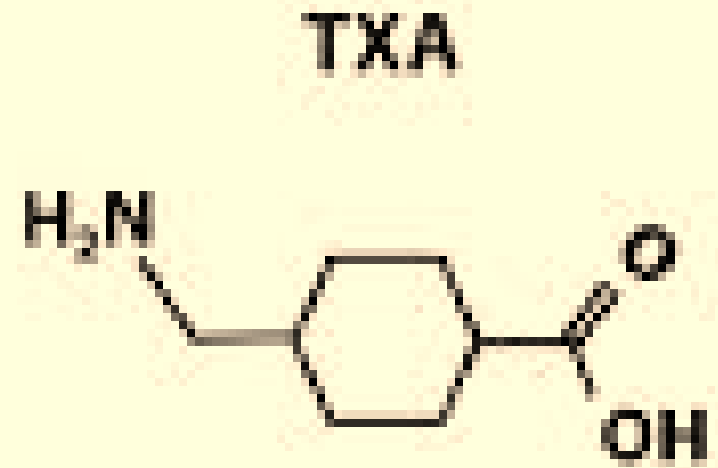
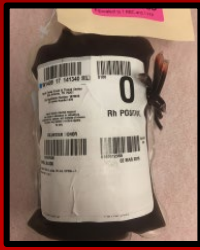


# TXA



# A Heads-Up on Tranexamic Acid

*New Studies Predict More Routine EMS Use and Different Dosing in Trauma Patients, Particularly for Those with Severe Head Injury*



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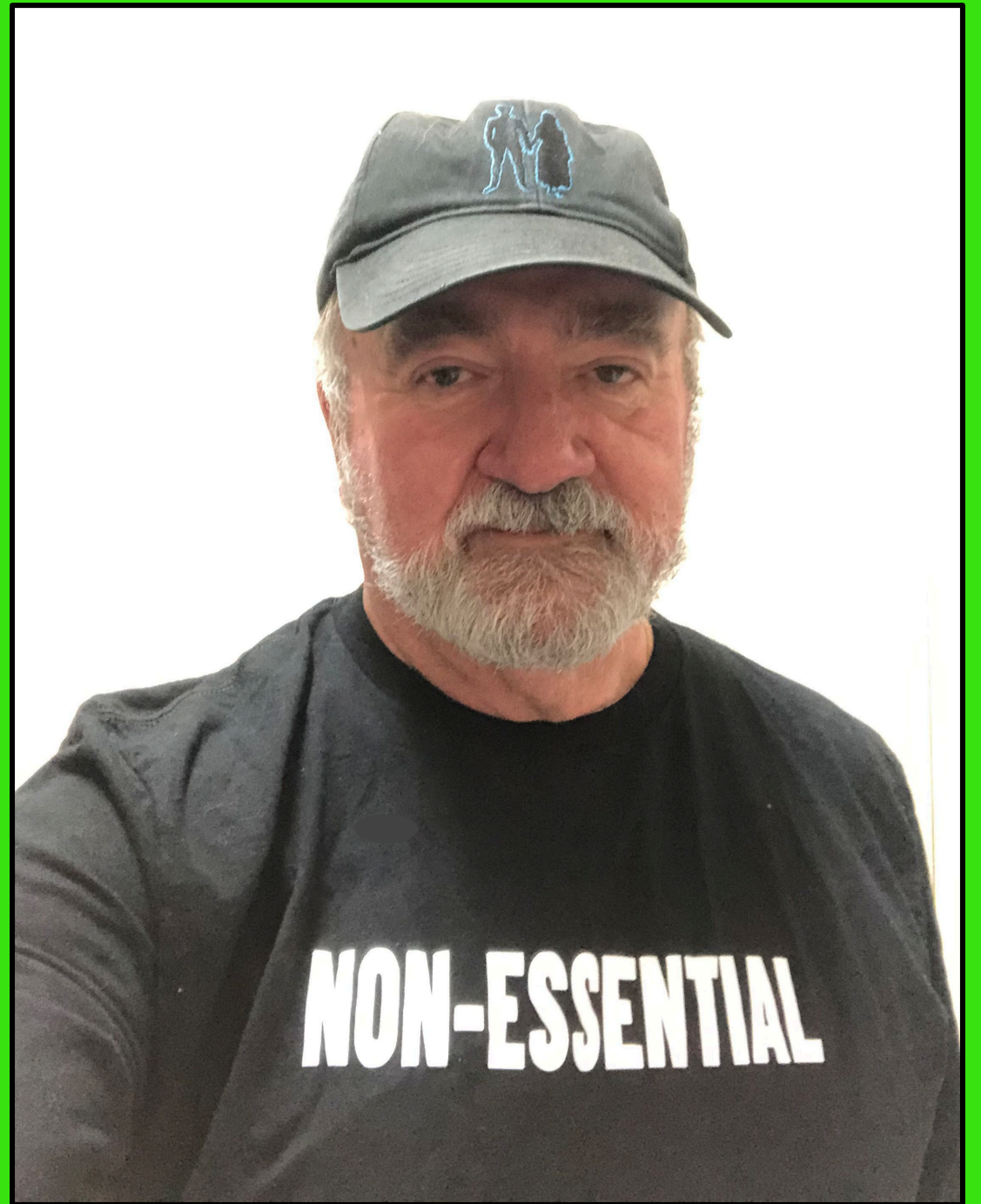
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# NONMECHANICAL HEMOSTASIS IN TRAUMA CARE

## Part I: Evolving prehospital practices and the role of TXA

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**Resident Eagle** is a monthly column profiling the work of top EMS physicians and medical directors from the Metropolitan EMS Medical Directors Global Alliance (the "Eagles"), who represent America's largest and key

**M**odern trauma systems were created more than a half century ago to enable severely injured patients to reach a facility where surgeons were standing by around-the-clock ready to rapidly achieve

Time is of the essence. Physically clamping and repairing damaged blood vessels within the chest, abdomen, or skull must be achieved before exsanguination or fatal CNS compromise. A person's own blood is equipped with optimal clotting factors

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## **TXA IN TBI**

### **Part 2: The earlier the intervention, the better the outcome**

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**A**s discussed in last month's opening column about nonmechanical hemostasis in prehospital trauma care, the use of TXA had been

examined the use of TXA for those with mild to moderate head injury with the concern that if accompanying intracranial bleedings occurred, the use of TXA

tion of TXA comes into play.

Like its predecessor trial in general trauma patients with bleeding, the number of patients who died in the TXA group



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# Effects of tranexamic acid on death, vascular occlusive events, and blood transfusion in trauma patients with significant haemorrhage (CRASH-2): a randomised, placebo-controlled trial



CRASH-2 trial collaborators\*

## Summary

**Background** Tranexamic acid can reduce bleeding in patients undergoing elective surgery. We assessed the effects of early administration of a short course of tranexamic acid on death, vascular occlusive events, and the receipt of blood transfusion in trauma patients.

**Methods** This randomised controlled trial was undertaken in 274 hospitals in 40 countries. 20 211 adult trauma patients with, or at risk of, significant bleeding were randomly assigned within 8 h of injury to either tranexamic acid (loading dose 1 g over 10 min then infusion of 1 g over 8 h) or matching placebo. Randomisation was balanced by centre, with an allocation sequence based on a block size of eight, generated with a computer random number generator. Both participants and study staff (site investigators and trial coordinating centre staff) were masked to treatment allocation. The primary outcome was death in hospital within 4 weeks of injury, and was described with the following categories: bleeding, vascular occlusion (myocardial infarction, stroke and pulmonary embolism), multiorgan failure, head injury, and other. All analyses were by intention to treat. This study is registered as ISRCTN86750102, Clinicaltrials.gov NCT00375258, and South African Clinical Trial Register DOH-27-0607-1919.

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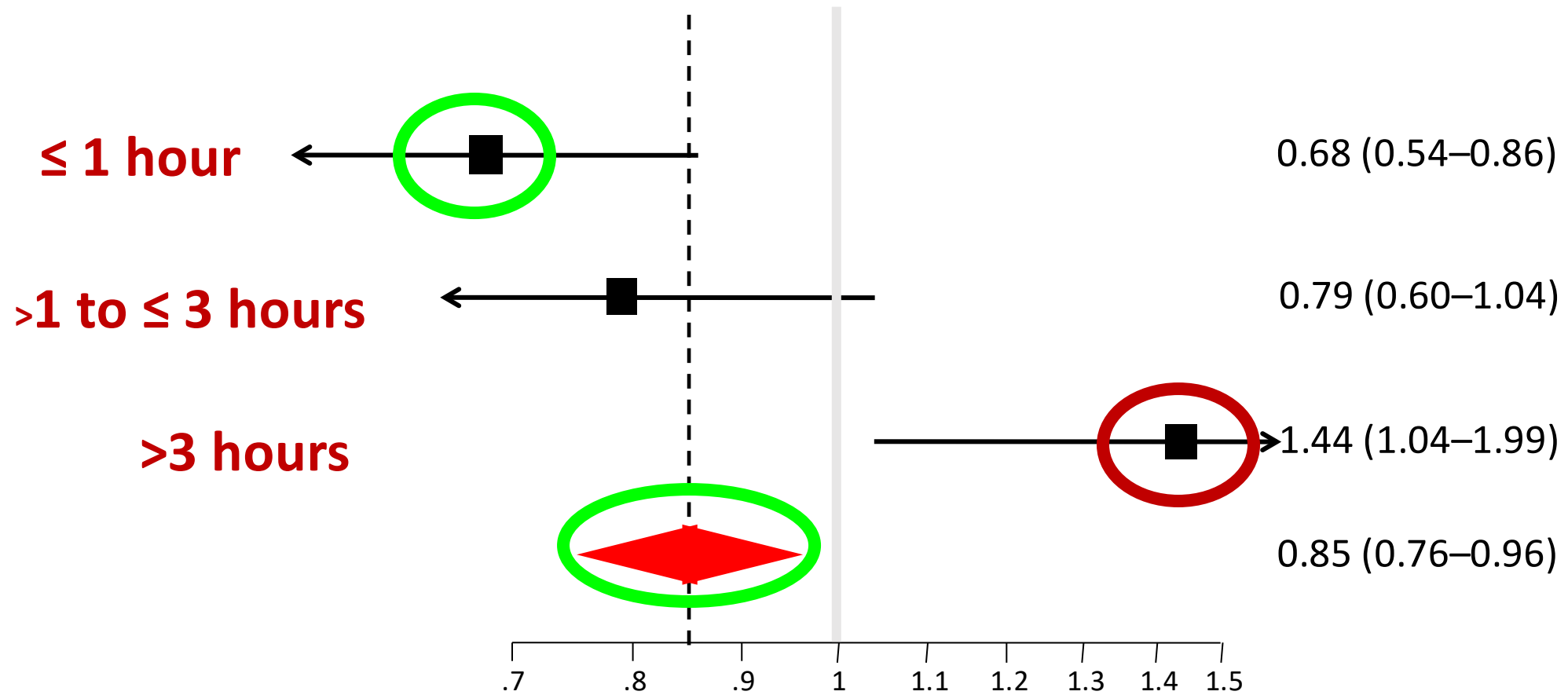
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# For Bleeding Deaths – *Early TXA Treatment is Better*

RR (99% CI)



BETTER OUTCOME

WORSE OUTCOME

$p=0.000008$





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# Tranexamic acid administration is associated with an increased risk of posttraumatic venous thromboembolism

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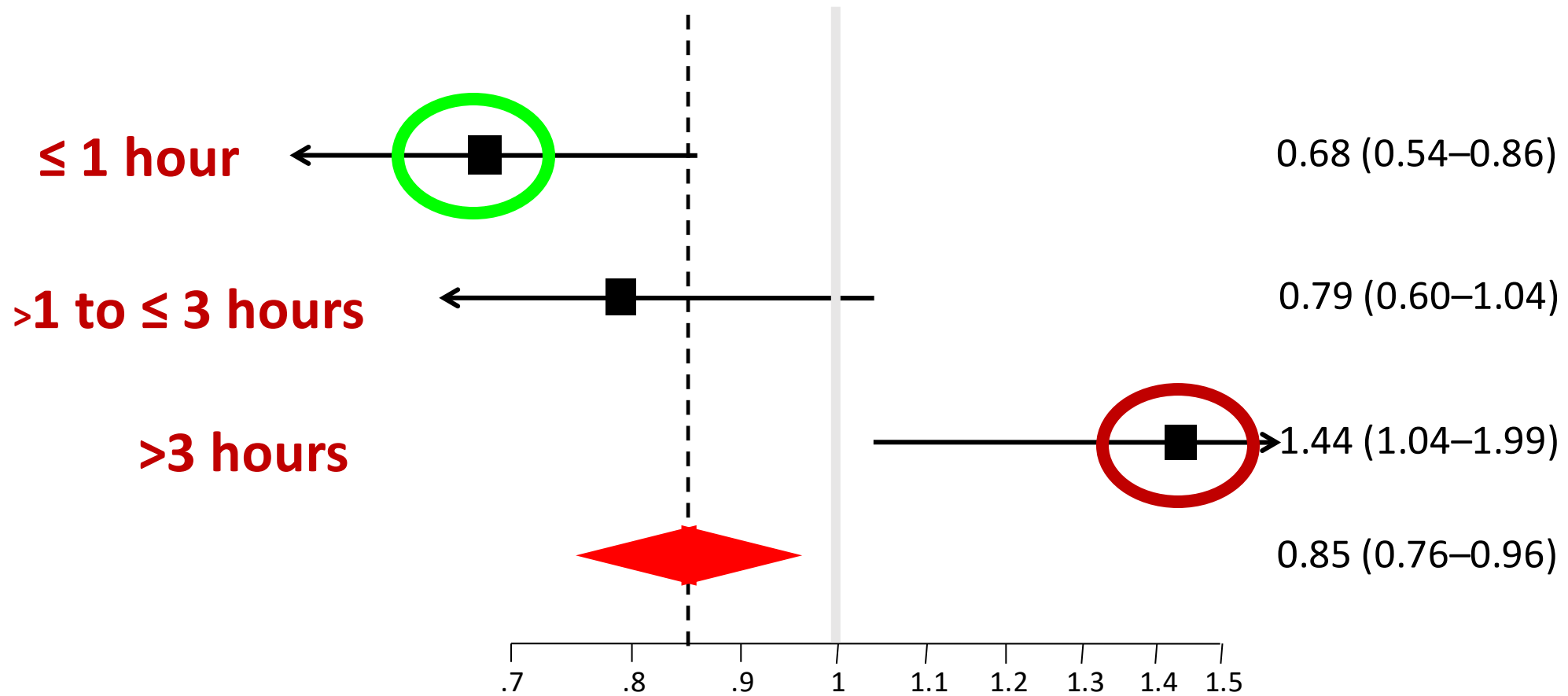
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***But.....***

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# TXA Head Injury



# Effects of tranexamic acid on death, disability, vascular occlusive events and other morbidities in patients with acute traumatic brain injury (CRASH-3): a randomised, placebo-controlled trial



The CRASH-3 trial collaborators\*

## Summary

**Background** Tranexamic acid reduces surgical bleeding and decreases mortality in patients with traumatic extracranial bleeding. Intracranial bleeding is common after traumatic brain injury (TBI) and can cause brain herniation and death. We aimed to assess the effects of tranexamic acid in patients with TBI.

**Methods** This randomised, placebo-controlled trial was done in 175 hospitals in 29 countries. Adults with TBI who were within 3 h of injury, had a Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) score of 12 or lower or any intracranial bleeding on CT scan, and no major extracranial bleeding were eligible. The time window for eligibility was originally 8 h but in 2016 the protocol was changed to limit recruitment to patients within 3 h of injury. This change was made blind to the trial data, in response to external evidence suggesting that delayed treatment is unlikely to be effective. We randomly assigned (1:1) patients to receive tranexamic acid (loading dose 1 g over 10 min then infusion of 1 g over 8 h) or matching placebo. Patients were assigned by selecting a numbered treatment pack from a box containing eight packs that were identical apart from the pack number. Patients, caregivers, and those assessing outcomes were masked to allocation. The primary outcome was head injury-related death in hospital within 28 days of injury in patients treated



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# TXA for TBI

ROC TXA Study....



JAMA | **Original Investigation**

# Effect of Out-of-Hospital Tranexamic Acid vs Placebo on 6-Month Functional Neurologic Outcomes in Patients With Moderate or Severe Traumatic Brain Injury

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**IMPORTANCE** Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is the leading cause of death and disability due to trauma. Early administration of tranexamic acid may benefit patients with TBI.

**OBJECTIVE** To determine whether tranexamic acid treatment initiated in the out-of-hospital setting within 2 hours of injury improves neurologic outcome in patients with moderate or severe TBI.

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# ROC TXA for TBI *Sept 8 JAMA*

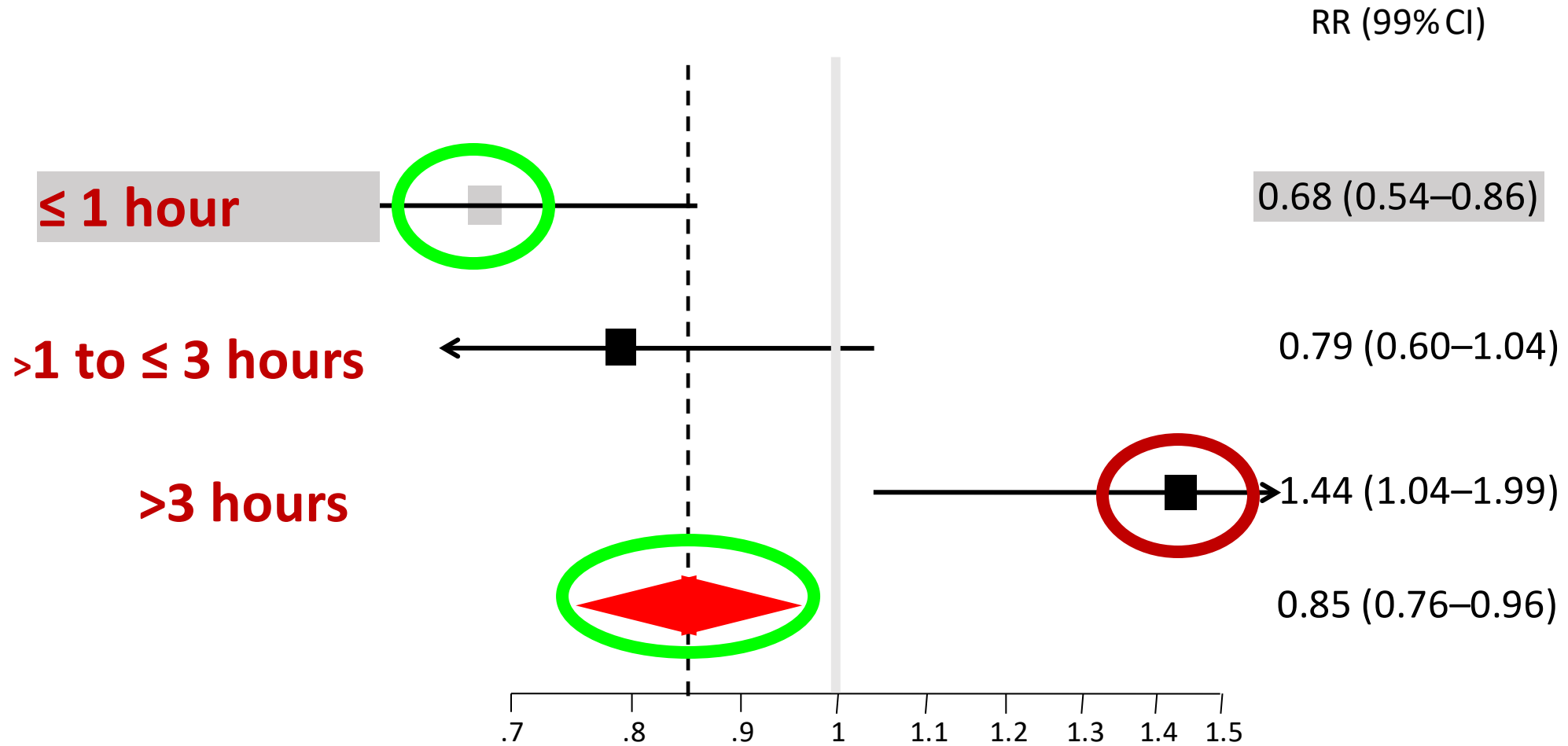
- **2 g vs. 1g+1 g (8 hrs.) vs Placebo**
- **Moderate to Severe TBI (vs. CRASH 3)**
- **Early Infusion – 40 min. median time**
- **Nearly 60% Had Intracranial Bleed vs. 44% Without ( = built-in Safety Cohort)**

# ROC TXA for TBI **JAMA**

- Overall Results 65% vs. 62% GOSE p=NS (n=819)
- But, Examining Those with CT-Confirmed Intracranial Hemorrhage – *the Target Group...*
  - 16% mortality with 2 grams upfront
  - vs. 27% with 1g+1g infusion vs. 26% Placebo
- Increased Risk of Seizures but good outcomes and no other increase in complications = safe

# CRASH -2 For Bleeding Deaths

*Early TXA Treatment (< 1 hour) is Much Better*

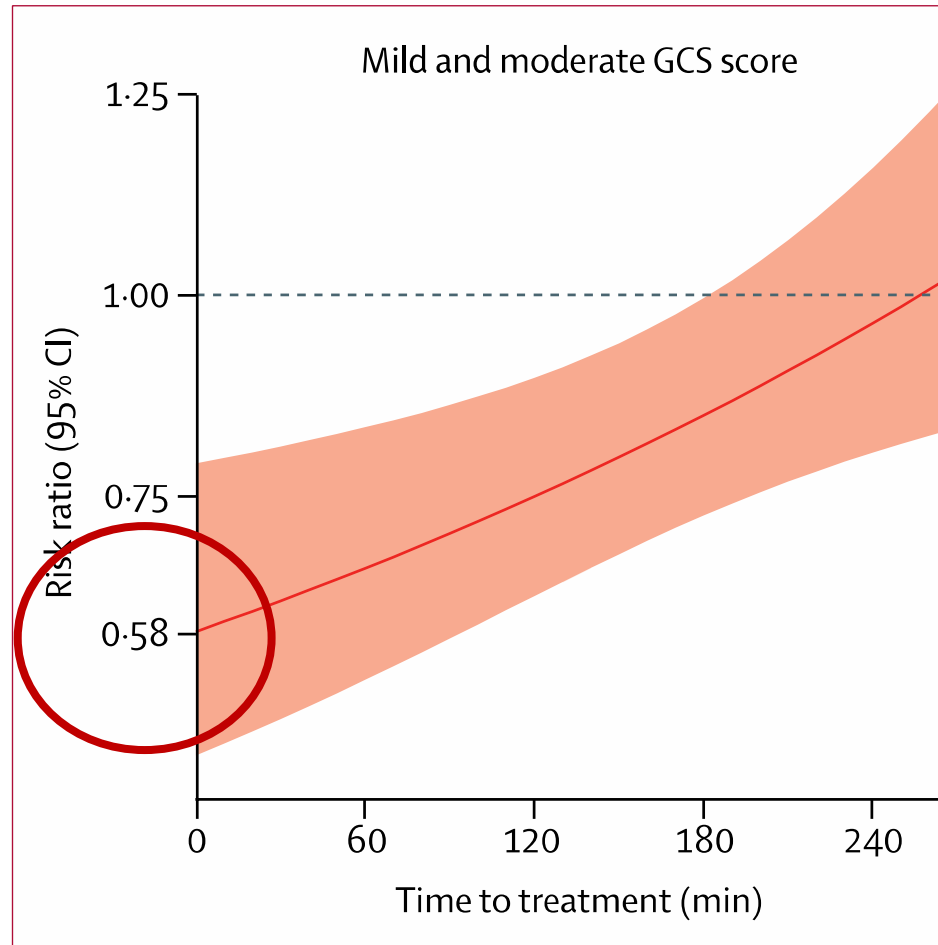


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# CRASH-3 TIME TO TX and RR of DEATH



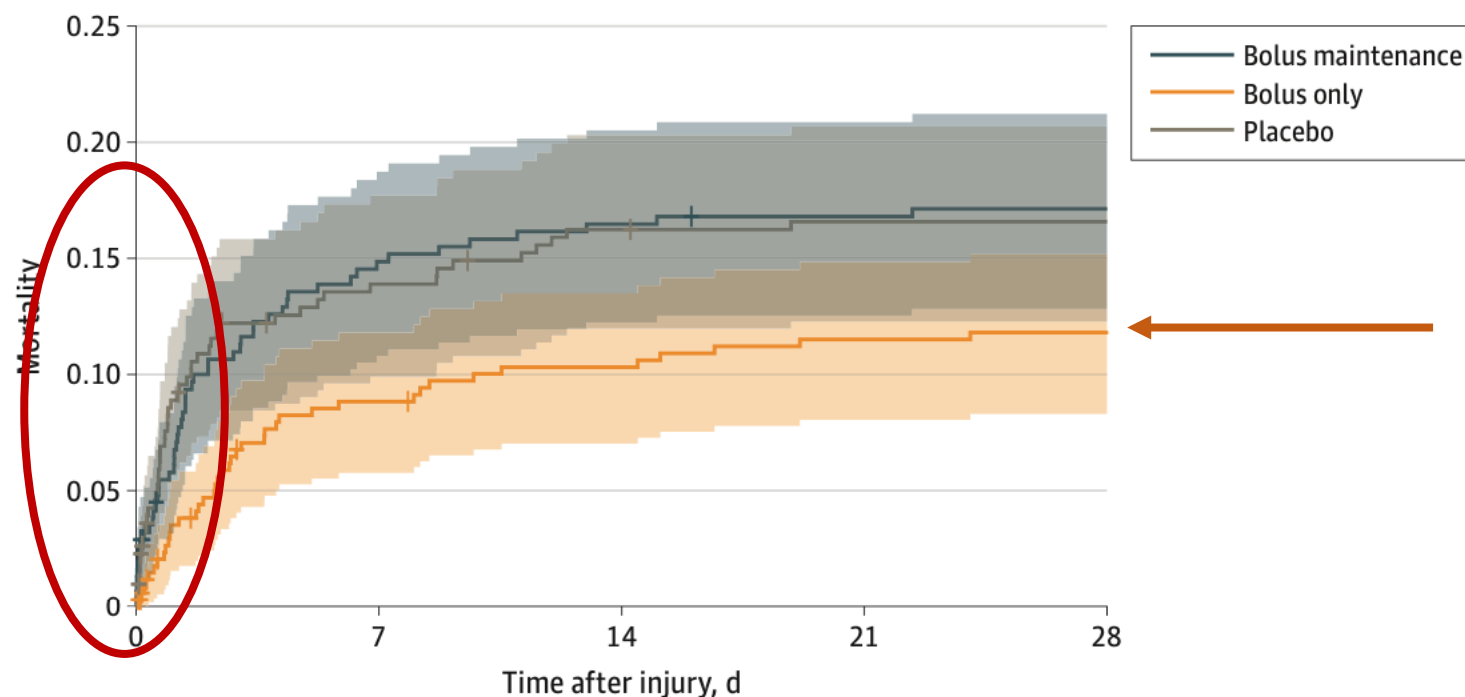
**Figure 4: Effect of tranexamic acid on head injury-related death by severity and time to treatment in all patients**  
The models were adjusted for GCS score, age, and systolic blood pressure. 537 patients with mild and moderate GCS scores (9–15) and 918 patients with severe GCS scores (4–8), excluding those with a GCS score of 3 and those with no reactive pupils, died because of head injury. GCS=Glasgow Coma Scale.



# ROC TXA TBI Study in JAMA Sept 8, 2020

## Early Time (< 1 hr.) to Therapy with 2 g bolus improves outcome

Figure 2. Post Hoc Descriptive Analysis of Mortality Through 28 Days in a Study of the Effect of Tranexamic Acid vs Placebo on Neurologic Outcomes in Patients With Traumatic Brain Injury



No. of patients at risk	0	7	14	21	28
Bolus maintenance	312	263	258	256	255
Bolus only	345	308	302	298	297
Placebo	309	257	249	247	247

Survival data to 28 days was available for 91% of participants in the bolus maintenance group, 92% in the bolus only group, and 92% in the placebo group. Participants who were lost to follow-up after discharge or study withdrawal prior to 28 days and who were notified themselves about their study enrollment rather than family member notification were assumed to survive through 28 days for this plot (n = 52). The remaining participants were censored before 28 days: 5 [2%] in the bolus maintenance group, 9 [3%] in the bolus only group, and 12 [4%] in the placebo group. The shaded areas represent pointwise 95% CIs for each treatment group. The median (interquartile range) observation time for all 3 groups was 28 (28-28) days.

# STAAMP Trial

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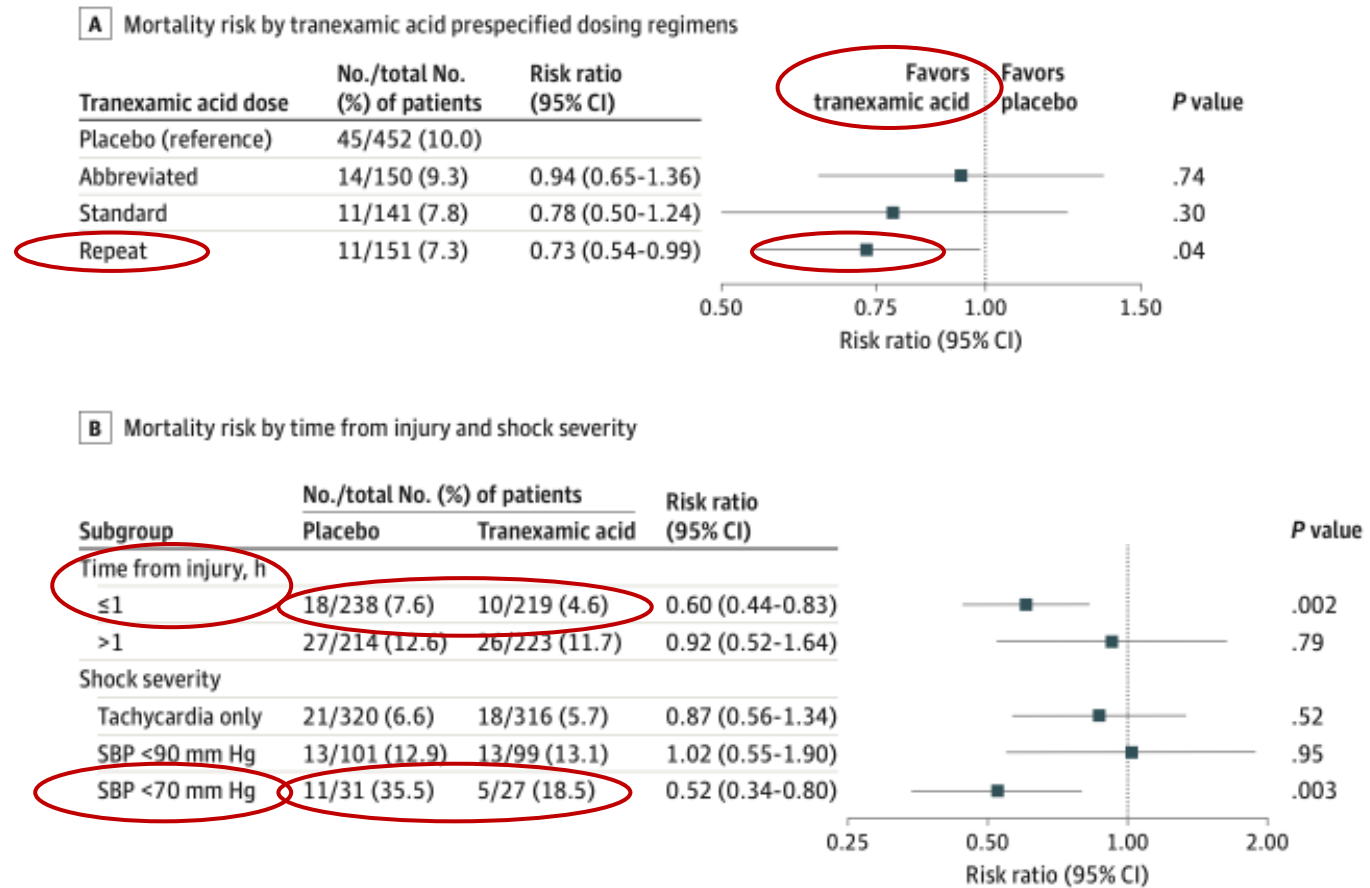
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Better Outcomes with...

- 1) **higher dose**
- 2) **Tx <1 hour**
- 3) **esp. with hypotension**

Figure 3. Prespecified Tranexamic Acid Dose Response Analysis, Time to Intervention, and Shock Severity Post Hoc Subgroup Analysis for 30-Day Mortality



A, Risk of 30-day mortality across tranexamic acid prespecified dosing regimens, accounting for site clustering. All risk ratios are in reference to the placebo group. The abbreviated dose represents a single 1-g bolus dose. The standard dose represents a 2-g dose administered as a 1-g bolus dose followed by a 1-g infusion during 8 hours. The repeat dose represents a 3-g dose administered as 2 separate 1-g boluses followed by a 1-g infusion during 8 hours. The repeat dose had lower risk of 30-day mortality than placebo group. B, Risk of 30-day mortality of the tranexamic acid group compared with placebo accounting for site clustering across post hoc subgroups for time of tranexamic acid administration from injury and shock severity based on qualifying inclusion vital signs. The dotted vertical line represents a risk ratio of 1.0 (no difference between groups). The squares represent the point estimate of the risk ratio, with the horizontal solid lines representing the 95% CIs. Time of tranexamic acid administration from injury was stratified by 1 hour or less and greater than 1 hour. The risk of 30-day mortality was lower in the tranexamic acid group when the drug was administered within 1 hour of injury. The risk of 30-day mortality was lower in the tranexamic acid group among patients in severe shock with systolic blood pressure less than 70 mm Hg based on qualifying inclusion vital signs. SBP indicates systolic blood pressure.



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**METHODS** We randomly assigned adults with major trauma who were at risk for trauma-induced coagulopathy to receive tranexamic acid (administered intravenously as a bolus dose of 1 g before hospital admission, followed by a 1-g infusion over a period of 8 hours after arrival at the hospital) or matched placebo. The primary outcome was survival with a favorable functional outcome at 6 months after injury, as assessed with the use of the Glasgow Outcome Scale-Extended (GOS-E). Levels on the GOS-E range from 1 (death) to 8 (“upper good recovery” [no injury-related problems]). We defined survival with a favorable functional outcome as a GOS-E level of 5 (“lower moderate disability”) or higher. Secondary outcomes included death from any cause within 28 days and within 6 months after injury.

# **SUMMARY TXA for TBI**

- **Better Outcomes – but only IF GIVEN early – as a 2 gram bolus**
- **Safe -- IF GIVEN early**
- **Likely Good for All Trauma including Internal Bleeding & TBI Cases**



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**TXA In Kids?**



## Tranexamic acid administration to pediatric trauma patients in a combat setting: The pediatric trauma and tranexamic acid study (PED-TRAX)

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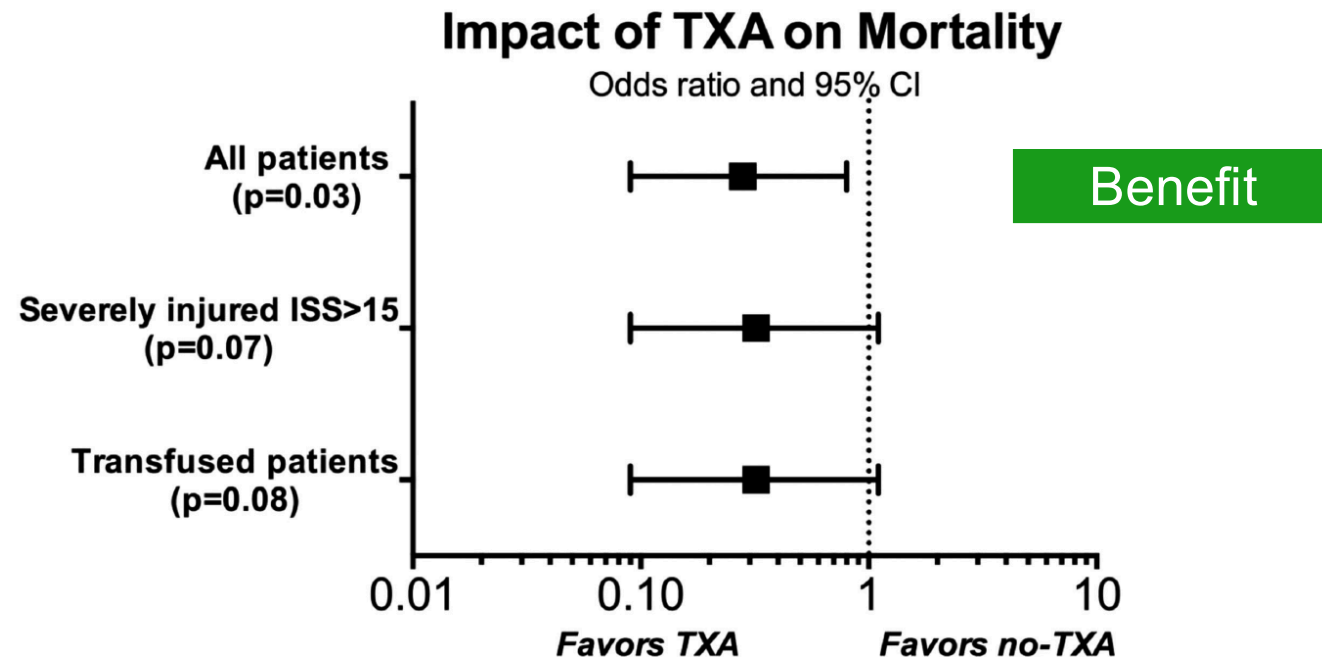


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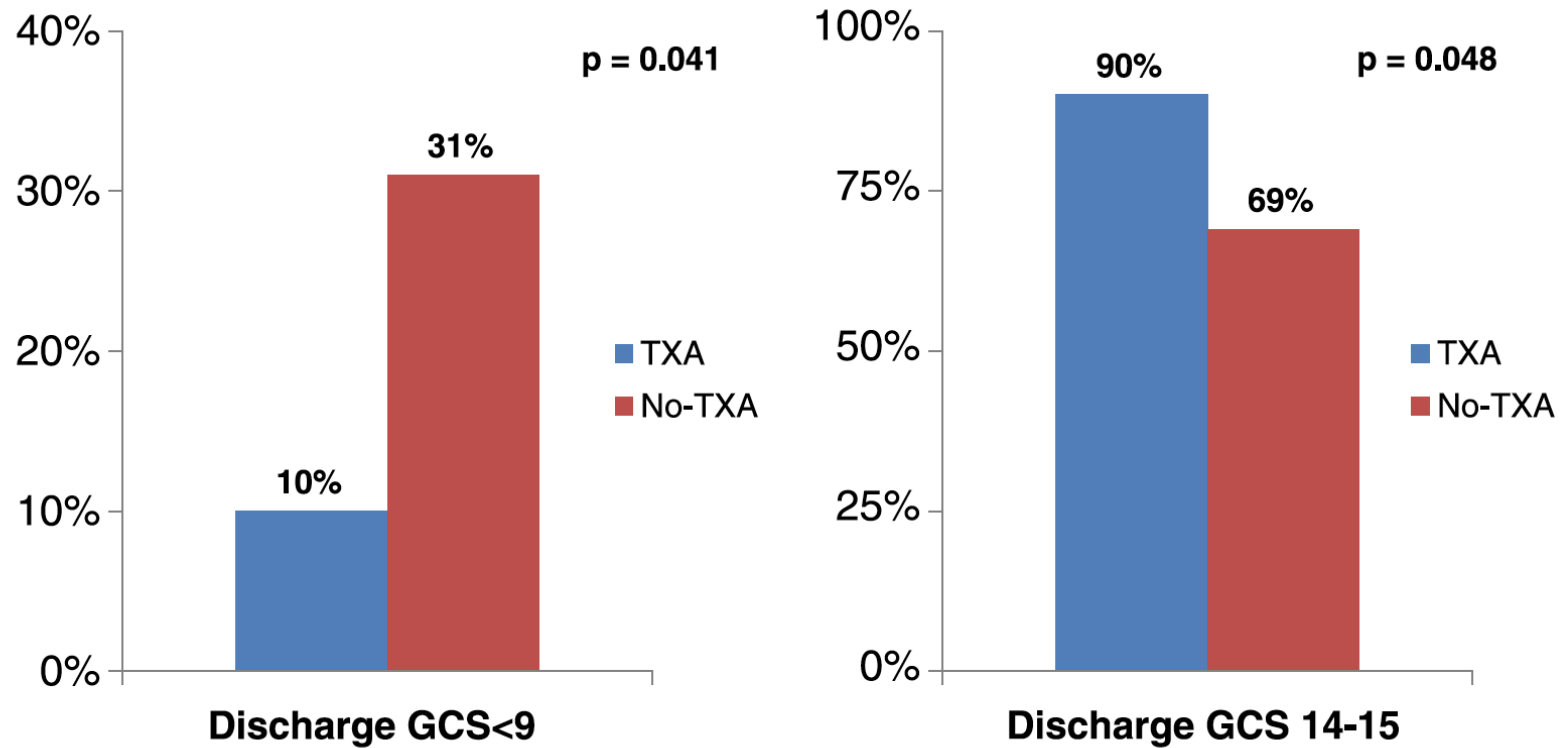


Figure 2. TXA and discharge neurologic status, LVT propensity analysis group.

# Tranexamic acid in pediatric combat trauma requiring massive transfusions and mortality

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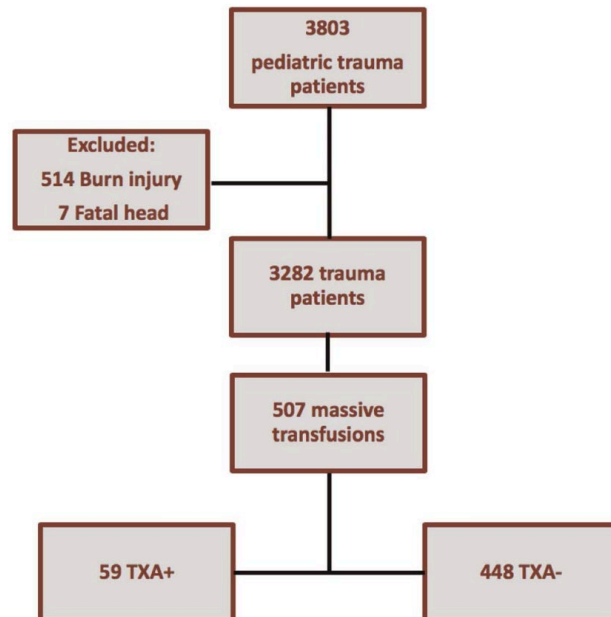


Figure 1. Patient inclusion and exclusion criteria and selection.

## In-Hospital Mortality

- No TXA = 18.3%
- TXA = 8.5%

Benefit

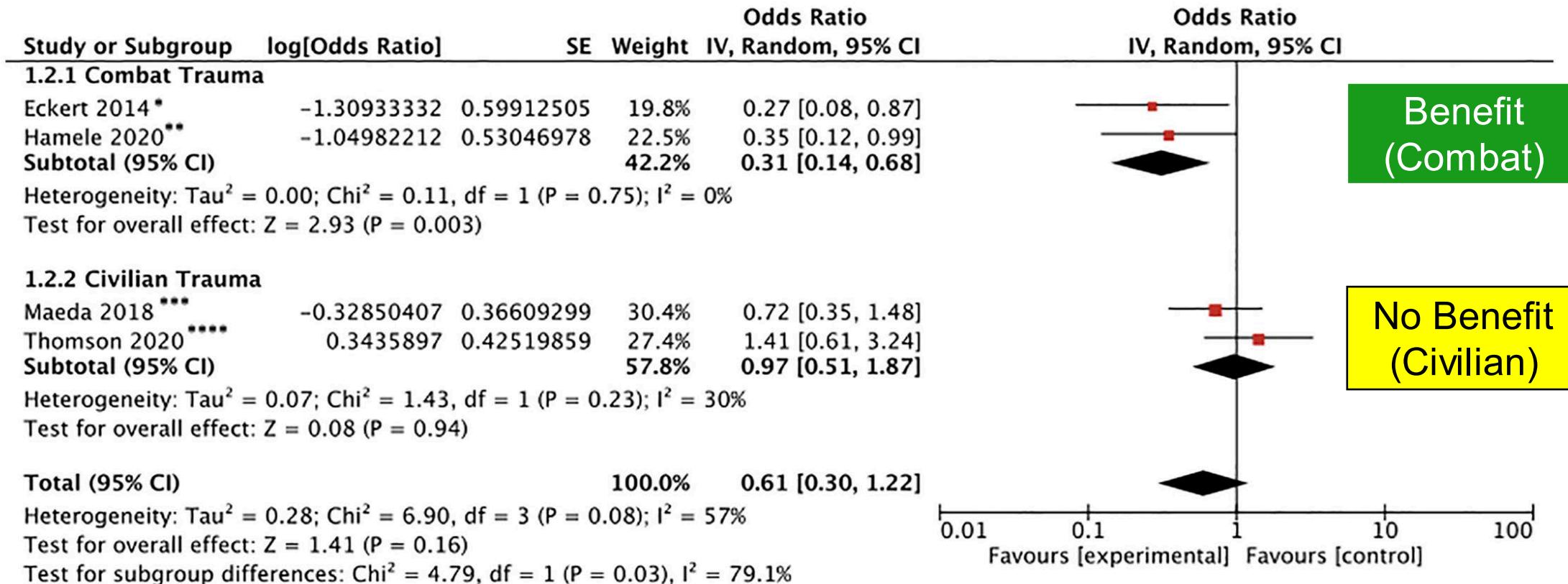
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# Effectiveness and safety of tranexamic acid in pediatric trauma: A systematic review and meta-analysis



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**Fig. 2.** Meta-analysis of mortality outcome in included studies ( $n = 4$ ).

<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted for mechanism, injury severity score (ISS), serum base deficit, hypotension, and Glasgow coma scale (GCS) score.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Adjusted for age, sex, head component of abbreviated injury scale, serum base deficit, and mechanism of injury.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Propensity matching based on age, gender, body weight, height, trauma sites, hospital type, PICU admission, ambulance transfer, and hospital volume.

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**TXA can be used in Peds**

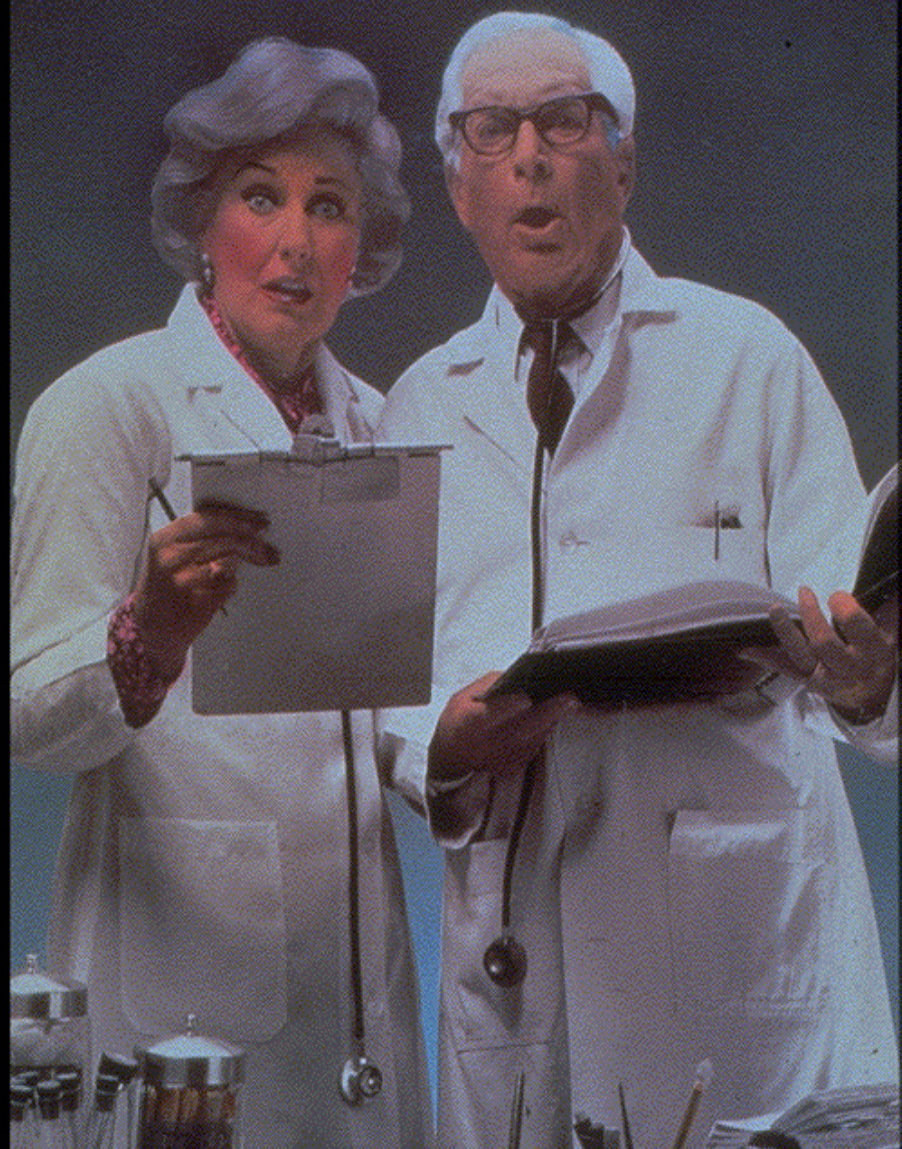
**Benefit in Combat**

**No Increase Adverse Events**

***In Conclusion ...***



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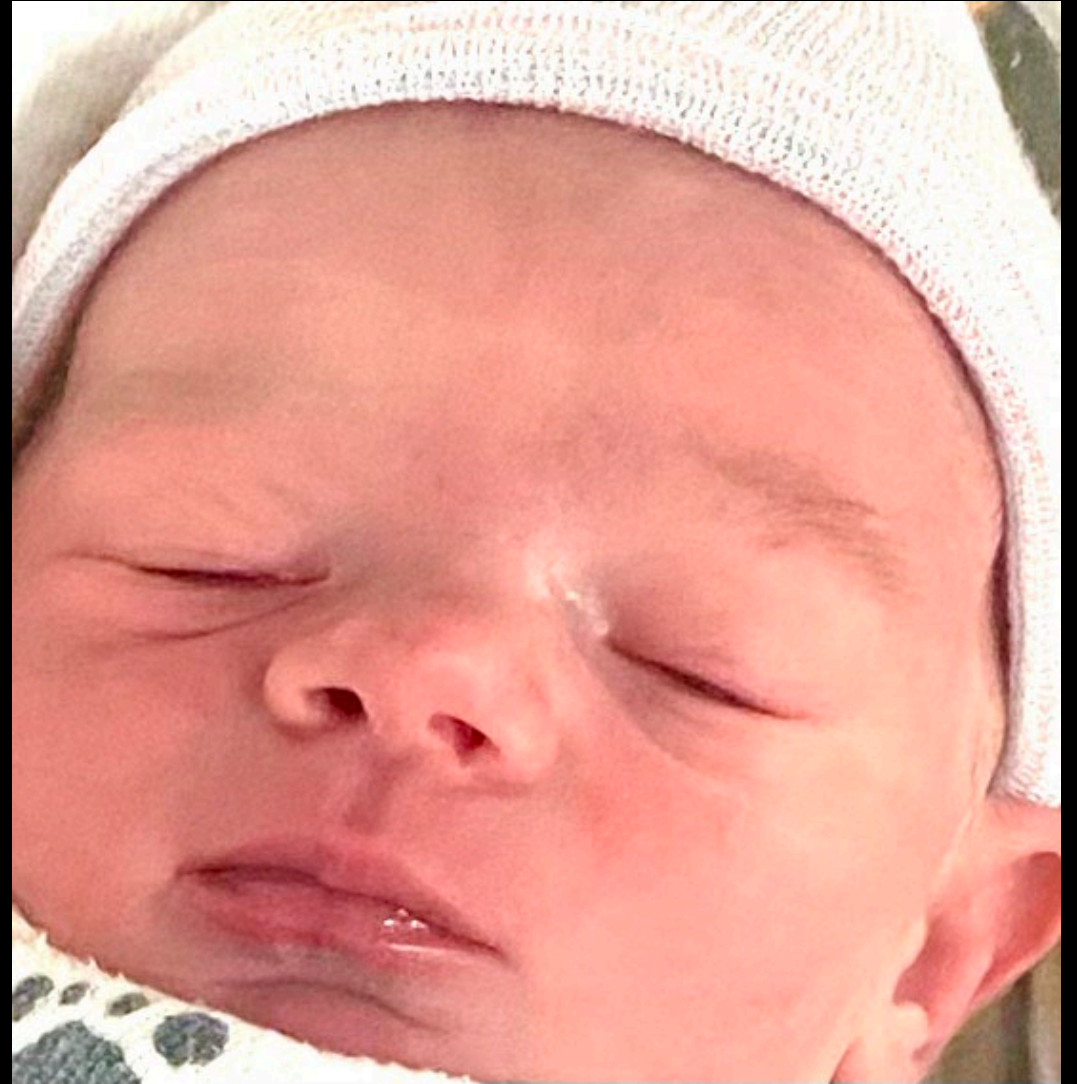
**We'll Make Life Better  
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