

# Infections related to buttonhole cannulation in a satellite dialysis unit



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## Buttonhole cannulation

- First description in 1977 (Twardowski)
- Use of blunt needle
- « constant-site » technique  $\neq$  « rope-ladder » technique
- 2 steps:
  - Track creation
  - Buttonhole cannulation



## Advantage and inconvenience of buttonhole needling

- **Advantages:**

- Anevrysm

*Marticorena, Hemodial Int 2006*

*Vaux, Am J Kidney Dis 2013*

- Hematoma

*MacRae, Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2012*

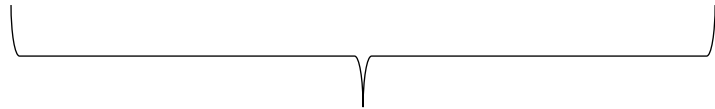
- Interventions

*Vaux, Am J Kidney Dis 2013*

*Van Loon, Nephrol Dial Transplant 2010*

- Bad sticks

*Verhallen, Nephrol Dial Transplant 2007*



- **Disadvantage:**

- AVF-related infection?

**Reasons**

- Incomplete scab removal
- Nonadherence to hygienic rules
- Damages of the track

## Satellite dialysis unit

- Particularities of satellite dialysis unit
  - Patient
  - Medical team
  - Less colonisation than in hospital ?
- Access related complications and hospitalisation
  - Major cause of fallback

*Lindsay, Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2009*



## Aim of the study

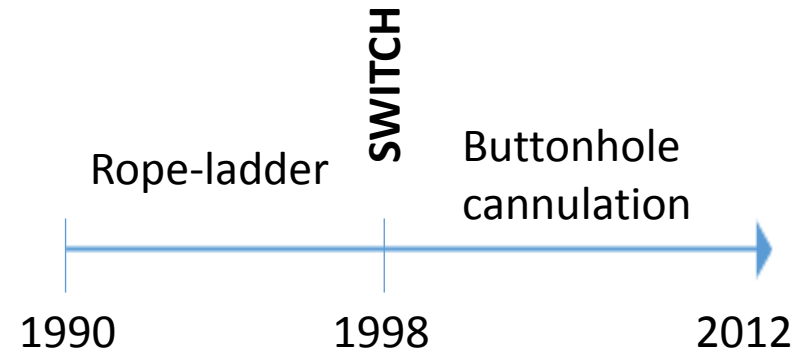
- Incidence rate of AVF-related infections in satellite dialysis unit
- Are there more AVF-related infections with buttonhole cannulation than with rope-ladder?

**How to answer this question??**




## Population and events

- Inclusion criteria

- All patients having dialysis session in « Carpe Diem »
- Between 1990 and 2012
- With functioning AVF



- Events of interest

- Local infection 
- Bacteriemia 
- Combined infection 

## Study population

- Characteristics

	1st period	2nd period
<b>Number of patients</b>	68	115
<b>Number of AVF-days</b>	57851	97911
<b>Age (y)</b>	45,8 (20,4)	46,9 (20,4)
<b>Men</b>	39 (57,3)	70 (60,9)
<b>Underlying nephropathy</b>		
Diabetic	1 (1,5)	9 (8,0)
Glomerulonephritis	21 (31,8)	44 (39,2)
Vascular	4 (6,1)	8 (7,1)
Polycystic kidney disease	15 (22,7)	22 (19,6)
Uropathy	1 (1,5)	3 (2,7)
Chronic interstitial nephritis	17 (25,8)	13 (11,6)
Other nephropathy	7 (10,6)	13 (11,6)
<b>Diabetes</b>	2 (2,99)	11 (9,8)
<b>Transplantation before HD initiation</b>	10 (14,7)	18 (15,8)
<b>Immunosuppressive therapy at HD initiation</b>	14 (20,6)	24 (21,0)

Values expressed as mean (IQR) or number (rate)

## Incidence of infections

Infectious event	1st period	2nd period
<b>Local infection (alone)</b>		
number	2	7
incidence rate (per 1000 AVF-days)	0,03	0,07
<b>Bacteremia (alone)</b>		
number	0	2
incidence rate	0	0,02
<b>Combined local infection and bacteremia</b>		
number	1	4
incidence rate	0,02	0,04
<b>All infections</b>		
number	3	13
incidence rate	0,05	0,13

Incidence rate expressed for 1000 AVF-days

Exact Fisher test:  
p=0,44

Incidence rate ratio

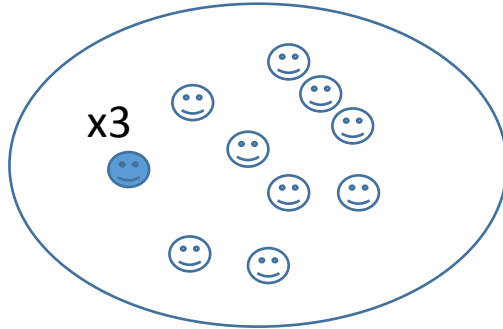
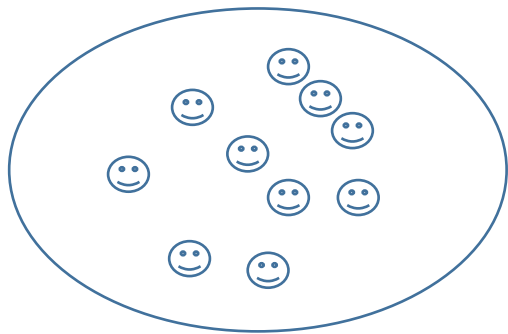
Comparison of  
incidence?

Ratio?

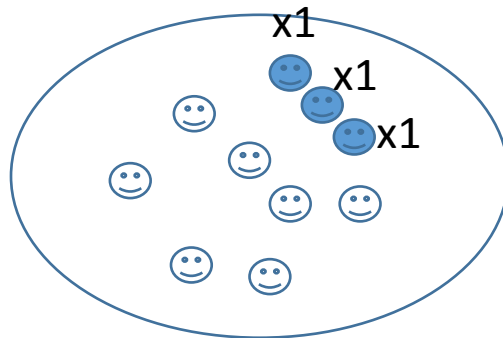
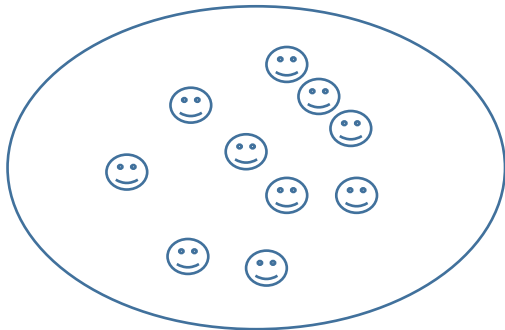
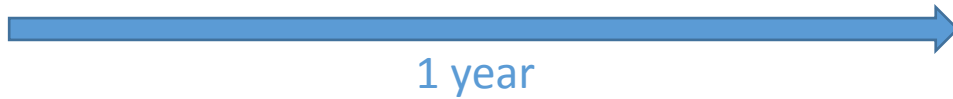


# Incidence

Number of new cases over a period of time:  $IR = \frac{n}{PY}$



$$\frac{3}{10}$$



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# Infection per patient

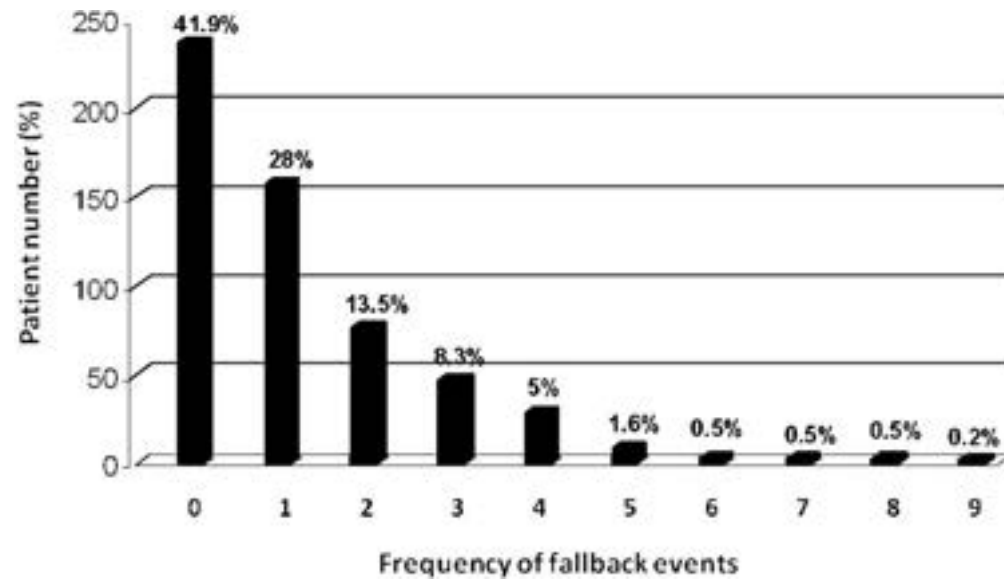


## Statistical analyses

Poisson  
regression?

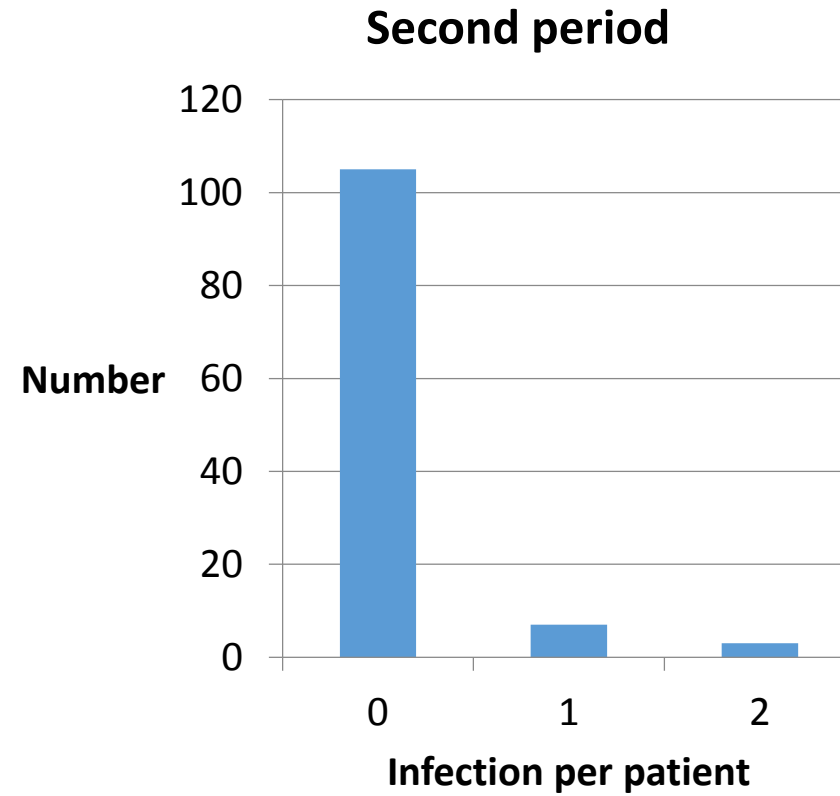
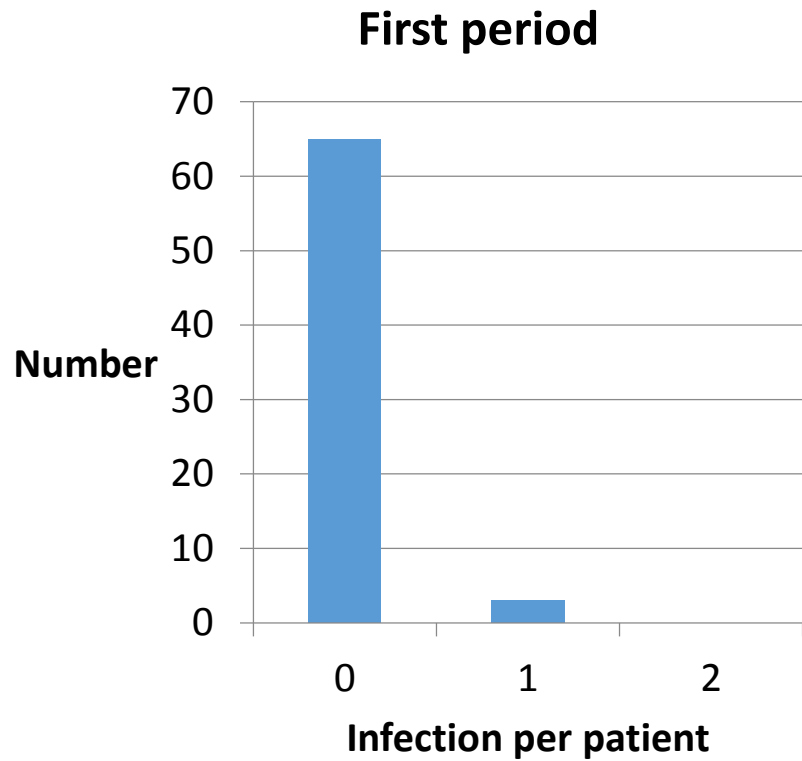
Regression analysis used to model count data

Rare event

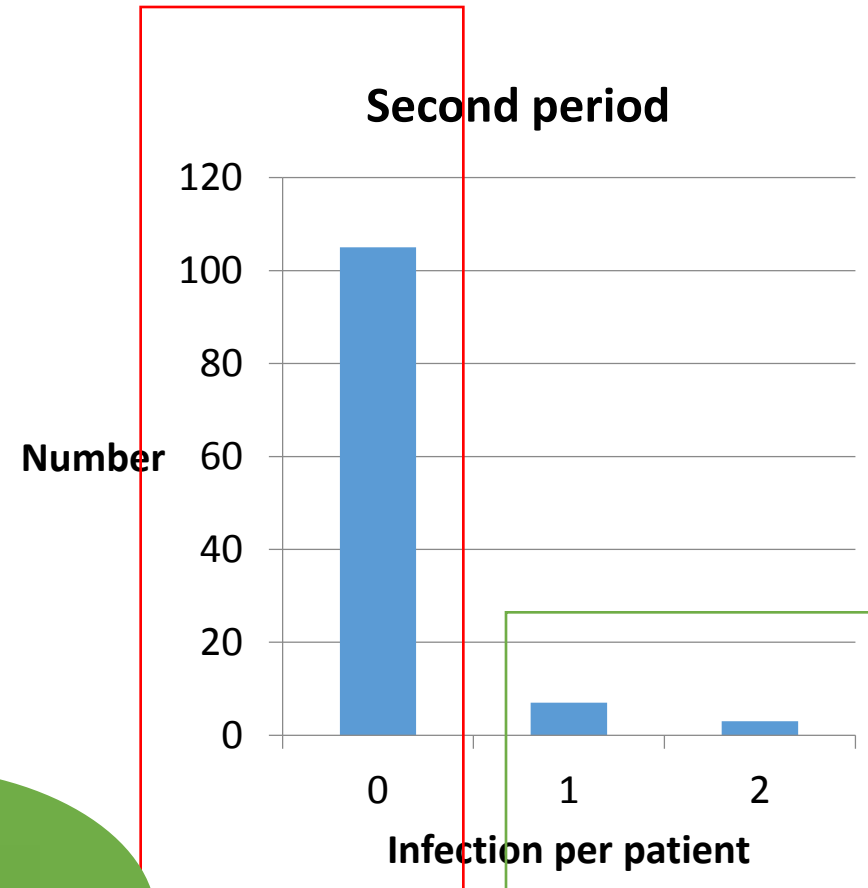
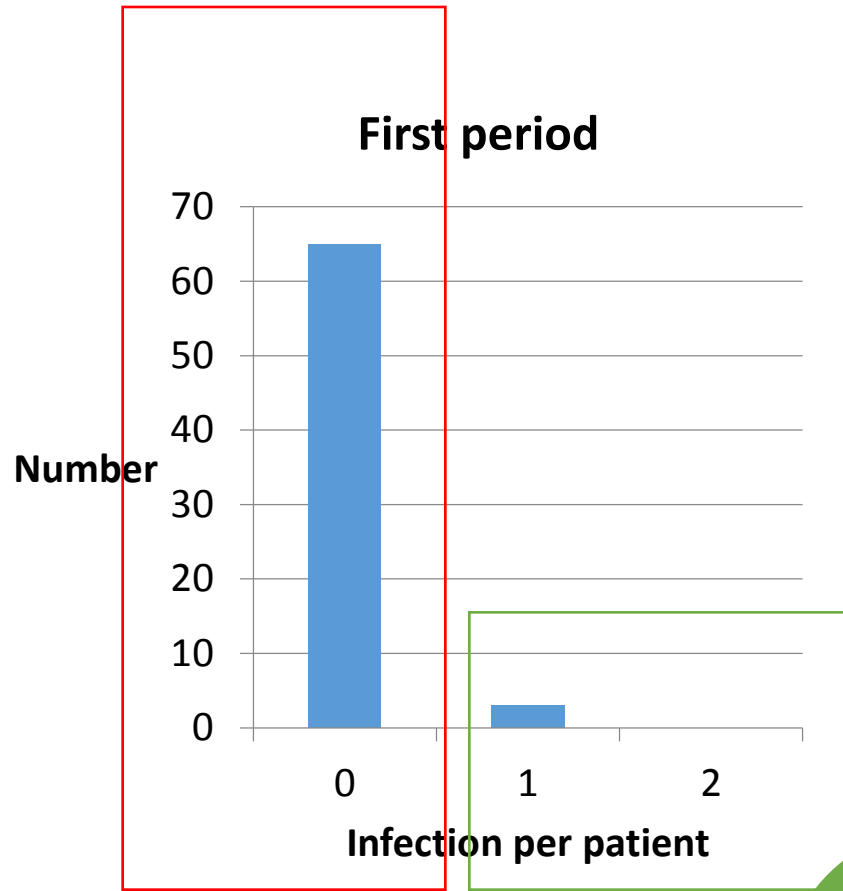


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# AVF-related infection per patient



# Infection per patient

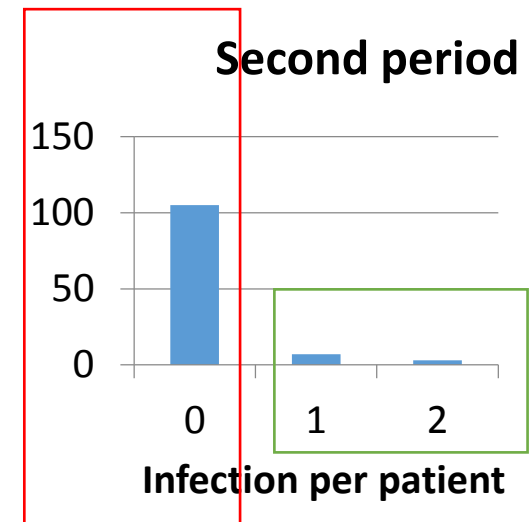
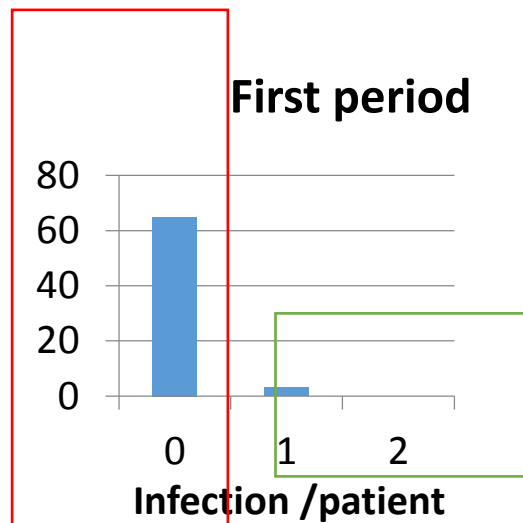


**ZIP model**

## Bivariate analysis

### Zero-inflated Poisson regression for the total number of infections per patient

Variable	Estimate	P value	
<b>Buttonhole cannulation</b>			
<u>Excess zero coefficient</u>	7,39	0,9	
<u>Count model coefficient</u>	2,52	0,02	...95%CI (2,48 to 62,28)





- Rare event in this population: 0.13 events /1000AVF-da



- Patient at risk more than technique at risk

## Buttonhole and satellite dialysis unit

- Low-care dialysis unit compared to in-center dialysis
  - Self cannulation
  - Less comorbidities
- Nurses' supervision compared to home hemodialysis
  - Hygienic rules
  - Relationship between medical staff and patient

*Diamant, Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 2011*
- Appropriate for satellite dialysis unit
  - Vascular-access survival

*Vaux, Am J Kidney Dis 2013*

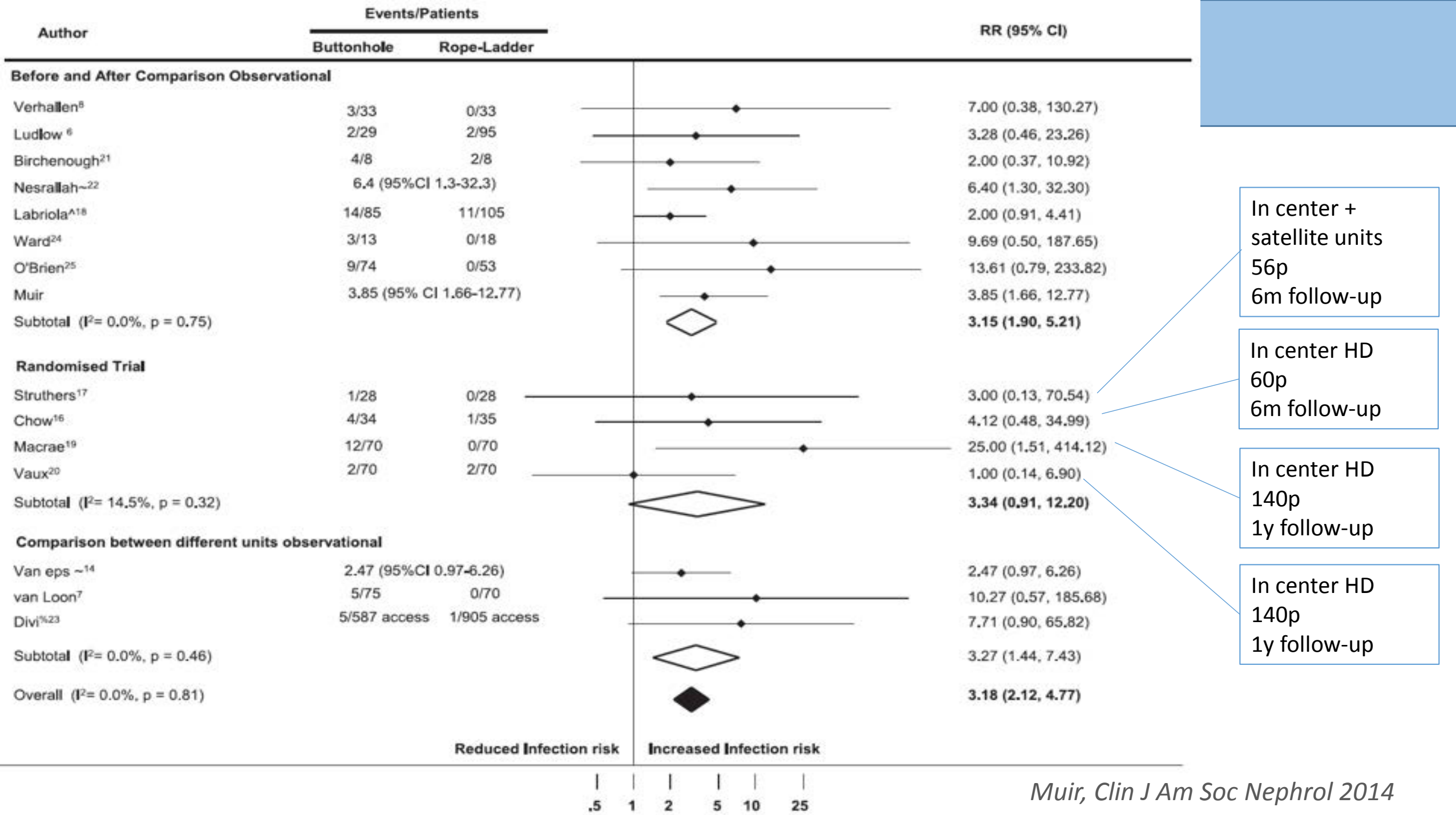
  - Infection= rare event



Scab removal  
Number of disinfections  
Contact time of the disinfectant



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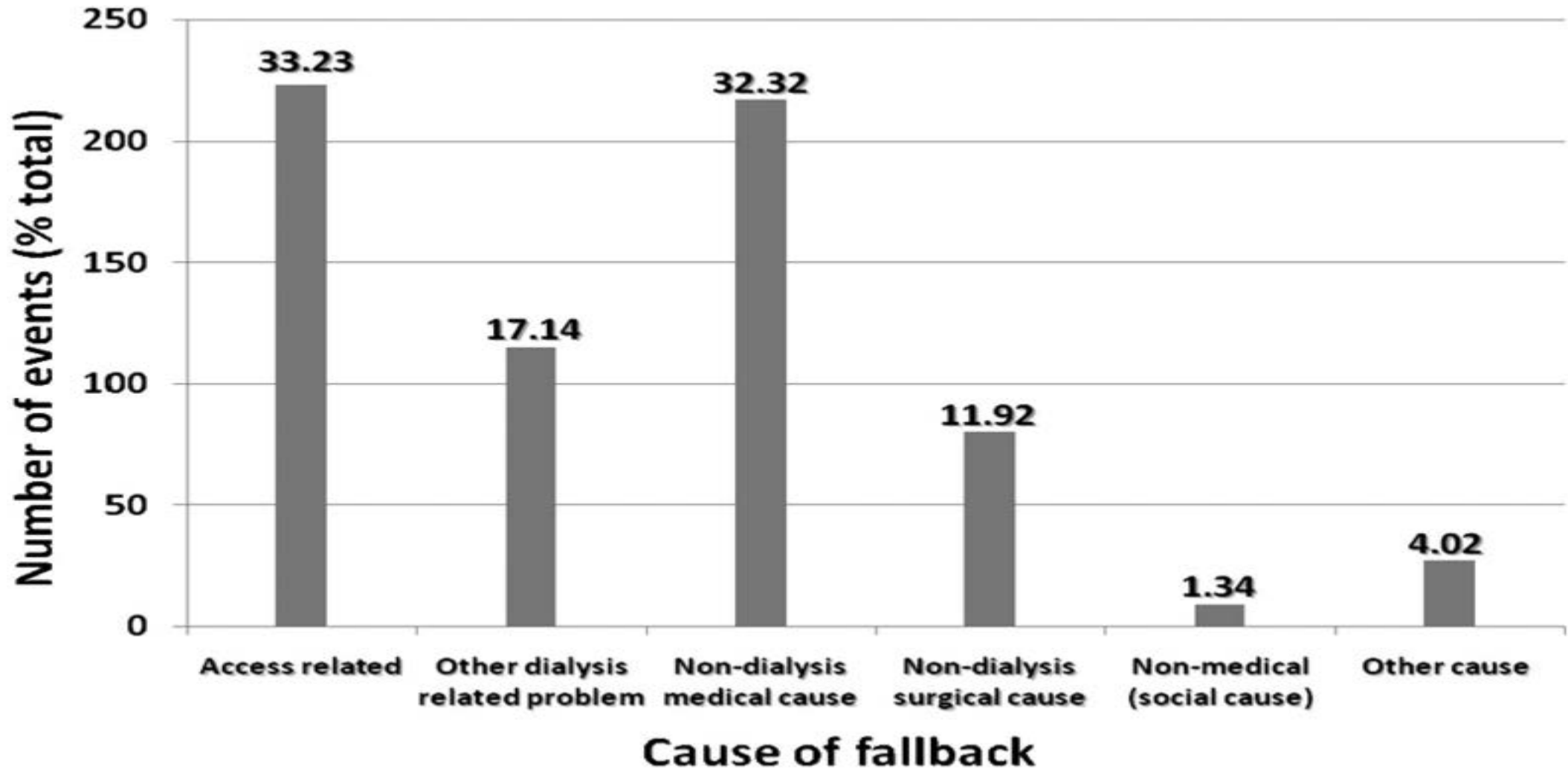


- Modèle de Poisson

$$P(Y = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$\text{Log}(Y) = \alpha + \beta_1 * X$$

### Primary causes of fallbacks.



Lindsay R M et al. CJASN 2009;4:603-608

- Other events

- Period 1:

- 1 AVF surgery
    - 1 septic metastasis (lung)

- Period2:

- 1 septic metastasis (bone)

- Micro-organisms

- 6 MSSA
  - 1 Staph epidermidis