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Cerebral Oximetry During Cardiac Arrest: A Multicenter Study of Neurologic Outcomes and Survival

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Abstract:

Objective: Cardiac arrest (CA) is associated with morbidity and mortality due to cerebral ischemia. We therefore tested the hypothesis that higher regional cerebral oxygenation (rSO₂) during resuscitation is associated with improved return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC), survival and neurological outcomes at hospital discharge. We further examined the validity of rSO₂ as a test to predict these outcomes.

Design: Multicenter prospective study of in-hospital CA (IHCA).

Setting: Five medical centers in the United States and United Kingdom

Patients: Inclusion criteria: IHCA, age \geq 18 years, Prolonged cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) \geq 5 minutes. Patients were recruited consecutively during working hours between 08/2011-09/2014. Survival with a favorable neurological outcome was defined as a Cerebral Performance Category (CPC)1-2.

Measurements and Main Results: Among 504 IHCA events, 183 (36%) met inclusion criteria. Overall 62/183 (33.9%) achieved ROSC, while 13/183(7.1%) achieved CPC1-2 at discharge. Higher mean \pm SD rSO₂ was associated with ROSC vs. no ROSC (51.8 \pm 11.2% vs. 40.9 \pm 12.3%) and CPC1-2 vs. CPC3-5 (56.1 \pm 10.0% vs. 43.8 \pm 12.8%), both P<0.001. Mean rSO₂ during the last 5 minutes of CPR best predicted ROSC (area under the curve [AUC]=0.76:95% [confidence intervals] CI:0.69-0.83); rSO₂ \geq 25% provided 100% sensitivity (95%CI:94%-100%), 100% negative predictive value (NPV) (95%CI:79%-100%); rSO₂ \geq 65% provided: 99% specificity (95%CI:95%-100%), 93% positive predictive value (PPV) (95%CI:66%-100%) for ROSC. Time with rSO₂>50% during CPR best predicted CPC1-2 (AUC=0.79: 95%CI:0.70-0.88). Specifically, \geq 60% CPR time with rSO₂>50% provided 77% sensitivity (95%CI:46%-95%), 72% specificity (95%CI:65%-79%) and 98% NPV (95%CI: 93%-100%) for CPC1-2.

Conclusions: Cerebral oximetry allows real-time, non-invasive cerebral oxygenation monitoring during CPR. Higher cerebral oxygenation during CPR is associated with ROSC and neurologically favorable survival to hospital discharge. Achieving higher rSO₂ during resuscitation may optimize the chances of CA favorable outcomes.

Key words: cardiac arrest, resuscitation, cerebral oximetry, near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS), Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

1. Introduction

Ischemic brain injury following cardiac arrest (CA) is a major health burden. Among CA survivors, neurological, cognitive and functional deficits are common, with only 3-7% recovering to their prior functional status¹⁻⁴. Cerebral ischemia contributes to morbidity and mortality through a two-step process; ischemia during CA is followed by reperfusion injury after ROSC, culminating in organ failure and death in the hours/days after cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)⁵⁻⁷. As the magnitude of reperfusion injury is determined by the magnitude of ischemia during CA⁵⁻⁷, the ability to detect, quantify and ameliorate cerebral ischemia in real-time during CA is of vital clinical importance. Nevertheless, one of the main hurdles to improving CA outcomes to date has been the lack of a real-time detection system capable of identifying cerebral ischemia and the quality of oxygen delivery during CPR.

Cerebral oximetry using near infra-red spectroscopy (NIRS) is a non-invasive monitoring system that transmits and detects near infrared light through forehead sensors and continually measures regional cerebral oxygen saturation (rSO₂) in the frontal lobe of the brain⁸. It determines the ratio of oxyhemoglobin/deoxyhemoglobin, and it provides a measure of rSO₂ with normal values close to venous saturation (70%)⁸. NIRS does not rely on pulsatile flow, enabling it to be used during CA⁸. Although validated and utilized in many settings⁸⁻¹⁰, few studies have examined its use during CA¹¹⁻¹⁶. While a number of small studies have indicated that ROSC is associated with higher rSO₂ during CPR in out-of-hospital CA (OHCA) and IHCA¹¹⁻¹⁶, they lacked the power to determine the accuracy and clinical utility of rSO₂ as a predictor of ROSC. Recently, a single rSO₂ measured on arrival to the emergency department (ED) was found to predict survival with favorable neurological outcomes at 90 days after OHCA¹⁷⁻¹⁸. However, a single rSO₂ is unlikely to reflect the overall balance between cerebral ischemia and oxygen delivery throughout CPR. Furthermore, as OHCA comprises a largely different population to IHCA, the applicability of these findings to IHCA remains unknown. Consequently, the optimal level of cerebral oxygen delivery during CPR, as well as the optimal read-out measure that is associated with ROSC and survival with favorable neurological outcomes following CA, remains unknown.

Therefore, we conducted a prospective multi-center study to test the hypothesis that sustained ROSC (ROSC), and survival with favorable neurological outcomes at hospital discharge after IHCA are associated with higher cerebral oxygenation/delivery during CPR. The primary objective was to examine **the relationship between rSO₂ and sustained ROSC**. The secondary objective was to determine **the relationship between rSO₂ and survival with favorable neurological outcomes at hospital discharge as well as the accuracy, clinical utility and optimal rSO₂ measure to predict sustained ROSC, survival and neurological outcomes at hospital discharge**.

2. Materials and Methods

Study Population and Enrollment:

We studied IHCA **patients in five hospitals across the United States (Stony Brook University Medical Center) and United Kingdom (Southampton University Hospital, Southampton, Hammersmith Hospital, London, Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth and Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham)**. All study data were sent to a Data Coordinating Center at Stony Brook University. Participants were enrolled between 08/2011-09/2014. Patients who met inclusion and exclusion criteria were recruited consecutively during working hours (mostly 0800-1700 weekdays). Inclusion criteria were IHCA, age \geq 18 years, CPR lasting \geq 5 minutes. Exclusion criteria were OHCA. **We chose CA \geq 5 minutes, as short CA is not associated with the same adverse outcomes as CA lasting \geq 5 minutes**¹⁹. The research protocol received ethics committee approval prior to enrolling the first participant. Written informed consent was obtained from all CA survivors; a waiver of consent was approved to use data for non-survivors. Patients who survived the initial CA were followed until hospital discharge or death.

Study Definitions and Outcome Measures

CA was defined as absent heartbeat and respirations requiring CPR. **Initial return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) was defined as the presence of a palpable pulse elicited after interruption of CPR**. Sustained ROSC was defined as ROSC lasting \geq 20 minutes^a. Survival with a favorable neurological outcome was defined as a Cerebral Performance Category (CPC)1-2. Unfavorable outcomes were defined as CPC3-5. The five CPC categories are; 1: good cerebral performance

^a For the purpose of our calculations, only rSO₂ values up to the point of initial ROSC were used, as rSO₂ values during the 20 minute period after initial ROSC reflect cardiac contractility rather than CPR itself.

(normal life with possible minor psychological and/or neurological deficits), 2: moderate cerebral disability (independent activities of daily life), 3: severe cerebral disability (neurological damage and dependence on others but preserved consciousness), 4: coma or vegetative state, and 5: death²².

Patient Characteristics

Data corresponding with potential confounders and effect modifiers for **initial and sustained** ROSC, or survival and neurological outcomes to hospital discharge were collected. **Demographic data was collected, including patient** gender, age, ethnicity, severity of critical illness score using the **Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II** scoring system, chronic disease burden using the Charlson comorbidity index (a scale from 0-33, with higher scores indicating greater burden of coexisting conditions)²¹. We further examined variables that could impact oxygenation: hemoglobin, and PaO₂^b, CPR-related factors (initial rhythm, CPR duration, hospital site), and post-resuscitation factors (hypothermia, mean arterial pressure [MAP], glucose, PaO₂, PaCO₂)⁵ in patients who survived beyond **sustained** ROSC.

The Use of Cerebral Oximetry

Patients received CPR in accordance with Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) recommendations (2010)²⁰. Dedicated research staff at participating sites were provided with a pager and attended all CA events announced through the pager and established cerebral oximetry monitoring. Each clinical site was provided with the same oximetry equipment to minimize measurement errors (Equanox 7600, Nonin Medical, Plymouth, MN, USA). This equipment is capable of measuring cerebral oxygenation during low-flow states with an rSO₂ range between 0-100%. An adhesive sensor with two near-infrared light sources and detectors, was placed on the forehead of each CA patient for cerebral oximetry monitoring. A single sensor on either side of the forehead was considered sufficient to measure rSO₂, since cerebral perfusion during CA is predominantly dependent on the quality of the circulation. This was determined during a pre-pilot study where rSO₂ values were compared on both sides of the forehead during CA and found to be equal. **The oximeter measured the rSO₂ at 4-second intervals.** Artifact values were recognized by values that were three standard deviations away from the mean. **Incomplete data, comprising <5% of overall data per patient was** defined as any missing or

^b Pulse oximetry and hence peripheral oxygen saturation measurements were not feasible as pulse oximetry relies on pulsatile flow, which is typically absent during CA. We thus used PaO₂ as an indirect marker of the quality of peripheral oxygenation based on the known relationship between PaO₂ and oxygen saturation of hemoglobin according to the oxygen dissociation curve.

incomplete values during each 4-second sampling period. It was not possible to blind clinical staff to rSO₂ values as research staff needed to observe the monitor continuously during CPR for the purpose of identifying any potential sensor or measurement defects. However the rSO₂ values were not used to manage patients by clinical staff, who did not have prior knowledge of the potential utility of this technology during CPR.

Prior to data collection, the research staff was certified in the collection of cerebral oximetry data, the completion of study case report forms and data entry into REDCap, a web-based data entry system prior to study commencement. Study protocols were reinforced during monthly teleconference meetings conducted for the length of data collection. All rSO₂ data were recorded and automatically stored on the equipment without the need for further input from research staff, thus minimizing operator bias errors. Staff marked the time of initial ROSC, sustained ROSC or the end of CPR using dedicated event-marking buttons on the oximeter. Data were downloaded onto a designated study computer and transmitted to the Data Coordinating Center using REDCap. All rSO₂ data were managed at Stony Brook University by a dedicated data coordinator. Two dedicated statisticians (blinded to the patients' histories) analyzed all rSO₂ data. In order to minimize instrument bias, the oximeters were calibrated according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Statistical Analysis

Fisher's exact and Chi-square tests with exact P-values using Monte Carlo simulation were used for categorical variables. Student's t-tests or Wilcoxon rank sum tests were utilized to compare continuous variables. One-way ANOVA was used to compare rSO₂ during CPR in patients without ROSC, those with ROSC who subsequently died and those with ROSC who survived with CPC 1-2. A log-binomial regression and a multivariable log-binomial regression model was used to estimate relative risks of ROSC after adjusting for possible confounders. Logistic regression models and receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were used to evaluate the rSO₂'s classification performance for predicting ROSC and CPC1-2. Using the clinical determination of ROSC²⁰ and the CPC scoring system at hospital discharge as standards, we compared the sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV) and the AUC of six pre-determined rSO₂ variables. **Three of these variables** related to cerebral oxygenation throughout CPR: (mean rSO₂, median rSO₂, % time with rSO₂>50% during CPR). **The other variables relate to the last 5 minutes of CPR as they relate to initial ROSC or termination of CPR: mean, median and % time with rSO₂>50%.** Five minutes was chosen to

assess the state of cerebral oxygenation during the last two cycles of CPR for every documented case of ROSC. The percentage of time with $rSO_2 > 50\%$ was chosen based on our prior experience¹³⁻¹⁶. While using sustained manual or mechanical CPR may raise rSO_2 up to 50-55%, achieving levels $> 60\%$ even with sustained high quality CPR in accordance with current ACLS standards is often not feasible. We therefore chose an rSO_2 target with generalizable applicability. The accuracy of each test was summarized by AUC values and their 95% CIs. Sensitivity, specificity, PPV and NPV with their 95% CIs were reported for a series of pre-selected cut-off values rising in 5% increments from rSO_2 (25%-65%) for each rSO_2 variable except for % time with $rSO_2 > 50\%$ (reported as %time) to further describe the classification performance of rSO_2 .

Statistical significance was set at 0.05 and analyses were conducted using SAS 9.3 (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC).

3. Results

Demographics and Clinical Characteristics

There were 504 IHCA events, among which 183 (36.3%) patients met inclusion criteria. Mean age was 68.6 years (SD=15.0); 60.7% were men; and 80.9% were white. Pulseless electrical activity (PEA) was the most common presenting rhythm (66.7%). The patients' demographic and clinical characteristic data are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. **Research staff typically arrived at the site of CA after 6-8 minutes of CA onset (Table 1).**

ROSC, Survival & Neurological Outcomes

Overall 62/183 patients (33.9%) achieved **sustained** ROSC, while 13/183 (7.1%) survived with CPC1-2. Among the CPC3-5 patients, 4/170 (2.4%) had CPC3; none CPC4 and 166/170 (97.6%) CPC5. Of 166 CPC5 patients, 121 (72.9%) were declared dead after unsuccessful CPR (no ROSC), while 45 (27.1%) initially survived CPR but died prior to hospital discharge (Figure 1). Among this group of 45 patients, 30 (66.7%) died ≤ 1 day after ROSC; the remaining 15 (33.3%) died in-hospital between 2-57 days after ROSC.

Patients with **sustained** ROSC had higher rSO₂ during CPR (Figure 2a) Mean±SD of rSO₂ (mean/patient) during CPR: 51.8 ± 11.2% vs. 40.9 ± 12.3%, P< 0.0001). All six tested rSO₂ variables were higher in those with ROSC (all P <0.001) (Table 3a).

Patients with CPC1-2 had higher a mean rSO₂ during CPR vs. CPC3-5 patients (Figure 2b). The Mean±SD rSO₂ (mean/patient) during CPR was: 56.1±10.0% vs. 43.8±12.8%, P<0.001). Significant differences were noted in all six measured rSO₂ variables (**P < 0.01 for all**) (Table 3b).

A stepwise increase in mean rSO₂ was noted in patients with no ROSC (40.9±12.3%), vs. those who died in hospital after **sustained** ROSC (50.6±11.8%) vs. those who survived with CPC1-2 at discharge (56.1±10.0%) (P<0.001)^c. Patients with CPC1-2 had a non-significant 5.5% higher mean rSO₂ (95%CI: 3.4-14.3%) than those who died after **sustained** ROSC. In turn this group had a 9.7% higher mean rSO₂ during resuscitation (95%CI 4.8-14.6%) than those who died without achieving ROSC (P <0.001) (Figure 3).

The Clinical Utility of rSO₂ as a Test to Determine ROSC

The prediction accuracy of all six rSO₂ variables (mean rSO₂; median rSO₂; % time with rSO₂>50% during CPR; and mean; median and % time with rSO₂>50% in the last 5 minutes of CPR) provided similar results for ROSC (Table 4a). The parameter with the highest AUC was mean rSO₂ during the last 5 minutes of CPR (AUC=0.76, 95%CI: 0.69-0.83) (Table 4a). For every 5% increase in mean rSO₂ in the last 5 minutes of CPR, there was 18% higher probability of achieving ROSC (RR=1.18 with 95%CI:1.13-1.23, P <0.001) (Table 5a). After adjusting for CPR duration, every 5% increase in mean rSO₂ in the last 5 minutes of CPR was associated with 7% higher probability of achieving ROSC (RR=1.07 with 95%CI:1.03-1.12, P <0.001) (Table 5a). The sensitivity, specificity, PPV, and NPV and for each of the pre-selected cut-off values of mean rSO₂ in the last 5 minutes of CPR are summarized (Table 6a). An rSO₂ ≥25% provided 100% sensitivity (95%CI: 94%-100%) and 100% NPV (95%CI: 79%-100%), while an rSO₂≥65% provided 99% specificity (95%CI:95%-100%)

^c We did not analyze the 4 patients with CPC3 due to the low numbers.

and 93% PPV (95% CI:66%-100%) for the prediction of ROSC.

The Clinical Utility of rSO₂ to Determine Survival with Favorable Neurological Outcomes at Hospital Discharge.

The rSO₂ variable with the highest AUC value to predict CPC1-2 was %time with rSO₂>50% throughout CPR (AUC=0.79 with 95%CI:0.70-0.88) (Table 4b). Every 5% increase in %time with rSO₂>50% provided 15% higher probability of achieving CPC1-2 (RR=1.15, with 95%CI:1.06-1.26, P=0.002) (Table 5b). The sensitivity, specificity, PPV, and NPV for %time with rSO₂>50% during CPR are summarized (Table 6b). Spending >24% time during CPR with rSO₂>50% provided 100% sensitivity (95% CI:75%-100%), 55% specificity (95% CI:47%-62%), 14%PPV (95% CI:8%-23%) and 100% NPV(95%CI:96%-100%) for CPC1-2. On the other hand spending ≥60% CPR time with rSO₂>50% provided 77% sensitivity (95% CI:46%-95%), 72% specificity (95% CI:65%-79%), 18% PPV (95% CI: 9%-30%) and 98% NPV 95% CI: 93%-100%) for predicting CPC1-2.

Repeated analysis of the rSO₂ data to examine for potential cases of CA with unrecognized underlying cardiac output.

Patients in CA with PEA may include two distinct populations; a) those with a true no cardiac output state (cardiac standstill), b) those with a very low cardiac output state (severely weakened cardiac contractions without a palpable pulse). From a practical perspective, only real-time echocardiography during CA can distinguish between these two states, yet this is not routinely feasible or available during CA. Nonetheless, patients in the latter group may be expected to have higher rSO₂ levels after starting CPR on a background of a very low cardiac output, compared to those with true cardiac standstill. We thus further compared rSO₂ levels in patients known to have cardiac standstill (asystole and VF) with those in PEA. No significant difference in rSO₂ was observed between the PEA and the asystole/VF groups (mean±SD rSO₂: 45±12.9 vs. 42±13 respectively) suggesting that the observed differences in rSO₂ during CPR in our study largely reflected the effect of CPR on oxygen delivery rather than presence or absence of cardiac contractility.

Furthermore, as cardiac contractility typically leads to a steep rise in rSO_2^{25} , the observed gradual rise in rSO_2 in the final five minutes of CPR in patients with ROSC (Figure 2) did not appear consistent with the impact of a sudden resumption of cardiac contractility. Nonetheless, we re-examined the relationship between rSO_2 , **sustained** ROSC and CPC1-2 outcomes after omitting the last two minutes of rSO_2 data to account for the possibility that cardiac contractility may have preceded the clinical detection of ROSC between 2-minute CPR cycles. This revealed similar results for all six rSO_2 variables for ROSC (all $P < 0.001$), and CPC1-2 outcomes (all $P < 0.005$). The AUC for the prediction of ROSC using rSO_2 in the final 5 minutes CPR changed to 0.72 (95% CI: 0.64, 0.7976) and for CPC1-2 outcomes using $rSO_2 > 50\%$ changed to 0.76 (95%CI: 0.64-0.87).

4. Discussion

Our results indicate that ROSC and neurologically favorable survival following IHCA are associated with cerebral oxygenation and that cerebral oximetry can be used to assess the quality of cerebral oxygenation during CA.

The main strength of this study is that rSO_2 data were collected throughout CPR for the purpose of studying the association between cerebral oxygenation with ROSC¹¹⁻¹⁶ and survival with favorable neurological outcomes¹⁷⁻¹⁸. The clinical utility of this study lies in identifying a real-time, non-invasive method to quantify cerebral oxygen delivery.

While the overall period of time during CPR with $rSO_2 > 50\%$ best predicted survival with favorable neurological outcomes, peak rSO_2 best predicted ROSC. Thus, higher cerebral oxygenation maintained throughout CPR may effectively attenuate cerebral ischemic and subsequent reperfusion injury, while a high peak rSO_2 may facilitate ROSC. Progressive increases in coronary perfusion pressure (CPP) from 15 to 60mmHg have been shown to lead to an increased likelihood of ROSC²³, while $CPP < 15\text{mmHg}$ or an end tidal CO_2 (ETCO₂) $< 10\text{mmHg}$ are largely incompatible with ROSC²³⁻²⁴. While these observations mirror our findings, the advantage of rSO_2 is that it also reflects the quality of cerebral oxygenation; a key factor in determining neurological outcomes. Another practical advantage of rSO_2 is that it is non-invasive.

Even though our results suggest that a low rSO_2 during CPR may predict poor outcomes, care should be exercised in interpreting these data. Cerebral oxygenation as measured by NIRS is a dynamic, not a static measure, and therefore a

low rSO₂ may suggest a poor outcome where interventions aimed at improving cerebral perfusion have not been made, or have been ineffective. If despite all interventions rSO₂ remains <25% then a poor outcome may be inevitable. However, there is potential to improve rSO₂ during CPR^{14,24}.

Our study had limitations. Most nighttime/weekend IHCA events were not included, limiting the generalizability of our findings. It remains unclear whether higher rSO₂ is a marker of less severity of critical illness, or is an independent factor in CA outcomes. We had a reasonable sample, however the low numbers of CPC1-2 survivors (likely reflecting the impact of prolonged CA)²⁵ limited our ability to examine whether rSO₂ is an independent predictor for CPC 1-2 outcomes. Larger studies are needed to explore the utility of monitoring rSO₂ to predict survival with favorable neurological outcomes in all IHCA cases, as well as other CA populations.

5. Conclusion

Cerebral oximetry is a real-time, non-invasive monitor for use during CPR. Increasing rSO₂ to ≥65% favors ROSC, while rSO₂<25% strongly favors the inability to achieve ROSC/survival or CPC1-2. Higher rSO₂ during CPR may optimize the chances of achieving survival with favorable neurological outcomes.

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DATA SHARING

All authors either had access to all the de-identified data or had the opportunity to review all aggregate data during analysis

TRANSPARENCY DECLARATION

I Sam Parnia as lead author affirm that the manuscript is an honest, accurate, and transparent account of the study results being reported and that no important aspects of the study have been omitted and that any discrepancies from the study as planned have been explained.

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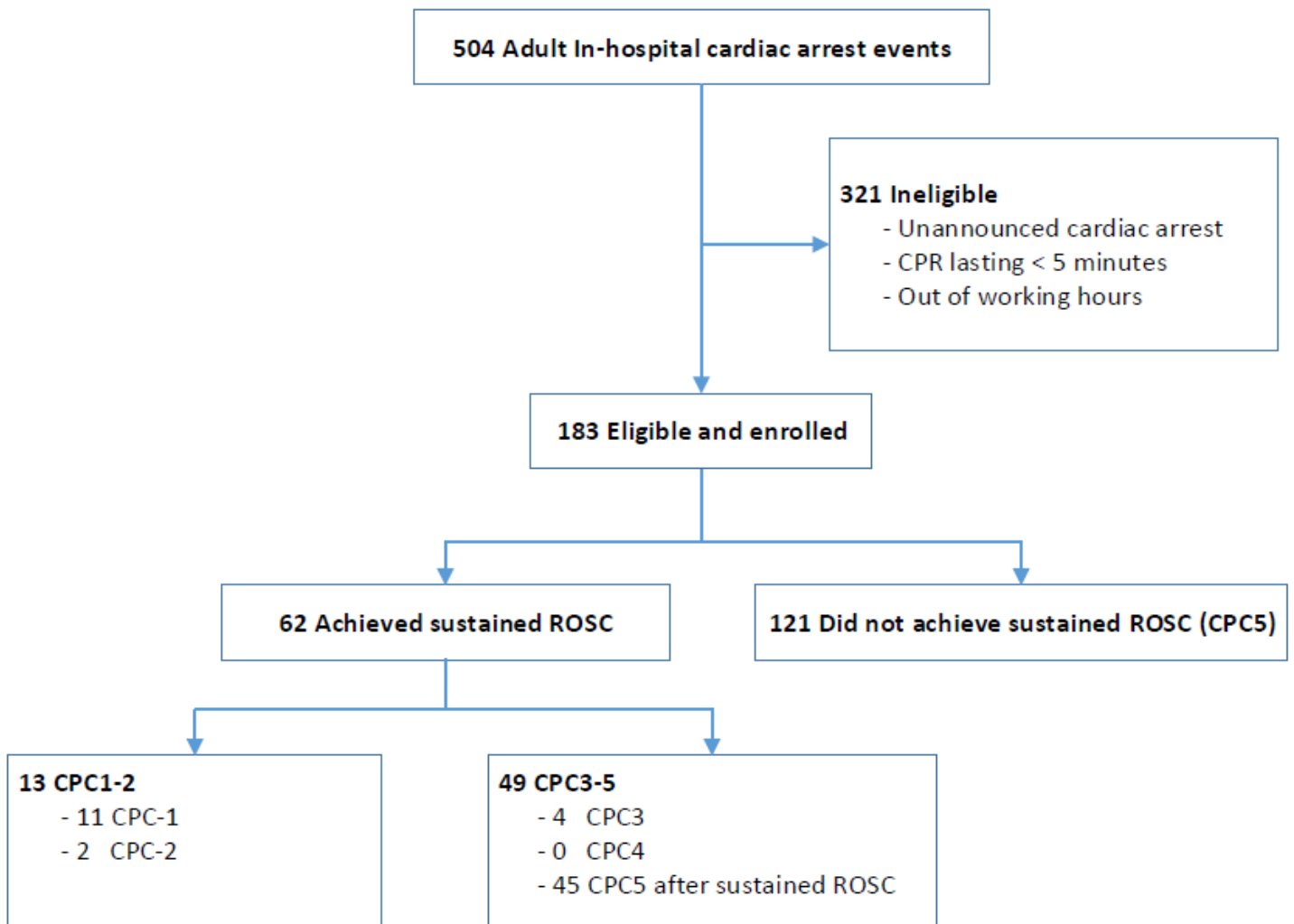


Figure 1

Summary of Study Enrollment and Outcomes.

Key: ROSC= Return of spontaneous circulation. CPC= Cerebral performance category

Figure 2a

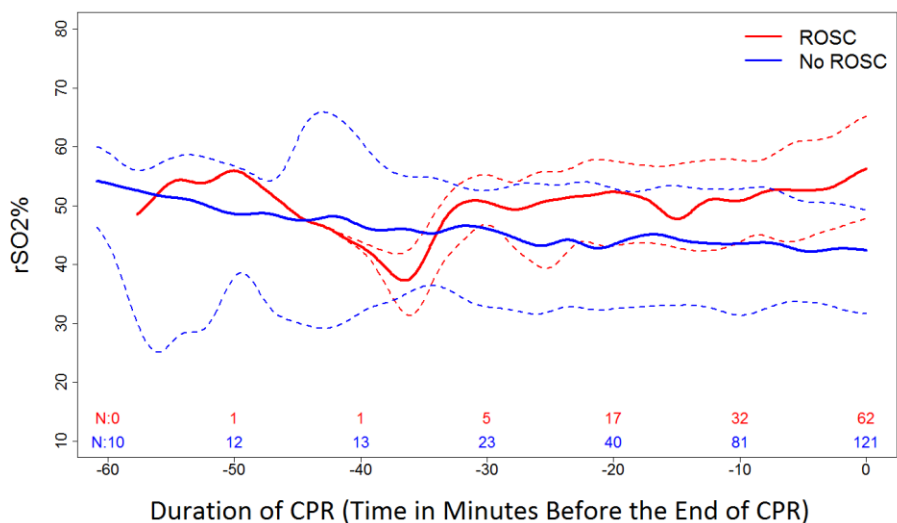


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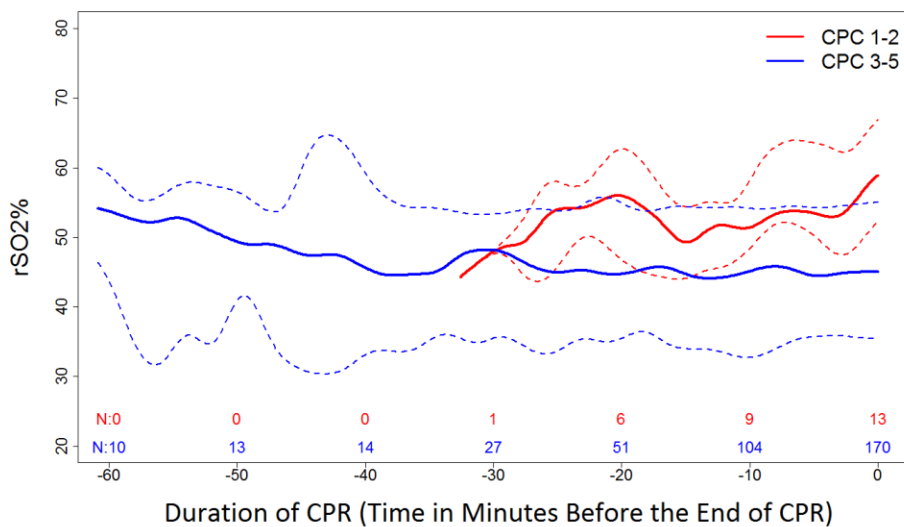


Figure 2: Changes in Cerebral Oxygenation (rSO₂) during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) based on (a) ROSC and (b) CPC1-2 vs. CPC3-5 outcomes. The duration of CPR is presented as time before the end of CPR (in t -10 minute increments). Key: Solid lines = median rSO₂% value every 4 seconds. Dashed lines = 25th and 75th percentile rSO₂% values. N represents the number of patients undergoing CPR at each 10-minute time interval (up to 60 minutes) before the termination of CPR. Key: ROSC= return of spontaneous circulation. CPC= cerebral performance category

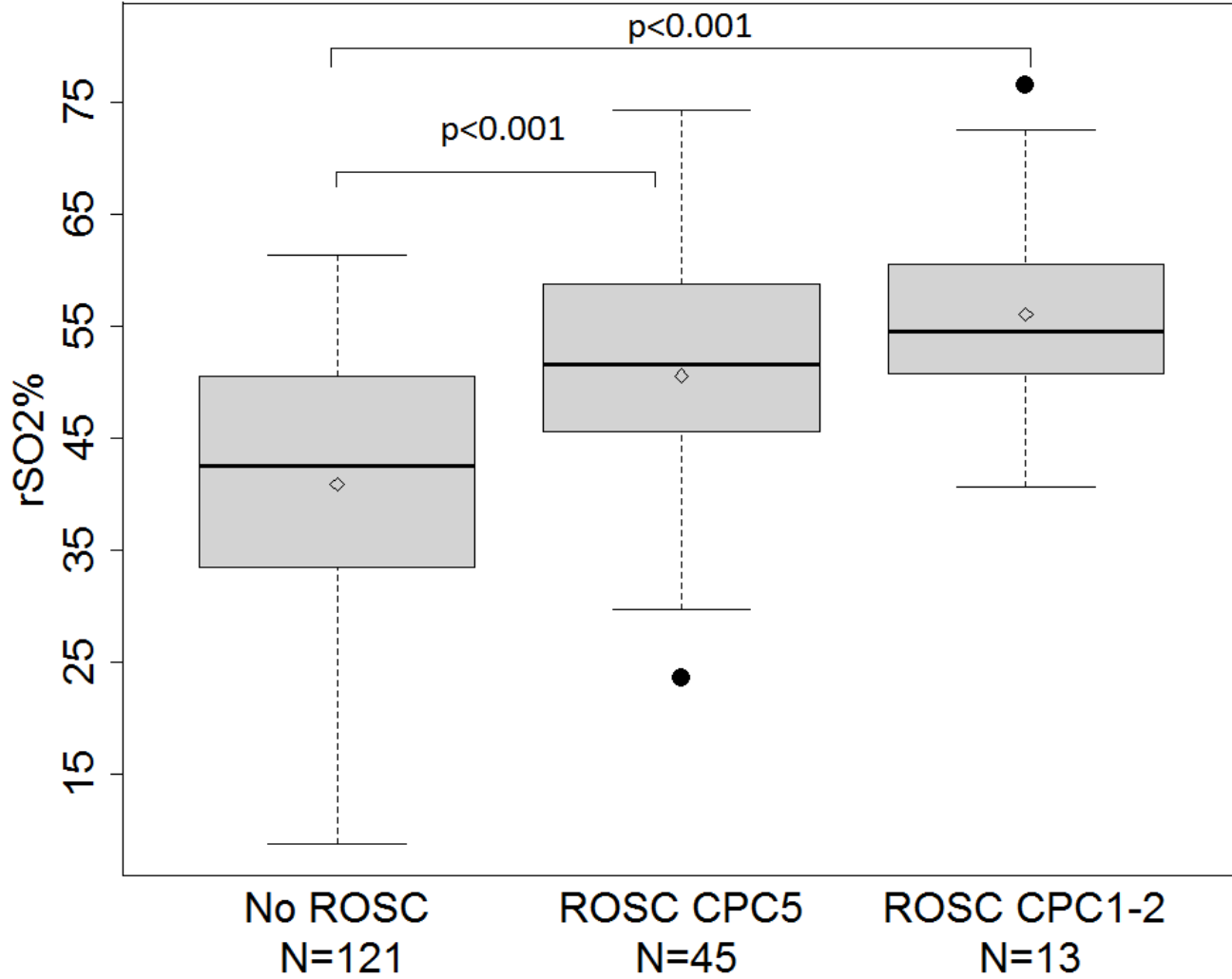


Figure 3: The relationship between rSO2 and (a) Unsuccessful CPR (No ROSC), (b) Successful CPR Followed by Hospital Death (ROSC CPC 5) and (c) Successful CPR with Hospital Survival and Favorable Neurological Outcomes (ROSC CPC1-2). Analysis carried out using one-way ANOVA. Key: ROSC= return of spontaneous circulation. CPC= cerebral performance category

Table 1. Demographic and clinical characteristics of all cardiac arrest patients based on return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) status

| Variable | ROSC (N=62) | No ROSC (N=121) | P-value |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------|
| Intra-cardiac arrest characteristics | | | |
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 38(61%) | 73(60%) | 1.00 |
| Female | 24(39%) | 48(40%) | |
| Age (mean ± SD) | 66.63±15.13 | 69.64±14.83 | 0.20 |
| Ethnicity | | | |
| Caucasian | 47(76%) | 101(83%) | 0.41 |
| Asian/South Asian | 8(13%) | 7(6%) | |
| African descent | 4(6%) | 7(6%) | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 3(5%) | 6(5%) | |
| Initial rhythm | | | |
| PEA | 41(66%) | 81(67%) | 0.24 |
| Asystole | 12(19%) | 31(26%) | |
| VF/VT | 9(15%) | 9(7%) | |
| Clinical Site | | | |
| Site 1 | 18(29 %) | 21(17%) | 0.49 |
| Site 2 | 27(44%) | 58(48%) | |
| Site 3 | 5(8%) | 12(10%) | |
| Site 4 | 5(8%) | 12(10%) | |
| Site 5 | 7(11%) | 18(15%) | |
| Charlson Co-Morbidity Score (mean ± SD) | 5.47±2.53 | 5.75±2.76 | 0.48 |
| APACHE II* Score (Pre-Cardiac Arrest) (mean ± SD)† | 21.68±11.61 | 22.38±11.00 | 0.78 |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL) prior to cardiac arrest (mean ± SD)‡ | 10.76±2.00 | 10.79±2.49 | 0.94 |
| PaCO ₂ during CPR* (mean ± SD)§ | 58.35±20.89 | 64.08±29.57 | 0.23 |
| PaO ₂ during CPR* (mean ± SD)§ | 138.02±140.44 | 88.72±113.78 | 0.06 |
| Duration of CPR (min) (mean ± SD) | 23.37±17.77 | 31.31±26.26 | 0.02 |
| Time to placement of oximeter sensor (minutes) (mean ± SD) | 6.15±7.23 | 8.21±8.04 | 0.08 |
| Duration of oximetry monitoring during ACLS (minutes) (mean ± SD) | 17.23±14.13 | 23.09±24.18 | 0.04 |

*APACHE: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

†APACHE II scores were not available for 92 patients as arterial blood gases and other laboratory tests needed to calculate the score were not available prior to cardiac arrest.

‡Hemoglobin was not available for 41 patients prior to cardiac arrest.

§Intra-arrest PaCO₂ and PaO₂ were not available on 73 patients.

Table 2: Demographic and clinical characteristics of all cardiac arrest patients based on cerebral performance category (CPC) status: (CPC1-2 vs. CPC3-5)

| Variable | CPC1-2 (N=13) | CPC3-5 (N=170) | P-value |
|---|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Intra-cardiac arrest characteristics | | | |
| Sex | | | |
| Male | 11(85%) | 100(59%) | 0.08 |
| Female | 2(15%) | 70(41%) | |
| Age (mean ± SD) | 60.69±18.21 | 69.22±14.57 | 0.09 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | |
| Caucasian | 9(69%) | 139(82%) | |
| Asian/South Asian | 2(15%) | 13(8%) | 0.80 |
| African descent | 1(8%) | 10(6%) | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 1(8%) | 8(5%) | |
| Initial rhythm | | | |
| PEA | 8(7%) | 114(93%) | 0.02 |
| Asystole | 1(2%) | 42(98%) | |
| VF/VT | 4(22%) | 14(78%) | |
| Clinical Site | | | |
| Site 1 | 3(23%) | 36(21%) | |
| Site 2 | 9(69%) | 76(45%) | 0.34 |
| Site 3 | 0(0%) | 17(10%) | |
| Site 4 | 0(0%) | 17(10%) | |
| Site 5 | 1(2%) | 24(14%) | |
| Charlson Co-Morbidity Score (mean ± SD) | 5.23±2.68 | 5.69±2.69 | 0.72 |
| APACHE II* Score (Pre-Cardiac Arrest) (mean ± SD)† | 14±8.67 | 22.74±11.10 | 0.04 |
| Hemoglobin (g/dL) prior to cardiac arrest (mean ± SD)‡ | 10.98±1.88 | 10.76±2.36 | 0.77 |
| PaCO ₂ during CPR (mean ± SD)§ | 53.67±14.56 | 62.48±27.29 | 0.51 |
| PaO ₂ during CPR (mean ± SD)§ | 129.67±99.60 | 105.16±127.27 | 0.22 |
| Duration of CPR (min) (mean ± SD) | 28.85±24.33 | 28.6±24.02 | 0.62 |
| Time to placement of rSO ₂ sensor (min) (mean ± SD) | 8.62±10.73 | 7.43±7.59 | 0.80 |
| Duration of rSO ₂ monitoring during ACLS (min) (mean ± SD) | 20.23±17.64 | 21.17±21.76 | 0.81 |
| Post resuscitation characteristics¶ | | | |
| Targeted Temperature Management ¶¶ (32-34° C) | | | |
| Yes | 5(29.41%) | 12(70.59%) | 1.00 |
| No | 7(28.00%) | 18(72.00%) | |
| Glucose 24 hour post resuscitation (mg/dL) (mean ± SD) ** | 183.56±71.54 | 218.23±147.11 | 1.00 |
| MAP† 24 hour post resuscitation (mmHg) (mean ± SD)‡‡ | 76.31±5.83 | 75.64±14.01 | 0.97 |
| PaCO ₂ 24 hour post resuscitation (mmHg) (mean ± SD) §§ | 57.38±34.78 | 45.89±11.66 | 0.34 |
| PaO ₂ 24 hour post resuscitation (mmHg) (mean ± SD) §§ | 117.95±41.54 | 120.52±60.12 | 0.68 |

*APACHE: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

†APACHE II scores were not available for 92 patients as arterial blood gases and other laboratory tests needed to calculate the score were not available prior to cardiac arrest.

‡Hemoglobin was not available for 41 patients prior to cardiac arrest.

§ Intra-arrest PaCO₂ and PaO₂ were not available on 73 patients.

¶ Among the 62 patients who achieved ROSC, some could not receive all aspects of standardized post resuscitation care due to the high number (n=30) of early deaths (<24 hours) post ROSC.

¶¶ Targeted temperature management data was missing on 20 patients.

** 24 hour post resuscitation glucose data was missing on 22 patients.

†† MAP: Mean arterial pressure

‡‡ 24 hour post resuscitation MAP data was missing on 23 patients.

§§ 24 hour post resuscitation PaCO₂ and PaO₂ data was missing on 24 patients.

Table 3a: A comparison of the six different rSO₂ measures between patients with ROSC vs. without ROSC

| Variable | ROSC (N=62) | No ROSC (N=121) | P-value |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Mean rSO ₂ during resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 51.82±11.21 | 40.93±12.33 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 52.07(23.60,76.52) | 42.52(8.76,61.37) | |
| Median rSO ₂ during resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 52.42±11.68 | 41.38±12.6 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 53.00(24.00,77.00) | 42.00(9.00,62.00) | |
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes of resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 53.94±11.6 | 41.59±13.35 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 53.30(25.2,76.52) | 42.46(7.71,80.61) | |
| Median rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes of resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 54.02±12.24 | 41.93±13.47 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 53.75(24.00,77.00) | 43.00(8.00,80.00) | |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 56.59±35.39 | 24.29±33.84 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 62.85(0.00,100.00) | 0.00(0.00,100.00) | |
| Percentage of time in the last 5 minutes with rSO ₂ above 50% | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 59.68±40.66 | 24.83±39.19 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 66.45(0.00,100.00) | 0.00(0.00,100.00) | |

Table 3b: A comparison of the six different rSO₂ measures between patients with CPC1-2 vs. CPC 3-5.

| Variable | CPC1-2 (N=13) | CPC3-5 (N=170) | P-value |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Mean rSO ₂ during resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 56.05±9.98 | 43.75±12.81 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 54.55(40.66,76.52) | 45.22(8.76,74.29) | |
| Median rSO ₂ during resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 56.77±10.98 | 44.23±13.10 | 0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 54.00(42.00,77.00) | 46.00(9.00,74.00) | |
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes of resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 56.82±10.18 | 44.93±13.95 | 0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 54.82(46.29,76.52) | 45.58(7.71,80.61) | |
| Median rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes of resuscitation | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 57.35±10.62 | 45.16±14.14 | 0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 54.00(42.00,77.00) | 45.00(8.00,80.00) | |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 70.98±26.64 | 32.50±36.91 | <0.001 |
| Median (min, max) | 76.99(24.35,100.00) | 16.00(0.00,100.00) | |
| Percentage of time in the last 5 minutes with rSO ₂ above 50% | | | |
| Mean ± SD | 65.74±33.15 | 34.41±42.82 | 0.006 |
| Median (min, max) | 67.11(0.00,100.00) | 0.00(0.00,100.00) | |

Table 4a: Summary Table for area under the curve (AUC) and 95% confidence intervals values derived from receiver operating characteristics (ROC) curves to evaluate rSO₂%’s classification performance for predicting ROSC

| Measures | AUC (95% CI) |
|--|------------------|
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 0.76 (0.69-0.83) |
| Mean rSO ₂ | 0.74 (0.66-0.82) |
| Median rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 0.75 (0.67-0.82) |
| Median rSO ₂ | 0.74 (0.66-0.81) |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | 0.75 (0.68-0.82) |
| Percentage of time in the last 5 minutes with rSO ₂ above 50% | 0.74 (0.67-0.81) |

Table 4b: Summary Table for area under the curve (AUC) and 95% confidence intervals values derived from receiver operating characteristics (ROC) curves to evaluate rSO₂%’s classification performance for predicting CPC score 1-2

| Measures | AUC (95% CI) |
|--|------------------|
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 0.75 (0.64-0.85) |
| Mean rSO ₂ | 0.77 (0.66-0.88) |
| Median rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 0.75 (0.64-0.86) |
| Median rSO ₂ | 0.76 (0.64-0.88) |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | 0.79 (0.70-0.88) |
| Percentage of time in the last 5 minutes with rSO ₂ above 50% | 0.70 (0.59-0.81) |

| Table 5a: The relative risk associated with a 5% increase in rSO ₂ % in predicting return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC). | | | | | |
|---|------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Measures | Unit | Unadjusted | | Adjusted | |
| | | Relative Risk (%95 CI) | P | Relative Risk (%95 CI) | P |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | 5 | 1.07(1.04,1.1) | <.0001 | 1.07 (1.04,1.09) | <.0001 |
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 5 | 1.18(1.13,1.22) | <.0001 | 1.07 (1.03,1.12) | 0.0002 |
| Mean rSO ₂ | 5 | 1.15(1.07,1.24) | <.0001 | 1.05 (1.02,1.09) | 0.0014 |

| Table 5b: The relative risk associated with a 5% increase in rSO ₂ % in predicting CPC1-2. | | | |
|---|------|------------------------|---------|
| Measures | Unit | Relative Risk (95% CI) | P-value |
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | 5 | 1.15 (1.06-1.26) | 0.002 |
| Mean rSO ₂ in the last 5 minutes | 5 | 1.42 (1.12-1.81) | 0.004 |
| Mean rSO ₂ during CPR | 5 | 1.60 (1.20-2.13) | 0.002 |

Table 6a: The prediction accuracy of using mean rSO₂ in the last 5 minutes of CPR with different cut-off values to predict Return of Spontaneous circulation (ROSC) among all cardiac arrest patients.

| Measures | Cutoff ≥ rSO ₂ % | No. patients | Sensitivity (95%CI) | Specificity (95%CI) | PPV* (95%CI) | NPV† (95%CI) | Misclassification (95%CI) |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Mean rSO ₂ % in the last 5 minutes CPR | 25.19 | 167 | 1.00 (0.94-1.00) | 0.13 (0.08-0.21) | 0.37 (0.30-0.45) | 1.00 (0.79-1.00) | 0.57 (0.50-0.65) |
| | 30 | 158 | 0.98 (0.91-1.00) | 0.20 (0.13-0.28) | 0.39 (0.31-0.47) | 0.96 (0.80-1.00) | 0.54 (0.46-0.61) |
| | 35 | 143 | 0.9 (0.80-0.96) | 0.28 (0.20-0.37) | 0.39 (0.31-0.48) | 0.85 (0.70-0.94) | 0.51 (0.43-0.58) |
| | 40 | 127 | 0.9 (0.80-0.96) | 0.41 (0.32-0.51) | 0.44 (0.35-0.53) | 0.89 (0.78-0.96) | 0.42 (0.35-0.50) |
| | 45 | 99 | 0.84 (0.72-0.92) | 0.61 (0.52-0.70) | 0.53 (0.42-0.63) | 0.88 (0.79-0.94) | 0.31 (0.25-0.38) |
| | 50 | 70 | 0.61 (0.48-0.73) | 0.74 (0.65-0.81) | 0.54 (0.42-0.66) | 0.79 (0.70-0.86) | 0.31 (0.24-0.38) |
| | 55 | 45 | 0.42 (0.30-0.55) | 0.84 (0.77-0.90) | 0.58 (0.42-0.72) | 0.74 (0.66-0.81) | 0.30 (0.24-0.37) |
| | 60 | 29 | 0.29 (0.18-0.42) | 0.91 (0.84-0.95) | 0.62 (0.42-0.79) | 0.71 (0.64-0.78) | 0.30 (0.24-0.37) |
| | 65 | 14 | 0.21 (0.12-0.33) | 0.99 (0.95-1.00) | 0.93 (0.66-1.00) | 0.71 (0.64-0.78) | 0.27 (0.21-0.34) |
| | 70 | 9 | 0.13 (0.06-0.24) | 0.99 (0.95-1.00) | 0.89 (0.52-1.00) | 0.69 (0.62-0.76) | 0.30 (0.24-0.37) |
| | 75 | 2 | 0.02 (0.00-0.09) | 0.99 (0.95-1.00) | 0.50 (0.01-0.99) | 0.66 (0.59-0.73) | 0.34 (0.27-0.41) |
| 80 | 1 | 0.00 (0.00-0.06) | 0.99 (0.95-1.00) | 0.00 (0.00-0.98) | 0.66 (0.59-0.73) | 0.34 (0.28-0.42) | |

Table 6b: The prediction accuracy of using the percentage of time with rSO₂% above 50% during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to predict CPC1-2 with different cut-off values among all cardiac arrest patients.

| Measures | Cutoff ≥ rSO ₂ % | No. patients | Sensitivity (95% CI) | Specificity (95% CI) | PPV* (95%CI) | NPV† (95%CI) | Misclassification (95% CI) |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Percentage of time with rSO ₂ above 50% | 24.34 | 90 | 1.00 (0.75-1.00) | 0.55 (0.47-0.62) | 0.14 (0.08-0.23) | 1.00 (0.96-1.00) | 0.42 (0.35-0.50) |
| | 30 | 86 | 0.92 (0.64-1.00) | 0.56 (0.49-0.64) | 0.14 (0.07-0.23) | 0.99 (0.94-1.00) | 0.41 (0.34-0.48) |
| | 40 | 79 | 0.77 (0.46-0.95) | 0.59 (0.52-0.67) | 0.13 (0.06-0.22) | 0.97 (0.92-0.99) | 0.39 (0.32-0.47) |
| | 50 | 69 | 0.77 (0.46-0.95) | 0.65 (0.58-0.72) | 0.14 (0.07-0.25) | 0.97 (0.93-0.99) | 0.34 (0.27-0.41) |
| | 60 | 57 | 0.77 (0.46-0.95) | 0.72 (0.65-0.79) | 0.18 (0.09-0.30) | 0.98 (0.93-1.00) | 0.27 (0.21-0.34) |
| | 70 | 40 | 0.54 (0.25-0.81) | 0.81 (0.74-0.86) | 0.18 (0.07-0.33) | 0.96 (0.91-0.98) | 0.21 (0.16-0.28) |
| | 80 | 34 | 0.46 (0.19-0.75) | 0.84 (0.77-0.89) | 0.18 (0.07-0.35) | 0.95 (0.91-0.98) | 0.19 (0.14-0.26) |
| | 90 | 26 | 0.31 (0.09-0.61) | 0.87 (0.81-0.92) | 0.15 (0.04-0.35) | 0.94 (0.89-0.97) | 0.17 (0.12-0.23) |
| | 100 | 16 | 0.15 (0.02-0.45) | 0.92 (0.87-0.95) | 0.13 (0.02-0.38) | 0.93 (0.89-0.97) | 0.14 (0.09-0.20) |

*PPV= positive predictive value

†NPV= negative predictive value