



**KDIGO CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE
FOR ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY**

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Abbreviations and Acronyms for Supplemental Tables

Δ	Change
↓	Decrease
↑	Increase
AAA	Abdominal aortic aneurysm
ACRF	Acute-on-chronic renal failure
AKI	Acute kidney injury
ANP	Atrial natriuretic peptide
ARF	Acute renal failure
CABG	Coronary artery bypass graft
CAD	Coronary artery disease
CI	Confidence interval
CI-AKI	Contrast-induced acute kidney injury
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CM	Contrast medium
CrCl	Creatinine clearance
CRRT	Continuous renal replacement therapy
CT	Computerized tomography
CTS	Cardiothoracic surgery
CV	Cardiovascular
CVVH	Continuous venovenous hemofiltration
CVVHDF	Continuous venovenous hemodiafiltration
D/5	5% glucose
ERT	Evidence Review Team
eQB	Effective blood flow
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
HCO ₃	Bicarbonate
HD	Hemodialysis
HF	Hemofiltration
HVPD	High volume peritoneal dialysis
i.a.	Intrararterial
ICU	Intensive care unit
IHD	Intermittent hemodialysis
IQR	Intraquartile range
ITT	Intention-to-treat
i.v.	Intravenous
LMWH	Low molecular weight heparin
NA	Not applicable
NAC	N-acetylcysteine
nd	Not documented
NS	Not significant
OR	Odds ratio
PCI	Percutaneous coronary intervention
PTCA	Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty
pts	Patients
RBC	Red blood cell
RCT	Randomized controlled trial
RIFLE	Risk, Injury, Failure, Loss, End stage renal disease
RR	Relative risk
RRT	Renal replacement therapy
RVP	Return venous pressure
S _{Cr}	Serum creatinine
UF	Ultrafiltration

Supplementary table 1: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of starch for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Sepsis Patients														
Mortality														
28 d	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	S _{Cr} 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	28 d	262	274	10% Hydroxyethyl starch	Ringer's lactate	Per protocol	27% (24%)	1.13 (0.84-1.50)	NS (0.48)	Fair
90 d											41% (34%)	1.21 (0.97-1.50)	NS (0.09)	Fair
RRT														
RRT	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	S _{Cr} 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	nd	261	272	10% Hydroxyethyl starch	Ringer's lactate	Per protocol	31% (19%)	1.63 (1.20-2.21)	0.001	Fair
AKI														
Doubling of baseline S _{Cr}	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	S _{Cr} 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	nd	261	272	10% Hydroxyethyl starch	Ringer's lactate	Per protocol	35% (23%)	1.52 (1.16-2.00)	0.002	Fair

Supplementary table 2: Evidence profile of RCTs examining insulin vs. conventional glucose therapy for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	2 RCT (High)	6558 (3257)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	No benefit	Critical (Crucial)
	1 SR (29 trials)	8315	No limitations						
RRT	2 RCT (High)	6558 (3257)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	No benefit	Critical
	1 SR (29 trials)	3629	No limitations						
AKI	1 RCT (High)	536 (247)	Some limitations (-1) ^a	N/A	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1)	Low	Uncertain	High
<p>Balance of potential benefits and harm No benefit. Possible harm from hypoglycemia.</p>							<p>Quality of overall evidence High</p>		

Annotations:

a. Study was not blinded.

Supplementary table 3: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of insulin for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control (target blood glucose)		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Critically Ill Patients														
Mortality														
Mortality by 90 d	NICE-SUGAR [56] 2008 Australia, New Zealand & Canada	60	nd	ICU	90 d	3010 (3054)	3012 (3050)	Intensive glucose (81-108 mg/dl)	Conventional glucose (≤180 mg/dl)	nd	28% (25%)	1.10 ^a (1.01-1.20)	0.02	Good
Mortality by 28 d											22% (21%)	1.07 ^a (0.97-1.18)	NS (0.17)	Good
RRT														
RRT	NICE-SUGAR [56] 2008 Australia, New Zealand & Canada	60	nd	ICU	90 d	3010 (3054)	3012 (3050)	Intensive glucose (81-108 mg/dl)	Conventional glucose (≤180 mg/dl)	nd	15% (15%)	1.06 ^a (0.94-1.20)	NS (0.34)	Good
Days of RRT											0.8 (0.8)	--	NS (0.39)	Good
Sepsis Patients														
Mortality														
90 d	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	Sc _r 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	28 d	247 (247)	289 (290)	Intensive insulin (80-110 mg/dl)	Conventional insulin (180-200 mg/dl)	Per protocol	40% (35%)	1.14 (0.92-1.42)	NS (0.31)	Fair
28 d											25% (26%)	0.96 (0.72-1.29)	NS (0.74)	Fair
RRT														
RRT	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	Sc _r 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	nd	244 (247)	289 (290)	Intensive insulin (80-110 mg/dl)	Conventional insulin (180-200 mg/dl)	Per protocol	28% (23%)	1.22 (0.91-1.63)	NS (0.19)	Fair
AKI														
Doubling of baseline Sc _r	Brunkhorst [17] 2008 Germany	65	Sc _r 126.4 µmol/l	ICU	nd	244 (247)	289 (290)	Intensive insulin (80-110 mg/dl)	Conventional insulin (180-200 mg/dl)	Per protocol	31% (27%)	1.15 (0.88-1.50)	NS (0.25)	Fair

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. NICE-SUGAR: Mortality by 90 d, OR 1.14 (95% CI 1.02-1.28); Mortality by 28 d, OR 1.09 (95% CI 0.96-1.23); RRT, OR 0.9 (95% CI -0.9-2.7)

Supplementary table 4: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of dopamine vs. placebo for the treatment of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95% CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
<i>Critically Ill Patients</i>														
Mortality														
Survival to ICU discharge											67% (64%)	1.04 (0.89-1.22)	NS (0.61)	Fair
Survival to hospital discharge	Bellomo [9] 2000 Australia	63	S _{Cr} 183 µmol/l	ICU	nd	161 (163)	163 (165)	Dopamine	Placebo	nd	57% (60%)	0.96 (0.80-1.15)	NS (0.66)	Fair
Mortality											43% (40%)	1.06 (0.82-1.37)	nd	Fair
RRT														
RRT	Bellomo [9] 2000 Australia	63	S _{Cr} 183 µmol/l	ICU	nd	161 (163)	163 (165)	Dopamine	Placebo	nd	22% (25%)	0.89 (0.60-1.32)	NS (0.55)	Fair

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 5: Evidence profile of RCTs examining fenoldopam vs. control for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	1 RCT (High)	300 (150)	No limitations	N/A	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1)	Moderate	No significant difference however single study in sepsis.	Critical
RRT	3 RCTs (High)	653 (325)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Trend to less RRT (borderline benefit in the one study in sepsis patients and very low event rates in the two studies in CTS patients).	Critical
AKI	3 RCTs (High)	653 (325)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	Consistent benefit for kidney function in all three studies, but variable outcome definitions.	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
Benefit for prevention of AKI with fenoldopam, but major concerns about potential for harm from hypotension and tachycardia.							High		

Annotations:

a. Low event rates in CTS studies

Supplementary table 6: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of fenoldopam for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
CTS Patients														
RRT														
5 d	Caimmi [19] 2003 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.82 mg/dl GFR 51 ml/min	CTS	5 d	80 (80)	80 (80)	Fenoldopam	Conventional maintenance	nd	0% (4%)	0.14 (0.01-2.72)	NS (>0.1)	Fair
Mean 13 d	Cogliati [22] 2007 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.8 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	CTS	Mean 13 d	95 (95)	98 (98)	Fenoldopam	Normal saline	Per protocol	0% (8%)	0.06 (0.00-1.04)	0.004	Good
AKI														
↑S _{Cr} to 1.5X basal	Caimmi [19] 2003 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.82 mg/dl GFR 51 ml/min	CTS	5 d	80 (80)	80 (80)	Fenoldopam	Conventional maintenance	nd	0% (31%)	0.02 (0.00-0.32)	<0.01	Fair
↑S _{Cr} to >2 mg/dl with ΔS _{Cr} >0.7 mg/dl, 48 h	Cogliati [22] 2007 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.8 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	CTS	Mean 13 d	95 (95)	98 (98)	Fenoldopam	Normal saline	Per protocol	13% (28%)	0.46 (0.25-0.85)	0.02	Good
Sepsis Patients														
Mortality														
Mean 8 d	Morelli [54] 2005 Italy	58	S _{Cr} 89.8 μmol/l GFR 81 ml/min	Sepsis	Mean 8 d	150 (150)	150 (150)	Fenoldopam	Placebo	nd	35% (44%)	0.79 (0.59-1.05)	NS (0.1)	Good
RRT														
Mean 8 d	Morelli [54] 2005 Italy	58	S _{Cr} 89.8 μmol/l GFR 81 ml/min	Sepsis	Mean 8 d	150 (150)	150 (150)	Fenoldopam	Placebo	nd	7% (14%)	0.56 (0.38-0.83)	0.056	Good
AKI														
↑S _{Cr} >150 μmol/l during drug infusion ^a	Morelli [54] 2005 Italy	58	S _{Cr} 89.8 μmol/l GFR 81 ml/min	Sepsis	Mean 8 d	150 (150)	150 (150)	Fenoldopam	Placebo	nd	19% (34%)	0.57 (0.38-0.84) [p 0.005]	0.006	Good

Annotations

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Drug infused until one of the following events occurred: the patient died, serious adverse effect attributed to the study drug or patient discharged from ICU.

Supplementary table 7: Evidence profile of RCTs of fenoldopam vs. placebo for the treatment of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	1 RCT (High)	155 (80)	No limitations	N/A	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	No benefit in a mixed ICU population	Critical
RRT	2 RCTs (High)	255 (130)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	No benefit	Critical (Crucial)
ΔAKI	1 RCT (High)	100 (50)	No limitations	N/A	Some uncertainty (-1) ^c	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Low	Benefit for kidney function	High
Balance of potential benefits and harm No benefit							Quality of overall evidence Moderate		

Annotations:

- a. Low event rates. Only one study for mortality.
- b. Presumably study aimed to include people with AKI but mean baseline creatinine was only 1.2 mg/dl
- c. 10% change in creatinine is a relatively small change

Supplementary table 8: Summary table of RCTs of examining the effect of fenoldopam for the treatment of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95% CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Critically Ill Patients														
Mortality														
21 d	Tumlin [86] 2005 US	64	S _{Cr} 1.17 mg/dl	ICU	21 d	80 (82)	75 (78)	Fenoldopam	Placebo	Per protocol	13% (25%)	0.54 (0.28-1.06)	NS (0.068)	Good
RRT														
4 d	Brienza [14] 2006 Italy	69	S _{Cr} 1.78 mg/dl	ICU	4 d	50 (50)	50 (50)	Fenoldopam	Dopamine	Per protocol	4% (6%)	0.67 (0.12-3.82)	NS	Good
21 d	Tumlin [86] 2005 US	64	S _{Cr} 1.17 mg/dl	ICU	21 d	80 (82)	75 (78)	Fenoldopam	Placebo	Per protocol	16% (25%)	0.64 (0.34-1.21)	NS (0.16)	Good
AKI														
↑S _{Cr} >10%	Brienza [14] 2006 Italy	69	S _{Cr} 1.78 mg/dl	ICU	4 d	50 (50)	50 (50)	Fenoldopam	Dopamine	Per protocol	16% (38%)	0.42 (0.20-0.87)	<0.05	Good
↓S _{Cr} >10%											66% (46%)	1.43 (1.00-2.06)		

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 9: Summary table of RCTs of nesiritide vs. control for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
<i>CTS Patients</i>														
Mortality														
180 d	Mentzer [50] 2007 Multi	63	Scr 1.07 mg/dl GFR 82 ml/min	CTS	180 d	141 (152)	138 (151)	Nesiritide	Placebo	Per protocol	7% (15%)	0.48 ^a (0.22-1.05)	Log rank test 0.046	Fair
AKI														
AKI (no definition but not RRT)	Mentzer [50] 2007 Multi	63	Scr 1.07 mg/dl GFR 82 ml/min	CTS	180 d	141 (152)	138 (151)	Nesiritide	Placebo	Per protocol	7% (12%)	0.58 (0.27-1.21)	nd	Poor

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Mentzer: Mortality 180 d, HR 0.44 (95% CI 0.19-1.01)

Supplementary table 10: Evidence profile of RCTs examining anaritide vs. control for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	2 RCTs (High)	272 (138)	Serious limitations (-2)	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^b	Very low	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	2 RCTs (High)	272 (138)	Serious limitations (-2)	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^b	Very low	Uncertain	Critical
AKI	1 RCT (High)	148 (75)	Serious limitations (-2) ^a	N/A	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^b	Very low	Uncertain	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
Uncertain							Very low		

Annotations:

a. No definition of AKI

b. Wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 11: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of anaritide vs. control for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
CTS Patients														
Mortality														
30 d	Sezai [75] 2006 Japan	63	nd	CTS	30 d	75 (75)	73 (73)	ANP	Normal Saline	nd	0% (0%)	0.97 (0.02-48)	nd	Fair
In-hospital mortality											6% (8%)	0.75 (0.21-2.74)	NS (0.692)	Poor
Late postoperative death (2 y)	Sezai [74] 2007 Japan	69	nd	CTS	Mean 18 d	63 (63)	61 (61)	h-ANP	Normal saline	Per protocol	3% (7%)	0.43 (0.08-2.29)	NS (0.32)	Poor
Cumulative survival rate (2 y)											91% (85%)	1.07 (0.94-1.22)	NS (0.368)	Poor
RRT														
Need for HF	Sezai [75] 2006 Japan	63	nd	CTS	30 d	75 (75)	73 (73)	ANP	Normal saline	nd	0% (1%)	0.32 (0.01-7.84)	nd	Poor
Need for HF	Sezai [74] 2007 Japan	69	nd	CTS	Mean 18 d	63 (63)	61 (61)	h-ANP	Normal saline	Per protocol	0% (3%)	0.26 (0.01-5.71)	nd	Poor
AKI														
AKI (no definition)	Sezai [75] 2006 Japan	63	nd	CTS	30 d	75 (75)	73 (73)	ANP	Normal saline	nd	0% (1%)	0.32 (0.01-7.84)	nd	Poor

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Mentzer: Mortality 180 d, HR 0.44 (95% CI 0.19-1.01)

Supplementary table 12: Evidence profile of RCTs examining anaritide vs. placebo for the treatment of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	2 RCTs (High)	720 (351)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	No benefit. For the oliguric patient subgroup in one study, there was benefit for dialysis-free survival by 21 days.	Critical
RRT	2 RCTs (High)	720 (351)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	No benefit. For one study in oliguric patients, trend to a decrease in dialysis by 14 days. For the oliguric patient subgroup in the other study, there was a benefit for dialysis by 14 days.	Critical
AKI	0 RCT	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	High
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
No benefit							High		

Supplementary table 13: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of ANP vs. placebo for the treatment of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95% CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
<i>Predominantly Critically Ill Patients</i>														
Mortality														
Mortality by 21 d	Allgren [4] 1997 US	62	Scr 4.4 mg/dl	ICU and non ICU	60 d	248 (248)	256 (256)	ANP	Placebo	None	29%	1.12 (0.84-1.48)	NS (0.41)	Good
Dialysis-free survival by 21 d ^a											(26%)			
Mortality by 60 d											60%	1.07 (0.86-1.34)	NS (0.541)	Good
											(56%)			
Mortality by 21 d	Lewis [44] 2000 US	64	Scr 4.3 mg/dl CrCl 8 ml/min	ICU and non ICU	60 d	108 (108)	114 (114)	ANP	Placebo	nd	51%	1.27 (0.95-1.70)	NS (0.112)	Good
Dialysis-free survival by 21 d											(40%)			
RRT														
Dialysis by 14 d ^a	Allgren [4] 1997 US	62	Scr 4.4 mg/dl	ICU and non ICU	60 d	248 (248)	256 (256)	ANP	Placebo	None	44%	1.05 (0.86-1.28)	NS (0.75)	Good
Dialysis by 14 d											(42%)			
											0.83	0.054	Good	
											(77%)			

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages. In the Allgren study, dialysis-free survival at 21 days and dialysis by 14 days was lower in the ANP vs. placebo in the subgroup with oliguria.

Supplementary table 14: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of erythropoietin vs. placebo for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95% CI)	P value	Quality						
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2											
Mortality																				
Death in 7 d	Endre [24] 2010 Australia & New Zealand	65	S _{Cr} 0.79 mg/dl GFR 91 ml/min	ICU	30 d	70 (84)	63 (78)	EPO	Placebo	None	9 (11%) [13 (17%)]	0.62 (0.29-1.36)	NS (0.36)	B						
Death in 30 d											16 (19%) [17 (22%)]				0.85 (0.47-1.53)	NS (0.70)				
RRT																				
Dialysis in 30 d	Endre [24] 2010 Australia & New Zealand	65	S _{Cr} 0.79 mg/dl GFR 91 ml/min	ICU	30 d	70 (84)	63 (78)	EPO	Placebo	None	5 (6%) [3 (4%)]	1.50 (0.37-6.02)	NS (0.72)	B						
AKI																				
↑ S _{Cr} ≥50% or 0.3 mg/dl by 7 d	Endre [24] 2010 Australia & New Zealand	65	S _{Cr} 0.79 mg/dl GFR 91 ml/min	ICU	30 d	70 (84)	63 (78)	EPO	Placebo	None	41 (49%) [38 (49%)]	0.97 (0.73-1.29)	NS (1.0)	B						
AKIN-creatinine											38 (45%) [37 (47%)]				0.92 (0.69-1.25)	NS (0.88)				
AKIN-UO											59 (70%) [40 (51%)]						1.33 (1.07-1.64)	0.016		
AKIN-Total											66 (79%) [54 (69%)]								1.10 (0.98-1.24)	NS (0.21)
RIFLE-creatinine [↑S _{Cr} ≥50% sustained for >24 h by 7 d]											20 (24%) [15 (19%)]									

Supplementary table 15: Evidence profile of RCT examining on vs. off pump cardiothoracic surgery

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	7 RCTs (High)	3453 (1720)	Some limitations (-1)	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Low	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	6 RCTs (High)	3353 (1670)	Some limitations (-1)	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Low	Uncertain	Critical
AKI	3 RCTs (High)	481 (243)	Some limitations (-1)	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1) Imprecision (-1) ^a	Very low	Two studies show no benefit of having an off pump surgery and one study showed benefit.	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
Uncertain							Very low		

Annotations:

a. Wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 16: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of on vs. off pump CABG for the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2				
Mortality													
In operating room										0% (0%)	1.01 (0.02-50.41)	nd	Fair
In hospital <30 d	Puskas [64] 2003 US	62	nd	CTS	30 d	99 (99)	98 (98)	On pump	Off pump	2% (1%)	1.98 (0.18-21.48)	NS (>0.999)	Fair
In hospital >30 d										0% (2%)	0.20 (0.01-4.07)	NS (0.246)	Fair
Out of hospital <30 d										0% (0%)	1.01 (0.02-50.41)	nd	Fair
In-hospital mortality	Al-Ruzzeh [3] 2006 UK	63	nd	CTS	6 mo	84 (84)	84 (84)	On pump	Off pump	0% (1%)	0.33 (0.01-8.07)	NS (1)	Fair
Deaths	Sajja [72] 2007 India	60	Scr 1.48 mg/dl	CTS	5 d	60 (60)	56 (56)	On pump	Off pump	5% (0%)	6.53 (0.35-123.68)	nd	Fair
Death	Straka [80] 2004 Czech	63	nd	CTS	30 d	184 (184)	204 (204)	On pump	Off pump	1% (2%)	0.55 (0.10-2.99)	NS (0.39)	Fair
Deaths 30 d post-op	Tatoulis [82] 2006 Australia	66	nd	CTS	30 d	50 (50)	50 (50)	On pump	Off pump	0% (0%)	1.00 (0.02-49.42)	nd	Fair
All-cause mortality at 1 mo	van Dijk [88] 2001 Netherlands	62	Scr 1.01 mg/dl	CTS	30 d	139 (139)	142 (142)	On pump	Off pump	0% (0%)	1.02 (0.02-51.13)	nd	Fair
30 d death after surgery or before discharge	Shroyer [76] 2009 US ^a	63	nd	CTS	1 y	1104 (1104)	1099 (1099)	Off-pump	On-pump	2% (1%)	1.38 (0.68-2.80)	0.47	Good
All-cause within 1 y										4% (3%)	1.43 (0.90-2.26)	0.15	Good
RRT													
New dialysis	Puskas [64] 2003 US	62	nd	CTS	30 d	99 (99)	98 (98)	On pump	Off pump	0% (1%)	0.33 (0.01-8.00)	NS (>0.246)	Fair
HF	Al-Ruzzeh [3] 2006 UK	63	nd	CTS	6 mo	84 (84)	84 (84)	On pump	Off pump	6% (2%)	2.50 (0.50-12.53)	NS (0.27)	Poor
HD	Sajja [72] 2007 India	60	Scr 1.48 mg/dl	CTS	5 d	60 (60)	56 (56)	On pump	Off pump	5% (0%)	6.53 (0.35-123.68)	nd	Fair
HD	Straka [80] 2004 Czech	63	nd	CTS	30 d	184 (184)	204 (204)	On pump	Off pump	1% (1%)	1.11 (0.16-7.79)	NS (0.65)	Fair

HD	van Dijk [88;88] 2001 Netherlands	62	Sc _r 1.01 mg/dl	CTS	30 d	139 (139)	142 (142)	On pump	Off pump	1% (0%)	3.06 (0.13-74.60)	NS (0.31)	Poor
Renal failure requiring dialysis within 30 d	Shroyer [76] 2009 US	63	nd	CTS	1 y	1104 (1104)	1099 (1099)	Off-pump	On-pump	1% (1%)	0.90 (0.37-2.20)	NS (0.82)	Good
AKI													
New renal failure (↑Sc _r ≥2.0 mg/dl or ↑Sc _r 50%)	Puskas [64] 2003 US	62	nd	CTS	30 d	99 (99)	98 (98)	On pump	Off pump	2% (1%)	1.98 (0.18-21.48)	NS (>0.999)	Fair
Renal impairment	Al-Ruzzeh [3] 2006 UK	63	nd	CTS	6 mo	84 (84)	84 (84)	On pump	Off pump	17% (10%)	1.75 (0.78-3.95)	NS (0.15)	Poor
↑Sc _r ≥ 20%, 1 or 5 d	Sajja [72] 2007 India	60	Sc _r 1.48 mg/dl	CTS	5 d	60 (60)	56 (56)	On pump	Off pump	62% (30%)	2.14 (1.38-3.32)	<0.001	Fair

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Shroyer study: 30-d death after surgery or before discharge: RR 1.38 (95% CI 0.68 to 2.80); All-cause mortality at 1 y: RR 1.41 (95% CI 0.90 to 2.24); Renal failure requiring dialysis within 30 d: 0.90 (0.37 to 2.20)

Supplementary table 17: Evidence profile of RCTs examining NAC vs. placebo in the prevention of AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	5 RCTs (High)	968 (486)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	5 RCTs (High)	968 (486)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
AKI	5 RCTs (High)	968 (486)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	No benefit	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm No benefit							Quality of overall evidence High		

Annotations:

a. Low event rates with wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 18: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of NAC vs. placebo in the prevention of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Critically Ill Patients														
Mortality														
Mean 16 d	Komisarof [39] 2007 US	60	Scr 1.29 mg/dl	Critically ill	Mean 16 d	71 (71)	71 (71)	NAC	Placebo	nd	10% (10%)	1.00 (0.37-2.70)	NS (1.00)	Good
RRT														
Mean 16 d	Komisarof [39] 2007 US	60	Scr 1.29 mg/dl	Critically ill	Mean 16 d	71 (71)	71 (71)	NAC	Placebo	nd	3% (3%)	1.00 (0.14-6.90)	NS (1.00)	Good
AKI														
↑Scr ≥ 0.5 mg/dl during hospitalization	Komisarof [39] 2007 US	60	Scr 1.29 mg/dl	Critically ill	Mean 16 d	71 (71)	71 (71)	NAC	Placebo	nd	16% (17%)	0.92 (0.43-1.94)	NS (0.82)	Good
↑Scr 50% during hospitalization											13% (17%)	0.75 (0.34-1.67)	NS (0.4782)	Good
CTS Patients														
Mortality														
In-hospital	Sisillo [78] 2008 Italy	74	Scr 1.27 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	CTS	nd	129 (129)	125 (125)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	4% (3%)	1.21 (0.33-4.41)	NS (0.77)	Good
90 d	Wijeyesundera [93] 2007 Canada	74	Scr 131 μmol/l eGFR 42 ml/min	CTS	90 d	88 (89)	87 (88)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	0% (8%)	0.07 (0.00-1.14)	0.007	Good
30 d	Adabag [1] 2008 US	70	Scr 1.9 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	CTS	30 d	50 (50)	52 (52)	NAC	Placebo	nd	4% (6%)	0.69 (0.12-3.98)	NS (0.68)	Good
In-hospital	Burns [18] 2005 Canada	69	Scr 1.1 mg/dl	CTS	8 d	148 (148)	147 (147)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	3% (3%)	1.24 (0.34-4.53)	NS (>0.99)	Good
RRT														
In-hospital	Sisillo [78] 2008 Italy	74	Scr 1.27 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	CTS	nd	129 (129)	125 (125)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	8% (5%)	1.61 (0.61-4.31)	NS (0.33)	Good
In-hospital (median 8 d)	Wijeyesundera [93] 2007 Canada	74	Scr 131 μmol/l eGFR 42 ml/min	CTS	90 d	88 (89)	87 (88)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	1% (4%)	0.33 ^a (0.03-3.11)	NS (0.37)	Fair
30-d	Adabag [1] 2008 US	70	Scr 1.9 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	CTS	30 d	50 (50)	52 (52)	NAC	Placebo	nd	6% (4%)	1.56 (0.27-8.95)	NS (0.68)	Good
In-hospital	Burns [18] 2005 Canada	69	Scr 1.1 mg/dl	CTS	8 d	148 (148)	147 (147)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	1% (2%)	0.33 (0.03-3.15)	NS (0.37)	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
AKI														
↑Sc _r >25%	Sisillo [78] 2008 Italy	74	Sc _r 1.27 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	CTS	3 d	129 (129)	125 (125)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	40% (52%)	0.78 (0.59-1.01)	NS (0.06)	Good
5 d	Adabag [1] 2008 US	70	Sc _r 1.9 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	CTS	30 d	50 (50)	52 (52)	NAC	Placebo	nd	44%	1.20	NS	Good
30 d											(37%)	(0.75-1.94)	(0.44)	
↑Sc _r >0.5 mg/dl or >25% at 5 d (ITT)	Burns [18] 2005 Canada	69	Sc _r 1.1 mg/dl	CTS	8 d	148 (148)	145 (147)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	14%	1.04	NS	Good
↑Sc _r >0.5 mg/dl or >25% at 5 d (per protocol analysis)											(14%)	(0.39-2.75)	(0.94)	
↑Sc _r ≥ 44 μmol/l or 25% by 72 h	Wijeyesundera [93] 2007 Canada	74	Sc _r 131 μmol/l eGFR 42 ml/min	CTS	90 d	88 (89)	87 (88)	NAC	Placebo	Per protocol	30% (29%)	1.03 [~] (0.72-1.46)	NS (0.89)	Good
											30% (28%)	1.07 (0.74-1.53)	NS (0.71)	Good
											28% (32%)	0.88 ^a (0.56-1.39)	NS (0.59)	Fair

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

[~]Calculated estimate was same as estimate reported in the study.

a. Wijeyesundera: In-hospital (median 8 d), the difference in medians between NAC vs. placebo 0.32 (95% bootstrap non-parametric CI 0.007-4.12); ↑Sc_r ≥ 44 μmol/l or 25% by 72 h, OR 0.84 (95% CI 0.42-1.68)

Supplementary table 19: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of intrarterial isosmolar vs. low osmolar contrast agent on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings			
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome	
Mortality	Low osmolar, non-ionic	3 RCTs (High)	867 (436)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
	Low osmolar, ionic	1 RCT	146 (72)	No limitations	N/A	No uncertainty	Sparse and Imprecision (-2)	Low	Uncertain	
RRT Non-ionic		3 RCTs (High)	946 (478)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
CI-AKI	Low osmolar, non-ionic	9 RCTs (High)	2305 (1171)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	High	Seven studies showed no benefit for non-ionic isosmolar CM (iodixanol) compared to non-ionic low osmolar CM. Two studies showed benefit for non-ionic isosmolar CM (iodixanol).	High (Crucial)
	Low osmolar, ionic	2 RCTs (High)	421 (212)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1)	Low	One study showed benefit for non-ionic isosmolar CM (iodixanol) compared to ionic low osmolar CM (ioxaglate). Another study showed no benefit for iodixanol compared to ioxaglate.	
Balance of potential benefits and harm								Quality of overall evidence		
No or no consistent benefit for non-ionic isosmolar (iodixanol) CM compared to low osmolar ionic or non-ionic CM.								Moderate		

Annotations:

a. Low event rates with wide confidence intervals

b. For the outcome of increase in creatinine of 0.5 mg/dl, there was only a trend towards benefit. For the combination of increase in creatinine of 0.5 mg/dl or 25%, there was a statistically significant benefit for iodixanol.

Supplementary table 20: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of intravenous isosmolar vs. low osmolar contrast agent on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	1 RCT	117 (61)	No limitations	N/A	No uncertainty	Sparse and Imprecision (-2) ^a	Low	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	3 RCTs (High)	418 (209)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Sparse and Imprecision (-2) ^a	Low	Uncertain	Critical
CI-AKI	4 RCTs (High)	666 (334)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	No benefit. Two study favoring iodixanol. Two study favoring control.	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm No benefit							Quality of overall evidence Moderate		

Annotations:

- a. Low event rates with wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 21: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of isosmolar vs. low osmolar contrast agent on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	DM%	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
							Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Intrarterial: Low osmolar Non-ionic Mortality															
7 d	Aspelin [5] 2003 Multi	71	Sc _r : 1.49 mg/dl GFR: 50 ml/min	100	Coronary or aortofemoral angiography	7 d	64 (64)	65 (65)	Iodixanol	Iohexol	i.v. fluids recommended	0% (3%)	0.20 (0.01-4.15)	nd	Fair
7 d	Solomon [79] 2007 US & Canada	72	Sc _r : 1.46 mg/dl GFR: 49 ml/min	38	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	210 (236)	204 (230)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	Isotonic sodium bicarbonate solution	0% (0%)	0.97 (0.02-49)	nd	Good
6 mo	Wessely [92] 2009 Germany	75	Sc _r : 1.36 mg/dl GFR: 46 ml/min	38	PCI	6 mo	162 (162)	162 (162)	Iodixanol	Iomeprol	nd	6 (4%) [7 (4%)]	0.86 (0.29-2.50)	NS (0.78)	Good
RRT															
7 d	Solomon [79] 2007 US & Canada	72	Sc _r : 1.46 mg/dl GFR: 49.3 ml/min	38	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	210 (236)	204 (230)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	Isotonic sodium bicarbonate solution	0% (0%)	0.97 (0.02-49)	nd	Good
7 d	Nie [57] 2008 China	61	Sc _r : 1.48 mg/dl GFR: 46 ml/min	27	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	106 (108)	102 (108)	Iodixanol	Iopromide	i.v. fluids	0% (2%)	0.32 (0.01-7.79)	nd	Good
6 mo	Wessely [92] 2009 Germany	75	Sc _r : 1.36 mg/dl GFR: 46 ml/min	38	PCI	6 mo	162 (162)	162 (162)	Iodixanol	Iomeprol	nd	3 (2%) [1 (1%)]	3.00 (0.32-28.54)	NS (0.31)	Good
CI-AKI															
↑ Sc _r 0.5 mg/dl by 3 d	Aspelin [5] 2003 Multi	71	Sc _r : 1.49 mg/dl GFR: 50 ml/min	100	Coronary or aortofemoral angiography	7 d	64 (64)	65 (65)	Iodixanol	Iohexol	i.v. fluids recommended	3% (26%)	0.12 (0.03-0.50)	0.002	Good
↑ Sc _r 1.0 mg/dl by 3 d												0% (15%)			
↑ Sc _r ≥0.5 mg/dl (44.2 μmol/l) by 45-120 h	Solomon [79] 2007 US & Canada	72	Sc _r : 1.46 mg/dl GFR: 49 ml/min	38	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	210 (236)	204 (230)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	Isotonic sodium bicarbonate solution	7% (4%)	1.51 (0.67-3.41)	NS (0.39)	Good
↑ Sc _r ≥25%	Hardiek [30] 2008 US	65	Sc _r : 0.91 mg/dl GFR: 105 ml/min	100	Angiography	7 d	54 (54)	48 (48)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	i.v. fluids	13% (21%)	0.62 (0.26-1.51)	NS (0.29)	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	DM%	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
							Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
↑Scr ≥0.5 mg/dl or ≥25% by 3 d	Nie [57] 2008 China	61	Scr 1.48 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	27	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	106 (108)	102 (108)	Iodixanol	Iopromide	i.v. fluids	6% (17%)	0.34 (0.14-0.83)	0.011	Good
↓CrCl 20% by 48 h	Feldkamp [26] 2006 Germany	60	Scr 1.04 mg/dl	42	Cardiac catheterization	48 h	105 (105)	116 (116)	Iodixanol	Iopromid	i.v. fluids	20% (22%)	0.91 (0.54-1.52)	NS (0.80)	Good
↑Scr 25% by 48 h												9% (7%)	1.29 (0.52-3.16)	NS (0.83)	Good
↑Scr >0.5 mg/dl by 3 d "Evaluable group"	Rudnick [71] 2008 US	71	Scr 1.99 mg/dl GFR 37 ml/min	52	Cardiac catheterization	28 d	156 (173)	143 (164)	Iodixanol	Ioversol	NAC in some	22% (24%)	0.92 (0.60-1.39)	NS (0.78)	Good
↑Scr >0.5 mg/dl by 3 d "ITT group"												20% (21%)	0.95 (0.62-1.46)	NS (0.89)	Good
Day 2 ↑Scr ≥44 mol/l (0.5 mg/dl) or 25%	Juergens [34] 2009 Australia	70	Scr 144.1 μmol/l GFR 49 mmol/l	35	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	100 (108)	91 (94)	Iopromide	Iodixanol	NAC	15% (12%)	1.24 (0.60-2.56)	NS (0.56)	Good
Day 2 ↑Scr ≥44 mol/l												7% (3%)	2.12 (0.57-7.97)	NS (0.34)	Good
↑Scr ≥88 mol/l												1% (2%)	0.46 (0.04-4.93)	NS (0.61)	Good
↑Scr ≥0.5 mg/dl (44.2 μmol/l) by 3 d	Laskey [42] 2009 Multi	69	Scr 1.6 mg/dl GFR 45 mmol/l	100	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	214 (263)	203 (263)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	i.v. fluids	11% (10%)	1.14 (0.65-2.00)	NS (0.7)	Good
↑Scr ≥0.5 mg/dl or >25%	Wessely [92] 2009 Germany	75	Scr 1.36 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	38	PCI	6 mo	162 (162)	162 (162)	Iodixanol	Iomeprol	nd	36 (22%) [45 (28%)]	0.80 (0.55-1.17)	NS (0.25)	Good
Severe CIN (↑Scr ≥ 1 mg/dl)												10 (6%) [6 (4%)]	1.67 (0.62-4.48)	NS (0.30)	Good
Intrarterial: Low Osmolar Ionic Mortality															
In-hospital	Mehran [49] 2009 US	71	Scr 1.86 mg/dl GFR 45 ml/min	51	Coronary angiography	3 d	72 (72)	74 (74)	Iodixanol	Ioxaglate	NAC (70%)	3% (0%)	5.14 (0.25-105.19)	NS (0.24)	Good
30 d												6% (1%)	4.23 (0.48-36.92)	NS (0.20)	Good
CI-AKI															
↑Scr ≥25%	Jo [33] 2006	66	Scr 1.38	34	Cardiac	48 h	140	135	Iodixanol	Ioxaglate	i.v. fluids	8%	0.46	0.021	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	DM%	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
							Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
or ≥ 0.5 mg/dl by 2 d	Korea		mg/dl GFR 45 ml/min		catheterization		(151)	(149)				(17%)	(0.23-0.91)		
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl by 2 d												4% (9%)	0.40 (0.15-1.11)	NS (0.067)	Good
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl												16% (18%)	0.89 (0.43-1.82) ^b	NS (0.82)	Good
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 1.0$ mg/dl	Mehran [49] 2009 US	71	S_{Cr} 1.86 mg/dl GFR 45 ml/min	51	Coronary angiography	3 d	72 (72)	74 (74)	Iodixanol	Ioxaglate	NAC (70%)	1% (5%)	0.20 (0.02-2.45) ^c	NS (0.36)	Good
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 25\%$												16% (24%)	0.67 (0.34-1.30) ^d	NS (0.28)	Good
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl or $>25\%$												16% (24%)	0.67 (0.34-1.30) ^e	NS (0.28)	Good
Intravenous: Low Osmolar Non-ionic Mortality															
90 d ^a	Nguyen [55] 2008 US	63	S_{Cr} 1.77 mg/dl GFR 52 ml/min	38	CT scan	90 d	61 (65)	56 (61)	Iodixanol	Iopromide	None	5% (4%)	1.38 (0.24-7.94)	NS (0.720)	Fair
RRT															
72 h	Barrett [7] 2006 US & China	67	S_{Cr} 1.6 mg/dl GFR 44 ml/min	20	CT scan	72 h	76 (82)	77 (84)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	Volume supplementation	0% (0%)	1.01 (0.05-50)	nd	Fair
7 d	Thomsen [84] 2008 Multi	67	S_{Cr} 1.7 mg/dl GFR 41 ml/min	28	CT scan of the liver	7 d	72 (92)	76 (91)	Iodixanol	Iomeprol	nd	0% (0%)	1.06 (0.02-52)	NS	Fair
90 d	Nguyen [55] 2008 US	63	S_{Cr} 1.77 mg/dl GFR 52 ml/min	38	CT scan	90 d	61 (65)	56 (61)	Iodixanol	Iopromide	None	0% (0%)	0.92 (0.02-46)	NS	Fair
CI-AKI															
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl by 72 h	Barrett [28] 2006 US & China	67	S_{Cr} 1.6 mg/dl GFR 44 ml/min	20	CT scan	72 h	76 (82)	77 (84)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	Volume supplementation	3% (0%)	4.74 (0.23-97)	NS (0.3)	Fair
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 25\%$ by 72 h												4% (4%)	1.01* (0.21-4.86)	NS (0.4)	Fair
$\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 25\%$ by 48-72 h	Kuhn [40] 2008 US & China	70	S_{Cr} 1.46 mg/dl GFR 48 ml/min	100	CT scans	3 d	125 (131)	123 (132)	Iodixanol	Iopamidol	i.v. fluids	6% (5%)	0.84* (0.29-2.44)	NS (1.0)	Fair
\downarrow GFR 25%												2%	0.98*	NS	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	DM%	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
							Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
by 48-72 h												(2%)	(0.20-4.78)	(1.0)	
↑ $S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl by 48-72 h	Thomsen [84] 2008	67	S_{Cr} 1.7 mg/dl GFR 41 ml/min	28	CT scan of the liver	7 d	72 (92)	76 (91)	Iodixanol	Iomeprol	nd	7% (0%)	11.61 (0.65-206)	0.025	Fair
↑ $S_{Cr} \geq 25\%$ by 48-72 h	Multi											7% (5%)	1.32 (0.37-4.72)	NS (0.74)	Fair
↓ $CrCl \geq 25\%$ by 48-72 h												3% (1%)	2.11 (0.20-23)	NS (0.61)	Fair
$S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl by 3 d	Nguyen [55] 2008 US	63	S_{Cr} 1.77 mg/dl GFR 52 ml/min	38	CT scan	90 d	61 (65)	56 (61)	Iodixanol	Iopromide	None	5% (19%)	0.28 (0.08-0.95)	0.037	Fair
$S_{Cr} \geq 1.0$ mg/dl by 3 d												3% (3%)	0.92 (0.13-6.30)	NS (0.931)	Fair

Annotations

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

- All deaths were deemed unrelated to the contrast media by an independent panel
- Mehran study reported a RR of 0.88 (95% CI 0.42 to 1.85)
- Mehran study reported a RR of 0.32 (95% CI 0.03 to 2.99)
- Mehran study reported a RR of 0.66 (95% CI 0.33 to 1.31)
- Mehran study reported a RR of 0.66 (95% CI 0.33 to 1.31)

Supplementary table 22: Evidence profile of RCTs examining effect of i.v. sodium bicarbonate vs. control for the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	3 RCT (High)	936 (471)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	6 RCTs (High)	1419 (710)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
CI-AKI	12 RCTs (High)	2441 (1224)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	None	Moderate	Six studies showed a benefit for bicarbonate while 6 studies did not.	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm Possible but inconsistent benefit.							Quality of overall evidence Moderate		

Annotations:

a. Low event rates with wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 23: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of i.v. sodium bicarbonate on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Mortality														
Cumulative mortality (N=353)	Brar [13] 2008 US	71	S _{Cr} 1.49 mg/dl GFR 48 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	6 mo	165 (175)	158 (178)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC in 50% of patients	2% (4%)	0.55 (0.16-1.83)	NS (0.54)	Fair
30 d	Maioli [45] 2008 Italy	74	S _{Cr} 1.20 mg/dl GFR 42 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	30 d	250 (250)	252 (252)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	2% (1%)	1.34 (0.30-5.95)	NS (0.69)	Good
7 d	Recio-Mayoral [66] 2007 Spain & UK	65	S _{Cr} 1.0 mg/dl GFR 75 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	56 (56)	55 (55)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	2% (7%)	0.25 (0.03-2.13)	NS (0.21)	Fair
RRT														
6 mo	Brar [13] 2008 US	71	S _{Cr} 1.49 mg/dl GFR 48 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	6 mo	165 (175)	158 (178)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC in 50% of patients	1% (3%)	0.48 (0.16-1.83)	NS (0.32)	Fair
During hospital stay	Merten [51] 2004 US	67	S _{Cr} 1.89 mg/dl GFR 41 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization, CT and others	9 mo	60 (69)	59 (68)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	None	0% (0%)	0.98 (0.02-48.76)	nd	Fair
14 d	Adolph [2] 2008 Germany	70	S _{Cr} 1.54 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	14 d	71 (72)	74 (76)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	None	0% (0%)	0.98 (0.02-48.76)	nd	Fair
HF by 30 d	Maioli [45] 2008 Italy	74	S _{Cr} 1.20 mg/dl GFR 42 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	30 d	250 (250)	252 (252)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	0.4% (0.4%)	1.01 (0.06-16.03)	NS (0.99)	Good
7 d	Recio-Mayoral [66] 2007 Spain & UK	65	S _{Cr} 1.0 mg/dl GFR: 75 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	56 (56)	55 (55)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	2% (6%)	0.33 (0.04-3.05)	NS (0.36)	Fair
5 d	Briguori [15] 2007 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.95 mg/dl GFR 32 ml/min	CAD or peripheral angiography	5 d	108 (117)	111 (118)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	1% (1%)	1.03 (0.07-16.23)	NS	Good
CI-AKI														
↓GFR >25%. 1 d-4 d	Brar [13] 2008 US	71	S _{Cr} 1.49 mg/dl GFR 48 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	6 mo	165 (175)	158 (178)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC in 50% of patients	13% (15%)	0.91 ^a (0.53-1.57)	NS (0.75)	Good
↓GFR _≥ 25%, 2 d	Merten [51] 2004 US	67	S _{Cr} 1.89 mg/dl GFR 41 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization, CT and others	9 mo	60 (69)	59 (68)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	None	2% (14%)	0.12 (0.02-0.95)	0.02	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
↑S _{Cr} >0.5 mg/dl or GFR>25% above baseline, 0 d-1 or 2 d	Adolph [2] 2008 Germany	70	S _{Cr} 1.54 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	14 d	71 (72)	74 (76)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	None	4% (3%)	1.56 (0.27-9.08)	NS (0.61)	Good
↑S _{Cr} >25% or 0.5 mg/dl after 48 h											5% (14%)	0.33 ^b (0.11-0.99)	0.036	Fair
↑ S _{Cr} >25% or 0.5 mg/dl after 48 h adjusted by Mehran risk score	Ozcan [60] 2007 Turkey	69	S _{Cr} 1.39 mg/dl GFR 50 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	48 h	88 (88)	88 (88)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	None	5% (14%)	0.36 ^b (0.13-1.02)	0.043	Fair
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 5 d											10% (12%)	0.87 (0.52-1.44)	NS (0.59)	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥25% by 5 d	Maioli [45] 2008 Italy	74	S _{Cr} 1.20 mg/dl GFR 42 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	30 d	250 (250)	252 (252)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	15% (21%)	0.71 (0.49-1.04)	NS (0.08)	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥25% by 2 d											10% (15%)	0.67 (0.42-1.07)	NS (0.09)	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥ 0.5 mg/dl in 3 d	Recio-Mayoral [66] 2007 Spain & UK	65	S _{Cr} 1.0 mg/dl GFR 75 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	7 d	56 (56)	55 (55)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	2% (22%)	0.065 (0.008-0.52)	0.0009	Fair
↑S _{Cr} >25%											2% (10%)	0.19 (0.04-0.82)	0.019	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl	Briguori [15] 2007 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.95 mg/dl GFR 32 ml/min	CAD or peripheral angiography	5 d	108 (117)	111 (118)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	NAC	1% (11%)	0.09 (0.01-0.65)	0.003	Good
↓eGFR ≥25%											1% (9%)	0.10 (0.01-0.79)	0.009	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥50%	Pakfetrat [61] 2009 Iran	58	S _{Cr} 1.1 mg/dl GFR 72 ml/min	Coronary angiography	48 h	96 (96)	96 (96)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	nd	4% (17%)	0.25 (0.09-0.72)	0.03	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or ↑S _{Cr} >25% by 2 d	Vasheghani-Farahani [89] 2009 Iran	63	S _{Cr} 1.63 mg/dl GFR 46 ml/min	Coronary angiography	5 d	135 (135)	130 (130)	Bicarbonate	Normal saline	nd	7% (6%)	1.24 ^c (0.48-3.23)	0.60	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or ↑S _{Cr} >25% by 5 d											9% (7%)	1.32 ^c (0.55-3.19)	0.60	Good
↑S _{Cr} >25% or >0.5 mg/dl by 3 d	Tamura [81] 2009 Japan	72	S _{Cr} 1.36 mg/dl GFR 40 ml/min	Elective coronary procedure	3 d	72 (72)	72 (72)	Bicarbonate	Normal Saline	None	1% (13%)	0.11 (0.01-0.85)	0.017	Good
↑S _{Cr} >25% or >0.5 mg/dl by 2 d	Rosenstock [70] 2010 US	71	S _{Cr} 1.7 mg/dl GFR 43 ml/min	Cardiac or vascular angiography	2 d	136/142		Bicarbonate	Normal saline + dextrose	None	Total: 2 (1.5%)	--	nd	Poor
↑S _{Cr} ≥25% by 5 d				Coronary angiography and/or percutaneous coronary intervention							14% (14%)	0.98 (0.37-2.60)	NS	
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 5 d	Castini [21] 2010 Italy	70	S _{Cr} 1.59 mg/dl GFR 47 ml/min		5 d	52 (52)	51 (51)	Bicarbonate _ dextrose	Saline	None	12% (8%)	1.47 (0.44-4.91)	NS	Good

Annotations:
* Calculated by ERT with raw numbers from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.
a. Brar: RR 0.94 (95%CI 0.55-1.60)
b. Ozcan: ↑S_{Cr} >25% or 0.5 mg/dl after 48 hrs, RR 0.30 (0.09-0.97) p=0.036; ↑ S_{Cr} >25% or 0.5 mg/dl after 48 hrs adjusted by Mehran risk score, RR 0.29 (95%CI 0.09-0.96) p=0.043
c. Farahani: ↑S_{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or ↑S_{Cr} >25% on day 2 (ITT): OR 1.26 (0.045-3.5) p=0.060; ↑S_{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or ↑S_{Cr} >25% on day 5 (ITT): OR 1.3 (0.5-3.4) p=0.60

Supplementary table 24: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of NAC vs. placebo on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	6 RCTs (High)	1476 (798)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
RRT	11 RCTs (High)	2547 (1326)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Moderate	Uncertain	Critical
CI-AKI	19 RCTs (High)	3755 (1915)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1) ^b	No uncertainty	None	Moderate	Possible benefit. Six studies showed statistically significant benefit while fourteen studies did not.	High
Balance of potential benefits and harm Possible benefit							Quality of overall evidence Moderate		

Annotations:

a. Low event rates with wide confidence intervals

b. Some show statistically significant benefit while others do not.

Supplementary table 25: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of NAC vs. placebo on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 ^d	Arm 2					
Mortality														
In-hospital	Carbonell [20] 2007 Spain	63	Sc _r 0.94 mg/dl GFR:86 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	nd	107 (107)	109 (109)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	3% (5%)	0.60 (0.16-2.32)	NS (0.45)	Fair
In-hospital	Marenzi [46] 2006 Italy	63	Sc _r 1.06 mg/dl GFR 75 ml/min	Angioplasty	72 h	115 (116)	119 (119)	Standard NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	4% (11%)	0.40 (0.15-1.08)	NS (0.07)	Fair
In-hospital						118 (119)	119 (119)	High-dose NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	3% (11%)	0.23 (0.07-0.80)	0.02	Fair
In-hospital	Miner [52] 2004 Canada	71	Sc _r 124 μmol GFR 46 ml/min	Coronary angiography	9 mo	95 (95)	85 (85)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	0% (2%)	0.18 (0.01-3.68)	NS (nd)	Fair
9 mo											4% (4%)	1.19 (0.27-5.18)	NS (0.81)	Fair
7 d	Rashid [65] 2004 UK	72	Sc _r 109 μmol/l GFR 51 ml/min	Angiography or angioplasty	7 d	46 (46)	48 (48)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	2% (0%)	3.13 (0.13-75)	nd	Fair
In hospital	Reinecke [67] 2007 Germany	67	Sc _r 1.4 mg/dl GFR 49 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	Median 553 d	114 (146)	115 (140)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	1% (1%)	1.01 (0.21-4.89)	NS (0.991)	Fair
30 d											1% (2%)	0.34 (0.04-3.19)	NS (0.342)	Fair
6 d	Gomes [29] 2005 Brazil	64	Sc _r 123.76 μmol/l GFR 59 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	Median 6 d	77 (77)	79 (79)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	7% (3%)	2.56 (0.51-12.83)	NS (0.42)	Fair
6 mo follow-up	Thiele [83] 2010 Germany	68	Sc _r 81 μmol/l CrCl 85 ml/min	PCI	6 mo	126 (126)	123 (125)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. hydration	12 (10%) [12 (10%)]	0.98 (0.46-2.09)	NS	Fair
RRT														
5 d	Briguori [16] 2002 Italy	64	Sc _r :1.52 mg/dl GFR 56 ml/min	Coronary or peripheral angiography	5 d	92 (92)	91 (91)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	0% (1%)	0.33 (0.01-7.99)	nd	Fair
In CI-AKI patients	Carbonell [20] 2007 Spain	63	Sc _r 0.94 mg/dl GFR 86 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	nd	107 (107)	109 (109)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	0% (0%)	1.02 (0.02-51)	NS	Fair
7 d	Kay [35] 2003 China	69 (median)	Median Sc _r 1.24 mg/dl GFR 45 ml/min	Coronary angiography, coronary angiography and PCI, or PCI	7 d	98 (98)	102 (102)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	0% (0%)	1.04 (0.02-52)	nd	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 ^d	Arm 2					
72 h	Marenzi [46] 2006 Italy	63	S _{Cr} 1.06 mg/dl GFR 75 ml/min	Angioplasty	72 h	115 (116)	119 (119)	Standard NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	4% (11%)	0.34 (0.07-1.67)	NS (0.187)	Fair
72 h						118 (119)	119 (119)	High-dose NAC	Control		3% (11%)	0.17 (0.02-1.37)	NS (0.09)	Fair
Urgent, in-hospital	Miner [52] 2004 Canada	71	S _{Cr} 124 µmol/l GFR 46 ml/min	Coronary angiography	9 mo	95 (95)	85 (85)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	1% (0%)	2.69 (0.11-65)	NS	Fair
Long-term											1% (1%)	0.89 (0.06-14.09)	NS (0.937)	Fair
7 d	Rashid [65] 2004 UK	72	S _{Cr} 109 µmol/l GFR 51 ml/min	Angiography or angioplasty	7 d	46 (46)	48 (48)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	0% (2%)	0.35 (0.01-8.32)	nd	Fair
7 d	Shyu [77] 2002 Taiwan	70	S _{Cr} 2.8 ml/min GFR 24 mg/dl	Coronary angiography	7 d	60 (60)	61 (61)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	0% (2%)	0.34 (0.01-8.16)	nd	Fair
8 d	Webb [91] 2004 Canada	71	S _{Cr} 141 µmol/l GFR 44 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization or percutaneous coronary intervention	8 d	242 (242)	245 (245)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	3% (2%)	1.50 (0.48-4.65)	NS (0.483)	Fair
In hospital	Reinecke [67] 2007 Germany	67	S _{Cr} 1.4 mg/dl GFR 49 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	Median 553 d	114 (146)	115 (140)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	2% (1%)	1.01 (0.06-15.93)	NS (0.995)	Fair
6 d	Gomes [29] 2005 Brazil	64	S _{Cr} 123.76 µmol/l GFR 59 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	Median 6 d	77 (77)	79 (79)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	3% (0%)	5.13 (0.25-105)	NS (0.24)	Fair
30 d	Ochoa [58] 2004 US	73	S _{Cr} 2.02 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	30 d	36 (36)	44 (44)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	0% (0%)	1.22 (0.02-60)	nd	Poor
RRT	Thiele [83] 2010 Germany	68	S _{Cr} 81 µmol/l CrCl 85 ml/min	PCI	6 mo	126 (126)	123 (125)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. hydration	4 (3%) [1 (1%)]	3.90 (0.44-34.45)	NS (0.37)	Fair
CI-AKI														
↑S _{Cr} >0.5 mg/dl by 48 h	Boccalandro [11] 2003 US	66	S _{Cr} 1.8 mg/dl GFR 54 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	48 h	73 (73)	105 (106)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	13% (12%)	1.11 (0.51-2.39)	NS (0.84)	Fair
↑S _{Cr} >25% by 48 h	Briguori [16] 2002 Italy	64	S _{Cr} 1.52 mg/dl GFR 56 ml/min	Coronary or peripheral angiography	5 d	92 (92)	91 (91)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	7% (11%)	0.59 (0.23-1.57)	NS (0.22)	Fair
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or	Carbonell [20] 2007	63	S _{Cr} 0.94 mg/dl GFR 86 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	nd	107 (107)	109 (109)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	10% (10%)	1.02 (0.46-2.25)	NS (0.5)	Good

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 ^d	Arm 2					
>25% by 48 h	Spain													
↑Sc _r >25% by 48 h	Kay [35] 2003 China	69 (median)	Median Sc _r 1.24 mg/dl GFR 45 ml/min	Coronary angiography, coronary angiography and PCI, or PCI	7 d	98 (98)	102 (102)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	4% (12%)	0.35 ^a (0.12-1.04)	0.03	Good
↑Sc _r ≥25% by 72 h	Marenzi [46] 2006 Italy	63	Sc _r 1.06 mg/dl GFR 75 ml/min	Angioplasty	72 h	115 (116)	119 (119)	Standard NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	15% (33%)	0.45 (0.27-0.75)	0.002	Good
↑Sc _r ≥25% by 72 h						118 (119)	119 (119)	High-dose NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	8% (33%)	0.26 (0.14-0.49)	<0.001	Good
↑Sc _r ≥25% by 48-72 h	Miner [52] 2004 Canada	71	Sc _r 124 μmol/l GFR 46 ml/min	Coronary angiography	9 mo	95 (95)	85 (85)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	10% (22%)	0.45 (0.22-0.94)	0.04	Fair
↑Sc _r >25% by 2 d	Poletti [63] 2007 Switzerland	70	Sc _r 146 μmol/l	CT scans	7 d	44 (50)	43 (50)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	5% (21%)	0.28 (0.06-1.27)	0.02	Good
↑Sc _r ≥0.5 mg/dl or >25% by 48 h	Rashid [65] 2004 UK	72	Sc _r 109 μmol/l GFR 51 ml/min	Angiography or angioplasty	7 d	46 (46)	48 (48)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	6% (6%)	0.89 (0.17-4.65)	NS (0.89)	Good
↑Sc _r 0.5 mg/dl by 48 h	Shyu [77] 2002 Taiwan	70	Sc _r 2.8 ml/min GFR 24 mg/dl	Coronary angiography	7 d	60 (60)	61 (61)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	3% (25%)	0.13 (0.08-0.20)	<0.001	Good
↓GFR >5 ml/min by 2-8 d	Webb [91] 2004 Canada	71	Sc _r 141 μmol/l GFR 44 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization or percutaneous coronary intervention	8 d	242 (242)	245 (245)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	23% (21%)	1.10 (0.78-1.53)	NS (0.594)	Good
↑Sc _r ≥0.5 mg/dl by 24 h	Reinecke [67] 2007 Germany	67	Sc _r 1.4 mg/dl GFR 49 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	Median 553 d	140 (146)	137 (140)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	3% (6%)	1.12 (0.42-3.00)	NS (0.824)	Fair
↑Sc _r ≥44.2 μmol/l by 48 h	Gomes [29] 2005 Brazil	64	Sc _r 123.76 μmol/l GFR 59 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	Median 6 d	77 (77)	79 (79)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	10% (10%)	1.03 (0.41-2.60)	NS (1.00)	Good
↑Sc _r 0.5 mg/dl or	Kefer [36] 2003	61	Sc _r 1.10 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	24 h	53 (53)	51 (51)	i.v. NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	4% (5%)	0.64 (0.11-3.68)	NS (0.98)	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 ^d	Arm 2					
25%	Belgium													
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or >25% by 48 h	Ochoa [58] 2004 US	73	S _{Cr} 2.02 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	30 d	36 (36)	44 (44)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	8% (25%)	0.33 ^b (0.10-1.10)	0.05	Poor
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or >25% by 48 h	Ozcan [60] 2008 Turkey	69	S _{Cr} 1.39 mg/dl GFR 50 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	48 h	88 (88)	88 (88)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	13% (14%)	0.93 ^c (0.44-1.96)	NS (0.82)	Fair
↑S _{Cr} 0.5 mg/dl by 48 h	Baskurt [8] 2009 Turkey	67	S _{Cr} 1.3 mg/dl GFR 51 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	10 d	73 (73)	72 (72)	NAC	Control	i.v. fluids	10% (7%)	1.38 (0.46-4.15)	NS	Good
↑S _{Cr} >0.5 mg/dl or >25% by 72 h	Ferrario [27] 2009 Italy	75	GFR 40 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization or peripheral angiography	72 h	99 (103)	101 (104)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. fluids	8 (8%) [6 (6%)]	1.36 (0.49-3.78)	NS (0.9)	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl or >25% by 48 h	Kim [37] 2010 Korea	62	S _{Cr} 1.03 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	48 h	80 (80)	86 (86)	NAC	Placebo	NS	3 (4%) [7 (8%)]	0.46 (0.12-1.72)	NS (0.235)	Fair
↑S _{Cr} ≥25% by 72 h			S _{Cr} 81 μmol/l CrCl 85 ml/min			126 (126)	123 (125)				18 (14%) [25 (20%)]	0.70 (0.40-1.22)	NS (0.28)	Good
CIN in patients with CrCl ≤60 ml/min	Thiele [83] 2010 Germany	68	CrCl ≤60 ml/min	PCI	6 mo	24 (126)	23 (125)	NAC	Placebo	i.v. hydration	25% ^e (13%)	1.92 (0.54-6.77)	NS (0.46)	Good
CIN in patients with CrCl >60 ml/min			CrCl >60 ml/min			102 (126)	100 (125)				10% ^e (20%)	0.49 (0.24-0.99)	NS (0.08)	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥25% by 5 d				Coronary angiography and/or percutaneous coronary intervention							17% (14%)	1.24 (0.50-3.07)	NS	
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 5 d	Castini [21] 2010 Italy	71	S _{Cr} 1.57 mg/dl GFR 49 ml/min		5 d	53 (53)	51 (51)	NAC	Saline	None	9% (8%)	1.20 (0.34-4.23)	NS	Good

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

- a. Kay: $\uparrow S_{Cr} > 25\%$ by 48 h, RR 0.32 (95% CI 0.10-0.96)
- b. Ochoa: $\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl or $> 25\%$ by 48 h, RR 3.7 (95% CI 0.94-14.4)
- c. Ozcan: $\uparrow S_{Cr} \geq 0.5$ mg/dl or $> 25\%$ by 48 h, RR 0.95 (95% CI 0.37-2.17)
- d. NAC was administered orally unless otherwise noted
- e. Estimated from figure

Supplementary table 26: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of theophylline vs. placebo on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	0 RCTs	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Critical
RRT	1 RCT (High)	157 (80)	No limitations	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1) Imprecise (-1)	Low	Uncertain	Critical
CI-AKI	4 RCTs (High)	502 (252)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1) ^a	No uncertainty	Sparse (-1)	Low	Uncertain	High (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
Uncertain							Low		

Annotations:

a. Two studies by Huber [31;32] and one by Baskurt [8] showed benefit while one study did not (Dussol).

Supplementary table 27: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of theophylline vs. placebo on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95% CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
RRT														
RRT	Dussol [23] 2006 France	65	S _{Cr} 214 µmol/l GFR 35 ml/min	Coronary angiography (36%)	2 d	80 (80)	77 (77)	Theophylline	Control	i.v. fluids	0% (0%)	0.96 (0.02-47.91)	nd	Good
CI-AKI														
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 48 hrs	Huber [31] 2002 Germany	67	S _{Cr} 2.07 mg/dl	70% i.a.; 30% i.v.	2 d	50 (50)	50 (50)	Theophylline	Placebo	i.v. fluids, NAC in 20%	4% (16%)	0.25 (0.06-1.12)	0.046	Good
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 48 hrs	Huber [32] 2003 Germany	68	S _{Cr} 1.65 mg/dl	Coronary angiography	2 d	50 (50)	50 (50)	Theophylline	Placebo	i.v. fluids	4% (20%)	0.20 (0.05-0.87)	0.0138	Good
S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 48 h	Dussol [23] 2006 France	65	S _{Cr} 214 µmol/l GFR 35 ml/min	Coronary angiography (36%)	2 d	80 (80)	77 (77)	Theophylline	Control	i.v. fluids	8% (5%)	1.44 (0.42-4.92)	NS	Good
S _{Cr} ≥1.0 mg/dl by 48 h											3% (1%)			
↑S _{Cr} ≥0.5 mg/dl by 48 h	Baskurt [8] 2009 Turkey	67	S _{Cr} 1.3 mg/dl GFR 51 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	10 d	72 (72)	73 (73)	Theophylline	Control	NAC	0% (10%)	0.07 (0.00-1.16)	nd	Good

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw numbers from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 28: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of hemodialysis or hemofiltration on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	4 RCTs (High)	514 (256)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Low	Uncertain. Two studies by Marenzi [47;48] showed benefit for HF (either post or pre/post dye). Two other studies showed no benefit.	Critical
RRT	5 RCTs (High)	596 (298)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	Imprecision (-1) ^a	Low	Uncertain. Two studies by Marenzi [47;48] and one by Lee [43] showed benefit for HF (either post or pre/post dye). Two other studies showed no benefit.	Critical (Crucial)
Balance of potential benefits and harm Uncertain							Quality of overall evidence Low		

Annotations:

a. Wide confidence intervals

Supplementary table 29: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of hemodialysis or hemofiltration on the prevention of CI-AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Mortality														
In-hospital	Marenzi [48] 2003 Italy	69	SCr 3.0 mg/dl GFR 26 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization or PTCA and stenting	12 mo	58 (58)	56 (56)	HF	Isotonic saline	None	2% (14%)	0.12 (0.02-0.93)	0.02	Fair
12 mo											10% (30%)	0.34 (0.14-0.80)	0.01	Fair
6 d	Vogt [90] 2001 Switzerland	69	SCr 308 µmol/l GFR 20 ml/min	Renal angioplasty, peripheral angioplasty, computerized tomography, cardiac catheterization, or other	6 d	54 (55)	57 (58)	HD	No HD	Isotonic saline	2% (2%)	1.06 (0.07-16)	NS (1.00)	Fair
In-hospital	Reiniecke [67] 2007 Germany	67	SCr 1.4 mg/dl GFR 49 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	18 mo	113 (138)	115 (140)	HD	No HD	Isotonic saline & D/5	2% (1%)	3.05 (0.32-29)	NS (0.33)	Fair
30 d											2% (2%)	1.02 (0.21-4.94)	NS (0.98)	Fair
In-hospital	Marenzi [47] 2006 Italy	71	SCr 3.6 mg/dl GFR 20 ml/min	Aortic angiography, peripheral angioplasty, renal angioplasty, others	3 d	31 (31)	30 (30)	Pre/post HF	Control	Isotonic saline	0% (20%)	0.07 (0.00-1.27)	nd	Fair
In-hospital								Post HF	Control	Isotonic saline	10% (20%)	0.48 (0.13-1.76)	nd	Fair
RRT														
RRT until hospital discharge	Marenzi [48] 2003 Italy	69	SCr 3.0 mg/dl GFR 26 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization or PTCA and stenting	12 mo	58 (58)	56 (56)	HF	Isotonic saline hydration	None	3% (25%)	0.14 (0.03-0.58)	<0.001	Fair
RRT at 12 mo											2% (5%)	0.32 (0.03-3.00)	0.01	Fair
Additional RRT within 6 d	Vogt [90] 2001 Switzerland	69	SCr 308 µmol/l GFR 20 ml/min	Renal angioplasty, peripheral angioplasty, computerized tomography, cardiac catheterization, or other	6 d	54 (55)	57 (58)	HD	No HD	Isotonic saline hydration	15% (5%)	2.81 (0.79-10)	NS (0.12)	Fair
Additional RRT during hospitalization	Reiniecke [67] 2007 Germany	67	SCr 1.4 mg/dl GFR 49 mg/dl	Cardiac catheterization	18 mo	113 (138)	115 (140)	HD	No HD	Isotonic saline & D/5	2% (1%)	3.05 (0.32-29)	NS (0.33)	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Procedure	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Additional RRT during hospitalization RRT at hospital discharge	Lee [43] 2007 Taiwan	65	Sc _r 4.9 mg/dl CrCl 13 ml/min	Cardiac catheterization	10 d (mean)	42	40	HD	Control	Isotonic saline	2% (35%)	0.07 (0.01-0.49)	0.001	Good
						(42)	(40)				0% (13%)	0.09 (0.00-1.52)	0.018	Good
Additional RRT during hospitalization	Marenzi [47] 2006 Italy	71	Sc _r 3.6 mg/dl GFR 20 ml/min	Aortic angiography, peripheral angioplasty, renal angioplasty, others	3 d	31	30	Pre/post HF	Control	Isotonic saline	0% (30%)	0.05 (0.00-0.84)	nd	Fair
Additional RRT during hospitalization								Post HF	Control		Isotonic saline	10% (30%)	0.32 (0.10-1.08)	NS (0.06)

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw numbers from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

° Calculated estimate was same as estimate reported in the study.

Supplementary table 30: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of early vs. late CVVH in the treatment of AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Mortality														
28 d survival					28 d			Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	Late low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [19 ml/kg/h]		31% (25%)	1.24 (0.58-2.63)	nd	Fair
ICU survival	Bouman [12] 2002 Netherlands	68	CrCl 68 ml/min	ICU	Mean 12 d in survivors	35 (35)	36 (36)	Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	Late low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [19 ml/kg/h]	nd	37% (31%)	1.19 (0.62-2.29)	nd	Fair
Hospital survival								Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	Late low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [19 ml/kg/h]		51% (39%)	1.31 (0.78-2.20)	nd	Fair
Kidney function														
Median duration of renal failure (days)	Bouman [12] 2002 Netherlands	68	CrCl 68 ml/min	ICU	nd	35 (35)	36 (36)	Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	Late low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [19 ml/kg/h]	nd	5.7 (6.6)	IQR 2-6-12.7 (2.9-12.2)	nd	Fair
Duration of renal failure in hospital survivors (days)								Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	Late low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [19 ml/kg/h]		3.2 (5.6)	IQR 2.4-5.4 (3.1-8.5)	nd	Fair

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 31: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of citrate vs. heparin/nadroparin in CRRT for AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Hemofilter survival	4 RCTs (High)	298 (142)	Some limitations (-1) ^a	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	None	Low	Two studies showing benefit for citrate vs. heparin. One study of citrate vs. heparin showed no difference. One study of citrate vs. nadroparin showed no difference.	High
Bleeding	4 RCTs (High)	298 (142)	Some limitations (-1) ^a	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	Moderate	Benefit with less bleeding in the citrate arms.	Critical (Crucial)
Transfusions	3 RCTs (High)	278 (134)	Some limitations (-1) ^a	Important inconsistencies (-1)	No uncertainty	None	Low	On average, no difference in 3 studies. One study with statistically significant difference.	High
Metabolic complications	4 RCTs (High)	298 (142)	Some limitations (-1) ^a	No important inconsistencies	No uncertainty	None	Moderate	Calcium was lower and bicarbonate was higher in the citrate arms compared to the heparin arms.	High
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
Benefit for citrate compared to heparin with less bleeding and better circuit survival. With citrate, lower calcium and higher bicarbonate level.							Moderate		

Annotation:

a. Relatively small number of patients and/or circuits.

Supplementary table 32: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of citrate vs. heparin/nadroparin in CRRT for AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Categorical outcomes	Continuous outcomes	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2						
Hemofilter survival															
Hemofilter failure	Kutsogiannis [41] 2000 Canada	67	Highest S _{Cr} 335 µmol/l	ICU	nd	16	14	Citrate	Heparin	None	33% (58%)	--	0.57 (0.34-0.97)	nd	Fair
Hemofilter survival time, h						[36 circuits]	[43 circuits]				--	125 (38)	--	<0.001	Fair
Hemofilter clotting											17% (54%)	--	0.31 ^c (0.14-0.68)	0.002	Fair
Median circuit survival time, h	Monchi [53] 2004 Belgium	67	S _{Cr} 28.5 mg/l	ICU	Maximum of 10 d per patient	8	12	Citrate	Heparin	None	--	70 (40)	-- ^d	0.0007	Fair
Rate of spontaneous circuit failure						(8) [26 circuits]	(12) [23 circuits]				57% (87%)	--	0.66 (0.45-0.95)	0.03	Fair
Median circuit survival time, h											--	140 (45)	--	<0.000 1	Fair
Median circuit survival time until clotting, h	Betjes [10] 2007 Netherlands	58	S _{Cr} 574 mmol/l	ICU	Maximum of 9 d per patient	21 (21) [70 circuits]	27 (27) [72 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	--	36 (38)	--	nd	Fair
Median circuit survival time, h	Oudemans- van Straaten [59] 2009 Netherlands	73	S _{Cr} 2.3 mg/dl	ICU	3 mo	97 (107) ^f	103 (108) ^f	Citrate	Nadroparin	Per protocol	--	27 (26)	-- ^e	NS (0.68)	Good
Bleeding															
Incidence of definite/occult hemorrhage	Kutsogiannis [41] 2000 Canada	67	Highest S _{Cr} 335 µmol/l	ICU	nd	16 (16)	14 (14)	Citrate	Heparin	None	0.01 (0-0.04) [0.13 (0.04-0.23)]	--	-- ^c	0.06	Fair
Major bleeding	Monchi [53] 2004 Belgium	67	S _{Cr} 28.5 mg/l	ICU	Maximum of 10 d per patient	8 (8) [26 circuits]	12 (12) [23 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	0% (8%)	--	0.49 (0.02-10.66)	nd	Fair
Major bleeding	Betjes [10] 2007 Netherlands	58	S _{Cr} 574 mmol/l	ICU	Maximum of 9 d per patient	21 (21) [70 circuits]	27 (27) [72 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	0% (37%)	--	0.06 (0.00-0.98)	<0.01	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/therapy	Categorical outcomes	Continuous outcomes	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2						
Bleeding	Oudemans-van Straaten [59] 2009 Netherlands	73	Sc _r 2.3 mg/dl	ICU	3 mo	97 (107)	103 (108)	Citrate	Nadroparin	Per protocol	6% (16%)	--	0.40 (0.16-0.98)	0.08	Good
Transfusions															
RBC transfusions	Kutsogiannis [41] 2000 Canada	67	Highest Sc _r 335 µmol/l	ICU	nd	16 (16)	14 (14)	Citrate	Heparin	None	0.17 (0.10-0.25) [0.33 (0.18-0.49)]	--	-- ^c	NS (0.13)	Fair
RBC transfusion per CVVH day	Betjes [10] 2007 Netherlands	58	Sc _r 574 mmol/l	ICU	Maximum of 9 d per patient	21 (21) [70 circuits]	27 (27) [72 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	0.43 (0.88)	--	--	0.01	Fair
RBC transfusion during CVVH period	Oudemans-van Straaten [59] 2009 Netherlands	73	Sc _r 2.3 mg/dl	ICU	3 mo	97 (107)	103 (108)	Citrate	Nadroparin	Per protocol	56 (62)	--	0.96 (0.76-1.21)	NS (0.89)	Good
RBC transfusion per CVVH day	Oudemans-van Straaten [59] 2009 Netherlands	73	Sc _r 2.3 mg/dl	ICU	3 mo	97 (107)	103 (108)	Citrate	Nadroparin	Per protocol	0.27 (0.36)	--	--	NS (0.31)	Good
Metabolic complications															
Hypocalcemia	Kutsogiannis [41] 2000 Canada	67	Highest Sc _r 335 µmol/l	ICU	nd	16 (16)	14 (14)	Citrate	Heparin	None	13% (0%)	--	4.39 (0.23-84.23)	nd	Fair
Metabolic alkalosis	Kutsogiannis [41] 2000 Canada	67	Highest Sc _r 335 µmol/l	ICU	nd	16 (16)	14 (14)	Citrate	Heparin	None	19% (0%)	--	6.15 (0.35-109.37)	nd	Fair
Hypocalcemia	Monchi [53] 2004 Belgium	67	Sc _r 28.5 mg/l	ICU	Maximum of 10 d per patient	8 (8) [26 circuits]	12 (12) [23 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	13% (0%)	--	4.41 (0.20-953.97)	nd	Fair
Metabolic alkalosis	Monchi [53] 2004 Belgium	67	Sc _r 28.5 mg/l	ICU	Maximum of 10 d per patient	8 (8) [26 circuits]	12 (12) [23 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	13% (0%)	--	4.41 (0.20-953.97)	nd	Fair
Hypocalcemia	Betjes [10] 2007 Netherlands	58	Sc _r 574 mmol/l	ICU	Maximum of 9 d per patient	21 (21) [70 circuits]	27 (27) [72 circuits]	Citrate	Heparin	None	10% (0%)	--	6.40 (0.32-126.36)	nd ^b	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Categorical outcomes	Continuous outcomes	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2						
Hypocalcemia	Oudemans- van Straaten [59] 2009 Netherlands	73	S _{Cr} 2.3 mg/dl	ICU	3 mo	97 (107)	103 (108)	Citrate	Nadroparin	Per protocol	^a	--	--	<0.001	Good

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw numbers from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Initial hypocalcemia was less often corrected in the citrate group.

b. The mean ionized calcium concentration was slightly lower in the citrate arm. 2 hypocalcemic episodes in the citrate arm without apparent clinical problems which could be rapidly reversed.

c. Kutsogiannis: Hemofilter clotting: HR 0.37 (95% CI 0.20-0.70); Incidence of definite/occult bleeding: RR 0.17 (95% CI 0.03-1.04); RBC transfusion: RR 0.53 (95% CI 0.24-1.20)

d. Monchi: Median circuit survival time: IQR 44-140 (17-48)

e. Oudesman: Median circuit survival time: IQR 13-47 (15-43)

f. Median time on CVVH per patients was 58 and 63 hours for citrate vs. nadroparin respectively.

Supplementary table 33: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of access placement with tunneled versus non-tunneled catheters on AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Catheter related complications and performance														
Insertion failure											27% (0%)	9.00 (0.53- 153.38)	<0.01	Poor
Elapsed time for catheter insertion in min											46 (23)	--	<0.05	Poor
Hematomas											27% (7%)	4.00 (0.50-31.74)	<0.05	Poor
Thrombosis											0% (7%)	0.33 (0.01-7.57)	<0.05	Poor
Infections											0% (13%)	0.20 (0.01-3.84)	<0.05	Poor
Interruptions due to catheter dysfunction											13% (40%)	0.33 (0.08-1.39)	<0.05	Poor
Need for reversal catheter											33% (67%)	0.50 (0.22-1.11)	<0.05	Poor
Blood flow rate %	Klouche [38] 2006 France	61	nd	ICU	Mean dialysis 12 d	15 ^a (19)	15 ^a (15)	Tunneled femoral catheter	Non- tunneled femoral catheter	CVVHDF, IHD with LMWH anticoagulation	0.99 (0.99)	--	NS	Poor
Recirculation rate %											9.4 (11.1)	--	NS	Poor
Blood flow rate (RVP/eQB)											0.62 (0.69)	--	<0.01	Poor
Prescribed Kt/V											1.2 (1.3)	--	NS	Poor
Delivered Kt/V											1.2 (1.1)	--	NS	Poor
Ratio of prescribed to delivered Kt/V											106 (90)	--	<0.05	Poor
Clearance ratio %											88 (82)	--	<0.05	Poor

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Catheter survival														
Catheters needed per patient											1 (1.86)	--	<0.05	Poor
Catheter survival rate at middle of dialysis time	Klouche [38] 2006 France	61	nd	ICU	Mean dialysis 12 d	15 ^a (19)	15 ^a (15)	Tunneled femoral catheter	Non- tunneled femoral catheter	CVVHDF, IHD with LMWH anticoagulation	100% (65%)	1.50 (1.05-2.15)	<0.05	Poor
Catheter survival rate at 10 d use											100% (40%)	2.50 (1.35-4.65)	<0.05	Poor

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Number of actual dialysis sessions in each arm was 89 IHD sessions and 42 CVVHDF sessions in the tunneled catheter arm and 63 IHD sessions 51 CVVHDF sessions in the non-tunneled arm. However, the number of sessions analyzed was 75 IHD sessions and 42 CVVHDF sessions in the tunneled arm and 40 IHD sessions and 46 CVVHDF sessions in the non-tunneled arm.

Supplementary table 34: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of jugular vs. femoral access placement on AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Procedure-related outcomes														
Ultrasound-guided insertion											2% (0%)	15.16 (0.87-265)	NS	Good
No of attempts (median)											1 (1-2) [1 (1-2)]	--	NS	Good
Mean time required for insertion (min)											15 (13)	--	NS	Good
First attempt of the right side	Parienti [62] 2008 France	65	nd	ICU	nd	366 (375)	370 (375)	Jugular	Femoral	nd	71% (57%)	1.24 (1.11-1.38)	NS	Good
Failure on 1st side											9% (5%)	1.91 (1.10-3.32)	0.02	Good
Crossover											5% (2%)	2.27 (1.00-5.17)	0.05	Good
Days of insertion											7 (6)	--	NS	Good
Rate of arterial puncture											5% (4%)	1.58 (0.74-2.95)	NS	Good
Rate of hematoma formation											4% (1%)	3.29 (1.08-9.98)	0.03	Good
Infectious complications														
Incidence of catheter colonizations/100 0 catheter days	Parienti [62] 2008 France	65	nd	ICU	nd	366 (375)	370 (375)	Jugular	Femoral	nd	35.7 (40.8)	^a	NS (0.31)	Good
Incidence of catheter related blood stream infections /1000 catheter days											2.3 (1.5)	--	NS (0.42)	Good
Thrombosis														
Symptomatic deep vein thrombosis	Parienti [62] 2008 France	65	nd	ICU	nd	75 (375)	76 (375)	Jugular	Femoral	nd	1% (1%)	1.01 (0.14-7.14)	NS	Good
Rates of thrombosis											23% (11%)	2.15 (0.99-4.69)	NS (0.16)	Good

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

a. Hazards ratio: 0.85 (95% CI 0.62-1.16)

Supplementary table 35: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of dialysis modality (continuous vs. intermittent RRT) in AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline Kidney function	Setting	Study Duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant Medication/ Therapy	Event Rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 prescribed [delivered]	Arm 2 prescribed [delivered]					
Mortality														
In-hospital	Gabriel [28] 2008 Brazil	64	Scr 5.8 mg/dl	ICU & non-ICU	In-hospital	60 (60)	60 (60)	HVPD Kt/V 0.65 [Kt/V 3.6]	HD Kt/V 1.2 [Kt/V 4.7]	nd	58% (53%)	1.09 (0.80-1.50)	NS (0.48)	Fair
AKI														
Recovery of kidney function in survivors	Gabriel [28] 2008 Brazil	64	Scr 5.8 mg/dl	ICU & non-ICU	In-hospital	60 (60)	60 (60)	HVPD Kt/V 0.65 [Kt/V 3.6]	HD Kt/V 1.2 [Kt/V 4.7]	nd	83% (77%)	1.09 (0.91-1.30)	NS (0.84)	Poor
Recovery of kidney function														
Resolution of AKI in survivors (d)	Gabriel [28] 2008 Brazil	64	Scr 5.8 mg/dl	ICU & non-ICU	In-hospital	60 (60)	60 (60)	HVPD Kt/V 0.65 [Kt/V 3.6]	HD Kt/V 1.2 [Kt/V 4.7]	nd	7.2 (10.6)	--	0.04	Poor

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 36: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of bicarbonate vs. lactate as buffer for CVVH replacement fluid on acidosis in AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1	Arm 2					
Metabolic														
Blood HCO ₃ level, mmol/l	Barenbrock [6] 2000 Germany	59	Scr 3.3 mg/dl	ICU	5 d	61 (61)	56 (56)	Bicarbonate buffer	Lactate buffer	Heparin and vasopressors	23.7 (21.8)	--	<0.01	Good
Blood lactate level, mg/dl											17.4 (28.7)	--	<0.05	Good
i.v. Bicarbonate, mmol/ml/24 h											13 (68)	--	<0.01	Good
Events														
Hypotensive episodes, mean no of events per 24 h	Barenbrock [6] 2000 Germany	59	Scr 3.3 mg/dl	ICU	5 d	61 (61)	56 (56)	Bicarbonate buffer	Lactate buffer	Heparin and vasopressors	0.26 (0.60)	--	<0.005	Fair
CV events											15% (38%)	0.39 (0.20-0.79)	<0.01	Poor

Annotations:

*Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

Supplementary table 37: Evidence profile of RCTs examining the effect of dose of continuous and intermittent RRT on AKI

Outcome	# of studies and study design	Total N (treatment)	Methodological quality of studies per outcome	Consistency across studies	Directness of the evidence generalizability/ applicability	Other considerations	Summary of findings		
							Quality of evidence for outcome	Qualitative and quantitative description of effect	Importance of outcome
Mortality	7 RCTs (High)	3635 (1881)	No limitations	Important inconsistencies (-1) ^a	Direct	None	Moderate	Continuous: No benefit of UF dose greater than 20 ml/kg/d with the exception of one study that showed a benefit of higher dose (≥ 35 ml/kg/d vs. 20 ml/kg/d). Intermittent: No benefit of daily vs. alternate daily dose with Kt/V >1.2 per treatment.	Critical
AKI/RRT dependence	6 RCTs (High)	3413 (1769)	No limitations	None	Direct	None	High	Continuous and Intermittent: No difference for RRT duration or recovery of kidney function between high intensity and low intensity RRT.	Critical
Balance of potential benefits and harm							Quality of overall evidence		
No benefit for higher dose compared to lower dose. (Continuous RRT 20 ml/kg/d and intermittent RRT alternate daily treatment with Kt/V >1.2).							Moderate		

Annotation:

a. One study (Ronco[69]) shows benefit for higher-dose arms.

Supplementary table 38: Summary table of RCTs examining the effect of dose of continuous and intermittent RRT on AKI

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 (prescribed) [delivered]	Arm 2 (prescribed) [delivered]					
Continuous and intermittent RRT														
Mortality														
Mortality, all-cause, 60 dt	VA/NIH Acute Renal Failure Trial Network [87] 2008 US	60	Scr 1.1 mg/dl GFR ≥45 in 88%	ICU	60 d	563 (563)	561 (561)	Intensive RRT ^a (35 ml/kg/d) Daily dose (Kt/V 1.2-1.4) [Kt/V 1.31]	Less intensive RRT ^b (20 ml/kg/d) Alternate daily dose (Kt/V 1.2-1.4) [Kt/V 1.32]	UF on non-dialysis days for volume overload when on intermittent therapy	54% (52%)	1.04 ^d (0.93-1.16)	NS (0.47)	Good
Mortality, in-hospital, 60 dt								51% (48%)	1.07 ^d (0.95-1.20)		NS (0.27)	Good		
AKI/RRT dependence														
RRT-free days through day 28	VA/NIH Acute Renal Failure Trial Network [87] 2008 US	60	Scr 1.1 mg/dl GFR ≥45 in 88%	ICU	60 d	553 (563)	555 (561)	Intensive RRT ^a (35 ml/kg/d) Daily dose (Kt/V 1.2-1.4) [Kt/V 1.31]	Less intensive RRT ^b (20 ml/kg/d) Alternate daily dose (Kt/V 1.2-1.4) [Kt/V 1.32]	UF on non-dialysis days for volume overload when on intermittent therapy	6 (7)	--	NS (0.07)	Good
RRT-dependent, no recovery of renal function								76% (73%)	1.04 (0.97-1.12)		nd	Good		
Complete recovery								15% (18%)	0.84 (0.64-1.09)		NS (0.24)	Good		
Partial recovery								9% (9%)	0.98 (0.68-1.43)			Good		
Continuous RRT														
Mortality														
28 d	RENAL Replacement Therapy Study [68] 2009 Australia & NZ	65	Scr 3.8 mg/dl GFR 54 ml/min	ICU	90 d	721 (747)	743 (761)	Intensive RRT (40 ml/kg/h) [33 ml/kg/h]	Lower intensity RRT (25 ml/kg/h) [22 ml/kg/h]	Vasoactive drugs IHD	39% (37%)	1.07 (0.87-1.32)	NS (0.52)	Good
90 d											45% (45%)	1.00 (0.81-1.23)	NS (0.99)	
In-ICU											35% (34%)	1.03 (0.83-1.27)	NS (0.81)	
In-hospital											9% (10%)	0.913 (0.65-1.29)	NS (0.60)	
Outside-hospital											0.4% (0.3%)	1.55 (0.26-9.28)	NS (0.63)	
In-ICU by 30 dt	Tolwani [85] 2008 US	58	Scr 4.2 mg/dl	ICU	30 d	100 (100)	100 (100)	High dose CVVHDF (35 ml/kg/h) [29 ml/kg/h]	Low dose CVVHDF (20 ml/kg/d) [17 ml/kg/h]	None	51% (44%)	1.16 (0.86-1.55)	NS (0.32)	Fair
In-ICU								60% (55%)	1.09 (0.86-1.39)		NS (0.47)	Fair		
In-hospital								64% (60%)	1.07 (0.86-1.33)		NS (0.56)	Fair		

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 (prescribed) [delivered]	Arm 2 (prescribed) [delivered]					
28 d†	Bouman [12] 2002 Netherlands	68	CrCl 68 ml/min	ICU	28 d	35 (35)	35 (35)	Early high volume HF (72-96 l/d) [48 ml/kg/h]	Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d) [20 ml/kg/h]	nd	26% (31%)	0.84 (0.40-1.77)	nd ^c	Fair
In-ICU											29% (37%)	0.78 (0.40-1.54)	nd ^c	Fair
In-hospital											37% (51%)	0.73 (0.42-1.25)	nd ^c	Fair
15 d†	Ronco [69] 2000 Italy	61	Sc _r 309.4 µmol/l	ICU	15 d	140 (140)	139 (139)	High dose (45 ml/h/kg) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Intermediate dose (35 ml/h/kg) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]	nd	42% (43%)	0.98 (0.74-1.28)	NS (0.87)	Fair
15 d†											42% (59%)	0.49 (0.35-0.69)	0.0013	Fair
15 d†											43% (59%)	0.51 (0.36-0.72)	0.0007	Fair
AKI/RRT dependence														
RRT dependence at 28 d	RENAL Replacement Therapy Study [68] 2009 Australia & NZ	65	Sc _r 3.8 mg/dl GFR 54 ml/min	ICU	90 d	721 (747)	743 (761)	Intensive RRT (40 ml/kg/h) [33 ml/kg/h]	Lower intensity RRT (25 ml/kg/h) [22 ml/kg/h]	Vasoactive drugs IHD	15% (12%)	1.22 (0.83-1.79)	NS (0.31)	Good
RRT dependence at 90 d											7% (4%)	1.59 (0.86-2.92)	NS (0.14)	
RRT days (mean)											13 (12)	--	NS (0.14)	
RRT days (mean)	Ronco [69] 2000 Italy	61	Sc _r 309.4 µmol/l	ICU	nd	140 (140)	139 (139)	High dose (45 ml/h/kg) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Intermediate dose (35 ml/h/kg) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]	nd	12 (13)	--	nd	Fair
RRT days (mean)											12 (11)	--	nd	Fair
RRT days (mean)											13 (11)	--	nd	Fair

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality																											
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 (prescribed) [delivered]	Arm 2 (prescribed) [delivered]																																
Full recovery of kidney function in survivors	Tolwani [85] 2008 US	58	Scr 4.2 mg/dl	ICU	30 d	140 (140)	139 (139)	56 l/24 h]	High dose (45 ml/h/kg) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Intermediate dose (35 ml/h/kg) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]	nd	90% (92%)	0.98 (0.91-1.05)	nd	Fair																										
Full recovery of kidney function in survivors								High dose (45 ml/kg/d) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Low dose (20 ml/kg/d) [19 ml/kg/h 31 l/24 h]	nd						90% (95%)	0.95 (0.89-1.01)	nd	Fair																						
Full recovery of kidney function in survivors								139 (139)	146 (146)											Intermediate dose (35 ml/kg/d) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]	Low dose (20 ml/kg/d) [19 ml/kg/h 31 l/24 h]	nd	92% (95%)	0.97 (0.91-1.03)	nd	Fair															
Full recovery of kidney function in nonsurvivors								140 (140)	139 (139)											High dose (45 ml/h/kg) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Intermediate dose (35 ml/h/kg) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]						nd	20% (19%)	1.05 (0.65-1.70)	nd	Fair										
Full recovery of kidney function in nonsurvivors								140 (140)	146 (146)											High dose (45 ml/kg/d) [42 ml/kg/h 68 l/24 h]	Low dose (20 ml/kg/d) [19 ml/kg/h 31 l/24 h]											nd	20% (20%)	1.00 (0.63-1.59)	nd	Fair					
Full recovery of kidney function in nonsurvivors								139 (139)	146 (146)											Intermediate dose (35 ml/kg/d) [34 ml/kg/h 56 l/24 h]	Low dose (20 ml/kg/d) [19 ml/kg/h 31 l/24 h]																nd	19% (20%)	0.95 (0.59-1.52)	nd	Fair
Renal recovery at ICU discharge								100 (100)	100 (100)											High dose CVVHDF (35 ml/kg/d) [29 ml/kg/h]	Standard dose CVVHDF (20 ml/kg/d) [17 ml/kg/h]																				
Renal recovery at hospital discharge	29% (41%)	0.71 (0.48-1.04)	NS (0.75)	Fair																																					
Duration of renal failure (days)	Bouman [12] 2002 Netherlands	68	CrCl 68 ml/min	ICU	nd	35 (35)	35 (35)	Early high volume HF (72-96 l/d)	Early low volume HF (24-36 l/d)	nd	5.5 (5.7)	--	nd	Fair																											

Outcome	Author Year Country	Age	Baseline kidney function	Setting	Study duration	No. analyzed (No randomized)		Intervention/Control		Concomitant medication/ therapy	Event rate Arm 1 (Arm 2)	RR* (95%CI)	P value	Quality
						Arm 1	Arm 2	Arm 1 (prescribed) [delivered] [48 ml/kg/h]	Arm 2 (prescribed) [delivered] [20 ml/kg/h]					
Duration of renal failure in survivors (days)											4.3 (3.2)	--	nd	Fair
Duration of renal failure in survivors (days)											3.2 (5.6)	--	nd	Fair
Intermittent RRT														
Mortality														
14 d	Faulhaber-Walter [25] 2009	50	Sc _r 3.09 mg/dl	ICU	28 d	81 (81)	75 (76)	Intensified Extended Dialysis	Standard Extended Dialysis	nd	30% (29%)	1.00 (0.81-1.22)	NS (0.97)	Good
28 d	Germany										44% (39%)	0.91 (0.69-1.18)	NS (0.47)	Good
AKI/RRT dependence														
Renal recovery from survivors	Faulhaber-Walter [25] 2009	50	Sc _r 3.09 mg/dl	ICU	28 d	81 (81)	75 (76)	Intensified Extended Dialysis	Standard Extended Dialysis	nd	60% (63%)	0.86 (0.57-1.31)	NS (0.77)	Good
CVVH vs. CVVHD														
Mortality														
28 d survival	Saudan [73] 2006	65	Sc _r 388 µmol/l	ICU	90 d	102 (102)	104 (104)	CVVH (25 ml/kg/h)	CVVHDF (CVVH: 24 ml/kg/h, HD: 18 ml/kg/h)	Nutritional support	59% (39%)	1.51 (1.13-2.02)	0.03	Poor
90 d survival	Switzerland										59% (34%)	1.74 (1.27-2.37)	0.0005	Poor
ΔKidney function														
Renal recovery	Saudan [73] 2006	65	Sc _r 388 µmol/l	ICU	90 d	102 (102)	104 (104)	CVVH (25 ml/kg/h)	CVVHDF (CVVH: 24 ml/kg/h, HD: 18 ml/kg/h)	Nutritional support	78% (71%)	1.10 (0.94-1.29)	NS (0.62)	Poor

Annotations:

* Calculated by ERT with raw data from original studies when available. When study reported only event rates, calculations were done using percentages.

† Primary outcome

a. Intensive RRT: IHD and SLED 6 d/wk or CVVHDF at a net ultrafiltration rate of 35 ml/kg/h

b. Less intensive RRT: IHD and SLED 3 d/wk or CVVHDF at a net ultrafiltration rate of 20 ml/kg/h

c. Comparison across the 3 arms of the study was not statistically significant. (p=0.80)

d. VA/NIH Acute Renal Failure Trial Network: Mortality, All-cause, 60 d, OR 1.09 (95% CI 0.86-1.40); Mortality, In-hospital, 60 d, OR 1.15 (95% CI 0.90-1.47)

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