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DRUG THERAPY

Prevention and Treatment  
of Major Blood Loss

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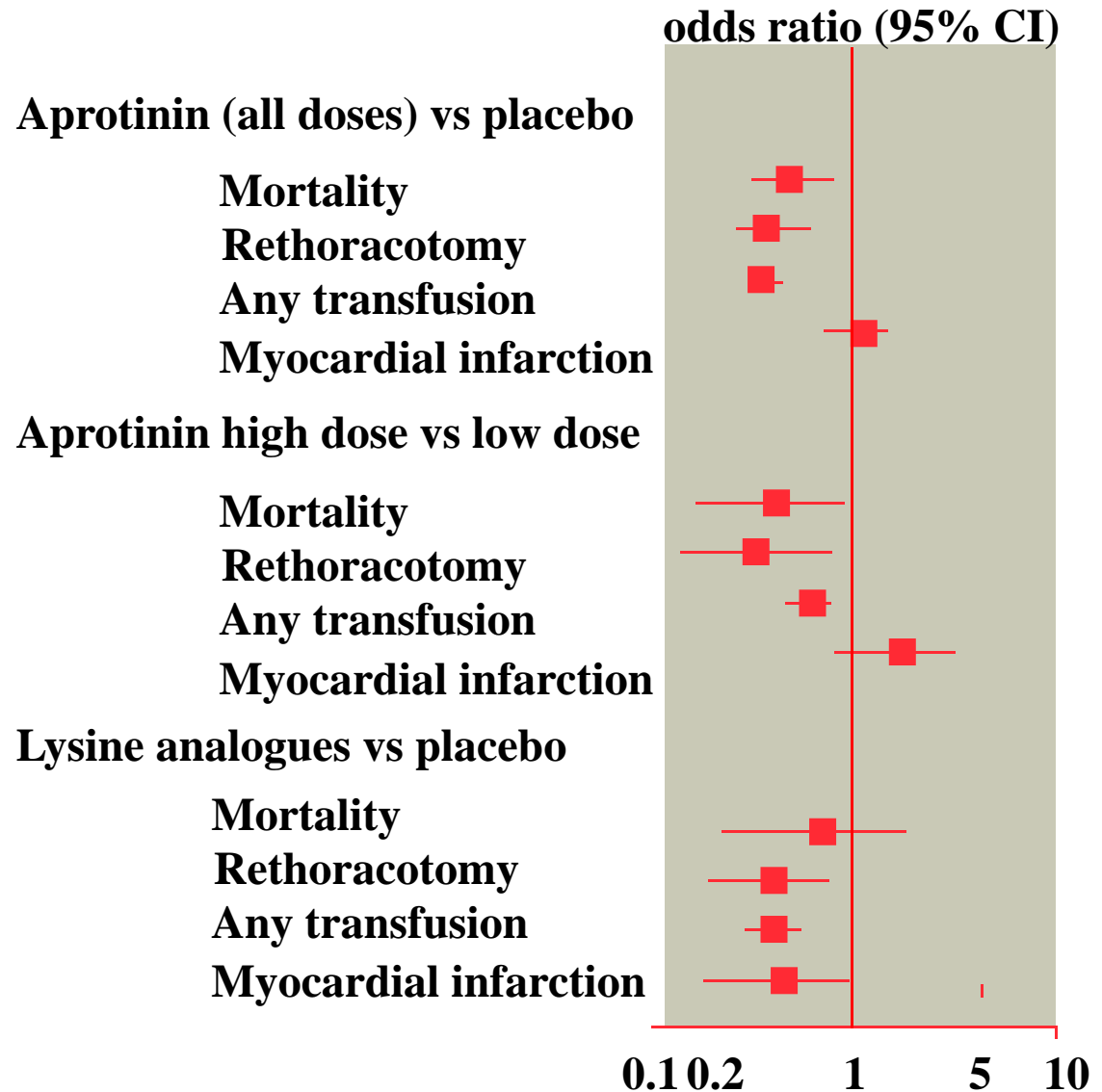
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# Effectiveness of Antifibrinolytics

## ***Meta-analysis of Antifibrinolytics (72 trials, 8409 patients)***

Levi et al  
Lancet 354, 1940 (1999)

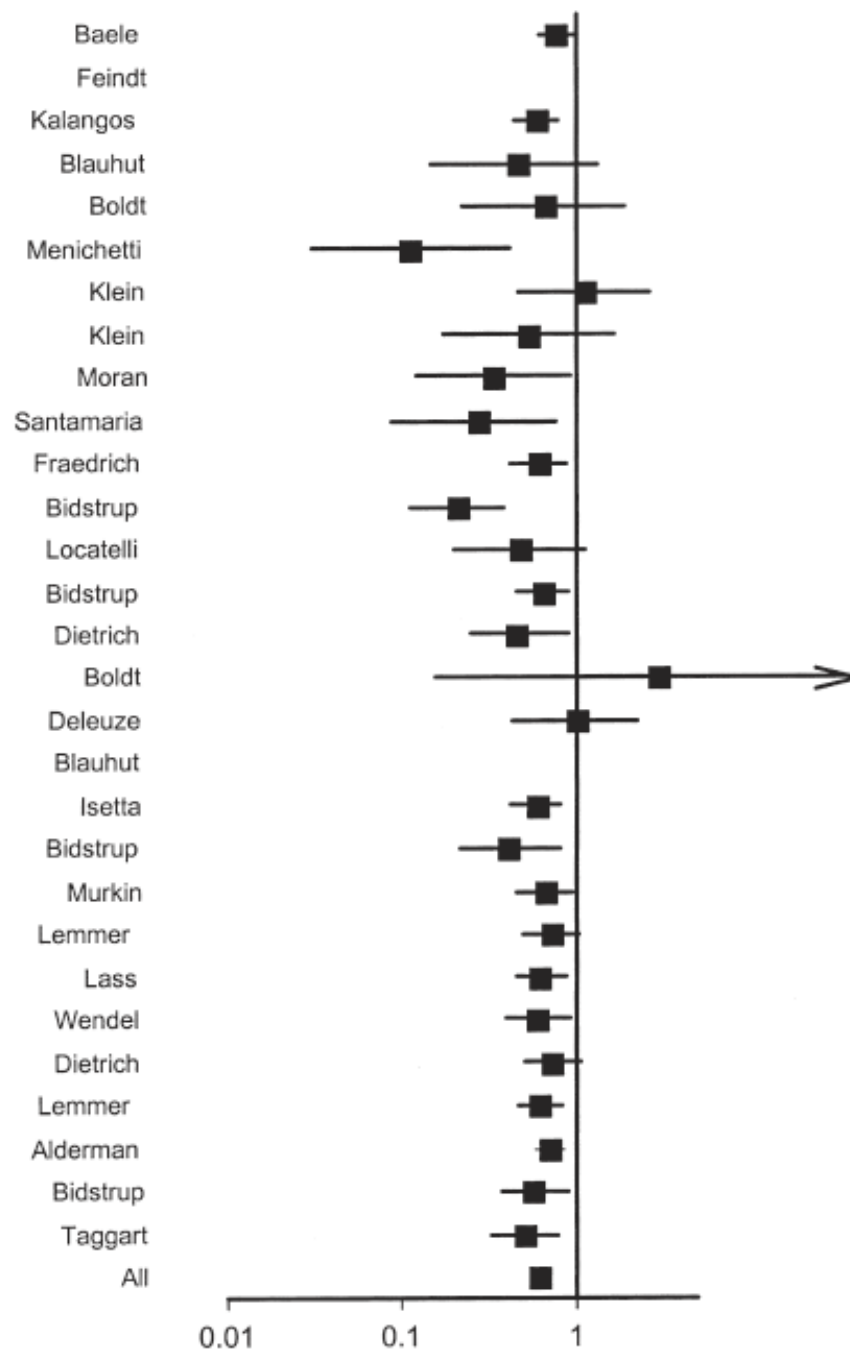


***„ Aprotinin remains the hemostatic agent of choice.....Evidence of the efficacy of lysine analogues is not as solid as that for aprotinin, so these agents should be used only as a second choice in high-risk cardiac surgery...”***

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**Relative risk  
ratio for primary  
CABG and high-  
dose aprotinin.  
Randomized  
trials**



Ferraris VA et al.  
**Ann Thorac Surg**  
**2007; 83:S27-86**

# Aprotinin Trials

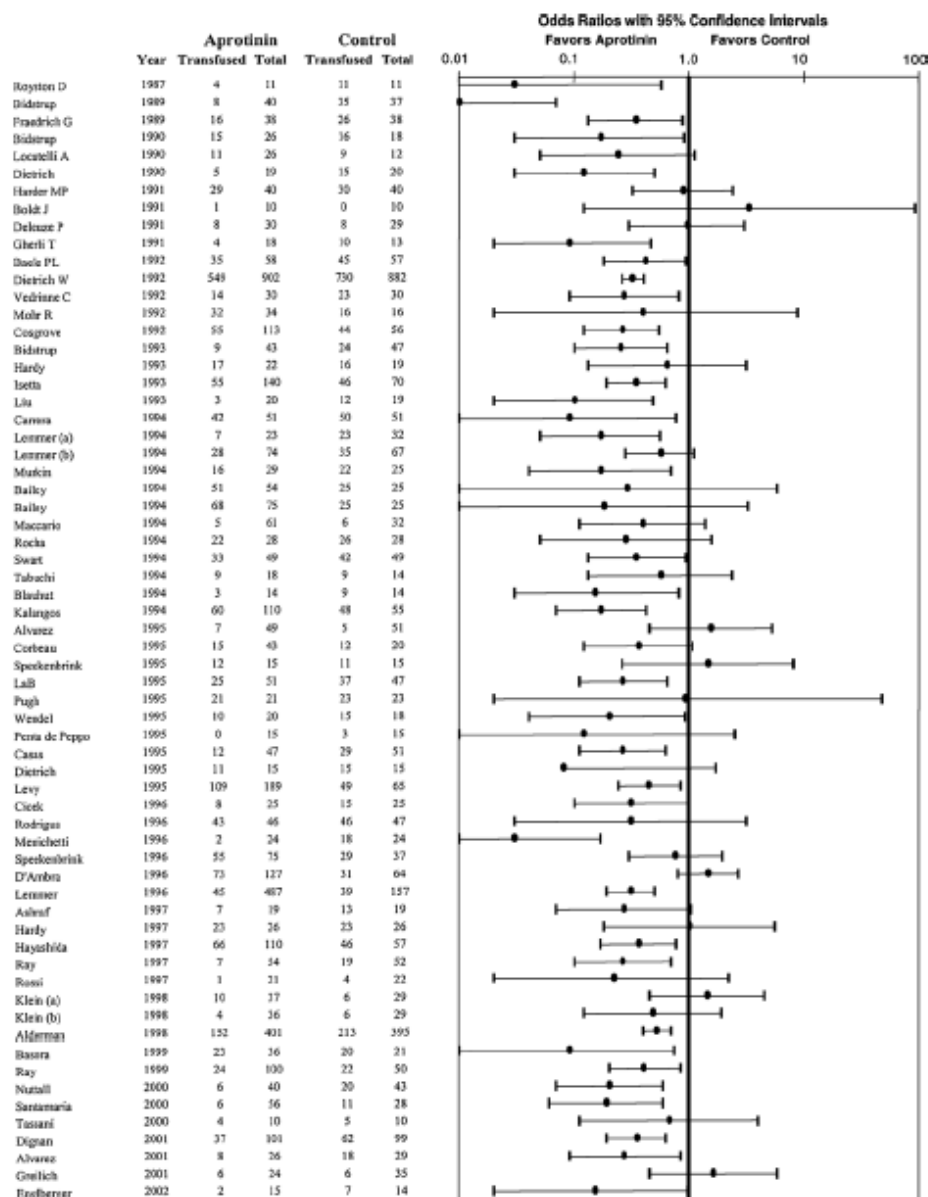


Figure 1 Proportion of patients transfused.

# Rate of Re-exploration Tx vs. Aprotinin

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**Table 5. Rates of return to the operating room for postoperative hemorrhage in patients treated with aprotinin and with tranexamic acid (results are pooled from 17 high-dose aprotinin studies and 11 tranexamic acid studies).**

	<i>Treatment</i>		<i>No treatment</i>			
	<i>Reexplore</i>		<i>Reexplore</i>			
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>RR</i>	<i>CI</i>
Aprotinin	18	1099	56	1043	0.316	0.188-0.53
TxA	14	354	17	362	0.848	0.429-1.674

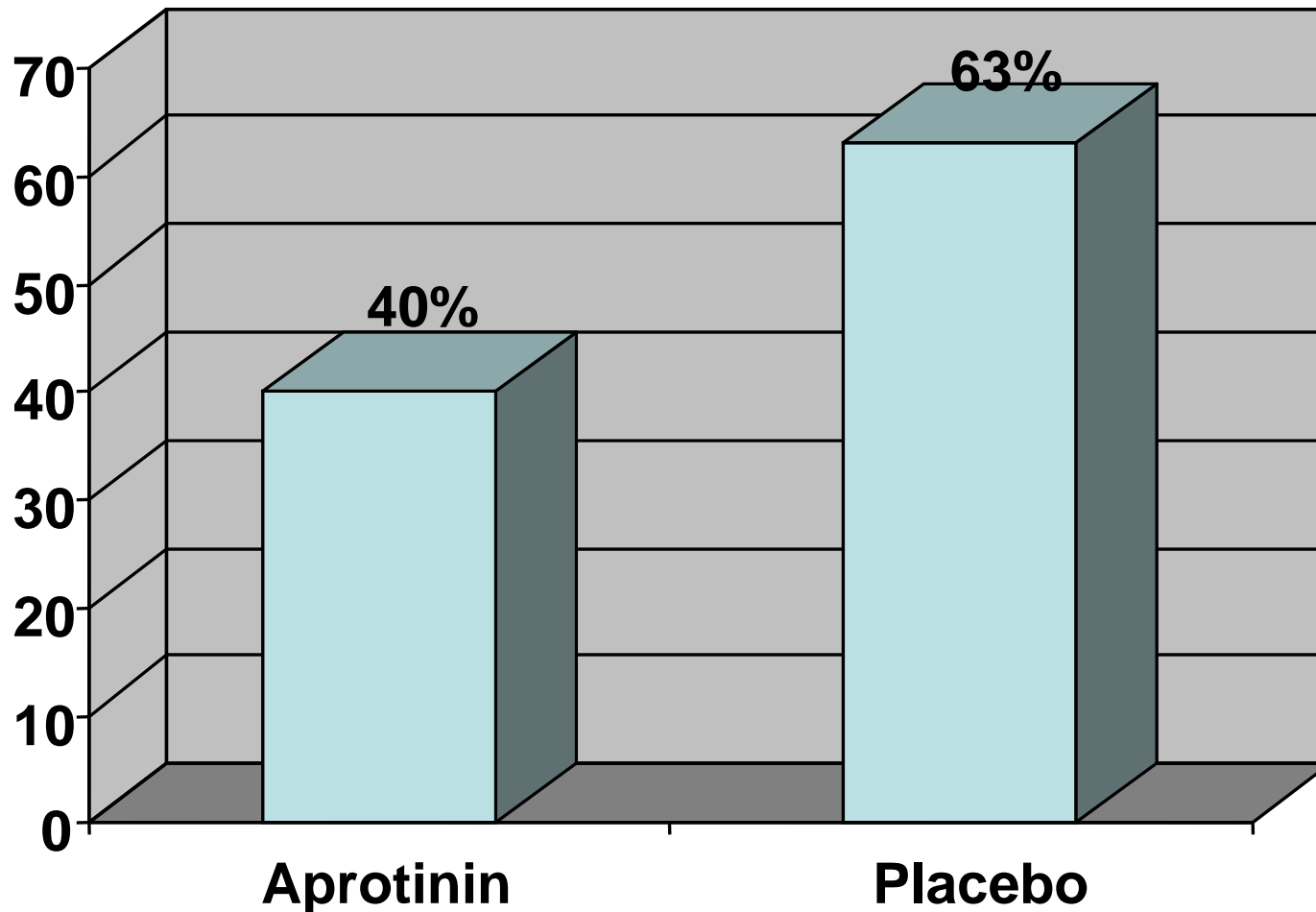
Ferraris VA et al. : Perioperative blood transfusion and blood conservation in cardiac surgery:

the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and The Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists clinical practice guideline.

**Ann Thorac Surg 2007; 83:S27-86**

# Patients with allogeneic Blood

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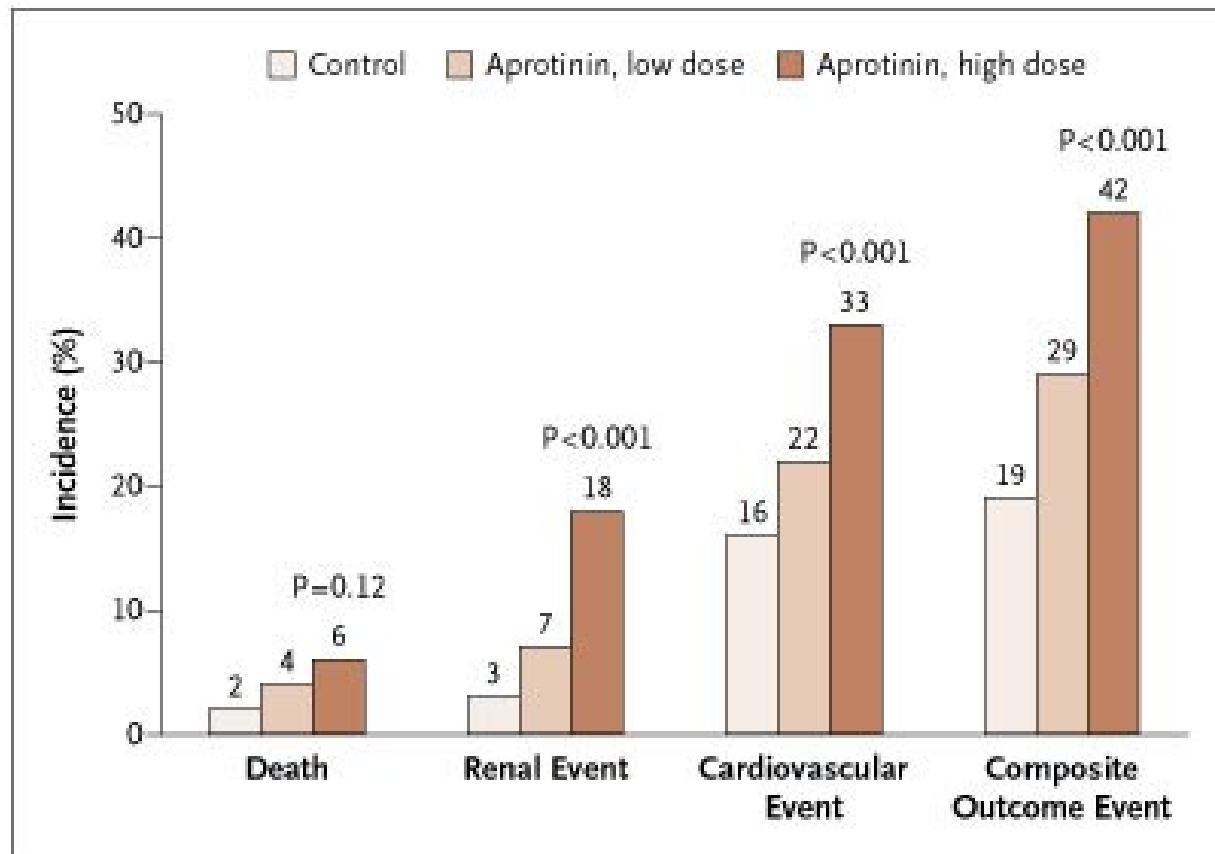


**„...risk reduction corresponded to more than 250 patients prevented from receiving any blood transfusion per 1000 CABG procedures“**

# „Dose-Dependency“

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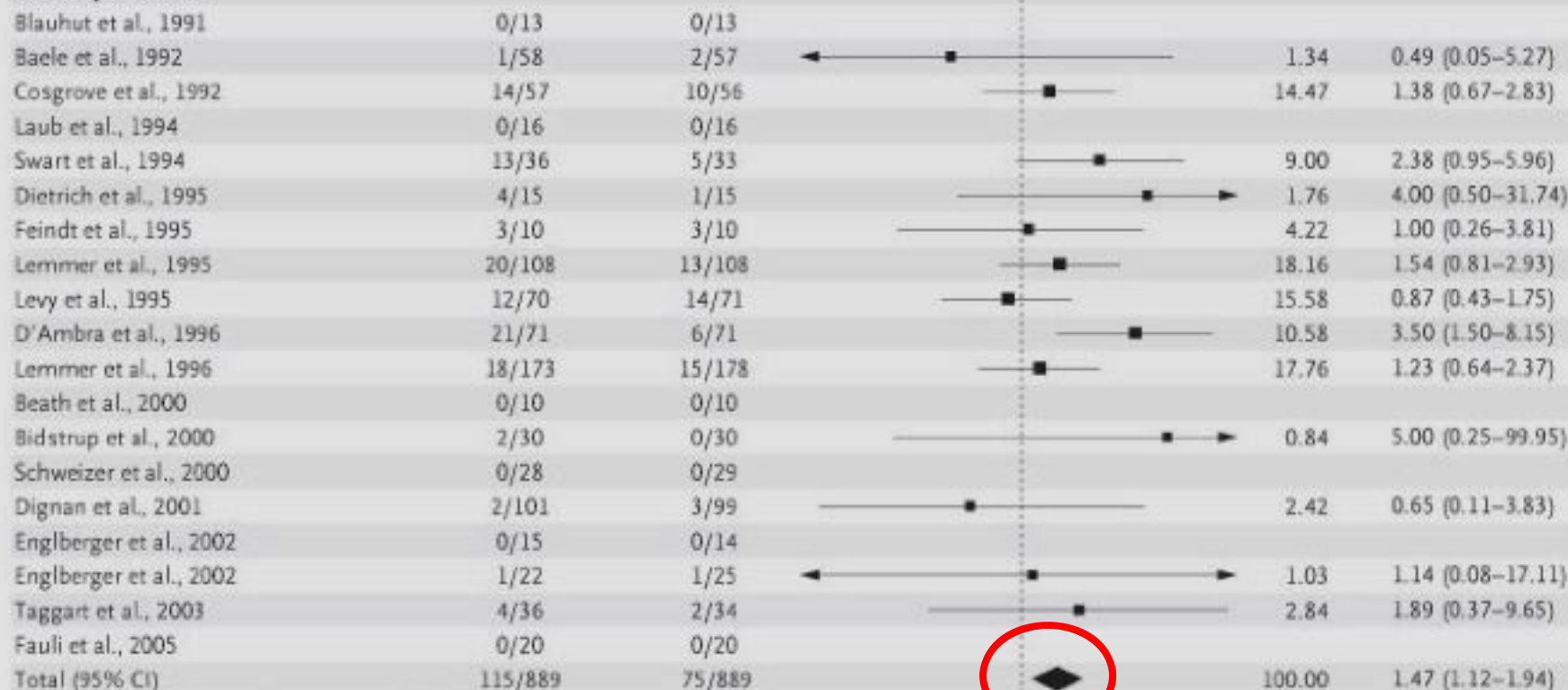
Renal event = dialysis or dysfunction





# Renal Dysfunction and Aprotinin (Creatinine increase at least 0.5 mg/dl)

## Renal dysfunction

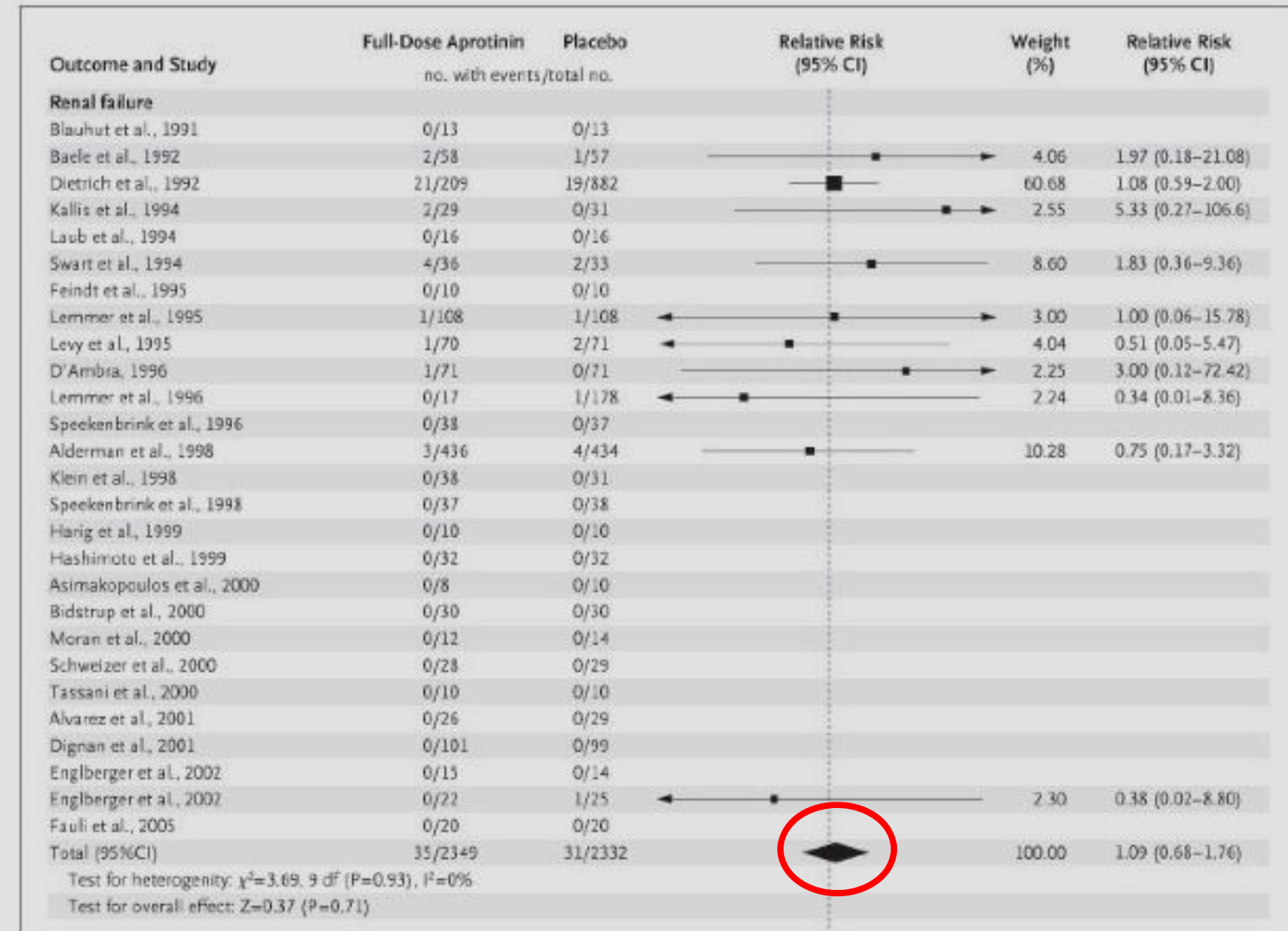


Test for heterogeneity:  $\chi^2=11.28$ , 12 df ( $P=0.50$ ),  $I^2=0\%$

Test for overall effect:  $Z=2.77$  ( $P=0.006$ )

0.1 0.2 0.5 1.0 2.0 5.0 10.0  
 Aprotinin Better Placebo Better

# Renal Failure and Aprotinin (Creatinine $\geq 2$ mg/dl or Dialysis))



Brown, Birkemeyer, O'Connor, NEJM 354:18 (2006)

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- Case control study using propensity scores
- Aprotinin n=449; Tranexamic acid n=449
- No statistically significant difference ( $p=0.08$ ) in renal failure
  - 25/449 (5.6%) aprotinin group
  - 14/449 (3.1%) tranexamic acid group
- Higher incidence of renal dysfunction in aprotinin patients ( $p=0.01$ )
  - 107/449 (24%) aprotinin group
  - 75/449 (17%) tranexamic acid group
  - renal dysfunction was more pronounced in aprotinin treated patients with abnormal preoperative renal function

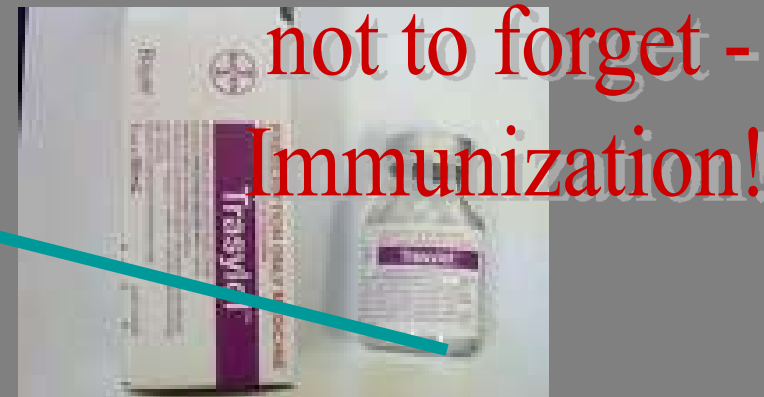
# Antifibrinolytics

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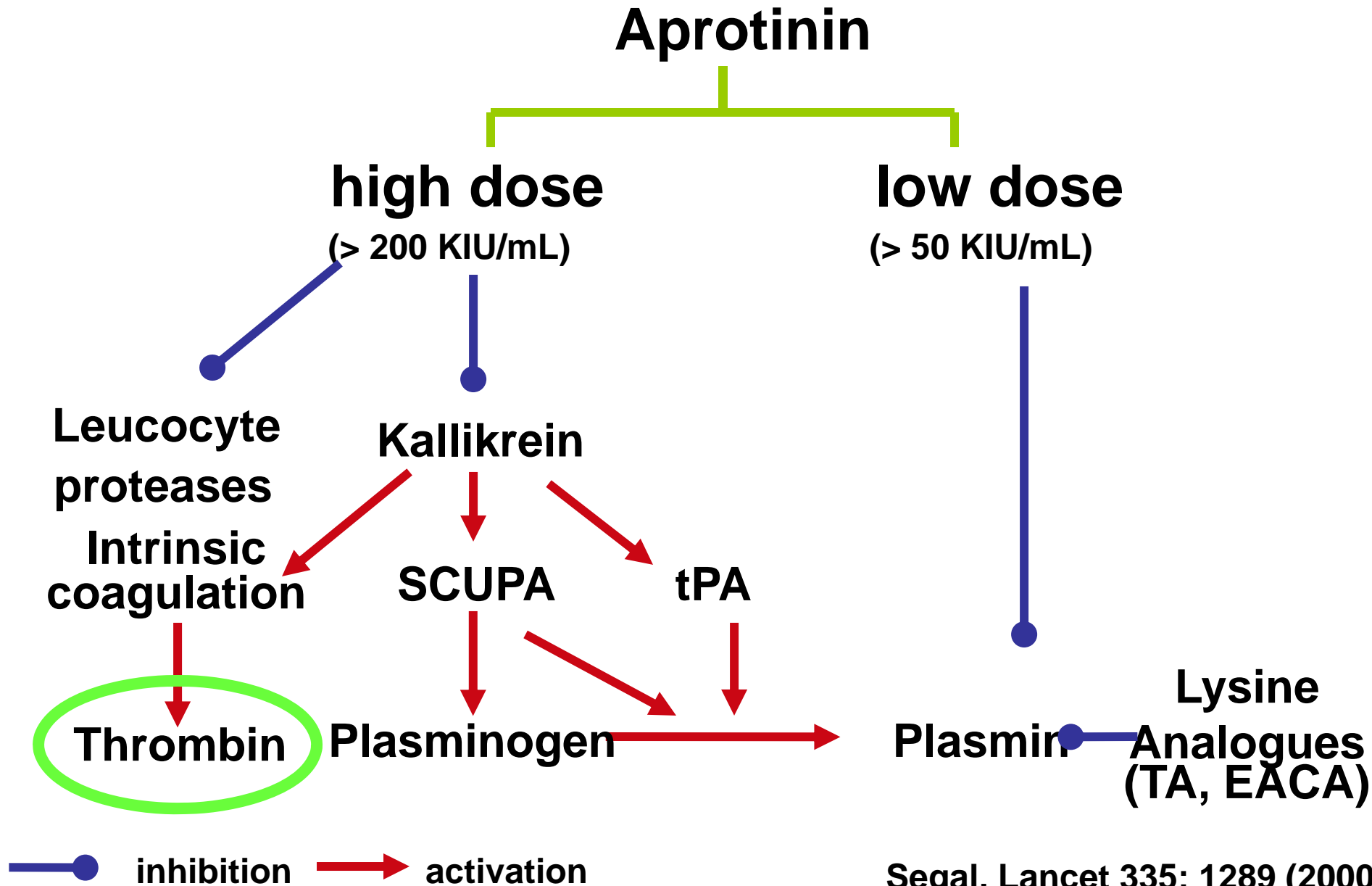


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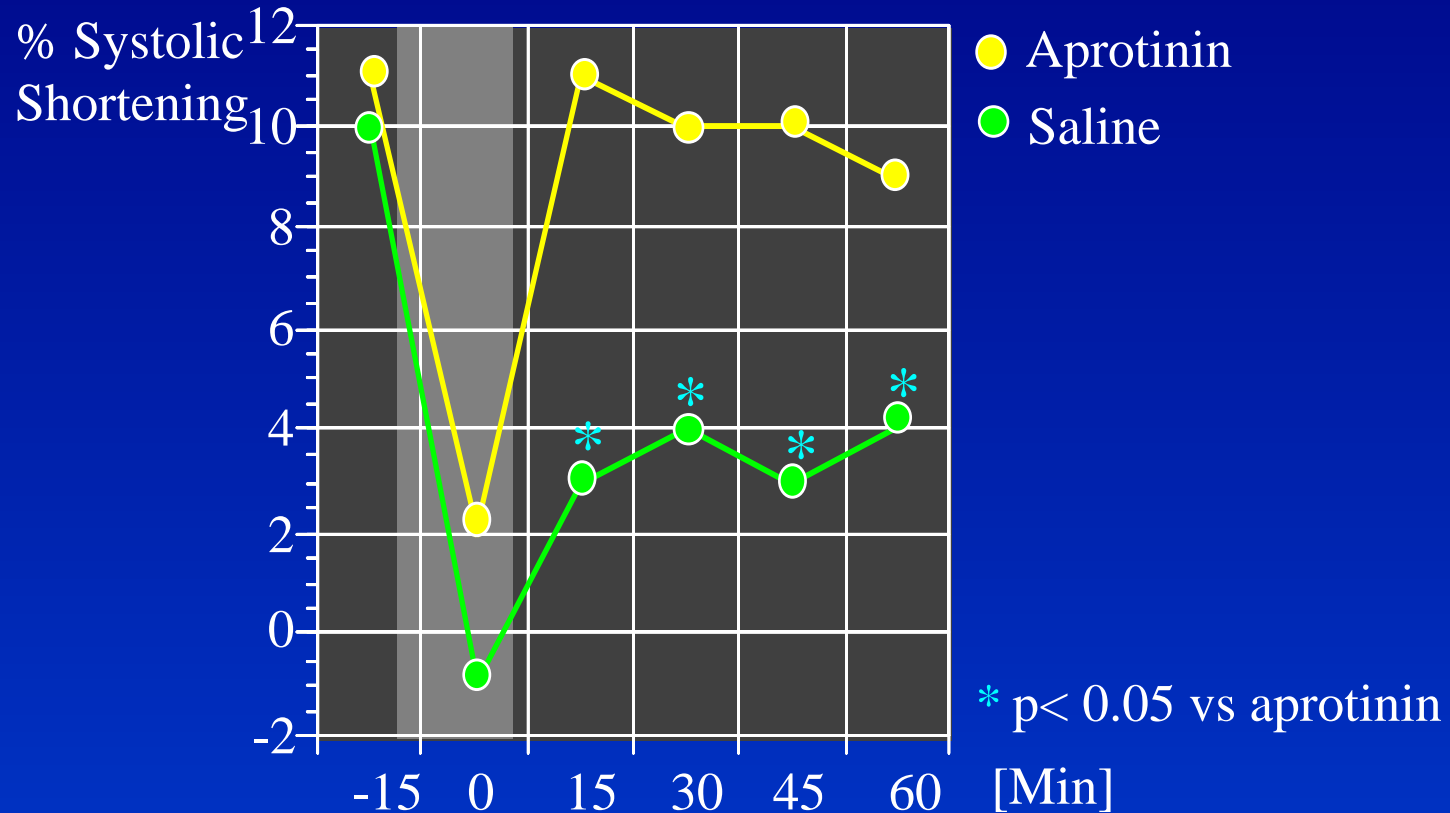
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# Aprotinin Dosage and Hemostasis



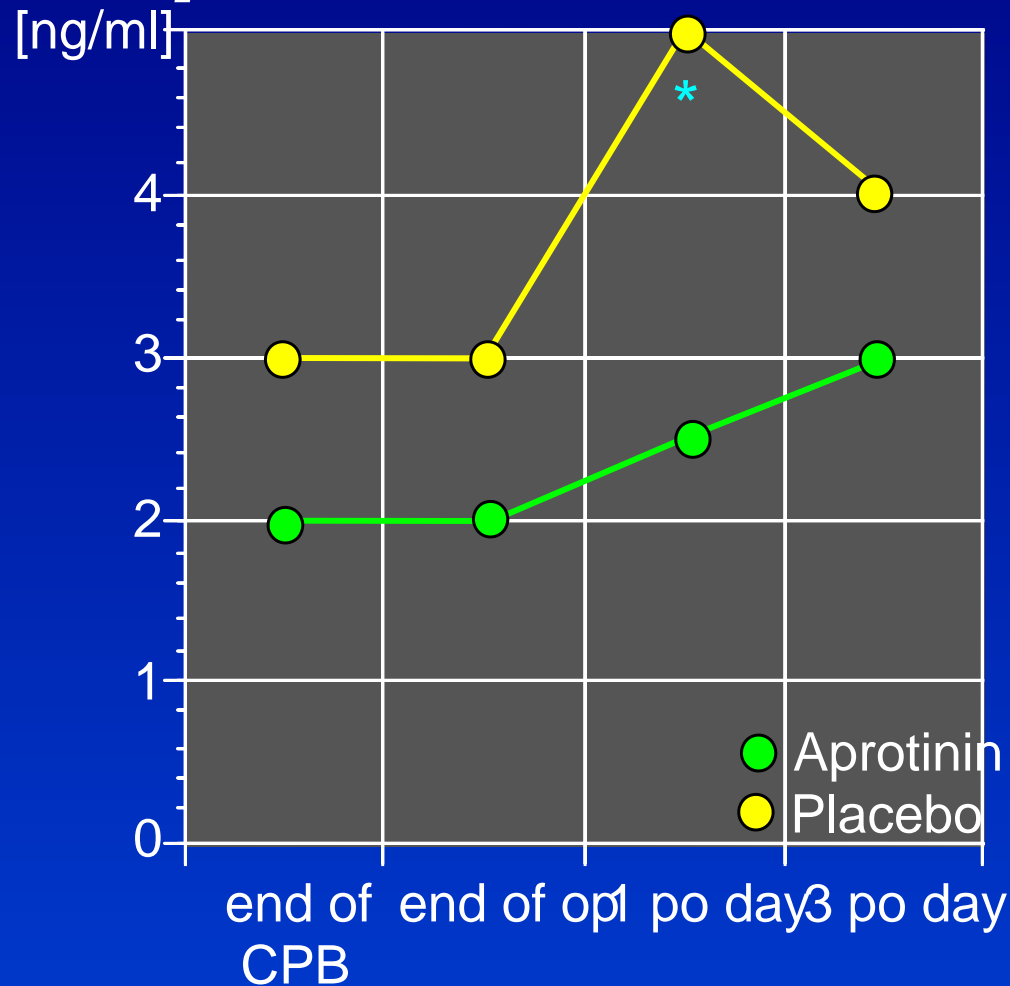
# *Aprotinin in stunned myocardium*db



Aprotinin 30000 KIU/kg before the onset of regional myocardial ischemia or placebo in dogs with 15 min interruption of the circumflex coronary artery blood flow

McCarthy, Anesth Analg 89:1096, 1999

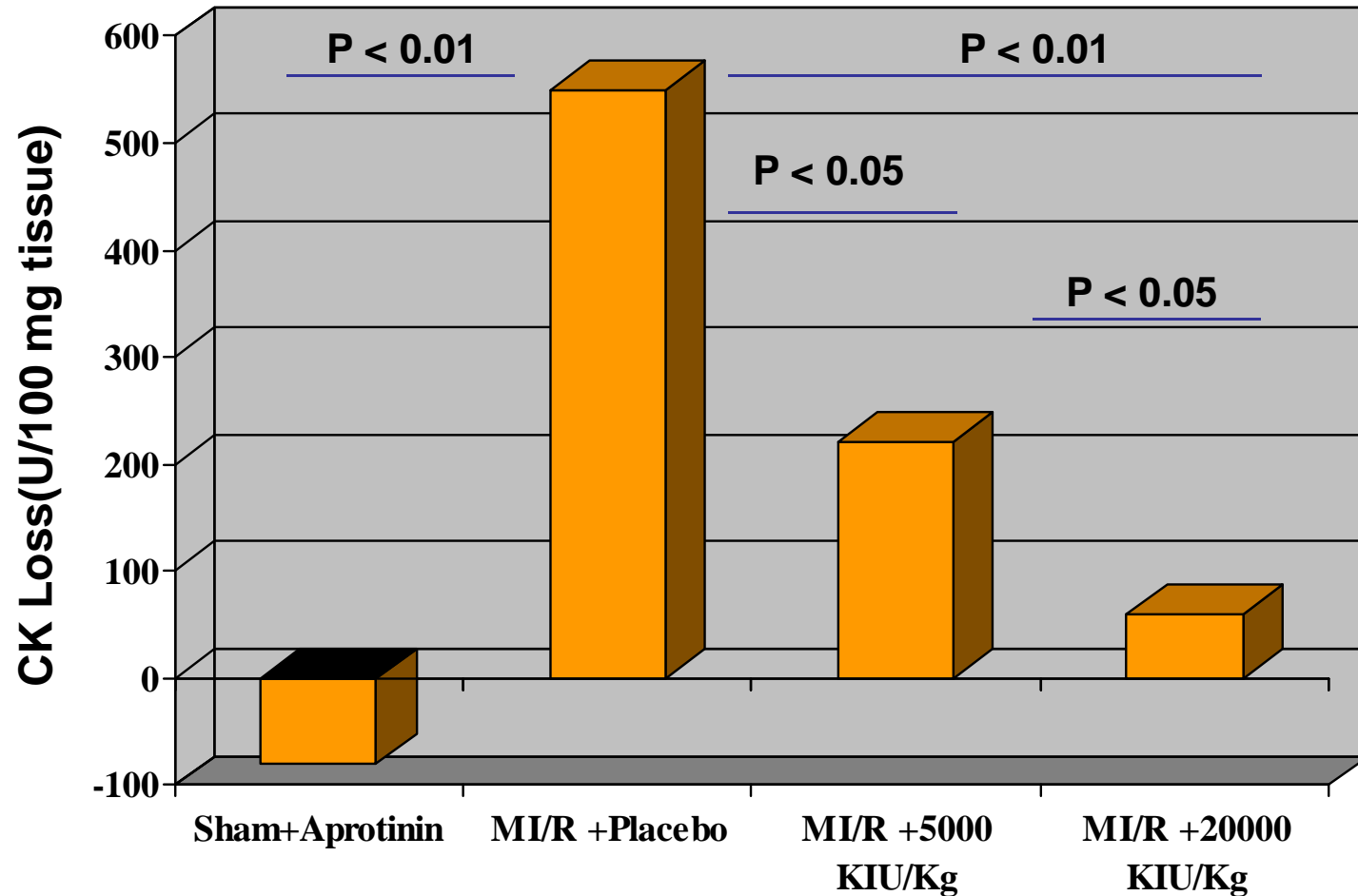
# Troponin T Release and Aprotinin



40 patients undergoing CABG, double-blind high-dose aprotinin (60.000 KIU/kg + 7.000 KIU/kg\*h) or placebo, two Q-wave infarctions in the control group with the highest values (excluded)

\*  $p < 0.05$  vs aprotinin

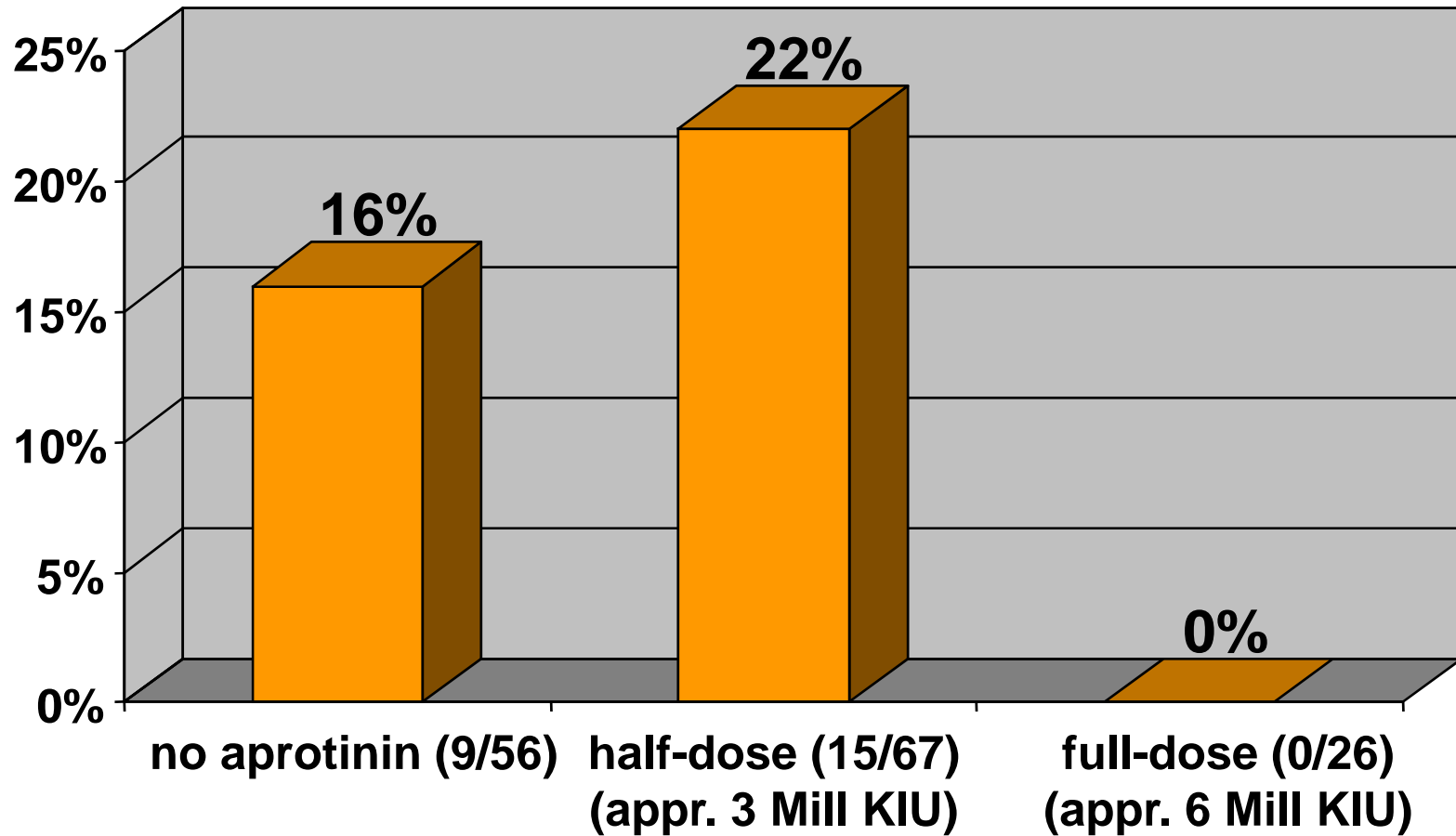
# Aprotinin - Regional Ischemia and Reperfusion in a Beating Heart Rat Model





# Stroke after Cardiac Surgery

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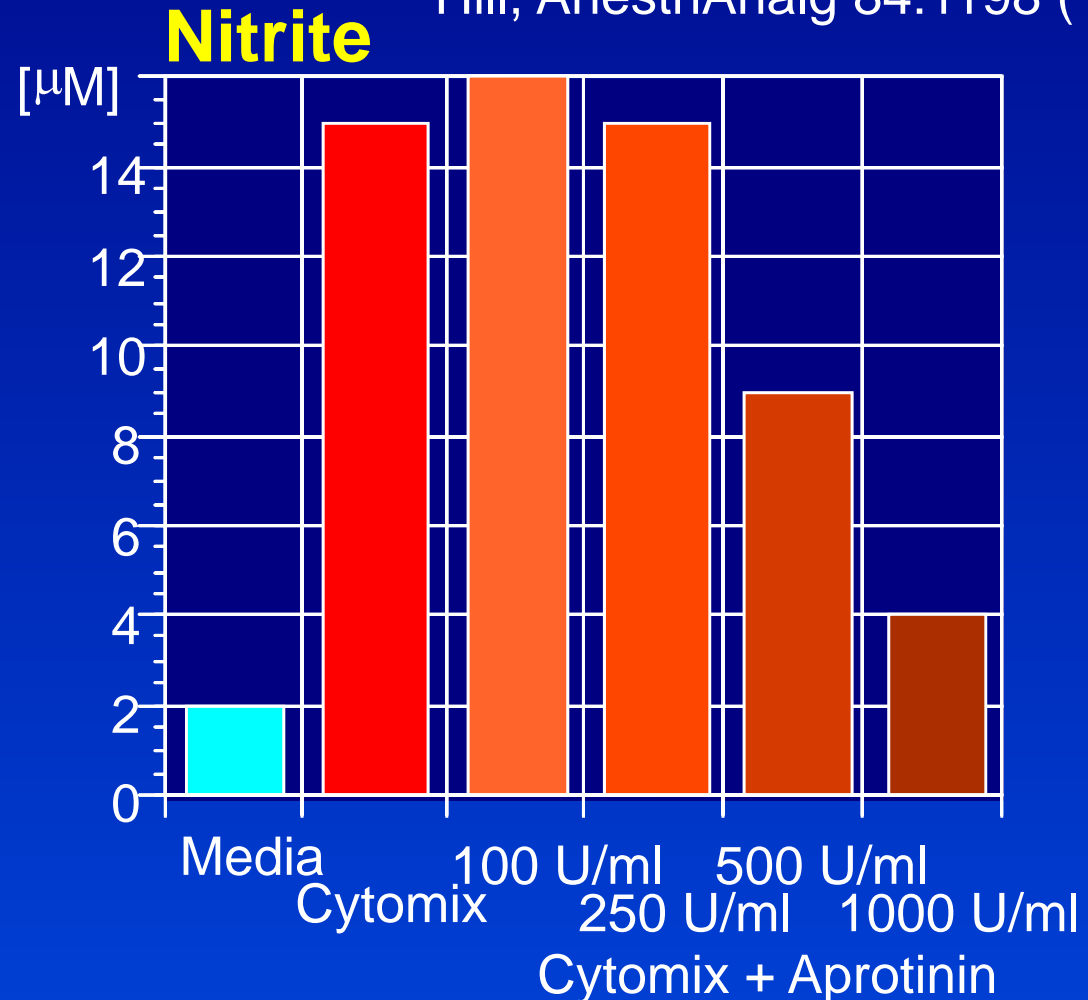
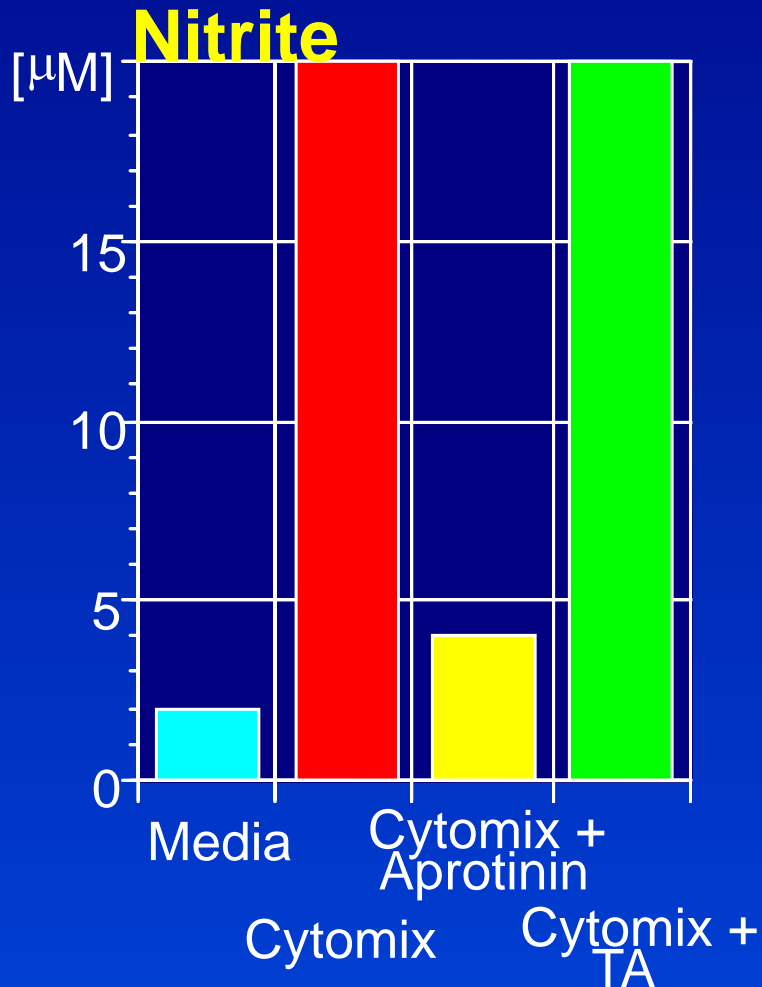


Frumento, Ann Thorac Surg 75:479  
(2003)

# Aprotinin but not TA inhibits cytokine-induced iNOS expression

(measured on murine bronchial epithelial cells)

Hill, AnesthAnalg 84:1198 (1996)



# ***Drugs and Bleeding Tendency***

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- **Synthetic Antifibrinolytics**

**Tranexamic-acid**

**$\epsilon$  - Aminocaproic-acid**

- **Aprotinin**

- **Nafamostat Mesilate (KK Inh**

## ***Tranexamic Acid Administration after Cardiac Surgery***

*A Prospective, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study*

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## **Tranexamic Acid Reduces Bleeding and the Need for Blood Transfusion in Primary Myocardial Revascularization**

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## **Prophylactic Tranexamic Acid and $\epsilon$ -Aminocaproic Acid for Primary Myocardial Revascularization**

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## ***The Effect of Prophylactic $\epsilon$ -Aminocaproic Acid on Bleeding, Transfusions, Platelet Function, and Fibrinolysis during Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting***

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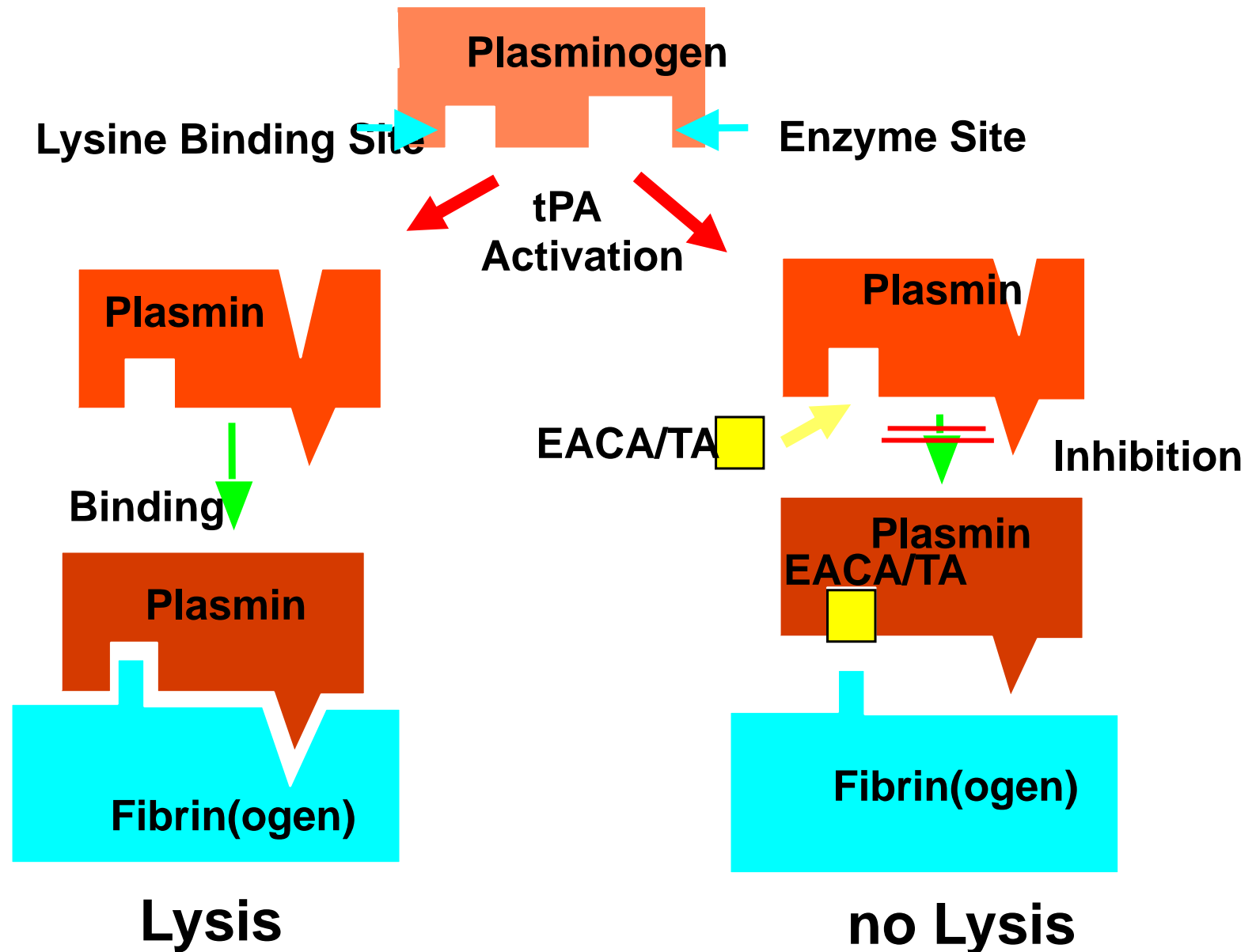
# Lysin Analoge

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# Mode of Action of Lysine Analogues

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# Metaanalysis

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## **Anti-fibrinolytic use for minimising perioperative allogeneic blood transfusion**

**Henry DA, Moxey AJ, Carless PA, O'Connell D, McClelland B, Henderson KM, Sly K, Laupacis A, Fergusson D**

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# Tx vs Control

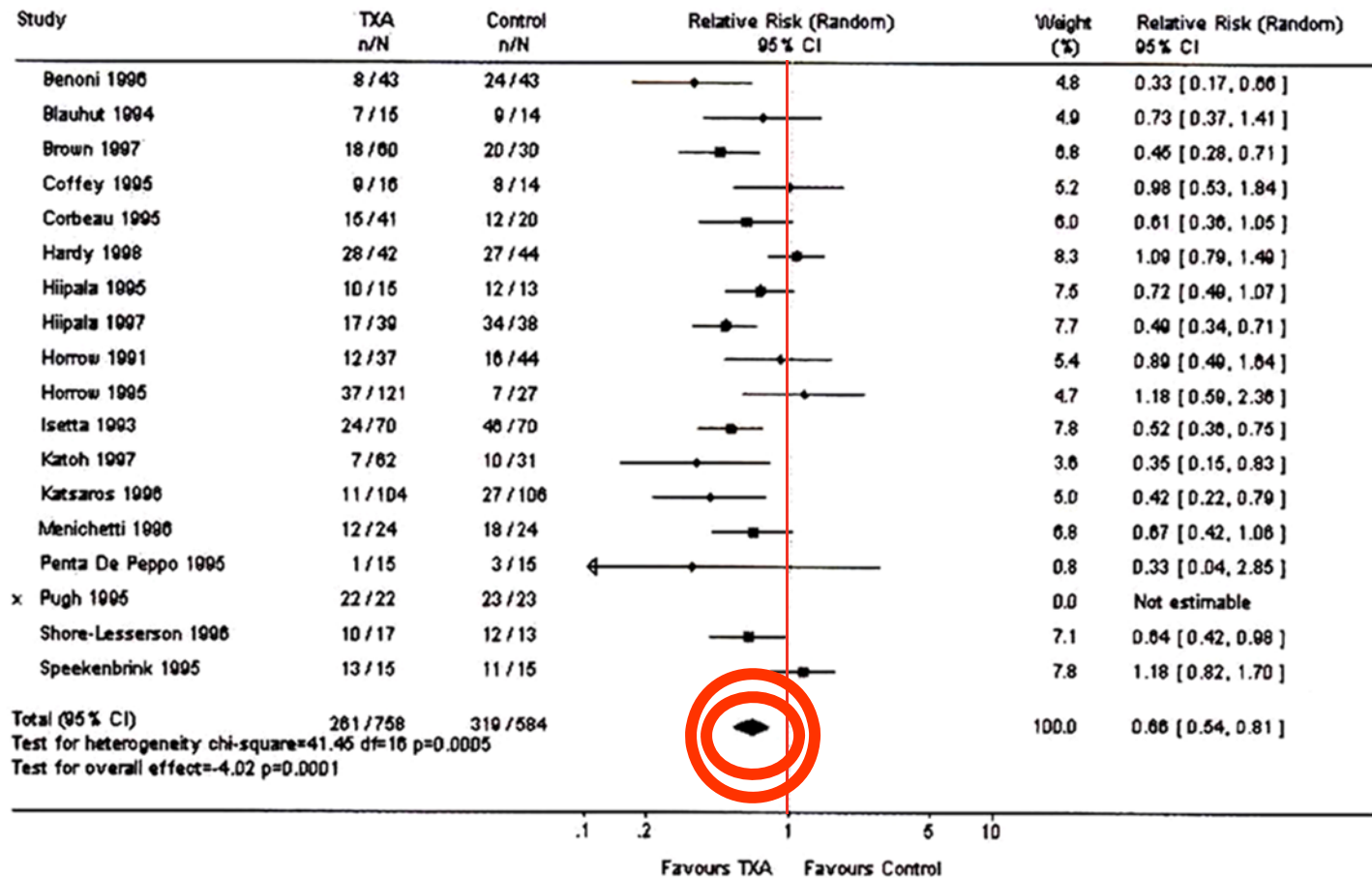
**Fig. 02 Tranexamic Acid vs Control (Blood Transfused)**

**02.01 No. Exposed to Allogeneic Blood**

Review: Anti-fibrinolytic use for minimising perioperative allogeneic blood transfusion

Comparison: 02 Tranexamic Acid vs Control (Blood Transfused)

Outcome: 01 No. Exposed to Allogeneic Blood





# Studies TA vs Aprotinin

Authors	Procedure	Drug	N	Total dose (70 kg/4 h)	Blood Loss	Blood Transfusion	Proportion Transfused
Bennett-Guerrero et al [18]	Repeat ACB/ and/or valve	Aprotinin	99	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < EACA <sup>a</sup>	AP < EACA <sup>b</sup>	
		EACA	105	19 g			
Blauhut et al [19]	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	14	$5 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>
		Tranexamic	15	1 g	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>
		Placebo	14		AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP < TA <sup>a</sup>
Boughennou et al [20]	Primary valve	Aprotinin	17	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	TA < AP <sup>b</sup>	TA < AP <sup>b</sup>	
		Tranexamic	18	2 g			
Corbeau et al [21]	Primary ACB or AVR	Aprotinin	43	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>b</sup>	
		Tranexamic	41	2.1 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	
		Placebo	20		AP < TA <sup>a</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	
Cousin et al [22]	Primary or repeat ACB and/or valve	Aprotinin	20	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP H < Pla <sup>a</sup>	Pla < AP H <sup>a</sup>	
		Aprotinin L	30	$1.75 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP L < Pla <sup>a</sup>	Pla < AP L <sup>b</sup>	
		Tranexamic	20	2.1 g	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	Pla < TA <sup>b</sup>	
		Placebo	20		AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	TA < AP <sup>b</sup>	
Eberle et al [23] (nonrandomized control)	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	20	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP > Pla <sup>b</sup>	AP > Pla <sup>b</sup>
		EACA	20	40 g	EACA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	EACA > Pla <sup>b</sup>	EACA > Pla <sup>b</sup>
		Placebo	10		AP < EACA <sup>b</sup>	AP < EACA <sup>b</sup>	AP < EACA <sup>b</sup>
Jamieson et al [24] (two trials)	Repeat valve	Aprotinin	24	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		Placebo-AP	36				
		Tranexamic	22	10 mg	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	
		Placebo-TA	39		AP = TA	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	
Landymore et al [25]	Primary ACB	Aprotinin L	48	$1 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		Tranexamic	56	1 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		EACA	44	9 g	EACA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	EACA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		Placebo	50		AP < EACA < TA <sup>a</sup>	AP = EACA < TA <sup>a</sup>	
Menichetti et al [26]	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	24	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>		AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>
		Tranexamic	24	1.5 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>		TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>
		Placebo	24		AP < TA <sup>a</sup>		AP < TA <sup>a</sup>
Morgan et al [27] (nonconcurrent control)	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	75	$7 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>
		Tranexamic	75	2 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>
		Placebo	30		AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP = TA	AP = TA
Penta de Peppo et al [28]	Primary ACB and/or valve	Aprotinin	15	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>b</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>b</sup>
		Tranexamic	15	1.4 g	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>
		Placebo	15		AP < TA <sup>a</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>
Pugh et al [29] (single-blinded)	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	21	$2 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		Tranexamic	22	5 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	
		Placebo	23		AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	
Speckenbring et al [30]	Primary ACB	Aprotinin	15	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < Pla <sup>a</sup>	AP < Pla <sup>b</sup>	
		Tranexamic	15	1 g	TA < Pla <sup>a</sup>	TA < Pla <sup>b</sup>	
		Placebo	15		AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	AP < TA <sup>b</sup>	
Trinh-Duc et al [31]	ACB, valve Aorta, ASD	Aprotinin	29	$6 \times 10^6$ KIU	AP < EACA <sup>a</sup>	AP < EACA <sup>a</sup>	AP < EACA <sup>b</sup>
		EACA	27	20 g			

<sup>a</sup>  $p \leq 0.05$ . <sup>b</sup> Not significant.

ACB = aortocoronary bypass surgery; AVR = aortic valve replacement; Aorta = aortic dissection repair; AP = aprotinin group; Aprotinin H = high dose aprotinin; Aprotinin L = low dose aprotinin; ASD = atrial septal defect repair; EACA = ε-aminocaproic acid; KIU = kallikrein inhibitory units; Pla = placebo; TA = tranexamic acid group; Valve = valve replacement surgery.

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# Tranexamic Acid vs. Aprotinin

## *21% relative risk increase for allogeneic transfusion with Tranexamic Acid*

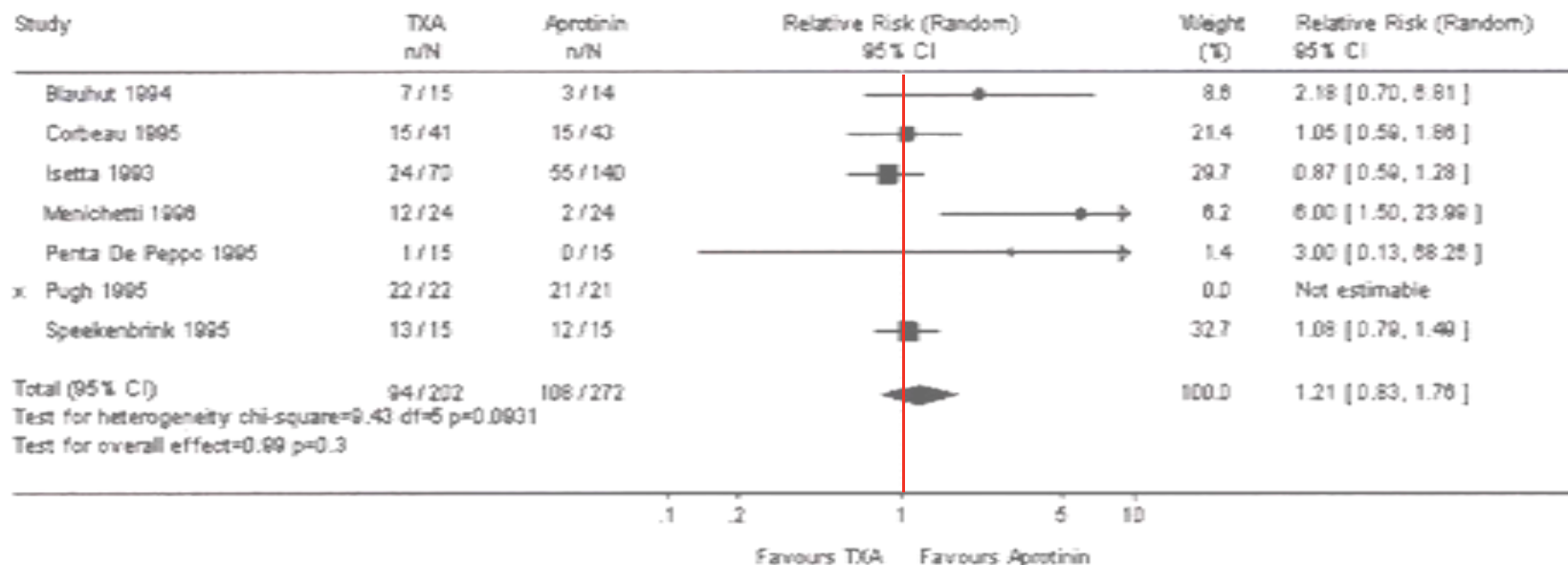
Fig. 04 TXA vs Aprotinin (Blood Transfused)

### 04.01 No. Exposed to Allogeneic Blood

Review: Anti-fibrinolytic use for minimising perioperative allogeneic blood transfusion

Comparison: 04 TXA vs Aprotinin (Blood Transfused)

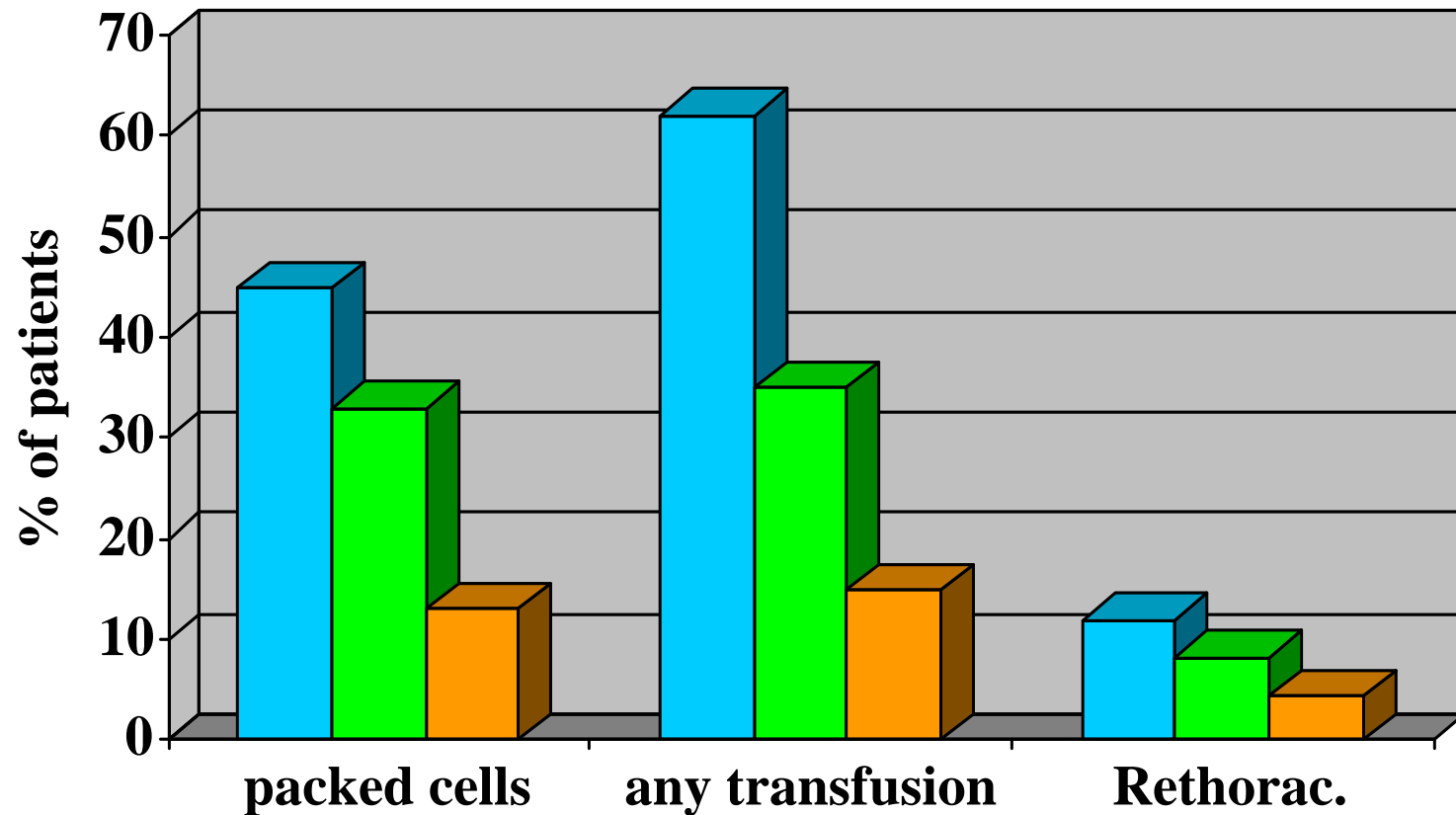
Outcome: 01 No. Exposed to Allogeneic Blood



# Aprotinin vs. Tranexamic Acid

*TA dosage: 61 mg/kg = 5g/patient*

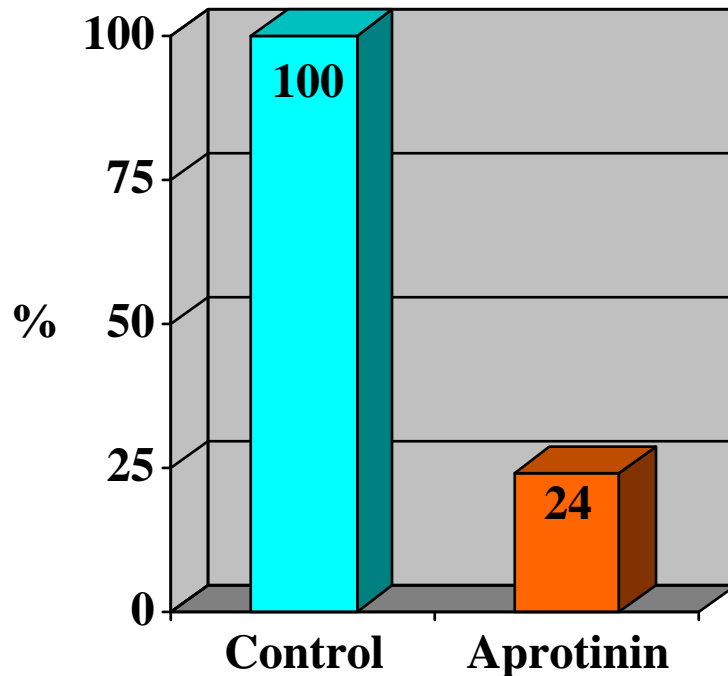
■ Placebo (n=60) ■ Tx (n=60) ■ Aprotinin (n=60)



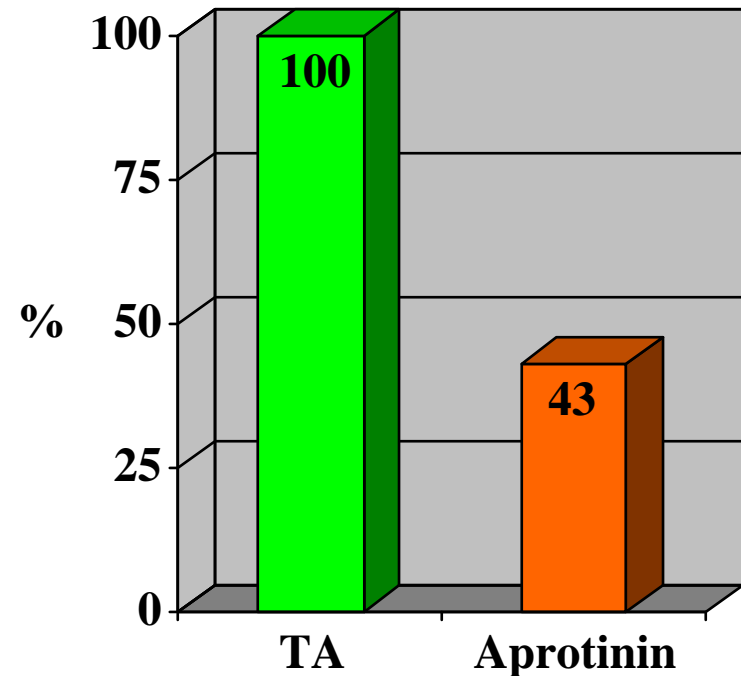
# Relative Risk Receiving any Allogeneic Transfusion

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Aprotinin vs Control



Aprotinin vs Tranexamic Acid

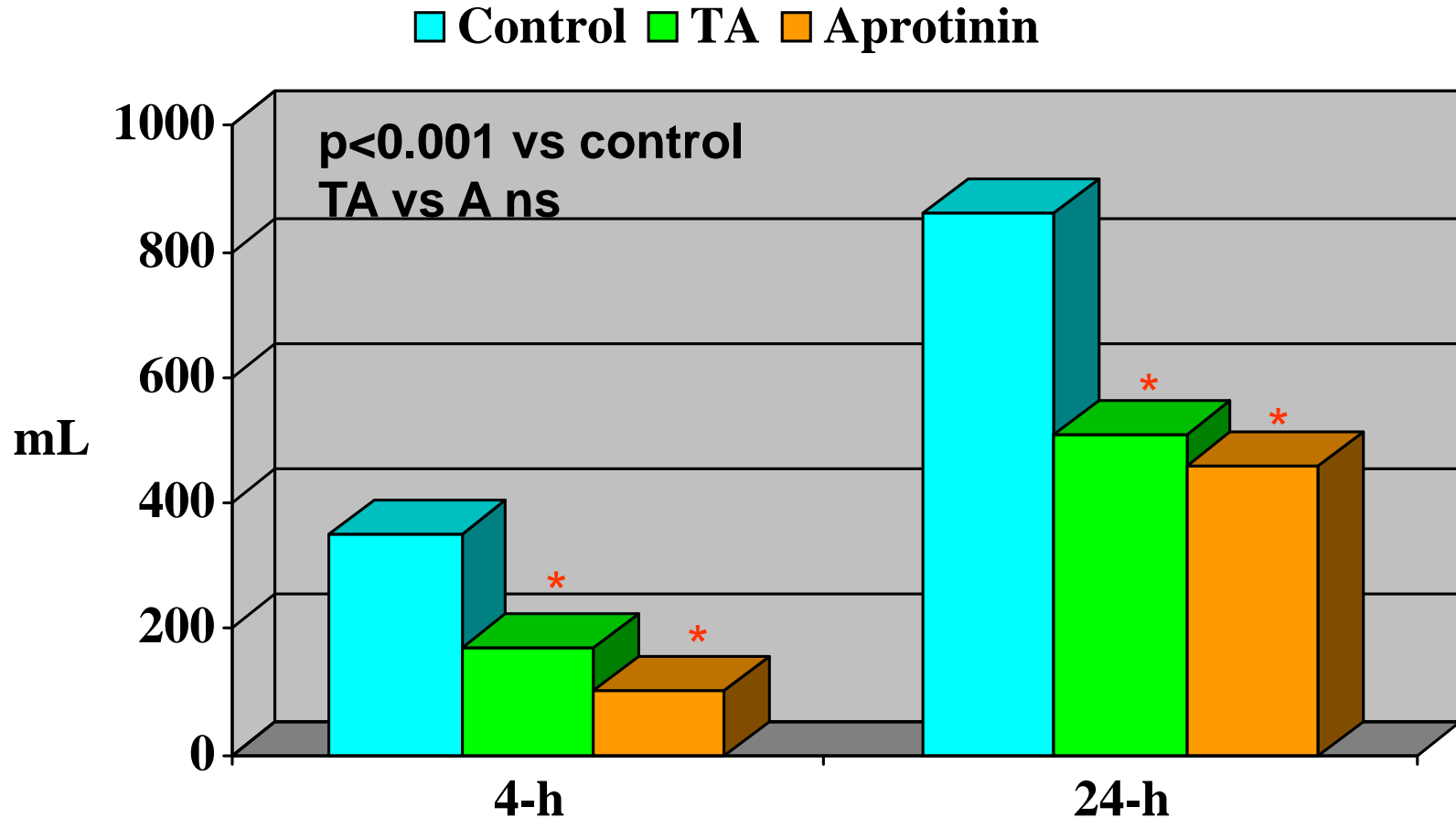


**Aprotinin vs Control: 0.24 (95% CI 0.13 - 0.46;  $p < 0.0001$ )**

**Aprotinin vs TA: 0.43 (95% CI 0.21 - 0.86;  $p < 0.0195$ )**

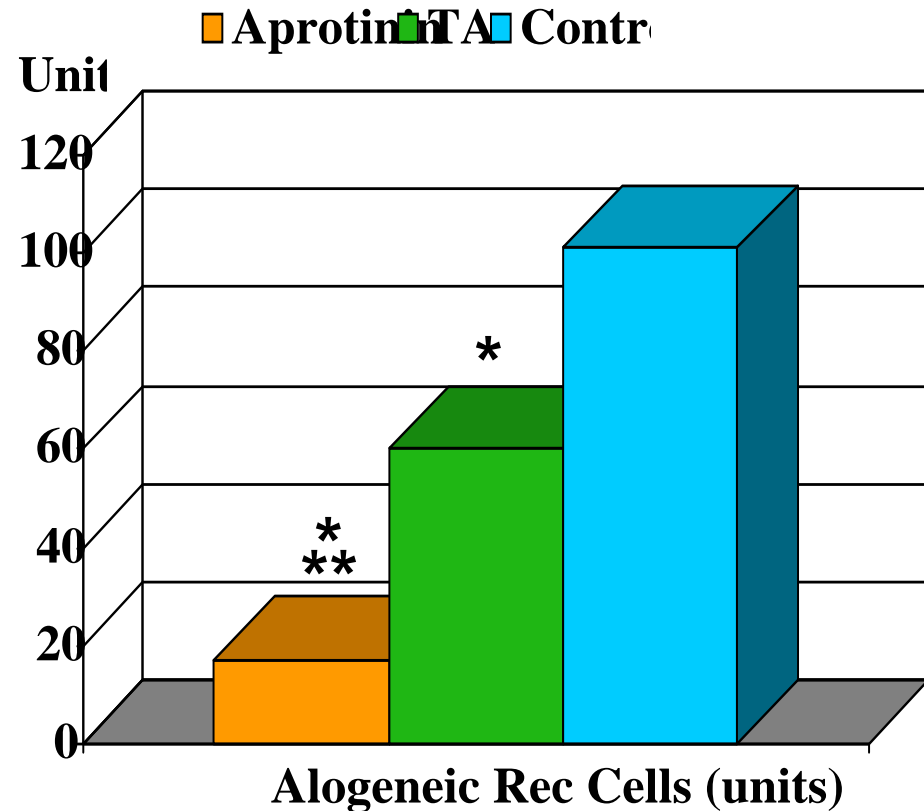
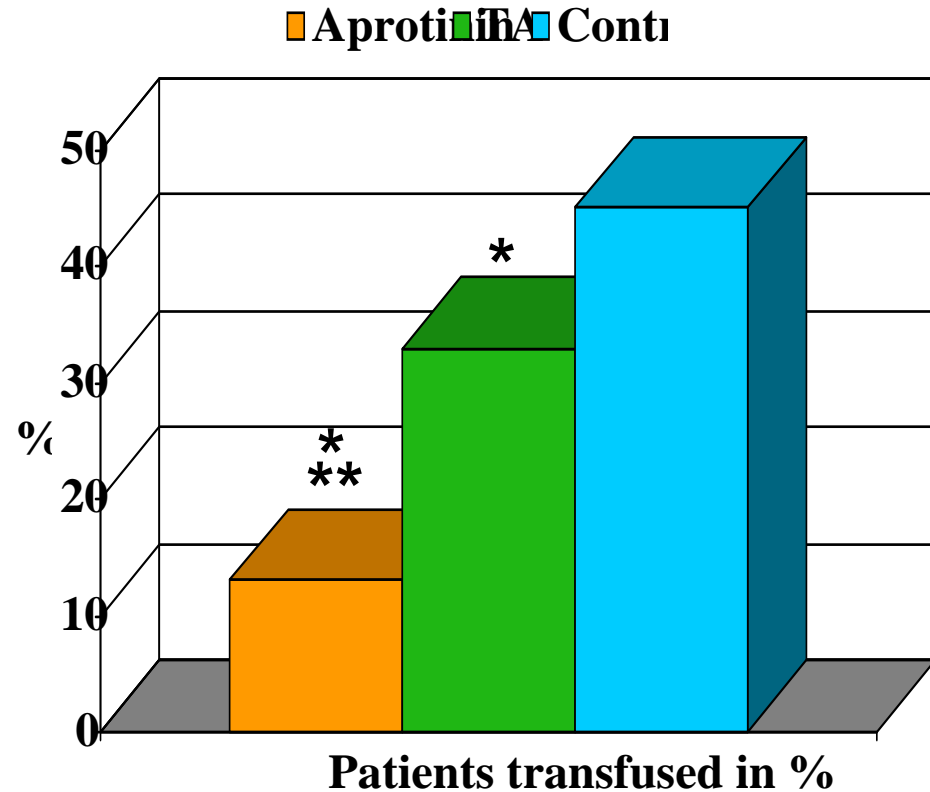
# Blood Loss and TA

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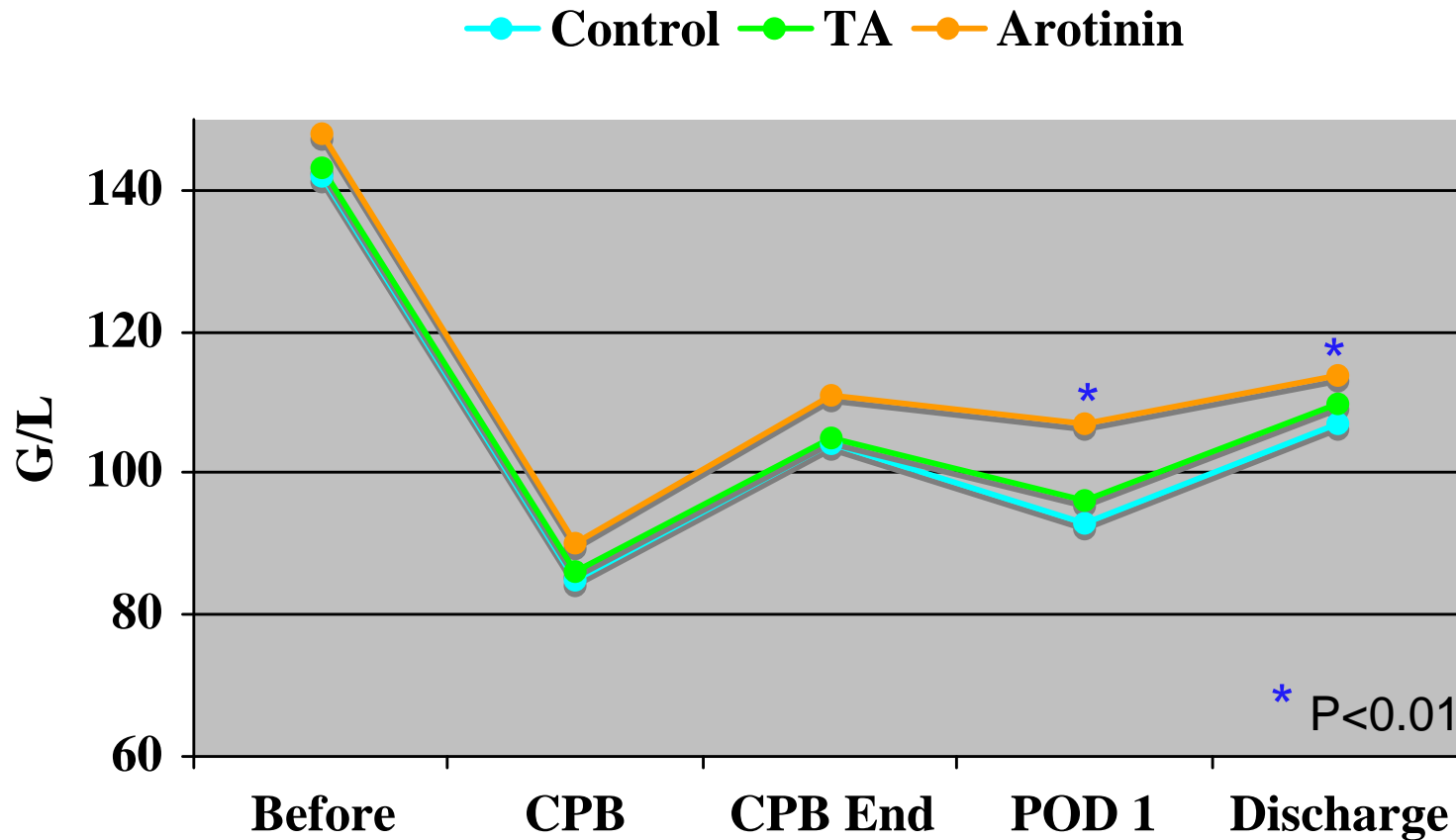
# Aprotinin vs. Tranexamic Acid

*TA dosage: 61 mg/kg = 5g/patient)*



# Hemoglobin

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## Dosierung bei Patienten mit eingeschränkter Nierenfunktion

Serum-Kreatinin		Dosis i. v.	Verabreichung
µmol/l	mg/100 ml		
120 bis 249	1,35 bis 2,82	10 mg/kg KG (2 Ampullen)	alle 12 Stunden
250 bis 500	2,82 bis 5,65	10 mg/kg KG (2 Ampullen)	alle 24 Stunden
> 500	> 5,65	5 mg/kg KG (1 Ampulle)	alle 24 Stunden



***TA dosage: 2.5 - 100 mg/kg***  
***!!***

# Conclusion Tranexamicacid

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- *Pure antifibrinolytic*
- *TA effectively reduces bleeding tendency*
- *In patients with increased bleeding tendency, TA seems to be slightly less effective compared to Aprotinin*
- *Apparently, no effect on inflammatory response, no effect on thrombin generation*
- *Dosage undefined*

# Discussion

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- *No allogeneic Blood - Major Advantage ??*
- *Primary Prophylaxis to reduce Blood Loss*



**Severe perioperative Bleeding Complications**

**Heart Surgery**

**Organ Transplantation**

**Polytrauma**

**(Aprotinin better?)**

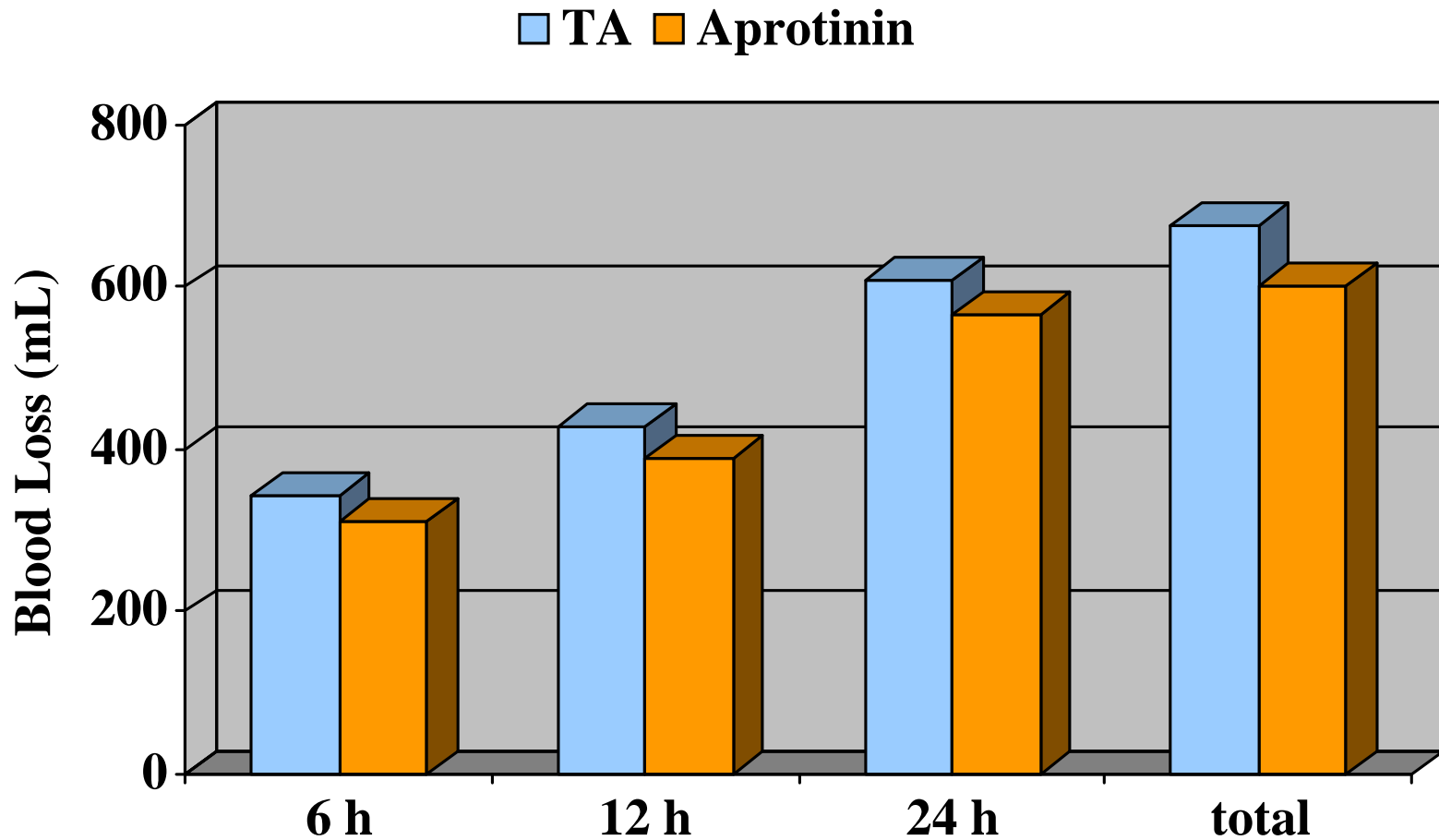
# Procedural Characteristics

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	<i>TA</i>	<i>Aprotinin</i>
CABG (n)	68	65
AVR (n)	39	40
Combined	3	5
CPB (min)	87±26	88±25
AoX (min)	60±17	62±17
Rethoracotomy (n)	3	2
Mortality (n)	1	3

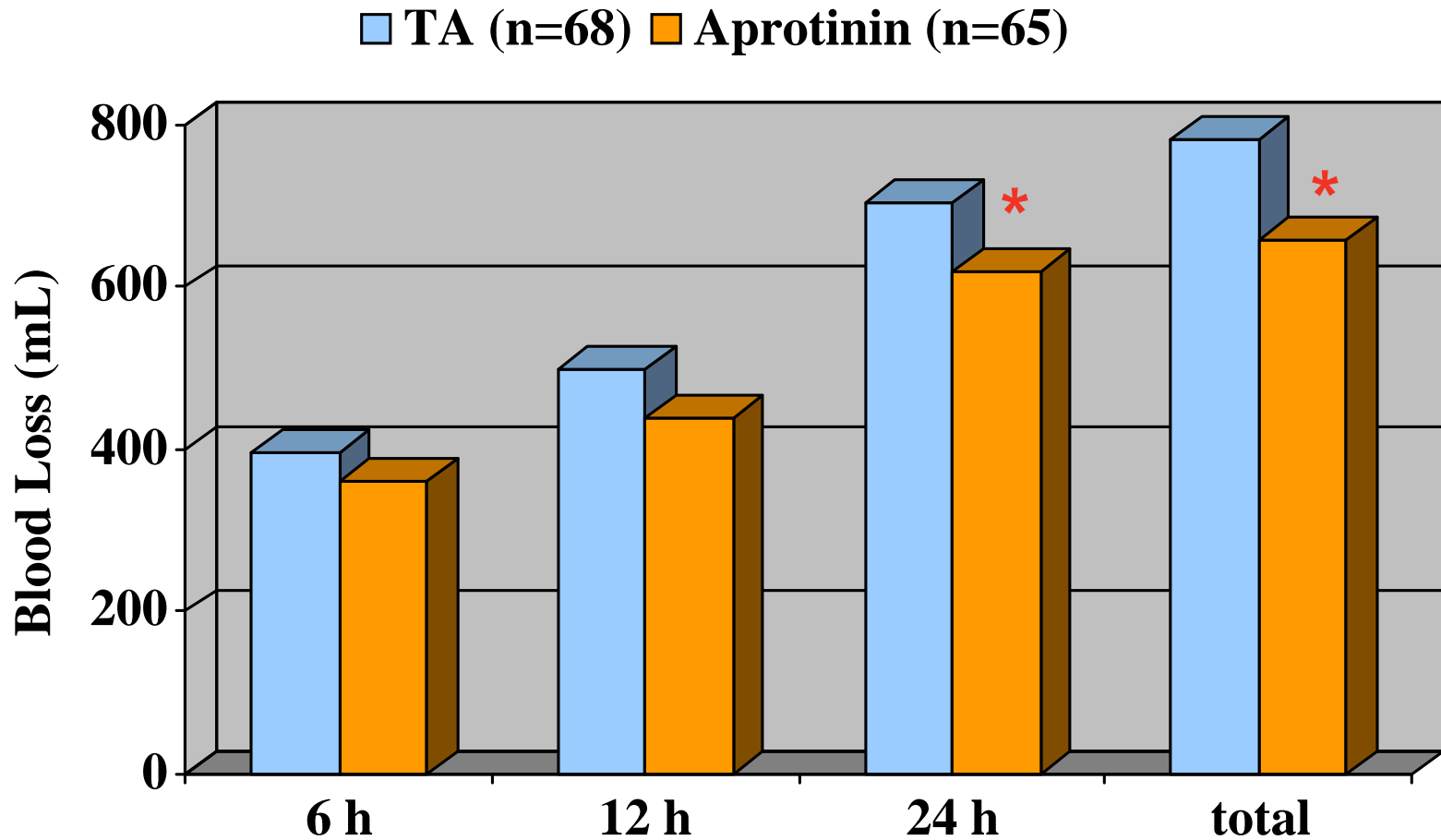
# Blood Loss (ITT)

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# Blood Loss CABG (ITT)

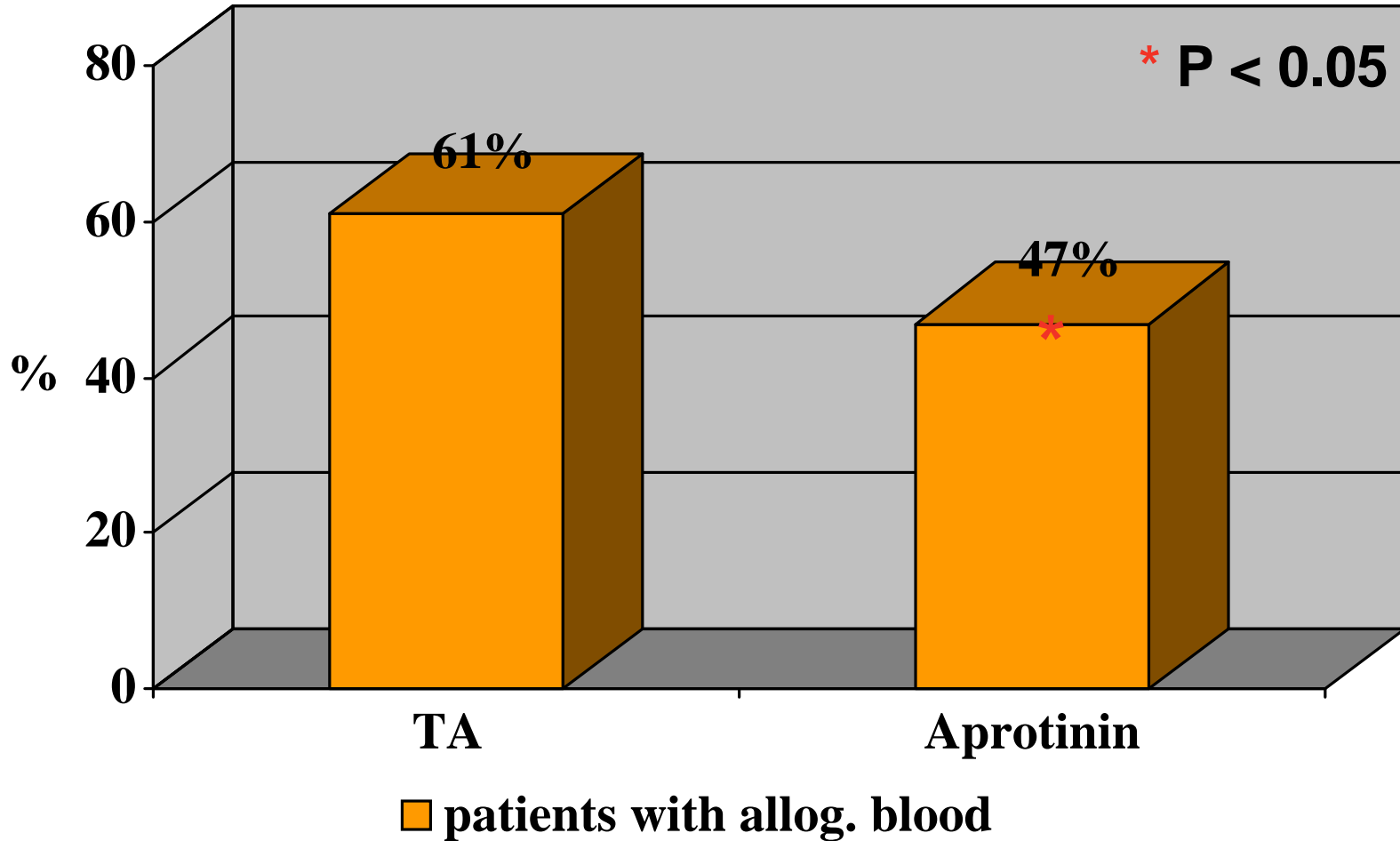
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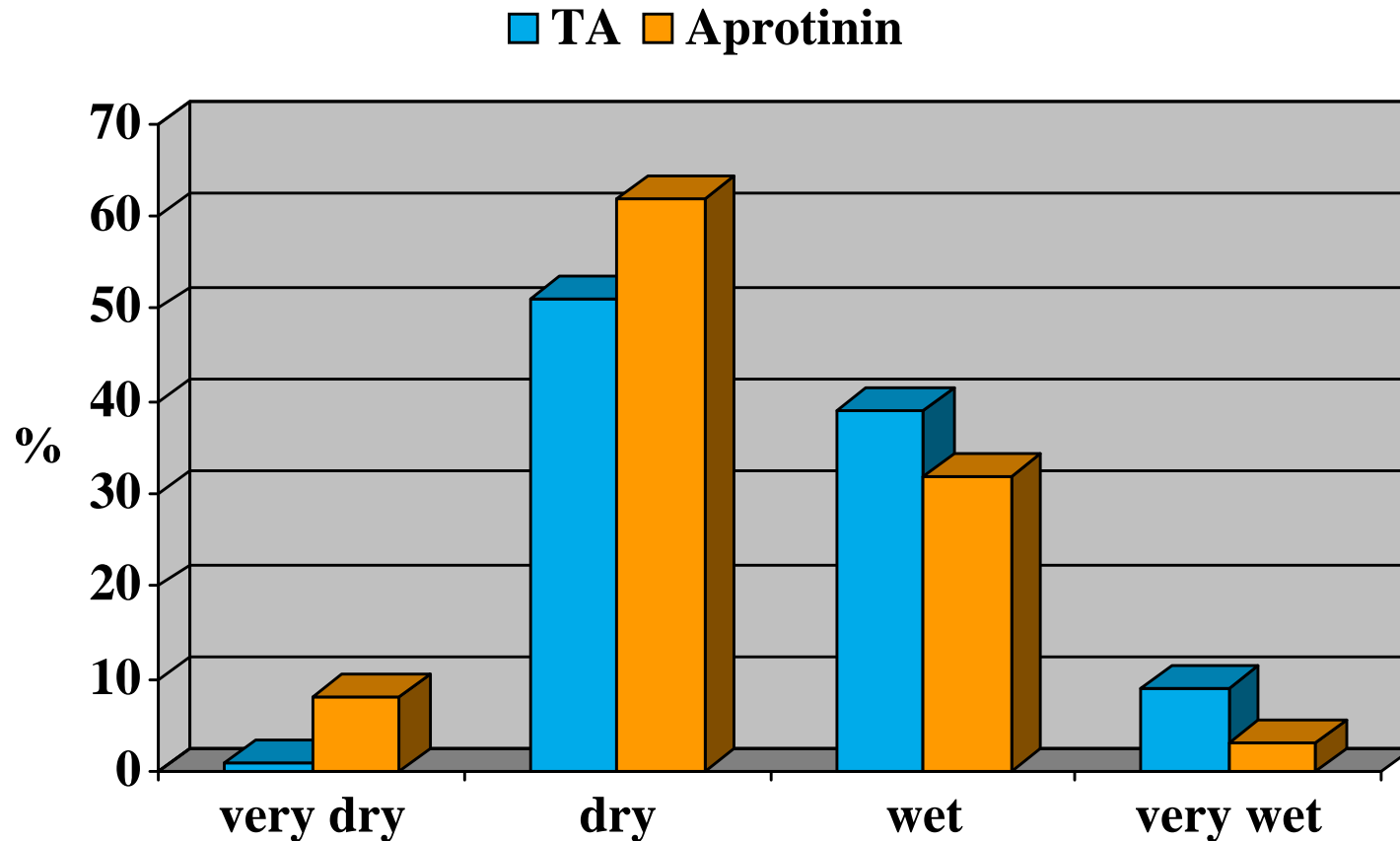
# Allogeneic Blood

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# Assessment of Bleeding Tendency Surgeon and Anesthesiologist

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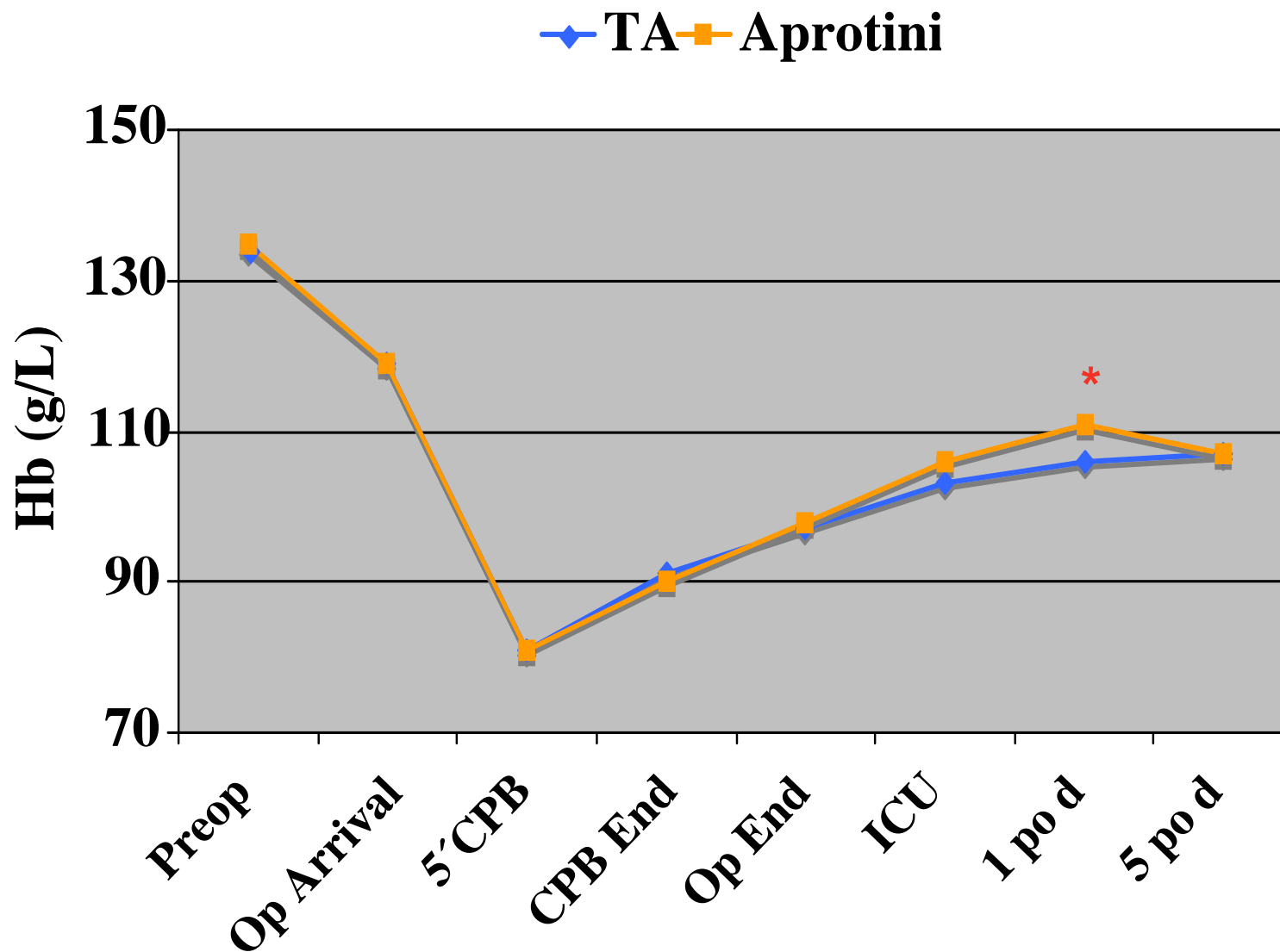


**P = 0.018**



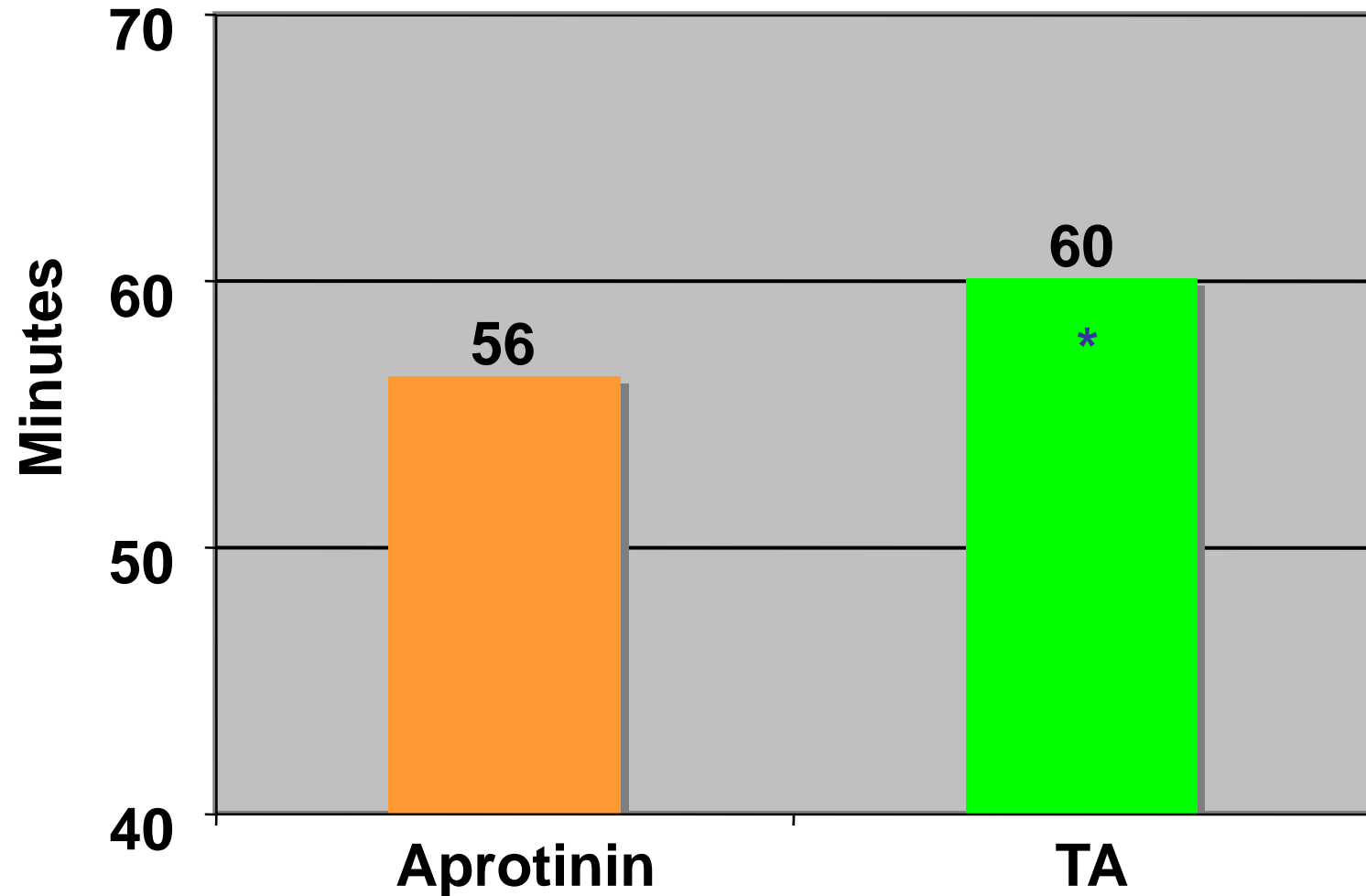
# Hemoglobin (ITT)

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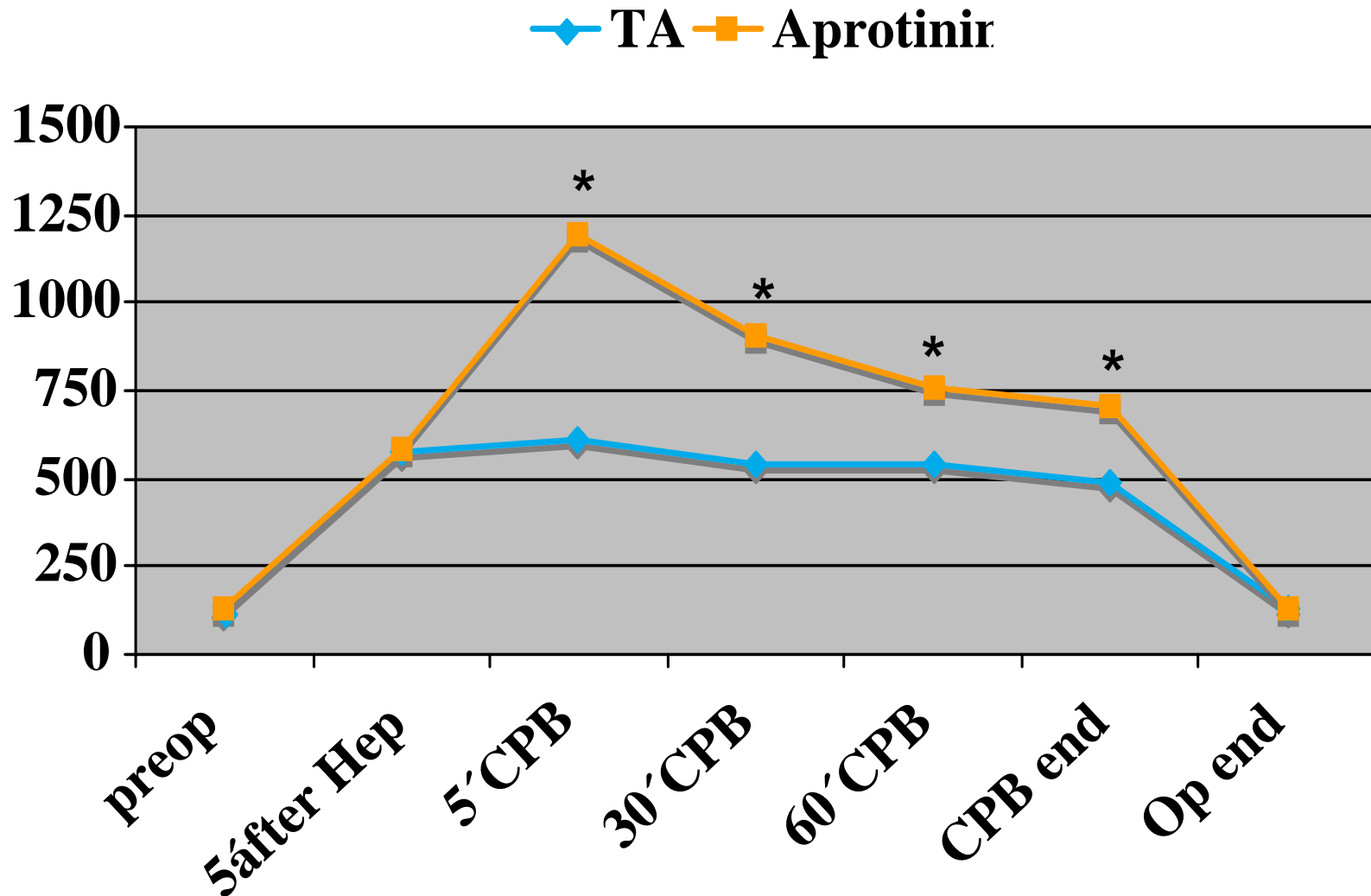


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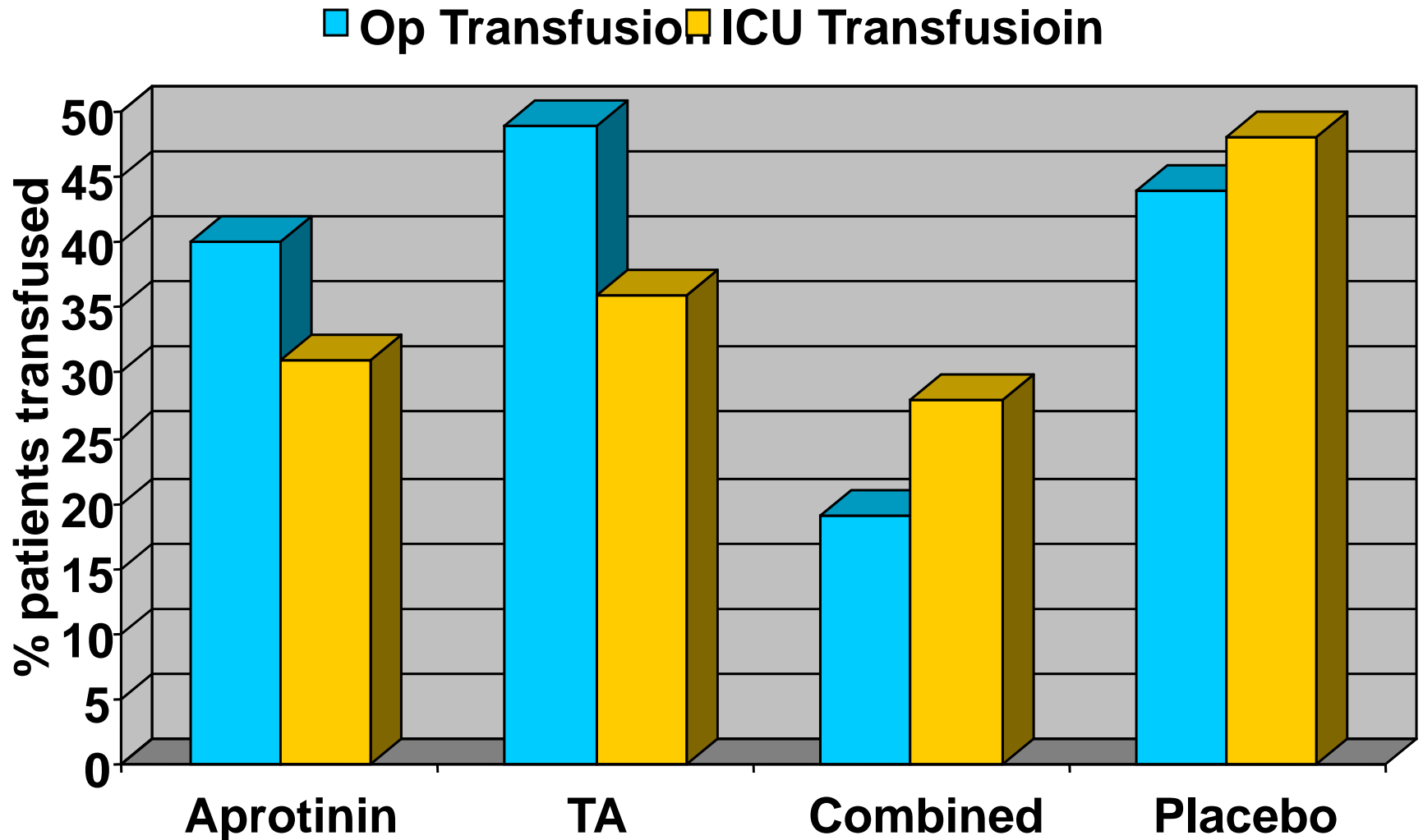
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# Celite ACT



# Tranexamicacid and Aprotinin



# **Are antifibrinolytic drugs equivalent in reducing blood loss and transfusion in cardiac surgery? A meta-analysis of randomized head-to-head trials**

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- Significant Reduction of blood loss Aprotinin vs. Tranexamicacid (106 ml)  
Clinical Relevance?
- Transfusion requirements, Rethorakotomie not different

Was scheinen (meinen) wir zu wissen ?

Aprotinin **nicht** effektiver als 50-100 mg/kg Tranexamsäure:

### *Primäre HCH*

*Pugh SC, J Cardiothorac Vasc Anesth, 1995;9:240 / Speekenbrink, Ann Thorac Surg, 1995;59:438 / Casati V, J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg, 2000;120:520 / Hekmat K, Curr Med Res Opin, 2004;20:121*

### *ASS-Vorbehandlung*

*Bernet F, J Card Surg, 1999;14:92*

### *Komplexe HCH (Re-OP's, Doppeleingriffe)*

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### **Risikoprofil:** *wahrscheinlich höher bei Aprotinin*

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Figure 4. Adverse outcomes by antifibrinolytic agent compared with placebo. The RRs of adverse outcomes (mortality, stroke, and myocardial infarction) by antifibrinolytic agent vs placebo are plotted. The RR (diamond) and 95% CIs (horizontal bars) summarize the effect using a random-effects model. Effects left of 1.0 favor the antifibrinolytic agent over placebo; effects to the right favor placebo over antifibrinolytic agent. When the horizontal bars cross 1.0, the effect is not significantly different from the comparison group; this is the case for all agents for all adverse events (mortality, stroke, myocardial infarction) plotted here.



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Figure 2. Total blood loss by antifibrinolytic agent compared with placebo. The WMD of total blood loss (mL) by antifibrinolytic agent, each compared with placebo. WMD (diamond) and 95% CIs (horizontal bars) summarize the effect using a random-effects model. All antifibrinolytic effects are to the left of the 0, representing a significant reduction in total blood loss over placebo.