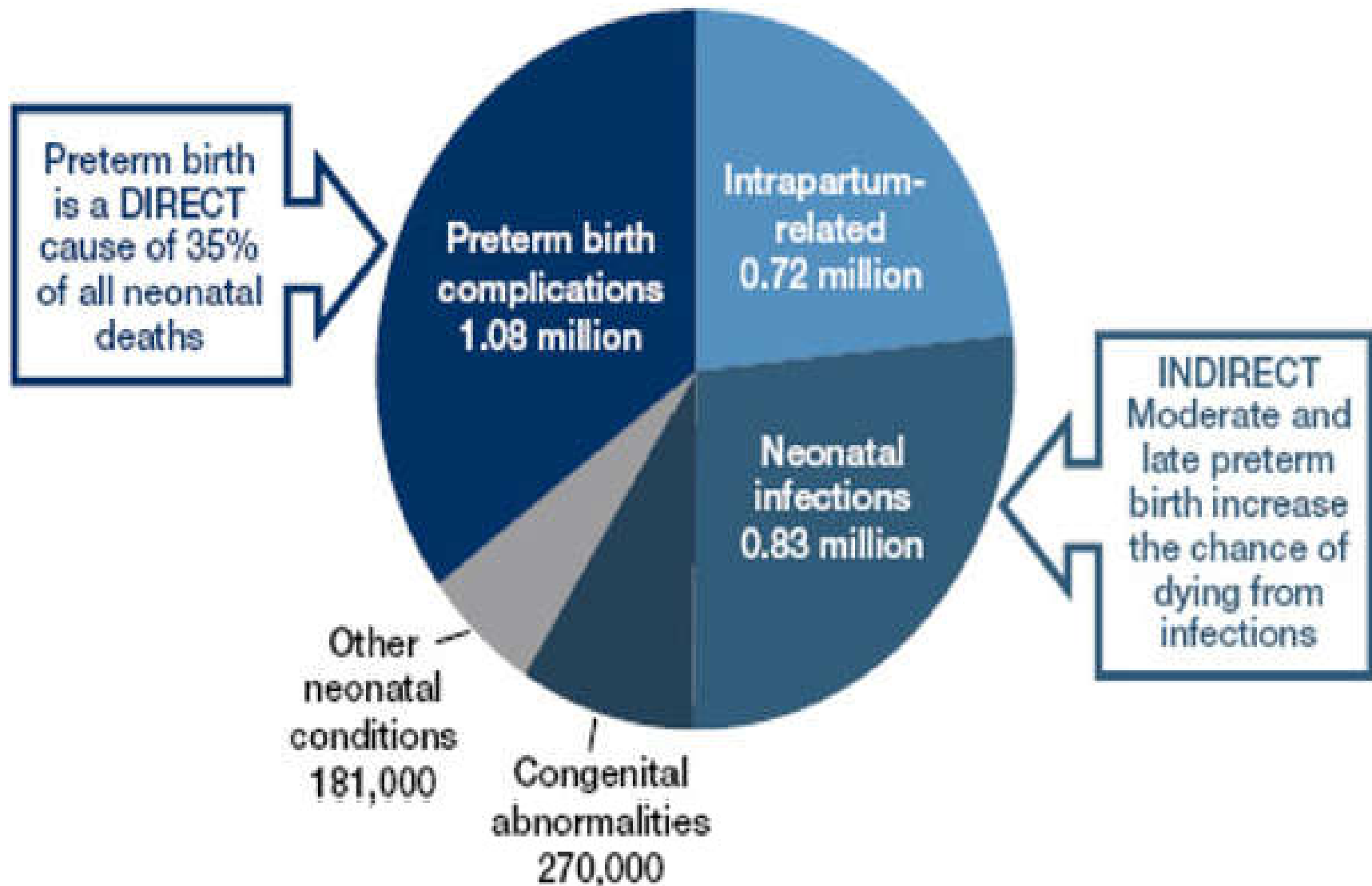


ENTERAL NUTRITION IN PRETERM NEONATES



Preterm birth is a risk factor for neonatal and postneonatal deaths
At least 50% of all neonatal deaths are preterm

LONG OUTCOME IN PRETERM

Hospital re-admission

Brain development

Chronic diseases

Behavioural and psychomotor problems

Respiratory function

GOALS OF NUTRITION

Introduction

Proper nutrition is essential for

Normal growth

Immunity to infection

Optimal neurologic and cognitive development

Providing adequate nutrition to preterm infants is challenging because of several problems

Immaturity of bowel function

Inability to suck and swallow

High risk of necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC)

Illnesses that may interfere with adequate enteral feeding
(e.g. RDS, PDA..)

Main questions



- *When to initiate enteral feeding*
- *Progression from minimal enteral feeding to nutritive feedings*
- *Bolus versus continuous feeding*
- *Choice of enteral formulation*

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Enteral feeding versus enteral fasting for very preterm very low birth weight infants (Review)

Morgan J, Bombell S, McG

Enteral feeding defined as dilute or full strength feedings providing $\leq 25\text{ml/kg/d}$ for $\geq 5\text{d}$ (5 to 30 days)

Enteral feeding vs. no feeding (9 trials, N = 754): **NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE**

- Days to full enteral feedings
- The incidence of NEC
- Mortality
- Days of regain birth weight
- Invasive infection
- Days of phototherapy
- Hospital stay

Enteral feeding vs. advancing feeding (one trial): infants given enteral feedings required more days of full enteral feeding and longer hospital stay. Enteral feeding were associated with a significant reduction in NEC.

Delayed introduction of progressive enteral feeds to prevent enterocolitis in very low birth weight infants (Review)

Morgan J, Young L, McGuire V

The effect of delayed (more than 4 days after birth) versus earlier introduction progressive enteral feeds (N = 1106): **NO**

SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE

- The incidence of NEC
- Mortality
- No intolerance
- The incidence of infection
- Hospital stay

Early or Delayed Enteral Feeding for Preterm Growth-Restricted Infants: A Randomized Trial

Alison Leaf et al

Early (1 - 2 days) versus delayed (5 - 6 days) enteral feeding

(N = 404, 54 United Kingdom and Ireland hospitals)

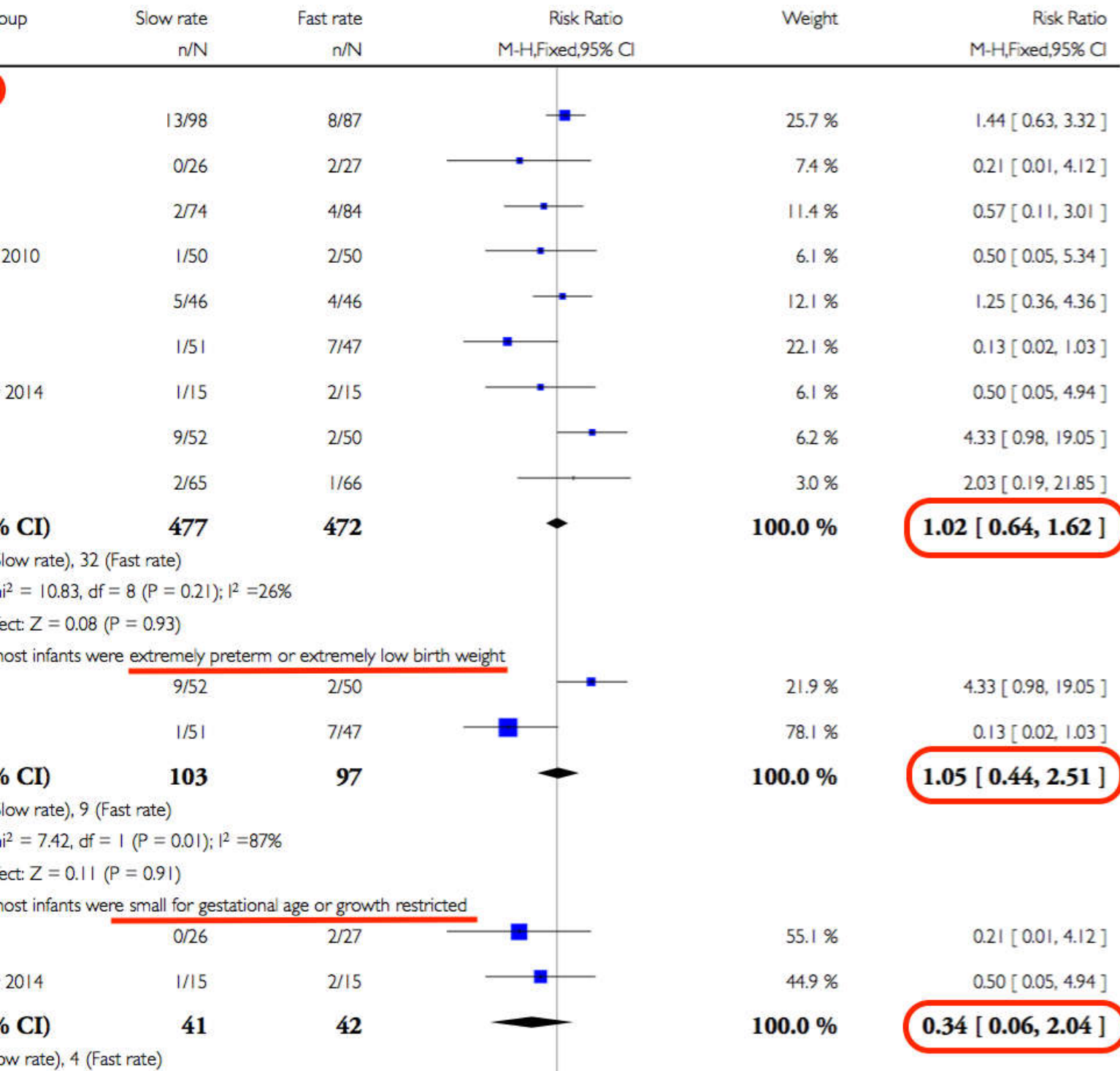
- Shorter duration of parental nutrition and high-dependency care
- Lower incidence of cholestatic jaundice
- Improved SD score for weight at discharge

Slow advancement of enteral feed volumes to prevent necrotising enterocolitis in very low birth weight infants (Review)

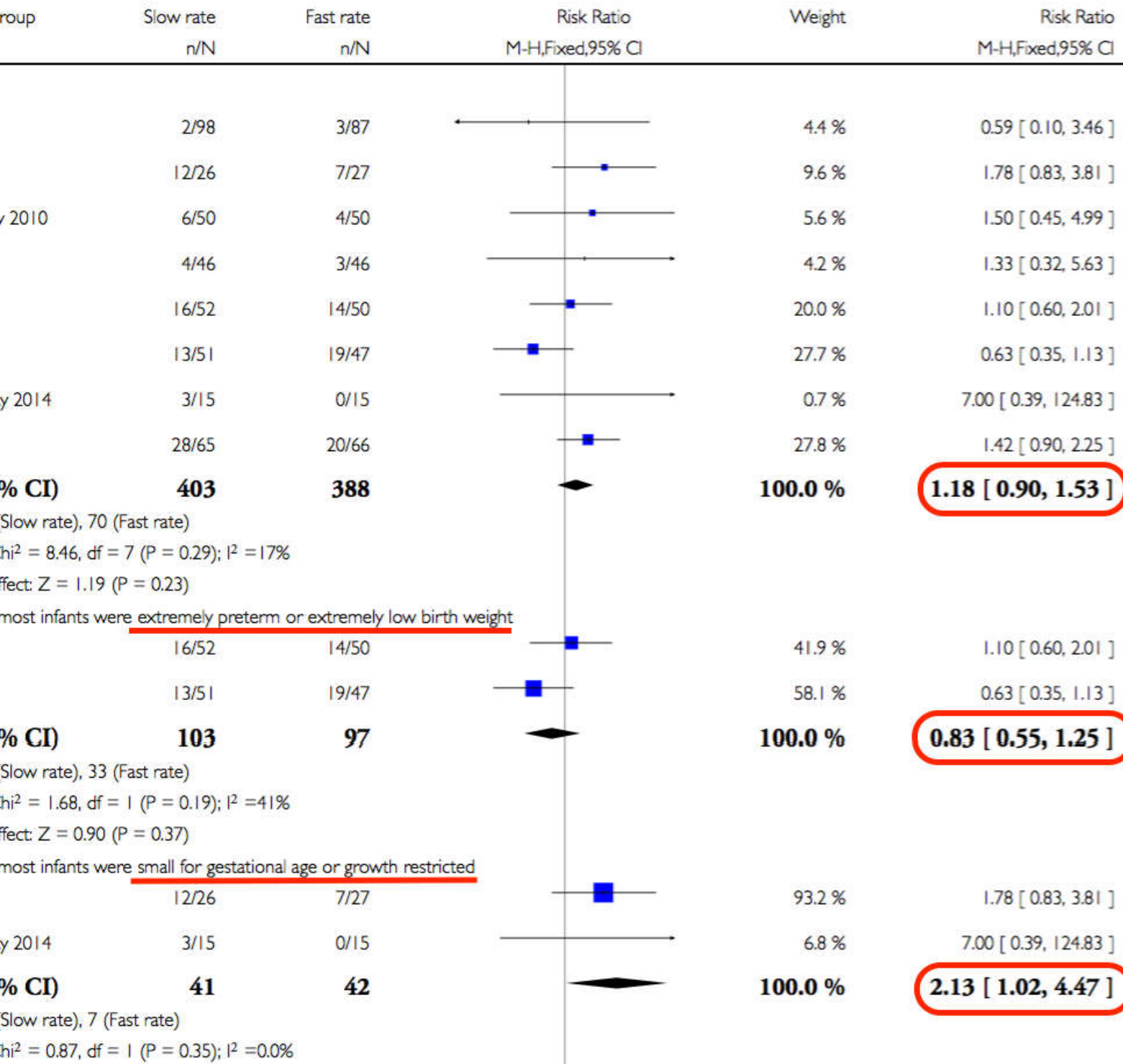
Morgan J, Young L, McGuire W

9 trials, N = 949, slow (**15 - 24 ml/kg/day**) versus rapid rate (**40 ml/kg/day**) advancement of feedings:

- Incidence of NEC
- Mortality
- Feeds intolerance (causing interruption of enteral feeding)
- Incidence of invasive infection



NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE



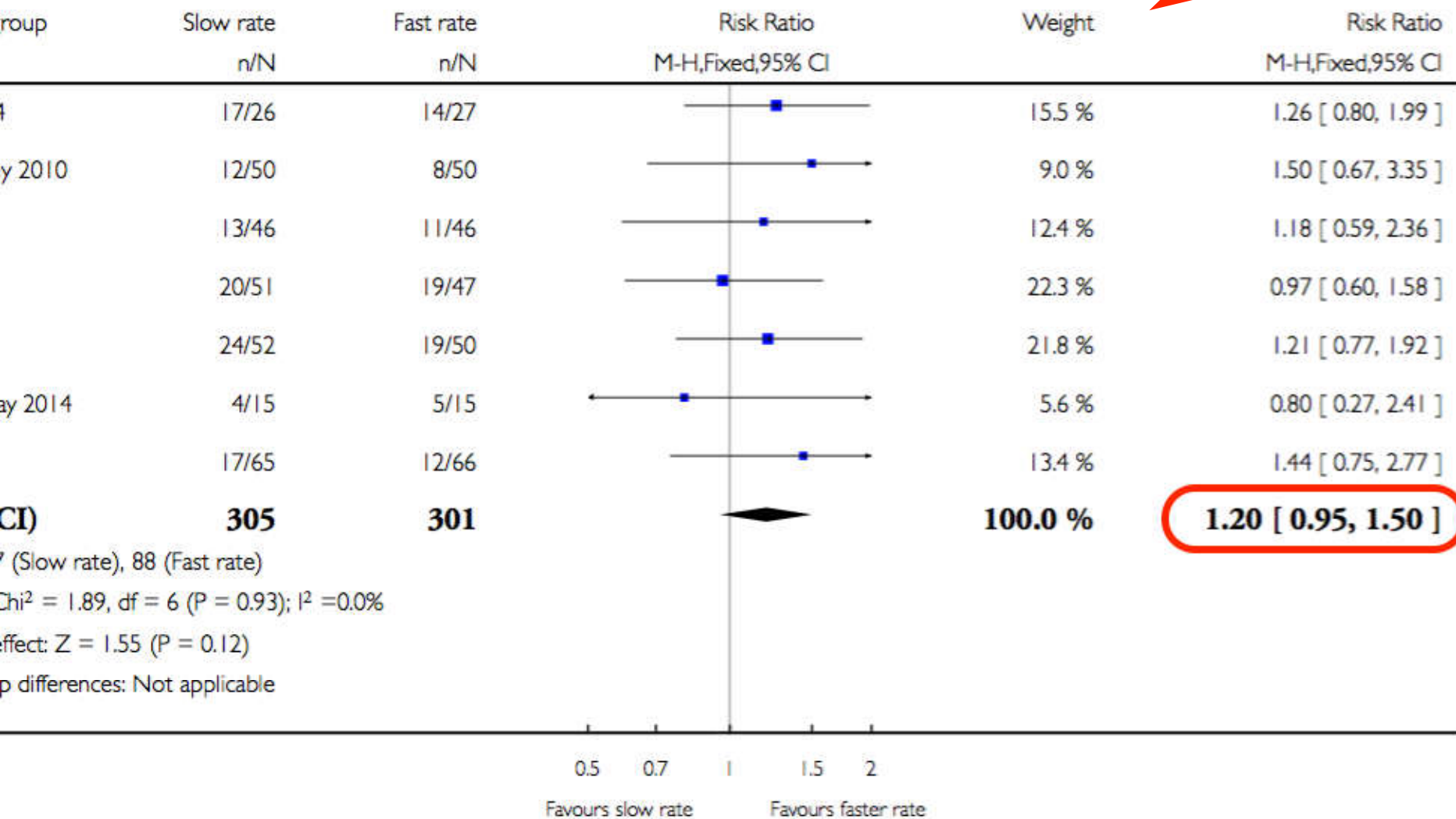
Faster rates of fetal advancement: decrease mortality ELBW

advancement of enteral feed volumes to prevent necrotising enterocolitis in very low birth weight infants

Slow versus faster rates of feed advancement

feeds intolerance (causing interruption of enteral feeding)

NO SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE



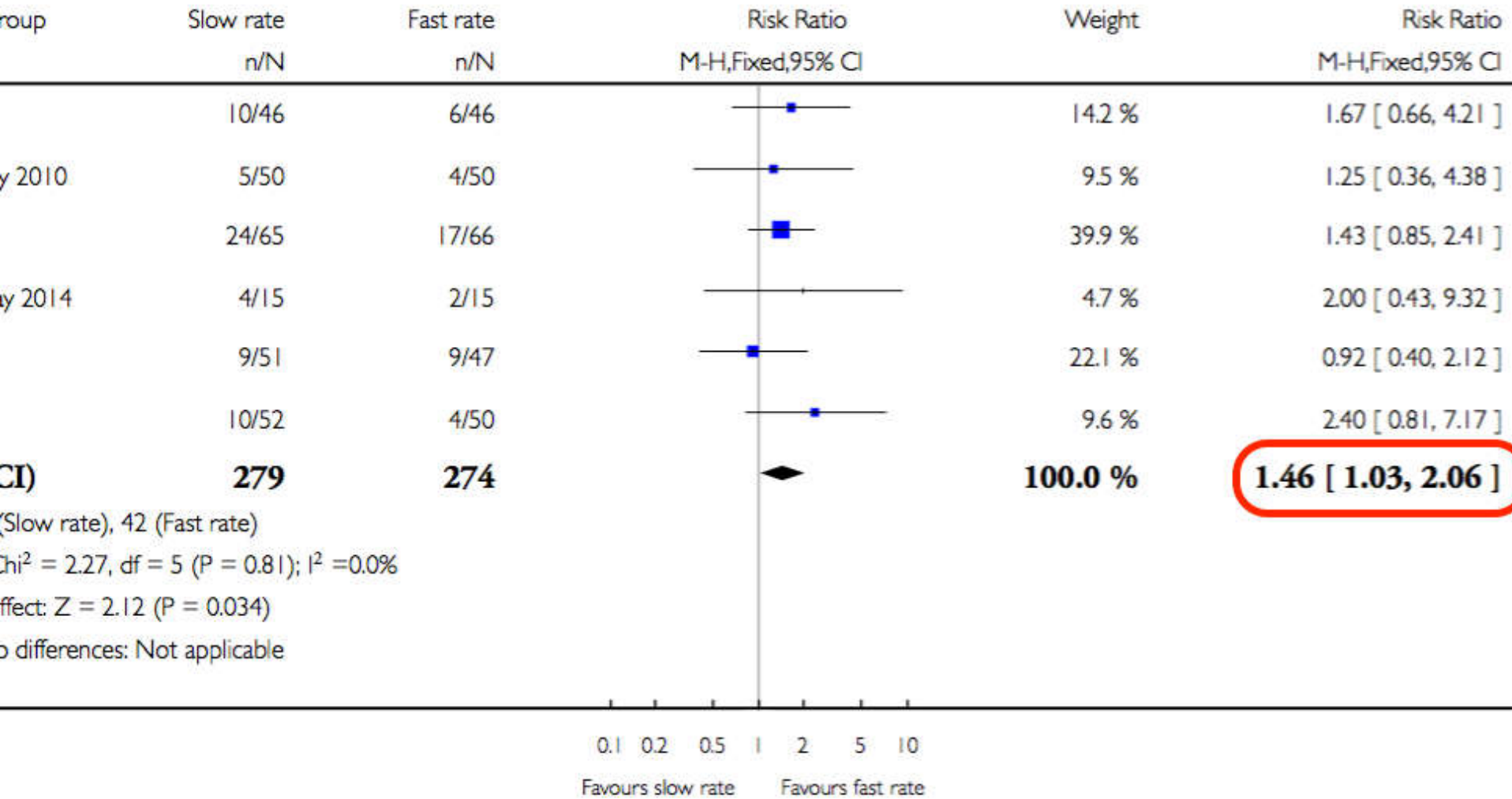
NO INTOLERANCE

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Slow versus faster rates of feed advancement

Incidence of invasive infection

DECREASE INFECTION



INVASIVE INFECTION

Bolus or continuous tube feeding

Continuous nasogastric milk feeding versus intermittent bolus milk for premature infant less than 1500gram, 2008 Cochrane collaboration

7 trials, N= 511, found no differences in time to achieve full enteral.

No significant difference in somatic growth and incidence of NEC

Authors' conclusions:

Small sample sizes, methodologic limitations, inconsistencies in controlling variables that may affect outcomes, and conflicting results of the studies to date make it difficult to make universal recommendations regarding the best tube feeding method for premature infants less than 1500 grams. **The clinical benefits and risks of continuous versus intermittent nasogastric tube milk feeding cannot be reliably discerned from the limited information available from randomised trials to date.**

Probiotics for prevention of necrotizing enterocolitis in preterm infants (Review)

AlFaleh K, Anabrees J

Compare probiotics versus placebo: 24 trials

- Reduced the incidence of severe NEC(stage II - III): RR 0,43 (95% CI 0.33 - 0.56, 20 trials, N = 5529)
- Reduced mortality: RR 0.65 (95% CI 0.52 - 0.81, 17 trials, N = 5112)
- Nosocomial sepsis : no difference RR 0.91 (95% CI 0.80 - 1.03, 19 trials, N = 5338)
- Lactobacillus alone or in combination with Bifidobacterium: effective

ENTERAL FEEDING

UpToDate (2016)

The final goal: 160 ml/kg/days(PN stop when enteral feeds
100ml/kg/day)

≤1000g:

- Day 1 - 3: 15 ml/kg/day
- Day 4: increase 15 ml/kg/day

1001 - 1500g:

- Day 1 - 2: 20 ml/kg/day
- Day 3: increase 20 ml/kg/day

1501 - 1800g:

- Day 1: 25 ml/kg/day
- Increase 25 ml/kg/day

ENTERAL FEEDING

John Hunter Children's Hospital (2013)

BW	Initial feeding (ml/kg/day)	Increasing (ml/kg per 12 hours)
< 1000 g	10	10
1001 - 1250 g	10 - 20	10
1251 - 1500 g	20 - 30	10 - 15
1501 - 1800 g	30	15
1801 - 2500 g	30 - 40	15 - 20

Time to full feeding (150 - 180 ml/kg/day)

- < 1kg: 2 weeks
- \geq 1kg: 1 week

Initial and increasing feeding

- < 1kg: 15 - 20 ml/kg and increase 15 - 20 ml/kg/day
- \geq 1kg: 30 ml/kg and increase 30 ml/kg/day

The frequency of feeding:

- < 1250g: every 2 hours
- \geq 1250g: every 3 hours

ASSESSMENT OF FEED TOLERANCE

Nause, vomiting

Abdomen : distension, pain, visible bowel loops

Gastric residuals: GRV, green, yellow, brown

Stool: diarrhea, bloody

Symptoms : apnea, bradycardia, temperature instability

Feeding preterm or low birth weight infants

2008 Cochrane Collaboration

There are no data from randomised trials of formula milk versus maternal breast milk for feeding preterm or low birth weight infants.

Maternal breast milk remains choice of enteral nutrition because observational studies, and meta-analyses of trials comparing feeding with formula milk versus donor breast milk, suggest that feeding with breast milk has major non-nutrient advantages for preterm or low birth weight infants

Preterm infants: systematic review and meta-analysis. Cochrane collaboration 2006

7 trials, N 471

Lower risk of NEC in infants receiving donor breast milk (RR 0.1, 95% CI 0.06-0.76)

Donor breast milk: slower growth in the early postnatal period, but its long-term effect is unclear

Multi-nutrition fortification of breast milk for preterm infants, Cochrane 2016

14 trials, N 1071

Increase growth rates preterm infants during their initial hospital admission (low- quality evidence)

Breastfeeding

Human milk:

- Reduce rates of sepsis, NEC
- Fewer hospital readmissions
- Vitamins or minerals: vit A, vit D, Vit K, iron, zinc, calcium and phosphorus

HMF product

CONCLUSION

Early initiation of enteral nutrition

Advancement of feeds depend on gestational age and birth weight

Use of appropriate enteral products

Monitoring of growth and nutrition

