

Emergency TIPS ?

The role of transjugular intrahepatic
portosystemic shunt (TIPS)
in management of cirrhotic patients

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Agenda

What patients benefit from TIPS?

Why to TIPS?

When to TIPS?

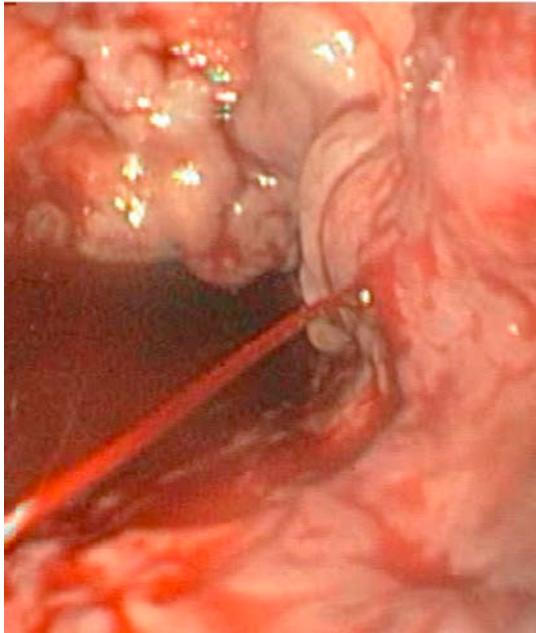
How to TIPS?

WHAT patients benefit from TIPS?

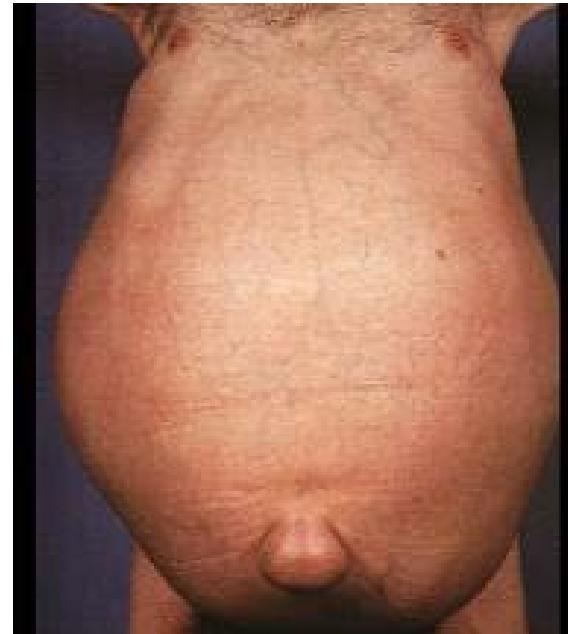
Complications of portal hypertension

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Gastrointestinal Bleeding

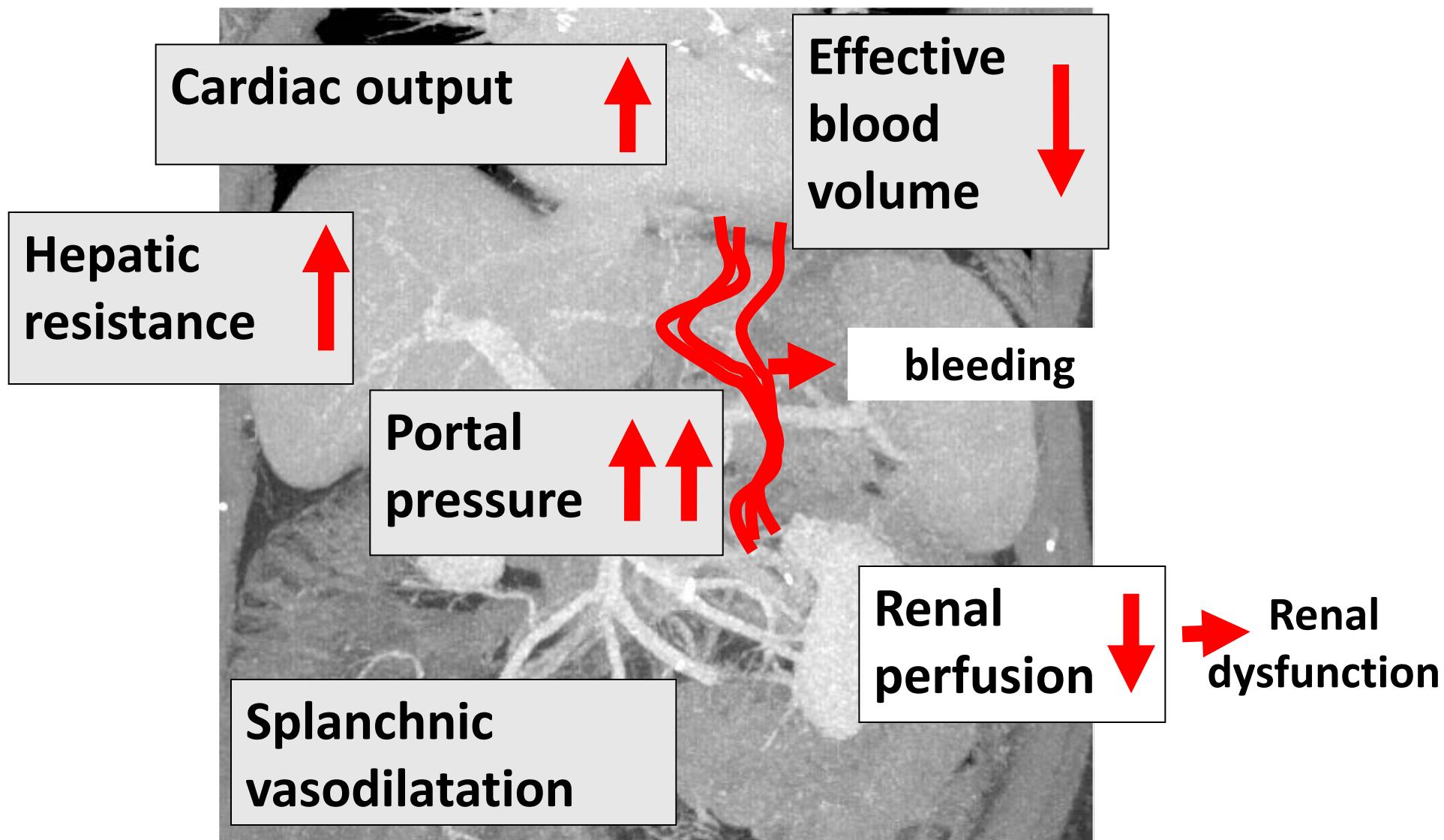


Renal dysfunction with ascites

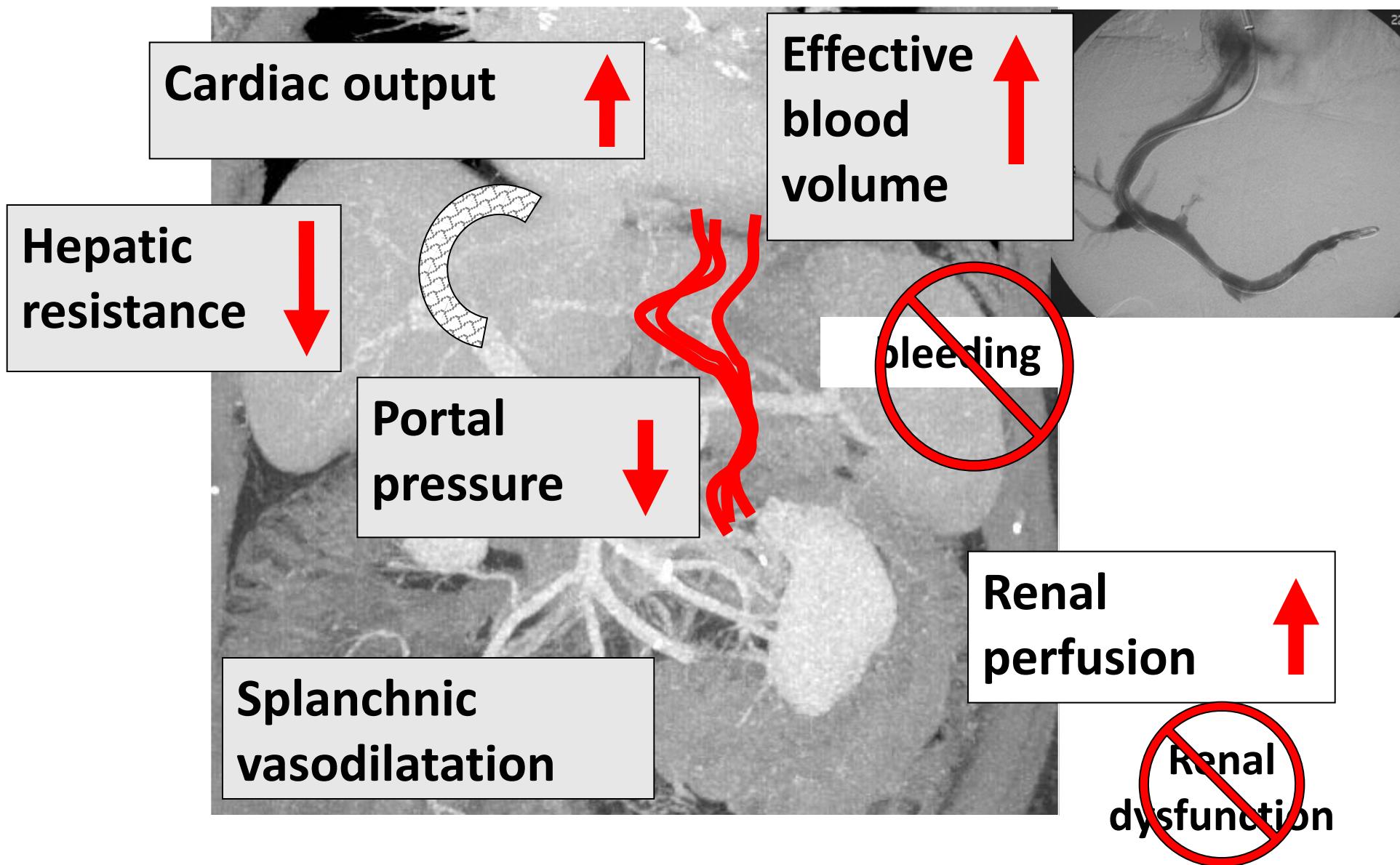


WHY benefit patients from TIPS?

Pathophysiology of portal hypertension

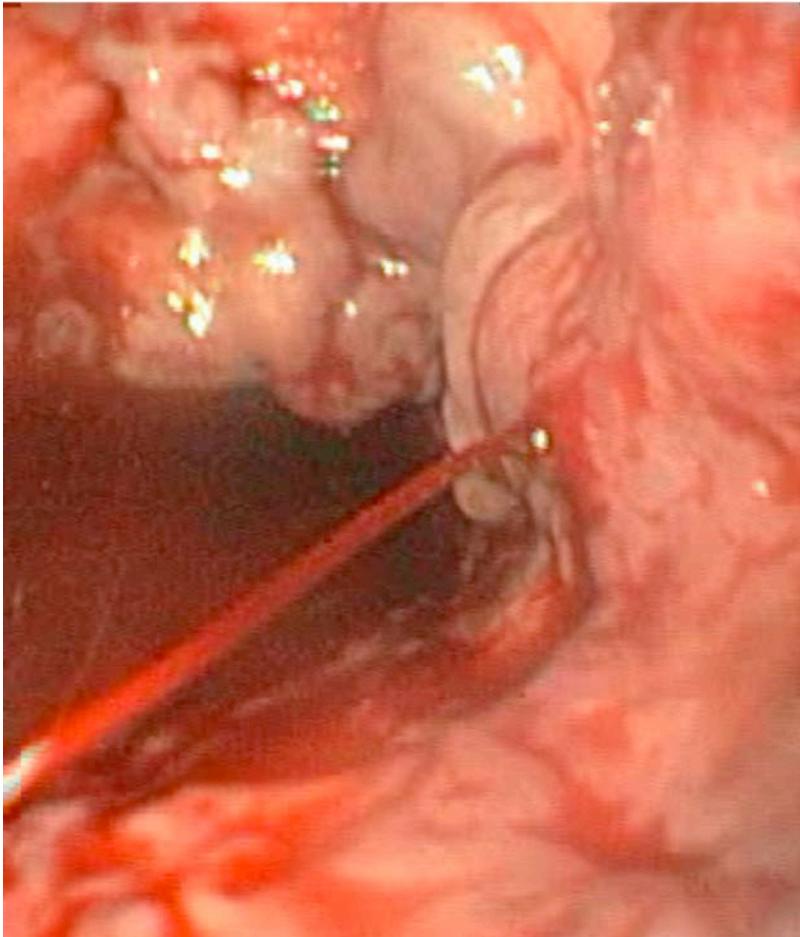


TIPS for portal hypertension



WHEN benefit patients from TIPS?

Acute variceal bleeding



5% in 10 years in patients with cirrhosis

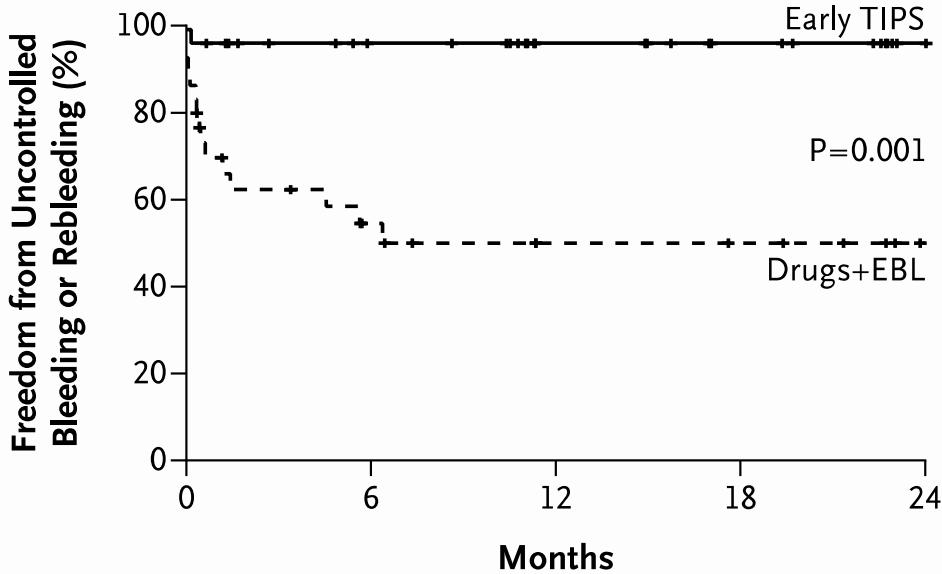
Ca. 10% in 2 years under primary prophylaxis

Sanyal et al. Ann Intern Med 1997;
Sauer et al Endoscopy 2002;
Vilanueva et al. NEJM 2001
De la Pena et al. Hepatology 2005
Benvegnu et al. Gut 2004
Shah et al. J Hepatol 2013

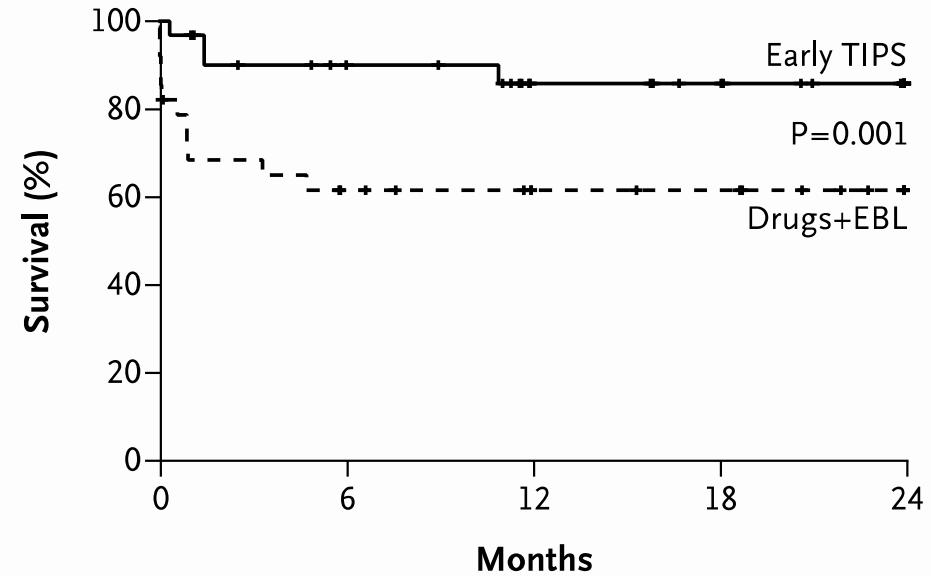
Early TIPS for variceal bleeding

Within 72 h in patients with Child C (<14) or
Child B and active bleeding at endoscopy

Rebleeding

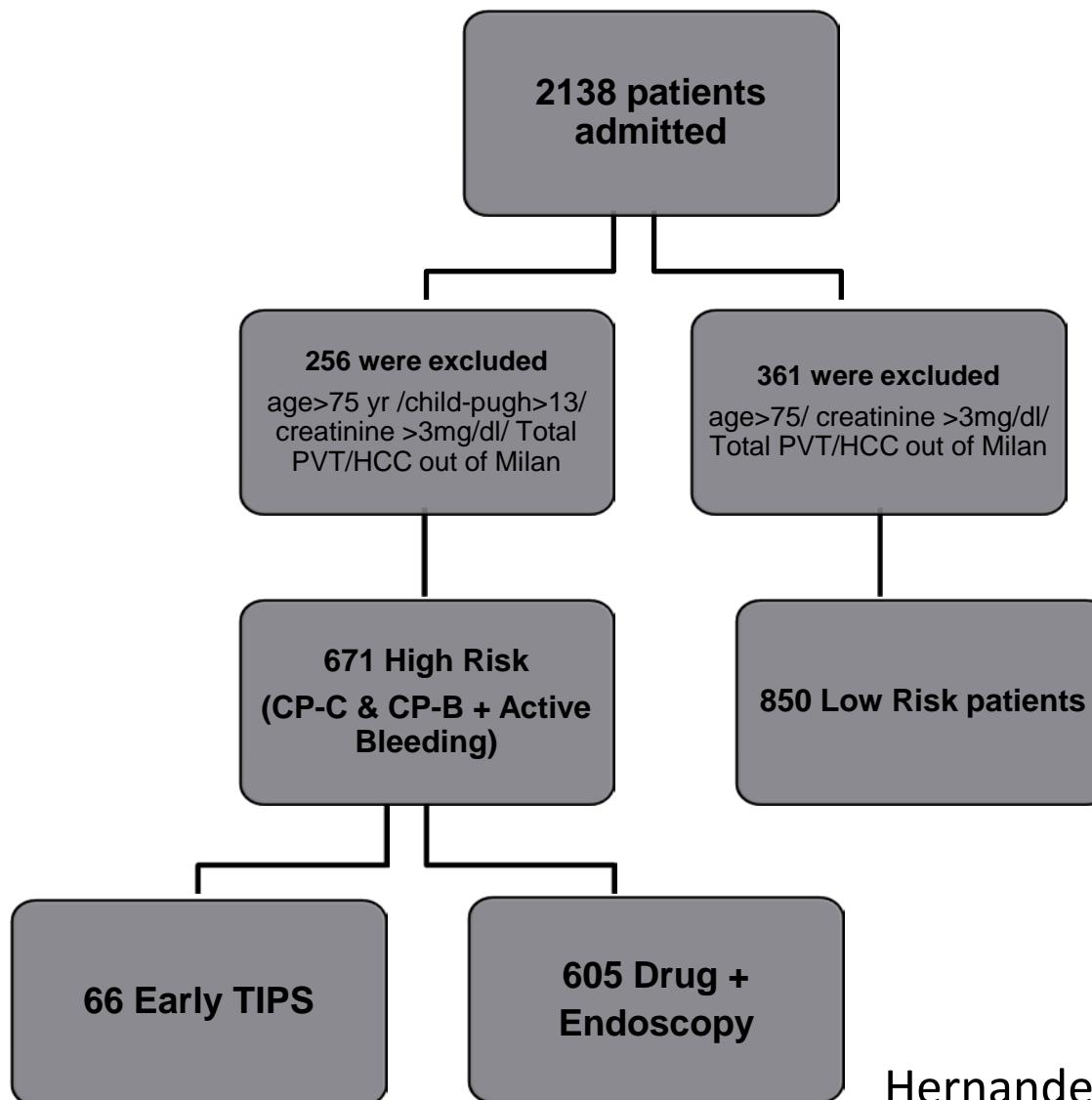


Survival



„Early TIPS“ in real life

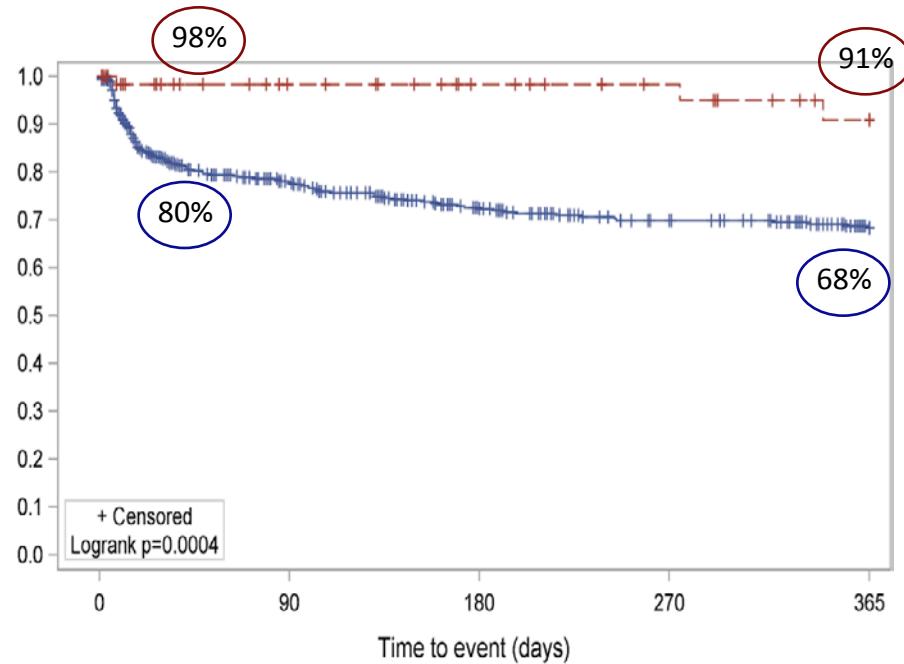
International Variceal Bleeding Observational Study Group



Early (preemptive) TIPS in real life

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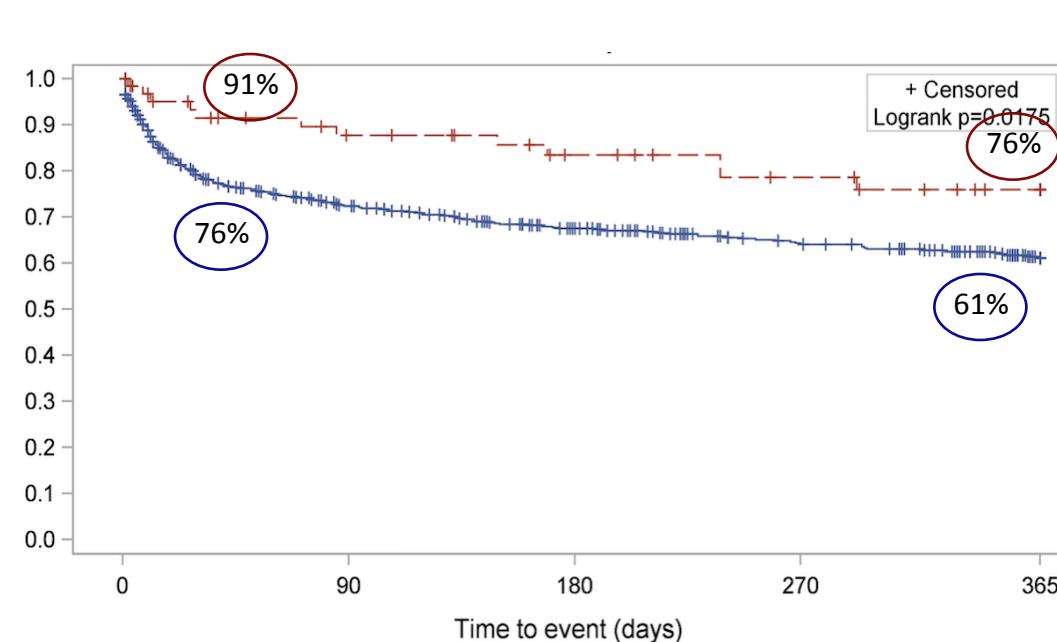
Failure & Rebleeding



Early TIPS (placed within first 72h in high-risk patients after initial control of bleeding)?
— No — Yes

No	605	367	331	294	265	236	212	197	192	180	152
Yes	66	50	47	43	41	36	33	31	28	25	22

Transplant-free Survival

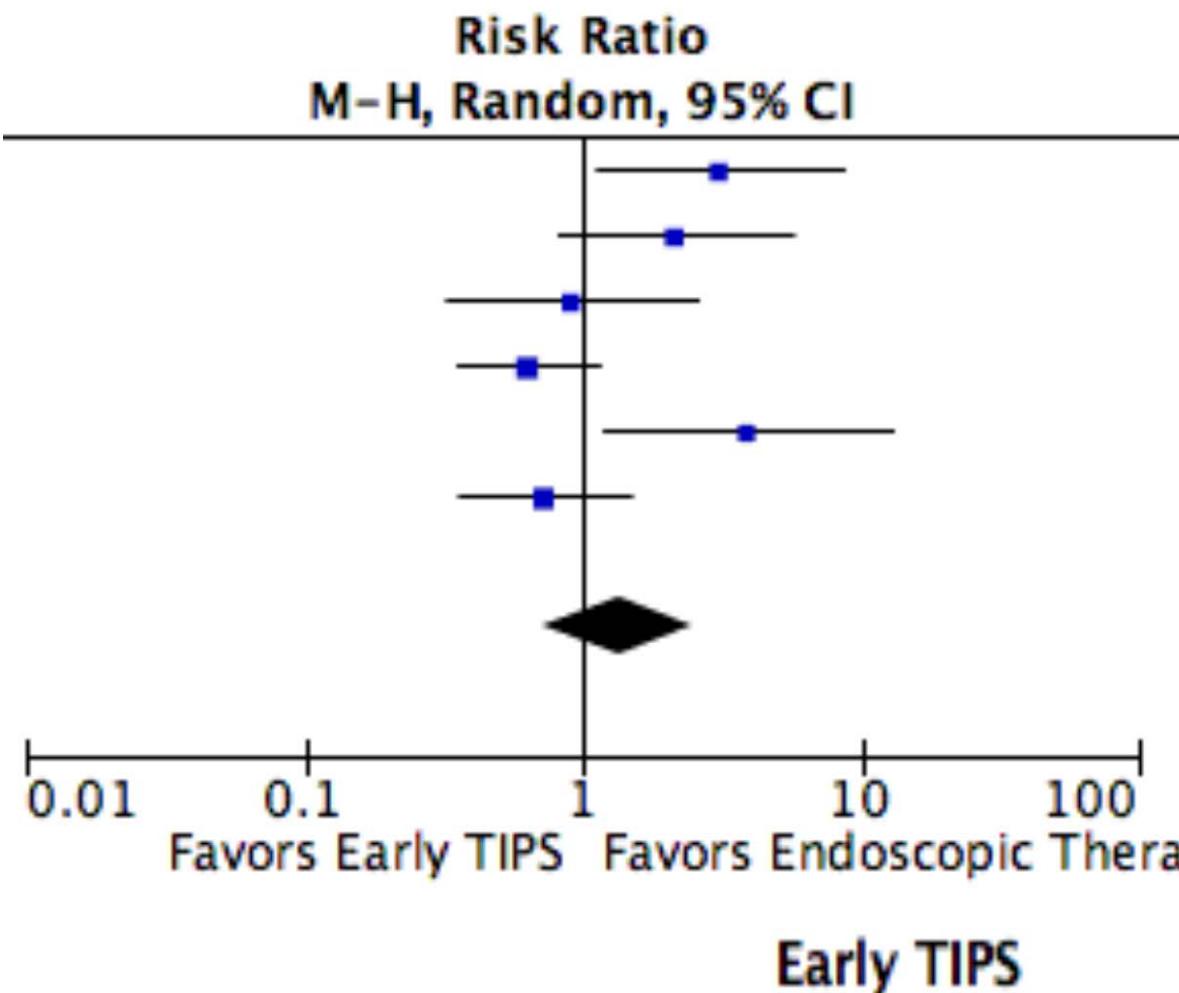


Early TIPS (placed within first 72h in high-risk patients after initial control of bleeding)?
— No — Yes

No	605	412	379	350	325	300	274	257	249	234	197
Yes	66	51	48	44	42	37	34	32	30	27	24

Early TIPS is not associated with more HE

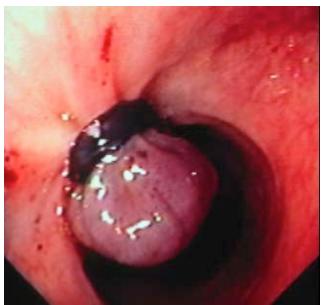
Hepatic Encephalopathy



Rebleeding prophylaxis is mandatory

without therapy 60-70% rebleeding and 40% mortality

Band ligation
First line

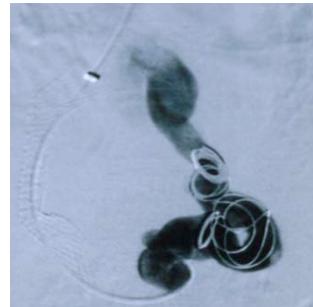


NSBB



40-50% rebleeding
20-35% mortality

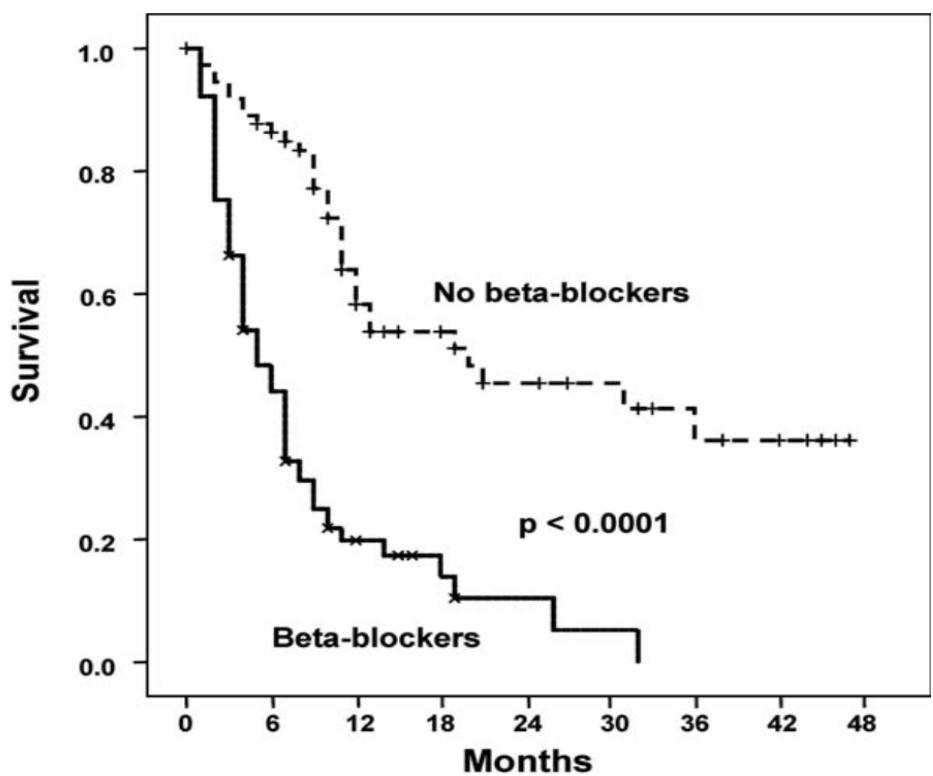
TIPS
Second line
evtl. embolisation



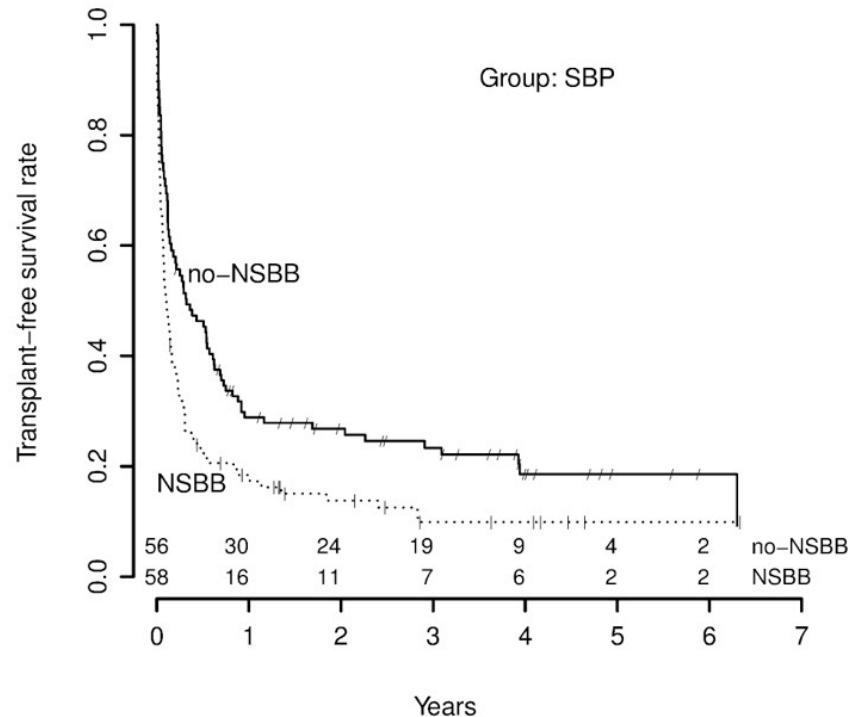
10-20% rebleeding
20-30% mortality

BUT,

NSBB might be dangerous in ...



refractory ascites

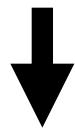


spontaneous bacterial peritonitis

NSBB in refractory ascites, when to TIPS?



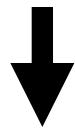
Indication for NSBB



Moderate Dose



*Liver vein
catheterization
(HVPG)*



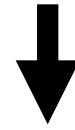
SBP



Stop NSBB



Non-responder
Bleeding

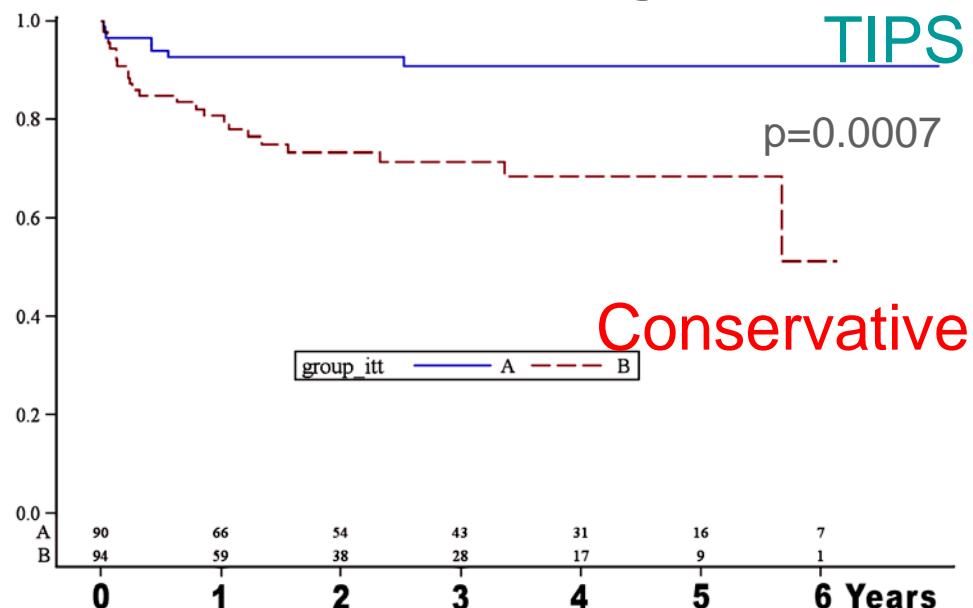


TIPS

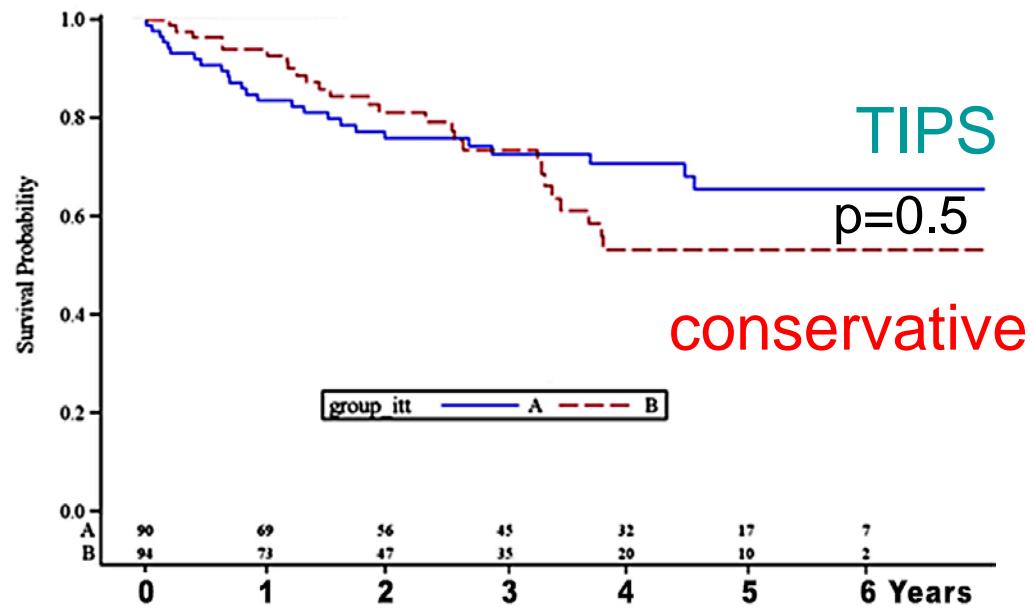
**WHY not use TIPS as first line
always after bleeding?**

8mm TIPS vs. NSBB or EVL

rebleeding



survival



Conservative arm (NSBB or EVL):

- more early rebleeding
- non-responder

2-year survival: ca. 80 %
5-year survival: ca. 60 %

Hepatic encephalopathy:

- TIPS: 18%

vs.

conservative: 8%

10mm TIPS vs. NSBB + Endo

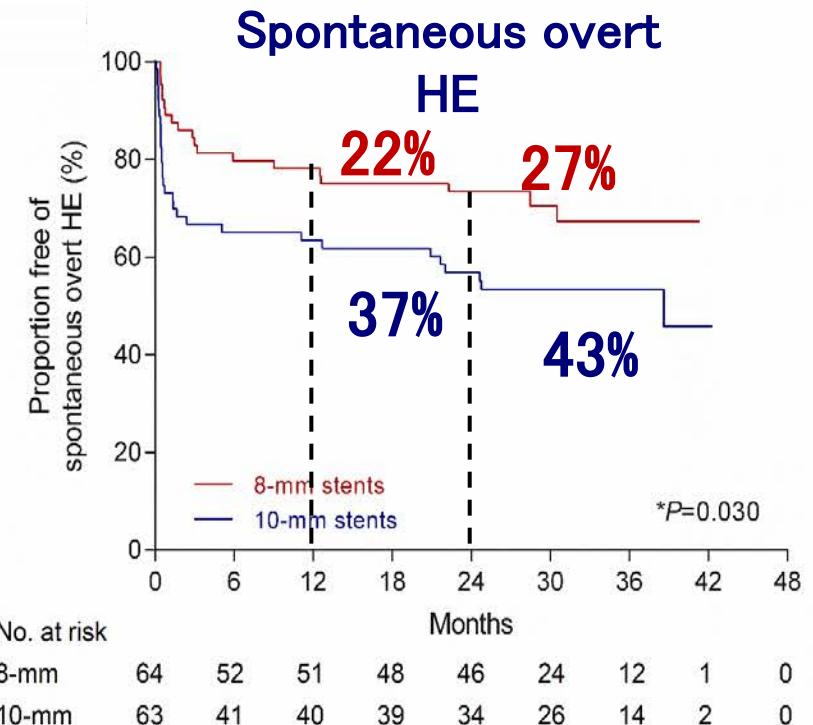
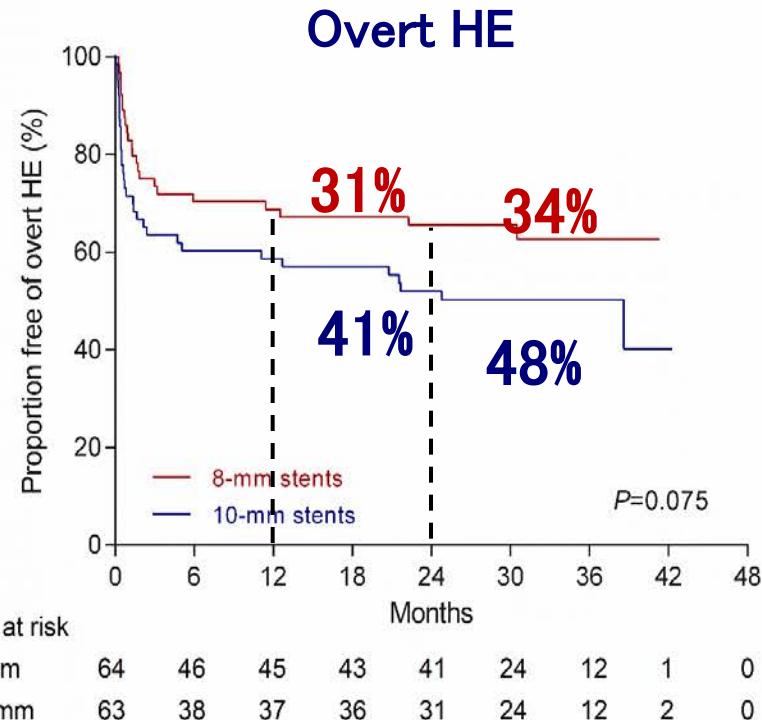
Early HE (one year)

TIPS: 35%

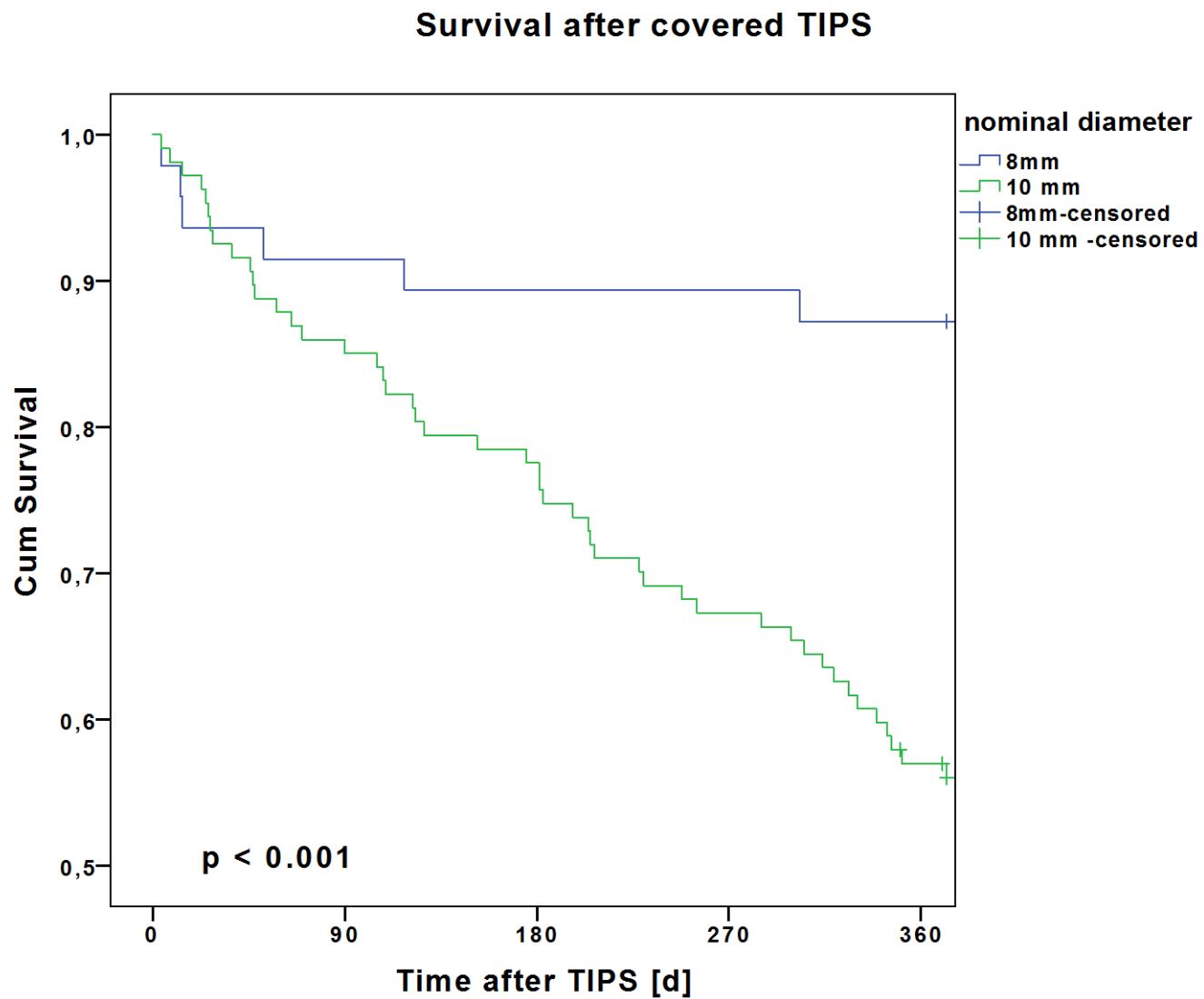
vs.

NSBB+EVL:14%;

What TIPS? 8 mm vs 10mm



What TIPS? 8 mm vs 10mm



TIPS for bleeding

Early TIPS improves survival of patients without increased rate of hepatic encephalopathy.

TIPS for secondary prophylaxis is very effective, and smaller TIPS might reduce hepatic encephalopathy.

Consider TIPS in secondary prophylaxis and refractory ascites, or after episodes of SBP.

Emergency TIPS in ascites?



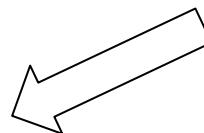
Therapy of ascites

Max. 5g NaCl/d

Max. fluids 1,5l/d



Aldosteron antagonists
(e.g. Spironolacton)
max. 300mg/d



Loop diuretics

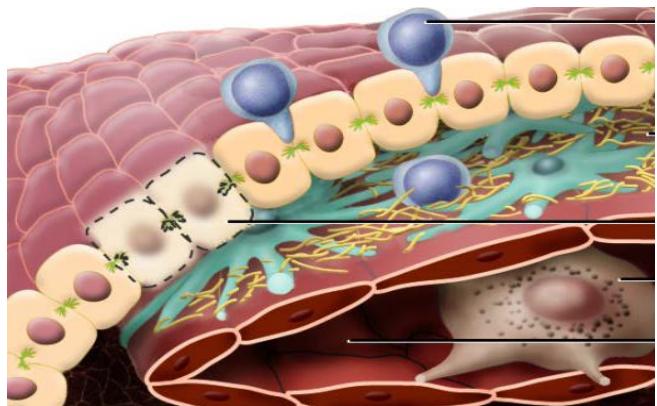
e.g. Furosemid
max. 160mg/d

**If urine-Na < 20mmol/d
or serum-Na < 125mmol/l
no effect of diuretics is expected!**

**Refractory ascites!
Then „emergency“ TIPS!**

Why should we treat it without loosing time?

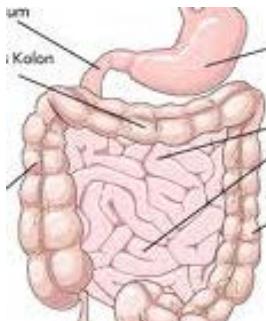
Bacterial translocation increased in refractory ascites



Endotoxin



Bacterial translocation



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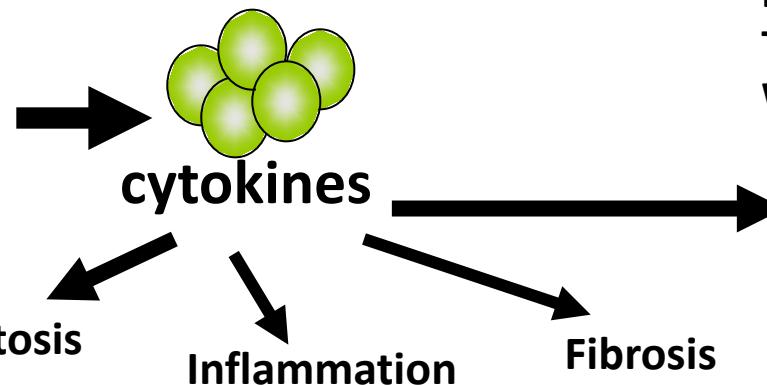
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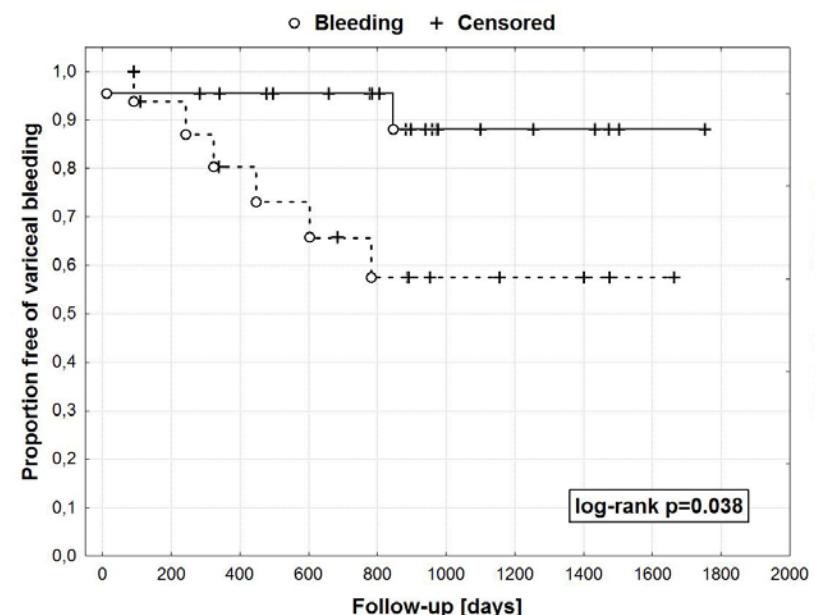
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Riordan et al. Hepatology 2003
Kitamura et al. Lab Invest 2002
Tarrats et al. Hepatology 2011
Wiest et al. JCI 1999

Systemic
Vasodilation

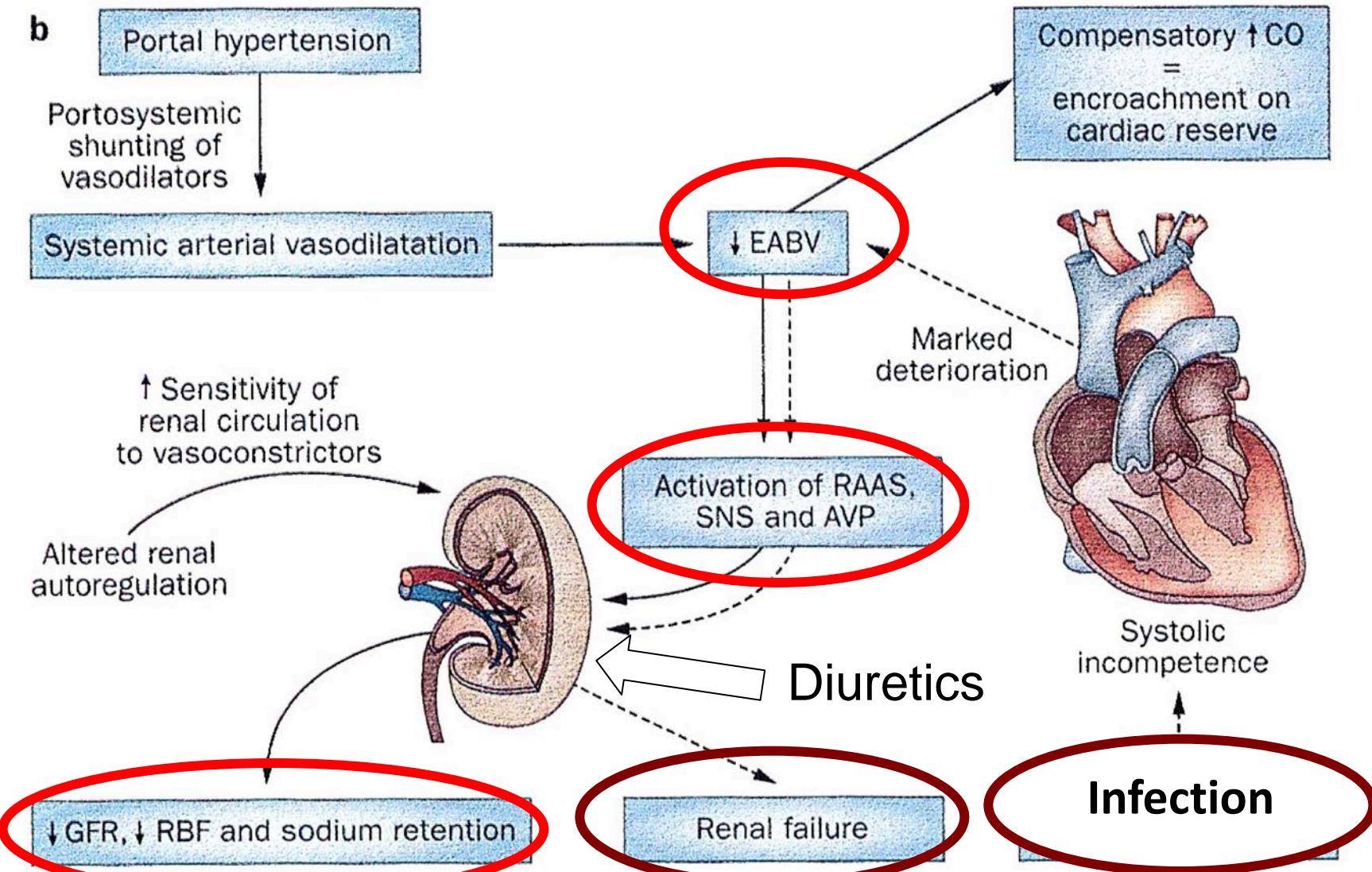


Reiberger et al. J Hepatol 2013

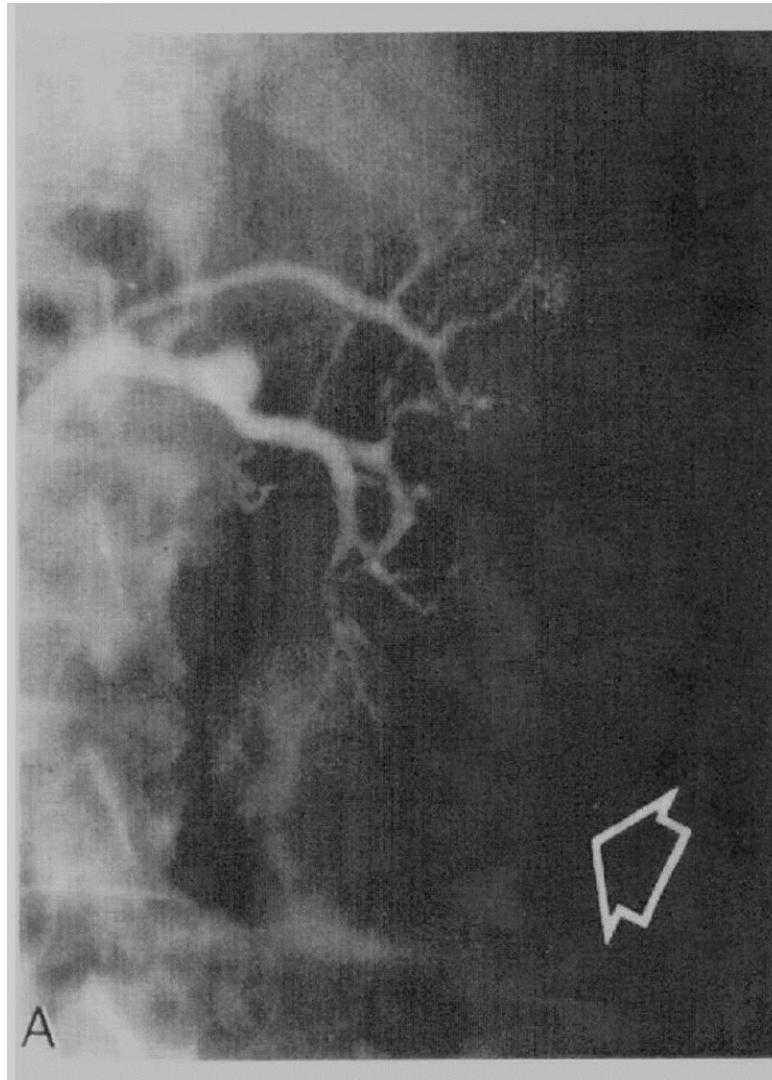
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Hepatorenal Syndrome (HRS)

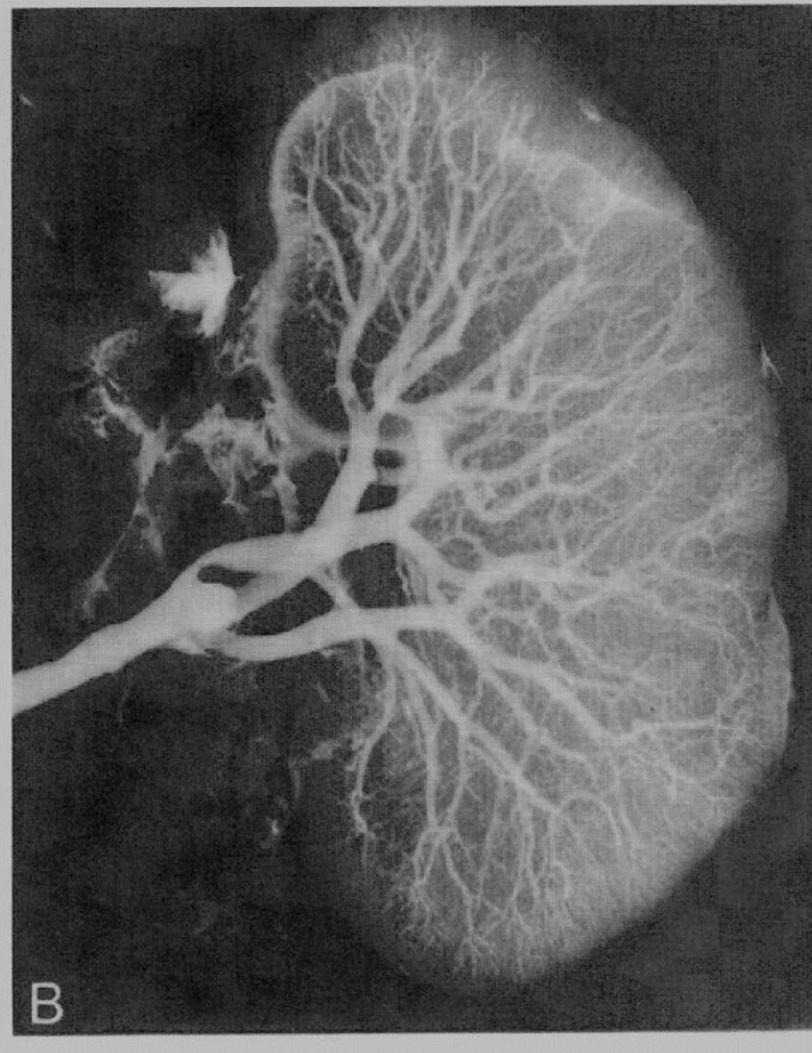


Hepatorenal Syndrome



A

Hepatorenal Syndrome



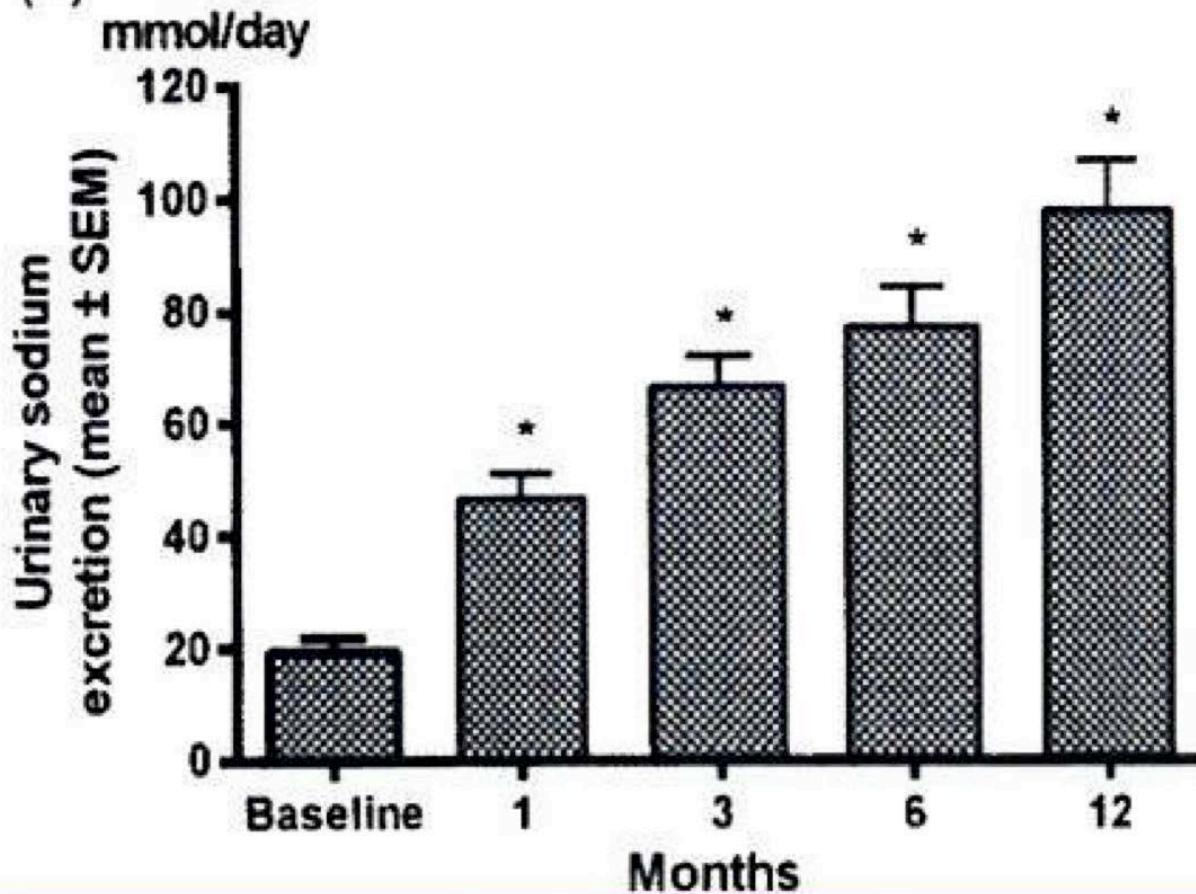
B

post mortem

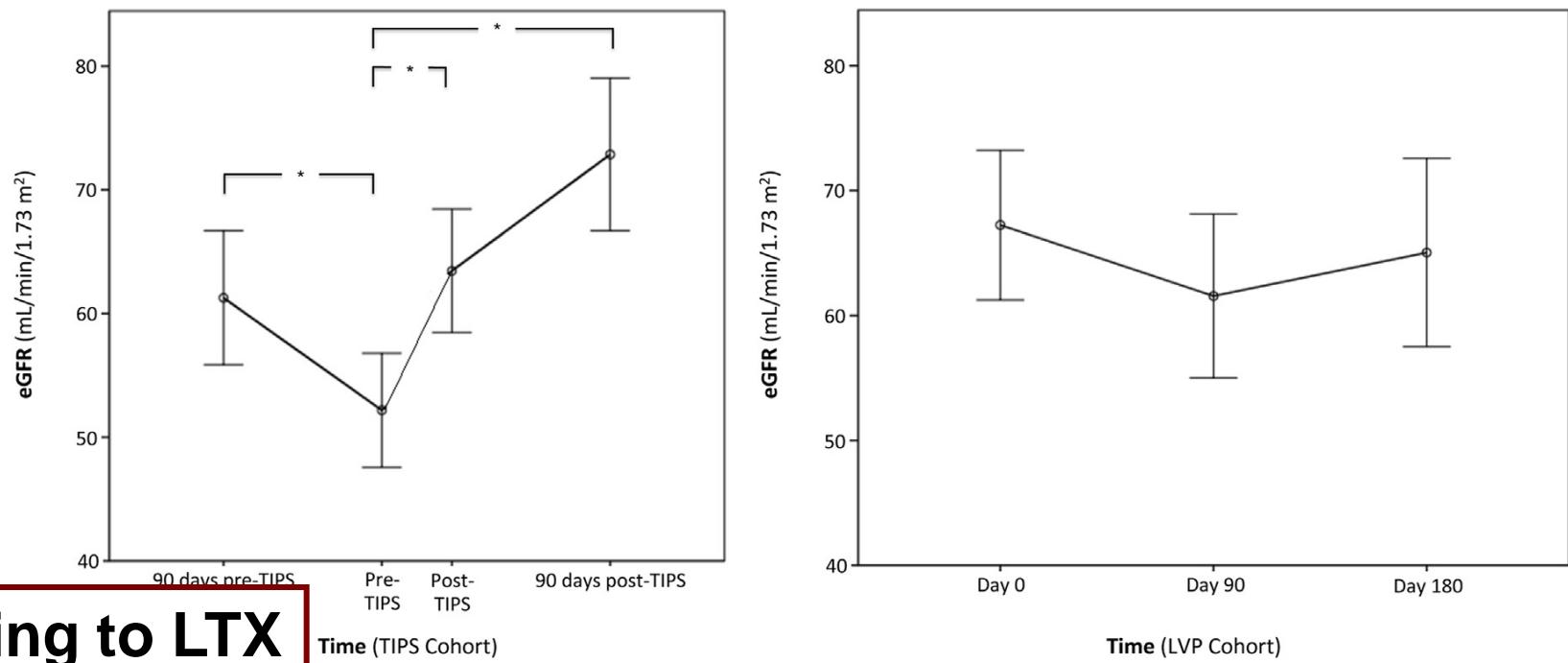
Refractory ascites

TIPS controls ascites

(a)



TIPS improves kidney function



Bridging to LTX

Stratified by
baseline eGFR <60
ml/min/1.73 m²

TIPS Cohort
n = 93

Died
33%

Liver
Transplant:
38%

eGFR ↑
51%

eGFR Stable
15%

eGFR ↓
24%

Serial LVP Cohort
n = 62

Died
34%

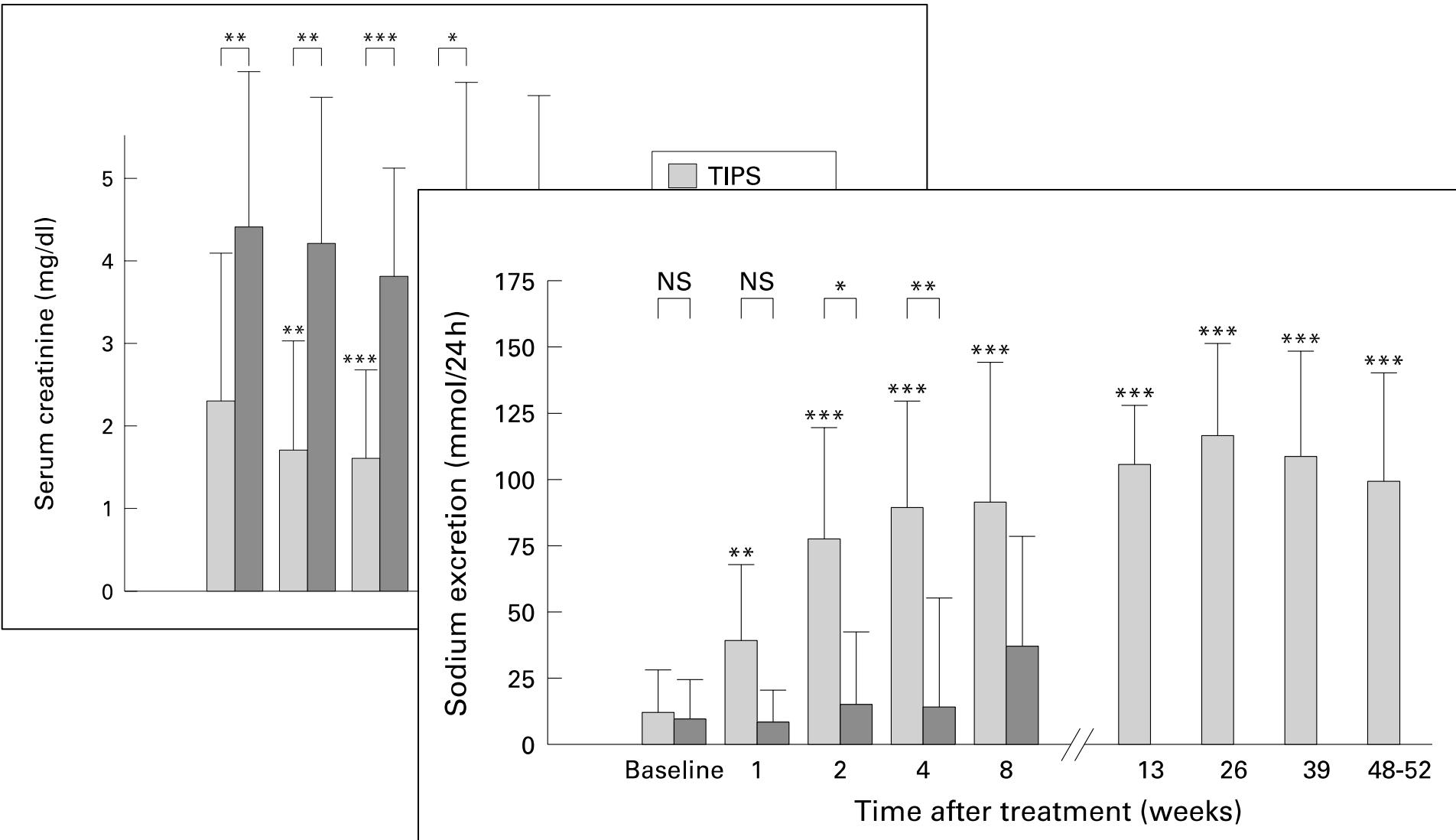
Liver
Transplant:
13%

eGFR ↑
38%

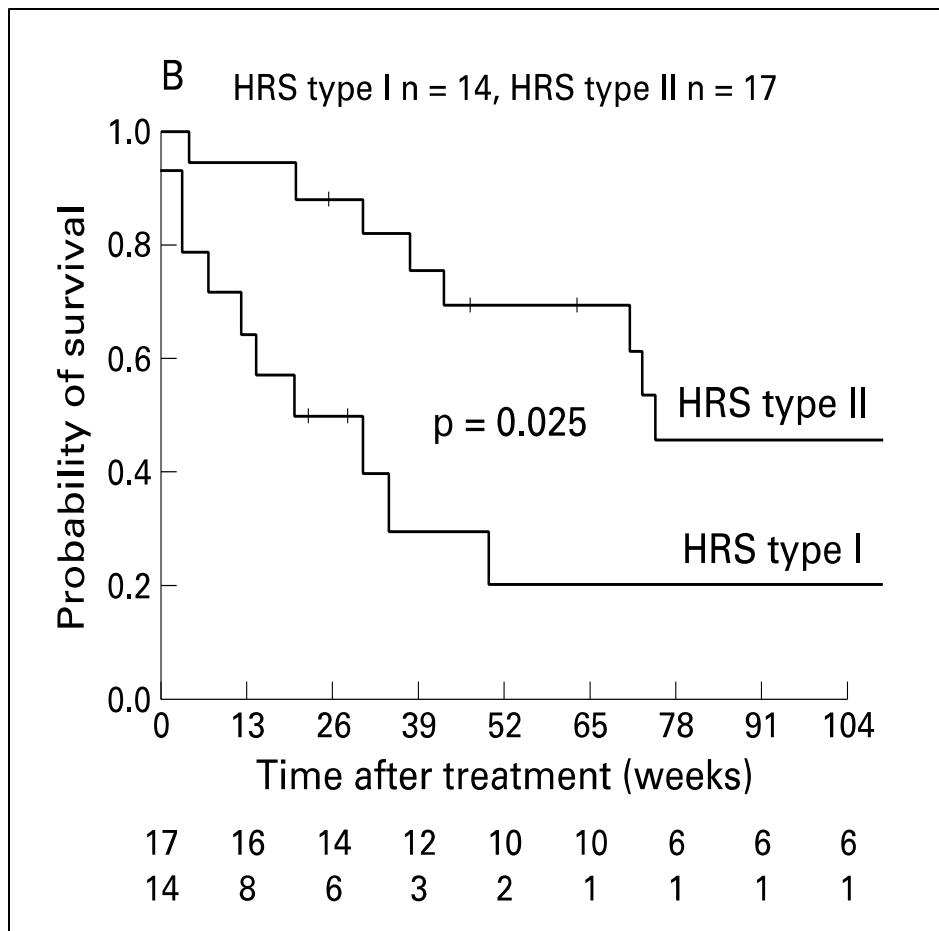
eGFR Stable
38%

eGFR ↓
23%

TIPS improves renal function in HRS!



TIPS for HRS



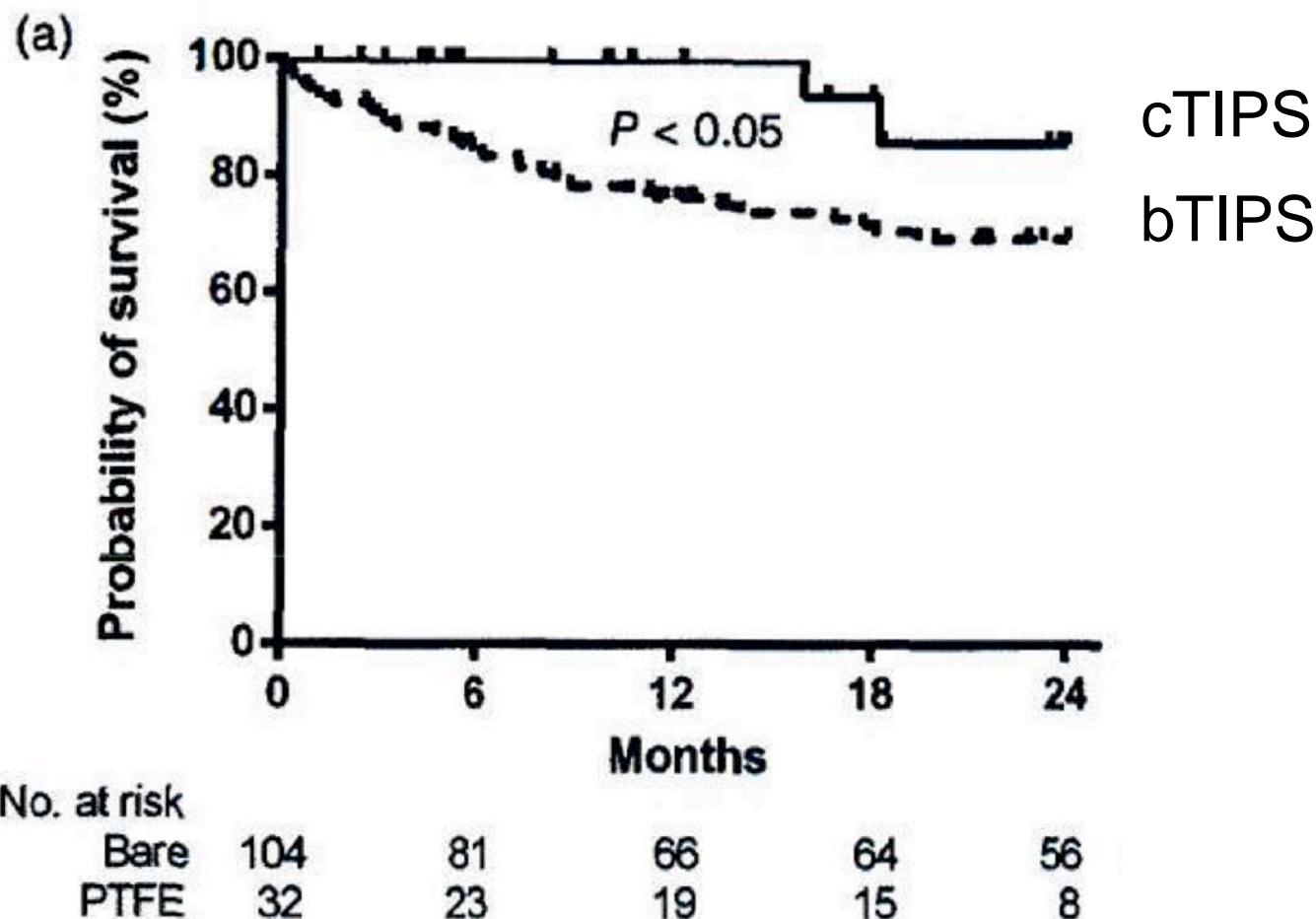
contraindications for TIPS:

- bilirubin > 5 mg/dl
- diastolic dysfunction
- ongoing bacterial infection
- severe hepatic encephalopathy

Platelets and bilirubin

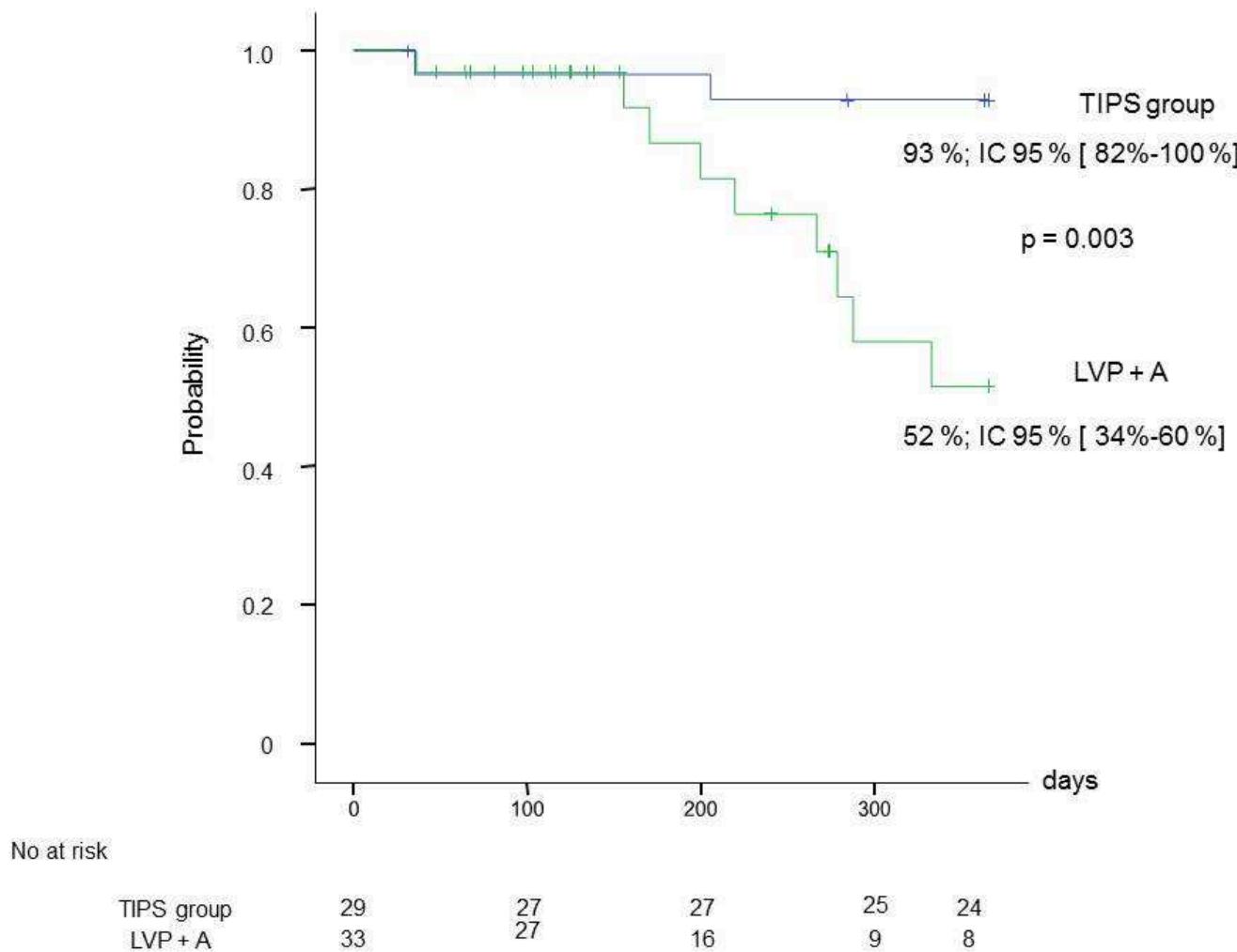
How to TIPS?

cTIPS is better than bTIPS



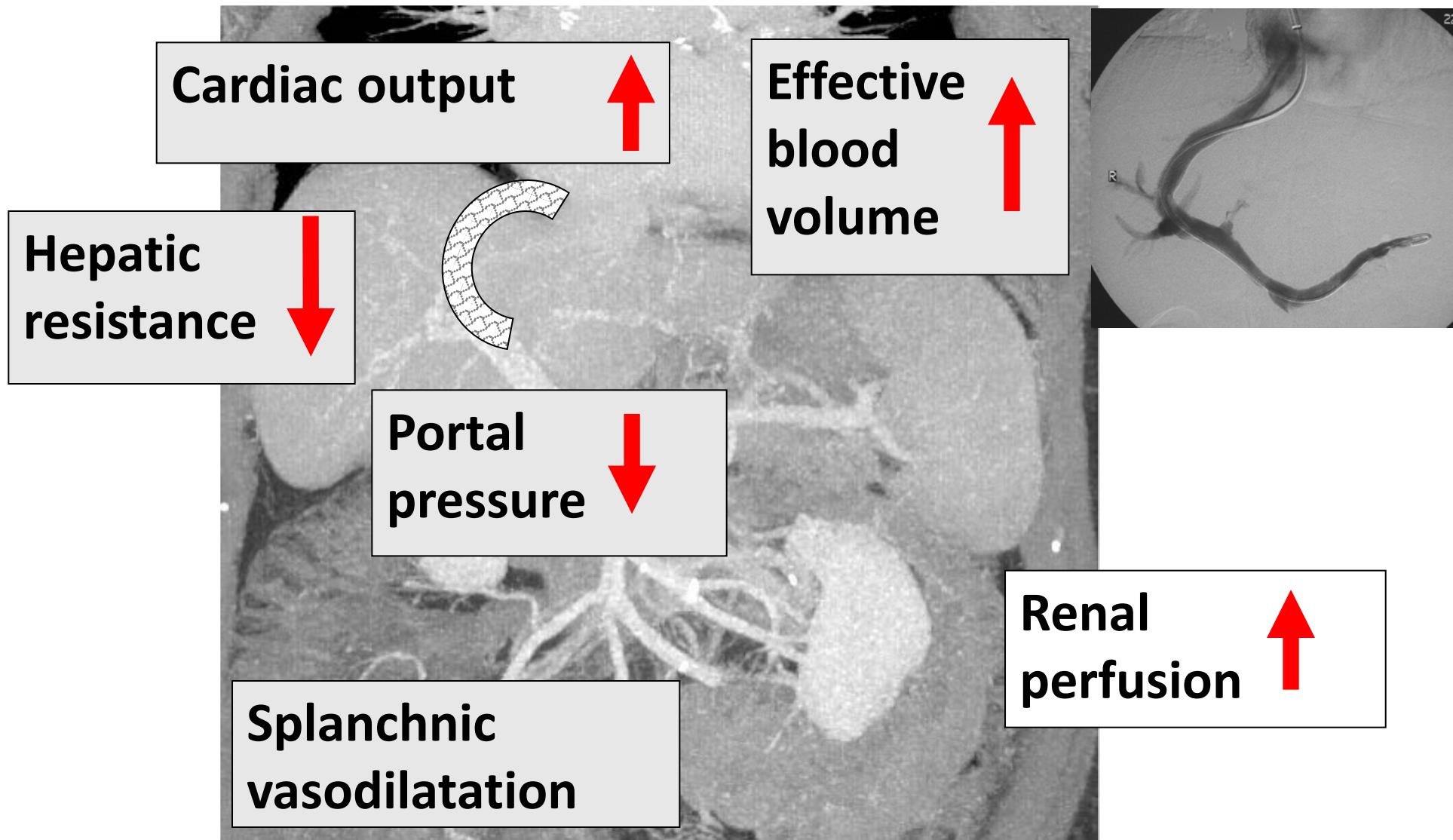
Refractory ascites

CTIPS improves survival



BUT,...

High volume shunting might deteriorate clinics

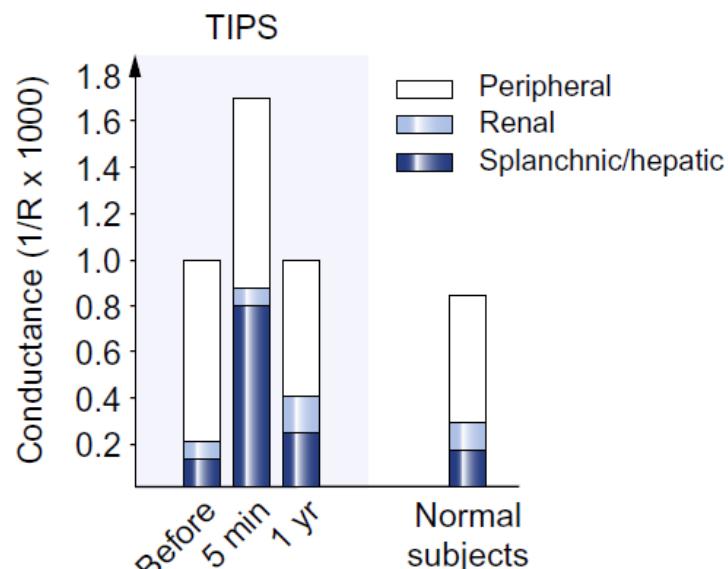


TIPS increases cardiac output and flow

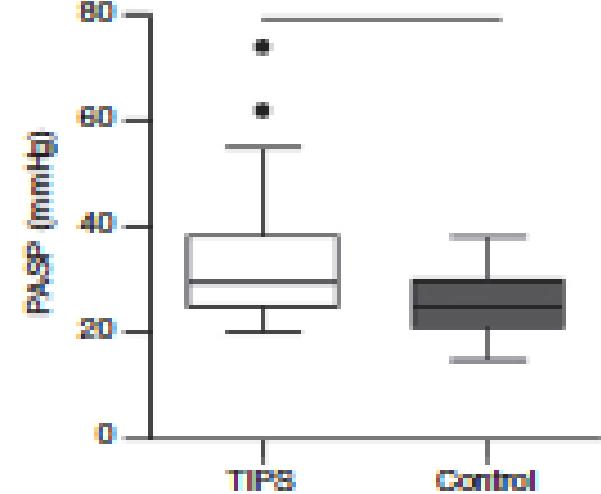
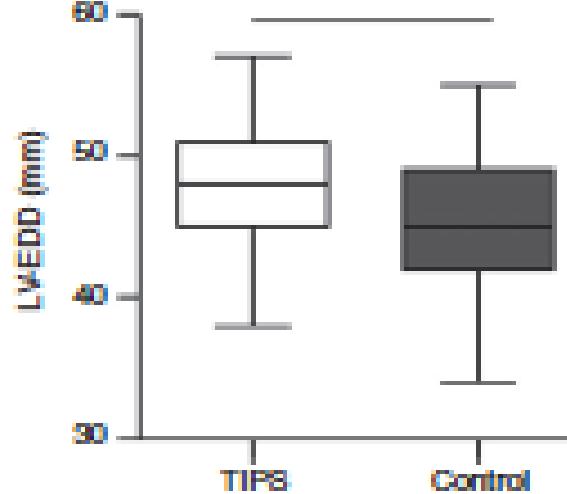
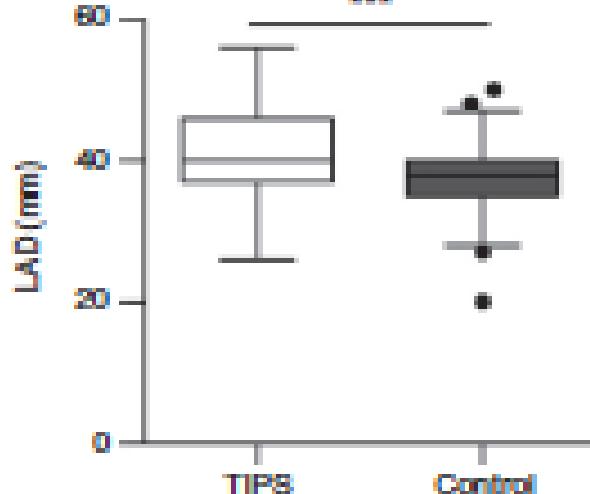
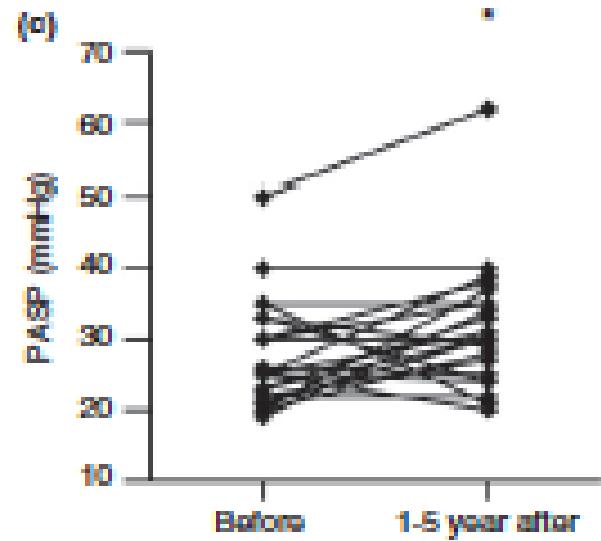
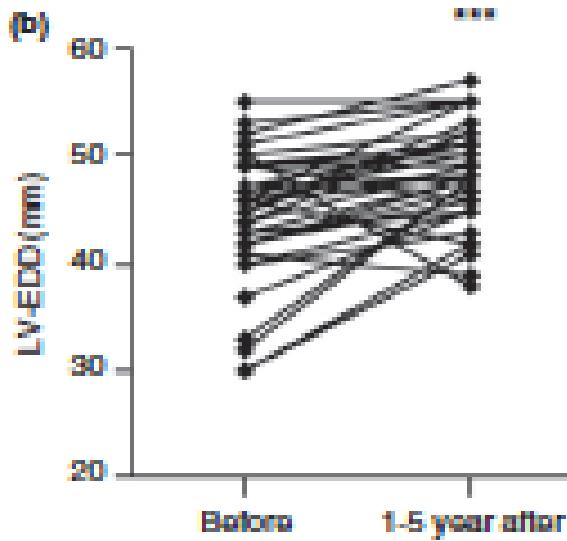
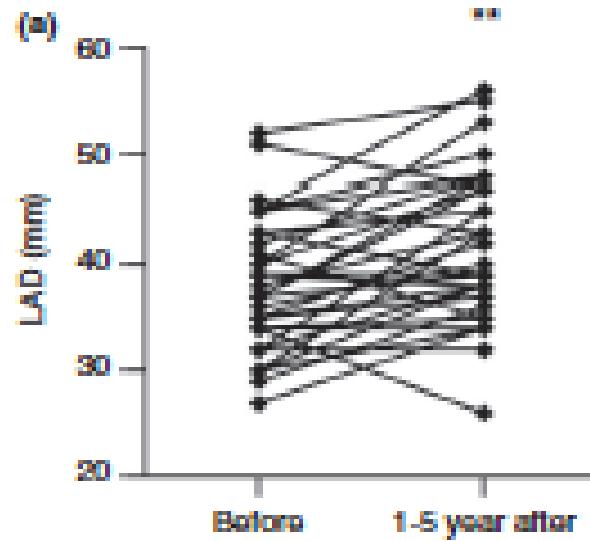
Variable	Before TIPS	Change from Baseline at Day 1	Change from Baseline at 1 Month
Cardiac output, L/min	6.83 (5.31 to 8.16)	+1.61 (+0.74 to +2.49)†	+4.03 (+2.03 to +6.03)†
Right pulmonary vascular volume, mL/m ²	181 (98 to 264)	+20 (-3 to +43)	+35 (+16 to +53)
Left pulmonary vascular volume, mL/m ²	183 (117 to 249)	+27 (-7 to +60)	+33 (-1 to +68)
Cardiac and central vascular volume, mL/m ²	886 (582 to 1191)	+49 (-41 to +139)	+260 (+96 to +423)

* Values are expressed as mean (95% CI). TIPS = transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunt.

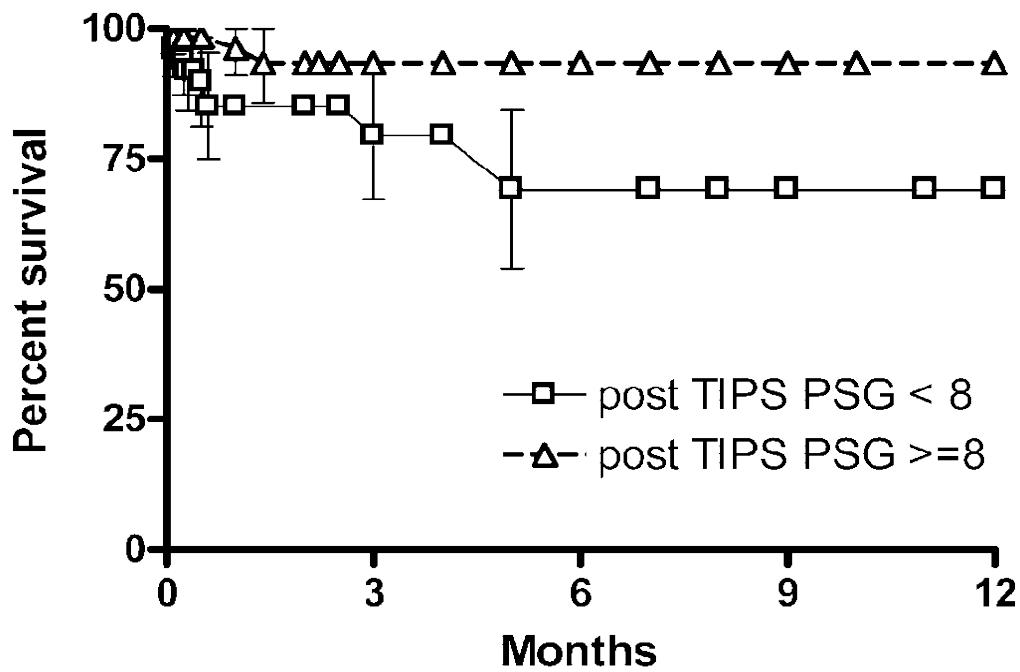
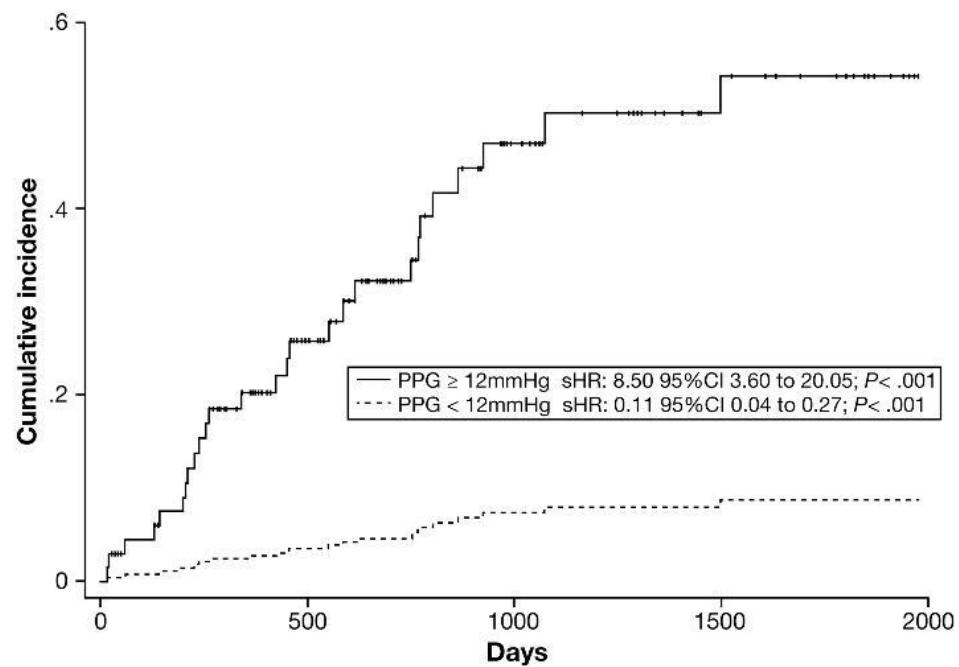
† $P < 0.05$ compared with baseline using analysis of variance.



Cardiac function worsens after TIPS



Post TIPS gradient is prognostic important



But the gradient decreases after TIPS?

Immediate

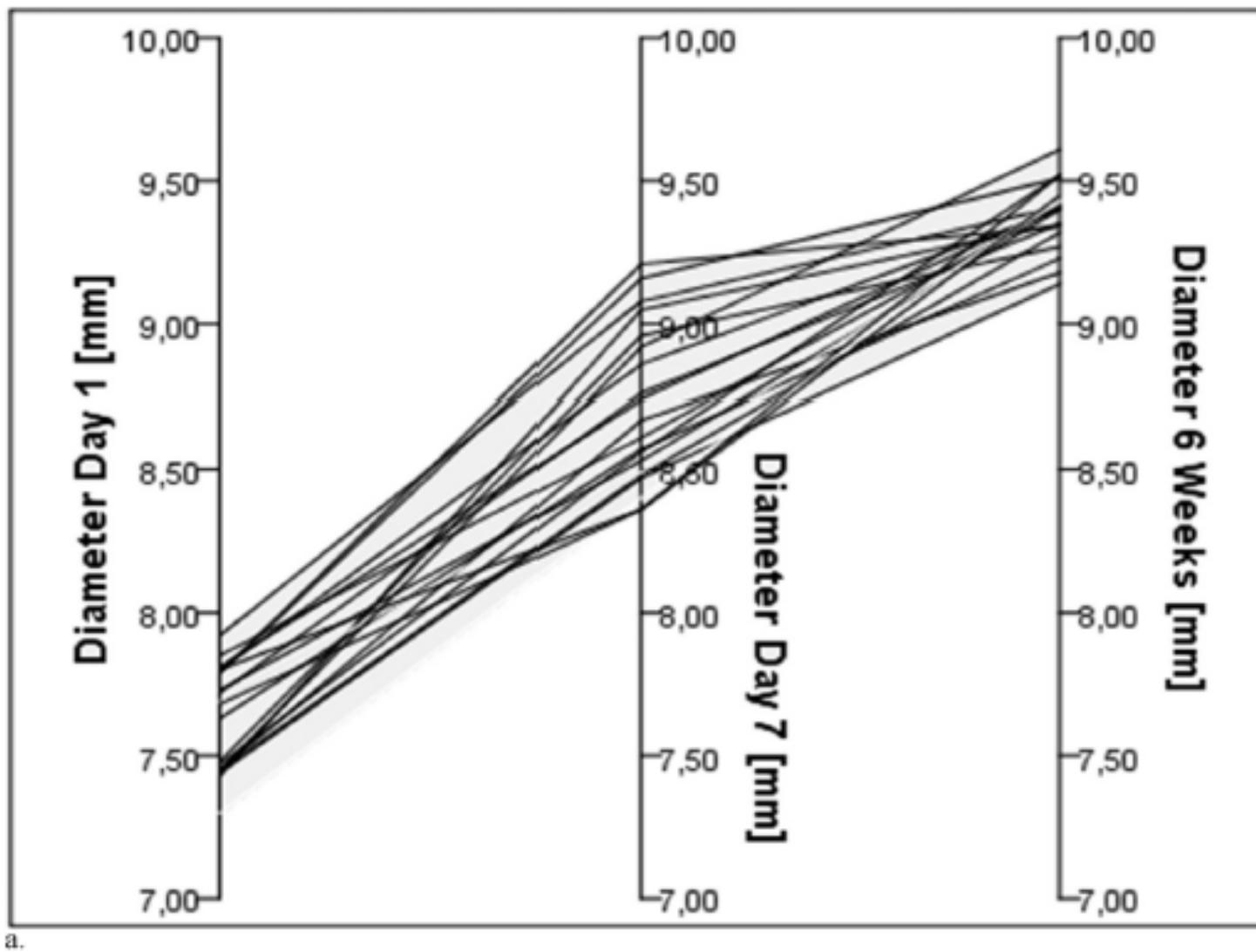
early PPG (range 1-6 days)

12 ± 4

10.5 ± 4 mmHg p=0.010

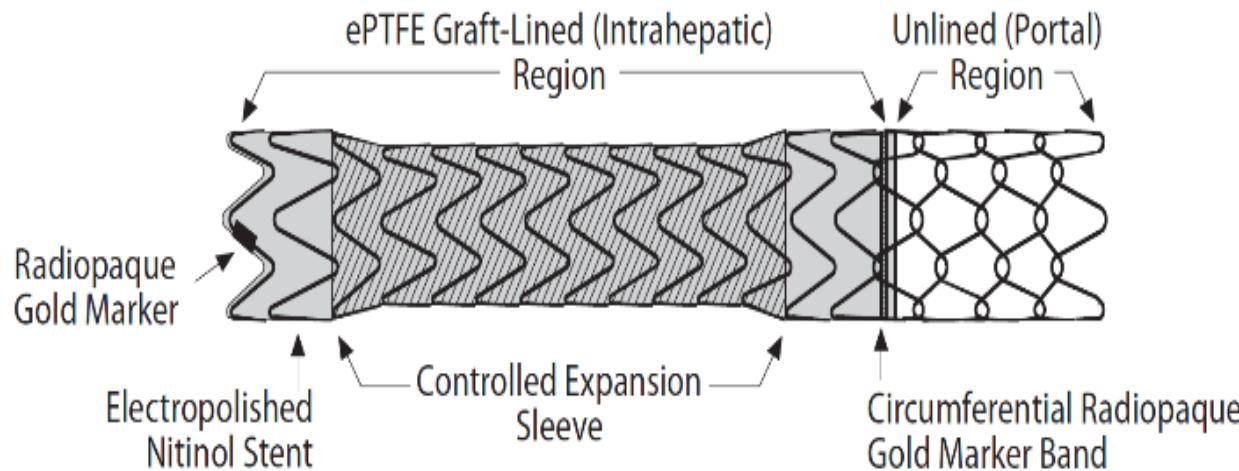
Why?

Passive expansion of the stent



a.

GORE® VIATORR® Controlled Expansion



Case control study



Viatorr controlled
expansion
VTX



Viatorr stent
VTS



bare metal stent
BMS

Baseline characteristics

Parameter	VTX	VTS	BMS
10 mm stents dilated to 8 mm	n=30	N=34	N=14
sex (male/female)	17/13	20/14	19/17
age	56(29-72)	59(30-78)	58(27-74)
etiology of cirrhosis (alcohol / non-alcohol)	16 / 14	17 / 16	8 / 6
indication for TIPS (bleeding/ascites)	10/20	9/25	7/7

No difference

Controlled expansion Viatorr controls PSPG!

	Immediate	later PSPG	
Silva-Junior et al.	12 ± 4	10.5 ± 4 mmHg	p=0.010
Praktiknjo et al.	10.4 ± 1	10.6 ± 1 mmHg	p=0.805

Controlled expansion Viatorr controls shunting and HE!

	nominal Ø	dilated Ø	rate of OHE
Sauerbruch et al.	8 mm	8 mm	18%
Holster et al.	10 mm	8 mm	38%
Wang et al.	10 mm	10 mm	37%
	8 mm	8 mm	22%
Praktiknjo et al.	10 mm (VTS)	8 mm	38%
	10 mm (VTX)	8 mm	23%

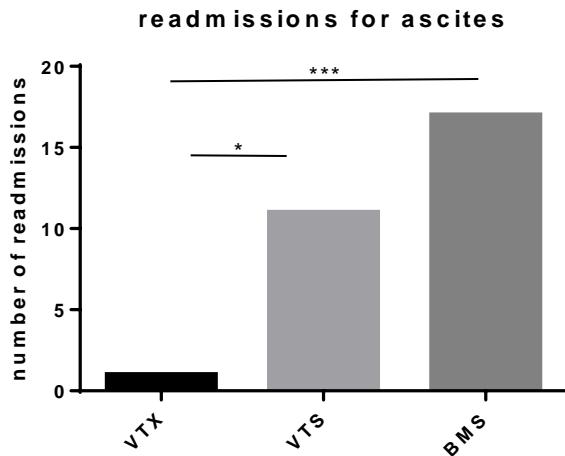
Controlled Expansion Stent improves HE!

Sauerbruch et al. Gastroenterology 2015

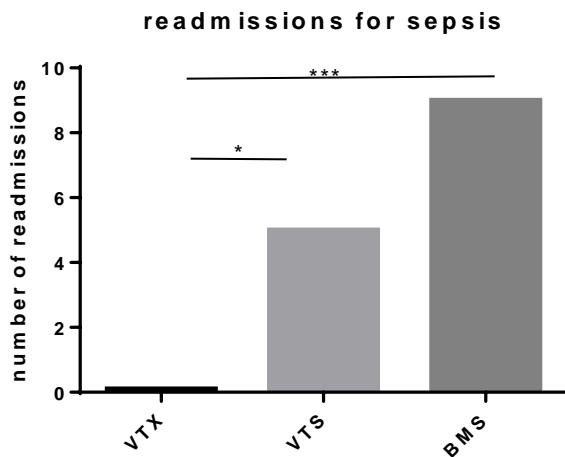
Holster et al. Hepatology 2016

Wang et al. J Hepatology in press

Hospital readmission at follow up



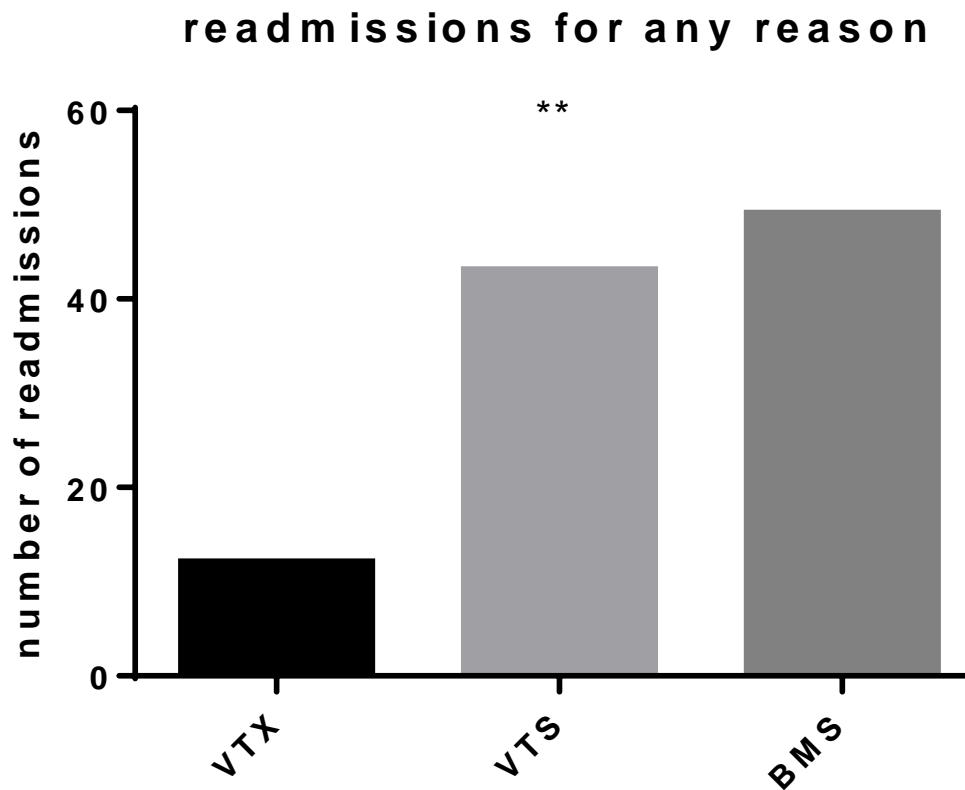
VTX reduces readmissions for ascites



VTX reduces readmissions for sepsis

* p < 0.05
*** p < 0.001

Hospital readmission at follow up



VTX reduces readmissions overall

Summary

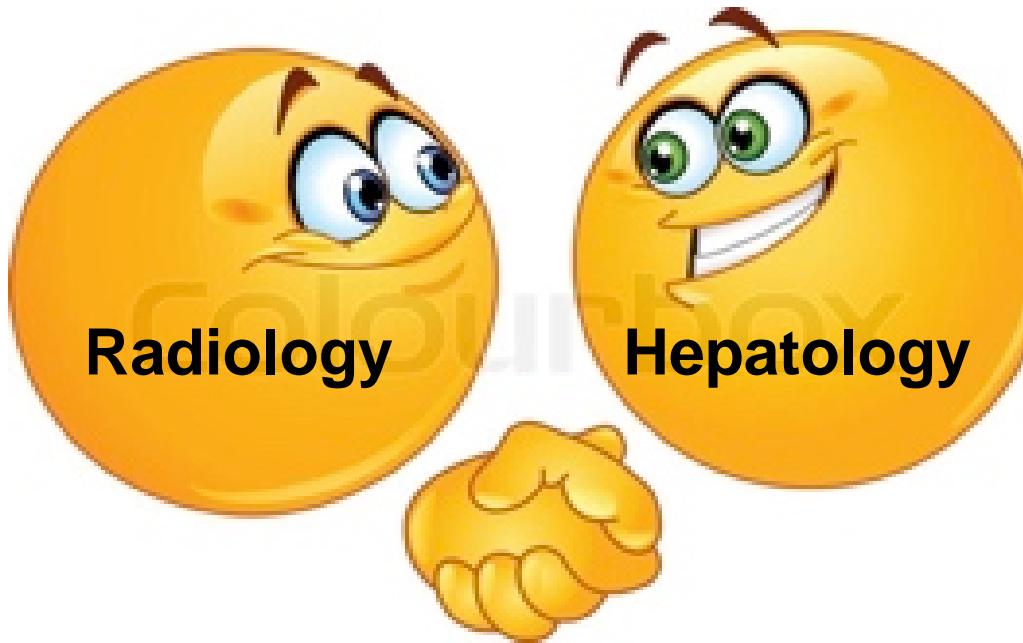
**What to TIPS?
Complications of portal hypertension.**

WHY to TIPS?
**TIPS stops bleeding, prevents rebleeding, improves kidney function,
treats refractory ascites and improves survival**

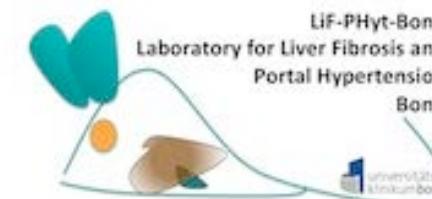
When to TIPS:
**Within 72 hours in Child B and active bleeding, or Child C <14p
for secondary prophylaxis, if NSBB unappropriate;
when refractory ascites or HRS establishes**

How to TIPS?
**Covered, smaller (8mm) TIPS might improve survival.
The control expansion stents might prevent decompensation.**

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Thank you !

Summary

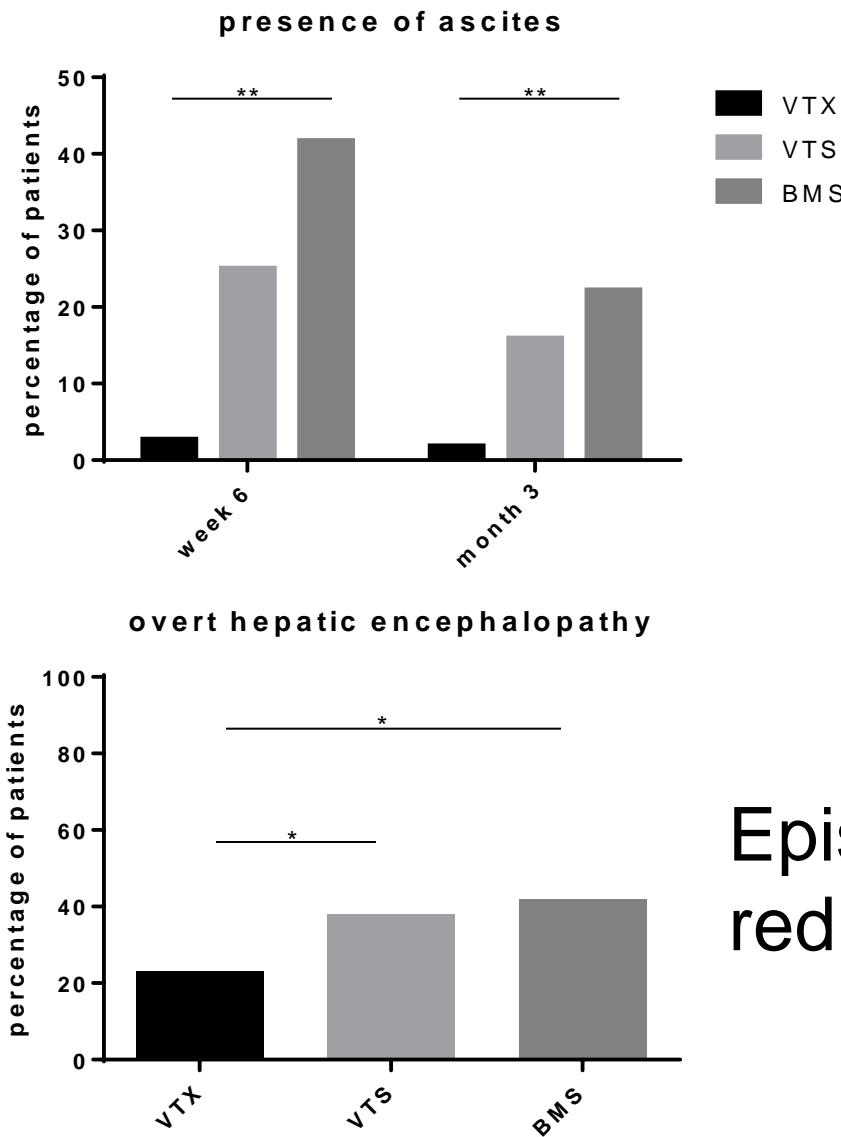
TIPS improves kidney function and might bridge to LTX.

TIPS improves survival in refractory ascites.

Low bilirubin levels and high platelets predict better outcome after TIPS for refractory ascites.

**New biomarkers for long-term survival
(e.g. CXCL9, CXCL11, Elastin, etc.).**

Ascites and hepatic encephalopathy at follow up



Ascites in VTX is reduced compared to VTS and BMS

Episodes of overt HE in VTX are reduced compared to VTS and BMS

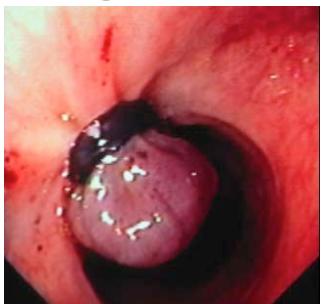
* p < 0.05
** p < 0.01

What patients to TIPS for refractory ascites?

Rebleeding prophylaxis is mandatory

without therapy 60-70% rebleeding and 40% mortality

**Band
ligation**



First line

NSBB

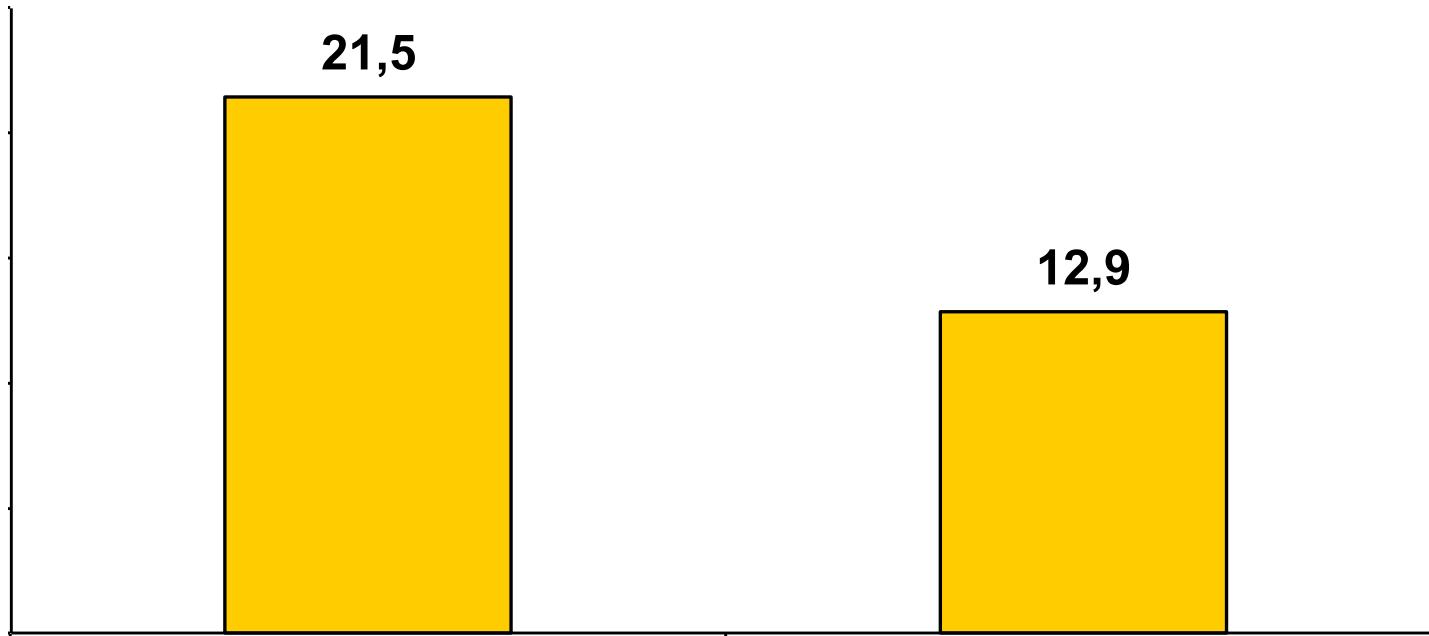


40-50% rebleeding

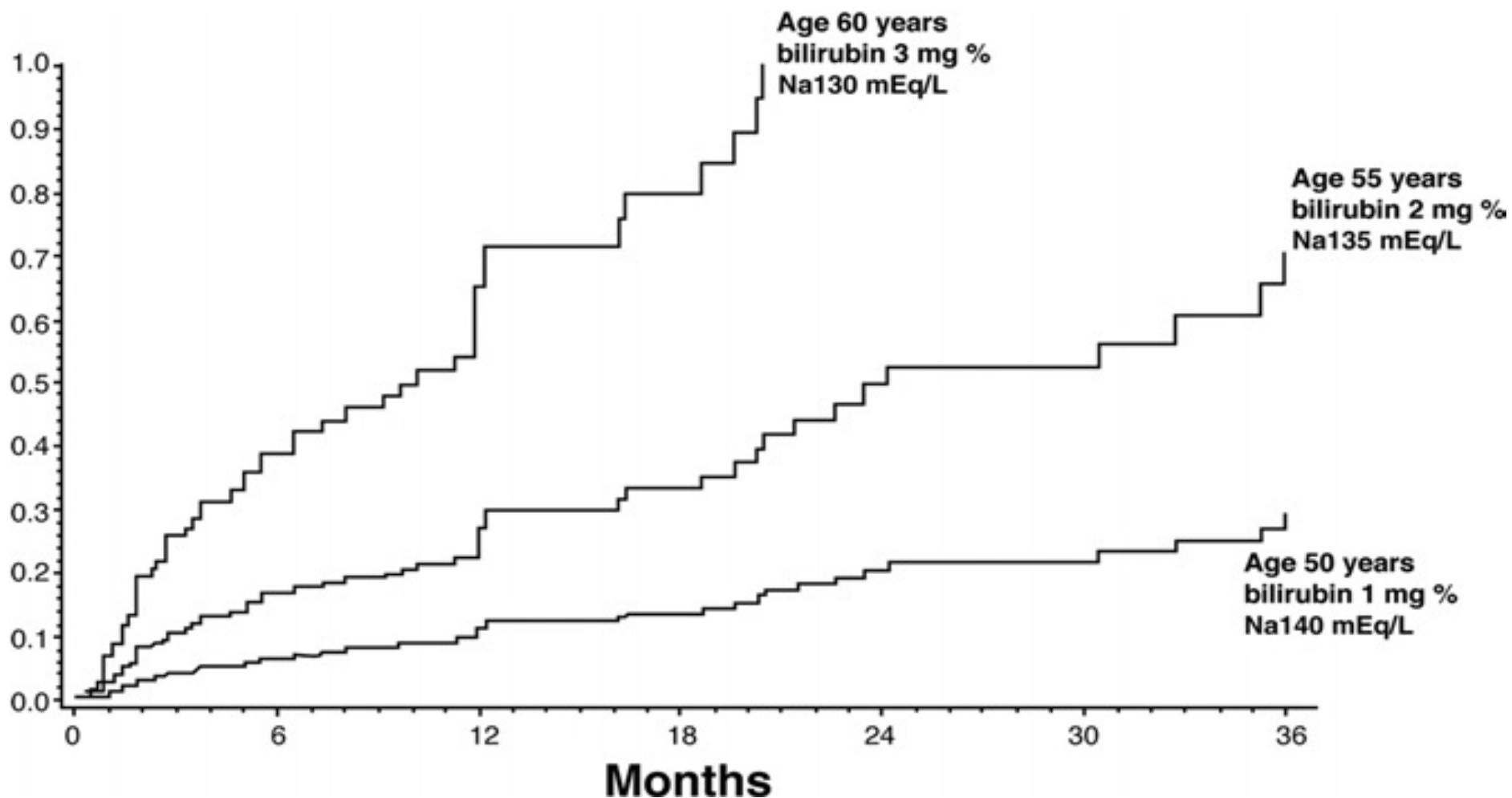
20-35% mortality

BUT,

„Early TIPS“ in real life (France)

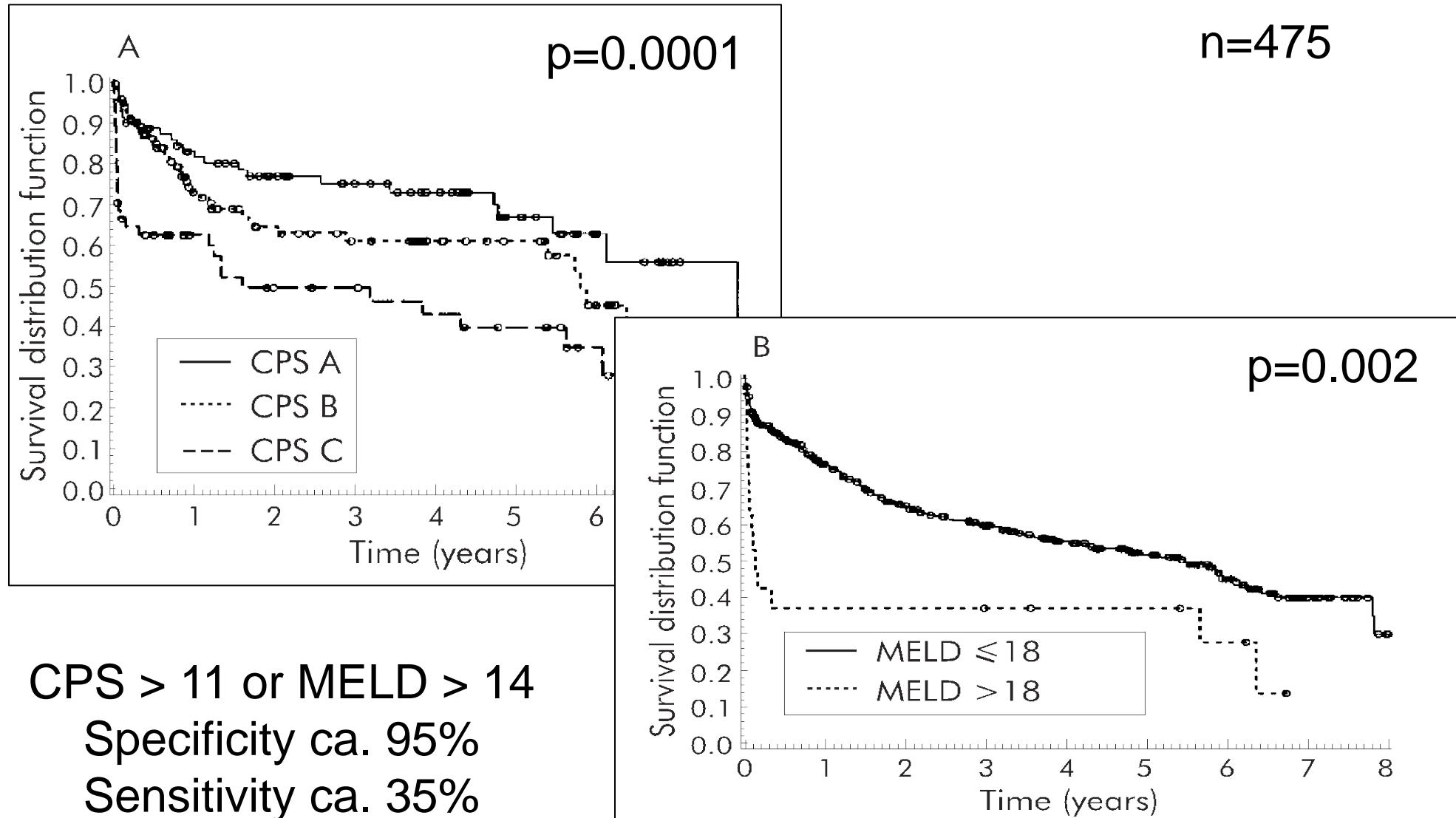


Age, bilirubin and sodium

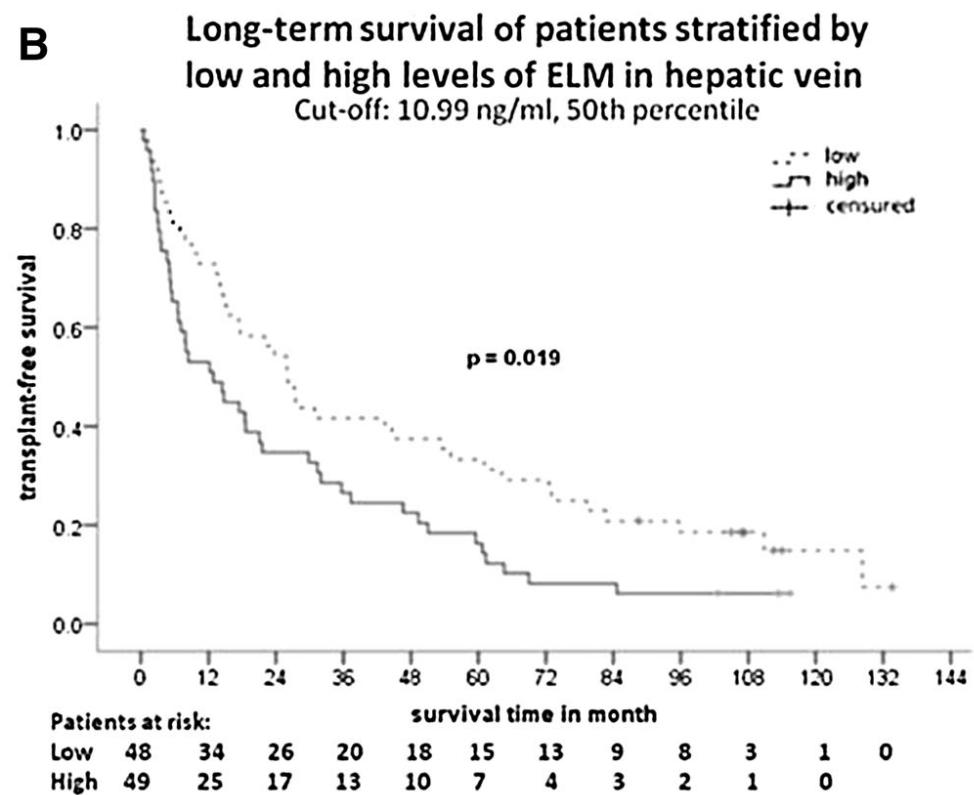
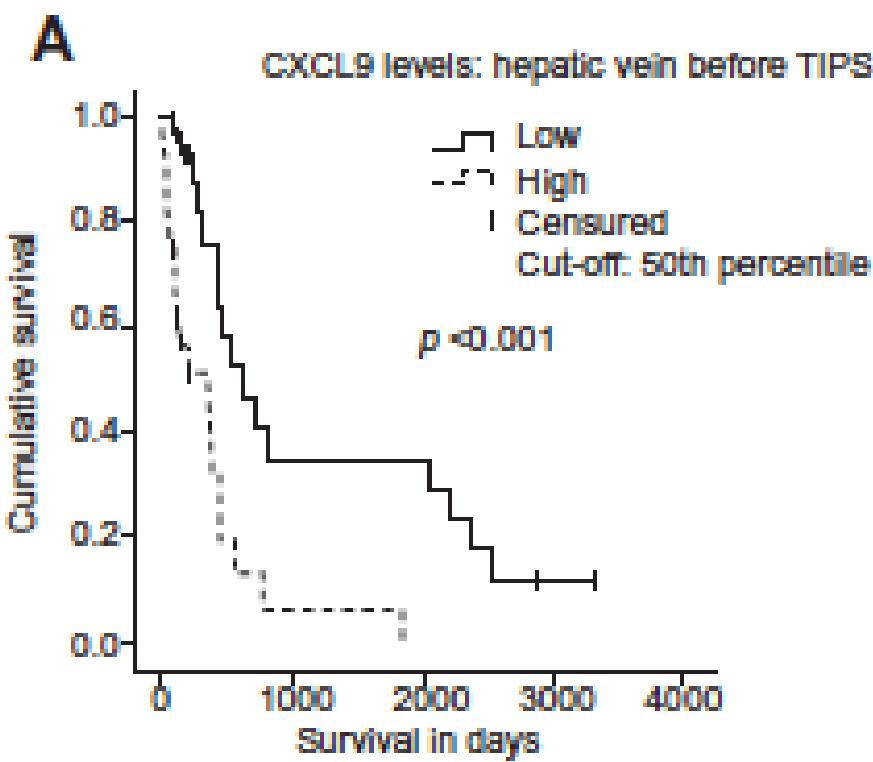


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Child-Pugh-Score and MELD-score



Biomarker



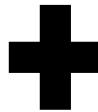
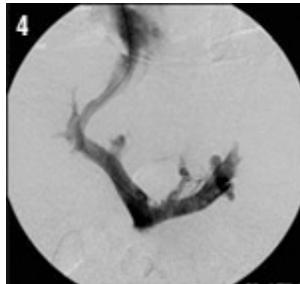
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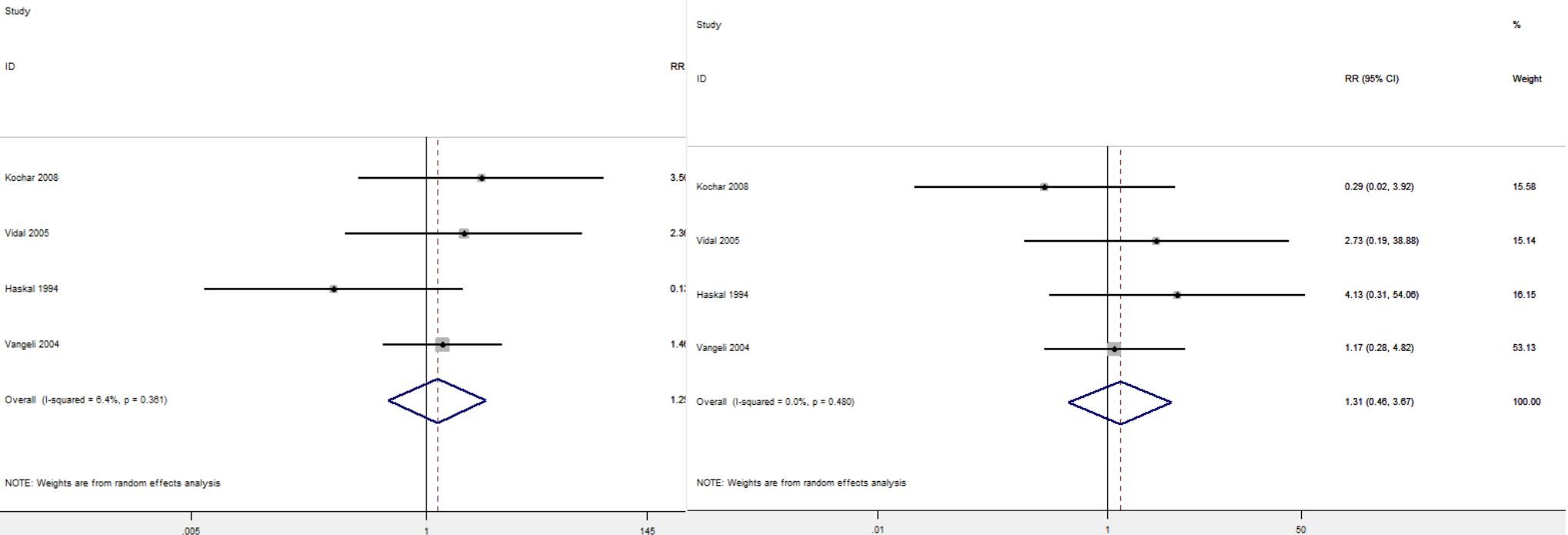
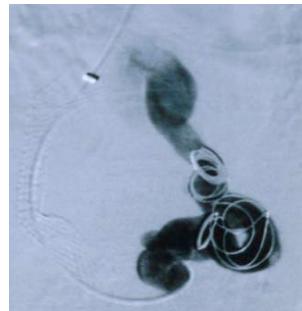
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Variceal embolisation

TIPS

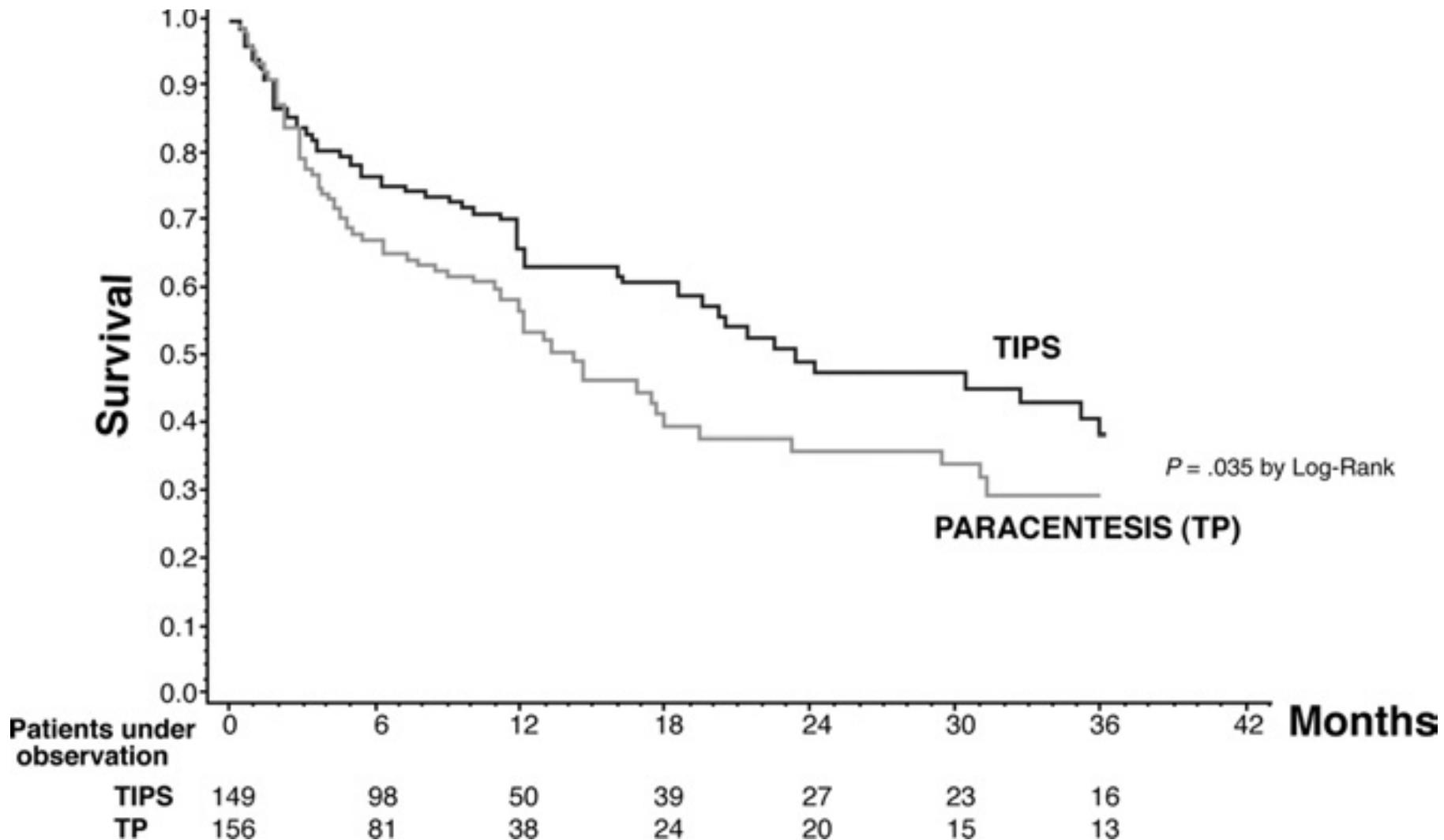


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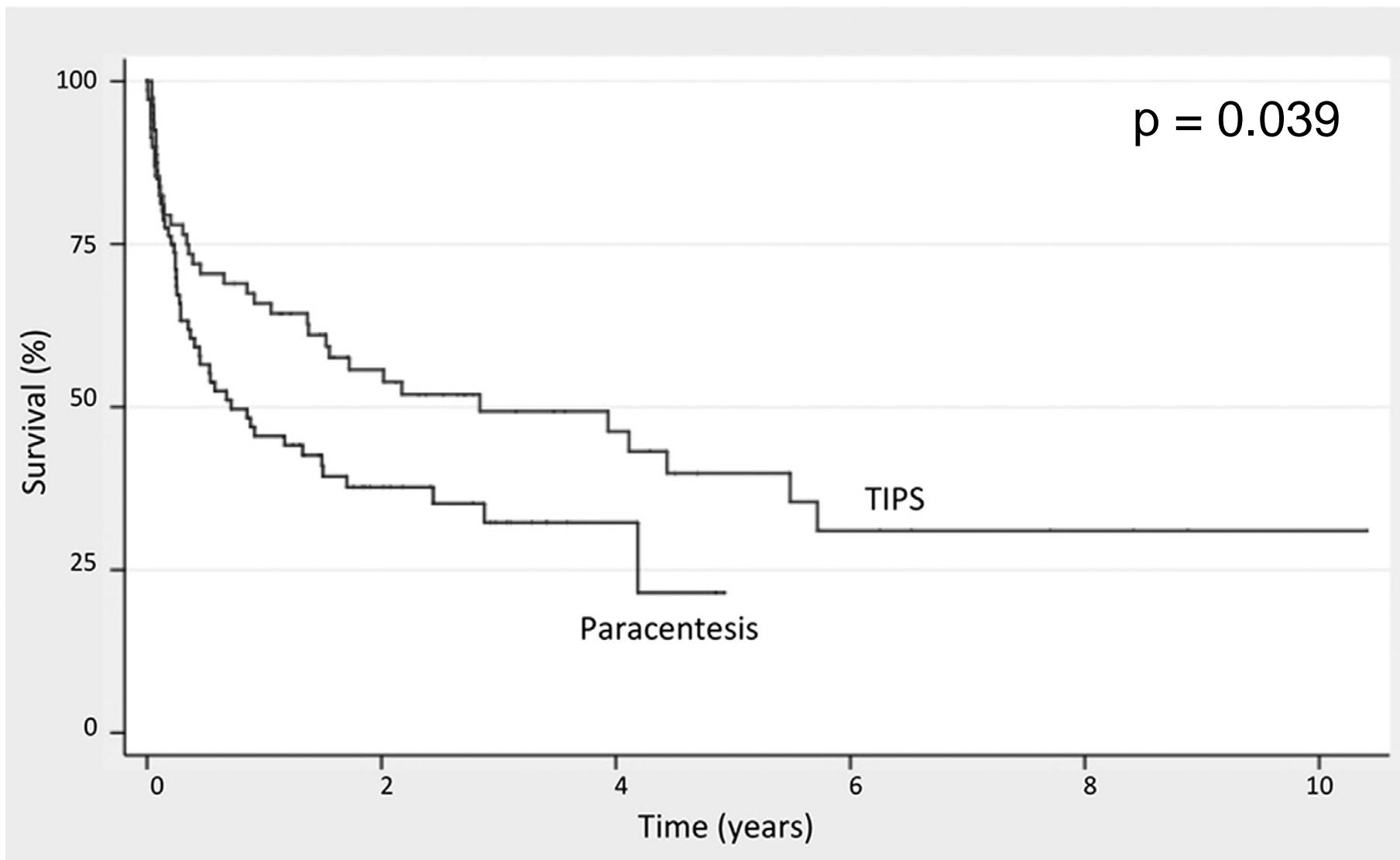
Why to TIPS in refractory ascites?

TIPS improves survival

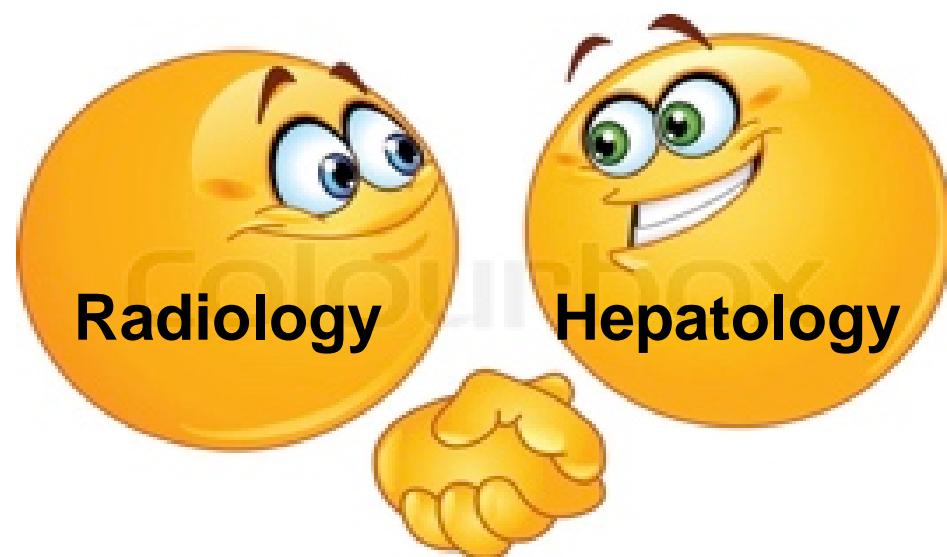


Refractory ascites

cTIPS improves survival

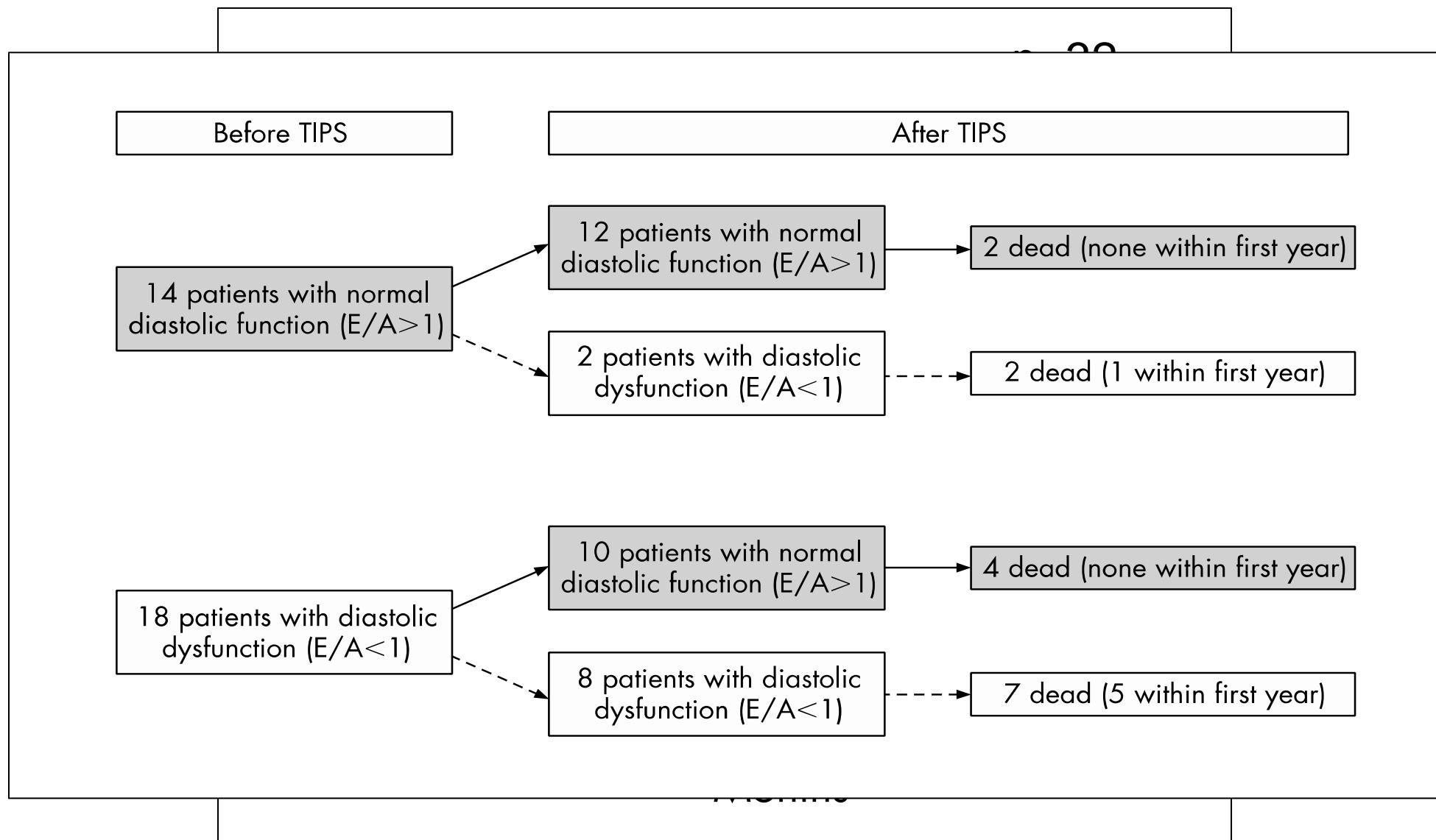


**Follow up after TIPS is very
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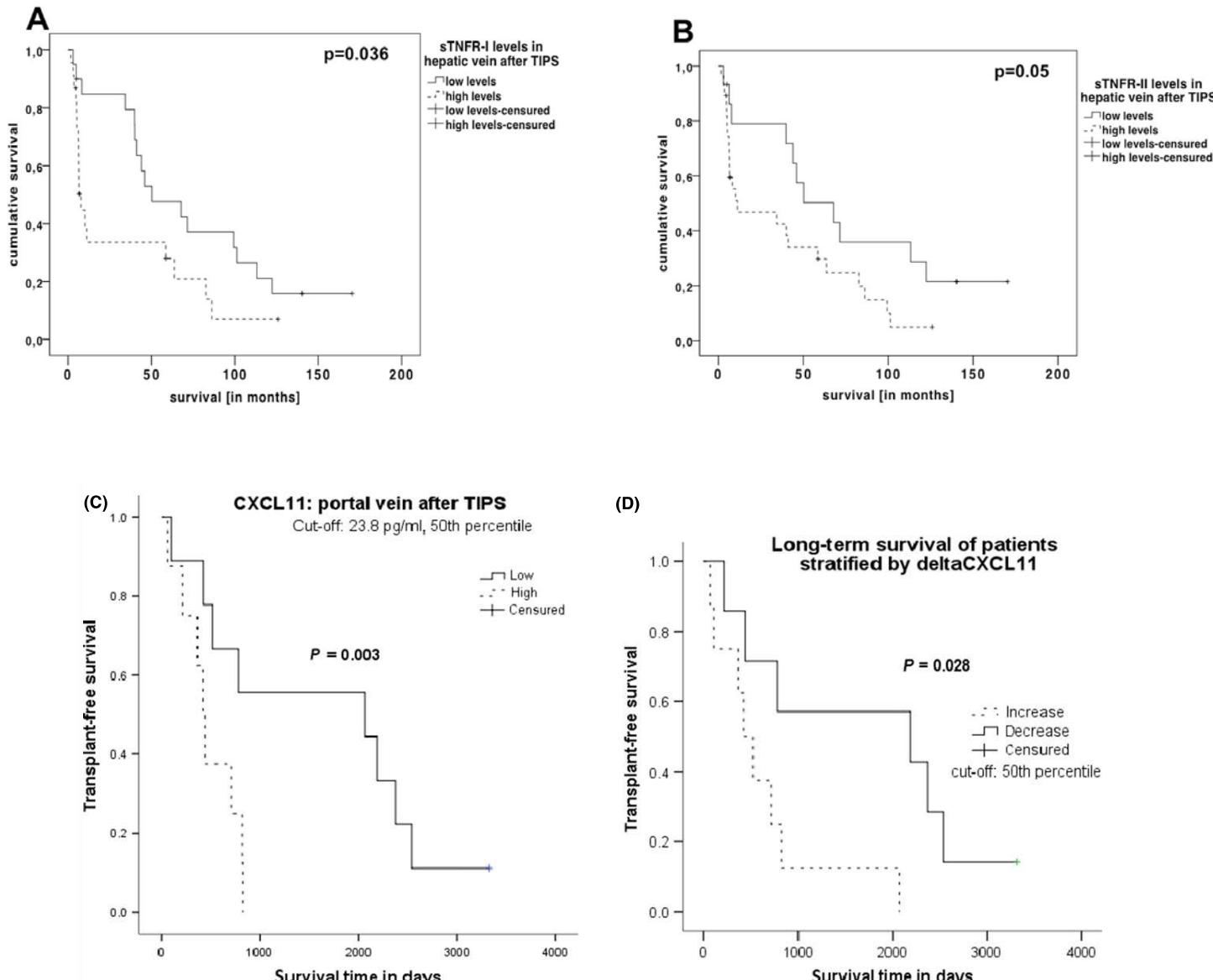


Thank you !

Cardiac function

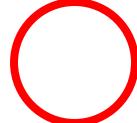


Follow up of Biomarker



Refractory ascites

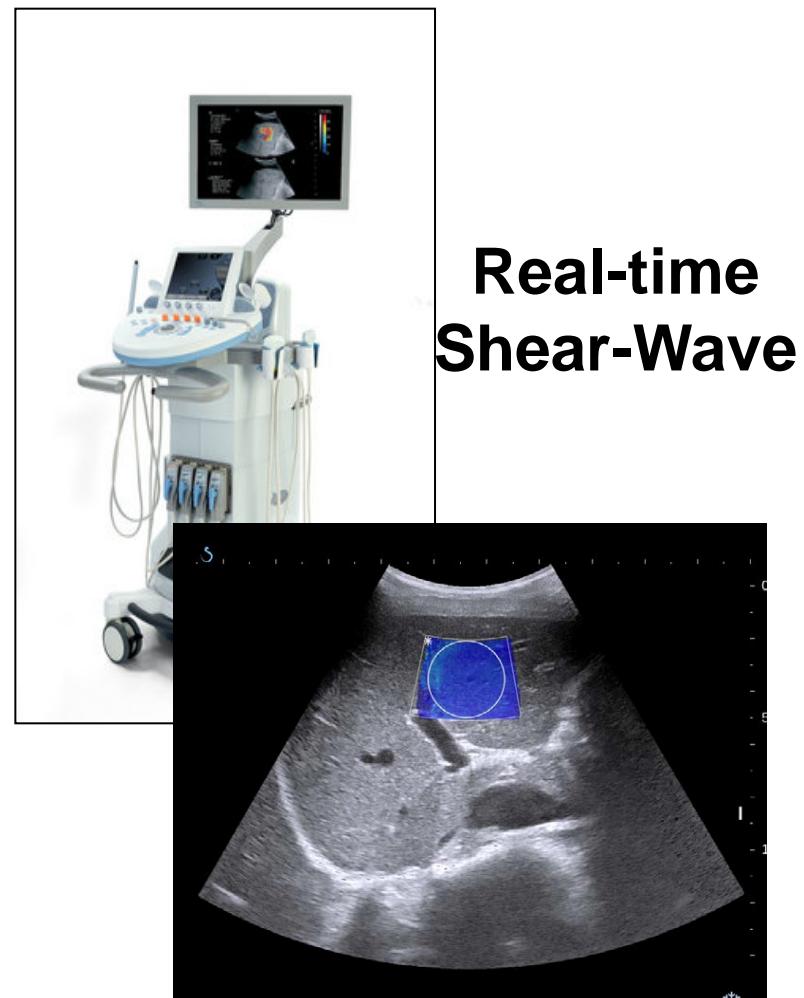
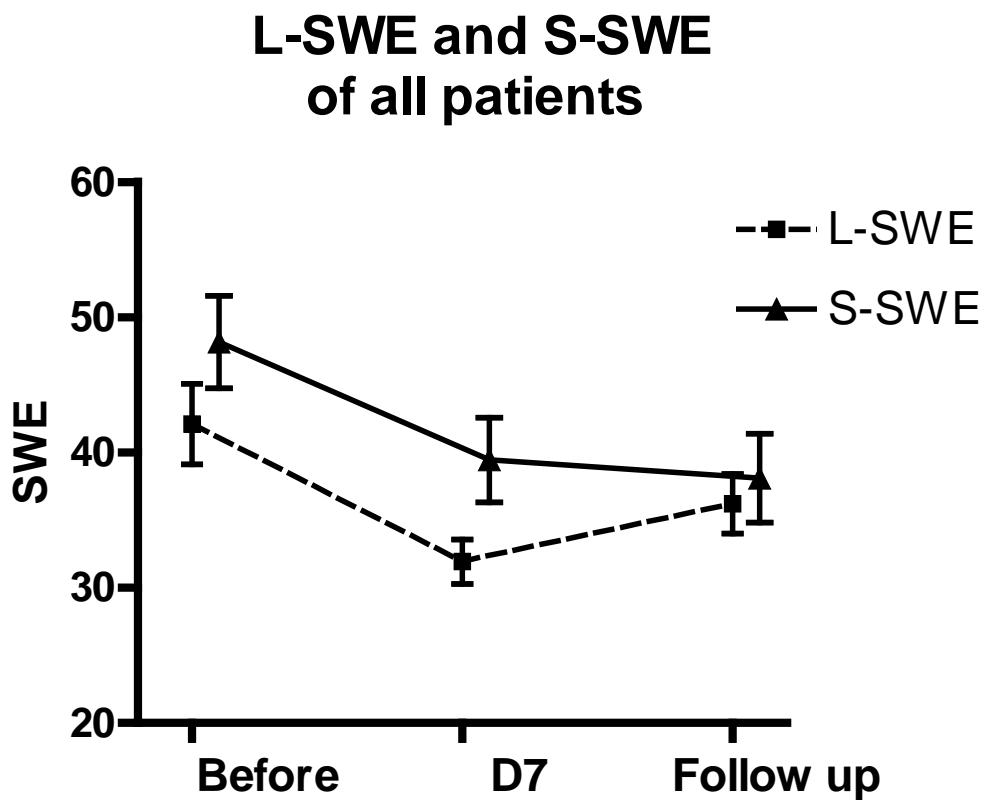
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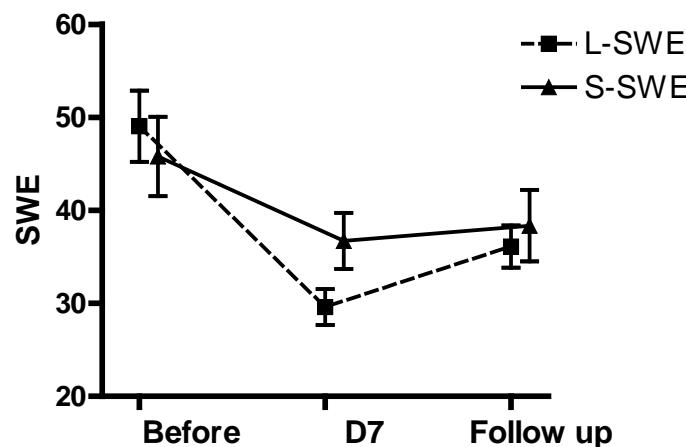
Clinical Follow up

TIPS decreases liver and spleen stiffness (Aixplorer)

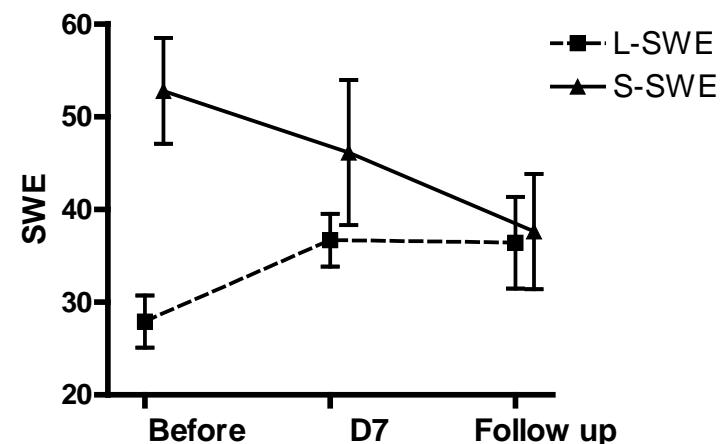


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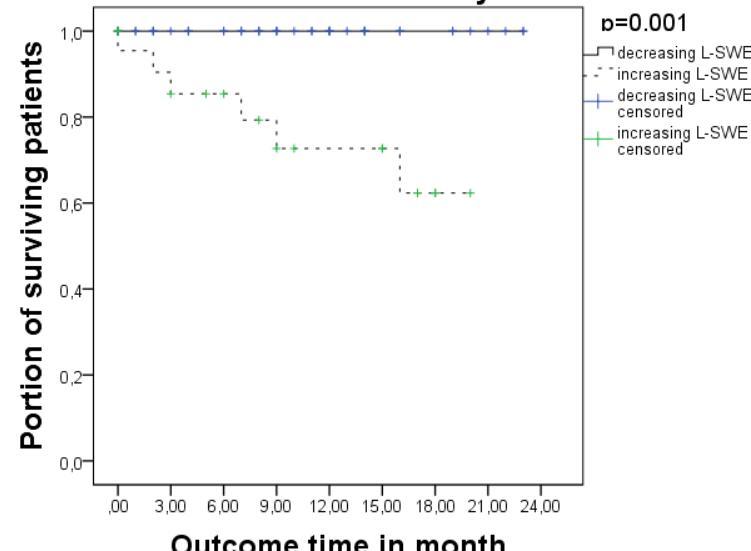
L-SWE and S-SWE of patients with decreasing L-SWE



L-SWE and S-SWE of patients with rising L-SWE

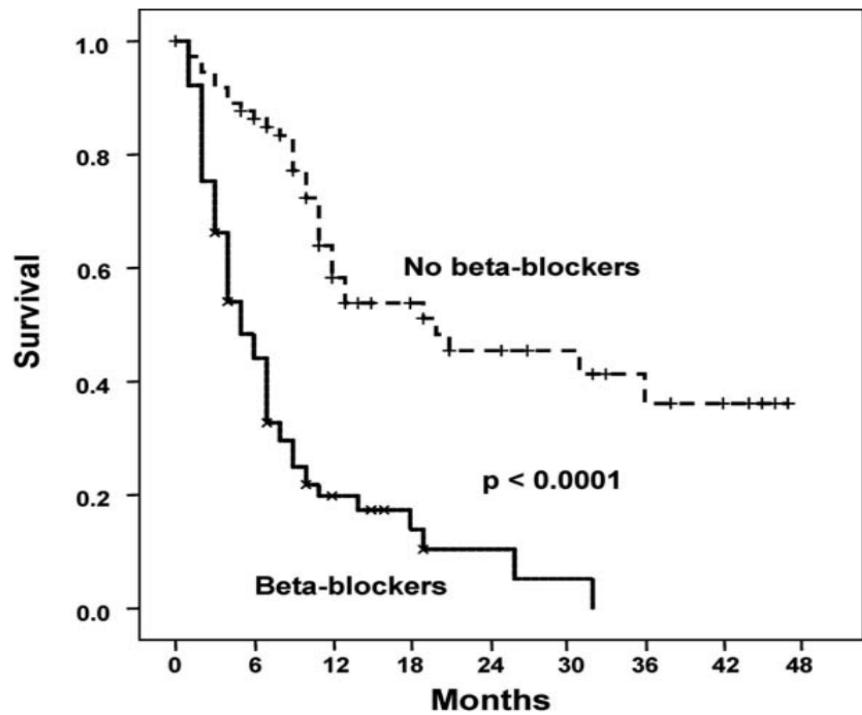
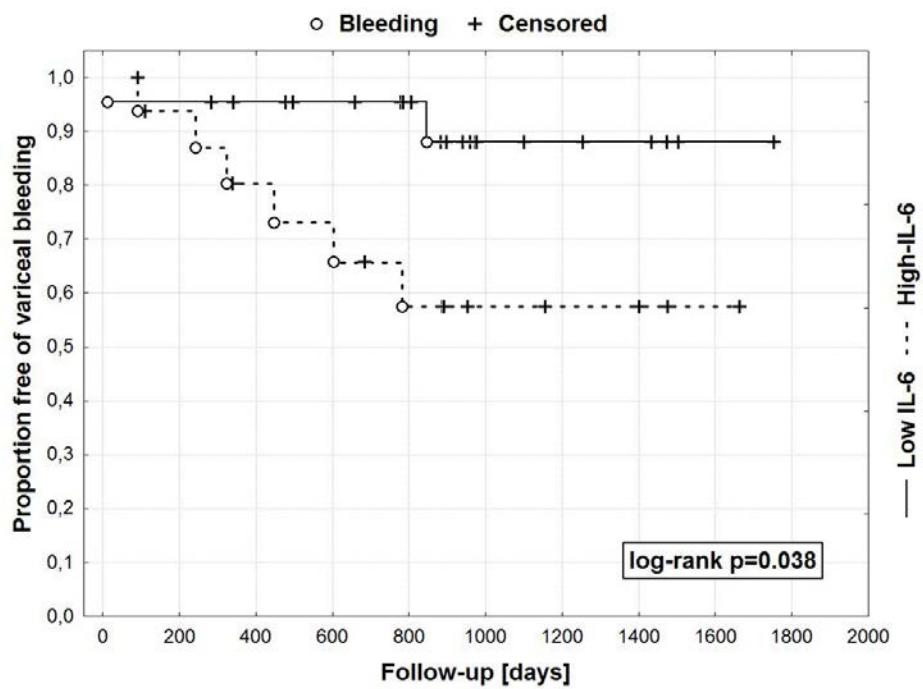


Survival of Patients stratified by L-SWE evolution

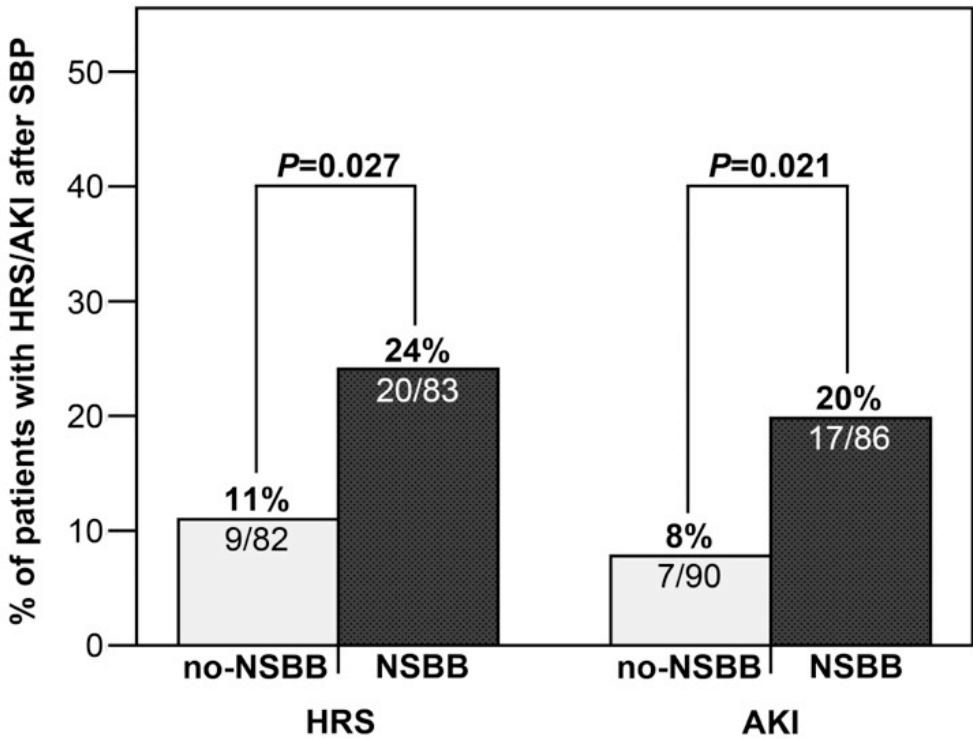
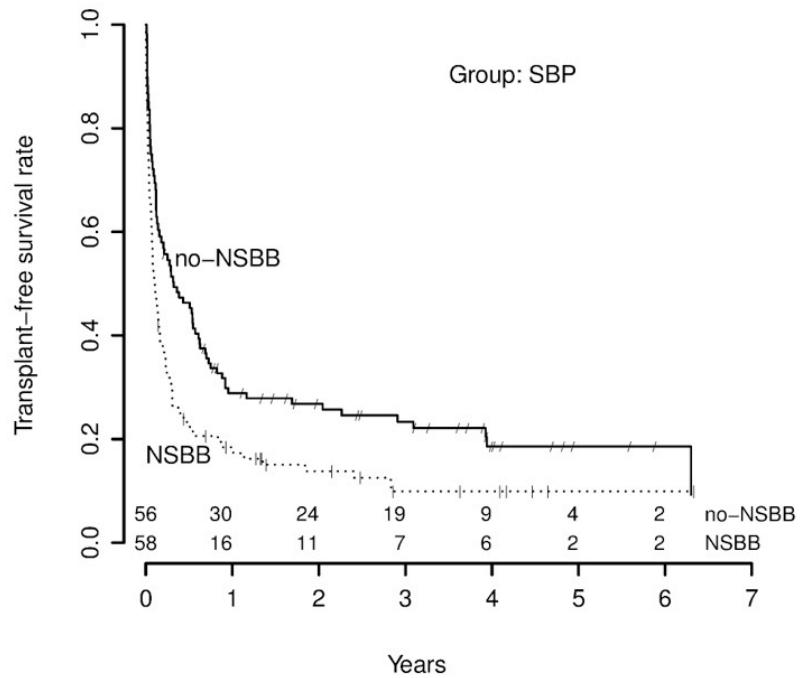


Bakterielle Translokation führt zu Varizenblutung

Rezidivprophylaxe mit NSBB



Nach einer SBP Betablocker absetzen



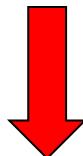
Hepatorenales Syndrom

HRS Typ 2
($1,5 < \text{Krea} < 2,5 \text{ mg/dl}$)

Midodrin (Gutron) 3 X 7.5-12.5 mg/d
+ Albumin 20-40 g/d i.v.
+ Octreotid (Sandostatin) 3 X 200µg

Therapieversagen oder
HRS Typ 1
($\text{Krea} > 2,5 \text{ mg/dl}$)

Terlipressin (2-12 mg/d)
+ Albumin 20-40 g/d

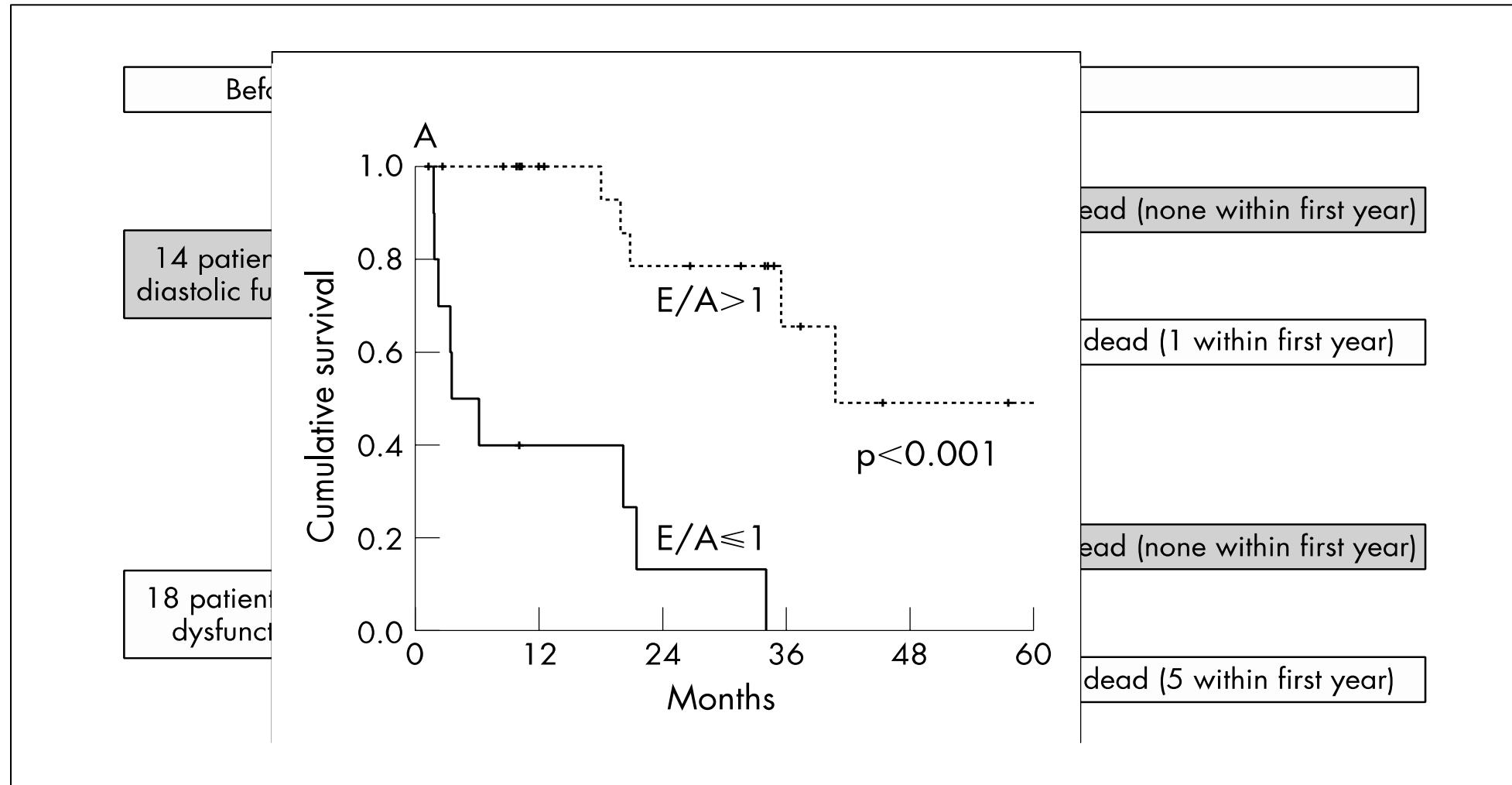


LTX/TIPS-Evaluation

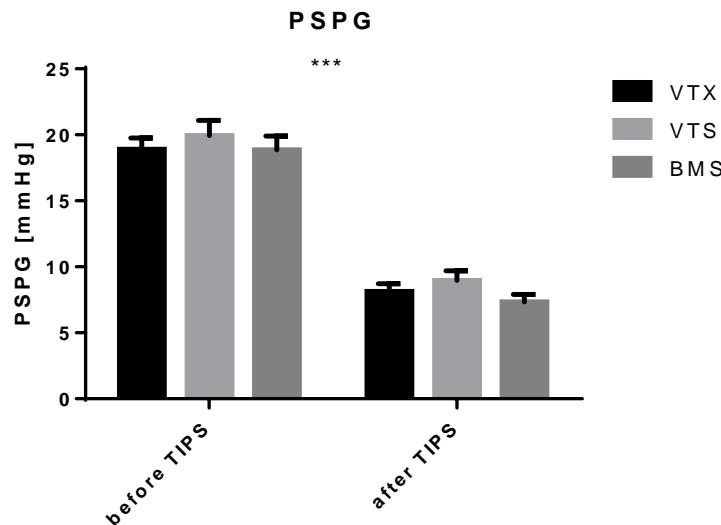


evtl. Midodrin als Erhaltung

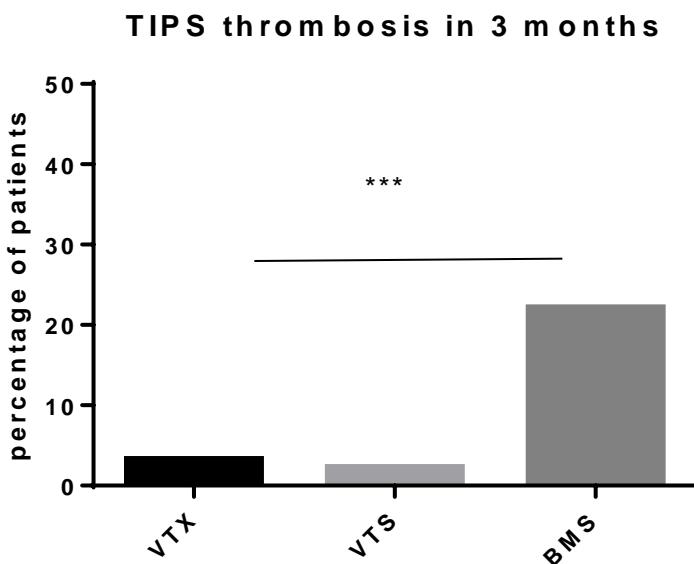
Cardiac function might deteriorate after TIPS



Shunt viability



PSPG is not different immediately after TIPS



VTX and VTS much less thrombosis compared to BMS

3 months follow up

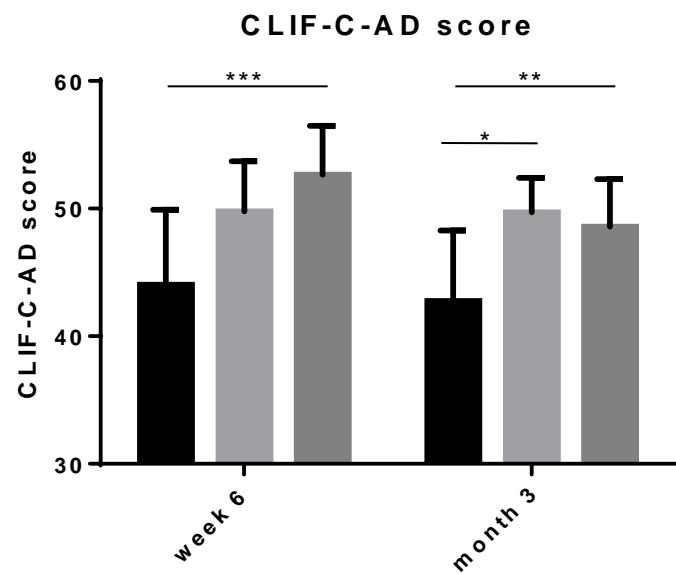
Parameter	VTX	VTS	BMS
MELD-Na	11(5-22)*##	12(6-27)	15(5-40)
Sodium mmol/l	140(136-151)**##	138(127-145)	136(124-144)
Creatinine mg/dl	0.8(0.5-2.3)*#	0.8(0.6-4.0)	1.1(0.7-3.7)
gGT U/l	108(9-484)*	126(28-2063)	276(36-1696)
Albumin g/l	36.2(21.4-44.7)*	32.9(18.6-43)	30.9(21.8-45.3)
MELD	11(6-20)	11(6-21)	13(7-40)
Child-Pugh-Score	6(5-10)	7(5-11)	7(5-10)
Bilirubin mg/dl	1.5(0.5-4.2)	1.3(0.4-7.9)	1.5(0.3-24.1)
INR	1.1(1-2.5)	1.2(1-1.6)	1.2(1-5.4)
CRP mg/l	3.9(0.6-107) §	6.3(0.9-50.5)	7.8(0.9-55.8)

* P < 0.05 all groups

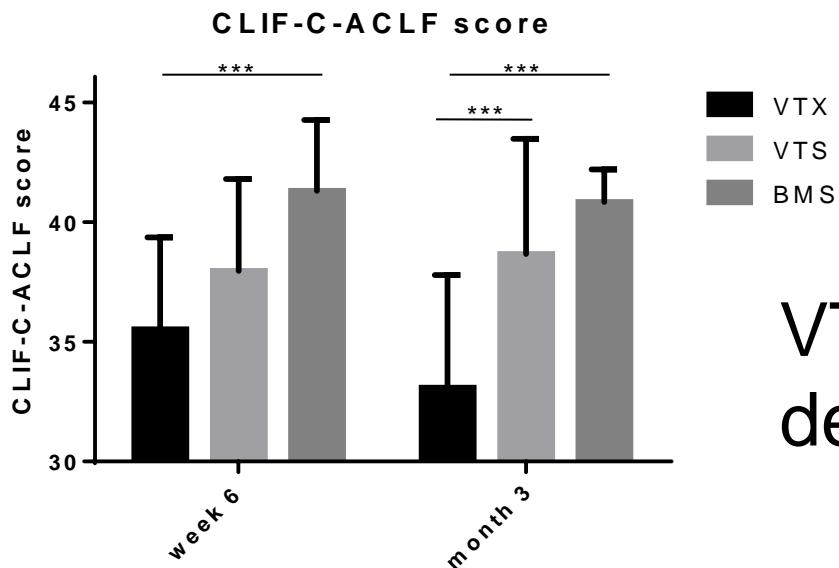
P<0.05 VTX vs. BMS

§ p<0.05 after 6w

AD and ACLF at follow up



VTX group has lower risk of acute decompensation and ACLF

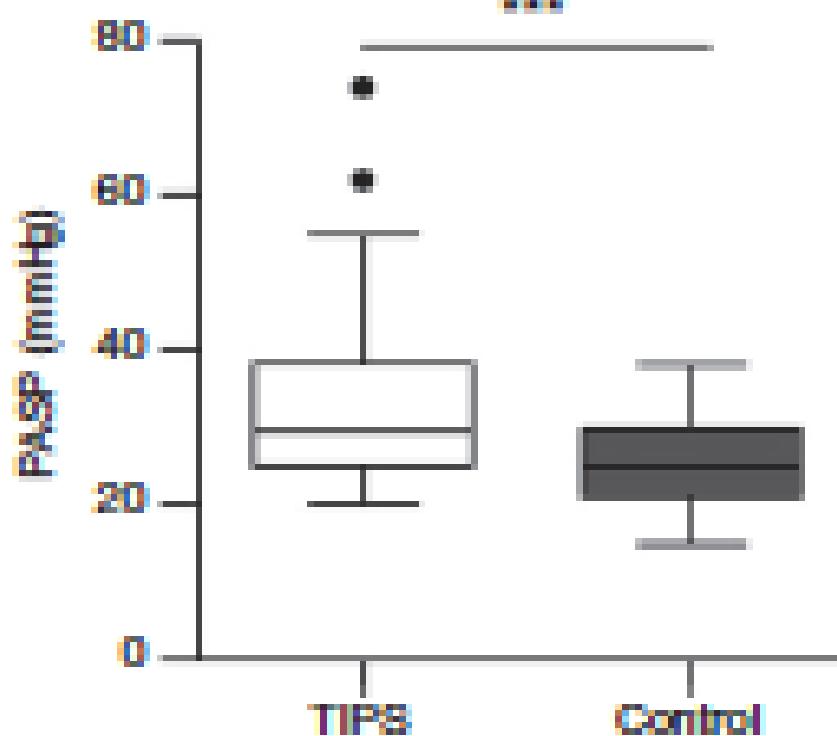


VTX group has lower risk of developing severe ACLF and death

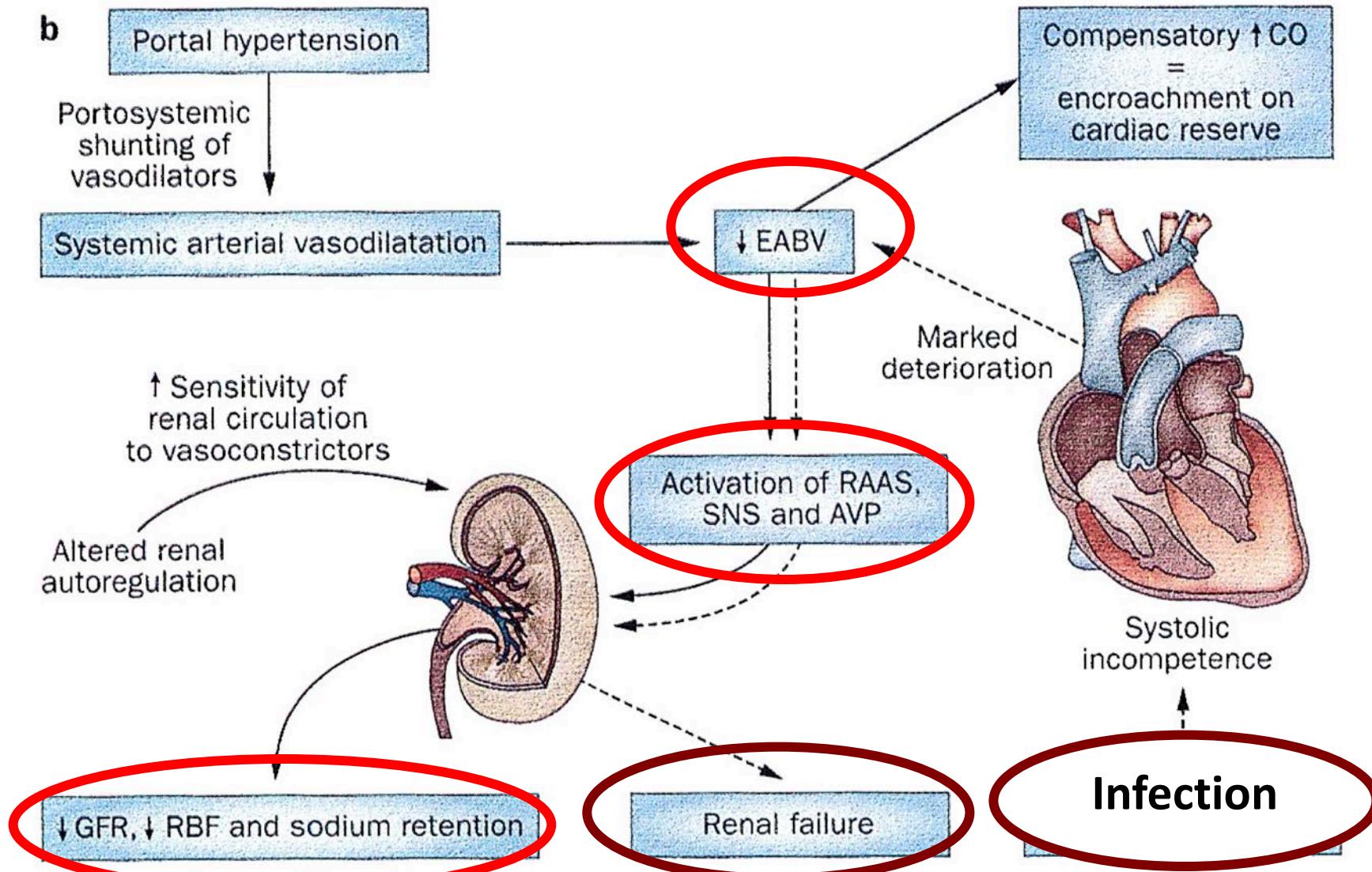
Cardiac reserve decreases after TIPS

Variable	Before TIPS	Change from Baseline at Day 1	Change from Baseline at 1 Month
Cardiac output, L/min	6.83 (5.31 to 8.16)	+1.61 (+0.74 to +2.49)†	+4.03 (+2.03 to +6.03)†
Right pulmonary vascular volume			+35 (+16 to +53)
Left pulmonary vascular volume			+33 (-1 to +68)
Cardiac and central vascular vol			+260 (+96 to +423)

* Values are expressed as mean († $P < 0.05$ compared with baseline)



Cardiac reserve is needed!



**Controlled expansion Viatorr might save
cardiac reserve and prevent further
decompensation.**

TIPS 8 mm vs 10mm for variceal bleeding

