



ANTIOXIDANT AND NUTRITION

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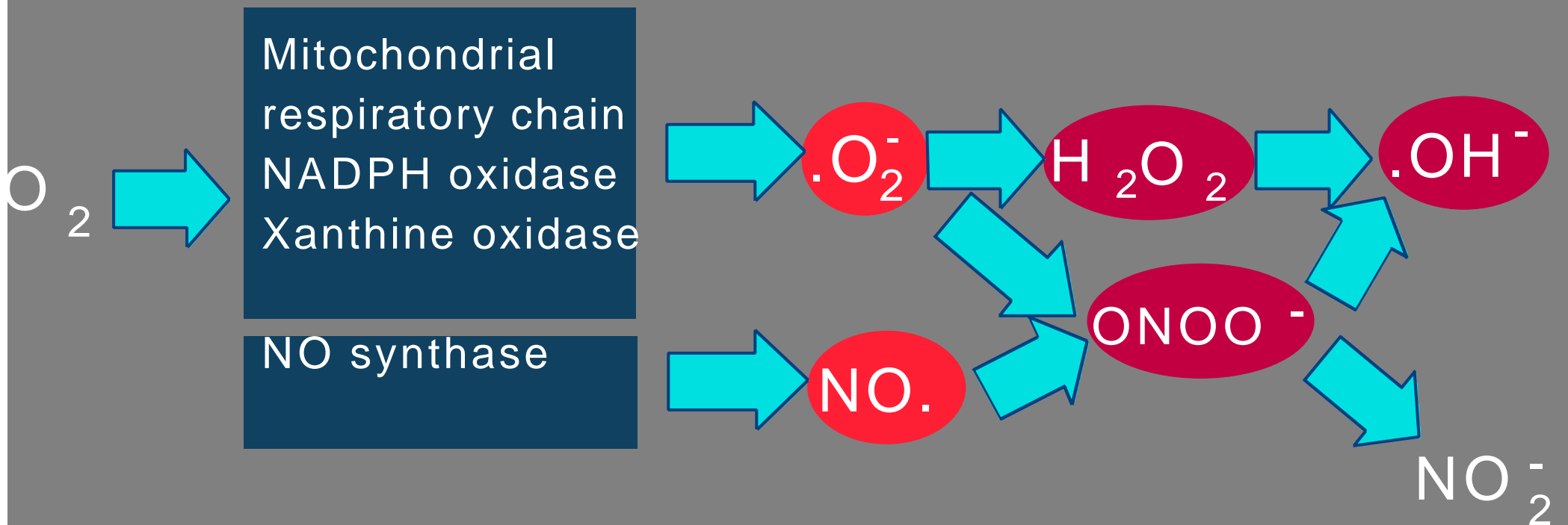
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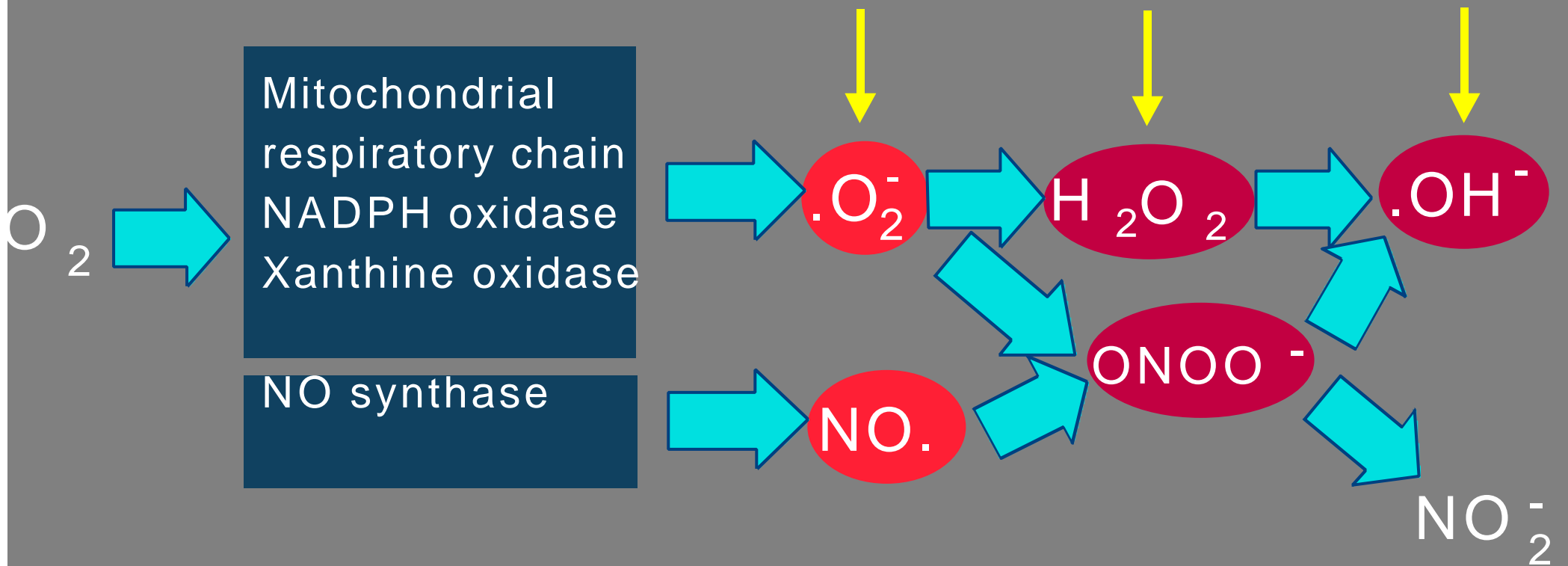
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Adapted from Favier and Leverage



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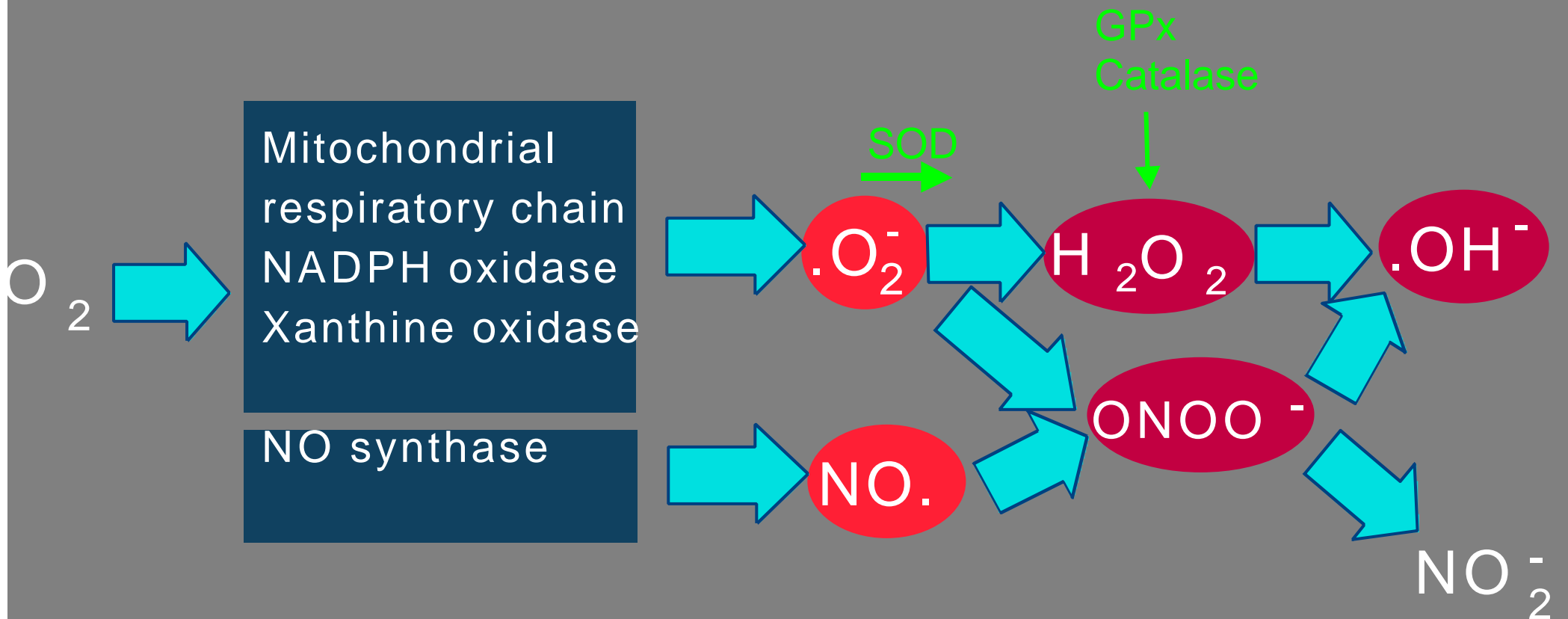


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➤ Uric acid, bilirubin, albumin

BIOMARKERS OF OXIDATIVE STRESS

- Total antioxidant capacity
- Antioxidant enzyme activity
- SOD, GPx, Catalase
- Nonenzymatic antioxidant concentration (plasma or tissue)
- GSH, vitamins A, C, E, ubiquinol
- Oxidative damage
- proteins, lipids, DNA
- Resistance to oxidative stress



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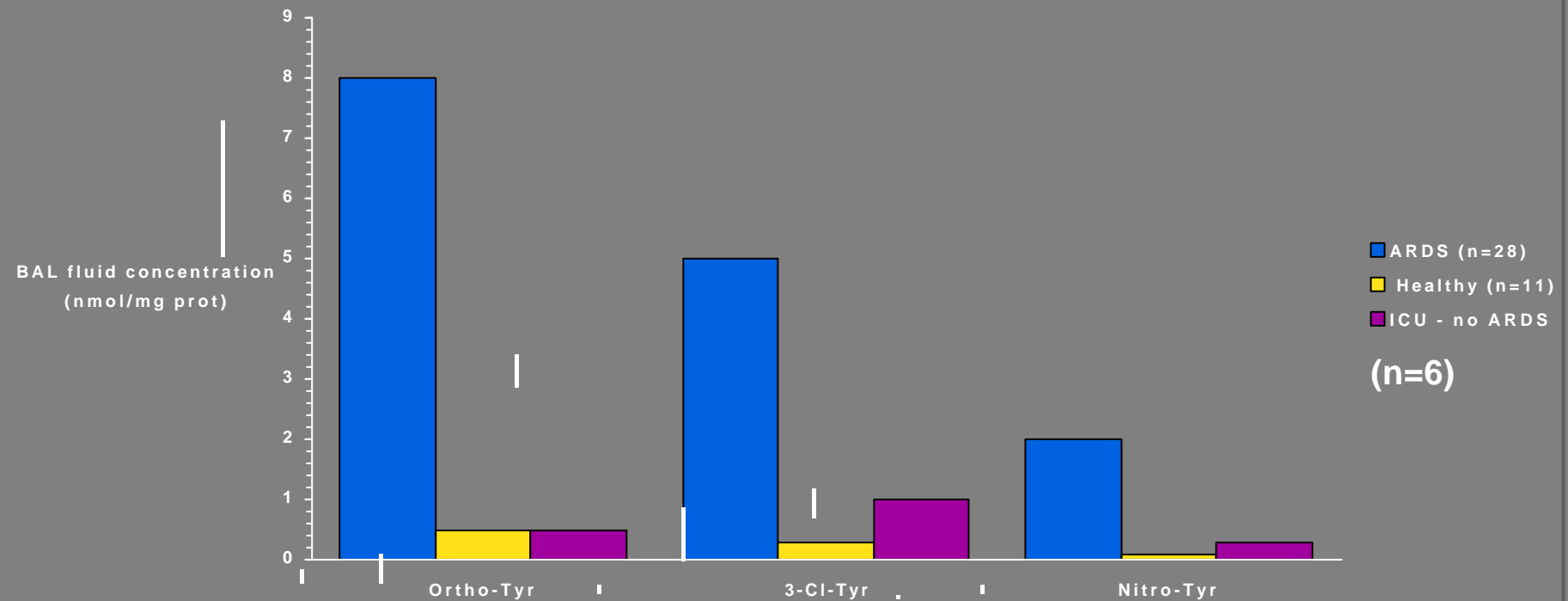
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OXIDATIVE DAMAGE IN ARDS

- **Patients:** 26 patients with ARDS
6 ventilated patients without ARDS
11 normal healthy controls
- **Methods:** Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid samples
 - Ⓜ Orthotyrosine (aromatic hydroxylation of phenylalanine by OH[•])
 - Ⓜ Chlorotyrosine (hypochlorous acid production by activated inflammatory cells)
 - Ⓜ Nitrotyrosine (reaction between NO and superoxide)
 - Ⓜ Myeloperoxydase (neutrophil recruitment and activation)

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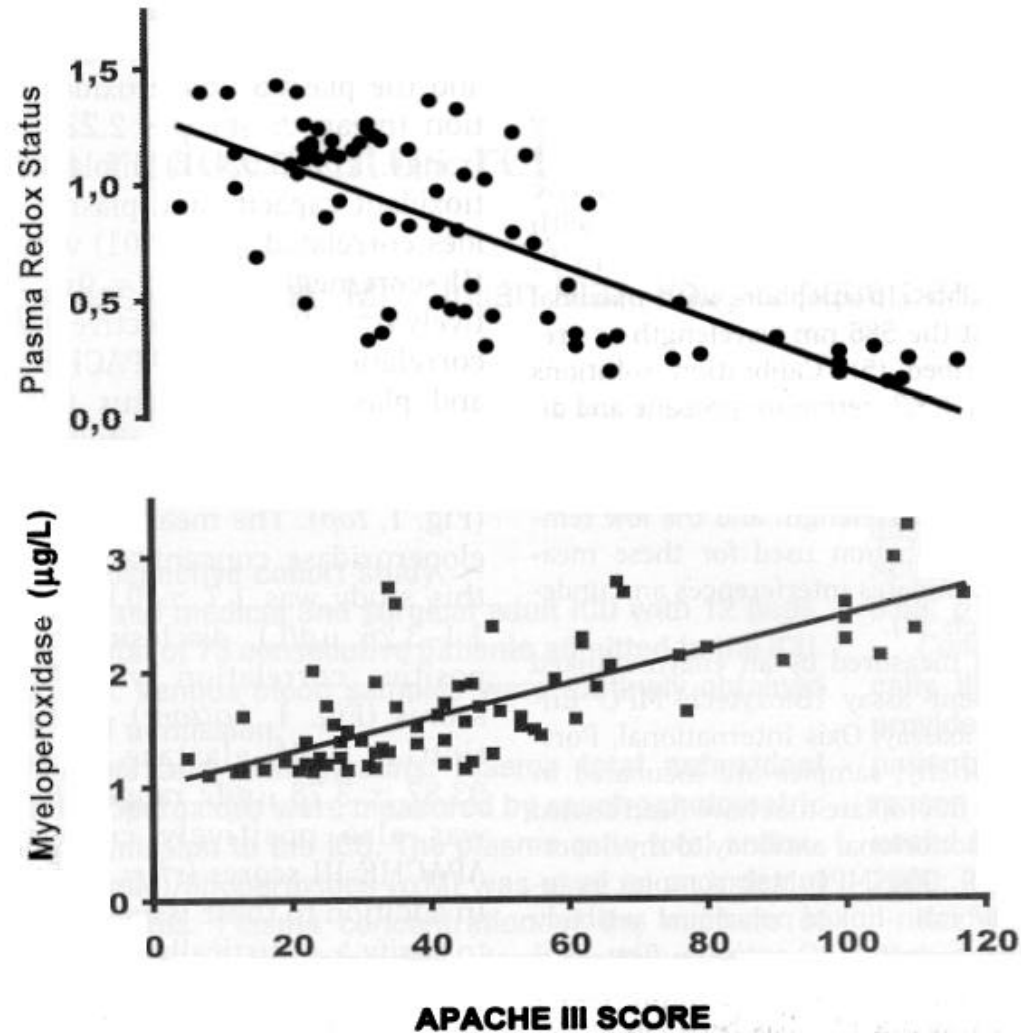
Lamb et al Crit Care Med 2000;27:1738



PLASMA REDOX STATUS IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS

- **Patients:** 73 consecutive patients admitted to the ICU
- **Methods:** Venous blood samples with 24 hours
 - Ⓜ index of plasma redox status
 - total anti-oxydant capacity (mM)
 - lipoperoxides (μM)
 - Ⓜ marker of leukocyte activation
(myeloperoxidase/elastase)
 - Ⓜ severity index Apache III score

ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY INVERSELY CORRELATES WITH DISEASE SEVERITY



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ANTIOXIDANT STORES ARE DEPLETED

➤ **Schorah et al Am J Clin Nutr 1996; 63: 760**

- ...median concentrations of **total vitamin C** and **ascorbic acid** in critically ill patients were < 25 % of the values found in healthy control and in subjects in which reactive oxygen species are reported to be increased

➤ **Dasgupta et al Life Sci 1997;60:335**

- ..**antioxidant capacity of serum** was significantly reduced in MICU patients

➤ **Nguyen et al J Burn Care Rehabil 1993;14:602**

- ... patients with burns reduced levels of **vitamin E**

ANTIOXIDANT STORES ARE DEPLETED (*continued*)

➤ Forceville et al Crit Care Med 1998;26:1536

- 134 medicosurgical ICU pts... low **plasma selenium** values. inversely correlated with Apache II, SAPS II, presence of SIRS.

➤ Curran et al Br J Surg 2000;87:301

- ...13 consecutive patients...compared with 26 matched controls. Pts had significantly lower levels of antioxidants (**retinol, alpha-tocopherol, beta-carotene**) than controls. In patients with mild acute pancreatitis (AP), the concentrations were higher than those in patients with severe AP. This coincided with a reduction in CRP level.

THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS

➤ Glutathione precursor (N-acetylcysteine, procysteine)

N-ACETYLCYSTEINE

N-acetylcysteine ® Cysteine ® Gluthatione

- ® Antioxidant
- ® Cardiovascular function (vasodilatation, regional blood flow)
- ® Immune function (suppression of nuclear factor-k B activation)

EFFECTS OF GLUTATHIONE PRECURSORS

Walsh and Lee Intensive Care Med
1999;25:432

*...despite positive experimental evidence, clinical trials of N-acetylcysteine in humans have equivocal results.... patients with established ARDS found **no benefit** (Jepsen Crit Care Med 1992) whereas another observed a **trend towards decreased lung injury scores ventilatory requirements** (Bernard Chest 1997, Suter Chest 1994) ... similar results in patients with sepsis-associated lung injury (Spapen Chest 1998).*

*...multicenter trial in ALI of procysteine, which was stopped because of **concern regarding mortality in the intervention group.***

THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS

- Glutathione precursor (N-acetylcysteine, procysteine)
- Trace elements

SELENIUM REPLACEMENT IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE SIRS

➤ **Patients:** 42 patients

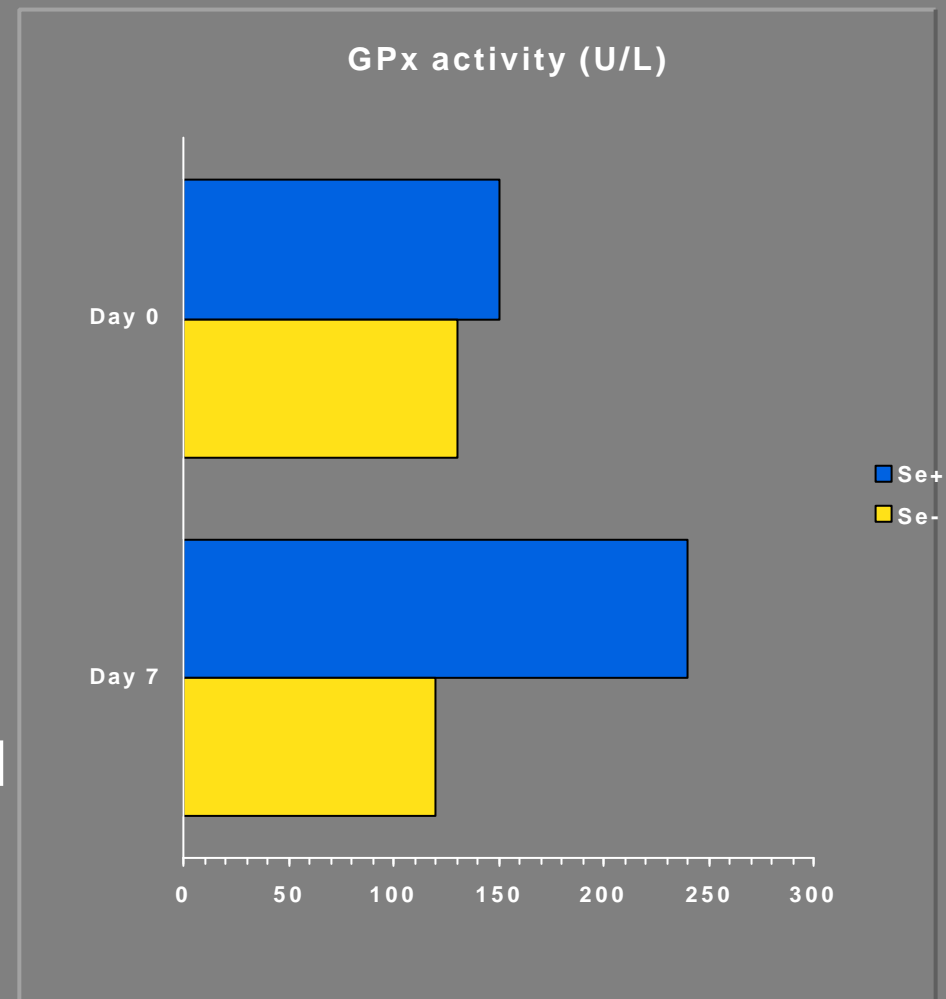
➤ **Methods:** Se+ 535[®] 155 µg sodium selenite (IV)
Se- 35 µg sodium selenite (IV)

➤ **Results:** - Apache III score lower in Se+ (p. 045)
- Lower incidence of hemodialysis in Se+

EFFECTS OF SELENIUM

Angstwurm Crit Care Med
1999;27:1807

- 42 pts with SIRS, Apache II > 15
- Randomized for 9d to
 - Se 535, 285, 155 µg/d (Se+)
 - Se 35 µg/d (Se-)
- CVVH in 9/21 (Se-) vs 3/21 (Se+)



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NUTRITIONAL INTERVENTIONS

➤ **Physiological**

OXIDATIVE STRESS AND NUTRITION

➤ Good side

- Nutrition brings
 - anti-oxidant molecules

➤ Bad side

- Nutrition brings
 - pro-oxidant molecules (iron)
 - substrate for peroxidation (polyunsaturated fatty acids)

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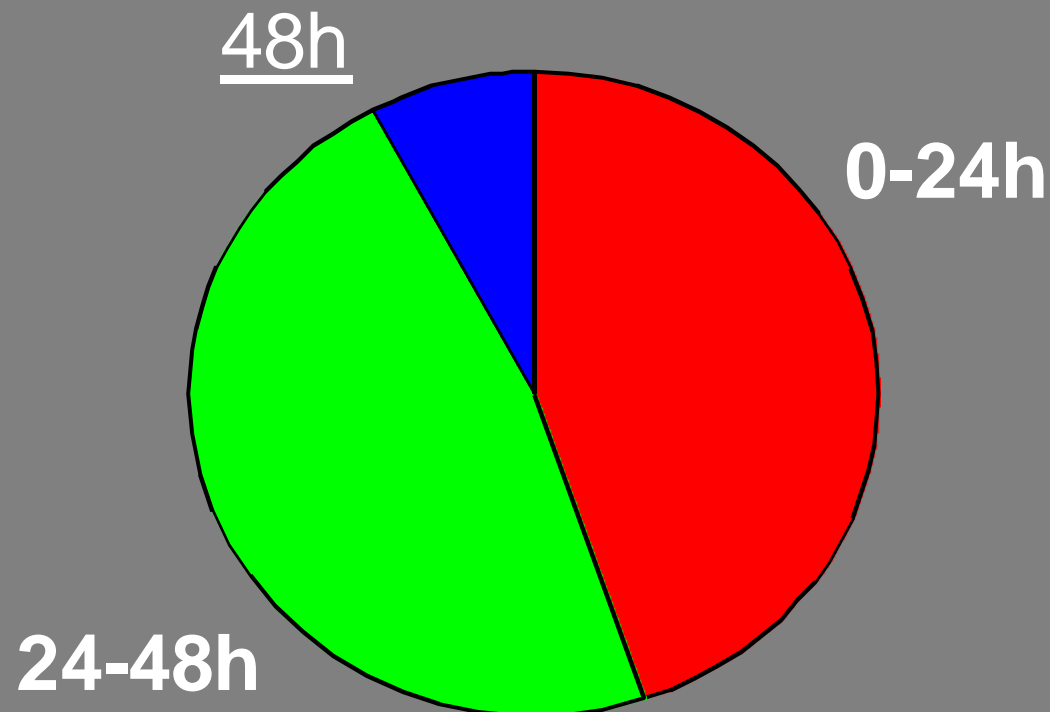
➤ **Physiological**

➤ **Early - prior to oxidant-induced damage**

CURRENT PRACTICE OF ENTERAL NUTRITION

How soon after admission
do you start enteral feeding?

Preiser et al Intens Care Med
1999;25:95-101



END POINTS OF THE STUDY

- **Preiser et al Crit Care Med 2000; 28: 3828**
- Absorption and fate of beta-carotene and alpha-tocopherol added to enteral nutrition formula.
- Effects on lipid peroxidation and resistance to an oxidative stress on erythrocytes and low-density lipoproteins.

PATIENTS' ELIGIBILITY

INCLUSION CRITERIA :

- Age > 18 years.
- Admitted in the Intensive Care Department and expected to stay for at least one week.
- Eligible for exclusive enteral nutrition for > 7 days with a polymeric solution.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA :

- Parenteral nutrition.
- Contra-indication to naso-gastric tube or gastrostomy.

STUDY PROTOCOL

Day -1



Day 0



Day 7



ENTERAL FEEDING (1500 mL/day)

- Demo
- Lab data
- SAPS II
- Vit's
- RLDLOx
- REOx
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RESISTANCE TO OXIDATIVE STRESS : METHODS

- Separation of erythrocytes (Dextran extraction method) and lipoproteins (Sequential ultracentrifugation).
- Erythrocyte resistance by haemolysis after AAPH challenge.
- LDL resistance to oxidation with copper sulfate.

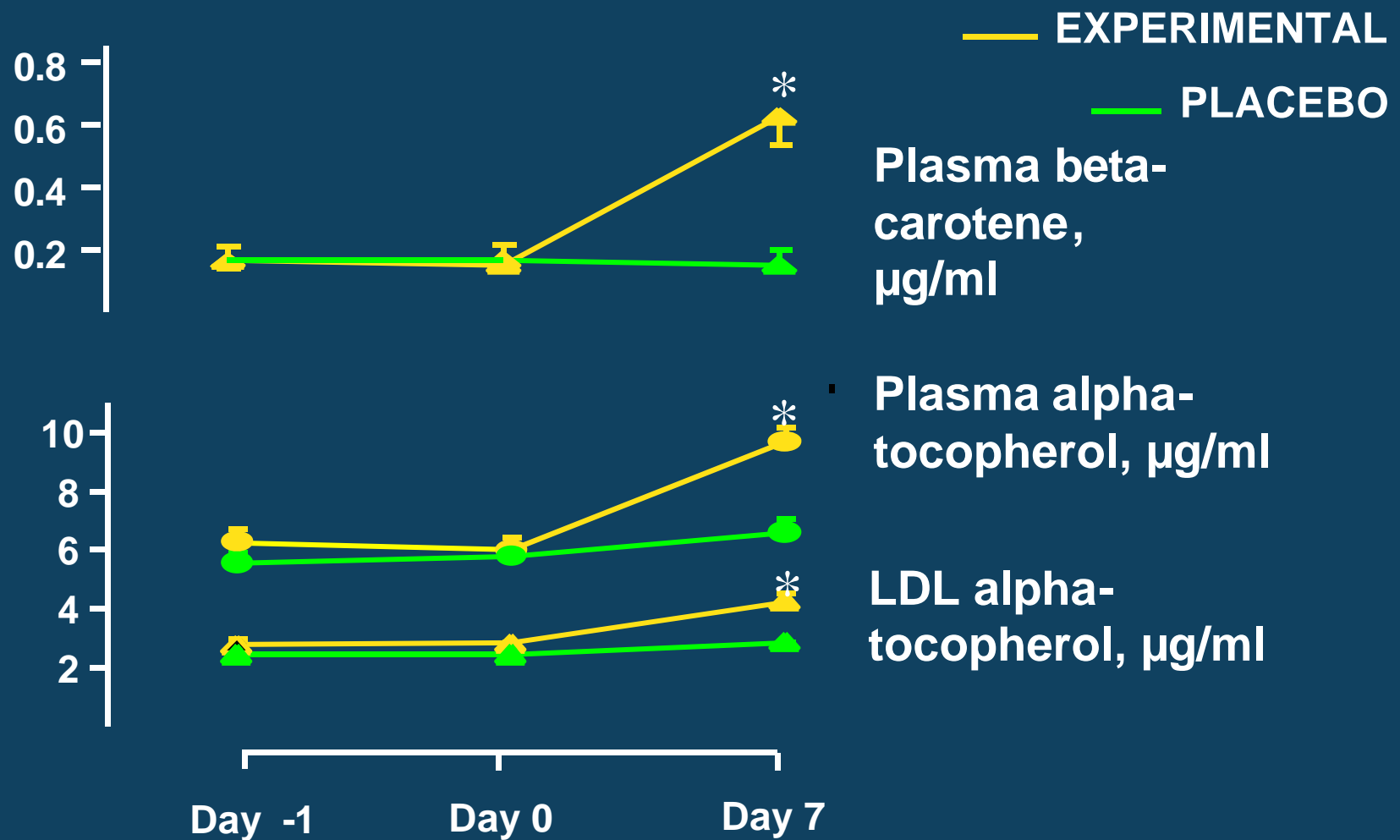
COMPOSITION OF THE FORMULAS

	PLACEBO	EXPERIMENTAL
Caloric content	125 kcal/dl	125 kcal/dl
Proteins	6.85 g/dl	6.85 g/dl
Free Arginine	0 g/dl	0.87 g/dl
Lipids	4.9 g/dl	4.9 g/dl
Carbohydrates	13.6 g/dl	13.6 g/dl
Vitamin A	66.7 µg/dl	133 µg/dl
B-carotene	0	67 µg/dl
Vitamin C	5 mg/dl	13.3 mg/dl
Vitamin E	0.81 mg/dl	4.94 mg/dl

PATIENTS' CHARACTERISTICS

	PLACEBO	EXPERIMENTAL
# patients	17	20
Age	57 <u>+ 4</u>	57 <u>+ 3</u>
Sex (M/F ratio)	12/5	12/8
SAPS II	34 <u>+ 3</u>	33 <u>+ 3</u>
Resp failure	5	5
Neurological pts	11	15
Sepsis	1	0
Total volume	7049 <u>+299</u>	7870 <u>+246</u>
Daily volume	943 <u>+42</u>	1074 <u>+33</u>

RESULTS : VITAMINS

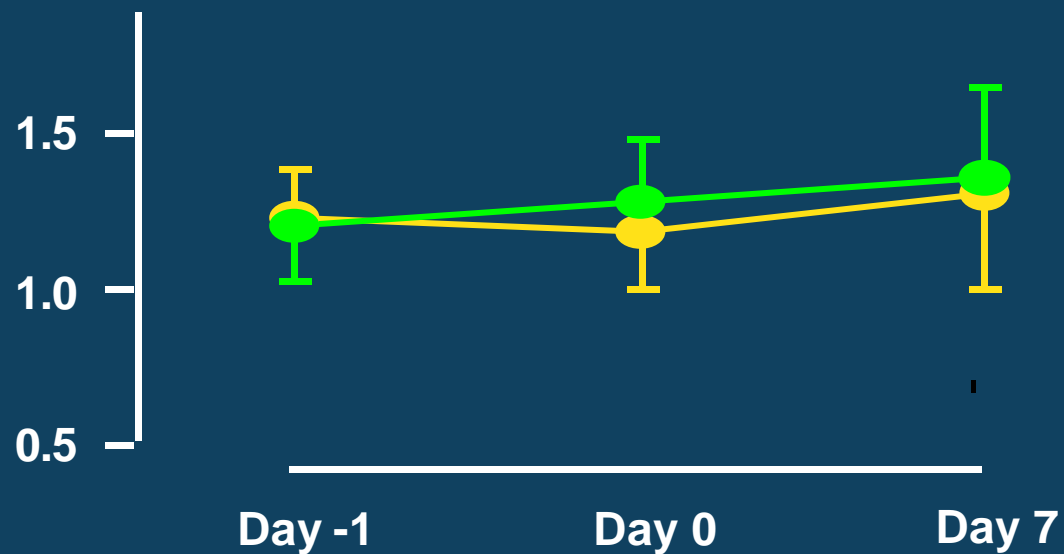


RESULTS : LIPID PEROXIDATION

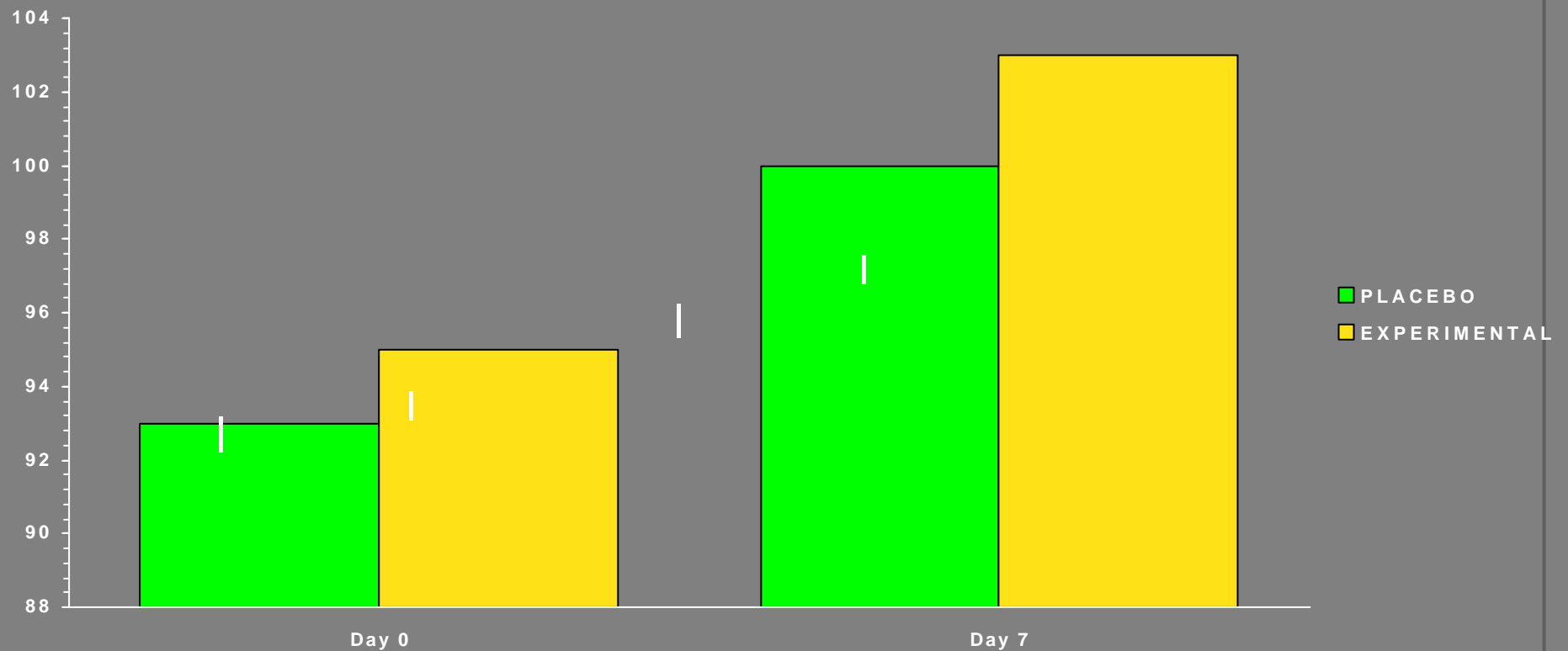
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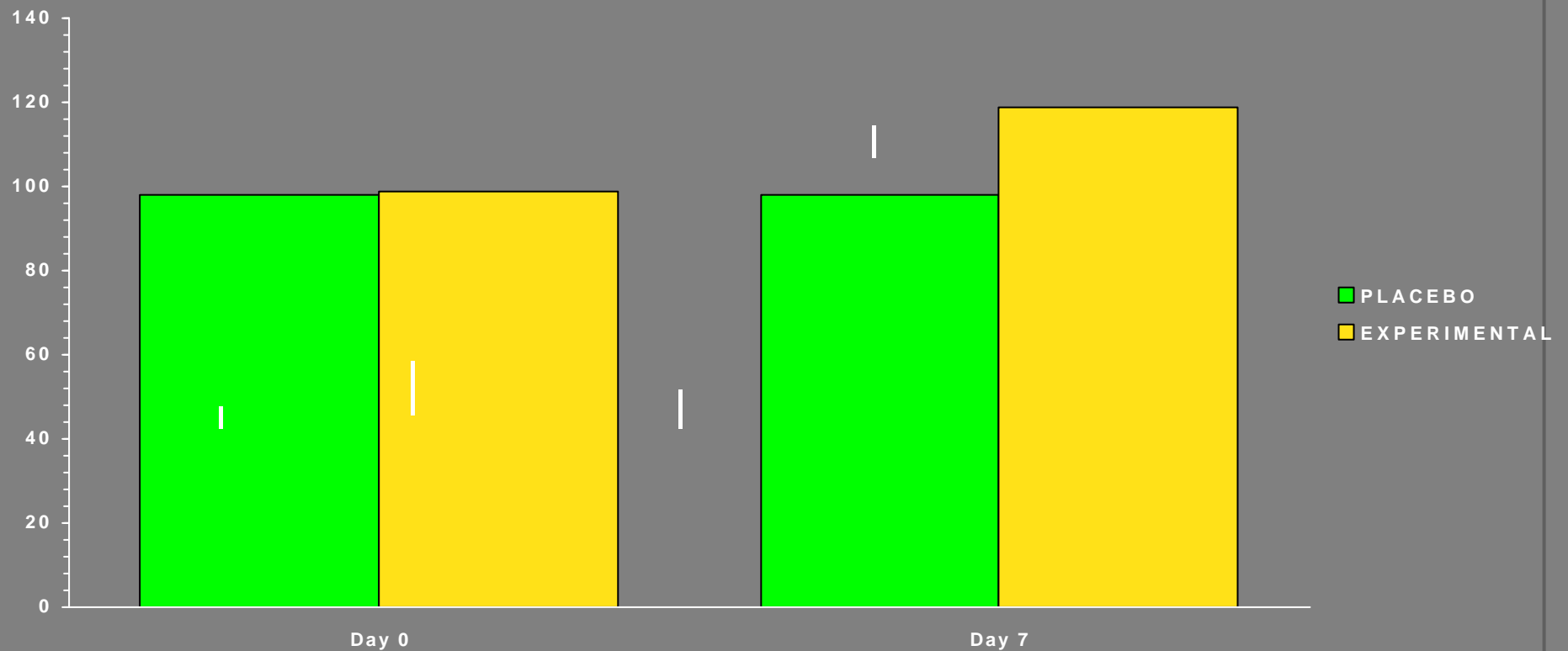
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ERYTHROCYTE RESISTANCE TO OXIDATIVE STRESS



LDL RESISTANCE TO OXIDATIVE STRESS



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➤ Clinically :

- **alpha-tocopherol** (400 mg/d 6 wks) decreases production of O₂- by PMNs, TNF, IL-1, IL-8 by PBMC (van Tits Am J Clin Nutr 2000;71:458)
- **Vitamin E** (600 mg - 30d) reduces monocyte tissue factor expression in cirrhotic patients (Ferro Blood 1999;93:2945)

FOOD AND ANTI-OXIDANT

COCOA POWDER and dark chocolate



Rich in flavonoids (procyanidins)



Reduce LDL oxidation susceptibility
Increase serum total antioxidant capacity

CONCLUSIONS

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- 3 - Adding antioxidant compounds to nutrition support is logical and efficient.
- 4 - **Clinical effects of the addition of antioxidants to nutritional support of ICU patients need to be studied.**