 1.07, df = 4 (P = 0.90); I² = 0%

Test for overall effect: Z = 2.52 (P = 0.01)



early EN vs early PN ?

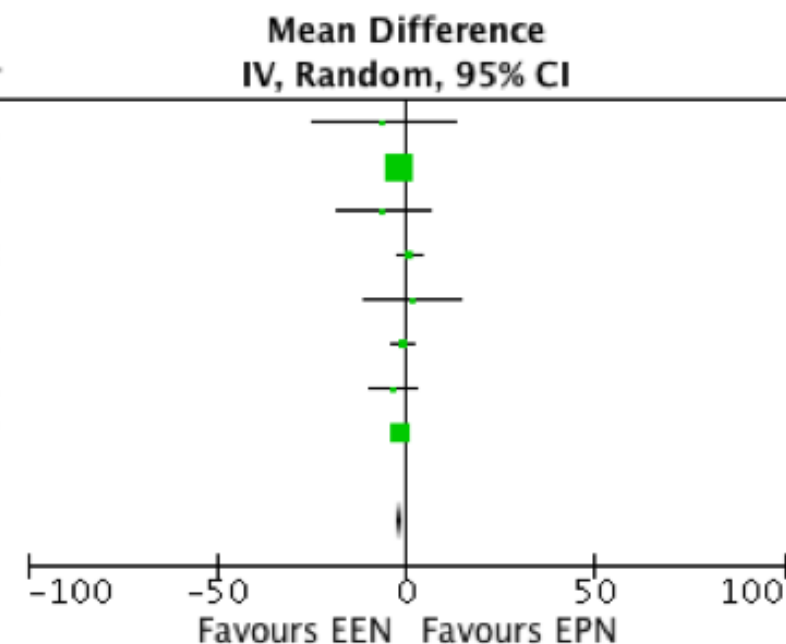
Intermittent vs continuous

II., Figure 4: Hospital Length of Stay (Includes Meta-analyses II A and II B)

Study or Subgroup	EEN			EPN			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
Aiko 2001	34	14.4	13	40	29.8	11	0.2%	-6.00 [-25.27, 13.27]	2001
Bozzetti 2001	13.4	4.1	159	15	5.6	158	52.8%	-1.60 [-2.68, -0.52]	2001
Gupta 2003	8.3	8.9	8	14.3	16.6	9	0.4%	-6.00 [-18.48, 6.48]	2003
Eckerwall 2006	10	5.5	23	9	6.3	25	5.5%	1.00 [-2.34, 4.34]	2006
Altintas 2011	32.9	30.2	30	31	22.3	41	0.4%	1.90 [-10.88, 14.68]	2011
Harvey 2014	26.8	33.2	1197	27.5	33.9	1191	8.5%	-0.70 [-3.39, 1.99]	2014
Boelens 2014	13.5	17.2	61	16.7	18.1	62	1.6%	-3.20 [-9.44, 3.04]	2014
Reignier 2017	19	17.8	1202	20	17.8	1208	30.6%	-1.00 [-2.42, 0.42]	2017
Total (95% CI)			2693			2705	100.0%	-1.23 [-2.02, -0.45]	

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 3.82$, $df = 7$ ($P = 0.80$); $I^2 = 0\%$

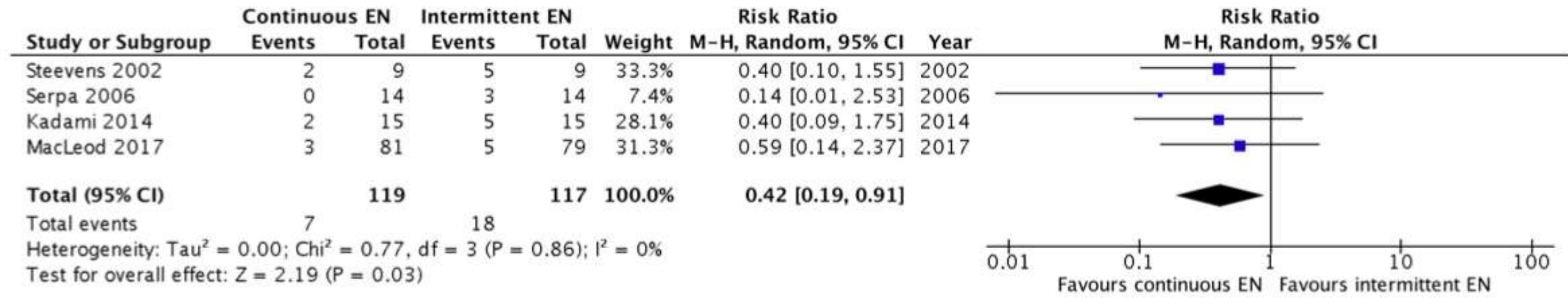
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.07$ ($P = 0.002$)



Intermittent vs continuous ?

Intermittent vs continuous

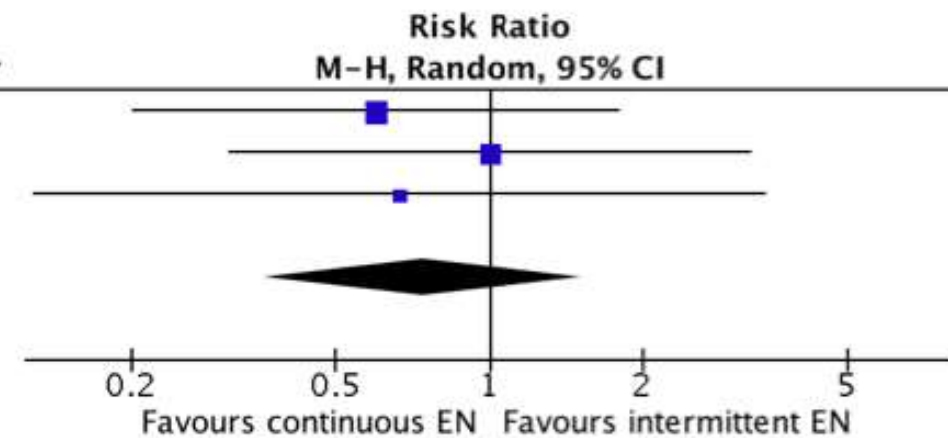
III., Figure 1: Diarrhea



Intermittent vs continuous

III., Figure 2: High Gastric Residual Volumes

Study or Subgroup	Continuous EN		Intermittent EN		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
Steevens 2002	3	9	5	9	43.2%	0.60 [0.20, 1.79]	2002
Serpa 2006	4	14	4	14	37.6%	1.00 [0.31, 3.23]	2006
Kadami 2014	2	15	3	15	19.2%	0.67 [0.13, 3.44]	2014
Total (95% CI)		38		38	100.0%	0.74 [0.36, 1.52]	
Total events	9		12				
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 0.41$, $df = 2$ ($P = 0.81$); $I^2 = 0\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.81$ ($P = 0.42$)							

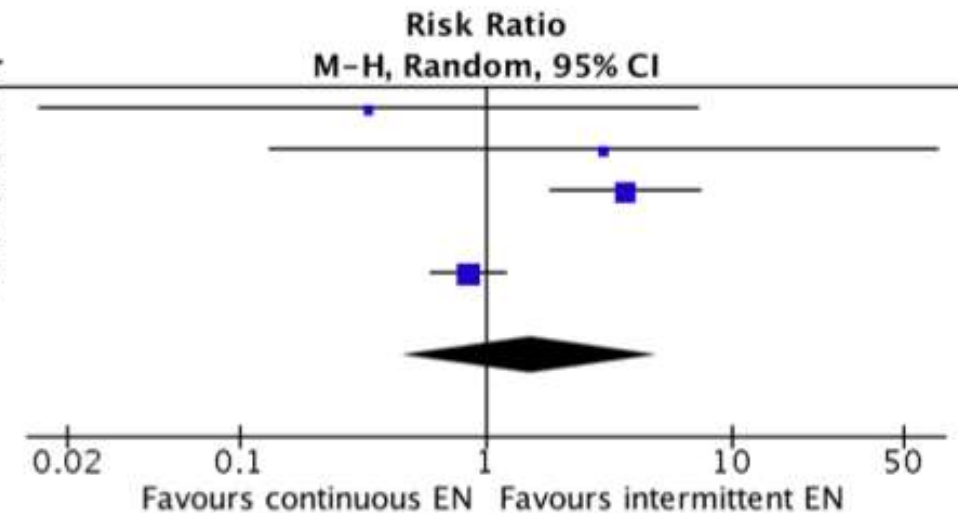


Intermittent vs continuous

III., Figure 3: Aspiration or pneumonia

Study or Subgroup	Continuous EN		Intermittent EN		Weight	Risk Ratio	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Random, 95% CI	
Steevens 2002	0	9	1	9	11.2%	0.33 [0.02, 7.24]	2002
Serpa 2006	1	14	0	14	11.0%	3.00 [0.13, 67.91]	2006
Chen 2006	26	51	8	58	37.0%	3.70 [1.84, 7.42]	2006
Kadami 2014	0	15	0	15		Not estimable	2014
MacLeod 2017	33	81	38	79	40.8%	0.85 [0.60, 1.20]	2017
Total (95% CI)		170		175	100.0%	1.51 [0.45, 5.03]	

Total events 60 47
 Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.89$; $\chi^2 = 15.44$, $df = 3$ ($P = 0.001$); $I^2 = 81\%$
 Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.67$ ($P = 0.50$)

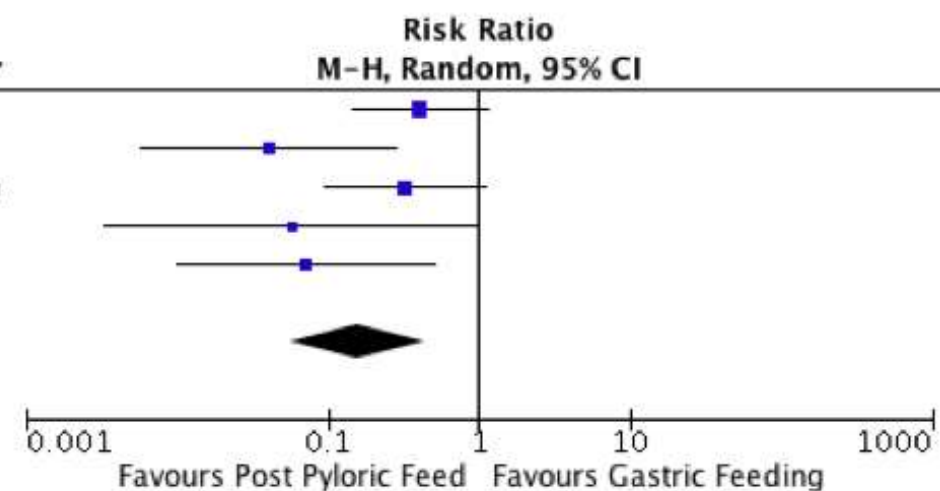


Gastric vs post pyloric feeding ?

Gastric vs post pyloric feeding

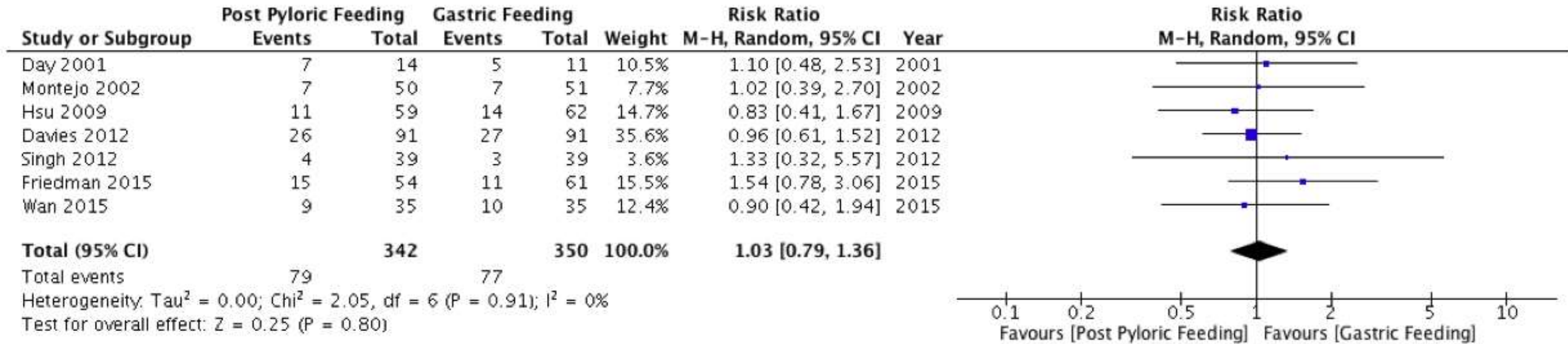
IV. Figure. Feeding Intolerance (5 RCTs, n=521)

Study or Subgroup	Post Pyloric Feeding		Gastric Feeding		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total			
Davies 2002	4	31	11	35	29.8%	0.41 [0.15, 1.16]	2002
Montejo 2002	1	50	25	51	16.8%	0.04 [0.01, 0.29]	2002
Acosta-Escribano 2010	3	50	10	54	26.6%	0.32 [0.09, 1.11]	2010
Davies 2012	0	91	8	89	10.1%	0.06 [0.00, 0.98]	2012
Wan 2015	1	35	14	35	16.7%	0.07 [0.01, 0.51]	2015
Total (95% CI)		257		264	100.0%	0.16 [0.06, 0.45]	
Total events	9		68				
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.65$; $\chi^2 = 7.94$, $df = 4$ ($P = 0.09$); $I^2 = 50\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.48$ ($P = 0.0005$)							



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IV. Figure. Diarrhea (7 RCTs, n=692)

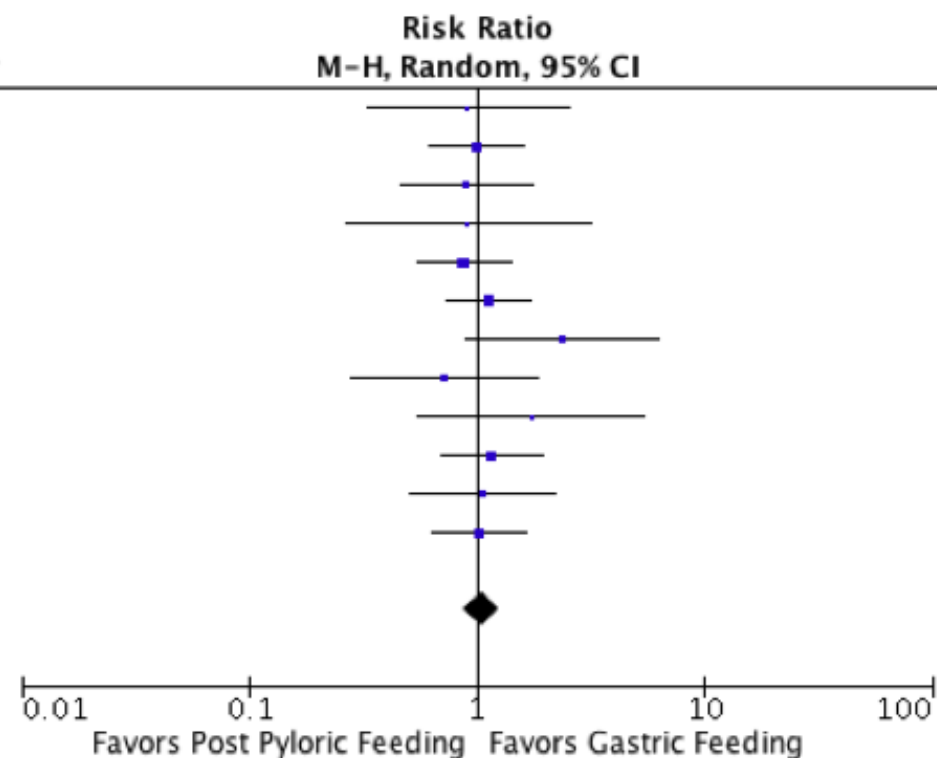


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IV. Figure. Mortality (12 RCTs, n=1148)

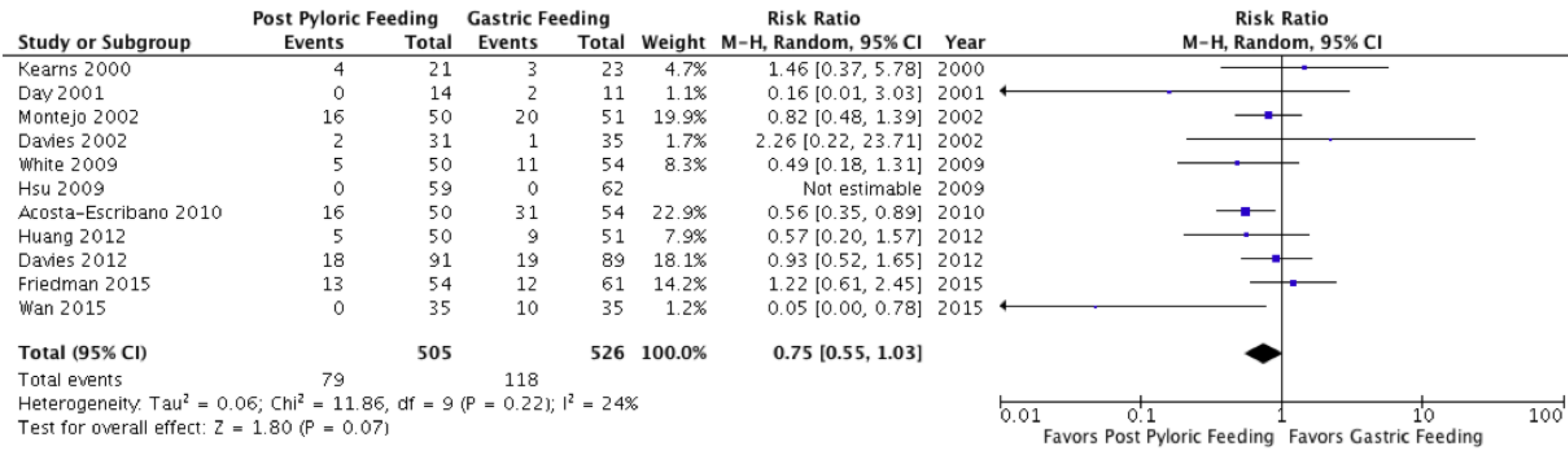
Study or Subgroup	Post Pyloric Feeding		Gastric Feeding		Weight	Risk Ratio		Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Random, 95% CI		
Kearns 2000	5	21	6	23	3.0%	0.91 [0.33, 2.55]	2000	
Boivin 2001	18	39	18	39	14.0%	1.00 [0.62, 1.62]	2001	
Esparza 2001	10	27	11	27	7.2%	0.91 [0.47, 1.78]	2001	
Davies 2002	4	34	5	39	2.1%	0.92 [0.27, 3.14]	2002	
Montejo 2002	19	50	22	51	14.3%	0.88 [0.55, 1.42]	2002	
Hsu 2009	26	59	24	62	17.8%	1.14 [0.74, 1.74]	2009	
White 2009	11	50	5	54	3.3%	2.38 [0.89, 6.36]	2009	
Acosta-Escribano 2010	6	50	9	54	3.5%	0.72 [0.28, 1.88]	2010	
Singh 2012	7	39	4	39	2.4%	1.75 [0.56, 5.50]	2012	
Huang 2012	20	48	17	48	12.5%	1.18 [0.71, 1.96]	2012	
Davies 2012	13	91	12	89	6.1%	1.06 [0.51, 2.19]	2012	
Friedman 2015	20	54	22	61	13.8%	1.03 [0.63, 1.66]	2015	
Total (95% CI)		562		586	100.0%	1.05 [0.88, 1.26]		

Total events 159 155
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 5.22$, $df = 11$ ($P = 0.92$); $I^2 = 0\%$
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.57$ ($P = 0.57$)



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IV. Figure. Pneumonia Outcome (11 RCTs, n=1031)

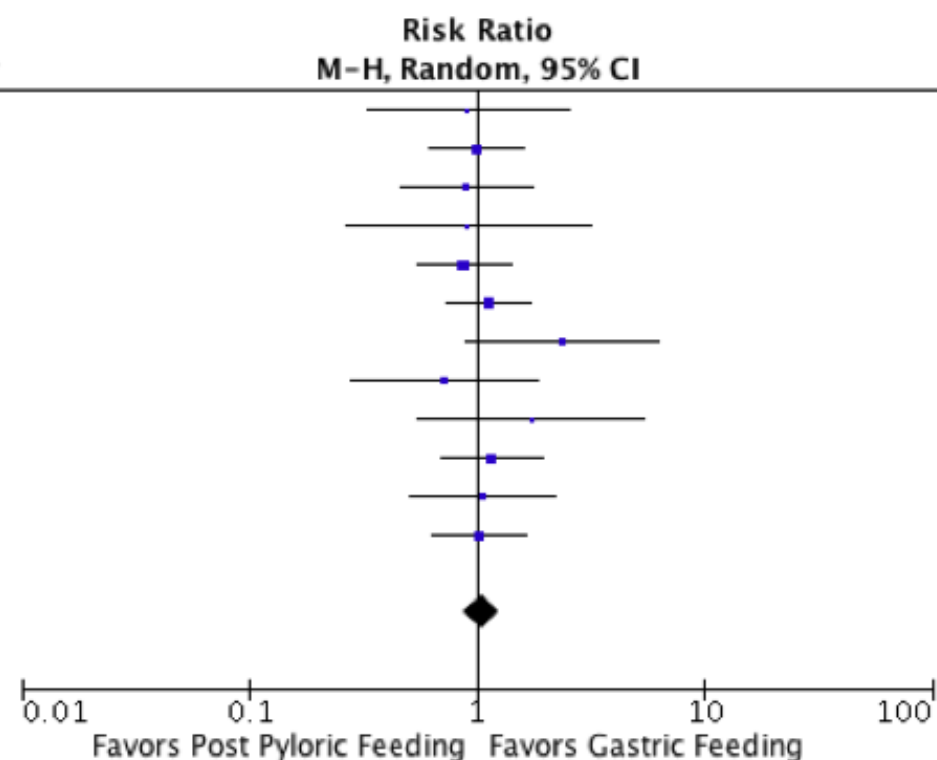


Gastric vs post pyloric feeding

IV. Figure. Mortality (12 RCTs, n=1148)

Study or Subgroup	Post Pyloric Feeding		Gastric Feeding		Weight	Risk Ratio		Year
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Random, 95% CI		
Kearns 2000	5	21	6	23	3.0%	0.91 [0.33, 2.55]	2000	
Boivin 2001	18	39	18	39	14.0%	1.00 [0.62, 1.62]	2001	
Esparza 2001	10	27	11	27	7.2%	0.91 [0.47, 1.78]	2001	
Davies 2002	4	34	5	39	2.1%	0.92 [0.27, 3.14]	2002	
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White 2009	11	50	5	54	3.3%	2.38 [0.89, 6.36]	2009	
Acosta-Escribano 2010	6	50	9	54	3.5%	0.72 [0.28, 1.88]	2010	
Singh 2012	7	39	4	39	2.4%	1.75 [0.56, 5.50]	2012	
Huang 2012	20	48	17	48	12.5%	1.18 [0.71, 1.96]	2012	
Davies 2012	13	91	12	89	6.1%	1.06 [0.51, 2.19]	2012	
Friedman 2015	20	54	22	61	13.8%	1.03 [0.63, 1.66]	2015	
Total (95% CI)		562		586	100.0%	1.05 [0.88, 1.26]		

Total events 159 155
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 5.22$, $df = 11$ ($P = 0.92$); $I^2 = 0\%$
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.57$ ($P = 0.57$)



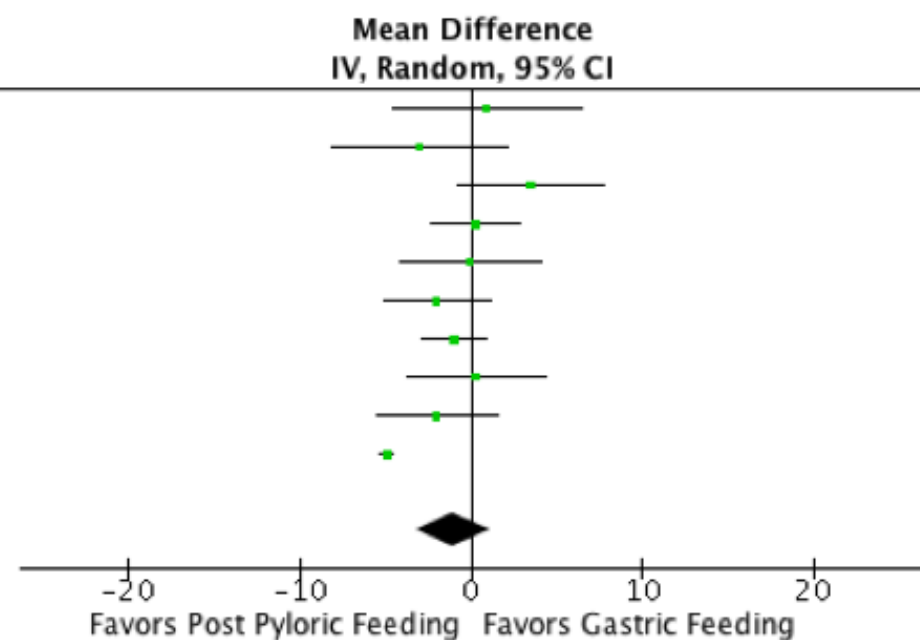
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IV. Figure. ICU Length of stay (10 RCTs, n=1013)

Study or Subgroup	Post Pyloric Feeding			Gastric Feeding			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total			
Kearns 2000	17	9	21	16	9.6	23	7.2%	1.00 [-4.50, 6.50]	2000
Montejo 2002	15	10	50	18	16	51	7.6%	-3.00 [-8.19, 2.19]	2002
Davies 2002	13.9	10.5	34	10.4	7.5	39	8.9%	3.50 [-0.74, 7.74]	2002
White 2009	5.3	7.16	50	5.02	5.93	54	11.5%	0.28 [-2.26, 2.82]	2009
Hsu 2009	18.2	11.8	59	18.2	11.2	62	9.1%	0.00 [-4.10, 4.10]	2009
Acosta-Escribano 2010	16	9	50	18	7	54	10.6%	-2.00 [-5.12, 1.12]	2010
Davies 2012	10	6	91	11	6.7	89	12.4%	-1.00 [-2.86, 0.86]	2012
Huang 2012	17.2	11.4	50	16.9	9.1	51	9.2%	0.30 [-3.73, 4.33]	2012
Friedman 2015	10	10.37	54	12	8.88	61	9.9%	-2.00 [-5.55, 1.55]	2015
Wan 2015	12.2	0.7	35	17.1	1	35	13.6%	-4.90 [-5.30, -4.50]	2015
Total (95% CI)			494			519	100.0%	-0.99 [-3.12, 1.15]	

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 8.64$; $\chi^2 = 62.72$, $df = 9$ ($P < 0.00001$); $I^2 = 86\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.91$ ($P = 0.36$)



In conclusion

- Postpyloric EN has been associated with a decrease in VAP, but this benefit did not translate into decreases in length of ventilation, ICU or hospital stay, or mortality
- Duodenal vs jejunal are not differentiated
- Post pyloric feeding is better in patients with a high risk for aspiration

(Inability to protect the airway, mechanical ventilation, age >70 years, reduced level of consciousness, poor oral care, inadequate nurse:patient ratio, supine positioning, neurologic deficits, gastroesophageal reflux, transport out of the ICU, and use of bolus intermittent EN)