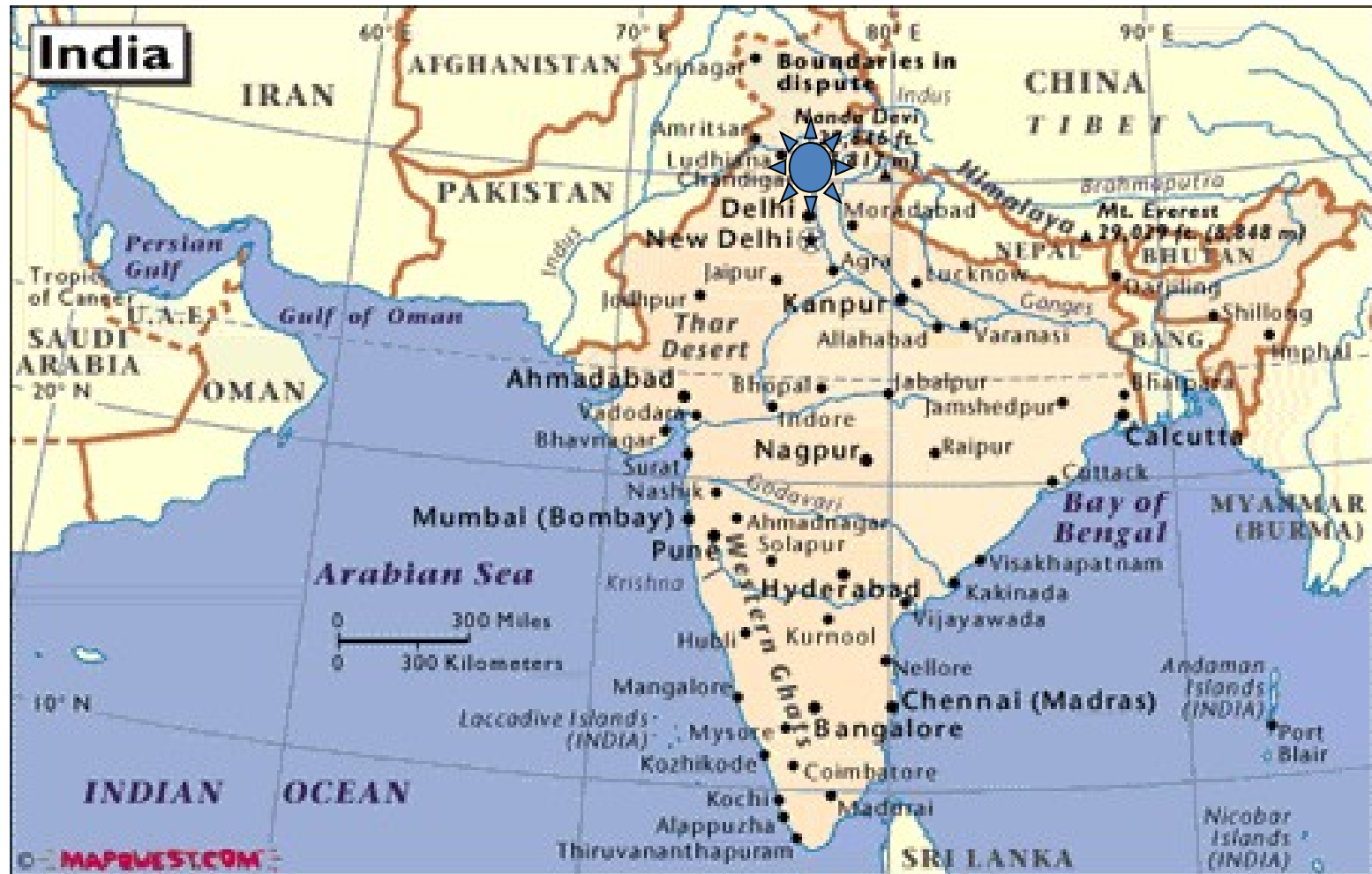


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Optimum sodium levels in children with brain injury

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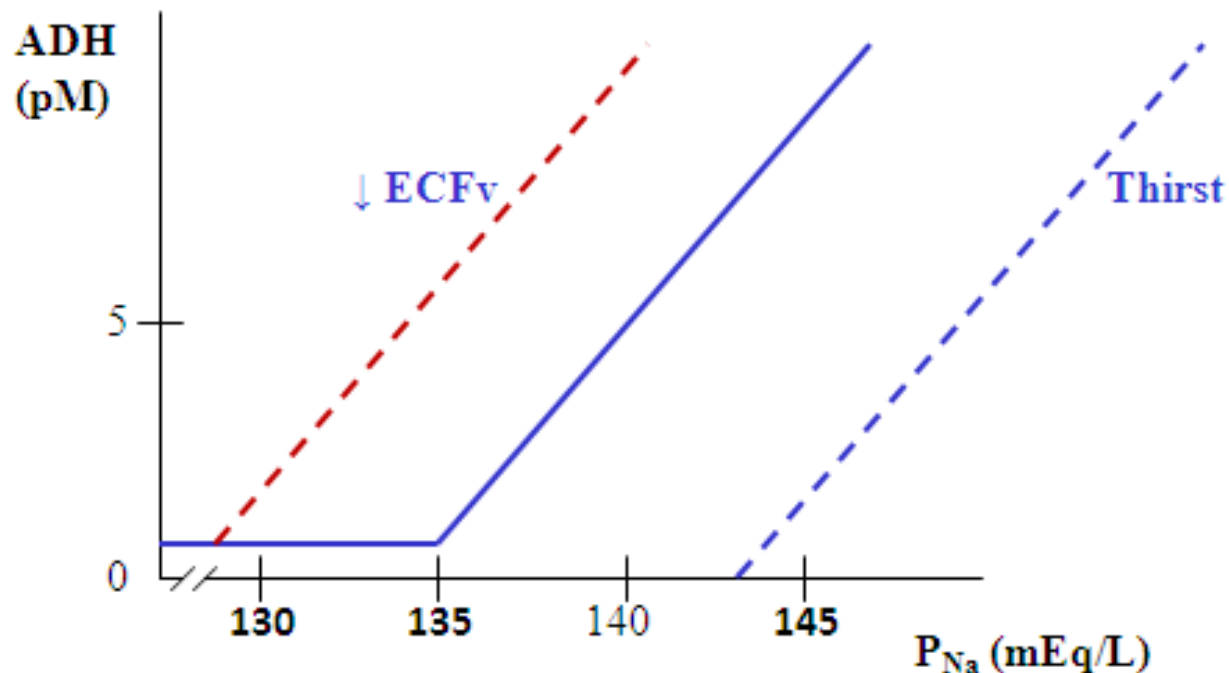


Sodium and brain

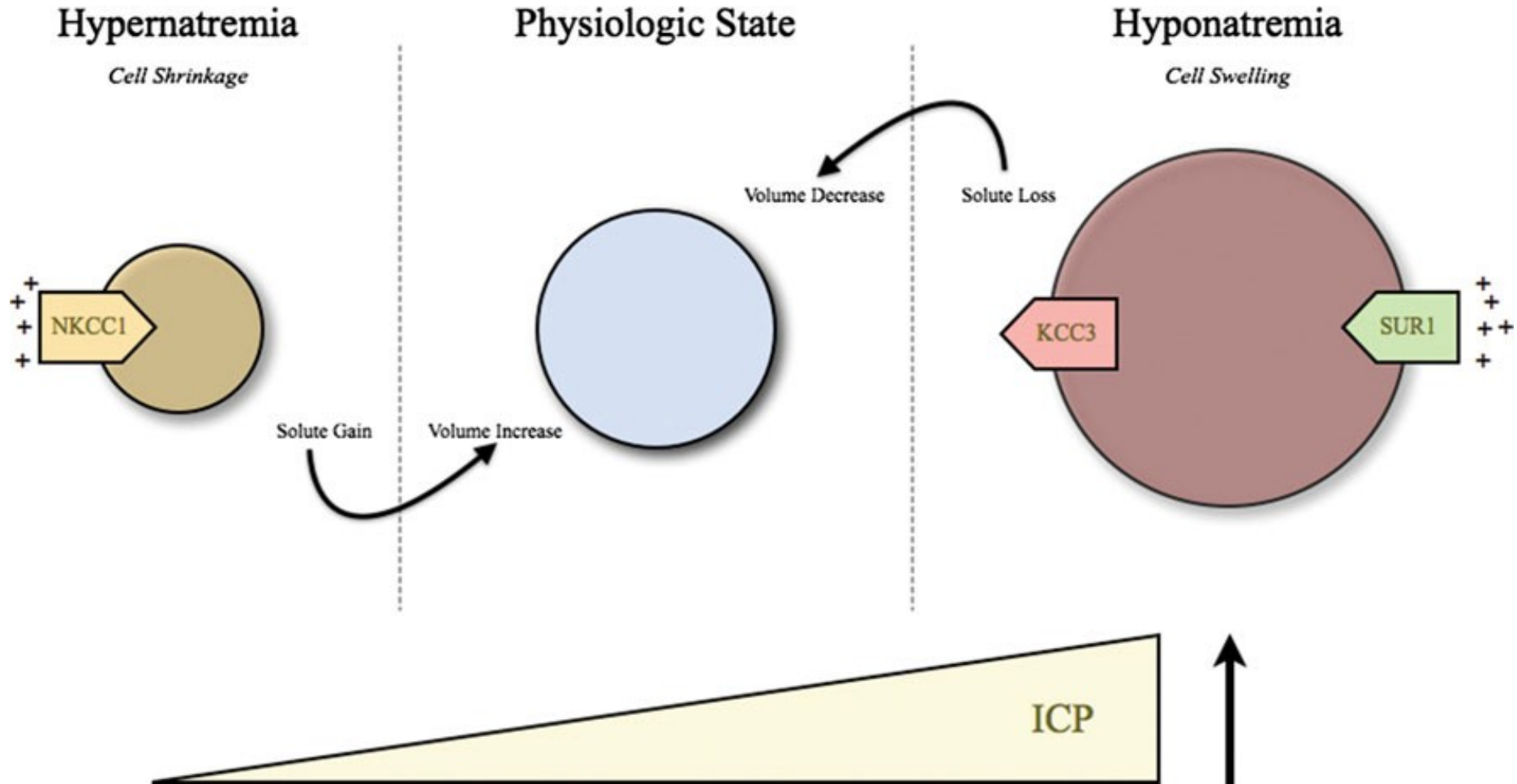
- *Sodium* - the major extracellular cation and most important osmotically active solute

Regulation of serum sodium

- Sodium regulation is closely correlated with the body's **effective circulating volume (ECV)**
(intravascular volume to provide adequate tissue perfusion)
- Major determinant of $Sr.Na$ is in fact **serum water content**.

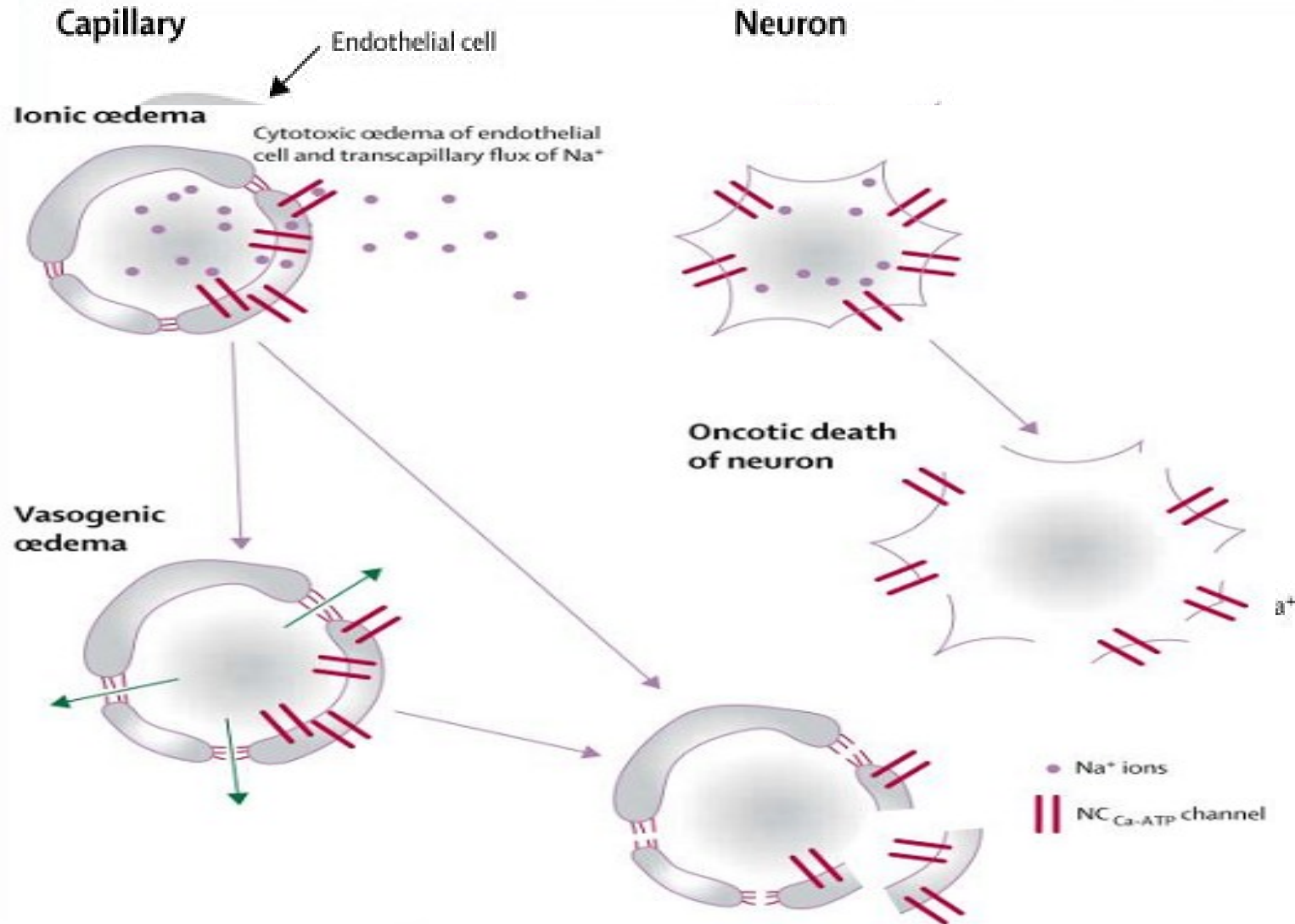


Cerebral Physiology



- **Ion transporters** are key mediators of cell volume and respond to both cell shrinkage and cellular swelling.

Secondary cerebral swelling progressing to hemorrhagic conversion



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- **Evidence 1**

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Hyponatremia in patients with brain injury

- Fairly often observed in children with traumatic brain injury

(Acute symptomatic hyponatremia and cerebral salt wasting after head injury: an important clinical entity. *J Pediatr Surg.* 2001)

- 7 to 32% of patients with different forms of

SIADH meningitis	Cerebral Salt Wasting
Euvolemic hyponatremia	Hypovolemic hyponatremia

(Most of the published reports from children, SIADH in older studies, CSW emerging in recent literature)

The distinction is blurred

Hyponatremia in patients with brain injury

‘Serum sodium < 135 mEq/L is detrimental’

- Severe hyponatremia is associated with increased risk of symptomatic vasospasm and infarctions
- potentiates secondary brain damage by augmentation of both focal contusion and diffuse axonal injury
- Affects cognitive outcome after traumatic brain injury
(Hyponatremia associated cognitive impairment in traumatic brain injury. *Brain Inj.* 1993)

Associated with poor outcome and increase in mortality upto 60%

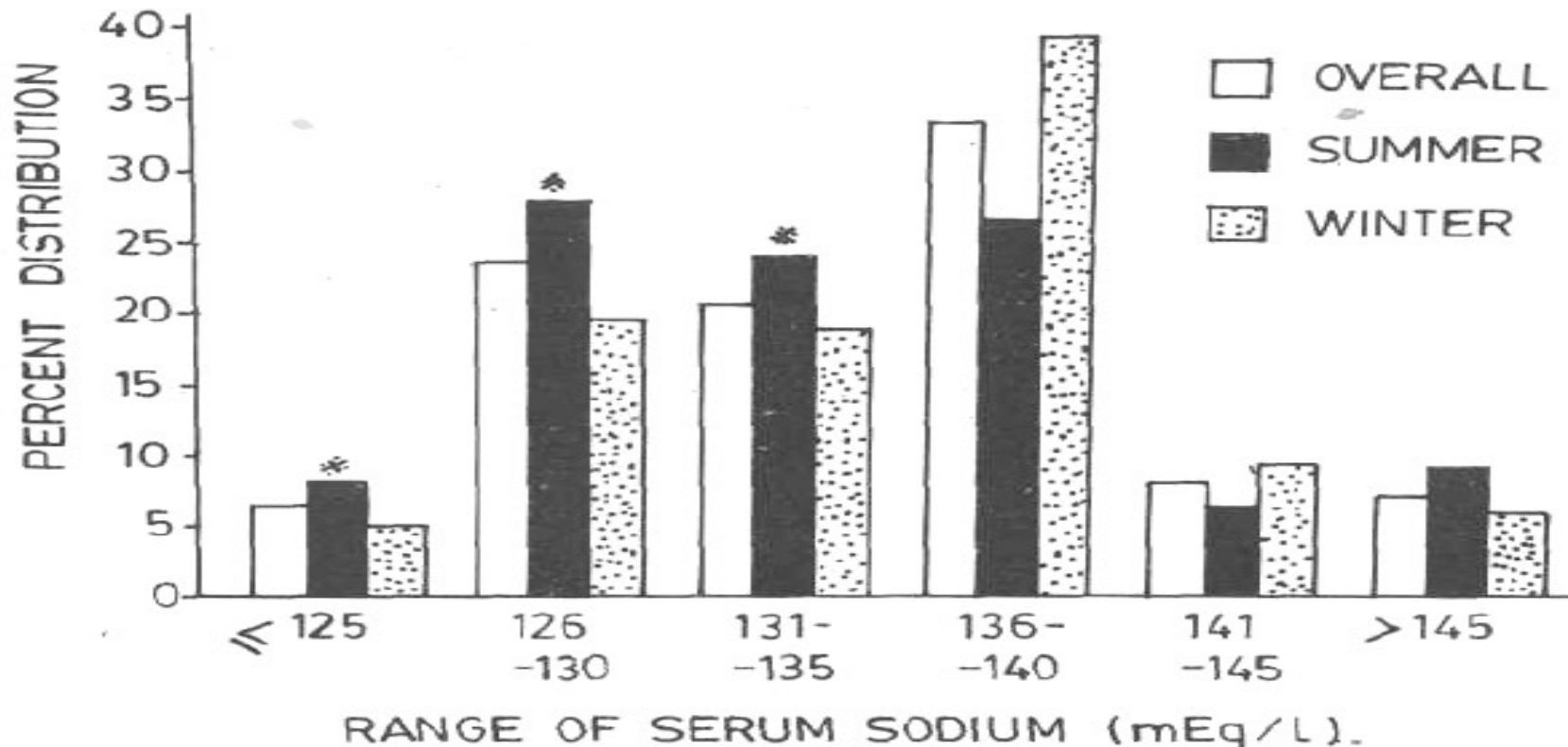
Prevalence of hyponatraemia in critical care settings

- **Hypotonic hyponatraemia:** (excess water in ECF)
 - Greatest relevance to the critical care setting
 - Upto three quarters of ICU- hyponatraemia cases
 - Bennani SL et al. Rev Med Interne. 2003.
 - Adler SM. Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am. 2006.
 - Friedman B et al. Journal of Critical Care. 2013.
- Frequency at admission: 10% to 14% based on severity.
 - Bennani SL et al. Rev Med Interne. 2003.
 - Funk GC et al. Intensive Care Med 2010.
- Prevalence of hyponatraemia in ICU: as high as 30% to 40%.
 - Friedman B et al. Journal of Critical Care. 2013.

Prevalence of hyponatraemia in critical care settings in children

- Recent study in 1440 acute brain injury patients, found that 17% had mean Sr.Na of 131.8 ± 2.9 .

In our unit. (Singhi et al. Indian Pediatr.1994)

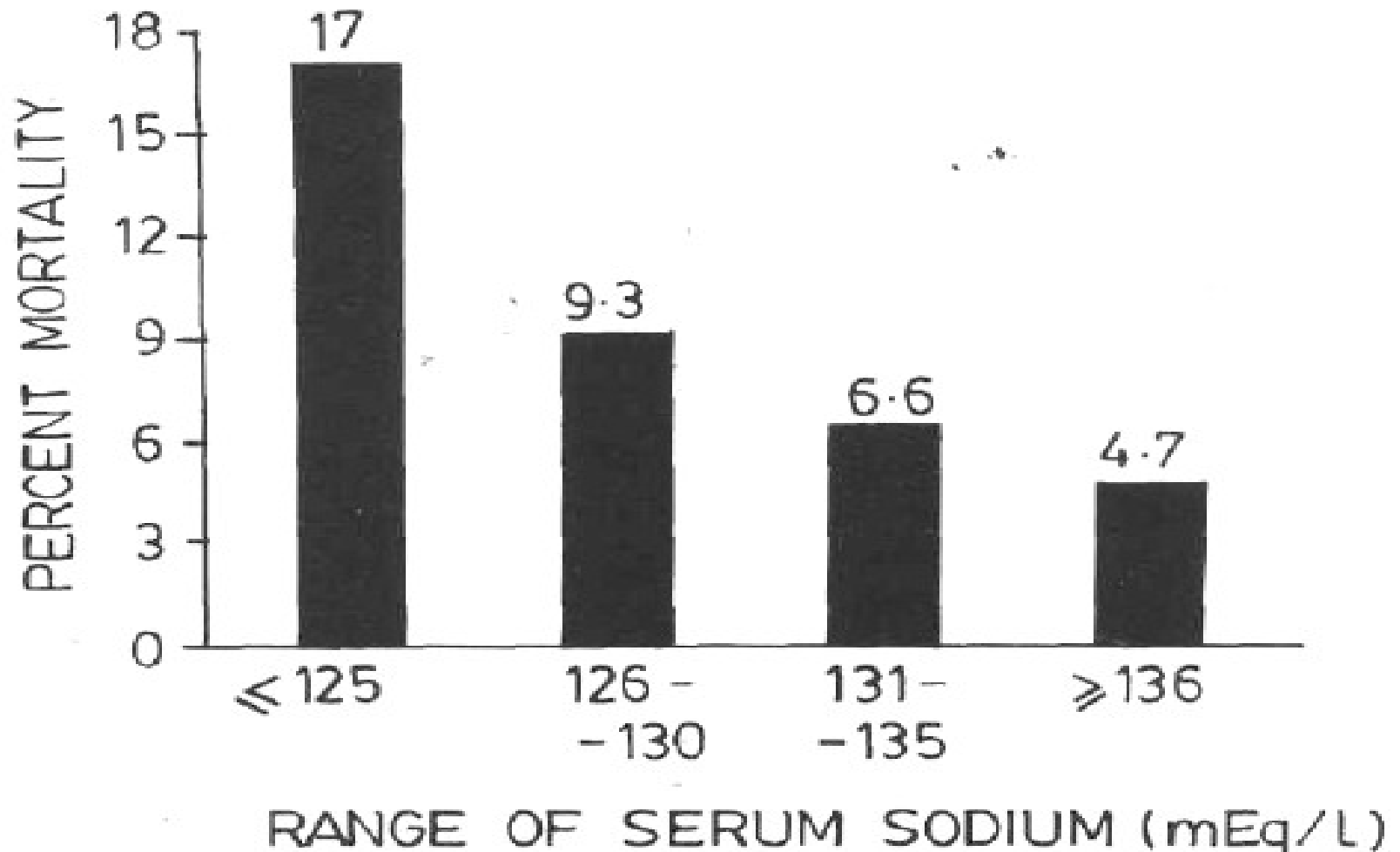


Outcome of hyponatraemia in critical care settings

- All forms of hyponatraemia is a strong independent predictor of mortality, reported to be as high as 60% in some series.
 - Friedman B et al. Journal of Critical Care. 2013.
 - Wald R et al. Arch Intern Med. 2010.
 - Cowen LE et al. Endocrinol Metab Clin N Am.2013.
- The relative risk of in-hospital mortality associated with admission hyponatraemia was significantly increased at 2.0.
 - Cowen LE et al. Endocrinol Metab Clin N Am.2013.
- Median (IQR) ICU stays prolonged upto 4 (2 to 8) days.
 - Stelfox HT et al. Crti Care.2008.

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Outcome of hyponatraemia in critical care settings : Benefits of resolution

Waikar SS et al. Am J Med. 2009.

Mortality after Hospitalization with hyponatraemia.

- In a prospective cohort study of **98 411** adults in Boston.

	Sodium Concentration (mEq/L)					
	135-144 (n = 82,377)	<135 (n = 12,562)	130-134 (n = 10,469)	125-129 (n = 1591)	120-124 (n = 353)	<120 (n = 149)
Crude in-hospital mortality (%)	2.4	5.4	4.8	8.9	8.5	6.7
Multivariable-adjusted	1 (ref)	1.47 (1.33-1.62)	1.37 (1.23-1.52)	2.01 (1.64-2.45)	1.67 (1.09-2.56)	1.46 (0.73-2.91)
Crude 1-year mortality (%)	11.7	21.4	19.8	28.5	33.1	22.2
Multivariable-adjusted	1 (ref)	1.38 (1.32-1.46)	1.35 (1.28-1.43)	1.53 (1.36-1.71)	1.78 (1.44-2.21)	1.03 (0.68-1.56)
Crude 5-year mortality (%)	42.3	54.8	53.6	61.0	60.6	59.7
Multivariable-adjusted	1 (ref)	1.25 (1.21-1.30)	1.24 (1.19-1.29)	1.33 (1.23-1.44)	1.29 (1.09-1.53)	1.09 (0.84-1.41)

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Hypernatremia in patients with cerebral injury

- Increased insensible water loss
- Inadequate provision of free water
(impaired thirst, limited access)
- Development of Central DI
- Improper isotonic saline therapy

Hypernatremia in critically ill-

Frequency & timing

Author and year	Study type	Serum sodium cutoff defining hypernatremia	Population size (N)	ICU type	Incidence of ICU-acquired hypernatremia
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Polderman et al [76]	Retrospective	150 mmol/L	389	Medical	6%

- Average duration of hypernatremia was 2 days (range, 1 to 10)

Hypernatremia in neurointensive care units

Aiyagari V et al - Journal of Critical Care

- Retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data in patients admitted to the NNICU over a 1-year period.
- Hypernatremia (>150 mEq/L) was observed in 339 patients (7.9%).
- More common (24.3%) in patients treated with mannitol.

Stelfox HT et al. Critical Care Medicine 2008

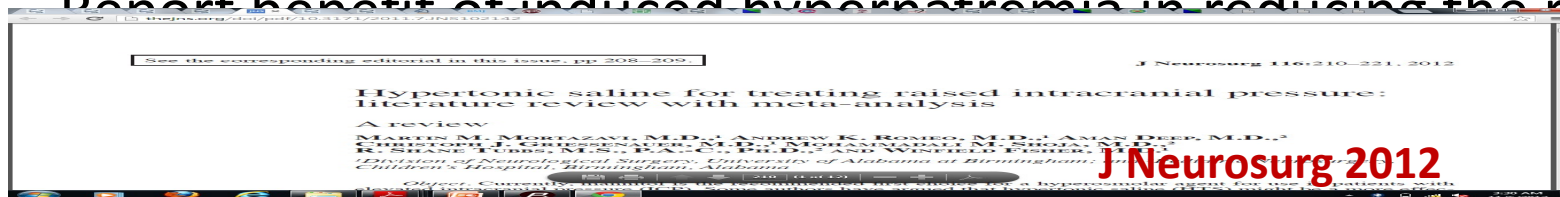
- ICU-acquired hypernatremia in medical-surgical ICU (n=8142)
- A first episode of hypernatremia in 2157 (26%) patients.
- Mean (SD) serum sodium was 149 (3.6).
- Median (IQR) time to develop hypernatremia 2 (1 to 3) days.

No prospective data available on NNICU-acquired hypernatremia

Hypernatremia – therapy induced

Several other studies..

Report benefit of induced hypernatremia in reducing the raised



Authors & Year	Study Design	Study Description	No. of Pts	Concentration of HTS	Outcome
Sinha et al., 1995	prospective RCT	HTS vs LR in pts w/ GCS score <8; ICP spikes >15 mm Hg treated w/ standard therapies including mannitol	32	268 mmol/L Na (1.5%)	cor
Fisher et al., 1992	prospective RCT, crossover	HTS vs NS for intracranial hypertension refractory to standard therapies including mannitol	18†	3%	10
Khanna et al., 2000	prospective observational	HTS for intracranial hypertension refractory to standard therapies including mannitol	10	3%	cor
Yildizdas et al., 2006	retro	HTS vs mannitol for treatment of cerebral edema determined clinically & radiographically; no ICP monitoring	67	3%	1 n
Peterson et al., 2000	retro	HTS therapy for intracranial hypertension & diffuse injury or mass lesion on CT	68	3%	cor

* Cont Inf = continuous infusion.
 † Each patient received 1 bolus of each study fluid.

Fluid Administration	Results
72 hrs to maintain serum Na >150 mmol/L	1. no difference in mean ICP between groups; 2. more ICP spikes requiring intervention in LR group; 3. inverse correlation between serum Na & ICP
mean ICP <10 or CPP <60 mm Hg episode treated w/ opposite fluid (avg of 22 hrs after infusion); infusion started to maintain ICP <20 mm Hg	1. avg ICP < baseline after HTS but not after NS during 2 hrs postinfusion; 2. ICP increased in 6 HTS trials
mean ICP <10 or CPP <60 mm Hg episode treated w/ opposite fluid (avg of 22 hrs after infusion); infusion started to maintain ICP <20 mm Hg	1. decrease in ICP spike frequency up to 72 hrs; 2. inverse correlation between serum Na & ICP
mean ICP <10 or CPP <60 mm Hg episode treated w/ opposite fluid (avg of 22 hrs after infusion); infusion started to maintain ICP <20 mm Hg	lower mortality rate & duration of coma in HTS group compared w/ mannitol group
ICP <20 mm Hg 92% of time during 7-day period	

M. M. Mortazavi et al.

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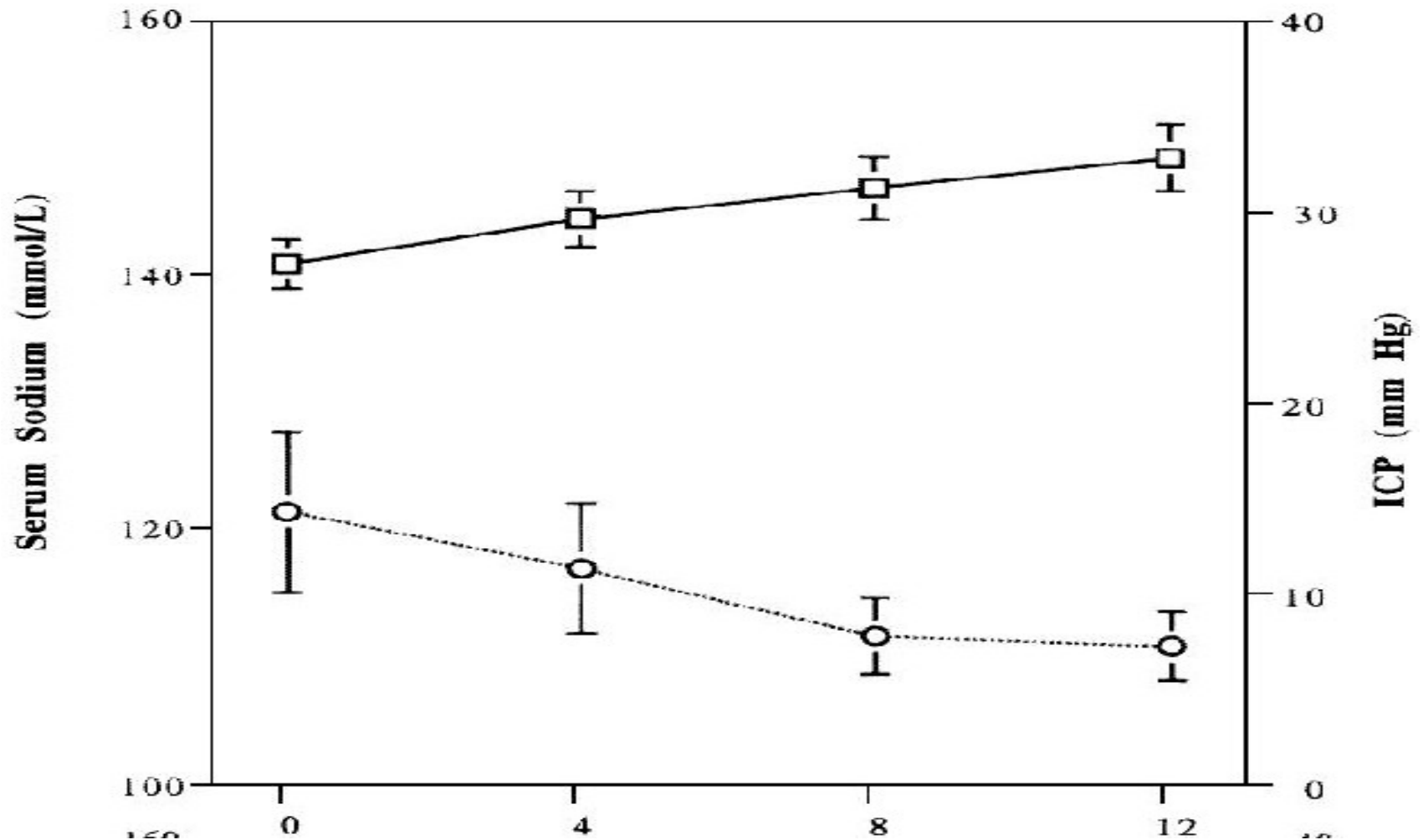
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Effects on injured brain: Clinical Significance

Targeted Hypernatremia in Traumatic Brain Injury

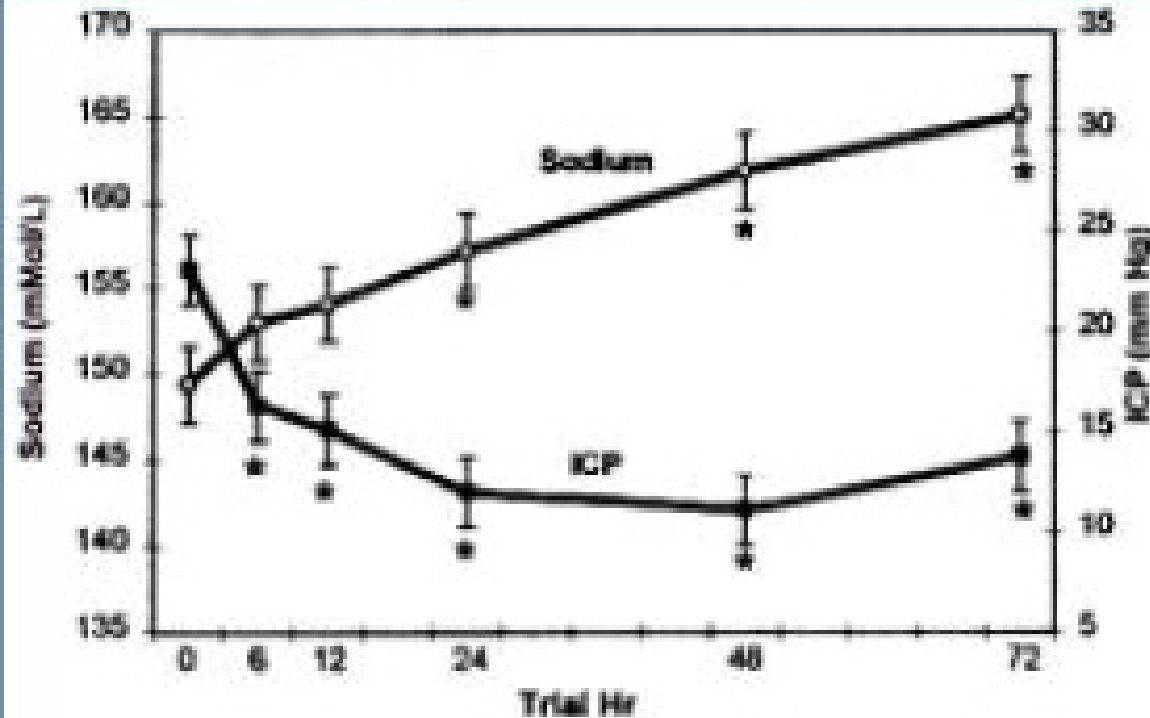


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Targeted Hypernatremia in Traumatic Brain Injury

Khanna et al. Crit Care Med. 2000.



with TBI (n=10).

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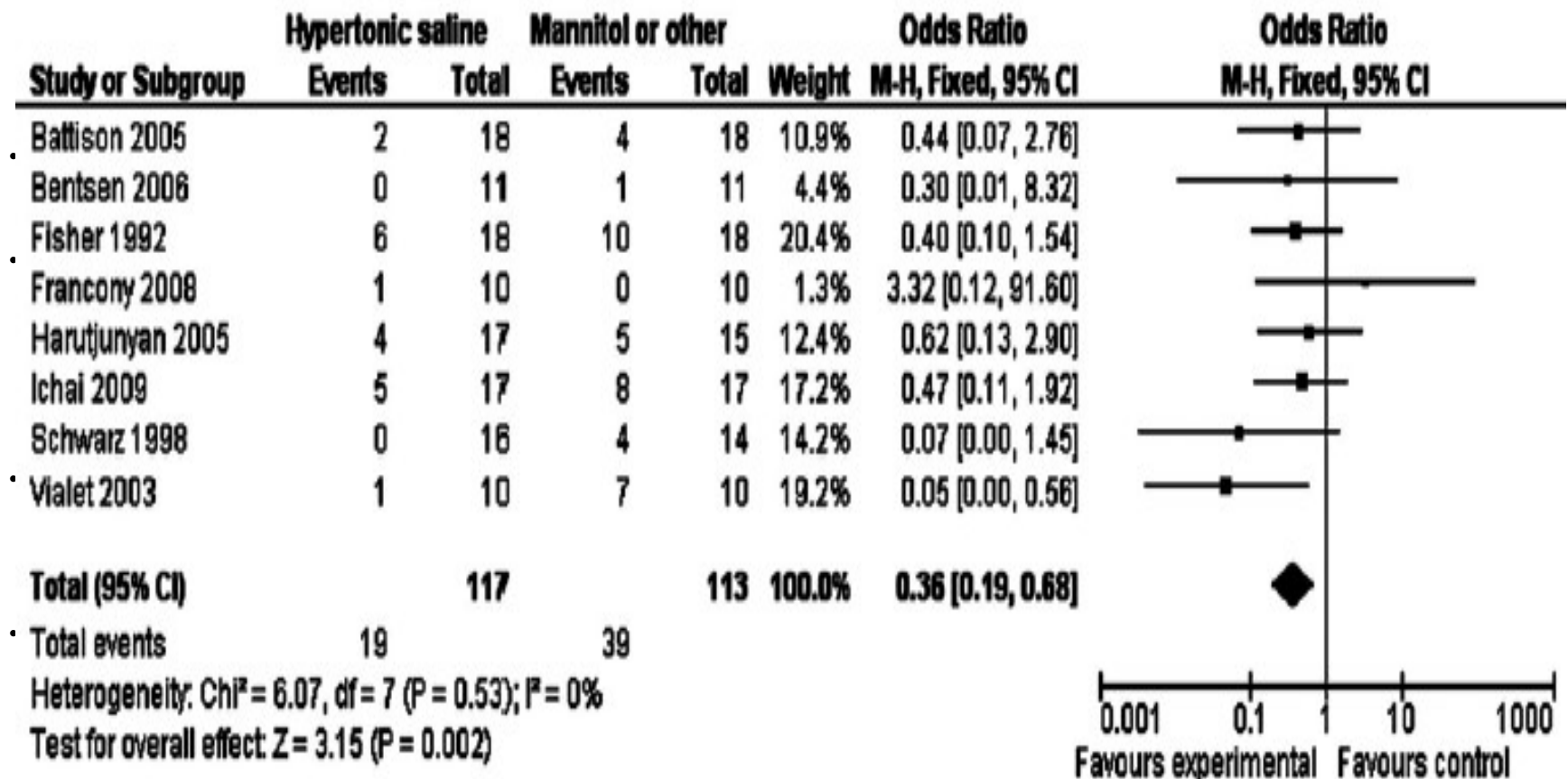
(157-187 mEq/L).

- Increased CPP compared with time zero.

Effects on injured brain: Clinical Significance

Hypertonic saline for treating raised intracranial pressure:

literature review with meta-analysis



mortality in treating episodes of elevated ICP.

Higher rate of treatment failure or insufficiency with mannitol

Effects on injured brain: Clinical Significance

Targeted Hypernatremia in Non-traumatic Brain Injury

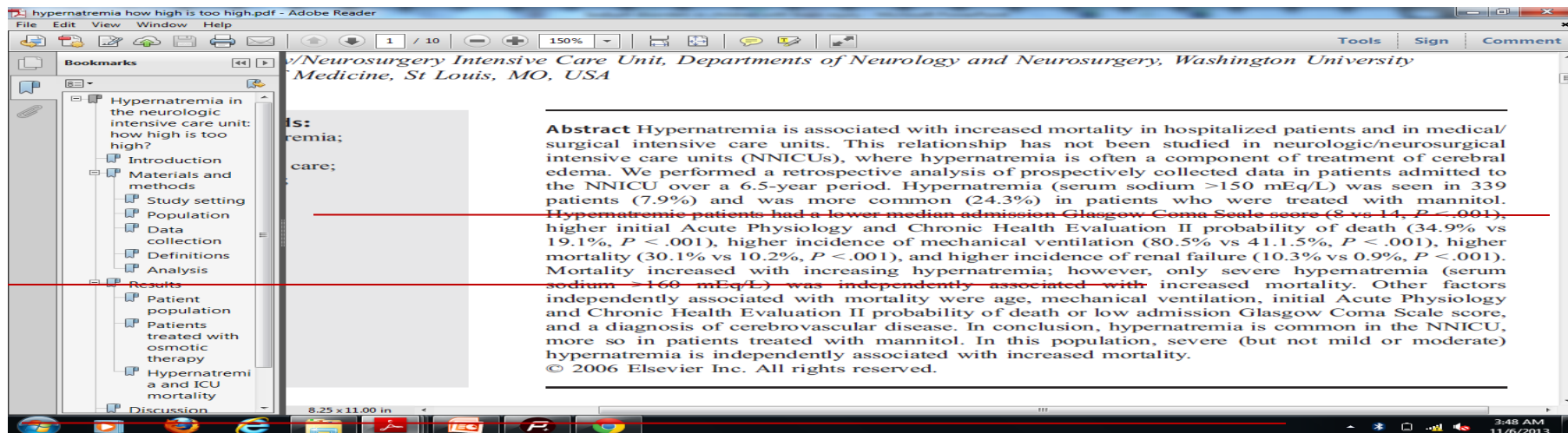
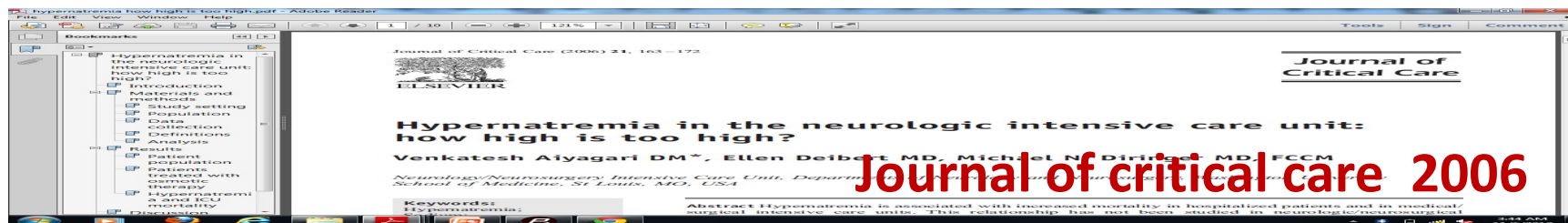
Yildizdas et al. Indian Pediatr. 2006.

- Retrospective study, **Children** with mixed etiology.
- 3%-HST in n=25 or mannitol in=25 or both n=20.
- Target sodium **155 – 165 mEq/L**.
- Duration of coma and mortality was not different in patients with serum-Na of ***150-160 mEqL vs 160-170 mEqL***.

Effects on injured brain: Clinical Significance

Upadhyay P et al. J Pediatr Neurosci. 2010.

- RCT, 3%-HTS vs 20%-mannitol in **198 children** with raised ICP.
- Mean sodium in HTS-group was **136 (range 122 – 153)**.
- Decrease in MAP was highly significant ($P < 0.001$) at 0 h ,6 h and moderately significant at 12,24,36,42 h in HTS-group.
- Decrease in coma hours was a significant in HTS-group.
- Change in blood biochemistry was within acceptable limits.



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Hypernatremia and the resultant hyperosmolarity reduces the raised intracranial pressure

- **Evidence 3**

Severe hypernatremia ($? > 160$ meq/L) may be

Hypernatremia – therapy induced

Crit Care Med 2000

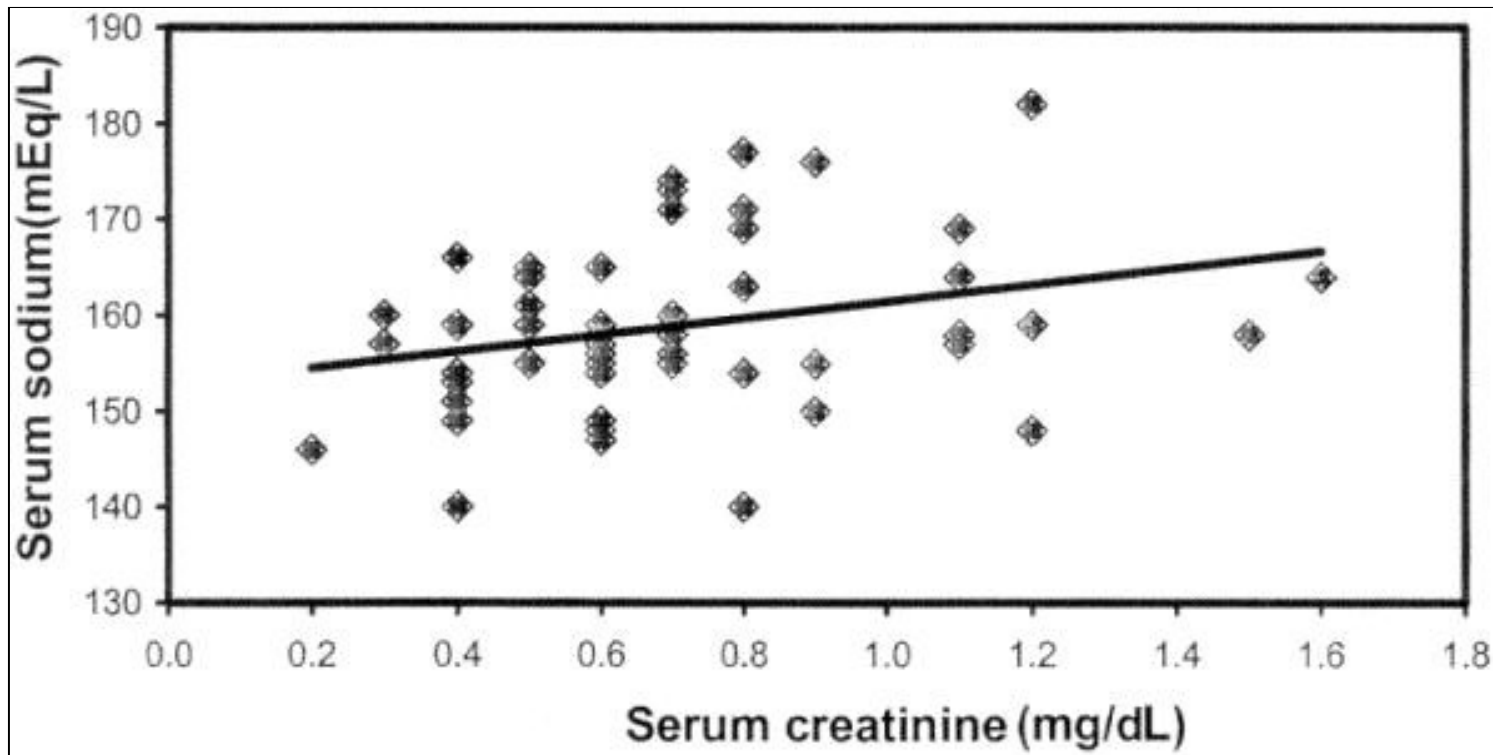
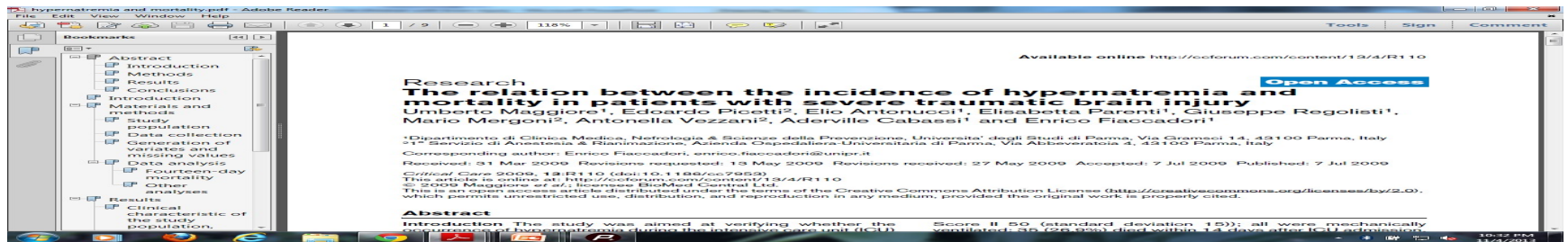
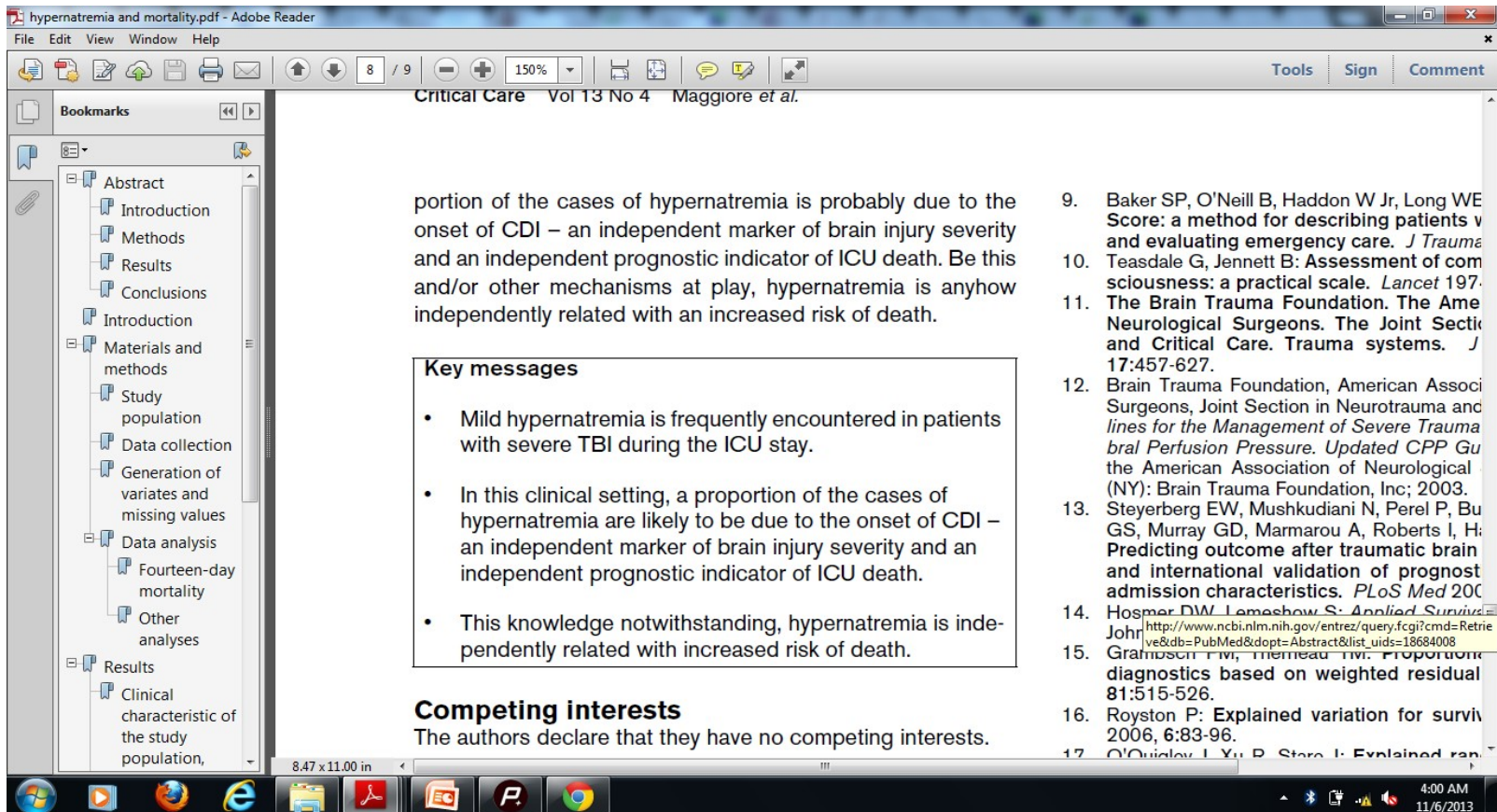
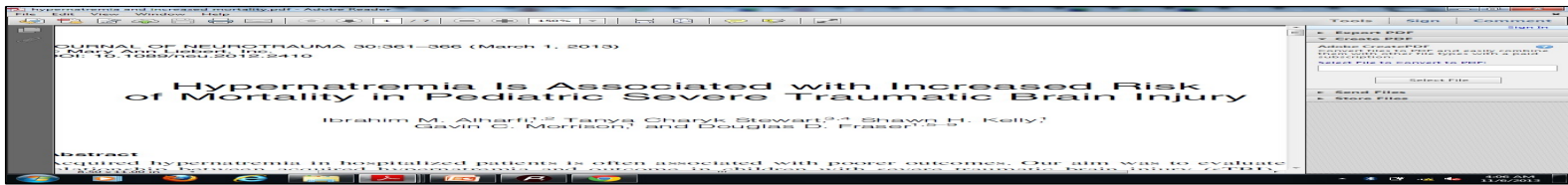


Figure 1 . Scattergram showing the relation ship between serum sodium (mEq/L) and serum creatinine (mg/dL). As serum sodium increased serum creatinine also increased. Pearson's correlation coefficient was positive for this relationship ($r^2 = 0.18$).



Critical care 2009

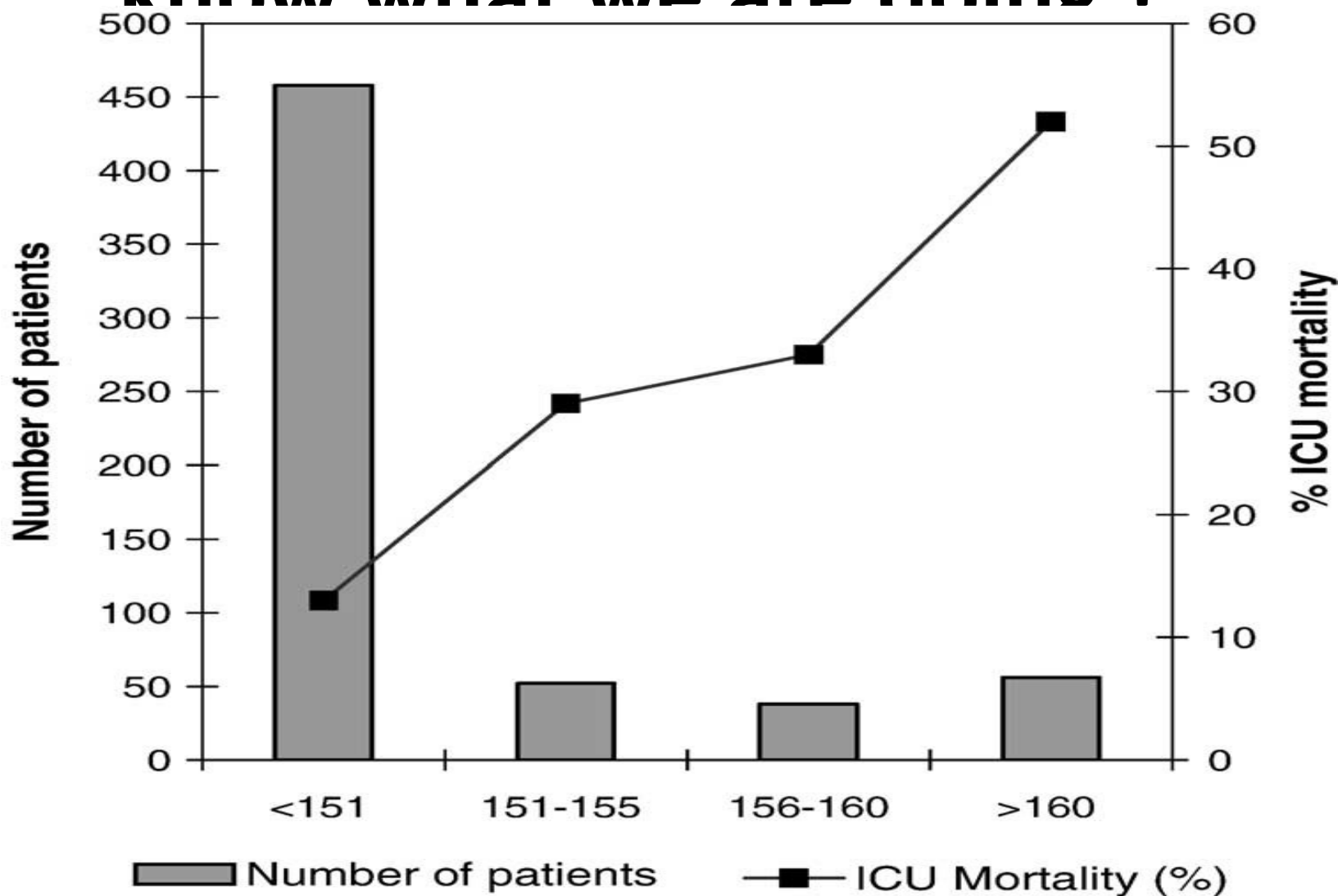




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- Among 165 patients, 18% had hypernatremia (151–160 mmol/L), and 6% had severe hypernatremia (> 160 mmol/L)
- Mortality rate was four-fold and six-fold greater with hypernatremia and severe hypernatremia, respectively
- Survivors with hypernatremia had greater PCCU and hospital lengths of stays

Influence on the outcome - Do we know what we are doing ?



death, even after adjustment for baseline risk.

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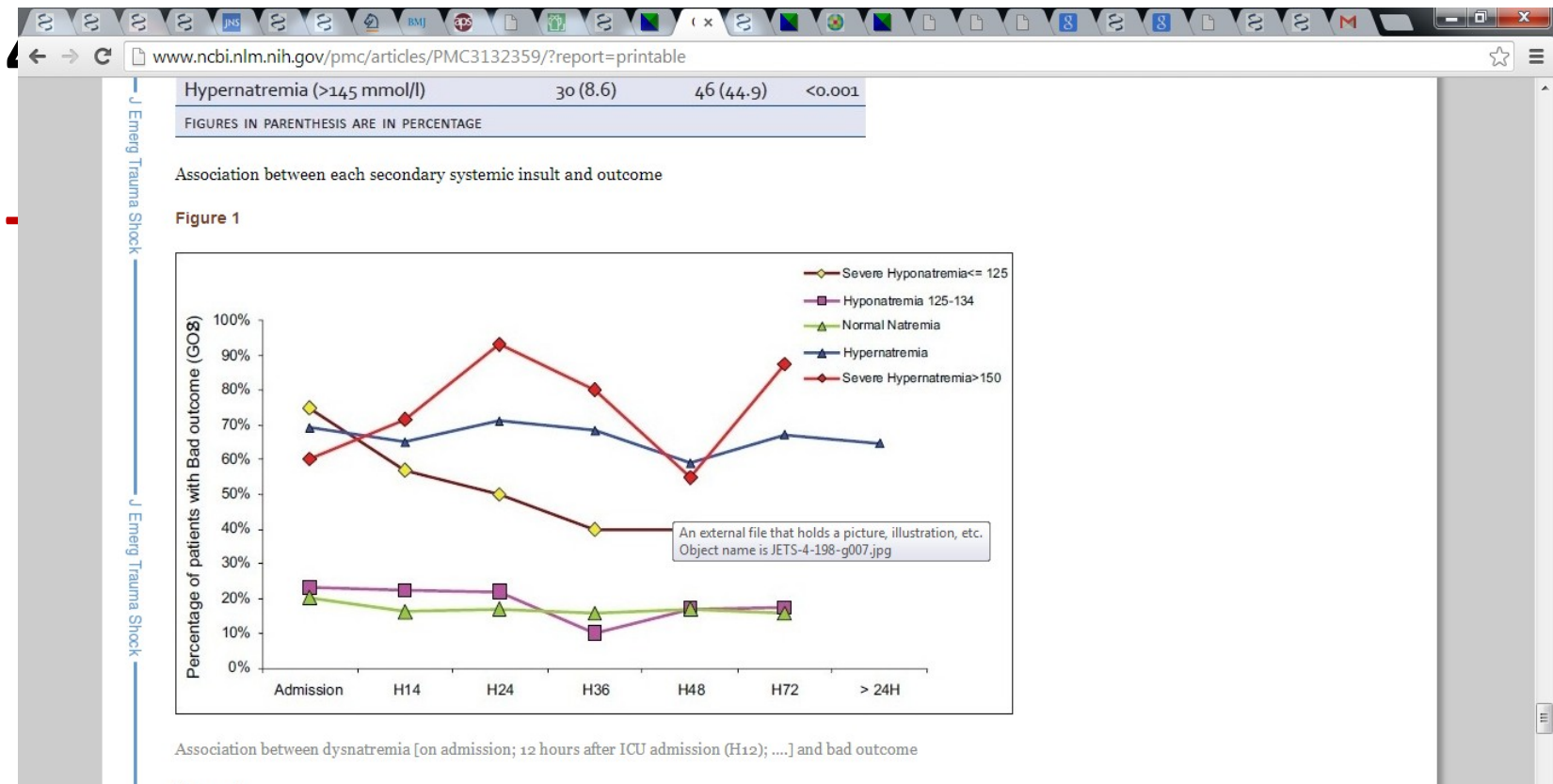
Pay attention to minimal serum sodium change

doing ?

Darmon M et al. Critical Care. 2013

- Observational study on a prospective database – 14 years (n=11125).
- After adjustment for confounder,
- Mild (>145) = sHR 1.34, 95% CI 1.14 to 1.57
- Moderate (>150) = sHR 1.51, 95% CI 1.15 to 1.99
- Severe (>155) = sHR 2.64, 95% CI 2.00 to 3.81

Outcome analysis and outcome predictors of traumatic head injury in childhood: Analysis of



Both severe hyponatremia and hypernatremia are associated with bad outcome!!

Our Data

Design: Retrospective analysis of prospective data.

Setting: Level III PICU of tertiary care teaching hospital.

Period: July – 2004 to June – 2013

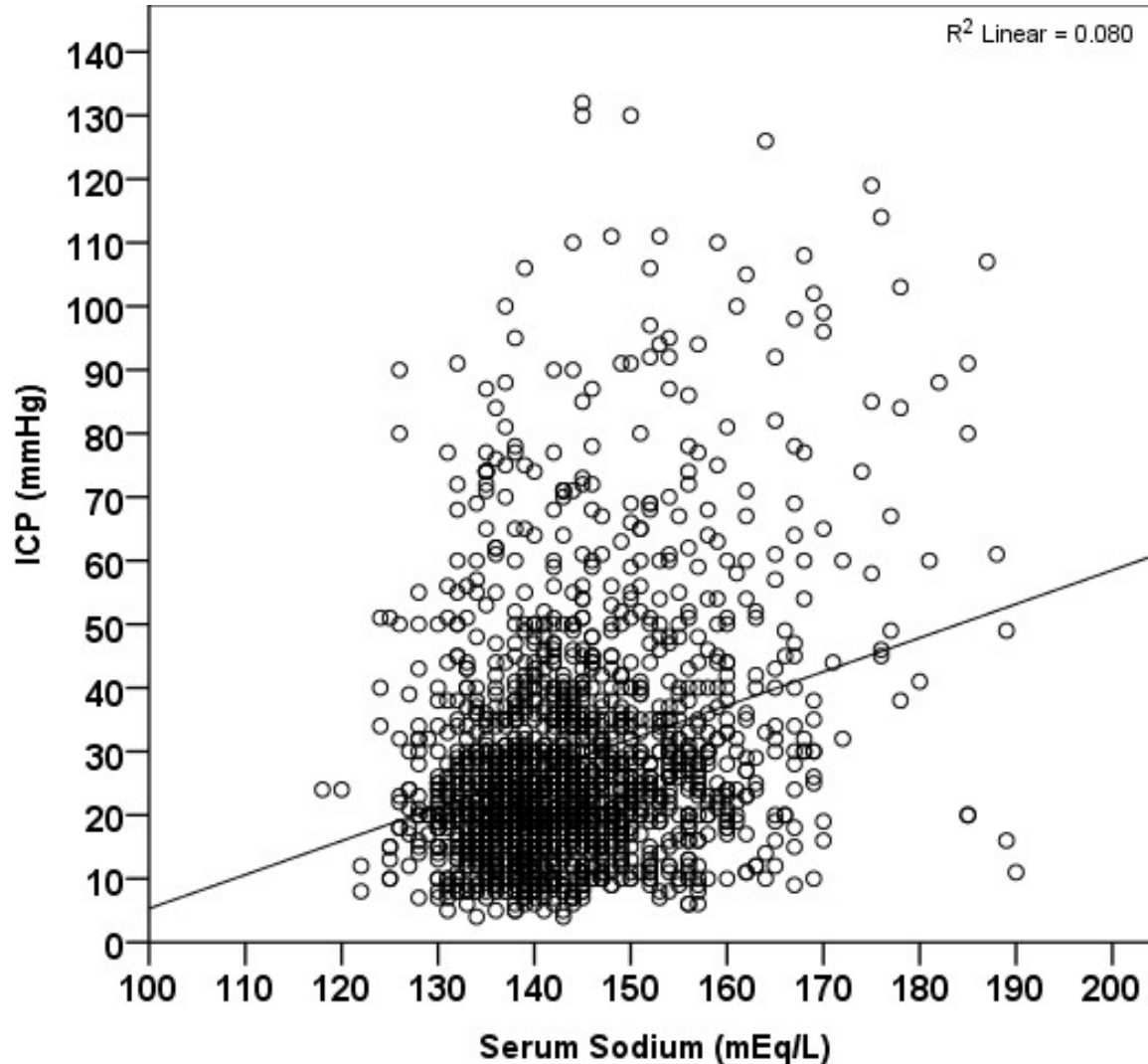
Participants

• 251 children aged 1 to 12 years with

Method

- Each serum sodium value was matched with the highest corresponding ICP recorded before the next serum sodium was measured.
- 1799 pairs of serum sodium and ICP were analyzed.

Result

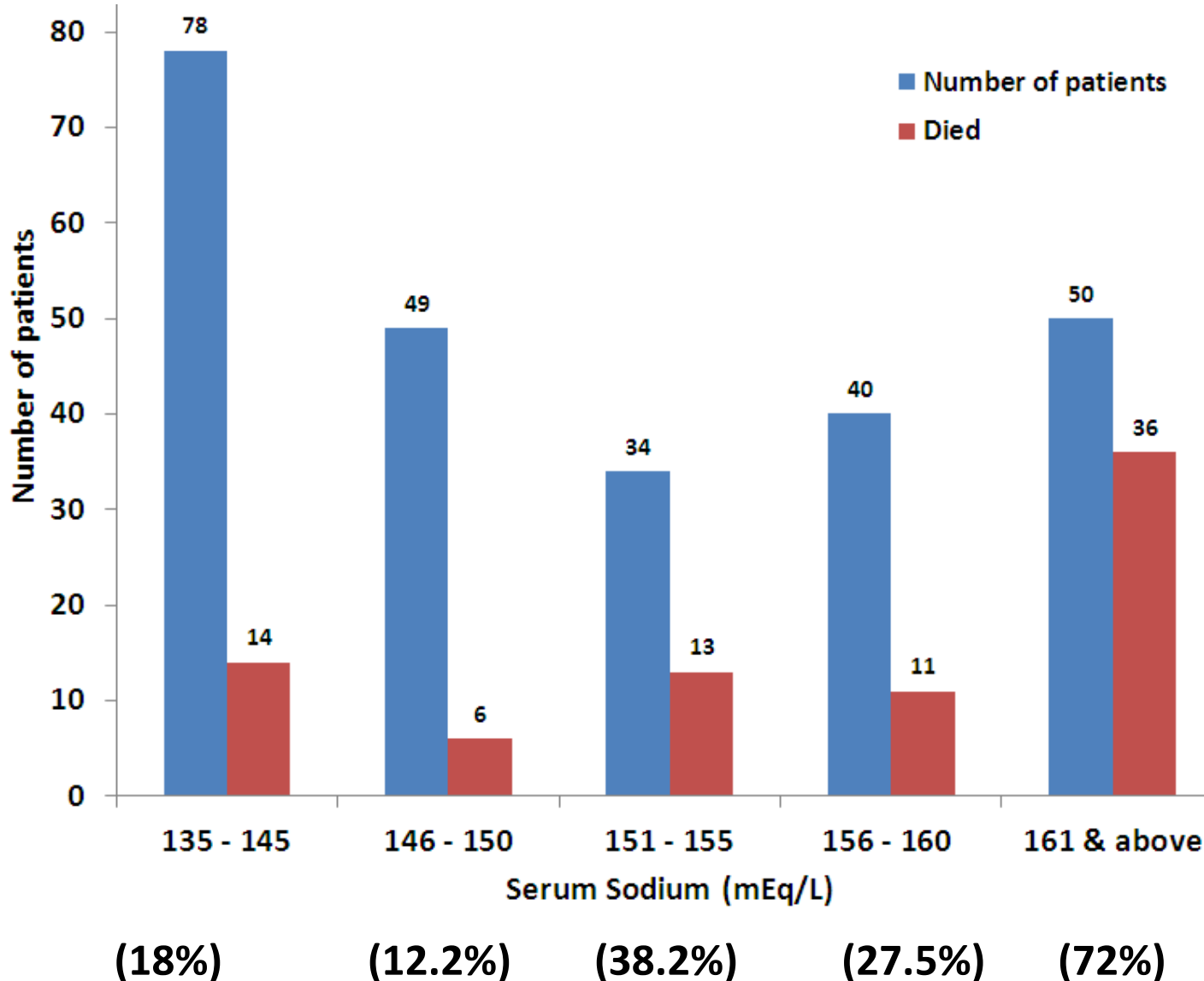


Person
correlation

$r = 0.284$; $p =$
 <0.001

(Positive
correlation)

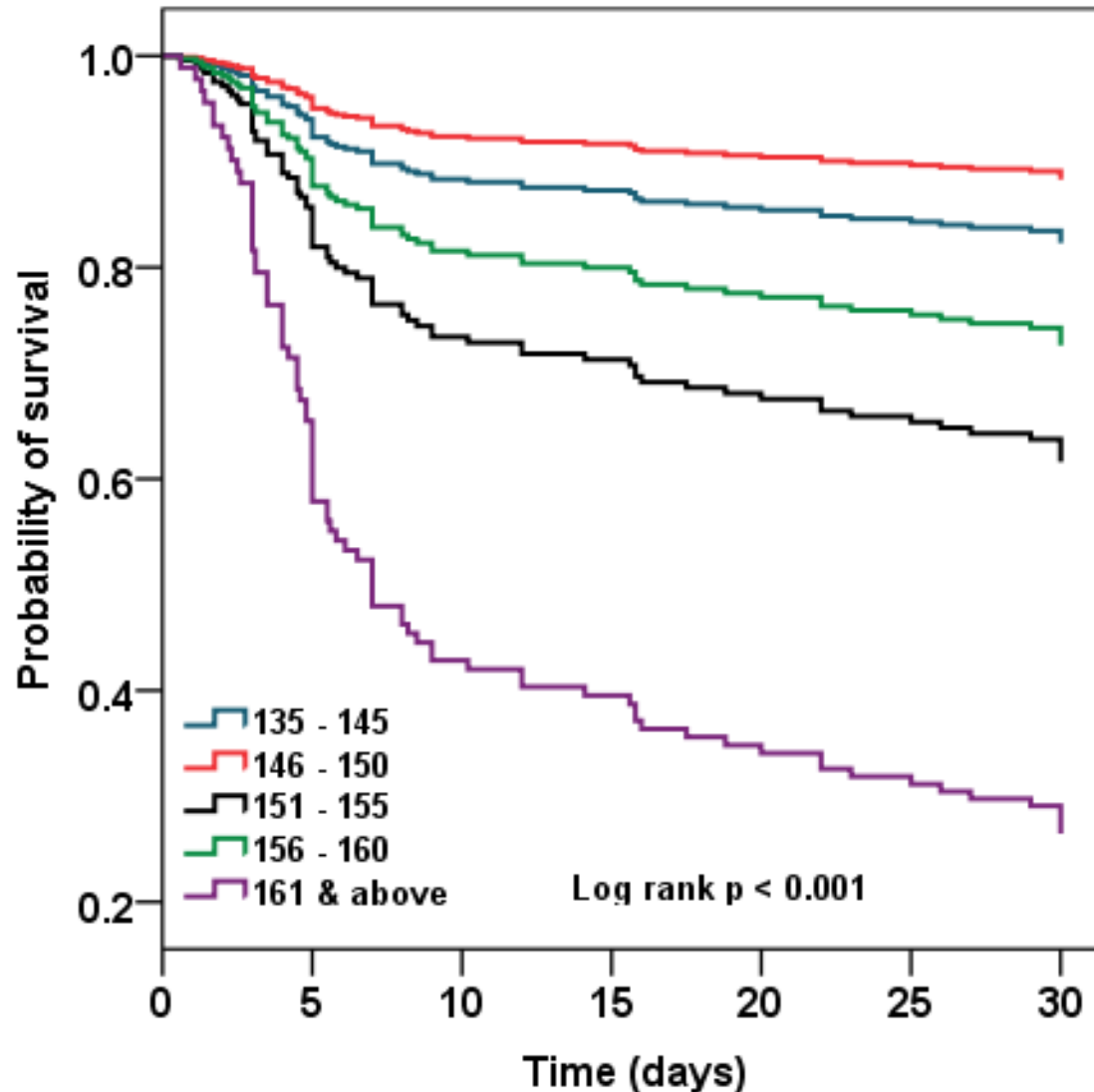
Results : Outcome (n = 251)



$p = < 0.001$

(Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test)

Probability of survival by 30-days



Independent predictor (n =

Multivariate analysis 251)

Variables	Beta Value	OR (95% CI)	p value
m-GCS score	0.336	1.4 (1.1 – 1.83)	0.013
Opening ICP	- 0.027	0.974 (0.952 – 0.995)	0.018
Serum Sodium 146 – 150	2.502	12.20 (4.6 – 32.36)	< 0.001
Serum Sodium 151 – 155	2.961	19.31 (6.1 – 61.47)	< 0.001
Serum Sodium 156 – 160	1.520	4.57 (1.6 – 13)	0.004
Serum Sodium 161 & above	2.043	7.71 (2.6 – 22.46)	< 0.001

Adjusted for Age, Sex, PRISM-III, Diagnosis, m-GCS score, opening ICP

Current stand: optimal sodium level

- Normal Sodium is ideal
- Using hypertonic saline therapy -145 – 150 meq/L ?

But... The optimal dose ??

- Across various etiologies
- Without resulting in nephrotoxicity, rebound ICP and Central pontine myelinolysis