

## ***Respiratory Distress Syndrome: Landmarks in Surfactant Replacement Therapy***

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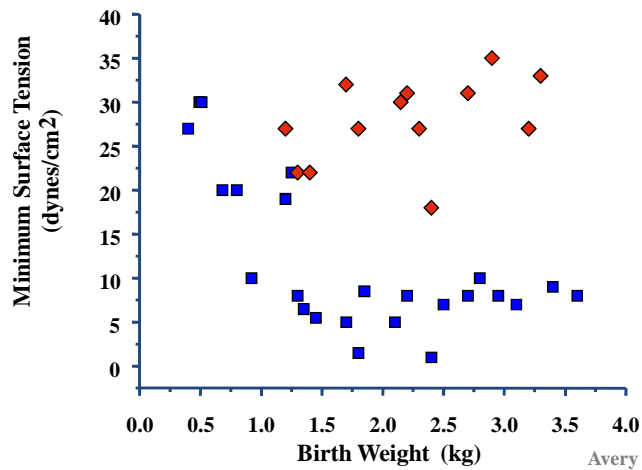
## **Foundations for Understanding Surfactant Replacement Therapy**

In 1929 Kurt von Neergaard, a German physiologist working in Switzerland, evacuated air from an isolated porcine lungs which he then filled with an isotonic gum solution "to eliminate surface tension of the air tissue interfaces" He performed the first pressure-volume during expansion of lungs with both air and liquid.

*"Surface tension as a force counteracting the first breath of the newly born should be investigated further."*



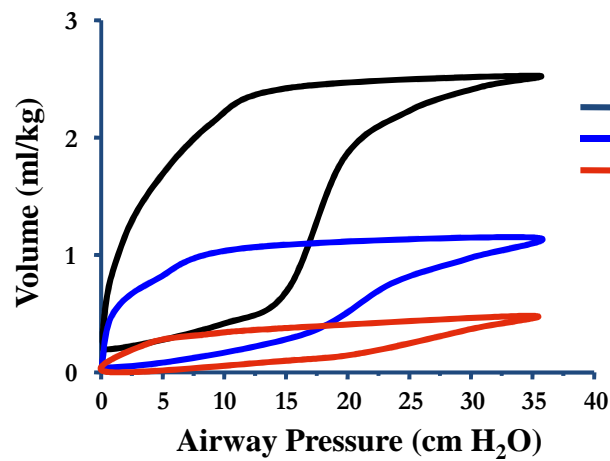
## RDS & Defective Surfactant



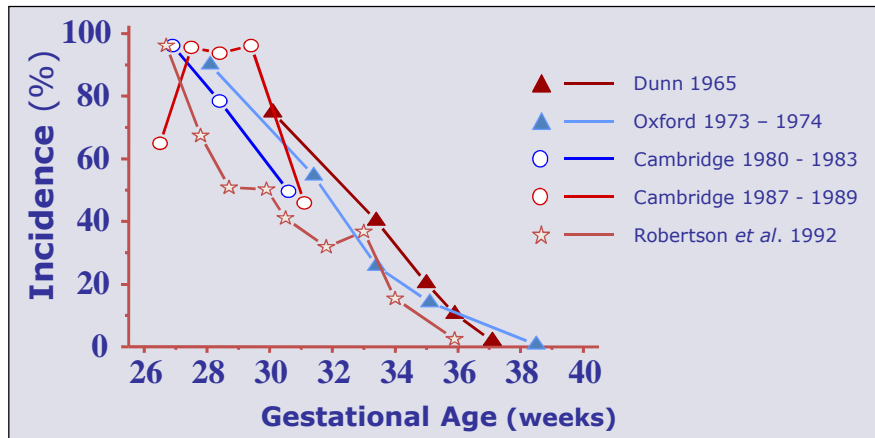
Avery & Mead, AJDC 1959



## Pressure - Volume Curves

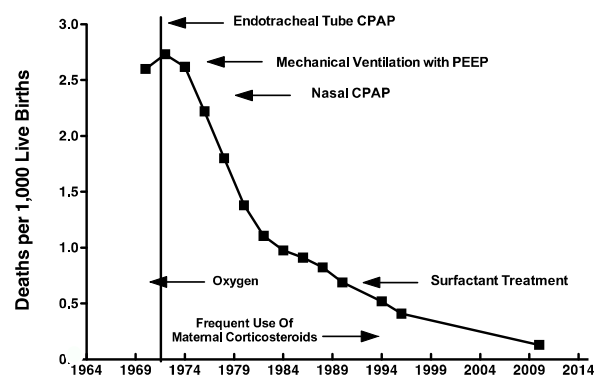


## Incidence of RDS by Gestational Age



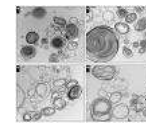
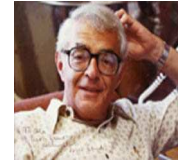
Greenough A, et al. In Greenough A, Milner AO, Robertson NRC, eds. *Neonatal Respiratory Disorders*. London, England. Arnold; 1996:238-279

## Mortality from RDS – US Population Data



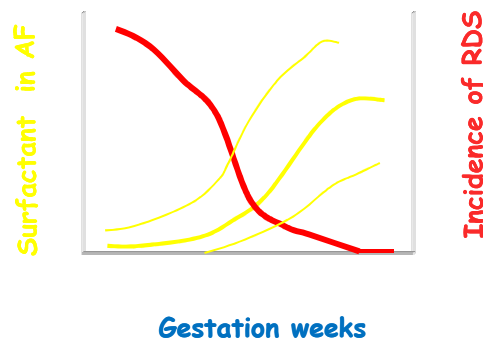
## Pathophysiology of RDS

- Surfactant deficiency causes:
  - Decreased functional residual capacity
    - Increased chest wall compliance
  - Decreased alveolar surface area
  - Increased airways compliance
- Gluck et al predicted the probability of RDS based on Lecithin/Sphingomyelin Ratio  $< 2.0$  in Amniotic Fluid
- Hallman et al reported that predominance of phosphatidylinositol in preterm infants and **absence of Phosphatidylglycerol** in Amniotic Fluid also predicted RDS with PPV 98% and regardless of maternal illness e.g. especially diabetes, or “stressed fetuses” that was the basis of the “Lung Profile” for antenatal prediction of RDS

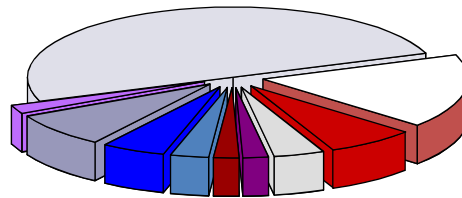


## Surfactant and the Risk of RDS

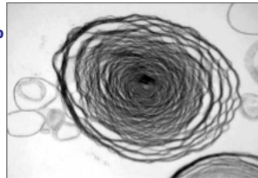
- Surfactant very deficient in immature lung (low pool size)
- Towards term, surfactant secreted into amniotic fluid
- Large variation in surfactant pools for a given gestation
- Surfactant components (L/S and PG) predicts the risk of RDS before birth



# Human Surfactant Composition



DPPC – dipalmitoylphosphatidylcholine 50%	Phosphatidylinositol 2%
Unsaturated phosphatidylcholine 17%	Other phospholipids 3%
Phosphatidylglycerol 17%	Other lipids 5%
Phosphatidylethanolamine 4%	Serum proteins 8%
Syphingomyelin 2%	Apoproteins or surfactant specific proteins 2%



## PULMONARY SURFACTANT COMPOSITION

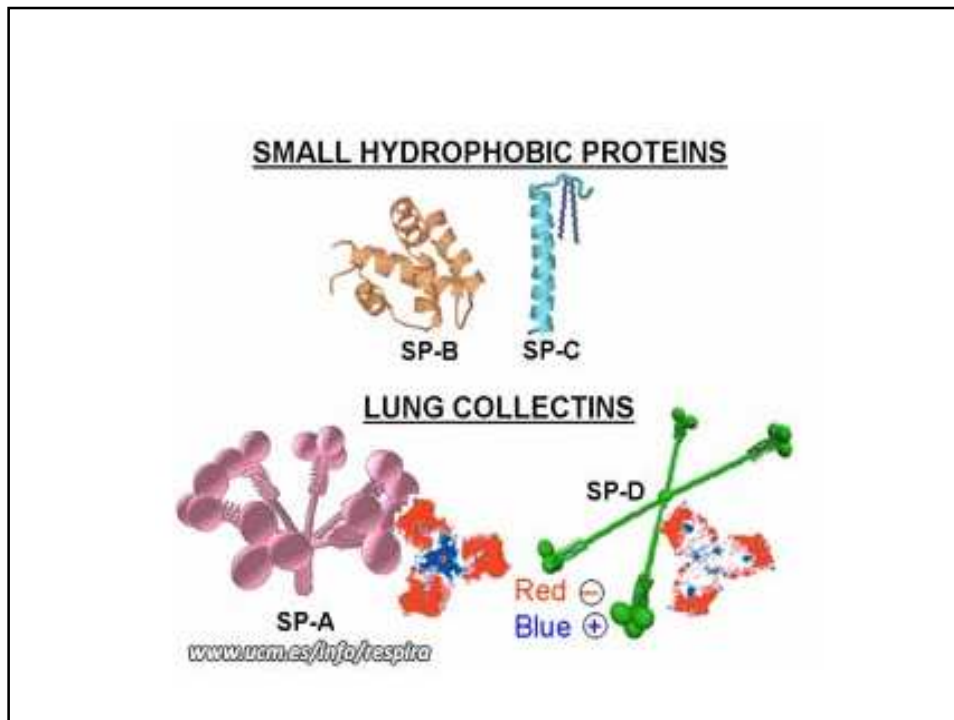
90 wt % LIPIDS



10 wt % PROTEINS

5.0 % SP-A
0.7 % SP-B
0.8 % SP-C
0.5 % SP-D
3.0 % Plasma Proteins

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## Surfactant Proteins

Present	Characteristics	Main Effects
SP-B & SP-C	Low molecular weight Hydrophobic, SP-B, SP-C Essential, SP-B null mice die at birth	Adsorption and spreading of phospholipids, Fetal SP-C associated PPROM
Absent	Characteristics	Main Effects
SP-A & SP-D	High molecular weight Hydrophilic, Collectins	Host defense and modulation of inflammatory cytokines in premature labor (from fetal Membranes and Placenta)

Van Golde L, *Biol Neonate*. 1995;67(suppl 1):2-17  
 Jobe A, *N Engl J Med*. 1993;328:861-868  
 Salminen A, Ph.D. thesis Univ Oulu 2011

## Surfactant Protein Function

Protein	Function
SP – A	Tubular myelin, Opsonin, Uptake & secretion of surfactant lipids, Reduces inactivation
SP – B	Tubular myelin, Lipid adsorption, Minimal surface tension, Reduces inactivation
SP – C	Affects lipid order, Synergy with SP – B for surface activity, Reduction of inactivation
SP – D	Opsonin

## Surfactant Hydrophobic Proteins-Whitsett and Weaver, NEJM, 2002

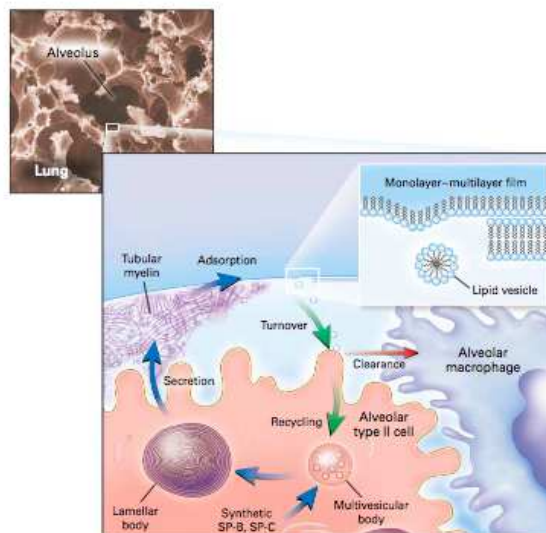
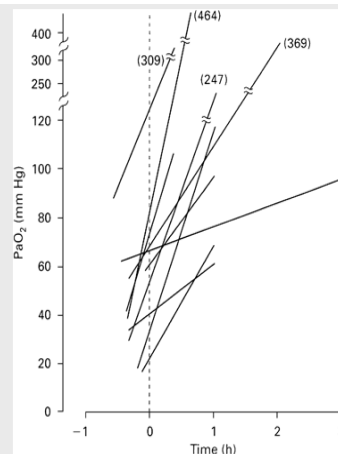


Figure 1. Freeze-Frame View of the Alveolar Space with a Magnified View of the Air-Liquid Interface, with Formation of Pulmonary Surfactant Films.

Tetsuro Fujiwara from Akito, Japan used a bovine lung homogenate (Surfactant TA) (Lancet 1980) give via endotracheal tube in 10 premature infants with RDS average BW <1250 gm and  $FiO_2 > .8$  (2/10 infants died)



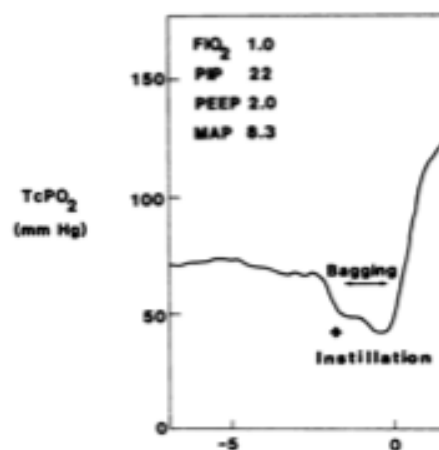
Changes in arterial oxygen tension after surfactant instillation. Fujiwara. Lancet, 1980; i: 55-59.

### Hallman, Merritt et al: Isolation of human surfactant from amniotic fluid and a pilot study of its efficacy in respiratory distress syndrome. Pediatrics 1983; 171:473

#### Immediate Effects of Surfactant Supplement

A Immediately Before Surfactant	B 5 Min After Surfactant	C 1 Hr After Surfactant
69 ± 11	239 ± 19 <sup>a</sup>	73 ± 13
50 ± 3	48 ± 1	44 ± 2 <sup>b</sup>
.26 ± 0.04	7.26 ± 0.03	7.32 ± 0.02
.94 ± 0.03	0.95 ± 0.03	0.49 ± 0.03 <sup>a</sup>
0.3 ± 1.1	10.2 ± 1.2	9.5 ± 0.7 <sup>c</sup>

re defined in Table 5 footnote. <sup>a</sup>  $P < .05$  with A; <sup>b</sup>  $P < .025$  as compared with A; <sup>c</sup>  $P < .05$  as compared with A.





## Proof of Principle: Human Surfactant Therapy Collaboration between Helsinki and San Diego



Exogenous human surfactant for treatment of severe respiratory distress syndrome: A randomized prospective clinical trial, J Pediatrics 1985 [Mikko Hallman, M.D. T. Allen Merritt, M.D. Anna-Liisa Jarvenpaa, M.D. Bruce Boynton, M.D. Frank Mannino, M.D. Louis Gluck, M.D. Thomas Moore, M.D. David Edwards](#)

### PROPHYLACTIC TREATMENT OF VERY PREMATURE INFANTS WITH HUMAN SURFACTANT

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AND JAAKKO JAASKELAINEN, M.D.

New Engl Journal Medicine, 1986



## Era of Surfactant Clinical Trials from 1980-2005 Europe, Canada & USA

Surfactant treatment trials comprised the most studied “drug(s)” used in Neonatal Medicine that has been evaluated by Randomized Controlled Clinical Trials either versus placebo or a comparative surfactants

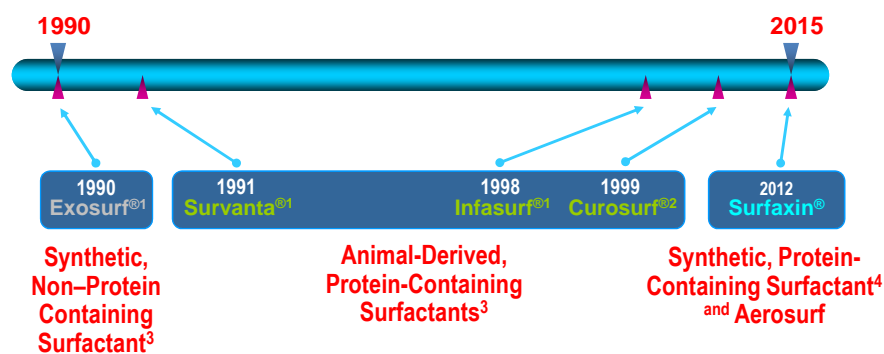
Surfactant has reduced infant mortality greater than any treatment for infants since the introduction of PEEP.



### Landmark studies on surfactant therapy

<b>1st trial with Detergent Alevaire</b> <b>Deficient surface activity in RDS</b>	<b>Gruenwald 1948</b> <b>Avery 1959</b>
<b>1st RTC with Dipalmitoyl PC</b> <b>L/S ratio, fetal lung maturity</b> <b>Antenatal glucocorticoid</b>	<b>Clements 1964</b> <b>Gluck 1970-72</b> <b>Liggins 1972</b>
<b>Animal studies on surfactant therapy</b>	<b>Robertson, Jobe, Ikegami</b> <b>1973-83</b>
<b>1st trial with natural surfactant</b> <b>1st RTC with synthetic DPPC-PG</b>	<b>Fujiwara 1980</b> <b>Morley 1985</b>
<b>1st RTC with natural surfactant</b>	<b>Hallman, Merritt 1985</b> <b>Enhörning 1985</b> <b>Merritt 1986</b>
<b>Proph vs Rescue surfactant better</b>	
<b>1st commercial synthetic surfactant</b>	<b>1990 (Exosurf)</b>
<b>1st commercial natural surfactant</b>	<b>1990-2 (Survanta)</b>
<b>1st commercial peptide-surfactant</b>	<b>2007 (Lucinactant)</b>

### Evolution of Commercially Available Surfactants in USA/Europe



1. FDA/CDER drug approvals. Available at: [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search.Label\\_ApprovalHistory#applist](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search.Label_ApprovalHistory#applist). 2. Doctor's Guide. FDA approves Curosurf for respiratory distress in premature infants. Available at: <http://www.pslgroup.com/dg/14a1ea.htm>. 3. Halliday and Robertson. In: Hanson et al, eds. *Breathing*. 1994;269-271. *Fetus and Neonate: Physiology and Clinical Applications*; vol 2. 4. Data on file, Discovery Laboratories.

### ***Surfactants Used in RCT 1983-2015***

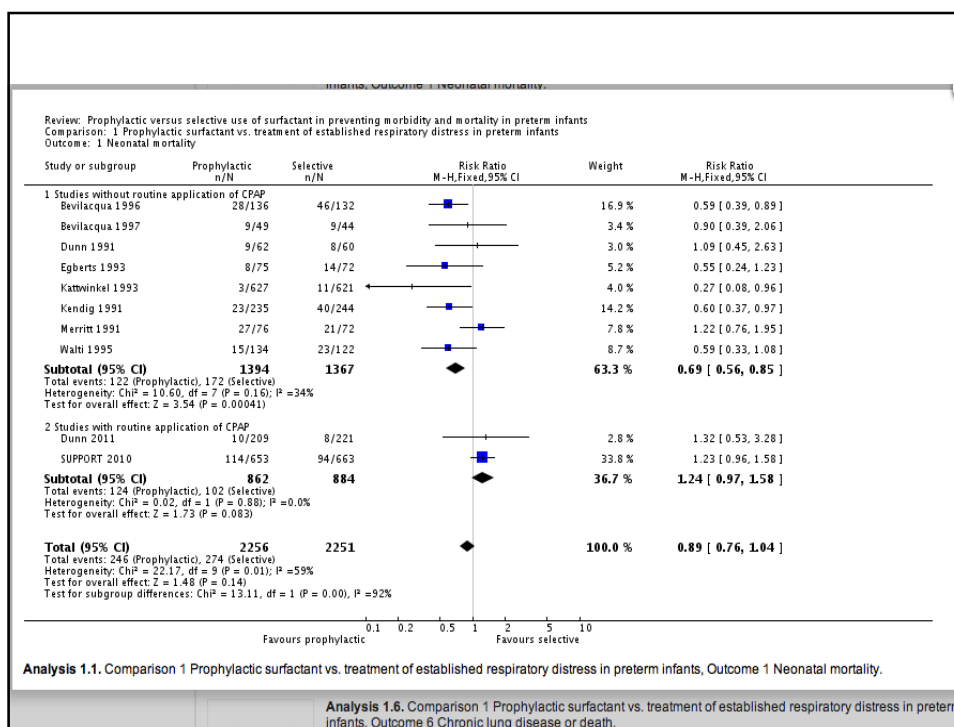
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| • <b>Protein-Free</b>        | <b>Natural (Amniotic Fluid)</b> |
| • Pumactant (ALEC)           | Human AF Surf                   |
| • Colfosceril palmitate      | <b>Lung Lavage Extracts</b>     |
| • (Exosurf)                  | Calf lung surfactant            |
| • TurfSurf (Belfast)         | (BLES), (Infasurf)              |
| • <b>Peptide Surfactants</b> | SF-R11 (Alveofact)              |
| • Lucinactant (KL4)          | <b>Minced Lung Extracts</b>     |
| • (Surfaxin)(Aerosurf)       | Beractant (Suvanta)             |
| • rSPC Surf(Venticute)       | Poractant Alfa                  |
| • SP C/SP-B analogue         | (Curosurf)                      |
| CHF5633 (Chiesi)             |                                 |

### ***Comparative Trials of Animal Derived Surfactants:***

Speer et al	Curosurf v Survanta
Halahakoon	Curosurf v Survanta
Baroutta et al	Curosurf v Survanta v Alveofact
Ramanathan et al	Curosurf v Survant
Malloy et al	Curosurf v Survanta
Bloom et al	Infasurf v Survanta
Van Overmeire et al	Alveofact v Survanta

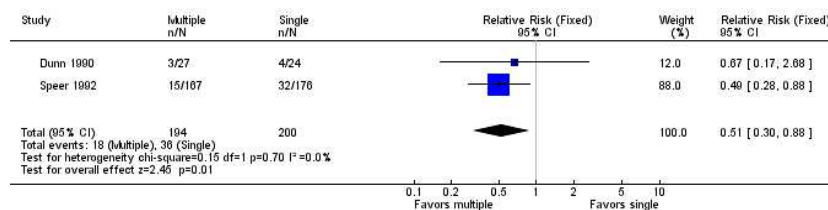
Subtle Differences between animal derived surfactants  
Curosurf having overall improved survival (but comparisons involved infants of differing GA and Birth Weights)



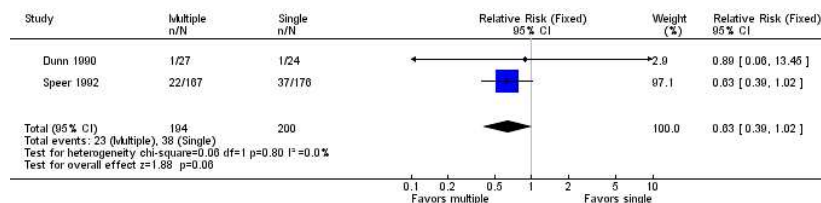


## Multiple vs single dose of natural surfactant in preventing severe RDS and mortality in preterm infants

### Pneumothorax



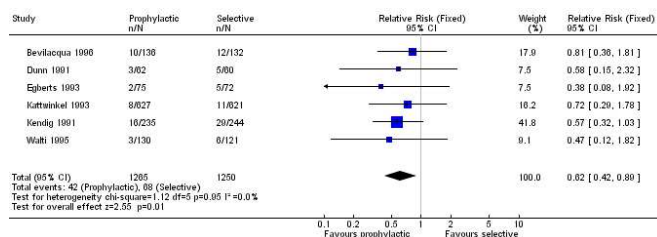
### Death



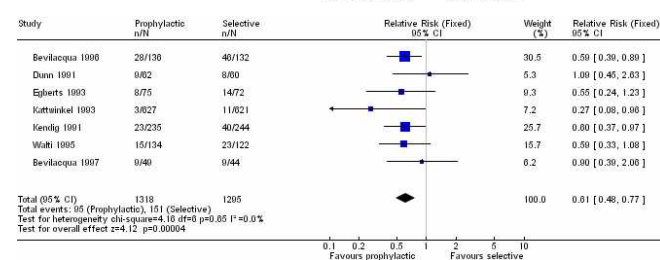
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## Prophylactic (< 1-2 hours) vs selective use of surfactant in preterm infants

### Pneumothorax

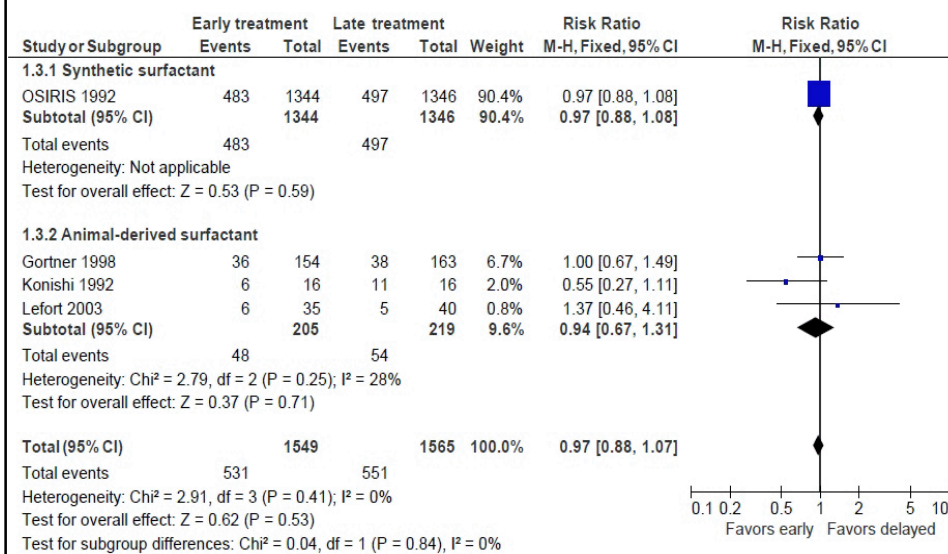


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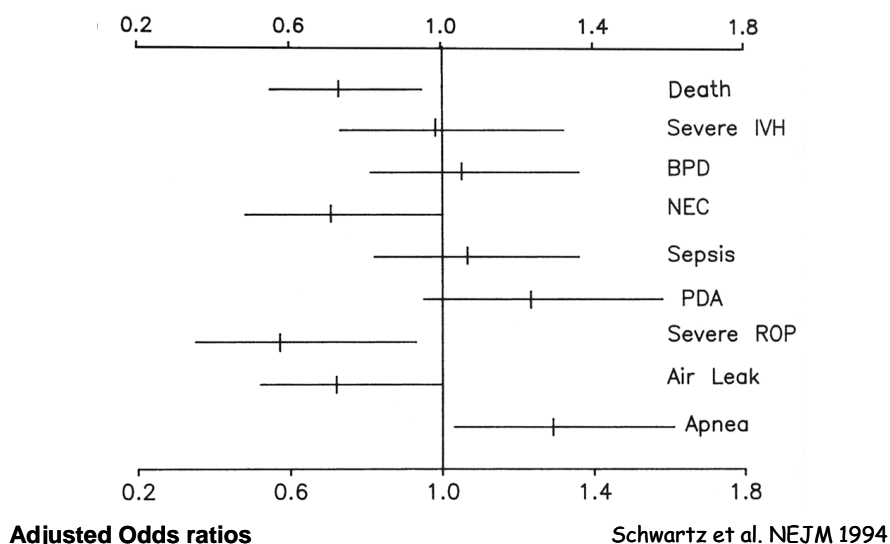


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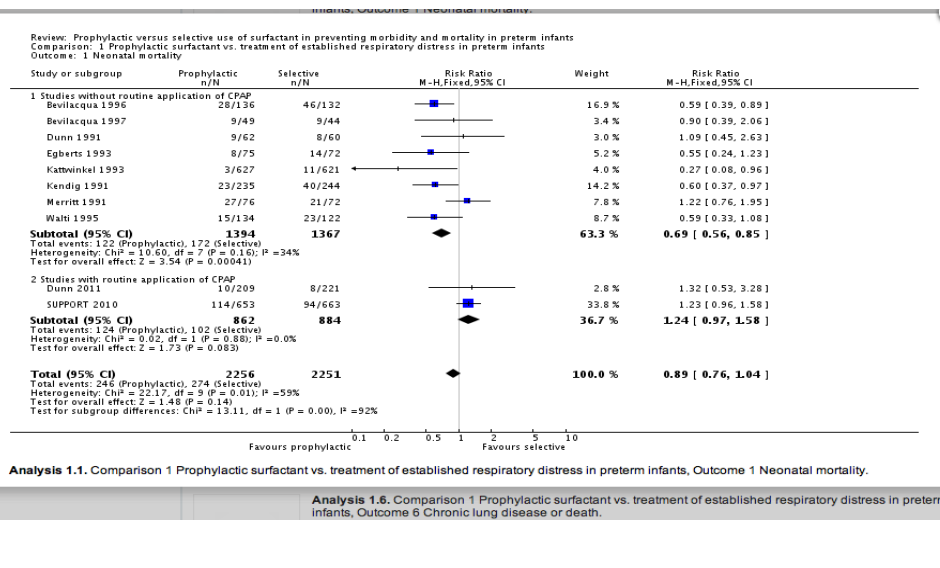
### 1.3 Bronchopulmonary dysplasia



## Outcomes associated with surfactant use in clinical practice. Compilation of 5629 VLBW infants from 14 centers



## Comparison of Prophylaxis versus Selective [e.g. Rescue] treatment (Soll, 2006)



## Results of Systematic Reviews from Multiple Surfactants: Natural Protein Containing Surfactants Superior to Non- protein containing surfactants Meta-Analysis 2014

Multiple trials using both protein-free synthetic surfactant Exosurf, and “natural” minced lung (Beractant, Poractant alfa (Curosurf) or lung wash surfactants (Calfactant, Alveofact, in one or multiple doses.

Trials of single versus multiple doses, early surfactant (Prophylaxis) versus later (Rescue surfactant).

Mortality	Relative Risk	95% CI	Number Needed to Treat
<b>Multiple Doses</b>	<b>0.63</b>	<b>0.39-1.02</b>	<b>14 (7-1000)</b>
<b>Natural Surfactant</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.76-0.98</b>	<b>50 (20-1000)</b>
<b>Prophylaxis</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.48-0.77</b>	<b>20 (14-50)</b>
<b>Early INSURE</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.08-1.81</b>	<b>---</b>



## Lessons learned regarding effectiveness and distribution surfactant during administration

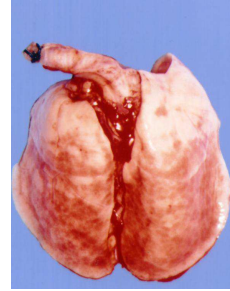
Property of Surfactant	Clinical Effects
• Surface Activity	Causes rapid adsorption & spreading in airways/lung
• Volume	Higher volumes result in Improved distribution
• Rate of admin.	Bolus administration Improves Distribution
• Ventilator settings	PIP and PEEP help clear airways of fluid
• Fluid vol in lung	Higher volumes of fetal lung fluid surfactant distribution (e.g. earlier is better)
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## Effect of Volume on Bolus Surfactant Distribution



Low volume administered:  
substantial atelectasis persists



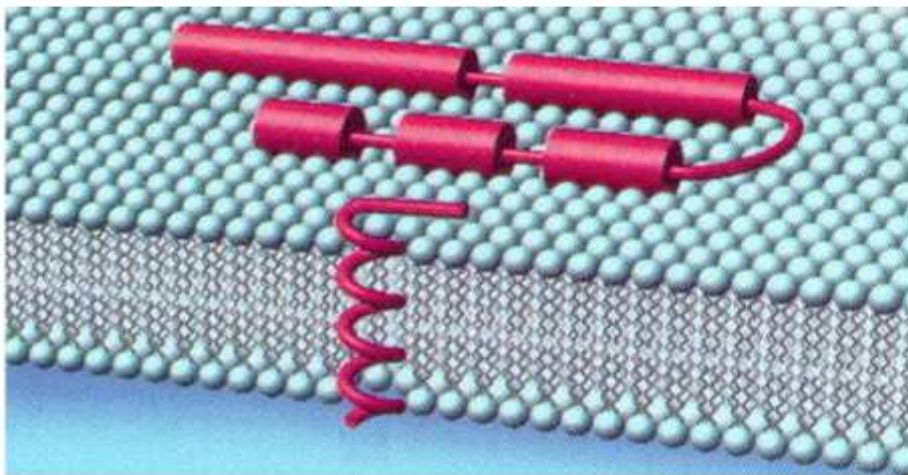
Higher volume administered:  
better distribution, no atelectasis

Pulmonary distribution of surfactant given in bolus doses is *better* when given in higher volumes

Gilliard N et al. *Am Rev Respir Dis.* 1990;141:743–747.

Van der Bleek J et al. *Pediatr Res.* 1993; 34:154–158.

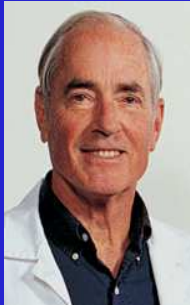
## SP-B & SP-C in phospholipids





## SP-B Amino Acid Sequence ➤ deduction of KL4

FPIPLPYCWLCRALIKRIQAMIPKGALAVAVAQVCRVVPLVAGGICQCLAERYSVILLDTLLGRMLPQLVCRLLVLRCSM

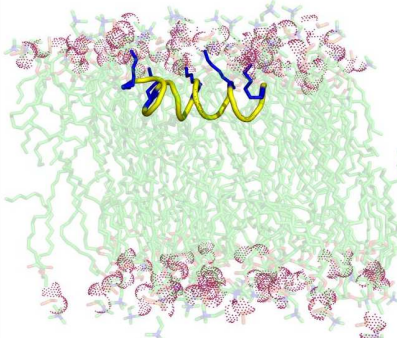
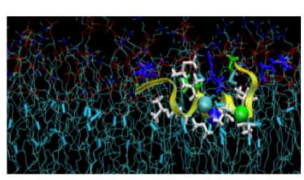


**DTLLGRMLPQLVCRLLVLRCSMD**

**LTLLGLMLPLLVCLLVLLCLML**

**RLLLRLLLRLLLRLLLRLLLR**  
**KLLLKLLLKLLLKLLLK**

**Cochrane & Revak Science 1991;254:566-8**

Philippe Bertani, Verica Vidovic, Tran-chin Yang, Jennifer Rendell, Larry M. Gordon, Alan J. Waring, Bunkhar...

Orientation and depth of surfactant protein B C-terminal helix in lung surfactant bilayers

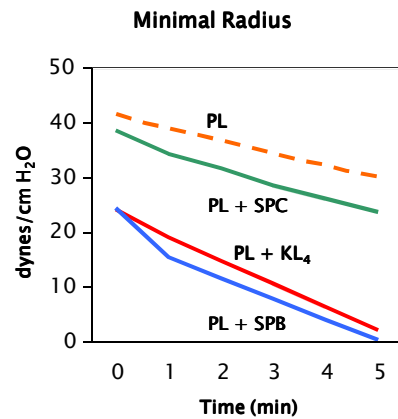
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Structure of KL4 and Phospholipid Membrane Interactions: Mills, F.D.  
Long, J. et al The Helical Structure of Surfactant Peptide of KL4 When  
Bound to POPC: POPG Lipid Vesicles, Biochemistry 2008; (47) 8292

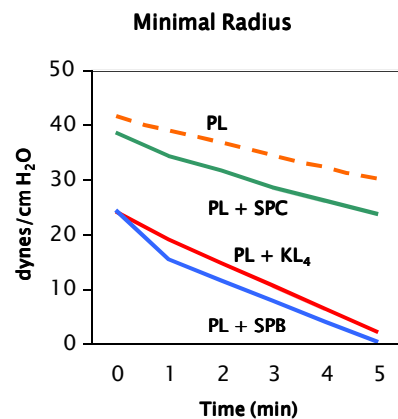
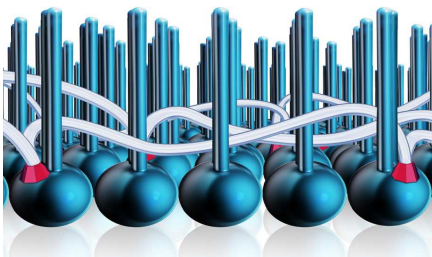
## KL<sub>4</sub> Functions Like SP-B

Multiple combinations of peptides RL4, KL4, DL4, added to phospholipids DPPC, DOPG, Palmitic Acid, at various concentrations compared to Phospholipids alone, and Phospholipids and SP B or SP C. Phospholipids + KL4 minimised the biophysical properties of SP B + PL.

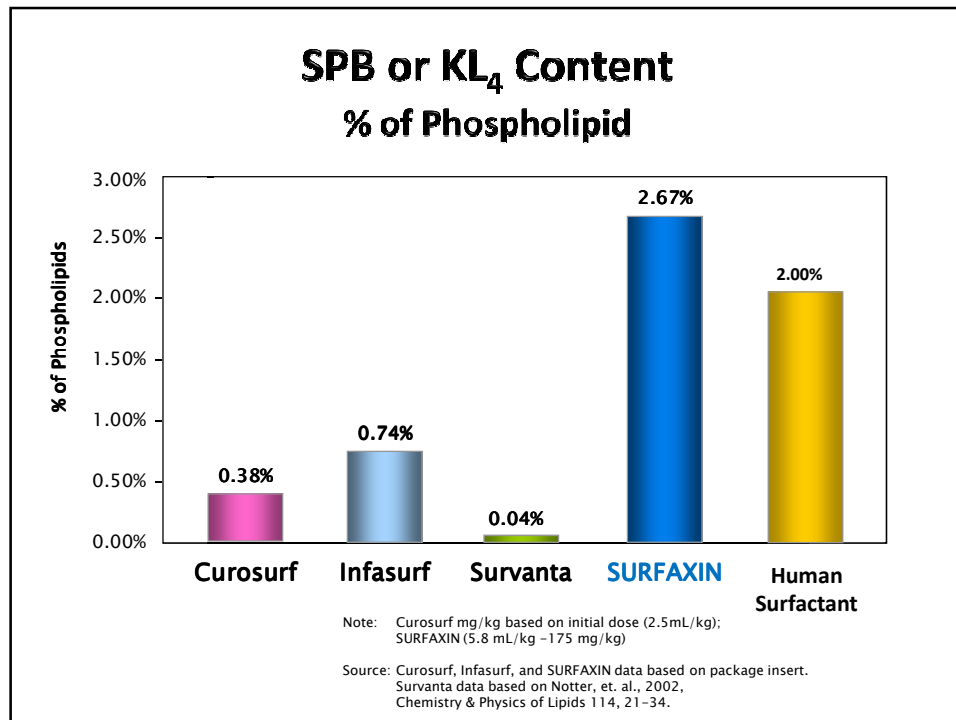


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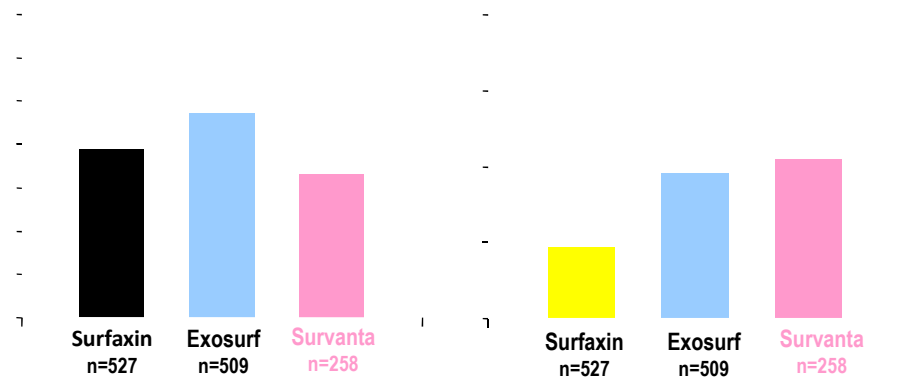
### RCT of Lucinactant (Surfaxin) KL4 Surfactant

- SELECT (N=1294)
- Trial Design-Superiority
- Inclusion Criteria-GA 24-32 wks; BW 600-1250g
- Treatment-Surfaxin 175 mg/kg, Exosurf 62.5 mg/kg, Survanta 100 mg/kg
- Primary Outcomes- Incidence of RDS at 24 hr; RDS related deaths to 14 days
- Moya, F et al Pediatrics 2005; 115: 118-129
- STAR (N=252)
- Trial Design-Non-inferiority
- Inclusion Criteria-GA 24-29 wks; 600-1250 g
- Treatment-Surfaxin vs Curosurf (175 mg/kg), & Beractant (100 mg/kg)
- Primary Outcomes- Incidence of being alive without BPD at 28 days
- Sinha, S et al Pediatrics 2005; 115: 130-138

## SELECT TRIAL (Europe, Latin America) Primary Outcomes

RDS at 24 hours

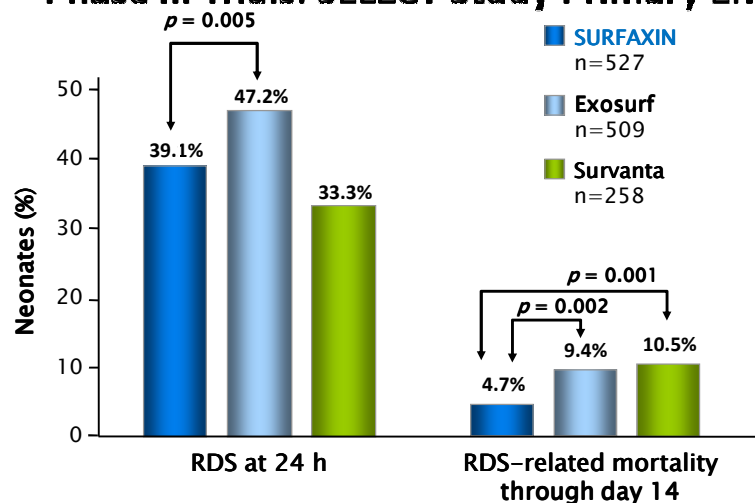
RDS deaths up to 14 days

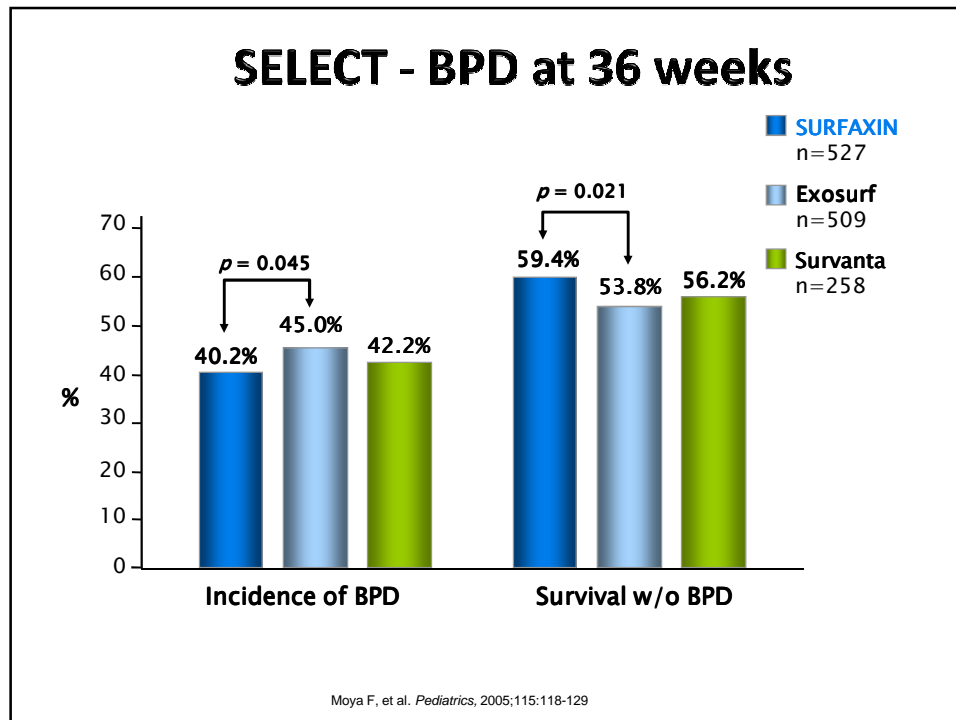


P-values adjusted by BW strata and center using logistic regression

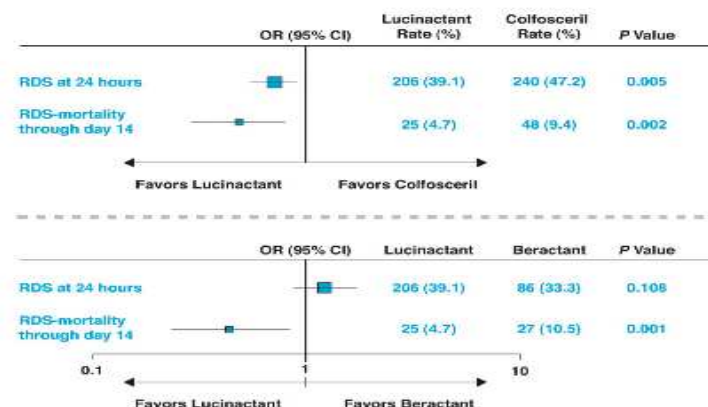
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## Phase III Trials: SELECT Study Primary Efficacy

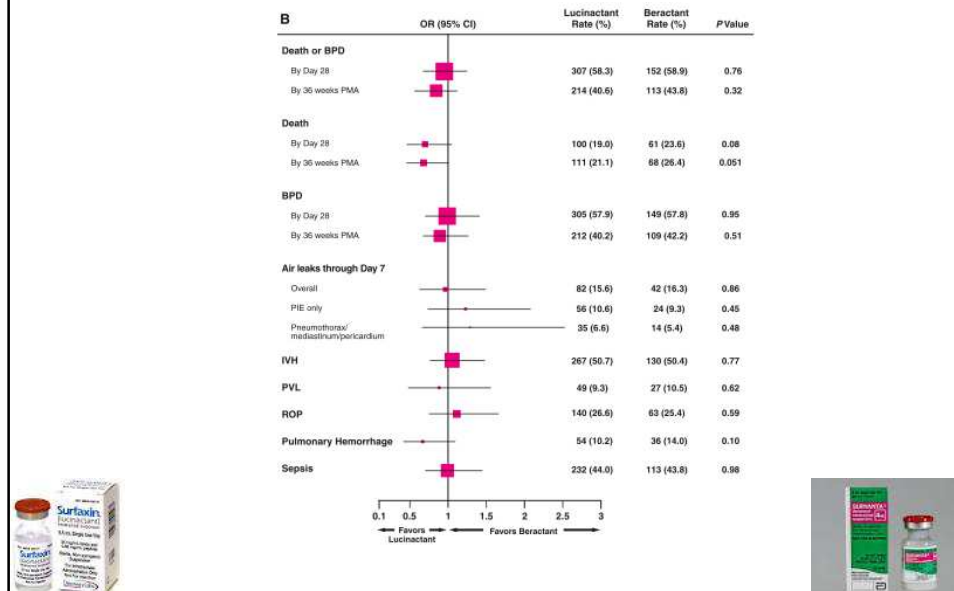




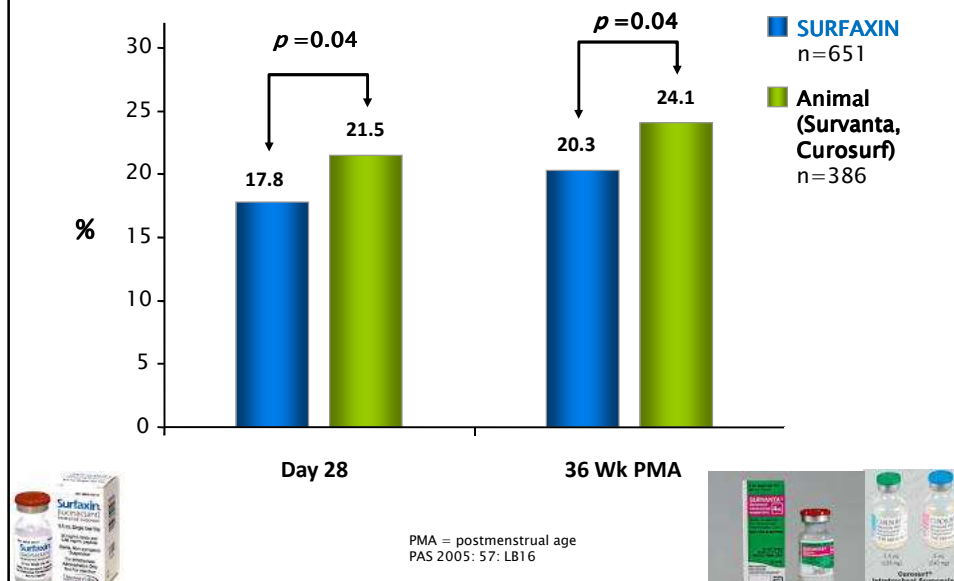
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 Trial: Comparison of Lucinactant to Exosurf  
 and Beractant (non inferiority trial)



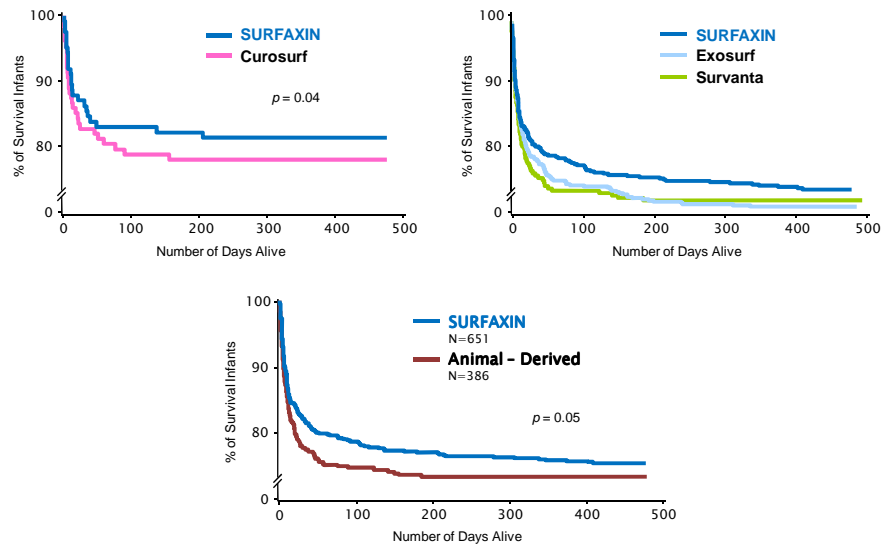
## STAR: Lucinactant vs Beractant



## SURFAXIN vs. Animal-Derived Surfactants Short-Term All-Cause Mortality

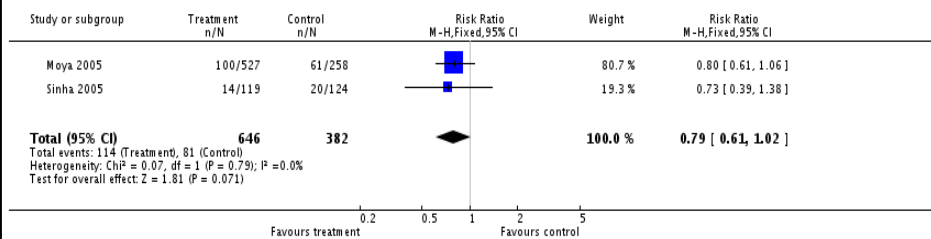


## Survival rate through 1 Year of Life



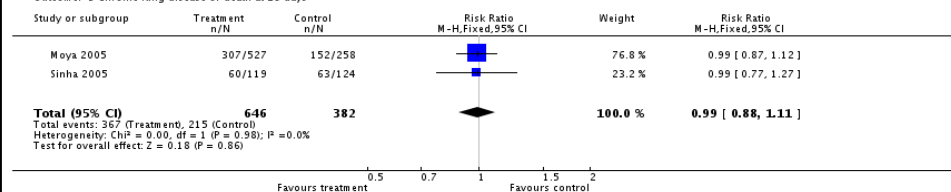
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Review: Protein containing synthetic surfactant versus animal derived surfactant extract for the prevention and treatment of respiratory distress syndrome  
Comparison: 1 Protein containing synthetic surfactant vs animal derived surfactant (all patients)  
Outcome: 1 Mortality at 28 days



**Analysis 1.1.** Comparison 1 Protein containing synthetic surfactant vs animal derived surfactant (all patients), Outcome 1 Mortality at 28 days.

Review: Protein containing synthetic surfactant versus animal derived surfactant extract for the prevention and treatment of respiratory distress syndrome  
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Outcome: 5 Chronic lung disease or death at 28 days



**Analysis 1.5.** Comparison 1 Protein containing synthetic surfactant vs animal derived surfactant (all patients), Outcome 5 Chronic lung disease or death at 28 days.

## Poractant Alfa (Curosurf) Clinical Trials



- **1988 RCT to placebo:** Improved oxygenation, reduced PIE, Pneumothorax, survival
- **1992 RCT Multiple v Single dose:** improved oxygenation, reduced airleaks, improved survival
- **1993 RCT Early v Late:** improved survival and reduced severe IVH with early treatment
- **1993 RCT 200 mg v 100 mg** Improved oxygenation up to 36 hours no other benefits
- **1997,2002 RCT Prophylaxis v Selective:** Infants <31 weeks less severe RDS, less CLD, improved survival with prophylaxis
- **1999 Curosurf & CPAP Combination:** earlier extubation and may improve survival in infants <30wks
- **1995-2005 Comparative trials:** Curosurf improved survival over ALEC; More Rapid response than Survanta, and may improve survival

## Comparative Trials of Animal Surfactants

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| • Speer et al         | 1995 | Curosurf v Survanta             |
| • Griese et al        | 1995 | Alveofact v Survanta            |
| • Halahakoon          | 1999 | Curosurf v Survanta             |
| • Van Overmeire et al | 1999 | Alveofact v Survanta            |
| • Baroutis et al      | 2003 | Curosurf v Survanta v Alveofact |
| • Ramanathan et al    | 2004 | Curosurf v Survanta             |
| • Malloy et al        | 2005 | Curosurf v Survanta             |
| • Bloom et al         | 2005 | Infasurf v Survanta             |

**Major Outcomes differences were that Survival Was Improved with Curosurf (Odds Ratio 1.0 Curosurf vs 1.52 Beractant vs 1.6 InfaSurf)**





**Surfactant Treatment of Meconium Aspiration Syndrome: less  
pneumothorax, fewer needing ECMO El-Shahed, Dargaville,  
Ohlsson, Soll Cochrane Database 2014**

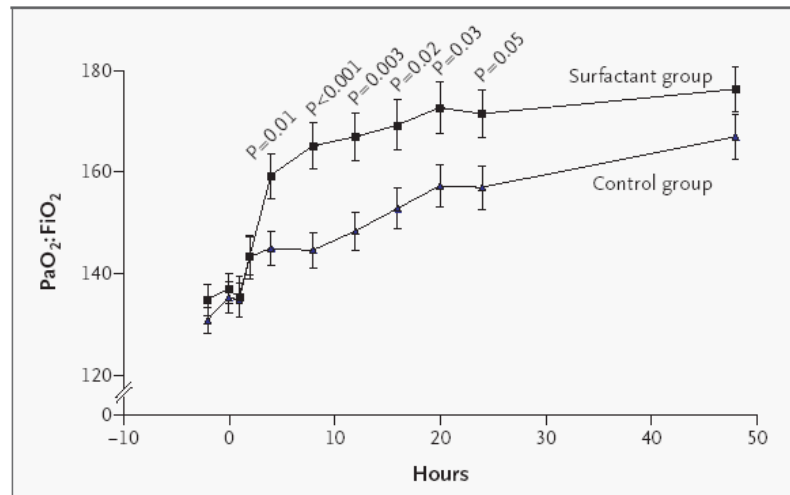
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***Surfactant for treatment of Acute Lung Injury in  
Children with a limited reduction in ventilator  
days- Willson et al***

***Trials of various Surfactants in Adult  
Respiratory Distress Syndrome***

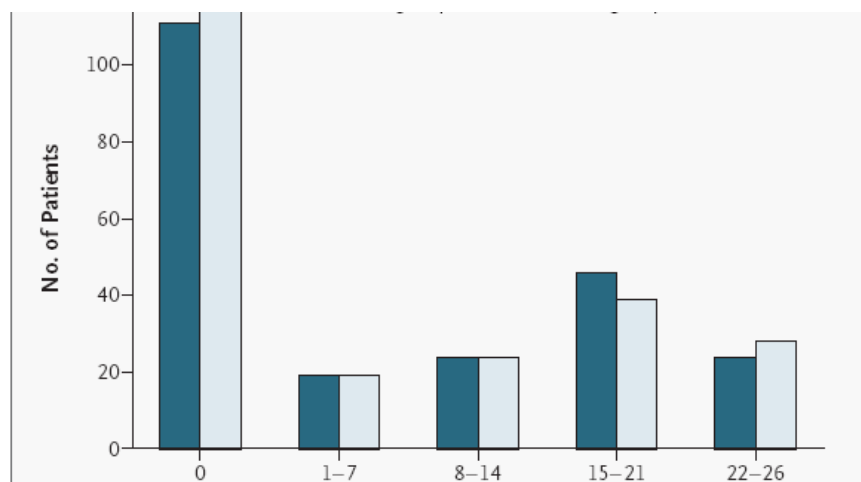
***Failure of large multicenter trial of Venticute  
(rSPC surfactant) to alter outcomes of ARDS  
or reduce ventilator days- Spragg et al***

### Mean $\text{PaO}_2:\text{FiO}_2$ values Control group vs. Venticute (rh SP-C) Surfactant In Adult Patients with ARDS



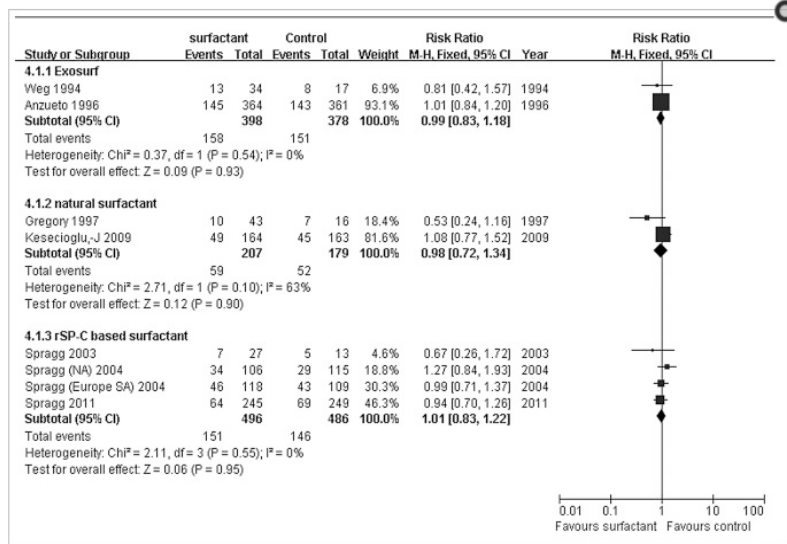
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### Number of ventilator free days in the control group and the surfactant group: A Trial Failure!



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## Meta-Analysis of ARDS Trials treated with Surfactant (Failure of rhSP-C [Ventecute], Exosurf, Beractant)



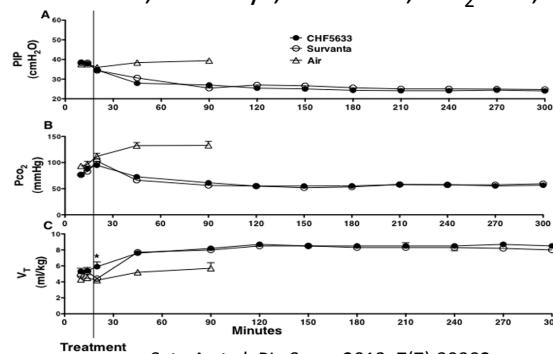
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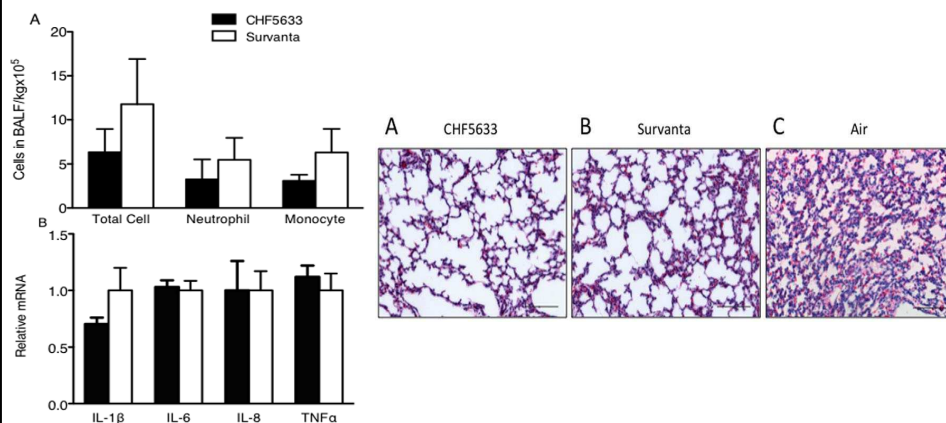
CHF5633 (Chiesi Farmaceutici SpA, Parma, Italy) 200mg/kg

- DPPC:POPG 1:1
- Analogue SP-C (1.5%): 33 aminoacids
- Analogue SP-B (0.2%): 34 aminoacids
- Survanta (Abbott, Columbus, OH) 100 mg/kg
- Fetal lamb model, 124 days, c-section,  $FiO_2=1.0$ ,  $V_t=6\text{mL/kg}$



Sato A et al. PLoSone; 2013, 7(7):39392

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- New synthetic surfactant was effective on animal model of RDS

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### **Other Peptide Surfactants in Development or Clinical Trials**

- **Chiesi Farmaceutici-SpA**-Peptide Surfactant CHF 5683 containing SP-B (amino and COOH terminus) peptides and SP-C analogues containing KL4-preterm lambs studies confirm biologic activity-Seehase, M et al PLOSone 2013
- Walther, FJ et al-lung lavage young rabbits suggest biologic activity-Peer J
- Human Studies are underway (as a liquid)
- **Innovus-So. Africa**-Peptide containing surfactant SP-B/SP-C Animal studies in preterm lambs show similar results to Curosurf Smith 2013, vanZyl et al 2014-adult rabbit lavage-partial restoration of lung function, less lung Inflammation, Human Studies status unknown

### ***Less Invasive Surfactant Administration (LISA)***

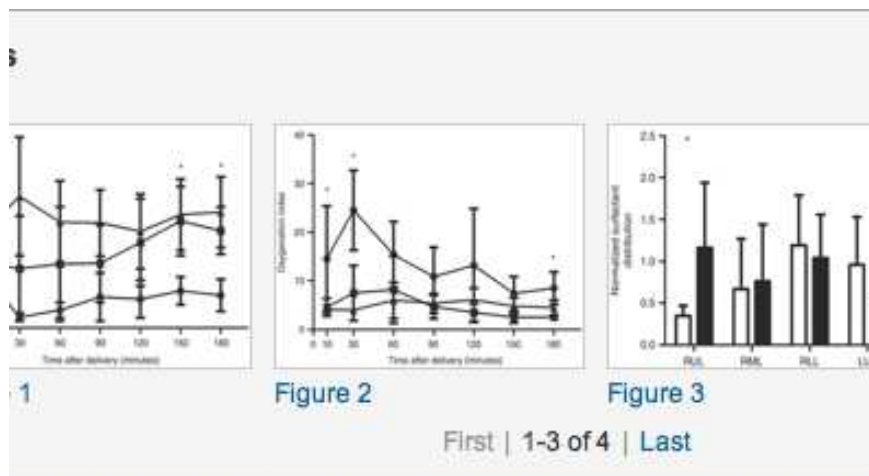
Kribs et al in Germany published encouraging results after using a “feeding tube” inserted through the vocal cords and administering surfactant and AMV (avoidance of mechanical ventilation)

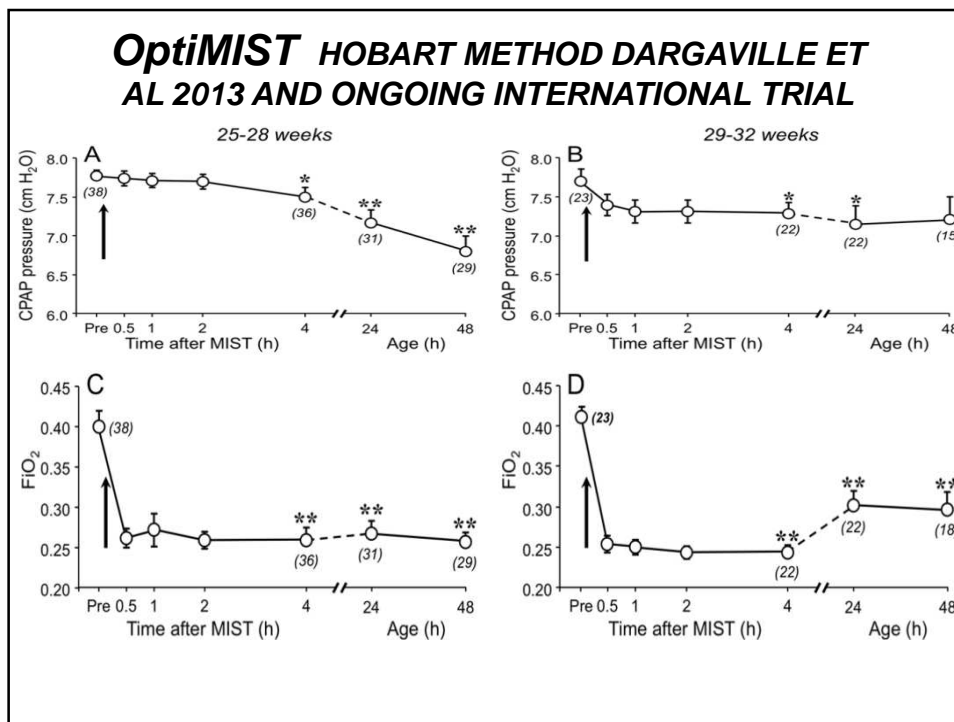


## Less Invasive Surfactant Administration (LISA)

- **Kribs et al 2010 LISA vs ETT surfactant among infants < 31 weeks : Less MV in first 72 hr 29% vs 53%  $p<.001$ , BPD LISA 11% v 18%  $p<.004$**
- **Göpel et al 2011 LISA vs ET surf/CPAP 26-28 6/7 weeks: Reduced MV on day 2-3 RR .68 (CI 0.42-.0.88) no change in BPD**
- **Lebermass-Schrefhof et al 2013: LISA vs ET surf/CPAP 23-27 weeks: MV LISA 23% vs ET/CPAP 52%  $p,.001$ , no change in BPD**
- **Kanmaz et al 2013: LISA vs INSURE infants <32 weeks (<72 hr): MV within 72 h: LISA 30% vs INSURE 45%  $p<.02$ , BPD LISA 10% INSURE 20%  $p=.009$**

LISA in SPONTANEOUSLY BREATHING FETAL LAMBS: LESS surfactant in & POORER distribution, but SIMILAR physiologic effects to intubation and NO Mechanical Ventilation (Pediatr Res 2014, KRIBS ET AL)





### Aerosolized surfactants – clinical studies

The only study utilized single naso-pharyngeal (SNP) tube for CPAP and aerosol delivery

	Surfactant	Method	Population	Outcome
Jorch G	Alveofact®	Jet nebulizer 150 mg x 2 SNP tube CPAP	28-35 wks	A-a O <sub>2</sub> gradient, PCO <sub>2</sub> & Silverman score improved
Arroe M	Exosurf®	Side stream nebulizer prongs CPAP	23-36 wks	No significant benefits
Berggren E	Curosurf	Jet nebulizer IF CPAP	27-34 wks	No significant benefits
Finer N	Aerosurf	Aeroneb Pro® prongs CPAP	28-32 wks	Procedure safe

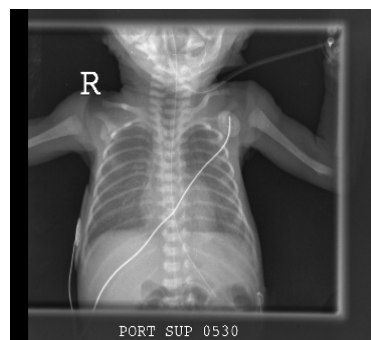
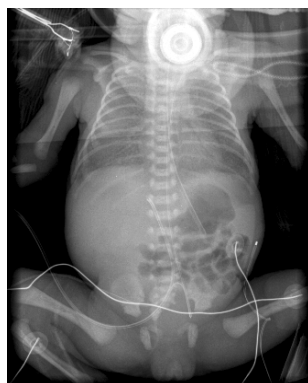
**QUESTION: Was the right patient interface used?**

Mazela et al, Curr Opin Pediatr 2007; 19: 155

Nebulization of Lucinactant: First study using AeroNeb Pro Vibrating Mesh Nebulizer in USA, 17 infants and all showed improvement: Finer, Merritt, Mazela, Henderson, 2010



Aerosurf Aerosolization + CPAP 5 cm at 0.5-hr start and 3-hr Posttreatment in Infant with RDS





## Multicenter pilot study of aerosolized lucinactant delivered via nCPAP (KL4-CPAP-01 Phase 2A)

Clinical Outcomes According to Gestational Age

	28-29 weeks (n=6)		30-32 weeks (n=11)		All Enrolled (N=17)	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Survival through day 28	6	100	11	100	17	100
Survival without BPD	5	83.3	10	90.1	15	88.2
BPD through day 28	1	16.6	1	9.1	2	11.8
RDS at 24 hours	3	50	1	9.1	4	23.5
Intubation/mechanical ventilation through day 28	3	50	2	18.2	5	29.4
ET surfactant administration	3	50	2	18.2	5	29.4

**QUESTION: What is the best nebulizer to be used?**

Finer N et al, J Aerosol Med Pulm Drug Del 2010;23:1-7.

**AEROSURF™**  
lucinactant for inhalation

## Aerosolized KL4 surfactant with CAG for RDS

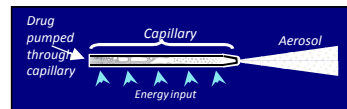
- New aerosol generation and delivery system: CAG and AFFECTAIR™ (AARC, November 2011)
- GA Dated Pregnant Ewe
- Cesarean Delivery
- Preterm Lamb (6 vs. 6)
  - 128-134 d gestation
  - term = 147 +/- 3 d
  - ~28-32 wk human equivalent
  - **AEROSURF™** Emitted dose 22.4 mg/min TPL (60% of nominal dose) vs CPAP



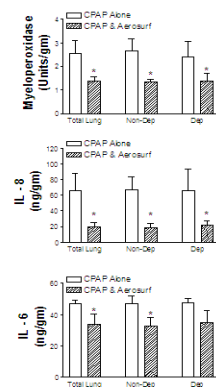
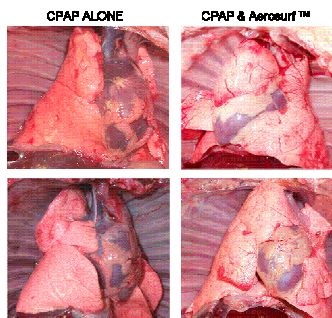
Wolfson, M., et al., E-PAS2008:3764.1.

## Capillary aerosol generator for surfactant aerosolization

- Lucinactant (Surfaxin®, Discovery Laboratories, Inc.)
- Capillary Aerosol Generator (CAG), ventilator connector (Afectair®)
  - MMAD =  $1.9 \mu\text{m} \pm 0.6 \text{ GSD}$
  - Time = 90 min
  - Emitted dose = 22.4 mg/minTPL
- 128-134 d preterm lambs, tracheo, CPAP



- **Better lung aeration**  
 - **Lower levels of:**  
   - **MPO,**  
   - **IL-6**  
   - **IL-8**



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**Multicenter Randomized, Open Label, Controlled Trial to Assess the Safety and Tolerability of Aerosurf® for Inhalation in Preterm Neonates—On going study in US & Europe 29-34 wks**



## **Summary – Surfactant Trials**

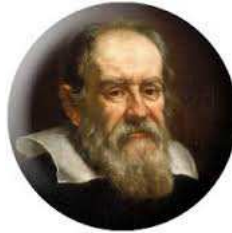
- Meta-analysis of CPAP vs INSURE show no significant differences in mortality but fewer overall airleaks with INSURE
- LISA and MIST treatment with various surfactants are moving ahead
- RCT trials of Aerosolized Aerosurf® versus CPAP are underway
- RCT trials of other peptide surfactants are underway in Europe and possibly So Africa

## **Summary – Trials of Aerosol Delivery vs InSure or CPAP**

- Neonatologists are ready for true non-invasive surfactant therapy
- There is need to utilized specific aerosol generator and delivery system which can be used for surfactants in combination with positive end-expiratory pressure support
- Surfactants will become the “carrier” of other drugs into the airways and alveoli—to make make therapies directed to the lungs more effective

***Surfactant Therapy has been a Great Personal Journey permitting me to learn about surfactant, clinical trials, treating babies and making life-long friends in Finland, Poland, United Kingdom, Sweden, and Canada***

*"I would rather discover a single fact, even a small one, than debate the great issues at length without discovering a thing"—Galileo Galilei*



Thank you for your attention.