

Thromboelastometry and Thromboelastography in the Management of Hemorrhagic Shock

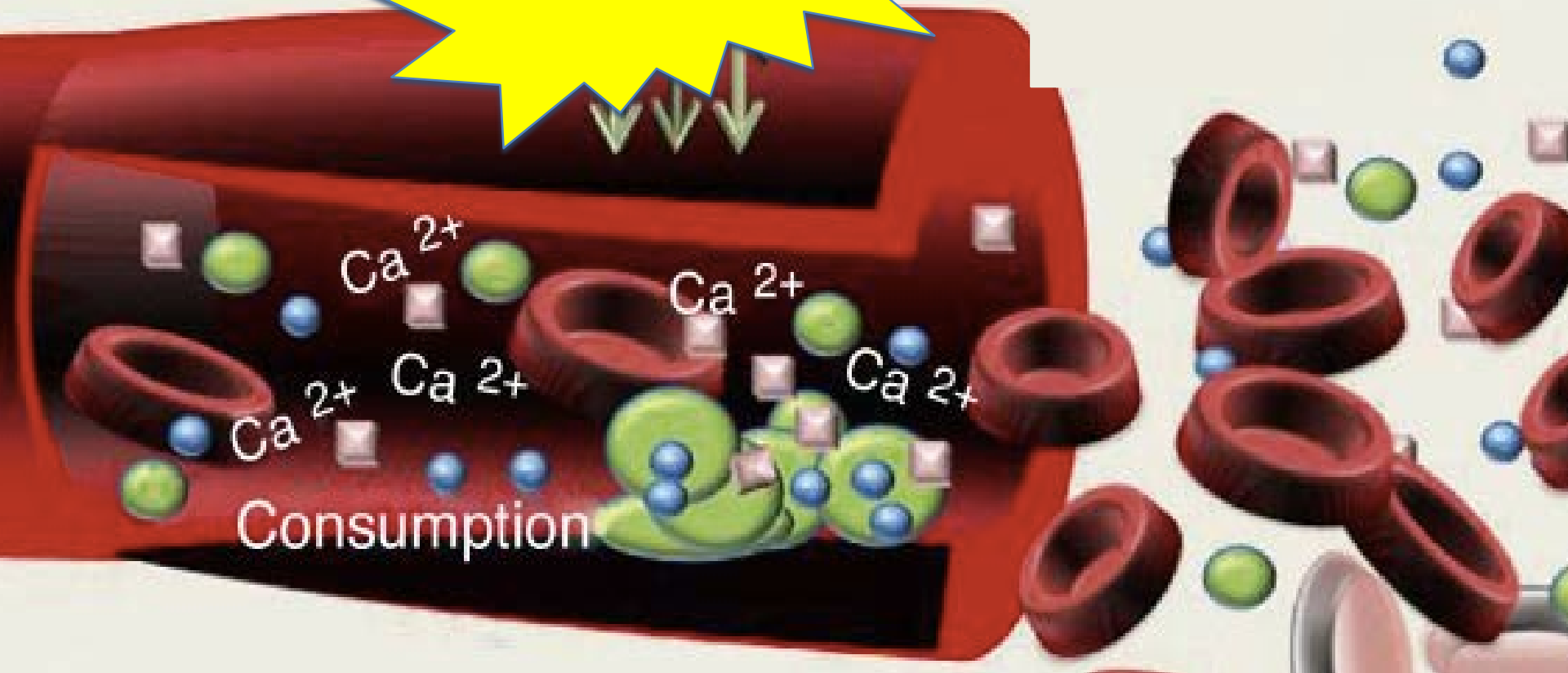
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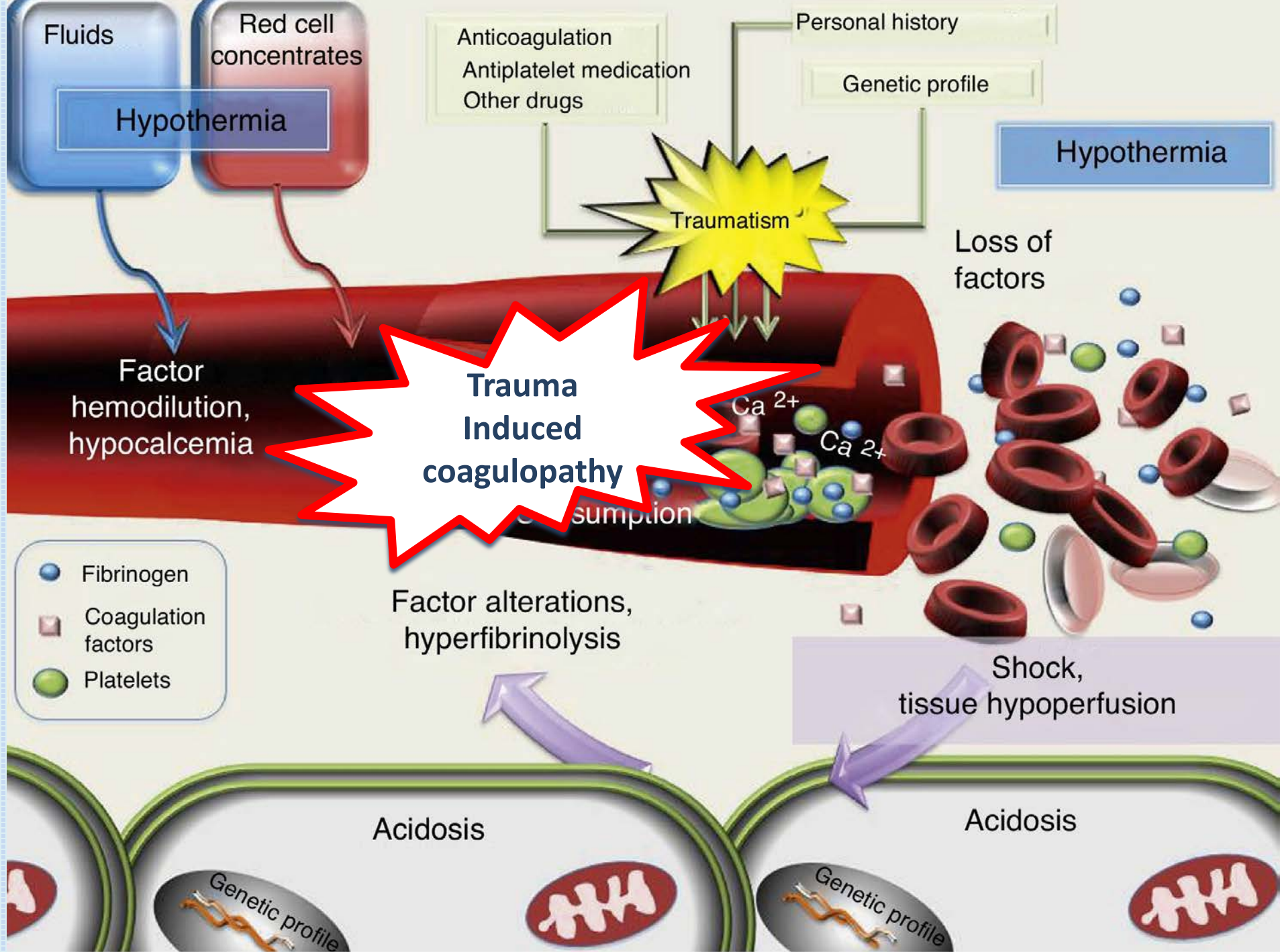
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Acute Trauma
Coagulopathy

Trauma





Coagulation: Standard laboratory tests (SLTs)

Intrinsic Pathway

INJURY

PI
INR

X

Ex

- TAT > 90 minutes
- Poor prediction of risk of hemorrhage
- Poor reflection of clotting process

Fibrinogen

Fibrin





Thromboelastography TEG®

Clot
initiation

Formation

Strength

Stability

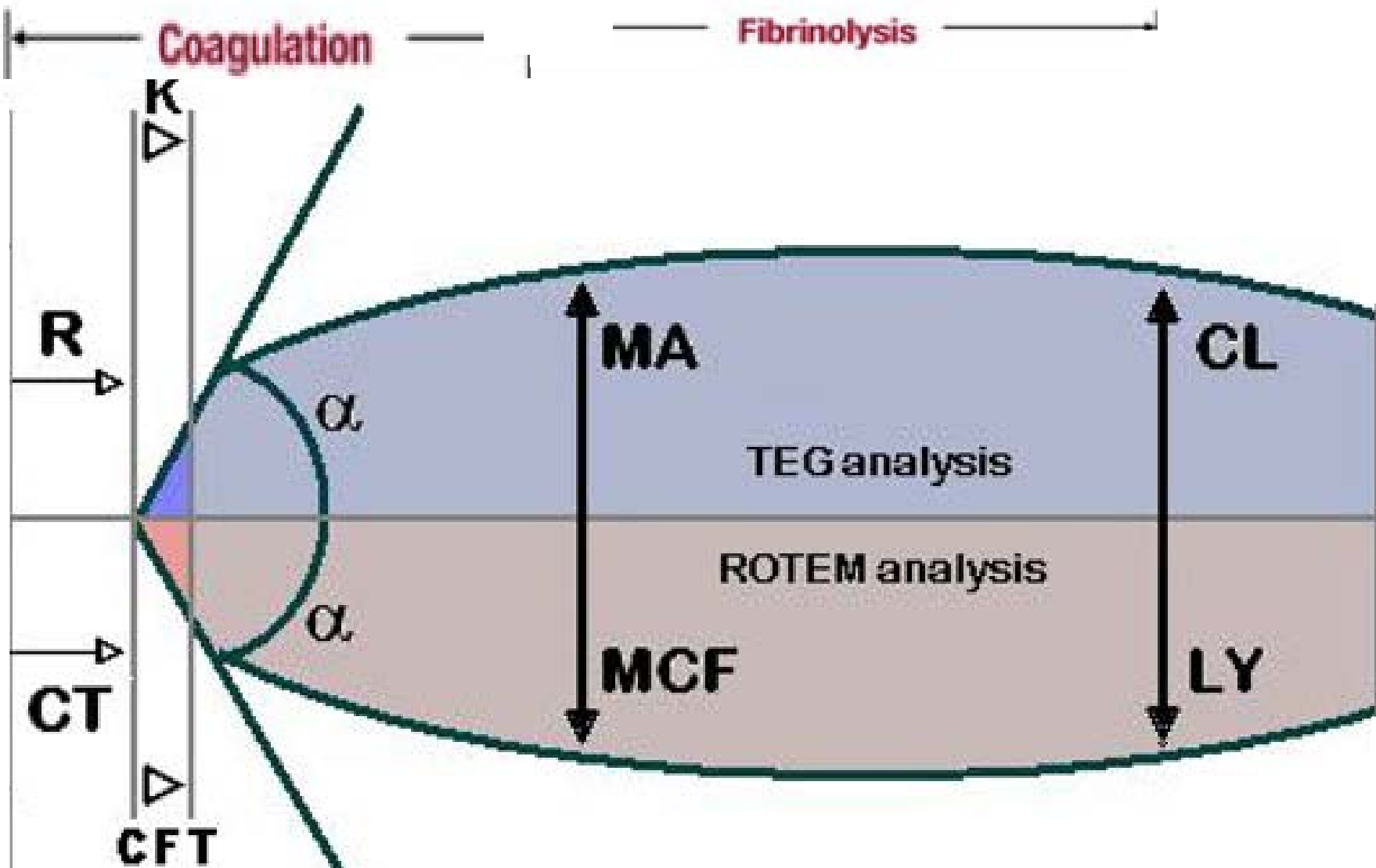
1948: Helmet Hartert

1990: CPB

Liver Transplant

Thromboelastometry ROTEM®





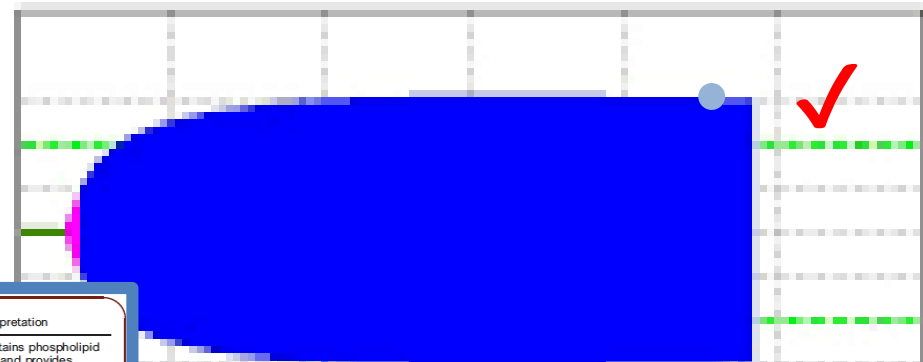
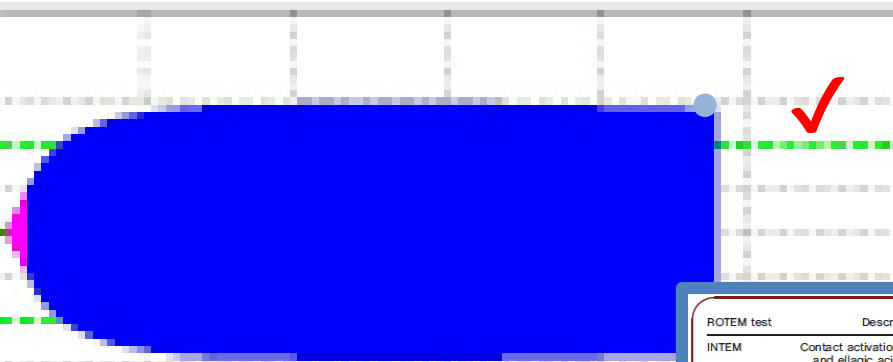
Start of clot
Forming
5-10 min
Clotting
Factors

Speed of clot
formation
1-3 min
Fibrinogen
Platelets

Fibrin cross
linking
55°-72°
Fibrinogen
Platelet

Clot strength
50-70mm
Platelet function
Fibrinogen (20%,

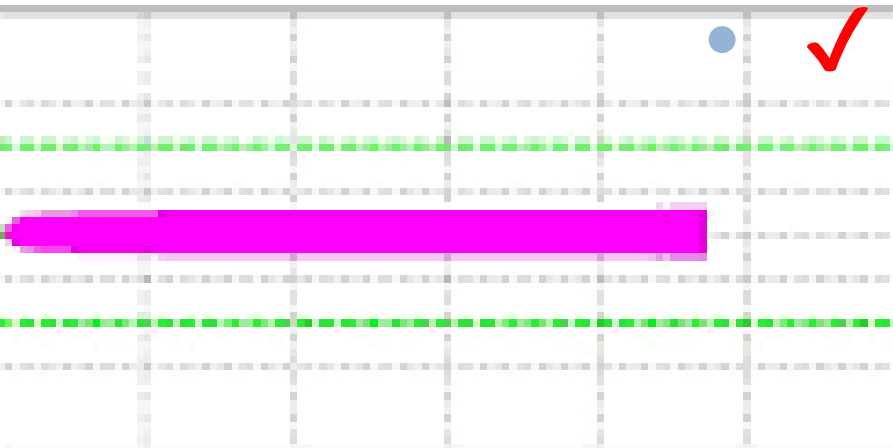
- % lysis
<5%



ROTEM test	Description and interpretation
INTEM	Contact activation. Reagent contains phospholipid and ellagic acid as activators and provides information similar to that of the APTT.
EXTEM	Tissue factor activation. Reagent contains tissue factor as an activator and provides information similar to that of the PT.
HEPTEM	Contains lyophilized heparinase for neutralizing unfractionated heparin; used in conjunction with INTEM reagent and compared to INTEM analysis to assess heparin effect.
APTEM	Contains aprotinin for inhibiting fibrinolysis; used in conjunction with EXTEM reagent and compared to EXTEM analysis to assess fibrinolysis.
FIBTEM	Utilizes cytochalasin D, an actin polymerization inhibitor to block the platelet contribution to clot formation. Used in conjunction with EXTEM reagent and when compared to EXTEM analysis allows qualitative analysis of the fibrinogen contribution to clot strength independent of platelets.
NATEM	Native whole blood sample analyzed following only recalcification. Impractical for clinical use given long CFT time.

EXTEM		2008-10-07 10:20	2-0501-0084
CFT:	87%	CFT:	87%
ACT:	10.0min	BCP:	1.7mm

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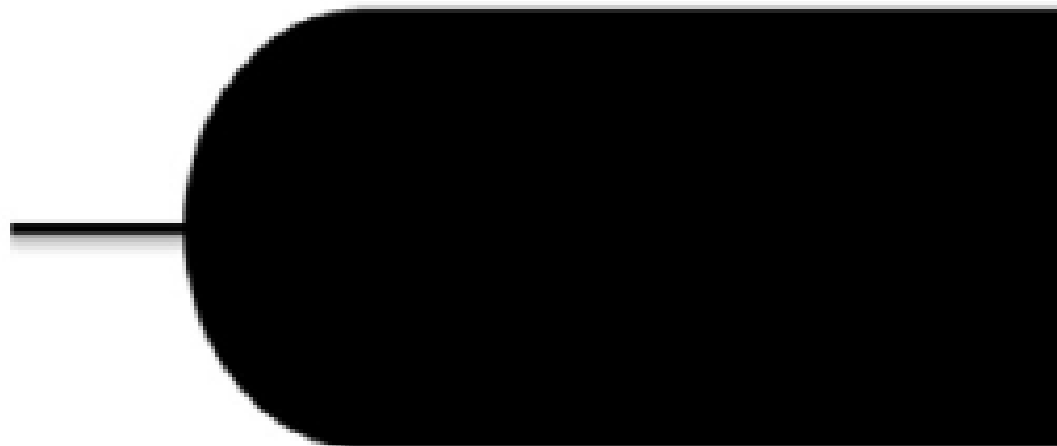
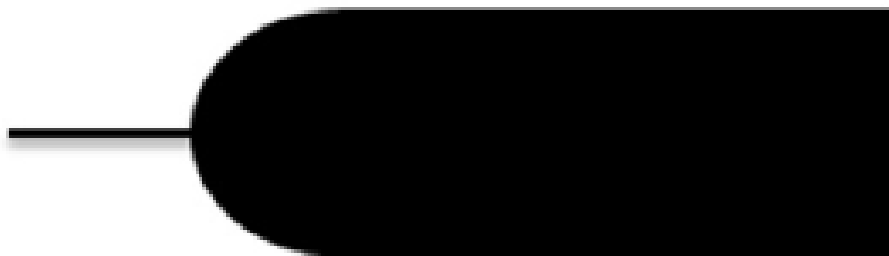
FIBTEM		2008-10-07 10:24	2-0501-0084
CFT:	86%	CFT:	86%
ACT:	10.0min	BCP:	1.6mm

TEG

TEG : Intrinsic

Rapid TEG: Extrinsic and Intrinsic

Normal



Limitations

- Vascular endothelium
- Hypocalcemia and hypothermic effects
 - Calcium added
 - Temperature 37⁰C
- Antiplatelet therapy
 - Aspirin
 - Clopidogrel
- Interoperator variability

Utility in trauma

Cardiac Surgery
Liver transplants
Obstetrics ✓

Diagnosis

Prognosis

Therapy

Outcomes

Cost

TEM and TEG VS standard laboratory tests

SLTs

- E 31 publications
- T Trauma

- VE tests more effective than SLTs
- Cost savings per patient (material costs)

ROTEM : 668£

TEG : 721£

Viscoelastic point-of-care testing to assist with the diagnosis, management and monitoring of haemostasis: a systematic review and cost-effectiveness analysis

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ROTEM and TEG Interchangable?

ROTEM vs TEG?

Robust

Amplitude: Platelets vs Fibrinogen

Injury, Int. J. Care Injured 44 (2013) 600–605

Evaluation of TEG[®] and RoTEM[®] inter-changeability in trauma patients

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Predictive ability

- Massive transfusion
 - Clotting times
 - Hyperfibrinolysis
 - ROTEM and TEG
- Organ dysfunction (several studies $p < 0.05$)
 - Hyperfibrinolysis on ROTEM
- Mortality (several studies $p < 0.05$)
 - Hyperfibrinolysis (77% vs 41%)
 - Weak clot strength (amplitude)

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Impact on blood product use

Reduced PRBC TF
Reduced platelets

Nienaber U et al,2011

Schaden E et al,2012

Schochl H et al,2011

Gorlinger K et al,2011

Modelling study
Reduced FFP TF
73% to 54% (p=0.03)

Kashuk JL et al,2009

Algorithm guided protocols

- Hospital use and Combat casualties
- US survey
 - 191 surgeons
 - 125 units
 - 9% use TEG or TEM with MTP
- European survey L1 Trauma Centres
 - 50% TEM and TEG
- Paucity of consensus



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Clinical impact

Systematic Review

Effect of thromboelastography (TEG®) and rotational thromboelastometry (ROTEM®) on diagnosis of coagulopathy, transfusion guidance and mortality in trauma: descriptive systematic review

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ard?

- More data required

Thromboelastography (TEG) and rotational thromboelastometry (ROTEM) for trauma induced coagulopathy in adult trauma patients with bleeding (Review)

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
Hunt H, Stanworth S, Curry N, Woolley T, Cooper C, Ukoumunne O, Zhelev Z, Hyde C

Authors' conclusions

We found no evidence on the accuracy of TEG and very little evidence on the accuracy of ROTEM. The value of accuracy estimates are considerably undermined by the small number of included studies, and concerns about risk of bias relating to the index test and the reference standard. We recognise that the reference standards of PT and INR are imperfect, but in the absence of embedded clinical consensus these are judged to be the best reflection of current clinical practice. We are unable to offer advice on the use of global measures of haemostatic function for trauma based on the evidence on test accuracy identified in this systematic review. This evidence strongly suggests that at present these tests should only be used for research. We consider more thoroughly what this research could be in the Discussion section.

- Insufficient evidence (L2)
- RCTs
- BUT...
 - ✧ SLTs (L2)
 - ✧ Trials not included
 - ✧ Guidelines

Mortality: Retrospective trials

- Lower crude mortality rate(n=68)
- ROTEM guided resuscitation- less than predicted mortality(n=131,p=0.03)
- No difference: n=681
- Ben Taub Hospital
 - TEG vs MTP(1:1:1)
 - Penetrating trauma
 - ≥ 6 U PC: Similar mortality
 - ≥ 10 U PC: MTP higher mortality

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TEG-guided resuscitation is superior to standardized MTP resuscitation in massively transfused penetrating trauma patients

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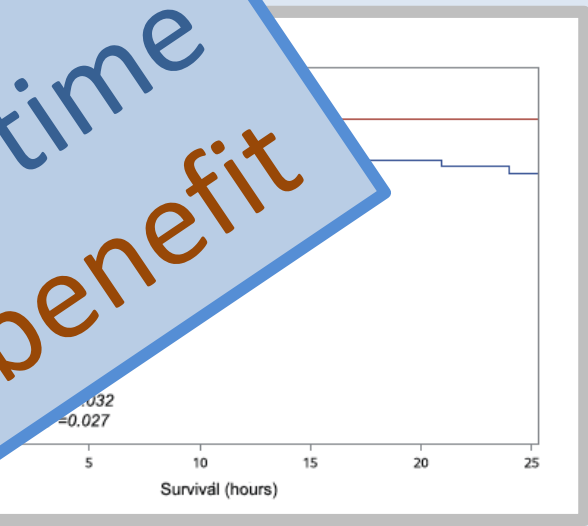
TEG Guided RCT
Intervening with appropriate products at appropriate time
Mortality benefit

n=111

MTP

SCTs vs TEG

- D28M
- Product
- Overall
- First 4 h
 - Less platelet
 - Less platelet
- ICU stay halved (16h vs 32h, p<0.01)



Current role in traumatic hemorrhagic shock

- Shock on admission (blunt or penetrating trauma)
- MTP recipients (to continue or stop products)
- Clinically suspect hemorrhage or coagulopathy