

Metabolic Response to Surgery

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Disclosures

- None

The response to major surgery leads to morbidity

- **Metabolic homeostasis**
 - Inflammation, insulin resistance, catabolism
- **Fluid balance**
 - Hypoperfusion, overhydration, oedema
- **Pain**
 - Somatic, visceral, neuropathic
- **Gut dysfunction**
 - Nausea, vomiting, paralysis
- **Cognitive dysfunction**
 - Delirium, confusion, sleep disruption
- **Post-operative deconditioning**
 - Immobilisation, fatigue, anemia, starvation

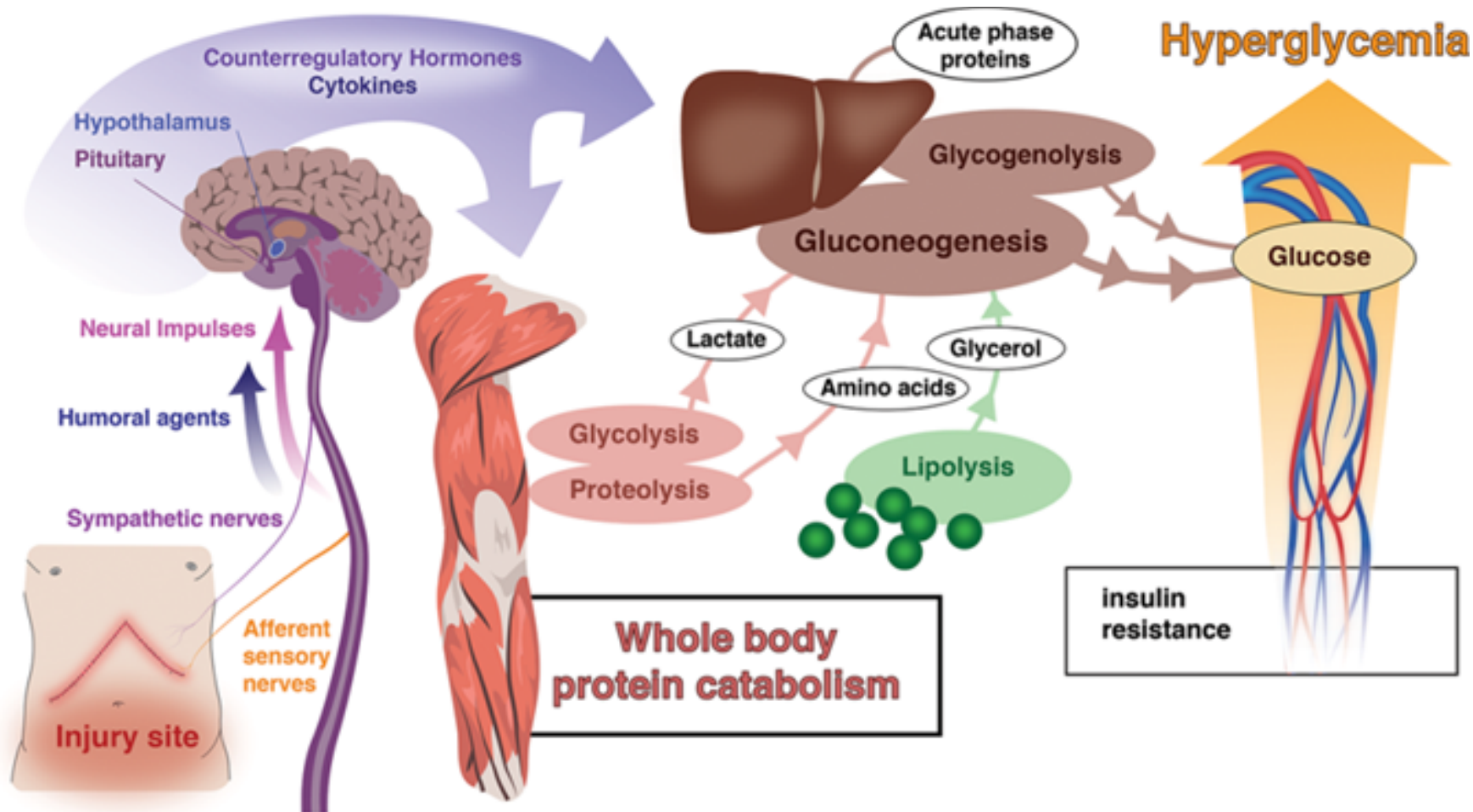


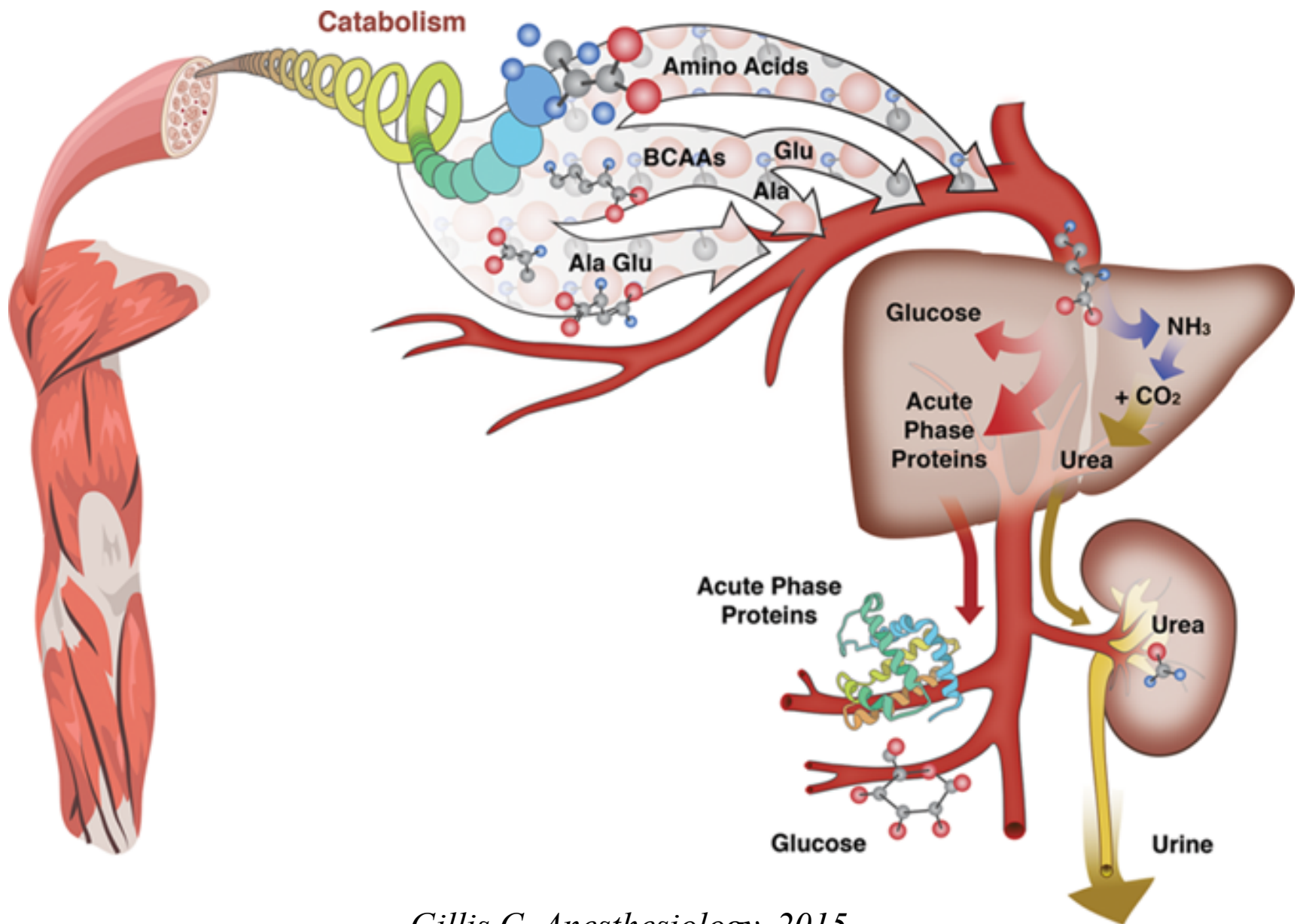
It's more to it than a perfect operation

Metabolic response to trauma

- **Neuroendocrine response**
 - Cortisol, catecholamines, glucagon, GH
- **Insulin resistance**
 - Catabolism
 - Lipolysis
 - Protein breakdown
 - Hyperglycemia
- **Inflammation**
 - Cytokines

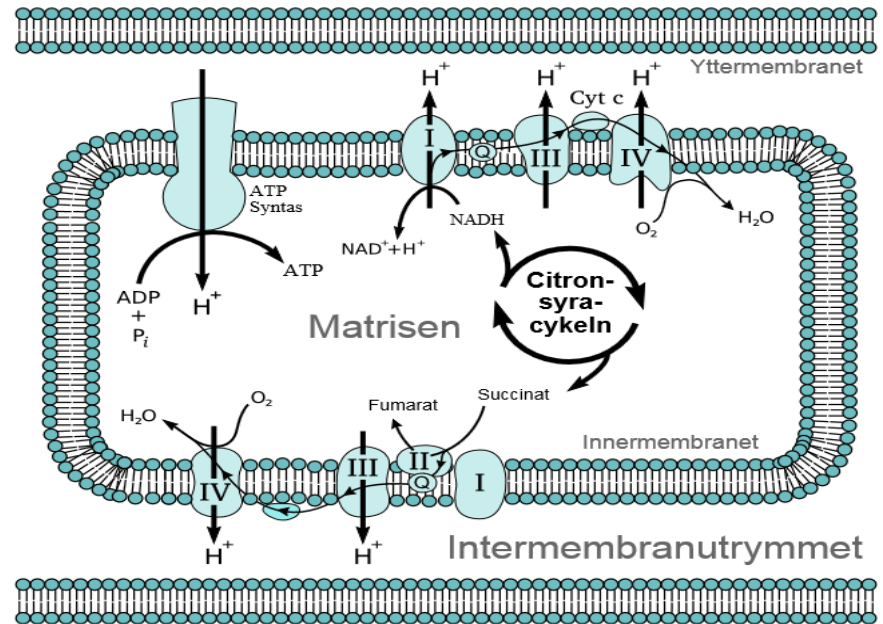
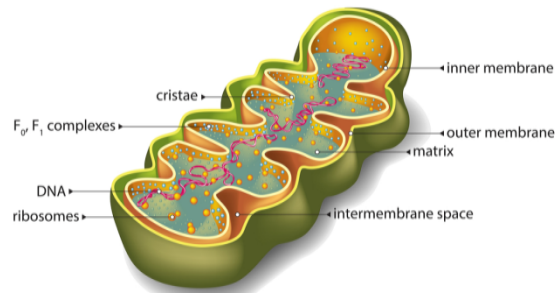






Gillis C, Anesthesiology, 2015

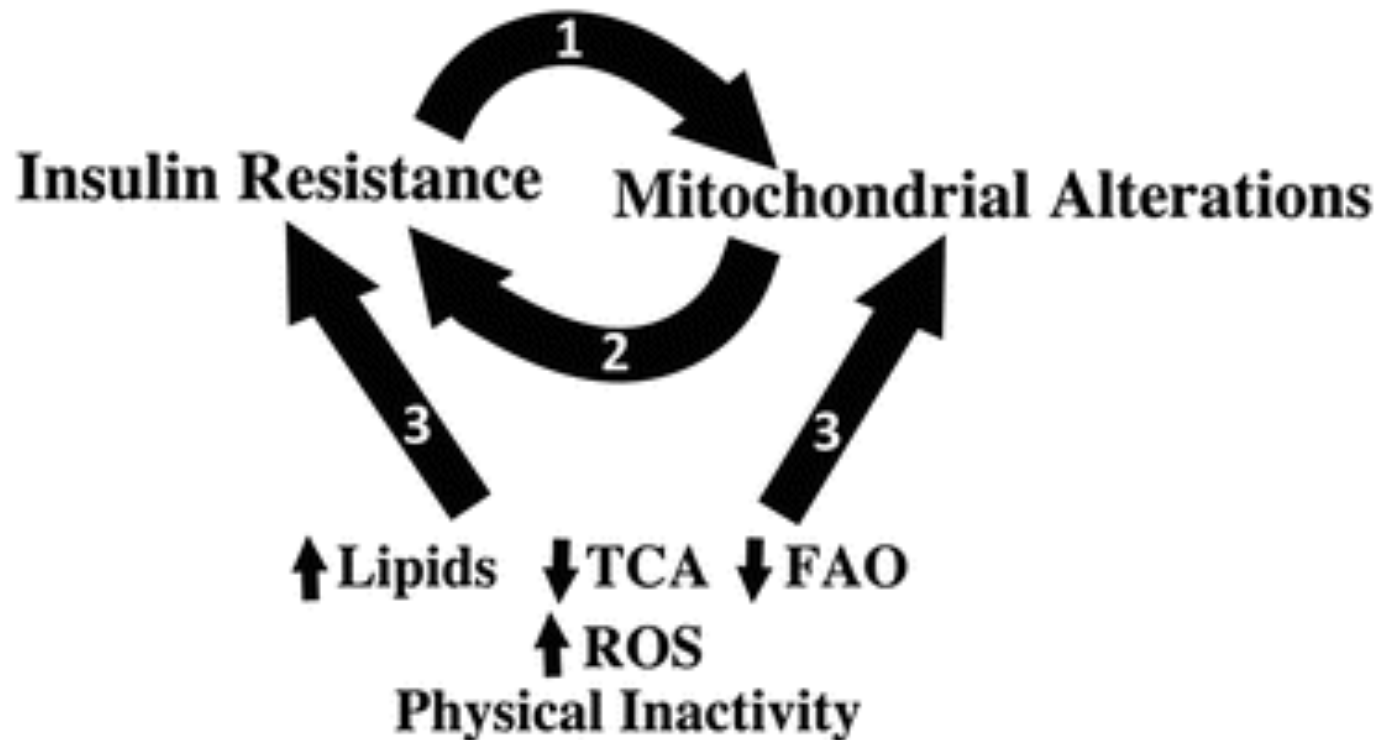
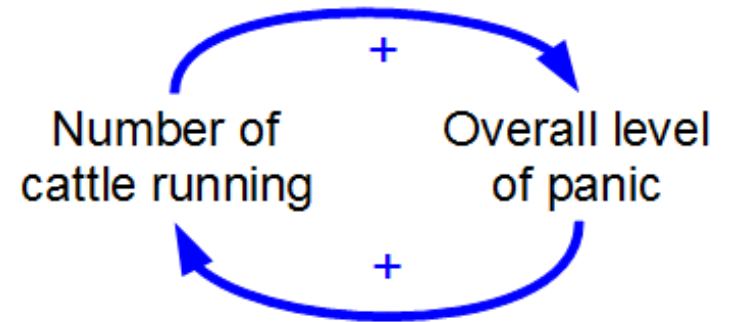
Mitochondrial dysfunction



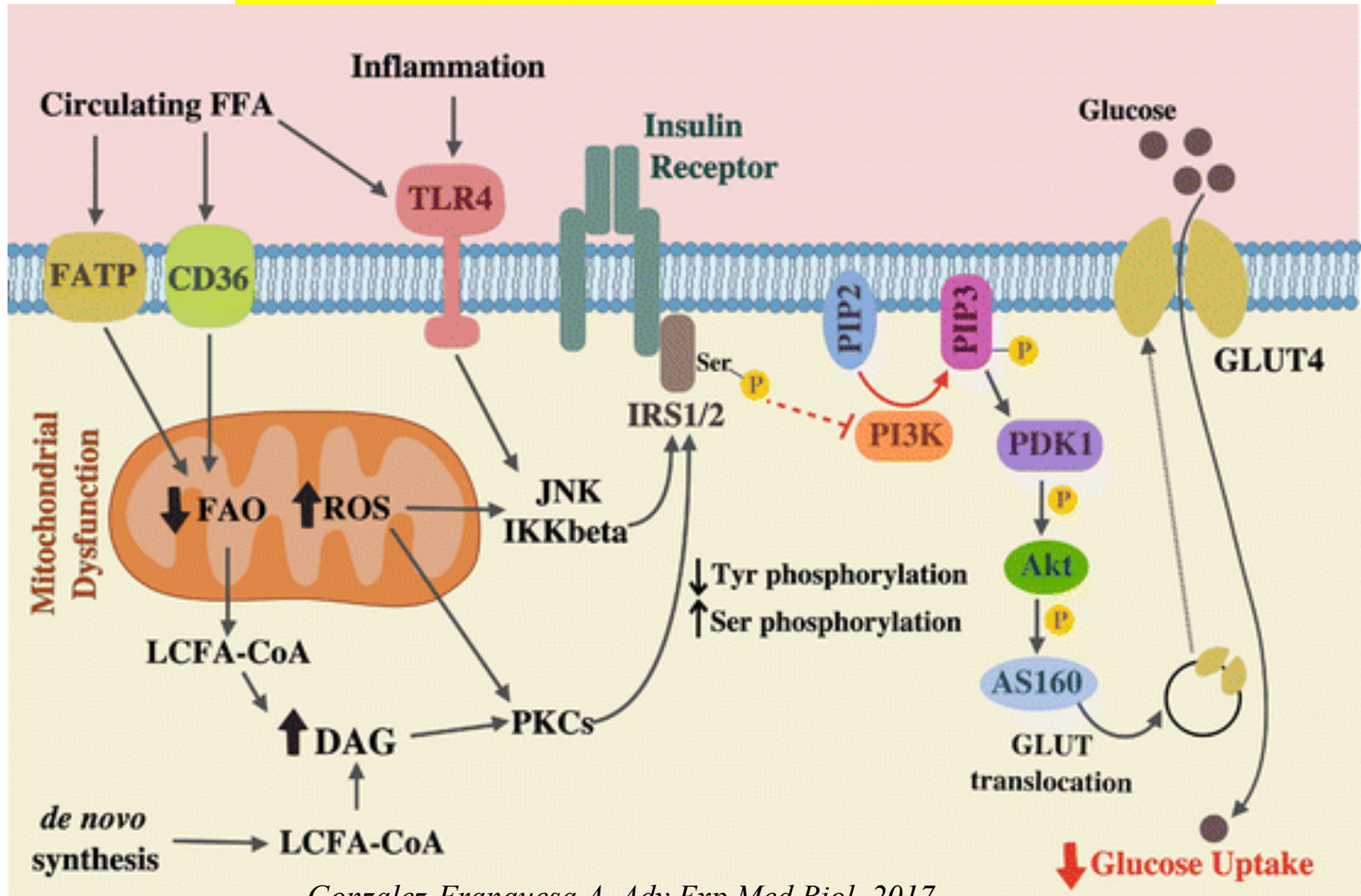
- Energy production / oxidative phosphorylation / ATP
- Decreased fatty acid oxidation
- Inhibiting insulin action / Insulin resistance
- Toxic lipid metabolite accumulation
- ROS production / oxidative stress
- Uncoupling



Harmful positive feedback loop

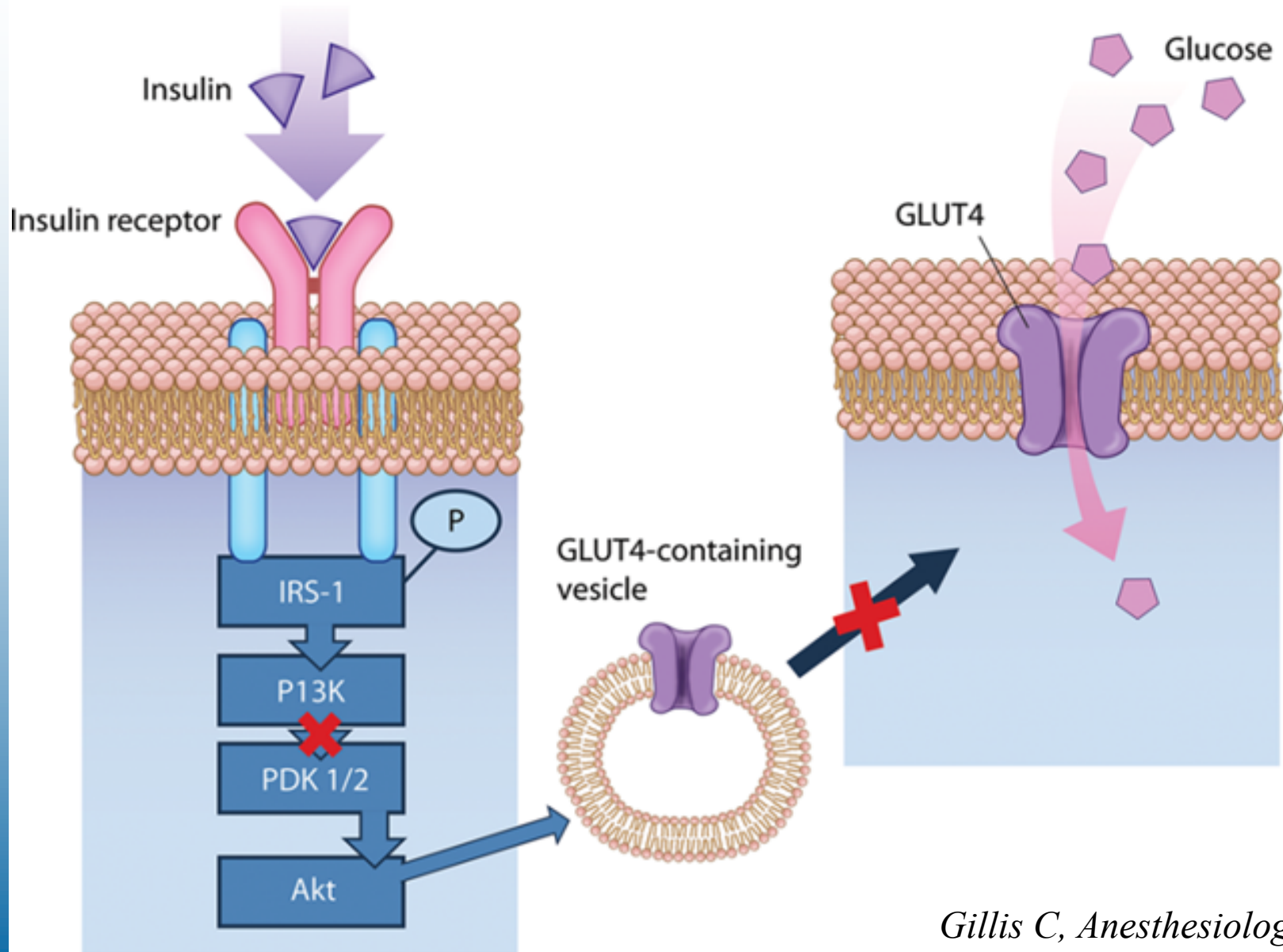


Mitochondrial dysfunction and insulin resistance



Gonzalez-Franquesa A, Adv Exp Med Biol, 2017

Effect of Insulin on Glucose Uptake



Gillis C, Anesthesiology, 2015

Preoperative insulin resistance increased risk for complications

273 patients open cardiac surgery, insulin sensitivity determined at the end of op

Complication	OR for every decrease by 1 mg/kg/min (Insulin sensitivity)	P value
Death	2.33 (0.94-5.78)	0.067
Major complication	2.23 (1.30-3.85)	0.004
Severe infection	4.98 (1.48-16.8)	0.010
Minor infection	1.97 (1.27-3.06)	0.003

The ORs were adjusted for potential confounders

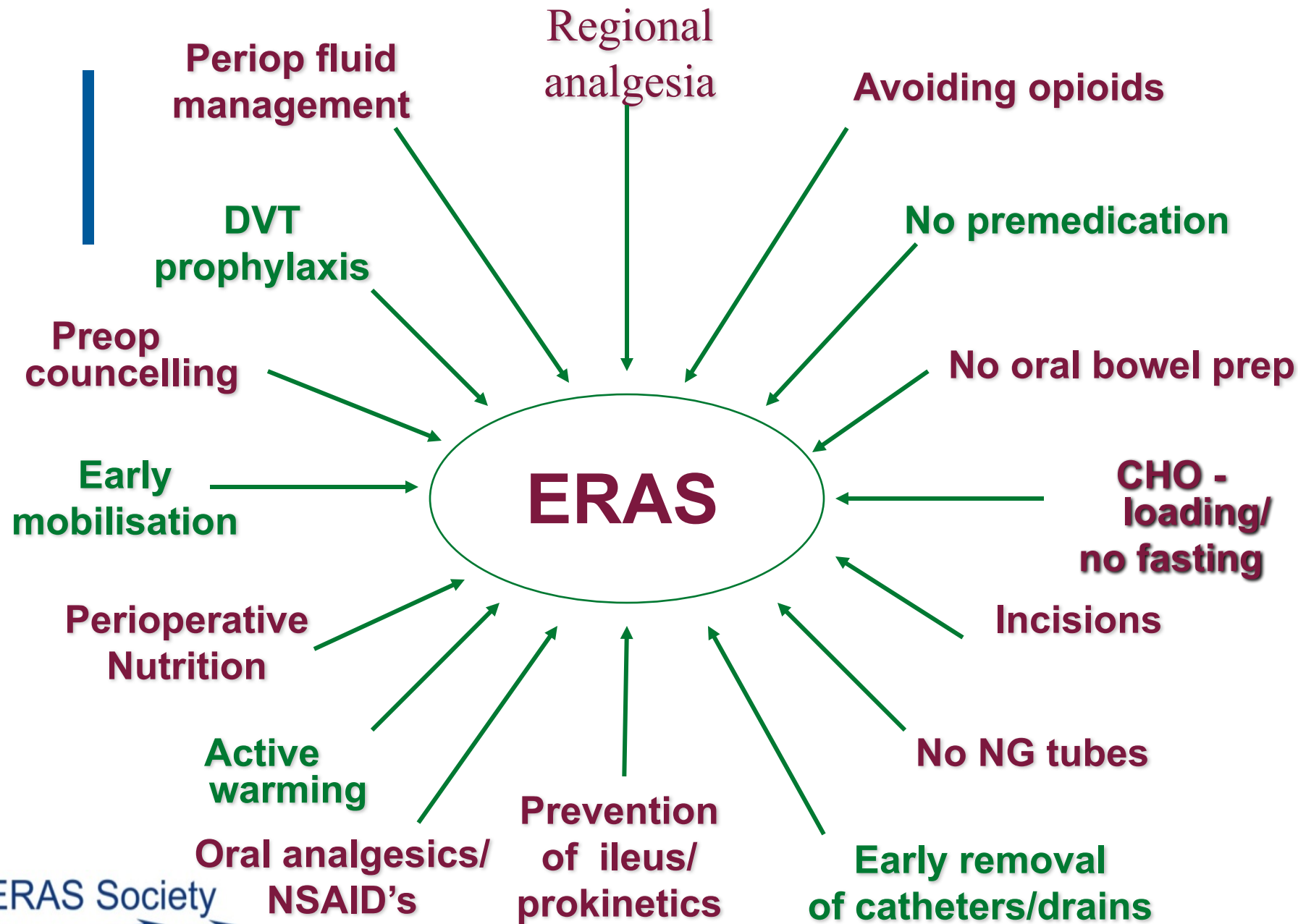
Sato et al, JCEM 2010; 95: 4338-44

Controlling perioperative physiology

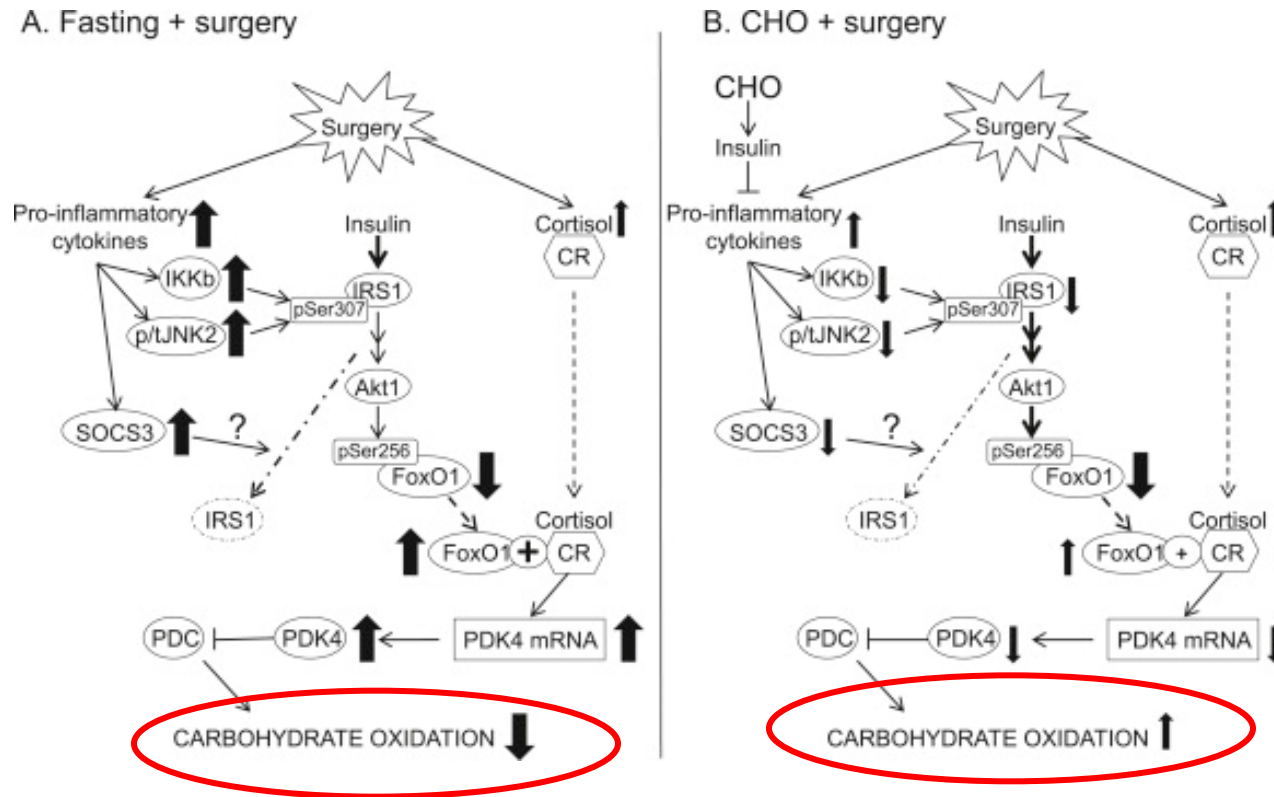
Many small pieces of the puzzle



	Hormonal	Metabolic	Inflammatory
Minimally invasive surgery	✓	✓	✓
Neural blockade	✓	✓	✓
Opioid-sparing pain control	✓		
Prevention of hypothermia	✓	✓	
Perioperative fluid management	✓		
Anabolic agents (e.g., growth hormone)	✓	✓	
Glucocorticoids	✓	✓	✓
β-blockade	✓	✓	
α2-agonists	✓		✓
Exercise	✓	✓	✓
Carbohydrate loading	✓	✓	✓
Immunonutrition		✓	✓
Early oral nutrition	✓	✓	✓
Adequate dietary protein		✓	
Insulin (glycemic control)	✓	✓	✓



Postoperative muscle mitochondrial dysfunction improves by carbohydrate loading



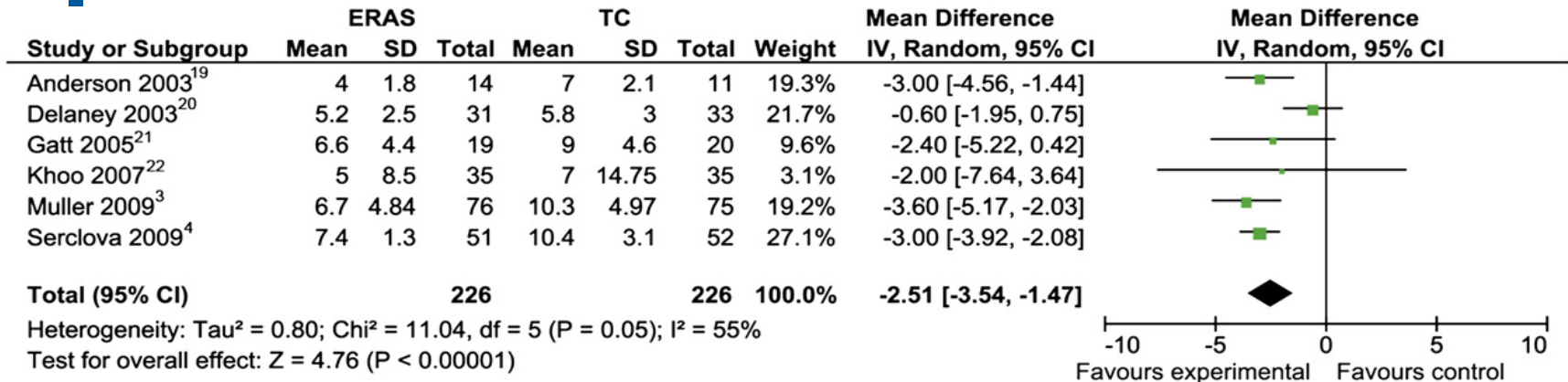
Preoperative carbohydrate loading

- Reduced muscle inflammatory response
- Improved inhibition of FOXO1 mediated PDK4
- Supported by clinical studies
 - (Awad S, Ann Surg, 2010, Wang ZG, BJS, 2010, Yu Y, ChJS, 2013)

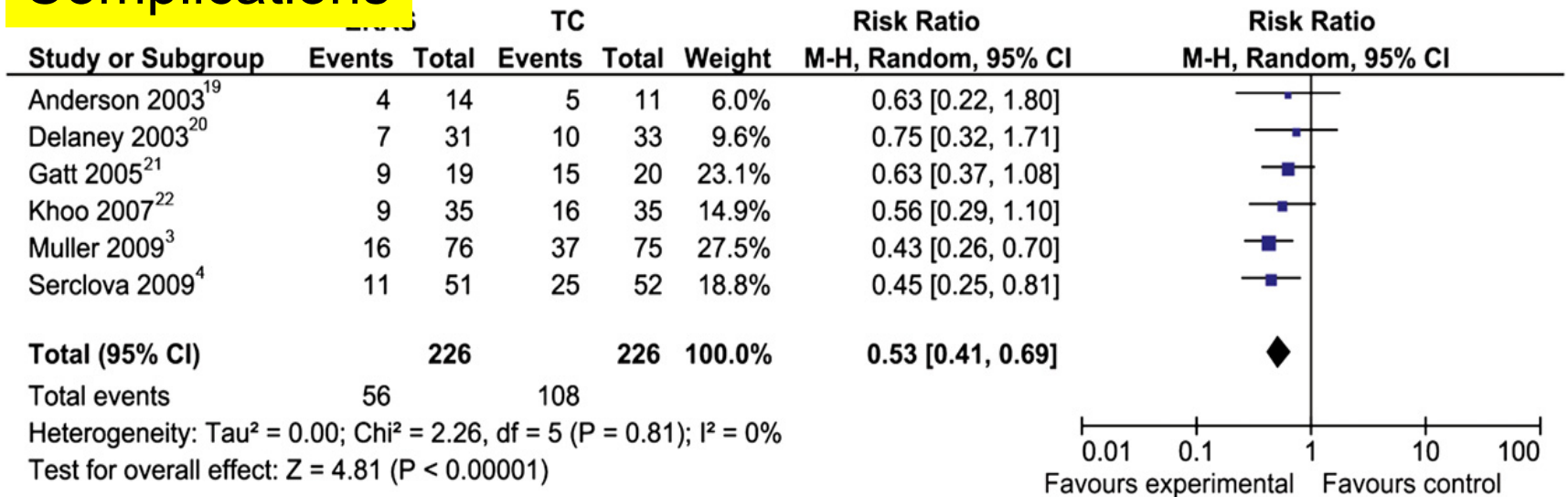
ERAS and clinical outcome ?

Review of 6 RCTs (n=452)

Hospital stay



Complications



Lap CRC surgery

ERAS vs Trad

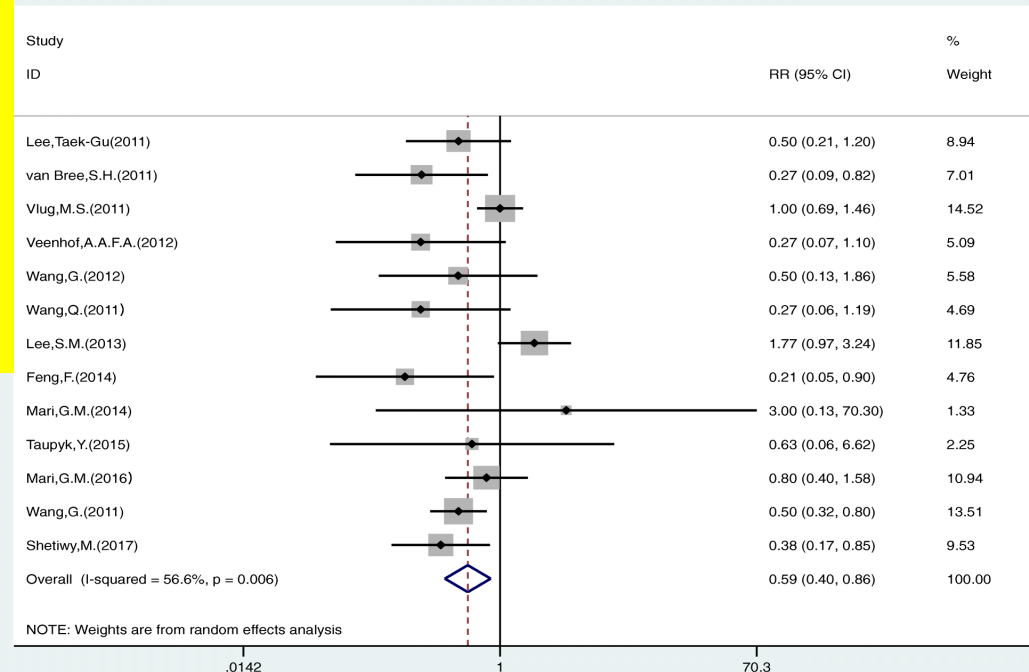
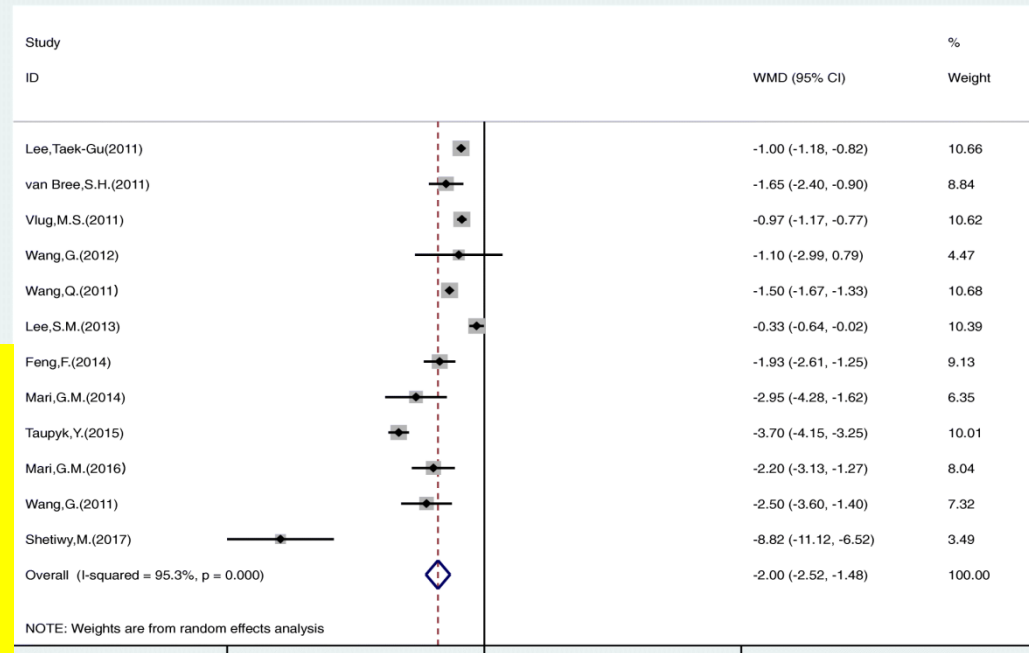
Meta-analysis 13 RCT, n=1298

- Shorter LOS
- Reduced complications
- Faster return
 - bowel function
- Less SIRS
 - CRP
 - IL6

Ni X, J Gastrointest Surg, 2019

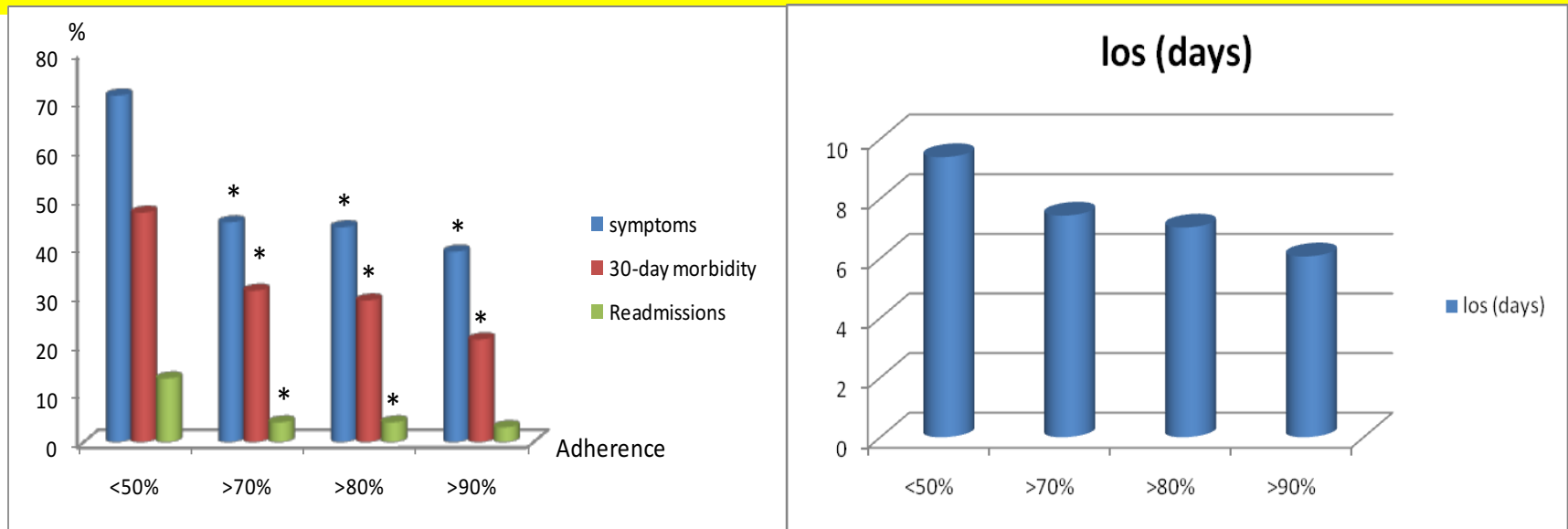
LOS

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Compliance to ERAS predict outcomes after colorectal cancer surgery

n=953



- Predictors for improved clinical outcome
 - Preoperative carbohydrate loading
 - Perioperative fluid volume

Table 1 Modified fast-track care perioperative plan

Preoperative

Detailed information of the nature of the surgery and perioperative care

Emphasis on the plan for early discharge, specifically <2 days

- * Bowel preparation: mechanical and oral antibiotics
- IV antibiotics 30 min before initiation of the procedure

Intraoperative

8–10 mg dexamethasone at induction of anesthesia

Laparoscopic approach

- * No use of drains and tubes
- * No use of epidural anesthesia
- No use of urinary catheter for right and transverse colon resections; immediate removal of catheter after low anterior colon resections

Postoperative

Admission to regular nursing floor

Immediate postoperative general diet that was emphasized to the nursing staff

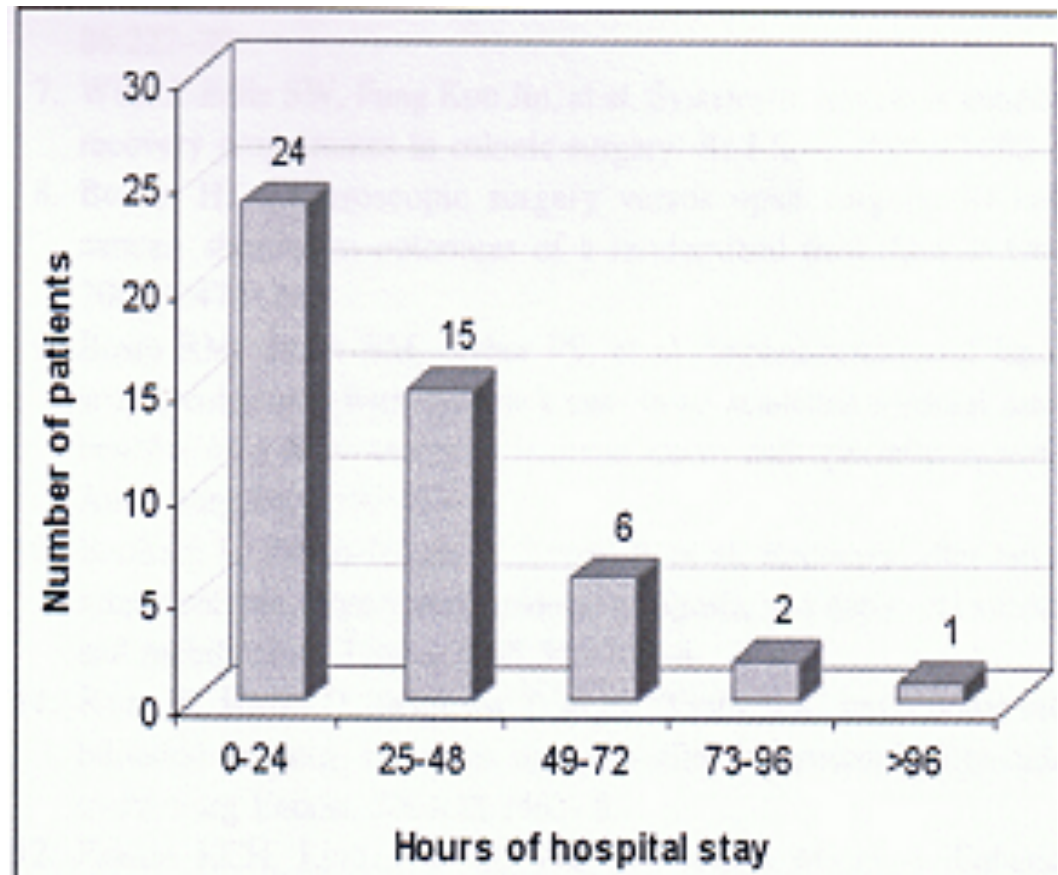
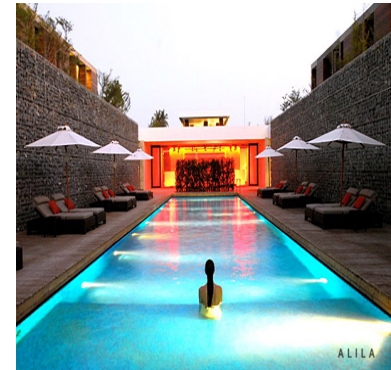
- * Ambulation same evening of surgery
- No use of patient-controlled analgesia pumps; pain control achieved with routine IV ketorolac and supplemented as needed with IV and oral narcotics
- * No use of laxatives or prokinetics
- Postoperative reinforcement of discharge plan by attending surgeon
- Neither flatus nor bowel movement a requirement for discharge
- Patient agreement of readiness and acceptance of discharge
- Follow-up evaluation at outpatient clinic within 1 wk after discharge

IV = intravenous.

ERAS

Lap Colonic resection

- n=48
- 2 Complications
- 1 Readmission



- * Undernutrition: Nutritional repletion required
 - NRS-2002⁴: >5*
 - SGA⁶³: C
 - Weight loss⁶³: >10–15% within 6 months
 - BMI⁶³: <18 kg/m²
- * Poor functional capacity: Consider prehabilitation
 - Six-minute walking test^{161,169}: <60% of predicted*
- * Frailty: Consider prehabilitation
 - Frailty index¹⁶⁴: Increase in risk for each unit increase in this 11-point frailty index
 - Fried¹⁶²: Frailty is identified by the presence of three or more components
- * Poor glycemic control: Appropriate intervention before surgery
 - HbA1c¹⁵⁷: >6%*

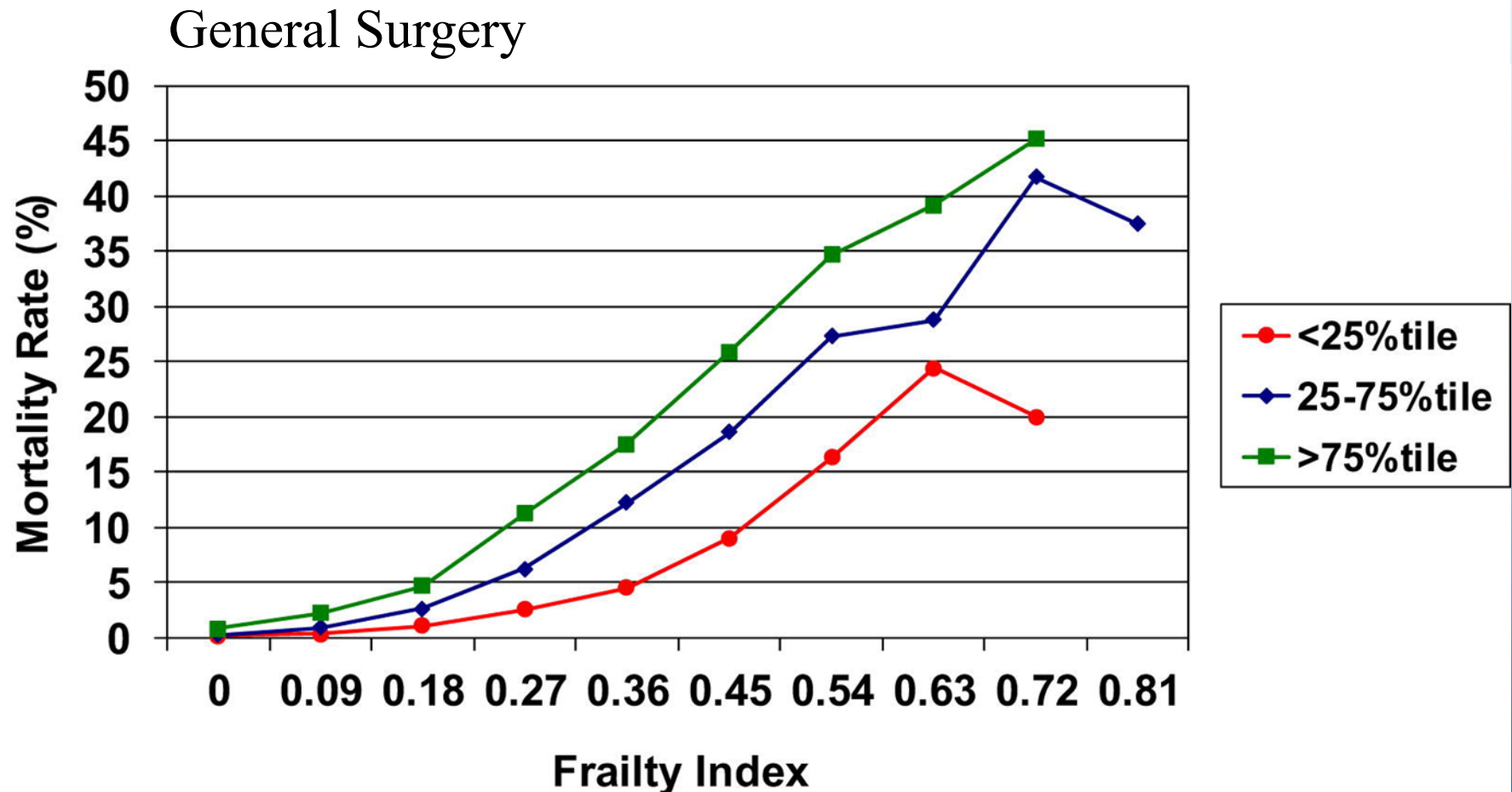
Predicted six-minute walk test is a calculation based on gender and age.^{169,172}

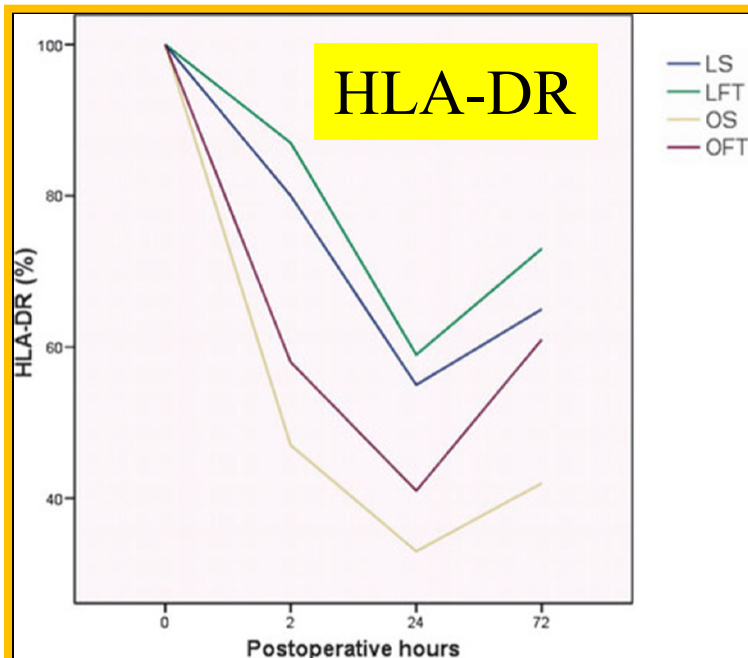
* Based on little available evidence to identify preoperative cutoff value for surgical patients.

BMI = body mass index; HbA1c = glycated hemoglobin; NRS-2002 = nutritional risk screening tool-2002; SGA = subjective global assessment.

Frailty index as a predictor of postoperative morbidity and mortality

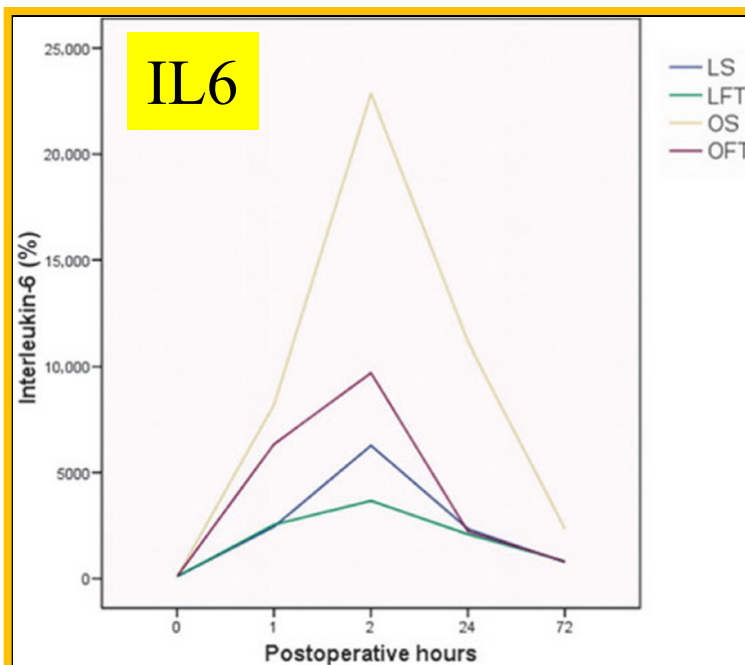
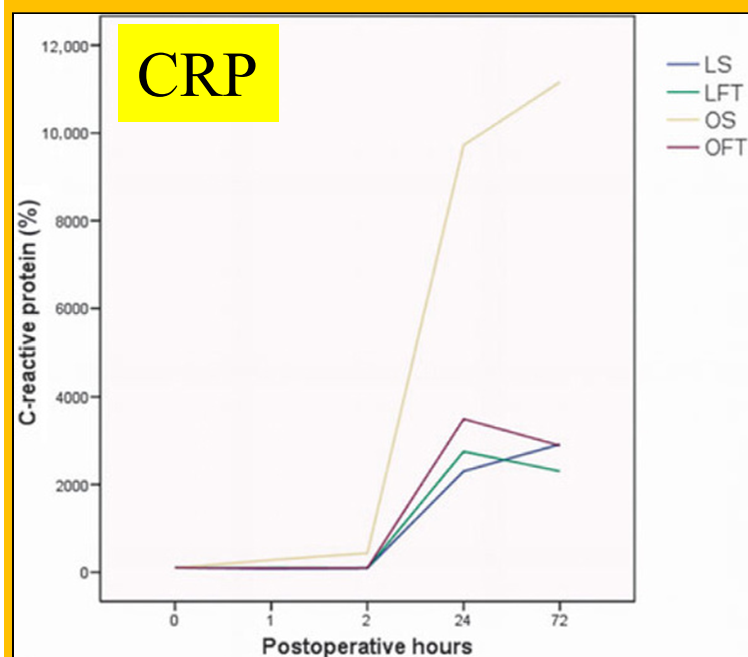
N= 971 434 (NSQIP)





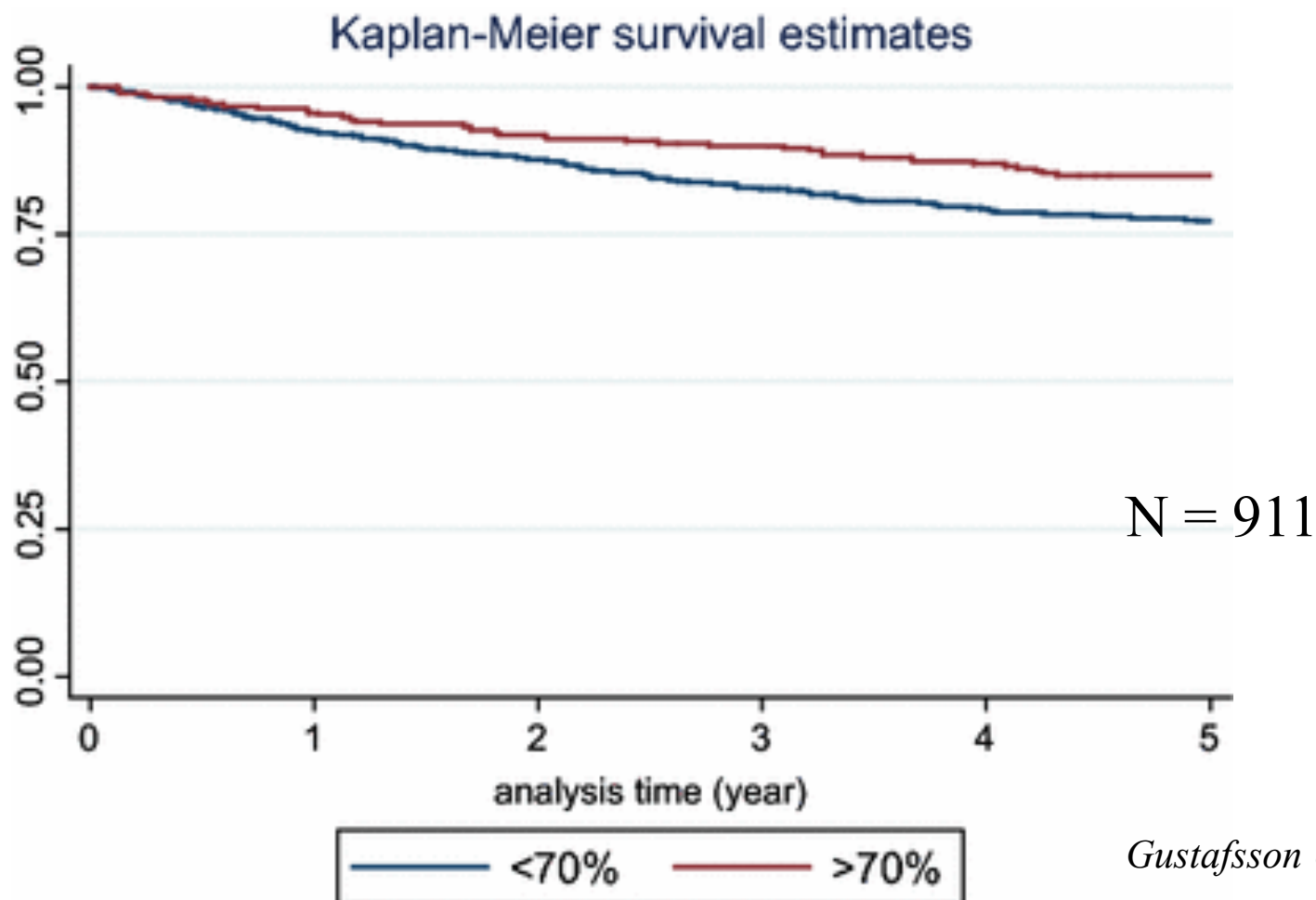
LAFA trial, n=79
Veenhof A, Ann Surg, 2012

LS	Lap	Standard
LFT	Lap	FT
OS	Open	Standard
OFT	Open	FT

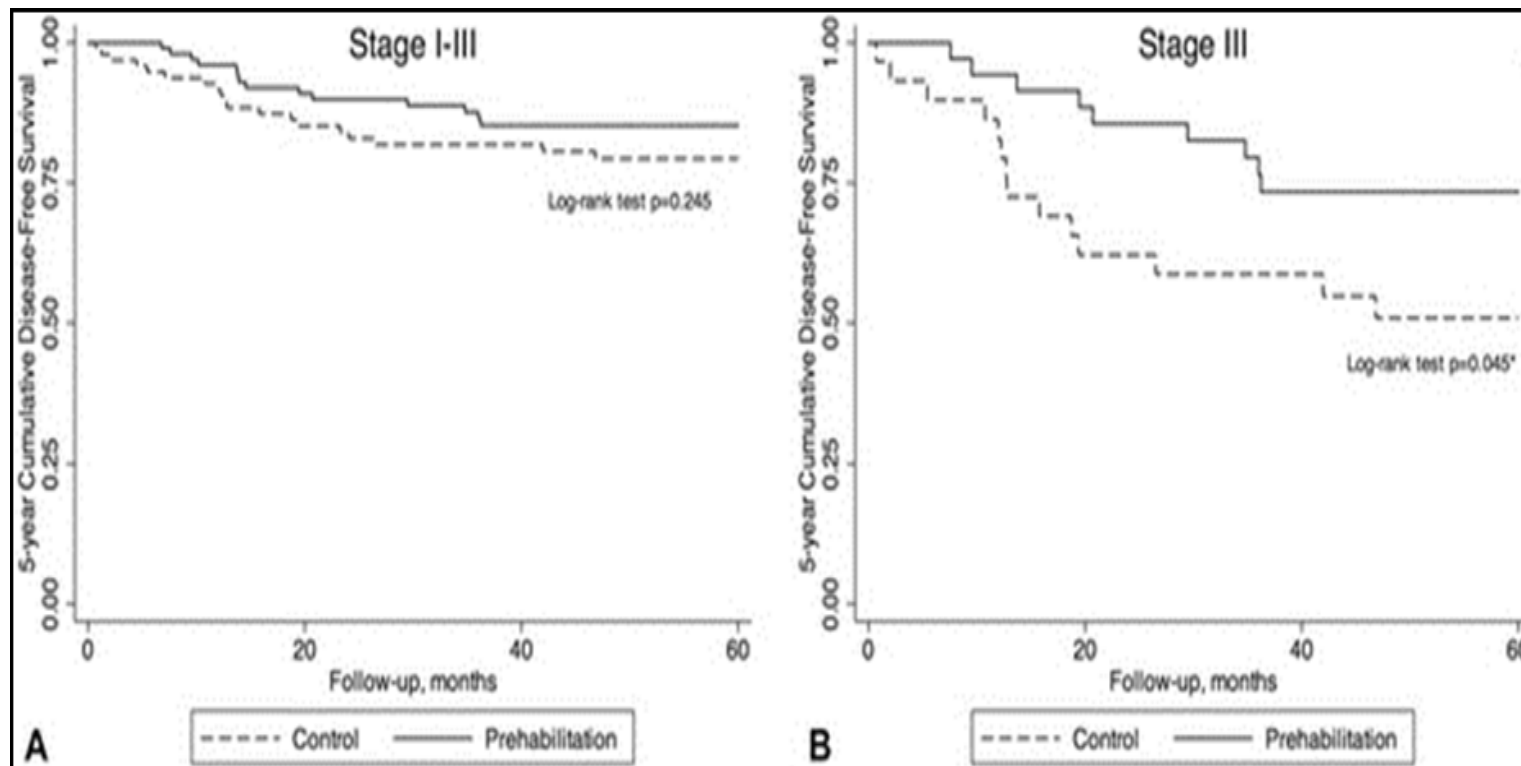


Increased ERAS compliance

42% less cancer specific death at 5 years



Gustafsson UO, WJS, 2016



N=202

Improved Disease-free Survival After Prehabilitation for Colorectal Cancer Surgery.

Trepanier, Maude; Minnella, Enrico; Paradis, Tiffany; Awasthi, Rashami; Kaneva, Pepa; Schwartzman, Kevin; MD, MPH; Carli, Franco; MD, MPhil; Fried, Gerald; Feldman, Liane; Lee, Lawrence; MD, PhD

Annals of Surgery. 270(3):493-501, September 2019.

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FIGURE 2 . Kaplan-Meier survival curves of 5-year disease-free survival in patients undergoing prehabilitation vs control for (A) all stages and (B) stage III disease.

Summary

- Major surgery
 - significant morbidity and surgical stress
- ERAS are evidence based perioperative protocols
 - reduces surgical stress
 - improves postoperative outcome
- Stress reduction
 - associated to long term oncologic outcome



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The million dollar question

- Postoperative insulin resistance – Good or bad ?

Beneficial when you were injured in ancient times ?

	Postop	NIDDM
Hyperglycemia	+	+
Insulin sensitivity	-	-
Glucose production	+	+
Glucose uptake	-	-
GLUT4 translocation	-	-
Glycogen formation	-	-

