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Intracranial Hypotension Symposium

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SIH: CSF outflow resistance and other objective measurements

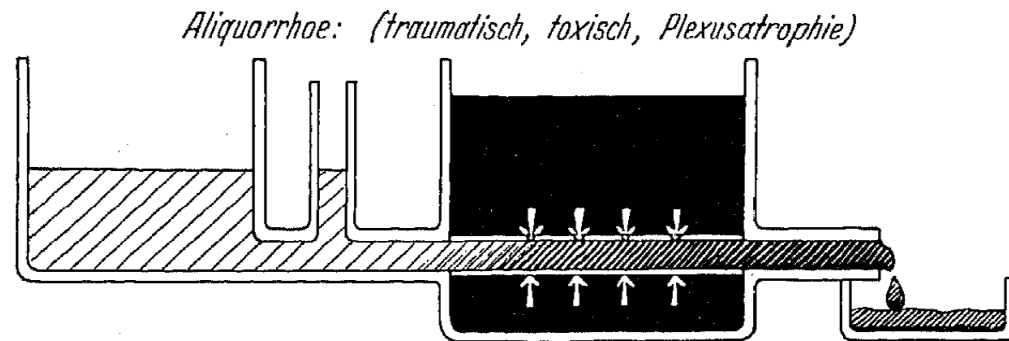
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Neuere Anschauungen zur Pathophysiologie der Liquorzirkulation

Von G. Schaltenbrand¹

Zentralblatt für Neurochirurgie 1938 Nr. 5



«*Aliquorrhoe*»

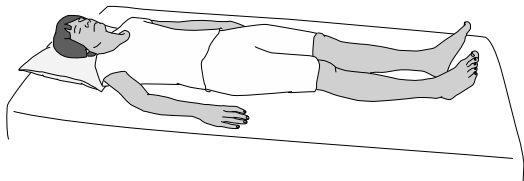
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- (orthostatic) headache

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- Low CSF pressure < 6 cm H₂O
- Evidence of CSF leaking on imaging



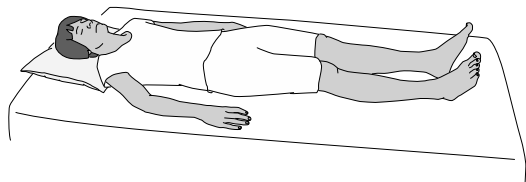
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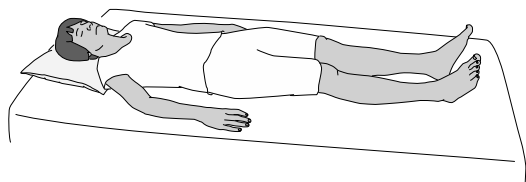
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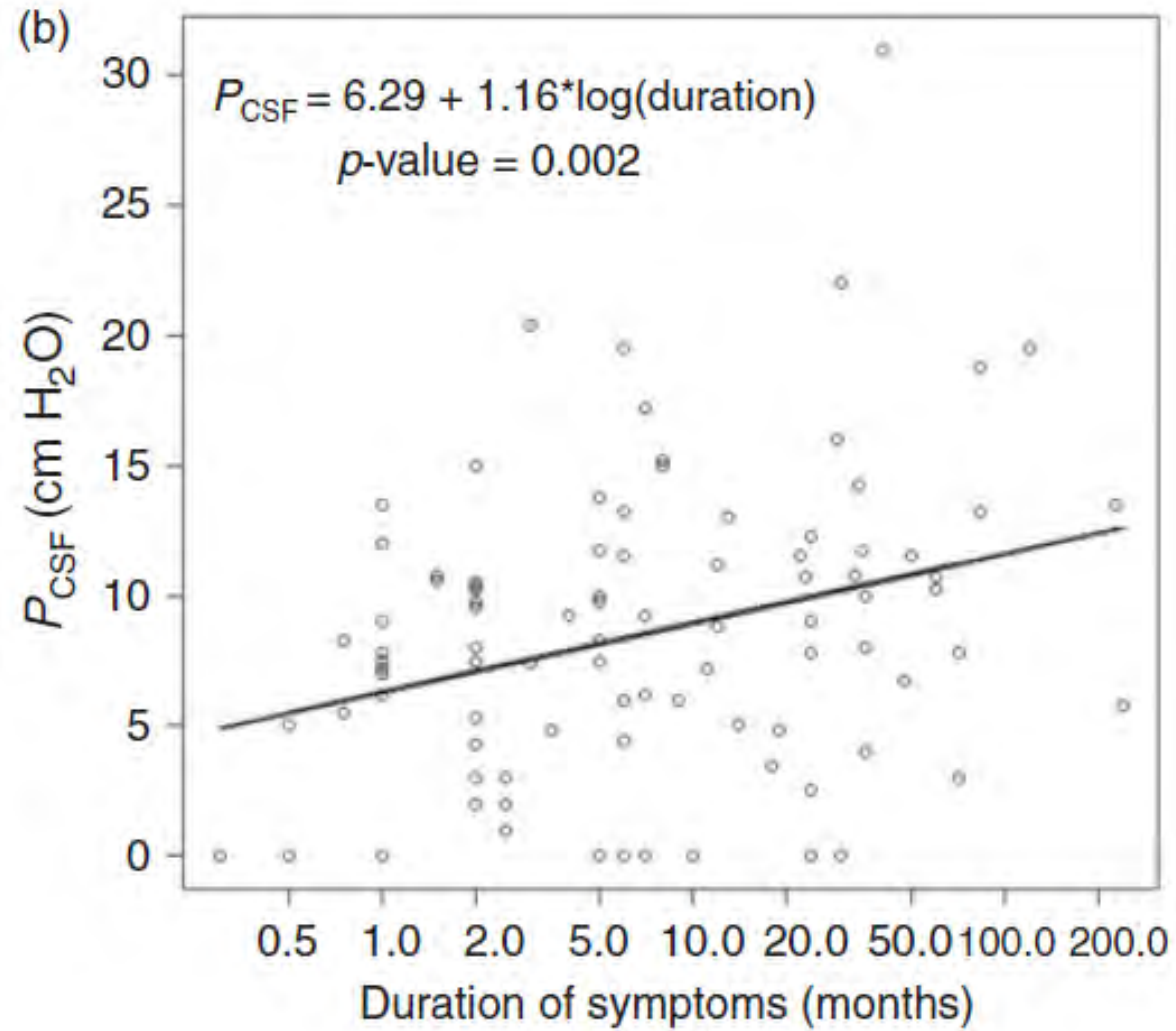
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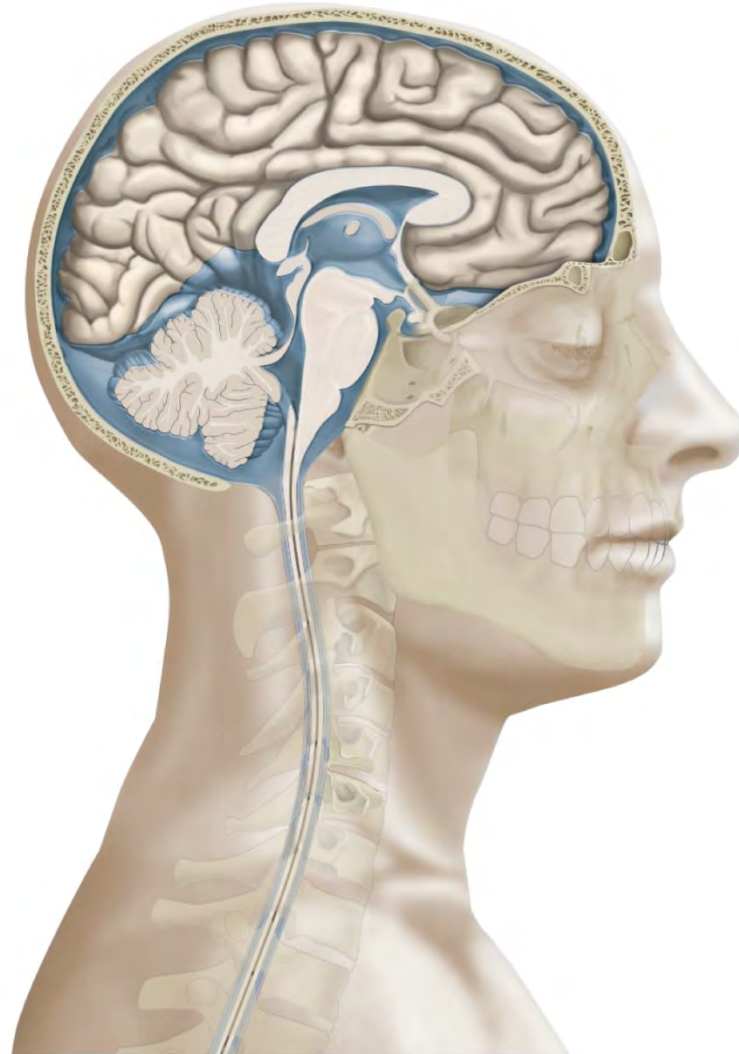
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An International Journal of Headache

International Classification of Headache Disorders, 2018

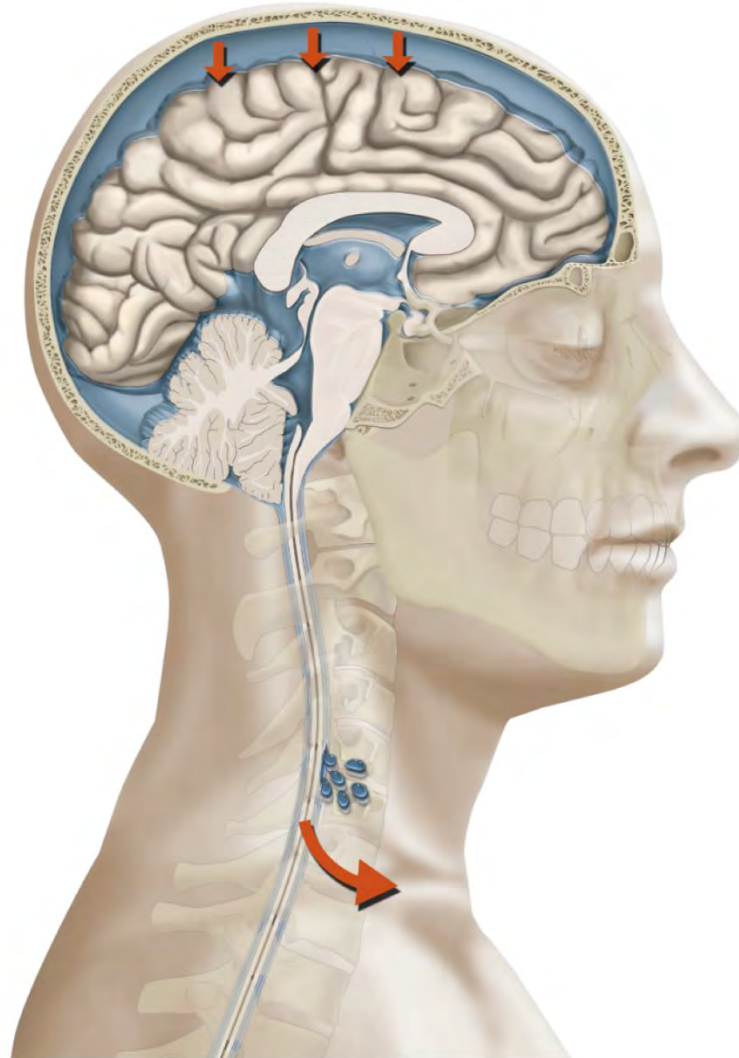
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Spontaneous Intracranial Hypotension



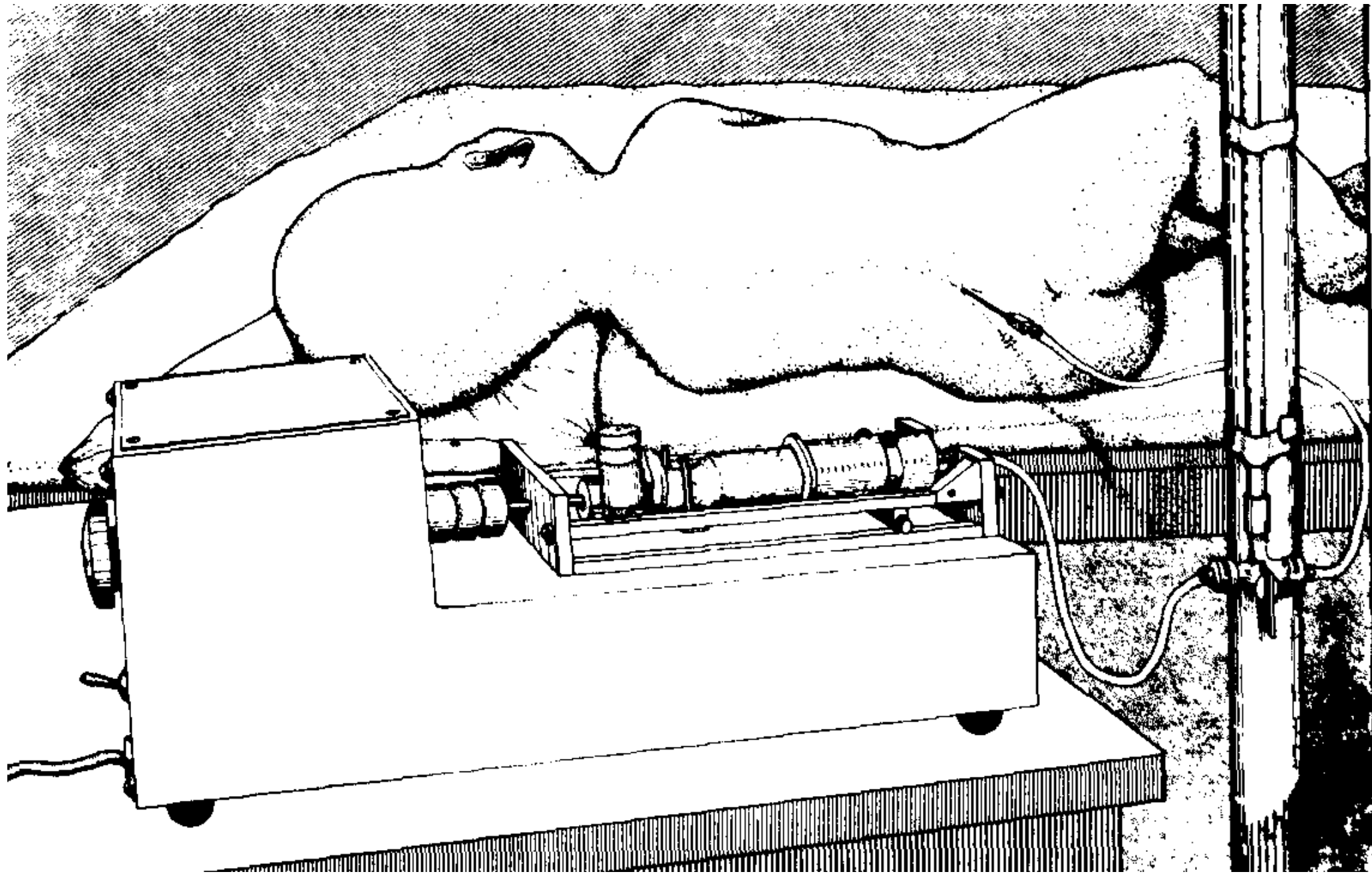
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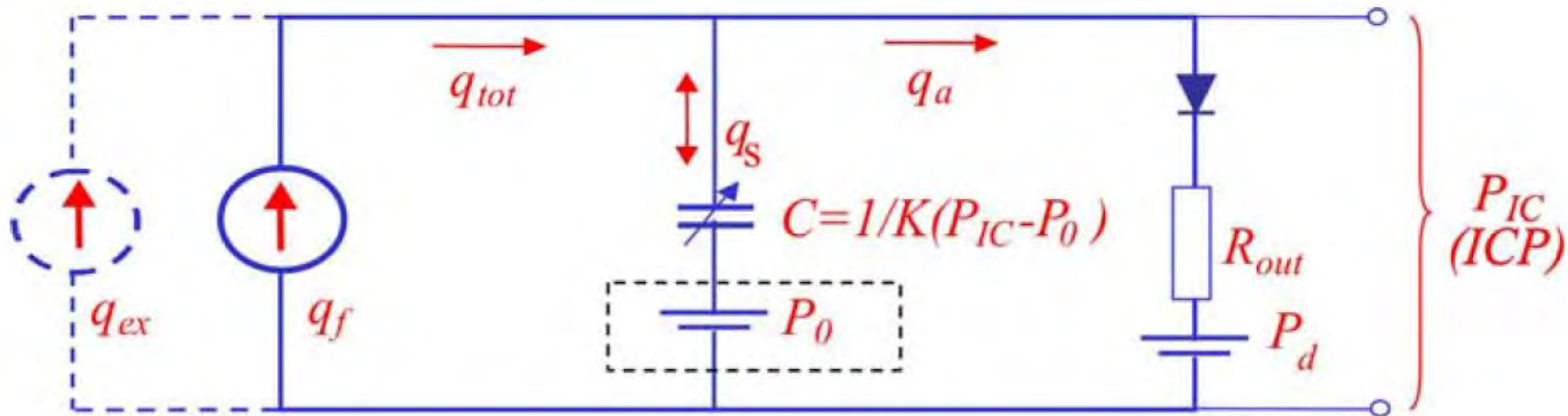


Lumbar infusion test

Rationale

- A CSF leak should alter normal CSF parameters
- A CSF leak implies a low resistance to CSF outflow





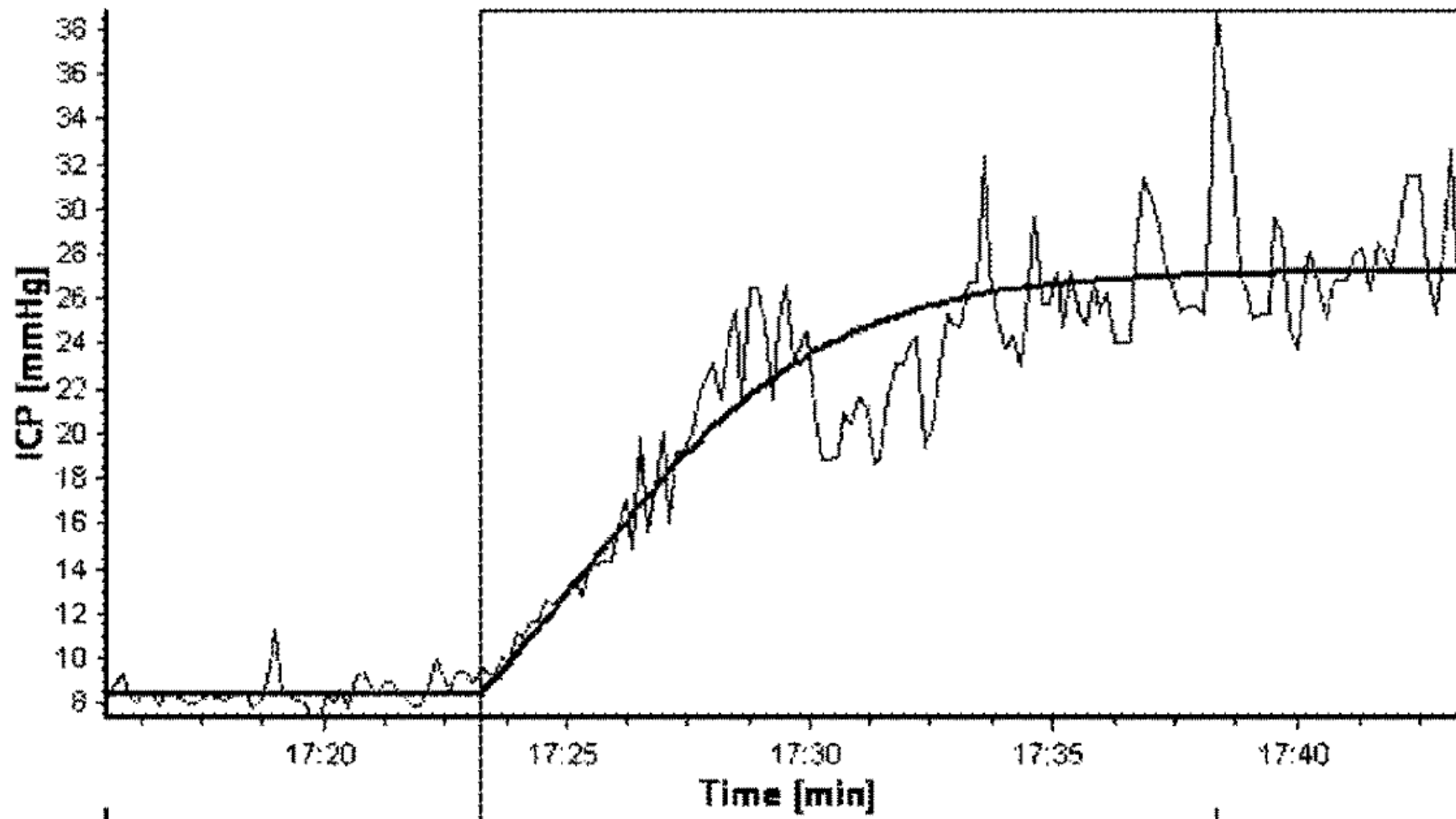
A computer system for the identification of the cerebrospinal compensatory model.

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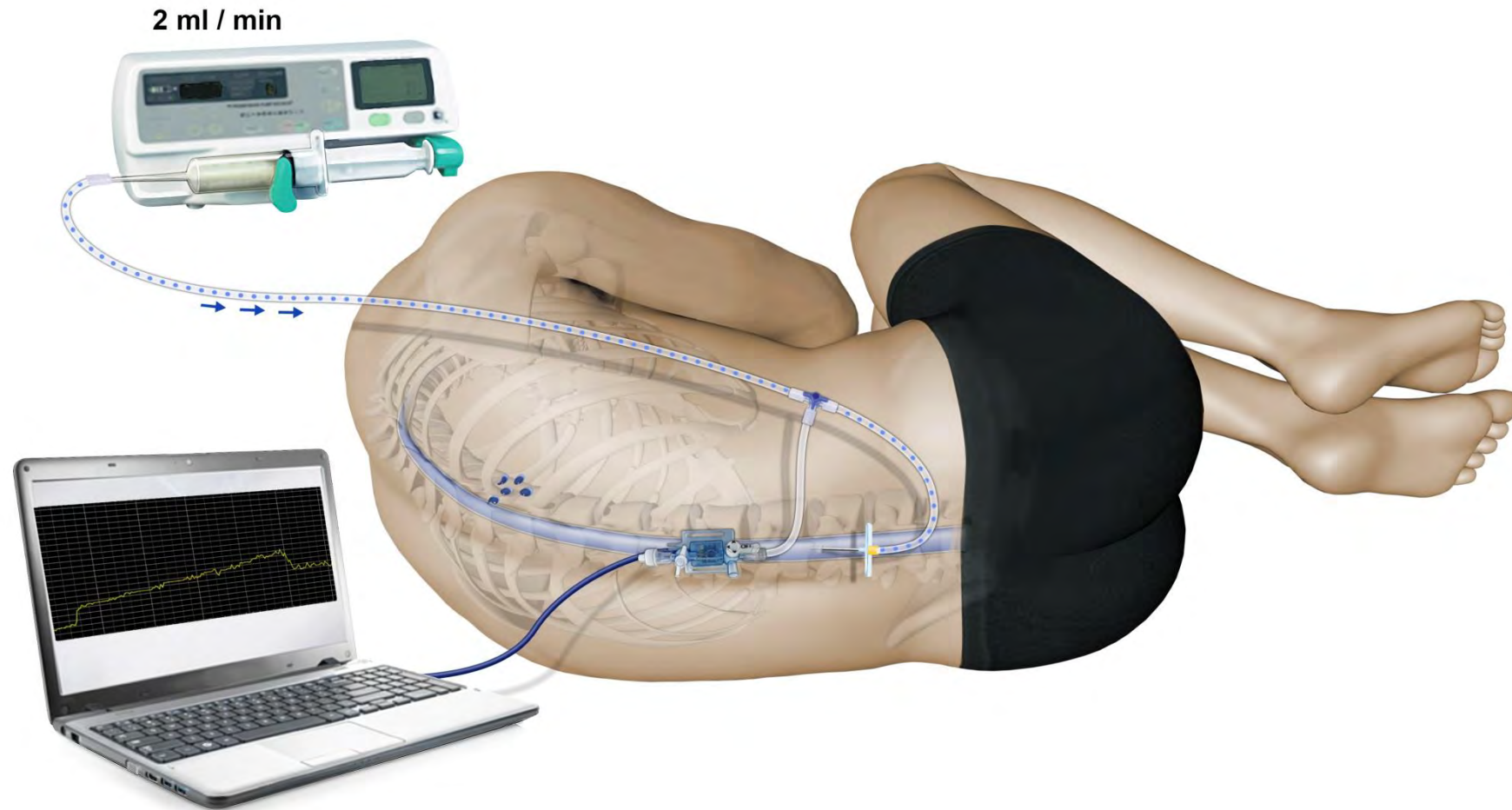
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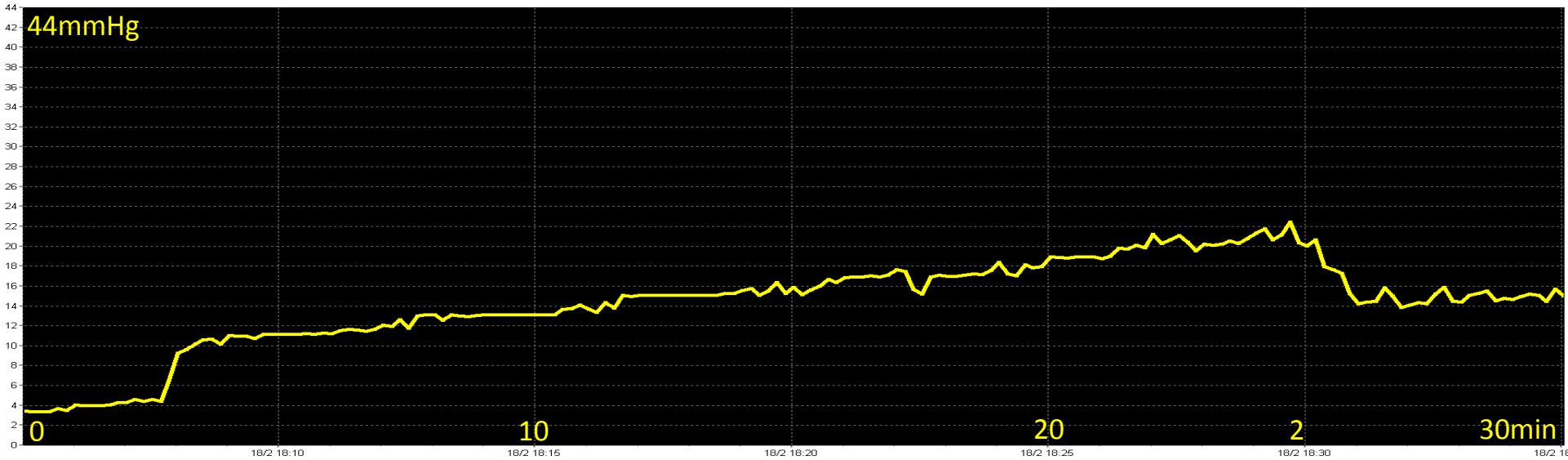
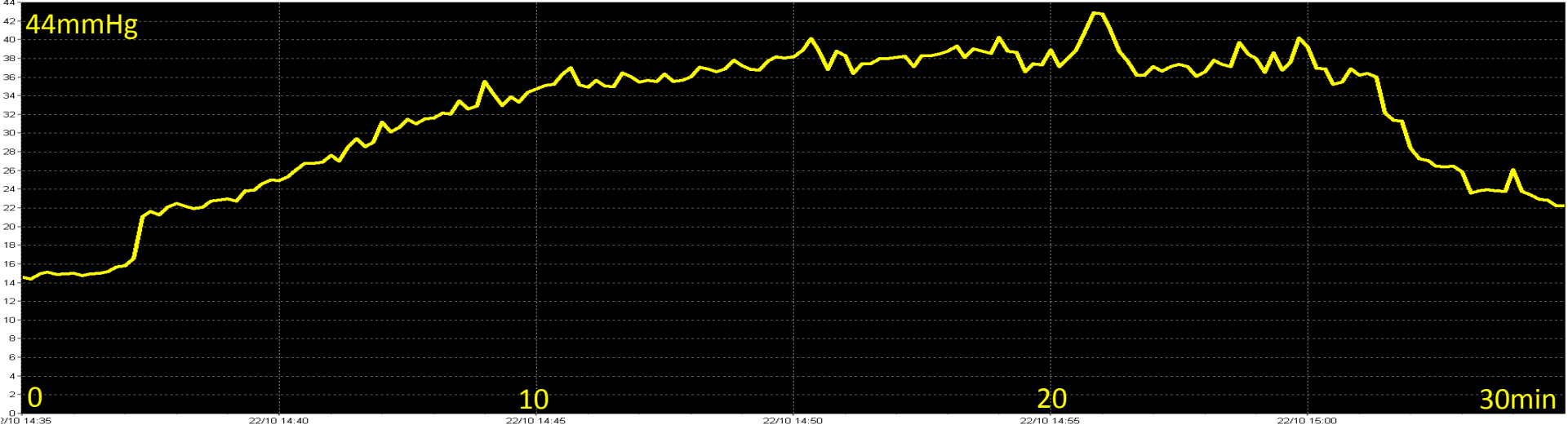
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Lumbar infusion test



Lumbar infusion test – computerized *ICM+*[®]



Cerebrospinal fluid outflow resistance as a diagnostic marker of spontaneous cerebrospinal fluid leakage

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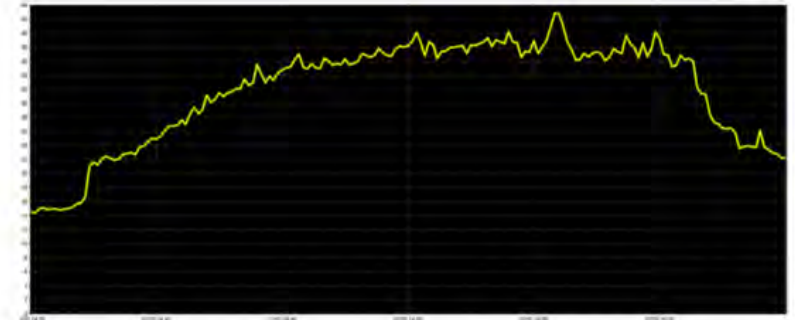
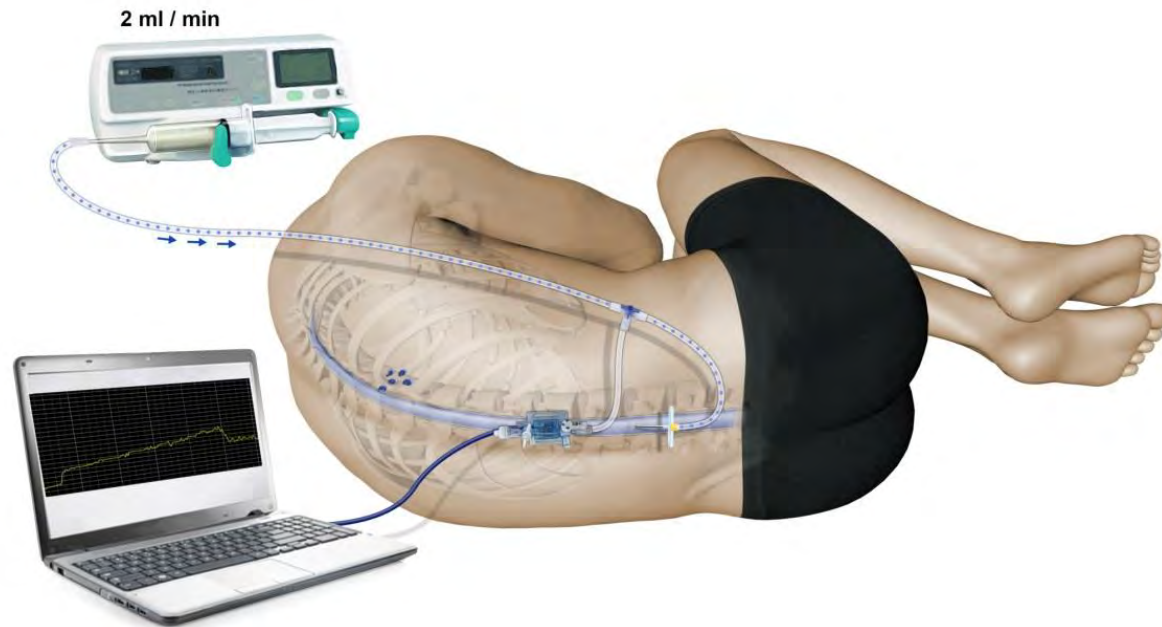


FIG. 4. Graph showing the pressure response of a computerized lumbar infusion test in a patient without a spinal CSF leak. Note the high opening pressure (about 14 mm Hg), with steep incline of pressure, which corresponds to the resistance of the needle after the start of the infusion. Thereafter, the graph shows a rather quick increase in pressure up to a plateau at about 38 mm Hg.

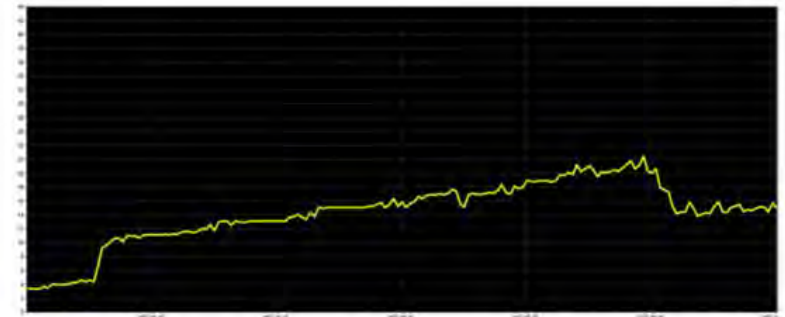


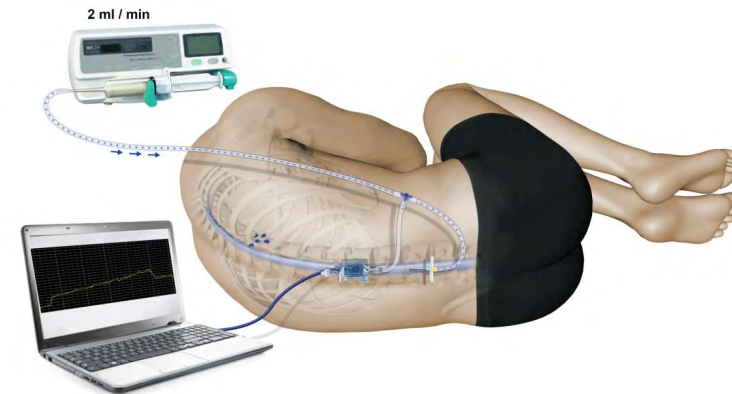
FIG. 5. Graph showing a pressure response of a computerized lumbar infusion test in a patient with a spinal CSF leak. Note the low opening pressure (about 4 mm Hg), with a steep incline of pressure, which corresponds to the resistance of the needle after start of the infusion. Thereafter, the graph shows a slow increase in pressure, without reaching a plateau. The maximum pressure is about 22 mm Hg.

The gold standard for a CSF leak

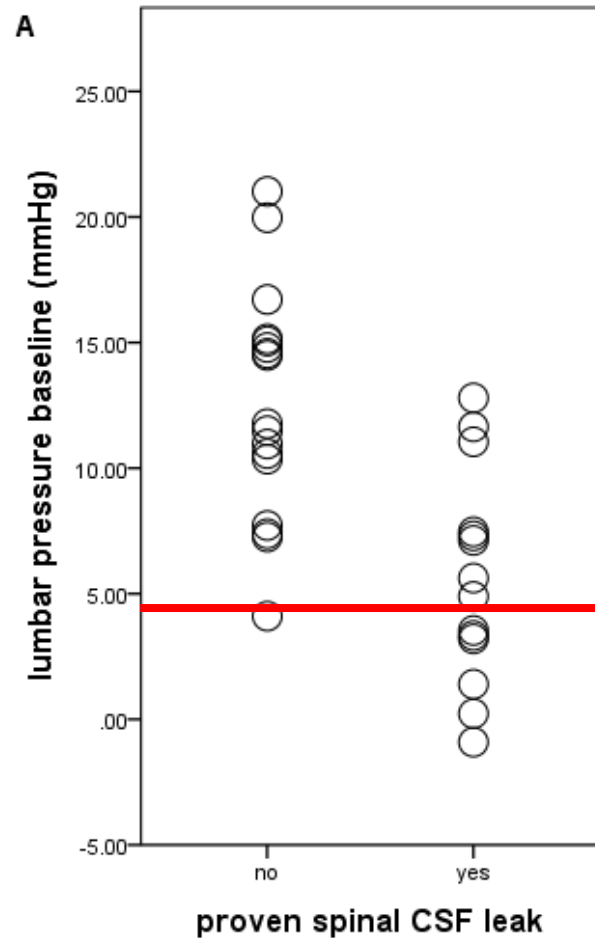
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Lumbar infusion test – ICM+

- 31 patients
- 17 females
- median 55 years
- 14 had proven spinal CSF leak



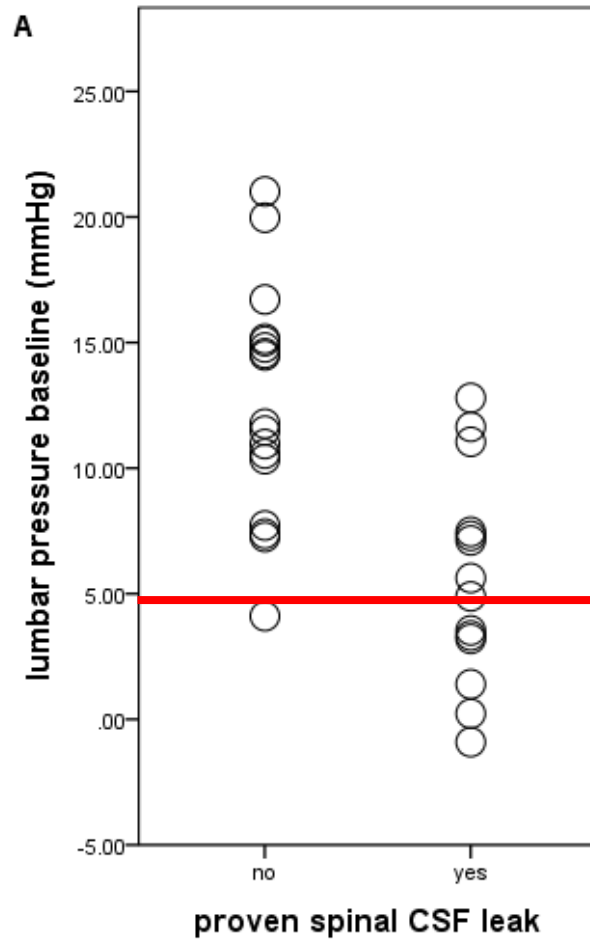
Lumbar pressure at baseline – ICM+®



57 % > 6 cm H₂O

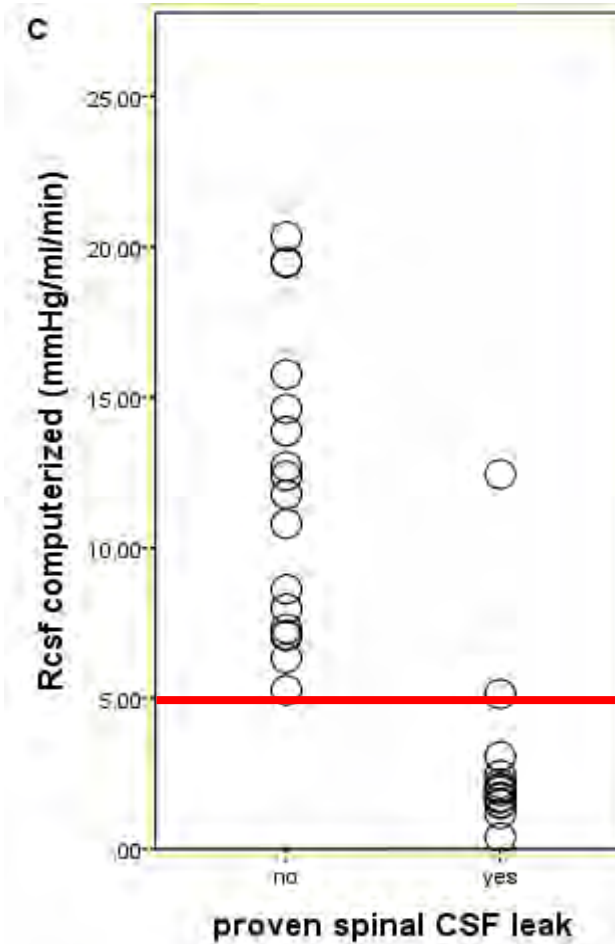
4.4 mmHg \approx 6 cm H₂O

LP-baseline-P



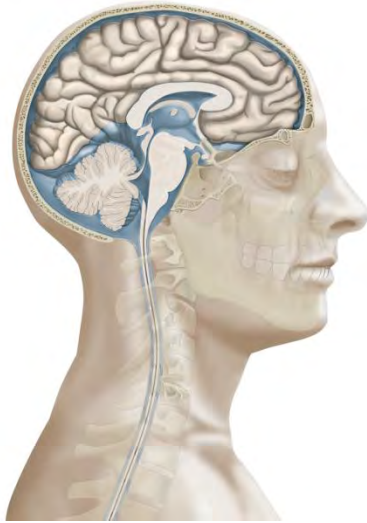
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R-CSF_{out}



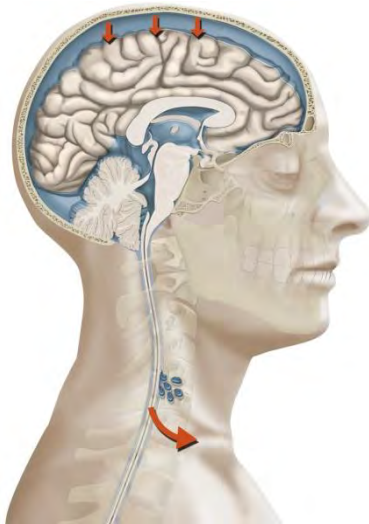
14 %

Lumbar pressure at baseline



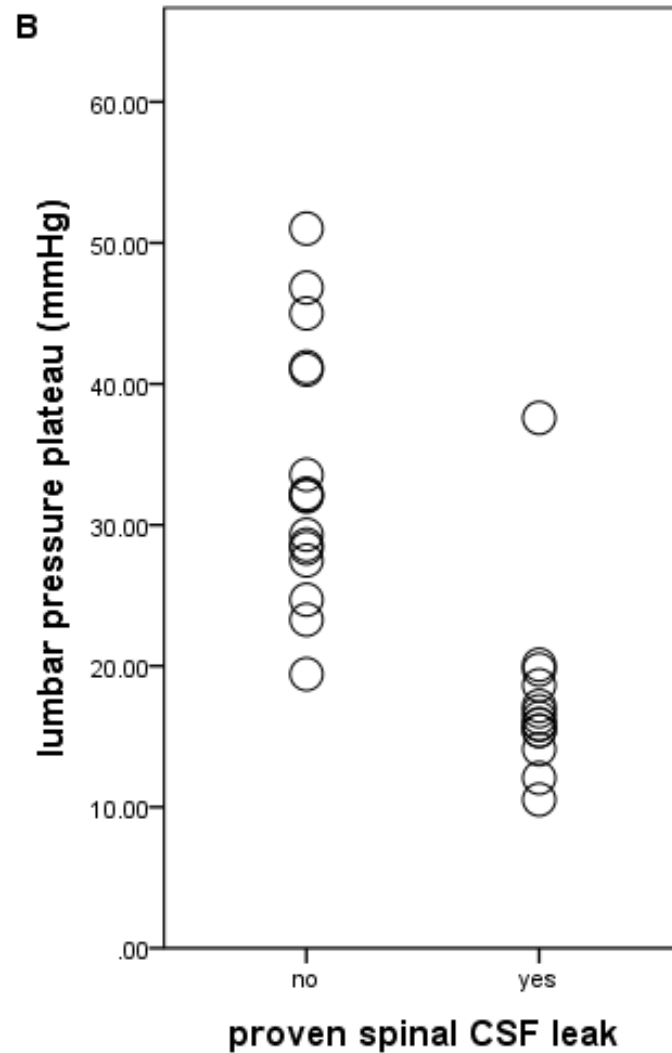
No spinal CSF leak: **11.77mmHg**

$P < 0.001$



Proven spinal CSF leak: **5.26mmHg**

Lumbar pressure at plateau



No spinal CSF leak: **32.06mmHg**

$P < 0.001$

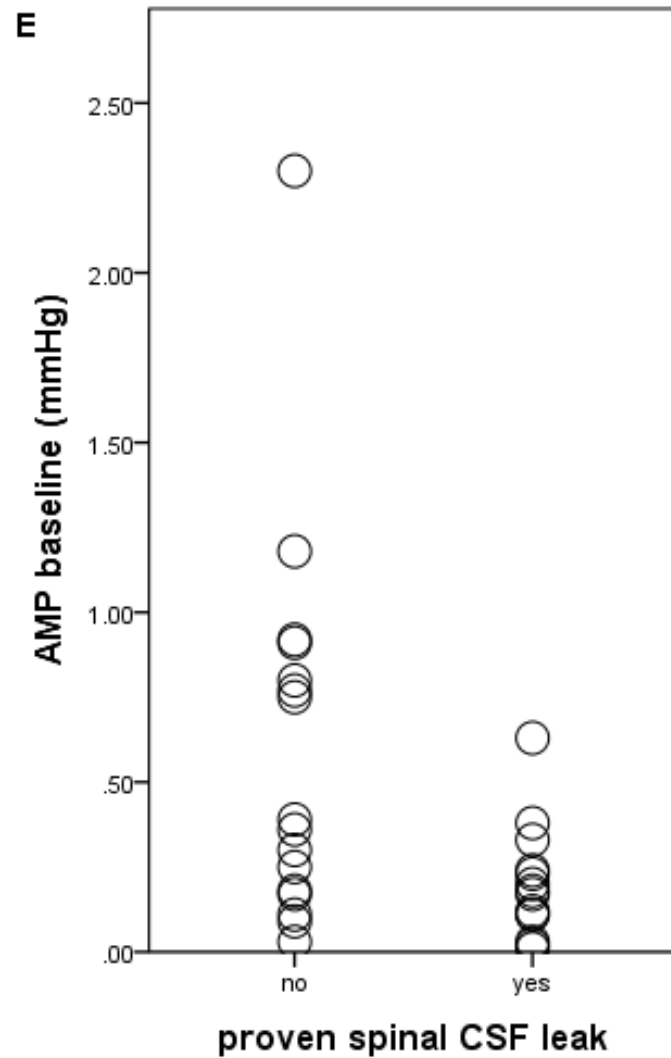
Proven spinal CSF leak: **16.11mmHg**

Pulse amplitude at baseline

Pulse amplitude (mmHg):

- The pulse amplitude is a pressure response (ΔP) to the transient increase in intracranial blood volume during a cardiac cycle (ΔV).
- Due to the exponential shape of the pressure–volume curve, pulse amplitude increases with increasing pressure.

Pulse amplitude at baseline

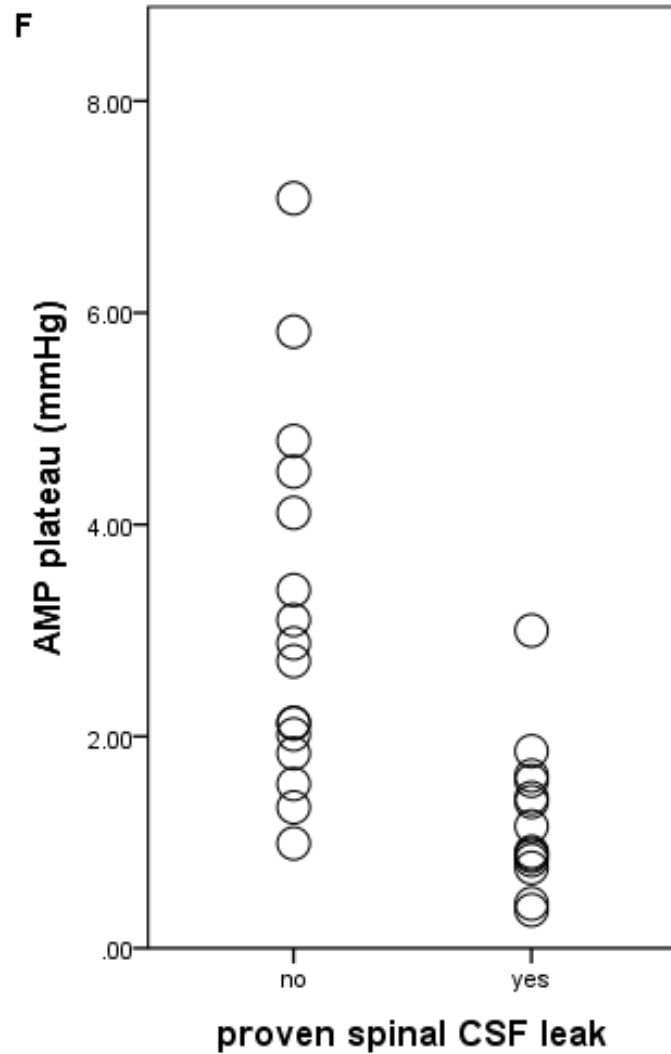


No spinal CSF leak: **0.38mmHg**

$P < 0.017$

Proven spinal CSF leak: **0.18mmHg**

Pulse amplitude at plateau



No spinal CSF leak: **2.80mmHg**

$P < 0.001$

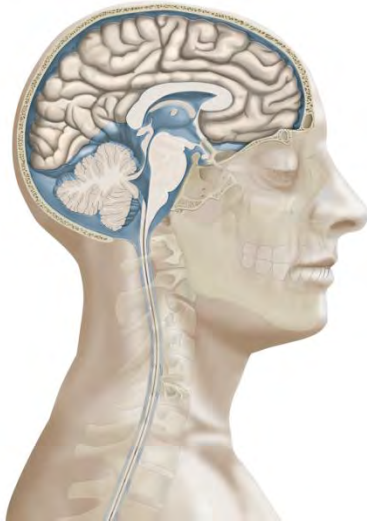
Proven spinal CSF leak: **1.03mmHg**

Resistance to CSF outflow computerized

Resistance to CSF outflow (mmHg/(ml/min)):

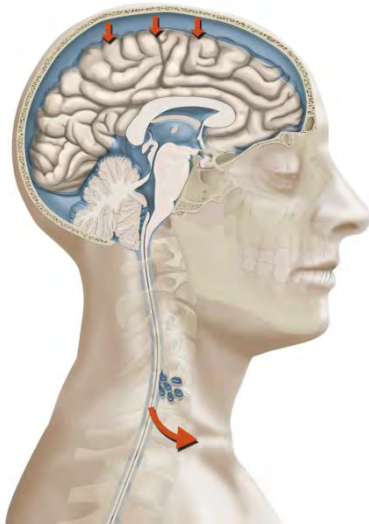
- The resistance to outflow measures the impedance to CSF drainage.
- It is equal to the effective pressure increase (ICP plateau - ICP baseline) divided by the rate of infusion.

Resistance to CSF outflow computerized



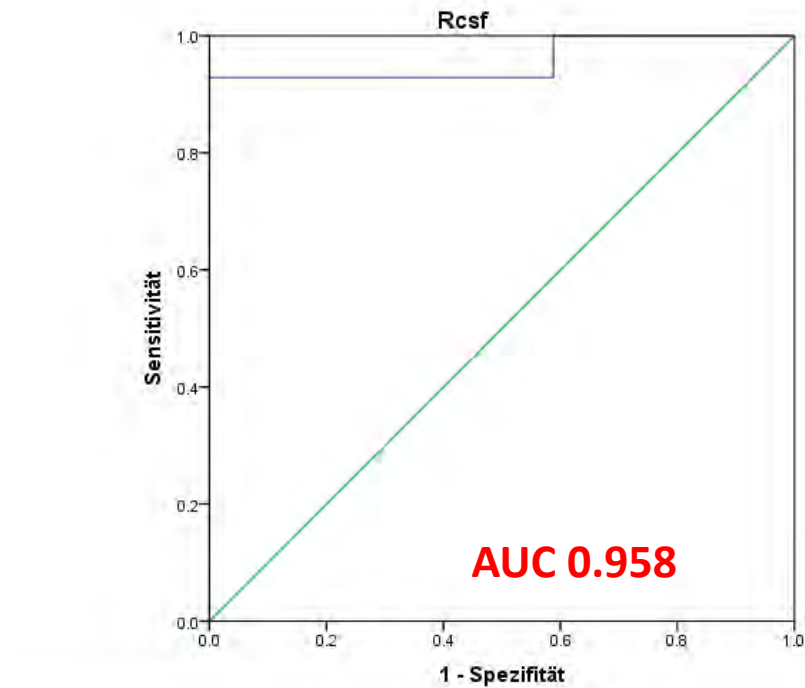
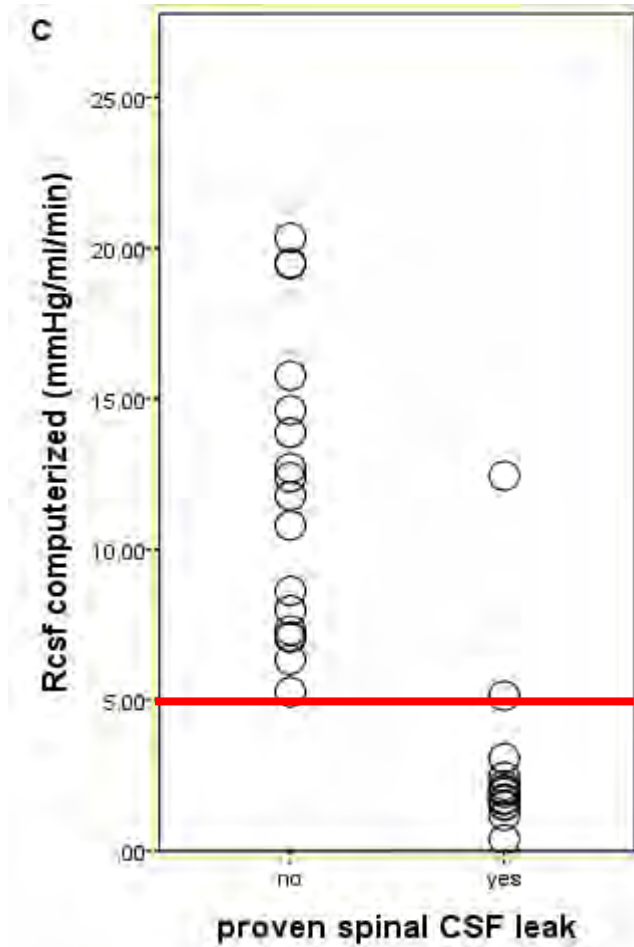
No spinal CSF leak: **11.78mmHg/ml/min**

P<0.001



Proven spinal CSF leak: **1.97mmHg/ml/min**

Resistance to CSF outflow (Rcsf)

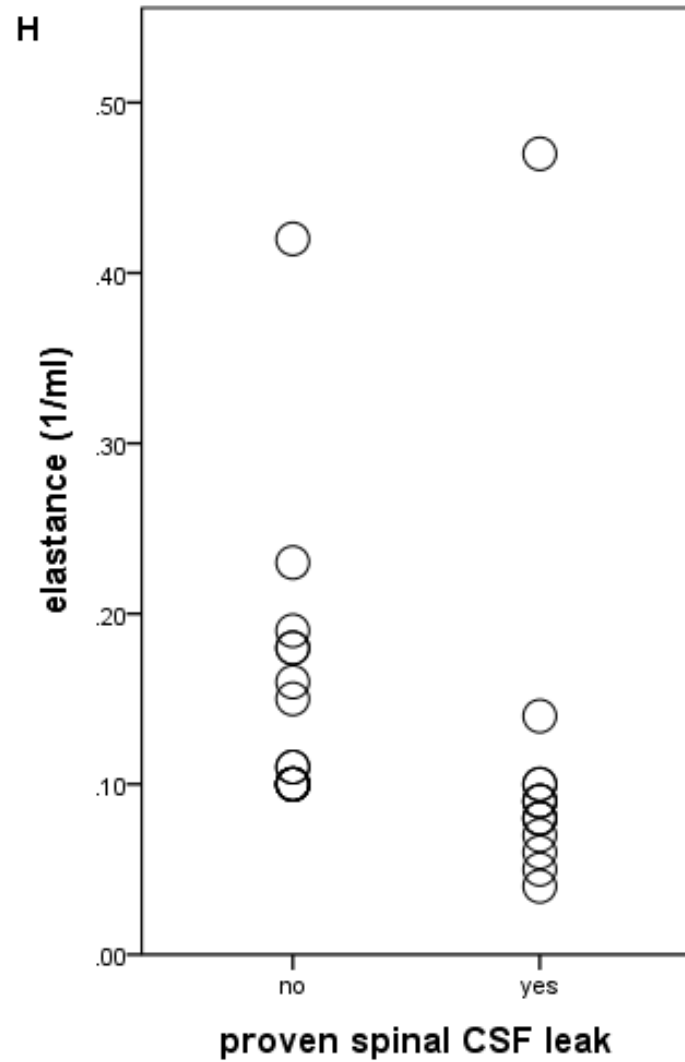


Elastance

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The elastance coefficient describes the **stiffness** of the cerebrospinal system, e.g. the ability to compensate for a cerebrospinal volume increase.

Elastance



No spinal CSF leak: **0.11mmHg**

P<0.237

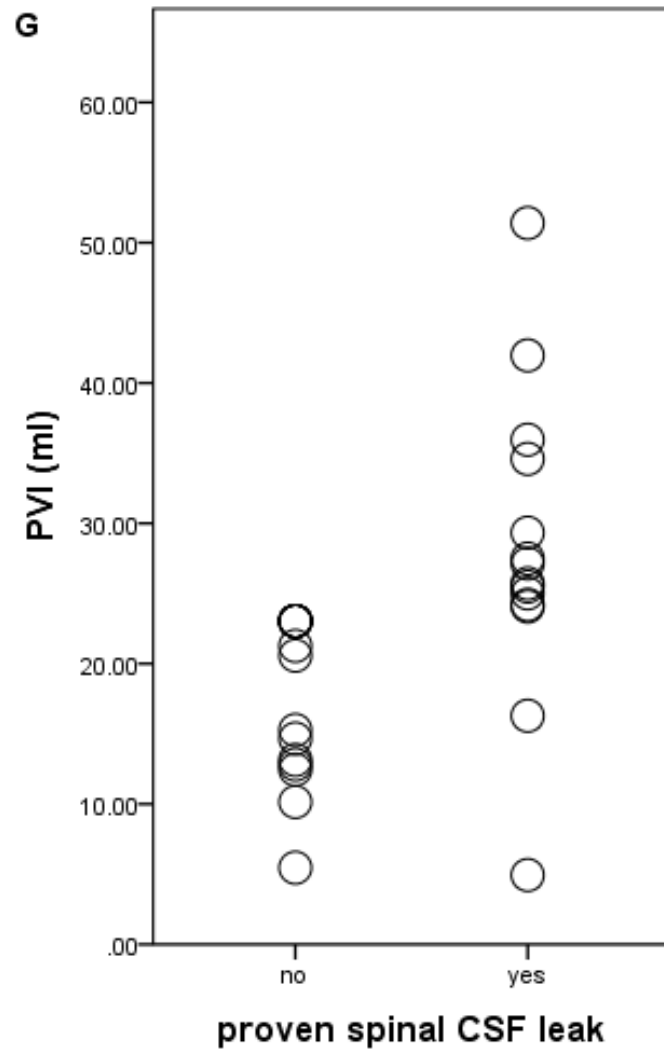
Proven spinal CSF leak: **0.09mmHg**

Pressure volume index

Pressure volume index (ml):

- The pressure volume index is the volume that has to be added to raise the pressure 10-fold.

Pressure volume index

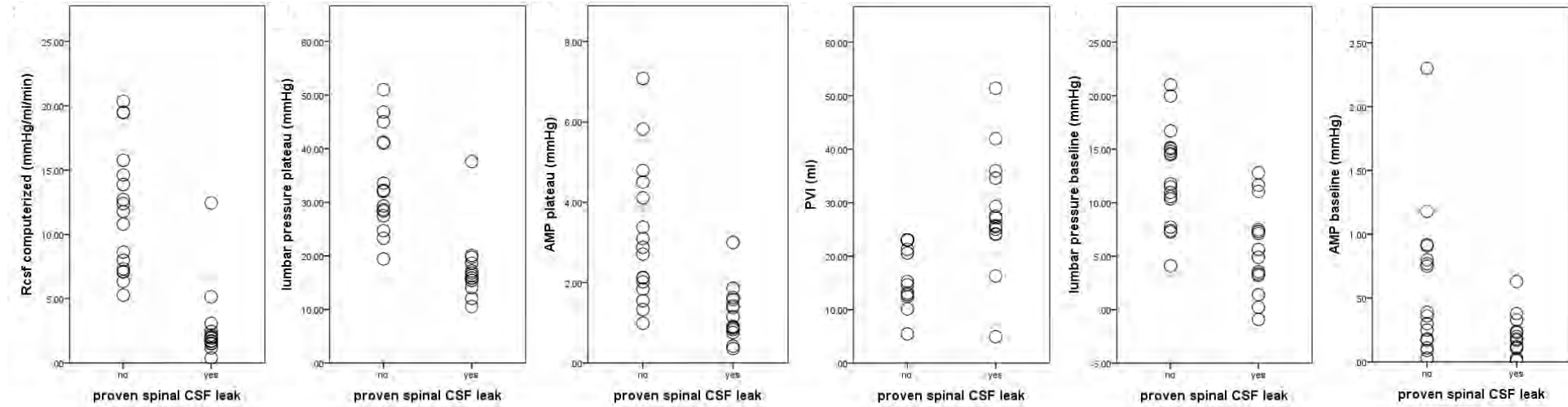


No spinal CSF leak: **20.93ml**

P=0.003

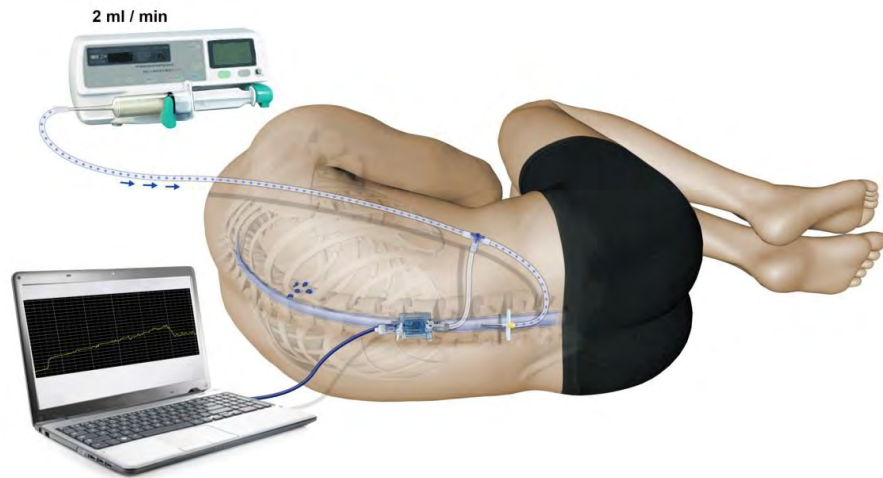
Proven spinal CSF leak: **26.43ml**

Results



	No leak		Proven leak			ROC
	Median	IQR	Median	IQR	P-value	AUC
R_{CSF} computerized	11.78	7.22–15.20	1.97	1.53–2.62	<0.001	0.958
Lumbar pressure plateau	32.06	27.71–41.15	16.11	15.08–18.91	<0.001	0.942
AMP plateau	2.80	1.89–4.40	1.03	0.81–1.59	<0.001	0.893
Pressure volume index	20.93	12.90–23.04	26.43	24.18–34.93	0.003	0.888
Lumbar pressure baseline	11.77	9.04–15.10	5.26	2.75–8.37	<0.001	0.866
AMP baseline	0.38	0.17–0.88	0.18	0.09–0.26	0.017	0.752

Lumbar infusion test – *ICM+*[®]



- Specific pattern of CSF dynamics
- Investigator independent
- **Rcsf out** may be the best CSK leak specific diagnostic parameter

Anatomy of the Optic Nerve Sheath

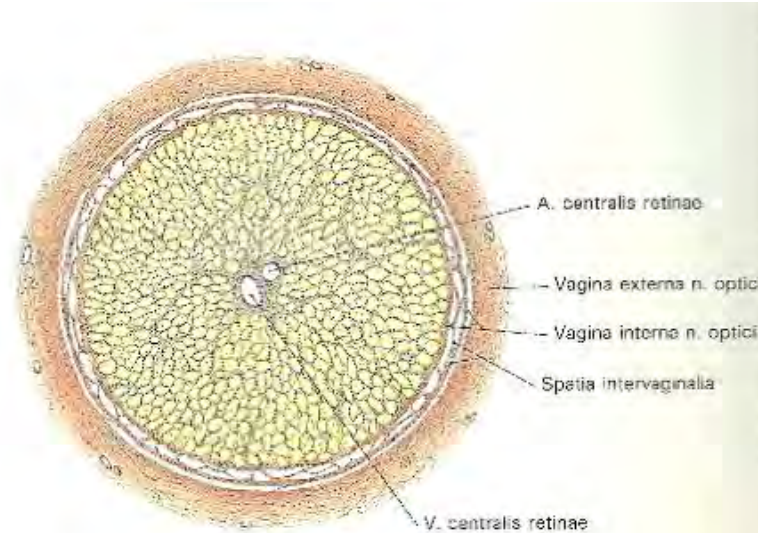
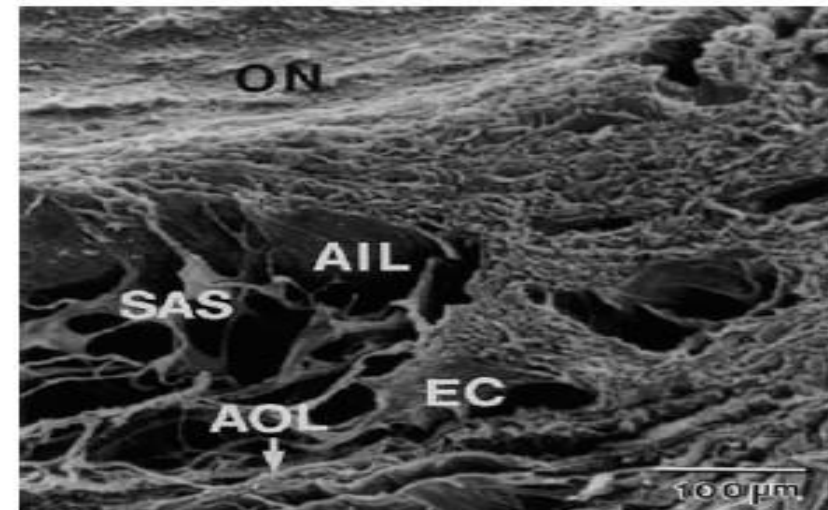
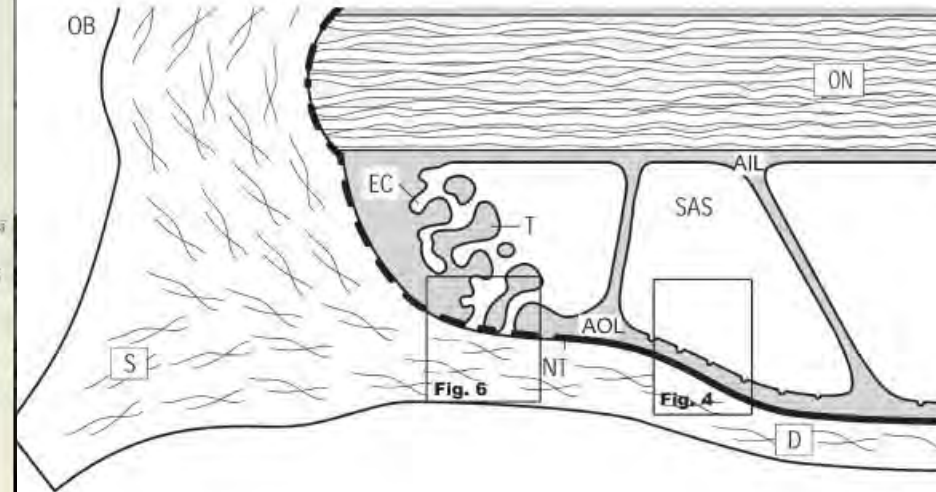


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Querschnitt durch den N. opticus nahe des Bulbus oculi.



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- www.glaucoma.org

BF 75Hz
A1

AGC S1

2D
98%
K 51
M Aus
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ONSD RE SAG LI

Vitreous Body



+ Abstand 0.305 cm
x Abstand 0.603 cm

3.7

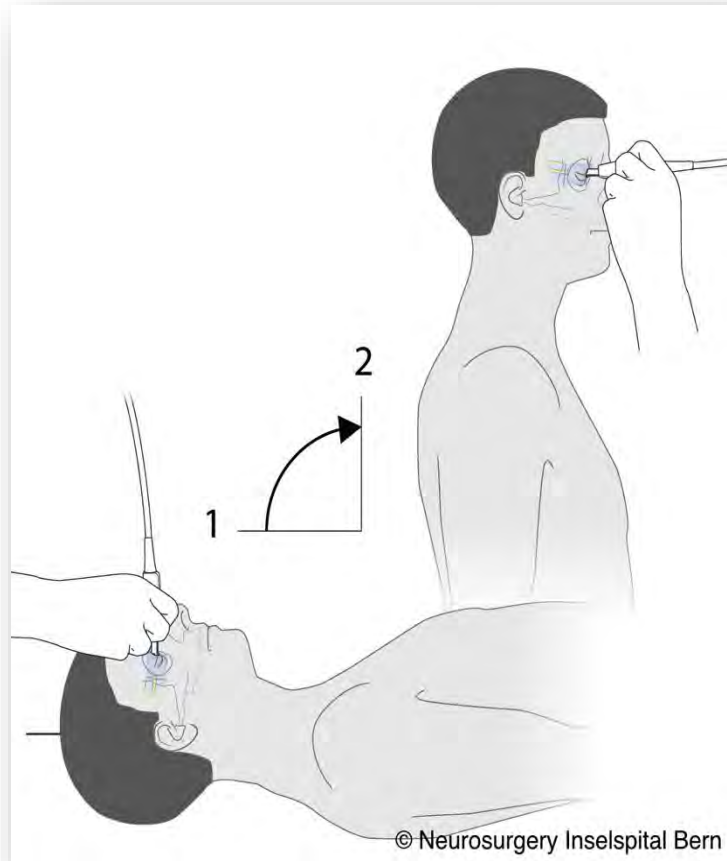
Results – Diameter

No statistically significant difference of ONSD

0.538cm ± 0.091 vs. 0.539cm ± 0.090; p=0.957

Diagnostic work-up

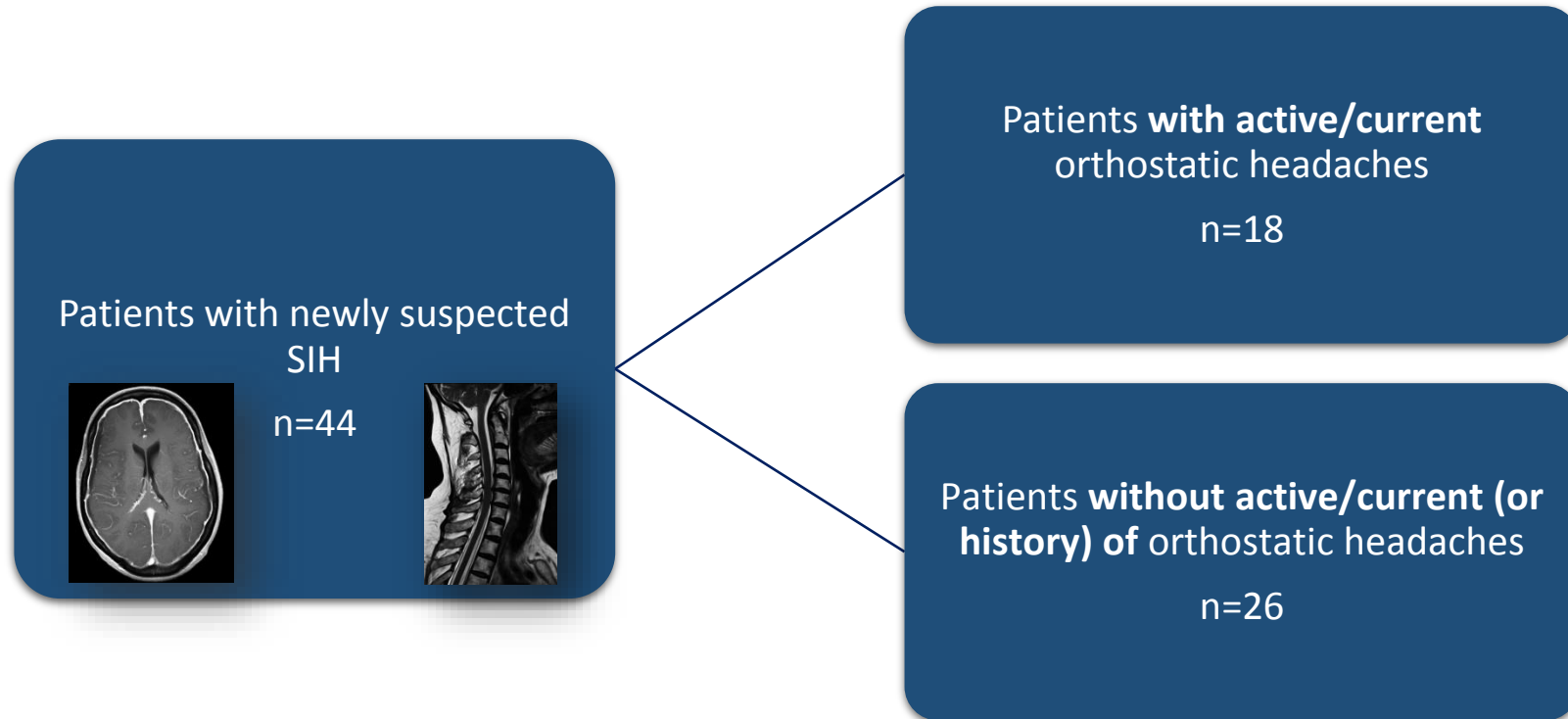
CSF-leak-protocol



➤ **First in supine position -> secondary in upright position**

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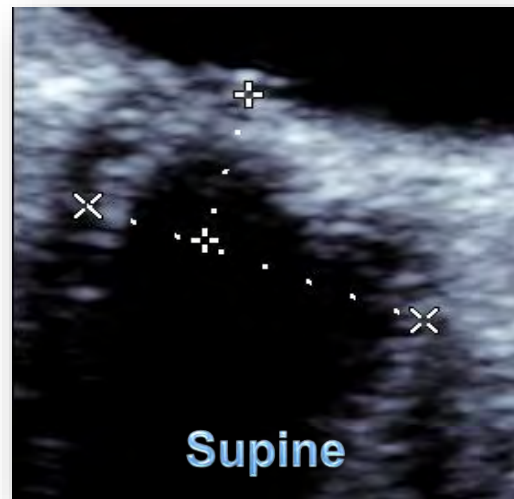
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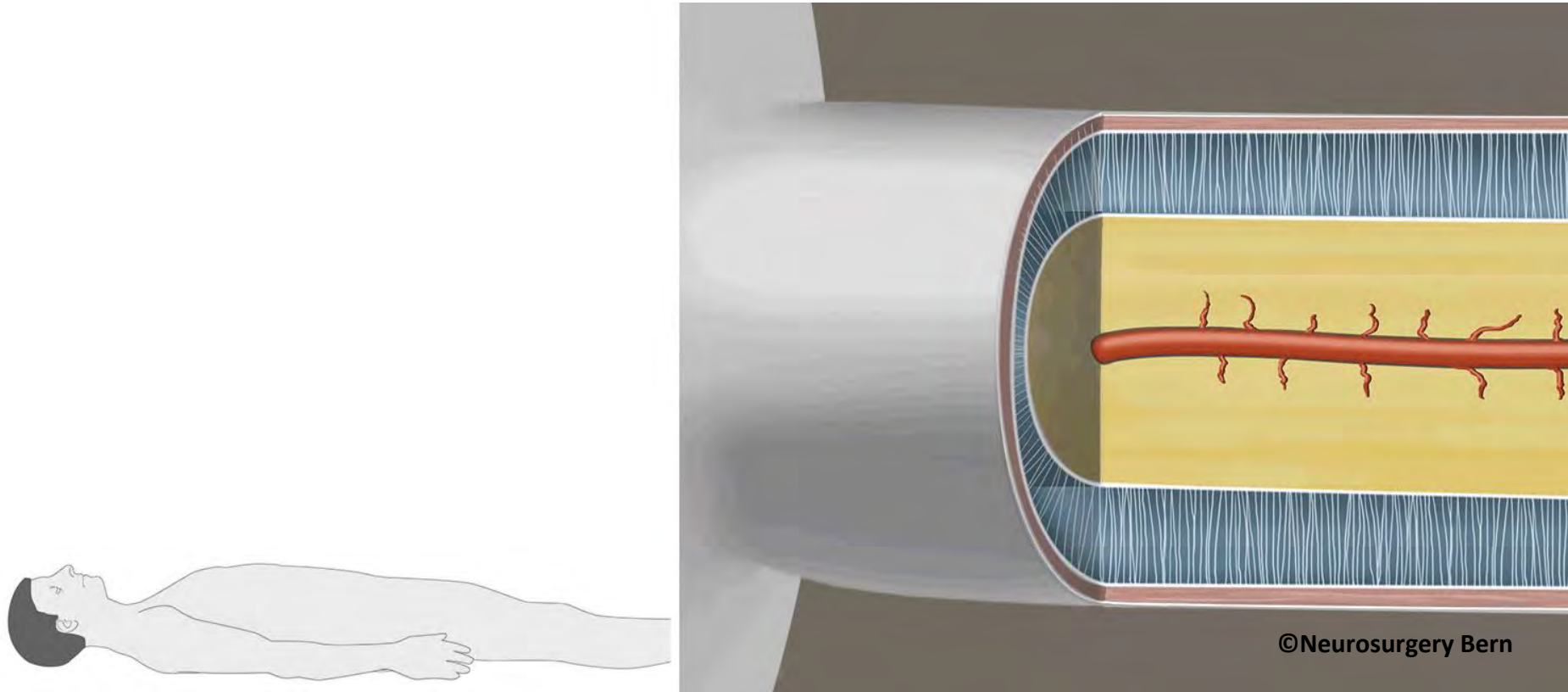
Results – Diameter

Significant difference between supine and upright position in patients with orthostatic headaches

ONSD Supine = **0.549cm** \pm 0.097 vs. Upright = **0.484cm** \pm 0.095; **p=0.036**



Ultrasound of the optic nerve sheath



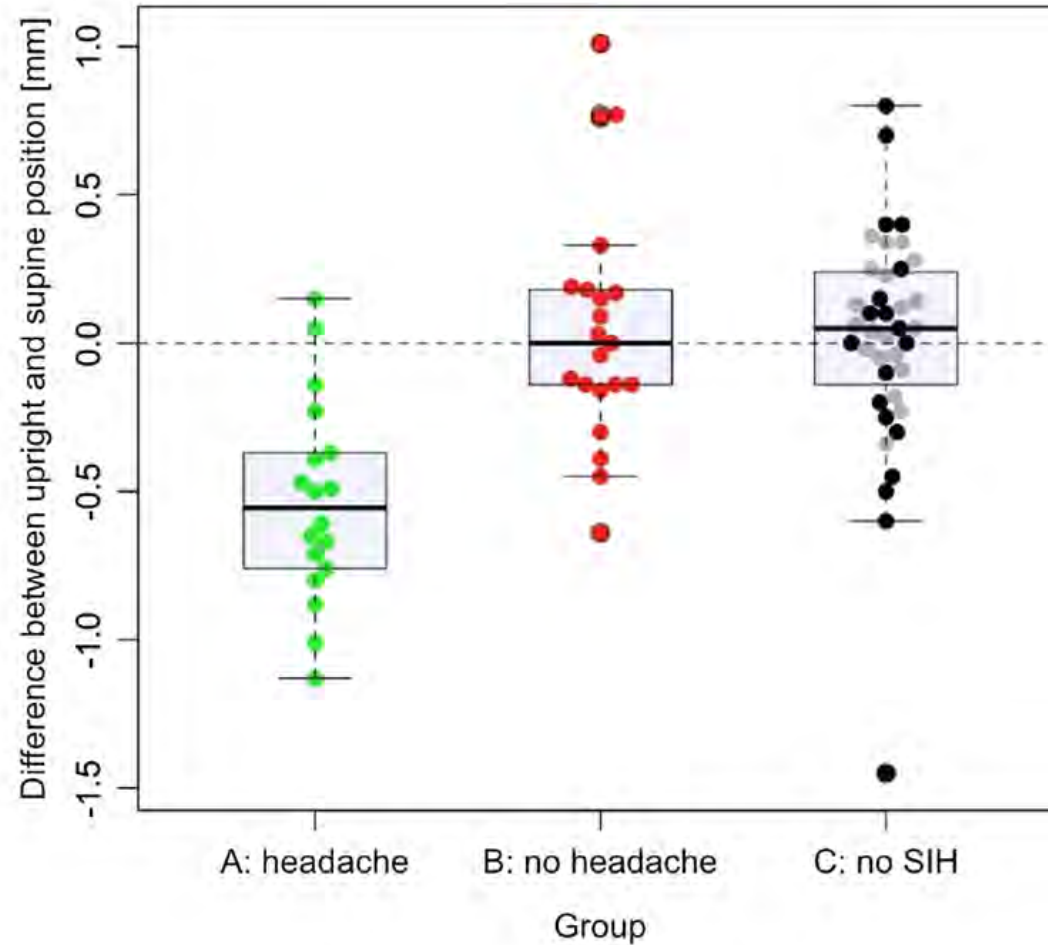


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RESEARCH PAPER

Management of spontaneous intracranial hypotension – Transorbital ultrasound as discriminator

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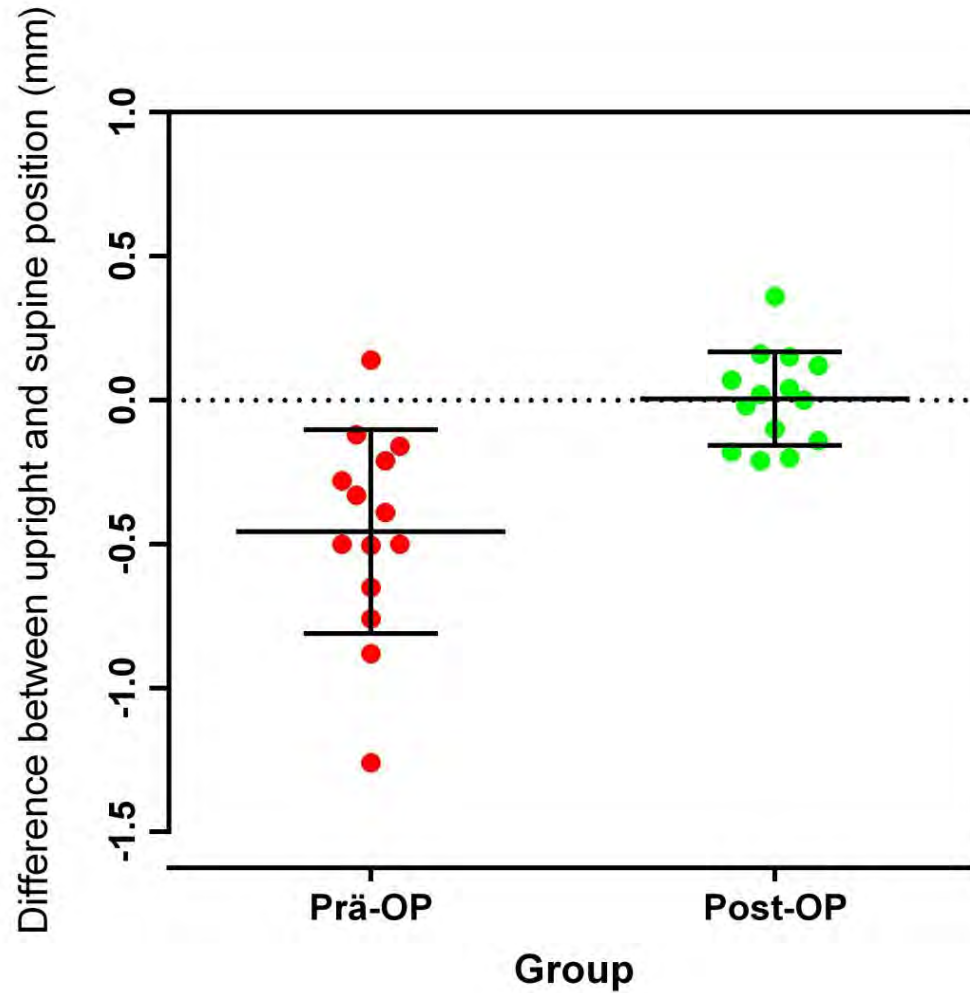
Before and After Microsurgical Closure of a CSF leak

- assessment of the ONSD in Patients with spontaneous intracranial hypotension two times
- 14 Patients with proven fistula in myelography and surgery
- compared ONSD **before** and **after** surgery

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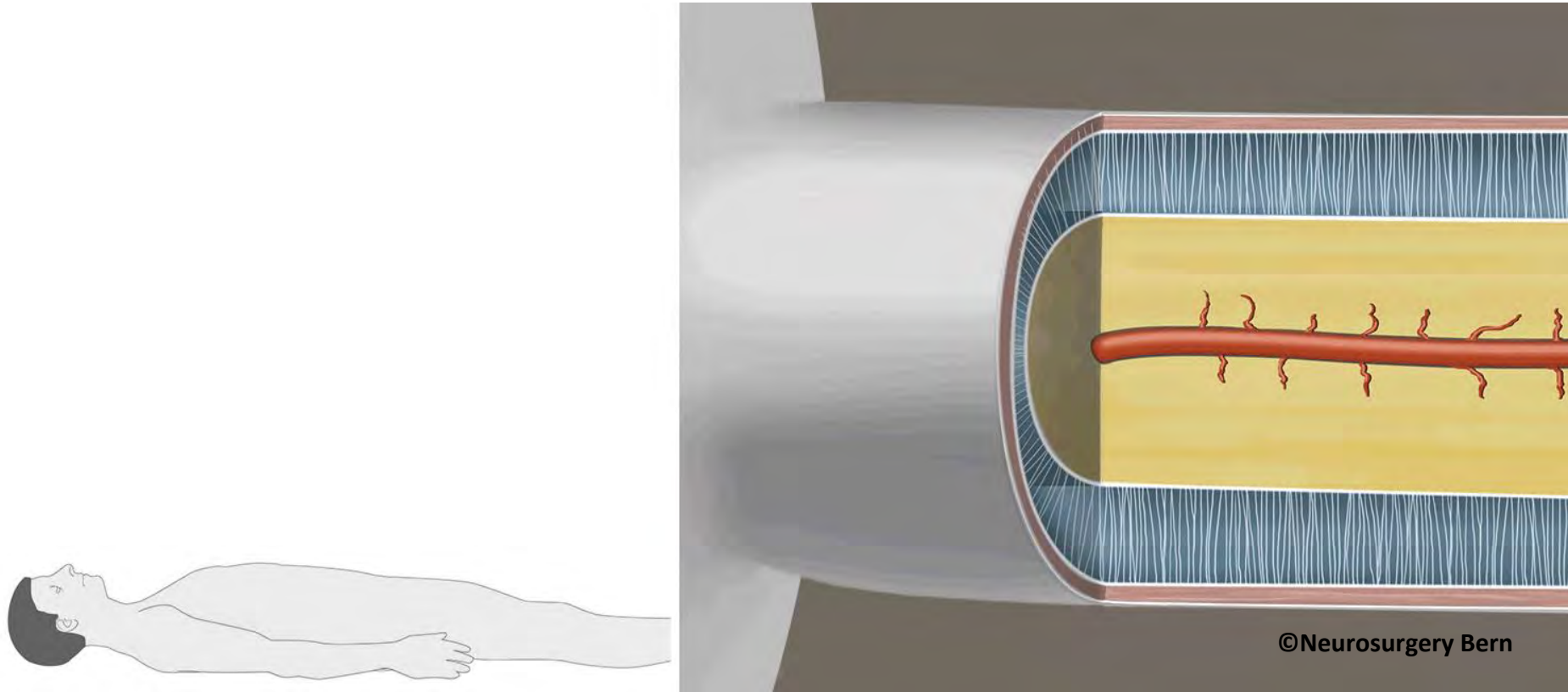
- Significantly different between supine and upright position **before surgery**
- 5.1mm vs. 4.7mm; p=0.002
- No significant different between supine and upright position **after surgery**
- 5.3mm vs. 5.3mm; p=0.940

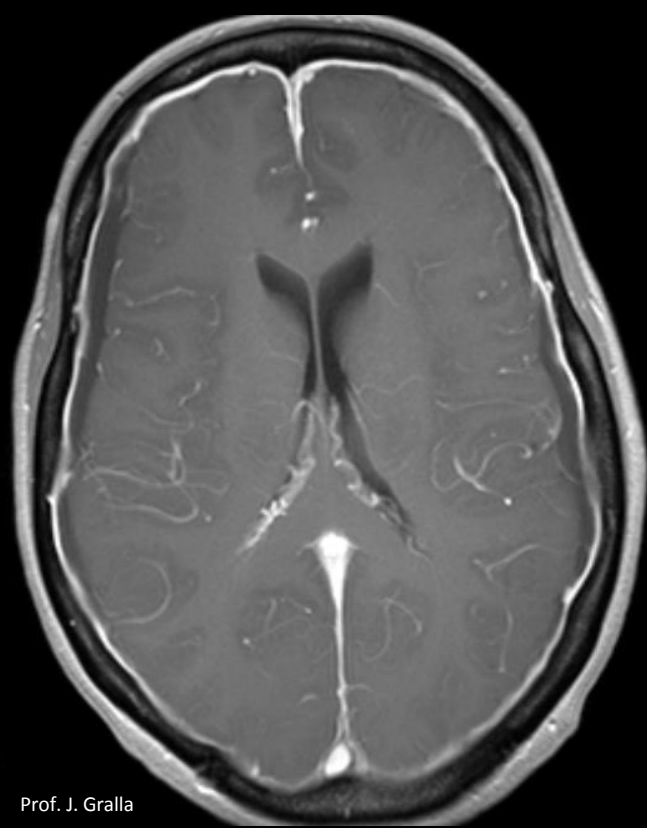
Transorbital ultrasound – before and after closure of the CSF leak



$\Delta = -0.5\text{mm}$ vs. 0.01mm ; $p=0.004$

Ultrasound of the optic nerve sheath





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Table 3 Magnetic resonance imaging findings

S Subdural fluid collection

E Enhancement of meninges

E Engorgement of veins

P Pituitary hyperaemia

S Sagging of brain

Schievink W, Cephalgia, Dez 2008

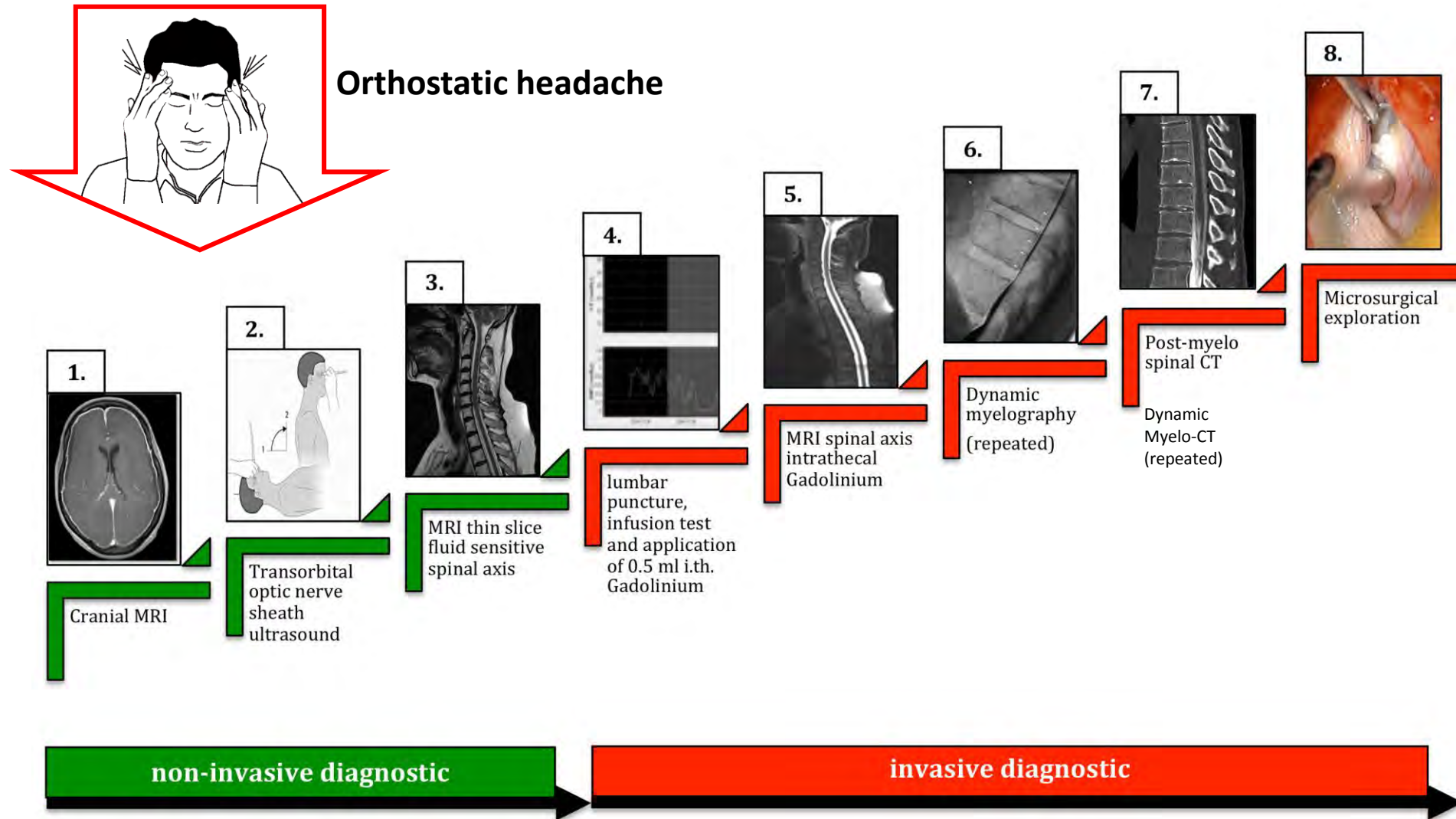
Predicting spinal CSF leaks in intracranial hypotension: a scoring system based on brain MRI findings

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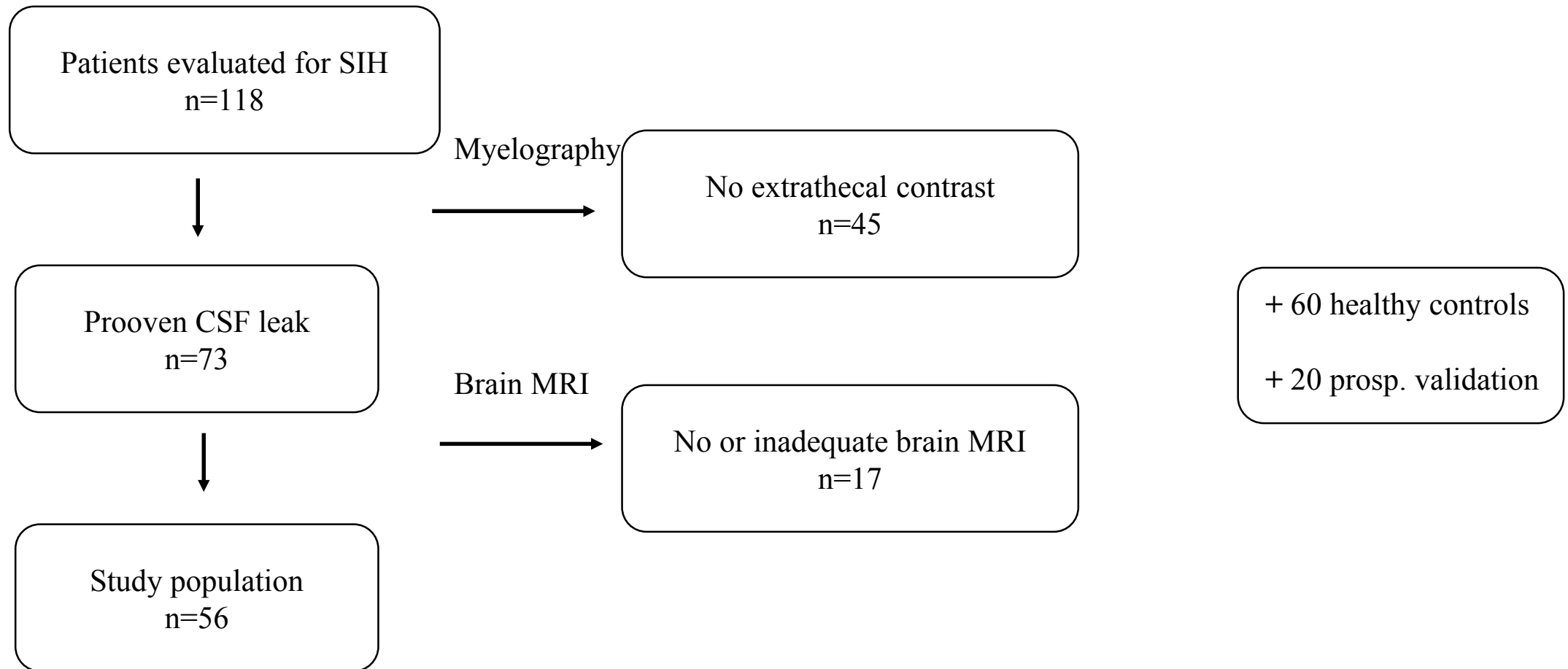
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Bern-Freiburg CSF-leak-protocol

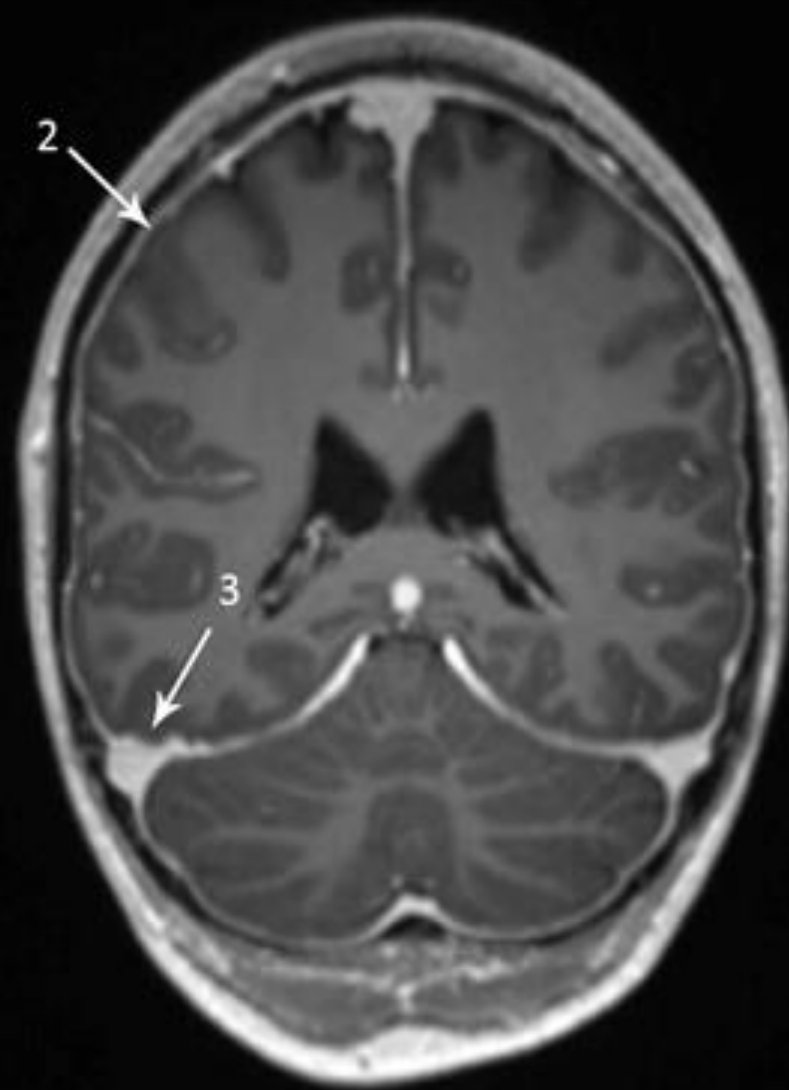
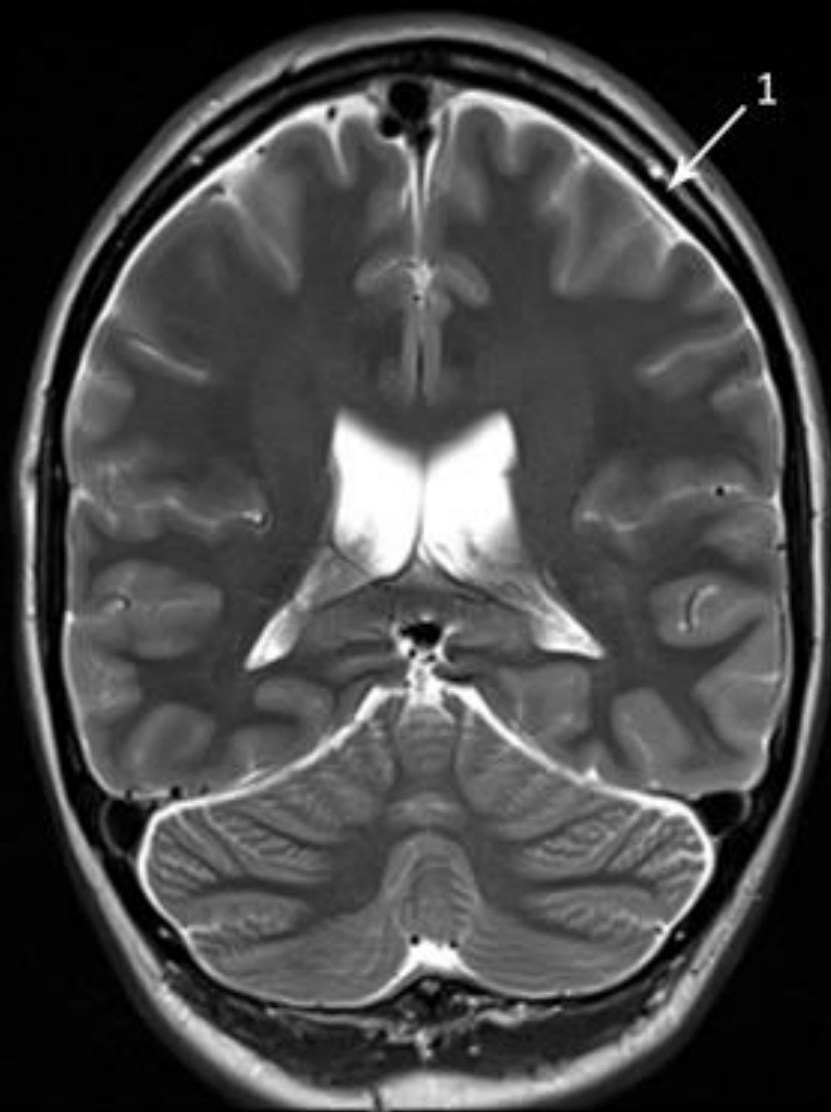


Predicting spinal CSF leaks based on brain MRI findings



The gold standard for a CSF leak

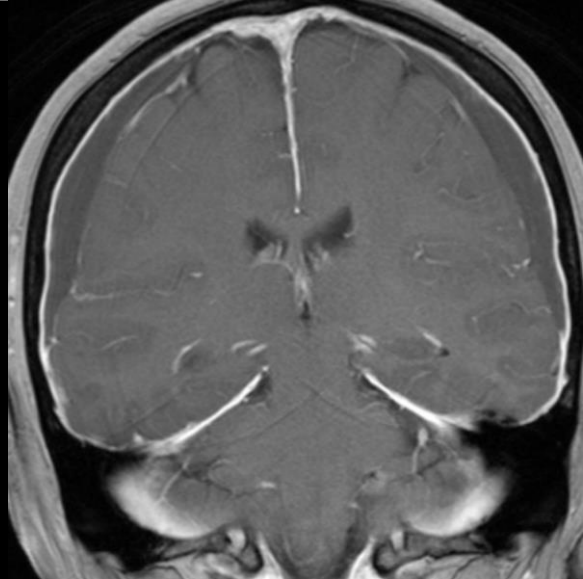
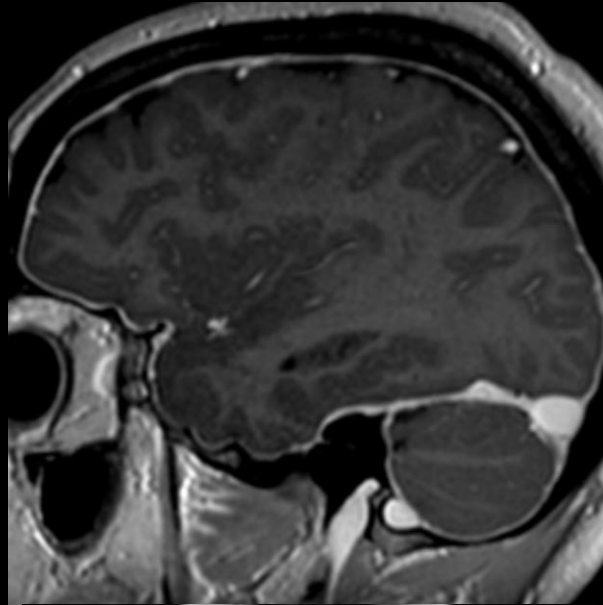
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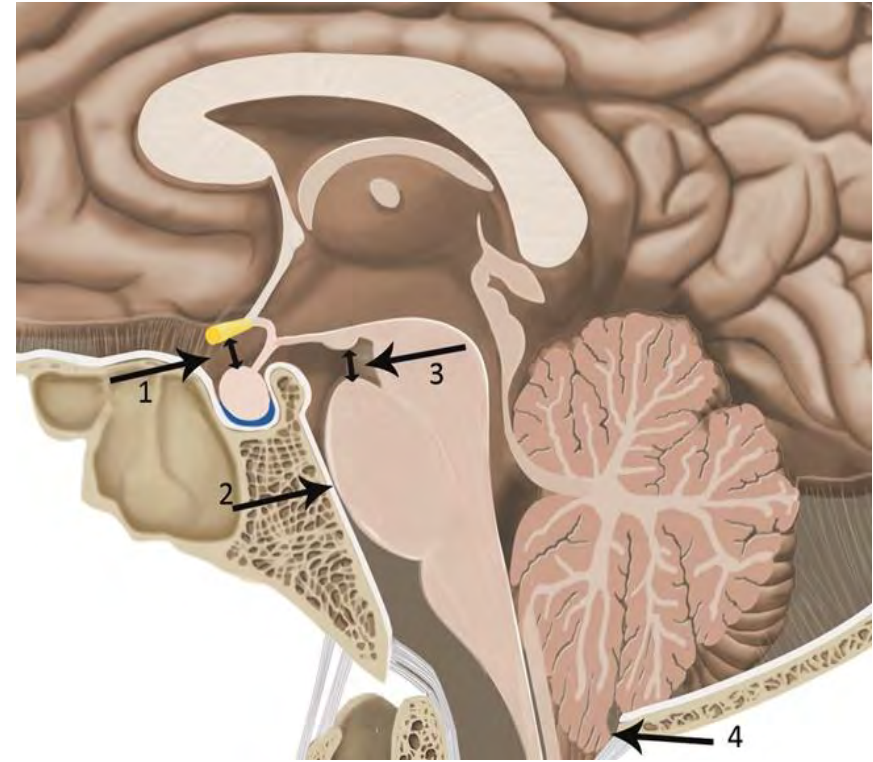


Qualitative	Quantitative
Engorgement of venous sinus	Pontomesencephalic angle
Distended inferior intercavernous sinus	Suprasellar cistern
Pachymeningeal enhancement (smooth and diffuse)	Prepontine cistern
Midbrain descent (subjective)	Midbrain descent (iter to incisural line)
Superficial siderosis	Venous-hinge angle
Subdural fluid collection	Mamillopontine distance
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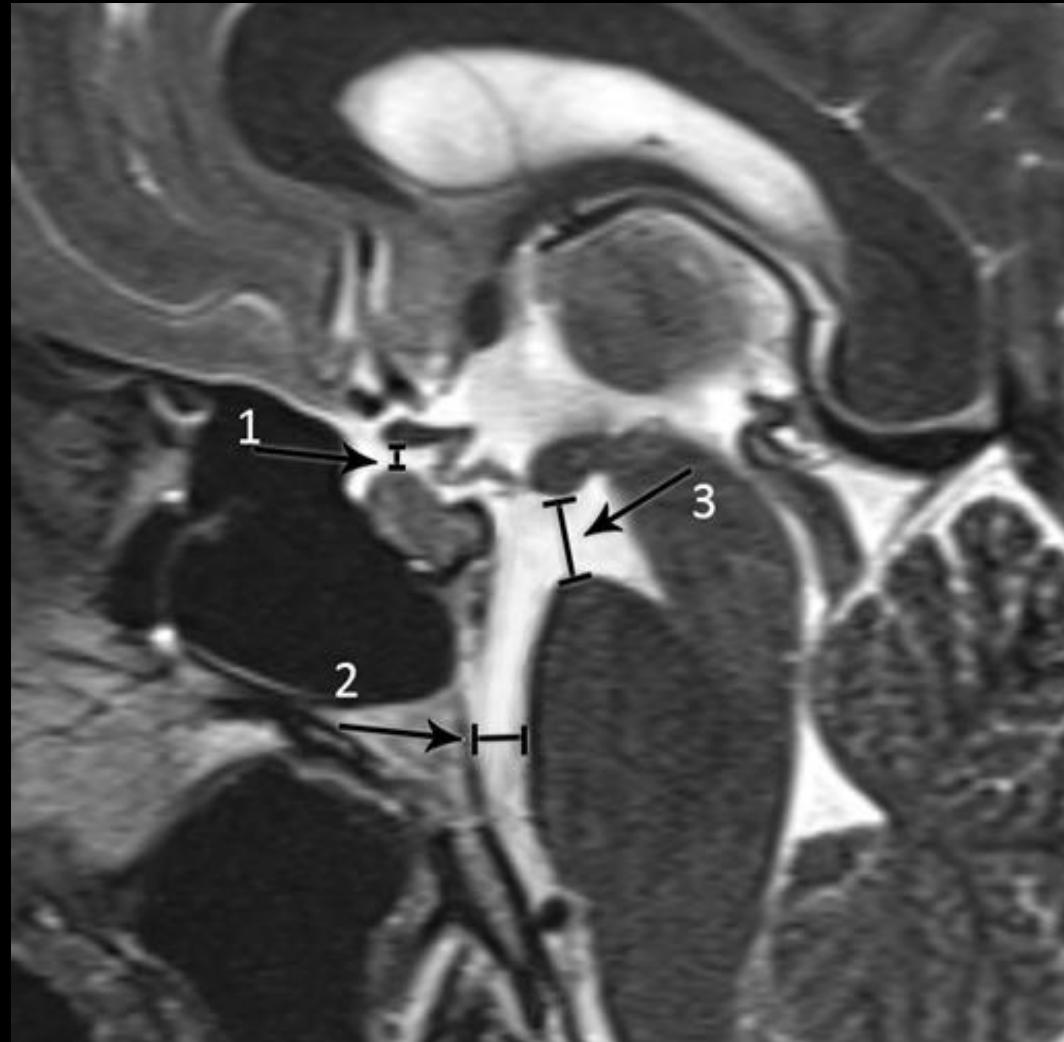
Suprasellar cistern

- 5 mm

Prepontine cistern

- 6.5 mm

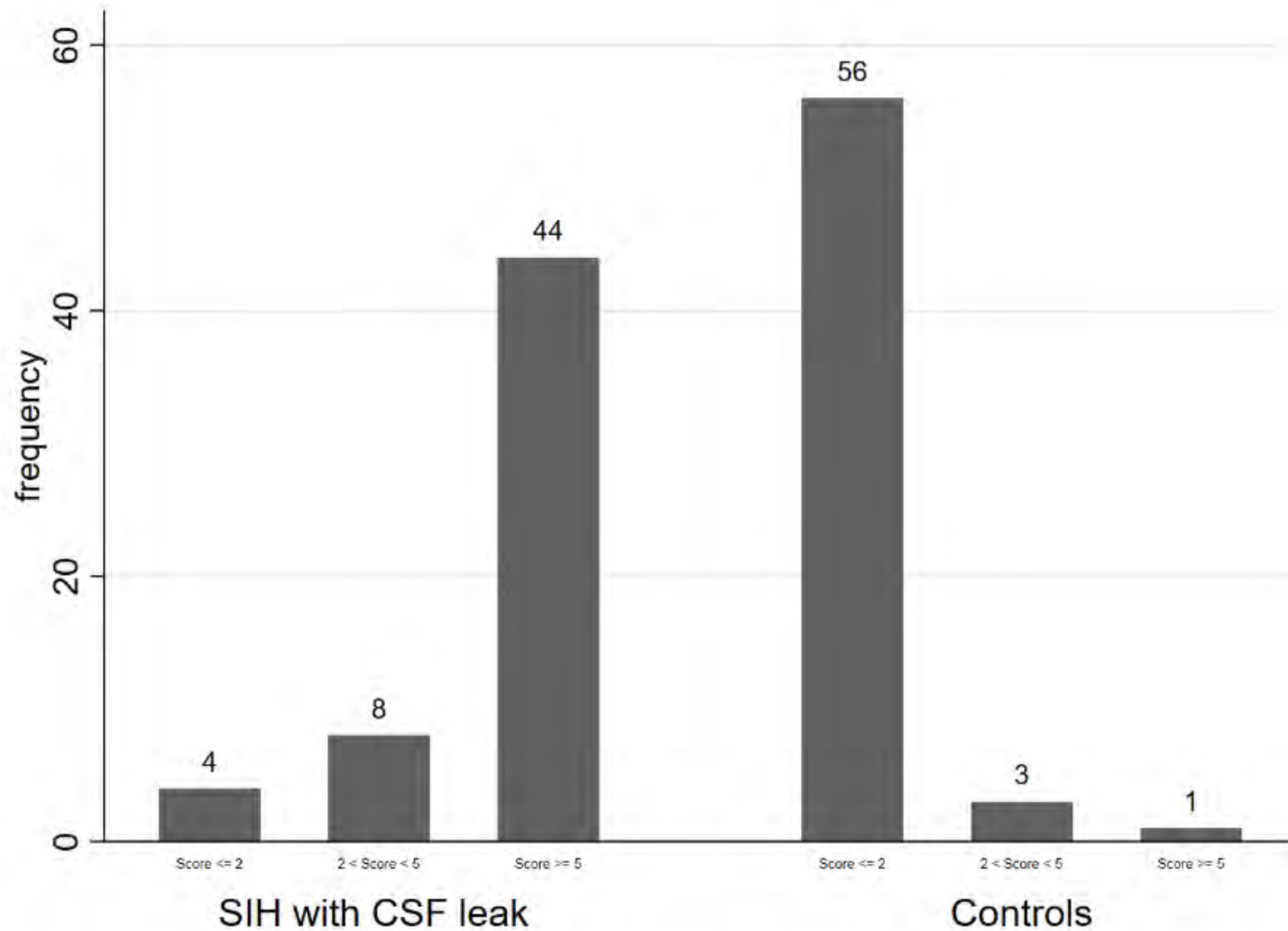
Mamillo-pontine distance



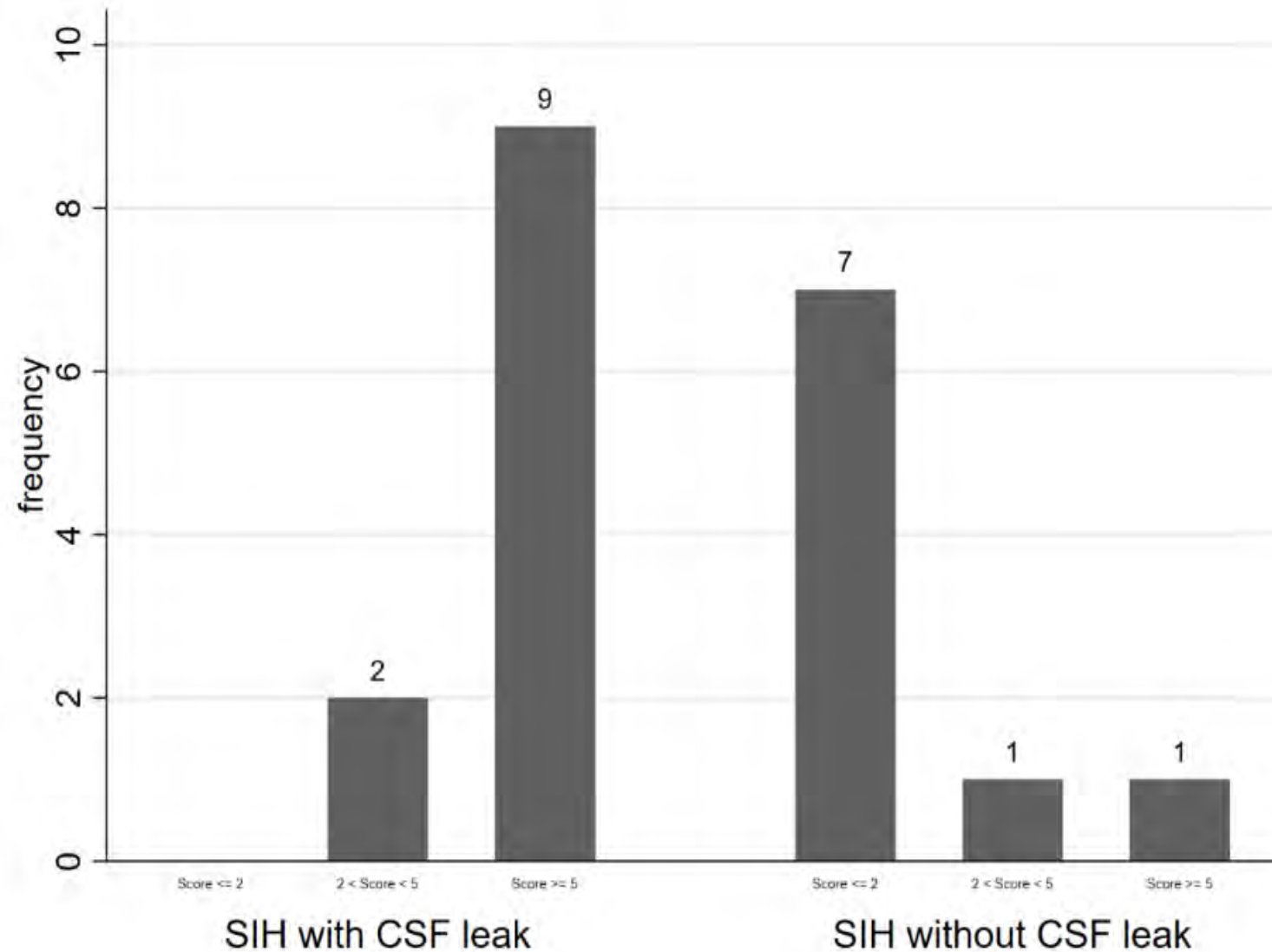
	Coefficient (95%-CI)	OR (95%-CI)	p-value	Score
Engorgement venous sinus	2.95 (1.18 to 4.72)	19.12 (3.26 to 112.30)	0.001	2
Pachymeningeal enhancement	4.04 (2.50 to 5.59)	57.01 (12.18 to 266.78)	<0.001	2
Subdural fluid collection	1.54 (-0.10 to 3.17)	4.65 (0.90 to 23.92)	0.066	1
Suprasellar cistern (≤ 4 mm)	3.48 (2.36 to 4.60)	32.32 (10.55 to 99.02)	<0.001	2
Prepontine cistern (≤ 5 mm)	1.47 (0.41 to 2.52)	4.34 (1.51 to 12.47)	0.007	1
Mamillopontine distance (≤ 6.5 mm)	1.13 (0.07 to 2.19)	3.08 (1.07 to 8.90)	0.037	1

	patients	dural enhance- ment	subdural collec- tion	venous engorge- ment	tonsillar ectopia (>5 mm)	pituitary enlarge- ment	inferior intercaver- nous sinus	Venous hinge	Mid brain descent	PMA (in °)	MPD (in mm)	Suprasellar cistern	Normal imaging
Alcaide ¹²	26	100%	50%	77%	23%		50%	65 (35-98)	50%				
Aslan ¹⁷	34	68%	41%	62 %	27 %	59%				50 ± 8.4	4.9 ± 0.99		
Tian ¹⁸	26	88%	38%	28 %		54%			17%	47.8 ±8.7	5.4 ±1.6		
Shankar ¹⁵	17	71%	65%			41%			71%				
Watanabe ¹⁹	18	83%	72%		72%	67%			72%				
Farb ¹¹	15	95%											
Kranz ²⁰	99, 53% with leak	83%		75%					61%				7 %
Our study	56	83%	54%	65%	5%		47%	95 (±15)	27%	49 ± 11	5.7 ± 1.7	3.1 ± 1.9	0 %

Predicting spinal CSF leaks based on brain MRI findings




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Derivation cohort

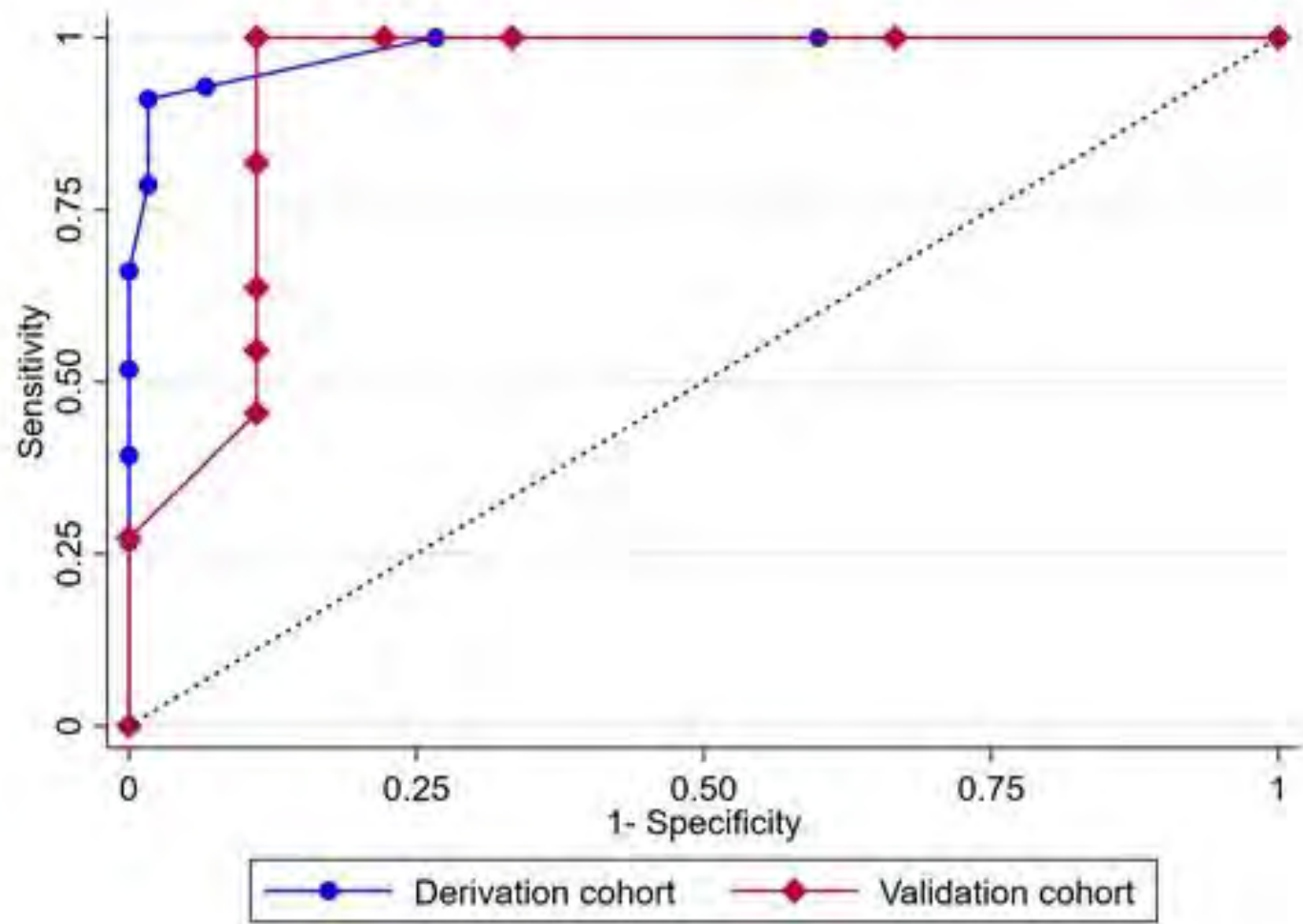
	Cutpoint	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR+	LR-
LOW	≥ 1	100·0%	40·0%	1·7	0·0
	≥ 2	100·0%	73·3%	3·8	0·0
INTER-MEDIATE	≥ 3	92·9%	93·3%	13·9	0·1
	≥ 4	91·1%	98·3%	54·7	0·1
HIGH	≥ 5	78·6%	98·3%	47·1	0·2
	≥ 6	66·1%	100·0%		0·3



Validation cohort

	Cutpoint	Sensitivity	Specificity	LR+	LR-
LOW	≥ 1	100.0%	33.3%	1.5	0.0
	≥ 2	100.0%	66.7%	3.0	0.0
INTER-MEDIATE	≥ 3	100.0%	77.8%	4.5	0.0
	≥ 4	100.0%	88.9%	9.0	0.0
HIGH	≥ 5	81.8%	88.9%	7.4	0.2
	≥ 6	63.6%	88.9%	5.7	0.4

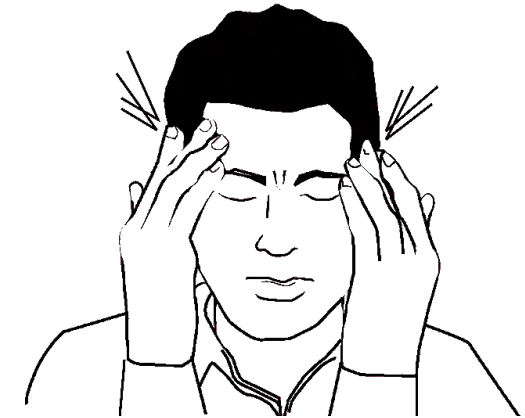
The diagram illustrates the classification of a validation cohort based on cutpoints. The classification levels are LOW, INTER-MEDIATE, and HIGH. The cutpoints are ≥ 1 , ≥ 2 , ≥ 3 , ≥ 4 , ≥ 5 , and ≥ 6 . The performance metrics for each cutpoint are Sensitivity, Specificity, LR+, and LR-.



**No patient with a proven spinal CSF leak had
a normal brain MR score of 0 or 1**

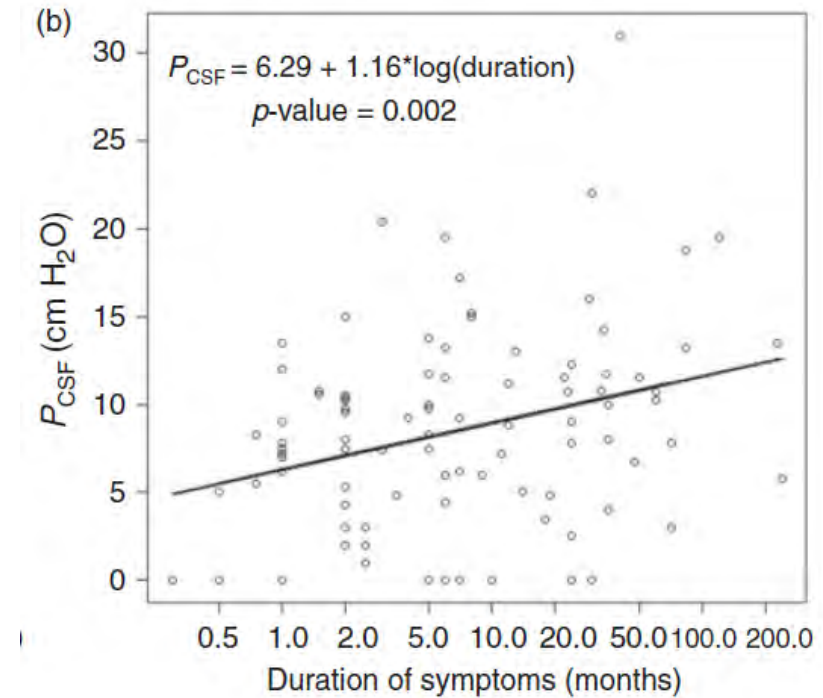
Timing

- **Diagnostic criteria: Low CSF pressure (<60 mmCSF)**
(ICHD 3rd Version, Cephalgia 2018)
- **Normal CSF pressure is common in up to 2/3 of patients**
(Kranz, Cephalgia 2015; Beck J Neurosurg Spine 2017)
- **Lumbar infusion testing has proven to be a useful tool**
(Beck, J Neurosurg Spine 2017)



Natural history of SIH

- Symptoms most severe initially
- The orthostatic nature of the headache may become less obvious over time
(ICHD 3rd Version, Cephalgia 2018; Ducros, Lancet 2015; Tyagi, Pract Neurol 2016; Lobo, BMJ Case Rep 2013; Mokri, Headache 2013; Schievink, Headache 2011)
- Opening pressure increases slowly with increasing symptom duration
(Kranz, Cephalgia 2015)



Kranz, Cephalgia 2015

Natural history of SIH

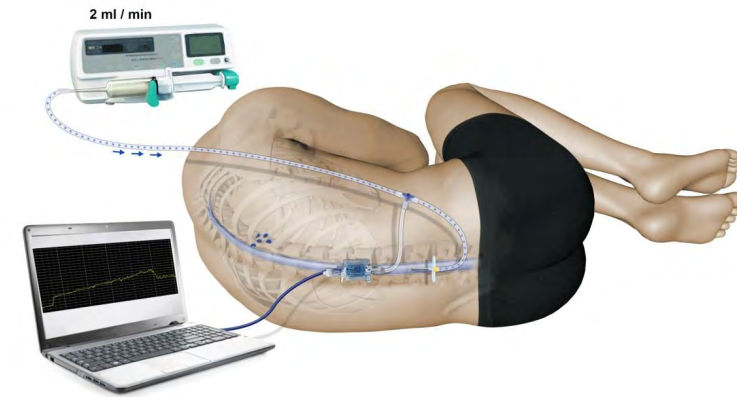
Acute
≤10 weeks

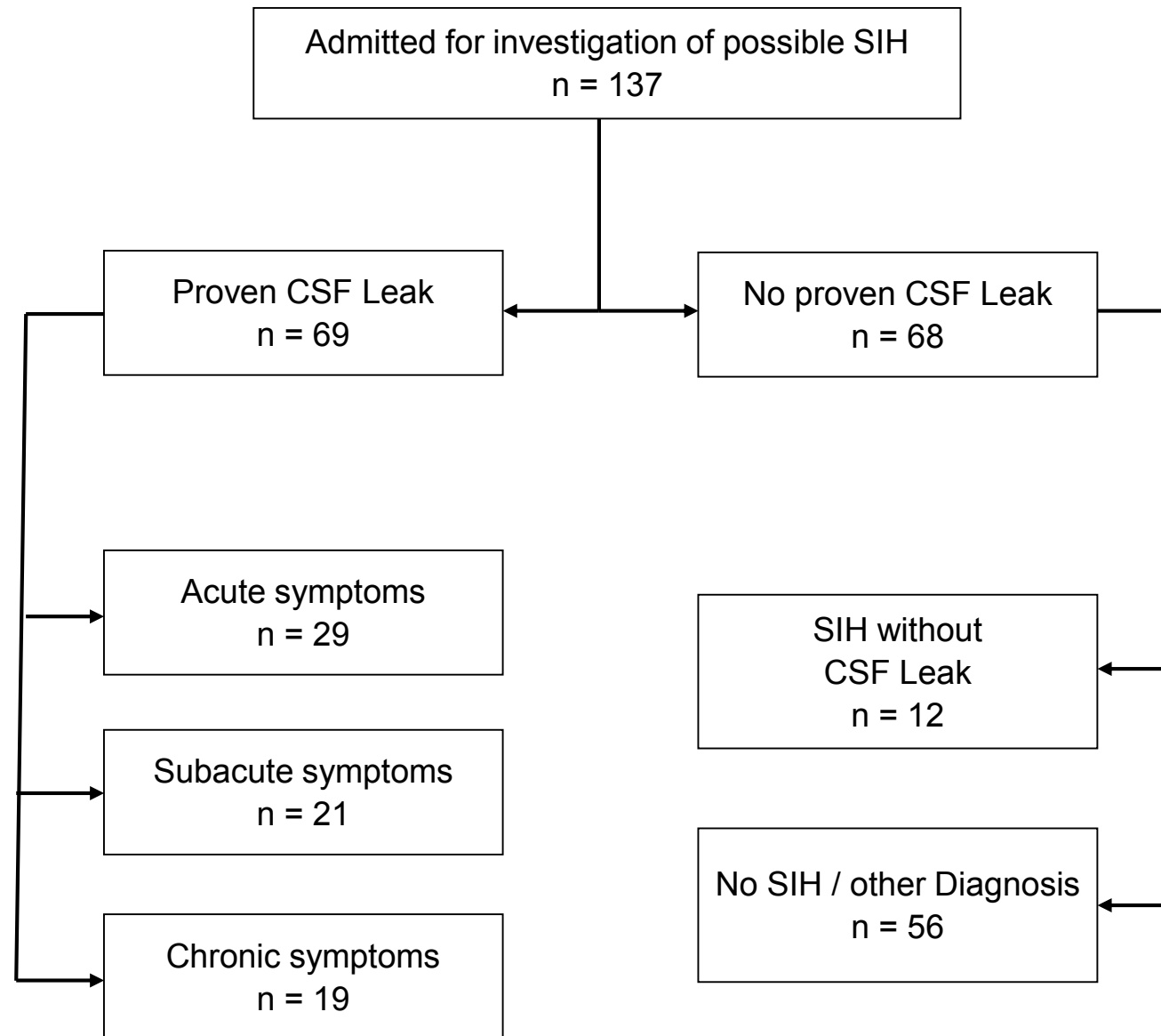
Subacute
11-52 weeks

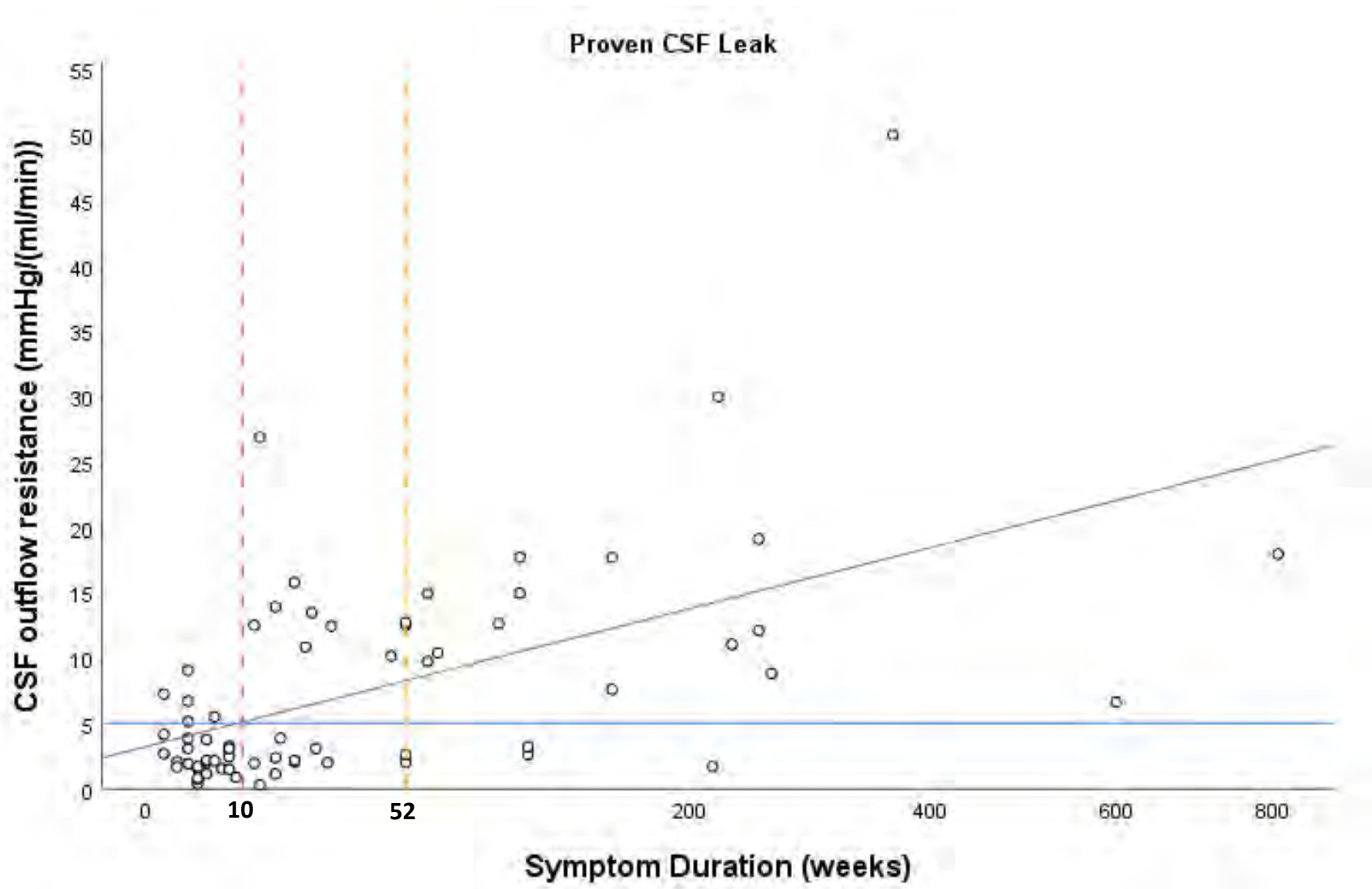
Chronic
>52 weeks

Update - lumbar infusion test – ICM+

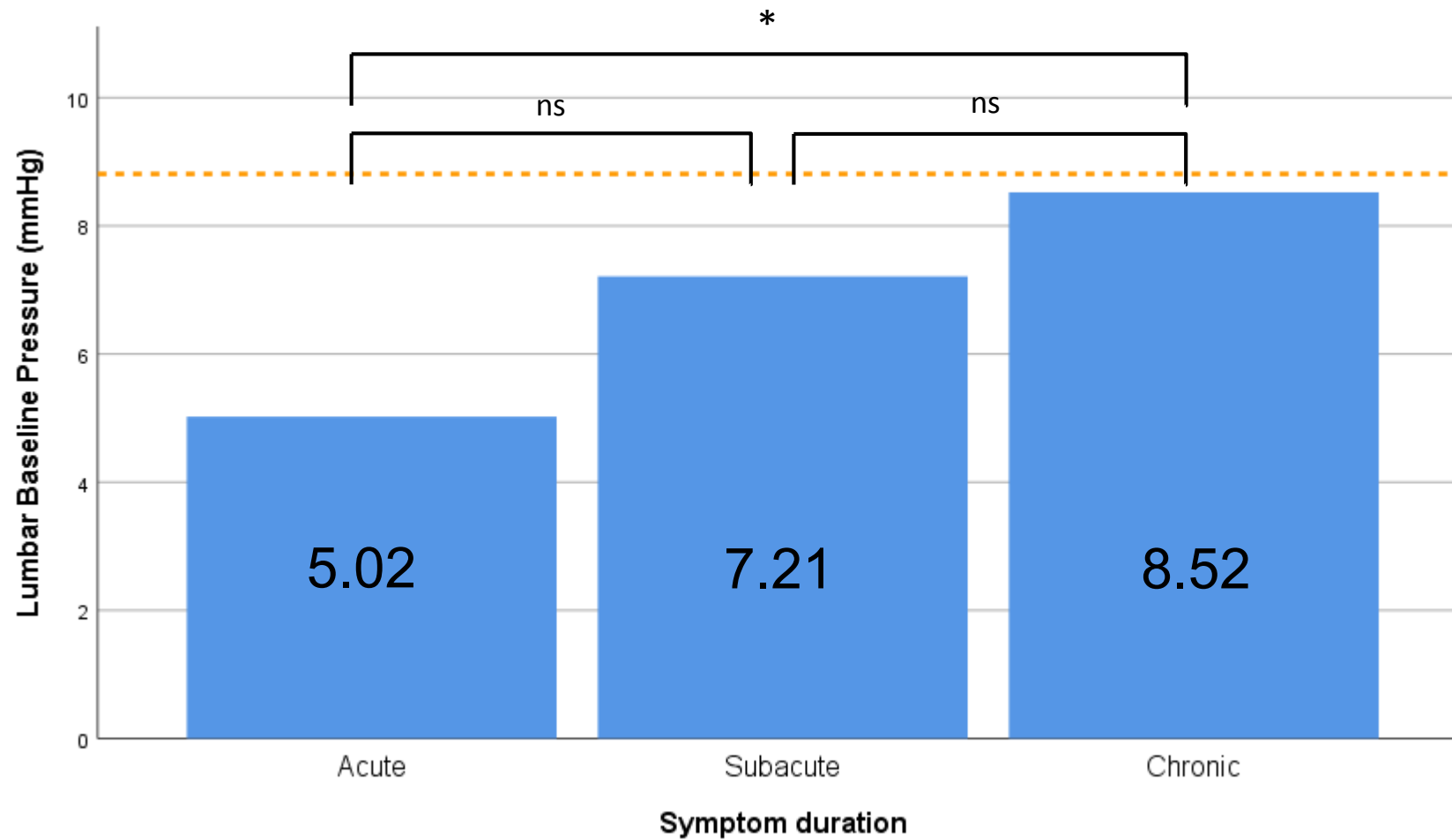
- **137** lumbar infusion tests
- 53.3% female
- Mean age 49 years
- **69** had proven spinal CSF leak



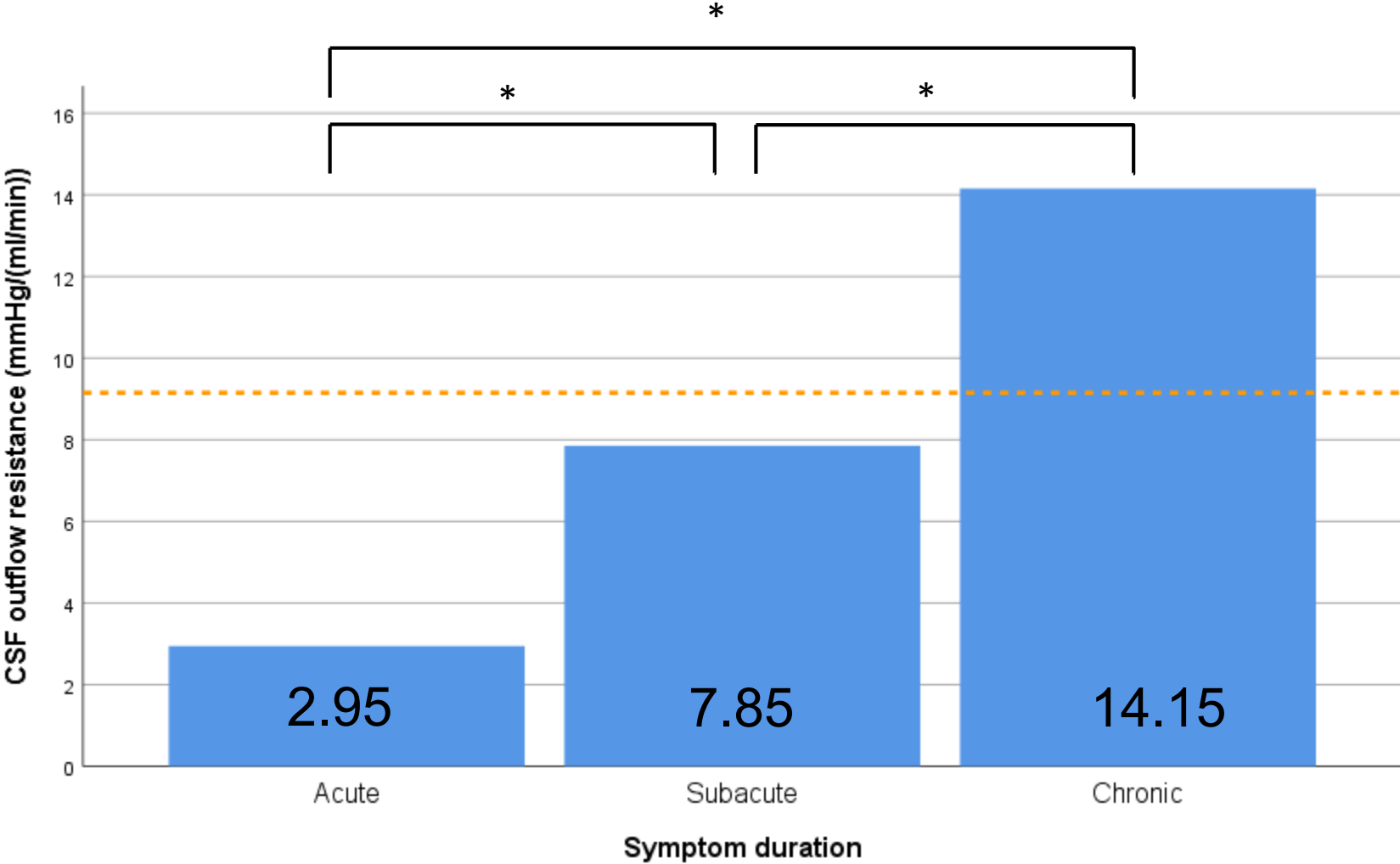




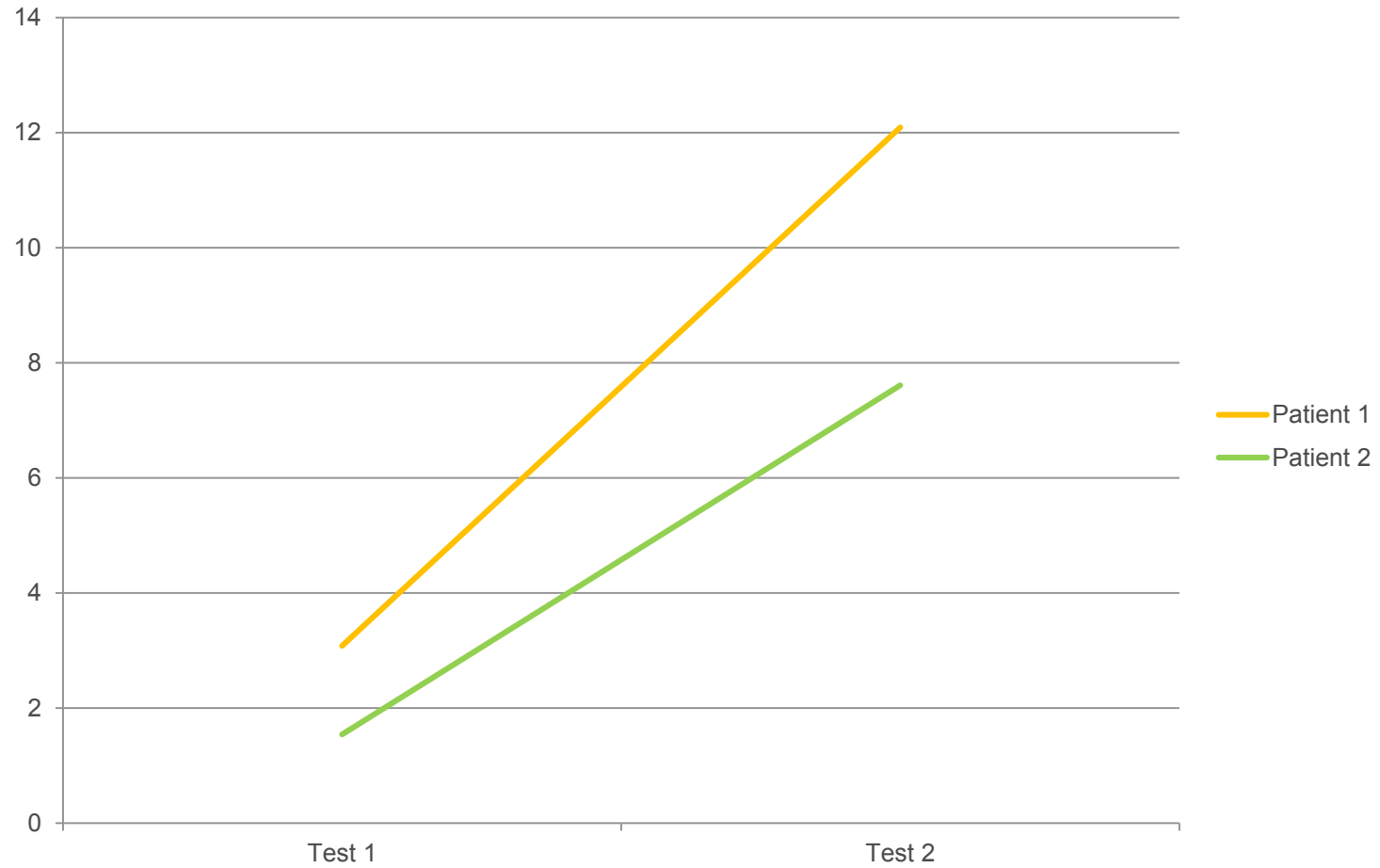
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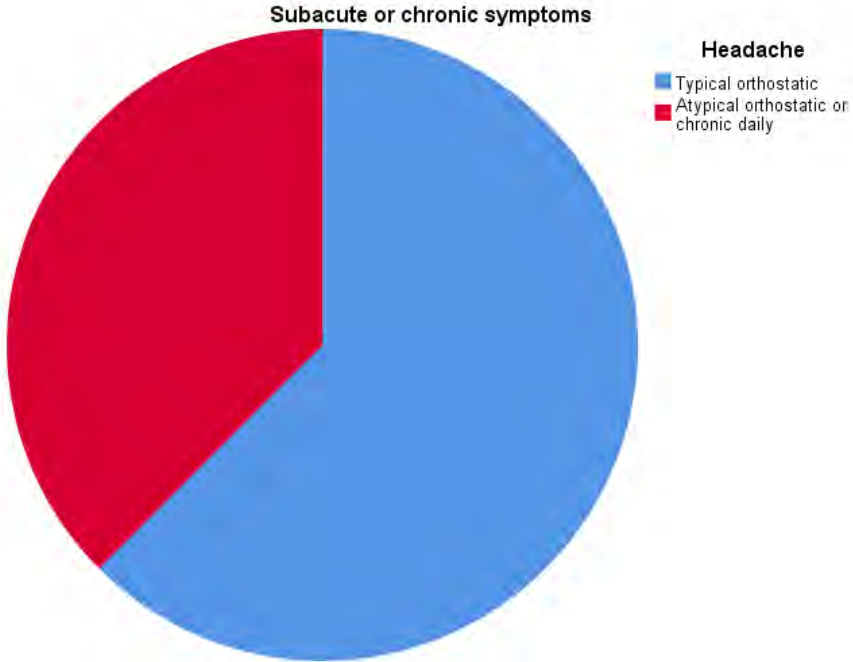
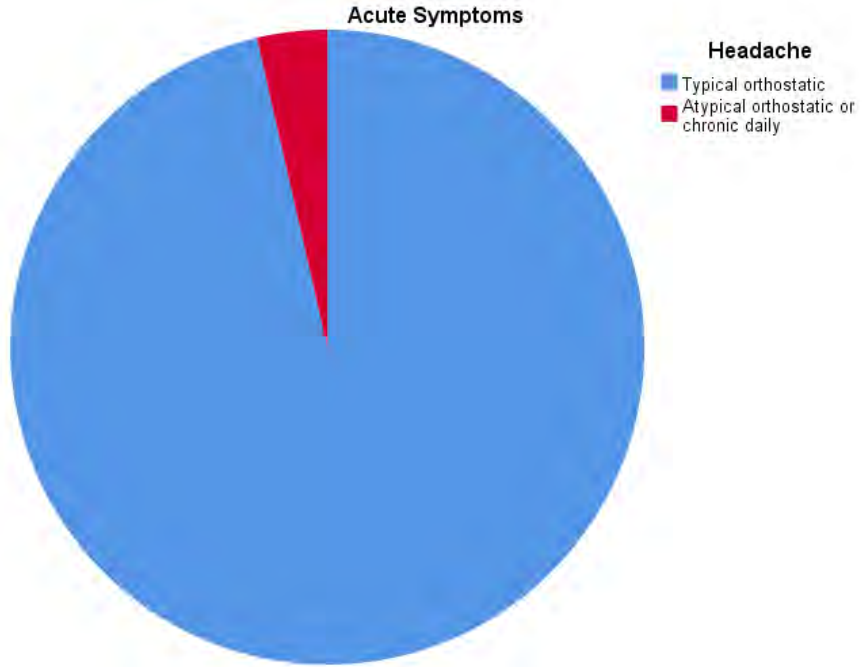
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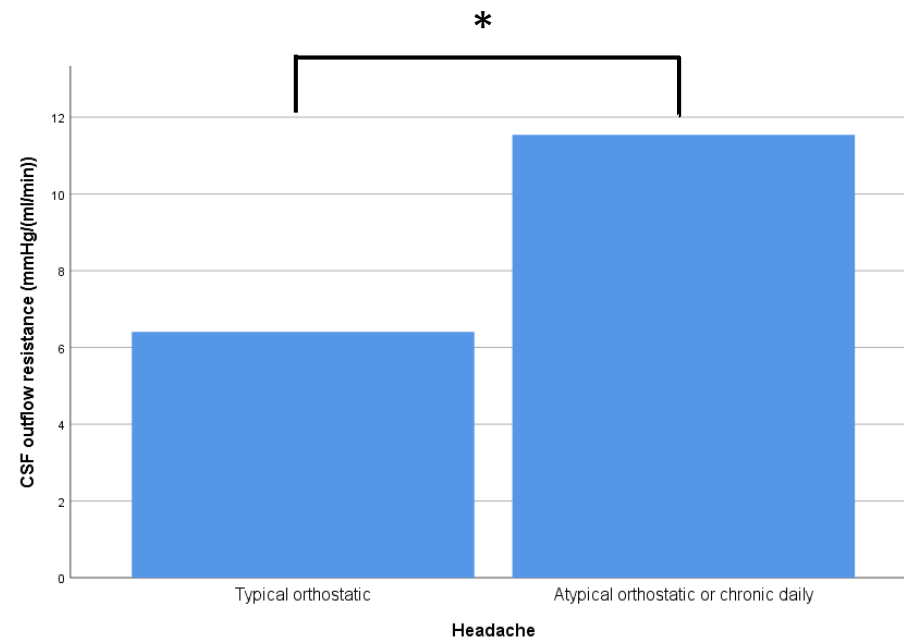
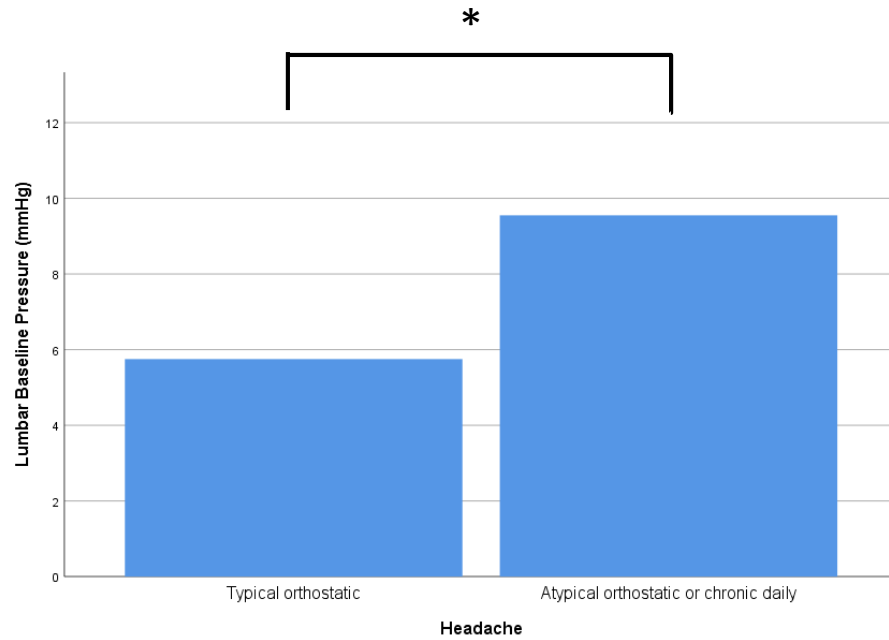
same patients over time



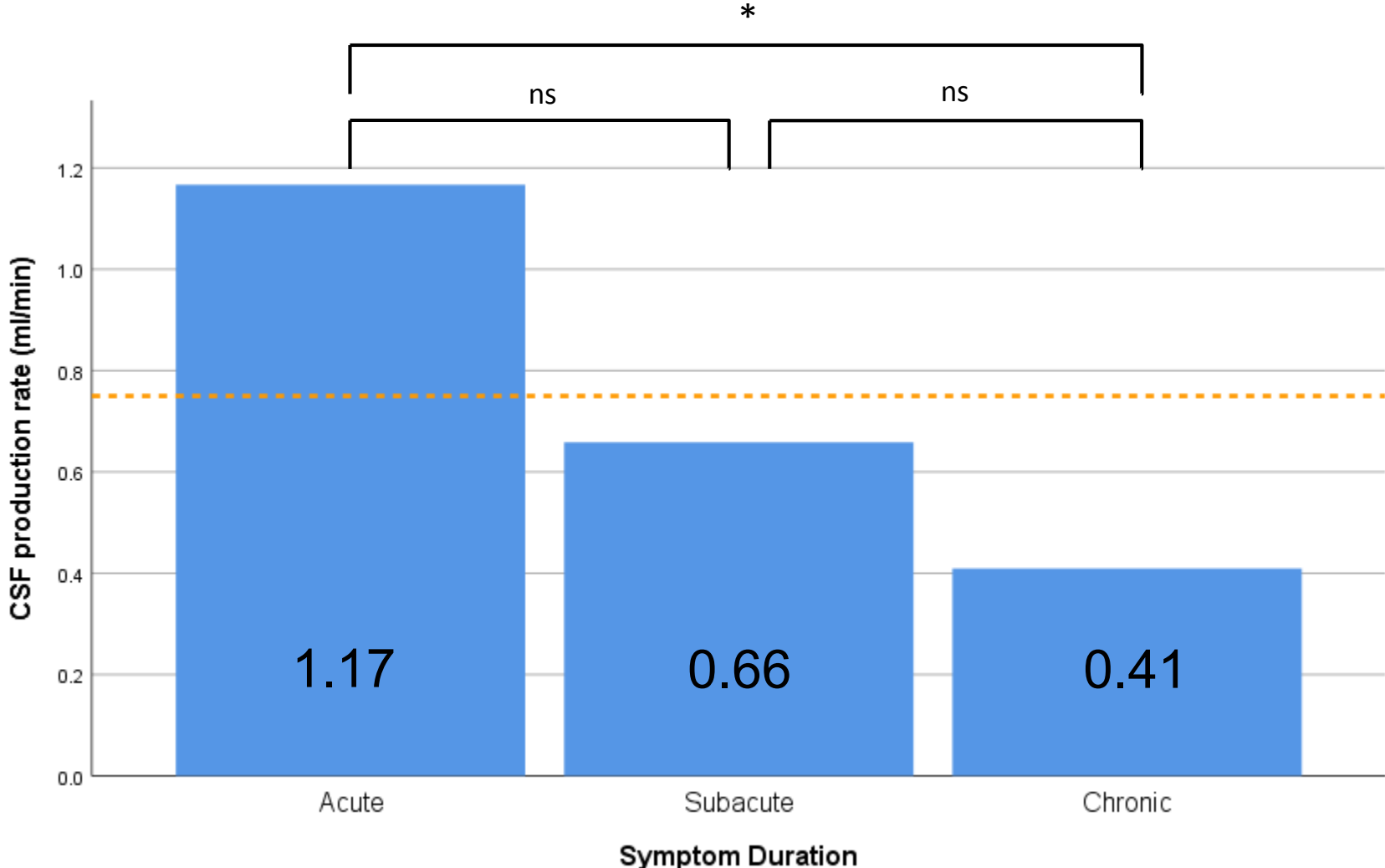
Type of headache acute vs. subacute and chronic



Type of headache and CSF parameter



Update - lumbar infusion test – *ICM+*

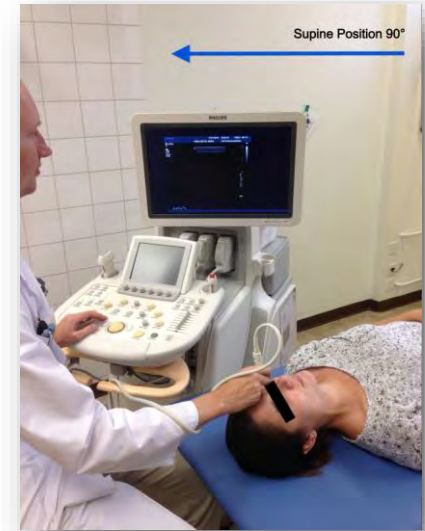
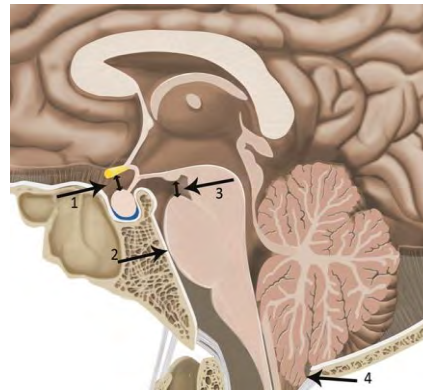
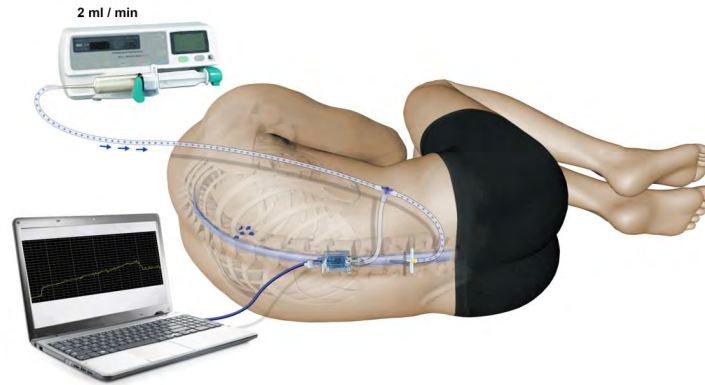
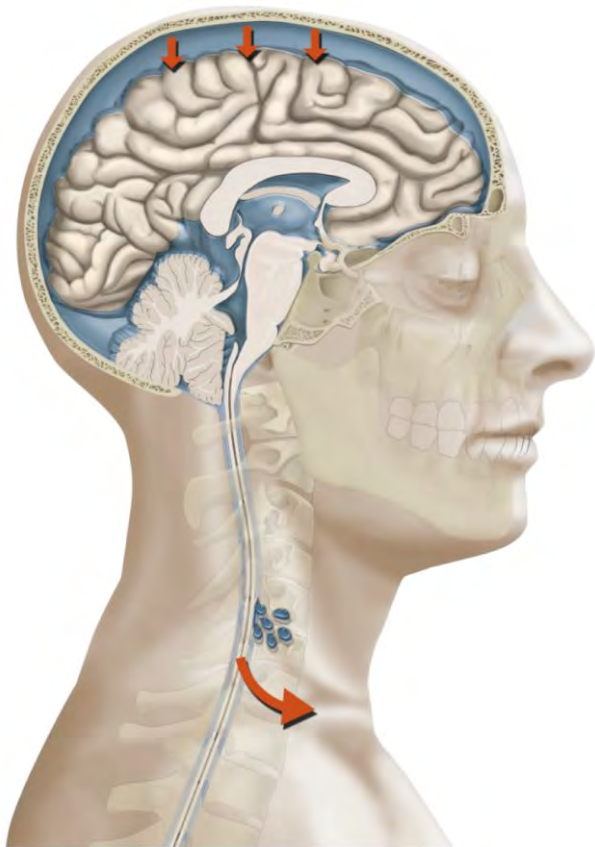


Lumbar infusion testing over the course of SIH

- Patients with different symptom duration show clearly different profiles of CSF fluid dynamics
- Longer symptom duration is associated with an altered CSF fluid dynamics (normalization?) and with atypical symptoms
- Natural history: what is the compensatory mechanism?



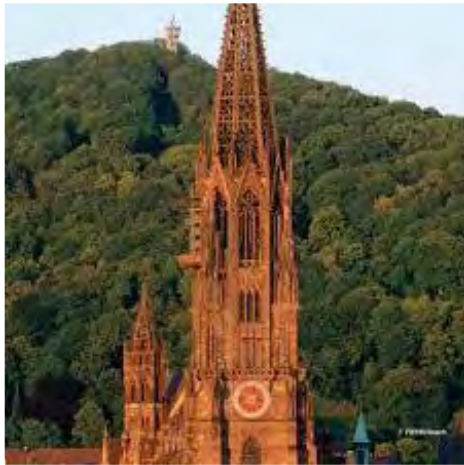
Spontaneous Intracranial Hypotension



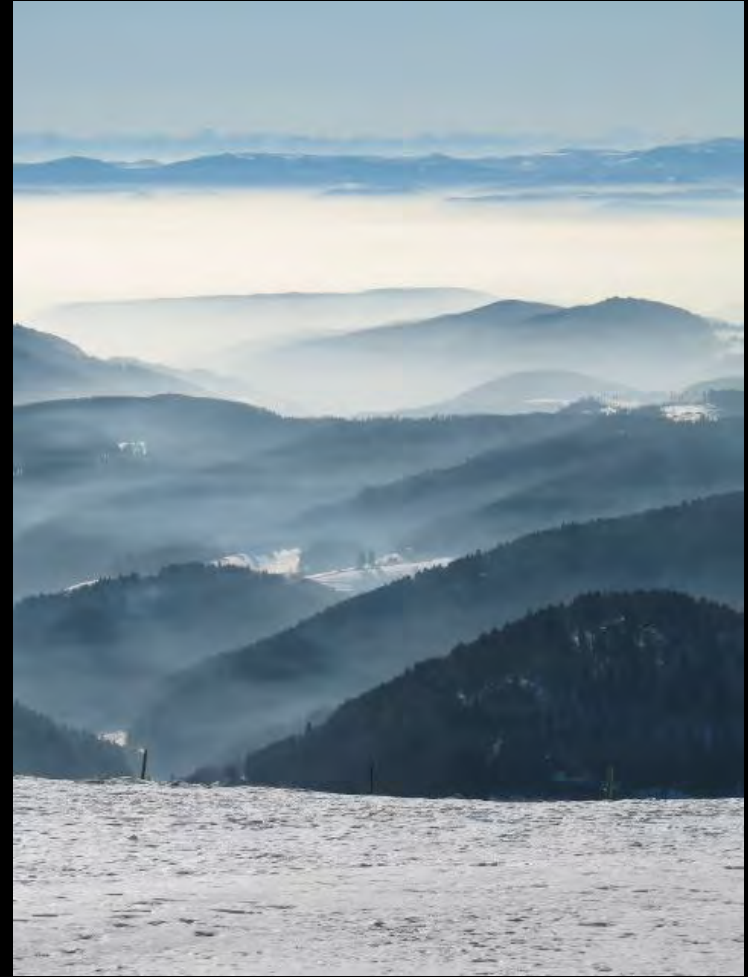




Thank you !



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