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## **Hyponatraemia complicating labour**

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# Waterintoxication after large water intake during labor

*Johansson, Acta Paediatr 2002; 91: 811- 4*

## Case A

Healthy 29 yr primipara, v 41

Drank >8 l over 13,5 hours

No intravenous fluid

Oxytocin 0.12 E i v

Vaginal delivery

# Waterintoxication after large water intake during labor

*Johansson, Acta Paediatr 2002; 91: 811- 4*

APGAR 9-10-10

Age 1 hour: Irritability

Age 7 hours: Seizures

p-Na 122 mmol/l

Treatment: Fluid restriction  
normalising p-Na

Age 3 months: Normal development

# Hyponatraemia-symptoms

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Tiredness, headache, nausea and vomiting

Somnolence.....coma

Seizures

Respiratory arrest

Herniation

Death

# Hyponatraemia

(Normal p-Na 135-146 mmol/l)

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Severe hyponatraemia:  
p-Na < 120 mmol/l

However:

Severity largely dependent of speed of lowering:

P-Na 130 mmol/l associated with symptoms of severe hyponatraemia

# Studies regarding :

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Energetic supplies during labour

Fluid administration during labour

Hyponatraemia during labour ...

and in endurance sports

Effect of food intake during labour on obstetric outcome:  
randomised controlled trial

*O'Sullivan et al BMJ 2009; 338: 784-9*

Light meals during labour:

No difference obstetric/neonatal outcome

No increased vomiting

# Energy and fluids during labour

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**NPO widespread practice:**

**USA, UK**

**Energy and fluids by iv infusion**

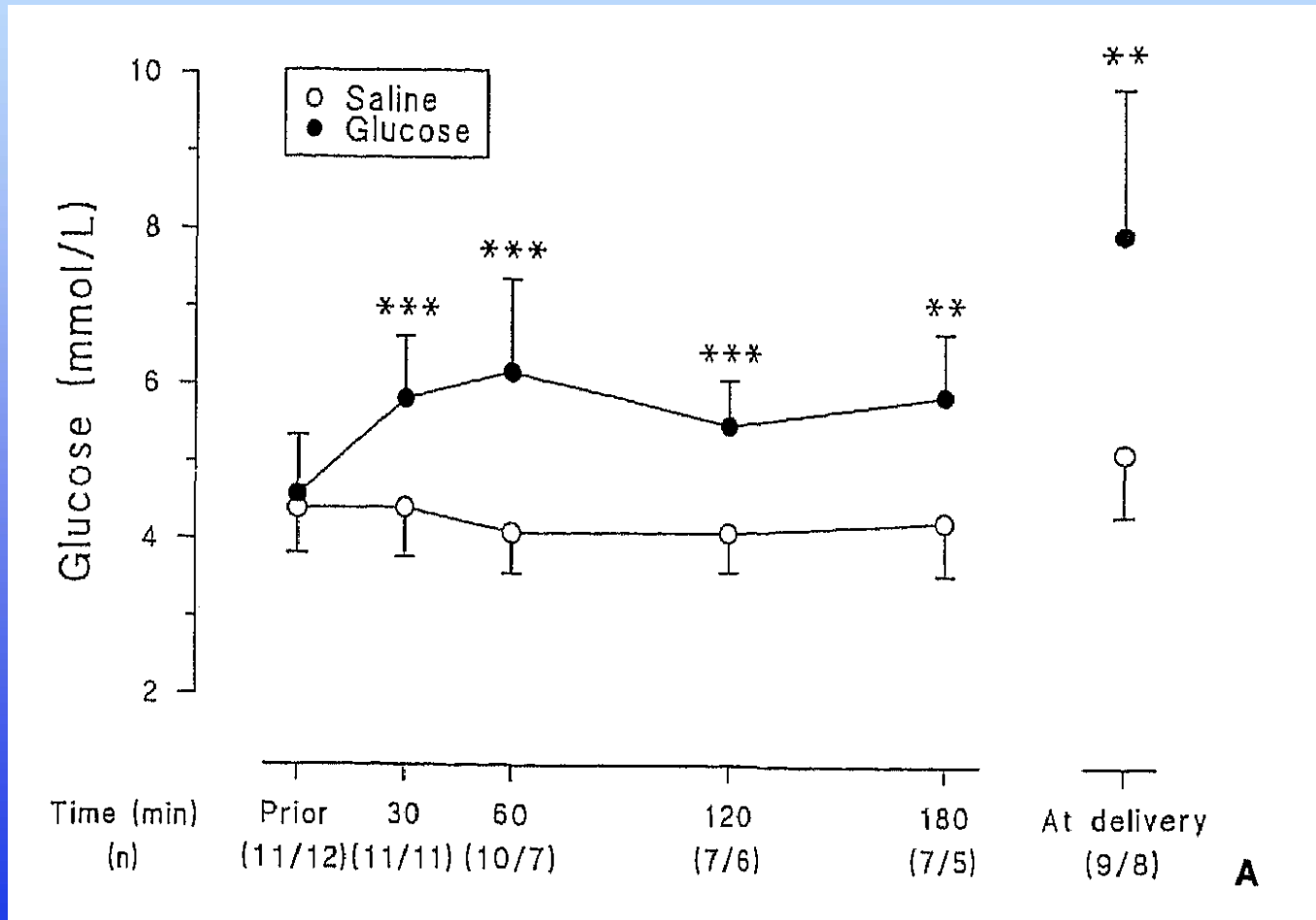
**Midwives often recommend food**

**Myths and beliefs flourish-  
very few studies**



# CONTINUOUS MATERNAL GLUCOSE INFUSION DURING LABOR: EFFECTS ON MATERNAL AND FETAL GLUCOSE AND LACTATE LEVELS

*Nordström et al, Am J Perinatology 1995; 12: 357-62*



# Conclusion: glucose 9 g/h safe

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with respect to hyperglycaemia  
lactate  
insulin levels

but:

electrolyte free solutions  
no discussion electrolyte balance  
Glucose 9g/h as Glucose 5 %:  
180 ml/h      4,3 l/24 h

# Fluid administration during labour

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- **Garite TJ. A randomized controlled trial of**
- **the effect of increased intravenous**
- **hydration on the course of labor in**
- **nulliparous women.**
- **Am J Obstet Gynecol 2000; 183: 1544- 8**
  
- **Eslamian L. Increased intravenous fluid**
- **intake and**
- **the course of labor in nulliparous women.**
- **Int J Gynaecol Obstet 2006; 93: 102-5**

# Fluid administration during labour

*Garite TJ et al, Am J Obstet Gynecol, 2000*

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Prospective randomised study

195 primiparas (NPO)

Group A: 125 ml/h Ringer-acetate i v

Group B: 250 ml/h Ringer-acetate i v

# Fluid administration during labour

*Garite TJ et al, Am J Obstet Gynecol, 2000*

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Larger fluid volume may favour uterine contractility:

Less Oxytocin

Fewer instrumental deliveries

*However:*

*No large differences in fluid volumes:*

Group A 2 000 ml      Group B 2 500 ml

Reference: Fluid administration to athletes

# Sports, athletes and water



BBC NEWS

# Runner dies after London Marathon 2007

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The cause of the 22-year-old's death –

Daily Telegraph reported : due to  
hyponatraemia

His is the ninth death since the London  
Marathon began in 1981 ....

**Case proven:  
exercise associated hyponatraemia is  
due to overdrinking.**

**..... So why did it take 20 years before  
the original evidence was accepted?.....**

***T D Noakes and D B Speedy  
Br. J. Sports Med. 2006***



# Hyponatremia among Runners in the Boston Marathon

*Christopher et al. NEJM 2006  
N Engl J Med 2005; 352:1550-6.*

766 study participants in the race

488 fulfilled all study criteria

13 % Hyponatremia P-Na < 130 mmol/l

0,6 % P-Na < 120 mmol/l

# Hyponatremia among Runners in the Boston Marathon

*Christopher et al. NEJM 2006*

13 % Hyponatraemia (p-Na < 130mmol/l)

0,6 % P-Na < 120 mmol/l

Hyponatraemia associated with:

Fluid intake, weight gain, longer running  
time, extreme BMI

# Current hydration guidelines are erroneous: dehydration does not impair exercise performance in the heat

Bradley A Wall,<sup>1,2</sup> Greig Watson,<sup>1,3</sup> Jeremiah J Peiffer,<sup>2</sup> Chris R Abbiss,<sup>1</sup>  
Rodney Siegel,<sup>4,5</sup> Paul B Laursen<sup>4,5</sup>

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Watson G, Peiffer JJ, *et al.*  
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**Conclusion** When well-trained cyclists performed a 25 km cycling time trial under ecologically valid conditions and were blinded to their hydration status, performance, physiological and perceptual variables were not different between trials. These data do not support the residing basis behind many of the current hydration guidelines.

# Hyponatraemia during labour?

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*Tarnow - Mordi, BMJ, 1981*

*Omigbodun, East Afr Med J, 1991*

*Singhi , Br J Obstet & Gynaecol, 1994*

*Stratton, E J Obstet & Gynecol 1995*

# Hyponatraemia during labour?

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Oxytocin (Syntocinon)

Intravenous fluids

Epidural analgesia

Correlate with:

Hyponatraemia in mother and child

Longer labours

Respiratory distress

Hyperbilirubinaemia

# Consequences of earlier studies

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**Syntocinon**

**electrolytes in fluid  
higher concentrations  
lower doses**

**Mechanical pump devices**

**PROBLEM RESOLVED?**

# What are pregnant women told?

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During pregnancy fluid requirements increase

-drink at least a glass of water every hour

Don't wait until you get thirsty – then  
You are really way behind!

Concept from sports medicine:

**Voluntary dehydration**

# What are pregnant women told?

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...during active labour the body  
requires

Approx 500 kcal and  
0.5-1 l fluid

..... **Every hour!**

<https://www.google.se/#q=ladda+kungs%C3%B6rnen>



# Important for Daddy to know....

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**During labour it is important you make her drink all the time**

**..if she despite of this vomits, make her drink again , as quickly as possible**

**Ref:**

**Ladda Kungsörnen:**

<https://www.google.se/#q=ladda+kungs%C3%B6rnen>

# Hyponatremia complicating labour—rare or unrecognised? A prospective observational study

V Moen,<sup>a,b</sup> L Brudin,<sup>c</sup> M Rundgren,<sup>d</sup> L Irestedt<sup>b</sup>

*BJOG 2009; 116:552-61*

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**Hypothesis: High prevalence hyponatraemia during labour**

**18. January - 14. July 2007**

**Kalmar County Hospital**

**Included:**

**All pregnant women 37+6**

# Study: Hyponatraemia complicating labour

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## Treatment:

As usual (observational study)

## Aim:

Hyponatraemia during labour?

Effects on the progress of labour?

Effects on the baby?

# Study protocol mothers

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**Blood sampling before and after delivery:**

**ISTAT:** electrolytes/glucose  
blood gases

**Central laboratory:** p-osmolality

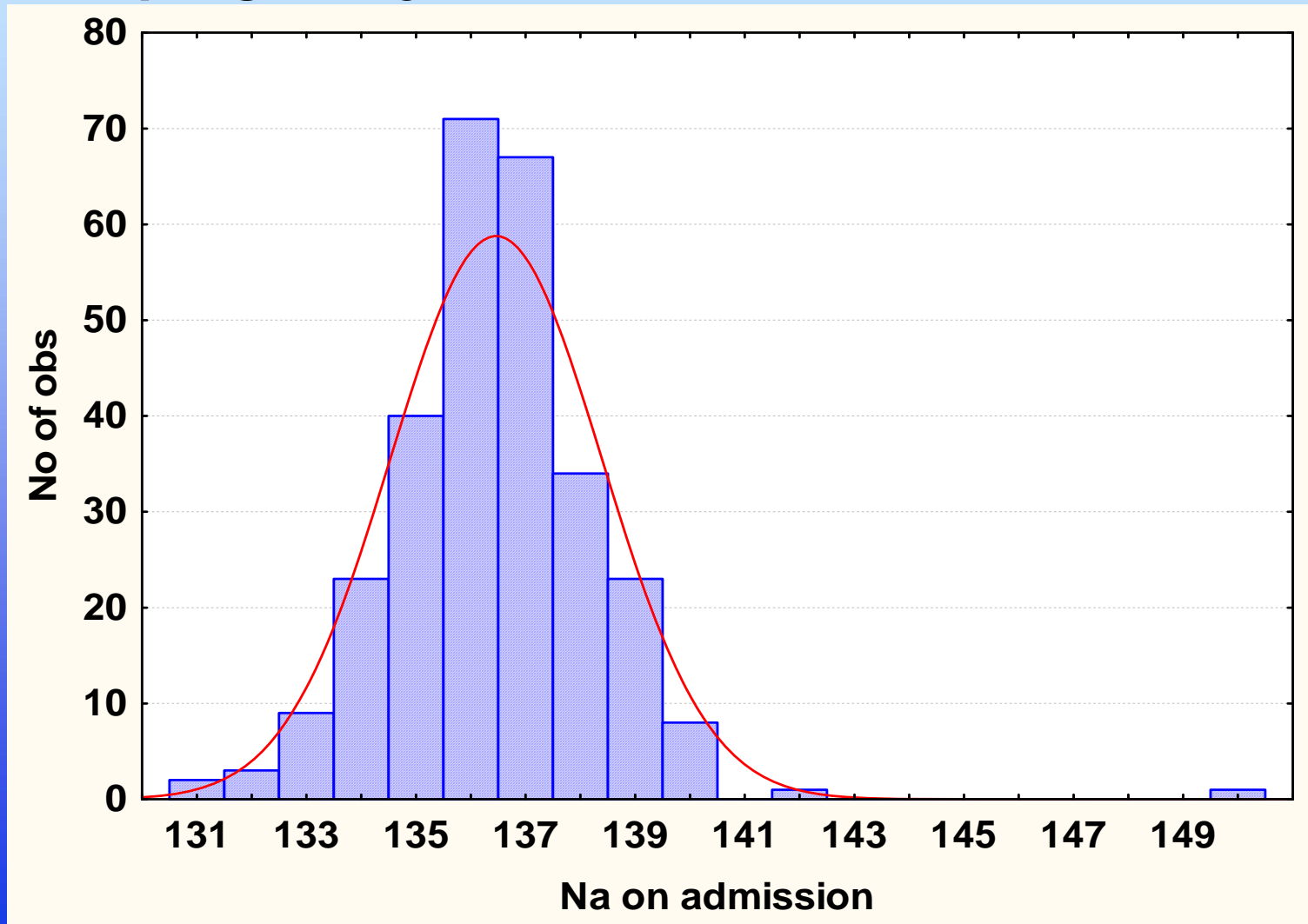
**Registration of all oral intake (= drink)**  
i v fluids  
Syntocinon

**Pain relief**

**Duration of labour and mode of delivery**

# Maternal P-Na on admission: 136 mmol/l

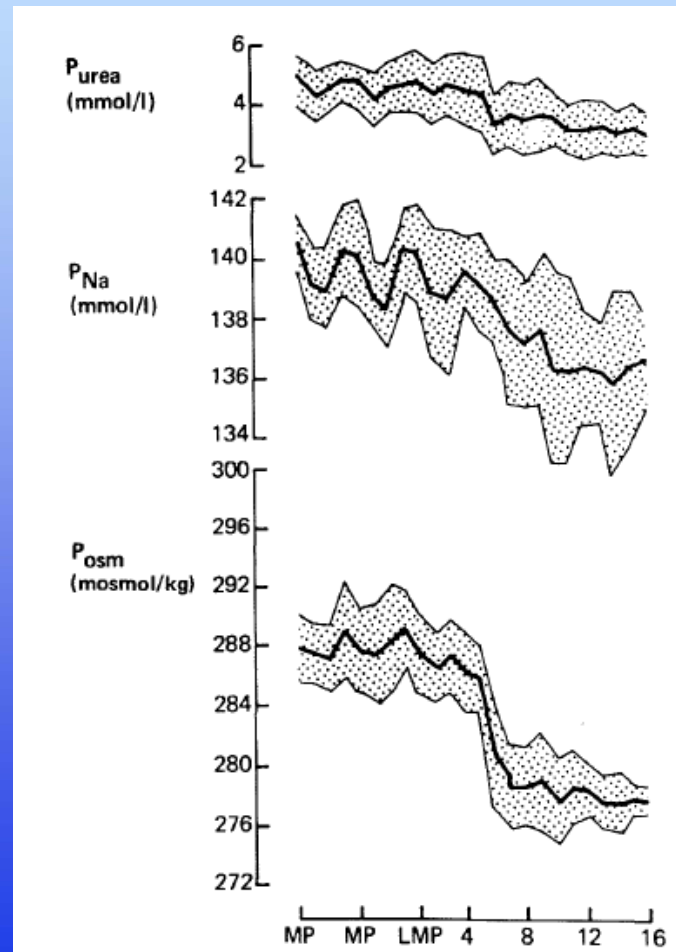
P-Na pregnancy: ref values 131-140 mmol/l



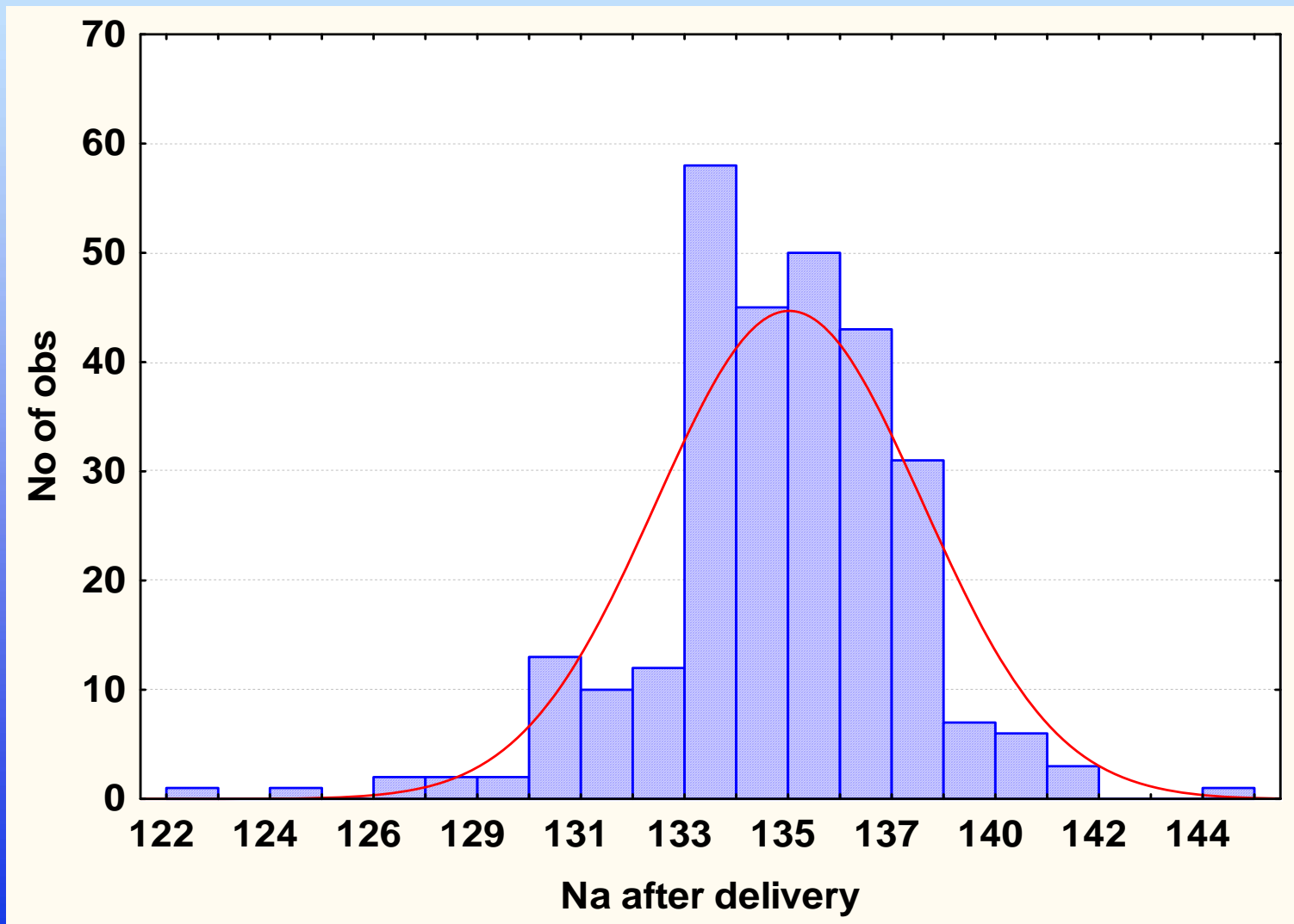
# Osmoregulation, the secretion of arginine vasopressin and its metabolism during pregnancy

Marshall D Lindheimer and John M Davison<sup>1</sup>

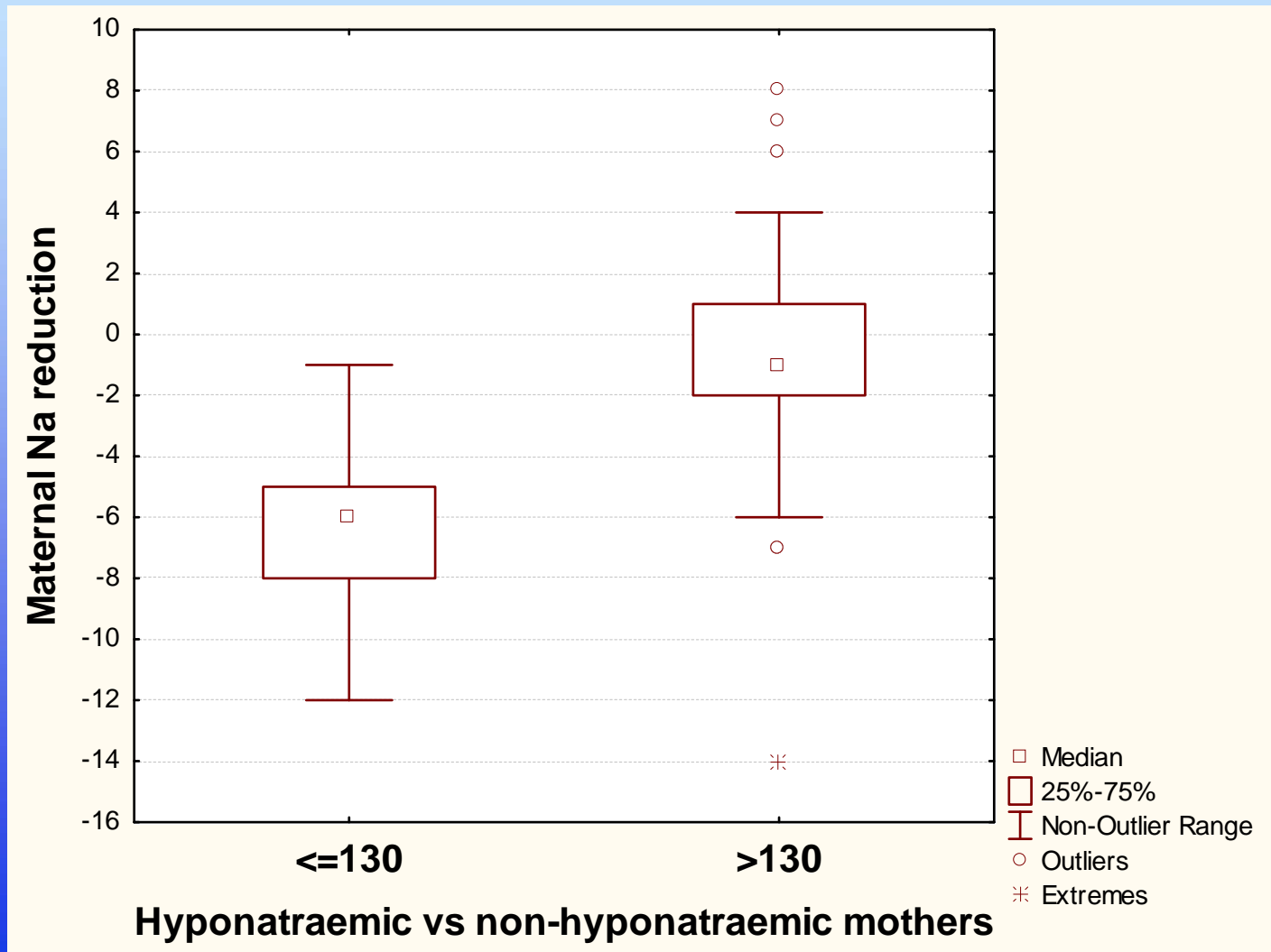
*Eur J Endocrinol 1995; 132: 133-43*



# Hyponatremia $\leq 130$ mmol/l 21 mothers after delivery

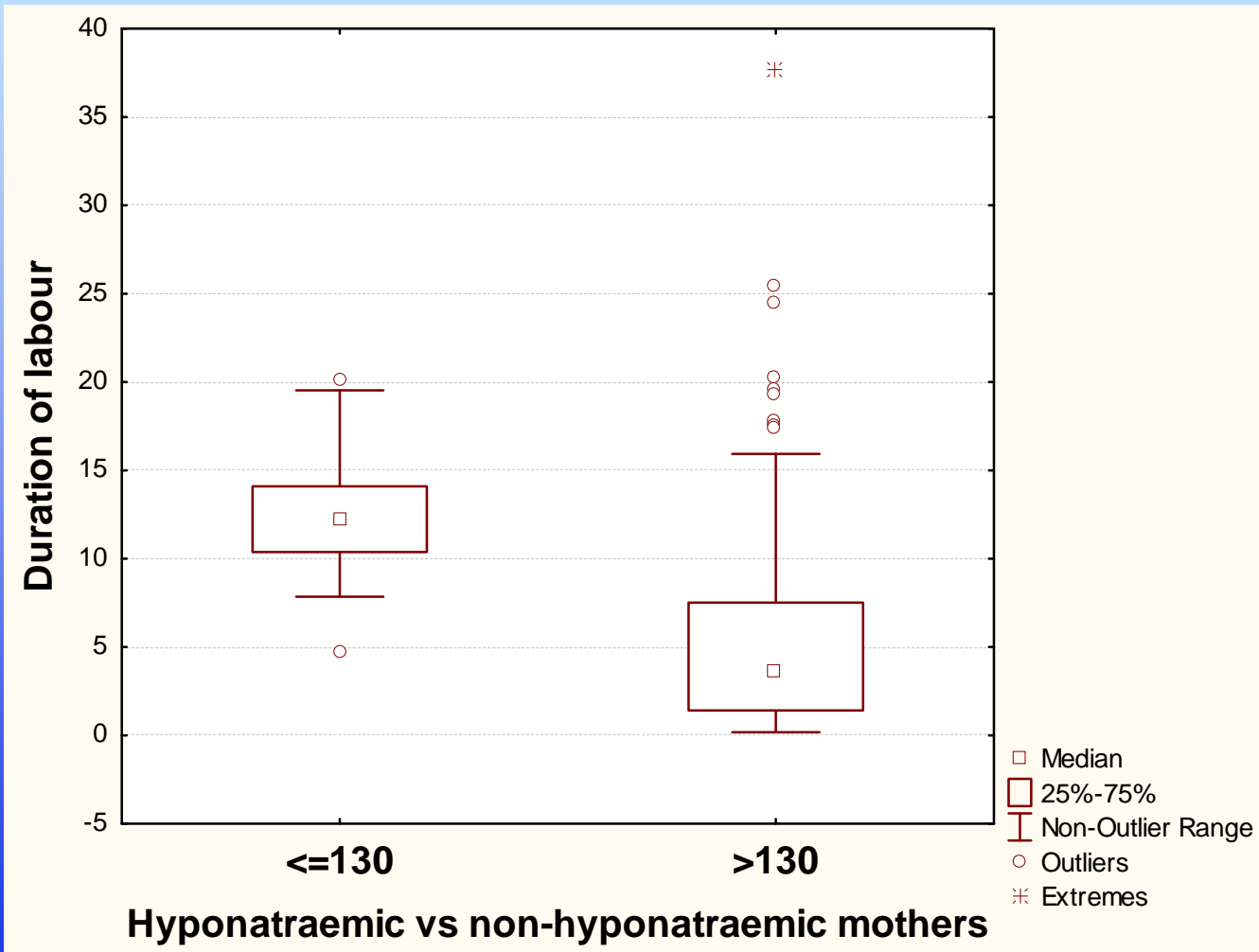


# Reduction of p-Na in hyponatraemic mothers ( $p < 0.001$ )





# Hyponatraemic vs non-hyponatraemic mothers: 300 ml/h (p=0.16)



# Significant hyponatraemia

P-Na < 130 mmol/l

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## Total fluid volume during labour

< 1000  
n 113

1000-2500 ml  
n 87

>2500  
n 61

1 (1%)

4 (5%)

16 (26%)

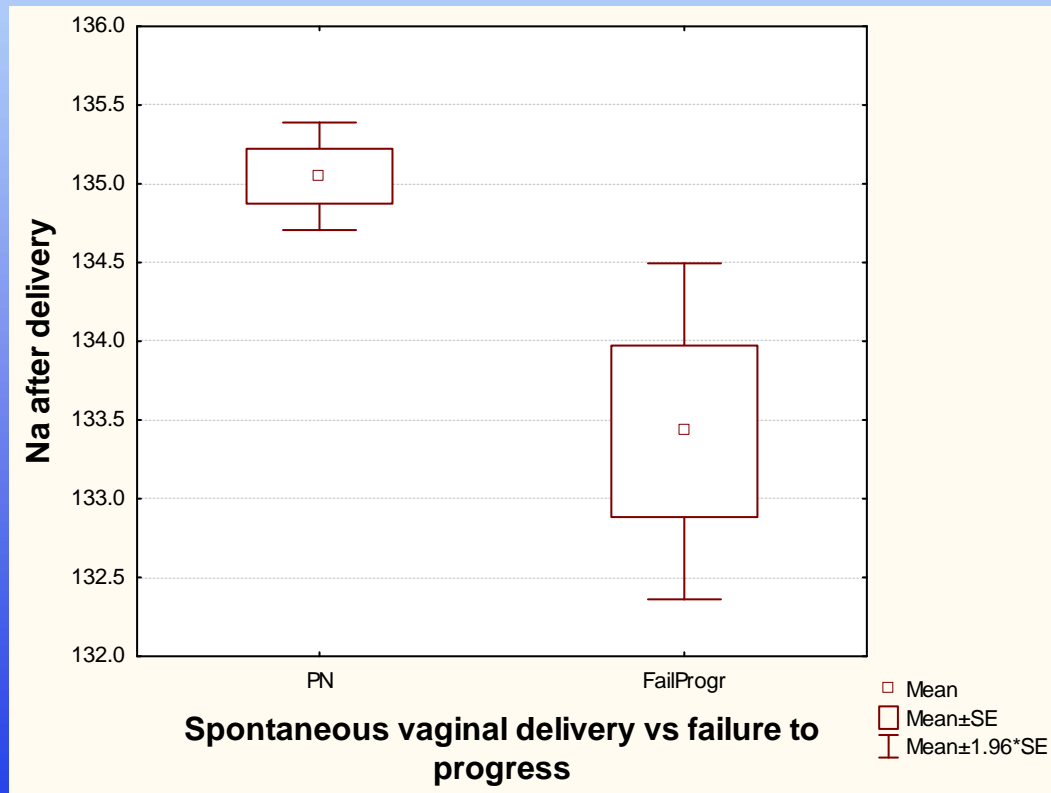
# Uni/multivariate analysis

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	Univariate	Multivariate
Fluids > 2500 ml	$p < 0,001$	$< 0,001$
Oxytocin > 5U	$p < 0,001$	0.07
Epidural	$p < 0,001$	-
Parity	$p < 0,01$	-

# Significant hyponatraemia and failure to progress: $p < 0.001$

## Instrumental deliveries and caesarean section vs spontaneous vaginal delivery



# How often is a low Apgar score the result of substandard care during labour?

S Berglund,<sup>a</sup> H Pettersson,<sup>a</sup> S Cnattingius,<sup>b</sup> C Grunewald<sup>a</sup>

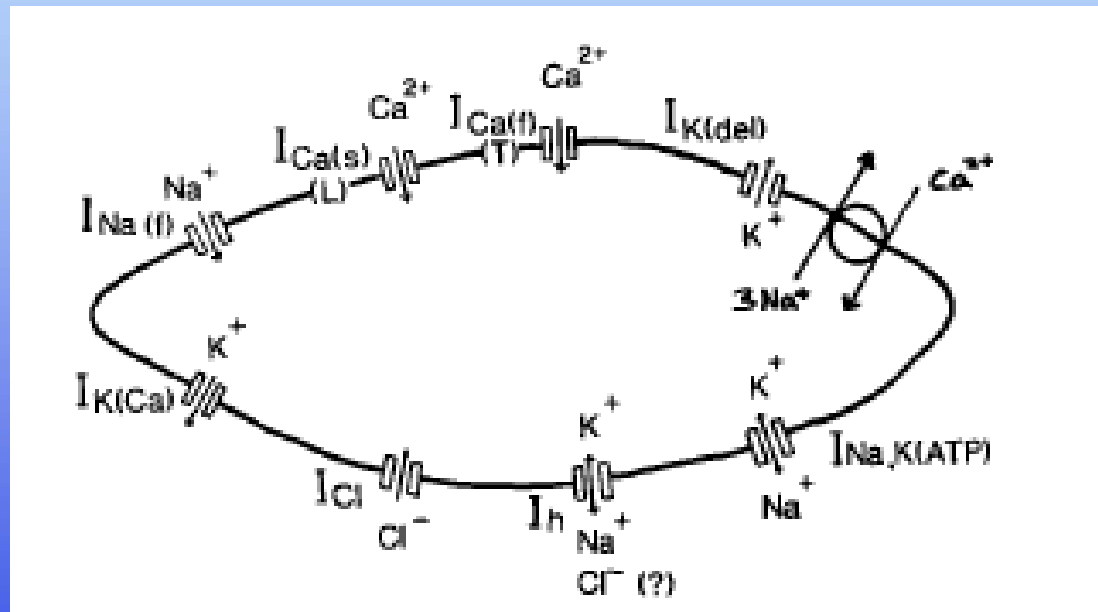
**Population based case-control study:**

**Substandard care APGAR 5 min <7: 62%**  
**controls : 36%**

**Oxytocin:**

**Every fifth case AND control received oxytocin despite no signs of inertia**

# Ionkanaler i myometriet



# Reduceras myometriekontraktiliteten vid låga natriumnivåer i blodet?

*Moen V, Ekman-Oderberg G, Irestedt L, Ebberyd A, Brudin L*

*Metod: Biopsier vid planerad sectio v 39*

**Biopsi; 6 mm x 15 mm**

**Rensas, delas i 8 strips :**

**Organbad: 1) 120 mmol Na/L**

**2) 136 mmol Na /L**

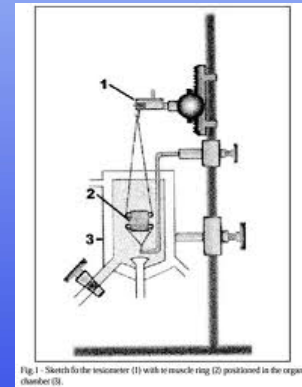


Fig. 1 - Sketch of the transducer (1) with its muscle ring (2) positioned in the organ chamber (3).

# Metod:





# Metod:

Spänna upp, vänta ca 1 timme till stabilisering  
KCL 100 mM för maximal kontraktion, skölja x 3

Oxytocin 0.001 IE,  
observera kontraktioner 20 min, skölja x 3

0.01 IE

observera kontraktioner 20 min, skölja x 3

0.1 IE

observera kontraktioner 20 min, skölja x 3

KCL 100 mM för maximal kontraktion

# Analys

- **Frekvens och Amplitud ( relaterad till maxamplitud efter KCL)**
- **Myometriaktivitet:**
- **Frekvens x Amplitud: Montevideo Units**

**Intensitet av kontraktion:**

- **Area under the curve (AUC): gram x minut**

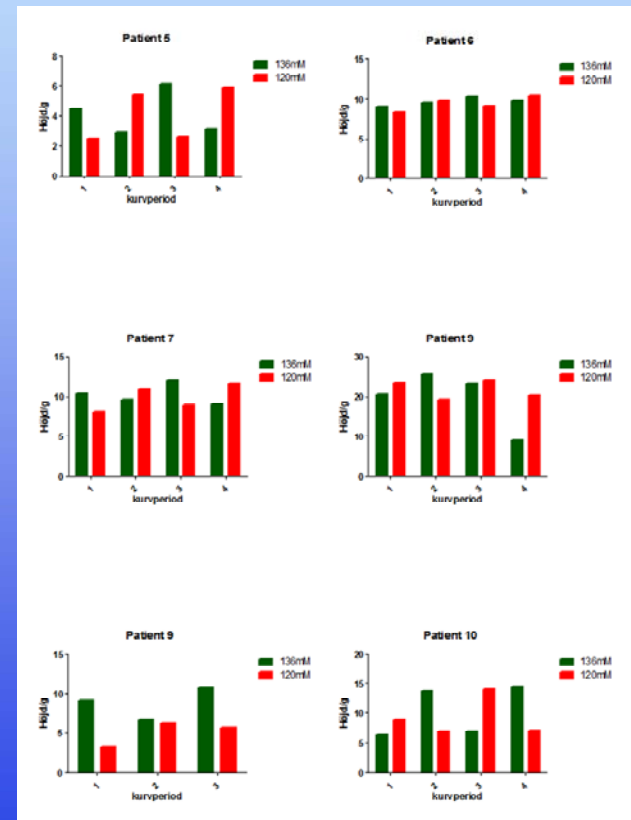
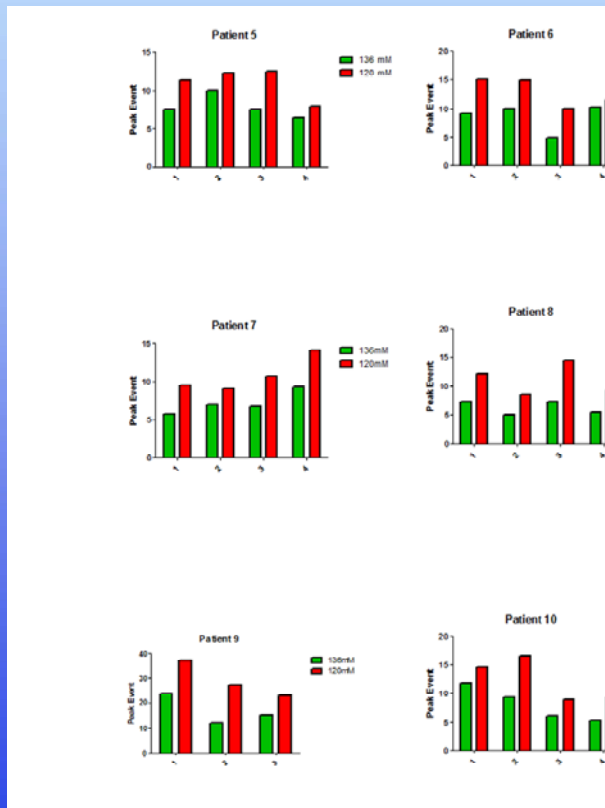
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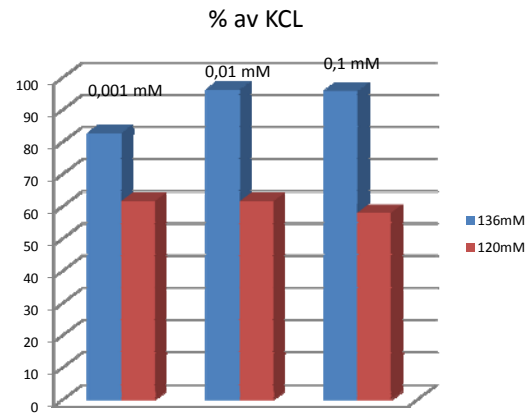
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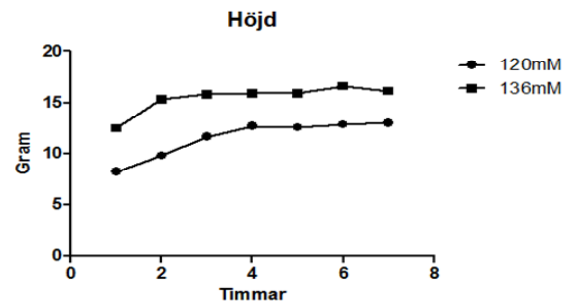
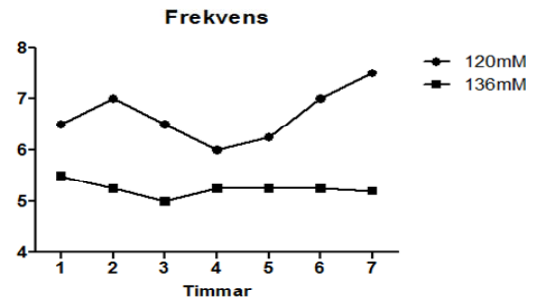
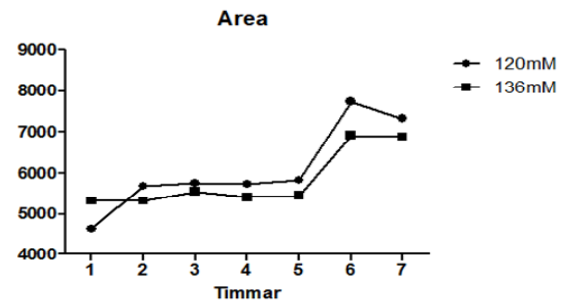
## Frekvens

## Amplitud



# Preliminärresultat: Amplitud i % av maxamplitud vid olika OT-doser





# Sammanfattningsvis...

- Hyponatremi uppkommer under förlossning vid endast måttligt ökad vätskeintag
- Hyponatremi kan i sig vara skadlig för såväl moder som barn
- Hyponatremi kan bidra till värksvaghet
- Ökad uppmärksamhet om hyponatremi kan kopplas till verksvaghet?

**Tack för uppmärksamheten!**

**Frågor?**