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Intossicazione da monossido di carbonio in età pediatrica

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Da inizio novembre quasi un intossicato al giorno da monossido di carbonio: è emergenza per il caro energia

Sempre più persone sono costrette ad usare sistemi alternativi di riscaldamento, che possono però esser pericolosi

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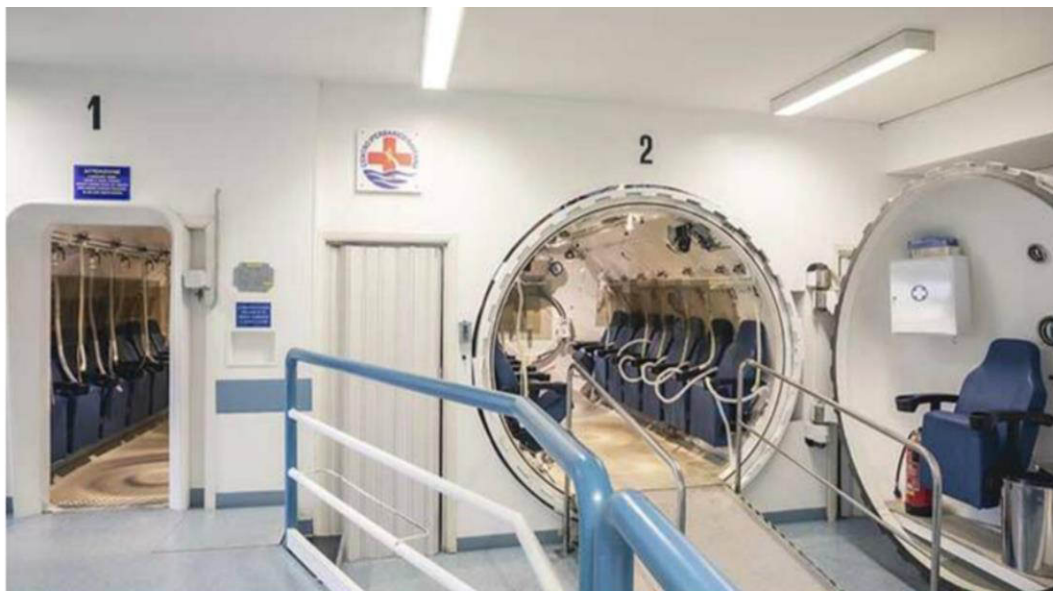
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Vivevano nel pavese, trovati morti dopo 4 giorni

Famiglia egiziana uccisa dal monossido di carbonio

I corpi senza vita della donna incinta all'ottavo mese, del marito e dei due figli della coppia, di 3 e 4 anni, trovati nell'appartamento dove vivevano a Landriano, vicino a Pavia. La morte della famiglia egiziana risalirebbe a 4 giorni fa.

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La casa della famiglia a Landriano

Pavia, 05 Gennaio 2011

Verra' aperta un'inchiesta per omicidio colposo plurimo sulla morte della famiglia composta da madre, incinta, padre e due bambini di 4 e 3 anni, sterminati dal monossido di carbonio a Landriano, in provincia di Pavia.

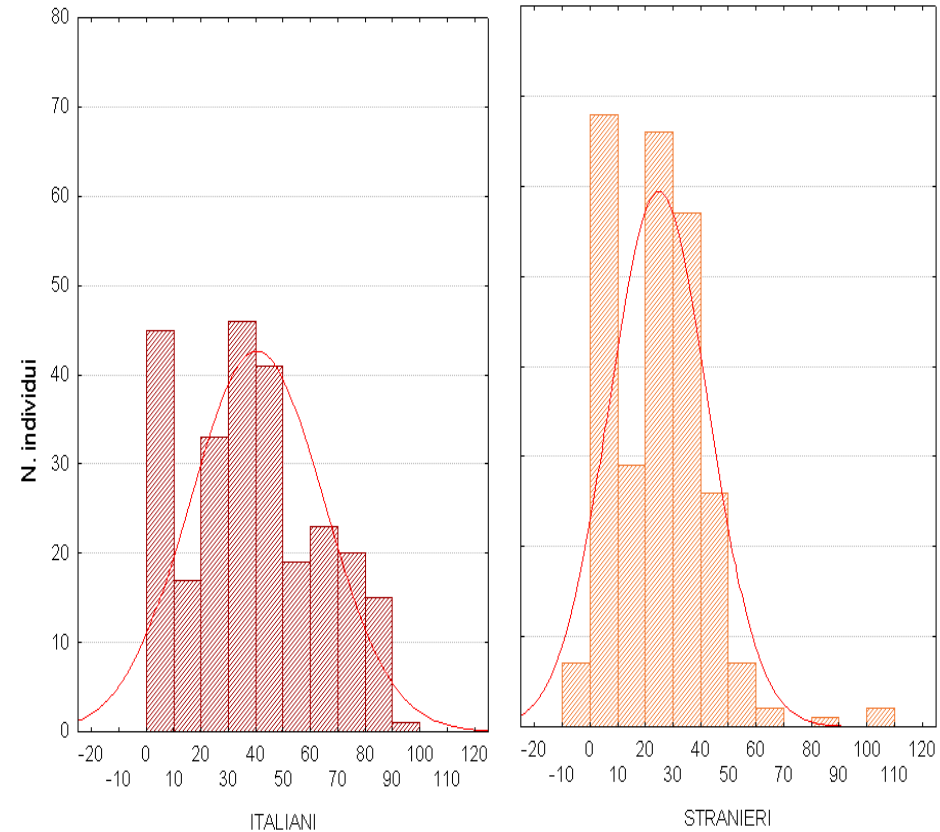
Secondo quanto si apprende, la procura vorra' fare luce sulla regolarita' degli impianti e sui controlli e sulle manutenzioni condotte sul sistema di riscaldamento del bilocale in via Cirano.

La famiglia, che viveva a Landriano da alcuni anni, era in regola con il permesso di soggiorno grazie all'impiego dell'uomo che lavorava in un magazzino. All'esterno dell'abitazione si sono radunati gli egiziani residenti nella zona.

Intossicazioni da CO

popolazione di origine italiana e quella immigrata - *confronto*
n=618 (2 anni di casistica CAV Pavia)

Tab.1	stranieri	Italiani
impianti difettosi	26.4%	73.6%
stufe	60.5%	39.5%
bracieri	68.67%	31.32%



barriere linguistiche: adattamento degli strumenti valutativi usualmente utilizzati per l'inquadramento clinico anamnestico sia nella fase acuta che nella valutazione delle sequele a lungo termine, *nei bambini* come negli adulti

IL MONOSSIDO DI CARBONIO PUÒ UCCIDERE!
CARBON MONOXIDE CAN KILL!
LE MONOXYDE DE CARBONE PEUT TUER!

أول أكسيد الكربون يمكن أن يقتل
一氧化碳可致人死亡!

Il **monossido di carbonio** è un gas tossico, incolore ed inodore prodotto dalla combustione di carbone, legna, benzina e altri combustibili.

ATTENZIONE!

- Non accendere bracieri a carbone o legna all'interno dell'abitazione!
- Utilizza stufe solo in locali ben areati, no in camere da letto, bagni e garage!
- Fai controllare stufe a carbone, a gas, a legna, caldaie, boiler, cucine, camini!
- Controlla che nei locali riscaldati ci siano prese d'aria!



Carbon monoxide is a colourless and odourless toxic gas that is produced by burning coal, wood, petrol and other fuels.

WARNING!

- do not light charcoal or wood burners inside the home!
- only use stoves in well-ventilated rooms and never in bedrooms, bathrooms or garages!
- have your charcoal, gas and wood-burning stoves, boilers, kitchens and fireplaces inspected!
- make sure that air vents are present in heated rooms!



Le **monoxyde de carbone** est un gaz toxique, incolore et inodore qui résulte de la combustion du charbon, du bois de chauffage, de l'essence et d'autres combustibles.

ATTENTION!

- n'allumez pas de brasero au charbon ou au bois à l'intérieur de la maison!
- utilisez des poêles uniquement dans des pièces bien aérées, pas dans les chambres à coucher, salles de bains et garages!
- faites vérifier les poêles à charbon, à gaz, à bois, les chaudières, les chauffe-eau, les cuisines et les cheminées!
- vérifiez la présence de bouches d'aération dans les pièces chauffées!

أول أكسيد الكربون غاز سام بدون لون أو رائحة وينتج عن احتراق الكربون والخشب والبنزين وغيره من المواد القابلة للاحتراق تحذير



لا تشعل سواك الفحم أو الخشب داخل المسكن . استخدم النفايات فقط في الأماكن جيدة التهوية وليس في غرف النوم أو الحمامات أو الجراج . احرص على فحص النفايات التي تعمل بالفحم أو الغاز أو الخشب والسوائل والعلقات والأفران والسواك . تأكد من وجود سخارج للهواء في الأماكن التي بها تدفئة .

一氧化碳是一种煤炭、木材、汽油或其他可燃材料燃烧时释放出的无色、无味且有毒的气体。

注意!

- 切勿在屋内燃烧炭火盆!
- 仅在通风良好的室内点燃火炉, 严禁在卧室、卫生间和车库内使用火炉!
- 对炭炉、煤气炉、木柴炉、燃烧炉、蒸煮器具、厨房和烟囱进行严格的检查!
- 检查加热区内是否存在通气口!



I primi sintomi di un'intossicazione sono
The first symptoms of poisoning are
Les premiers symptômes d'une intoxication sont les suivants

الأعراض الأولى لوتلوع التسمم هي:
一氧化碳中毒后的前期反应包括



mal di testa/vertigini
headache/dizziness
maux de tête/étourdissements
الألم في الرأس / توجع
头痛/头晕



palpitazioni
palpitations
palpitations
نبضات
心悸



nausea/vomito
nausea/vomiting
nausées/vomissements
غثان/قيء
恶心/呕吐



confusione mentale
mental confusion
confusion mentale
تسوش ذهني
神志不清



disturbi della vista
impaired vision
troubles visuels
اضطرابات في الرؤية
视觉障碍



affanno
breathlessness
essoufflement
ضيق تنفس
呼吸急促



Se sei incinta ricordati che il monossido di carbonio può essere un serio pericolo anche per il tuo bambino!
If you are pregnant, remember that carbon monoxide can also seriously harm your baby!
Si vous êtes enceinte, rappelez-vous que le monoxyde de carbone peut constituer un grave danger également pour votre bébé!
في حالة الحمل، يرجى الذكر أن أول أكسيد الكربون يمكن أن يشكل خطراً حقيقياً على طفلك.
若出现上述反应，请务必记得一氧化碳可能是让您和您的孩子面临一系列危险的原因!

Cosa fare in caso di pericolo:

- aprire porte e finestre
- spegnere gli apparecchi a combustione
- chiamare i servizi d'urgenza

What to do in the event of danger:

- open doors and windows
- turn off the combustion appliances
- call the emergency services

Que faire en cas de danger :

- ouvrir les portes et fenêtres
- éteindre les appareils à combustion
- appeler les services d'urgence

بما يلزم عمله عند وقوع خطر:
فتح الأبواب والفتحات .
إطفاء الأجهزة التي تعمل بالاشتعال .
طلب خدمات الطوارئ .
应急操作:
• 打开门窗
• 立即熄灭燃烧装置
• 拨打急救电话



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I pericoli del Monossido di Carbonio

Dal Gruppo di studio Tossicologia

L'inizio della stagione fredda porta con sé i pericoli derivanti da un nemico subdolo che si insidia nelle nostre abitazioni: il monossido di carbonio.

Purtroppo ogni anno si registrano casi letali di intossicazione da monossido di carbonio che possono coinvolgere interi nuclei familiari.

L'attuale criticità di fornitura del gas è ulteriore motivo di allarme sui pericoli di intossicazioni derivanti dall'uso improvvisato di sistemi di riscaldamento casalinghi.

Per questo SIMEUP ritiene indispensabile ricordare a tutti i cittadini i pericoli del monossido di carbonio e gli accorgimenti da adottare per prevenire possibili intossicazioni.

COS'E' IL MONOSSIDO DI CARBONIO?

Il monossido di carbonio (CO) è un gas inodore, incolore e non irritante che si forma per combustione incompleta di sostanze organiche (carbone, legna, gas combustibile, benzina, ecc.). Negli ambienti di vita viene prodotto in quantità rilevanti dal malfunzionamento di caldaie, scaldabagni, caminetti, bracieri e stufe di ogni tipo: il rischio di intossicazione è ancora più elevato in ambiente confinato o poco areato.

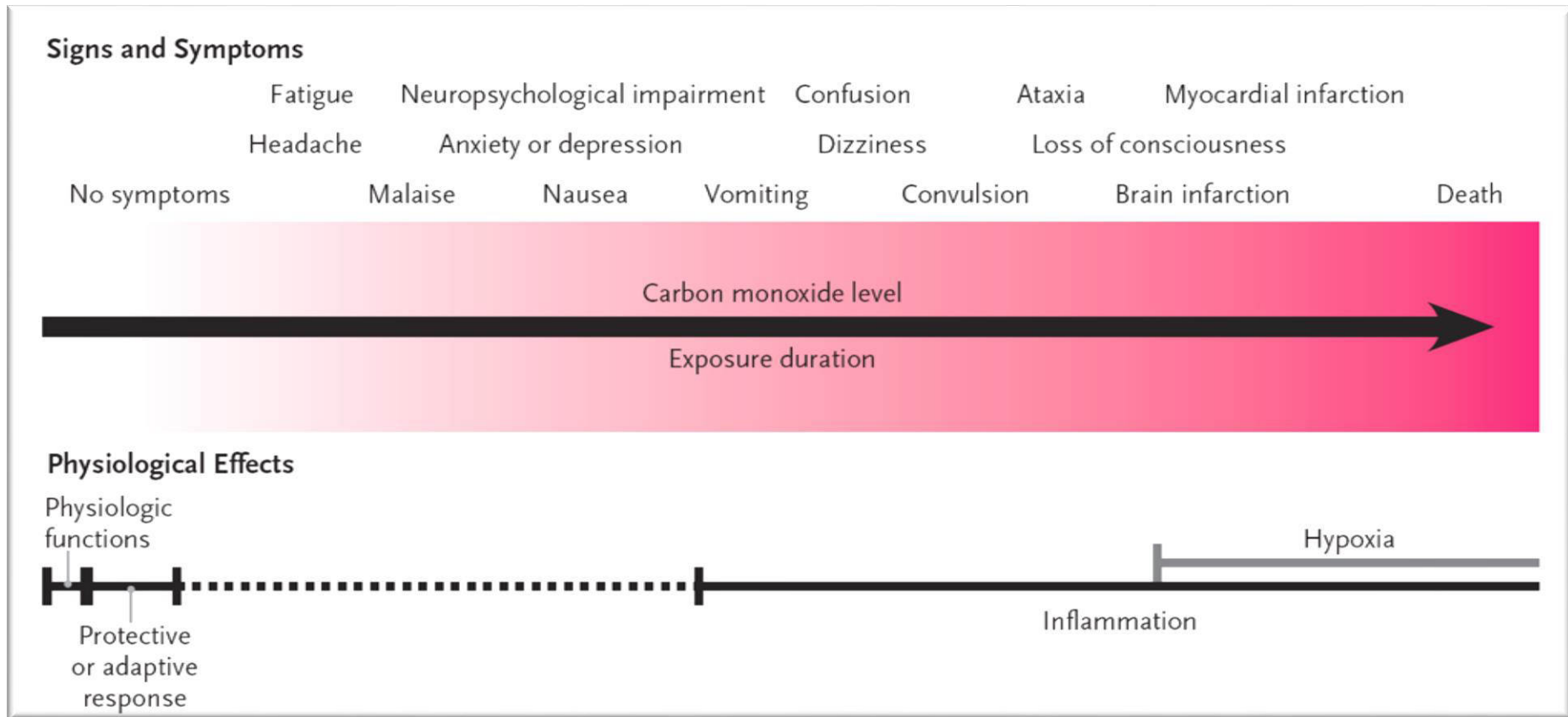
COME CI ACCORGIAMO DEL PERICOLO ?

I primi sintomi dell'intossicazione da CO sono aspecifici e usualmente cefalea, vertigini e/o manifestazioni gastroenteriche quali nausea e vomito. Il quadro clinico può complicarsi fino alla manifestazione di convulsioni. I bambini e le gravide sono a maggior rischio per gli effetti tossici dell'avvelenamento.

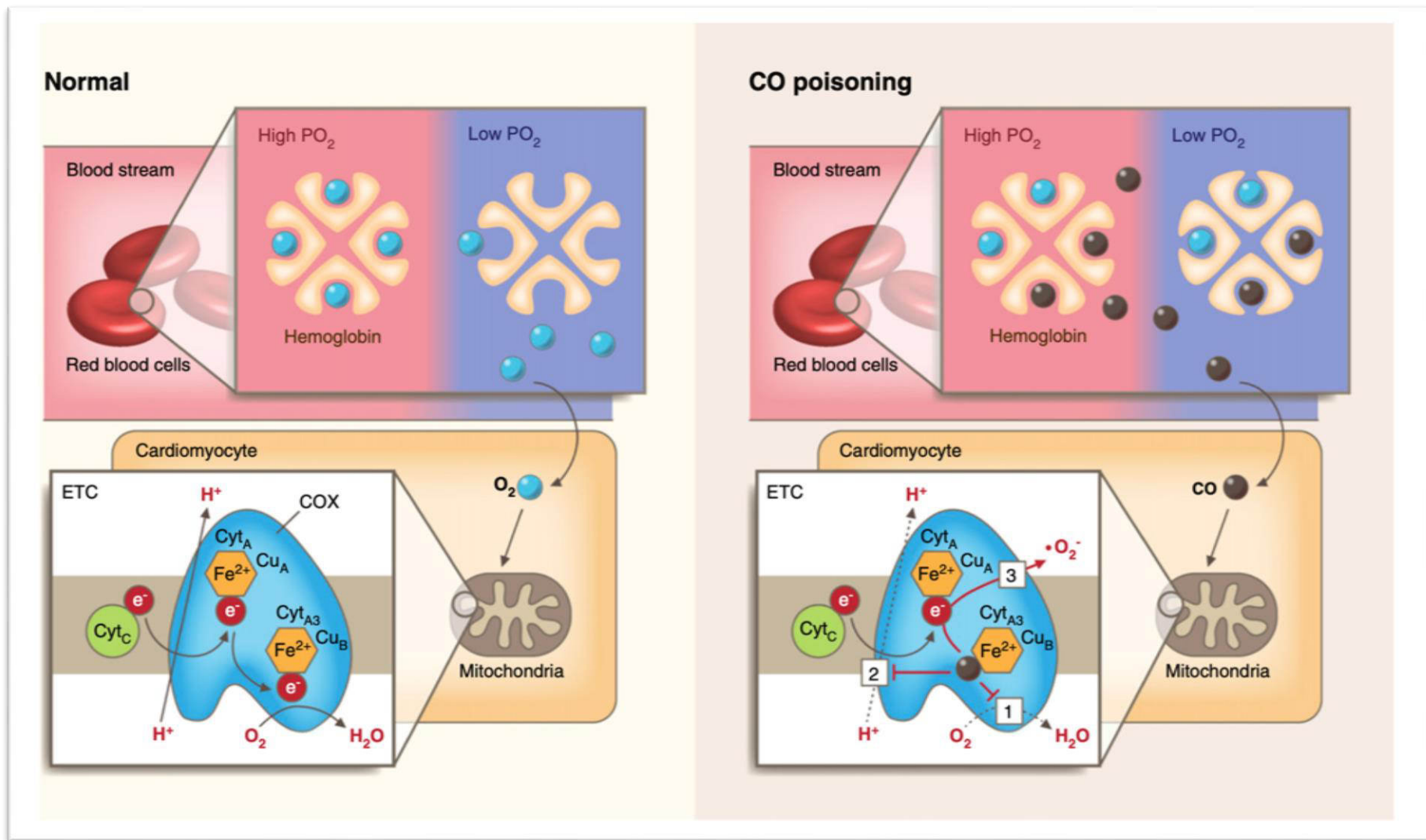
Si deve sospettare l'esposizione a CO quando i sintomi sopra indicati sono presenti in più persone che vivono nello stesso ambiente.

COSA DOBBIAMO FARE IN CASO DI INTOSSICAZIONE ?

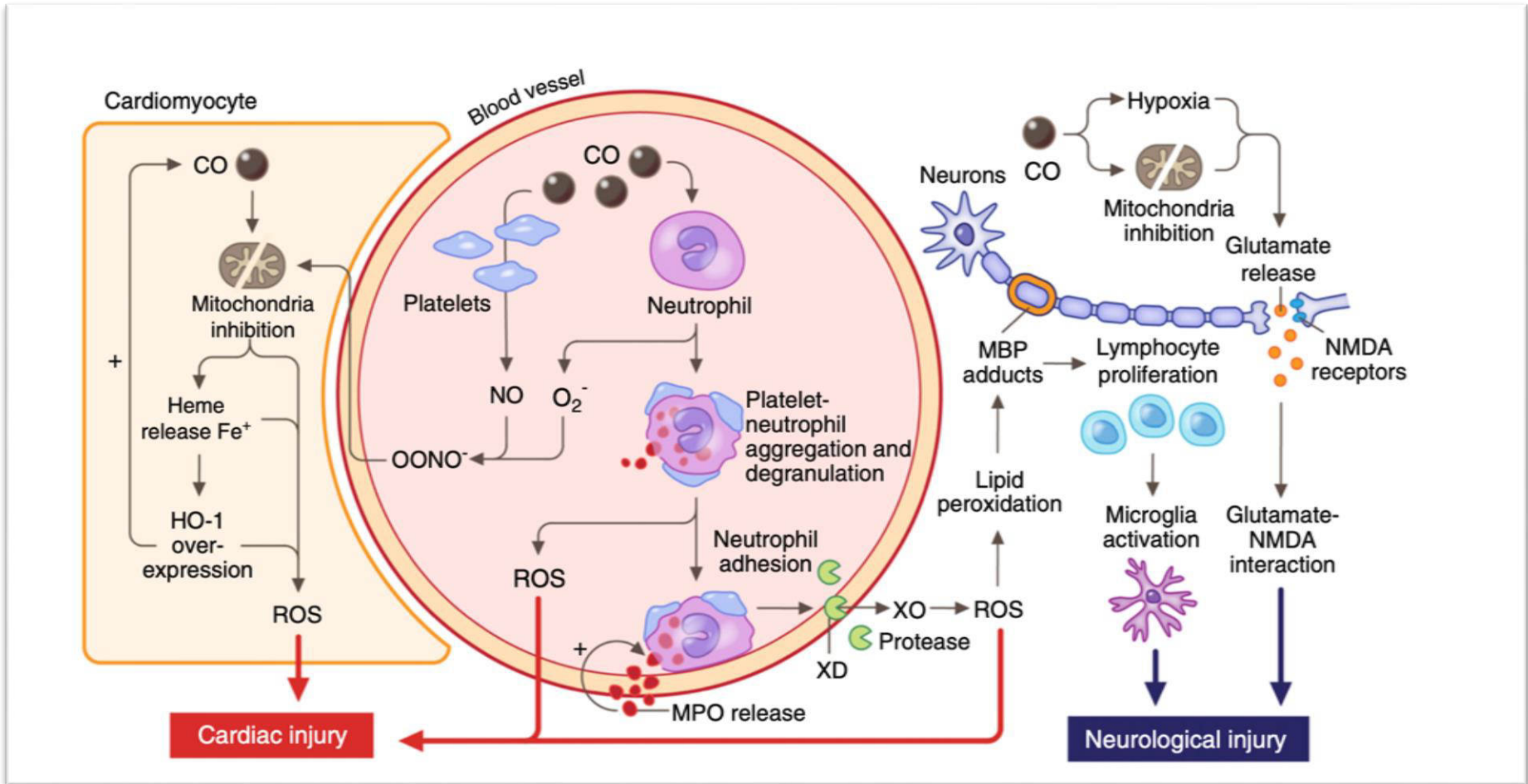
Clinical and physiological effects of CO



Hemoglobin (Hb) and mitochondrial effects of CO



Inflammatory mechanisms of CO toxicity



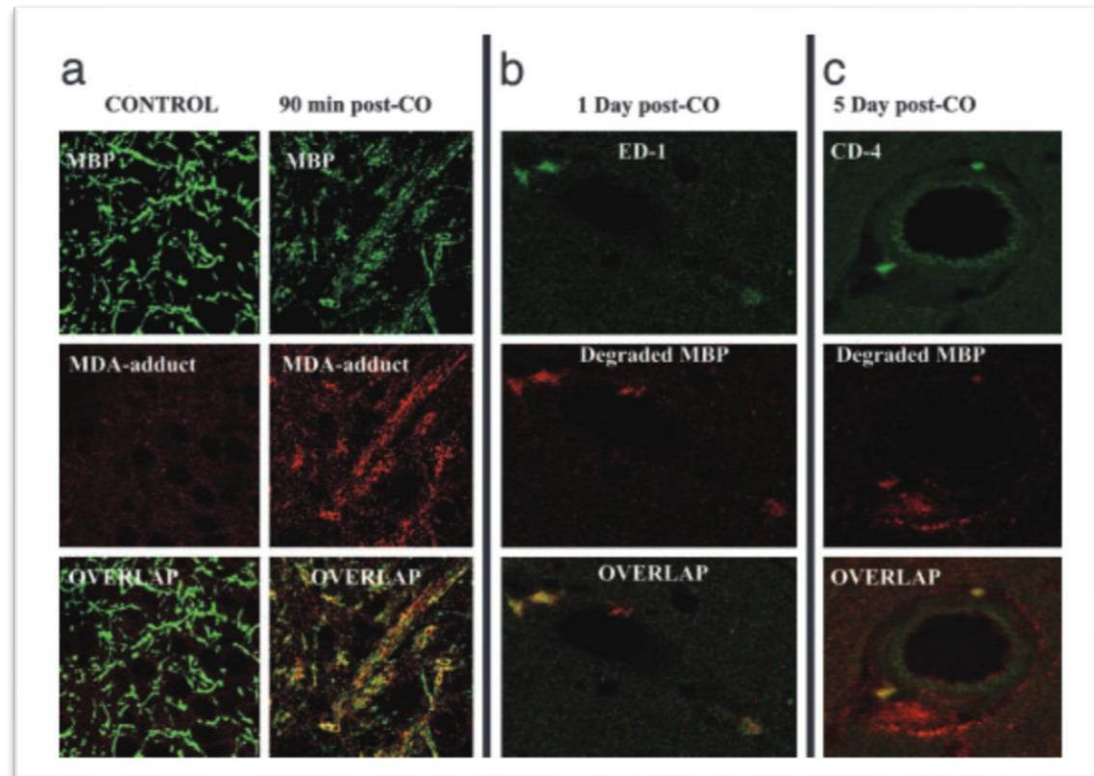
Delayed neuropathology after carbon monoxide poisoning is immune-mediated

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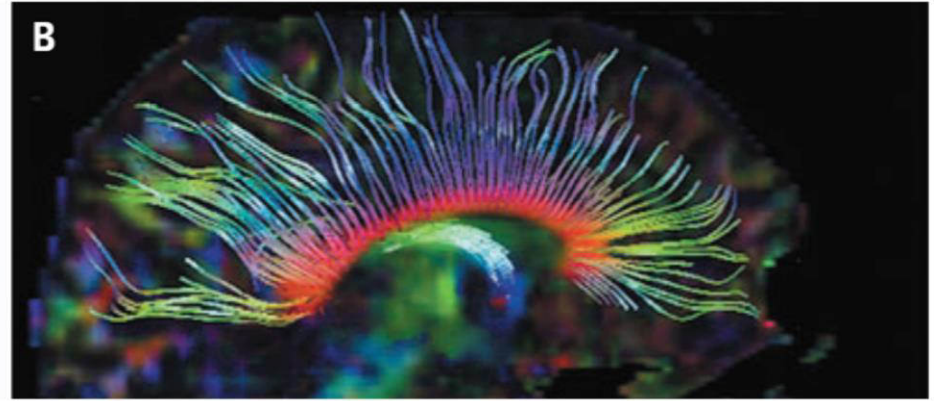
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The neuropathological sequelae of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning cannot be explained by hypoxic stress alone. CO poisoning also causes adduct formation between myelin basic protein (MBP) and malonylaldehyde, a reactive product of lipid peroxidation, resulting in an immunological cascade. MBP loses its normal cationic characteristics, and antibody recognition of MBP is altered. Immunohistochemical evidence of degraded MBP occurs in brain over days, along with influx of macrophages and CD-4 lymphocytes. Lymphocytes from CO-poisoned rats subsequently exhibit an auto-reactive proliferative response to MBP, and there is a significant increase in the number of activated microglia in brain. Rats rendered immunologically tolerant to MBP before CO poisoning exhibit acute biochemical changes in MBP but no lymphocyte proliferative response or brain microglial activation. CO poisoning causes a decrement in learning that is not observed in immunologically tolerant rats. These results demonstrate that delayed CO-mediated neuropathology is linked to an adaptive immunological response to chemically modified MBP.



Highly sensitive 3-T MRI

21-years-old normal volunteer



age-matched patient with history of CO poisoning



Lesson of the Week

Carbon monoxide poisoning in childhood

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Every winter the prolonged use of poorly maintained gas stoves in badly ventilated houses gives rise to several cases of carbon monoxide poisoning. The formation of this gas is a severe hazard because of its affinity for haemoglobin, which is about 300 times more than that for oxygen.¹ Moreover, carbon monoxide shifts to the left the dissociation curve of any oxyhaemoglobin that remains—and hence the liberation of oxygen is further reduced. The resultant cellular anoxia affects those organs that are particularly susceptible to ischaemic damage, such as the central nervous system and the heart. In adults symptoms and signs include a red complexion, frontal headache, dizziness, semiconsciousness, and chest pains.² The diagnosis is facilitated by the presence of a similar syndrome in people living in the same house and by the results of investigating its heating apparatus. Nevertheless, a particular problem in childhood is that the features may principally affect the bowel, at a time when, because of their higher tolerance, the adults living in the same house are showing no features of poisoning.

Here we describe three children erroneously treated for gastroenteritis who were eventually found to be suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Case histories

Case 1—A 7 year old boy who had previously been admitted to the paediatric department with attacks of asthma and convulsions presented with a two day history of sickness, abdominal pain, and headache and eight hours' history of vomiting and fever. The next day his symptoms got worse and the other inhabitants of the house began to complain of headache and malaise. On admission the child's general condition was satisfactory and gastroenteritis was diagnosed; however, on the same day his father was admitted to hospital, where his blood carbon monoxide concentration was found to be 23%. Thereafter analysis of the child's blood showed a carboxyhaemoglobin concentration of 16%. Investigation showed that the kitchen of their house was heated by a gas stove that, because of the extremely cold weather, was working throughout the 24 hours. Though the stove was not defective, its draught was badly regulated and the incomplete combustion of household gas in a confined room gave rise to the formation of carbon monoxide.

Case 2—A 9 year old girl who had complained of headache for two days began to vomit and developed fever. On admission to hospital with a diagnosis of gastroenteritis the findings on physical examination were normal. Again, the results of routine investigations, including full blood count, electrolyte concentrations, and transaminase activities, were normal. Her father was admitted to hospital and found to have a carboxyhaemoglobin concentration of 25%. For this reason gas analysis of the child's blood was performed and showed a carboxyhaemoglobin concentration of 18%. The house was heated by a gas stove, and more detailed investigations showed that carbon monoxide was present when the stove was alight.

In children apparently suffering from a gastrointestinal illness of obscure cause consider monoxide poisoning

Case 3—A 7 year old boy who had had diarrhoea and vomiting for several days did not improve with routine treatment. Examination showed patchy erythema on his chest and back and for this reason gas analysis was performed on a blood sample; this showed a carboxyhaemoglobin concentration of 32%. A boiler that was found to be defective was situated in a room communicating with the house. It had worked intermittently for 20 days, and further inquiries by the local health authorities showed that the combustion of household gas was incomplete. Three other people living in the same house were subsequently admitted with a carboxyhaemoglobin concentration even higher than that of the boy (40%).

Discussion

Little has been written about carbon monoxide poisoning in children, yet its manifestations are often so different from those in adults that it is important to emphasise the differences. In our cases the features resembled those of gastroenteritis and deceived the practitioner about the true nature of the illness. We found that the carboxyhaemoglobin concentrations of three children were considerably lower than those of 12 adults (22% v 35-6%), so that children must be particularly susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning. These two features—the different symptoms and the earlier presentation—often make it difficult to diagnose the condition in childhood.

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A baby born with myelomeningocele has hyperextension of the knees, hyperflexion of the hips, and club feet. What treatment is advised?

A child with myelomeningocele and with these deformities will almost certainly have a neurological lesion at the L3/4 level. This results in unopposed activity of the hip flexors, adductors, and knee extensors. There may or may not be activity in the tibialis anterior. The hips will probably be dislocated, or will dislocate during the first few years of life as a result of the muscle imbalance. Management will require extensive orthopaedic care including multiple operations, but with this muscle pattern it should eventually be possible to achieve worthwhile walking with below knee calipers. A prolonged course of orthopaedic management is probably justified provided that the general condition of the child warrants such treatment. Details of the specific surgery and physiotherapy are well known to orthopaedic surgeons caring for these children.—GEOFFREY WALKER, consultant orthopaedic surgeon, Carlshalton.

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Elementi circostanziali che orientano alla diagnosi.

Criteria	Elementi da ricercare
Presenza di una fonte d'esposizione	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presenza di fonti di produzione di CO in locali dell'abitazione (per es. stufe, scaldabagni, camini, caldaie, bracieri), non necessariamente malfunzionanti; motori (per es. veicoli, taglia-erba, generatori e pompe) tenuti accesi in ambiente confinato• Provenienza dei pazienti da ambienti confinati (per es. pista di pattinaggio, abitacolo dell'automobile) o da situazioni ambientali a rischio (motoscafo fuoribordo, viaggio su cassone di camion o di <i>pick-up</i>)• Occupazioni a rischio (per es. vigili del fuoco, vigili urbani, garagisti, autisti, lavoro in galleria)
Condizioni favorevoli	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Condizioni atmosferiche (per es. forte vento) ostacolanti la fuoriuscita dei fumi dai camini• Stagionalità (si tratta di intossicazione prevalentemente invernale)
Criterio epidemiologico	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interessamento contemporaneo di più soggetti di uno stesso nucleo familiare, anche se i quadri di presentazione possono essere multiformi nello stesso gruppo di pazienti• <u>Insorgenza precoce della sintomatologia nei bambini</u>, in coloro che trascorrono più tempo nei locali maggiormente a rischio o nei piccoli animali domestici• Reiterazione di una sintomatologia simil-influenzale, di scompenso cardiaco, di sincope• Miglioramento della sintomatologia al di fuori di un determinato ambiente

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***Position Paper sulla gestione delle intossicazioni acute da CO nel bambino:
consenso multidisciplinare di esperti.***

Nonostante l'intossicazione da monossido di carbonio (CO) sia molto studiata, molti aspetti riguardanti la diagnosi e il trattamento risultano ancora dibattuti. La gestione clinica dei pazienti intossicati è spesso differente in varie realtà del nostro paese. Aspetti cruciali quali criteri diagnostici, classificazione della gravità, indicazioni e durata del trattamento con ossigenoterapia iperbarica, tempi e modalità del follow-up clinici, non vengono applicati in maniera uniforme.

Tali aspetti sono ancora più controversi proprio in caso di intossicazione pediatrica.

Ad oggi, non sono disponibili raccomandazioni condivise e validate dalle società scientifiche di settore che possano essere di riferimento per le figure professionali coinvolte nella gestione del bambino con intossicazione acuta da CO.

L'obiettivo di questo progetto è quello di stilare un documento di consenso multidisciplinare sugli aspetti più controversi e dibattuti che riguardano la gestione delle dell'intossicazione acuta da CO.

La fascia di età considerata è quella compresa tra 0 e 14 anni includendo anche raccomandazioni per la donna gravida. Il presente documento non prende in considerazione la gestione del bambino con intossicazione da cloruro di metilene. Saranno incluse alcune considerazioni sull'intossicazione da monossido in conseguenza a esposizione a fumi di incendio.

Metodo utilizzato

Metodo

E' stato utilizzato il metodo *Delphi*. Il questionario è lo strumento utilizzato per raccogliere le opinioni degli esperti coinvolti. L'esperto ha espresso il proprio parere in termini di: completamente d'accordo, parzialmente d'accordo, parzialmente in disaccordo, completamente in disaccordo. Durante le varie fasi della discussione dell'iter o del processo, sono state apportate le modifiche proposte dagli esperti ad ogni singolo statement fino al raggiungimento del 100% di accordo. Gli esperti sono stati individuati in considerazione delle rispettive aree di interesse professionale, per le diverse competenze maturate, e le pubblicazioni scientifiche prodotte. I componenti del *panel*, in base alle reciproche competenze, hanno valutato in modo esaustivo ad ogni singola domanda (*statement*), completando una cartella a quesito. Al termine di una prima fase (o primo *round*), sono stati analizzati tutti i contributi. Successivamente è stato stilato un primo documento di sintesi e un secondo questionario che è stato nuovamente inviato al panel per raccogliere il consenso. Terminata anche la seconda fase (secondo *round*), il processo è stato ripetuto per la terza fase conclusiva.

Gli statement sono stati discussi in sessione plenaria durante i seguenti congressi:

- Antidotes in Depth a Pavia, Settembre 2017
- Congresso Nazionale SITOX a Bologna, Aprile 2018
- Antidotes in Depth a Pavia, Settembre 2018

Durante la discussione in sessione plenaria, i membri del panel si sono confrontati con il pubblico presente.

**Position Paper sulla gestione delle intossicazioni acute da CO nel bambino:
consenso multidisciplinare di esperti.**

Panel di esperti identificati

Esperto	Disciplina	Affiliazione
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Gianmariano Marchesi	Medicina Iperbarica	OTIP, Zingonia
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Paola De Rose	Neuropsichiatria Infantile	OPBG, Roma
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Definizione di intossicazione da CO

Statement 1

Definizione di intossicazione da monossido di carbonio (CO): Condizione patologica conseguente all'esposizione più o meno prolungata a CO. In soggetti esposti essa è identificata dalla rilevazione di valori positivi di carbossiemoglobina (COHb) e/o dalla presenza di manifestazioni cliniche eterogenee. I valori di COHb sono da considerarsi indicativi per esposizione se superiori al 5% (non fumatori). L'intossicazione da CO non può essere esclusa in caso di indicatore di esposizione (COHb) negativo, anche in conseguenza del tempo intercorso dal termine dell'esposizione. Tale definizione si applica sia all'esposizione acuta che a quella cronica. Quest'ultima è definita come esposizione ripetuta o prolungata a CO. Si ricorda che nei primi sei mesi, per catabolismo della HbF, i livelli fisiologici di COHb possono arrivare al 7%.

Quando pensare al CO?

Statement 2

Il sospetto di intossicazione da CO deve essere formulato (escludendo la rilevazione ambientale da parte del personale del soccorso) in presenza di almeno una delle seguenti situazioni:

- fonte di produzione di CO in ambienti confinati (es. braciere, stufa, camino) non necessariamente malfunzionanti
- miglioramento della sintomatologia dopo l'allontanamento dall'ambiente ritenuto a rischio
- sintomatologia comparsa in più componenti della stessa famiglia (anche se i quadri possono essere eterogenei) - (criterio epidemiologico)
- malessere/decesso in animali domestici (es. gatto, cane)
- provenienza dei pazienti da ambienti in cui si è verificato un incendio
- provenienza dei pazienti da ambienti in cui siano stati impropriamente utilizzati apparecchiature a motore (es. generatori)
- stagionalità o condizioni atmosferiche ostacolanti la fuoriuscita di fumi di scarico (es. vento forte)
- ricomparsa della sintomatologia simil-influenzale, sintomi gastroenterici, convulsioni non febbrili al rientro nell'ambiente a rischio

Indicazioni per equipaggi del soccorso e triage

Statement 3

E' raccomandato che tutti gli equipaggi del soccorso siano dotati di rilevatore ambientale di CO.

Statement 4

E' consigliabile che l'equipaggio del soccorso sia dotato di saturimetro per la rilevazione non invasiva della COHb e dotato di adattatori/presidi per l'utilizzo nel paziente pediatrico.

Statement 5

In considerazione (i) delle possibili difficoltà della procedura nel paziente pediatrico, (ii) della potenziale inattendibilità del dato, (iii) del ritardo nel trasferimento in ospedale non è consigliabile eseguire il prelievo venoso sulla scena dell'evento. Il prelievo venoso sulla scena dell'evento è da prendere in considerazione solo in casi in cui il tempo di trasporto superi le 2 ore.

Statement 6

La somministrazione di ossigeno è indicata in tutti i pazienti per i quali si sospetti l'intossicazione acuta da CO.

Triage

Statement 7

Nel paziente che non necessita intubazione, la somministrazione di ossigeno durante il trasporto del paziente deve essere effettuata almeno con maschera *reservoir* a tenuta per ottenere FiO_2 massimale e con taglia idonea all'età.

Statement 8

Il paziente con sospetta esposizione a CO è valutato con codice colore giallo in tutti i casi indipendentemente dalla sintomatologia. Il codice rosso è definito come: compromissione di almeno una funzionale vitale (cardiaca/respiratoria/neurologica), parametri vitali critici per età, convulsione in atto o nell'ultima ora).

La percentuale di COHb non ha valore prognostico ma (eventualmente) può confermare l'esposizione.

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Valutazione clinica della gravità

Statement 9

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<u>grado 2</u>	Nausea (conati) Vomito diarrea		
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			Vertigini
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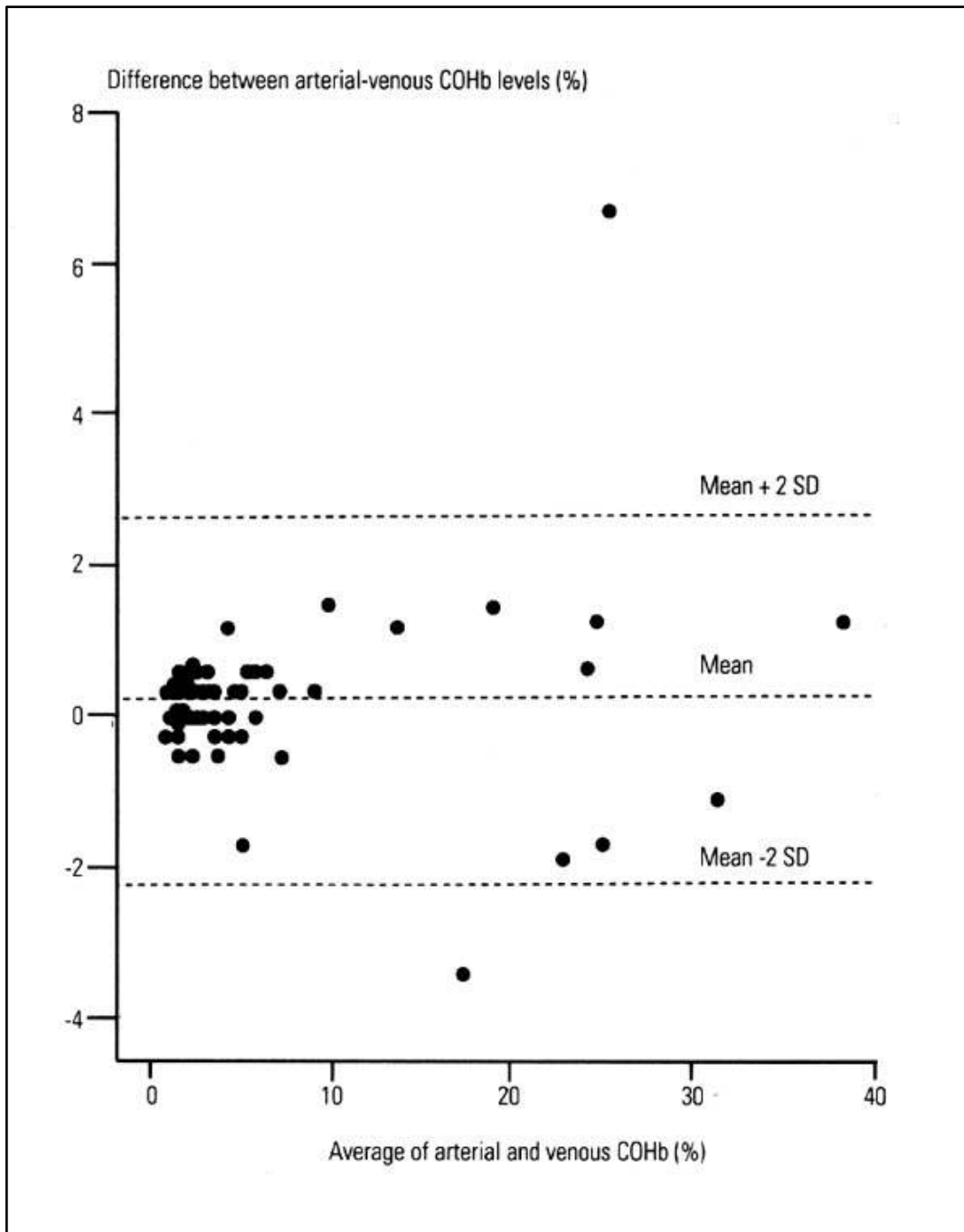
La determinazione della COHb utilizzando il CO-ossimetro per la rilevazione non invasiva (dotato di adattatori/presidi per l'utilizzo nel paziente pediatrico) è raccomandato a supporto della valutazione clinica e del triage.

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Differenza tra i livelli di COHb arteriosa e venosa



... clinically significant inaccurate carboxyhemoglobin measurement

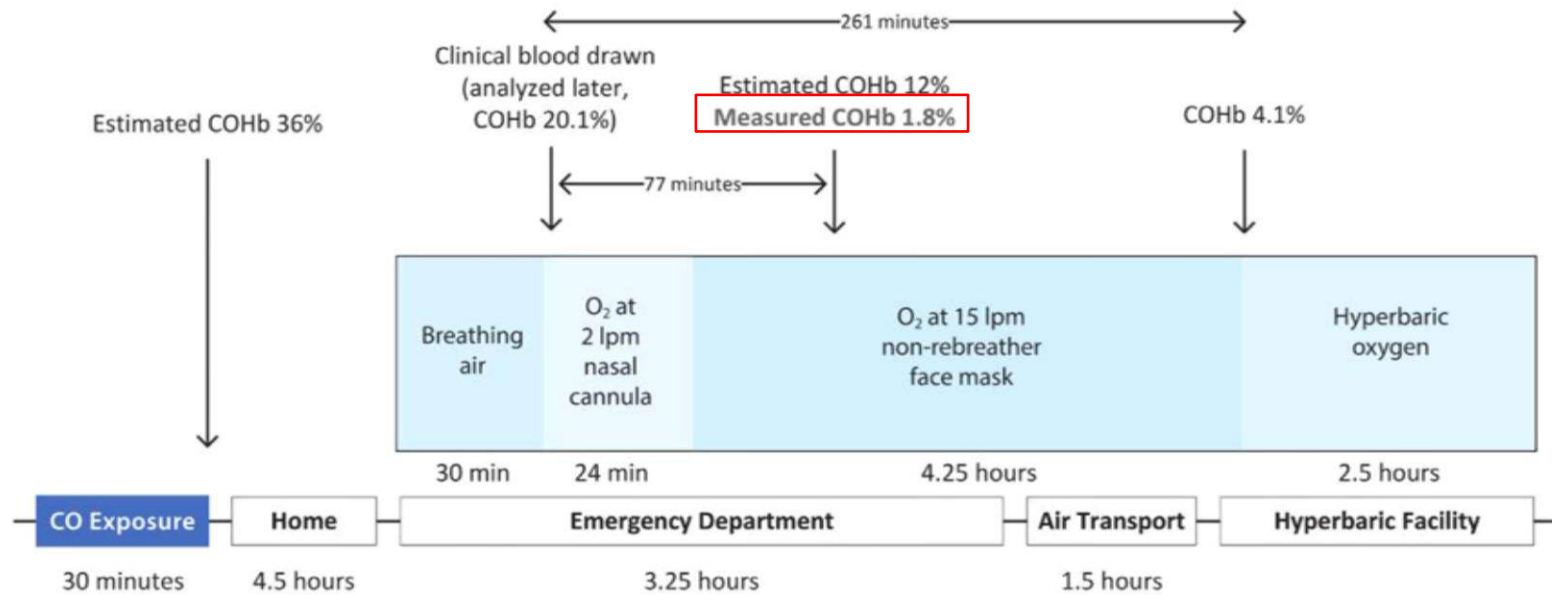


Figure 1. Case 1 patient management timeline.

The patient's first ordered COHb measurement returned a false low value (1.8%), but the patient's symptoms and history strongly suggested CO poisoning. A repeated COHb and later co-oximetry analysis of blood drawn for initial clinical laboratory confirm that the 1.8% COHb was erroneous.

Condizioni fisiologiche / patologiche / ambientali

Statement 11

Le scelte terapeutiche sono condizionate dalle seguenti condizioni fisiopatologiche/ambientali

Condizioni fisiologiche	Condizioni patologiche/ambientali
presenza di HbF (età inferiore a 6 mesi-1 anno)	disfunzione ventricolare / storia di scompenso / cardiopatie congenite
immaturità del SNC	anemia
metabolismo accelerato	anemia falciforme o talassemia
condizioni che richiedono aumentato consumo di ossigeno (es. esercizio fisico, febbre)	anemia emolitica
	leucemia
	ittero neonatale
	ipovolemia
	emoglobinopatie (es. metHb)
	ipossia
	inalazione di fumi di incendio, ustione coane nasali e/o vibrisse, ustioni cutanee

Statement 12

Recommended **laboratory tests and imaging** studies for initial evaluation of patients:

- blood gases determination (at least venous blood) with lactate level
- complete blood count
- fetal hemoglobin in patients younger than 1 year
- hemoglobinopathies (e.g. metHb)
- muscular damage *biomarkers* (creatine kinase)
- myocardial damage *biomarkers* (troponins)
- B-type natriuretic peptide or N-terminal-pro hormone BNP (BNP or NT-proBNP)
- glycemia
- creatinine
- EKG
- thorax XR
- pregnancy test in women of child-bearing age
- cardiotocography control in pregnant woman

NBO and HBO Treatment

Statement 13

Normobaric oxygen therapy (15 liters/minute with at least a non-rebreathing mask) should be administered to **every patient**, no matter the severity grade of symptoms

Statement 14

For those patients treated with hyperbaric oxygen therapy, it's not indicated further adjuvant treatment with normobaric oxygen therapy after the hyperbaric oxygen treatments.

NBO and HBO Treatment

Statement 15

Inclusion criteria for hyperbaric oxygen therapy :

- asymptomatic pregnant patient
- patient severity grade 3 and 4, independently from COHb levels
- in case of fire smokes exposure, hyperbaric oxygen therapy is indicated also in those patients with severity grading 2 and with COHb levels below 10% and but this does not substitute the specific antidote therapy for cyanide poisoning if necessary (lactic acidosis)

Inclusion criteria requiring a hyperbaric physician's case-by-case evaluation:

- patient severity grade 1 (asymptomatic) with COHb level presentation greater than 10%,
- patient severity grade 2

And with a specific risk-benefit oriented choice in case of:

- a patient younger than 6 months of age because of the presence of fetal hemoglobin (independently from the value of COHb)

HBO treatment protocol

Statement 16

The more appropriate treatment regimen for hyperbaric oxygen therapy and the number of sessions will be evaluated in every single case by the hyperbaric medical specialist.

One single treatment session can be sufficient for patients asymptomatic at the end of the session.

In case of clinical indication to additional hyperbaric sessions, it is not considered beneficial to exceed an overall of 3 sessions in number. The number of sessions can increase in case of indication to treatment of delayed neurocognitive sequelae .

Statement 17

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO) should be initiated, when possible, within 6 hours and, in any case, no later than 12 hours from the diagnosis.

Contra-indications to HBO

Statement 18

- impossibility to perform compensatory maneuvers (for age); in severe selected cases, consider the opportunity of a bilateral myringotomy, and the eventual positioning of trans-tympanic drainages (grommets),
- not drained pneumothorax,
- ongoing acute asthmatic attack,
- status epilepticus,
- patients suffering from an ethmoid bone fracture and rhinorrhea (risk of a dysbaric pneumocephalus occurrence while performing the required compensatory maneuvers),
- therapy with doxorubicin or cisplatin (rare in pediatric age)

Main relative contra-indications:

- epilepsy under pharmacological treatment,
- history positive for spontaneous pneumothorax,
- pacemaker or ICD (on the basis of the technical sheet of these devices),
- claustrophobic traits.

Statement 19

Normobaric oxygen therapy (15 liters/minute with at least a non-rebreathing mask with reservoir) should be administered until symptoms resolution, and in any case for at least 12 h, to those patients exposed to CO acute poisoning and not presenting indication to hyperbaric oxygen therapy or having indication to HBO but with concomitant contraindication to this line of treatment.

Statement 20

To those patients for which, despite indication, it is not possible to perform hyperbaric oxygen therapy, normobaric oxygen therapy (15 liters/minute with at least a non-rebreathing mask with reservoir) should be administered for at least 24 h. The continuation of treatment will be decided considering a neurological clinical re-evaluation.

Statement 21

The patient in-chamber assistance follows the directives and rules of every hospital

Statement 22

Echocardiography may not be performed in asymptomatic patients with biomarkers and EKG within normal ranges. In case of alteration of one or more biomarkers, it is strongly recommended to have the patient undergo echocardiography within 24 hours.

Statement 23

The young patient can be discharged after a minimum of 12-24 hours of observation from the end of the normobaric/hyperbaric therapy and with normal laboratory analysis and imaging studies, according to clinical evaluation.

Statement 24

Follow-up and long-term evaluation.

45 days after hospital discharge it is advisable patient reevaluation by the pediatrician for cardiac evaluation and/or for possible appearance of symptoms attributable to delayed neurological sequelae (NMR CNS) (in formative letter to parents).

Hyperbaric oxygen should be used for carbon monoxide poisoning

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This short review addresses the mechanisms of injury mediated by carbon monoxide (CO) and current information on efficacy of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT). Recent clinical series involving large, country-wide databases and prospective randomized trials are summarized. We conclude that there is an abundance of basic science and preclinical and clinical research supporting the use of HBOT for acute CO poisoning. With appropriate consideration for pathology and therapeutic mechanisms, HBOT at a dose of 2.5–3.0 atm absolute is a necessary treatment for this toxidrome.

KEYWORDS

carboxyhaemoglobin, neurological sequelae, randomized trials, β_2 integrins

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TABLE 1 Randomized control trials for hyperbaric vs. ambient pressure oxygen treatment listed by increasing dose of hyperbaric oxygen (HBO)

Study	Maximum O ₂ dose	Time tx initiated ^a	Acute treatment protocol ^b	Source	Sample size (n)	Results
Raphael et al. ²⁵	2.0 ATA	5.3 ± 2.3 to 6.4 ± 2.8 h	6 h NBO vs. 2 h HBO + 4 h NBO or 4 h NBO with 1 vs. 2 HBO treatments	Non-fire, accidental domestic exposure	343	No benefit
Annane et al., 2011 ²²	2.0 ATA	2 to 6 h	Same as Raphael et al.	Non-fire, accidental domestic exposure	385	Negative
Ducasse et al. ²³	2.5 ATA	Mean: 53 min	12 h NBO vs. 2 h HBO + 10 h NBO	Unknown	26	Positive
Mathieu et al. ²⁴	2.5 ATA	Not given	12 h NBO vs. 90 min HBO	Unknown	575	Positive
Thom et al. ²⁷	2.8 ATA	2.0 ± 1.1 h	6 h NBO vs. 2.8 ATA for 30 min followed by 2.0 ATA for 90 min	Auto, furnace, fires	65	Positive
Scheinkestel et al. ²⁶	2.8 ATA	5.7 to 8.6 h	Three days NBO vs. three daily tx 2.8 ATA for 60 min + 40 min taper plus 3 days NBO	Auto, furnace, no fires	191	Negative
Weaver et al. ¹⁰	3.0 ATA	5.8 ± 2.9 h	125 min NBO vs. 3.0 ATA for 50 min followed by 2.0 ATA for 60 min	Auto, furnace, no fires	152	Positive

Abbreviations: ATA, absolute atmosphere; HBO, hyperbaric oxygen; NBO, normobaric oxygen.

^aTreatment initiation times are the interval from removal from the CO source to start of treatment. They are shown as mean ± SD or range when only that information was included.

^bNote that some protocols involved multiple treatments after initial intervention. These details are not shown.

However, with appropriate consideration for pathology and therapeutic mechanisms, we conclude that HBOT at a dose of 2.5–3.0 ATA is a necessary treatment for this toxidrome.

REVIEW ARTICLE

Hyperbaric oxygen should not be used routinely for carbon monoxide poisoning

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«Every day, thousands of patients around the world are poisoned by carbon monoxide. Some die in the prehospital setting, but many more present in need of treatment. Clinicians who opt to treat them with HBO do so in the hope that it might help, not because they know it will. Even as a card-carrying HBO sceptic, I myself recommend the therapy from time to time, but I do so with the recognition that I am operating ...»

Pediatric Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Effects of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy on Thiol/Disulfide Balance

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Objectives: Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning remains the foremost cause of poisoning worldwide. This study aimed to investigate the effects of hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) and normobaric oxygen therapy (NBOT) on thiol/disulfide homeostasis in children with CO intoxication.

Methods: Eighty-one children aged 0 to 18 years with CO intoxication were included in this cross-sectional study. No changes were made in the routine clinical evaluation and treatment practices of the patients. Thirty-two children who received HBOT and 49 children who received NBOT were compared for serum native thiol, disulfide, and total thiol levels, as well as for the changes in disulfide/native thiol, disulfide/total thiol, and native thiol/total thiol ratios before and after treatment.

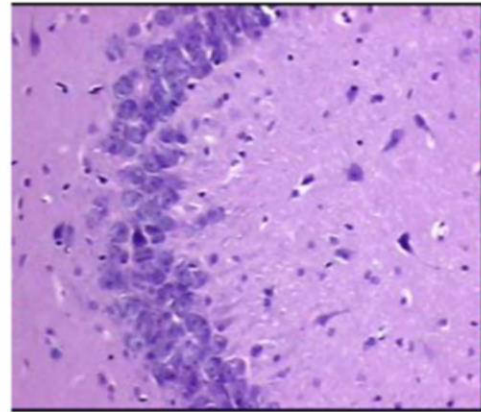
Results: Antioxidant levels, such as native thiol and total thiol, were significantly decreased in patients who received HBOT and increased in those who received NBOT ($P = 0.02$ and $P = 0.01$, respectively). There was no statistically significant difference between the 2 groups concerning the change of native thiol/total thiol ratios ($P = 0.07$). In addition, there was no significant difference regarding changes in disulfide, disulfide/native thiol, and disulfide/total thiol levels before and after treatment ($P = 0.39$, $P = 0.07$, and $P = 0.07$, respectively).

Conclusions: Although thiol-disulfide balance is maintained in patients treated with HBOT, antioxidant levels decrease significantly compared with NBOT. Despite efficiency of HBOT in CO intoxication, oxidative stress and reperfusion injury due to hyperoxygenation should be considered in the treatment of HBOT.

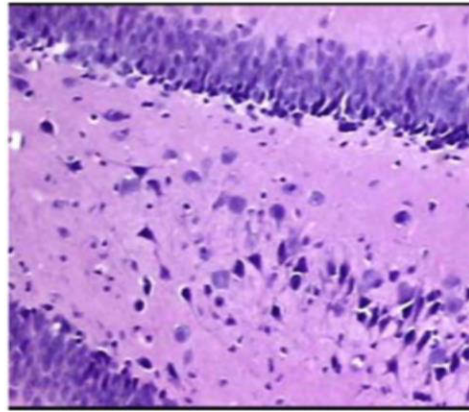
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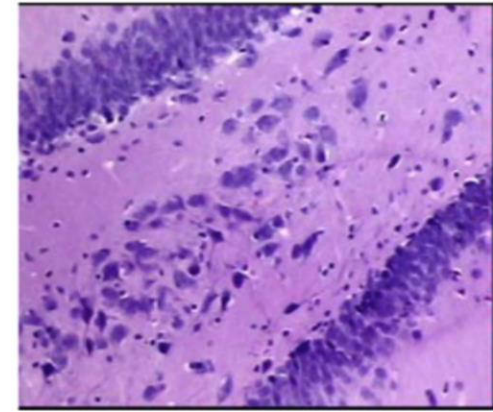
Delayed encephalopathy of acute carbon monoxide intoxication in rats: potential mechanism and intervention



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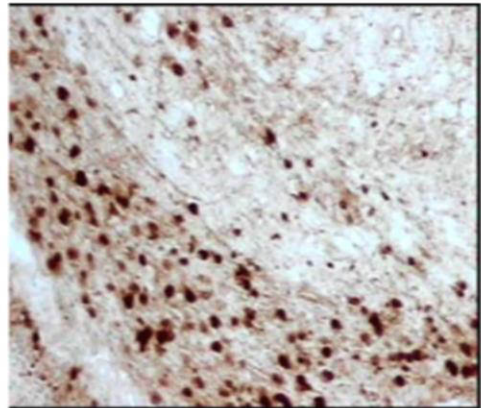


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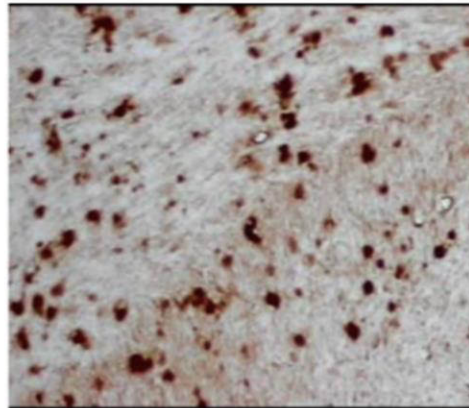


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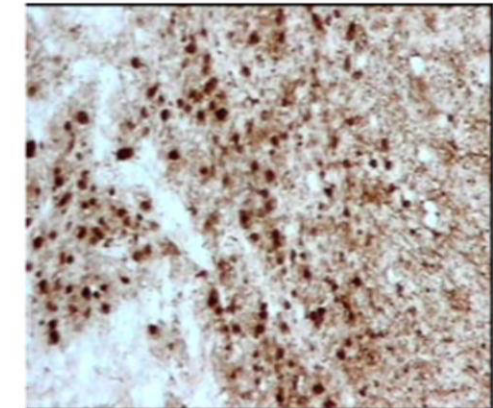
Fig. 1: Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining ($\times 100$)



Control




Poisoning



Dexamethasone

Fig. 2: MBP immunohistochemistry staining ($\times 100$)

Dexamethasone therapy prevents delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae after carbon monoxide poisoning: a prospective registry-based study

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ABSTRACT

Background: Delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae are major complications of carbon monoxide poisoning; carbon monoxide triggers brain oxidation and inflammation. Corticosteroids such as dexamethasone modulate neurological damage after carbon monoxide poisoning through anti-inflammatory actions and immune response inhibition. However, it is not known whether corticosteroids prevent delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae. We thus studied whether dexamethasone reduced the incidence of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae.

Methods: This registry-based study enrolled patients with carbon monoxide poisoning treated in a Korean tertiary care hospital from March 1st, 2020 to November 30th, 2021. Data of patients were prospectively collected during the study period, and retrospectively analyzed. One group received intravenous dexamethasone. We performed multivariable logistic regression analysis to identify factors associated with delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae.

Results: A total of 128 patients were enrolled, of which 99 patients received dexamethasone therapy and 29 patients did not. The incidences of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae in the dexamethasone and non-dexamethasone groups were 16.2% and 37.9%, respectively. Multivariable logistic regression analysis revealed that dexamethasone use (odds ratio = 0.122, 95% confidence interval 0.031–0.489) and a higher Glasgow Coma Scale (odds ratio = 0.818, 95% confidence interval 0.682–0.981) was associated with a lower incidence of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae.

Conclusion: Early dexamethasone treatment was significantly associated with a decreased incidence of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae. A higher *Glasgow Coma Scale* at presentation also was associated with a lower incidence of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae.

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Table 2. Comparison of the non-dexamethasone and dexamethasone patient groups.

	Non-dexamethasone group (n = 29)	Dexamethasone group (n = 99)	P Value
Age, years	46.5 ± 17.8	42.6 ± 13.7	0.289
Sex, n (%)			>0.99 ^a
Female	10 (34.5)	32 (32.3)	
Male	19 (65.5)	67 (67.7)	
Vital signs			
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg	130 [110–140]	130 [115–140]	0.890
Diastolic blood pressure, mmHg	80 [70–90]	80 [70–90]	0.594
Heart rate, beats/min	93.1 ± 19.4	91 ± 17.9	0.591
Respiratory rate, breaths/min	20 [20–20]	20 [18–20]	0.9
Comorbidities, n (%)			
Diabetes	5 (17.2)	3 (3.0)	0.015 ^b
Hypertension	4 (13.8)	8 (8.1)	0.467 ^b
Current smoker, n (%)	16 (55.2)	53 (53.5)	>0.99 ^a
Glasgow Coma Scale at presentation			
Score < 15, n (%)	15 [12–15]	15 [12.5–15]	0.352 ^b
Symptoms, n (%)			
Headache	3 (10.3)	9 (9.1)	>0.99 ^b
Loss of consciousness	14 (48.3)	26 (26.2)	0.043 ^a
Dizziness	2 (6.9)	13 (13.1)	0.518 ^b
Dyspnea	2 (6.9)	6 (6.1)	>0.99 ^b
Chest pain	1 (3.5)	1 (1)	0.403 ^b
Laboratory findings			
White blood cell count, 10 ³ /μL	10.9 [8.7–13.7]	11.8 [8.8–15.4]	0.734
Hemoglobin, g/dL	14.5 [13.1–15]	15.1 [13.5–16]	0.106
Protein, g/dL	7.2 ± 0.5	7.3 ± 0.6	0.581
Albumin, g/dL	4.3 ± 0.4	4.4 ± 0.4	0.327
Glucose, mg/dL	124 [95.8–171.5]	113 [101.5–131]	0.559
Blood urea nitrogen, mg/dL	12.5 [10.3–20.6]	13 [11.1–16.8]	0.988
Creatinine, mg/dL	1.05 [0.8–1.3]	1 [0.9–1.2]	0.476
Creatine kinase, U/L	134 [81.5–538]	121 [84–433]	0.569
Troponin I, ng/mL	0.1 [0.1–0.2]	0.09 [0.05–0.15]	0.008
C-reactive protein, mg/L	0.2 [0.1–1.3]	0.1 [0–0.4]	0.206
Lactate, mg/dL	1.4 [1.2–4.2]	2.1 [1.8–4.7]	0.553
Carboxyhemoglobin, %	9.0 [3.8–13.7]	10.2 [5.5–17.6]	0.330
Duration of carbon monoxide exposure, min	150 [30–240]	180 [85–420]	0.236
Type of exposure, n (%)			0.936 ^a
Unintentional	7 (24.1)	21 (21.2)	
Intentional	22 (75.9)	78 (78.8)	
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy, n (%)	21 (72.4)	85 (85.9)	0.101 ^b
Delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae, n (%)	11 (37.9)	16 (16.2)	0.023 ^a

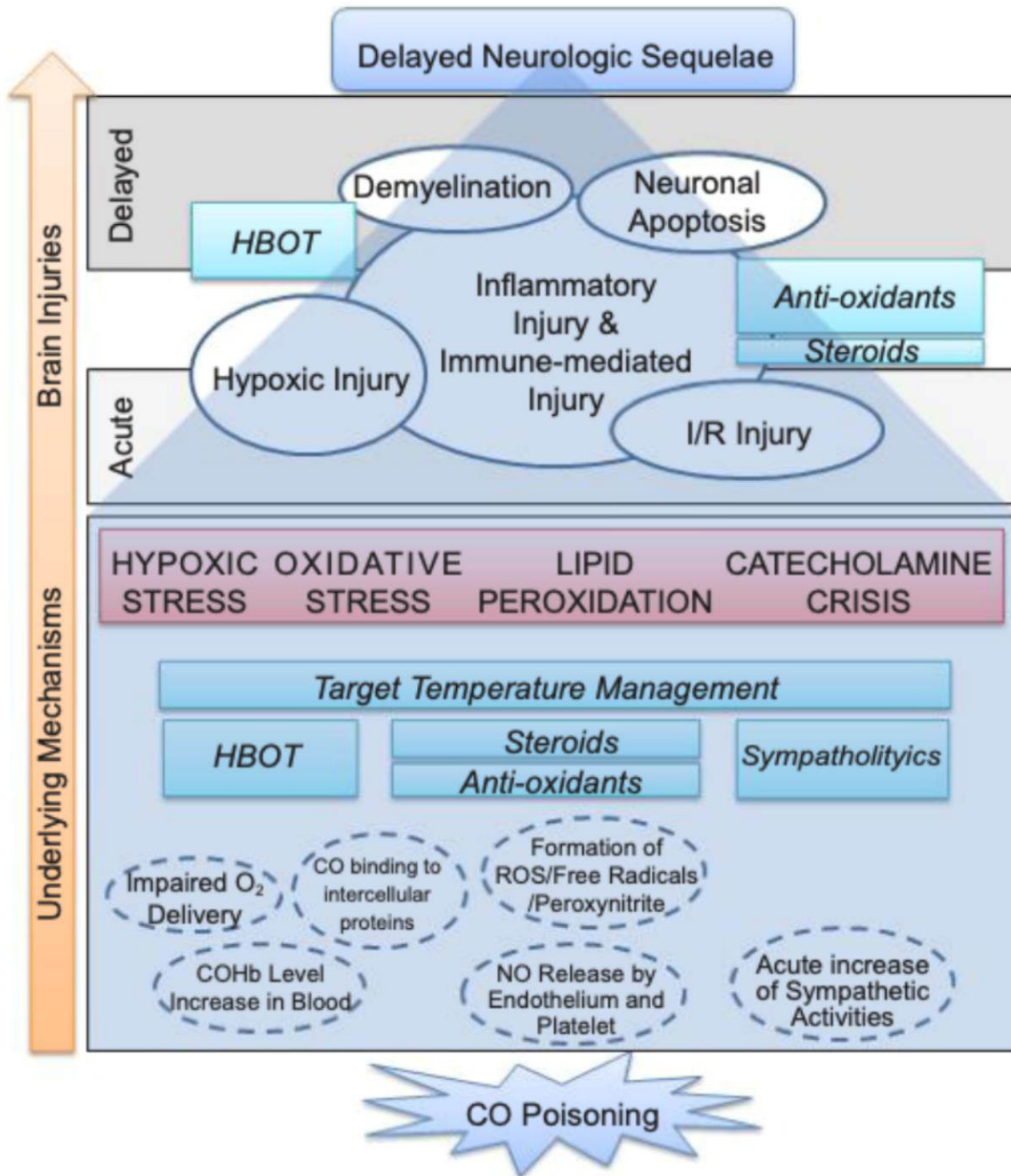
Values are presented as means ± standard deviations, medians [interquartile ranges], or numbers (proportions).

^aPearson's χ^2 test, ^bFisher's exact test.

Table 3. Multivariable logistic regression analysis of factors predictive of delayed neuropsychiatric sequelae.

	OR	95% CI
Dexamethasone use	0.122	0.031–0.489
Glasgow Coma Scale score	0.818	0.682–0.981
Carboxyhemoglobin, %	0.944	0.888–1.003
C-reactive protein, mg/L	0.988	0.836–1.168
Duration of exposure to carbon monoxide, min	1.001	0.999–1.003
Hyperbaric oxygen therapy	5.662	0.517–62.011

OR: odds ratio; CI: confidence interval.



PSYCHOLOGICAL SEQUELAE TO CARBON MONOXIDE
 INTOXICATION IN THE CHILD

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ABSTRACT

Twenty children from 25 months to 15 years old at the time of carbon monoxide intoxication have been studied in a short-term follow-up, and 14 children in a long-term follow-up, as far as their psychological and cognitive faculties are concerned. The quality of recovery is a function of the severeness of the intoxication, but the intellectual level of the children, and primarily their age at the time of the intoxication, also play a major role.

after CO exp.

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4 months after

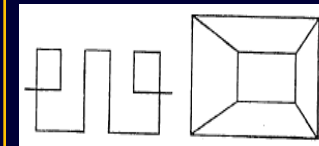
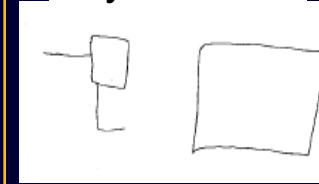
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18 days after



1 year after



12 ys
 coma

6.9 ys
 coma
 COHb 25%

	age	n°	COHb	Psychological sequelae
→ Short term f-up 3 months (n=20) only 3 coma at ED	2-3 ys	6	16-37%	irritable, anxiety
	4-9 ys	8	4-25%	mnesitic/visuo-spatial disorder
	10-15 ys	6	26-36%	auditory/visual deficits
→ Long term f-up 2-11 years (n=14) 4 coma 3 somnolence at ED	2-3 ys	2	19-24%	1 serious spatial, spelling, lexical disorders
	4-9 ys	6	13-42%	2 mild (memory) and 3 serious disorders
	10-15 ys	6	23-32%	2 mild (memory) and 4 serious disorders

BRIEF REPORT



Open issues in management of carbon monoxide poisoning in pregnancy: practical suggestions

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ABSTRACT

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning during pregnancy may cause deleterious effects to the fetus. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBO) in pregnancy is proven to be safe and it is considered to be beneficial, reducing the severity of the fetal injuries. However, a number of issues are still to be discussed, among them the question of the carboxyhemoglobin (COHb) levels that trigger HBO therapy in pregnant CO poisoned patients. In this letter we report some practical suggestions for organizations wishing to develop their own protocols.

KEYWORDS

Carbon monoxide;
pregnancy; poisoning;
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Chorea as the Neurological Symptom of Delayed Encephalopathy After Carbon Monoxide Intoxication in a Child

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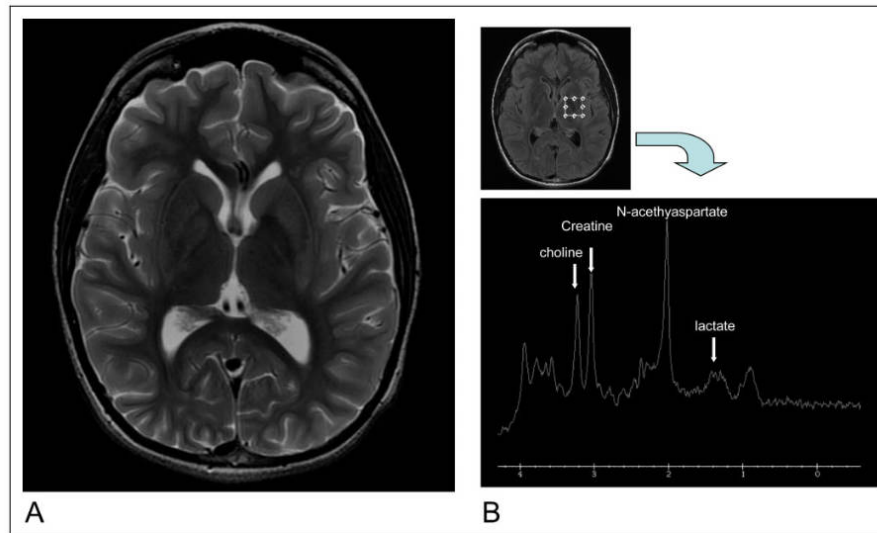


Figure 1. A, T2-weighted axial sequence of brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) shows hyperintensities in the bilateral basal ganglia. The signal changes are greater involving the left caudate and putamen and greater involving the right globus pallidus. B, Brain magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) with voxel over the left basal ganglia shows small lactate peaks.

Cyanide !

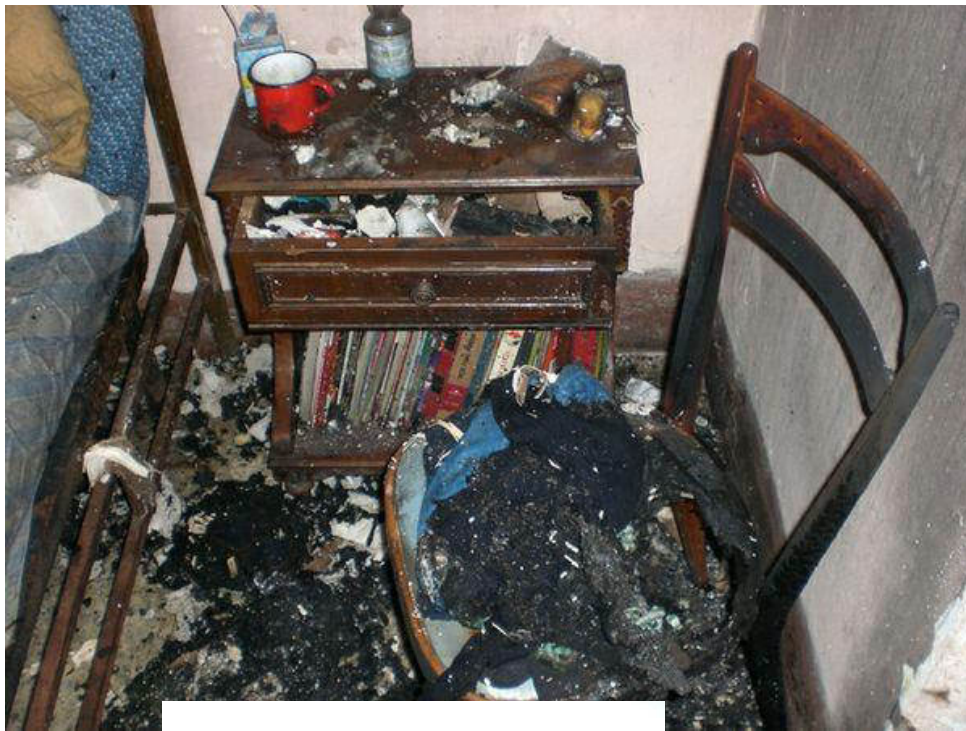
A 10-year-old boy presented to the emergency department with abnormal movements 8 days after he was rescued from a house fire. At the scene, he was comatose and was found to have soot in his airway. He had an elevated carboxyhemoglobin level (24.5%). He received mechanical ventilation with 100% oxygen for 40 hours. He showed rapid recovery in mental status and was discharged home. Eight days after the injury, he developed tremors, dystonia, and chorea involving his face and all extremities (Video). Brain magnetic resonance imaging showed T2 hyperintensity in the caudate, putamen, and globus pallidus bilaterally, and magnetic resonance spectroscopy showed lactate peaks in the basal ganglia (Figures 1A and B).

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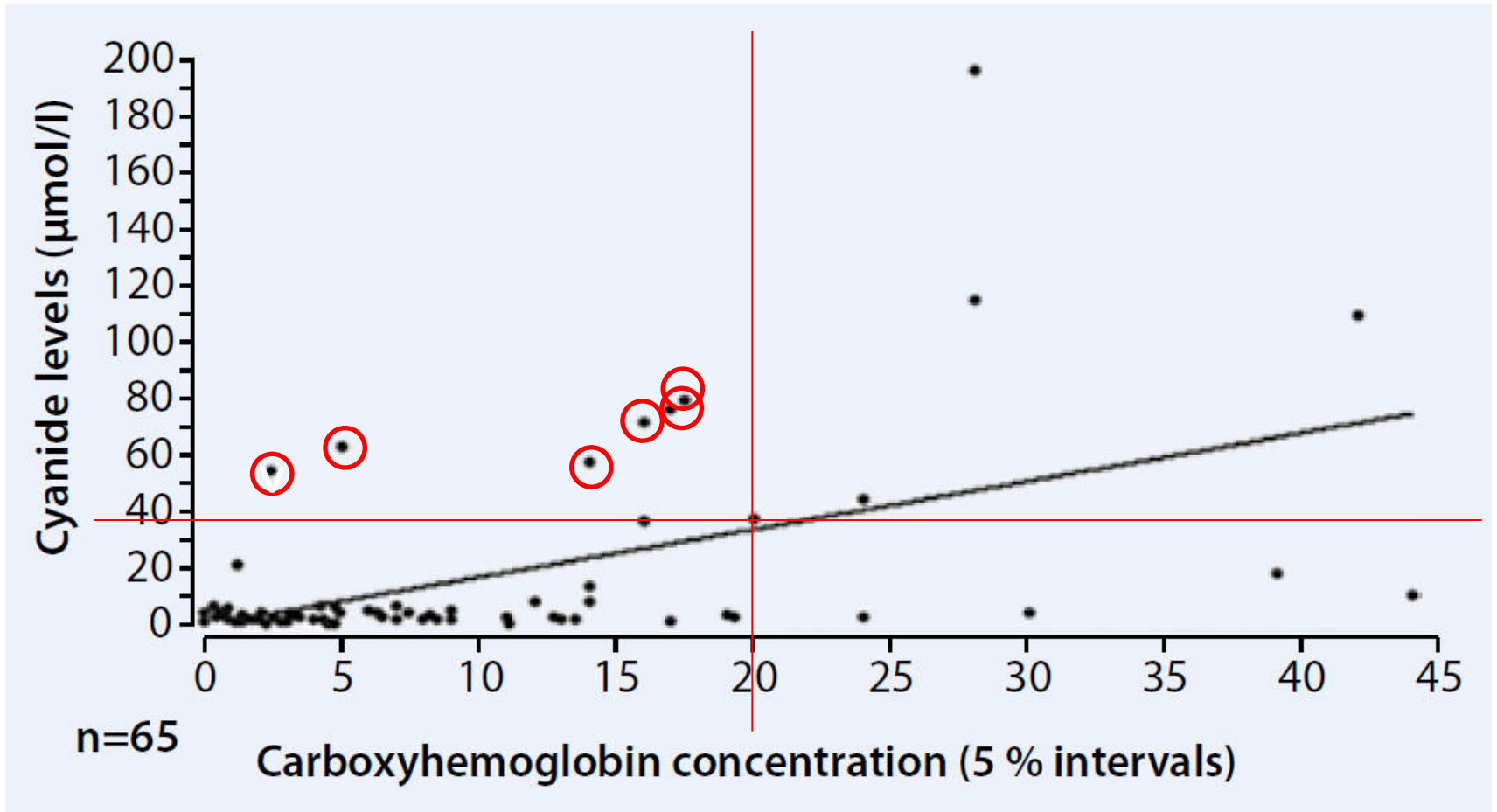
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Correlation between cyanide levels ($\mu\text{mol/l}$) and COHb concentrations (%) in the blood of patients after smoke inhalation (correlation coefficient: 1.68; $p < 0.0001$)



Intossicazione acuta da CO nel bambino

Conclusioni

- CO: veleno funzione e lesionale
- clinica di presentazione “subdola”
- insorgenza precoce nel bambino
- criterio epidemiologico

- pulsiossimetro (rilevazione non invasiva al triage)

- trattamento con ossigeno normobarico
 - Ossigeno iperbarico
 - Antiossidanti (es. NAC)
 - Steroidi

- follow-up
 - danno d’organo (miocardio “stordito”)
 - sequele neurologiche

- attenzione a esposizione a fumi di incendio domestico



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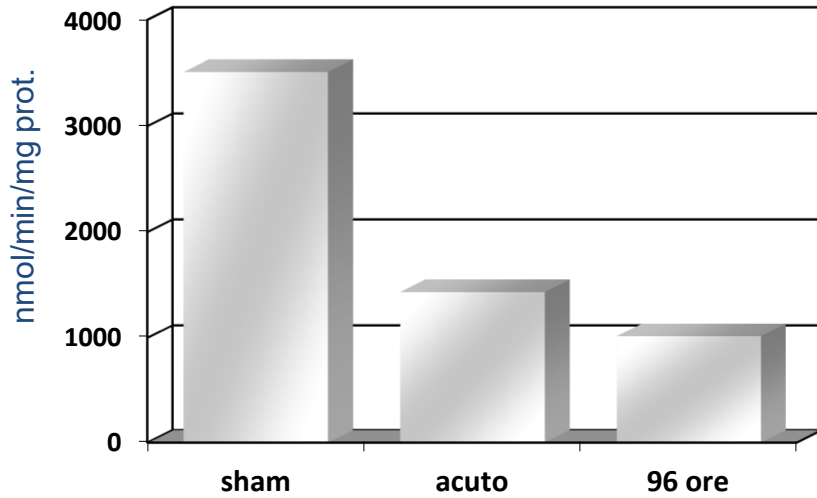
- PZ IN GRAVIDANZA
- BAMBINI IN ETÀ < 6 MESI PER LA PRESENZA DI HbF

- PZ ASINTOMATICI CON COHB > 25%
- BAMBINI ASINTOMATICI CON ETÀ < 12 ANNI CON: COHB > 10%
- PZ ASINTOMATICI CON PREGRESSA ISCHEMIA MIOCARDICA CON COHB > 15%

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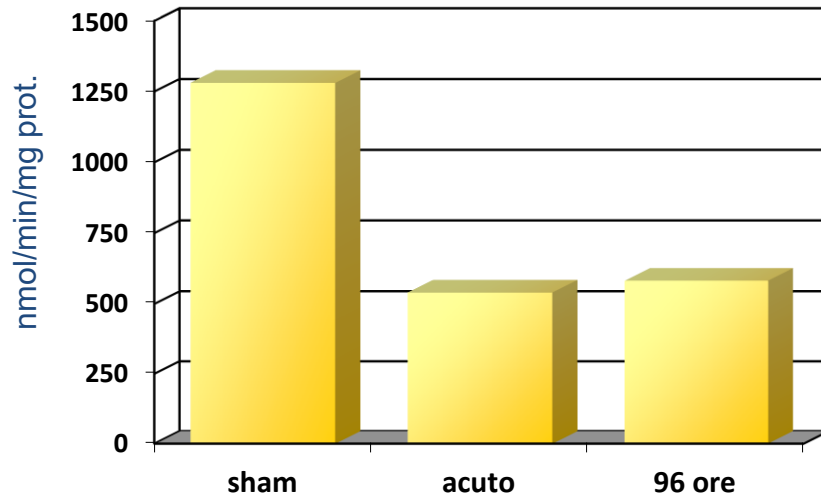
- gennaio 1990 al dicembre 2010 (\cong 26 bambini/anno)
 - 520 bambini
 - età compresa tra zero (15 giorni) e 12 anni \rightarrow 189; 36% (15 giorni e 4 anni)
- CASCO (nel quale venivano infilati fino al diaframma)
 - bambini età inferiore a 15-18 mesi
- maschere con valvola di non ritorno per rendere minimo lo spazio morto
- non sono stati segnalati effetti avversi

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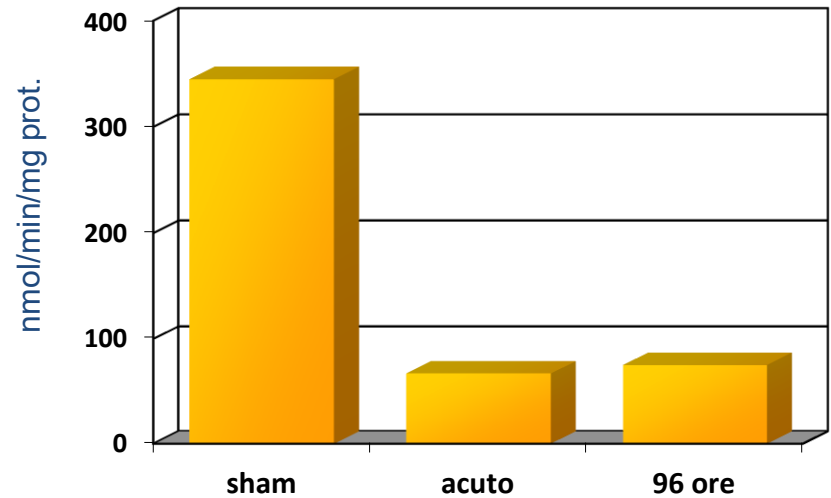


Persistenza delle alterazioni del metabolismo cellulare indotte da CO

PIRUVATO CHINASI



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Analisi retrospettive

N=28 Crocker PJ, 1985	%	N=74 Yarar et al, 2008 (1 – 18 anni)	%	N=30 Cho et al, 2008 (2-17 anni)	%
nausea	100	confusione mentale	52.7	alterazioni dello stato di coscienza	86.7
cefalea	93	vertigine	37.8	convulsioni	23.3
vomito	75	cefalea e nausea	32	cefalea e vertigini	10
letargia	63	vomito	31	vomito	3.3
sincope	56	sincope	23	-	-
convulsioni	3.5	astenia	16	-	-
-	-	convulsioni e coma	9.5	-	-
-	-	(6/74; 8.1%) asintomatici in PS; 4/6 CoHb 20-40 % (prelievo eseguito tra 30 minuti e 3 ore dal termine dell'esposizione)	-	intossicazione accidentali (16), volontarie (6) e secondarie a esposizione a fumi di incendio (8) (8/30; 26.7%) clinica più severa: acidosi metabolica severa (62.5%), ipotensione (25%) e convulsioni (25%)	-