

# Prise en charge de la transfusion massive en chirurgie programmée et chez le polytraumatisé

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# Massive transfusion and coagulopathy: pathophysiology and implications for clinical management

*[Transfusion massive et coagulopathie: physiopathologie et implications cliniques]*

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## The coagulopathy of massive transfusion

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+ importante mise à jour pour l'évolution des connaissances depuis 2006

# Objectives

- To review the **pathophysiology** of disturbed hemostasis in massively transfused patients in elective surgery and trauma
- Accordingly, to describe the **management** of massive transfusion in
  - Elective surgery
  - Trauma

# Massive transfusion in elective surgery

- Tissue trauma is controlled
- Initiation of transfusion is rapid
- Normovolemia is maintained
- Normothermia is maintained
- Monitoring of hemostasis is ongoing
- Coagulopathy is a late event

# Crystalloids and colloids

- Hemodilution ↓ Hb, coagulation factors and platelets
- But rapid hemodilution with crystalloids ↑ coagulation (TEG)
  - Clinical significance remains unclear
- Colloids may affect hemostasis
  - Colloids affect fibrinogen polymerization

# Safety of Modern Starches Used During Surgery

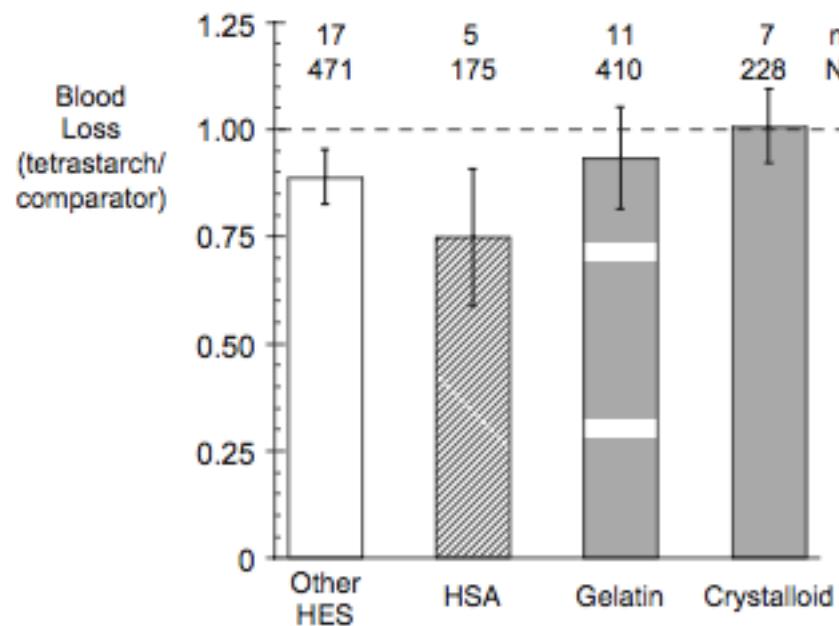
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Various hydroxyethyl starch (HES) preparations have been used for decades to augment blood volume. There has been concern recently regarding possible adverse outcomes when using HES in the intensive care setting, especially in patients with septic shock. However, the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of HES preparations depend on their chemical composition and source material. Thus, different clinical conditions could result in differing effectiveness and safety for these preparations. Consequently, we assessed the safety of tetrastarches when used during surgery, using a formal search, that yielded 59 primary full publications of studies that met a priori inclusion criteria and randomly allocated 4529 patients with 2139 patients treated with tetrastarch compared with 2390 patients treated with a comparator. There were no indications that the use of tetrastarches during surgery induces adverse renal effects as assessed by change or absolute concentrations of serum creatinine or need for renal replacement therapy (39 trials, 3389 patients), increased blood loss (38 trials, 3280 patients), allogeneic erythrocyte transfusion (20 trials, 2151 patients; odds ratio for HES transfusion 0.73 [95% confidence interval = 0.61–0.87],  $P = 0.0005$ ), or increased mortality (odds ratio for HES mortality = 0.51 [0.24–1.05],  $P = 0.079$ ). (Anesth Analg 2013;116:35–48)

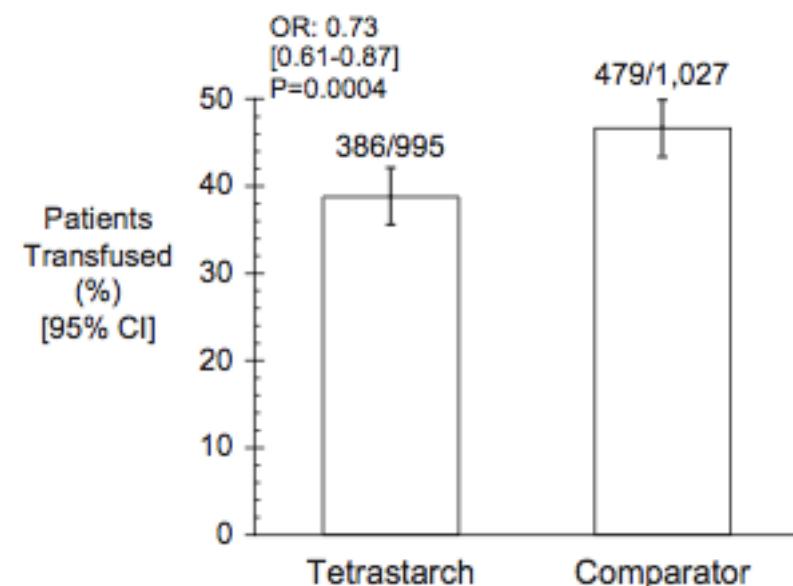
N = 59 études au total

N = 4529 patients (2139 HEA 0,4 vs 2390 comparateur)

# Pas de différence dans les pertes sanguines ni dans les transfusions



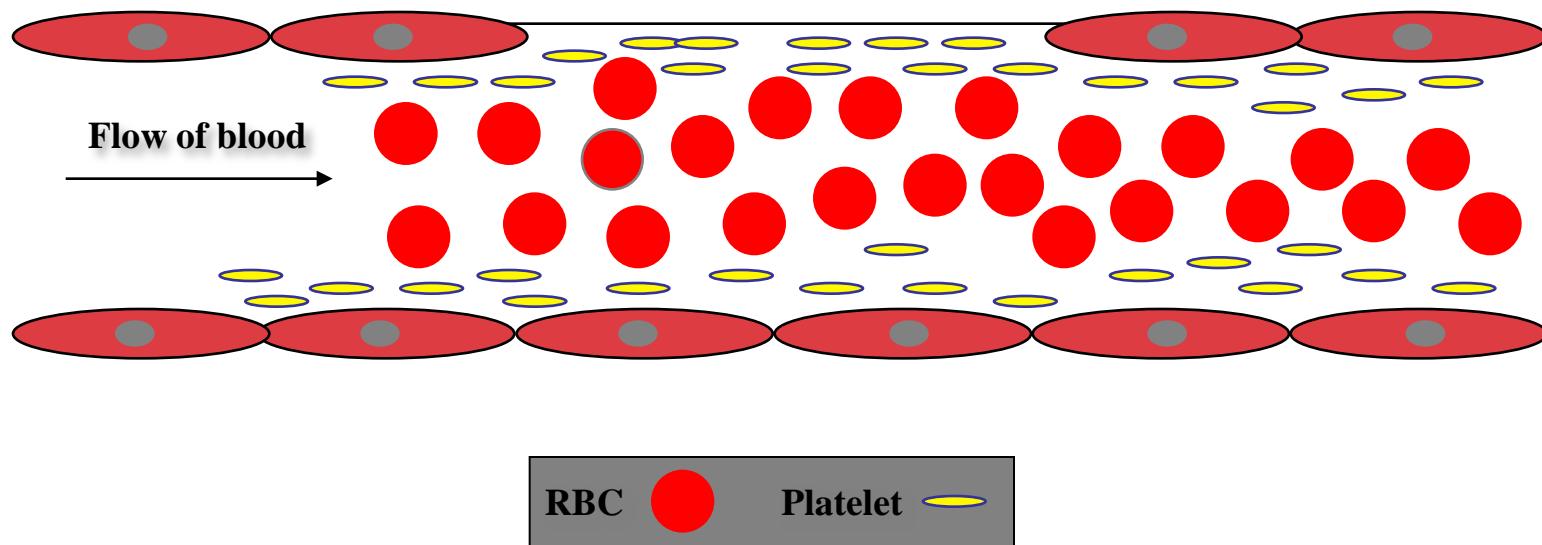
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N = nombre de patients  
HSA = human serum albumin



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# Erythrocytes and hemostasis: Rheological mechanisms

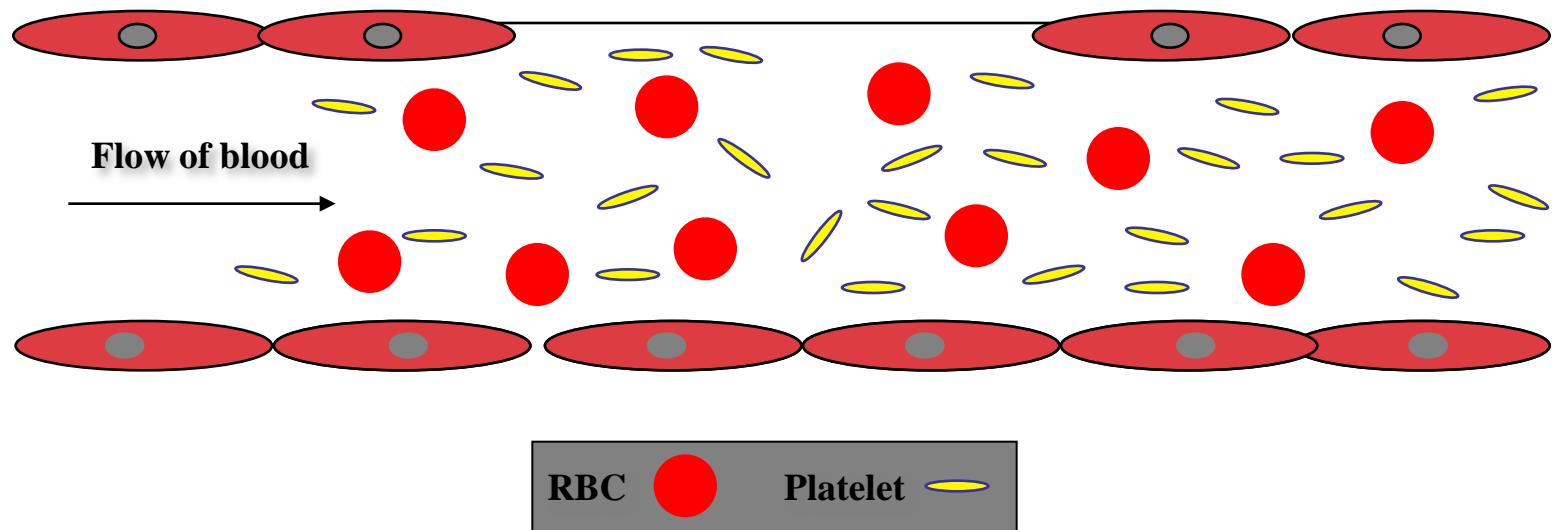
Hematocrit > 30%



Eberst and Berkowitz, Am J Med 1994

# Anemia and hemostasis: ↓ margination of platelets

Hematocrit < 25%



Eberst and Berkowitz, Am J Med 1994

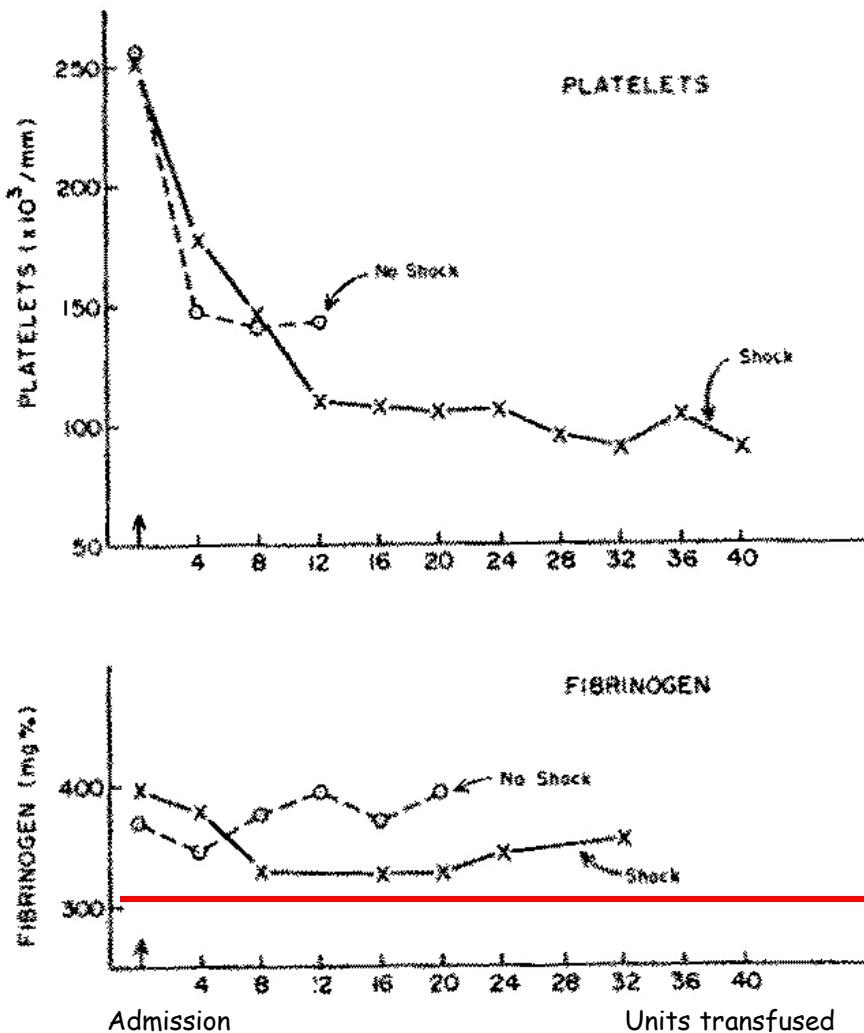
# Optimal hematocrit for hemostasis?

- Hematocrit correlates with the BT
  - In rabbits, BT ↑ when the Hct < 35%
  - In humans, the BT ↑ 60% when HCT ↓ 15%
- UF to ↑ Hct (36-42%) ↓ transfusions in pediatric CPB
- The optimal Hct to sustain hemostasis **in the bleeding patient** is unknown

# Coagulation factors

- Prior to 1990 (approximately)
  - Fresh, stored or modified whole blood
  - Labile coagulation factors not a problem
- Since 1990
  - Use of packed red cells (30-60 mL of plasma)
  - Coagulation factors have become an issue

# Coagulation disorders in combat casualties



"During sequential transfusions fibrinogen levels in peripheral blood fell slightly. There was no fall below normal in **any** patient."

"The mean platelet count remained about 100 G/L after the first 6L of blood."

"No clinical evidence of hemorrhagic diatheses appeared in any of these young men despite large volumes of transfused blood"

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# Hemostatic Factors and Replacement of Major Blood Loss with Plasma-Poor Red Cell Concentrates

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**Table 1.** Critical Level of Hemostatic Factors and the Inversely Predicted Corresponding Blood Loss (95% Confidence Interval) as Percent of Calculated Blood Volume

Hemostatic factor	Critical level	Blood loss (%)
Platelets	$50 \times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$	230 (169–294)
Fibrinogen	1.0 g/L	142 (117–169)
Prothrombin	20	201 (160–244)
Factor V	25	229 (167–300)
Factor VII	20	236 (198–277)

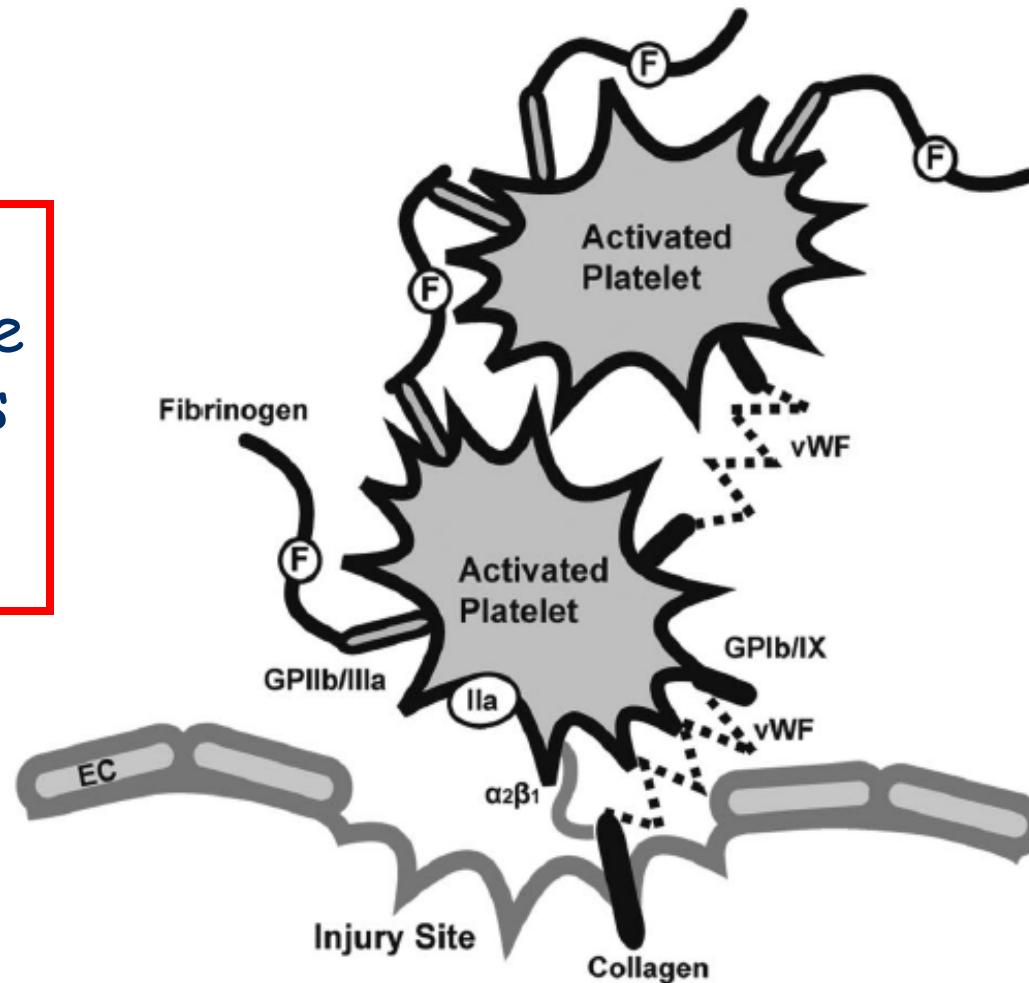
For prothrombin, factor V, and factor VII, the critical level is expressed as percent of normal activity. (Edmunds LH, Salzman EW. Hemostatic problems, transfusion therapy, and cardiopulmonary bypass in surgical patients. In: Colman RW, Hirsh J, Marder VJ, Salzman EW, eds. Hemostasis and thrombosis: basic principles and clinical practice. Philadelphia: JB Lippincott, 1994:956–68).

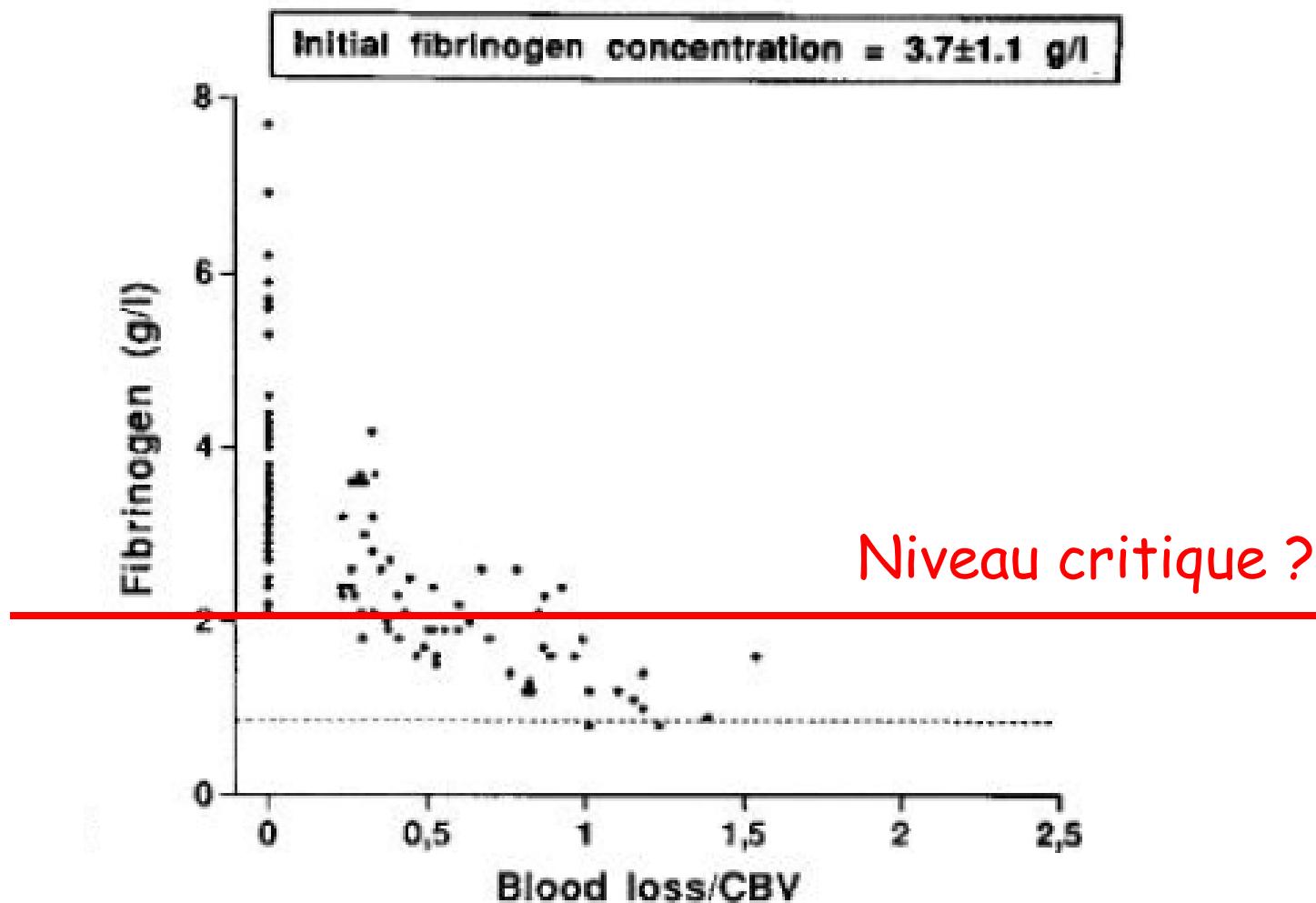
# Pathophysiology and Treatment of Coagulopathy in Massive Hemorrhage and Hemodilution

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Importance de  
l'interaction entre  
l'endothélium, les  
plaquettes et le  
fibrinogène





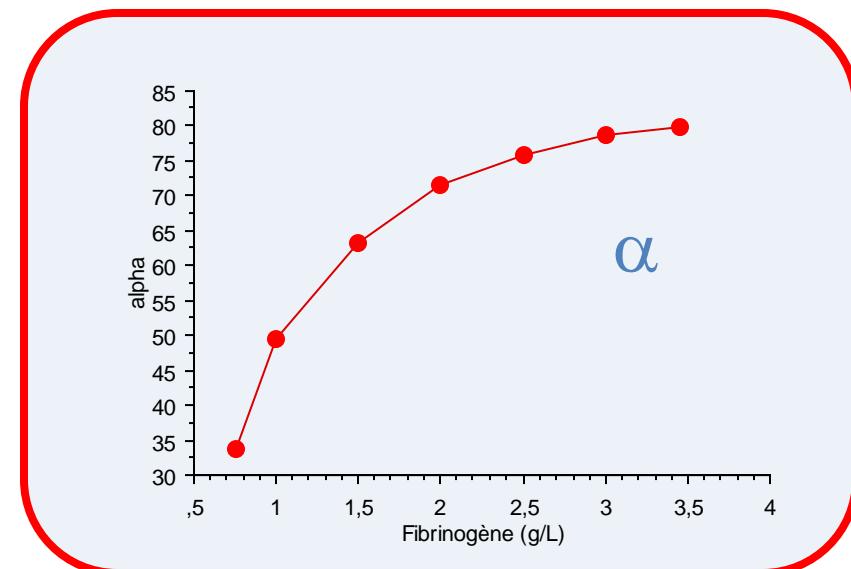
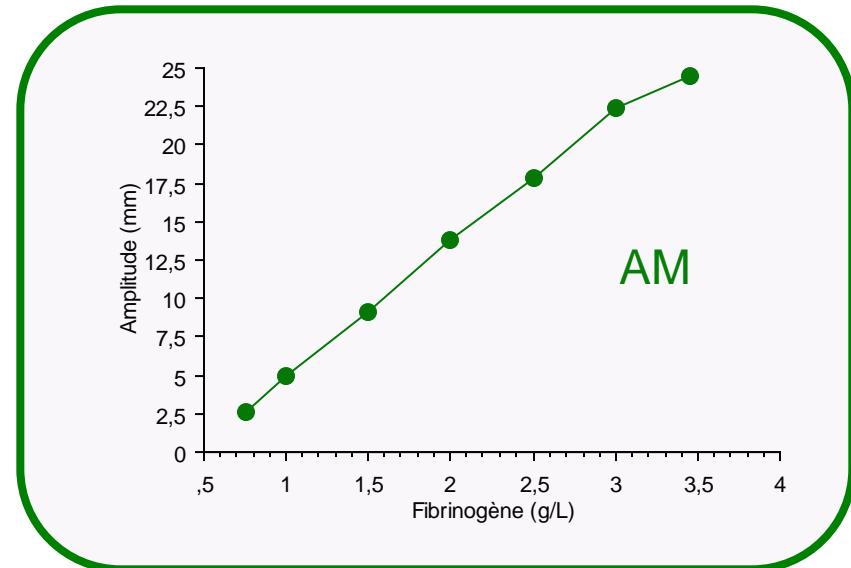
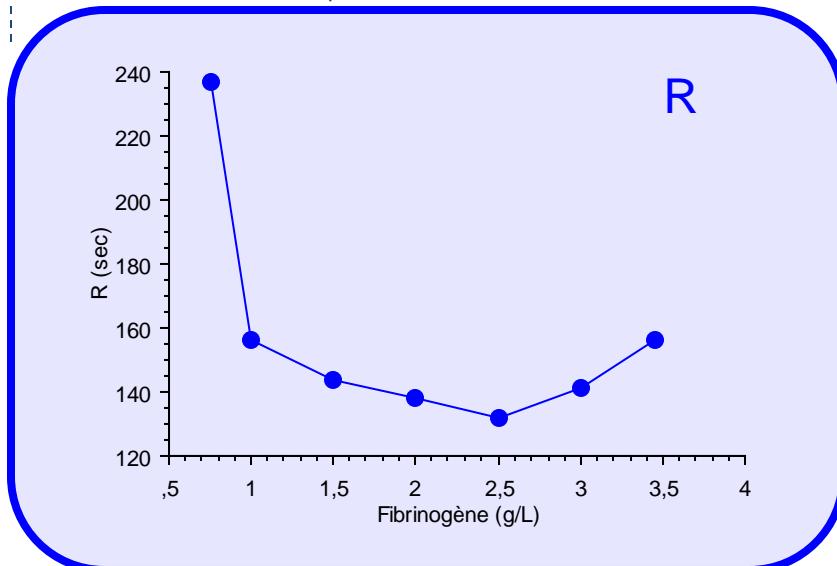
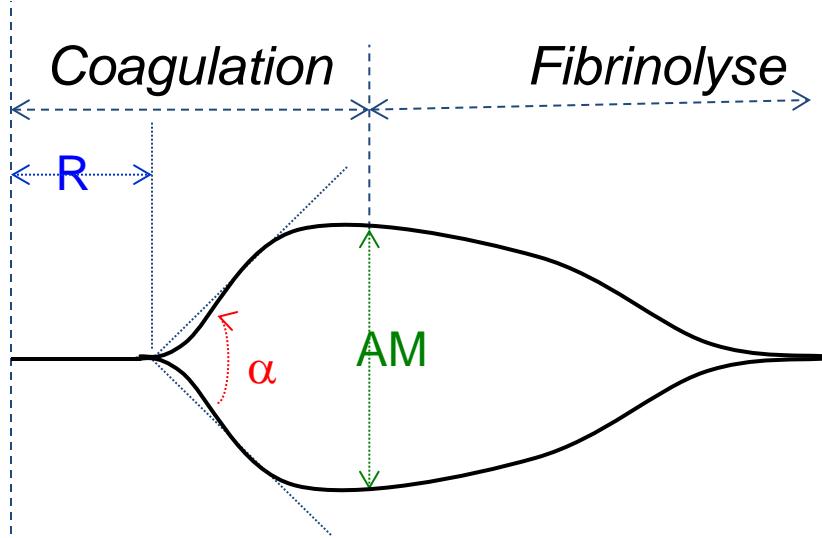
# Coagulopathie de la TM: 2 visions s'affrontent

- Vision « classique »
  - Administration de CGR, PFC et CP
  - Cryoprécipités au besoin
- Vision émergente (Allemagne, Autriche)
  - Évaluation par ROTEM
  - Administration de concentrés de facteurs
    - Fibrinogène (2-6g)
    - CCP (e.g. Octaplex®)
    - rFVIIa



# Effects of coagulation factor deficiency on plasma coagulation kinetics determined via thromboelastography

VG Nielsen et al. Acta Anaesthesiol Scand 2005; 49:222-231

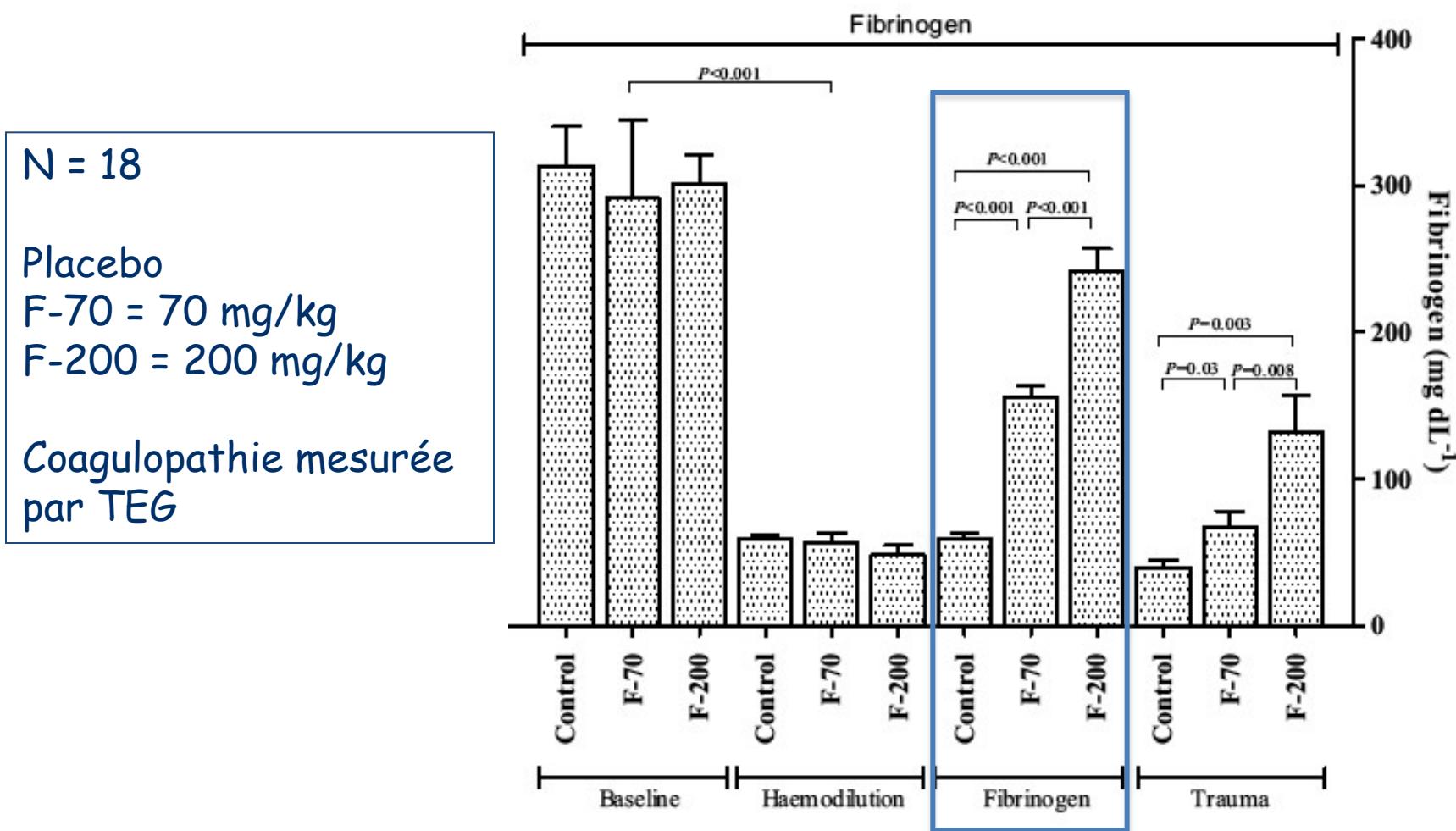




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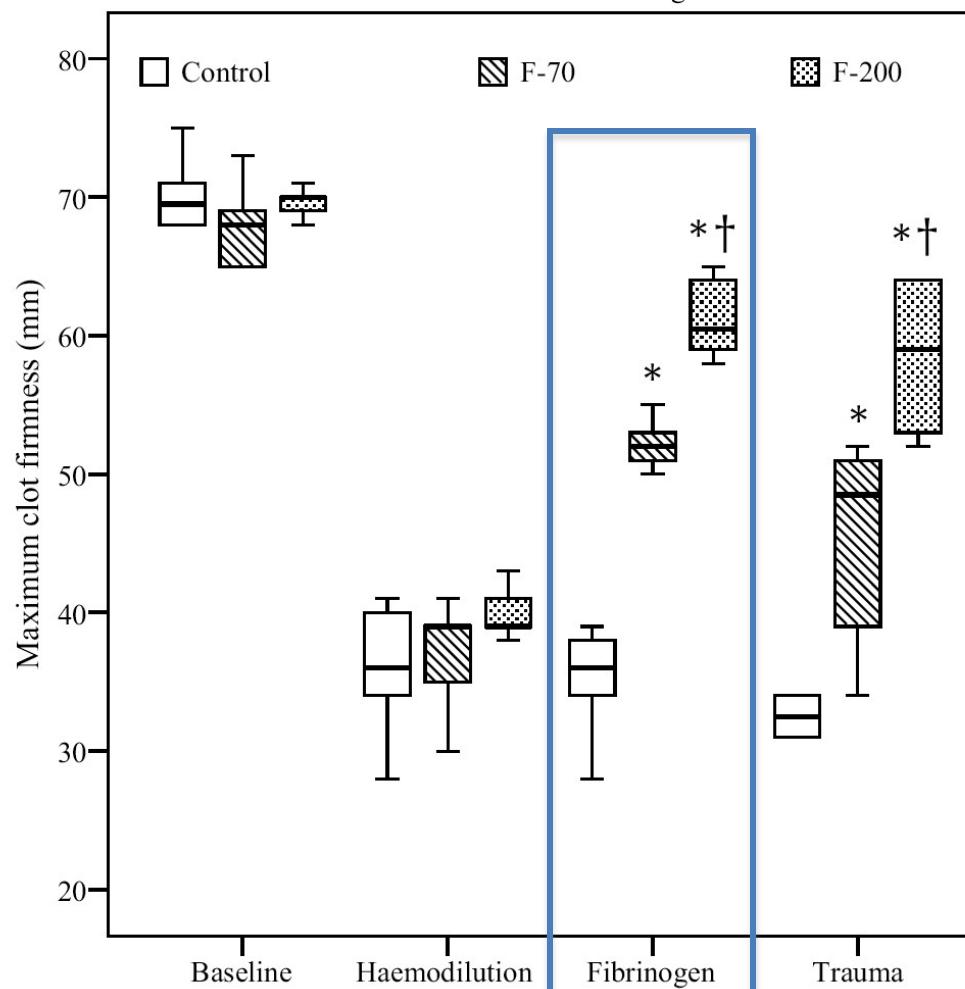
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Groupe	Pertes sanguines (mL)
Contrôle	1803 ± 248
F-70	1317 ± 113
F-200	1155 ± 232

$P < 0.05$  - Contrôle ( $<1$  g/L) vs. Fibrinogène  
 $P = \text{NS}$  - F-70 (1,5 g/L) vs. F-200 (2,5 g/L)

# Fibrinogen levels during trauma hemorrhage, response to replacement therapy, and association with patient outcomes

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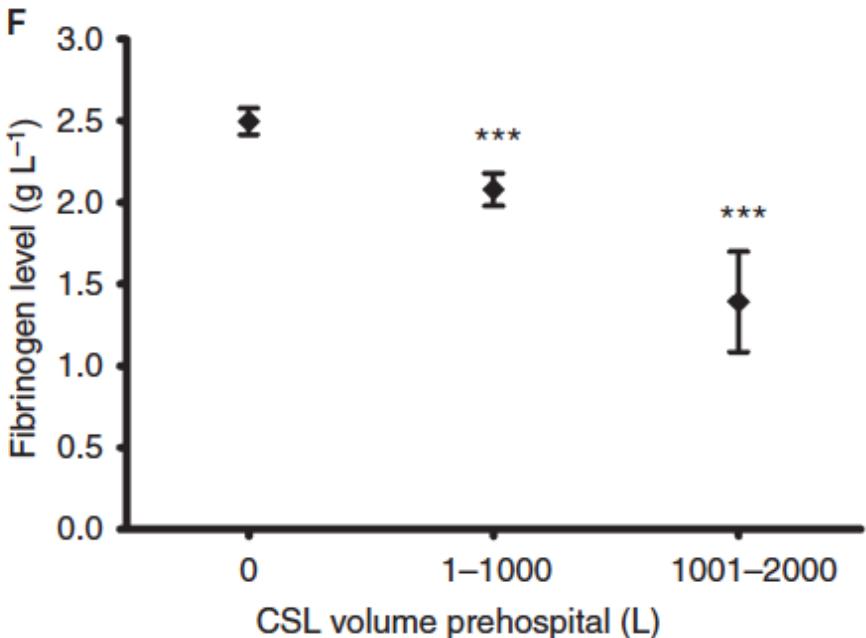
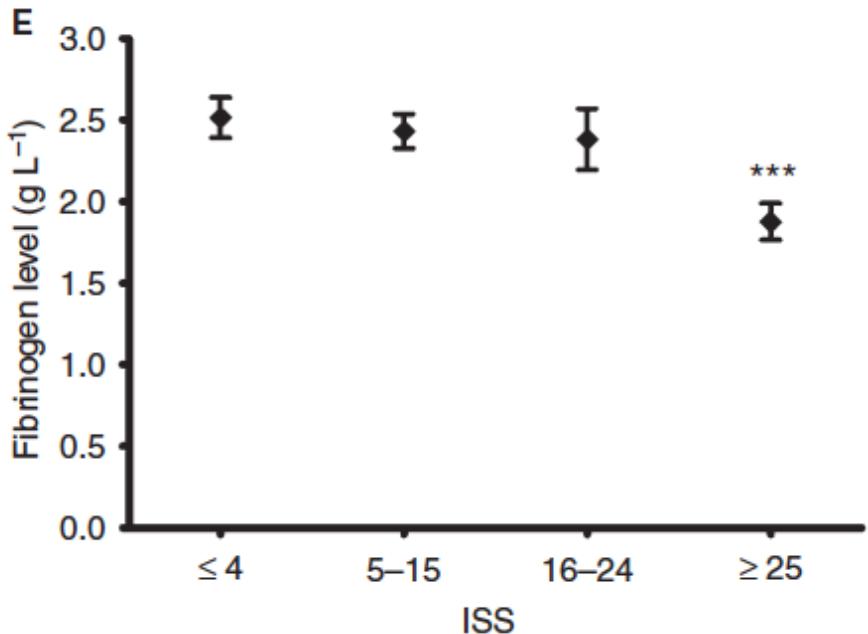
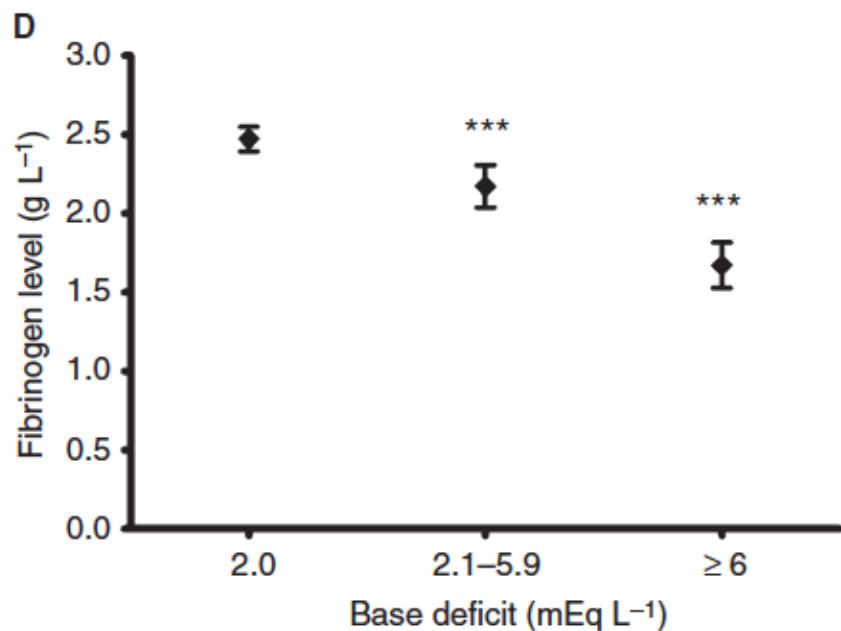
Étude prospective( 2008-2010)  
Cohorte de 517 patients traumatisés  
Relation entre la fibrinogénémie et

- Facteurs associés au trauma
- ROTEM (étude ex-vivo)
- Outcomes cliniques

## Fibrinogénémie à l'entrée indépendamment associée:

- Au choc
- À la sévérité du trauma (ISS)
- Au volume de cristalloïdes infusés avant l'arrivée à l'hôpital

*Journal of Thrombosis and Haemostasis, 10: 1342–1351*



**Table 2** Transfusion data for patients receiving  $\geq 4$  units of packed red blood cells (PRBCs)

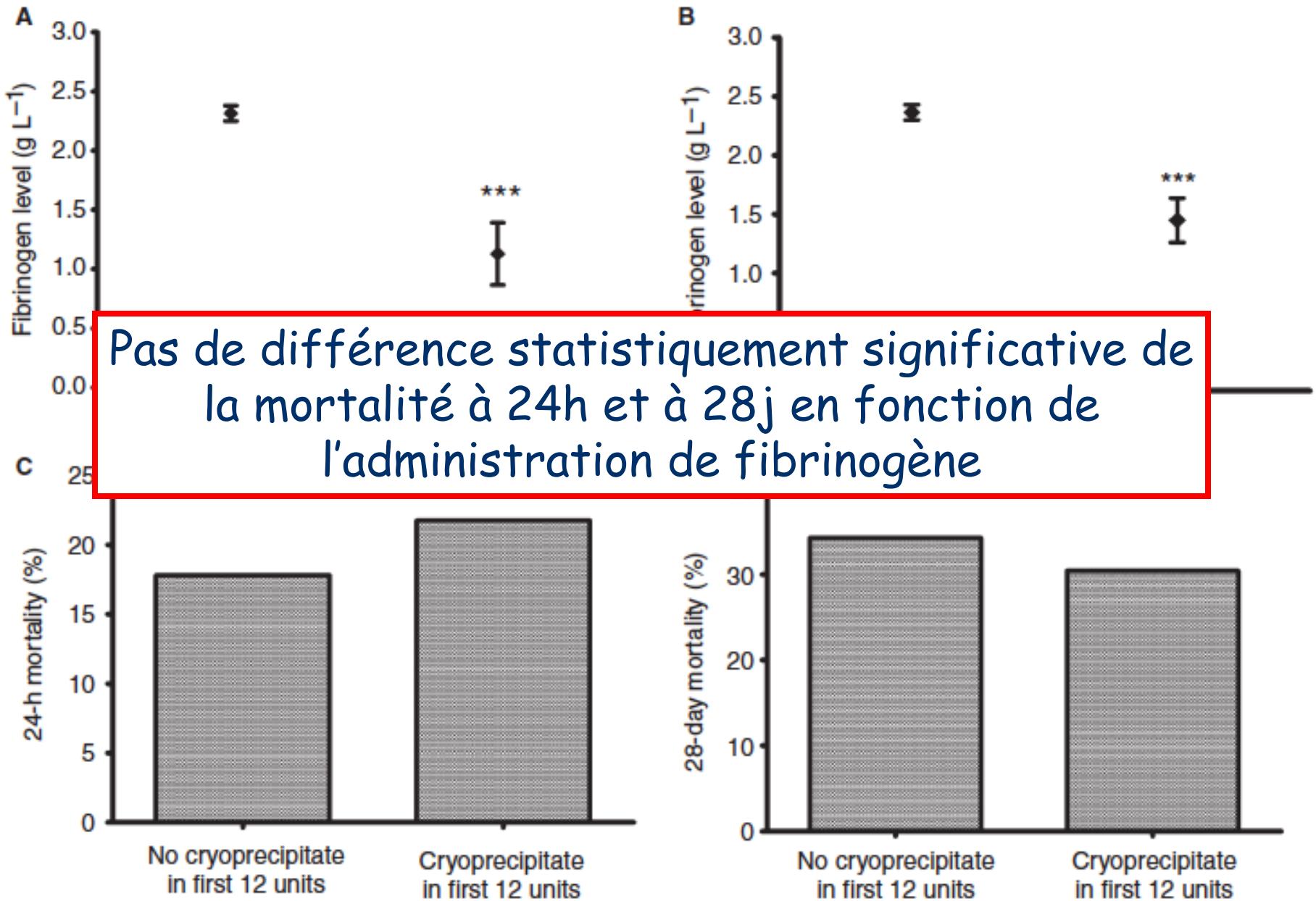
	Four-unit window	Eight-unit window	Twelve-unit window
Fibrinogen levels ( $\text{g L}^{-1}$ )			
Whole cohort	1.5 (1.2–1.8)	1.5 (1.1–2.0)	1.3 (1.0–1.7)
Received PRBCs alone	1.2 (1.0–1.8)	0.5 (0.4–0.6)	1.0 <sup>§</sup>
PRBCs plus fibrinogen in any form	1.6 (1.4–1.8) <sup>NS</sup>	1.5 (1.2–2.0)*	1.3 (1.0–1.7) <sup>NS</sup>
PRBCs plus fibrinogen from FFP or PLTs alone	1.6 (1.4–1.9)	1.5 (1.1–1.5)	1.0 (0.8–1.0)
PRBCs plus fibrinogen from cryoprecipitate and FFP/PLTs <sup>†</sup>	1.4 (1.2–1.7) <sup>NS1</sup>	1.7 (1.3–2.0) <sup>NS1</sup>	1.6 (1.1–1.9) <sup>NS1</sup>

FFP, fresh frozen plasma; PLT, platelet; NS, not significant (vs. PRBC alone group); NS1, not significant (vs. FFP/PLT-only group). Values are given as median (interquartile range). \* $P < 0.05$  (vs. PRBC-only group). †A cryoprecipitate ratio of 1 relates to two pools of cryoprecipitate (one adult dose). ‡Two pools of cryoprecipitate equates to one adult dose of cryoprecipitate. §One patient received PRBCs alone by 12 units.

## L'administration de PFC et de plaquettes

- Maintient la fibrinogénémie (ad 8 unités de GR)
- Mais ne permet pas de l'augmenter

L'administration de cryoprécipités (source concentrée de fibrinogène) n'augmente pas la fibrinogénémie mais permet de la maintenir ad 12 unités de GR



# Fibrinogénémie, en résumé

- Fibrinogène bas associé
  - À la coagulopathie du trauma
  - À une augmentation de la mortalité (marqueur ou déterminant?)
- Fibrinogénémie optimale demeure inconnue (mais probablement  $> 1\text{g/L}$ )
- L'effet thérapeutique de l'augmentation de la fibrinogénémie reste à démontrer

# L'incertitude se traduit dans les recommandations...

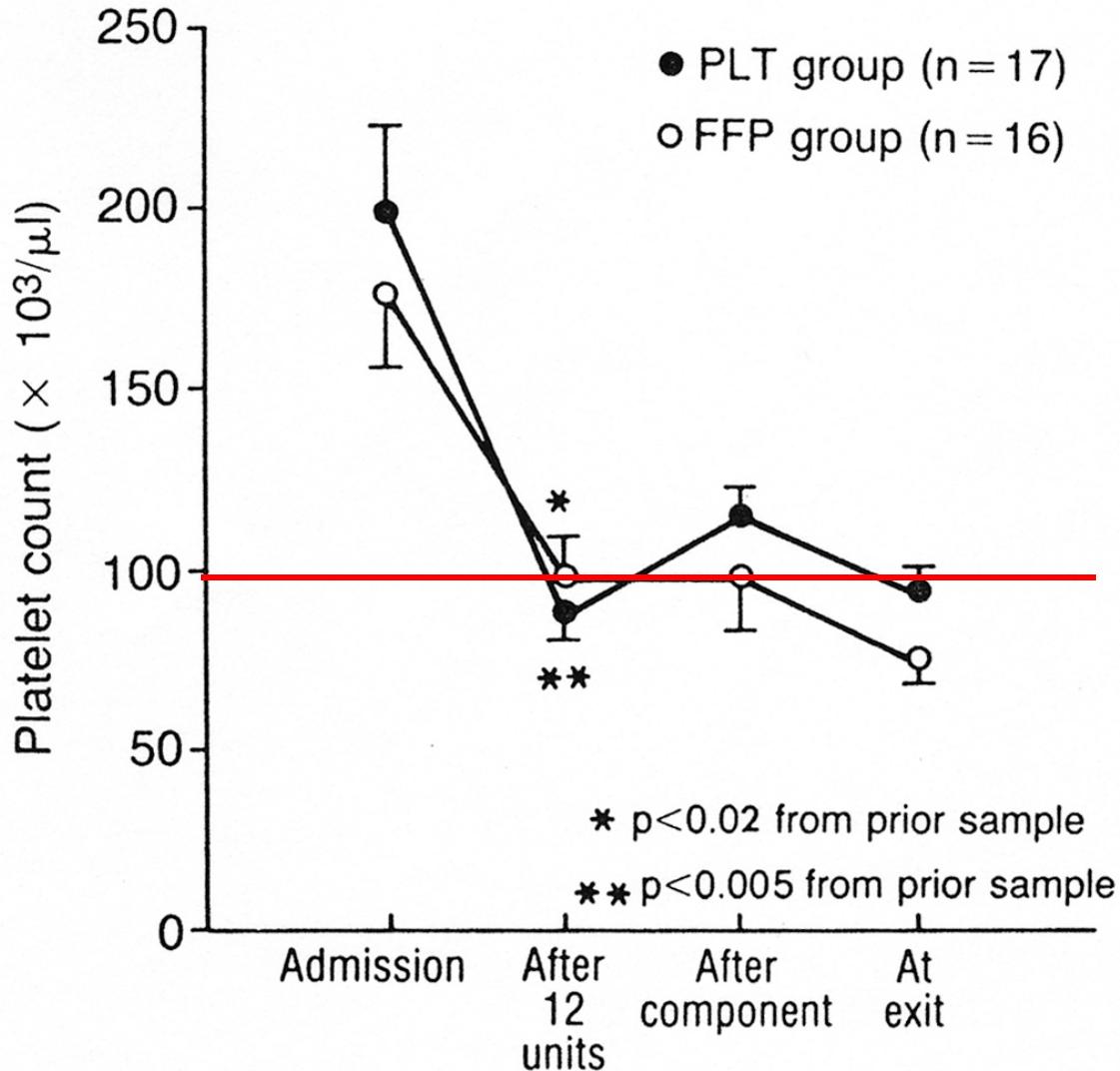
**Table 3.** Minimal Fibrinogen Levels in Different International Guidelines

Study	Year	Fibrinogen Level (g/l)	Source
ASA <sup>1</sup>	2006	> 0.8–1	American Guideline
O'Shaughnessy <i>et al.</i> <sup>63</sup>	2004	1	British Guideline
American Red Cross	2007	1	American Guideline
Spahn <i>et al.</i> <sup>64</sup>	2007	1	European Guideline
Bundesärztekammer <sup>66</sup>	2009	1.5	German Guideline
ÖGARI	2010	1.5–2	Austrian recommendations
Rossaint <i>et al.</i> <sup>67</sup>	2010	1.5–2	European Guideline

# Platelets and hemostasis

- In anesthesia, the focus has been on platelets:
  - Plt counts are decreased in pts who bleed  
BUT
  - Plt counts are similar whether pts bleed or not
- Importance of:
  - Coagulation factors (specially fibrinogen)
  - Red cells
  - Temperature

# Prophylactic platelet administration during massive transfusion



There was no difference in platelet counts in patients receiving platelet concentrates or FFP

Prophylactic therapy with platelet concentrates was ineffective in preventing diffuse microvascular bleeding

# Coagulopathy of MT in elective surgery

## In summary

- Dilution
  - Red cells
  - Coagulation factors
  - Platelets
- Coagulopathy
  - Infrequent
  - Late event

# Massive transfusion in trauma

- Tissue trauma is massive and uncontrolled
- Initiation of transfusion may be late
- Hypovolemia and shock are present
- Temperature is not controlled => hypothermia
- Monitoring of hemostasis is late
- **Coagulopathy** occurs early on

# Coagulopathy => Microvascular bleeding

- Often complicates the management of MT
- Relates to:
  - The nature and importance of tissue trauma: brain trauma - **ISS > 25**
  - Shock and tissue anoxia: **pH < 7.10** - **SBP < 70 mmHg**
  - Hypothermia: temperature **< 34°C**
- Incidence of coagulopathy = **98%** if all factors +

# Temperature: hypothermia

- Hypothermia
  - Slows the coagulation cascade
  - Reduces the synthesis of coag. factors
  - Increases fibrinolysis
  - Causes a reversible platelet dysfunction
  - Prolongs the BT
- Important contributor to coagulopathy in trauma patients

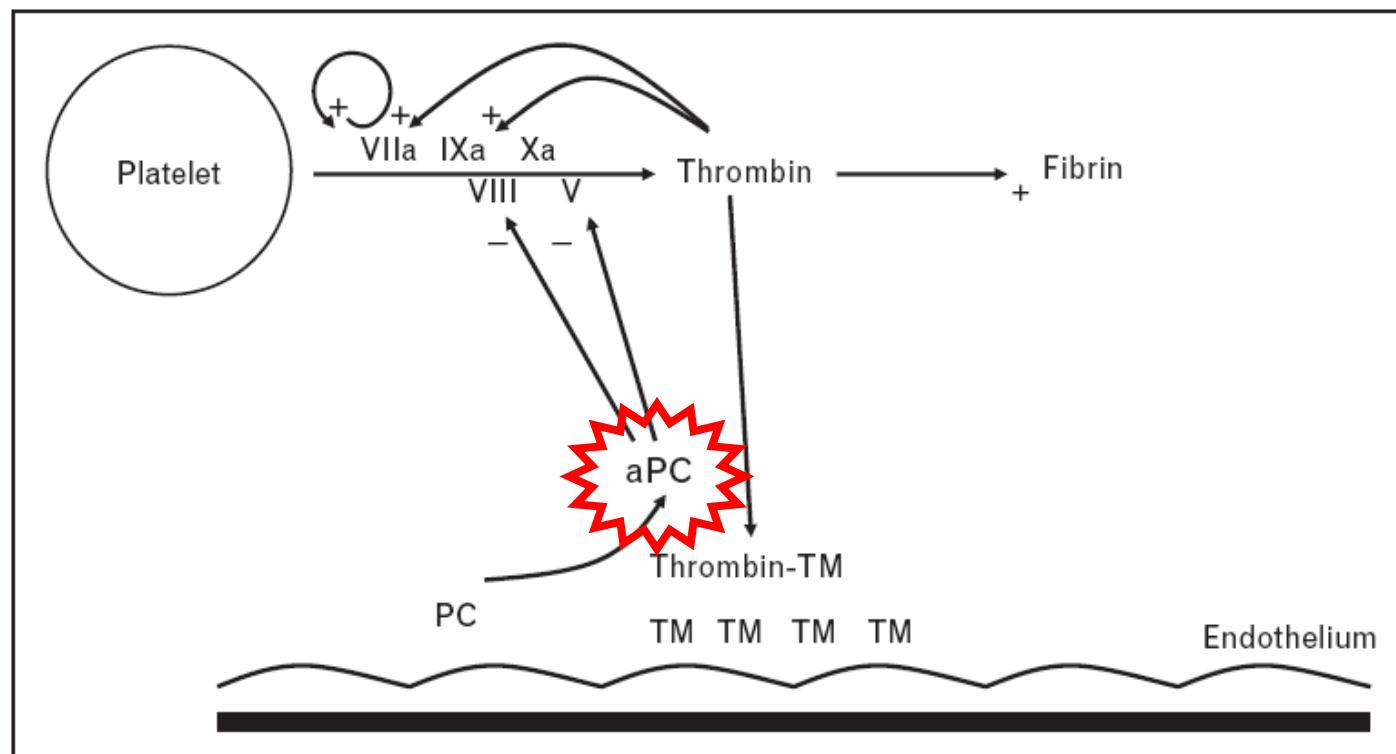
# Acute coagulopathy of trauma: mechanism, identification and effect

Karim Brohi<sup>a</sup>, Mitchell J. Cohen<sup>b</sup> and Ross A. Davenport<sup>a</sup>

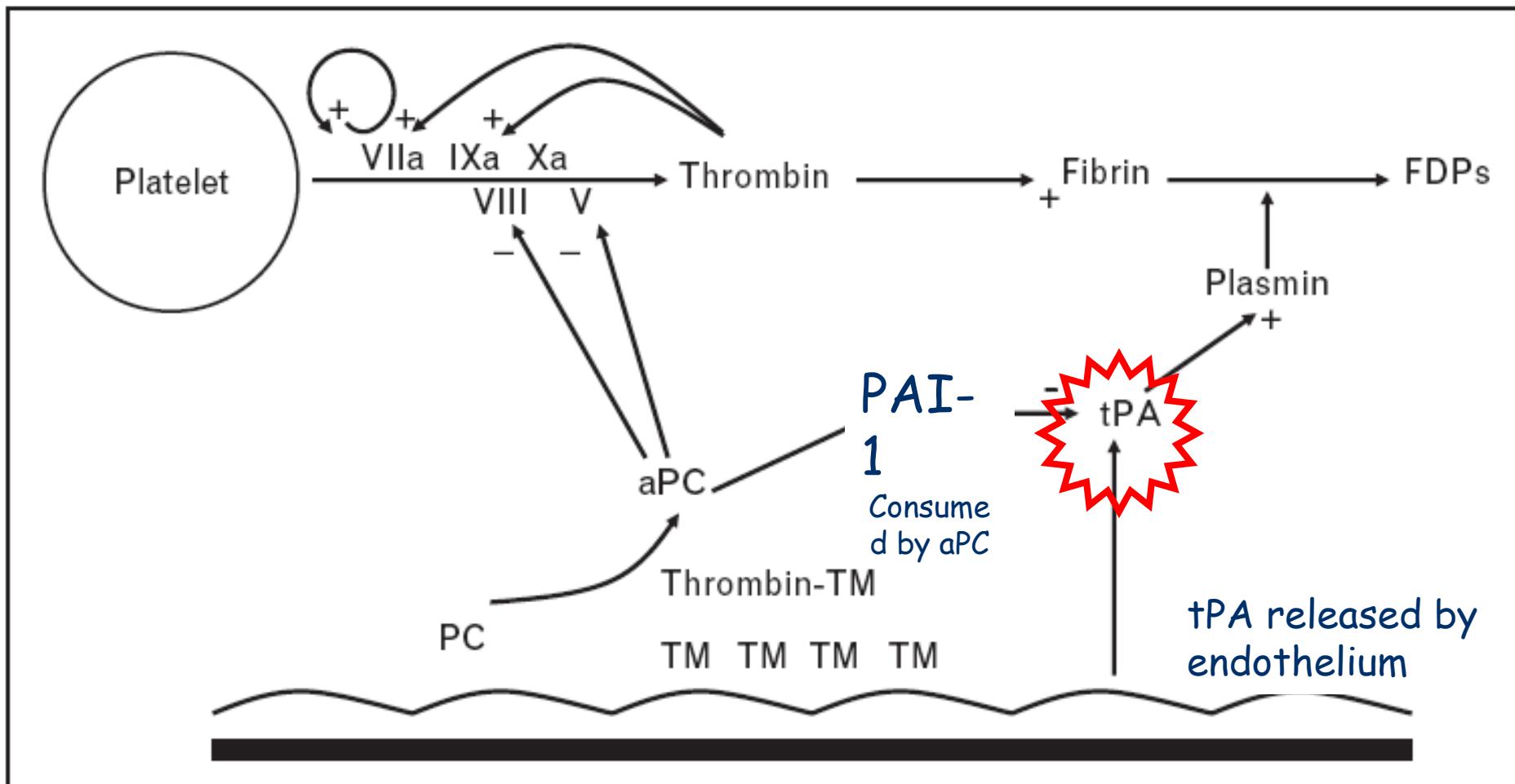
Current Opinion in Critical Care 2007, 13:680–685

## Anticoagulation

- Thrombomoduline (TM) complexe la thrombine → ↓ génération de fibrine
- Complexe thrombine - TM active la protéine C → ↓ génération de thrombine



# Hyperfibrinolysis



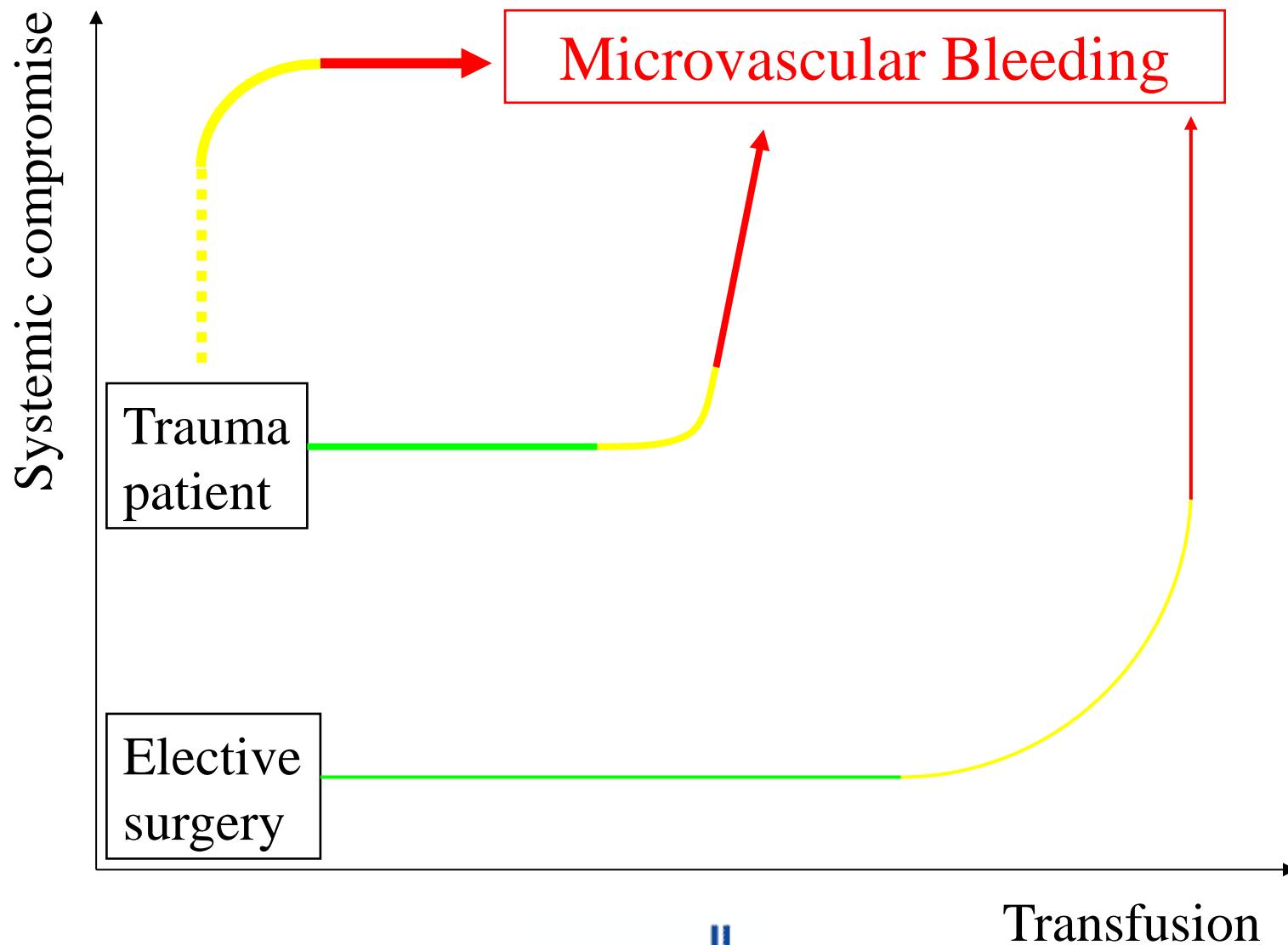
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	Elective surgery	Trauma
Tissue trauma	Controlled	Massive and uncontrolled
Initiation of MT	No delay	Can vary widely
Volume status / shock	Normovolemia	Hypovolemia and shock
Temperature	Normothermia	Hypothermia
Monitoring of hemostasis	Ongoing	Late
Coagulopathy	1st: decreased coagulation factors 2nd: decreased platelets	Microvascular bleeding: early & exact mechanism remains controversial



# The “road to coagulopathy”





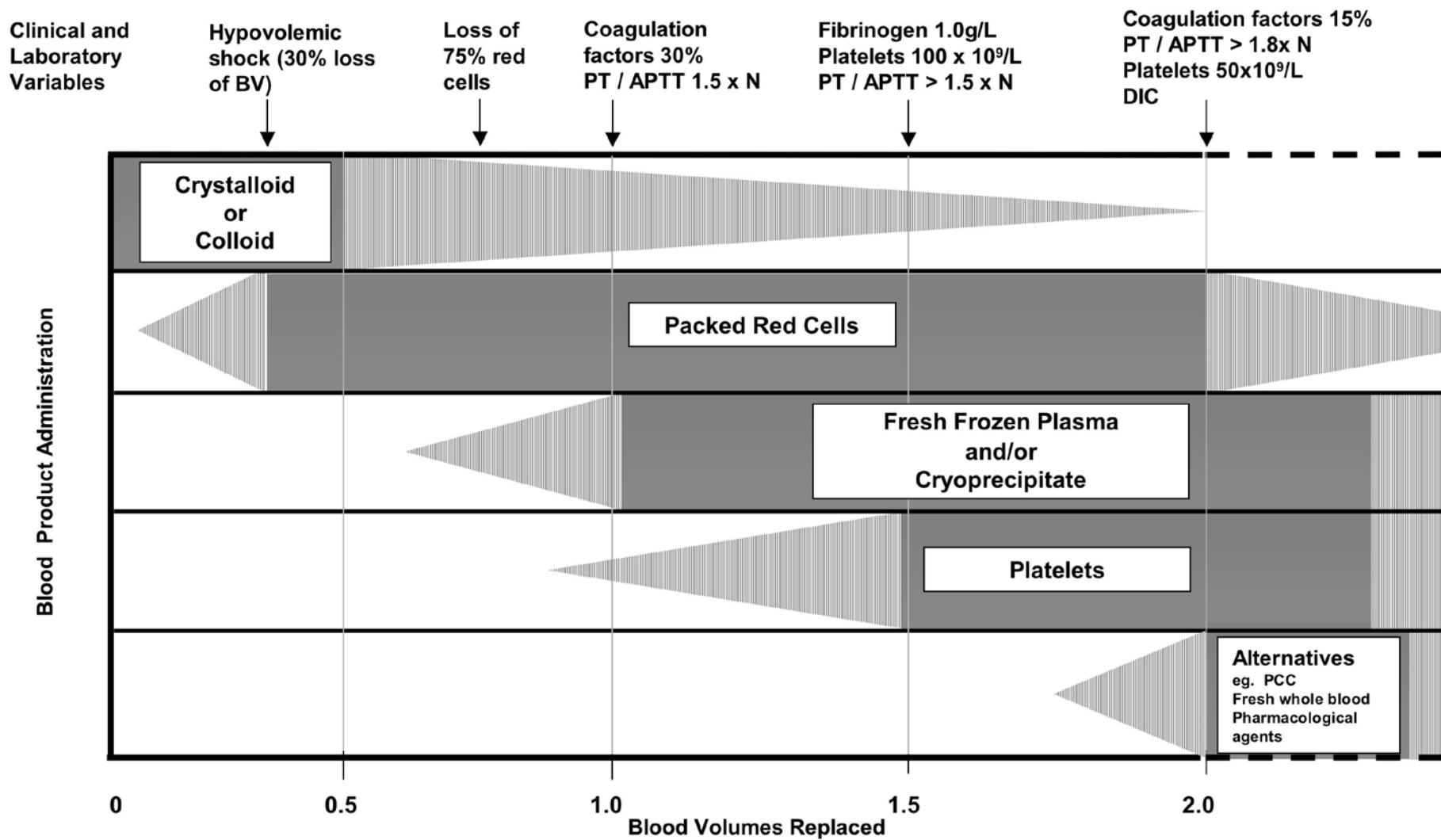
# Monitoring of coagulopathy

- No simple and reliable test available
- PT & aPTT
  - Require centrifugation = delays
  - Increases are very common
  - **Marked prolongations (1.5 to 1.8 x control)**
    - Predict factor V and VIII < 30%
    - Correlate with MVB
- Platelet count: to be interpreted in context
- TEG and ROTEM

# Basic management of the bleeding patient

- Correct hypothermia
- Transfuse red cells (optimal Hct?)
- Transfuse FFP
  - For a markedly prolonged PT/aPTT
  - To correct a low fibrinogen concentration  
(consider cryoprecipitate if ineffective)
- Transfuse platelets
  - Decreased number
  - Decreased function

# Massive transfusion in the elective surgical setting



# Massive transfusion in trauma

- The recent military experience suggests « damage control resuscitation »
  - « Damage control surgery »
  - Minimal use of crystalloids
  - RBC:FFP:Plts in a 1:1:1 ratio
- Specific demographic characteristics
  - Healthy and young (21-30y) males
  - Combination of blast and penetrating injury

# Mais qu'en est-il de la TM chez les civils?

- Les populations sont différentes
  - Plus de femmes
  - Plus de personnes âgées
- Les traumas sont différents
  - Plus d'accidents d'automobile
  - Moins de traumas pénétrants
- Résultats des études (rétrospectives) sont contradictoires

# Red blood cell to plasma ratios transfused during massive transfusion are associated with mortality in severe multiply injury: a retrospective analysis from the Trauma Registry of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Unfallchirurgie

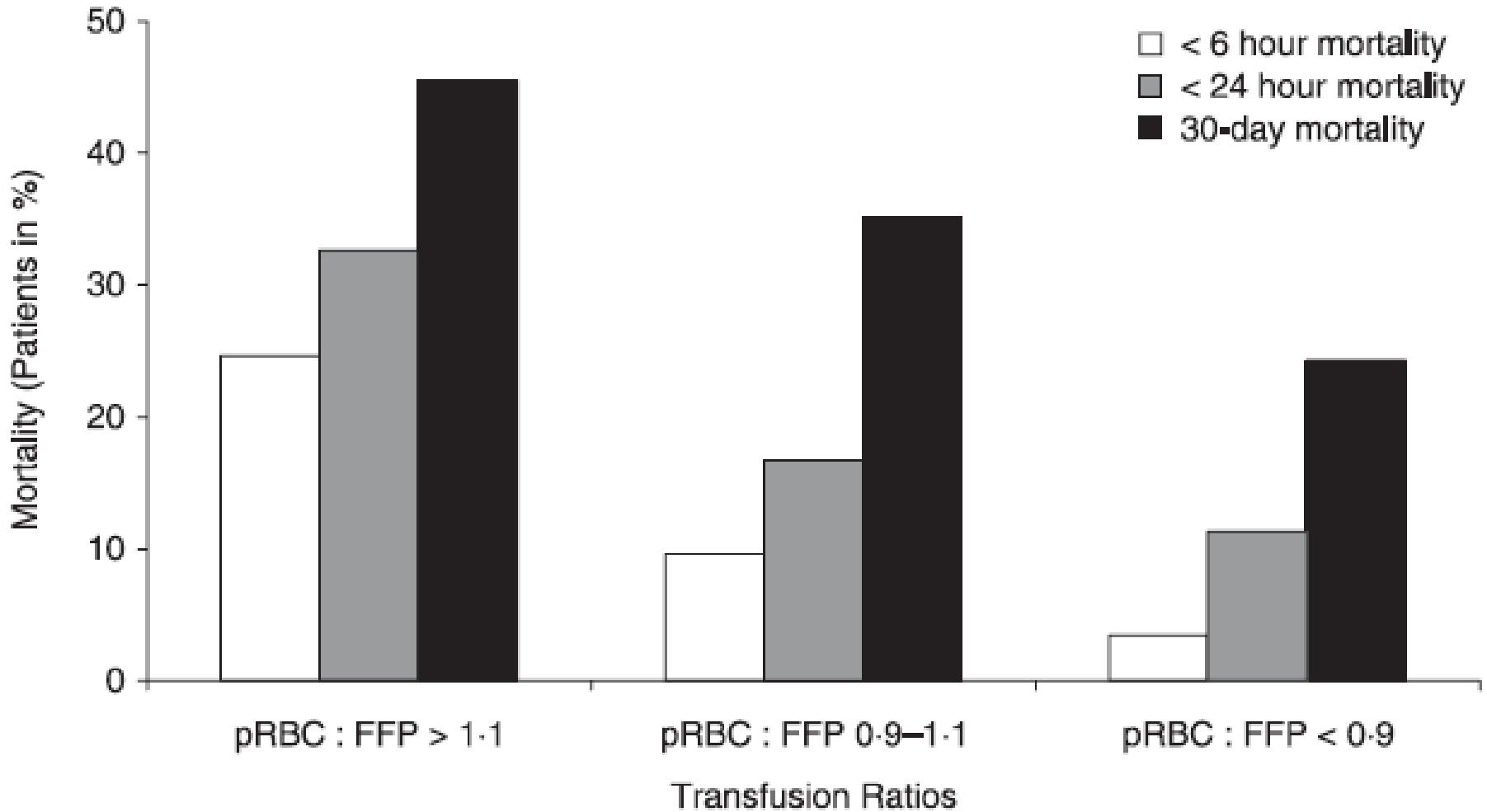
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Retrospective analysis of 713 trauma patients admitted between 2002 and 2006 with

- serious injury (ISS > 16)
- massive transfusion (RBC > 10)

Note: - relatively old population (mean age 40y)  
- largest proportion of females (30.3%)



Mortality decreased with a RBC to FFP ratio < 0.9  
but ventilator days and LOS increased (TRALI ?)

REVIEW

## Clinical review: Fresh frozen plasma in massive bleedings - more questions than answers

Bartolomeu Nascimento<sup>1</sup>, Jeannie Callum<sup>2</sup>, Gordon Rubenfeld<sup>3</sup>, Joao Baptista Rezende Neto<sup>4,5</sup>, Yulia Lin<sup>2</sup> and Sandro Rizoli<sup>#5</sup>

## Controversy in Trauma Resuscitation: Do Ratios of Plasma to Red Blood Cells Matter?

Lynn G. Stansbury, Richard P. Dutton, Deborah M. Stein, Grant V. Bochicchio,  
Thomas M. Scalea, and John R. Hess

## Editorial: “Formula-Driven” Versus “Lab-Driven” Massive Transfusion Protocols: At a State of Clinical Equipoise

Jeannie L. Callum<sup>a</sup>, Bartolomeu Nascimento<sup>a</sup>, Homer Tien<sup>b,c</sup>, and Sandro Rizoli<sup>b</sup>

# Limites des études

- Études rétrospectives
  - « Survivorship bias »: les pts qui sont morts <2h n'ont pas eu le temps de recevoir du FFP
  - « Ascertainment bias »: difficulté à colliger des données valides dans un environnement extrême
- Différences entre civils et militaires
  - Importantes différences démographiques
  - Traumas pénétrants vs. traumas non pénétrants
  - Disponibilité des produits sanguins

# Le protocole 1:1:1 ne s'applique pas d'emblée aux traumas civils

- Environ 17% des traumas civils sont transfusés
- 2-5% des patients sont transfusés massivement > 10 U
- Le protocole 1:1:1 ne s'applique donc qu'à un très petit nombre de traumas civils
- Trauma  $\neq$  1:1:1

# Le protocole 1:1:1 ne s'applique pas en chirurgie programmée

- Conduite suggérée demeure
  - Cristalloïdes + GR
  - Monitorer la coagulopathie
  - PFC si  $PT/PTT > 1,5 \times$  normale (dose usuelle 3-6 unités)
  - Plaquettes si  $< 50 G/L$
- Transfusion de GR  $\neq 1:1:1$

# En résumé: prise en charge

- Pas de démonstration claire (non-équivoque) des bénéfices ou des inconvénients de différentes stratégies:
  - Ratio 1:1:1
  - Administration de concentrés de facteurs
- Besoin d'études prospectives randomisées
- Mieux comprendre la coagulopathie du trauma/de la transfusion massive
- Outils diagnostiques performants requis

# Efficacy and Safety of Recombinant Activated Factor VII to Control Bleeding in Nonhemophiliac Patients: A Review of 17 Randomized Controlled Trials

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We reassess all published randomized controlled trials that have evaluated the hemostatic efficacy or safety of recombinant activated factor VII (rFVIIa), or both, in nonhemophiliac patients. Seventeen trials published in 16 articles dealt either with the prophylactic (nine trials) or the therapeutic (eight trials) use of rFVIIa to prevent or to treat excessive bleeding. At present, the role of rFVIIa to prevent or to control bleeding and reduce transfusions

in various patient populations remains unclear. In addition, the safety of rFVIIa remains a concern. Consequently, we conclude that the generalized use of rFVIIa to prevent or to control bleeding in nonhemophiliac patients can not be recommended.

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# Conclusions (1/2)

- Coagulopathy of Massive Transfusion is different in elective surgery vs. trauma
  - Intricate, multicellular and multifactorial
  - Infrequent and late event in elective surgery
  - More frequent in trauma
    - Shock, acidosis, hypothermia
    - “Acute coagulopathy of trauma”
    - Exact mechanism remains unclear
- Consequently, management will differ

# Conclusions (2/2)

- Management
  - Red cells to raise the Hct
  - FFP/cryos to correct a low fibrinogen/factor level
  - Platelets to correct low/ineffective platelets
  - Timing/quantity may vary according to context
- Monitoring
  - Reliable POC monitors of coagulation are needed

# Questions?

