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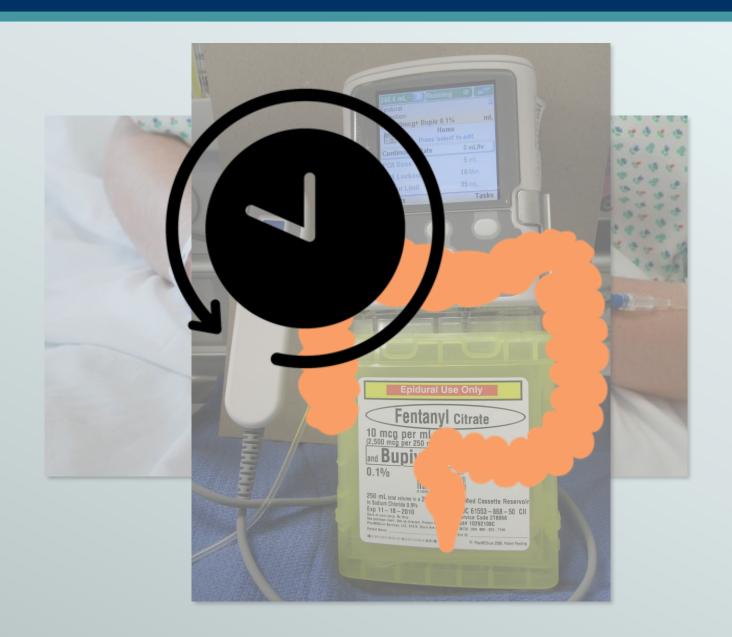




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Epidural

Spinal anaesthesia

IV lignocaine infusion

Intraperitoneal local anaesthetic



**IV PCA** 

Wound site local anaesthetic infiltration

TAP block

Continuous inwound infusion

Which is the best...







Meta-analysis

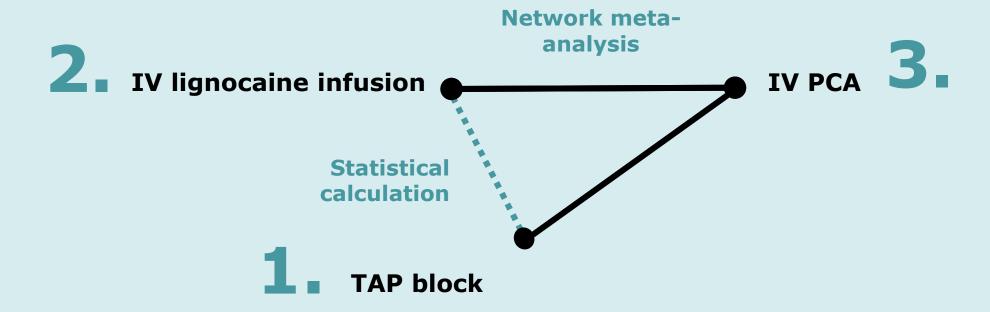
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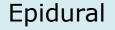








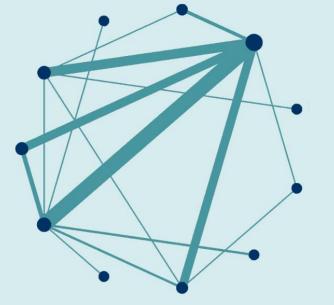




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## Aim:

Network meta-analysis of RCTs comparing the efficacy of different local and regional analgesic methods following colorectal resection



TAP block

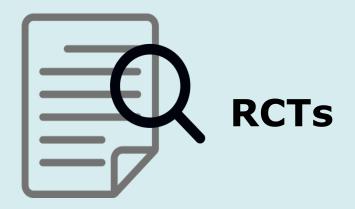
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# Methods







#### Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria



Adults undergoing colorectal resection

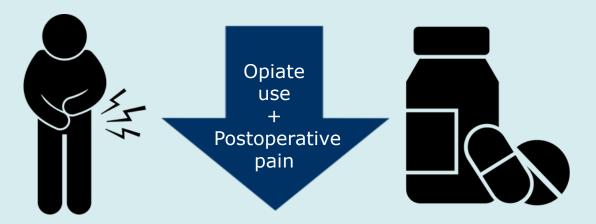


Local or regional analgesia



Comparing different formulations

#### Primary outcomes



#### Secondary outcomes



Time to first stool + oral diet + Length of Stay



Pain on movement or cough

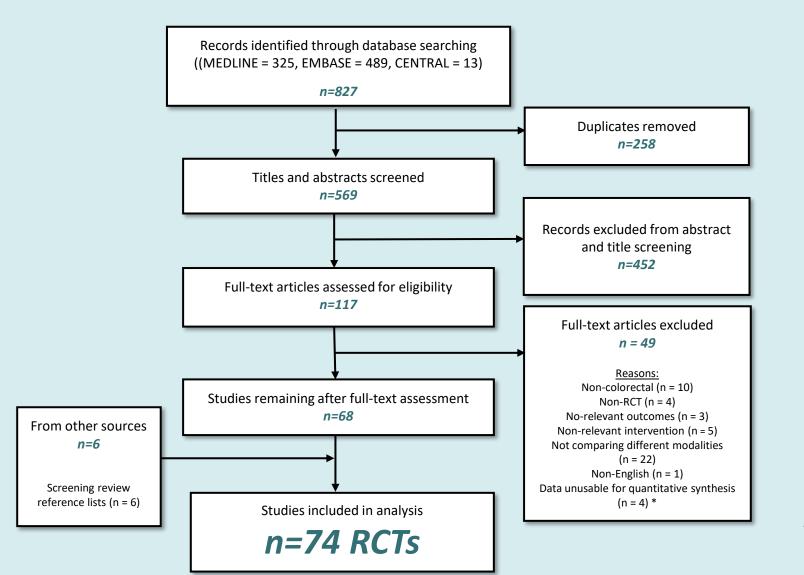


Complications













## **Subgroups:**



Open surgery 1517 patients

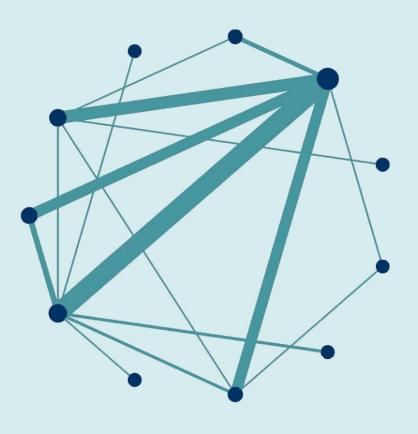


1962 patients

Minimally Invasive Surgery 2427 patients







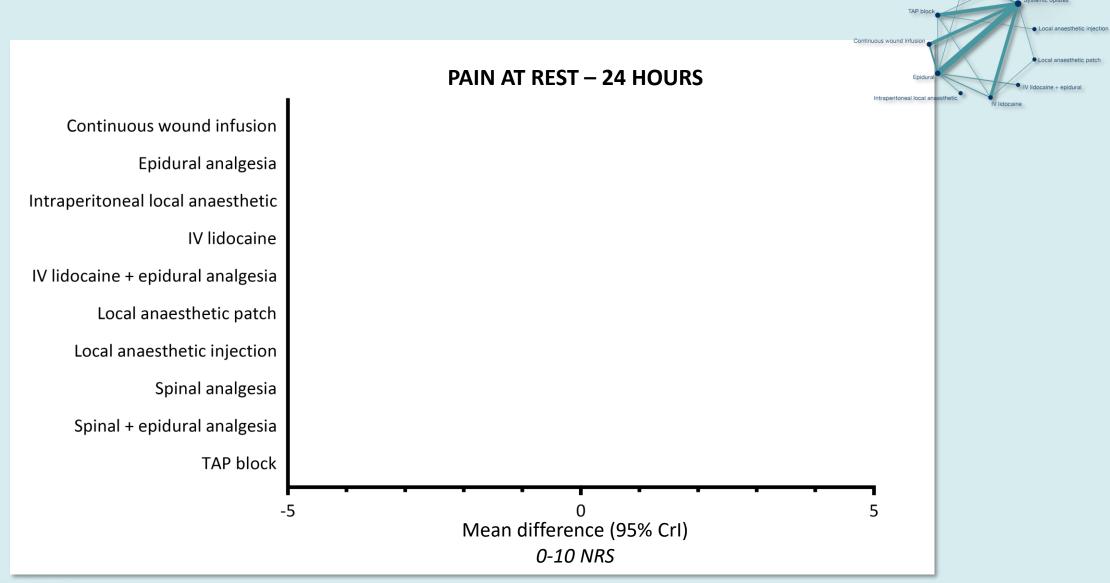
NETWORK:
Pain at rest
24 hours







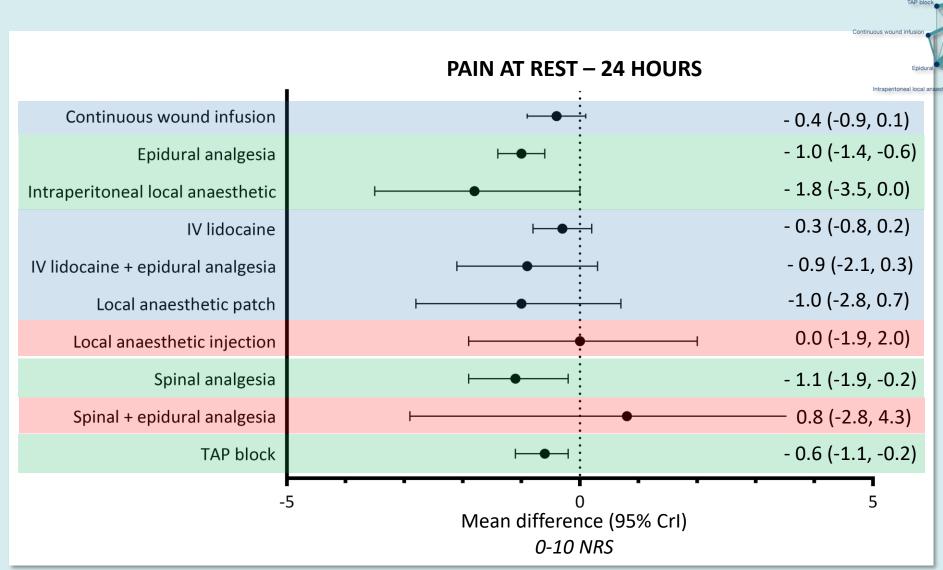








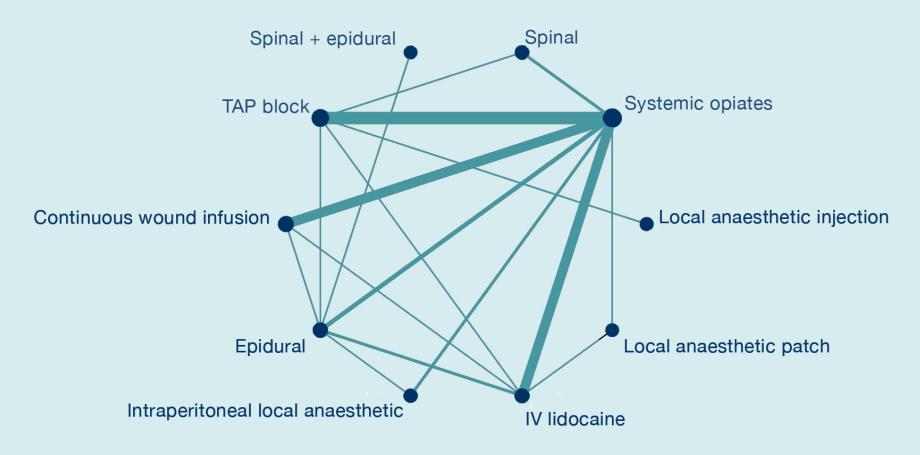












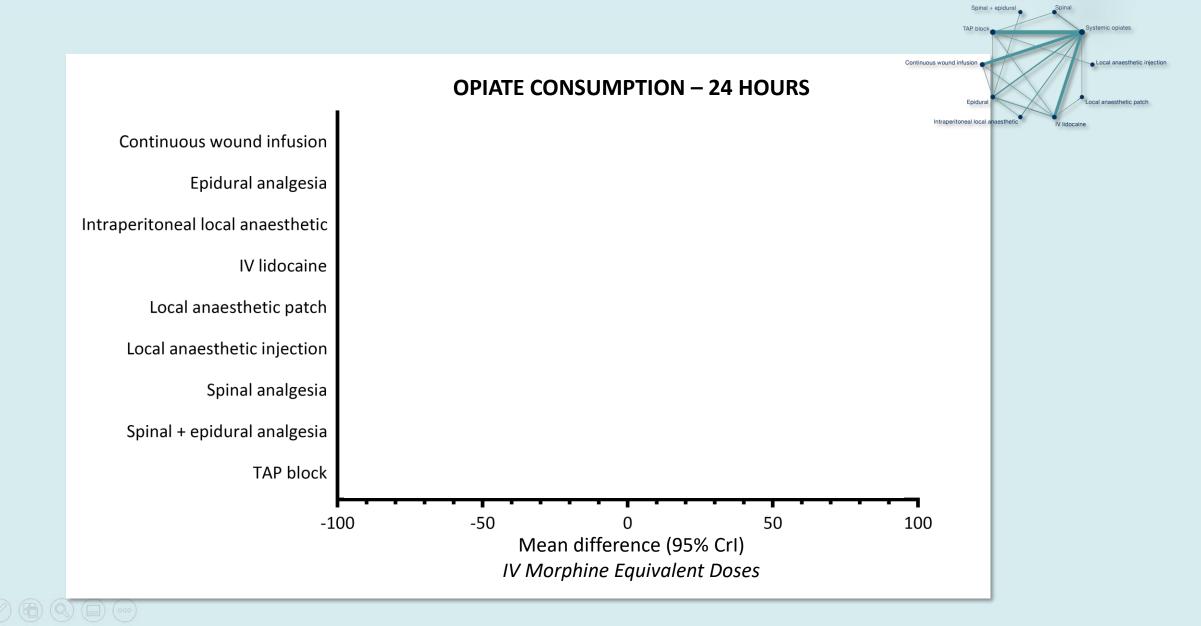
NETWORK: Opiate intake 24 hours





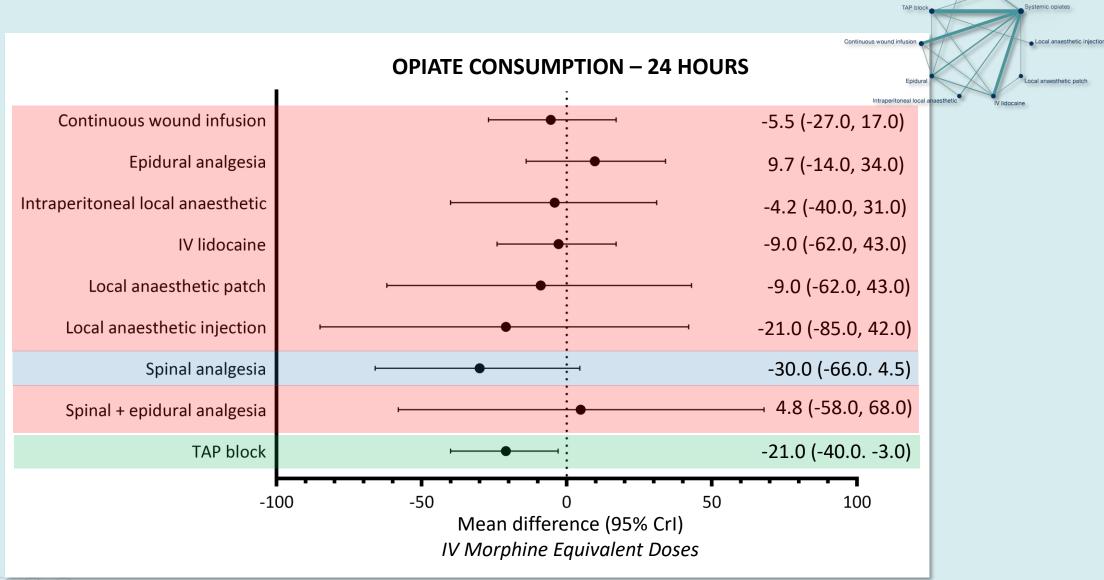








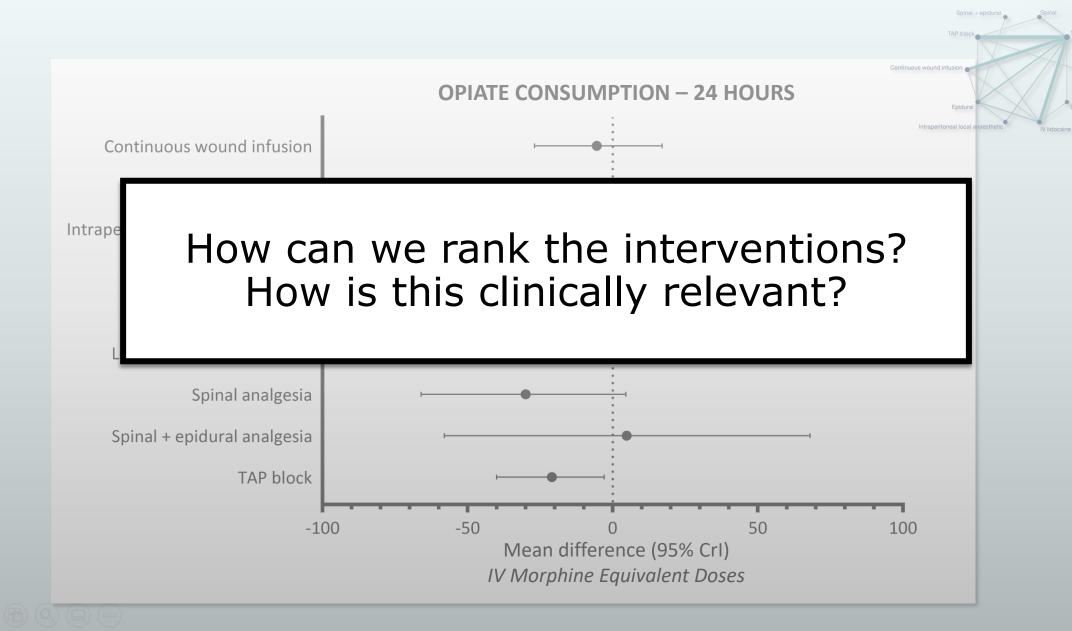






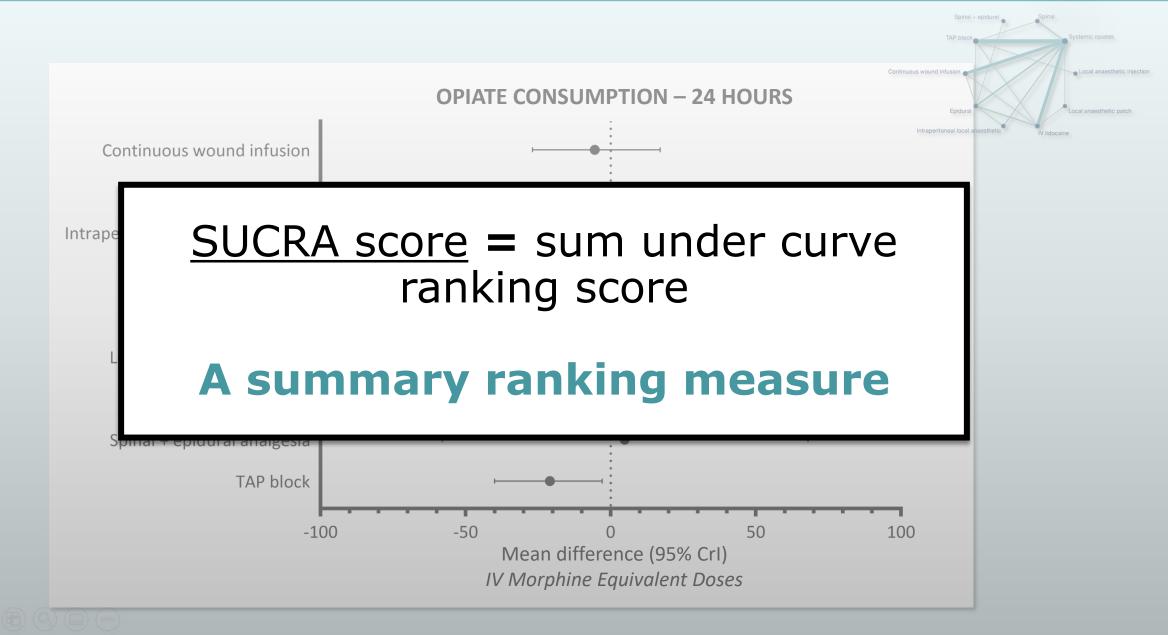


















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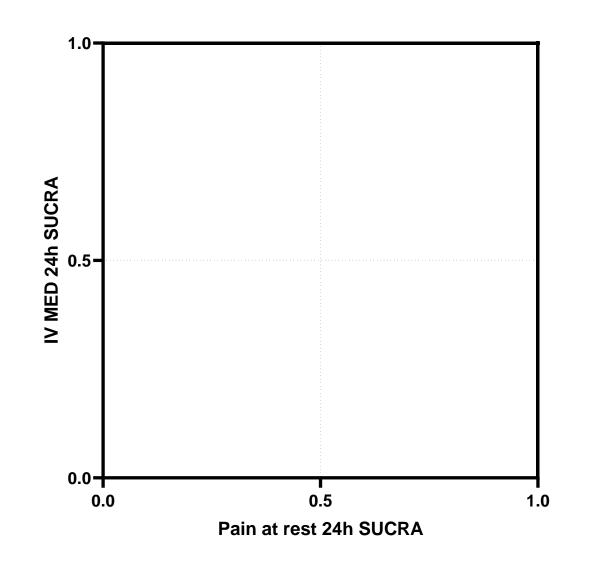
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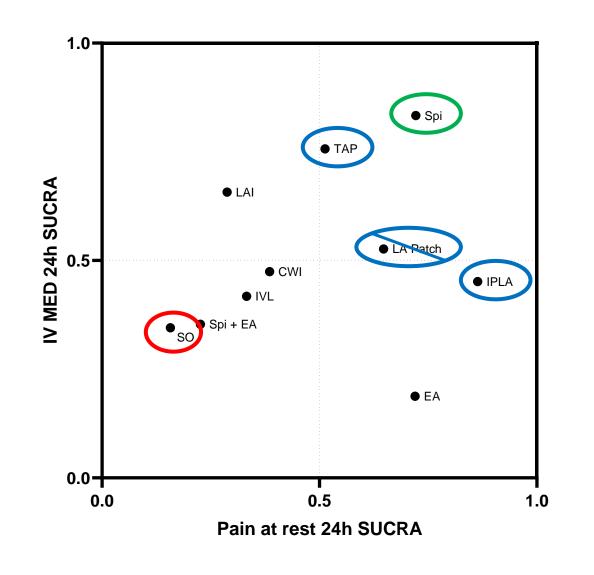
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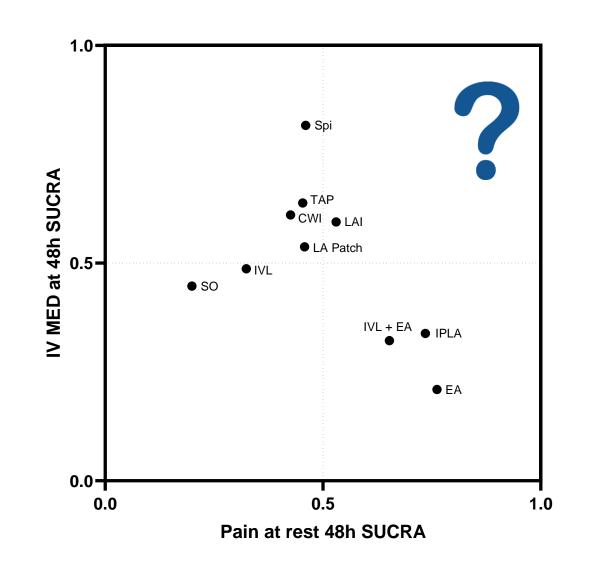
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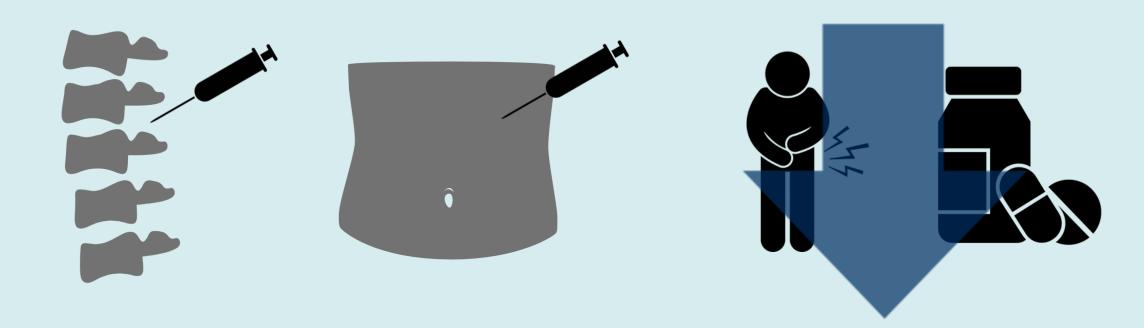




# Conclusions







Spinal analgesia and TAP blocks best balanced pain control and opiate minimisation at 24 hours postoperatively



# **Conclusions**









NMAs are broad; Individual tailoring still needed



Future RCTs to confirm findings in ERAS context



Technical variations exist More head-to-head RCTs needed



Longer acting analgesic agents?



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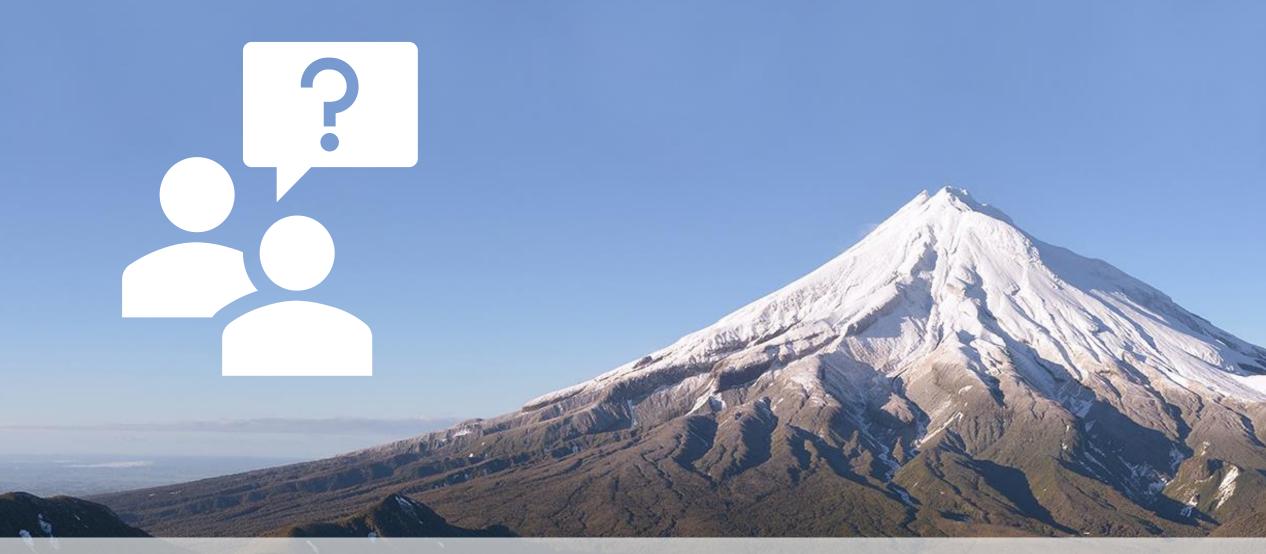


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# Subgroup analysis







## PAIN (24H):

Epidural better. TAP block & spinal trended lower

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None reached significance. IVL & TAP blocks trended lower



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# **Consistency and heterogeneity**



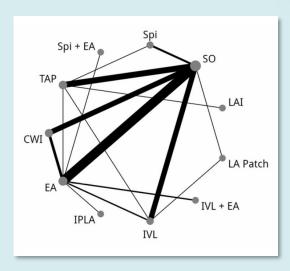


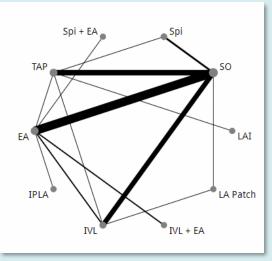
Sensitivity analysis of subgroups

Direct vs indirect comparisons

Difficulty interpreting as differences in interventions in each network maps

Similar rankings with systemic opiates being the least favourable







# Time to bowel motion









# **Length of stay + others**







