

# Controverse: L'électrostimulation POUR



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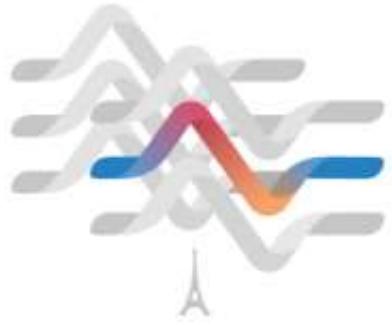
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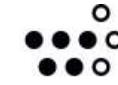
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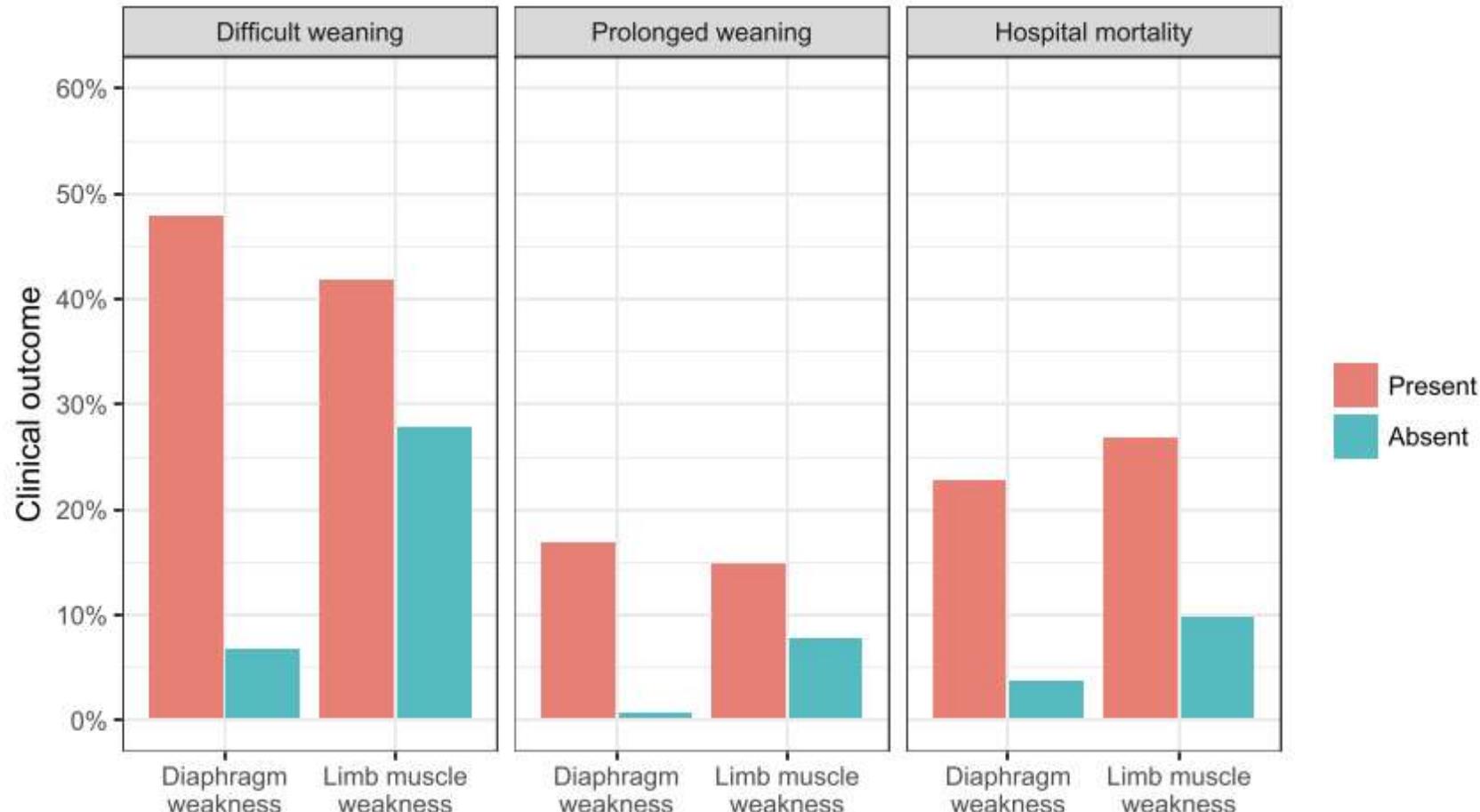
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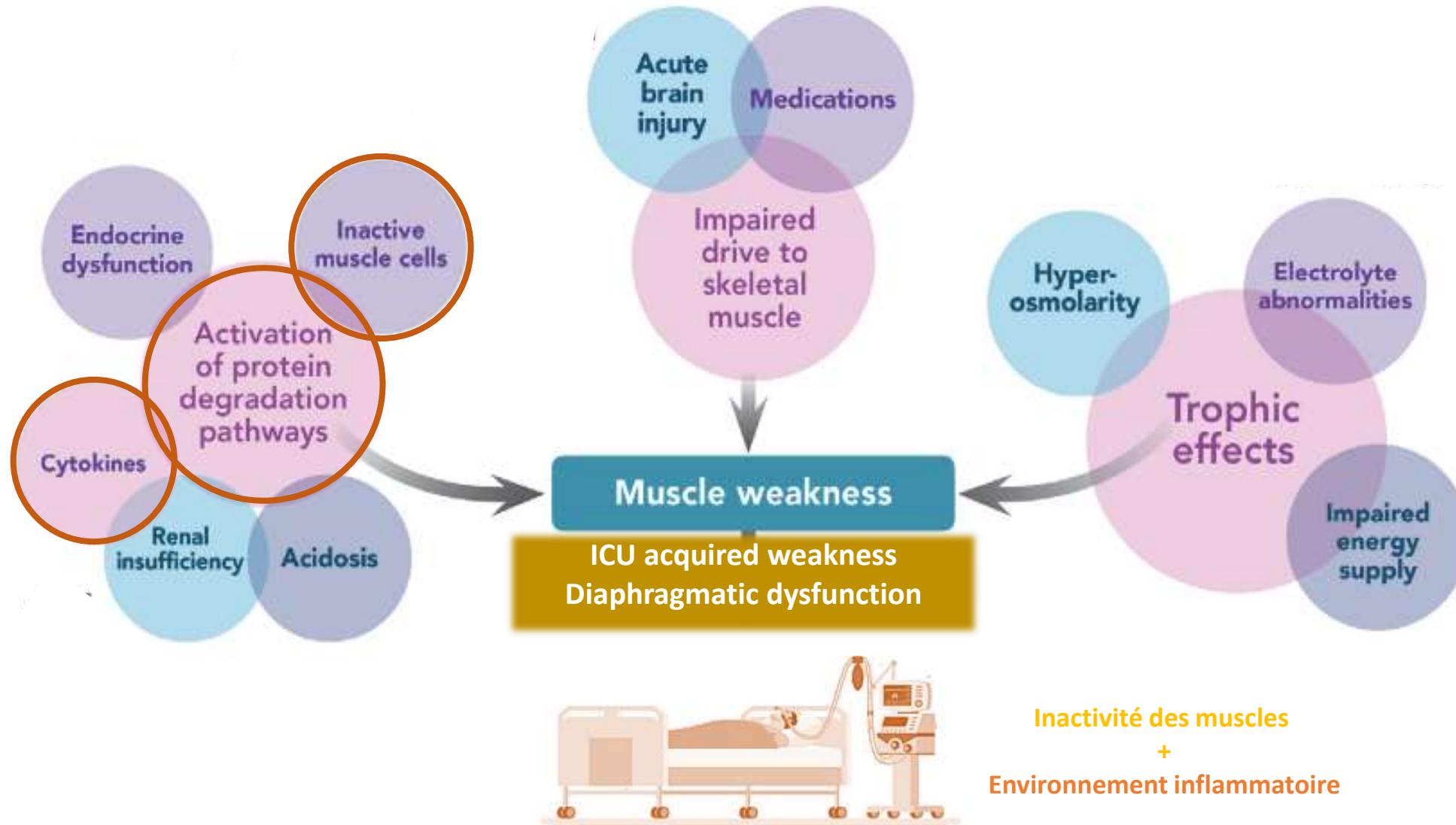


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**Time Course  
of Muscle  
Weakness**

Respiratory muscles  
Limb muscles





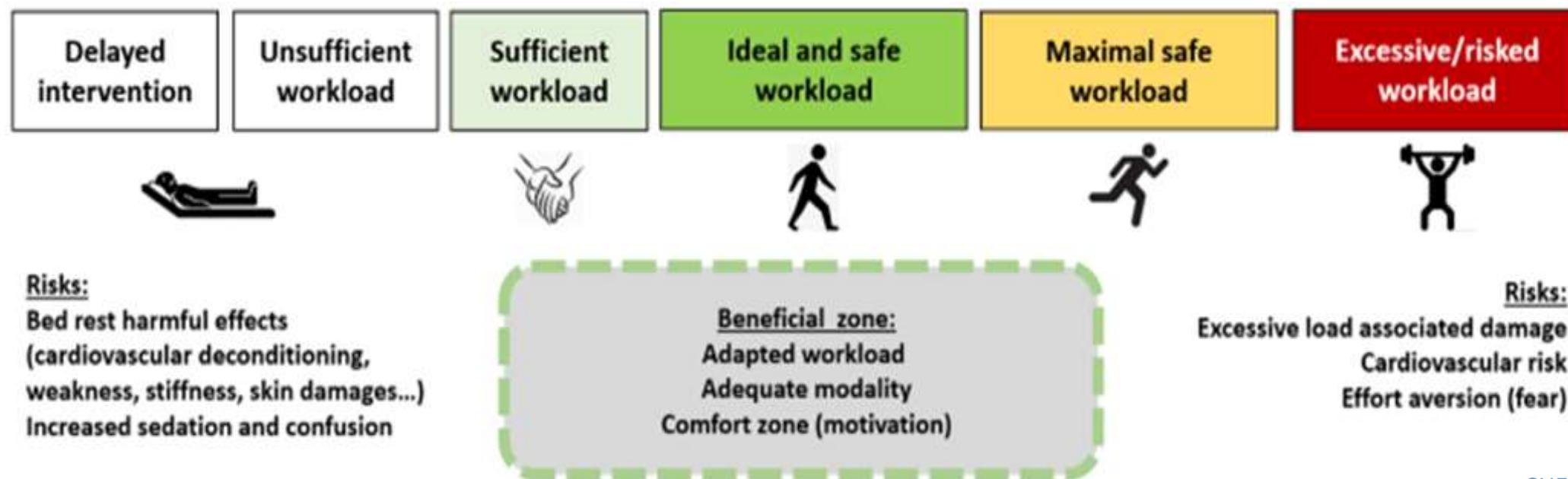


# Les preuves manquent encore:

- Meilleure technique de mobilisation précoce
- Délai d'initiation adéquat
- Dosage-réponse
- Type d'entraînement
- Intensité
- Durée
- Fréquence
- Temps de repos

**EVALUATION**

**INDIVIDUALISATION**

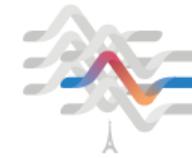




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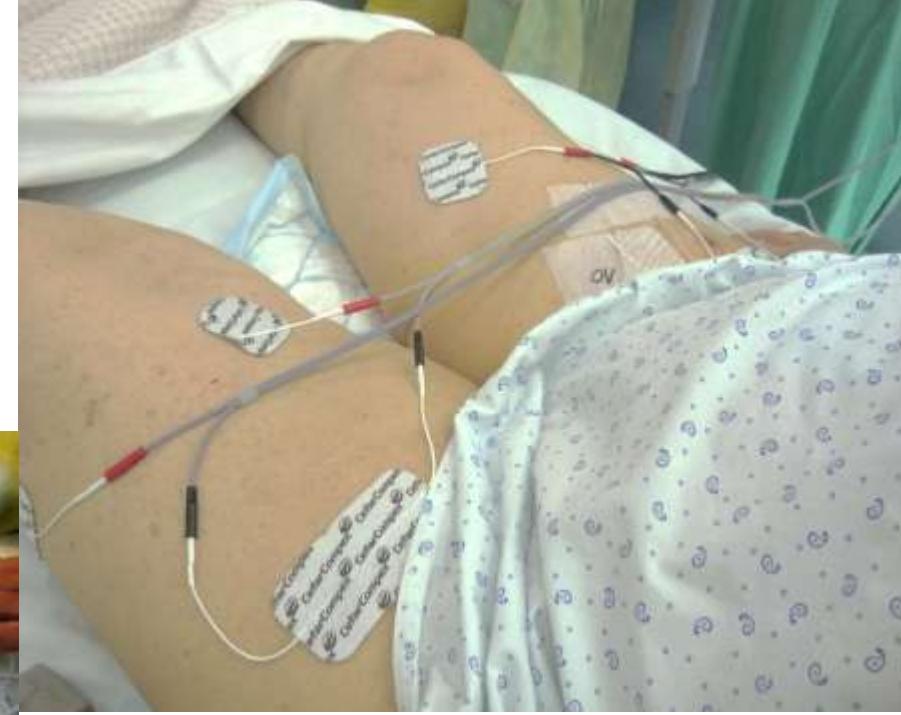
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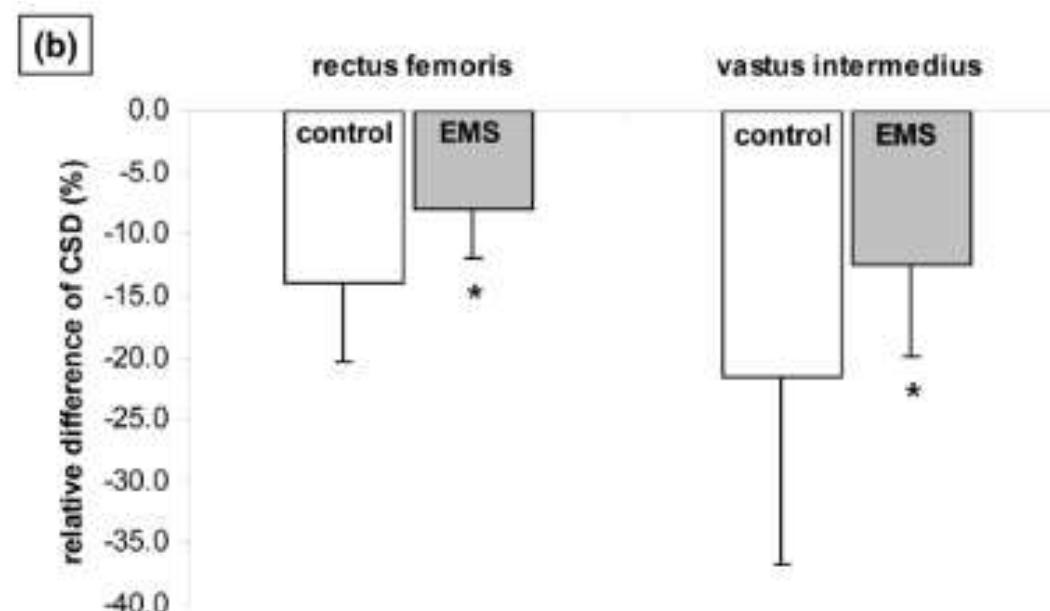
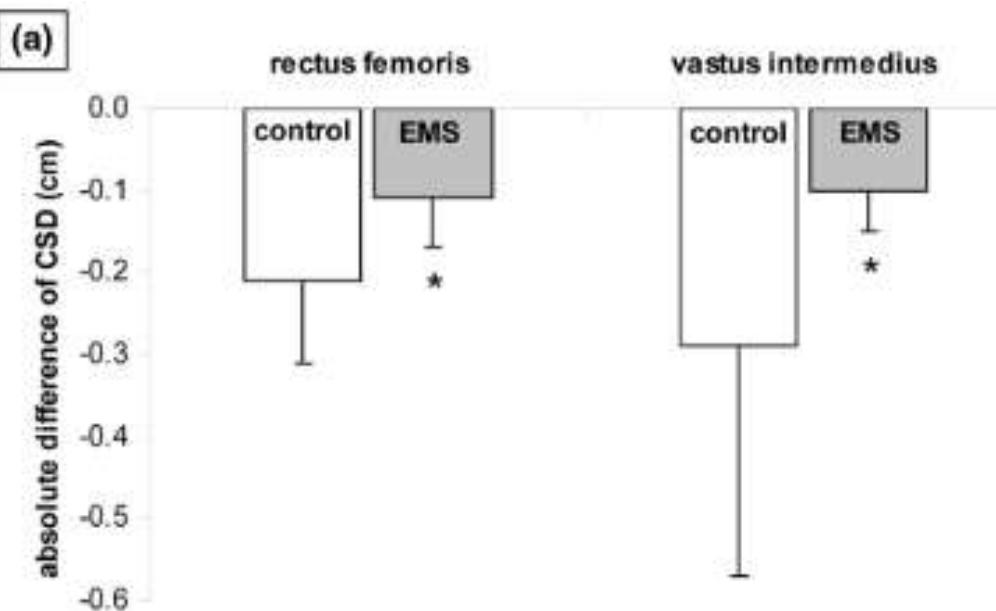
# Electrostimulation neuromusculaire (NMES)

Alternative ou complément à l'activité contractile volontaire.



# Effets sur l'atrophie musculaire

Twenty-six ICU patients



Gerovasili V, et al. Electrical muscle stimulation preserves the muscle mass of critically ill patients: A randomized study. Crit Care. 2009

# Effets sur l'atrophie musculaire

Neuromuscular electrical stimulation prevents muscle wasting in critically ill comatose patients

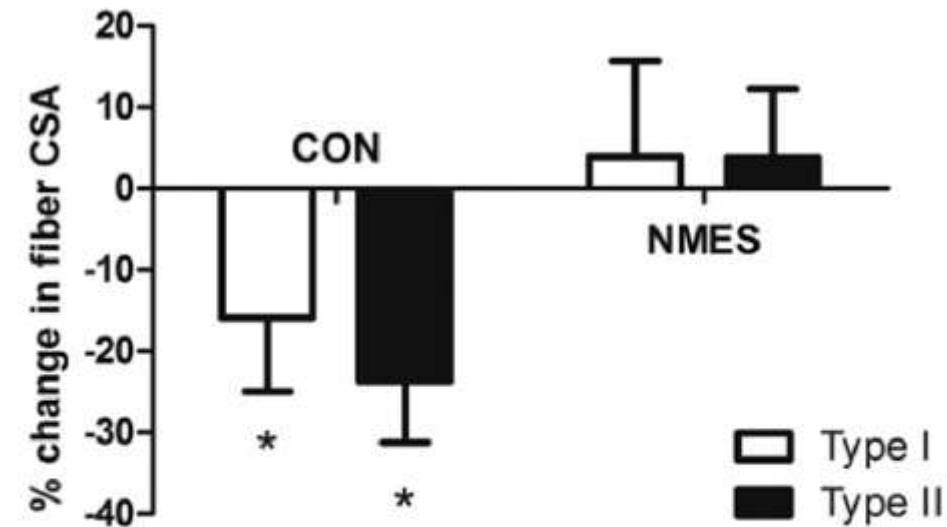
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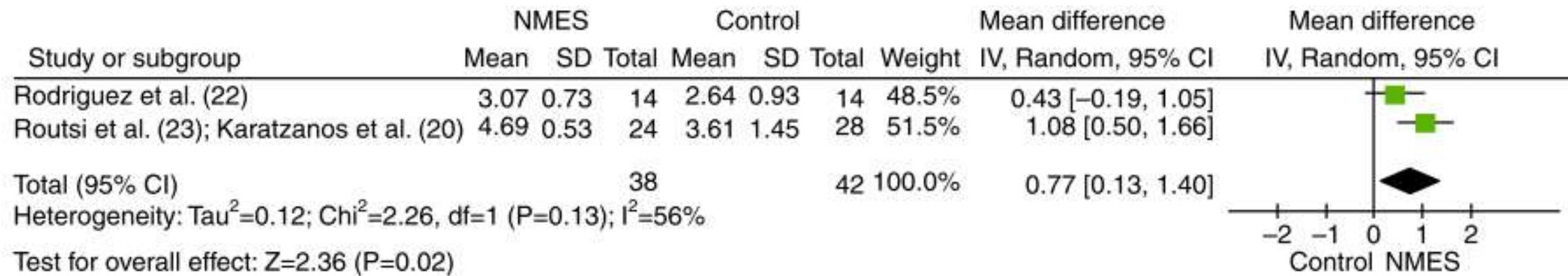
Dirks ML. et al. clinical science 2015



**Figure 1 Changes in muscle fibre CSA in the CON and stimulated (NMES) leg of sedated patients, after  $7 \pm 1$  days of twice-daily NMES**

A significant interaction effect ( $P < 0.05$ ) was observed and a time-effect in the CON leg ( $P < 0.05$ ). \*Significantly different change from zero ( $P < 0.05$ ).

# Effet sur la fonction des muscles périphériques



Wageck B, et al. Application and effects of neuromuscular electrical stimulation in critically ill patients: Systematic review. Med Intensiva [Internet]. 2014

## A Effets sur la fonctionnalité (temps du lit au chaise)



## B Effet sur la durée de la VM



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References	Sample (n)	Age (years)	Session duration (min.)	Baseline SOFA score	Baseline APACHE II score	Diagnosis	Main outcome	Influence on											
								Muscle strength/volume/histology	SOFA/APACHE II score	Functional independence/ambulation	Biomarker	Duration of mechanical ventilation/ICU length of stay							
<b>Stimulated muscle: quadriceps muscle only</b>																			
<b>Treatment ≤ 10d</b>																			
Chen et al. (2019)	33 (SG = 16, CTRL = 17)	75.7 ± 16.1	60 min	n.a.	20.5 ± 6.8	Respiratory failure	Increase in leg muscle strength	↑	↔	↔	n.a.	↔							
Dirks (2015)	6 (SG = 6, CTRL* = 6)	63.0 ± 6.0	60 min	n.a.	29.3 ± 3.7	Multiple	Decrease in type 1 and type 2 muscle-fiber CSA in CTRL leg, no muscle atrophy in stimulated leg	↑	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.							
Fischer et al. (2016)	54 (SG = 27, CTRL = 27)	66.5 ± 14.6	60 min	7.3 ± 9.4	n.a.	Cardiac surgery*	Increased muscle strength, no difference in muscle layer thickness	↑ ↔	n.a.	↔	n.a.	↔							
Koutsioumpa et al. (2018)	80 (SG = 38, CTRL = 42)	65.1 ± 12.7	60 min	7.5 ± 4.2	19.1 ± 8.0	Multiple*	No effect on myopathy, increase in MRC	↑ ↔	↔	↔	n.a.	↔							
Poulsen et al. (2011)	8 (SG = 8, CTRL* = 8)	67.7 ± 7.0	60 min	11.4 ± 4.4	24.6 ± 7.9	Septic shock	No difference in muscle volume between stimulated and non-stimulated thigh	↔	↔	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.							
Strasser et al. (2009)	26 (SG = 26, CTRL* = 26)	60.0 ± 10.0	30 min	n.a.	n.a.	Abdominal surgery	Increase in total RNA content and reduced protein degradation	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Increased total RNA content	n.a.							

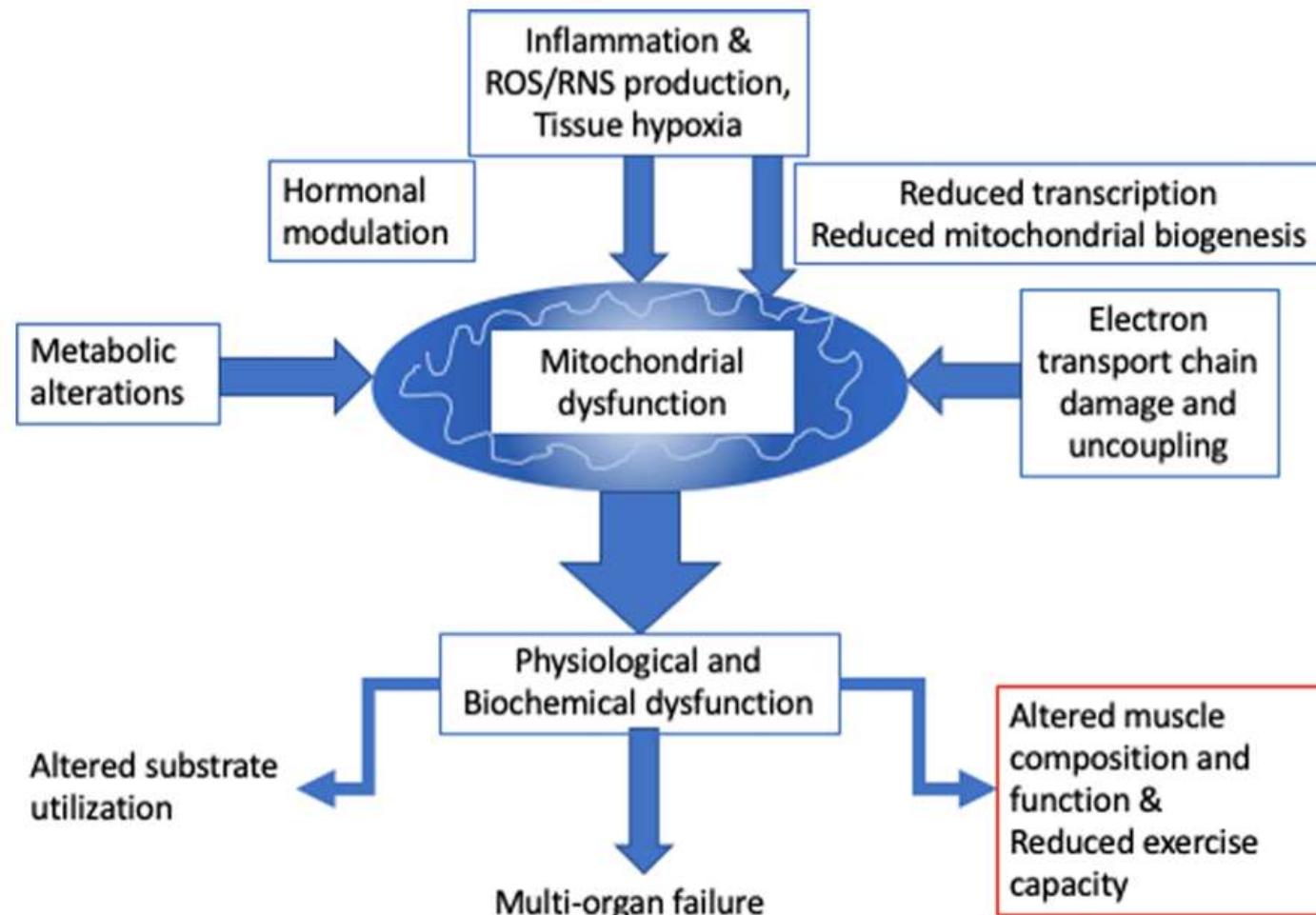
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Therapeutic Potential of Electromyostimulation (EMS) in Critically Ill Patients—A Systematic Review. Frontiers in Physiology, May 2022,



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								Muscle strength/volume/histology	SOFA/APACHE II score	Functional independence/ambulation	Biomarker	
							<b>Treatment &gt; 10d</b>					
Meesen et al. (2010)	19 (SG = 7, CTRL* = 12)	67 ± 13.0	30 min	n.a	n.a	Multiple	Reduction of muscle atrophy in stimulated limb	↑	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Dos Santos (2020)	51 (SG = 36, CTRL = 15)	53.2 ± 12.2	55 min	n.a	15.9 ± 3.5	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	Shorter MV duration	n.a	↔	n.a	n.a	↓
Abu-Khaber et al. (2013)	80 (SG = 40, CTRL = 40)	58.3 ± 6.1	60 min	n.a	25.3 ± 6.1	Respiratory failure <sup>#</sup>	Reduced MV time	↔	n.a	n.a	n.a	↓
Berney et al. (2020) <sup>‡</sup>	162 (SG = 80, CTRL = 82)	59.1 ± 14.0	60 min	10.4 ± 4.9	15.9 ± 8.7	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	No effect on muscle strength	↔	↔	↔	n.a	↔
Fossat et al. (2018) <sup>‡</sup>	312 (SG = 158, CTRL = 154)	65.6 ± 14.0	50 min	n.a	n.a	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	No improvement of global muscle strength at discharge	↔	n.a	↔	n.a	↔
Gruther et al. (2010)	33 (SG = 16, CTRL = 17)	56.0 ± 11.8	30 min (week 1), 60 min (week 2)	n.a	n.a	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	Increase in muscle layer thickness (long-term patient)	↑	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a

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									SOFA/APACHE II score	Functional independence/ambulation	Biomarker	Duration of mechanical ventilation/ICU length of stay								
<b>Stimulated muscle: 2-4 leg muscle groups</b>																				
<b>Treatment ≤ 10 days</b>																				
Fontes Cerqueira et al. (2018)	59 (SG = 26, CTRL = 33)	42 ± 13.7	60 min	n.a	n.a	Cardiac surgery	No effect on muscle strength, functional independenc, and quality of life	↔	n.a	↔	n.a	↔								
Gerovasili et al. (2009)	26 (SG = 13, CTRL = 13)	57.5 ± 19.7	55 min	9.0 ± 3.1	18.5 ± 4.7	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	Less decrease of CSD of the right rectus femoris and vastus intermedius	↑	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a								
Waldauf et al. (2021)	150 (SG = 75, CTRL = 75)	61.1 ± 15.3	31.1 min	8.8 ± 2.9	22.2 ± 6.6	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	No difference in physical component summary of SF-36 at 6 months followup	↔	↔	↔	Less negative daily nitrogen balance	↔								
<b>Treatment &gt; 10 days</b>																				
Falavigna et al. (2014)	11 (SG = 11, CTRL* = 11)	34.0 ± 17.3	20 min	n.a	15.7 ± 4.5	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	No effect on muscle atrophy	↔	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a								
Kho et al. (2015)	34 (SG = 16, CTRL = 18)	55.1 ± 16.9	60 min	5.9 ± 3.4	25.0 ± 6.9	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	Greater increase in lower extremity strength from awakening to ICU discharge in	↑	↔	↔	n.a	↔								
Routsi et al. (2010)	140 (SG = 68, CTRL = 72)	59.5 ± 18.5	55 min	9.0 ± 3.0	18.0 ± 4.5	Multiple <sup>#</sup>	Higher Muscle strength and reduced ICU time	↑	n.a	n.a	n.a	↓								
Zanotti et al. (2003)	24 (SG = 12, CTRL = 12)	65.4 ± 6.3	30 min	n.a	n.a	COPD	Improvement of muscle strength and faster ambulation	↑	n.a	↑	n.a	n.a								

# Défaillance énergétique



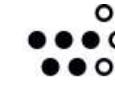
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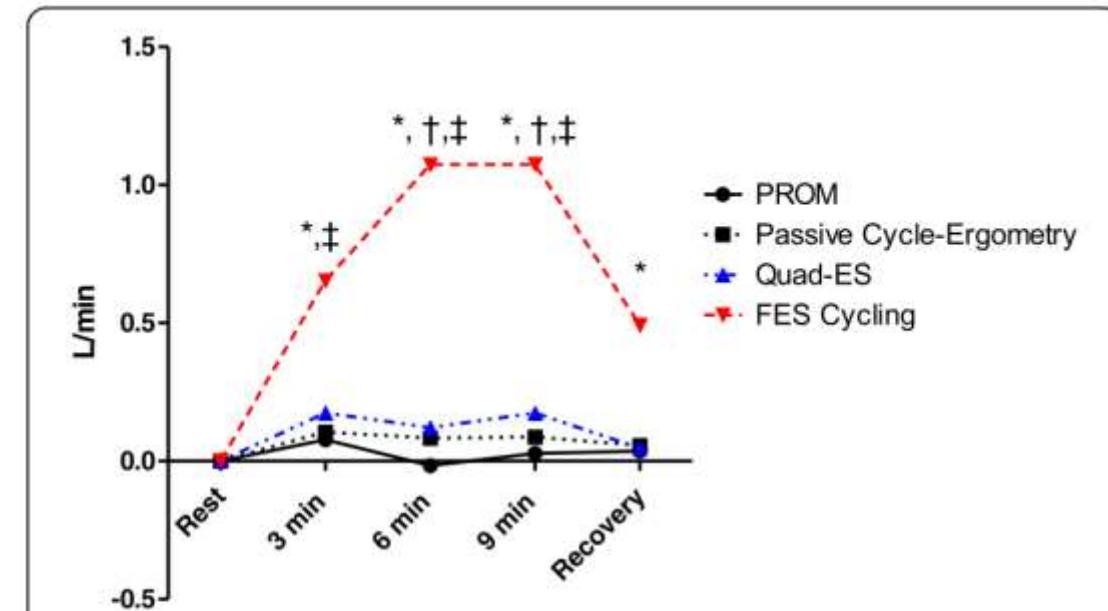


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## Comparison of exercise intensity during four early rehabilitation techniques in sedated and ventilated patients in ICU: a randomised cross-over trial



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**Fig. 2** Cardiac output over time for each exercise. Black circles represent passive range of leg movement (PROM); black squares represent passive cycle-ergometry; blue triangles represent quadriceps electrical stimulation; red triangles represent functional electrical stimulation cycling (FES-Cycling). \*Significantly different between PROM and FES-Cycling; †significantly different between passive cycle-ergometry and FES-Cycling; ‡significantly different between quadriceps electrical stimulation and FES-Cycling



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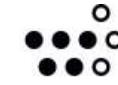


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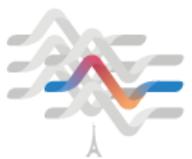


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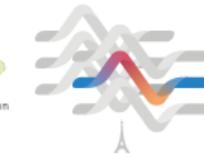
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## Acute effect of passive cycle-ergometry and functional electrical stimulation on nitrosative stress and inflammatory cytokines in mechanically ventilated critically ill patients: a randomized controlled trial



4 groups:

Control

**PCE** = Passive cycle-ergometry (20min, 30 cpm)

**FES** = Functional electrical stimulation (20min)

**FES + PCE** (20min+20min)

**Table S1.** Nitric oxide (NO) production in stimulated (C+) and non-stimulated (C-) monocytes assessed before and after applying the study protocol to the four groups.

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Nitric oxide	Groups							
	Control (n=10)		FES (n=9)		FES + PCE (n=7)		PCE (n=9)	
	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
NO (C+) ( $\mu$ M)	10.78 ± 10.6	11.51 ± 12.4	8.19 ± 6.4	6.96 ± 5.4	12.95 ± 6.1	13.60 ± 7.1	20.82 ± 16.2	17.72 ± 16.7
	P=0.3123		P=0.0188*		P=0.2644		P=0.0002*	
NO (C-) ( $\mu$ M)	10.30 ± 9.9	11.84 ± 13.2	8.64 ± 6.7	7.49 ± 5.6	14.12 ± 8.5	15.25 ± 9.2	29.90 ± 23.7	18.72 ± 19.6
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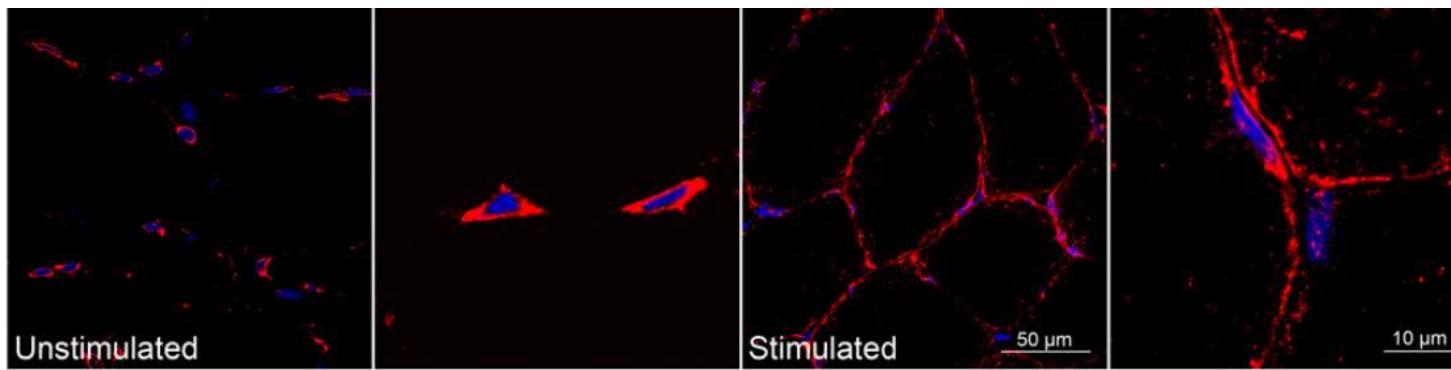
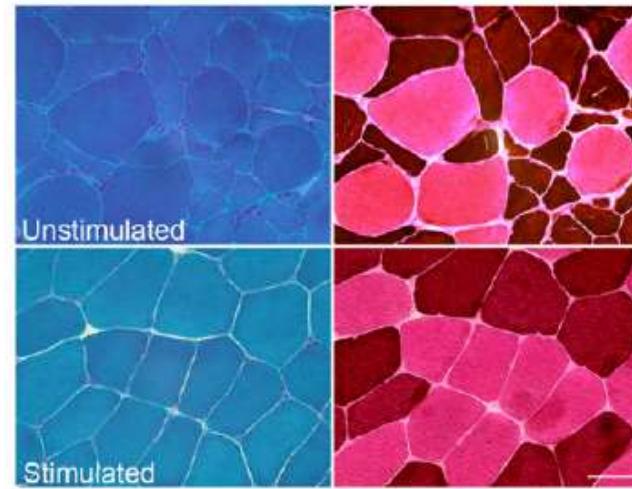
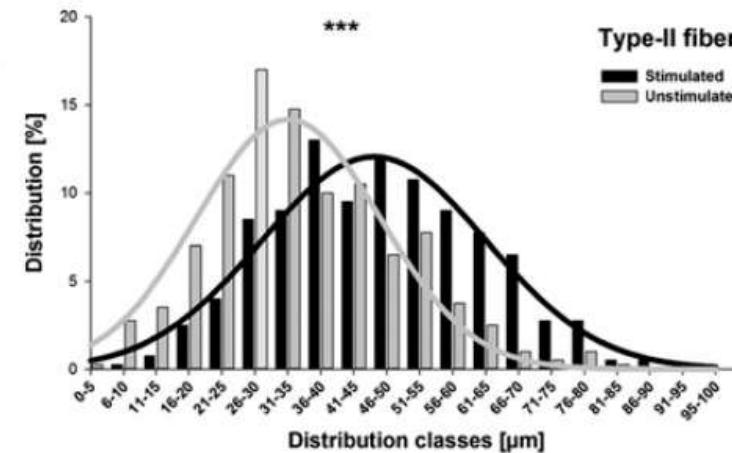
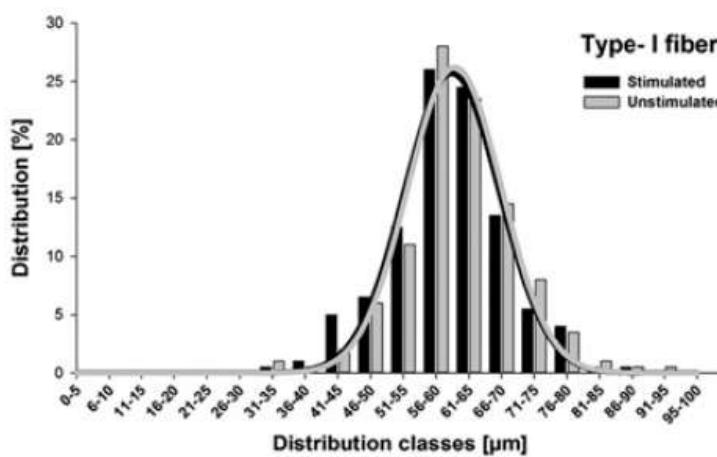


# Critical Illness Myopathy and GLUT4

Significance of Insulin and Muscle Contraction

## Electrical muscle stimulation

n=4, ARDS and sepsis



(GLUT4, red; nuclei, blue)

EMS may:

- Diminish protein breakdown
- Prevent muscle-specific AMPK failure
- Restore GLUT4 disposition

# Resistance training + NMES



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

**Neuromuscular electrical stimulation resistance training enhances oxygen uptake and ventilatory efficiency independent of mitochondrial complexes after spinal cord injury: a randomized clinical trial**

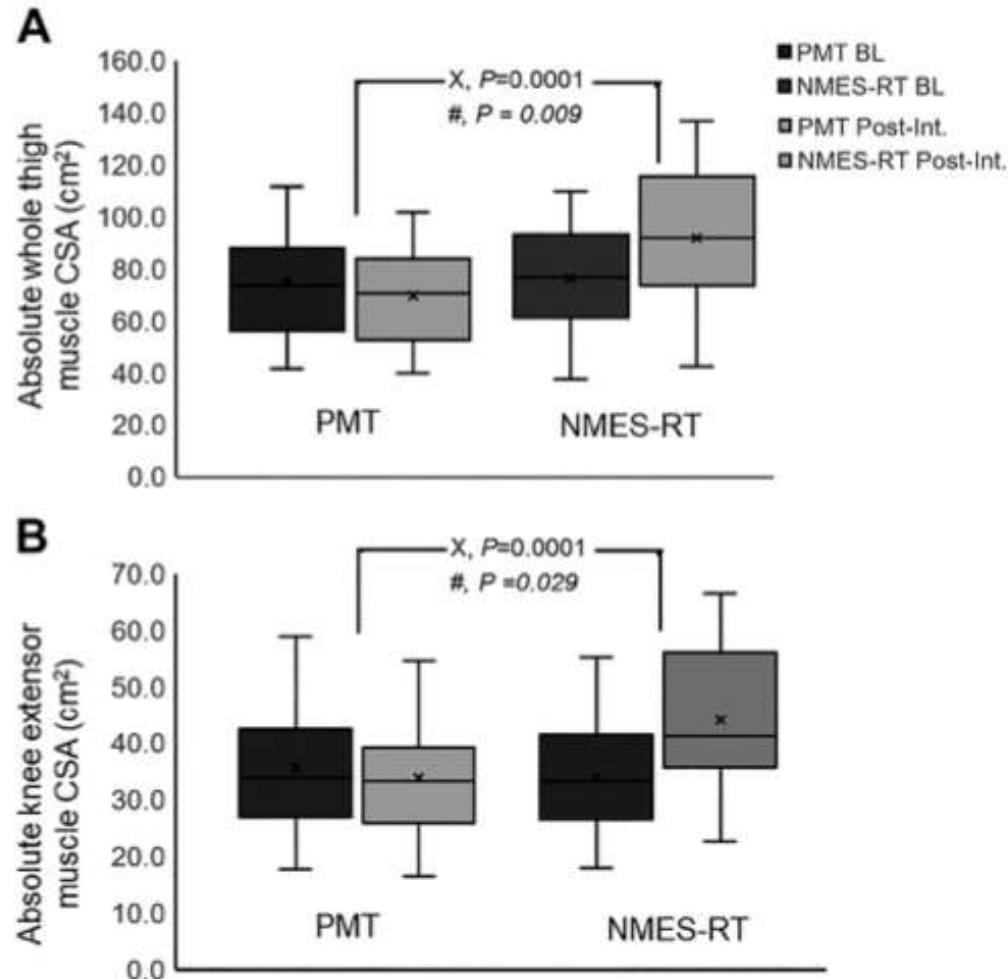
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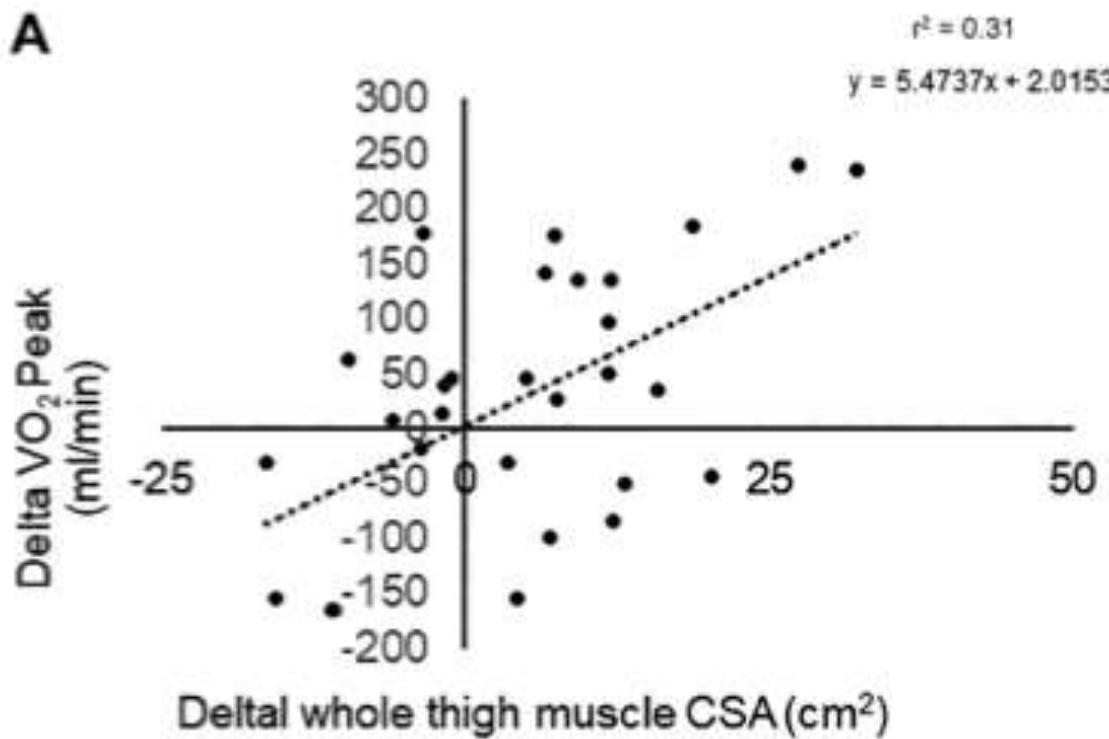
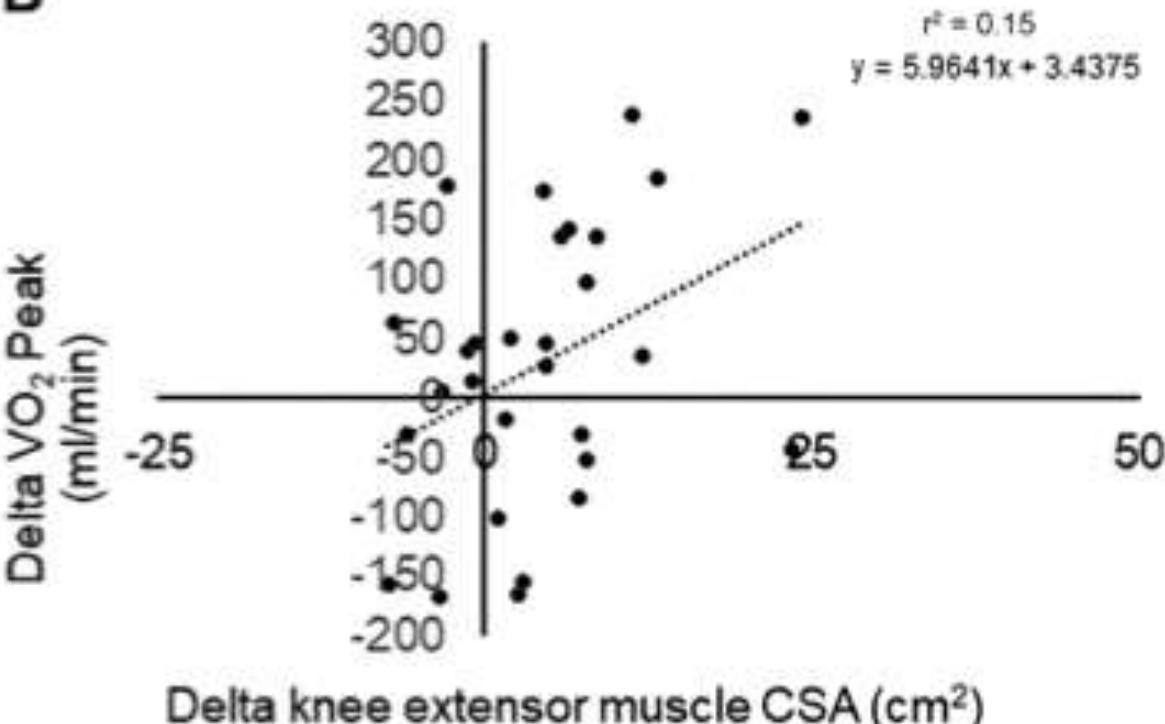
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**Figure 1.** Distribution of muscle cross-sectional area (means  $\pm$  SD) during baseline (BL) and postintervention (postint.) for both the PMT and NMES-RT groups for thigh muscle CSA (A) and knee extensor muscle CSA (B) in persons with SCI. CSA, cross-sectional area; NMES-RT, neuromuscular electrical stimulation-resistance training; PMT, passive movement training; SCI, spinal cord injury.

## Resistance training + NMES

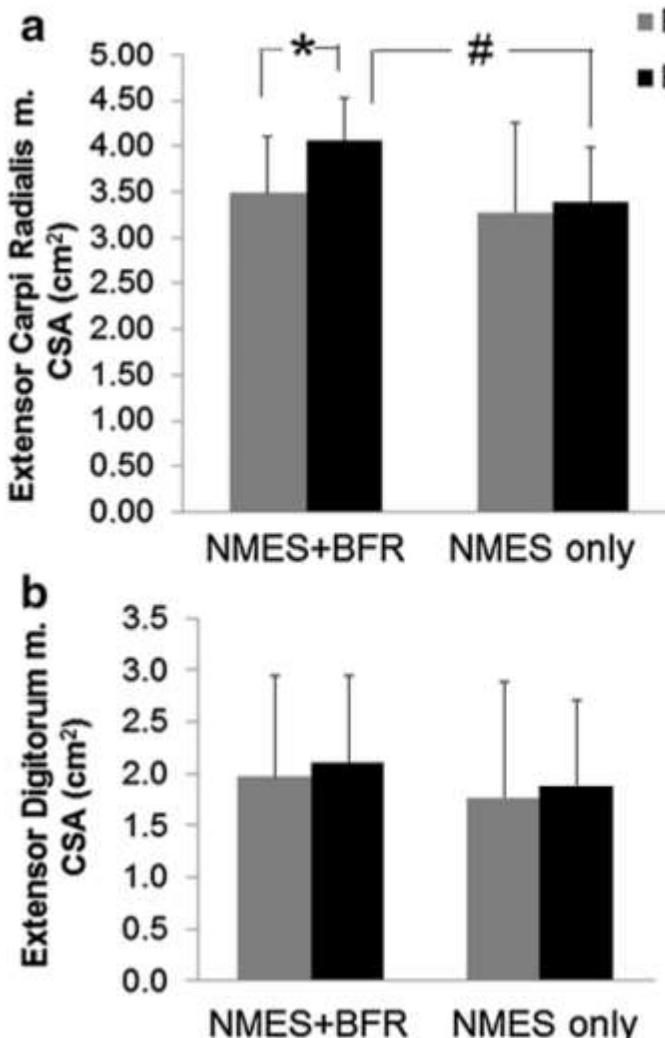
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**Figure 3.** Relationships between changes in  $\dot{V}O_2$  with respect to changes in thigh and knee extensor muscle CSAs at the start and end of training for both PMT and NMES-RT groups.  $\Delta\dot{V}O_2$  vs.  $\Delta$ thigh muscle CSA (A) and  $\Delta\dot{V}O_2$  vs.  $\Delta$ knee extensor muscle CSA (B).  $\dot{V}O_2$ , postintervention  $\dot{V}O_2$  - baseline  $\dot{V}O_2$ ;  $\Delta$ thigh muscle CSA, postintervention thigh muscle CSA - baseline thigh muscle CSA;  $\Delta$ knee extensor muscle CSA, postintervention knee extensor muscle CSA - baseline knee extensor muscle CSA; CSA, cross-sectional area; NMES-RT, neuromuscular electrical stimulation-resistance training; PMT, passive movement training;  $\dot{V}O_2$ , oxygen uptake.



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# BFR + NEMS



9 spinal cord injury patients

The increase in endothelial-dependent nitric oxide secretion with BFR may likely contribute to skeletal muscle hypertrophy and improvement in FMD in persons with SCI.

Flow mediated dilatation

Spinal cord injury

6 weeks of training, twice weekly for 30 min

**Fig. 1** Changes in skeletal muscle CSAs of ECRL and EDC following 6 weeks of training using NMES+BFR or NMES alone. \* Statistical significance in ERCL CSA from pre-training to post-training; # statistical significance in ERCL between NMES+BFR and NMES alone following 6 weeks of training

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# USE OF NEUROMUSCULAR ELECTRICAL STIMULATION TO PRESERVE THE THICKNESS OF ABDOMINAL AND CHEST MUSCLES OF CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS: A RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIAL



**Fig. 2.** Representative image of the positioning of electrodes on the straight muscles of the abdomen and chest to perform the protocol.

**n = 11 patients EMS + conventional PT**

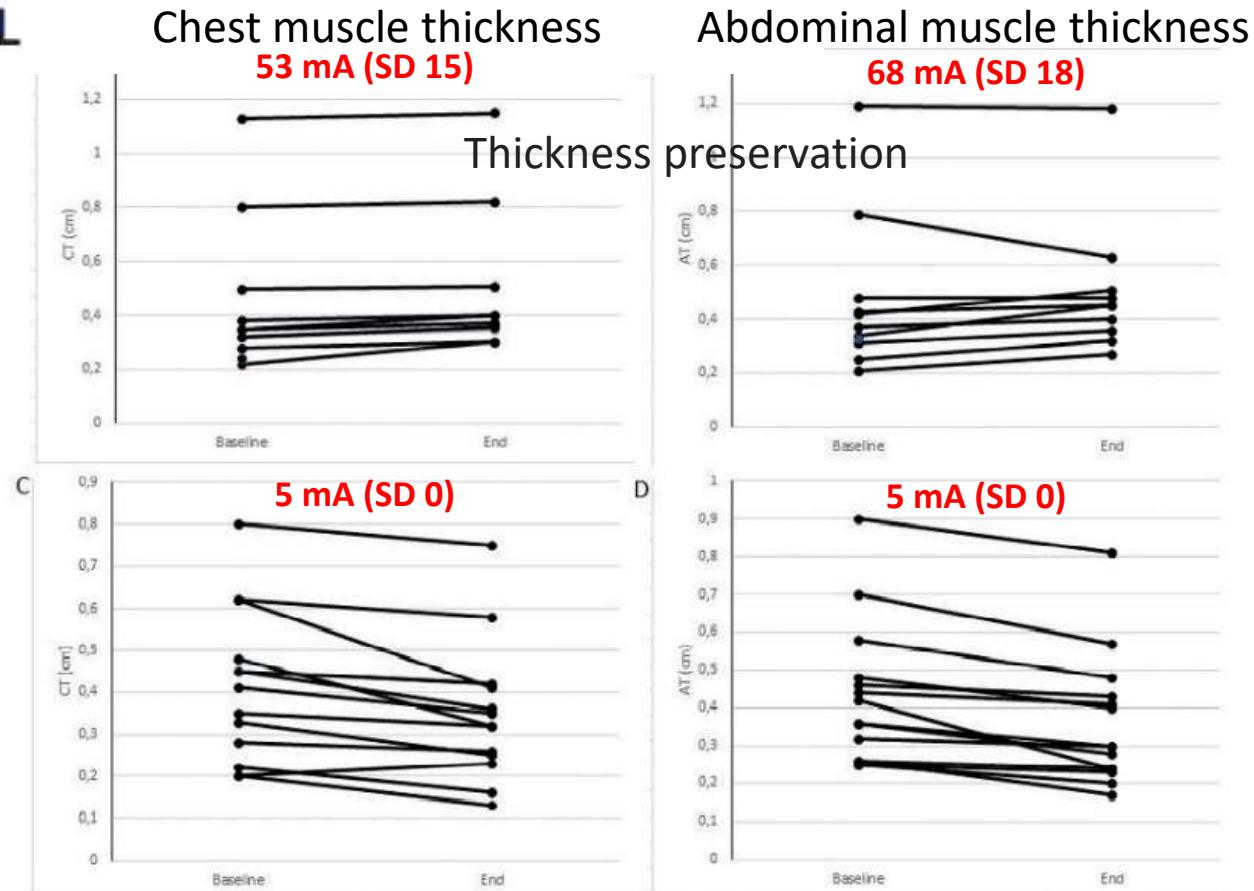
**n = 14 patients sham + conventional PT**

For ~5 days, 1 x 30 min

From first 48 h of MV

Intervention Group

Control Group



**Fig. 4.** Individual behaviour of the thickness of chest and abdominal muscles at baseline and at the end of the study for each group. (A) Variation in chest muscle thickness (CT) in the intervention group. (B) Variation in abdominal muscle thickness (AT) in the intervention group. (C) Variation of CT in the control group. (D) Variation of AT in the control group.

↓ in length of stay in the ICU  
= MV duration

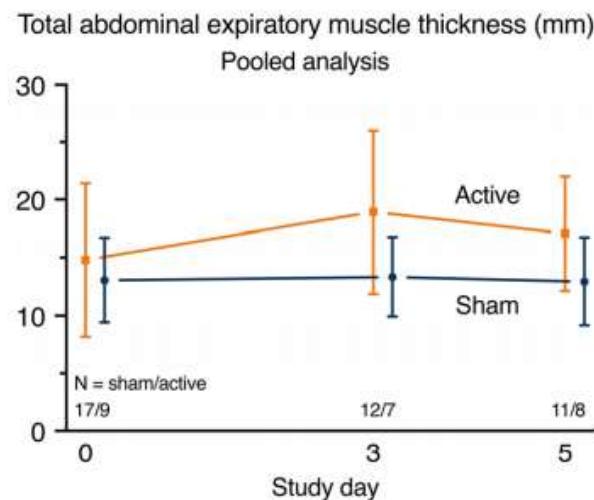
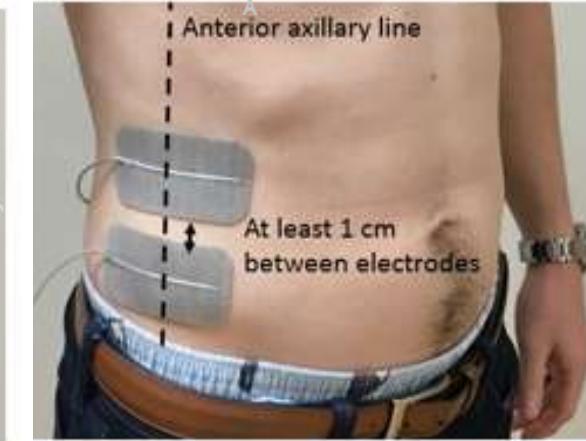
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# Breath-synchronized electrical stimulation of the expiratory muscles in mechanically ventilated patients: a randomized controlled feasibility study and pooled analysis

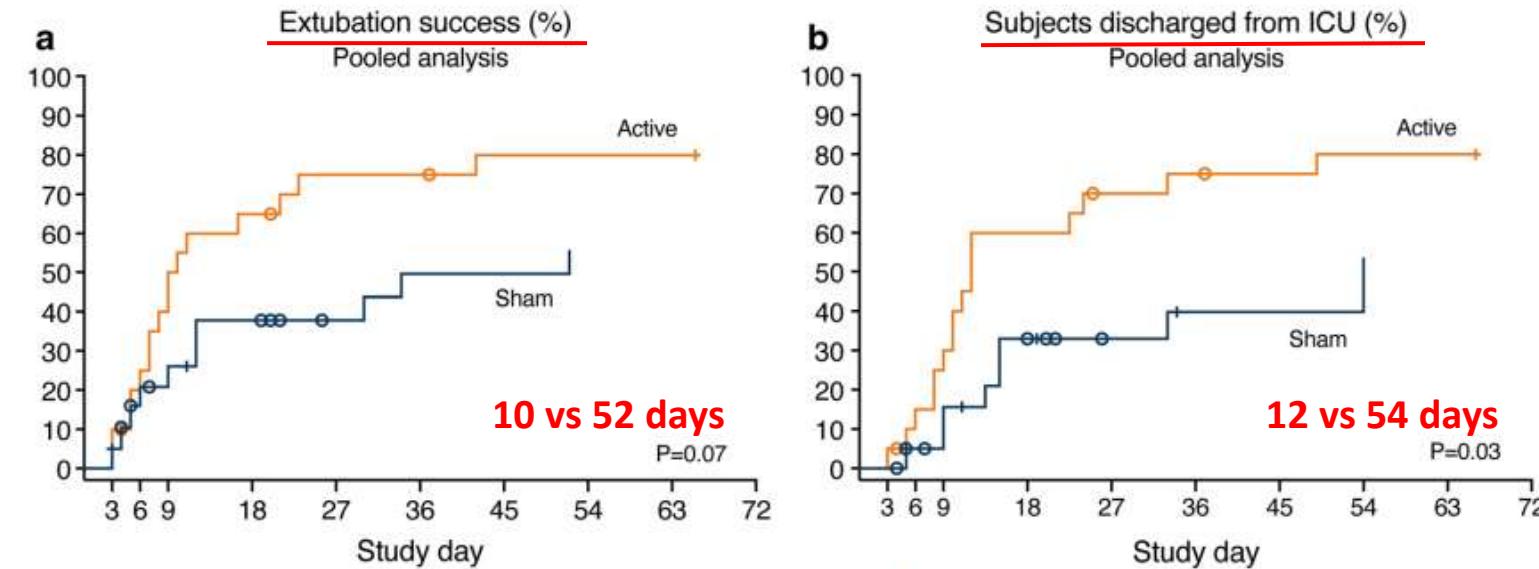
n = 10 patients= **breath-synchronized EMS** (60-100mA)

n = 10 patients= sham (10mA)

expiratory muscle FES (30 min, twice daily, 5 days/week until weaned)



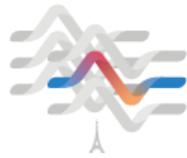
**Fig. 3** Pooled results for total abdominal expiratory muscle thickness changes over the first 5 days after randomization. On day 3, changes from baseline were different between groups as per a linear mixed model analysis ( $P=0.02$ ). Data represent the absolute means  $\pm$  standard deviation



**Fig. 4** Pooled results on clinical endpoints. **a** Pooled results on extubation success. **b** Pooled results on ICU length of stay.  $P$  values are based on Gray's test. Cumulative event rates were estimated based on competing risk analysis, with the competing risks of death or withdrawal of ICU treatment (e.g., ventilator support) with the intention of subsequent death. Symbols: o for competing events; + for censored data



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# Electrical muscle stimulation prevents critical illness polyneuromyopathy: a randomized parallel intervention trial

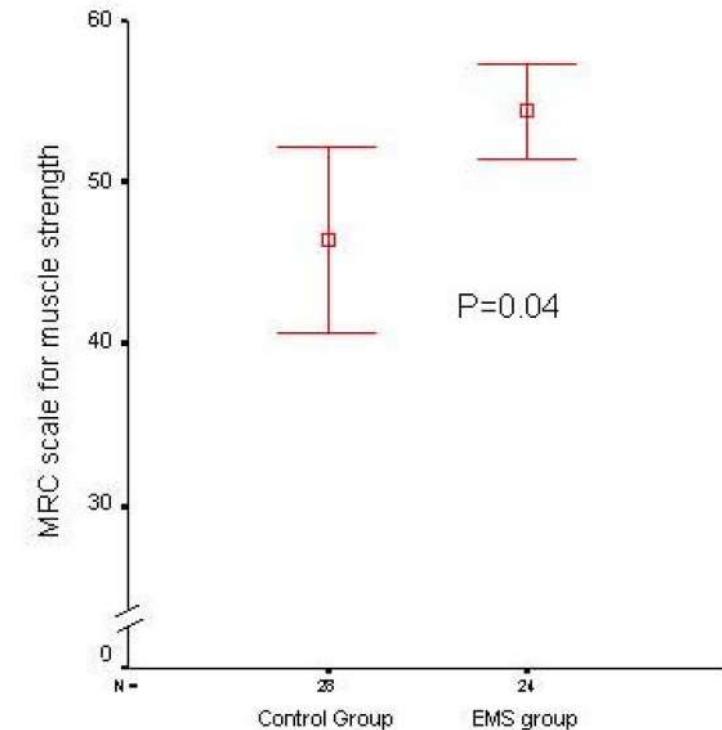
n= 52 ICU patients (APACHEII>13)

n= 24 in the EMS group

n= 28 in the control group.

**EMS 55 min daily (from day-2 to ICU discharge)**

- Higher MRC score at discharge
- Shorter weaning period
- Prevents the development of CIPNM



**Table 2: Diagnosis of CIPNM in patients assigned to the EMS group as compared with patients assigned to the control group ( $P = 0.04$ )**

	EMS group (n) (%)	Control group (n) (%)	Total
CIPNM	3 (12.5) <small>(OR = 0.22; CI: 0.05 to 0.92, P = 0.04).</small>	11 (39.3)	14
No CIPNM	21 (87.5)	17 (60.7)	38
Total	24	28	52

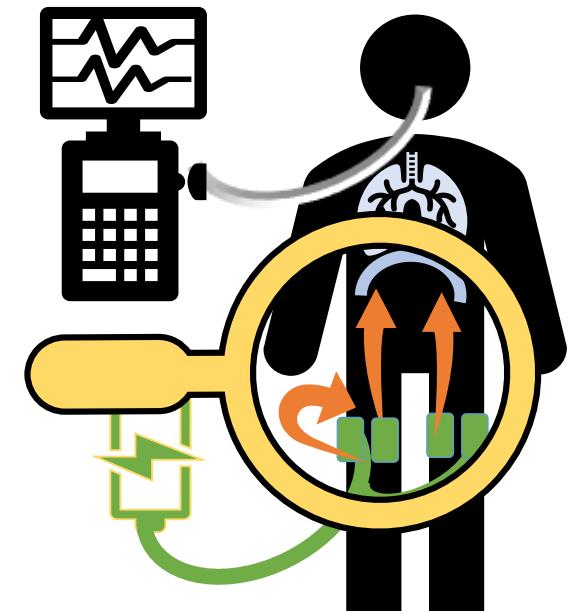
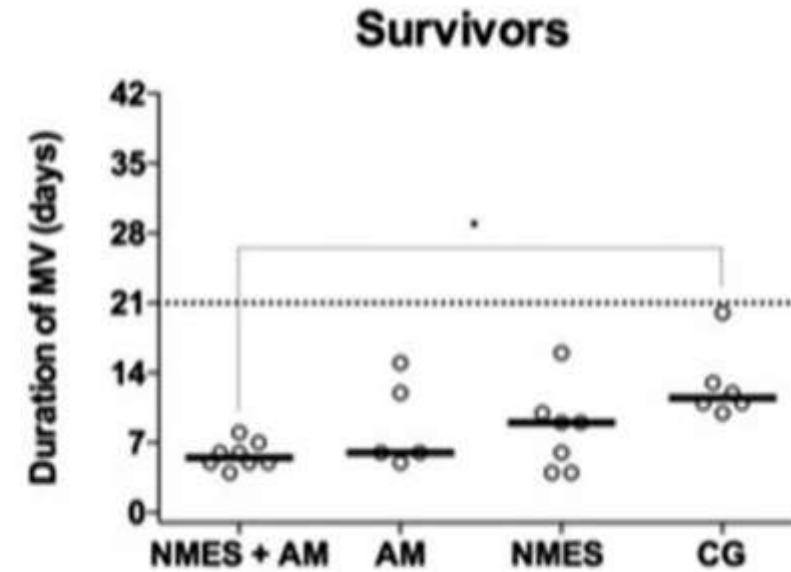
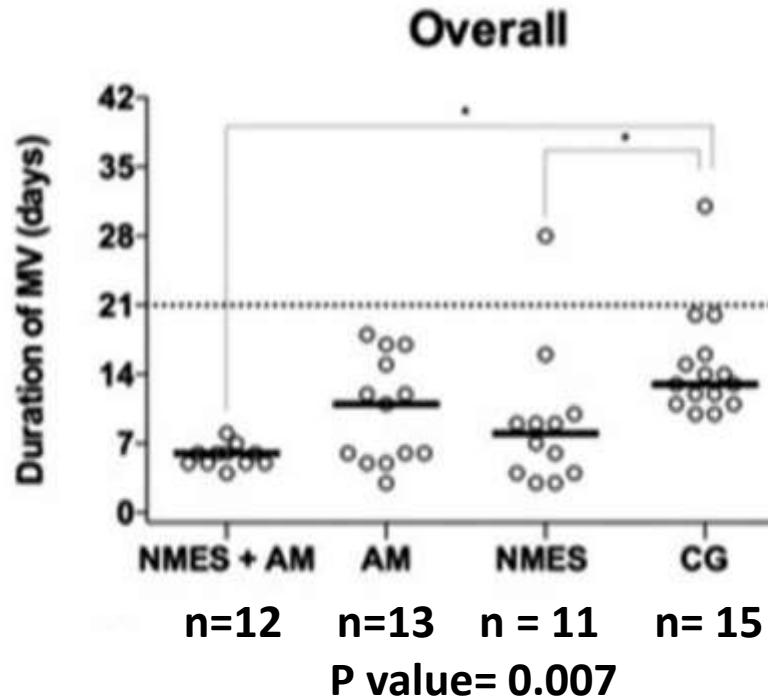
CIPNM, critical illness polyneuromyopathy; EMS, electrical muscle stimulation.

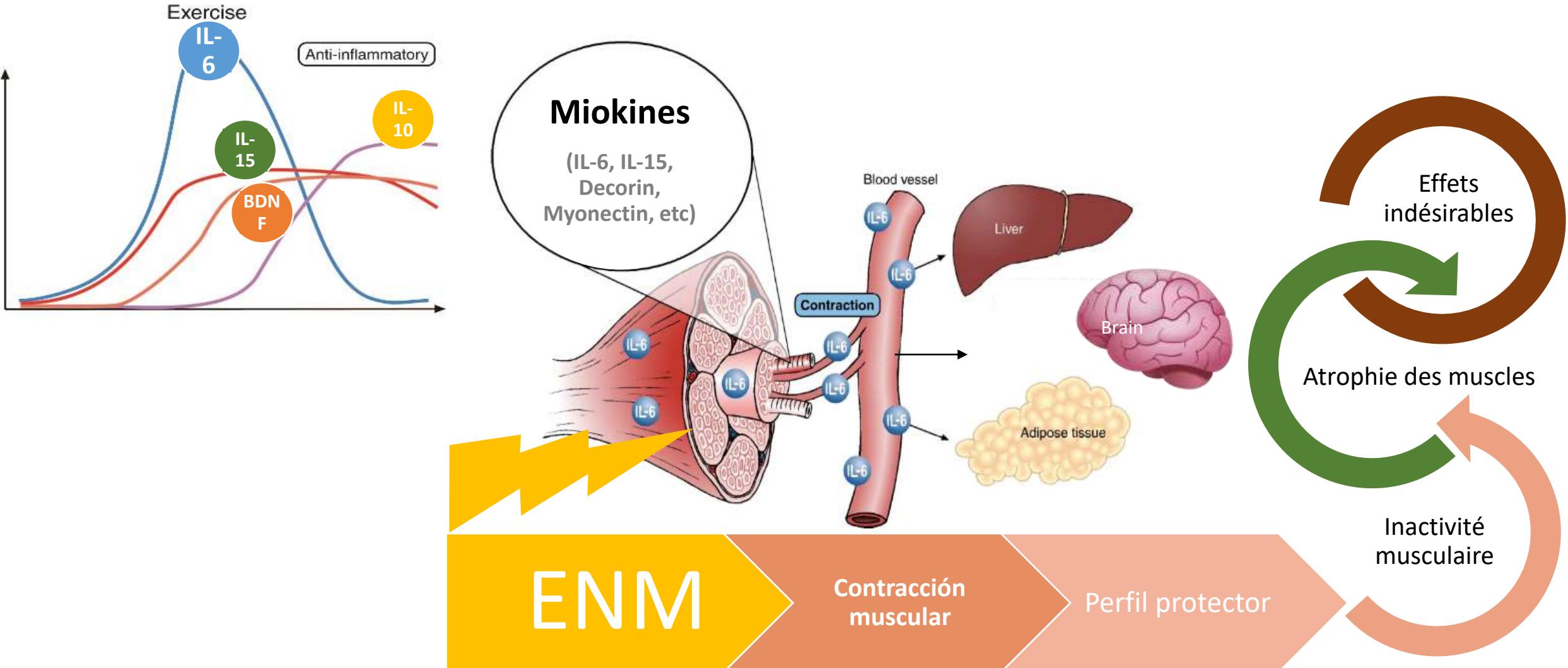
**Figure 2** Difference in the MRC scale for muscle strength between patients assigned to the EMS group as compared with patients assigned to the control group (mean  $\pm$  2 standard errors).  $P = 0.04$ . EMS, electrical muscle stimulation; MRC, Medical Research Council.



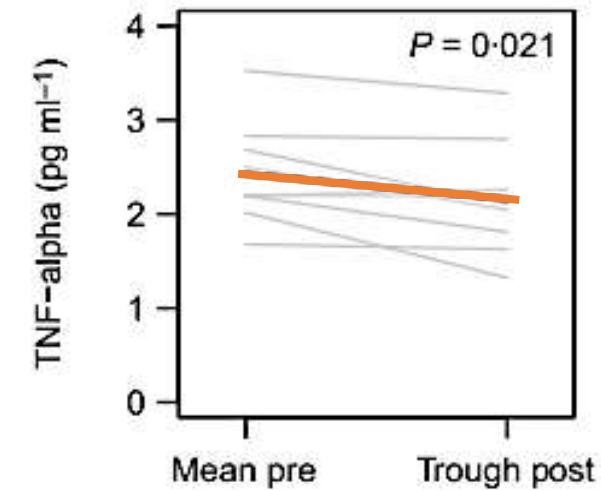
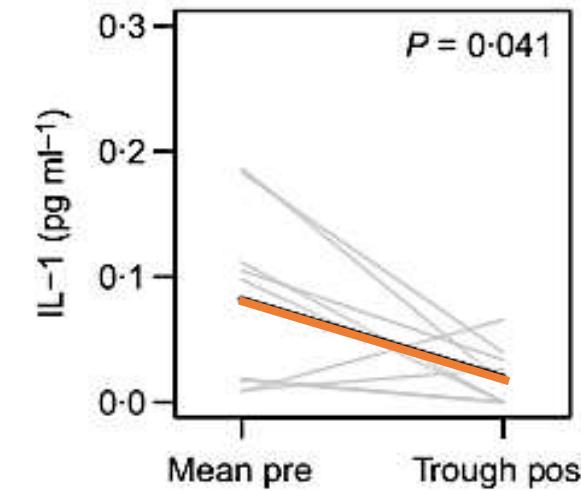
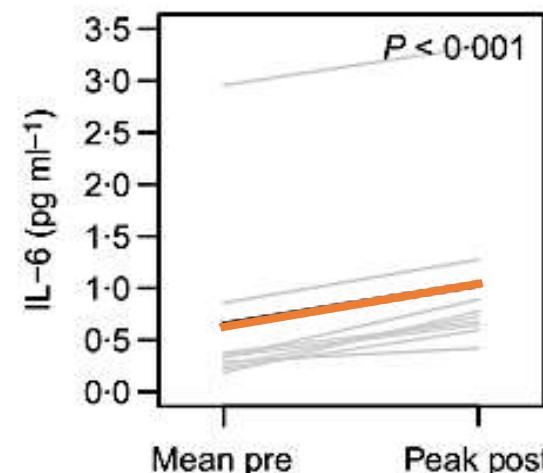
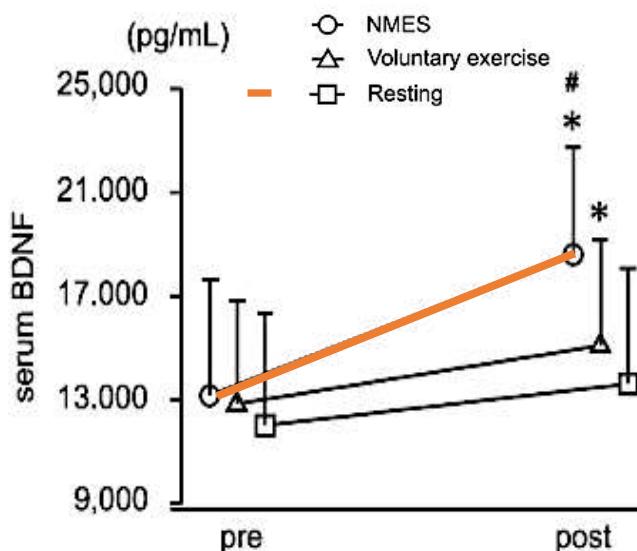
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# Effet systémique antiinflammatoire (sujets sains)



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	FES (n=16) (mean $\pm$ SD)	Controls (n=8) (mean $\pm$ SD)	P value between groups
TNF- $\alpha$ (pg/ml)			
Before	7.75 $\pm$ 1.97	7.74 $\pm$ 2.07	0.972
After	6.39 $\pm$ 1.50	7.90 $\pm$ 1.98	
P value within groups	0.007	0.624	
IL-6 (pg/ml)			
Before	5.64 $\pm$ 1.25	8.23 $\pm$ 3.03	0.045
After	5.46 $\pm$ 1.20	8.41 $\pm$ 3.20	
P value within groups	0.554	0.799	

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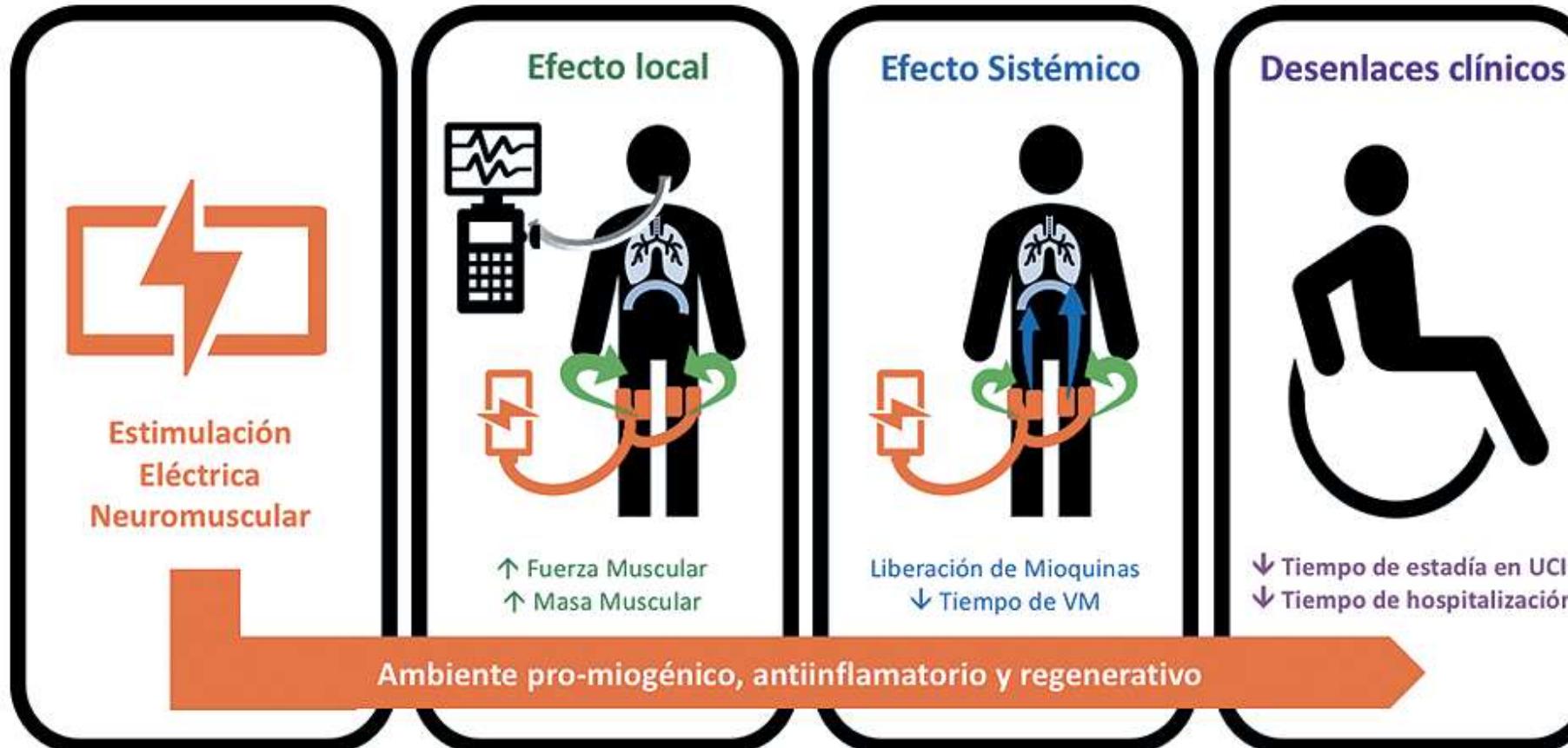


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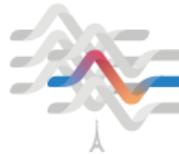
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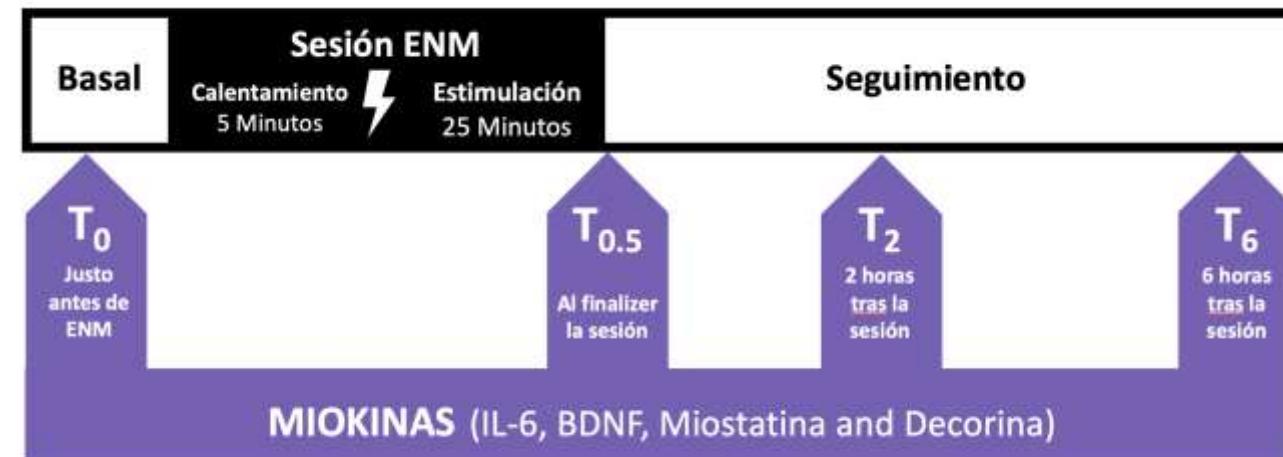
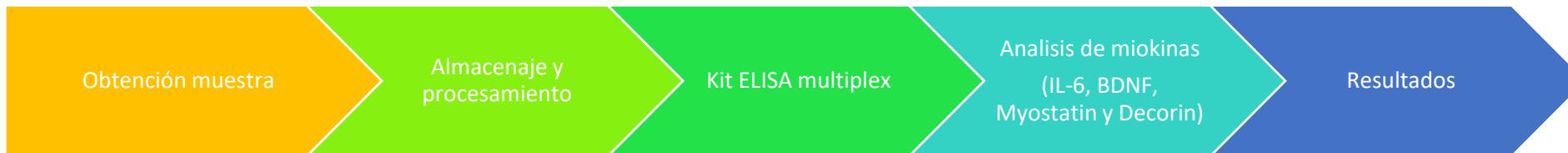
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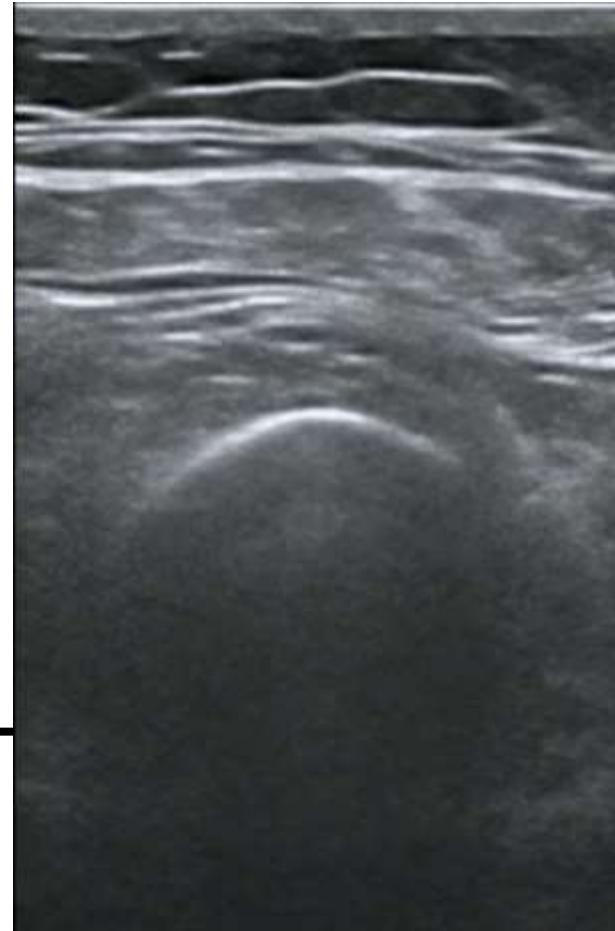
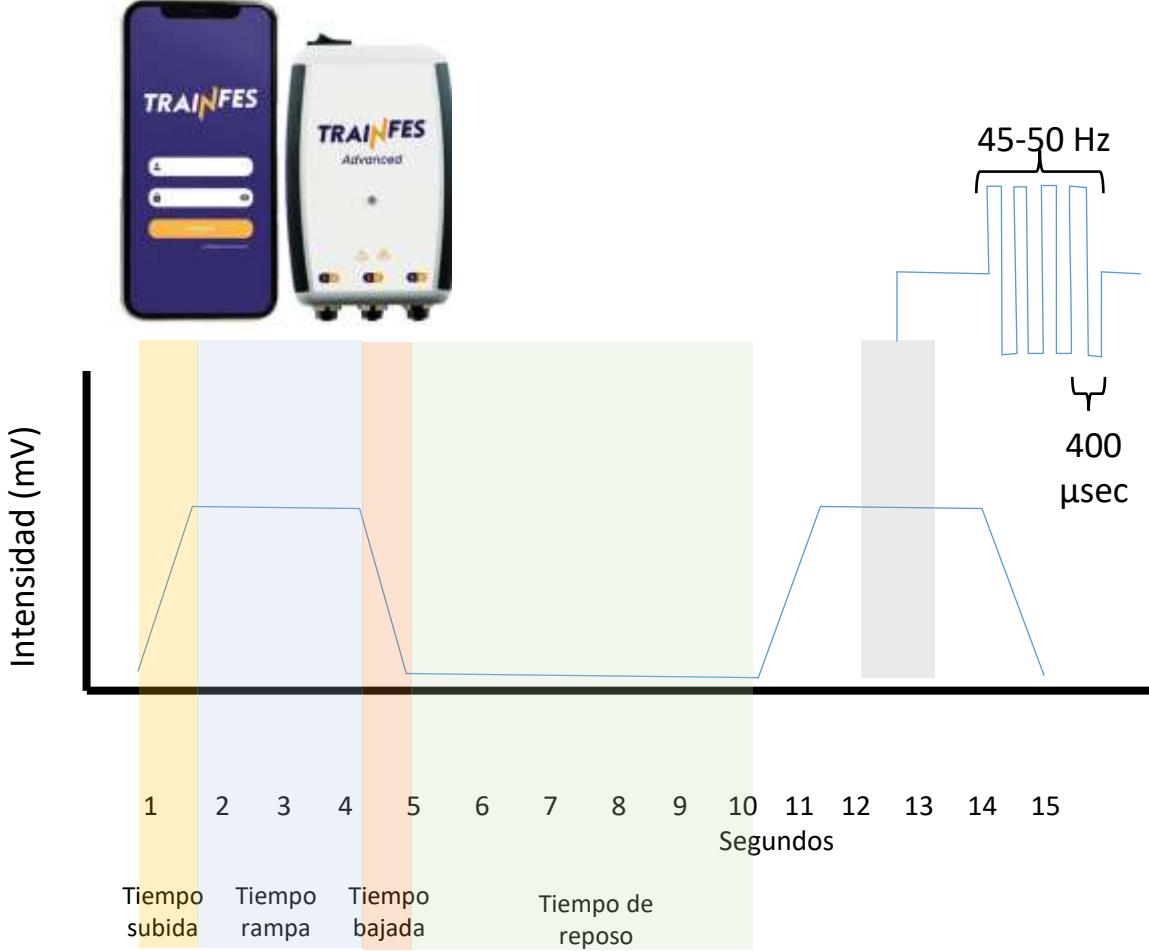


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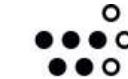
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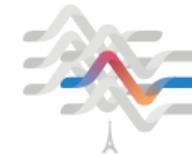
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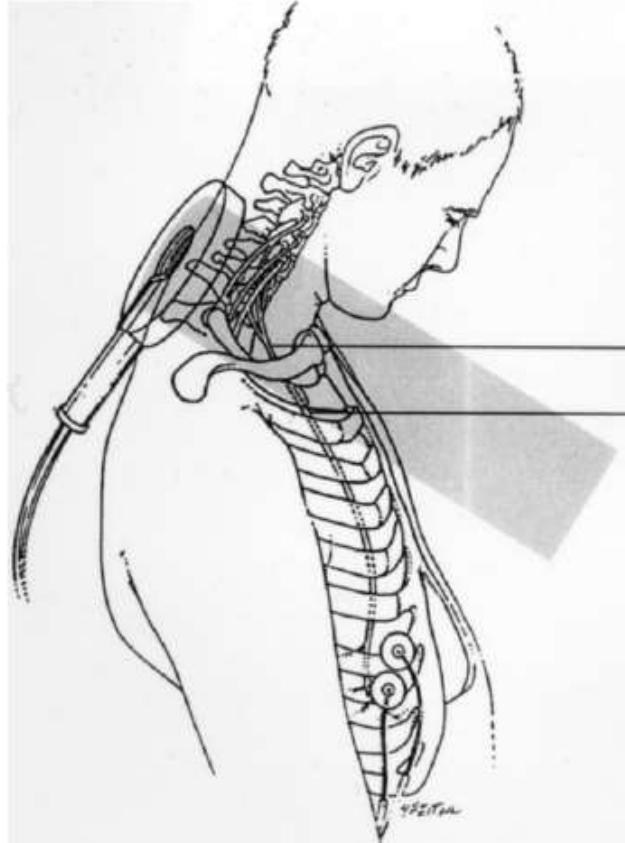


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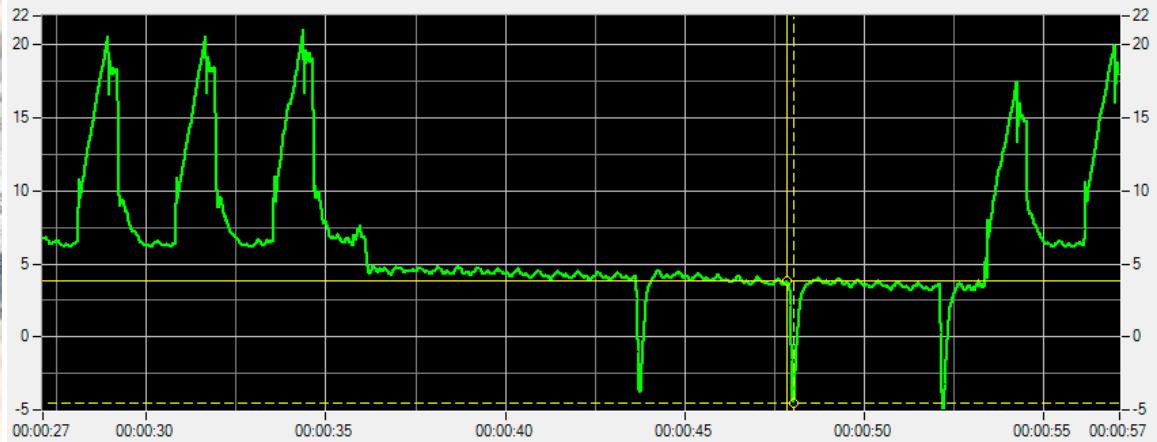
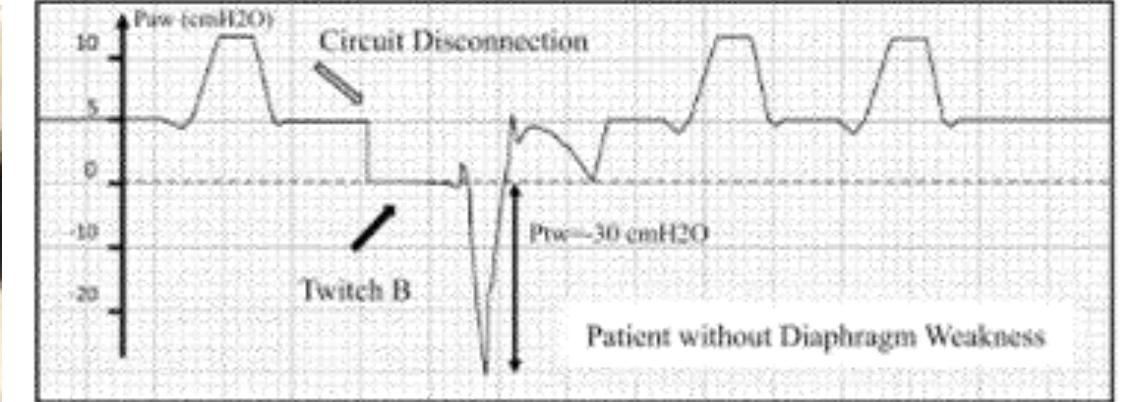


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## Medición de Presión traqueal (Ptr,tw).





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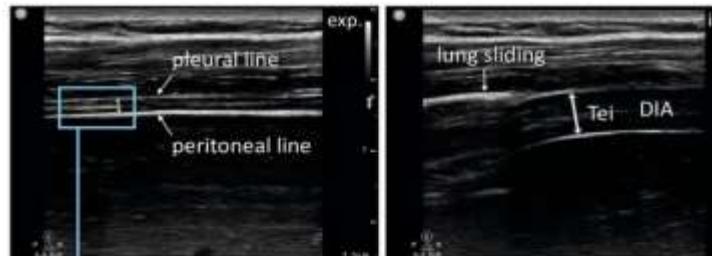
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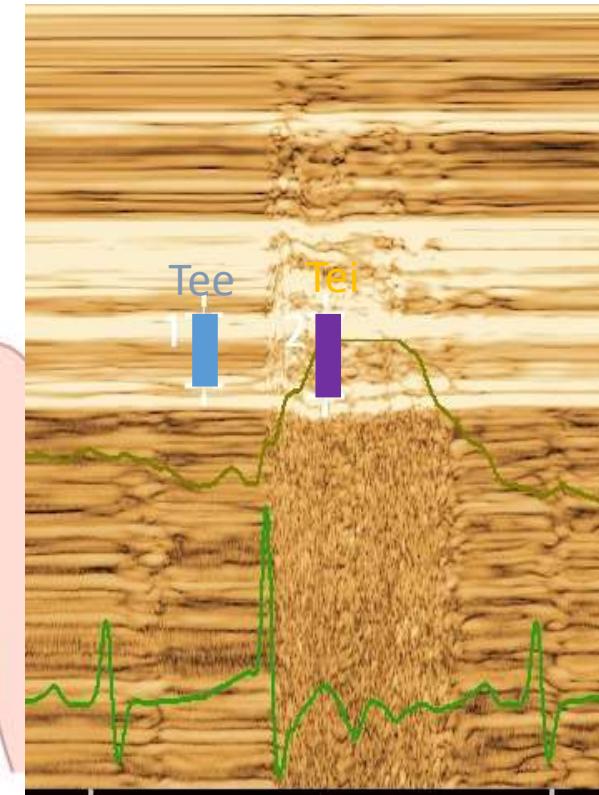
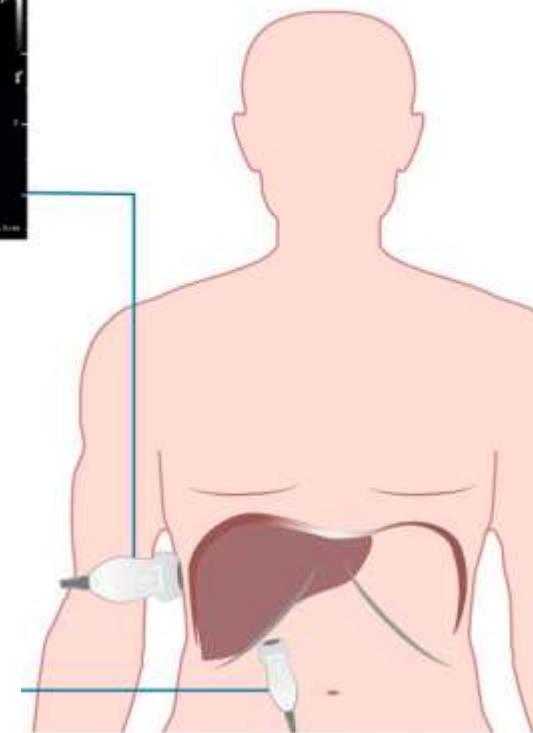
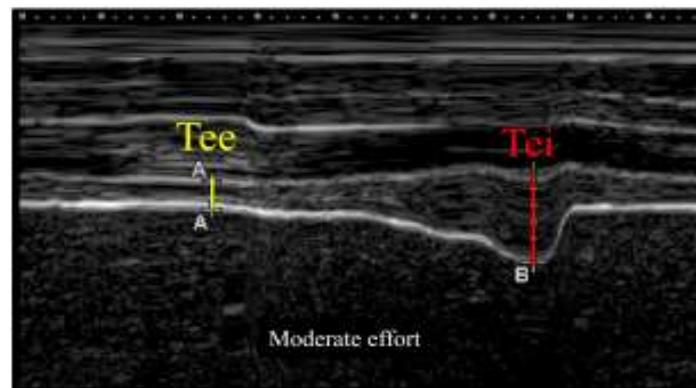
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## Medición de la fracción de engrosamiento diafrágmático twitch (Tfdi).



$$\text{Fracción de engrosamiento Tfdi} = (\text{Tee-Tei} / \text{Tee}) \times 100$$

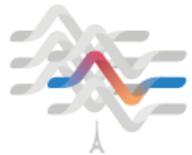


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