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**Background:** In relatively healthy middle-aged patients, recent studies have shown that supplemental oxygen did not significantly increase one-year mortality after noncardiac surgery. If supplemental oxygen influences long-term mortality, specifically in elderly patients with cardiovascular risk-factors, remains unknown. Thus, we evaluated the effect of supplemental oxygen on two-year mortality in patients with cardiovascular risk factors undergoing moderate- to high-risk major abdominal surgery.

**Methods:** This is a follow-up study of a prospective, randomized, double-blinded, clinical trial. Two hundred fifty-eight patients, who were at least 45 years of age and at-risk for cardiovascular complications were randomly assigned to receive 80 vs. 30% oxygen during surgery and for the first two postoperative hours. Vital status was obtained from all patients 2 years after surgery using the national registry. Preoperative and postoperative maximum concentrations of NT-proBNP, Troponin T (TnT), Copeptin, von Willebrand Factor (vWF), static oxidation-reduction potential (sORP) and oxidation-reduction potential capacity (cORP) were tested for association with two-year mortality.

**Results:** The median age of patients was 74 years ( $25^{\text{th}}-75^{\text{th}}$  percentile 70–78 years). 25.8% (95% CI: 17.3–32.4%) of patients in the 80% oxygen group and 22.3% (95% CI: 14.8–29.1%) in the 30% oxygen group died within 2 years after surgery. No significant difference in two-year mortality was found between patients, who received 80% oxygen concentration, versus patients, who received 30% oxygen concentration (estimated hazard ratio 1.145; 95% CI 0.693–1.893; p = 0.597). Preoperative Copeptin concentrations and postoperative maximum vWF activity were significantly associated with two-year mortality (p < 0.001).

**Conclusion:** Our results are consistent with previous studies, that showed that supplemental oxygen did not increase long-term mortality. Therefore, it is becoming more evident that supplemental oxygen may not have a significant effect on long-term outcome in patients undergoing major abdominal surgery.

KEYWORDS

supplemental oxygen, postoperative mortality, cardiac risk patients, perioperative hyperoxia, major abdominal surgery

# Introduction

Based on the most recent and largest trials it is becoming more evident that supplemental oxygen may not affect postoperative outcome including surgical site infection, pulmonary or cardiovascular complications [1–4]. Several long-term follow-up studies of these randomized controlled trials, evaluating the influence of supplemental oxygen on long-term mortality, have been performed recently but showed inconsistent results [5–7].

The follow-up analysis of the "Effect of High Perioperative Oxygen Fraction on Surgical Site Infection and Pulmonary Complications" (PROXI trial), for example, showed that 80% oxygen during surgery was associated with a significantly increased longterm mortality as compared to 30% oxygen [5]. Interestingly, they found that this effect was present only in patients undergoing cancer surgery but not in patients undergoing noncancer surgery [5]. They further showed that cancer-free survival was significantly shorter in the 80% group leading to the assumption that hyperoxia induces neovascularization [8]. In contrast, the follow-up study by Podolyak et al. found no significant effect of supplemental oxygen on long-term mortality in the overall population, which was also irrespective of a previous cancer diagnosis [6]. The long-term follow-up analysis of the most recent and largest trial, which included over 3,400 patients, also found no significant effect of supplemental oxygen on long-term mortality in the overall population, and also not in cancer and in non-cancer patients [7]. However, all these studies have in common that they included relatively young/middle-aged and healthy patients, who were at low risk for cardiovascular complications [5-7]. In contrast, elderly patients are at increased risk for longterm postoperative complications and have increased postoperative mortality after major abdominal surgery [9], and therefore, a possible disadvantageous effect of supplemental oxygen might be more likely in this patient population. In detail, animal studies showed that hyperoxia might lead to coronary vasoconstriction [10, 11], which might lead to impaired organ perfusion, and subsequently pronounced postoperative long-term complications in cardiac risk patients. Furthermore, an in-vitro study has shown that hyperoxia leads to an increase in oxidative stress [12]. Similar results were found in patients, who had a myocardial infarction and received supplemental oxygen. In fact, the authors found a larger infarct size in patients, who received supplemental oxygen, as compared to patients, who received ambient air [13]. However, the effect of perioperative supplemental oxygen on longterm mortality, specifically in elderly patients with cardiovascular complications, who had major abdominal surgery is still not entirely clarified.

Therefore, we evaluated in this follow-up study of a prospective randomized clinical trial, which investigated the effect of perioperative 80 vs. 30% oxygen on postoperative maximum NTproBNP concentrations, the effect of the perioperative administration of supplemental oxygen on two-year all-cause mortality in patients at-risk for cardiovascular complications undergoing moderate- to high-risk major abdominal surgery. Furthermore, we evaluated the association between our study specific laboratory biomarkers including NT-proBNP, Troponin T, Copeptin, oxidation-reduction potential and vWF and two-year mortality.

# Materials and methods

### Study design

This is a follow-up study of a prospective, randomized, doubleblinded, single-center clinical trial conducted at the Medical University of Vienna, which investigated the effect of supplemental perioperative oxygen on postoperative maximum NT-proBNP concentrations [3]. In detail, patients of at least 45 years of age with at least one cardiovascular risk factor undergoing moderate- to high-risk major abdominal surgery were randomized randomly to receive 80 vs. 30% oxygen for the duration of surgery and the first two postoperative hours [14]. The original trial was approved by the Ethics Committee of the Medical University of Vienna (Ethikkommission Medizinische Universität Wien; Borschkegasse 8b/6, 1090, Vienna, Austria; EK-Number 1744/2017) on the 13th of November 2017. Written informed consent was obtained of all patients participating in the study prior to randomization for the original study. This follow-up study was approved on the 1st of June 2022 by the same Ethics Committee with a waived requirement for informed consent (EK-Number 1213/2021). The original trial was registered before enrolment of the first patient at ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT03366857; https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03366857) and the European Trial Database (EudraCT 2017-003714-68) and was conducted according to the Declaration of Helsinki and Good Clinical Practice. This manuscript adheres to the applicable CONSORT guidelines. The results of the primary outcome and several sub-analyses from the original trial have been published previously [3, 15–17].

### Participants

Eligible patients were over 45 years of age and underwent moderate- to high-risk major abdominal surgery under general

anesthesia. Patients had to meet one of the following criteria for inclusion: (1) History of coronary artery disease, (2) History of peripheral artery disease, (3) History of stroke or (4) Any three of the following six criteria: (a) age over 70 years, (b) undergoing major surgery, (c) history of congestive heart failure, (d) history of transient ischemic attack, (e) diabetes and currently taking oral hypoglycemic agent or insulin, (f) history of hypertension. Patients were randomized to receive either 80 or 30% inspired oxygen concentration for the duration of surgery and the first two postoperative hours. The protocol for anesthesiologic and hemodynamic management was published previously [14]. Vital status and cause of death was identified for all patients using the database of the Medical University of Vienna (Sterbedatenabgleich Medizinische Universität Wien), which is based on the national registry, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. Our study specific biomarkers of the original trial included NT-proBNP, Troponin T (TnT), Copeptin, von Willebrand Factor (vWF), static oxidation-reduction potential (sORP) and oxidation-reduction potential capacity (cORP) and were assessed shortly before induction of anesthesia, within 2 h after surgery and on the first and third postoperative days [14]. Copeptin was measured for a smaller number of patients, because it was amended after the inclusion of 87 patients. All preoperative and

#### TABLE 1 Patient characteristics.

	80% oxygen (n = 127)		30% oxygen ( <i>n</i> = 130)	
Age, yrs	74	[70, 78]	74	[70, 78]
BMI	26.8	[23.9, 30.7]	25.8	[23.7, 29.1]
Height, cm	171	[165, 176]	172	[168, 178]
Weight, <i>kg</i>	80	[69, 90]	78	[70, 90]
ASA, n (%)				
$I^a$	1	(0.8)	0	(0)
П	29	(22.8)	46	(35.4)
III	95	(74.8)	84	(64.6)
IV	2	(1.6)	0	(0)
Comorbidities, n (%)				
History of coronary artery disease	33	(26.0)	31	(23.8)
History of peripheral artery disease	19	(15.0)	20	(15.4)
History of stroke	12	(9.4)	10	(7.7)
History of congestive heart failure	8	(6.3)	10	(7.7)
History of transient ischemic attack	3	(2.4)	8	(6.2)
Diabetes	39	(30.7)	32	(24.6)
Hypertension	119	(93.7)	120	(92.3)
Type of Procedure, n (%)				
Open	75	(59.1)	75	(57.7)
Laparoscopic	44	(34.6)	47	(36.2)
Converted	8	(6.3)	8	(6.2)
Type of Surgery, n (%)				
Hepatobiliary	13	(10.2)	13	(10.0)
Colorectal	28	(22.0)	27	(20.8)
Pancreatic	17	(13.4)	20	(15.4)
Renal	19	(15.0)	25	(19.2)
Prostate	13	(10.2)	18	(13.8)
Cystectomy	15	(11.8)	10	(7.7)
Gynecological	7	(5.5)	3	(2.3)
Other	15	(11.8)	14	(10.8)

BMI, body mass index; ASA, American Society of Anesthesiologists physical status.

<sup>a</sup>ASA physical status was corrected from II to I after enrolment into the study.

Summary characteristics are presented as counts, percentages of patients, and median [25th quartile; 75th quartile].

postoperative laboratory measurements were included in this followup study.

### Statistical analysis

Continuous variables were summarized using mean, standard deviation (SD), median, quartiles [25<sup>th</sup> percentile; 75<sup>th</sup> percentile] as well as minimum and maximum values. Descriptive statistics are given for both groups separately. Categorical variables were summarized using absolute and percent values. To evaluate associations of perioperative oxygen concentration, preoperative baseline variables including comorbidities, ASA physical status, as well as preoperative and postoperative maximum cardiovascular and stress biomarkers and MINS on two-year mortality in the overall study population, we first performed univariable Cox proportional hazard models. Factors being significant in the univariable models (p < 0.05) were further analyzed in multivariable Cox proportional hazard models with backward model selection. Kaplan-Meier estimates were calculated for both study groups as well as for patients with ASA physical status I or II vs. III or IV. For all patients, twoyear follow-up data was available. All analyses were performed using R version 4.1.1.

# **Results**

260 patients were included from December 2017 to December 2019. Two patients in the 80% oxygen group were excluded after randomization because surgery was postponed. The analysis included all patients surviving at least 3 days after surgery such that the maximum/minimum of laboratory parameters over the first 3 days could be calculated. One patient in the 80% oxygen group died on the third postoperative day and was therefore excluded from the dataset. Therefore, 257 patients were included in this followup analysis. Baseline characteristics and demographic data were balanced between both groups (Table 1). Although the inclusion criteria was > 45 years of age, our actual median age of patients included was 74 years (25th percentile-75th percentile 70-78 years). Thirty-two patients were between 45 and 64 years (median age 60 years [55; 63]), 209 patients were between 65 and 85 years of age (median age 74 years [71; 77]) and 15 patients were over 85 years (median age 86 years [85; 87]).

Overall, we observed a two-year mortality of 23.7% (95% confidence interval (CI): 18.4% to 28.8%) in our study population. After 2 years 32 of 128 patients (25.8%; 95% CI: 17.3-32.4%) had died in the 80% oxygen group compared to 29 of 130 patients (22.3%; 95% CI: 14.8-29.1%) in the 30% oxygen group. There was no significant difference in two-year mortality between patients, who received 80% oxygen concentration, vs. patients, who received 30% oxygen concentration (estimated hazard ratio 1.145; 95% CI 0.693–1.893; p = 0.597) (Figure 1). Detailed descriptive statistics for continuous and categorical variables, as well as separately for patients surviving or dying within two-year of follow up are presented in Supplementary Table 1. Detailed results on survival probabilities within 2 years for the overall population are presented in Table 2a, are presented separately for the 80 and 30% oxygen groups in Table 2b, and are presented separately for patients with ASA physical status I or II vs. III or IV in Table 2c.



Fifty patients (82%) died because of cancer-related complications, 5 patients (8%) died because of cardiovascular events and 4 patients (7%) died because of unspecified events. In two patients the cause of death was unknown. Entity of complications was not specified.

### Univariable analysis

In the univariable analysis only ASA physical status III and IV (p = 0.045) and age (p = 0.002) were significantly associated with increased two-year mortality (Table 2). Figure 2 shows Kaplan-Meier estimates separately for patients with ASA I or II vs. III or IV physical status. Of the assessed laboratory biomarkers only preoperative vWF activity (p < 0.001), sORP and cORP values (p = 0.004; p = 0.010), Copeptin concentrations (p < 0.001) and postoperative maximum vWF activity and minimum cORP values were significantly associated with two-year mortality in the univariable analysis (Table 3).

### Multivariable analysis

Since preoperative Copeptin concentrations were missing in the first 87 patients, we calculated two multivariable models with backward model selection. In detail, one only included age, ASA physical status, preoperative vWF activity, sORP and cORP values as well as postoperative maximum vWF-values and a second one additionally included preoperative Copeptin concentrations leading to a reduction of the sample size due to the missing values of Copeptin. In the multivariable model including Copeptin, only age (p = 0.005), postoperative maximum vWF activity (p< 0.001) and preoperative Copeptin concentrations (p < 0.001) were significantly associated with increased two-year mortality (Supplementary Table 2b). In the multivariable analysis including all patients, only age (p = 0.013) and preoperative vWF activity (p < TABLE 2 Detailed survival for 6, 12, 18, and 24 months after surgery for (a) All patients, (b) Separately for both study groups and (c) Separately for patients with ASA physical status I or II vs. III or IV.

Time in months		<i>n</i> Risk	n Event	Survival	95% CI
(a) All patients					
6		237	20	0.922	0.890-0.956
12		222	35	0.864	0.823-0.907
18		207	50	0.805	0.758-0.855
24		196	61	0.763	0.712-0.816
Group	Time in months	n Risk	n Event	Survival	95% CI
(b) Separately for both s	study groups				
30%	6	120	10	0.923	0.878-0.970
	12	113	17	0.869	0.813-0.929
	18	107	23	0.823	0.760-0.891
	24	101	29	0.777	0.709-0.852
80%	6	117	10	0.921	0.876-0.969
	12	109	18	0.858	0.800-0.921
	18	100	27	0.787	0.719-0.862
	24	95	32	0.748	0.676-0.827
(c) Separately for patien	ts with ASA physical stat	us I or II vs. III or IV			
ASA I or II <sup>a</sup>	6	74	2	0.974	0.938-1.000
	12	72	4	0.947	0.898-0.999
	18	69	7	0.908	0.845-0.975
	24	64	12	0.842	0.764-0.928
ASA III or IV	6	163	18	0.901	0.858-0.945
	12	150	31	0.829	0.776-0.885
	18	138	43	0.762	0.703-0.827
	24	132	49	0.729	0.667-0.797

<sup>a</sup>ASA physical status was corrected from II to I after enrolment into the study.

0.001) were significantly associated with increased two-year mortality (Supplementary Table 2a).

## Discussion

We observed in this follow-up analysis no significant effect of perioperative administration of 80 vs. 30% oxygen concentration on two-year mortality in patients at-risk for cardiovascular complications undergoing moderate- to high-risk abdominal surgery. There was a significant association between preoperative Copeptin concentrations and vWF activity and 2-year mortality.

In contrast to the follow-up analysis of the PROXI trial, but consistent with all other follow-up studies, we found no significant influence of perioperative hyperoxia on long-term mortality even in our older and sicker patient population [5–7]. The results of the PROXI follow-up analysis showed a significantly higher mortality rate in patients undergoing cancer surgery, and a significantly shorter cancer-free survival rate in the 80% oxygen group [5, 8]. The authors hypothesized that perioperative hyperoxia might lead

to increased neovascularization of the remaining tumor tissue, which might affect long-term mortality [4, 5]. In contrast, all other randomized trials showed that a FiO<sub>2</sub> of 0.8 has no harmful effect on postoperative complications including cardiovascular events, surgical site infection, and pulmonary complications [1-3, 18]. A large study in the emergency setting tested the effect of supplemental oxygen in patients, who had myocardial infarction on one-year all-cause mortality [19]. They randomized 6,629 patients to 6 liters oxygen per minute for 6-12h within the acute event vs. ambient air [19]. They also observed no significant difference in one-year mortality between both groups [19]. Thus, it seems reasonable that oxygen does not influence long-term mortality in the perioperative setting as well, which was described also in our study and in most other follow-up analyses [6, 7]. The underlying confounder for these contrasting results are still not entirely cleared.

Nevertheless, we observed a considerably higher overall mortality rate of 23% as compared to previous studies [5–7]. This might be because we mainly included mostly elderly patients with many cardiovascular comorbidities. In fact, the median age of our patient population was 74 years whereas patients in other trials were



approximately 10 to 20 years younger [5–7]. Furthermore, over 90% of our patients had a history of hypertension requiring anti-hypertensive treatment, approximately 30% had diabetes and over 20% had coronary artery disease [3]. In previous trials the prevalence of hypertension ranged between 30 and 40%, the incidence of diabetes ranged between 7 and 14% and the incidence of coronary artery disease was not presented at all [1, 7]. Consequently, 70.5% of our patients were ASA III to IV, which was associated with higher mortality. Based on these facts it would have been obvious that our 23.7% mortality rate was driven by cardiovascular complications. Against our expectation that mortality cardiovascular related, 80% of our patients died of cancerrelated events.

We also evaluated the association between preoperative and postoperative maximum NT-proBNP, Troponin T, Copeptin, vWF, sORP and cORP concentrations and two-year mortality. A previous observational study evaluated the association between NT-proBNP, Troponin T and Copeptin measured at hospital admission and twoyear mortality in cancer patients [20]. Approximately 75% of these patients had planned surgery for treatment [20]. They showed that baseline elevated NT-proBNP, Troponin T and Copeptin levels was significantly associated with two-year mortality [20]. All our patients underwent surgery for cancer treatment. Interestingly, preoperative NT-proBNP and Troponin concentrations were not significantly associated with long-term mortality. Preoperative Copeptin, vWF, sORP, and cORP were significantly associated with long-term mortality in the univariable analyses. In fact, our association between preoperative Copeptin and two-year mortality was highly significant in our study group. Copeptin is a relatively novel marker for pathophysiological and psychological stress. Thus, it seems reasonable that preoperative Copeptin are more likely to be elevated in patients with chronic stress [21, 22]. It is evident, that stress is a potential trigger for the development of several diseases including cardiovascular diseases as well as the development and progression of cancer [23, 24]. Interestingly, it has been shown previously that Copeptin concentrations in ICU patients were significantly associated with 30-day mortality [25]. Therefore, it seems likely that stress represented by elevated Copeptin concentrations is also associated with increased long-term mortality after major noncardiac surgery. Nevertheless, this still must be verified in future large outcome trials.

In contrast, vWF activity is a more specific marker to predict cardiovascular events. In the non-surgical setting for example it has been shown that elevated vWF activity is strong predictor for development of atherosclerosis, as well as coronary heart disease and stroke in cardiac-risk patients [26–30]. Due to our small number of cardiovascular events we did not evaluate the association between elevated vWF and postoperative cardiovascular complications. However, we observed that preoperative and postoperative vWF activity was significantly associated with long-term mortality. This could be explained by the fact that vWF activity is significantly increased in patients with cancer and cancer progression and metastasis is associated with increases in vWF activity [30]. To completely understand the association between vWF and long-term mortality, more detailed research is needed, to fully understand the complex patho-mechanisms.

Our study has some limitations, which must be considered. First, this is a follow-up analysis of 260 patients from a study, originally planned for another outcome. Thus, our study is probably underpowered to detect an effect of supplemental oxygen on mortality. Nevertheless, based on most recent and largest studies it seems very unlikely that perioperative hyperoxia increases longterm mortality [6, 7]. Furthermore, due to our inclusion criteria, we were able to evaluate the effect of hyperoxia in a homogenous patient population of mostly elderly patients with cardiovascular comorbidities. Thus, our results may be extrapolated for these specific patients.

Secondly, our time point of follow-up was 2 years after surgery, which is similar to the follow-up analysis by Meyhoff et al. [5] but earlier than other previous follow-up analyses [6, 7]. However, Jiang et al. showed that a later time point of follow-up did not lead to a significant effect of supplemental oxygen on long-term mortality in their patient population [7]. Nevertheless, it cannot be excluded that in elderly and sicker patients, supplemental oxygen might significantly affect long-term mortality after 2 years.

Third, our follow-up data was obtained from a national registry. Therefore, for example data regarding rehospitalizations, reoperations, severe cardiovascular events or further cancerrelated treatments were not available and can therefore not be presented. Furthermore, the actual cause of death in our study population was not available by using the data of the national registry. Therefore, we were not able to evaluate the association between our biomarkers and the specific causes of death in this study.

In summary, we did not observe a significant difference in two-year all-cause mortality between the 80 and 30% oxygen groups, which is consistent with most follow-up analyses. We evaluated that even in mostly elderly patients with cardiovascular risk factors the administration of supplemental oxygen seems not to have a significant effect on mortality. Based on previous studies and our results, there is evidence that supplemental oxygen during surgery exerts no long-term TABLE 3 Univariable Cox regression model for baseline characteristics and preoperative laboratory parameters and two-year mortality (HR, hazard ratio; CL, confidence limit).

Variable	Comparison	HR	95% CI	<i>p</i> -value
Randomization Group	80 vs. 30% oxygen	1.145	0.693-1.893	0.597
Sex	Male vs. Female	0.740	0.443-1.238	0.252
Age		1.063	1.023-1.104	0.002
BMI		0.974	0.922-1.029	0.342
ASA	III, IV vs. I, II <sup>a</sup>	1.909	1.015-3.589	0.045
History of coronary artery disease	Yes vs. No	0.879	0.484-1.596	0.672
History of peripheral artery disease	Yes vs. No	1.309	0.682-2.515	0.419
History of stroke	Yes vs. No	1.825	0.868-3.840	0.113
History of congestive heart failure	Yes vs. No	1.265	0.507-3.157	0.615
History of transient ischemic attack	Yes vs. No	0.762	0.186-3.117	0.705
Diabetes	Yes vs. No	1.137	0.656-1.971	0.648
Hypertension	Yes vs. No	1.075	0.390-2.963	0.889
MINS	Yes vs. No	1.568	0.875-2.809	0.130
Preoperative laboratory parameter	S			
NT-proBNP		1.000	1.000-1.000	0.116
TnT		1.002	0.987-1.016	0.816
vWF		1.007	1.004-1.009	<0.001
sORP		1.012	1.004-1.019	0.004
CORP		0.582	0.385-0.879	0.010
Copeptin		1.012	1.006-1.019	<0.001
Postoperative maximum laborator	y parameters			
NT-proBNP		1.000	1.000-1.000	0.488
TnT		1.001	0.999-1.002	0.476
vWF		1.008	1.004-1.011	<0.001
sORP		1.006	0.998-1.015	0.122
cORP		0.113	0.015-0.835	0.033
Copeptin	1.001	1.000-1.002	0.113	

<sup>a</sup>ASA physical status was corrected from II to I after enrolment into the study. Statistically significant values are presented as bold.

harmful effects, irrespective of the preoperative prevalence of comorbidities.

# Data availability statement

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this article will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation.

# **Ethics statement**

The studies involving human participants were reviewed and approved by Ethics Committee of the Medical University of Vienna. The patients/participants provided their written informed consent to participate in this study.

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