## Supplementary Information to Continuity with Caveats in Anesthesia - State and Response Entropy of the EEG

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## Fig. S1 Patient selection with State Entropy (SE) and Response Entropy (RE) index values

Flowchart with patient exclusion criteria as well as medians with Q1–Q3 of SE and RE index values for the entire procedural period and the surgical core period.



Fig. S2 Frequency distributions of surgery duration and patient age

- a) Histogram of surgery time distribution of the included patients.
- ${\bf b})$  Histogram of the age distribution of the included patients.





By superimposing the heat maps, we can compute the disparity heat maps by subtracting the RE index values from the corresponding SE index values. This approach allows us to more effectively assess whether the data follows a continuous distribution pattern or if there are anomalies in occurrence frequency. From a visual perspective, it appears that the RE-SE values are distributed fairly evenly, with accumulations in the ranges of 0–5 and 9–12. Some discrepancies can be attributed to the overall scale of the values; as described before, SE index values only span from 0 to 91, whereas RE index values range from 0 to 100.

a) Heat map of RE-SE difference over the procedural period.

**b)** Heat map of RE-SE difference over the surgical period.

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Fig. S4 Cumulative time spent in individual State Entropy (SE) and Response Entropy (RE) index values

The vertical dotted lines indicate the previously identified pillar index values. As expected, the highest

cumulative time spent in certain index values overlaps with the described pillar index values.

- a) Histogram of SE values over the procedural period
- **b)** Histogram of RE values over the procedural period
- c) Histogram of SE values over the surgical period
- d) Histogram of RE values over the surgical period







Three exemplary *pillar* SE index values are depicted in orange (51, 37, 22), with the adjacent index values in blue and black, which adhere to an expected continuous distribution. In terms of the frequency of consecutive occurrences, both the *pillar* index and adjacent index values are well-described by negative exponential functions. The corresponding fits were performed on the original data, not on log-transformed values. The y-axis was later logarithmically transformed for visual clarity. The plots on the right show these fits, revealing differences in both the rate of decay and the vertical shift.

a) *pillar* SE index value of 51 with adjacent index values on the left, with respective exponential fits on the right.

**b)** *pillar* SE index value of 37 with adjacent index values on the left, with respective exponential fits on the right.

c) *pillar* SE index value of 22 with adjacent index values on the left, with respective exponential fits on the right.



SE value	b	а	R2
50	535,582	-1.882	0.99998
51	530,946	-1.560	0.99994
52	402,029	-1.868	0.99998
36	1,048,716	-1.877	0.99997
37	$1,\!155,\!829$	-1.529	0.99996
38	1,048,638	-1.877	0.99997
21	$138,\!686$	-1.524	0.99995
22	188,449	-1.389	0.99993
23	$222,\!848$	-1.488	0.99996

**Table S1** Parameters of the exponential fit as presented in **Figure S5** The bold values in the table indicate the *pillar* indicate  $a = e^{ax+b}$  where b determines the

indices.  $y = e^{ax+b}$  where **b** determines the vertical shift of the function and **a** determines the steepness of the exponential decay. **R<sup>2</sup>** is the variation explained by the fitted regression model, ranging from 0 to 1.0.



Fig. S6 Heat map showing the relationship between the Burst Suppression Ratio (BSR) and State Entropy (SE) throughout the procedural period and the surgical period Prominent horizontal lines are evident, indicating the prevalence of *pillar* SE values. Conversely, the absence of vertical lines suggests that BSR *pillar* index values are not a significant feature in this data set.

- $\mathbf{a}$ ) Heat map for the procedural period.
- **b)** Heat map for the surgical period.





The specific occurrence pattern observed in the *pillar* index values we presented for SE and RE remains unaffected by the administration of volatile anesthetic gases during anesthesia (a), as well as by the administration of anesthesia using intravenous drugs (b).

**a)** Histogram for volatile anesthetic gases

b) Histogram for TIVA