

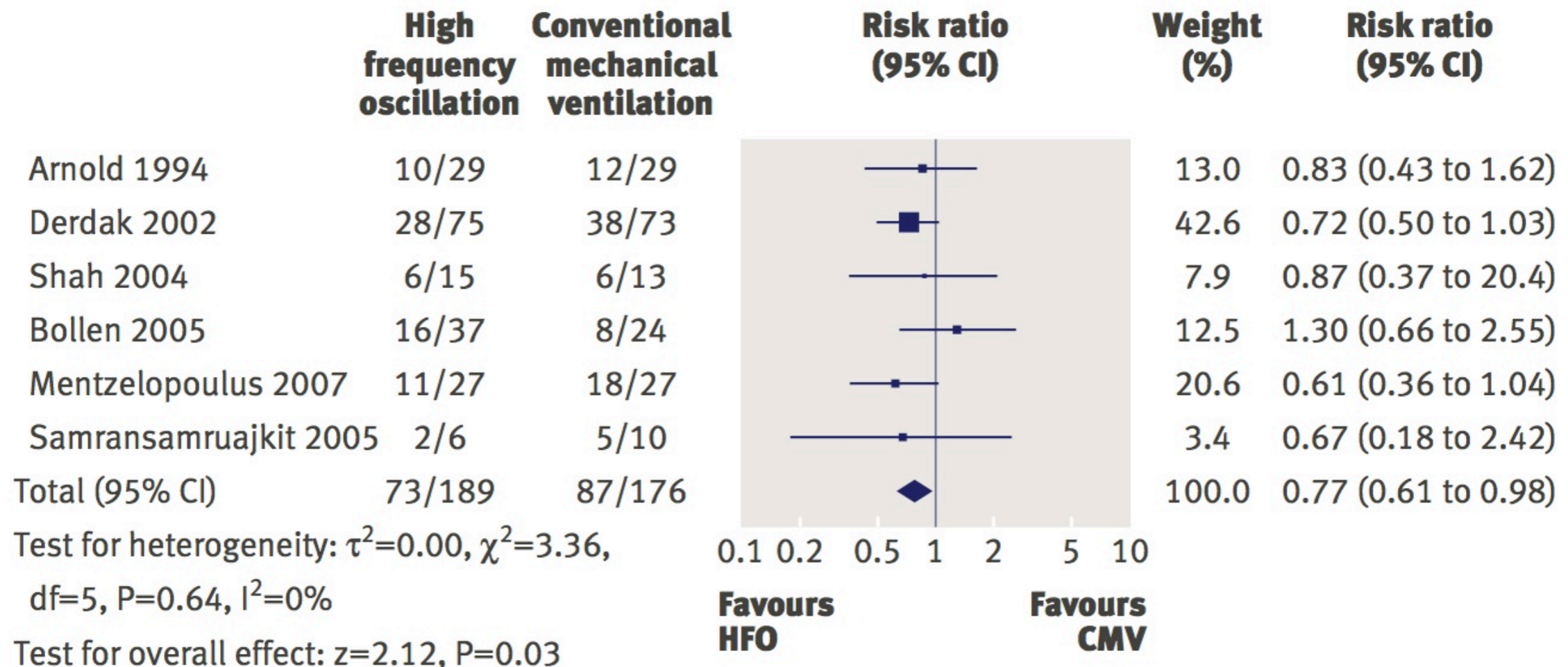
# OSCAR & OSCILLATE

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& the Future of High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilation (HFOV)

# What do we know already?

Sud S et al. *BMJ* 2010



**Fig 2 | Hospital or 30 day mortality in patients with acute lung injury/acute respiratory distress syndrome allocated to high frequency oscillation or conventional mechanical ventilation**

# OSCAR & OSCILLATE

Multi-centre randomised controlled trials of HFOV  
verses current ventilation practice in adults with ARDS

 OSCAR

- n = 795 (1006 intended)
- 29 centres
- Expert and non-expert centres
- England, Scotland and Wales
- 2007 – 2012
- 30 Day mortality,
  - days of paralysis, sedation, vasopressors, and antibiotics, duration of treatment in ICU and hospital

 OSCILLATE

- n = 548 (1200 intended)
- 39 centres
- Expert and non-expert centres
- Canada, USA, Saudi, Chile and India
- 2007 – 2012
- 60 Day mortality
  - total dose of paralysis and sedation, vasopressors, duration of treatment in ICU and hospital

# Inclusion

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Respiratory failure

Intubated for less than 7 days since onset of failure

Intubated within 2 weeks of onset of failure

Expected to need ventilation for more than 2 days

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Hypoxaemia

$P_{aO_2}:F_{iO_2} \geq 200$

PEEP  $\geq 5$  mmHg

Radiology

Bilateral air space opacification on chest X ray

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Age

$\geq 16$

16 – 80

# Exclusion

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Evidence of right atrial hypertension

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Suspected vascular pulmonary haemorrhage

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Neuromuscular disorders known to prolong MV

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Lung disease characterised by airway narrowing or air trapping	Severe chronic respiratory disease
Weight < 35 Kg	Weight < 35 Kg or > 1 Kg per cm height
Recent lung surgery	Pre-existing conditions with > 50% 1 year mortality
Participating in other trial	

# Control

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Stipulation

Usual practice with guidance

Strict protocol

Recruitment

none

40 s of 40 mmHg

Mode

PCV

Vt

6 – 8 ml/Kg IBW

6 ml/Kg IBW

PEEP

Titrated to  $F_{iO_2}$

Pplat

< 35 mmHg

Spont breaths

Daily trial

Rescue HFOV

At physicians discretion

Yes with clear indications

# Intervention

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Recruitment

40 s of 40 mmHg

Ventilator

Novalung R100 (Metran)

Sensor Medics 3100B  
(CareFusion)

PMaw

5 cmH<sub>2</sub>O > Pplat

30 cmH<sub>2</sub>O

PaO<sub>2</sub>

60 – 75 mmHg

55 – 80 mmHg

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10 Hz then pH  $\geq$  7.25

7 Hz then pH  $\geq$  7.2

I:E

1:1

1:2

Bias flow

100 ml



# Exit from HFOV

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- 12 hours of:
  - $FiO_2 \leq 0.4$
  - $PaO_2 \geq 60$  mmHg
  - $PMaw \leq 24$  cmH<sub>2</sub>O
- Restart HFOV up to 2 days later



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# Randomisation

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Allocation

Independent telephone  
randomisation system

Central web-based  
randomisation system

Stratification

$P_{aO_2}:F_{iO_2}$  ratio,  
sex, age, centre

Blocks of 2 or 4  
centre

Baseline

Slight advantage to intervention  
(age)

Slight intervention to control  
(age and inotropes)

# Blinding

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- Treatment
  - No blinding
- Analysis
  - Unclear
- Outcomes are objective



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# Results: Follow Up

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## OSCAR

- 100% on intention to treat
  - 2.5% of control arm received rescue HFOV
  - 2.5% of intervention arm died before HFOV could be commenced
- 97.5% intervention vs 2.5% control received HFOV  
median duration of 3 days (IQR 2 – 5)

## OSCILLATE

- 100% on intention to treat
  - 12% of control arm received rescue HFOV
  - 1.5% of intervention arm didn't receive HFOV
- 98% intervention vs 12% control received HFOV  
median duration of 3 days (IQR 2 – 8)

# OSCILLATE Cross Over

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- Pre planned conditions for rescue therapy including HFOV
  - Refractory hypoxaemia ( $P_{aO_2} \leq 60$  mmHg with  $F_{iO_2}$  of 1.0 with neuromuscular blockade)
  - Refractory barotrauma (persistent pneumothorax or increasing subcutaneous emphysema despite two intercostal catheters on the involved side)
  - Refractory acidosis ( $pH \leq 7.05$  despite neuromuscular blockade)
- 12% crossed over to HFOV (91% according to protocol)
- Average duration of rescue HFOV was 7 days
- Mortality 71% in the crossed over patients
- Maximum number of patients that might have been saved was 10 (3.5%)

# Primary Outcomes

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30 Day mortality

Control	HFOV
166 (41.7%)	163 (41.1%)

(P = 0.85)

Stopped early for futility



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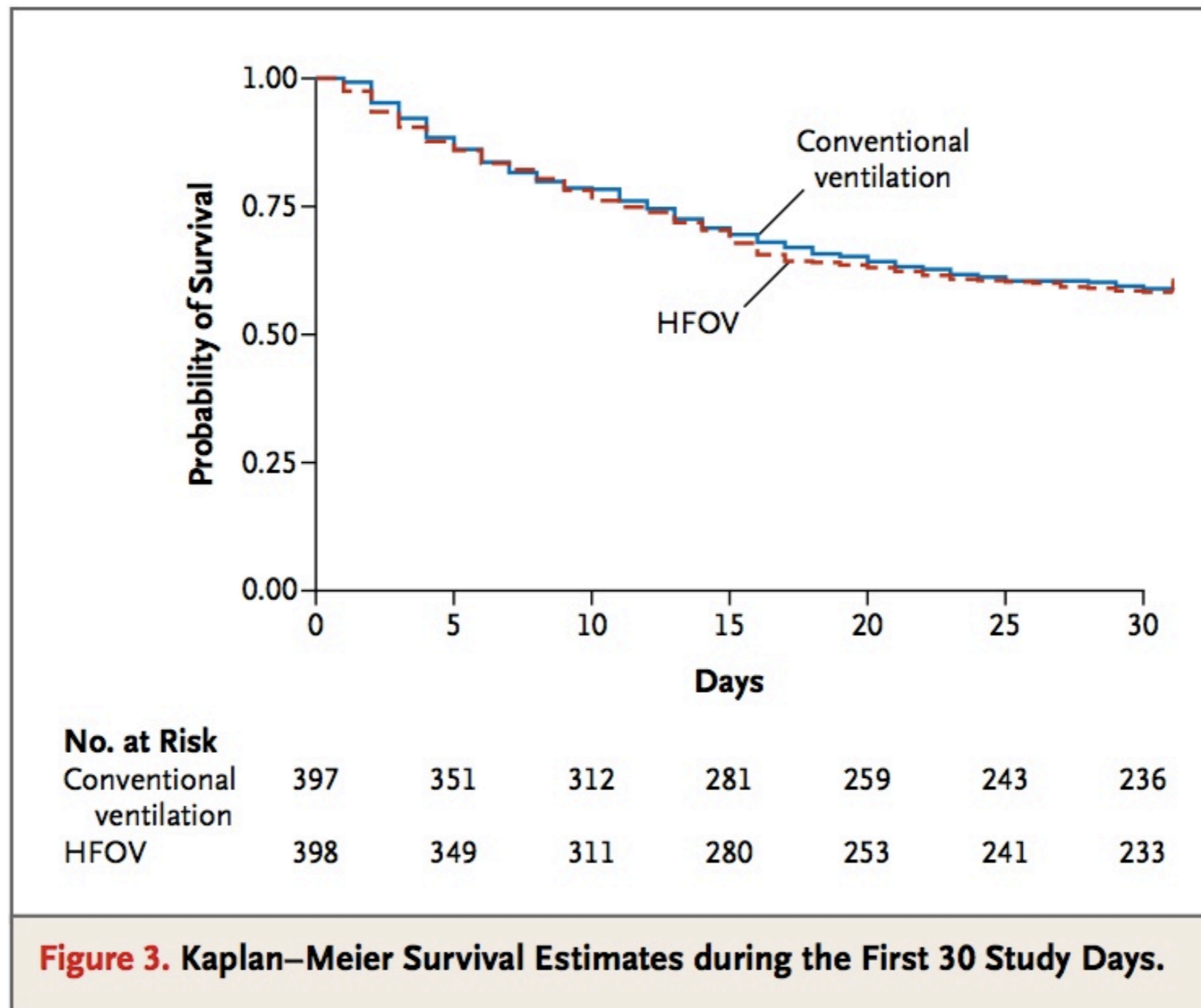
60 Day mortality

Control	HFOV
96 (35%)	129 (47%)

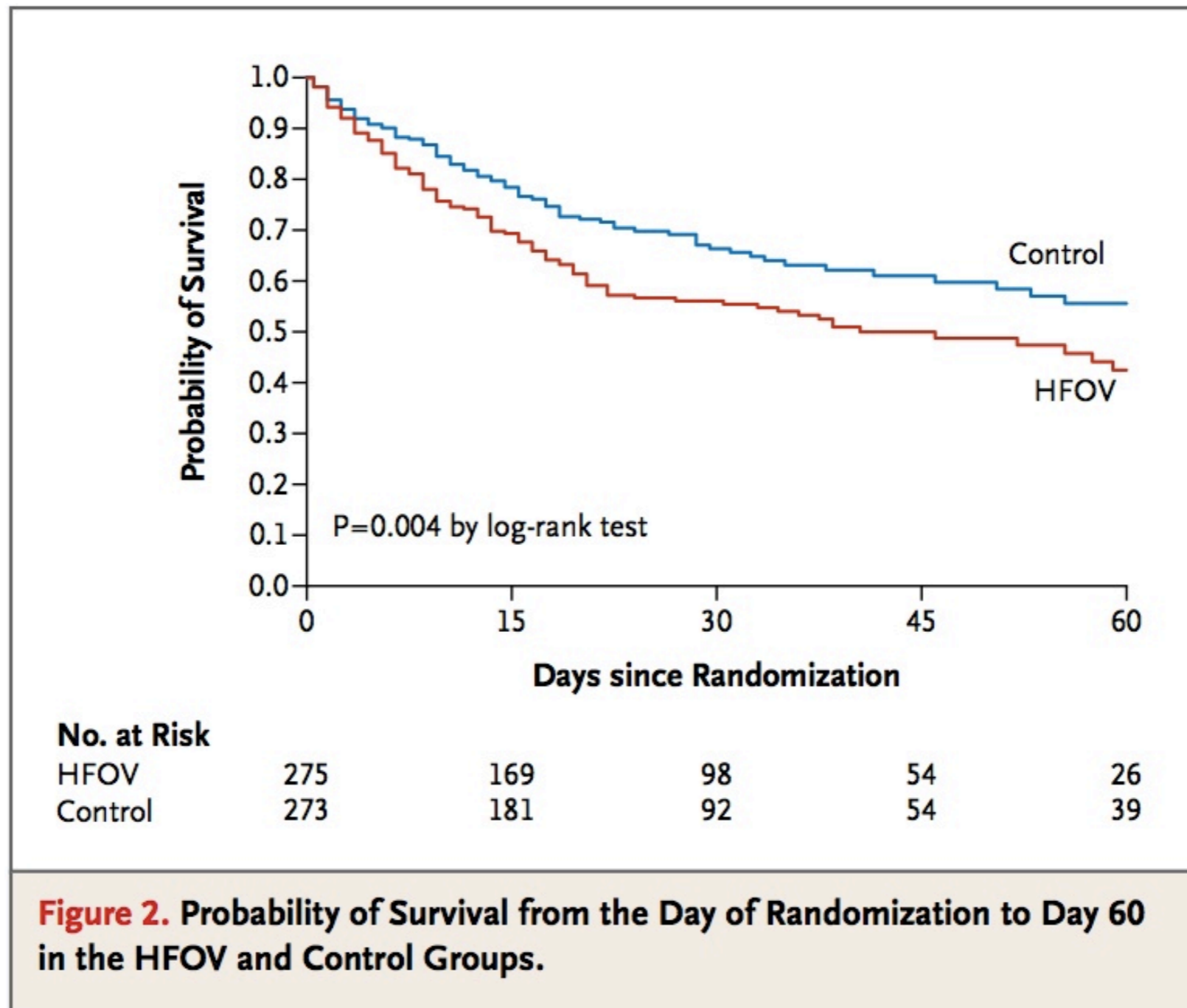
(P = 0.005)

Relative risk of death in the HFOV cohort  
1.33 (CI 1.09 – 1.64)

Stopped early for risk of harm



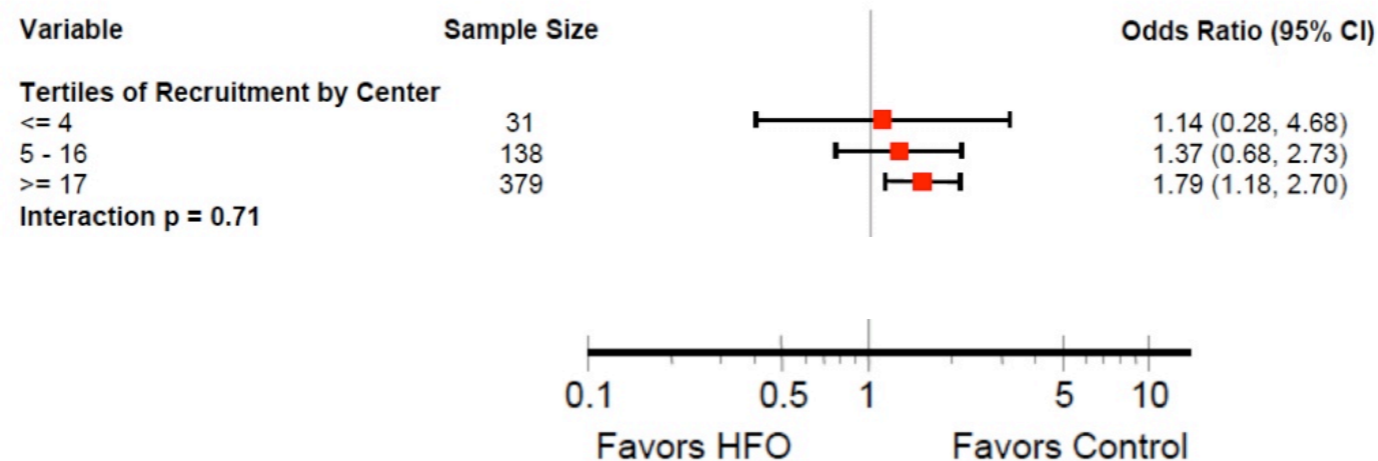
# Results





# Multivariate Analysis on 60 Day Mortality

- No significant association with
  - Baseline hypoxia
  - Respiratory compliance
  - BMI
  - Vasopressors
  - Treatment centre experience



# Secondary Outcomes

Intervention vs Control



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Sedation	9.4 vs 8.5 days	Midazolam: 199 mg vs 144 mg (P<0.001)
		Fentanyl: 2980 µg vs 2400 µg (P=0.06)
NMJ blockade	2.5 vs 2.0 days	98% vs 63% (P<0.001)
Vasopressors	2.9 days vs 2.8 days	91% vs 84% (P=0.01)
Antibiotics	12.8 vs 12.4 days	
Refractory hypoxia		7% vs 14% (P=0.007)

# The Future for HFOV

Dubious