

# *pijnbestrijding bij de zuigeling: wat zijn de opties?*

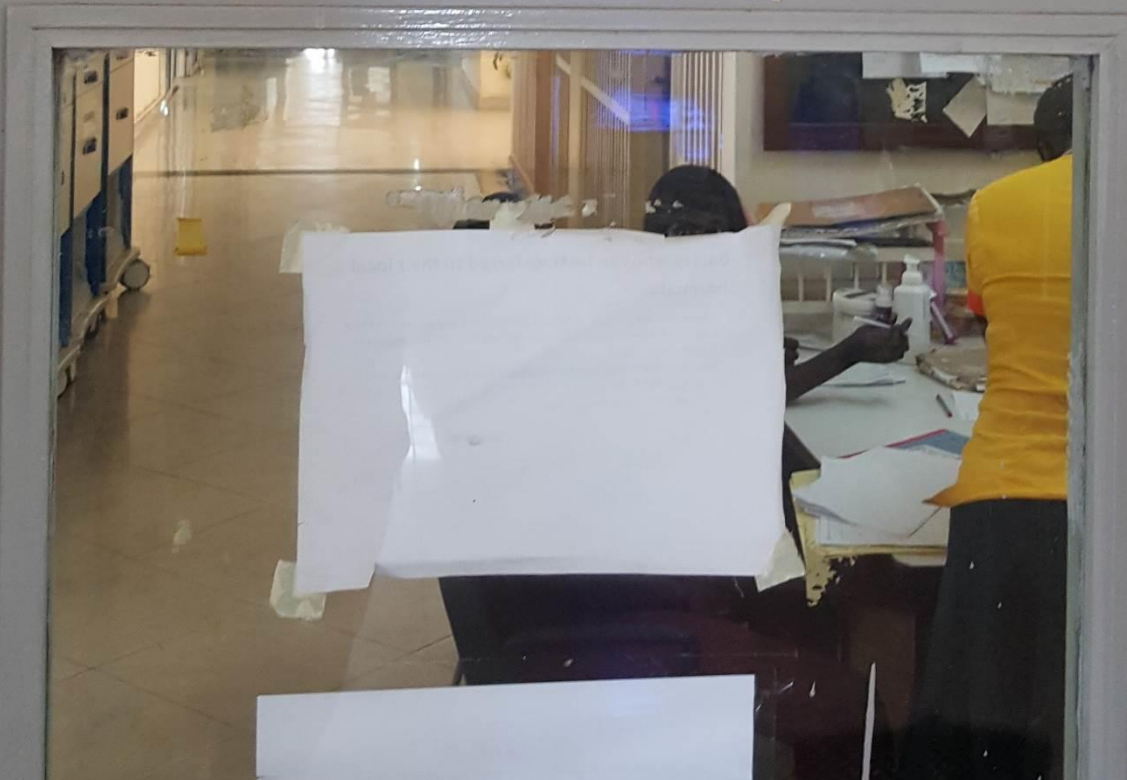


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**If a procedure is painful  
in adults, it should be  
considered painful in  
newborns, even if they  
are preterms.**



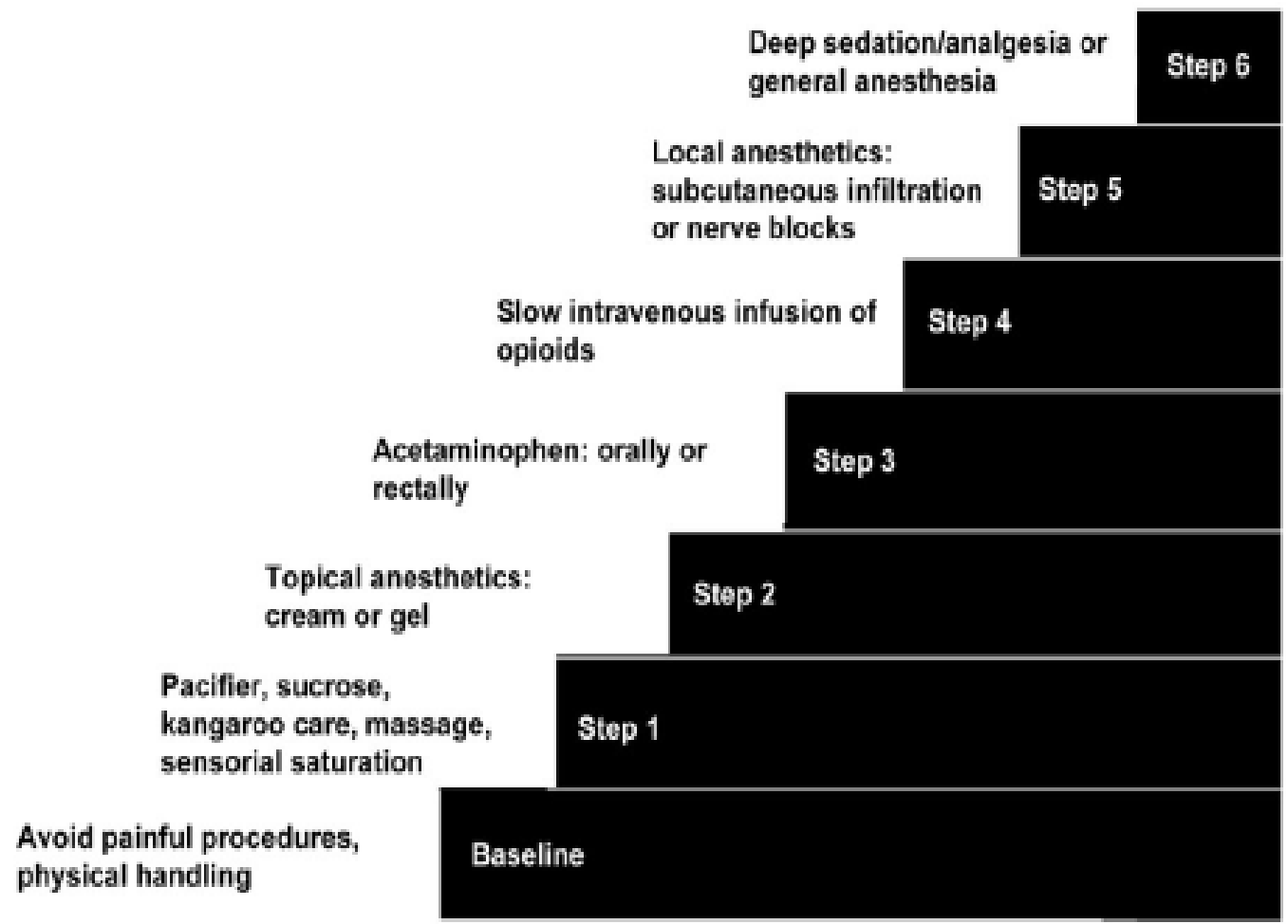
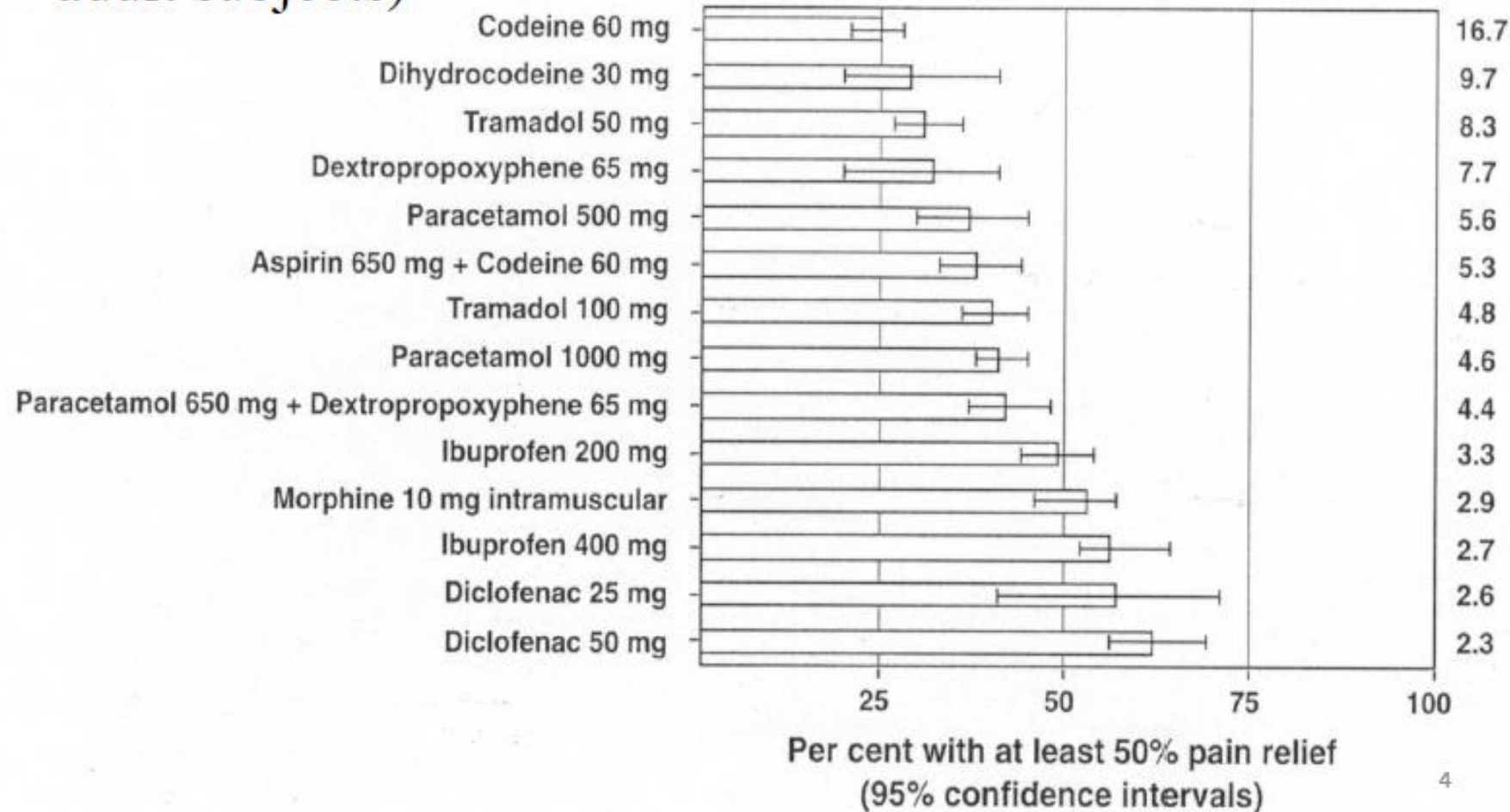
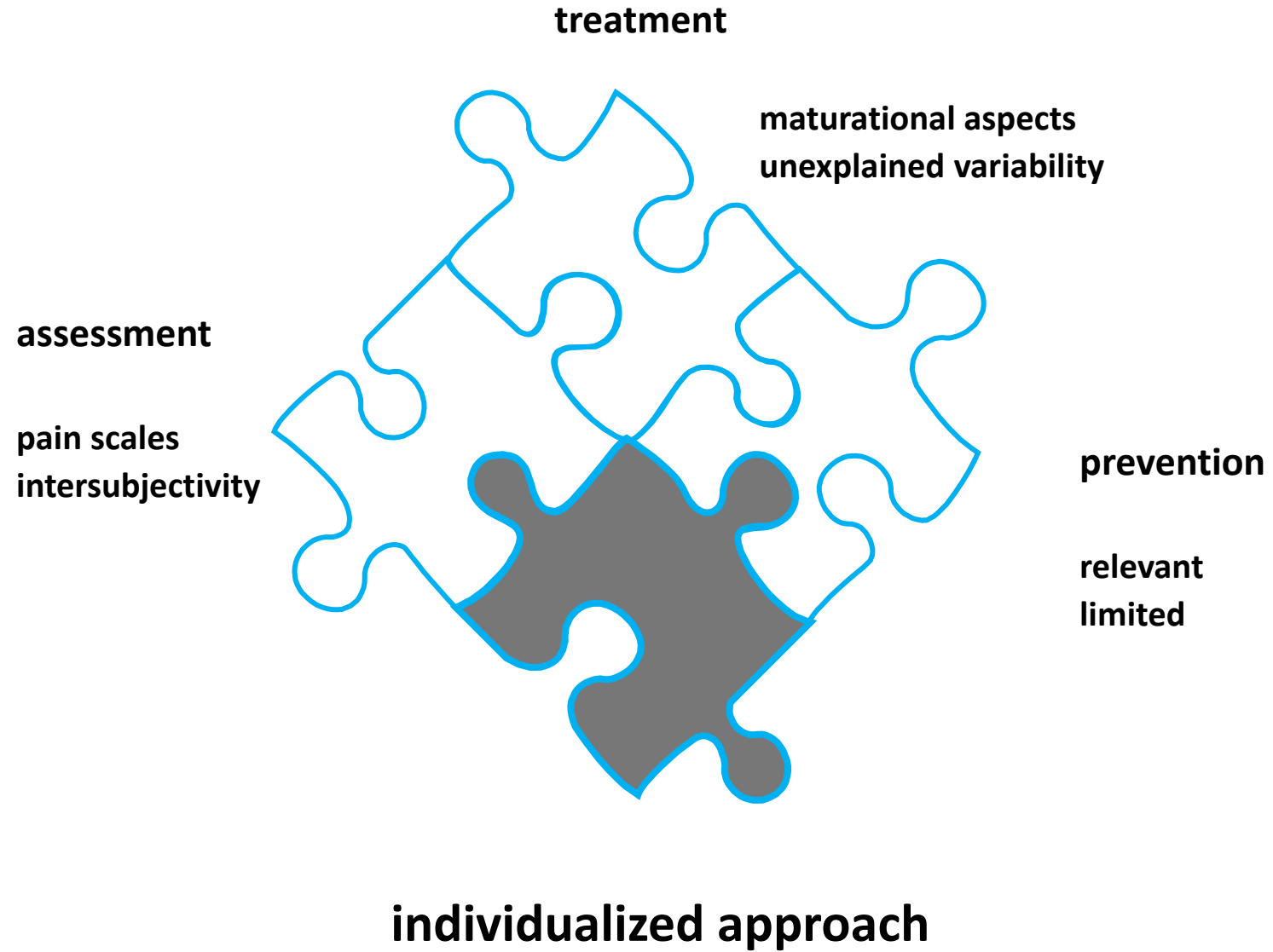


Figure 1. Stepwise approach to neonatal analgesia.

Analgesics Have Mediocre Efficacy - from H. McQuay, A. Moore “An Evidence-Based Resource for Pain Relief”, Oxford Press – meta-analyses with >50,000 adult subjects)





# ***SUGGESTIE 1***





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## Health

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH

## Pain in babies may cause later harm



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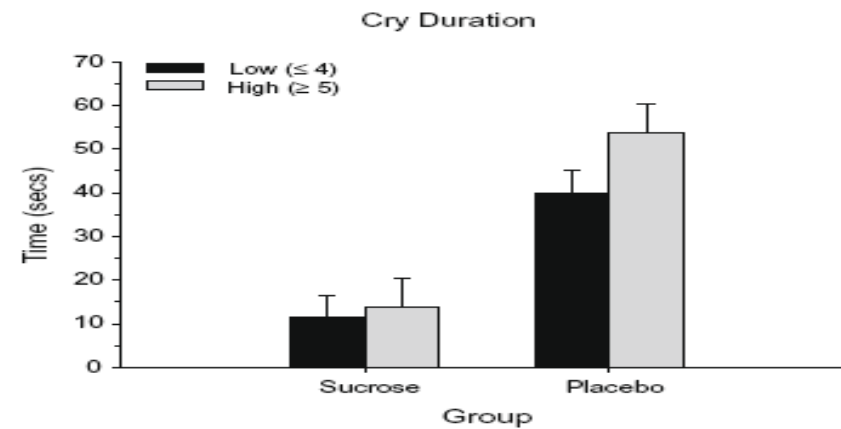
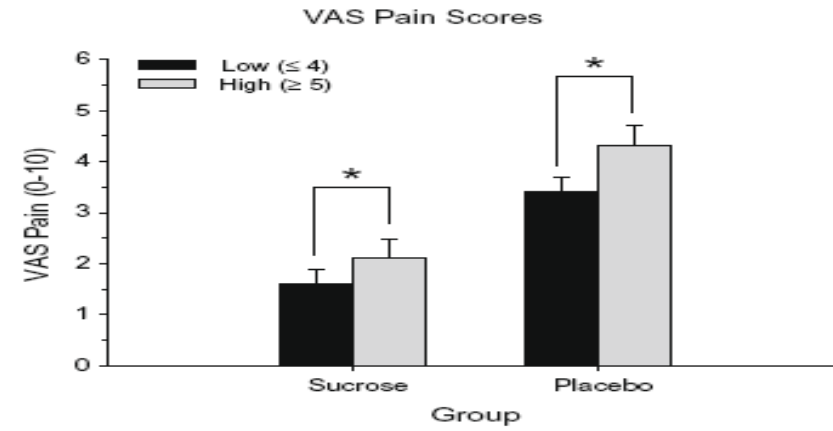
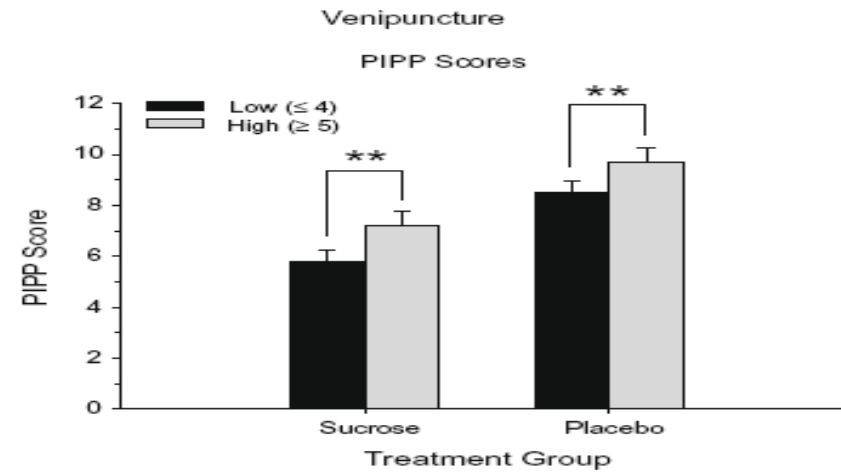
Study in newborn rats suggests early trauma rewires nervous system

Debate has been raging in the medical community over how newborns experience pain and the impact later on.

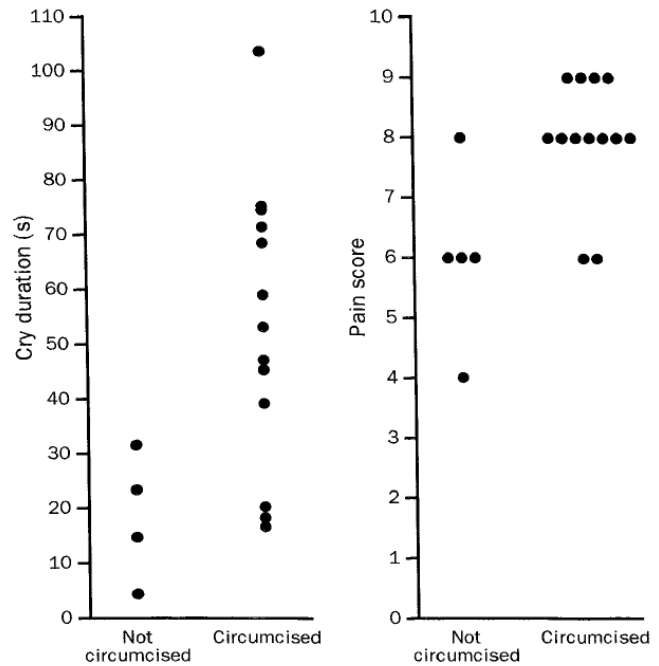
REUTERS

July 27 — Newborns who have painful, but often life-saving, medical procedures in the early weeks of life may have a lower pain threshold in later years, according to a new animal study released Thursday.

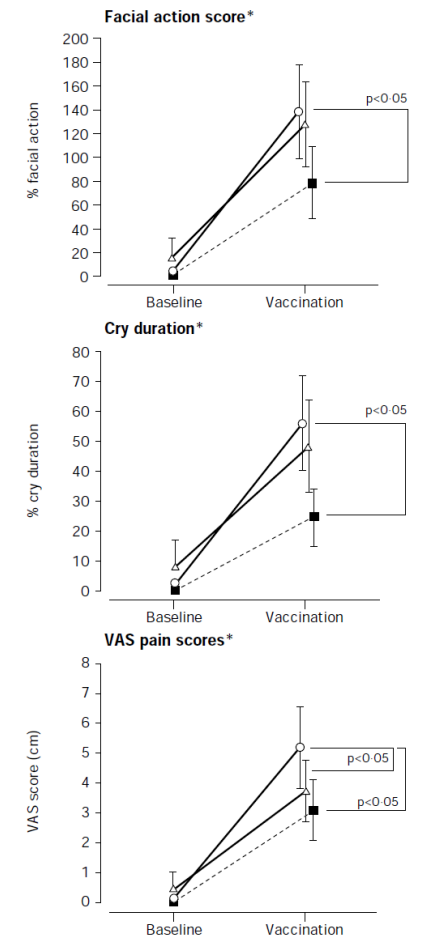
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Anna Taddio<sup>a,b</sup>





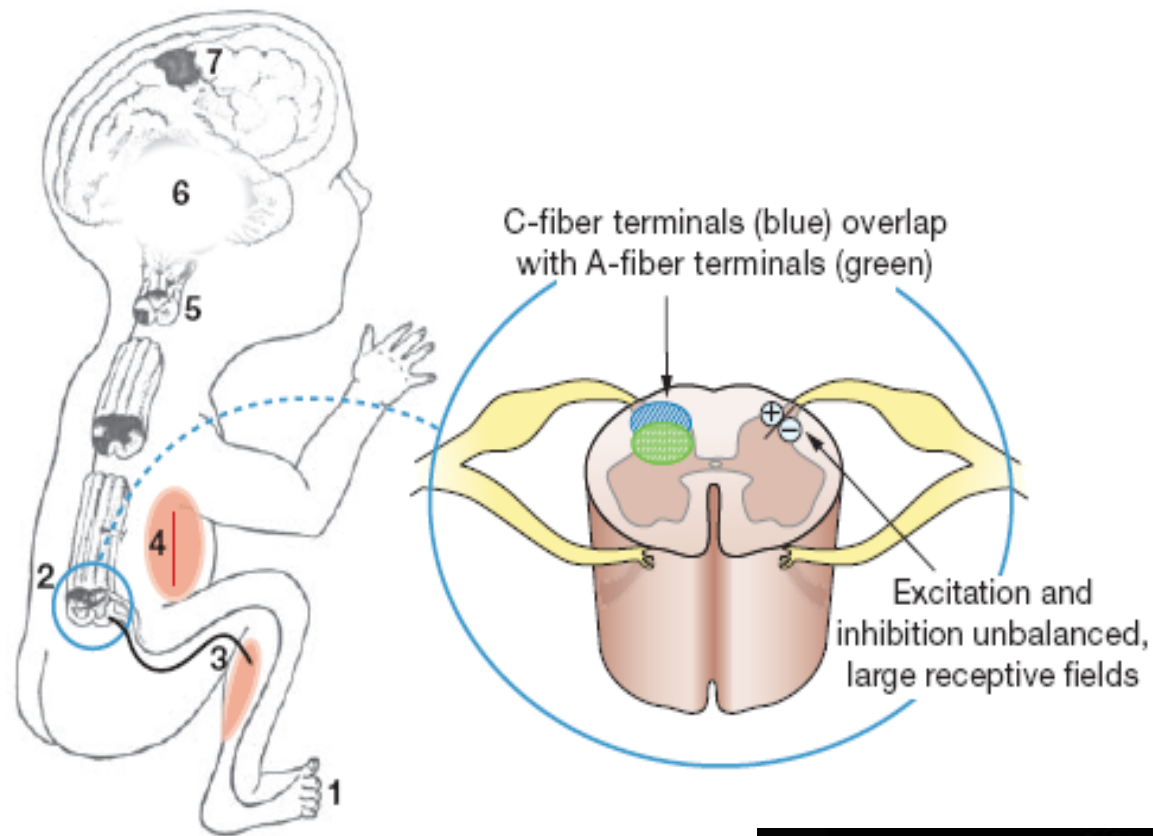


**Figure: Pain response during Hib injection in circumcised and uncircumcised boys**  
 Data not available for cry on 1 infant.  $p=0.02$  for cry,  $p=0.01$  for behavioural pain score.

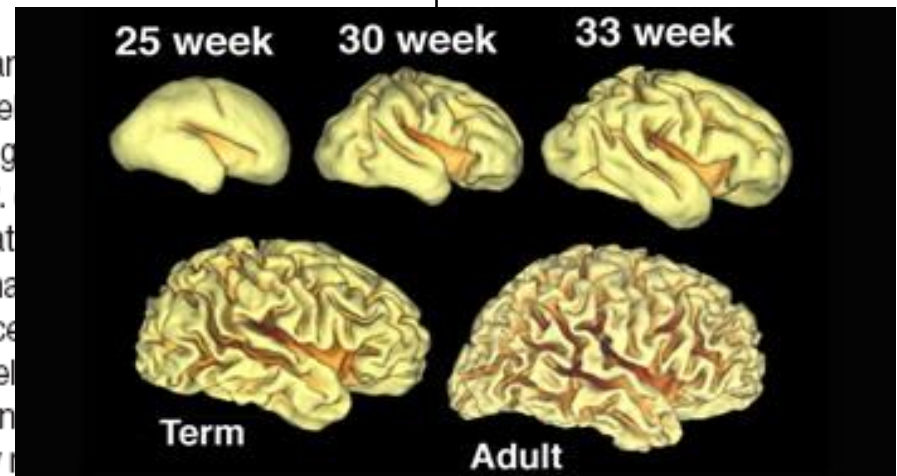


**Infant pain response to vaccination for infants in all groups**  
 VAS=visual analogue scale.  
 \*Values shown as mean (95% CI).

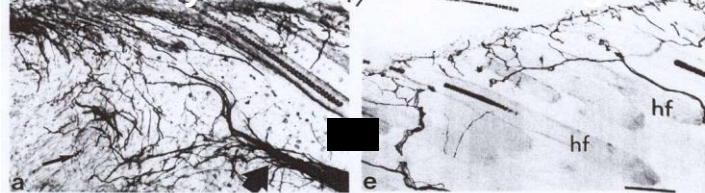
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 Taddio *et al.* Lancet 1995 and 1997



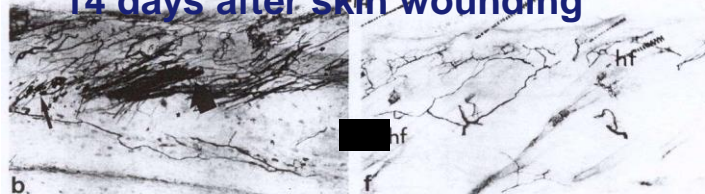
**Figure 1** Key sites of developmental transition in infant areas of the nervous system are indicated where developmental plasticity impact pain detection and treatment in this group. (1) Primary afferent innervation is vulnerable and sensitive to tissue injury. (2) Nociceptive pathways undergo considerable postnatal reorganization. (3) Reflex pathways are diffuse and poorly tuned. (4) Primary afferent pathways are unbalanced before secondary hyperalgesia. (5) Endogenous descending pathways from the brainstem are unbalanced. (6) Extensive cortical development occurs but little is known of the development of intracortical networks. (7) The somatosensory cortex is activated by pain from early age, but little is known of activation in other cortical regions.



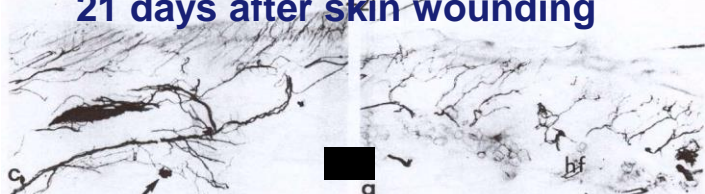
**Wounded Control**  
**7 days after skin wounding**



**14 days after skin wounding**



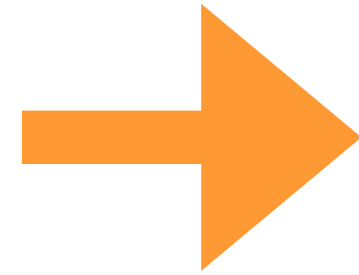
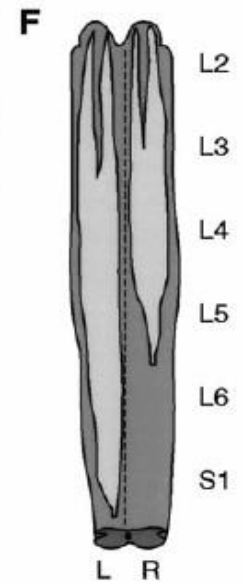
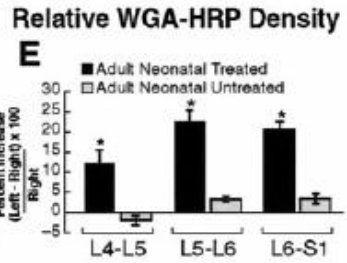
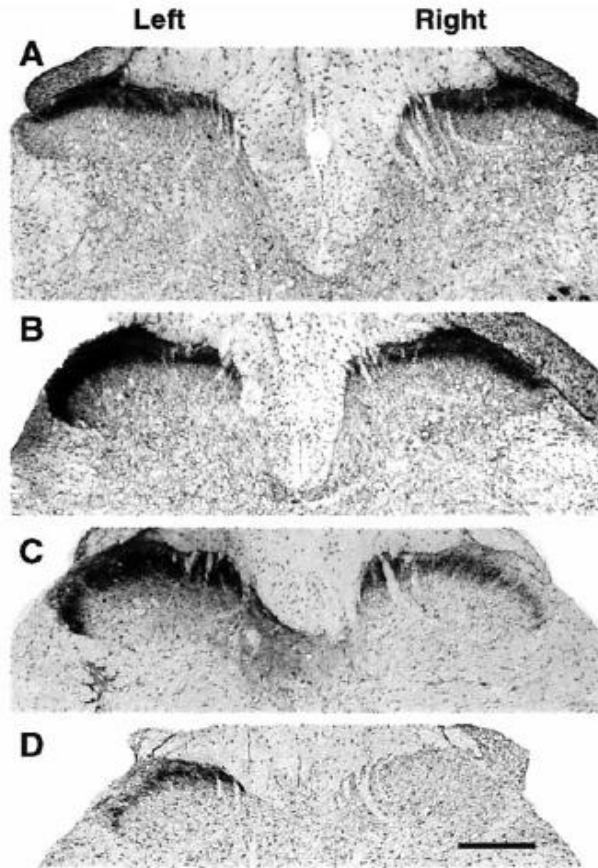
**21 days after skin wounding**



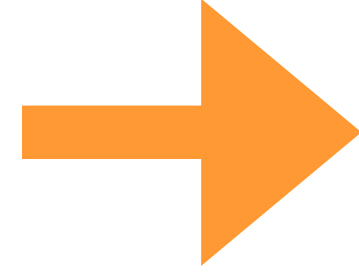
**12 weeks after skin wounding**



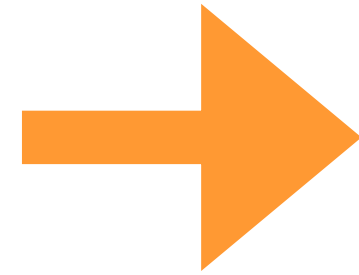
*Reynolds & Fitzgerald. J Comp Neurol 1995; 358: 628-31*  
**hyper(re-)innervation following neonatal skin laesions**



Maximal effect in rats: 6-9 days (*Anand & Scalzo 2000*)



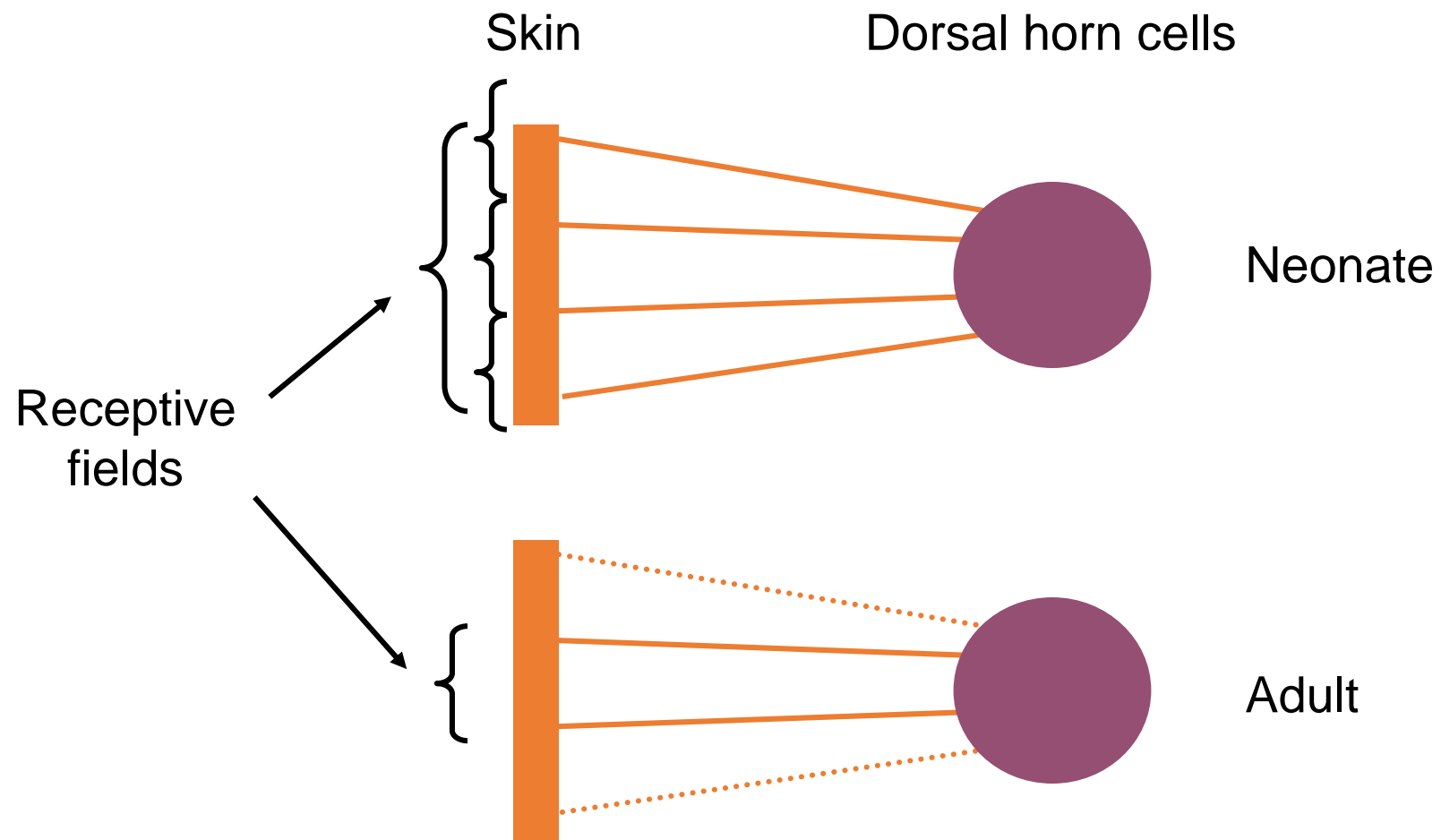
No effect in rats: 14 days (*Ruda et al. 2000*)



<u>Rat</u>	-	<u>Human</u>
0 day	-	24 wks GA
7 days	-	full-term
14 days	-	1-year-old

*Ruda et al. Science 2000; 189: 628-31/ Walker et al. Pain 2003; 105: 185-95*

**early insult rewires pain circuits**



## ***SUGGESTIE 2***

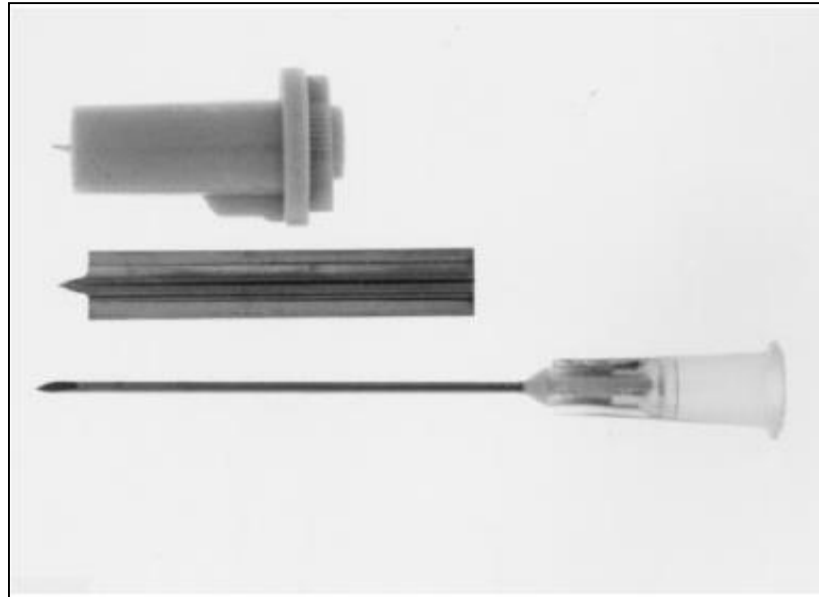
**MIEUX VAUT PRÉVENIR QUE GUÉRIR !!!**





## Venipuncture Is More Effective and Less Painful Than Heel Lancing for Blood Tests in Neonates

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**Fig 1.** Three devices used for the PKU test. From the top: the CCS Minilancet used in the SL group, the Microlance used in the LL group, and the Microlance needle (0.9 × 40 mm) used in the VP group.







# The 3 P's of Helping your Baby during Vaccinations

## A Parent's Guide: Babies up to 1 year old



Plan Ahead

Vaccine injections can be painful and stressful for babies and parents, but you can really make a difference.

For your baby's next vaccine injection, plan with your health care provider to:

- 1) Apply topical anaesthetics to numb the skin – these are medicines you can buy at a pharmacy without a prescription.
- 2) Give your baby sugar water for comfort – make sugar water at home or at the clinic by mixing 1 teaspoon of sugar with 2 teaspoons of water.
- 3) Distract your baby – choose an age-appropriate item to bring.

Read the 3 P's of vaccination pain management below and combine these strategies to improve pain relief.

For more information and a video, visit the **SickKids** (The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada) website:

[www.aboutkidshealth.ca/pain-free-injections](http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/pain-free-injections)

Before Injection

### STEP 1: PHARMACOLOGICAL (PAIN MEDICINE)



Apply topical anaesthetics

#### TOPICAL ANAESTHETICS

- Available products: lidocaine (Maxilene™), tetracaine (Ametop™), lidocaine-prilocaine (EMLA™).
- Apply to either the upper outer part of the leg (infants less than 1 year), or upper arm (infants 1 year old). 30 to 60 minutes before injection – check product instructions.
- If 2 or more injections are planned, apply to both legs or arms.
- May cause temporary reddening or whitening of skin – this is normal. If there is a rash, talk to your doctor – it could be an allergic reaction.
- Avoid acetaminophen (Tylenol™), ibuprofen (Advil™), ice and cold sprays before injection – they have not been proven to reduce injection pain. After injection, acetaminophen or ibuprofen may be used to relieve fever or discomfort.



#### SUGAR WATER

Give sugar water

- Give your baby sugar water to drink right before the injection.

During Vaccine Injection

### STEP 2: PHYSICAL (BODY POSITION AND ACTIVITY)



Hold upright

#### HOLD

- Hold your baby close during injection – in a hug or on your lap. This feels good and helps your baby stay still.
- Avoid holding your baby too tightly – this can increase pain and distress.

#### BREASTFEED

- Start breastfeeding your baby before injection and continue during and after injection.
- If 1 injection is planned, position your baby to expose 1 leg; expose both legs for 2 or more injections.
- If the baby cannot be breastfed, offer a bottle or pacifier starting before injection and continue during and after injection.



Breastfeed

### STEP 3: PSYCHOLOGICAL (THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIOURS)



Deep breaths

#### BREATHE DEEPLY

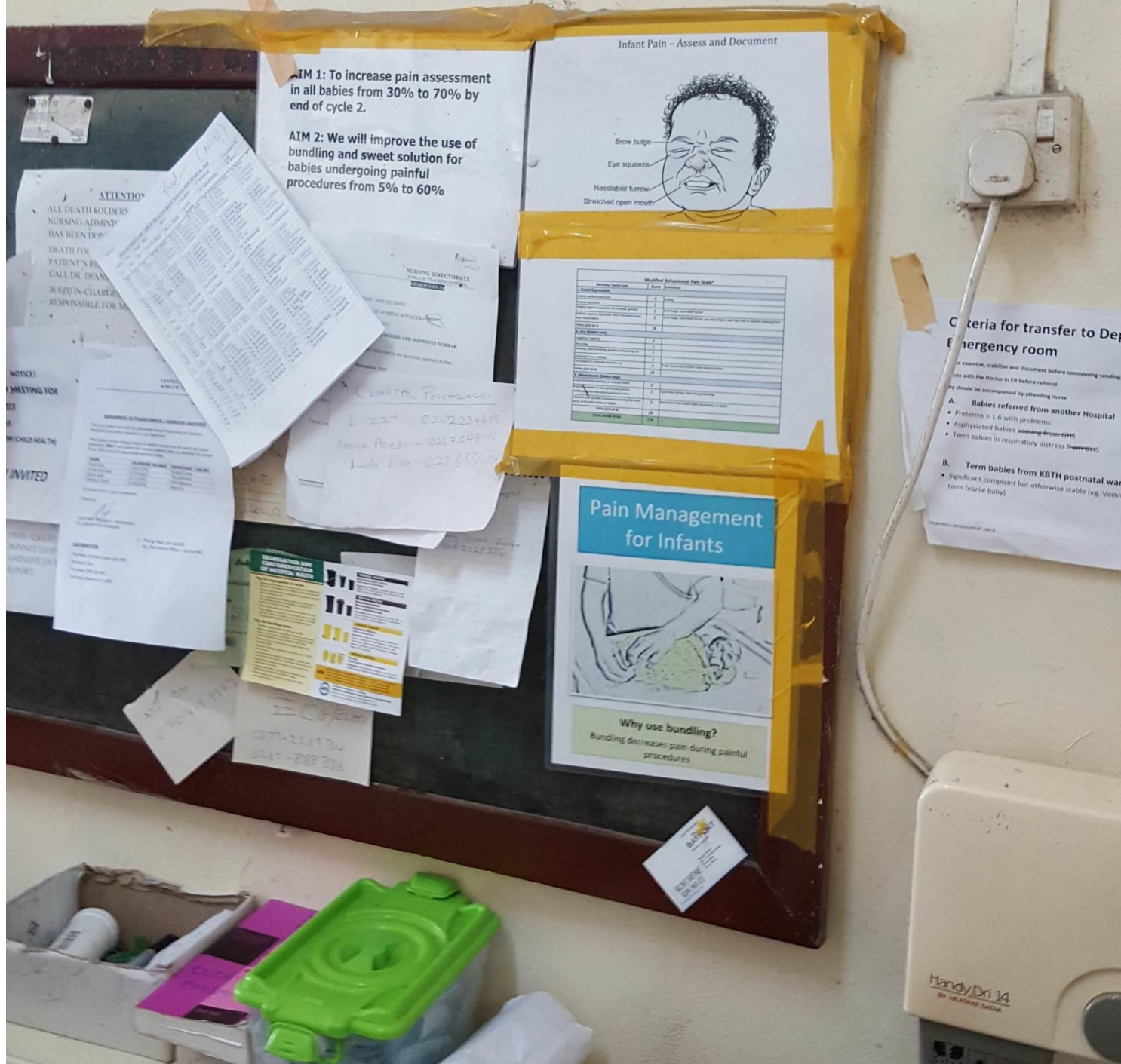
- Stay calm and use your normal speaking voice. This helps your baby stay calm – babies look to their parents for how to act and feel.
- If you are nervous, take a few slow, deep breaths to calm yourself before and during injection – breathe so your stomach expands, not your chest. You can do this while holding your baby.

#### DISTRACT

- Help keep your baby's attention away from the injection.
- Distractions you can use: rocking, cuddling, singing, talking, sucking (breastfeeding or pacifier). Distract with objects or toys (bubbles, pop-up books, rattles) when your baby is calm enough to do so; otherwise, distress can be increased.



Distract



AIM 1: To increase pain assessment in all babies from 30% to 70% by end of cycle 2.

AIM 2: We will improve the use of bundling and sweet solution for babies undergoing painful procedures from 5% to 60%

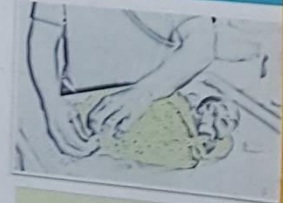
Infant Pain - Assess and Document



Modified Behavioral Pain Scale

Behavioral Observation	Score
<b>1. Facial Expression</b>	
Normal	0
Wincing	1
Scowling	2
Scowling with eye squeezing	3
Scowling with eye squeezing and mouth opening	4
Scowling with eye squeezing and mouth opening with grimacing	5
<b>2. Cry Characteristics</b>	
Normal	0
Whimpering	1
Crying	2
High pitched crying	3
High pitched crying with gasping	4
High pitched crying with gasping and body movements	5
<b>3. Body Movements</b>	
Normal	0
Restless	1
Body movements	2
Body movements with grimacing	3
Body movements with grimacing and eye squeezing	4
Body movements with grimacing, eye squeezing and mouth opening	5
<b>4. Physiological Responses</b>	
Normal	0
Increased heart rate	1
Increased heart rate with increased respiratory rate	2
Increased heart rate with increased respiratory rate and increased blood pressure	3
Increased heart rate with increased respiratory rate and increased blood pressure and sweating	4
Increased heart rate with increased respiratory rate and increased blood pressure and sweating and increased oxygen saturation	5

Pain Management for Infants



Why use bundling?  
Bundling decreases pain during painful procedures

Criteria for transfer to Dept of Emergency room

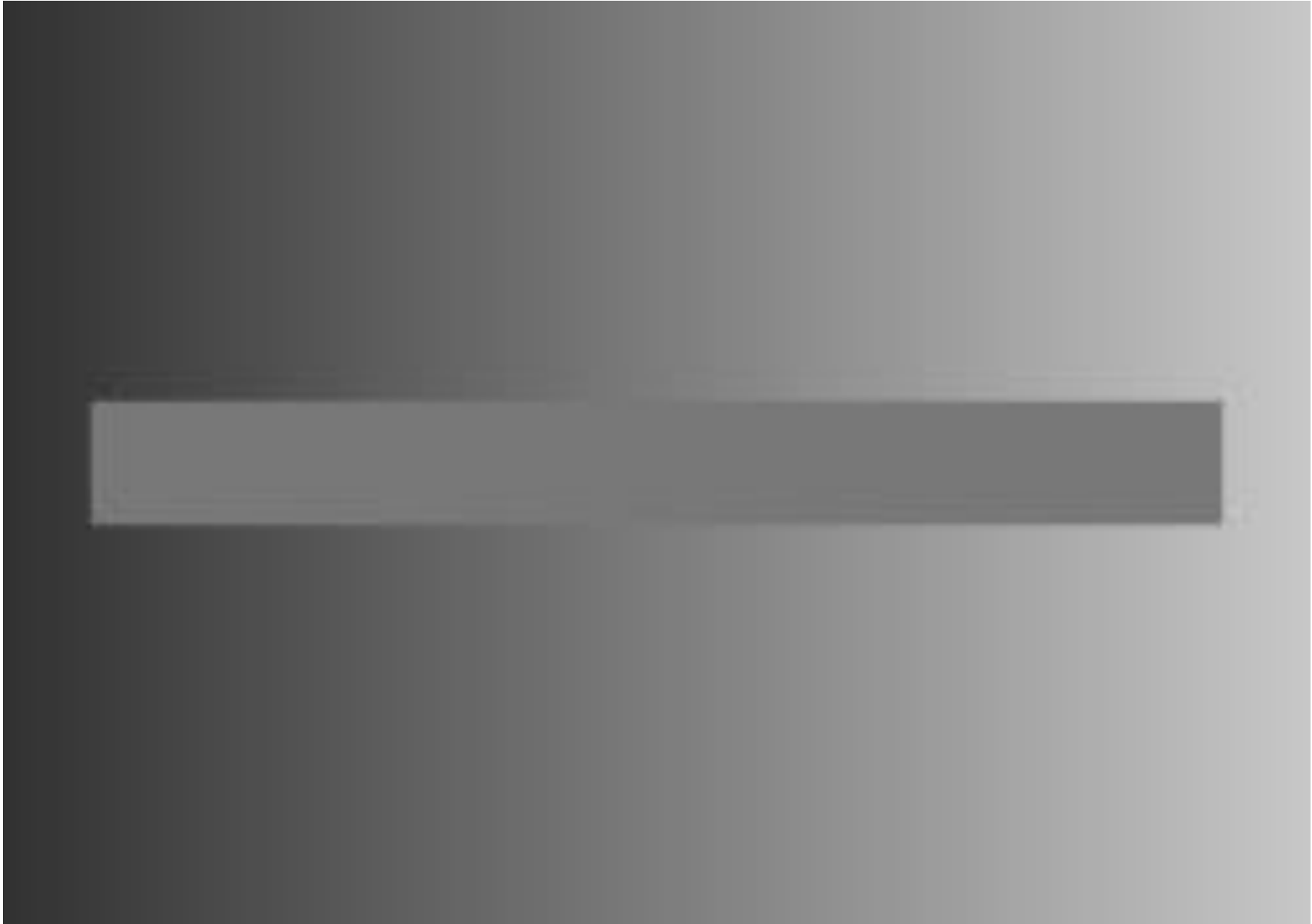
- Preterm > 1.6 with problems
  - Asphyxiated babies ~~sent to ER~~
  - Term babies in respiratory distress ~~from ER~~
- B. Term babies from KBTH postnatal ward
- Significant complaint but otherwise stable (eg. Vomiting term febrile baby)

ATTENTION  
ALL DEATH ROLLERS  
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CALL DR. DIAM  
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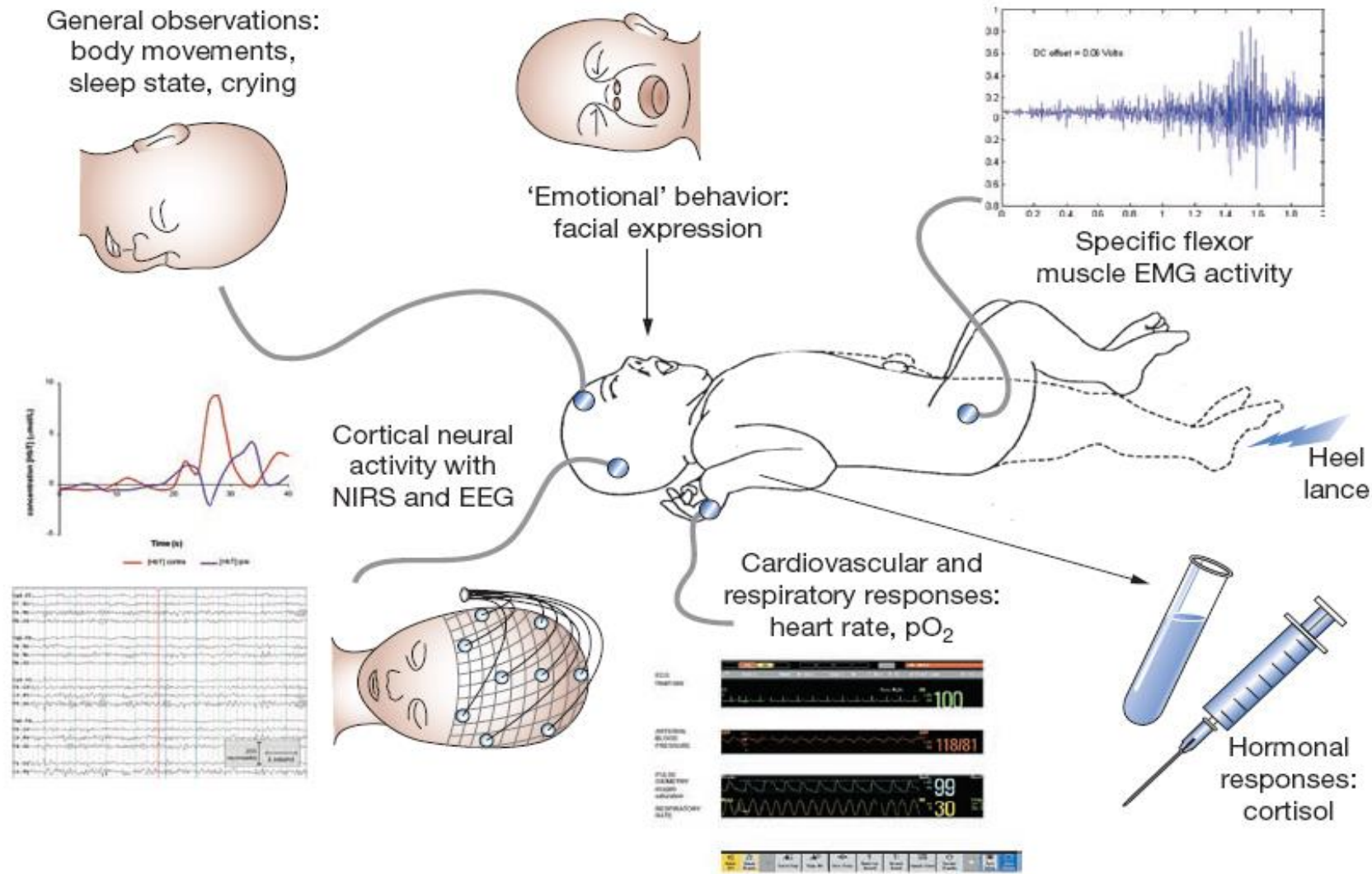
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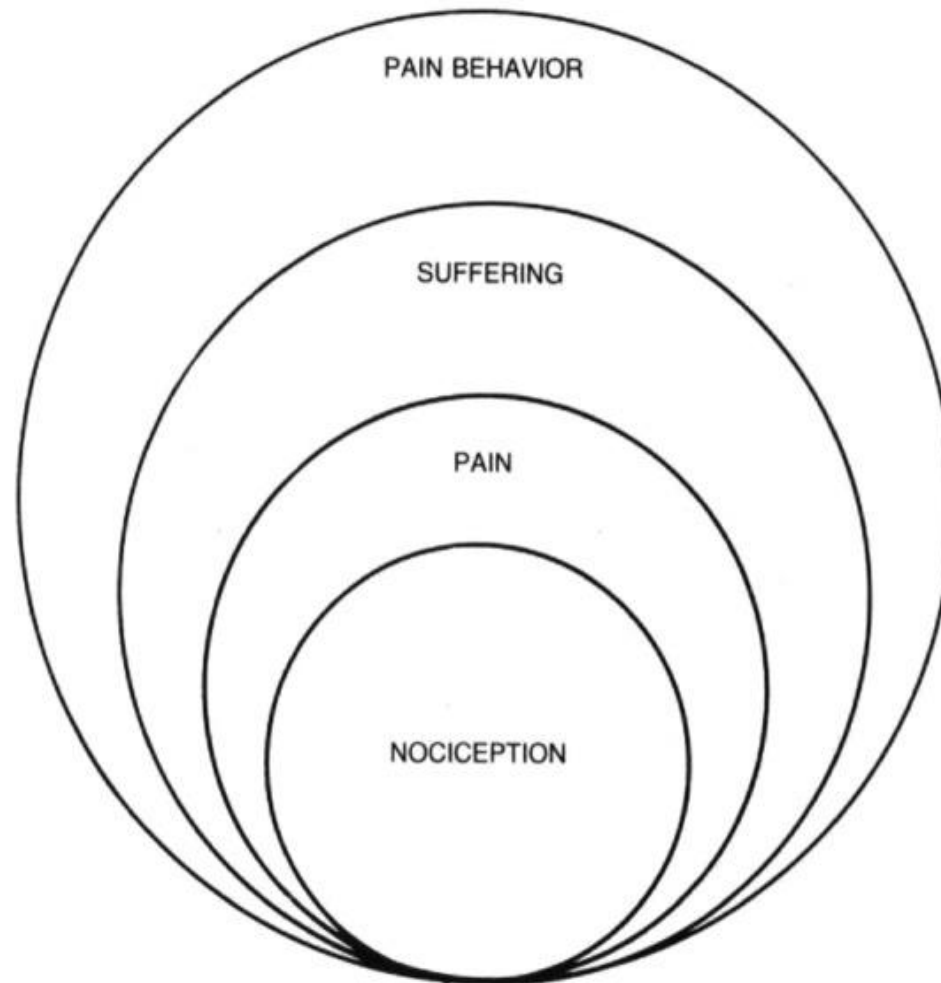
### Wong Baker Face Scale





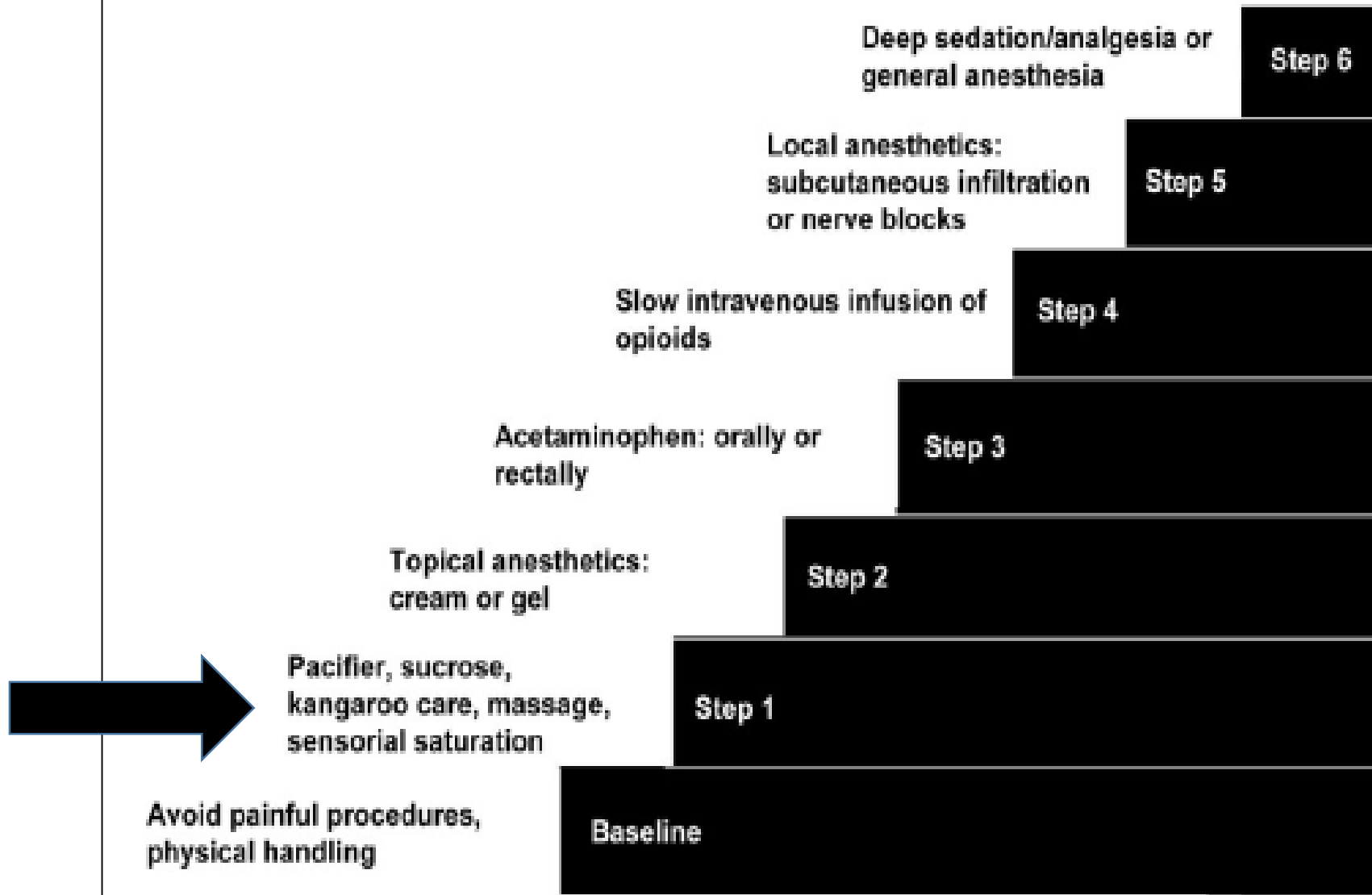
**Figure 2** Methods of assessing infant pain. In the absence of language, infant pain is assessed by a number of different physiological methods. Some of these methods are integrated into current clinical pain assessment tools. The neurophysiological techniques EMG, EEG and NIRS are not used for routine pain assessment but are increasingly being used in research studies of infant pain. Abbreviations: EMG, electromyogram; NIRS, near-infrared spectroscopy; pO<sub>2</sub>, partial pressure of oxygen.

*CONCEPTS OF PAIN*



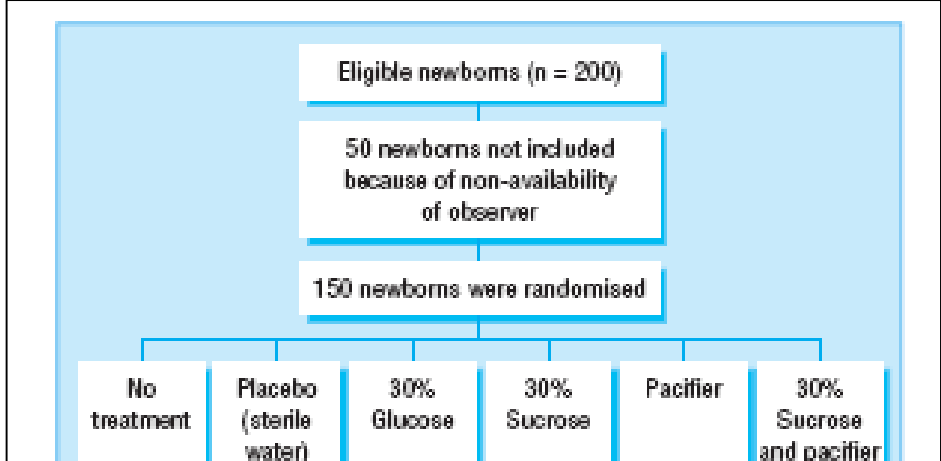
A multifaceted model of the components of pain.

# ***SUGGESTIE 4***



**Figure 1.** Stepwise approach to neonatal analgesia.





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**INVITED COMMENTARY**

**Calming minds or killing pain in newborn infants?**

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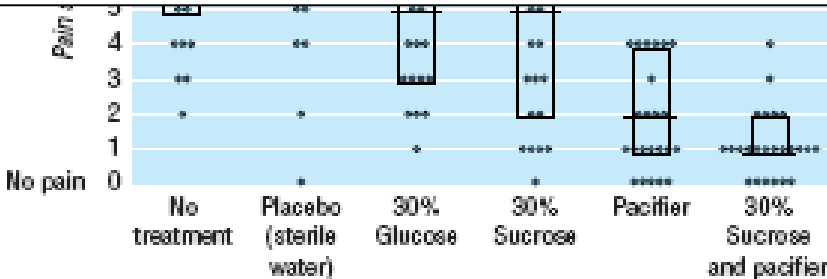


Fig 2 Pain evaluation with DAN scale (0 to 10) during venepuncture in 150 newborns randomised to six equal sized groups, with values for individual infants, median values, and interquartile ranges (for 30% sucrose and pacifier lower quartile coincides with median value)

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## Randomised trial of analgesic effects of sucrose, glucose, and pacifiers in term neonates

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## Breastfeeding or Breastmilk to Alleviate Procedural Pain in Neonates: A Systematic Review

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# Oral sucrose as an analgesic drug for procedural pain in newborn infants: a randomised controlled trial



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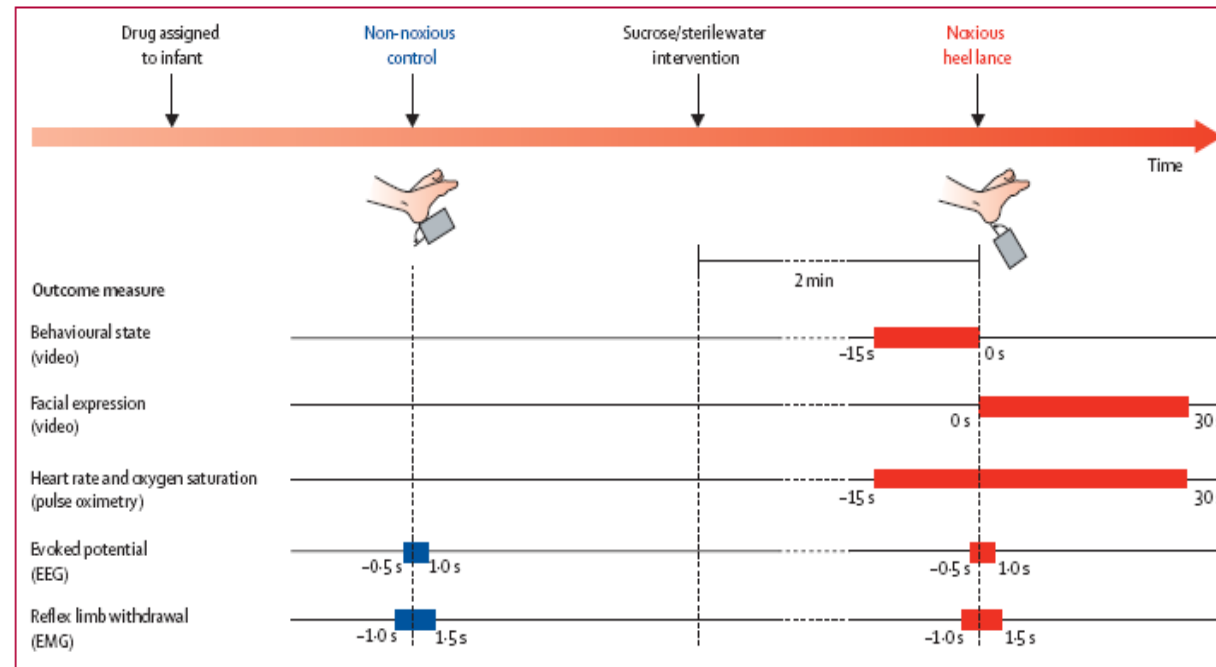


Figure 1: Experimental time line  
EEG=electroencephalography. EMG=electromyography.

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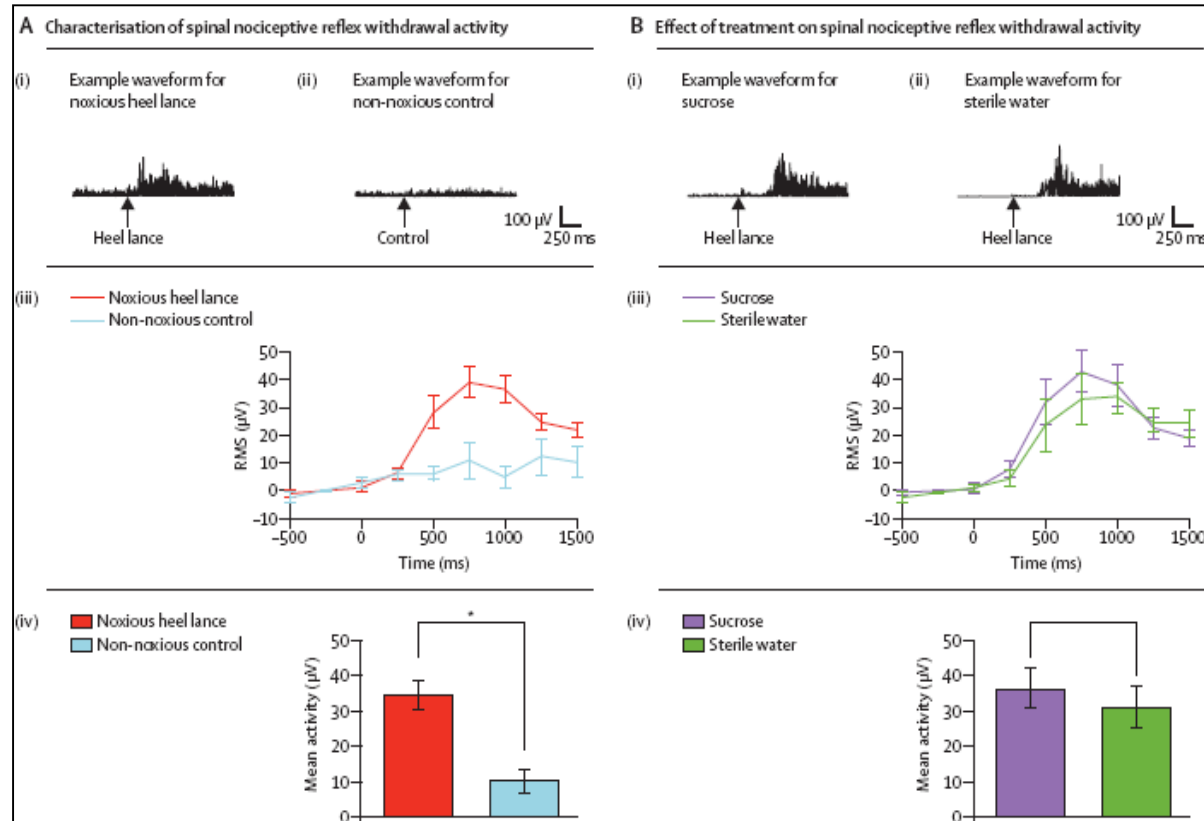
	Sucrose (N=20)	Sterile water (N=24)	p value
<b>Primary outcome</b>			
Nociceptive-specific brain activity (mean weight)	0.10 (0.04-0.16)	0.08 (0.04-0.12)	0.46
<b>Secondary outcomes</b>			
Mean baseline heart rate (bpm)	132.6 (124.3-140.9)	131.8 (122.2-141.5)	0.90
Mean baseline oxygen saturation (%)	99.4% (98.8-100.1)	97.4% (95.0-99.8)	0.13
Baseline behavioural score (from PIPP)	1.3 (0.8-1.7)	1.3 (0.8-1.8)	0.91
PIPP score	5.8 (3.7-7.8)	8.5 (7.3-9.8)	0.02
Latency to change in facial expression (s)	3.8 (1.3-6.4)	3.5 (1.0-6.1)	0.86
Facial non-responders	7/20 (35%)	0/24 (0%)	<0.0001
Mean nociceptive reflex withdrawal activity ( $\mu$ V)	36.11 (24.20-48.02)	30.82 (18.51-43.13)	0.49
Mean latency to nociceptive reflex withdrawal activity (ms)	363.3 (256.4-470.1)	413.5 (262.0-564.9)	0.56

Data are mean (95% CI) or n/N (%). bpm=beats per min. PIPP=premature infant pain profile.

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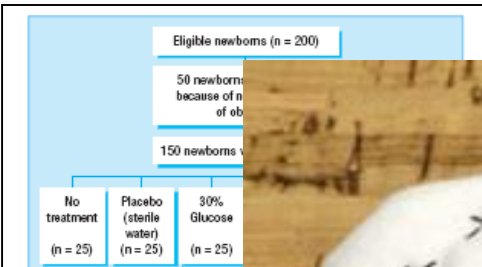


Fig 1 Trial profile and participant flow in completed trial

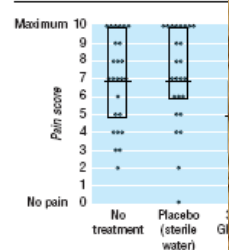
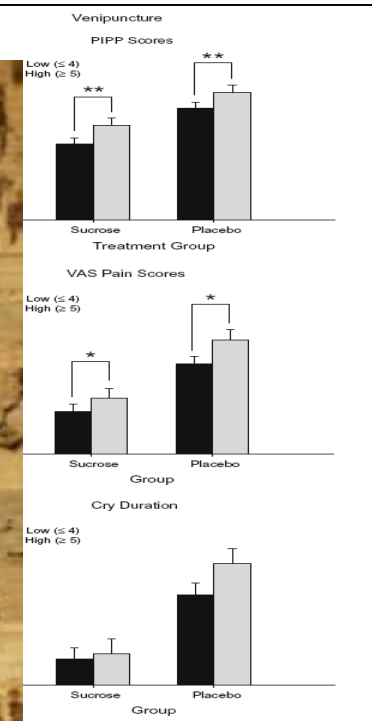


Fig 2 Pain evaluation with DAN score in 150 newborns randomised to sucrose or placebo (sterile water) for individual infants, median values for 30% sucrose and placebo (sterile water) lower quartile values

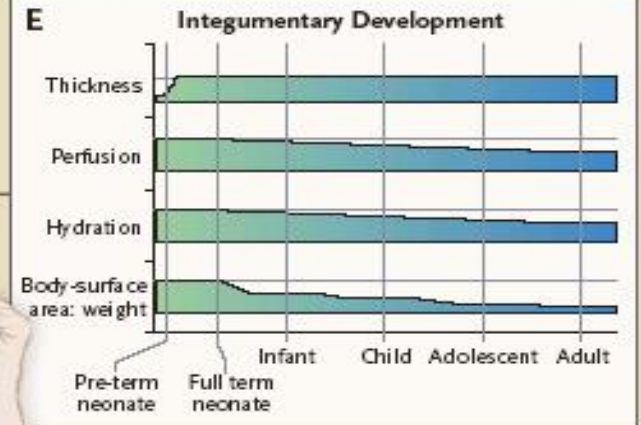
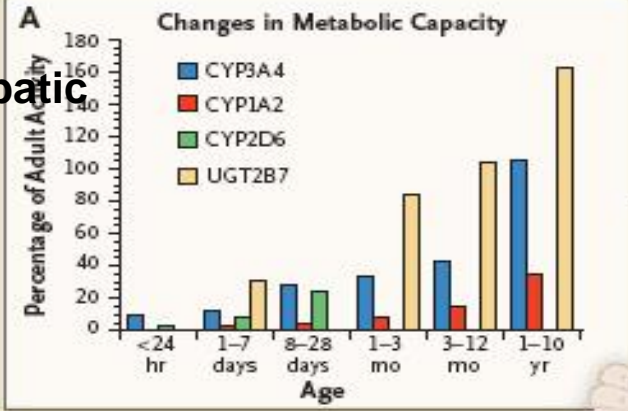


## ***suggestie 4: beperkt effect – if any – in neonates, proven in infants***

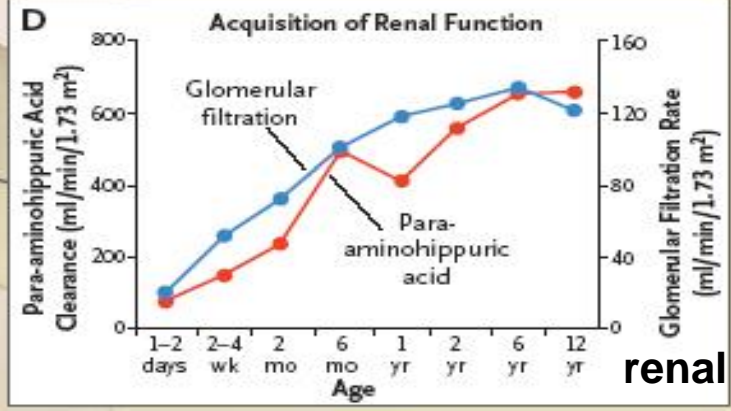
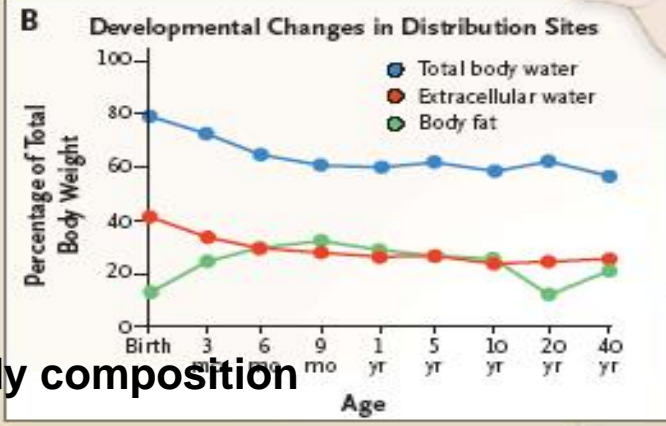
**Table 15.3** Reported papers on the analgesic effects of tetracaine/amethocaine in neonates (type of procedure highlighted)

Reference	Study design and results
Shah et al. [88]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, <i>intramuscular injection</i> (vitamin K) in 110 term neonates, topical amethocaine gel 4 %. There were <b>no differences</b> in crying duration, in pain score and only the latency to cry was somewhat longer in the treated group. Topical amethocaine gel 4 % was ineffective in reducing pain intramuscular injection of vitamin K in full-term neonates
Jain A et al. [89]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 40 (pre)term neonates during <i>venipuncture</i> . Topical amethocaine provided effective pain relief (crying, neonatal facial coding system) during venipuncture in the newborn when used as single technique for analgesia
Lemyre et al. [90]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 142 preterm (from 24 weeks onward) infants during <i>venipuncture</i> . Tetracaine did <b>not significantly decrease procedural</b> pain in infants undergoing a venipuncture, when used in combination with routine sucrose administration
Lemyre et al. [91]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 54 preterm neonates on the add-on effect of tetracaine gel in addition to sucrose to treat procedural pain related to <i>peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) placement</i> . Tetracaine 4 % when applied for 30 min was <b>not beneficial</b> in decreasing procedural pain associated with a PICC in very small infants
Jain et al. [92]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 60 (pre)term neonates during <i>heel prick blood sampling</i> . Topical amethocaine gel <b>does not have a clinically important effect</b> on the pain of heel prick blood sampling. Its use for this purpose cannot therefore be recommended

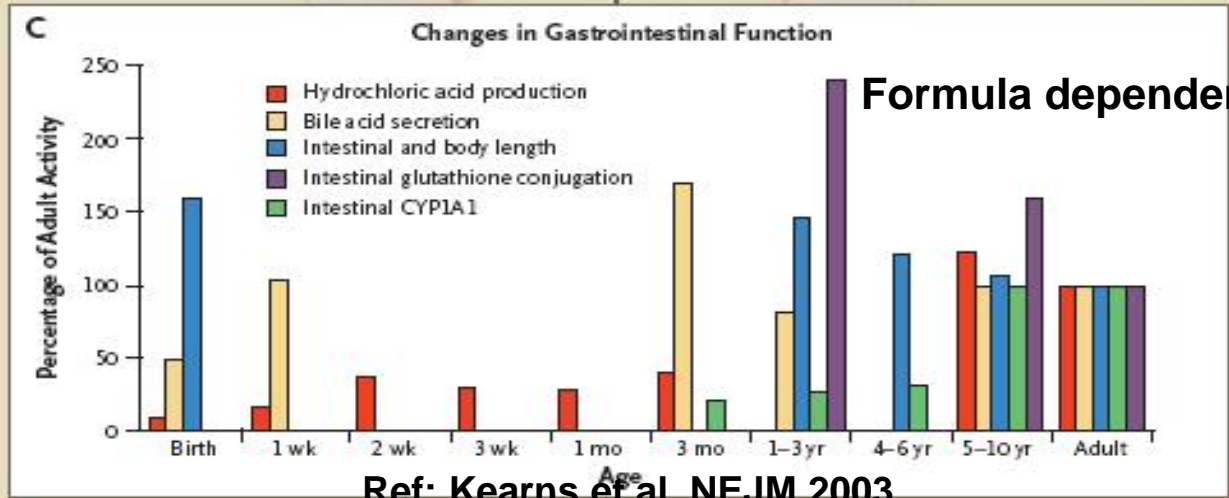
hepatic



Body composition



renal



Formula dependent



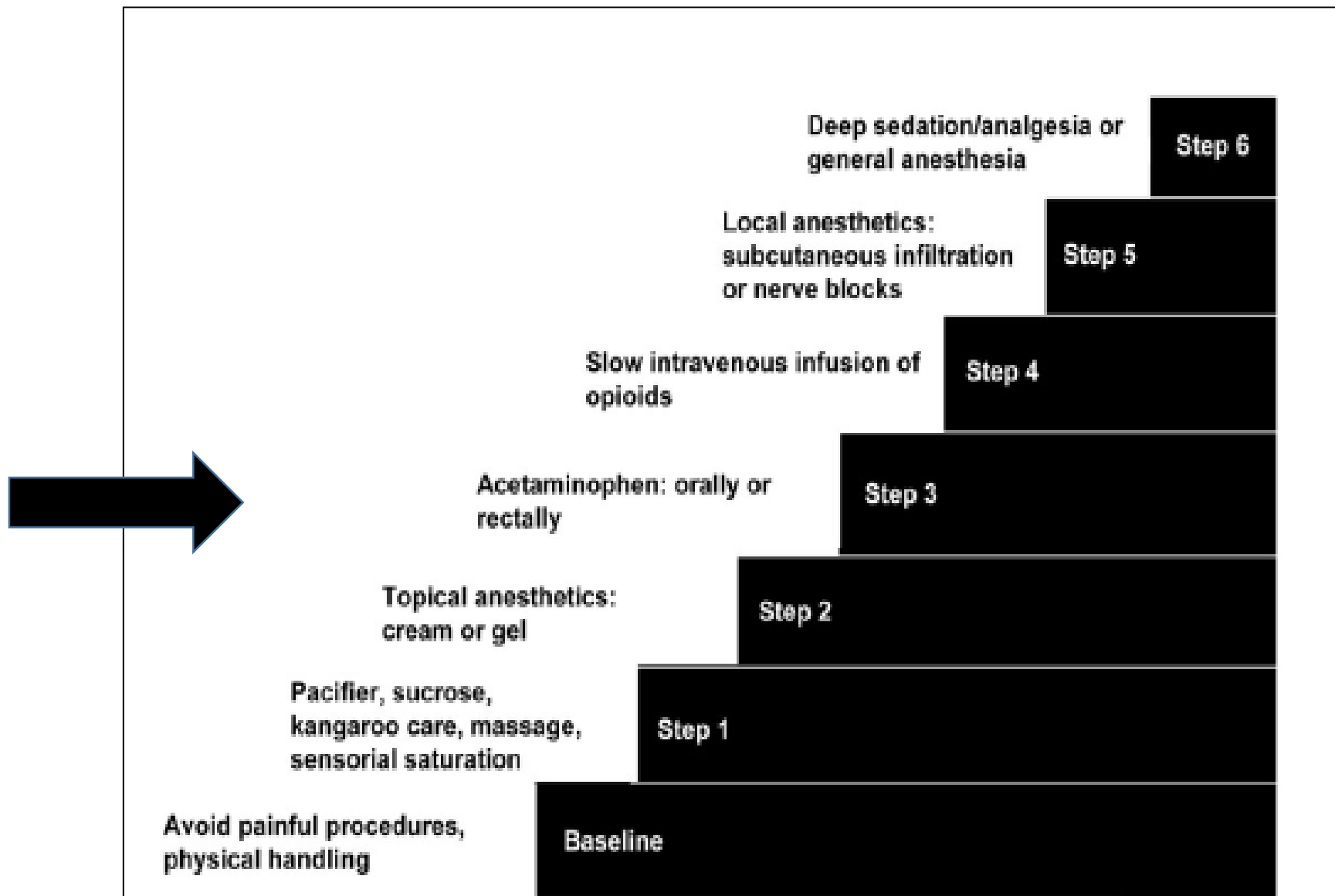
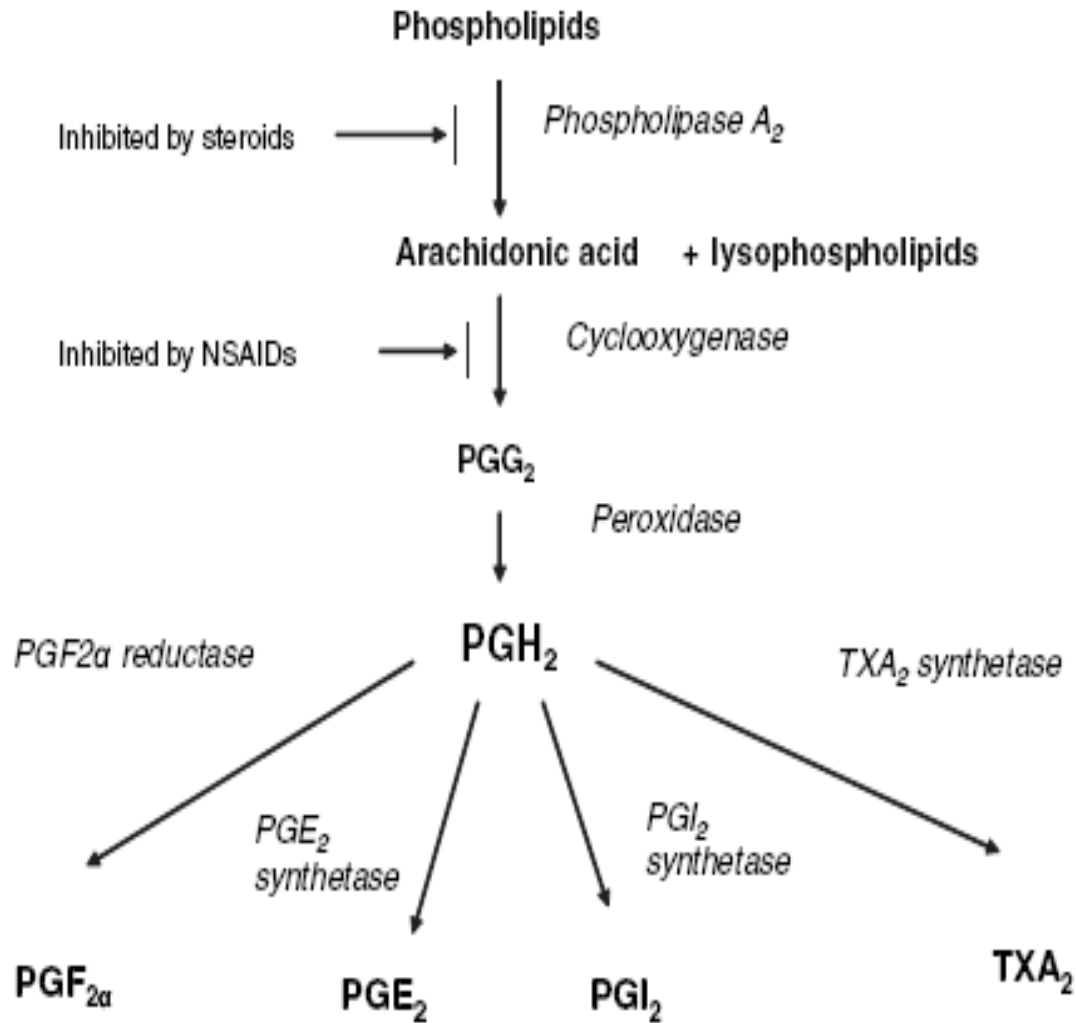


Figure 1. Stepwise approach to neonatal analgesia.



**Figure 1**  
Schematic diagram of arachidonic acid metabolism.

L-arginine-nitric oxide (NO) pathway

Substance P mediated

NMDA (N-methyl D-aspartate)

Serotonergic pain pathways

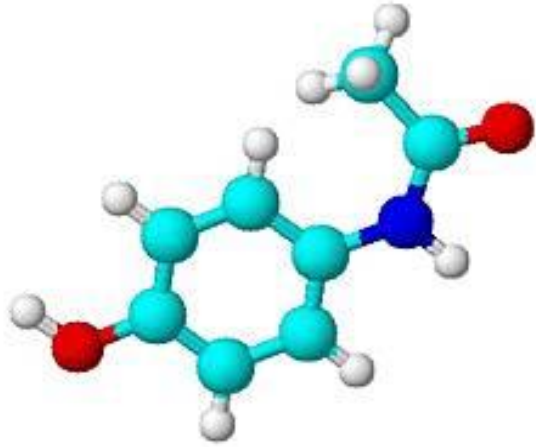
cannabinoid pathways, through paracetamol metabolite

(p-amino phenol + arachnidonic acid,

Subsequent cannabinoid receptor activation

(through vanillin receptor – act as ligand)

# *how does paracetamol 'work' (pharmacodynamics)*



**mg/l, plasma**

—

**10**



antipyretic ? lower

—

**20**



—

**> 25**



analgesic ceiling or not ?  
any type of pain syndrome ?  
median conc 10 mg/l



Dutch formulary<sup>13</sup>

Oral	Loading dose	Not sufficiently supported by clinical evidence
	Maintenance	60 mg/kg/d, > 32 wk PMA 30 mg/kg/d, 28–32 wk PMA
Rectal	Loading dose	30 mg/kg, < 32 wk PMA
	Maintenance	20 mg/kg, 28–32 wk PMA 20 mg/kg, q8h in term neonates 20 mg/kg, q12h in preterm neonates
Intravenous	Loading dose	Off label in preterm neonates 20 mg/kg, irrespective of age
	Maintenance	10 mg/kg, max 40 mg/kg/d, in term cases 10 mg/kg, max 30 mg/kg/d, 31–36 wk PMA 10 mg/kg, max 20 mg/kg/d, < 31 wk PMA

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PMA = postmenstrual age (in weeks).

## ***suggestie 5: paracetamol werkt, soms...***

***standard rectale dosis paracetamol is onvoldoende***

lagere bio-availabiliteit

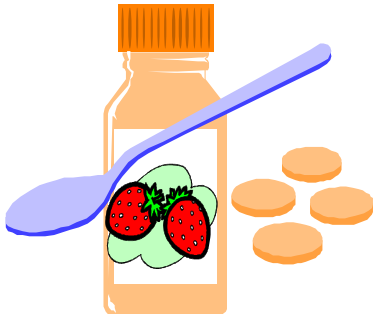
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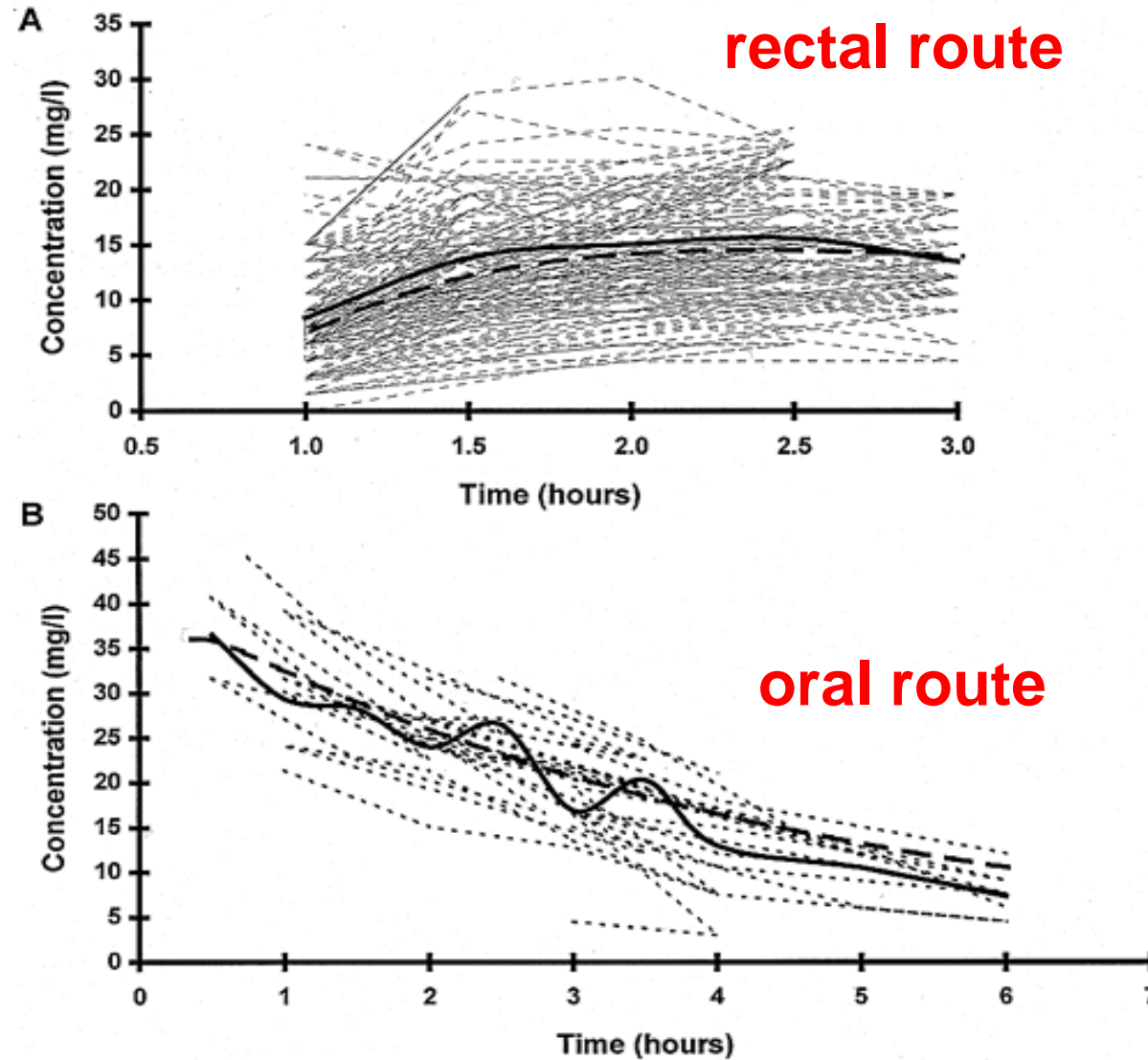
oral > iv > rectal

***denk aan een oplaaddosis: distributie volume***

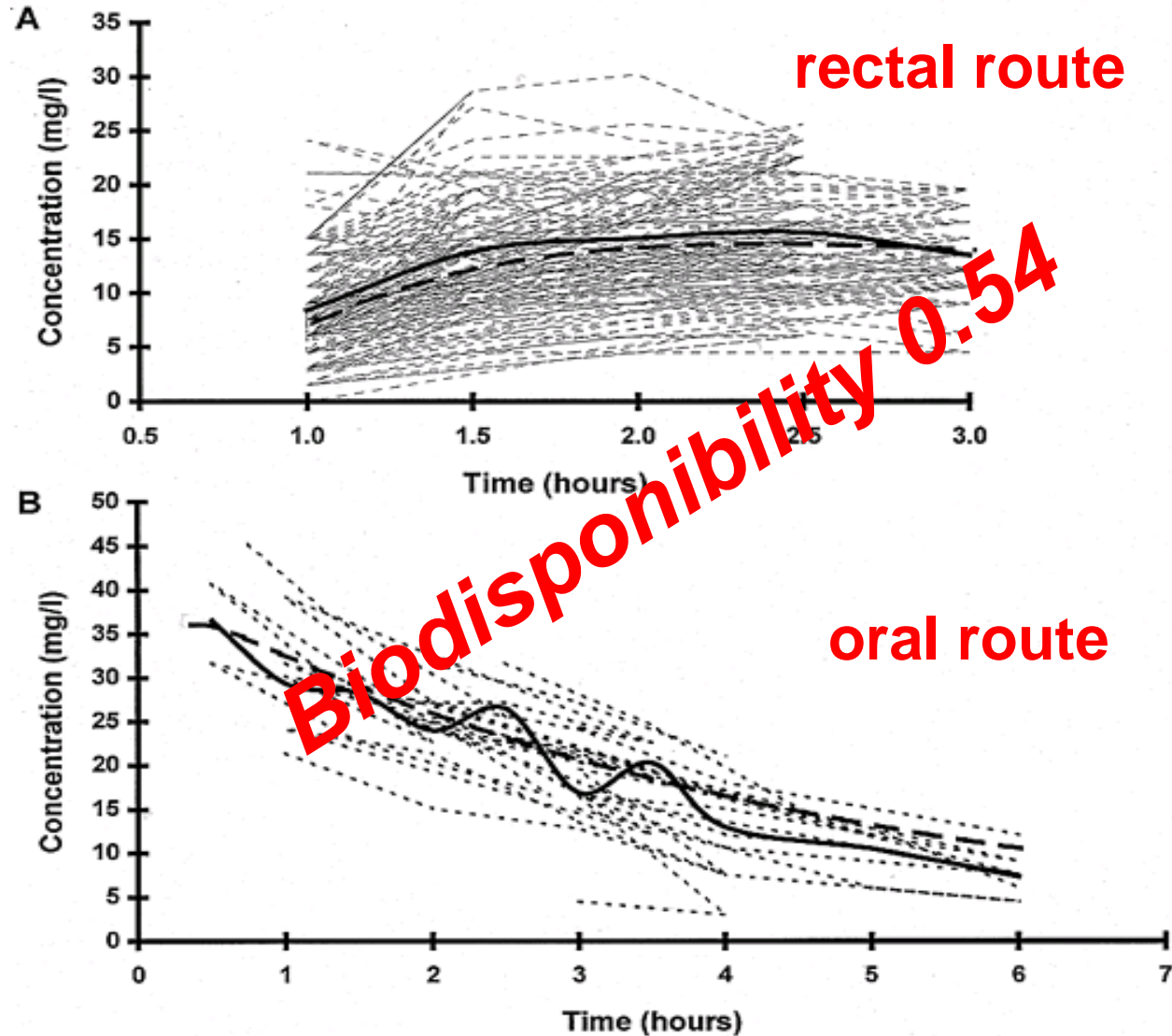
***leeftijd gerelateerde veranderingen in klaring zijn eerder beperkt***



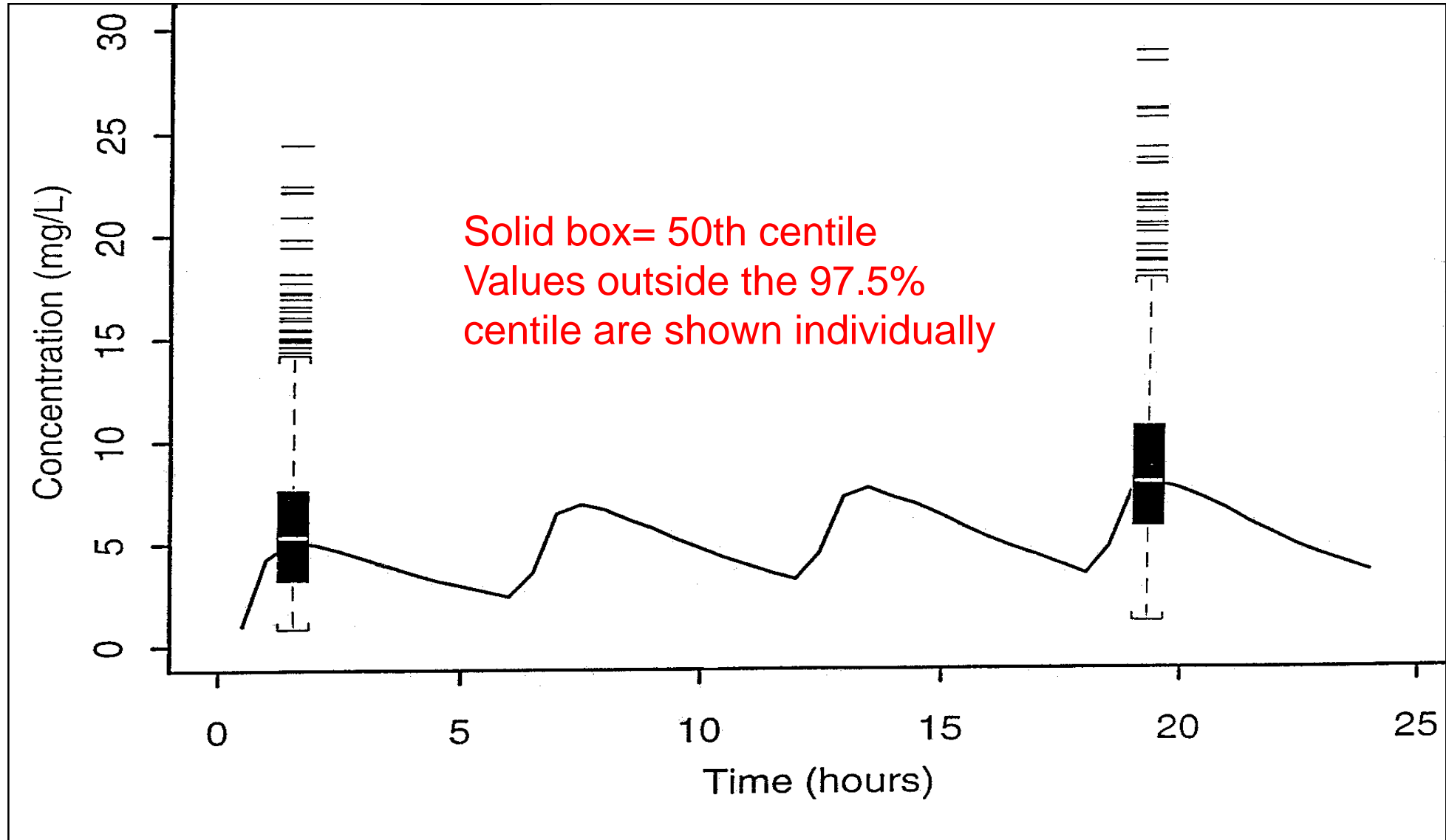
*rectaal of oraal, 20 mg/kg single dose na NKO heelkunde*



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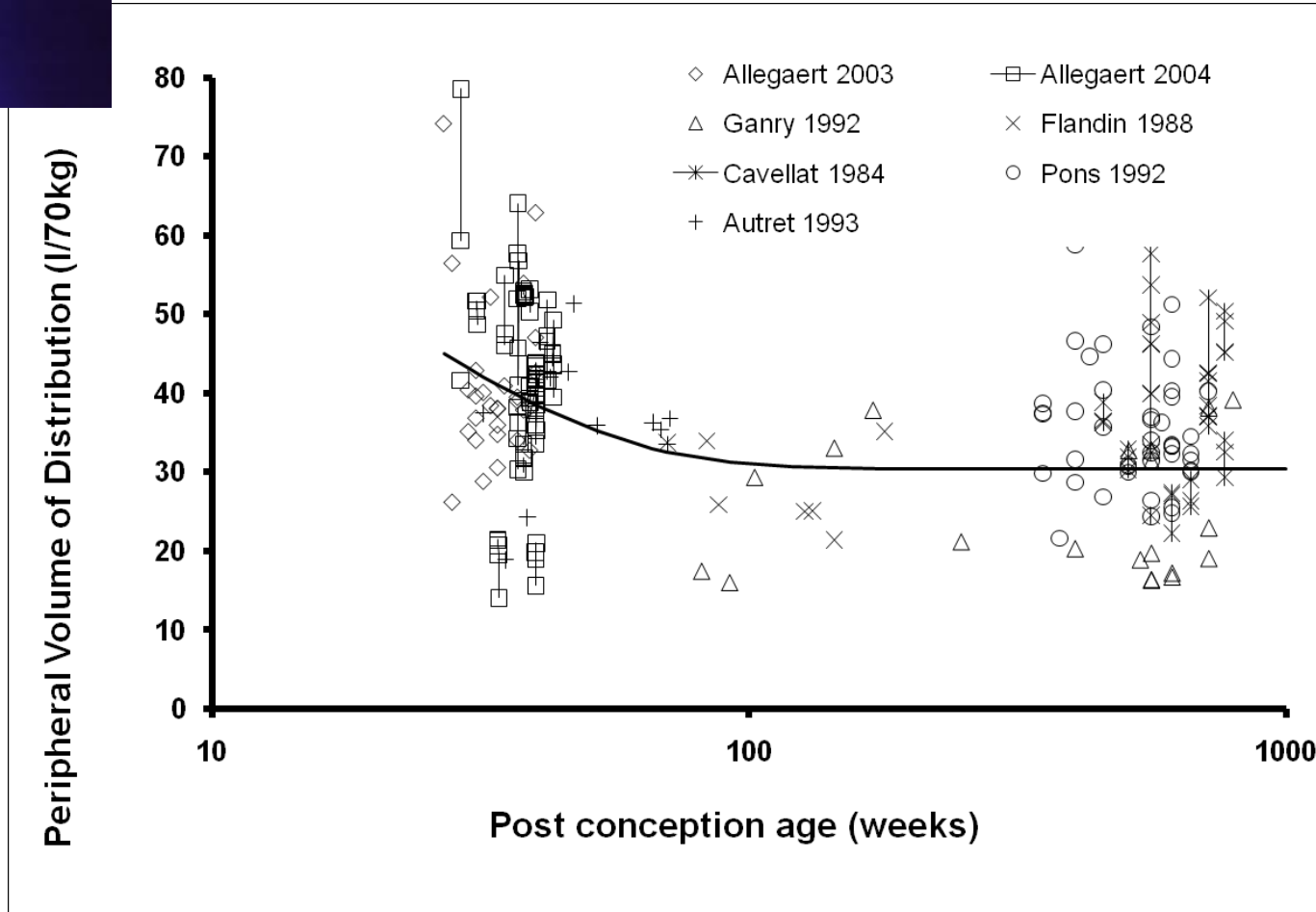
*hogere doseringen rectaal ?*



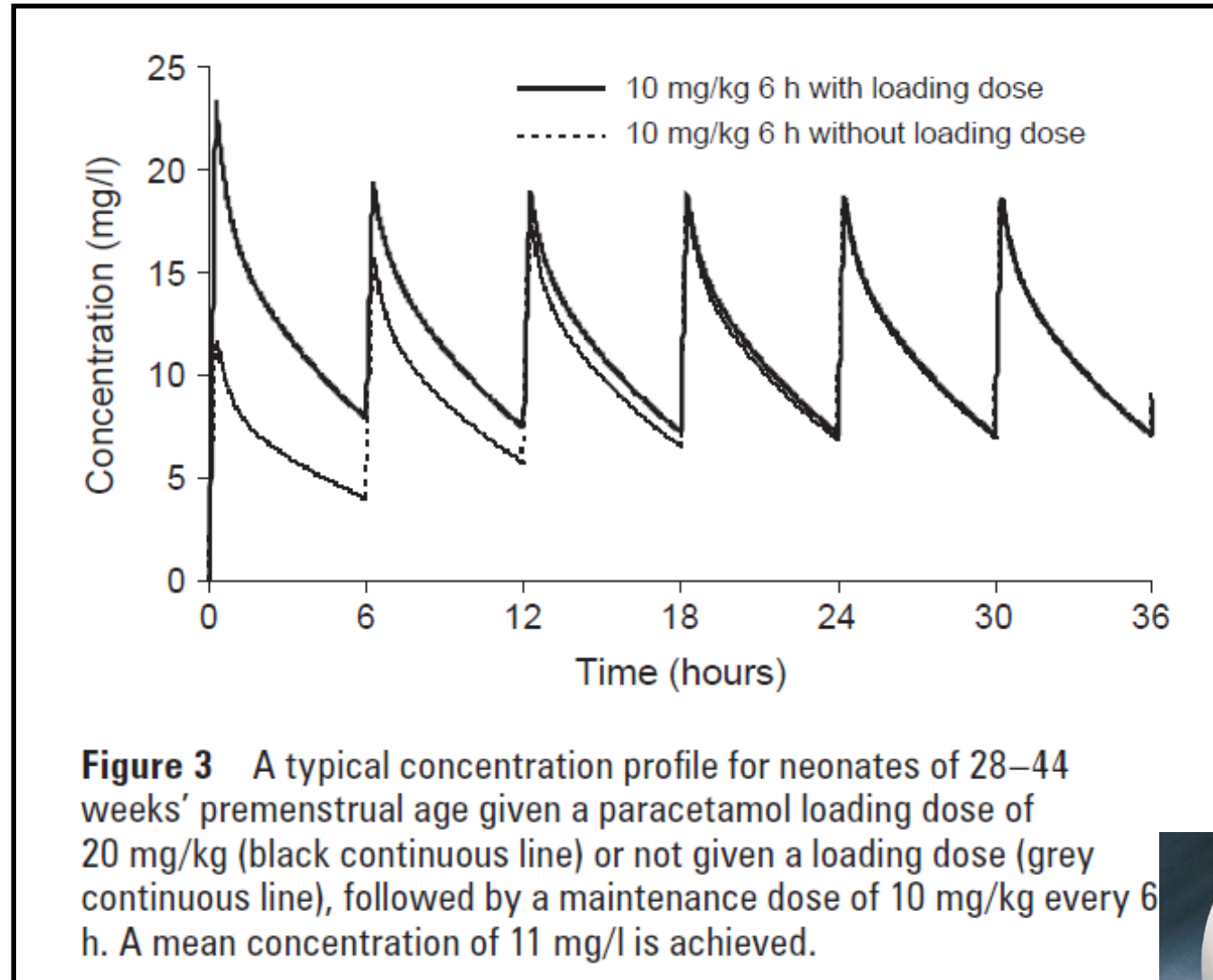




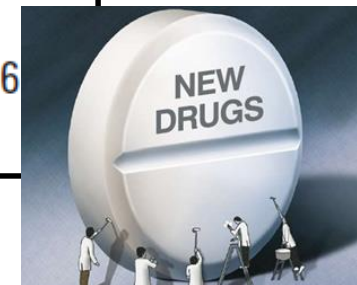
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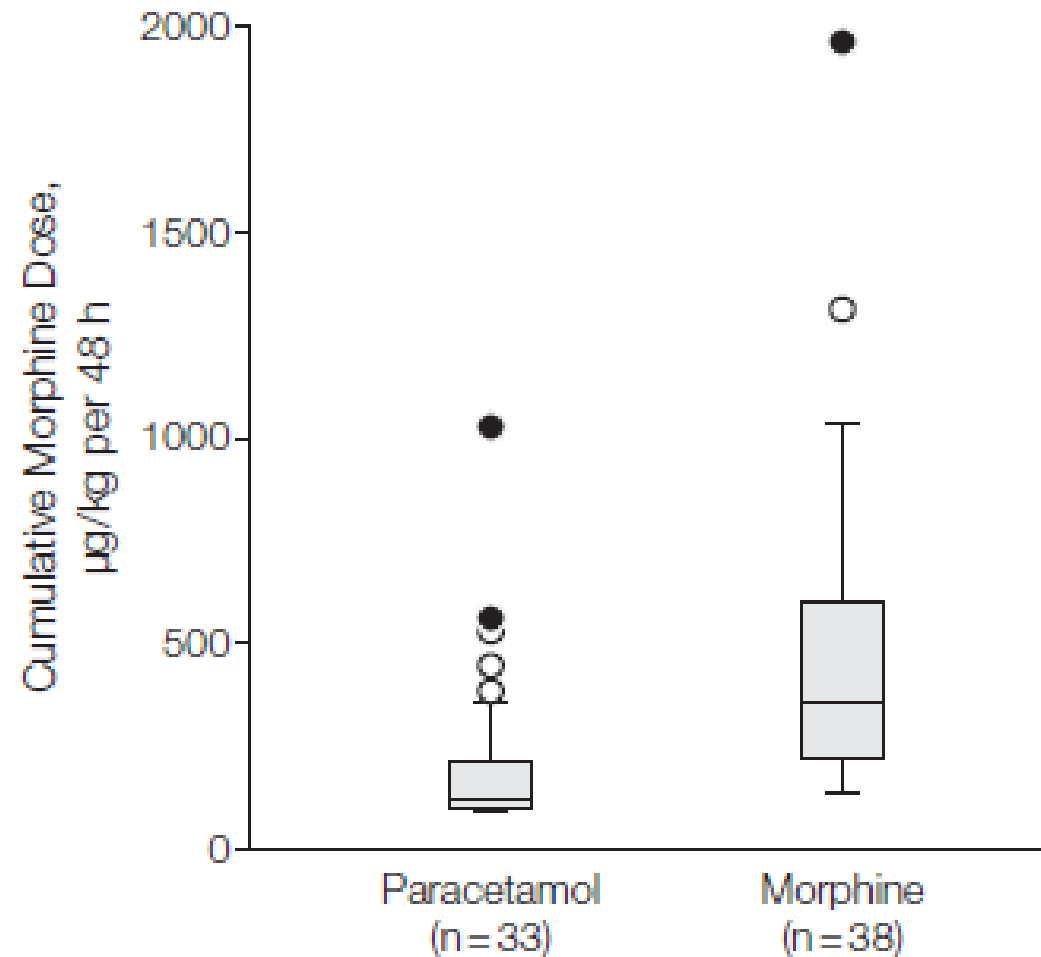
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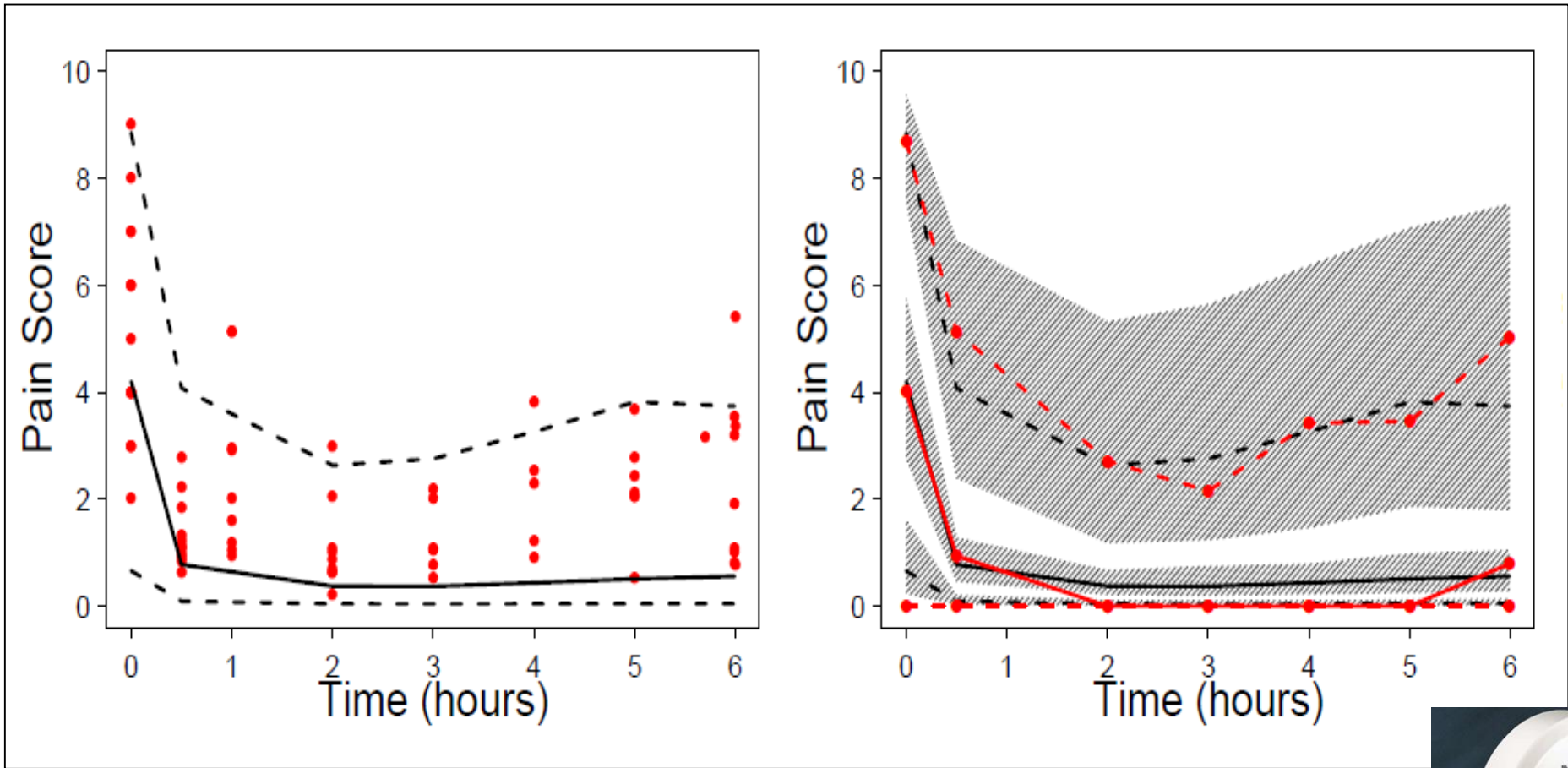


pooled iv paracetamol in neonates. Arch Dis Child 2011



**Figure 2.** Cumulative Morphine Dose for Morphine and Paracetamol Study Groups Over 48 Postoperative Hours





***after procedural pain (heel prick), uniform negative***

Reference	Study design and pain model	Paracetamol dosing	Results
Shah et al. Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 1998	Double blind placebo controlled trial 75 term neonates, heel prick. Facial action pain scores and cry score.	Single oral paracetamol 20 mg/kg or placebo, 60 to 90 min before prick.	No differences in facial action pain scores, nor in cry score.
Bonetto et al. Arch Argent Pediatr 2008	Prospective randomized trial 76 term neonates, heel prick pain scores (NIPS, neonatal infant pain score >4)	Placebo, dextrose (25%) EMLA or oral paracetamol (20 mg/kg, 60 min)	NIPS <4 similar between placebo, paracetamol or ELMA (47, 42 and 63 %). Oral dextrose most effective (84% NIPS <4, NNT 2.7)
Badiee et al. Saudi Med J 2009	Randomized placebo controlled trial in 72 preterm (mean 32 weeks) neonates, heel prick PIPP (premature infant pain profile) score	Single (high dose) oral paracetamol (40 mg/kg) 90 minutes before prick.	PIPP scores placebo (9,7, SD 4.2) were similar to paracetamol (11.1, SD 3.8)

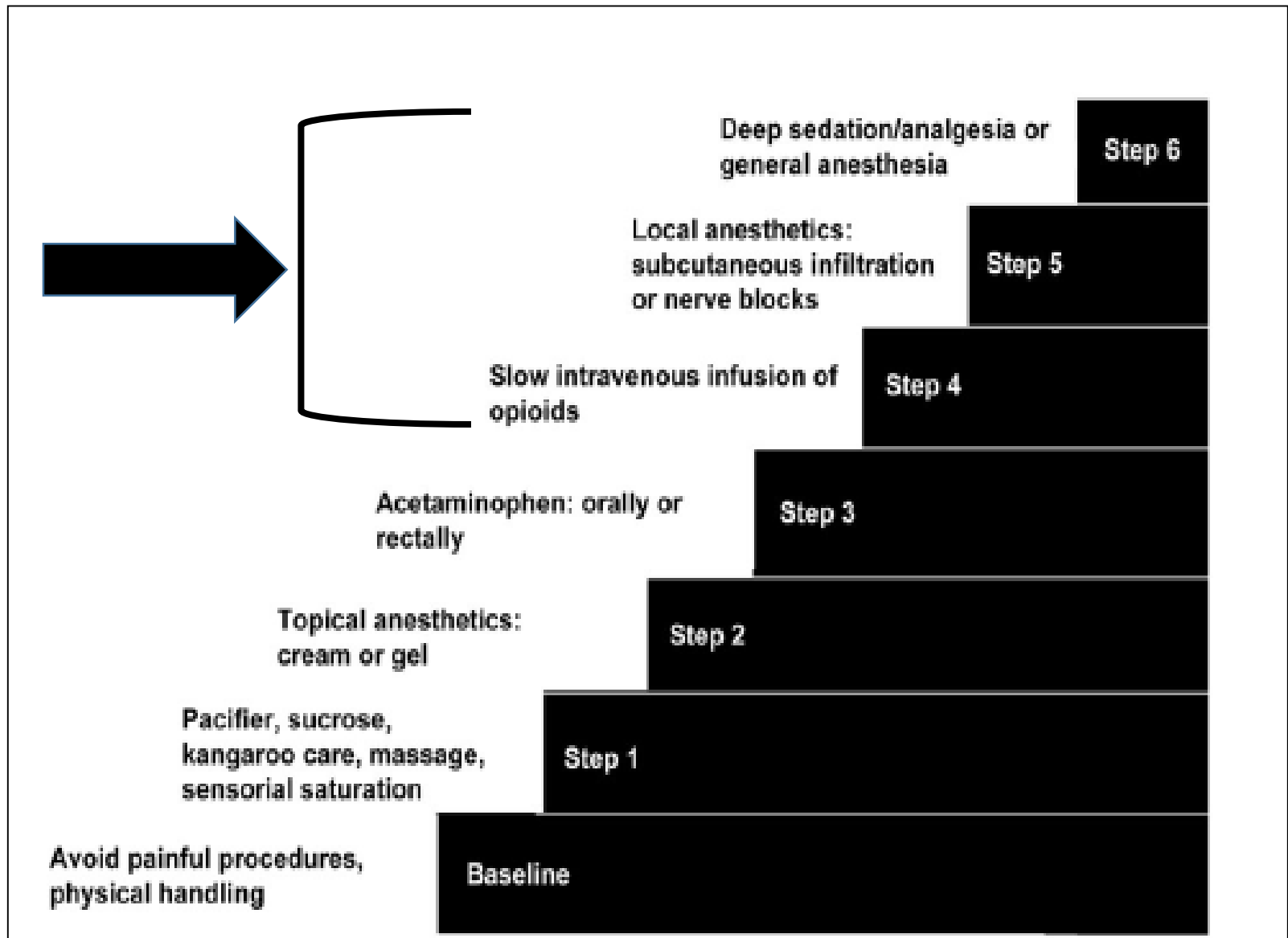
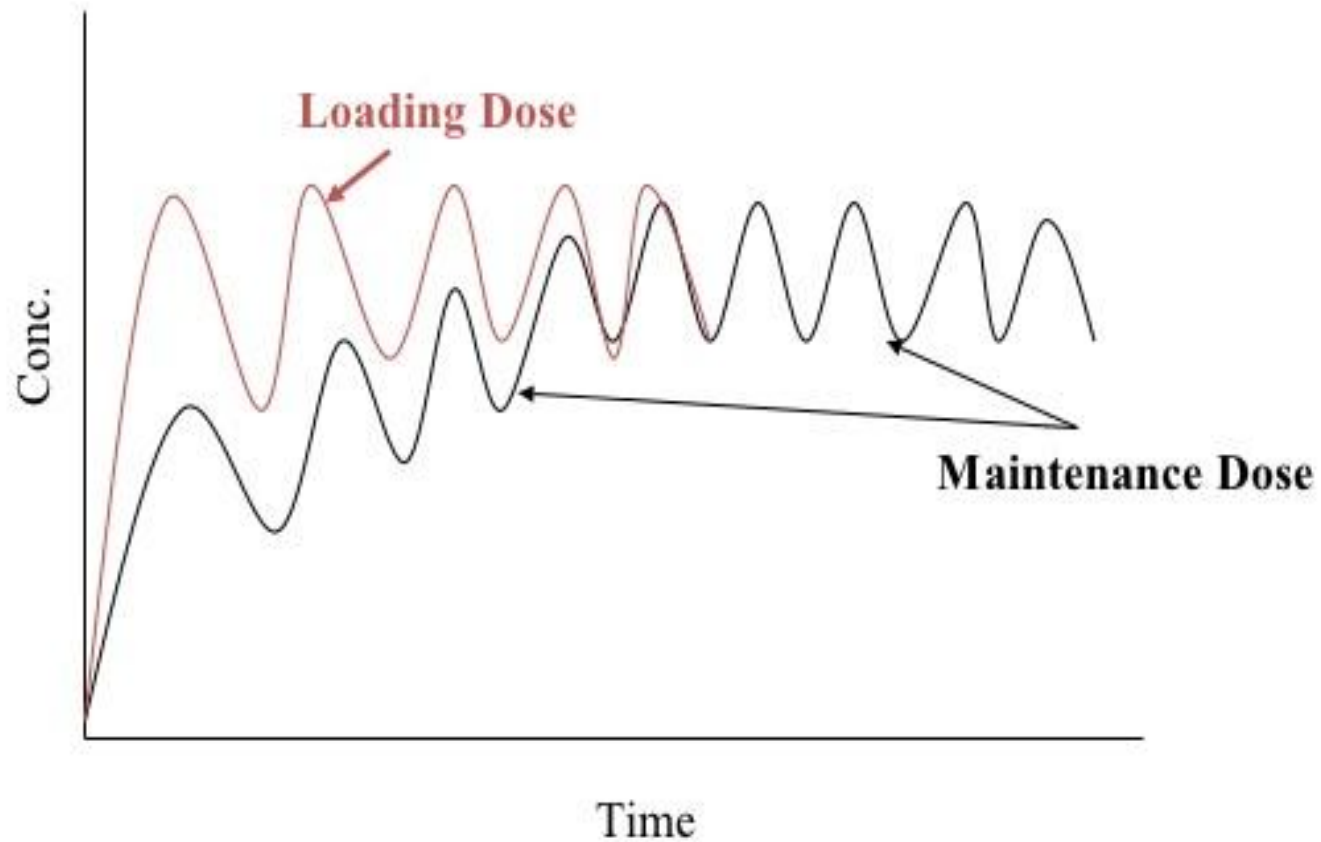


Figure 1. Stepwise approach to neonatal analgesia.

## ***SUGGESTIE 6***

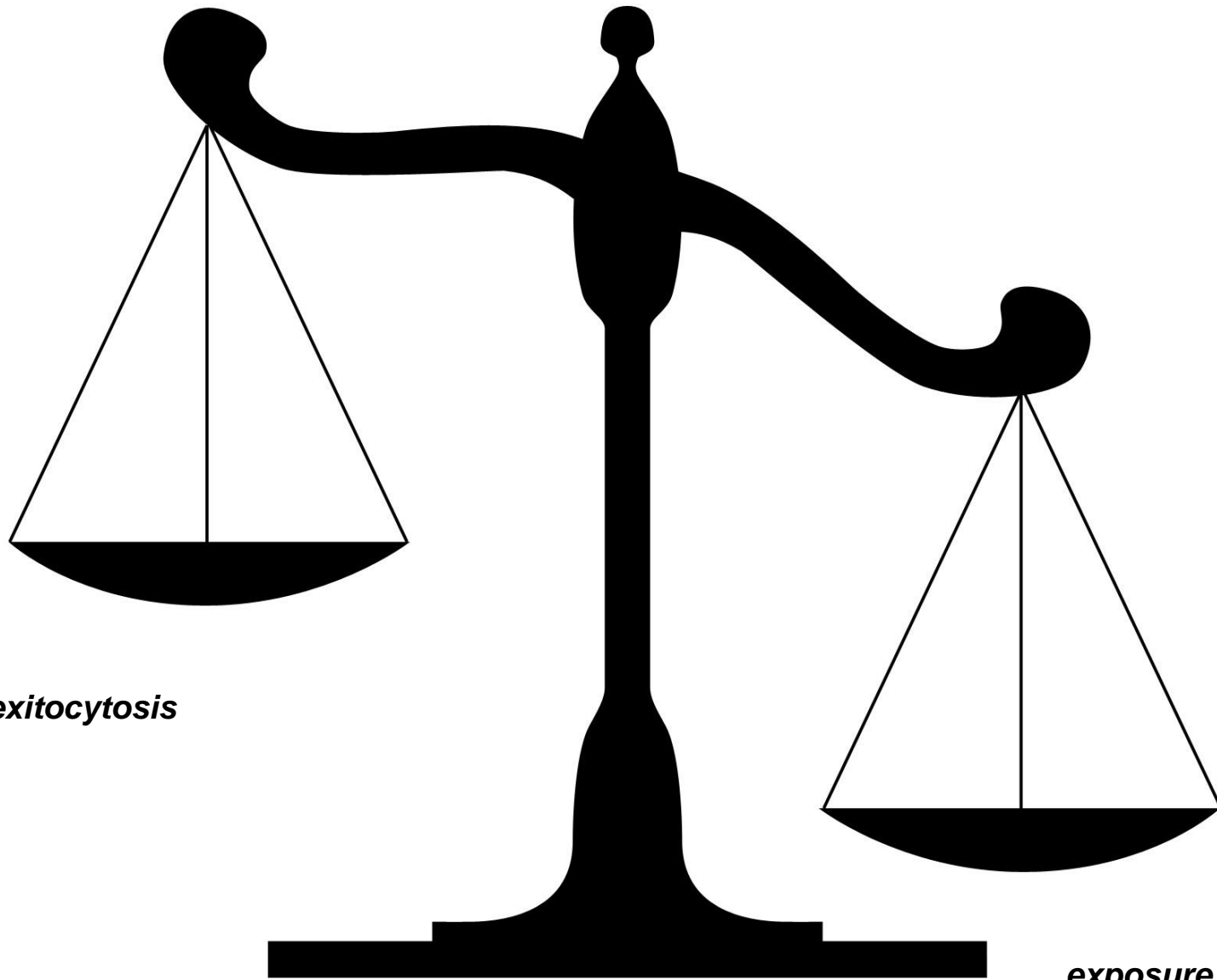


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**Table 2** Dose suggestions for systemic analgesics in the surgical term neonate are formulated based on the currently available evidence on pharmacokinetics or dynamics of these analgesics in neonates (iv= intravenous) [4, 5, 10, 12]

	<b>Route</b>	<b>Loading dose</b>	<b>Maintenance dose</b>
Morphine	iv	50–100µg/kg	10–30µg/kg/h
Fentanyl	iv	1–3 µg/kg	1–5µg/kg/h
Tramadol	iv	2 mg/kg/30 min	6–8 mg/kg/day
Paracetamol	Oral	20 mg/kg	4×10 mg/kg/day
	Rectal	40 mg/kg	4×20 mg/kg/day
	iv	20 mg/kg	4×10 mg/kg/day





*pain/exitocytosis*

*exposure to analgesics  
apoptosis-synaptogenesis*


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## Pain in babies may cause later harm

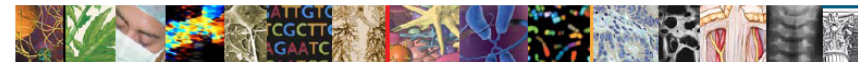


Study in newborn rats suggests early trauma rewires nervous system

Debate has been raging in the medical community over how newborns experience pain and the impact later on.

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July 27 — Newborns who have painful, but often life-saving, medical procedures in the early weeks of life may have a lower pain threshold in later years, according to a new animal study released Thursday.



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## Perspective

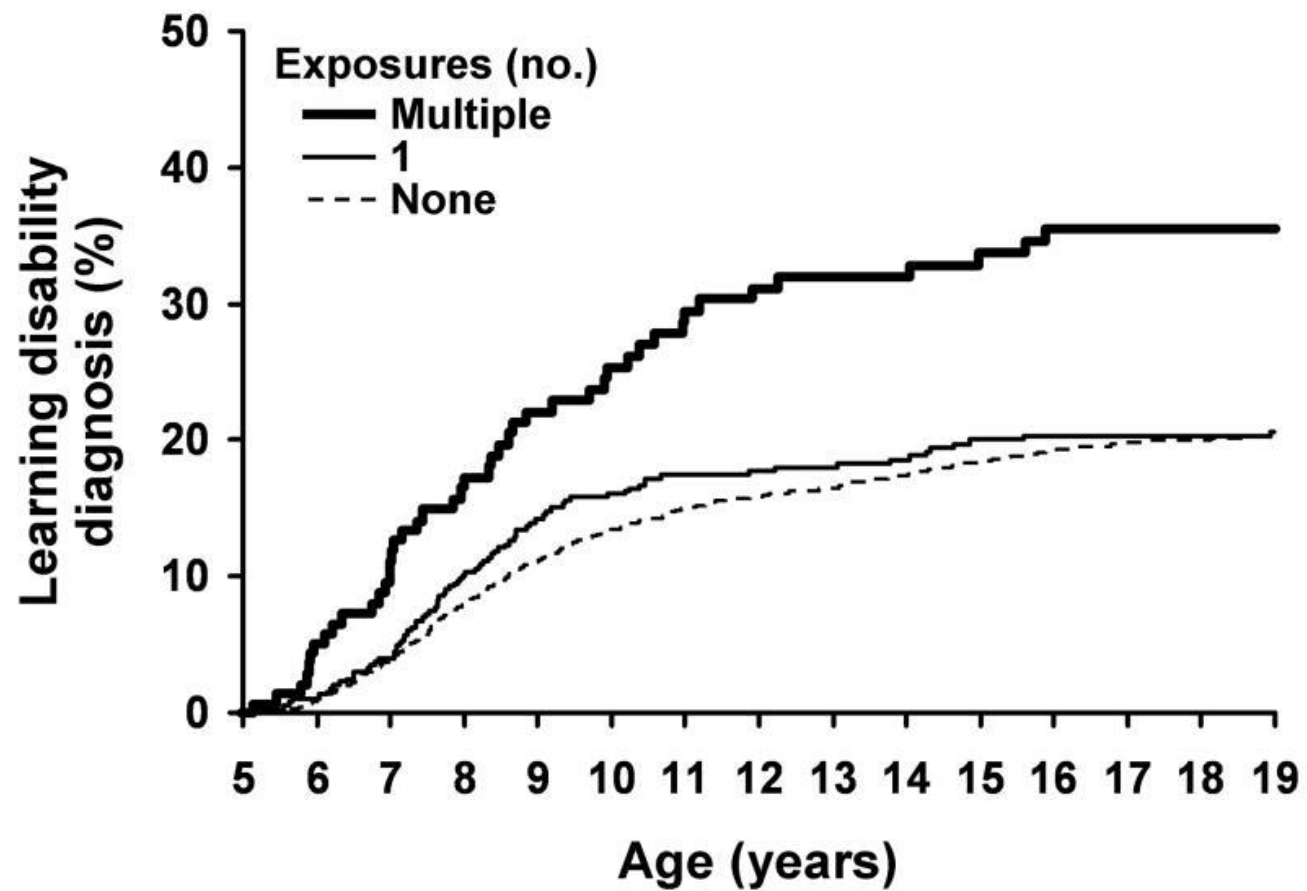
### Defining Safe Use of Anesthesia in Children

Bob Rappaport, M.D., R. Daniel Mellon, Ph.D., Arthur Simone, M.D., Ph.D., and Janet Woodcock, M.D.

A white rat is shown in a metal cage, looking out from behind the bars. The rat's head is the central focus, with its large, pinkish ears and whiskers clearly visible. The cage is made of dark metal bars, and the background is slightly blurred, showing other parts of the cage structure.

Mind numbing: Anesthesia in baby rats stunts brain development.

Common general anesthetics given at an early age may cause brain damage and other neurologic problems



## Ongoing Clinical Trials Assessing the Effects of Anesthetics on Neurocognitive Development.

Odense University Hospital (Denmark)  
and the Danish Registry Study Group

A nationwide epidemiologic study comparing the educational achievement of all children who have undergone a surgical procedure before the age of 1 with that of a general-population control group.

Columbia University

A prospective cohort study of children who had exposure to an anesthetic before the age of 3 and their siblings who were not exposed. The two groups will be followed for neurodevelopmental outcomes.

International collaboration of institutions  
from Australia, the United States,  
Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom,  
and the Netherlands

Prospective, randomized, investigator-blinded, controlled clinical trial to assess the effects of general anesthesia using sevoflurane versus neuraxial anesthesia using bupivacaine on neurocognitive function in infants over 26 weeks' gestational age. Children will be followed with evaluations of neurocognitive development at 2 and 5 years of age.

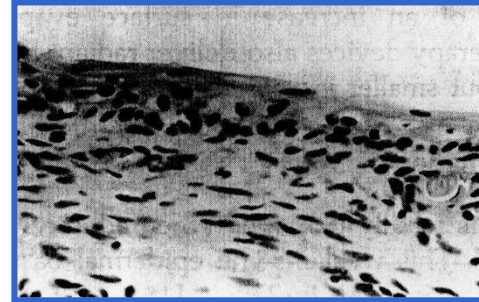
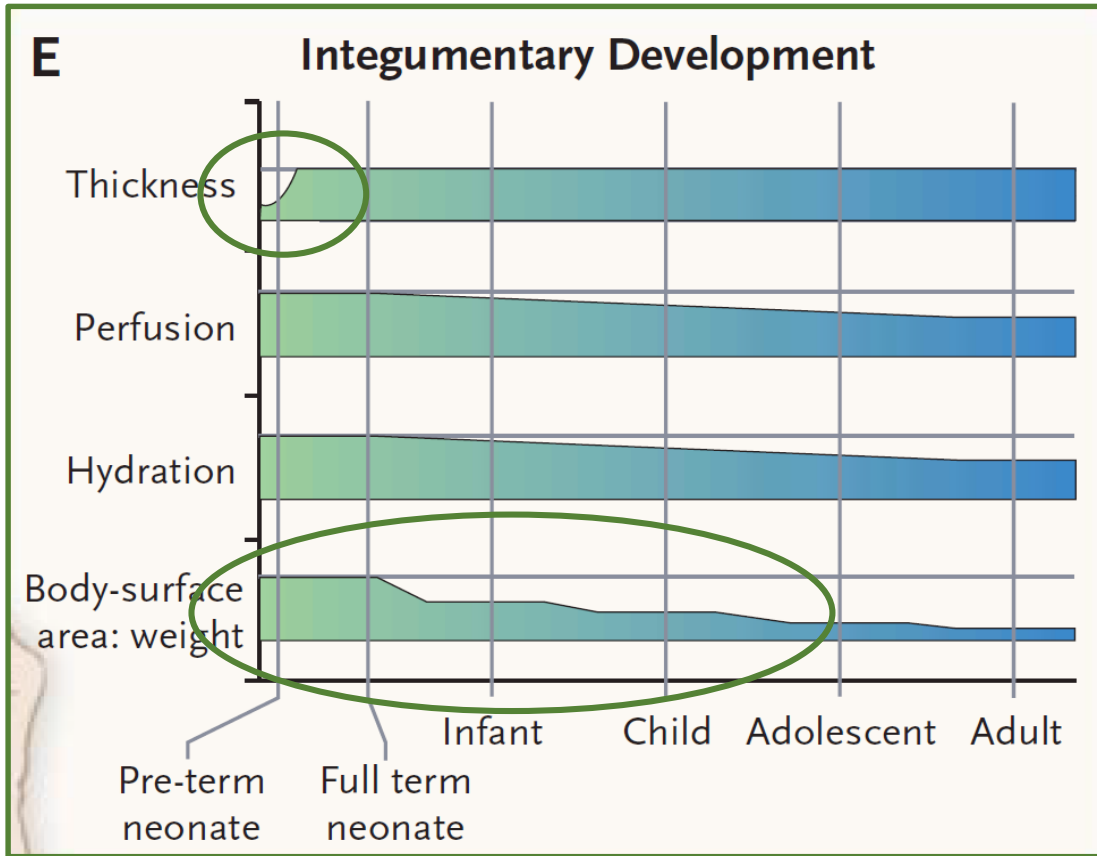
# Neurodevelopmental outcome at 2 years of age after general anaesthesia and awake-regional anaesthesia in infancy (GAS): an international multicentre, randomised controlled trial

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**Findings** Between Feb 9, 2007, and Jan 31, 2013, 363 infants were randomly assigned to receive awake-regional anaesthesia and 359 to general anaesthesia. Outcome data were available for 238 children in the awake-regional group and 294 in the general anaesthesia group. In the as-per-protocol analysis, the cognitive composite score (mean [SD]) was 98·6 (14·2) in the awake-regional group and 98·2 (14·7) in the general anaesthesia group. There was equivalence in mean between groups (awake-regional minus general anaesthesia 0·169, 95% CI -2·30 to 2·64). The median duration of anaesthesia in the general anaesthesia group was 54 min.

**Interpretation** For this secondary outcome, we found no evidence that just less than 1 h of sevoflurane anaesthesia in infancy increases the risk of adverse neurodevelopmental outcome at 2 years of age compared with awake-regional anaesthesia.

# absorption, skin: $BSA > permeability$



**higher BSA/kg in young children: risk for inadvertent absorption**

# absorption, skin: BSA > permeability

## Cyanosis in a premature infant induced by topical anesthesia

Methemoglobinemia is a rare cause of cyanosis in pediatric patients and it is characterized by increased quantities of hemoglobin in which the iron of heme is oxidized to the ferric ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) form. The condition may arise as a result of a genetic defect in red blood cell metabolism or hemoglobin structure, or it may be acquired following exposure to various oxidant drugs or toxins.



Preterm neonates are exposed to a range of painful procedures and topical anesthetics as EMLA are used routinely for pain management. Because premature neonates are low weight and consequently they are easily overdosed, routinely use of EMLA should be carefully evaluated.



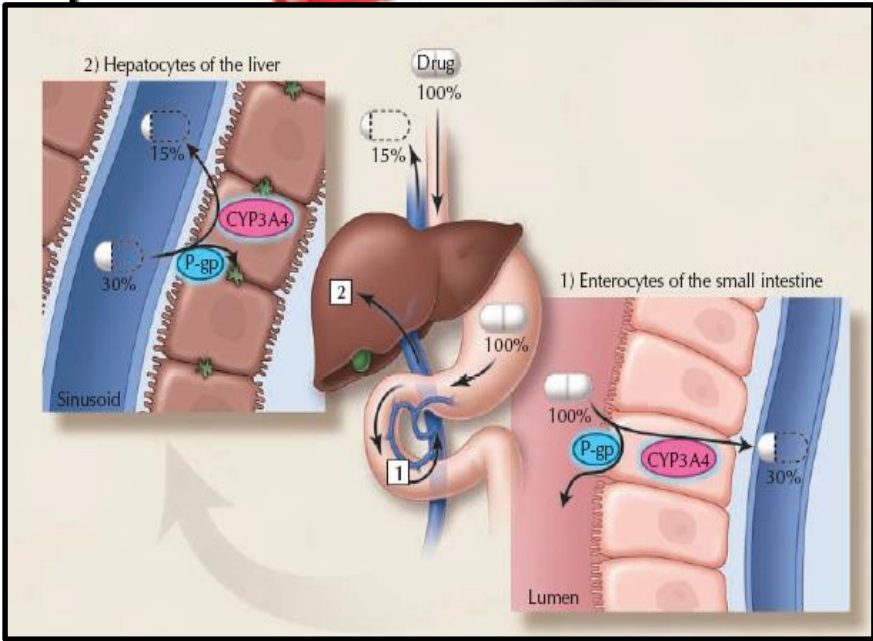
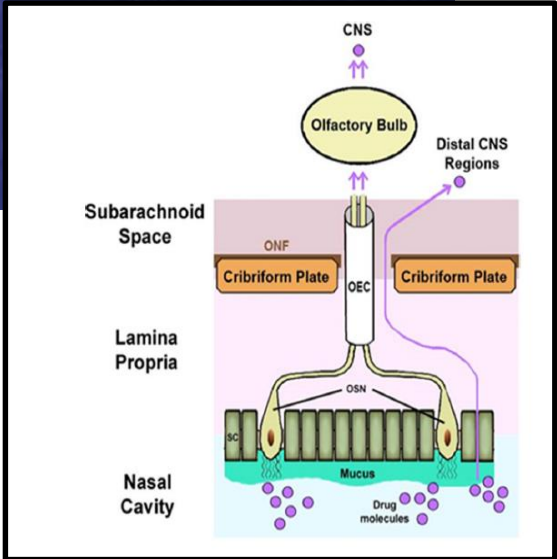


# absorption, skin: BSA > permeability

**Table 15.3** Reported papers on the analgesic effects of tetracaine/amethocaine in neonates (type of procedure highlighted)

Reference	Study design and results
Shah et al. [88]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial, <i>intramuscular injection</i> (vitamin K) in 110 term neonates, topical amethocaine gel 4 %. There were <b>no differences</b> in crying duration, in pain score and only the latency to cry was somewhat longer in the treated group. Topical amethocaine gel 4 % was ineffective in reducing pain intramuscular injection of vitamin K in full-term neonates
Jain A et al. [89]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 40 (pre)term neonates during <i>venipuncture</i> . Topical amethocaine provided effective pain relief (crying, neonatal facial coding system) during venipuncture in the newborn when used as single technique for analgesia
Lemyre et al. [90]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 142 preterm (from 24 weeks onward) infants during <i>venipuncture</i> . Tetracaine did <b>not significantly decrease procedural</b> pain in infants undergoing a venipuncture, when used in combination with routine sucrose administration
Lemyre et al. [91]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 54 preterm neonates on the add-on effect of tetracaine gel in addition to sucrose to treat procedural pain related to <i>peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) placement</i> . Tetracaine 4 % when applied for 30 min was <b>not beneficial</b> in decreasing procedural pain associated with a PICC in very small infants
Jain et al. [92]	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 60 (pre)term neonates during <i>heel prick blood sampling</i> . Topical amethocaine gel <b>does not have a clinically important effect</b> on the pain of heel prick blood sampling. Its use for this purpose cannot therefore be recommended

# absorption, skin: BSA > permeability



## Intranasal dexmedetomidine, as midazolam-sparing drug, for MRI in preterm neonates

**TABLE 1** Number of patients in the historical and dexmedetomidine group according to number of midazolam doses needed to achieve sedation for MRI at equivalent age

Number of doses of midazolam	Historical midazolam group (n = 40), number (%)	Dexmedetomidine group (n = 53), number (%)
0	0	27 (51)
1	12 (30)	25 (47)
2	14 (35)	1 (2)
3	14 (35)	0

3 microgr/kg intranasal, single dose



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