

Efficacy of Targeted Temperature Management After Pediatric Cardiac Arrest: A Meta-Analysis of 2002 Patients

Supplementary material

Table S1. Inclusion and exclusion criteria of included studies.

| Study | Inclusion Criteria | Exclusion Criteria | Outcome(s) | Colling Method | Rewarming Setting | Findings |
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| Chang et al. 2016 | EMS-assessed OHCA patients who survived to admission and were 18 years of age or younger, regardless of the cause (presumed cardiac or non-cardiac origin) | (1) unknown neurological status at hospital discharge; (2) an alert mental status after resuscitation at the ED. | Survival to discharge. Good neurological status, defined as having a Cerebral Performance Category (CPC) score of 1 (good performance, no neurological disability) or 2 (moderate disability, can work). | Core temperature 32–34°C for at least 12h | NS | MTH and the effect of MTH across the initial ECG at the scene were not significantly associated with survival or good neurologic recovery in pediatric OHCA survivors. |
| Cheng et al. 2018 | Patients treated under the TH protocol in the first 18 months of its initiation | Known significant intracranial hemorrhage (large epidural, subdural, or parenchymal hemorrhage, or Grade III or IV intraventricular hemorrhage), pregnancy, or postmenstrual age < 36 weeks. | Overall neurologic outcome. | 33.5°C for either 72h (<1year of age) or 48h (1year of age). Patients < 1 year of age were cooled for 72 h based on published neo- natal trials, while patients 1 year of age were cooled 48 h | 0.5 °C every 2 h to a goal temperature of 36.5 °C | Pediatric CHD patients who suffer cardiac arrest can be treated effectively and safely with TH, which may decrease the incidence of seizures. |
| Doherty et al. 2009 | Patients >40 weeks postconceptual age | Adequate data could not be extracted | (1) Mortality at 6 months; (2) Pediatric | Temperature of <35°C within 6 hours | NS | Hypothermia therapy was used in |

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| | and <18 years of age; cardiac arrest of at least 3 minutes duration; survival for at least 12 hours after return of spontaneous circulation (or the commencement of rescue ECMO flow); and admission to the intensive care unit after resuscitation | from the chart. neonates admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit directly from the delivery room with a diagnosis of birth asphyxia, because this population has been studied previously. | Cerebral Performance Category (PCPC) score, assessed at 6 months after cardiac arrest; (3) when the PCPC assessment was possible before cardiac arrest, the ΔPCPC at 6 months was calculated; (4) duration of mechanical ventilation; (5) length of stay in the intensive care unit; (6) length of stay at an acute-care hospital (tertiary care facility); (7) multiorgan dysfunction scores and pediatric logistic organ dysfunction scores for 3 days; and (8) data on hypothermia-related adverse events (eg, infections, bleeding or thrombosis, and arrhythmias), recorded for 14 days after cardiac arrest. | of cardiac arrest for a continuous period of at least 12 hour. | resuscitation scenarios that are associated with greater risk of poor outcome. In an adjusted analysis, the effectiveness of hypothermia therapy was neither supported nor refuted. | |
| Fink et al. 2010 | Infants and children 1 wk to 21 yrs of age admitted to the ICU with ROSC after CA. CA was defined as receipt of chest compressions for pulselessness as | Children with congenital heart disease | Logistics related to the application of HT and the frequency of adverse events in the first 4 days after CA. Adverse events included | The median therapeutic hypothermia target temperature was 34.0°C (33.5–34.8°C), was reached by 7 hrs (5–8 hrs) after admission in patients who were not | Re-warming was achieved by increasing the set point of the cooling blanket gradually until the patient reached 36°C, at which time the blanket was | Therapeutic hypothermia was feasible, with target temperature achieved in <3 hrs overall. Temperature below target range |

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| | determined by a health care worker | | hemorrhage, transfusion, positive cultures, electrolyte supplementation, intermittent arrhythmia and rearrest. Secondary outcomes included mortality and Glasgow Outcome Score (GOS) (assigned in a non-blinded fashion based on medical records for both pre-arrest and hospital discharge status), a variation on the Utstein recommendation. | hypothermic on admission and was maintained for 24 hrs (16–48 hrs). | turned off to prevent over-warming. | was associated with increased mortality. |
| Lin et al. 2013 | Age from 2 months to 18 years; cardiac arrest of at least 3 minutes' duration; survival for at least 12 hours after return of spontaneous circulation; and admission to the intensive care unit after resuscitation | Children with congenital heart diseases. If a patient experienced more than one resuscitation during the study period, only the first resuscitation meeting the eligibility criteria was included. | The primary outcomes included survival and Pediatric Cerebral Performance Category (PCPC) scores at hospital discharge. The secondary outcomes were related to the application of therapeutic hypothermia and the hypothermia-related adverse events. | Temperature of 33°C within 6 hours of cardiac arrest for a continuous period of 24 or 72 hours | Rewarming was achieved by increasing the set point of the temperature management system gradually at 1°C per day until the patient reached 36°C | Therapeutic hypothermia was associated with increased survival rate after pediatric resuscitation. |
| Lin et al. 2018 | 1) age from 1 month to 18 years; 2) duration of cardiac arrest at least 3 min and ROSC after resuscitation; 3) comatose status (Glasgow | 1) who were older than 18 years; 2) with hemodynamic instability refractory to intensive care and who died within 12 h; 3) who were not | The primary outcome was neurological outcome, which was assessed using PCPC. The secondary outcomes were survival rate at 30 | Target temperature of 33 °C, cooling duration of the maintenance phase of 72 h for the children with asphyxial etiology. | Rewarming was achieved by gradually increasing the temperature on the management system by 1 °C per day until | Paediatric asphyxial OHCA was associated with high mortality and morbidity. Seventy-two-hour therapeutic |

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| | Coma Scale (GCS) score ≤ 8) after ROSC; and 4) survival for 12 h or more after the return of circulation | in a coma after resuscitation (GCS > 8); 4) known to have pre-existing degenerative neurological diseases; 5) with traumatic brain injury; and 6) with ventricular fibrillation and a history of congenital heart disease. | days following cardiac arrest, duration of hospitalization, and the prevalence of therapeutic hypothermia-related adverse events. Adverse events included hemodynamic changes, intermittent arrhythmia, coagulopathy, electrolyte imbalance and infection during hypothermia, and rebounding increased intracranial pressure and seizures after rewarming. | the patient reached 36 °C. | hypothermia was associated with a better 1-month survival rate and 6-month neurological outcomes than normothermia in our pediatric patients with asphyxial OHCA. |
| Moler et al. 2015 | Children older than 48 hours and younger than 18 years of age were eligible for inclusion in the study if they had a cardiac arrest requiring chest compressions for at least 2 minutes and remained dependent on mechanical ventilation after the return of circulation. | The inability to undergo randomization for any reason within 6 hours after the return of circulation, a score of 5 or 6 on the Glasgow Coma Scale motor-response subscale (on which scores range from 1 to 6, with lower scores indicating reduced levels of function), the decision by the clinical team to withhold aggressive treatment, and major trauma associated with the cardiac arrest. | The primary outcome was survival with a good neurobehavioral outcome at 12 months of follow-up. Secondary outcomes were survival 12 months after cardiac arrest and change in neurobehavioral function, measured as the difference between the baseline level before cardiac arrest and the 12-month measurement on the VABS-II. | Core temperature of 33.0°C (range, 32.0 to 34.0) for 48 hours. The children were then rewarmed over a period of 16 hours or longer to a target temperature of 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5). | In comatose children who survived out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, therapeutic hypothermia, as compared with therapeutic normothermia, did not confer a significant benefit in survival with a good functional outcome at 1 year |

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| Moler et al. 2017 | Children older than 48 hours and younger than 18 years of age were eligible for inclusion if they had a cardiac arrest that began within the walls of a hospital, received chest compressions for at least 2 minutes, and remained dependent on mechanical ventilation after the return of circulation. | A score of 5 or 6 on the Glasgow Coma Scale motor-response subscale (on which scores range from 1 to 6, with lower scores indicating worse function), the inability to undergo randomization within 6 hours after the return of circulation, active and refractory severe bleeding, a preexisting illness associated with a life expectancy of less than 12 months, and a decision by the clinical team to withhold aggressive treatment. | The primary outcome was survival with a favorable neurobehavioral outcome at 12 months of follow-up. Secondary outcomes were survival at 12 months after cardiac arrest and change in neurobehavioral function, which was measured as the difference between the baseline measurement (before cardiac arrest) and the 12-month measurement on the VABS-II. | core temperature of 33.0°C (range, 32.0 to 34.0) for 48 hours. | The patients were then rewarmed over a period of 16 hours or longer to a target temperature of 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5) | Among comatose children who survived in-hospital cardiac arrest, therapeutic hypothermia, as compared with therapeutic normothermia, did not confer a significant benefit in survival with a favorable functional outcome at 1 year. |
| Scholefield et al. 2015 | Aged between at least one day and 16 years, admitted to ICU after an OHCA with return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC). | NS | Primary outcome was survival to hospital discharge; efficacy and safety outcomes included: application of TTM, physiological, hematological and biochemical side effects. Secondly, the proportions with abnormal values or adverse events within 72 h of ICU admission were compared. | 32–34°C for 24 h | controlled rewarming, by 0.5 °C every 2 h, and 37 °C | TTM (32–34°C) was feasible but associated with bradycardia, hypotension, and increased length of stay in ICU. Temperature <32 °C had a universally grave prognosis. Larger studies are required to assess effect on survival. |

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| van Zelle et al. 2015 | <p>Patients aged >28 days and <18 years with documented CA.</p> <p>(1) all children resuscitated in-hospital (e.g. emergency department, ward, or ICU) and out-of-hospital, and consecutively admitted to our ICU, and (2) children resuscitated in a regional hospital or other university hospital, and after ROSC consecutively admitted to our ICU.</p> | <p>Neonatal resuscitations, children with cyanotic congenital heart disease, and children without an arterial line.</p> | <p>The primary outcome measure was IH mortality.</p> <p>In the second analysis of the first research question, the “area under the curve” (AUC) of PaO₂ was calculated for each patient to determine the influence of the cumulative PaO₂ on in-hospital mortality.</p> | <p>Target temperature is 32–34 °C for 24 h following ROSC.</p> | <p>Rewarmed passively at a rate of 0.5 °C per 2 h.</p> | <p>Cumulative PaO₂ analysis showed that the IH mortality is significantly lower in MTH-treated children with high PaO₂ levels.</p> |
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Legend: AUC = area under the curve; CA = Cardiac arrest; CPC = Cerebral Performance Category; ICU = Intensive Care Unit; GCS = Glasgow Coma Scale; NS = Not specified; OHCA = Out-of-hospital cardiac arrest; ROSC = Return of spontaneous circulation; TTM = Targeted temperature management;

Table S2. Targeted temperature management (TTM) and not-TTM definitions in included studies.

| Study | Definition of Targeted Temperature Management | Definition of Non-Targeted Temperature Management |
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| Chang et al. 2016 | Case in which patients received therapeutic hypothermia (core temperature 32–34°C) after recovering spontaneous circulation (ROSC) by using a method such as external cooling (water, fanning, or ice padding), internal cooling (gastric lavage, bladder cooling, or intravascular cooling using a catheter) or mixed cooling. | Normothermia. |
| Cheng et al. 2018 | Temperature was targeted to be 33.5°C for either 72h (<1year of age) or 48h (1year of age). Patients < 1 year of age were cooled for 72 h based on published neo- natal trials, while patients 1 year of age were cooled 48 h. Cooling was managed via the ECMO circuit or via cooling blanket for those not on ECMO. Per protocol, patients were rewarmed at a rate of 0.5 °C every 2 h to a goal temperature of 36.5 °C, although goal temperature was set by the medical care team. | For control patients, data were collected over a “therapeutic window” time period which paralleled the data collection time period for TTM patients. The “therapeutic window” consisted of either 72 h (< 1 year of age) or 48 h (1 year of age) to represent the TTM time period post-arrest, plus 12 h to represent rewarming. Thus, control patients had temperature and monitoring data collected for 84 h post-arrest if < 1 year of age and 60 h if ≥1 year of age. |

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| Doherty et al. 2009 | all patients who were cooled to a temperature of $\leq 35^{\circ}\text{C}$ within 6 hours of cardiac arrest for a continuous period of at least 12 hours | Normothermia. |
| Fink et al. 2010 | Induction of HT was accomplished with multiple modalities. Most commonly, we used a cooling blanket (Cincinnati SubZero Plastipad, Cincinnati, OH) positioned under the patient and controlled by an automated cooling system (Gaymar Medi-Therm III, Orchard Park, NY) set to the target temperature. Other methods included surface cooling with ice packets, bath and fan, lowering of the room and ventilator humidifier thermostat, and, occasionally, gastric lavage with iced saline. One patient received 40 mL/kg of intravenous iced saline to induce HT. Re-warming was achieved by increasing the set point of the cooling blanket gradually until the patient reached 36°C , at which time the blanket was turned off to prevent over-warming. | Normothermia. |
| Lin et al. 2013 | Patients who were cooled to a temperature of 33°C within 6 hours of cardiac arrest for a continuous period of 24 or 72 hours. Induction of therapeutic hypothermia was accomplished with thermal heat-exchange cooling pads attached to the patient and controlled by an automated temperature management system (Arctic Sun TM , Medivance, Inc.) set to the target temperature. Neuromuscular blockers were used to prevent shivering during induction of therapeutic hypothermia. Hyperthermia was prevented in both groups as recommended by the current International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation guidelines. Rewarming was achieved by increasing the set point of the temperature management system gradually at 1°C per day until the patient reached 36°C | Normothermia. |
| Lin et al. 2018 | Induction of therapeutic hypothermia was accomplished with thermal heat-exchange cooling pads according to the patient's age and size, and controlled using an automated temperature management system (Arctic Sun, Medivance Inc. Louisville, CO, USA) set to a target temperature of 33°C . From our past experience of critical care for neonatal asphyxia, we used a cooling duration of the maintenance phase of 72 h for the children with asphyxial aetiologies. Rewarming was achieved by gradually increasing the | Normothermia. |

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| | temperature on the management system by 1 °C per day until the patient reached 36 °C. | |
| Moler et al. 2015 | Children who were assigned to therapeutic hypothermia were pharmacologically paralyzed and sedated, and a Blanketrol III temperature management unit (Cincinnati Sub-Zero) was used, with blankets applied anteriorly and posteriorly, to achieve and maintain a core temperature of 33.0°C (range, 32.0 to 34.0) for 48 hours. The children were then rewarmed over a period of 16 hours or longer to a target temperature of 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5); this temperature was actively maintained throughout the remainder of the 120-hour intervention period. | Identical care except that the core temperature was actively maintained with the cooling unit at 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5) for 120 hours. |
| Moler et al. 2017 | Targeted temperature management was actively maintained for 120 hours in each group. Patients who were assigned to therapeutic hypothermia were pharmacologically paralyzed and sedated, and a Blanketrol III temperature management unit (Cincinnati Sub-Zero) was used, with blankets applied anteriorly and posteriorly, to achieve and maintain a core temperature of 33.0°C (range, 32.0 to 34.0) for 48 hours. The patients were then rewarmed over a period of 16 hours or longer to a target temperature of 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5); this temperature was actively maintained throughout the remainder of the 120-hour intervention period. | Identical care except that the core temperature was actively maintained with the temperature management unit at 36.8°C (range, 36.0 to 37.5) for 120 hours. |
| Scholefield et al. 2015 | TTM (32–34°C) was initiated in the PICU with the use of servo-controlled water blanket cooling mattresses (Blanketrol II, Cincinnati Sub Zero, OH, USA) to reduce temperature between 32 and 34 °C for 24 h followed by controlled rewarming, by 0.5 °C every 2 h, and 37 °C. | Non-TTM practice followed recommendations to avoid hyperthermia (>38°C). |
| van Zelle et al. 2015 | Hypothermia was achieved by administering a bolus of cold fluids and applying external cooling using a mattress with Blanketrol® III (Cincinnati Sub-Zero Products, Inc., Sharonville, OH, USA). The target temperature is 32–34 °C for 24 h following ROSC, after which they were rewarmed passively at a rate of 0.5 °C per 2 h. The target temperature must have been reached for MTH to be effective. | Children in whom the target temperature range was not reached |

Legend: ECMO, ExtraCorporeal Membrane Oxygenation; NS, not specified; ROSC, return of spontaneous circulation; TTM, Targeted temperature management.

Table S3. Adverse events.

| Adverse Event Type | No. of Studies | No. of Cases in TTM Group | No. of Cases in Non-TTM Group | OR (95%CI) | p Value | I ² Statistic |
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| Adverse events for 7 days after cardiac arrest | | | | | | |
| Serious arrhythmias | 2 | 42/314 | 37/297 | 1.10 (0.68, 1.77) | 0.70 | 0% |
| Asystole | 2 | 9/314 | 10/297 | 0.84 (0.33, 2.09) | 0.70 | 0% |
| Atrial (SVT, AF, JET) | 2 | 11/314 | 6/297 | 1.79 (0.65, 4.90) | 0.26 | 0% |
| PEA | 2 | 4/314 | 5/297 | 0.79 (0.22, 2.80) | 0.72 | 0% |
| Ventricular (VF, VT, TPD) | 2 | 13/314 | 12/297 | 1.03 (0.46, 2.30) | 0.93 | 0% |
| Re-arrest not specified | 1 | 5/40 | 36/141 | 0.42 (0.15, 1.14) | 0.09 | NA |
| Other | 2 | 18/314 | 11/297 | 1.62 (0.75, 3.50) | 0.22 | 7% |
| Adverse events for 14 days after cardiac arrest | | | | | | |
| Cardiac tachyarrhythmia (all) | 1 | 5/29 | 9/50 | 0.95 (0.28, 3.16) | 0.93 | NA |
| Ventricular | 1 | 4/29 | 7/50 | 0.98 (0.26, 3.69) | 0.98 | NA |
| Supraventricular | 1 | 1/29 | 2/50 | 0.86 (0.07, 9.89) | 0.90 | NA |
| Subsequent cardiac arrest | 1 | 2/29 | 13/50 | 0.21 (0.04, 1.01) | 0.05 | NA |
| Pulmonary edema | 1 | 9/29 | 17/50 | 0.87 (0.33, 2.33) | 0.79 | NA |
| Renal replacement | 1 | 14/29 | 16/50 | 1.98 (0.77, 5.08) | 0.15 | NA |
| Hepatic dysfunction | 1 | 2/29 | 8/50 | 0.39 (0.08, 1.97) | 0.25 | NA |
| Venous thromboembolism | 1 | 0/29 | 1/50 | 0.56 (0.02, 14.18) | 0.72 | NA |
| Arterial occlusion | 1 | 1/29 | 1/50 | 1.75 (0.11, 29.08) | 0.70 | NA |
| Cerebral herniation | 1 | 1/29 | 2/50 | 0.86 (0.07, 9.89) | 0.90 | NA |
| Clinically significant hemorrhage | | | | | | |
| Intracranial | 1 | 1/29 | 3/50 | 0.56 (0.06, 5.64) | 0.62 | NA |
| Gastrointestinal tract | 1 | 2/29 | 1/50 | 3.63 (0.31, 41.89) | 0.30 | NA |
| Open sternotomy | 1 | 3/29 | 5/50 | 1.04 (0.23, 4.70) | 0.96 | NA |
| Vascular access | 1 | 5/29 | 2/50 | 5.00 (0.90, 27.69) | 0.07 | NA |
| Pulmonary | 1 | 0/29 | 4/50 | 0.18 (0.01, 3.37) | 0.25 | NA |
| Clinically significant infection | | | | | | |
| Pneumonia | 1 | 6/29 | 11/50 | 0.92 (0.30, 284) | 0.89 | NA |
| Septicemia | 1 | 7/29 | 6/50 | 2.33 (0.70, 7.78) | 0.17 | NA |
| Urinary tract infection | 1 | 2/29 | 1/50 | 3.63 (0.31, 41.89) | 0.30 | NA |
| Peritonitis | 1 | 0/29 | 1/50 | 0.56 (0.02, 14.18) | 0.72 | NA |
| Wound | 1 | 2/29 | 4/50 | 0.85 (0.15, 4.96) | 0.86 | NA |
| Adverse events for 30 days after cardiac arrest | | | | | | |
| Bradycardia | 1 | 13/25 | 10/39 | 3.14 (1.08, 9.10) | 0.03 | NA |
| Coagulopathy | 1 | 11/25 | 8/39 | 3.04 (1.01, 9.22) | 0.05 | NA |
| Electrolyte imbalance | 1 | 13/25 | 21/39 | 0.93 (0.34, 2.54) | 0.89 | NA |
| Hypokalemia | 1 | 12/25 | 16/39 | 1.33 (0.48, 3.65) | 0.58 | NA |
| Hypocalcemia | 1 | 5/25 | 11/39 | 0.64 (0.19, 2.12) | 0.46 | NA |
| Hypophosphatemia | 1 | 4/25 | 4/39 | 1.67 (0.38, 7.38) | 0.50 | NA |
| Hypomagnesemia | 1 | 1/25 | 5/39 | 0.28 (0.03, 2.58) | 0.26 | NA |
| Infection | 1 | 0.25 | 3/39 | 0.20 (0.85, 1.98) | 0.30 | NA |

Legend: CI = Confidence interval; NA = Not applicable; OR = Odds ratio; TTM = Targeted temperature management.

Table S4. Cardiac etiology of cardiac arrest in TTM and not TTM group.

| Adverse Event Type | No. of Studies | No. of Cases in TTM Group | No. of Cases in Non-TTM Group | OR (95%CI) | <i>p</i> Value | I ² Statistic |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| OHCA | 4 | 79/337 (23.4%) | 360/894 (40.3%) | 0.97 (0.70, 1.35) | 0.85 | 6% |
| IHCA | 0 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 7 | 106/421 25.2%) | 405/1,113 (36.4%) | 1.05 (0.78, 1.42) | 0.76 | 0% |

Legend: CI = Confidence interval; NA = Not applicable; OR = Odds ratio; TTM = Targeted temperature management.

Table S5. The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evolution (GRADE) approach.

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | Summary of findings | | | | |
|---|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Participants (studies) Follow up | Risk of bias | Inconsistency | Indirectness | Imprecision | Publication bias | Overall certainty of evidence | Study event rates (%) | | Relative effect (95% CI) | Anticipated absolute effects | |
| | | | | | | | With non- TTM | With TTM | | Risk with non- TTM | Risk difference with TTM |
| Survival to hospital discharge (randomized trials) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 619 (2 RCTs) | not serious | serious | not serious | not serious | none | ⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE | 177/300 (59.0%) | 170/319 (53.3%) | OR 0.80 (0.58 to 1.10) | 590 per 1000 | 55 fewer per 1000 (from 135 fewer to 23 more) |
| Survival to hospital discharge (non-randomized studies) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1387 (8 observational studies) | serious | not serious | not serious | not serious | none | ⊕○○○ VERY LOW | 428/1042 (41.1%) | 150/345 (43.5%) | OR 1.17 (0.90 to 1.51) | 411 per 1000 | 38 more per 1000 (from 25 fewer to 102 more) |
| Survival (randomized trials) (follow up: mean 6 months) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 624 (2 RCTs) | not serious | serious | not serious | not serious | none | ⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE | 122/303 (40.3%) | 144/321 (44.9%) | OR 1.23 (0.89 to 1.70) | 403 per 1000 | 51 more per 1000 (from 28 fewer to 131 more) |
| Survival (randomized trials) (follow up: mean 1 years) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 614 (2 RCTs) | not serious | serious | not serious | not serious | none | ⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE | 113/297 (38.0%) | 138/317 (43.5%) | OR 1.28 (0.92 to 1.77) | 380 per 1000 | 60 more per 1000 (from 19 fewer to 140 more) |
| Survival with WABS-II score ≥ 70 points (randomized trials) (follow up: mean 1 years) | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Certainty assessment | | | | | | | Summary of findings | | | | |
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| 517 (2 RCTs) | not serious | serious | not serious | not serious | none | ⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE | 63/246 (25.6%) | 75/271 (27.7%) | OR 1.17 (0.90 to 1.51) | 256 per 1000 | 31 more per 1000 (from 20 fewer to 86 more) |

CI: Confidence interval; OR: Odds ratio; RCT: Randomized trial; VABS: Vineland adaptive behavior scale.

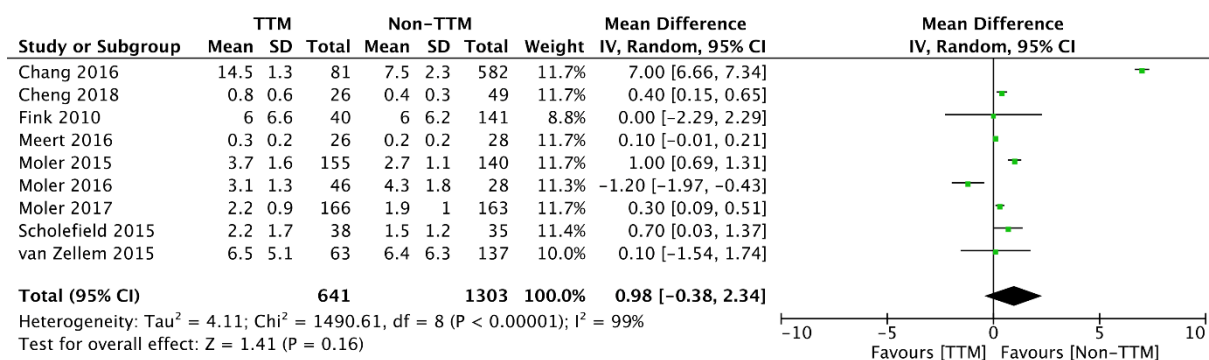


Figure S1. Forest plot of patients age in TTM and not TTM group. The center of each square represents the weighted mean differences for individual trials, and the corresponding horizontal line stands for a 95% confidence interval. The diamonds represent pooled results.

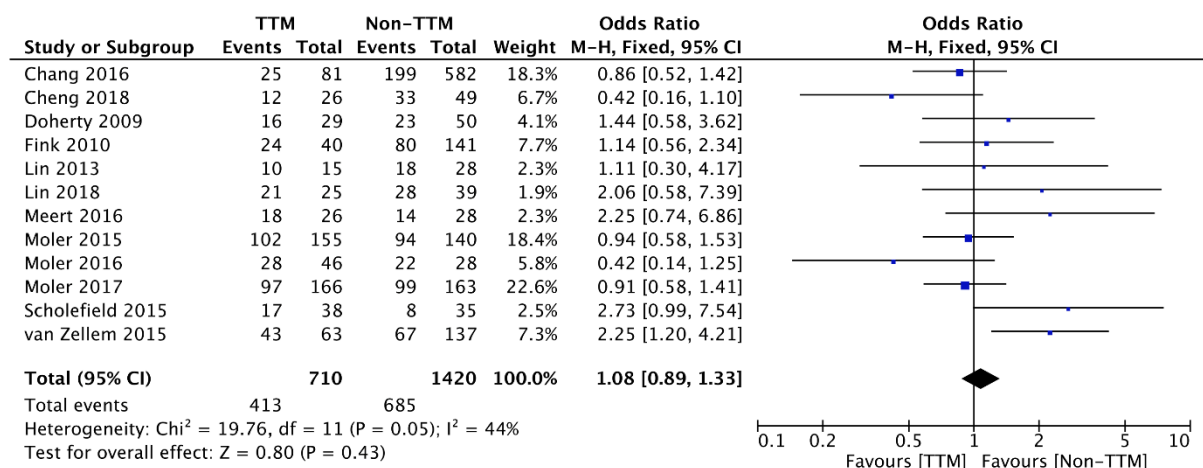


Figure S2. Forest plot of patients gender (male) in TTM and not TTM group. The center of each square represents the weighted odds ratios for individual trials, and the corresponding horizontal line stands for a 95% confidence interval. The diamonds represent pooled results.

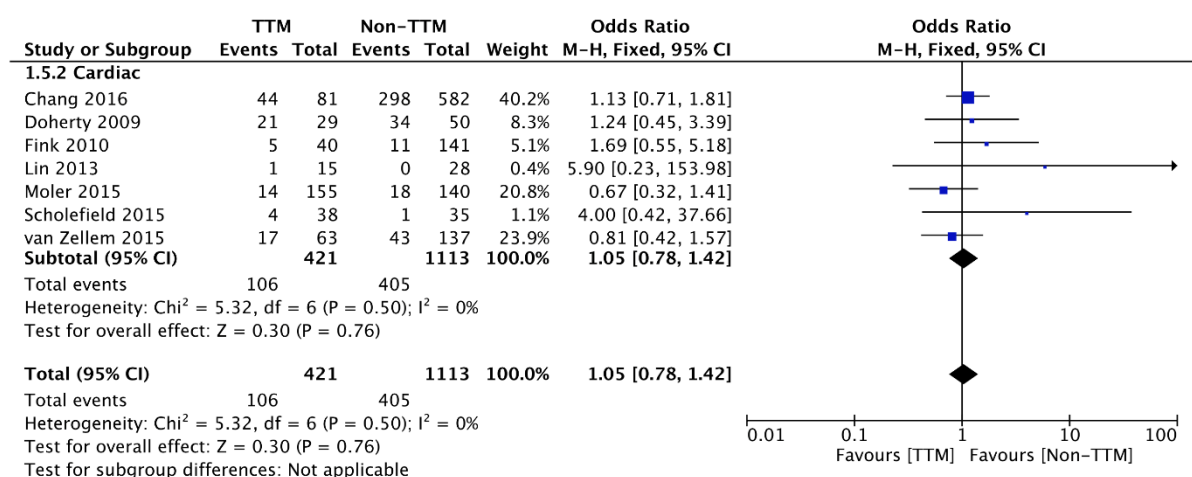


Figure S3. Forest plot of cardiac etiology of cardiac arrest in TTM and not TTM group. The center of each square represents the weighted odds ratios for individual trials, and the corresponding horizontal line stands for a 95% confidence interval. The diamonds represent pooled results.

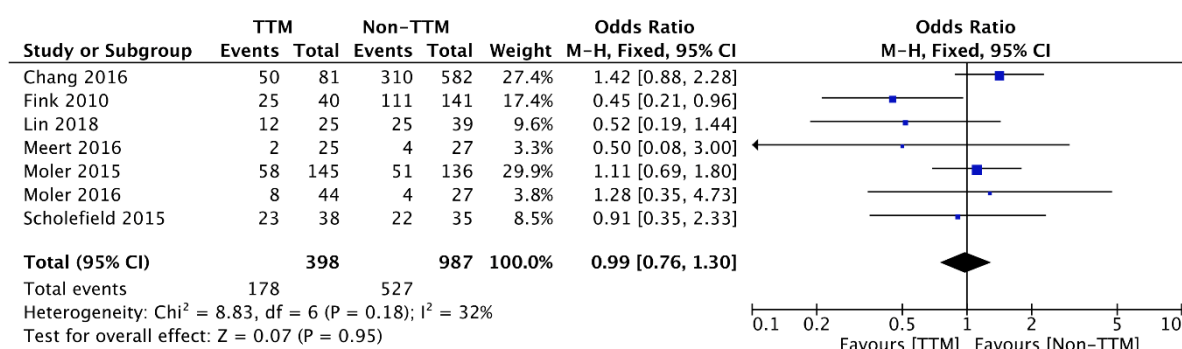


Figure S4. Forest plot of witnessed cardiac arrest in TTM and not TTM group. The center of each square represents the weighted odds ratios for individual trials, and the corresponding horizontal line stands for a 95% confidence interval. The diamonds represent pooled results.

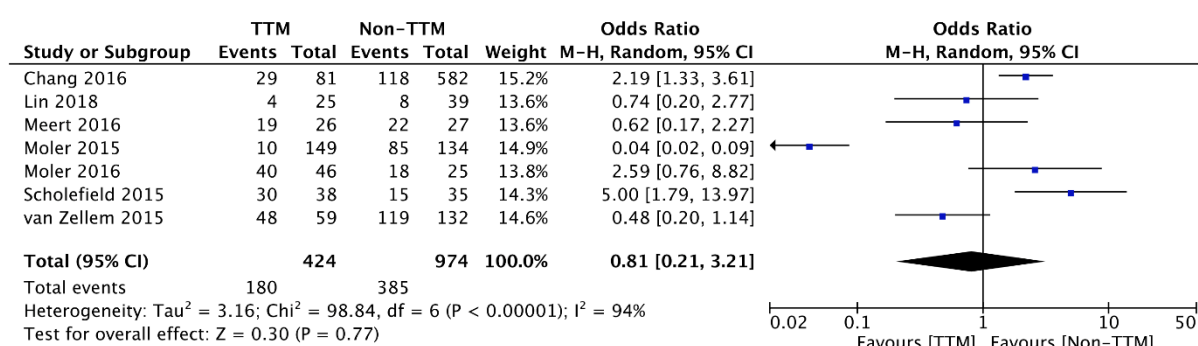


Figure S5. Forest plot of bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation in TTM and not TTM group. The center of each square represents the weighted odds ratios for individual trials, and the corresponding horizontal line stands for a 95% confidence interval. The diamonds represent pooled results.

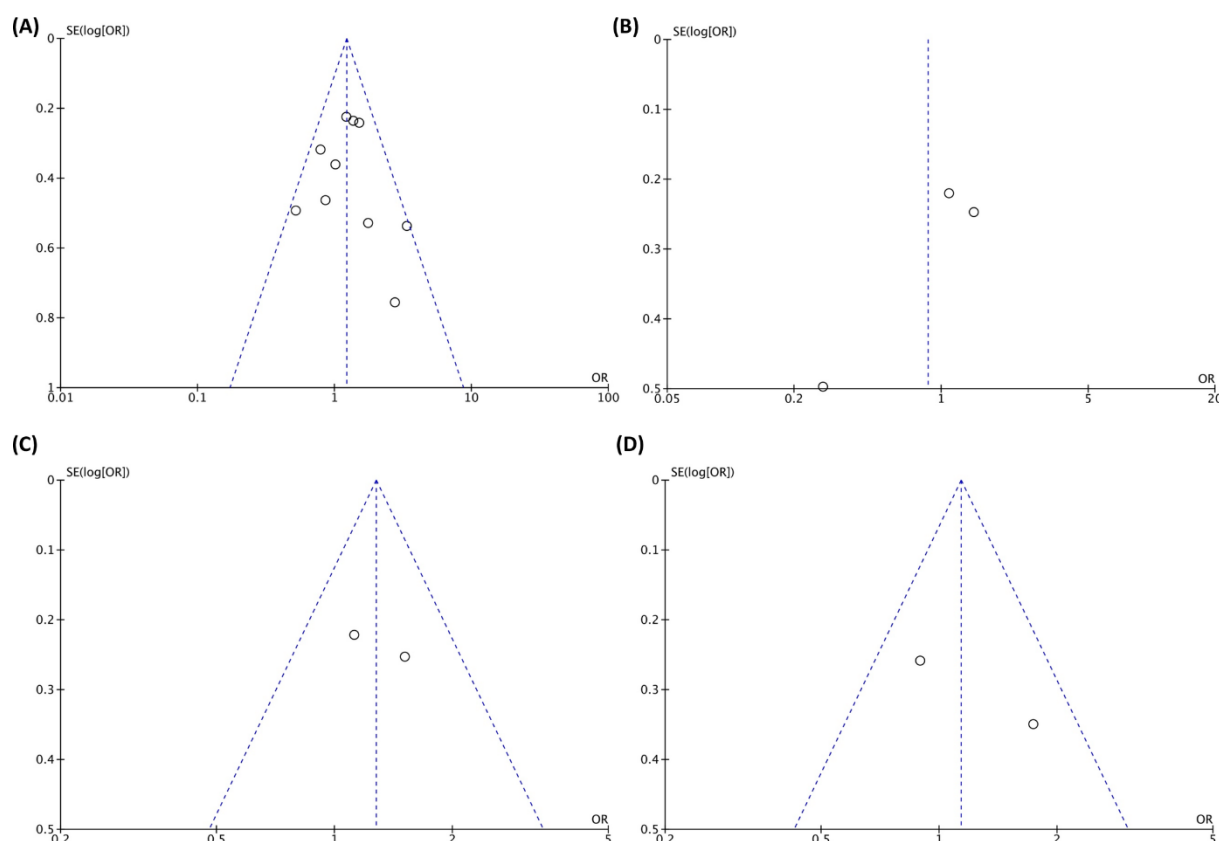














Figure S6. Funnel plot of odds ratio (OR) with standard error: (A) survival to hospital discharge, (B) survival rate in 6-months follow-up; (C) survival rate in 1-year follow-up; (D) survival with VABS-II score ≥ 70 points at 1-year follow-up. Data from each modality are plotted against their standard error (SE). Solid line = summary estimate of the odds ratio; dashed line = 95%CI confidence limits around the OR.

| | | Risk of bias domains | | | | | |
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| | | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | Overall |
| Study | Moler 2015 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| | Moler 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Domains:

D1: Bias arising from the randomization process.


D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention.

D3: Bias due to missing outcome data.

D4: Bias in measurement of the outcome.

D5: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement

 Some concerns


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Figure S7. A summary table of review authors' judgements for each risk of bias item for each randomized study.

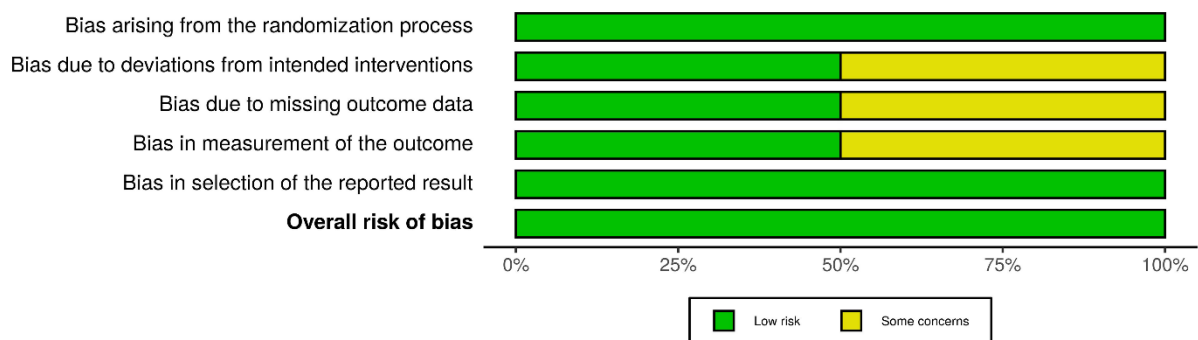


Figure S8. A plot of the distribution of review authors' judgements across randomized studies for each risk of bias item.

| | | Risk of bias domains | | | | | | | |
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| | | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 | D5 | D6 | D7 | Overall |
| Study | Chang 2016 | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | Cheng 2018 | ⚠ | ⚠ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ? | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | Doherty 2009 | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ? | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | Fink 2010 | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | Lin 2013 | ⚠ | ⚠ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ? | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | Lin 2018 | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ? | ⊖ | ⊕ | ⊖ |
| | Scholefield 2015 | ⊖ | ⚠ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ? | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊖ |
| | van ZelleM 2015 | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ⊖ | ⊕ | ⊖ | ⊕ |

Domains:

D1: Bias due to confounding.

D2: Bias due to selection of participants.

D3: Bias in classification of interventions.

D4: Bias due to deviations from intended interventions.

D5: Bias due to missing data.

D6: Bias in measurement of outcomes.

D7: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement

⚠ Critical

⊖ Moderate

⊕ Low

⓪ No information

Figure S9. A summary table of review authors' judgements for each risk of bias item for each non-randomized study.

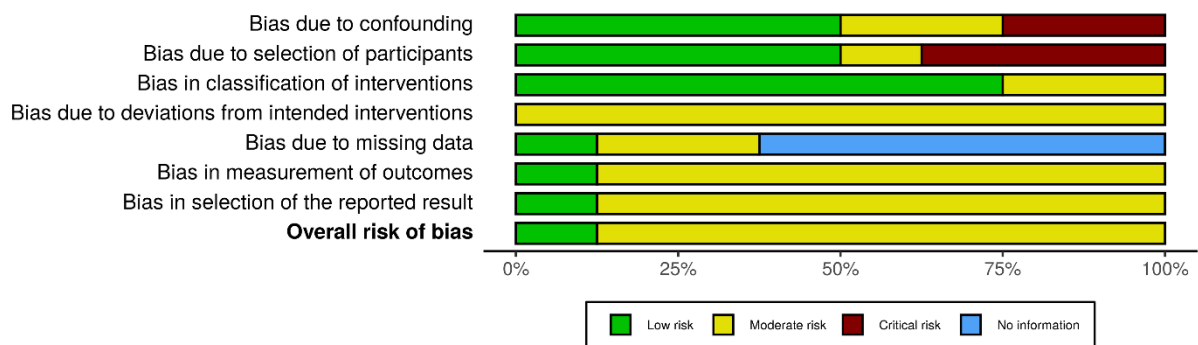


Figure S10. A summary table of review authors' judgements for each risk of bias item for each non-randomized study.