

SUPPLEMENTS 1: search strategy and additional tables and figures

Dopamine in critically ill patients with cardiac dysfunction: a systematic review with meta-analysis and trial sequential analysis

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Table S1: In- and exclusion criteria of trials included in the meta-analysis

Trial, year	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
Acute heart failure		
Kamiya [1] 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYHA class III–IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age <20 years or >85 years Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg Severe liver injury (ASAT/ALAT >100 IU/L) Severe renal failure (creatinine >2.0 mg/dL) Acute myocardial infarction within 3 months Received or anticipated need for IV vasoactive treatment or ultrafiltration therapy for HF
Chen [4] 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age ≥18 years Prior clinical diagnosis of HF Enrolled <24 hours of hospital admission Anticipated hospitalization of ≥72 hours At least one symptom (dyspnoea, orthopnoea, or oedema) and one sign (rales on auscultation, peripheral oedema, ascites, pulmonary vascular congestion on chest radiography) Estimated GFR >15 but <60 mL/min/1.73 m² Ability to have a PICC or central line placed <12 hours of randomization and study drug infusion started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg Haemoglobin <9 g/dL (<5.6 mmol/L) Renal replacement therapy History of renal artery stenosis >50% Haemodynamically significant arrhythmias <4 weeks Acute coronary syndrome <4 weeks HF secondary to: active myocarditis, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy, greater than moderate stenotic valvular disease, restrictive or constrictive cardiomyopathy, complex congenital heart disease, constrictive pericarditis Non-cardiac pulmonary oedema Clinical evidence of digoxin toxicity Need for mechanical hemodynamic support Sepsis Terminal illness with expected survival of <1 year Pregnancy or nursing mothers Anticipated need for IV contrast use
Varriale [10] 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe chronic CHF (NYHA class III or IV) <i>Depressed left ventricular function</i> Etiologically related to coronary artery disease or idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy Signs of advanced pulmonary and systemic oedema Chemical markers of renal impairment: urea nitrogen ≥25 mg/dL and creatinine ≥1.5 mg/dL. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systolic blood pressure <100 mmHg Oliguria Serum creatinine >2.9 mg/dL Serum potassium <3.0 mmol/dL Haematocrit <30%
Shah [2] 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age ≥18 years HF and on daily use of oral loop diuretic > 1 month Enrolled <24h of hospital admission At least one symptom (dyspnoea, orthopnoea, or oedema) and one sign (rales on auscultation, peripheral oedema, ascites) or pulmonary vascular congestion on chest radiography Anticipated need for IV loop diuretics for ≥48 h 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg Serum creatinine >3.0 mg/dL or renal replacement therapy Anticipated need for IV contrast use
Arutiunov [6] 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >18 years Decompensated congestive HF with an ischemic origin Sinus rhythm or persistent tachycardia at rest Pulmonary artery wedge pressure >20 mmHg Cardiac index <2.6 L/min/m² LVEF <35% Systolic blood pressure >85 mmHg Serum creatinine <200 µmol/L 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systolic blood pressure <85 mmHg) Creatinine >200 µmol/L, GFR <30 ml/min Acute coronary syndrome <2 months Rheumatic valvular heart disease Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease Obstructive or restrictive cardiomyopathy Mobitz II or III atrioventricular blockade without pacemaker Arrhythmia or atrial flutter Heart rate <40 beats/minute Pregnancy or period of breastfeeding Acute cerebrovascular accident <6 months Regular intake of β-blockers
Hsueh [7] 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF of NYHA class III or IV; Previously untreated HF or had stopped medications by personal decision for >2 weeks LVEF ≤45% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active myocarditis Thyroid disease Severe hypertension Atrial flutter-fibrillation High-degree atrioventricular block Pacemaker therapy Chronic obstructive lung disease Severe hepatic or renal disease

Cotter [9] 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitalised because of congestive HF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diabetes mellitus Severe renal failure (serum creatinine >200 µmol/L or creatinine clearance <30 ml/min) Systolic blood pressure ≤110 mm Hg Severe valvular disease LVEF >40%
Giamouzis [5] 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >18 years History of HF Oxygen saturation <90% on admission Deterioration of HF symptoms <6 hours: dyspnoea at rest, orthopnoea, and paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea, accompanied by signs of congestion (3rd heart sound, jugular venous distension, pulmonary rales) B-type natriuretic peptide >400 pg/mL or NT-proBNP >1500 pg/mL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute de novo HF Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg Severe renal failure (admission creatinine >215 mmol/L or estimated GFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m²) Severe valvular disease HF secondary to congenital heart disease Scheduled cardiac surgery <2 months Anticipated need for IV contrast use
Tripodkiadis [3] 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >18 years History of HF Dyspnoea on minimal exertion or rest dyspnoea and oxygen saturation <90% on admission At least one or more: signs of congestion (3rd heart sound or pulmonary rales >½ or lower extremity/ sacral oedema >1+), interstitial congestion or pleural effusion on chest radiography, and B-type natriuretic peptide >400 pg/mL or NT-proBNP >1500 pg/mL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creatinine >200 µmol/L or GFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m² Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg Severe valvular disease HF secondary to complex congenital heart disease Suspected or confirmed acute coronary syndrome Scheduled cardiac surgery <6 months Anticipated need for IV contrast use
Sindone [8] 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HF of NYHA class IV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not described (abstract only)

Cardiac surgery

Sirivella [14] 2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manifested with either acute oliguric or anuric renal failure in the postoperative period Adequate cardiac output and tissue perfusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute renal failure associated with inadequate cardiac output and tissue perfusion Preoperative renal replacement therapy
Costa [12] 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cardiac surgery requiring cardiopulmonary bypass Preoperative renal dysfunction: creatinine clearance ≤50 mL/min 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usage of enflurane Usage of diuretics
Bove [13] 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >18 years Continuous Improvement in Cardiac Surgery Program (CICSP) score >10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergent procedure Pre-operative renal replacement therapy Glaucoma
Rosseeel [15] 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective CABG Low cardiac output syndrome, defined as a CI <2.2 L/min/m² in the absence of hypovolaemia (central venous pressure ≥8 mmHg and/or pulmonary capillary wedge pressure ≥12 mmHg and/or diastolic pulmonary artery pressure ≥12 mm Hg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >75 years Preoperative renal dysfunction (serum creatinine > 200 mmol/L) Liver dysfunction (g-GT >20% above normal) Pheochromocytoma With monoamine oxidase inhibitors Pregnancy
Hausen [17] 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age >18 years Mitral valve operation Mitral valve disease CI <2.5 L/min/m² pre-operatively at rest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revascularization procedures Aortic valve operations
Oppizzi [11] 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severe left ventricular dysfunction (LVEF <35%) Requiring CABG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need for an associated intervention during cardiac surgery
Tarr [16] 1993	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitral valve surgery from the time of weaning from cardiopulmonary bypass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Failure of drug measured by hemodynamic parameters and the patient's clinical condition

Trials are sorted by setting and dose administered. * The timing of starting the experimental administration differed between these two treatment arms. Abbreviations: AHF, acute heart failure; LVEF, left-ventricular ejection fraction; CABG, coronary artery bypass grafting; CI, cardiac index; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; HF, heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NYHA, New York health association.

Table S2: Risk and odds ratios with TSA-adjusted confidence intervals (CI) for all outcomes, stratified by intervention

	Main meta-analysis: >50% patients had cardiac dysfunction			Sensitivity analysis: Only patients with cardiac dysfunction			Post-hoc meta-analysis: >25% patients had cardiac dysfunction		
	<i>Trials</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>RR or OR (95% CI)*</i>	<i>Trials</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>RR or OR (95% CI)*</i>	<i>Trials</i>	<i>Patients</i>	<i>RR or OR (95% & TSA-adjusted CI)*</i>
Mortality									
Placebo or control	5	452	0.93 (0.63 to 1.38)	1	20	-	15	954	0.89 (0.62 to 1.28)
Potentially active control	12	586	0.90 (0.14 to 5.84)	6	252	0.94 (0.35 to 2.54)	28	3017	1.08 (1.00 to 1.17) ; (0.95 to 1.23)
Any comparator	15	1038	0.92 (0.68 to 1.23)	7	272	0.94 (0.35 to 2.54)	36	3971	1.07 (0.99 to 1.16) ; (0.95 to 1.20)
Serious adverse events									
Placebo or control	2	324	1.48 (0.82 to 2.67)	0	0	-	4	473	1.44 (0.90 to 2.29)
Potentially active control	5	258	1.12 (0.84 to 1.50)	2	96	1.45 (0.43 to 4.90)	8	388	1.55 (0.94 to 2.54)
Any comparator	6	582	1.18 (0.91 to 1.53)	2	96	1.45 (0.43 to 4.90)	11	861	1.44 (1.03 to 2.00)
Myocardial infarction									
Placebo or control	1	83	2.00 (0.06 to 62.15)	0	0	-	4	240	2.01 (0.12 to 32.78)
Potentially active control	5	256	1.21 (0.35 to 4.20)	3	137	1.68 (0.15 to 18.75)	10	2062	0.80 (0.46 to 1.37)
Any comparator	5	339	1.32 (0.42 to 4.09)	3	137	1.68 (0.15 to 18.75)	11	2302	0.82 (0.48 to 1.40)
Ventricular tachyarrhythmias									
Placebo or control	3	329	3.49 (0.71 to 17.11)	1	20	-	6	463	3.52 (0.72 to 17.20)
Potentially active control	6	209	1.94 (0.40 to 9.32)	3	66	0.76 (0.11 to 5.08)	10	1953	1.89 (1.10 to 3.24)
Any comparator	8	538	2.59 (0.85 to 7.91)	4	86	0.76 (0.11 to 5.08)	14	2416	2.15 (1.32 to 3.50)
Renal replacement therapy									
Placebo or control	2	113	1.00 (0.03 to 29.03)	0	0	-	9	493	0.46 (0.05 to 4.61)
Potentially active control	3	258	0.42 (0.05 to 3.58)	0	0	-	9	2230	0.56 (0.17 to 1.87)
Any comparator	4	371	0.40 (0.06 to 2.85)	0	0	-	15	2723	0.54 (0.23 to 1.27)
Atrial tachyarrhythmias									
Placebo or control	2	103	1.00 (0.03 to 29.04)	1	20	-	5	237	0.67 (0.41 to 1.10) [#]
Potentially active control	1	78	1.81 (0.06 to 50.77)	0	0	-	3	1757	1.87 (1.48 to 2.36) [#] ; (0.72 to 4.87)
Any comparator	2	181	1.68 (0.10 to 27.22)	1	20	-	6	2009	1.00 (0.47 to 2.13)

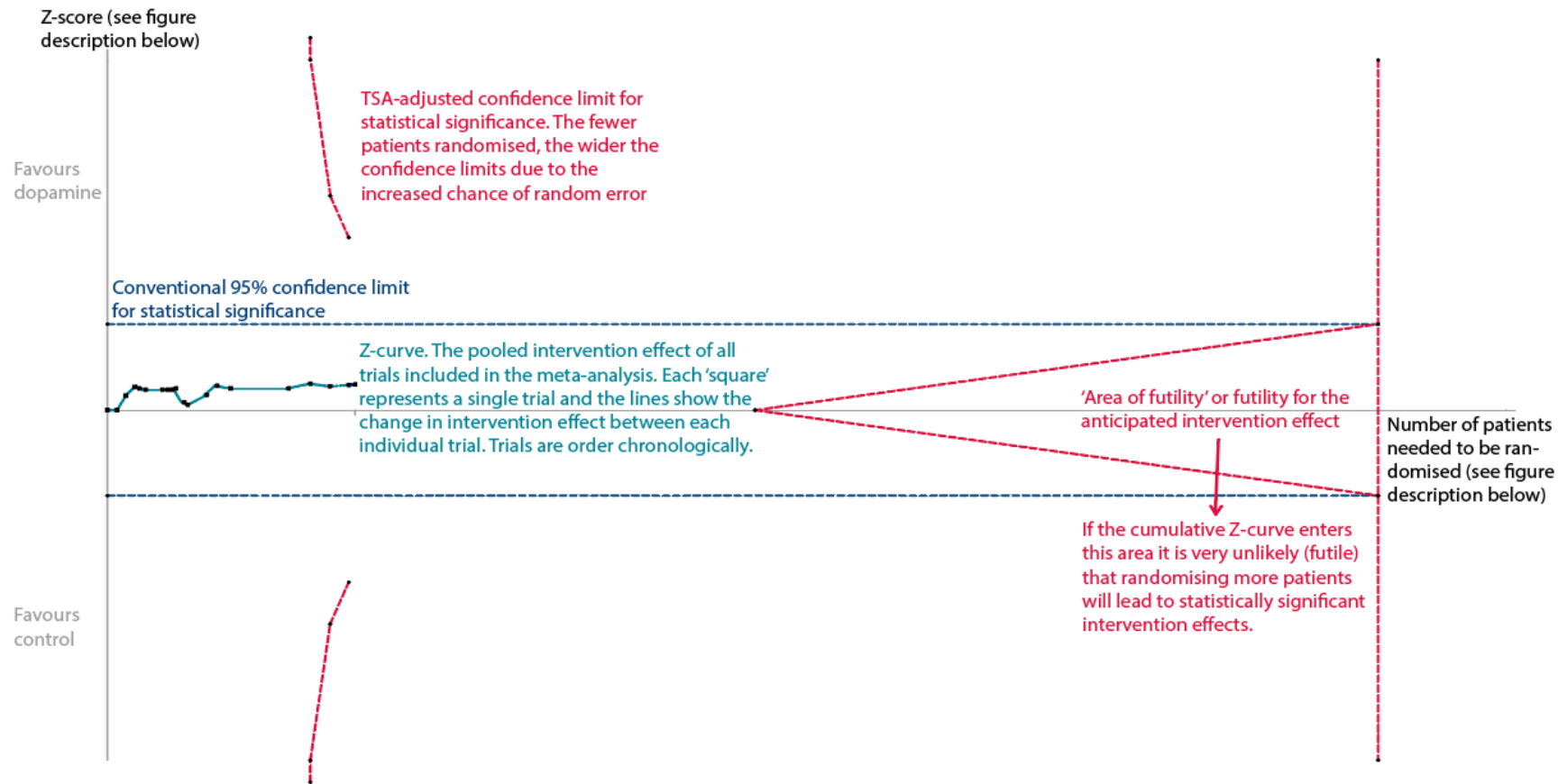
*We only displayed TSA-adjusted CIs if the diversity adjusted required information size was more than 5% with a relative risk reduction of 10%, α of 5%, and β of 10%. [#]There was a significant test of interaction between placebo or inactive control and potentially active control (P = 0.001). Abbreviations: RR, relative risk; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; TSA, trial-sequential analysis.

Table S3. Reported harms in observational studies

	Studies	Patients	Events	Odds ratio	95% CI
Serious adverse events	1	30	7	1.33	0.36 to 4.97
Myocardial infarction	1	1758	42	0.67	0.36 to 1.26
Ventricular tachyarrhythmias	1	30	7	3.25	0.52 to 20.4
Renal replacement therapy	1	1758	24	2.02	0.86 to 4.74
Atrial tachyarrhythmias	0	-	-	-	-

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval.

Figure S1: Explanation on how to interpret the Trial Sequential Analysis



The y-axis displays the cumulative Z-score, which indicates the number of standard deviations the Z-curve is from the mean (in this case: relative risk of 1.0). A standard deviation or Z-score of 1.96 from the mean corresponds to an α of 0.05. The x-axis displays the number of patients that need to be randomised before a definite conclusion can be made. The calculation of this number is comparable to a sample size calculation for a randomised clinical trial. The TSA graph displays whether there is sufficient evidence to reach a conclusion: this occurs when the cumulative Z-score crosses the TSA-adjusted confidence limits or enters the futility area (i.e. one of the red-dashed lines).

Figure S2: Trial Sequential Analysis of serious adverse events

The TSA is based on seven trials, which is the meta-analysed effect of dopamine versus any (in)active comparator intervention.

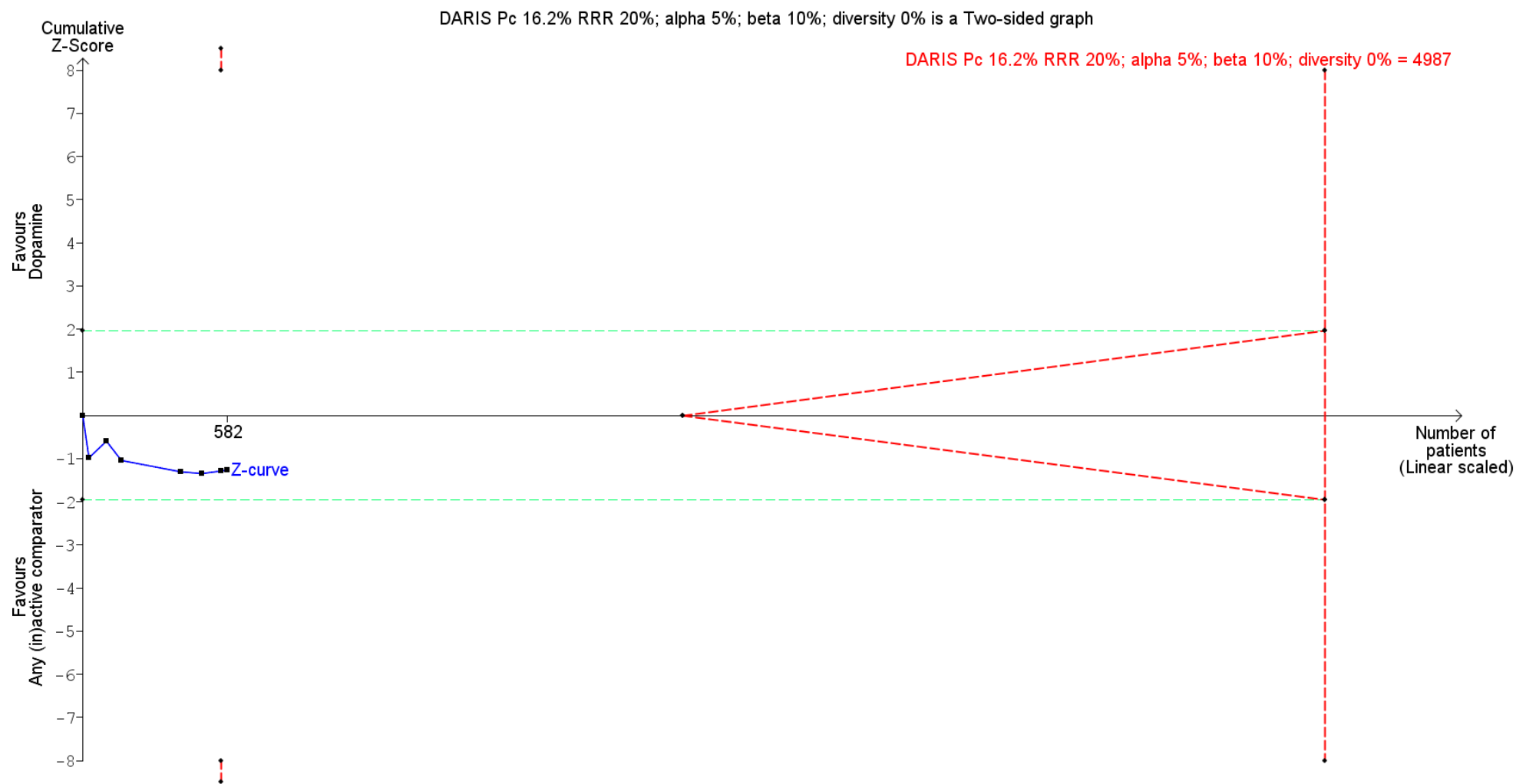


Figure S3: Forest plot of all-cause mortality in the post-hoc meta-analysis

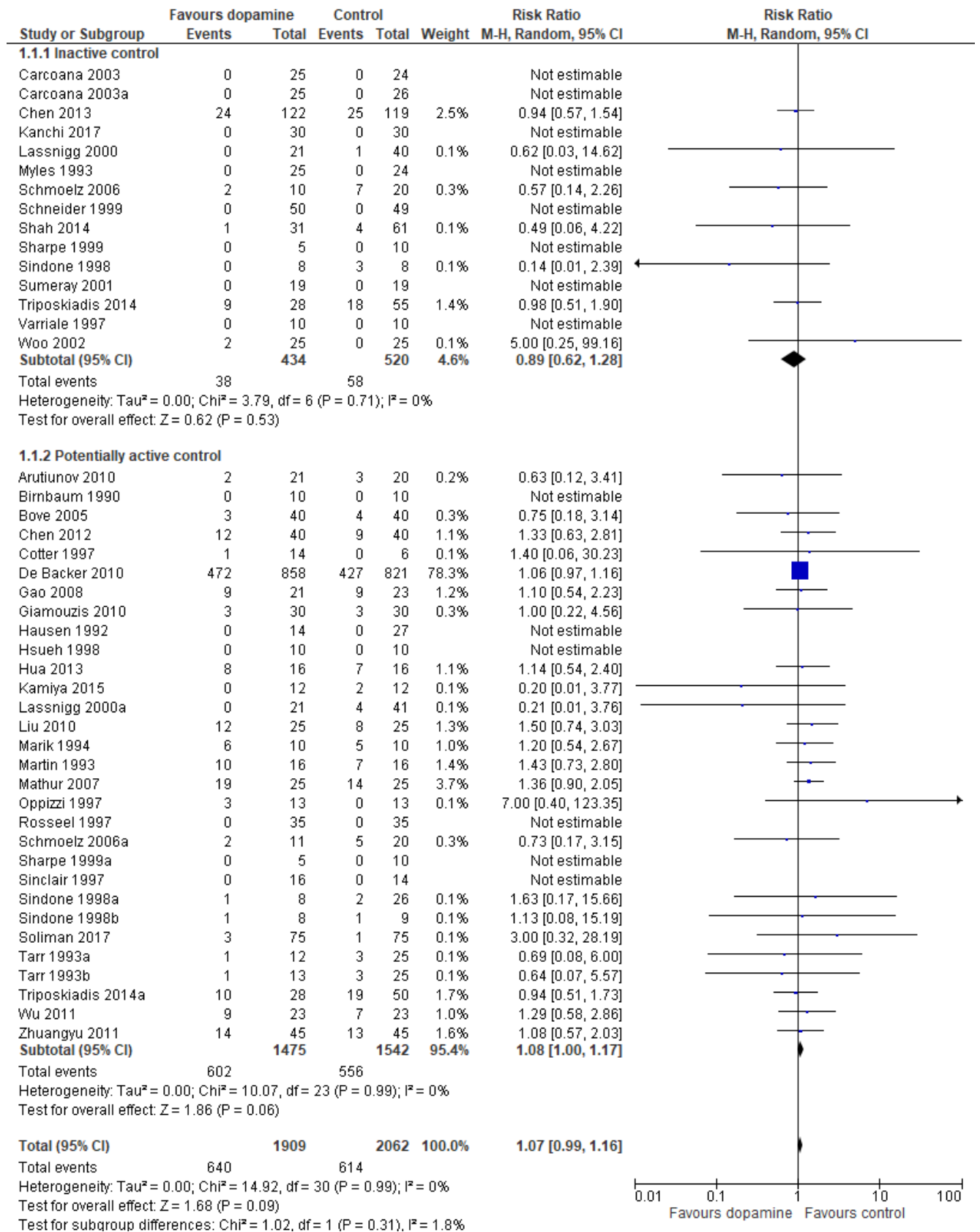


Figure S4: Trial Sequential Analysis for all-cause mortality in the post-hoc meta-analysis

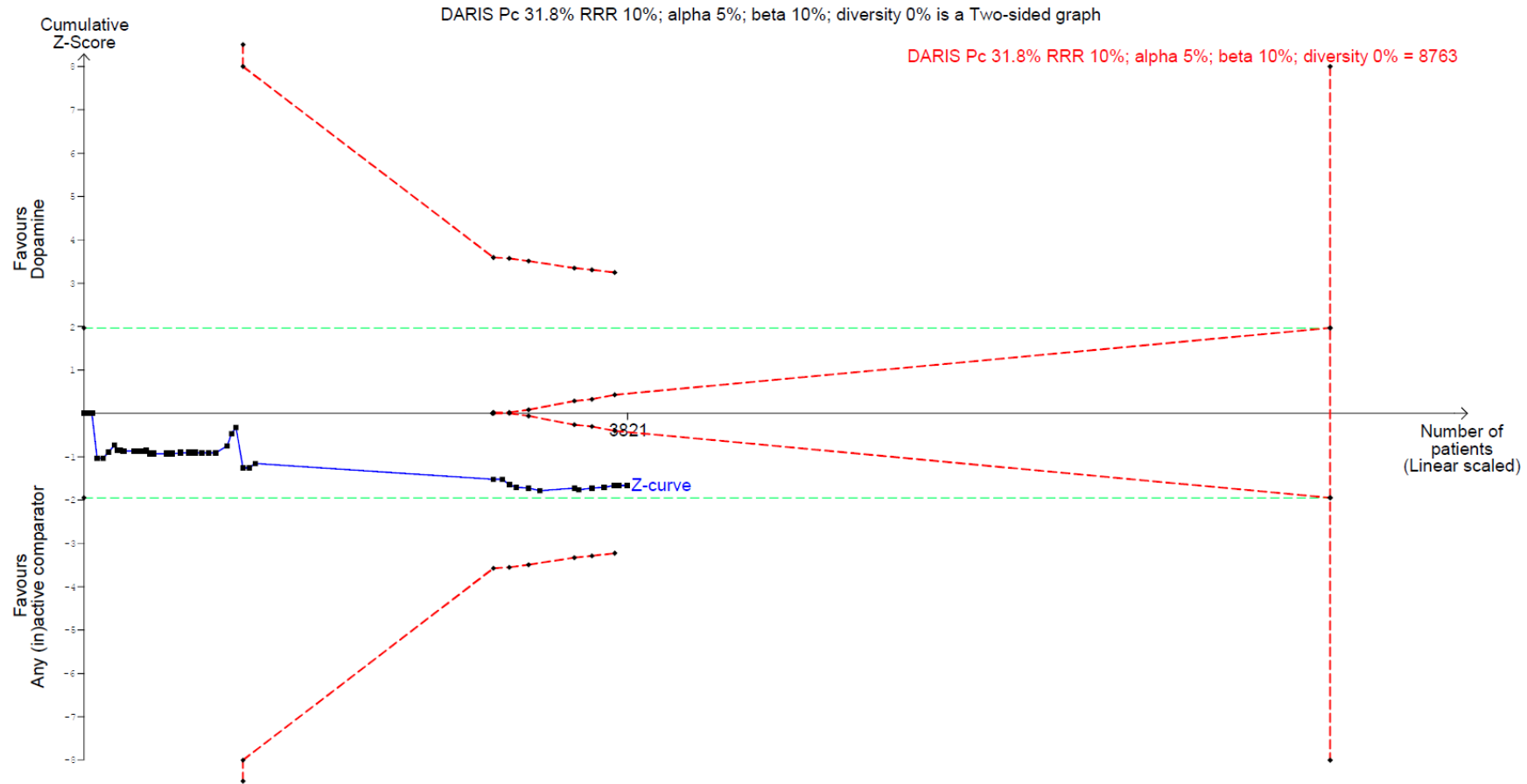


Figure legend. A diversity-adjusted required information size (RIS) of 8,763 patients was calculated using the predefined $\alpha = 0.05$ (two-sided), $\beta = 0.10$ (power 90%), $D^2 = 0\%$, an anticipated relative risk reduction of 10% and an event proportion of 31.8% in the control arm. The *blue cumulative z-curve* was constructed using a random effects model. The *horizontal green dotted lines* represent the conventional boundary's for benefit (positive) or harm (negative). The *horizontal red dotted lines* represent the trial sequential boundary's for benefit (positive), harm (negative) or futility (middle triangular area).

Figure S5a: Manhattan matrix plot with beneficial outcomes

Outcomes with benefit of dopamine versus any comparator in critically ill patients with cardiac dysfunction

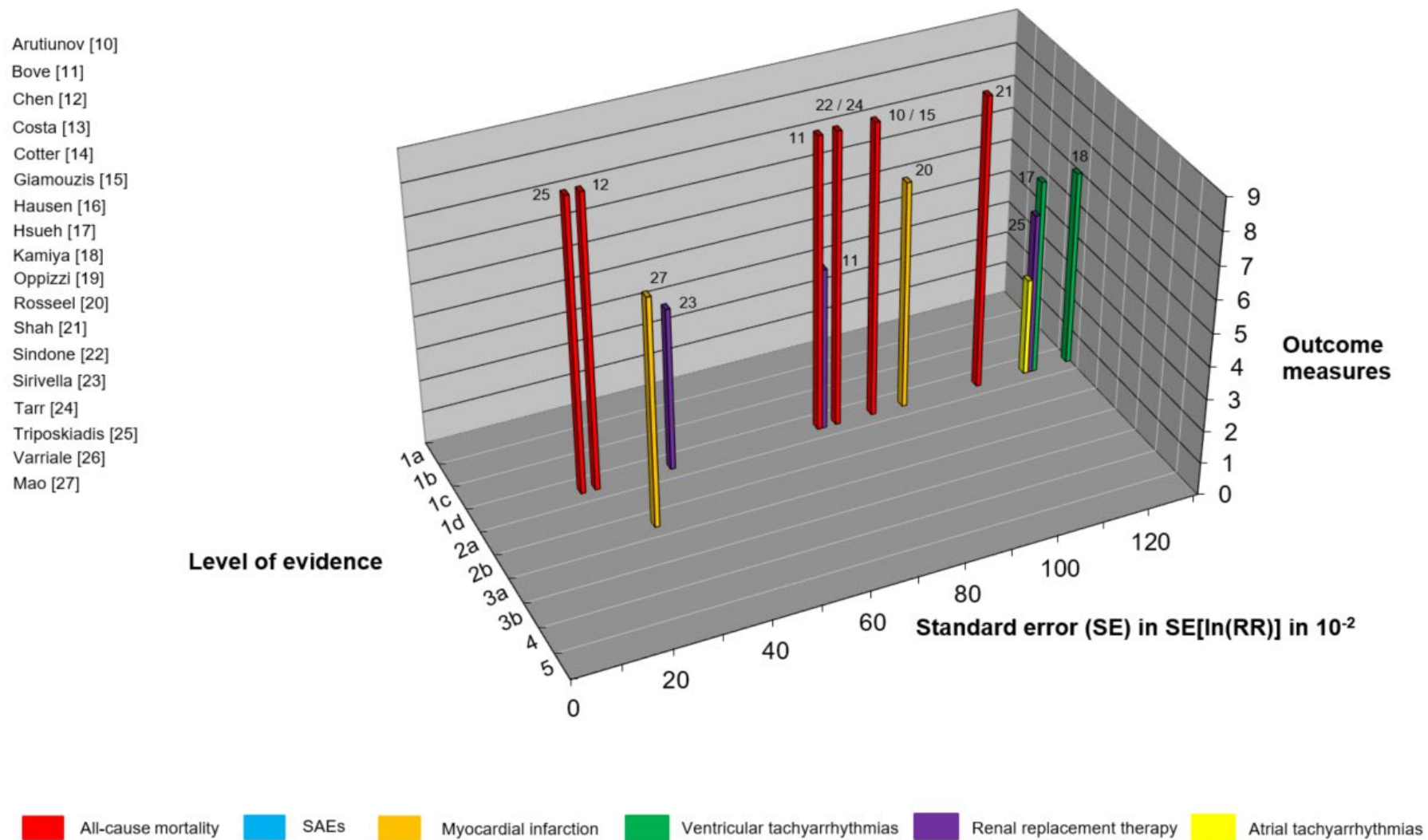
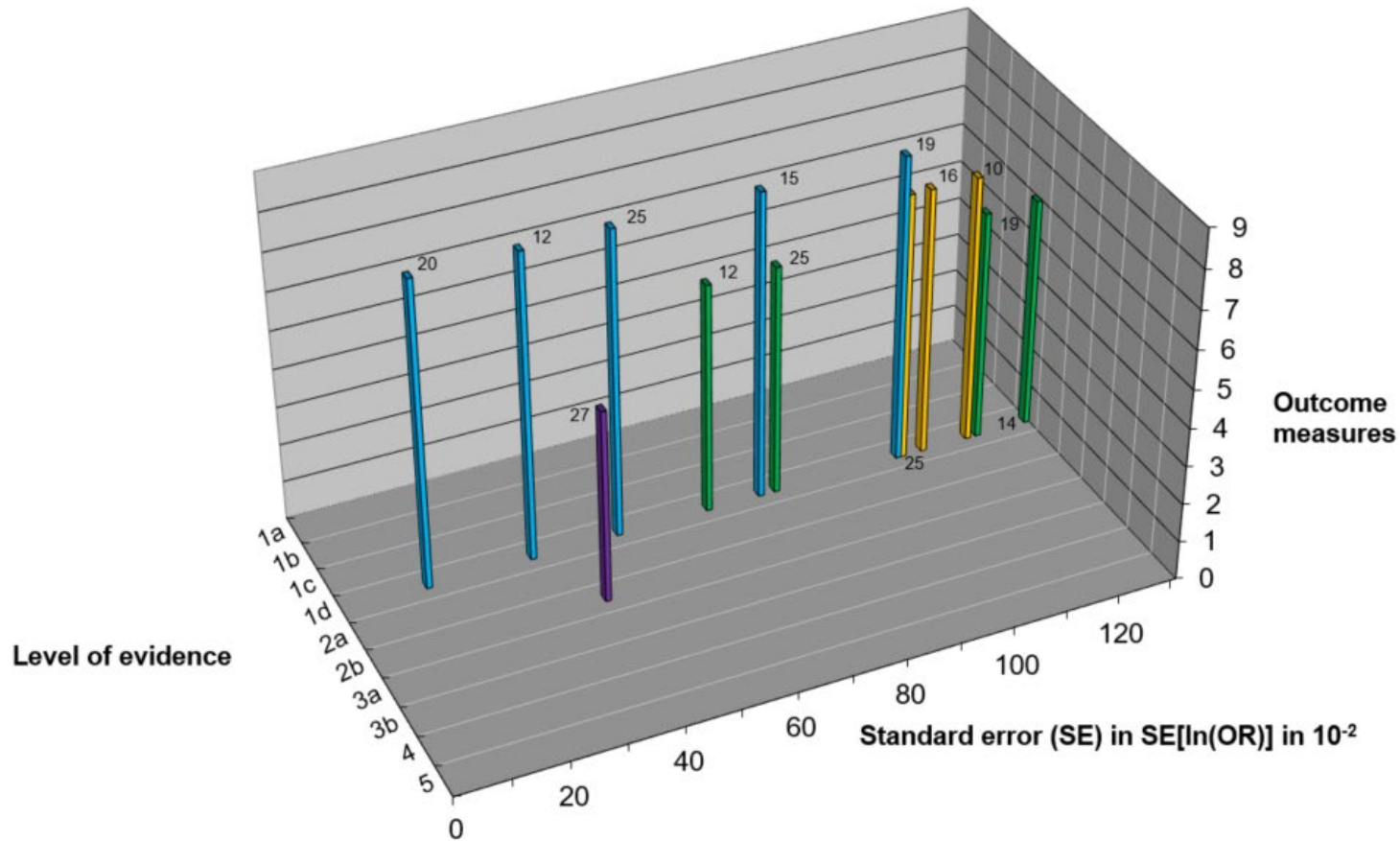


Figure S5b: Manhattan matrix plot with harmful outcomes

Outcomes with harm of of dopamine versus any comparator in critically ill patients with cardiac dysfunction

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- Triposkiadis [25]
- Varriale [26]
- Mao [27]



- All-cause mortality
- SAEs
- Myocardial infarction
- Ventricular tachyarrhythmias
- Renal replacement therapy

Figure S6: Funnel plots for small trial bias including publication bias

Figure S6a: Mortality at maximum follow-up

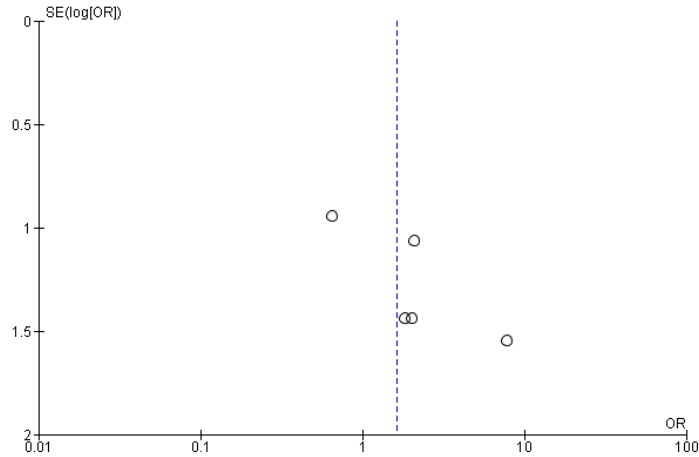


Figure S6b: Serious adverse events

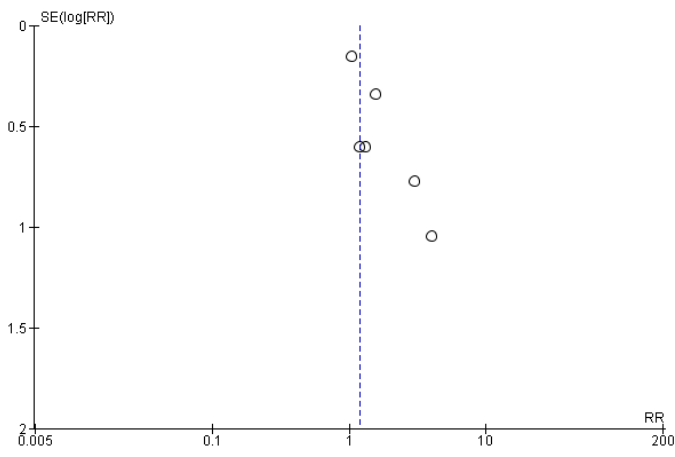


Figure S6c: Myocardial infarction

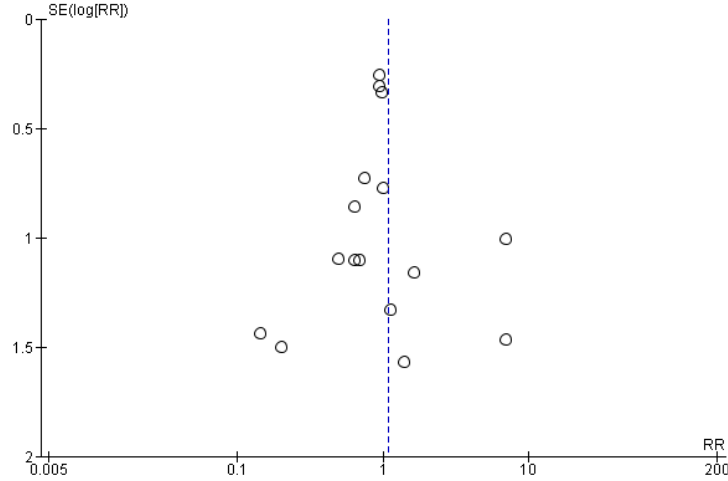


Figure S6d: ventricular tachyarrhythmias

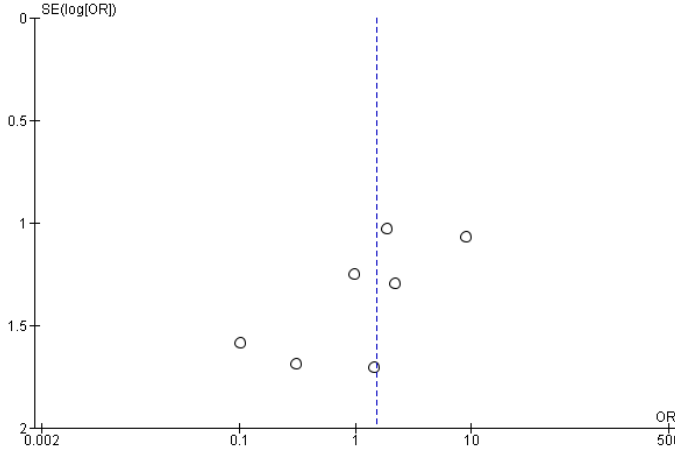


Figure S6e: Renal replacement therapy

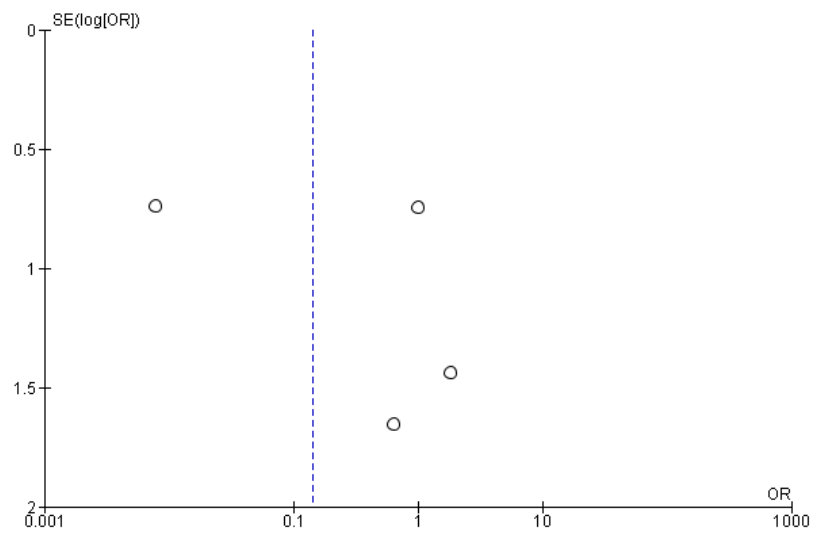
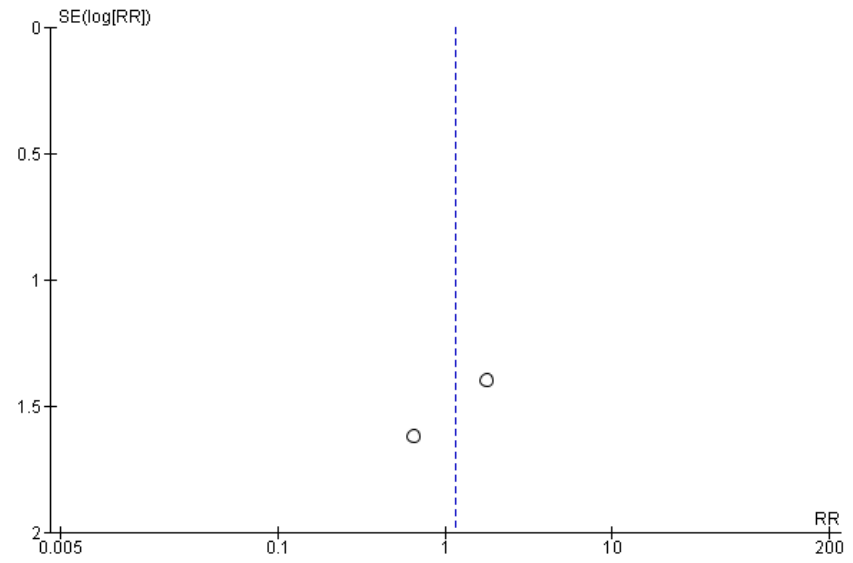


Figure S6f: atrial tachyarrhythmias



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