

CAP TRIAL

Dear Peter:

Remember, we were going to create a shortlist of important questions for future joint trials? Well, here is one potential candidate:



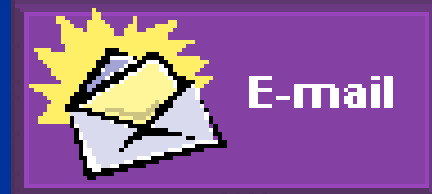
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I was just browsing through the neonatal Cochrane website... I was absolutely horrified to see how few infants have ever been randomized to theophylline or caffeine,



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and that all we know



is that these drugs reduce short-term apnea.

I did not honestly know that the evidence was quite this flimsy.

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METHYLYXANTHINE THERAPY IN PRETERM INFANTS

Total no. of infants
randomized to a
methylxanthine
(17 trials)

267

Median no. per trial

14

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Duration of follow-up in 17 RCTs

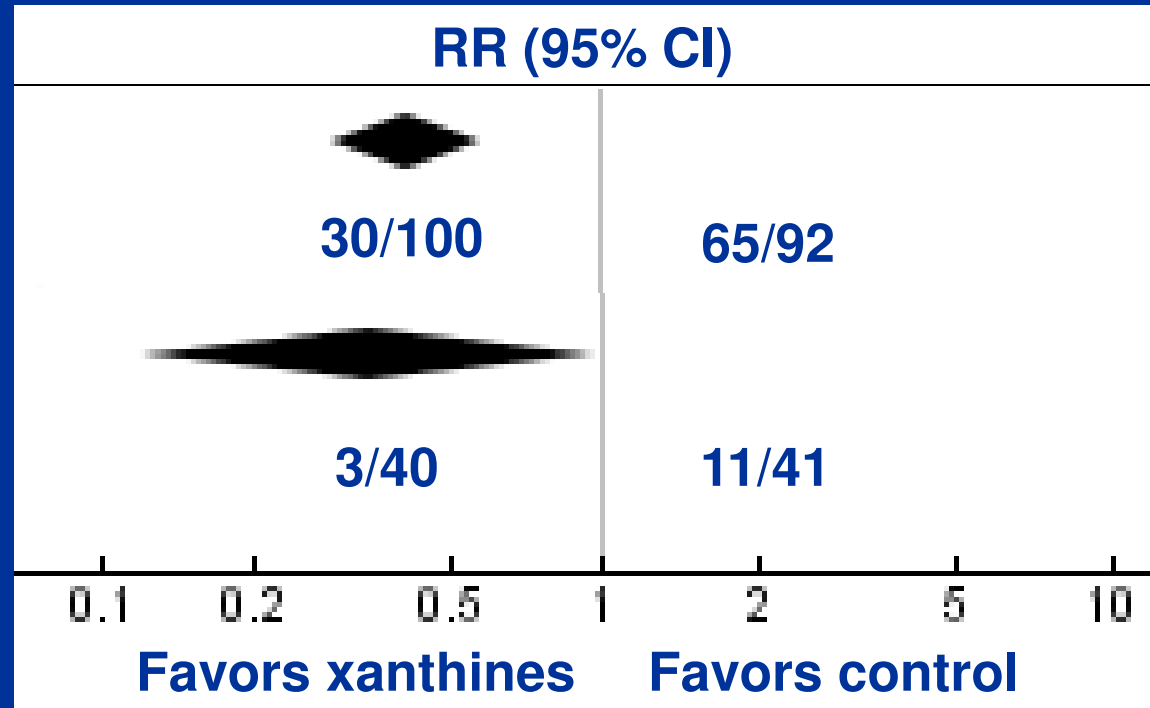
7 days

Median

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Methylxanthines reduce:

- Apnea of prematurity
- Mechanical ventilation



Safety of xanthine therapy is uncertain

Survival of 3 - 9 day old mice exposed to nitrogen

Aminophylline

0 of 16
0%

Control

10 of 16
63%

Science 1978; 201: 649-51

MAIN STUDY QUESTION

P Among very-low-birth-weight infants who are at risk of apnea of prematurity,

I does the use of caffeine

C compared with placebo

O increase the risk of death or neurosensory disability

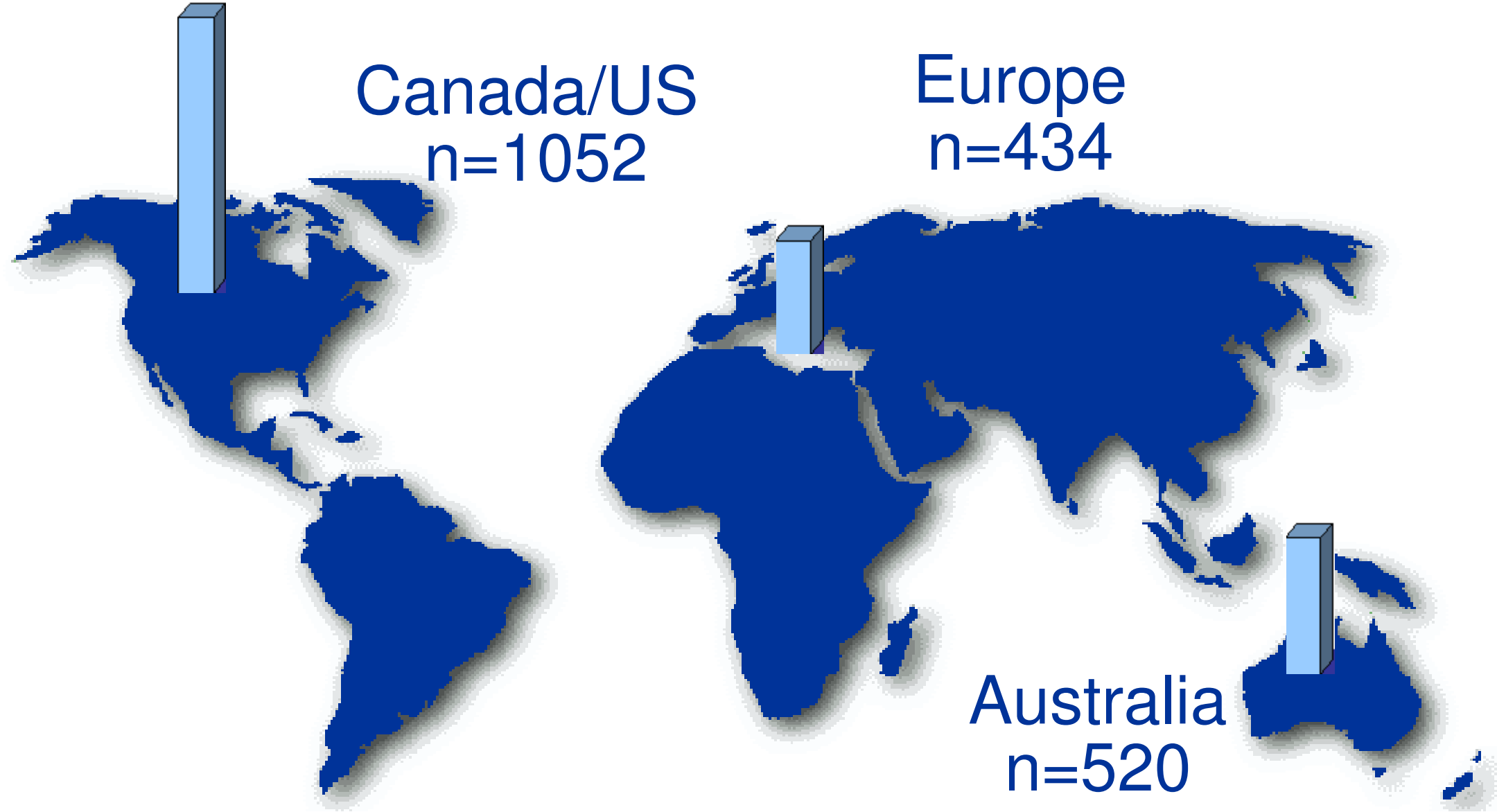
T at a corrected age of 18 months

PATIENT ACCRUAL

Canada/US
n=1052

Europe
n=434

Australia
n=520



Short Term Outcomes of the Caffeine Trial

Outcome	Caffeine n/N	Placebo n/N	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
BPD	350/963	447/954	
Severe ROP	49/965	75/955*	
Brain injury	126/967	138/966	
NEC	63/1006	67/1000	
PDA drug Tx	293/1001	381/999	
PDA surgery	45/1001	126/999	

NEJM 2006;354:2112 and *2007;357:1893

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Favours Caffeine Favours Placebo

18-Months Outcomes of the Caffeine Trial

Outcome	Caffeine n/N	Placebo n/N	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
Death or disability	377/937	431/932	0.75 (0.62, 0.90)
Death	62/974	63/970	0.95 (0.75, 1.20)
Cerebral Palsy	40/909	66/901	0.55 (0.40, 0.75)
Cognitive delay	293/867	329/858	0.80 (0.65, 0.98)
Hearing loss	17/909	22/905	0.75 (0.55, 1.00)
Blindness	6/911	8/905	0.75 (0.40, 1.40)

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**2008 SCT/IMPACT
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**Long Term Effects of Caffeine
for Apnea of Prematurity Trial
PI: Barbara Schmidt, MD, MSc**

In recognition of a landmark randomized clinical trial
to improve the lives of premature infants.

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Caffeine for Apnea of Prematurity (CAP) Trial: Outcomes at 5 Years



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Primary Outcome at 5 Years

Death or survival with disability in at least 1 of 6 domains:

- Motor Function
- Cognition
- Behaviour

- General Health
- Hearing
- Vision

Definitions of Disability

- Gross Motor Function level > 2
- WPPSI III Full Scale IQ < 70
- CBCL Total Problem T score > 69
- O₂, pos. pressure, frequent seizures, IV or tube feeding, or ICU admission
- Serious hearing loss
- Bilateral blindness

1932 Children in 5 Year Cohort

970 caffeine

962 placebo

833
(86%)

807
(84%)

Primary Outcome

Characteristics of 5 Year Cohort

Infant	Caffeine	Placebo	P-value
BW - g	965 ±184	953 ±181	0.17
GA - wks	27.4 ±1.8	27.3 ±1.8	0.16
Female	51%	46%	0.07
Antenatal Steroids	89%	88%	0.31
Singleton	71%	70%	0.45

Characteristics of 5 Year Cohort

Mother	Caffeine	Placebo	P-value
Race			0.80
White	84%	82%	
Education			0.86
University	39%	38%	
Family			0.80
Single	9.9%	8.9%	
Employed	92%	94%	0.15

Death or Disability at 5 Years

Caffeine

176 of 833

21.1%

Placebo

200 of 807

24.8%

OR = 0.82 95% CI 0.65-1.03 p = 0.09

Disabilities at 5 years

Infant	Caffeine	Placebo	P-value
GMFCS>2	1.6%	2.7%	0.20
FSIQ<70	4.9%	5.1%	0.89
CBCCL>69	5.4%	7.1%	0.18
Poor Health	4.0%	4.3%	0.75
Deafness	2.8%	3.2%	0.58
Blindness	0.9%	0.9%	0.94

Cognitive Impairment in the 5 Year Cohort

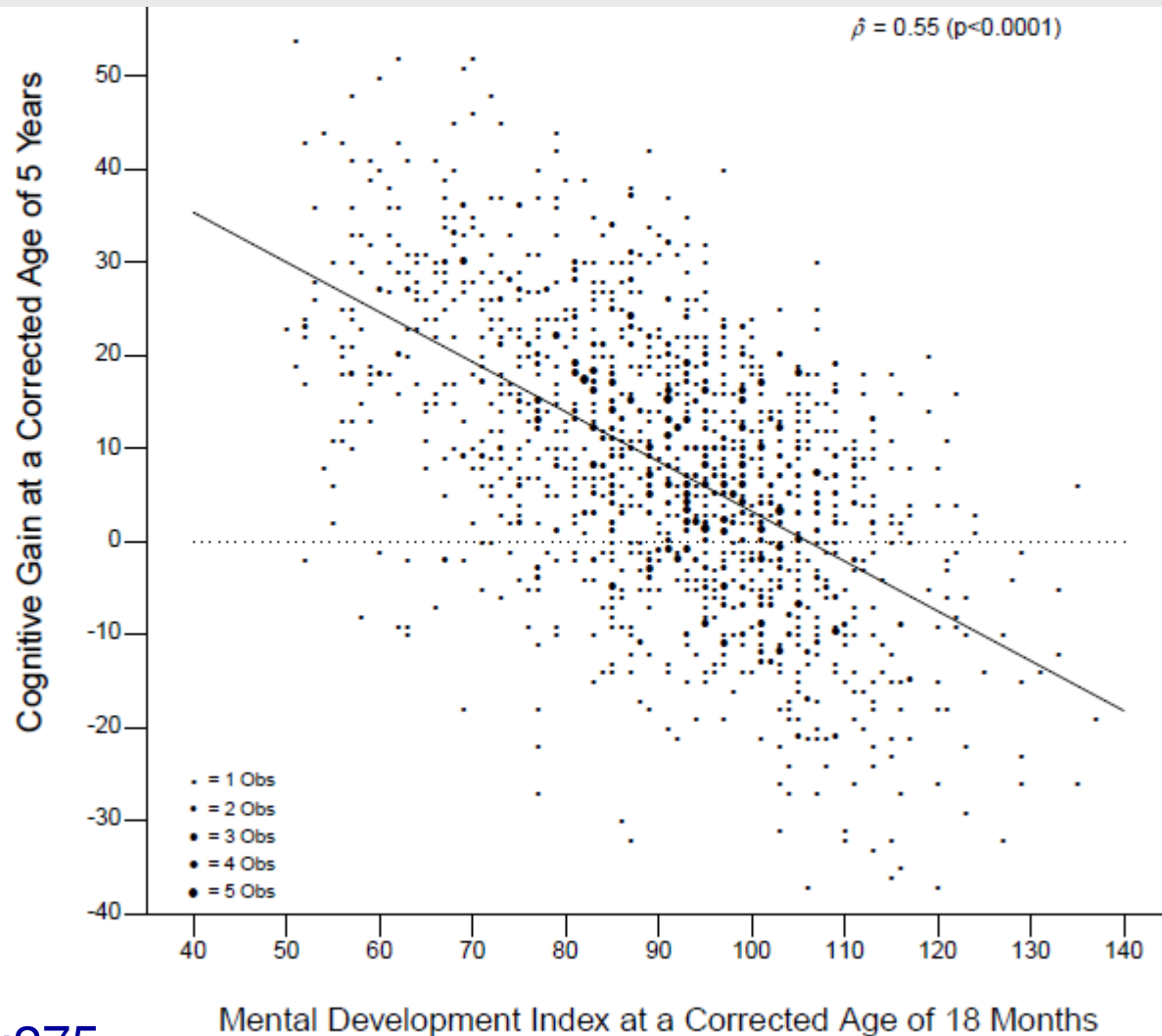
Outcome	Caffeine	Placebo	P-value
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MDI < 85	31%	37%	0.03
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MDI < 70	12%	16%	0.02
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FSIQ < 70	4.9%	5.1%	0.89
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Relationship between MDI at 18 months and gain in cognitive scores between 18 months and 5 years



Conclusion I

The rates of cognitive impairment were lower at 5 years than at 18 months and no longer reduced by neonatal caffeine therapy

Gross Motor Function (GMFCS)

Level	Caffeine	Placebo	P-value
Normal	91%	86%	0.006
1	7.0%	10.1%	
2	0.7%	1.0%	
3	0.6%	0.6%	
4	0.5%	1.3%	
5	0.5%	0.8%	



Reduction in Developmental Coordination Disorder with Neonatal Caffeine Therapy

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Objective To determine the effect of neonatal caffeine treatment on rates of developmental coordination disorder (DCD).

Study design Children in the Caffeine for Apnea of Prematurity trial were assessed for motor performance (Movement Assessment Battery for Children [MABC]), clinical signs of cerebral palsy, and Full-Scale IQ at 5 years of age

Definition of DCD in CAP Trial

Movement ABC < 5th Percentile

Full scale IQ > 69

No cerebral palsy

Rates of DCD at 5 Years

Caffeine

83 of 735

11.3%

Placebo

106 of 698

15.2%

OR = 0.70 95% CI 0.51-0.95 p = .024

Conclusion II

Caffeine therapy for apnea of prematurity reduces the severity of motor disorders at 5 years

Evidence-based therapy of apnea

Caffeine

Oxygen:
Not too high
Not too low



Temperature:
Not too hot
Not too cold

Nasal CPAP

Prone
position