### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

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Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: age as continuous variable

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	s commei	s: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis		
Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)	multivariate adjusted HR	1.1 (1.04, 1.15)	HR	age in years (of the patients with acute confusional stated, 47% were over 85 years, and 11% without ACS were over 85 years); mean 77 years (65-96)	Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with established diagnosis of mental disease or already confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment. Medications: not stated	MV: age, gender, marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility, hearing, vision, reason for admission, number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication, method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss; time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time,	Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 51/457 developed delirium	
Leung 2007; prospective cohort study in 203 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	1.08 (1, 1.16)	n=189	continuous: age in years. mean 72.5 (SD 5.9) years	Age: 72.5 years (SD5.9) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Telephone Interview of Cognitive Status instrument (adapted from MMSE); measured preoperatively (mean score 33.0 +-3.2). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Benzodiapines, opioids	MV: allelle, age, pain, education, 5 ADLs, 7 ADLs, a history of CNS disorders, alcohol intake, cognitive status, GDS score (0-2).	No.events/no. covariates = 29/10 = 3.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (age, dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 29/190 (15%) developed delirium that persisted for 2 days after surgery	
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery). QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR	1.09 (1.09, 1.1)		continuous: age in years	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardiovascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally administered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynaecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	No.events/no. covariates = 3195/16 = 200.  Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium	

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: age as continuous variable

Study name Ou		um stat: 95%CI)	s comme	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Santos 2004; prospective cohort study in 220 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	1.1 (1.01, 1.19)	p=0.03	continuous: age in years (group with delirium: 32% were 60-70 years, 54% were 70-80 years and 14% were 80 years or older). Age in group without delirium: 51% were 60-70 years, 46% were 70-80 years and 3% were 80 years of age or older	Age: 66-78 years Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (using a cut- off of 23). Sensory impairment: Severe hearing or vision impairment excluded. Medications: Diuretics, calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, nitrates, H2 blockers, diazepam, midazolam	MV: Those included in final model were age, blood urea, cardiothoracic index greater than 0.5, hypertension, smoking, blood replacement (intraoperative), atrial fibrillation, pneumonia, blood balance on 2nd day after surgery	No.events/no. covariates = 74/36 = 2.  Number key RFs: 3-4/4 (age; dementia + sens. imp excluded; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 74/220 (34%) developed delirium after surgery
Sheng 2006; prospective cohort study in 156 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward . QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	1.1 (1, 1.2)		continuous: age in years; mean 79.2 years (65-95 years)	Age: 79.2 years (65-95) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; overall scores at one month were 23.4 +-6.0. Sensory impairment: 28/156 (18%) stroke patients with vision field loss. Medications: Anticholinergics	MV: age, dementia prestroke, haemorrhagic stroke, metabolic factor, ability to lift both arms, Glasgow Coma Scale Score less than 15, dysphagia, neglect, impaired vision, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, one or more metabolic factors, urinary tract infection, urinary incontinence and faecal incontinence	No.events/no. covariates = 39/14 = 3.  Number key RFs: 3/4 (not polypharmacy).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 39/156 (25%) had delirium within 72 hrs of stroke
Yildizeli 2005; retrospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (thoracic surgery). QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR		CIs not reported	continuous: age in years; mean 51.7 years (18-86 years)	Age: 51.7 years (18 to 86) Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Aminophylline, antiarrhythmics, antibiotics, steriods, anihypertensives	UV & MV: (preoperative variables) age, sex, chronic disease, alcohol abuse, psychiatric problems, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, chemotherapy, operation due to malignancy, urgent operation, (postoperative variables) respiratory insufficiency; abnormal serum chemistry values, operation time, LOS, length of ICU stay, sleep deprivation, hypertension, infection, blood transfusion, use of various drugs, immobilisation	No.events/no. covariates = 23/25 = 1.  Number key RFs: 1/4 RFs (age).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 23/432 (5%) developed postoperative delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

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Outcome measured risk factor vs compa				ble			
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Rudolph 2007; prospective cohort study in 1218 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted RR	e 1.1 (1, 1.1)	year	tinuous: age in rs. mean 68.9 (SD years	Age: 68.9 years (SD 5.9) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean 27.8 (1.6) at baseline; various other neropsychologic tests applied = mild cognitive impairment. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: age, male, any tobacco exposure, diabetes, previous myocardial infarction, vascular surgery	No.events/no. covariates = 99/6 = 16.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; dementia constant). Dementia excluded; mild cog imp included.  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: cumulative incidence was 99/1161 (9%) in the 7-day postoperative period

risk factor vs comparator: age <50 vs age>70

Study name	Outcome	Sum stats con	mments:	risk factor	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis
		(95%CI)		details:		

Bucerius 2004; prospective cohort study in 16184 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)  My: Cerebrovascular disease; atrial fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease; peripheral vascular disease; atrial fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease; efft ventricular ejection fraction 30% or less; shock; urgent operation; operating than 70; compared to 70 or more as reference; older than 70y 33%  Age in 4 categories: less than 50 years; 50 or more to less than 60 years; 60 or more to less than 60 years; 60 or more to less than 70; compared to 70 or more as reference; older than 70y 33%  MV: Cerebrovascular disease; atrial fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease; left ventricular ejection fraction 30% or less; shock; urgent operation; operating time over 3 hours; haemofiltration; transfusion above 2L; beating heart surgery; age (35 variables in total - all not reported)  Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease; efft ventricular ejection fraction 30% or less; shock; urgent operation; operating time over 3 hours; haemofiltration; transfusion above 2L; beating heart surgery; age (35 variables in total - all not reported)

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor

stated.

Funding: Unclear/ Not

Surgical ward (cardiac

Setting: Hospital;

surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate (29-83 years)

RISK factor:	Age						
Outcome measured	incidence	of deli	rium				
risk factor vs compa	rator: ag	e > 65	vs age < 6	5			
Study name Out		um stat: 95%CI)	s commei	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Kazmierski 2006; prospective cohort study in 260 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	4 (1.5, 10.4)	p=0.005	dichotomous: greater than or equal to 65 years versus less than 65 years (67% in group with delirium and 36% in non-delirious group); mean 62 years (25-81 years)	Age: 62 years (25-81) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE score equal to or less than 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively). Dementia excluded. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	UV and MV: age, gender (male), cognitive impairment (MMSE equal to or less than 24), major depression, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, history of cerebrovascular disease, serum urea (greater than 50 mg/dl), serum creatinine (greater tham 1.2 mg/dh), use of heart pacemaker, ventricular arrhythmia, arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, prior myocardial infarction, NYHA greater than II, alcohol abuse	No.events/no. covariates = 30/16 = 2.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and cognitive impairment in analysis).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 30/260 (12%) developed delirium
risk factor vs compa	rator: ag	e >70 v	s age < 60	)			
Study name Out		um stat: 95%CI)	s commei	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Hofste 1997; prospective cohort study in 321 patients.	multivariate adjusted OR	3.5 (1.4, 8.4)		Age 70 years or over compared with below 60 years; mean 62 years	Age: 62 years (29-83) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Mini Mental State	MV: Age, gender, lowest preoperative haemoglobin, abnormalities on electroencephalogram, mechanical	No.events/no. covariates = 44/5 = 9. Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; cognitive impairment constant).

Sensory impairment: not stated.

Medications: not stated

Examination (MMSE) below 24 (out of 30). ventilation on day 1

Number of pts with delirium at

pts developing delirium: 44/321

baseline: Probably no delirium; no.

(14%) patients developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: age >80 vs age < 81

Study name Ou		Sum stats 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Levkoff 1988; retrospective cohort study in 1285 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward	multivariate adjusted OR	no data	significant; data not reported	dichotomous: age 80 years or more versus less than 80 years; 46% older than 80 in group with delirium and 36% in comparison group	Age: not reported Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: sex, emergency or elective admission, age (80+), chronic renal disease, urinary tract infection, sodium, anion gap, creatinine, AST, albumin, calcium, TIBC, haemotocrit, WBC, PT, urine, and proteinuria	Number key RFs: 1/4 key RFs (age). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 117 patients wirh delirium were included in the study and matched wirh 1,168 controls
Levkoff 1992; prospective cohort study in 325 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	no data	reported	dichotomous: 80 years and older versus less than 80 years (11.4% patients less than 80 years in the institution group); mean 81.4 (7.7) years	Age: 81.4 years (SD7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 24% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impaiment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	No.events/no. covariates = 91/4 = 23.  Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 34/325 (11%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) without prevalent delirium developed delirium. Analysis only for incident cases.
Levkoff 1992 community; prospective cohort study in 211 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	9 5.4 (2.4, 12.3)		dichotomous: 80 years and older versus less than 80 years; mean78.1 (6.8) years	Age: 78.1 years (SD 6.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 14% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impaiment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	No.events/no. covariates = 43/4 = 11.  Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 8/211 (4%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Community setting (n=211); 43/211 (21%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: age >80 vs age < 81

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments:	risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Levkoff 1992 institution; prospective cohort study in 114 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	0.87 (0.22, 3.3)	and o than patie	otomous: 80 years blder versus less 80 years (11.4% ints less than 80 is in the institution p)	Age: 87.4 years (SD 7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 42% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	No.events/no. covariates = 48/4 = 12.  Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 26/114 (23%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Institution (n=114) 48/114 (42%) developed delirium
Ranhoff 2006; prospective cohort study in 401 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward	multivariate adjusted OR	1.3 (0.7, 2.3)	years great 80 ye	omous: age in s (80 years or ter versus less than ears). 60-94 years; n 78.1 (8.8) years	Age: 60-94 years; 78.1 years (SD 8.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score two weeks prior to admission to SICU was 19.1 (11.0). Sensory impairment: 116/401 (29%) with vision impairment; patient/close relative asjed if vision problems affecting daily activity. Medications: not stated	MV: age, dementia, vision impairment, history of heavy alcohol use, number of drugs taken, s-albumin, APS score, fitted bladder catheter	Number key RFs: 4/4.  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 62/401(16%) within 24 hrs of admission; no. pts developing delirium: Cumulative delirium (117/401 (29%); 55/401 (16%) developed delirium during the SICU stay
Schor 1992; prospective cohort study in 291 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	5.22 (2.6, 10.46)	great versu years delirii	otomous: age ter than 80 years us less than 80 s; 76% in group with um and 33% in p without delirium	Age: 80.5 years (SD 7.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; method not reported; 42% with prior cognitive impairment in the group with delirium and 10% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: 33% with vision loss and 21% with hearing loss. Medications: Neuroleptics, narcotics, H2 blocker, digoxin, anticholinergics, benzodiazepine, steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	MV: age (greater than 80), prior cognitive impairment, fracture on admission, patients from an institution, male sex, infection, pain (poorly controlled), neuroleptic use, and narcotic use	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (age, dementia, and possibly sensory impairment). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Patients with delirium on admission were excluded; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium  risk factor vs comparator: age >81 vs age < 81											
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Goldenberg 2006; prospective cohort study in 77 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (hip fracture surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	5.1 (0.9, 26.8)	81.	9 years (66-98)	Age: 81.9 years (66 to 98) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE and Set Test (poss high score 30 on both); 43 pts- mild dementia MMSE score >16. Mean MMSE= 21.6 (range 2-30); Mean ST score= 20.2 (1-30). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	MV: multiple medications, low scores on cognitive tests (ST score<20; MMSE score <24), decreased albumin level (<3.5 g/dL), decreased hematocrit level (<33%), age >81 years	Number key RFs: 3/4 (not sens. imp). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 37/77 patients had postoperative delirium				

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator:  $age \ge 65$  vs age < 65

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Bohner 2003; prospective cohort study in 153 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	beta from regression (standardis ed)	1.37 (0, 0)		dichotomous: 64 years or greater versus less than 64 years	Age: not stated Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; MMSE measured but number of patients with cognitive impairment not stated. Sensory impairment: visual 61% and hearing 24% impairment; assessment method not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: Supra-aortic occlusive disease; major amputation; hypercholesterolaemia; age; body length; depression; cognitive impairment (MMSE); colloid infusion; minimal potassium level	No.events/no. covariates = 60/9 = 7. Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 60/153 developed delirium
Bohner 2003; prospective cohort study in 153 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR		95% CI	dichotomous: 64 years or greater versus less than 64 years	Age: not stated Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; MMSE measured but number of patients with cognitive impairment not stated. Sensory impairment: visual 61% and hearing 24% impairment; assessment method not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: Supra-aortic occlusive disease; major amputation; hypercholesterolaemia; age; body length; depression; cognitive impairment (MMSE); colloid infusion; minimal potassium level	No.events/no. covariates = 60/9 = 7. Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 60/153 developed delirium
Caeiro 2004; prospective cohort study in 218 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Stroke unit ward . QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	2.4 (1, 5.8)		dichotomous: 65 years or older versus less than 65 years; mean 57 years (24-86 years)	Age: 57 years (24-86) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Diagnosis of dementia or mild cognitive impairment and memory and another cognitive impairment with problems in activities of daily living, from proxy. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: Medical complications, neglect (clinical sign in stroke), stroke type (intracerebral haemorrhage/subarachnoid haemorrhage/cerebral infarct), age	No.events/no. covariates = 29/4 = 7. Number key RFs: 1/4 (age). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 29/218 stroke patients had delirium

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor:** Age

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

*risk factor vs comparator:*  $age \ge 75$  vs age < 75

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments:

(95%CI)

risk factor details:

other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Inouve 1993: prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Medical ward

multivariate 0 (0, Not adjusted 0) significant: ŔŔ data not reported

dichotomous: 75 years or more verusus less than 75 years: 82% in group with delirium and 68% in group without

Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: MMSE: mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision delirium (data calculated) impairment: 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated

MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity. APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms. six or fewer social supports, fewer support types

Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at

baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed

delirium

age 50-59 vs age>70 risk factor vs comparator:

OR

Study name

Outcome

Sum stats comments: (95%CI)

risk factor details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Bucerius 2004: prospective cohort study in 16184 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital: Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)

multivariate 0.34 Age in 4 categories: less Age: not stated adjusted (0.27,than 50 years; 50 or 0.43) more to less than 60 or more as reference category (32.5%)

Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated: not stated. years; 60 or more to less | Sensory impairment: not stated. than 70; compared to 70 Medications: not stated

MV: Cerebrovascular disease; atrial fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease: left ventricular ejection fraction 30% or less; shock; urgent operation; operating time over 3 hours; haemofiltration; transfusion above 2L: beating heart surgery: age (35 variables in total - all not reported)

Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 1354/16184 developed postoperative delirium

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor:** Age

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risk factor vs comparator: age 60-69 vs age>70

Study name other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis Sum stats comments: risk factor Outcome

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#### Outcome measured duration of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: age as continuous variable

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis Sum state comments: risk factor other details.

Study name O		um stats 95%CI)		nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	natysis
Ely 2007; prospective cohort study in 53 patients. Funding: Mixed. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	1.02 (0.98, 1.06)	p=0.44	continuous: age in years; range 31-79	Age: 31-79 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Baseline dementia reported in 16% (7/44) patients; assessment using Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly (IQCODE). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Lorazepam	MV: APOE4 allele (present/absent); age in years, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score (continuous), coma days (continuous), sepsis/acute respiratory distress syndrome/pneumonia (dichotomous), lorazepam total dose (continuous)	No.events/no. covariates = 47/6 = 8. Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not stated; no. pts developing delirium: 47/53 (89%) developed delirium at some point during the ICU stay

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor:** Age

Outcome measured severity of delirium

Outcome

risk factor vs comparator: age as continuous variable

McCusker 2001: prospective cohort study in 444 patients.

Study name

Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Medical ward . QUALITY **RATING:** low

multivariate 0.54 adjusted

beta coefficient: SE 0.02 and p value 0.09

Sum stats comments:

(95%CI)

Mean age 83.3 years (SD 7.0). Patients were from an RCTin sample with delirium, and a prospective cohort study including delirious and non-delirious patients.

risk factor

details:

other details:

Age: 83.3 years (SD 7.0) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: Assessed with IQCODE with cut off score of 3.5 or more for dementia. Sensory impairment: 20% with

visual/hearing impairment. Medications:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

baseline delirium severity; age, dementia (present, missing), comorbidity, study group (x2), prevalent delirium, visual or hearing impairment, cumulative number of room changes, isolation, hospital unit (x5), length of follow up, stimulation level (x2), not in same room, single room, physical restraint. medical restraint, surroundings not well lit, noise/quiet, radio/TV on, no clock/watch, no calendar, no personal possessions, not wearing glasses, not using hearing aid, family absent

No.events/no. covariates = 444/24 =

Number key RFs: 3 (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Cases (with delirium: 326/444 (73%))) & controls; no. pts developing delirium: Unclear: measuring severity over time.

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Cognitive impairment

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Study name Ou		um stat: 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Korevaar 2005; prospective cohort study in 126 patients. Funding: Industry study. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward . QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted HR	(2.27,	adjusted HR; p<0.01	dichotomous: cognitive impairment assessed using IQCODE (patients with a mean score of 3.9 or more were considered to have dementia) 54/126 (43%)	Age: 79.1 years (SD 7.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (score less than 24 indicating cognitive impairment); 69/126 (53%). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Benzodiazepines, narcotic analgetics, corticosteroids, antihistaminics, and cholingergics (less high-risk drugs also reported)	MV: age, cognitive impairment, Katz ADL: 5-6, Katz ADL: 7 or greater, malignancy, gastrointestinal bleeding, electrolytes, urea, leucocytes, narcotic analgetics	No.events/no. covariates = 36/10 = 4.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (age, dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 36/129 (29%) had delirium within 48 hrs after admission; unclear if this was prevalent or incident
Bohner 2003; prospective cohort study in 153 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	(0, 0)	95% CI not given	cognitive impairment measured by MMSE less than 25 points versus MMSE 25 points or more; patients with delirium 26.69 (2.85), no delirium 28.27 (1.71)	Age: not stated Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; MMSE measured but number of patients with cognitive impairment not stated. Sensory impairment: visual 61% and hearing 24% impairment. Medications: not stated	MV: Supra-aortic occlusive disease; major amputation; hypercholesterolaemia; age; body length; depression; cognitive impairment (MMSE); colloid infusion; minimal potassium level	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 60/153 developed delirium
Edlund 2001; prospective cohort study in 101 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery). QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR	3.53 (2.16, 4.9)	(logistic regression	Dementia diagnosed with DSM-IV criteria; 21/101 (21%) with dementia	Age: 79.5 years (65-102) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Dementia diagnosed with DSM-IV criteria; prefracture mental state also assessed from interviews with relatives/ carers and medical records. Sensory impairment: visual (23%) or hearing (30%) impairment; assessment method not stated. Medications: Diuretics, benzodiazepines, analgesics, neuroleptics	MV: (preop analysis): male gender, dementia, Parkinson's disease, constipation, previous delirium, drugs with anticholinergic effect, neuroleptics, fractures; MV (post-op analysis): male gender, creatinine, perioperative bp falls (3 variables), depressed mood postop, pneumonia postop.	No.events/no. covariates = 19/8 = 2. Number key RFs: Preop: 2/4 (polypharmacy, dementia). Postop: none. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 30/101 (30%) had preoperative delirium; no. pts developing delirium: 19/101 (19%) patients had postoperative delirium

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Cognitive impairment

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Furlaneto 2006; prospective cohort study in 103 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery). QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR	3.04 (1.24, 7.41)		dichotomous: Blessed dementia questionnaire given to patient's caregiver (a score above 4 was considered indicative of previous dementia) 46/103 (45%)	Age: 71-90 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (mean scores 12.07 (9.04) in delirium group and 17.74 (8.78) in control group); 10-item clock drawing test (mean scores 3 (2.34) and 4.73 (3.10). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Antidepressants, benzodiazepines, antiparkinsons	MV: dementia and ADL	No.events/no. covariates = 30/2 = 15.  Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 17/103 (17%) had delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: 13/103 (13%) developed delirium
Goldenberg 2006; prospective cohort study in 77 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (hip fracture surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR		score <24	Diagnosed according to DSM IV criteria and MMSE <24; 53/77 (69%) had dementia	Age: 81.9 years (66 to 98) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE and Set Test (poss high score 30 on both); 43 pts- mild dementia MMSE score >16. Mean MMSE= 21.6 (range 2-30); Mean ST score= 20.2 (1-30). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	MV: multiple medications, low scores on cognitive tests (ST score<20; MMSE score <24), decreased albumin level (<3.5 g/dL), decreased hematocrit level (<33%), age >81 years	No.events/no. covariates = 37/6 = 6. Number key RFs: 3/4 (not sens. imp). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 37/77 patients had postoperative delirium
Kazmierski 2006; prospective cohort study in 260 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	(3.7,	<24, p<0.0001;	MMSE less than or equal to 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively)	Age: 62 years (25-81) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE score equal to or less than 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	UV & MV: age, gender (male), cognitive impairment (MMSE equal to or less than 24), major depression, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, history of cerebrovascular disease, serum urea (greater than 50 mg/dl), serum creatinine (greater tham 1.2 mg/dh), use of heart pacemaker, ventricular arrhythmia, arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, prior myocardial infarction, NYHA greater than II, alcohol abuse	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 30/260 (12%) developed delirium

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Cognitive impairment

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comment	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Levkoff 1992 community; prospective cohort study in 211 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	11.9 (4.1, 34.1)		cognitive impairment'	Age: 78.1years (SD 6.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 14% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 8/211 (4%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Community setting (n=211); 43/211 (21%) developed delirium
Levkoff 1992 institution; prospective cohort study in 114 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.9 (0.73, 5)		Dichotomous: 'prexisting cognitive impairment' includes dementia); 42%	Age: 87.4 years (SD 7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 42% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 26/114 (23%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Institution (n=114) 48/114 (55%) developed delirium
Pisani 2007; prospective cohort study in 304 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward . QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	6.3 (2.9, 13.8)	' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	dementia assessed using the short form of the Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly (score greater than 3.3 = dementia) 94/304 (31%)	Age: 66-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; baseline dementia assessed using IQCODE. Sensory impairment: 11% with vision impairment and 17% with hearing impairment; proxy reported. Medications: Benzodiazepine, narcotics	MV: nonwhite race, medicaid status, alcohol, a history of depression, dementia (score greater than 3.3), APACHE II score (mean) (scale), any impairment of ADL, medication use, admitting diagnosis, admitting physiologic variables, admitting laboratory data	No.events/no. covariates = 214/24 = 9.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (dementia; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 214/304 (71%) developed delirium within first 48 hrs of ICU admission

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Cognitive impairment

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Study name Ou		um stat 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Pompei 1994_Chicago; prospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	2.14 (1.12, 4.12)	NO LONGER SIGNIFICA NT when incident delirium only (results not given)	MMSE; for patients with less than high school education, the cut-off was 21, with HS cut-off was 23, college edu cut- off 24 points); 158/432 (37%)	Age: 68-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of MDCs, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 21/432 (5%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 64/432 (15%) had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)
Pompei 1994_Yale; prospective cohort study in 323 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	4.75 (2.71, 8.33)	NO LONGER SIGNIFICA NT when incident delirum patients only were analysed	MMSE; for patients with less than high school education, the cut-off was 21, with HS cut-off was 23, college edu cut-off 24 points); 39% with impaired	Age: mean 79.2 (6) years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of MDCs, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 48/323 (15%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 85/323 (26.3%) had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)
Ranhoff 2006; prospective cohort study in 401 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward . QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	11.5 (6.1, 20.1)		Patients with MMSE less than 18 and impaired ADL (Barthel Index less than 95) and/or IADL (impairment on one or more tasks) = probable; 119/401 (30%)	Age: 78.1years (60-94) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score two weeks prior to admission to SICU was 19.1 (SD 11.0). Sensory impairment: 116/401 (29%) with vision impairment; patient/close relative asked if vision problems affecting daily activity. Medications: not stated	MV: age, dementia, vision impairment, history of heavy alcohol use, number of drugs taken, s-albumin, APS score, fitted bladder catheter	No.events/no. covariates = 55/8 = 7. Number key RFs: 4/4. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 62/401(16%) within 24 hrs of admission; no. pts developing delirium: Cumulative delirium (117/401 (29%); 55/401 (16%) developed delirium during the SICU stay

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Cognitive impairment

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate at	nalysis
Schor 1992; prospective cohort study in 291 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	8.97 (3.99, 20.14)		dichotomous: history of prior cognitive impairment vs no history of prior cognitive impairment	Age: 80.5 years (SD 7.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; method not reported; 42% with prior cognitive impairment in the group with delirium and 10% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: 33% with vision loss and 21% with hearing loss. Medications: Neuroleptics, narcotics, H2 blocker, digoxin, anticholinergics, benzodiazepine, steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	MV: age (greater than 80), prior cognitive impairment, fracture on admission, patients from an institution, male sex, infection, pain (poorly controlled), neuroleptic use, and narcotic use	No.events/no. covariates = 91/9 = 10.  Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (age, dementia, and possibly sensory impairment).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Patients with delirium on admission were excluded; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) developed delirium
Sheng 2006; prospective cohort study in 156 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	multivariate adjusted OR	(11.3, 24.9)	was not	dichotomous: pre-stroke dementia (method not stated); 12/156 (8%)	Age: 65-95 years (mean 80) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; overall scores at one month were 23.4 +-6.0. Sensory impairment: 28/156 (18%) stroke patients with vision field los. Medications: Anticholinergics	MV: age, dementia prestroke, hemorrhagic stroke, metabolic factor, ability to lift both arms, Glasgow Coma Scale Score less than 15, dysphagia, neglect, impaired vision, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressureone or more metabolic factors, urinary tract infection, urinary incontinence and faecal incontinence	Number key RFs: 3/4 (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 39/156 (25%) had delirium within 72 hrs of stroke
Veliz-Reissmuller 2007; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR		score <28	Preoperative MMSE score (up to 28 points versus greater than or equal to 29 points); 11/107 (10%) with ≤28 points	Age: 65-78 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; the median score was 29 (17-30) in the delirium group and 30 (27-30) in the non-delirium group. Sensory impairment: not stated.  Medications: not stated	MV: age, alcohol consumption, memory complaints, CABG- valve versus CABG, valve versus CABG, preoperative MMSE score (less than or equal to 28 versus greater than or equal to 29 points)	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age and cognitive impairment; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 25/107 (23%) developed delirium postoperatively

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor: Cognitive impairment** 

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Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Outcome

risk factor vs comparator: cognitive impairment vs no cognitive impairment

Sum stats comments:

(95%CI)

risk factor details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Inouye 1993;
prospective cohort study
in 107 patients.
Funding: Grant- other.
Setting: Hospital;
Medical ward

Study name

adjusted

multivariate 2.82 (1.19. 6.63) MMSE<24 dichotomous: cognitive impairment (MMSE in group with delirium and 26% in group without delirium (data calculated)

Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with score less than 24): 63% | cognitive impairment: MMSE: mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment: 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated

MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity. APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms. six or fewer social supports, fewer support types

Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing

delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

**Outcome measured** severity of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: cognitive impairment vs no cognitive impairment

Study name

Outcome

Sum stats comments: risk factor (95%CI)

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details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

McCu	sker 2001;
prosp	ective cohort study
in 444	patients.
Fundi	ng: Grant- other.
Settin	g: Hospital;
Medic	cal ward

adjusted mean

multivariate 1.13 beta (0, 0)and p value

59.5% with dementia coefficient; and 13.1% scores SE 0.28 unavailable

Age: 83.3 years (SD 7.0) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: Assessed with IQCODE with cut off score of 3.5 or more for dementia. Sensory impairment: 20% with visual/hearing impairment. Medications:

baseline delirium severity; age, dementia (present, missing), comorbidity, study group (x2), prevalent delirium, visual or hearing impairment, cumulative number of room changes, isolation, hospital unit (x5), length of follow up, stimulation level (x2), not in same room, single room, physical restraint, medical restraint, surroundings not well lit. noise/quiet, radio/TV on, no clock/watch, no calendar, no personal possessions, not wearing glasses, not using hearing aid. family absent.

Number key RFs: 3 (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Cases (with delirium; 326/444 (73%))) & controls; no. pts developing delirium: Unclear: measuring severity over time.

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Gender

Outcome measi	<i>tred</i> incide	nce of delirium
risk factor vs co	mparator:	men vs women
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Study name Ou		um stat: 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Edlund 2001; prospective cohort study in 101 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.419 (- 0.274, -	analysis (THIS IS cross	male gender; 28% male	Age: 79.5 years (65-102) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Dementia diagnosed with DSM-IV criteria; prefracture mental state also assessed from interviews with relatives/ carers and medical records.  Sensory impairment: visual (23%) or hearing (30%) impairment.  Medications: Diuretics, benzodiazepines, analgesics, neuroleptics	MV: (preop analysis): male gender, dementia, Parkinson's disease, constipation, previous delirium, drugs with anticholinergic effect, neuroleptics, fractures; MV (post-op analysis): male gender, creatinine, perioperative bp falls (3 variables), depressed mood postop, pneumonia postop.	Number key RFs: 2/4 (polypharmacy, dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 30/101 (30%) had preoperative delirium; no. pts developing delirium: 19/101 (19%) patients had postoperative delirium
Kazmierski 2006; prospective cohort study in 260 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	no data	significant; data not	dichotomous: male (73% in group with delirium and 77% in non- delirious group)	Age: 62 years (25-81) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE score equal to or less than 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	UV and MV: age, gender (male), cognitive impairment (MMSE equal to or less than 24), major depression, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, history of cerebrovascular disease, serum urea (greater than 50 mg/dl), serum creatinine (greater tham 1.2 mg/dh), use of heart pacemaker, ventricular arrhythmia, arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, prior myocardial infarction, NYHA greater than II, alcohol abuse	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 30/260 (12%) developed delirium
Levkoff 1988; retrospective cohort study in 1285 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward. QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR	no data	significant;	dichotomous: sex; 35% male is group with delirium and 42% male in comparison group	Age: not reported Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: sex, emergency or elective admission, age (80+), chronic renal disease, urinary tract infection, sodium, anion gap, creatinine, AST, albumin, calcium, TIBC, haemotocrit, WBC, PT, urine, and proteinuria	No.events/no. covariates = 117/18 = 6.  Number key RFs: 1/4 key RFs (age).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 117 patients wirh delirium were included in the study and matched wirh 1,168 controls

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Gender

Outcome measured	incidence	of delir	ium				
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Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments	: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Levkoff 1992; prospective cohort study in 325 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.36 (0.64, 2.9)	1 -	chotomous: 67% male	Age: 81.4 years (SD 7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 24% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported. Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, presence or absence of preexisting cognitive impairment, and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 34/325 (11%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: 91/325 (31%) developed delirium.
Levkoff 1992 community; prospective cohort study in 211 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.4 (0.63, 3.3)	1 -	chotomous: 65% male	Age: 78.1 years (SD 6.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 14% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 8/211 (4%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Community setting (n=211); 43/211 (21%) developed delirium
Levkoff 1992 institution; prospective cohort study in 114 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	4.9 (1.6, 15.3)	-	chotomous: 71% male	Age: 87.4 years (SD 7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 42% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 26/114 (23%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Institution (n=114) 48/114 (55%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Gender

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Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments	s: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.71 (1.59, 1.86)	V	ichotomous: male ersus female (50% nale in entire sample)	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium
Schor 1992; prospective cohort study in 291 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	2.4 (1.19, 4.84)	v m d	ichotomous: male ersus female; 40% nale in group with elirium and 30% in roup without delirium	Age: 80.5 years (SD 7.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; method not reported; 42% with prior cognitive impairment in the group with delirium and 10% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: 33% with vision loss and 21% with hearing loss. Medications: Neuroleptics, narcotics, H2 blocker, digoxin, anticholinergics, benzodiazepine, steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	MV: age (greater than 80), prior cognitive impairment, fracture on admission, patients from an institution, male sex, infection, pain (poorly controlled), neuroleptic use, and narcotic use	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (ag dementia, and possibly sensory impairment). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Patients with delirium on admission were excluded; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) developed delirium
Inouye 1993; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	multivariate adjusted RR	0)	significant; voltata not greported 4	ichotomous: male erus female; 59% in roup with delirium and 1% in group without elirium (data calculated)	Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment; 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated	MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity, APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms, six or fewer social supports, fewer support types	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

#### Patient risk factors

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Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: women vs men

Study name Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis Outcome

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Hofste 1997; prospective cohort study in 321 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	2.5 (1.3, 4.9)	female versus male; 27% female	Age: 62 years (29-83) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) below 24 (out of 30). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: Age, gender, lowest preoperative haemoglobin, abnormalities on electroencephalogram, mechanical ventilation on day 1	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; cognitive impairment constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 44/321 (14%) patients developed delirium

#### **Risk factor: Continence**

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: incontinence vs no incontinence

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)		ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Sheng 2006; prospective cohort study in 156 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	univariate analysis OR	3.02 (1.27, 7.21)	Cls	dichotomous: urinary incontinence (27/156; 17%)	Age: 80 years (65-95) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; overall scores at one month were 23.4 +-6.0. Sensory impairment: 28/156 (18%) stroke patients with vision field los. Medications: Anticholinergics	MV: age, dementia prestroke, hemorrhagic stroke, metabolic factor, ability to lift both arms, Glasgow Coma Scale Score less than 15, dysphagia, neglect, impaired vision, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressureone or more metabolic factors, urinary tract infection, urinary incontinence and faecal incontinence	Number key RFs: . Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 39/156 (25%) had delirium within 72 hrs of stroke

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Dehydration

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risk factor vs compa	rator: ur	ea as co	ntinuous v	variable			
Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Korevaar 2005; prospective cohort study in 126 patients. Funding: Industry study. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	multivariate adjusted HR	(1.02,	adjusted HR; p<0.01	continuous: urea (mmol/L) (nitrogen concentration as a measure of dehydration); 15.9 and 10.6 mmol/l with and without delirium respectively	Age: 79.1 years (SD7.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (score less than 24 indicating cognitive impairment); 69/126 (53%). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Benzodiazepines, narcotic analgetics, corticosteroids, antihistaminics, and cholingergics (less high-risk drugs also reported)	MV: age, cognitive impairment, Katz ADL: 5-6, Katz ADL: 7 or greater, malignancy, gastrointestinal bleeding, electrolytes, urea, leucocytes, narcotic analgetics	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age, dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 36/129 (29%) had prevalent delirium within 48 hrs after admission
Santos 2004; prospective cohort study in 220 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.03 (1.01, 1.05)	•	continuous: blood urea level (range 15-127 mg/dL)	Age: 66-78 years Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (using a cutoff of 23). Sensory impairment: Severe hearing or vision impairment excluded. Medications: Diuretics, calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, nitrates, H2 blockers, diazepam, midozalam	MV: Those included in final model were age, blood urea, cardiothoracic index greater than 0.5, hypertension, smoking, blood replacement (intraoperative), atrial fibrillation, pneumonia, blood balance on 2nd day after surgery	Number key RFs: 3-4/4 (age; dementia + sens. imp excluded; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 74/220 (34%) developed delirium after surgery

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor: Dehydration** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Outcome

risk factor vs comparator: urea > 50 mg/dl vs urea < 50mg/dl

Sum stats comments: risk factor (95%CI)

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Kazmierski 2006: prospective cohort study in 260 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)

Study name

multivariate no data not adjusted significant: OR no data in final model 21/260 (8%)

dichotomous: serum urea concentration greater than 50 mg/dL:

details:

Age: 62 years (25-81) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: MMSE score equal to or less than 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated

UV and MV: age, gender (male), cognitive impairment (MMSE equal to or less than 24). major depression, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, history of cerebrovascular disease, serum urea (greater than 50 mg/dl). serum creatinine (greater tham 1.2 mg/dl). use of heart pacemaker, ventricular arrhythmia, arterial hypertension, diabetes mellitus, prior myocardial infarction, NYHA greater than II, alcohol abuse

Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 30/260 (12%) developed

delirium

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Dehydration

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: urea nitrogen:creatinine > 18 vs urea nitrogen:creatinine < 18

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis (95%CI) details:

Pisani 2007; prospective cohort study in 304 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward	multivariate adjusted OR	no data	 148/214 (69%) patients with delirium, and 54/90 (60%) patients without delirium, had a ratio of serum urea nitrogen to creatinine greater than 18.	Age: 66-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; baseline dementia assessed using IQCODE. Sensory impairment: 11% with vision impairment and 17% with hearing impairment; proxy reported. Medications: Benzodiazepine, narcotics	MV: nonwhite race, medicaid status, alcohol, a history of depression, dementia (score greater than 3.3), APACHE II score (mean) (scale), any impairment of ADL, medication use, admitting diagnosis, admitting physiologic variables, admitting laboratory data	Number key RFs: 2/4 (dementia; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 214/304 (71%) developed delirium within first 48 hrs of ICU admission
Inouye 1993; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	multivariate adjusted RR	2.02 (0.59, 4.6)	dichotomous: abnormal blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more; 67% in group with delirium and 39% in group without delirium (data calculated)	Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment; 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated	MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity, APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms, six or fewer social supports, fewer support types	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Electrolyte disturbance

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: electrolyte abnormality vs no electrolyte abnormality

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

(95%CI) details:

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Yildizeli 2005; retrospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (thoracic surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	3.01 (0, 0)	Cls not reported	Sodium less than 130 or greater than 150 meq/L, potassium less than 3.0, or greater than 6 meq/L, or glucose less than 60 or greater than 300 mg/dL	Age: 18-86 years (mean 51.7) Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Aminophylline, antiarrhythmics, antibiotics, steriods, anihypertensives	UV & MV: (preoperative variables) age, sex, chronic disease, alcohol abuse, psychiatric problems, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, chemotherapy, operation due to malignancy, urgent operation, (postoperative variables) respiratory insufficiency; abnormal serum chemistry values, operation time, LOS, length of ICU stay, sleep deprivation, hypertension, infection, blood transfusion, use of various drugs, immobilisation	Number key RFs: 1/4 RFs (age). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 23/432 (5%) developed postoperative delirium
Zakriya 2002; prospective cohort study in 168 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	2.4 (1.1, 5.3)		dichotomous: abnormal serum sodium (Na+) (below 135 or above 148 mEq/L); 22%	Age: 50-98 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; Dementia excluded Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: normal white blood cell count, abnormal serum Na+, ASA class greater than II, history of illness (3 : coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation)	No.events/no. covariates = 47/6 = 8 Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 47/168 (28%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Depression

Outcome measured	Outcome measured incidence of delirium						
risk factor vs compo	arator: dep	ressio	n vs no de	pression			
Study name Ou		m stats 5%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Bohner 2003; prospective cohort study in 153 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR		SE=0.48, p=0.0; 95% CI not given	Hamilton depression scale greater than 8 points; patients with delirium 8.16 (5.50), no delirium 5.32 (5.52)	Age: not stated Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; MMSE measured but number of patients with cognitive impairment not stated. Sensory impairment: visual 61% and hearing 24% impairment. Medications: not stated	MV: Supra-aortic occlusive disease; major amputation; hypercholesterolaemia; age; body length; depression; cognitive impairment (MMSE); colloid infusion; minimal potassium level	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 60/153 developed delirium;
Edlund 2001; prospective cohort study in 101 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)	multivariate r adjusted OR	no data	not significant; no data reported.	not defined; 11/101 (11%)	Age: 79.5 years (65-102) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Dementia diagnosed with DSM-IV criteria; prefracture mental state also assessed from interviews with relatives/ carers and medical records. Sensory impairment: visual (23%) or hearing (30%) impairment. Medications: Diuretics, benzodiazepines, analgesics, neuroleptics	MV: (preop analysis): male gender, dementia, Parkinson's disease, constipation, previous delirium, drugs with anticholinergic effect, neuroleptics, fractures; MV (post-op analysis): male gender, creatinine, perioperative bp falls (3 variables), depressed mood postop, pneumonia postop.	Number key RFs: 2/4 (polypharmacy, dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 30/101 (30%) had preoperative delirium; no. pts developing delirium: 19/101 (19%) patients had postoperative delirium
Kazmierski 2006; prospective cohort study in 260 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)		6.3 (1.4, 29.7)	p=0.02	dichotomous: major depression (not defined) 13% in group with delirium and 5% in non- delirius group	Age: 62 years (25-81) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE score equal to or less than 24; 53% in group with delirium and 16% in non-delirious group (preoperatively). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	UV and MV: age, gender (male), cognitive impairment (MMSE equal to or less than 24), major depression, atrial fibrillation, peripheral vascular disease, history of cerebrovascular disease, serum urea (greater than 50 mg/dl), serum creatinine (greater tham 1.2 mg/dh), use of heart pacemaker, ventricular arrhythmia, arterial hypertension, diabetes	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 30/260 (12%) developed delirium

mellitus, prior myocardial infarction, NYHA

greater than II, alcohol abuse

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Depression

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risk factor vs comparator: depression vs no depression

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Pompei 1994_Chicago; prospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	3.19 (1.65, 6.17)		5 or more points using the short form of the Yesavage Geriatric Depression scale was considered indicative of depression; 41% and 17% with depression	Age: 68-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; for patients with less than high school education, the cut-off was 21, with HS cut-off was 23, college edu cut-off 24 points); 158/432 (37%). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of major diagnostic categories, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	No.events/no. covariates = 64/4 = 16. Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 21/432 (5%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 64/432 (15%) had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)
Pompei 1994_Yale; prospective cohort study in 323 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: biased	multivariate adjusted OR	0.97 (0.27, 1.97)		5 or more points using the short form of the Yesavage Geriatric Depression scale was considered indicative of depression; 16% with depression	Age: mean 79.2 (6) years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; for patients with less than high school education, the cut-off was 21, with HS cut-off was 23, college edu cut-off 24 points); 39% with impaired. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of MDCs, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	No.events/no. covariates = 85/4 = 21.  Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 48/323 (15%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 85/323 (26.3% had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)
Rolfson 1999; prospective cohort study in 75 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	univariate analysis RR	(0, 0)	p=0.24; Cls not reported;	dichotomous: depression not defined (9% with delirium and 2% without delirium had past depression)	Age: 69-74 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE less than 24; 9% in group with delirium and 12% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: not reported. Medications: lorazepam, sufetanil, midazolam, morphine	MV: past stroke, CPB time (min), low cardiac output	No.events/no. covariates = 23/3 = 8 Number key RFs: 2/4 key RFs: age constant (GDG: narrow age range) and polypharmacy constant. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 23/71 (32%) patients developed delirium

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor: Depression** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: needs assistance with one or more ADLs vs no assistance

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: (95%CI)

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Inouve 1993: prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Medical ward

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(0, No 0) significant: data not reported

dichotomous: depressive symptoms (Geriatric Depression Scal equal to or more than a median score of 80 to 30): 63% in group group without delirium (data calculated)

risk factor

details:

Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: MMSE: mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment: 54% hearing impairmet. with delirium and 44% in Medications; not stated

MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity. APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms. six or fewer social supports, fewer support types

Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed

delirium

Risk factor: **ADL** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: needs assistance with one or more ADLs vs no assistance

Study name Outcome

Sum stats comments: (95%CI)

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risk factor details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Inouve 1993: prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital;

Medical ward

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dichotomous: needs assistance with one or more ADLs verus no assistance; 4% in group with delirium and 23% in group without delirium (data calculated)

Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment; 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated

MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity. APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms. six or fewer social supports, fewer support types

Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at

baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor:	Infection
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risk factor vs compa	rator: 1nt	tection	vs no inte	ction			
Study name Out		um stat: 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Levkoff 1988; retrospective cohort study in 1285 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward	multivariate adjusted OR	3.05 (2.02, 4.58)	measured: urinary tract	dichotomous: urinary tract infection; 32% in group with delirium and 12% in comparison group	Age: not reported Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	WBC, PT, urine, and proteinuria	Number key RFs: 1/4 key RFs (age) Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 117 patients wirh delirium were included in the study and matched wirh 1,168 controls

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Infection

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risk factor vs comparator: infection vs no infection

Study name Ou		um stat 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Lin 2008; prospective cohort study in 151 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward . QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	3.65 (1.03, 12.9)		dichotomous: sepsis (defined by the American College of Chest Physicians and the Society of Critical Care Medicine); 80% with sepsis in group with delirium and 57% in group without delirium	Age: 76 years (64-86) Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; Blessed Dementia Rating Scale of 3 or higher. Patients with dementia excluded Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Tranquilizers, narcotics, benzodiazepines, steroids	MV: diabetes mellitus, hypoalbuminemia, and sepsis	No.events/no. covariates = 31/3 = 10. Number key RFs: 2/4 key RFs (dementia; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 31/143 (22%) developed delirium
Santos 2004; prospective cohort study in 220 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	6.36 (1.24, 32.7)		dichotomous: postoperative pneumonia; 18/220 (8%)	Age: 66-78 years Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE (using a cut- off of 23). Sensory impairment: Severe hearing or vision impairment excluded. Medications: Diuretics, calcium channel blockers, beta blockers, ACE inhibitors, nitrates, H2 blockers, diazepam, midozalam	MV: Those included in final model were age, blood urea, cardiothoracic index greater than 0.5, hypertension, smoking, blood replacement (intraoperative), atrial fibrillation, pneumonia, blood balance on 2nd day after surgery	Number key RFs: 3-4/4 (age; dementia + sens. imp excluded; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 74/220 (34%) developed delirium after surgery
Schor 1992; prospective cohort study in 291 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	2.96 (1.42, 6.15)		dichotomous: infection versus no infection; 37% with infection in group with delirium and 17% in group without delirium	Age: 80.5 years (SD 7.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; method not reported; 42% with prior cognitive impairment in the group with delirium and 10% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: 33% with vision loss and 21% with hearing loss. Medications: Neuroleptics, narcotics, H2 blocker, digoxin, anticholinergics, benzodiazepine, steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	MV: age (greater than 80), prior cognitive impairment, fracture on admission, patients from an institution, male sex, infection, pain (poorly controlled), neuroleptic use, and narcotic use	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (age, dementia, and possibly sensory impairment). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Patients with delirium on admission were excluded; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) developed delirium

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor:** Infection

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risk factor vs comparator: infection vs no infection

Study name Outcom	me Sum ste (95%C	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
	ultivariate 1.73 adjusted (0.57, OR 5.3)	dichotomous: sepsis and/or acute respiratory distress syndome and/or pneumonia; 8/53 (15%) sepsis, 12/53 (23%) pneumonia	Age: 31-79 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Baseline dementia reported in 16% (7/44) patients; assessment using Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Lorazepam	MV: APOE4 allele (present/absent); age in years, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score (continuous), coma days (continuous), sepsis/acute respiratory distress syndrome/pneumonia (dichotomous), lorezepam total dose (continuous)	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not stated; no. pts developing delirium: 47/53 (89%) developed delirium at some point during the ICU stay

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor:	Polypharmacy
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Risk factor:	Polyp	oharma	асу				
Outcome measured	incidence	of delir	ium				
risk factor vs compa	rator: >3	medica <sup>*</sup>	tions vs $\leq 3$	3 medications			
Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments:	risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Goldenberg 2006; prospective cohort study in 77 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (hip fracture surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	33.6 (1.9, 591.6)	me vita as me (83 me	ee of more than 3 edications (other than amins) were consided use of multiple edications; 67/77 (%). Psychoactive edications analysed as separate variable	Age: 81.9 years (66 to 98) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE and Set Tes (ST)(poss high score 30 on both); 43 pts-mild dementia MMSE score >16. Mean MMSE= 21.6 (range 2-30); Mean ST score= 20.2 (1-30). Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Not stated	et <24), decreased albumin level (<3.5 g/dL),	Number key RFs: 3/4 (not sens. imp). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 37/77 patients had postoperative delirium
risk factor vs compa	rator: >7	medica	tions vs <7	medications			
Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments:	risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Ranhoff 2006; prospective cohort study in 401 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward	multivariate adjusted OR	1.9 (1.1, 3.2)	ma nu inc mo tha dru 7.3	chotomous: the aximum concurrent mber of drugs (all, cluding laxatives); 7 or ore drugs versus less an 7. mean no. of ugs: no delirium group 8 (SD 3.1); delirium oup 8.2 (SD 3.3)	Age: 60-94 years; 78.1 years (SD 8.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score two weeks prior to admission to SICU was 19.1 (11.0). Sensory impairment: 116/401 (29%) with vision impairment; patient/close relative asjed if vision problems affecting daily activity. Medications: mean no. of drugs: no delirium group 7.3 (SD 3.1); delirium group 8.2 (SD 3.3)	drugs taken, s-albumin, APS score, fitted	Number key RFs: 4/4. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 62/401(16%) within 24 hrs of admission; no. pts developing delirium: Cumulative delirium (117/401 (29%); 55/401 (16%) developed delirium during the SICU stay

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Sensory impairment

Outcome measured	incidence								
risk factor vs comparator: impaired hearing vs normal hearing									
Study name Ou		um stat: 95%CI)	s commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis		
Inouye 1993; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward	multivariate adjusted RR	- (-)	Not significant; no data reported	dichotomous: hearing impairment; 78% in group with delirium versus 73% in group without delirium (data calculated)	Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment; 54% hearing impairmet. Medications: not stated	MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity, APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms, six or fewer social supports, fewer support types	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium		

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Sensory impairment

Outcome measured	incidence	of deli	rium				
risk factor vs compa	rator: in	paired	vision vs no	ormal vision			
Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	comments	s: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)	multivariate adjusted HR	4.52 (2.27, 8.98)	v	mpaired vision; 31% isual impairment, as eported by the patients	Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with established diagnosis of mental disease or already confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment, as reported by the patients. Medications: not stated	MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility, hearing, vision, reason for admission, number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication, method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss; time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender	Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium:
Ranhoff 2006; prospective cohort study in 401 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward	multivariate adjusted OR	1.7 (1, 3.1)	p re th p a	isual problems: the atients and/or a close elative were asked if ne patient has vision roblems affecting daily ctivity. 116/401 (29%) vith vision impairment	Age: 60-94 years; 8.1 years (8.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score two weeks prior to admission to SICU was 19.1 (11.0). Sensory impairment: 116/401 (29%) with vision impairment; patient/close relative asjed if vision problems affecting daily activity. Medications: not stated	MV: age, dementia, vision impairment, history of heavy alcohol use, number of drugs taken, s-albumin, APS score, fitted bladder catheter	Number key RFs: 4/4. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 62/401(16%) within 24 hrs of admission; no. pts developing delirium: Cumulative delirium (117/401 (29%); 55/401 (16%) developed delirium during the SICU stay
Inouye 1993; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Medical ward . QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted RR	3.51 (1.15, 10.71)	c tt a te d g (o S	ision impairment: orrected vision worse nan 20/70 on both near nd distant binocualar ests; 14% in group with elirium versus 3% in roup. Without delirium data calculated). standard vision tests Jaeger and Snellen-ype tests).	Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% vision impairment; 54% hearing. Jaeger & Snellen tests (vision); Welch-Allyn audioscope; screening questions (hearing) Medications: not stated	MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needs assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity, APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms, six or fewer social supports, fewer support types	No.events/no. covariates = 27/13 = 2.  Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Severity of illness

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: illness severity as continuous variable

Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate an	nalysis
Levkoff 1992 community; prospective cohort study in 211 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.1 (1.01, 1.28)		to 15 medical conditions to obtain a score based on the presence and	Age: 78.1years (SD 6.8) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 14% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 8/211 (4%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Community setting (n=211); 43/211 (21%) developed delirium
Levkoff 1992 institution; prospective cohort study in 114 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	0.84 (0.72, 0.98)		Continuous: sum of severity scores assigned to 15 medical conditions to obtain a score based on the presence and severity of the conditions (range 1-4: unlikely to have impact on care - life threatening); no details given	Age: 87.4years (SD7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 42% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impaiment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 26/114 (23%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: Institution (n=114) 48/114 (55%) developed delirium
Ouimet 2007; prospective cohort study in 764 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward (unclear/not stated surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	(1.03, 1.07)	APACHE II increment	Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) II score 5-point increment; pts with delirium 17.9 (SD 8.2), no delirium 14.0 (8.1)	Age: 48-78 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; Not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Opiates, benzodiazepine, propofol, indomethacin	UV & MV (only significant variables reported): age, hypertension, active tobacco consumption, alcohol consumption, APACHE II score, epidural catheter use, opiate dose, benzodiazepine dose, propofol dose, idomethacin dose, coma, anxiety, pain	No.events/no. covariates = 243/13 = 19.  Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 243/764(32%) developed delirium in ICU

#### Patient risk factors

Risk factor:	Severity of illness
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Outcome

Outcome

illness severity as continuous variable risk factor vs comparator:

(95%CI)

Sum stats comments:

other details: risk factor details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Pisani 2007; prospective cohort study in 304 patients. Funding: Grant- other.

Setting: Hospital: ICU

Study name

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score: 24.7 (SD 6.1 delirium, 20.0 (5.6) no delirium)

Age: 66-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: baseline dementia assessed using IQCODE. Sensory impairment: 11% with vision impairment and 17% with hearing impairment; proxy reported. Medications: Benzodiazepine, narcotics

MV: nonwhite race, medicaid status, alcohol . history of depression, dementia (score greater than 3.3). APACHE II score (mean) (scale), any impairment of ADL, medication use, admitting diagnosis, admitting physiologic variables, admitting laboratory data. A number of relevant variables were included in the MV, but not presented in the final model = not significant

Number key RFs: 2/4 (dementia: polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 214/304 (71%) developed delirium within first 48 hrs of ICU admission

risk factor vs comparator:

impaired hearing vs normal hearing

Study name

Sum stats comments: risk factor (95%CI) details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Inouve 1993: prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Medical ward

multivariate 3.49 dichotomous: severe adjusted (1.48. illness; composite score RR 8.23) of severe or an APACHE score or more than 16: 44% in group group without delirium (data calculated)

Age: 79.3 years (SD 6.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with defined by a nurse rating cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score 24.2 (5.0); 36% with a score below 24. Sensory impairment: 6% with vision impairment: 54% hearing impairmet. with delirium and 10% in Medications; not stated

MV: age, sex, needs assistance with one or more ADLs, needis assistance with two or more ADLs, vision impairment, hearing impairment, MMSE score below 24, history of confusion, illness severity, APACHE score greater than 16, and a composite measure), blood urea nitrogen/creatinine ratio of 18 or more, depressive symptoms. six or fewer social supports, fewer support types

Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (not polypharmacy). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 27/107 (25%) developed delirium

### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor: Severity of illness** 

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risk factor vs comparator: APACHE II as continuous variable

Study name		Sum stat 95%CI)	s commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Ely 2007; prospective cohort study in 53 patients. Funding: Mixed. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward (unclear/not state surgery)	adjusted OR	0.98 (0.89, 1.06)		continuous: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score	Age: 31-79 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; Baseline dementia reported in 16% (7/44) patients; assessment using Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Lorazepam	MV: APOE4 allele (present/absent); age in years, Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation II score (continuous), coma days (continuous), sepsis/acute respiratory distress syndrome/pneumonia (dichotomous), lorezepam total dose (continuous)	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not stated; no. pts developing delirium: 47/53 (89%) developed delirium at some point during the ICU stay

#### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor:** Comorbidity

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: > 4 physical diseases vs < 4 physical diseases

Study name Sum stats comments: risk factor

> (95%CI)details:

other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)

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dichotomous: 4 or more physical diseases: 10/457 (2%)

Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with established diagnosis of mental disease or already confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment. Medications: not stated

MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility. hearing, vision, reason for admission. number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication. method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss; time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender...

Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium:

### Patient risk factors

Risk factor: Comorbidity

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: illness severity as continuous variable

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Study name Ou		um stats 95%CI)	commen	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis		
Pompei 1994_Chicago; prospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.68 (1.37, 2.07)			Age: 68-83 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of MDCs, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 21/432 (5%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 64/432 (15%) had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)		
Pompei 1994_Yale; prospective cohort study in 323 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	(1.02, 1.61)	NO LONGER SIGNIFICA NT when incident delirum patients only considered		Age: 79.2years (SD 6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; for patients with less than high school education, the cut-off was 21, with HS cut-off was 23, college edu cut-off 24 points); 39% with impaired. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: cognitive impairment, number of MDCs, depression, alcoholism (total scores greater than or equal to 2 using the short form of the Michigan Alcoholism Screening test)	Number key RFs: 1/4 (dementia). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 48/323 (15%) had delirium within 72 hrs of admiss; no. pts developing delirium: 85/323 (26.3%) had delirium overall (prevalent + incident)		

### Patient risk factors

**Risk factor: Sleep deprivation** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs compa	rator: sle	eep dep	rivation v	s no sleep deprivation	on		
Study name Ou		um stat 95%CI)	ts comme	nts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Yildizeli 2005; retrospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (thoracic surgery)	beta from regression (standardis ed)	1.73 (0, 0)	SE 0.881	2/23 patients with delirium had sleeplessness (8%)	Age: 18-86 years (mean 51.7) Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Aminophylline, antiarrhythmics, antibiotics, steriods, anihypertensives	UV & MV: (preoperative variables) age, sex, chronic disease, alcohol abuse, psychiatric problems, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, chemotherapy, operation due to malignancy, urgent operation, (postoperative variables) respiratory insufficiency; abnormal serum chemistry values, operation time, LOS, length of ICU stay, sleep deprivation, hypertension, infection, blood transfusion, use of various drugs, immobilisation	
Yildizeli 2005; retrospective cohort study in 432 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (thoracic surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.04 (0, 0)	CIs not reported	2/23 patients with delirium had sleeplessness (8%)	Age: 18-86 years (mean 51.7) Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Aminophylline, antiarrhythmics, antibiotics, steriods, anihypertensives	UV & MV: (preoperative variables) age, sex, chronic disease, alcohol abuse, psychiatric problems, diabetes, cerebrovascular disease, chemotherapy, operation due to malignancy, urgent operation, (postoperative variables) respiratory insufficiency; abnormal serum chemistry values, operation time, LOS, length of ICU stay, sleep deprivation, hypertension, infection, blood transfusion, use of various drugs, immobilisation	

### Environmental risk factors

**Risk factor:** Institutionalisation

risk factor vs comparator: institutionalisation vs community

risk factor vs compa	rator: 11	istitution	iansation v	s community			
Study name Ou		Sum stats (95%CI)	commen	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Levkoff 1992; prospective cohort study in 325 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariat adjusted OR			institutional setting pre- hospital versus livng in the community; 35% in institution	Age: 81.4 years (SD 7.7) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; 24% with preexisting cognitive impairment; assessment methods not reported (relied on medical chart review). Sensory impairment: Patients with severe sensory impairment excluded. Medications: not stated	UV and MV: age, sex, preexisting cognitive impairment (presence/absence), and illness severity	Number key RFs: 3/4 (age, dementia, sensory imp. excl). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 34/325 (11%) with delirium at admission; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) without prevalent delirium developed delirium. Analysis only for incident cases.
Schor 1992; prospective cohort study in 291 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Mixed: Medical/Surgical ward (unclear/not stated surgery)	multivariat adjusted OR		significant; no data	institutional setting pre- hospital versus livng in the community; 30% in institution	Age: 80.5 years (SD 7.6) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; method not reported; 42% with prior cognitive impairment in the group with delirium and 10% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: 33% with vision loss and 21% with hearing loss. Medications: Neuroleptics, narcotics, H2 blocker, digoxin, anticholinergics, benzodiazepine, steroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	MV: age (greater than 80), prior cognitive impairment, fracture on admission, patients from an institution, male sex, infection, pain (poorly controlled), neuroleptic use, and narcotic use	Number key RFs: 3/4 key RFs (age dementia, and possibly sensory impairment). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Patients with delirium on admission were excluded; no. pts developing delirium: 91/291 (31%) developed delirium

#### Environmental risk factors

Risk factor: Institutionalisation

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: sheltered accomodation vs community

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Sum stats comments: risk factor (95%CI) details:

other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)

Study name

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Age: mean 77 years (65-96 years)
Cognitive impairment: No patients with
cognitive impairment; patients with mental
disease or confused excluded.
Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39%
hearing impairment.
Medications: not stated

MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility, hearing, vision, reason for admission, number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication, method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss, time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender....

Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded).
Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 51/457 developed delirium

### Procedural risk factors

**Risk factor:** Type of surgery

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: breast and skin surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

	(9	95%CI)		details:			
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	0.46 (0.36, 0.59)		categorical: breast and skin surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium
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risk factor vs comparator: head and neck surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name	Outcome	Sum stats comments:	risk factor	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis
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Study name Outcom	ne Sum stats (95%CI)	details:	other details:	jaciors aajustea jor in muuivariate a	natysis
retrospective cohort ad	djusted (0.3, OR 0.5)	categorical: head and neck surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium

#### Procedural risk factors

**Risk factor:** Type of surgery

Outcome measured	inciden	ice of d	elirium
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risk factor vs comparator: lower urologic and gynaecologic surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: (95%CI)details: Redelmeier 2008: multivariate 0.55 categorical: lower Age: 67-80 years MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age: Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, polypharmacy constant). retrospective cohort adjusted (0.48.urologic and OR gynaecologic surgery thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, Number of pts with delirium at study in 284158 patients. 0.62) stated: not stated. Funding: Grant- other. versus abdominal. musculoskeletal, lower urologic and baseline: Not clear; no. pts Sensory impairment: not stated. Setting: Hospital: retroperitoneal or Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid gynecologic, breast and skin, external head developing delirium: 3195/284158 Surgical ward (likely to unclassified surgery lowering medications, antihypertensives. (1%) had postoperative delirium and neck, opthalmologic), duration of be mixed surgery) diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents. surgery (per 30-min increase) antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others

risk factor vs comparator: musculoskeletal surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name	Outcome	Sum stats	comments:	risk factor	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis
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Study name Out		um stats 95%CI)	comments:	risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.19 (1.08, 1.31)	mus vers retro	egorical: sculoskeletal surgery sus abdominal, operitoneal or lassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium

### Procedural risk factors

**Type of surgery Risk factor:** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: neurological surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

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Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.22 (1, 1.49)	categorical: neurological surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium

risk factor vs comparator: opthalmologic surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name	Outcome	Sum stats	comments:	risk factor	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis
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Study name Outc		n stats comment (%CI)	ts: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	natysis
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	adjusted (	1.19, 1.21)	categorical: opthalmologic surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium

### Procedural risk factors

Risk factor: Type of surgery

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: thoracic surgery vs abdominal, retroperitoneal and unclassified surgery

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

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Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR		not significant	categorical: thoracic surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium

### Procedural risk factors

**Risk factor: Type of surgery** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Study name Out		um stats 95%CI)	comments	: risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	,	sı al re	ategorical: vascular urgery versus bdominal, etroperitoneal or nclassified surgery	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium
Rudolph 2007; prospective cohort study in 1218 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)	multivariate adjusted RR	2.7 (1.7, 4.2)	co si (a	ascular surgery was ompared to all other urgical procedures abdominal, orthopaedic, enitourinary, thoracic nd other)	Age: 68.9 years (SD5.9) Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean 27.8 (1.6) at baseline; various other neropsychologic tests applied = mild cognitive impairment. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: age, male, any tobacco exposure, diabetes, previous myocardial infarction, vascular surgery	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age; dementia constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: cumulative incidence was 99/1161 (9%) in the 7 day postoperative period

#### Procedural risk factors

Risk factor: Cardiac surgery

risk factor vs comparator: Beating heart surgery vs Bypass surgery

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

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Bucerius 2004; prospective cohort study in 16184 patients. Funding: Unclear/ Not stated. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: moderate	multivariate adjusted OR	0.47 (0.32, 0.69)	Beating heart surgery (no cardiopulmonary bypass) versus bypass (conventional) surgery; 1842/16184 (11%) BH	Age: not stated Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: Cerebrovascular disease; atrial fibrillation; diabetes; peripheral vascular disease; left ventricular ejection fraction 30% or less; shock; urgent operation; operating time over 3 hours; haemofiltration; transfusion above 2L; beating heart surgery age (35 variables in total - all not reported)	No.events/no. covariates = 1354/35 = 39.  Number key RFs: 3/4 (age; dementia and polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Probably no delirium; no. pts developing delirium: 1354/16184 developed postoperative delirium

#### risk factor vs comparator: CABG-valve surgery vs CABG

Study name	Outcome	Sum stats comments:	risk factor	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis
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Veliz-Reissmuller 2007; prospective cohort study in 107 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery). QUALITY RATING: low	multivariate adjusted OR	3.25 (0.8, 13)	CABG- valve versus CABG	Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG)-valve sugery versus CABG	Age: 65-78 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; the median score was 29 (17-30) in the delirium group and 30 (27-30) in the non-delirium group. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated	MV: age, alcohol consumption, memory complaints, CABG- valve versus CABG, valve versus CABG, preoperative MMSE score (less than or equal to 28 versus greater than or equal to 29 points)	No.events/no. covariates = 25/6 = 4. Number key RFs: 3/4 (age and cognitive impairment; polypharmacy constant).  Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear (not recorded preop); no. pts developing delirium: 25/107 (23%) developed delirium postoperatively

### Procedural risk factors

Risk factor: Cardiac surgery

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Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)  Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)  Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)  Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort stated in 200, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 13, 14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15, 15	risk factor vs compa	rator:	cardiac su	irgery vs a	bdominal, retroper	itoneal and unclassified surgery		
retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to be mixed surgery)  surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery  surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery  surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or unclassified surgery  Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated.  Sensory impairment: not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and	Study name Out	tcome			•	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	nalysis
	retrospective cohort study in 284158 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely to	adjusted	d (0.95,		surgery versus abdominal, retroperitoneal or	Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and	different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of	polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158

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Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted (95%CI) details:	sted for in multivariate analysis

Rolfson 1999; prospective cohort study in 75 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (cardiac surgery)	multivariate adjusted OR	1.02 (1, 1.04)	p=0.05	continous: CPB time (mins) (mean time was 83 mins in the group with delirium and 58 mins in the group without delirium)	Age: 69-74 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE less than 24; 9% in group with delirium and 12% in group without delirium. Sensory impairment: not reported. Medications: lorazepam, sufetanil, midazolam, moprhine	MV: past stroke, CPB time (min), low cardiac output	Number key RFs: 2/4 (age and polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 23/71 (32%) patients developed delirium
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#### Procedural risk factors

**Cardiac surgery Risk factor:** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

Outcome

risk factor vs comparator: valve surgery vs CABG

Sum stats comments: (95%CI) details:

other details: risk factor

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Veliz-Reissmuller 2007;
prospective cohort study
in 107 patients.
Funding: Grant- other.
Setting: Hospital;
Surgical ward (cardiac
surgery)

Study name

multivariate adjusted OR	3.9 (1, 15.8)	\

valve versus CABG valve surgery versus CABG

Age: 65-78 years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment: MMSE: the median score was 29 (17-30) in the delirium group and 30 (27-30) in the non-delirium group. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: not stated

MV: age, alcohol consumption, memory complaints. CABG- valve versus CABG. valve versus CABG, preoperative MMSE score (less than or equal to 28 versus greater than or equal to 29 points)

cognitive impairment: polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: not clear (not recorded preop): no. pts developing delirium: 25/107 (23%) developed delirium

Number key RFs: 3/4 (age and

postoperatively

Risk factor:

**Emergency surgery** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: emergency surgery vs elective surgery

Study name

Outcome

Sum stats comments: risk factor (95%CI) details:

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other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Andersson 2001;
prospective cohort stud
in 457 patients.
Funding: Grant- other.
Setting: Hospital;
Surgical ward (fracture
neck of femur surgery).
QUALITY RATING: low

multivariate	4.74
adjusted	(1.76,
HR	12.8)

emergency admission for hip fracture versus elective surgery for coxarthros or gonarthros; 208/457 (46%) emergency

Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with mental disease or confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment. Medications: not stated

MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility. hearing, vision, reason for admission, number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication, method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss, time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics. catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender

No.events/no. covariates = 51/24 = Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with

dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 51/457 developed delirium

### Procedural risk factors

**Risk factor:** duration of surgery

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: duration of surgery as continuous variable									
Study name	Outcome	Sum stats (95%CI)	comments:	risk factor details:	other details:	factors adjusted for in multivariate a	unalysis		
Redelmeier 2008; retrospective cohort study in 284158 patie Funding: Grant- othe Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (likely be mixed surgery)	adjuste ents. OR er.	ate 1.2 30 min (1.19, 1.21)	sur	ntinuous: duration of gery, per 30-minute rease	Age: 67-80 years Cognitive impairment: Unclear or Not stated; not stated. Sensory impairment: not stated. Medications: Statins, non-statin lipid lowering medications, antihypertensives, diuretics, misc. cardivascular agents, antiplatelet agents, orally aministered anticoagulants, other vascular agents, and others	MV: age, sex, neuropsychiatric drug (4 different drugs), type of surgery (cardiac, thoracic, neurosurgical, vascular, musculoskeletal, lower urologic and gynecologic, breast and skin, external head and neck, opthalmologic), duration of surgery (per 30-min increase)	Number key RFs: 2 key RFs (age; polypharmacy constant). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: Not clear; no. pts developing delirium: 3195/284158 (1%) had postoperative delirium		

### Procedural risk factors

Risk factor: latrogenic intervention

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: bladder catheter vs no bladder catheter

Study name Outcome Sum stats comments: risk factor other details: factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis (95%CI) details:

Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)	multivariate adjusted HR	0 (0, 0)	dichotomous: catheter in the bladder (no details provided)	Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with established diagnosis of mental disease or already confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment. Medications: not stated	MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility, hearing, vision, reason for admission, number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication, method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss; time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender	Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium:
Ranhoff 2006; prospective cohort study in 401 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital; ICU ward	multivariate adjusted OR	2.7 (1.4, 4.9)	Fitted bladder catheter; 228/401 (57%)	Age: 60-94 years; 78.1 years (8.8) years Cognitive impairment: Some patients with cognitive impairment; MMSE; mean score two weeks prior to admission to SICU was 19.1 (11.0). Sensory impairment: 116/401 (29%) with vision impairment; patient/close relative asjed if vision problems affecting daily activity. Medications: not stated	MV: age, dementia, vision impairment, history of heavy alcohol use, number of drugs taken, s-albumin, APS score, fitted bladder catheter	Number key RFs: 4/4. Number of pts with delirium at baseline: 62/401(16%) within 24 hrs of admission; no. pts developing delirium: Cumulative delirium (117/401 (29%); 55/401 (16%) developed delirium during the SICU stay

#### Procedural risk factors

**Risk factor: latrogenic intervention** 

Outcome measured incidence of delirium

risk factor vs comparator: preoperative medical treatment vs no preop treatment

risk factor Study name Outcome Sum stats comments:

(95%CI)details: other details:

factors adjusted for in multivariate analysis

Andersson 2001; prospective cohort study in 457 patients. Funding: Grant- other. Setting: Hospital: Surgical ward (fracture neck of femur surgery)

HR multivariate 2.66 adjusted (1.26. 5.62) HR

preoperative medical treatment (ves or no) 37/457 (8%)

Age: 77 years (65-96) Cognitive impairment: No patients with cognitive impairment; patients with established diagnosis of mental disease or already confused excluded. Sensory impairment: 31% visual and 39% hearing impairment. Medications: not stated

MV: marital status, cohabitation, housing, need for help before admission, mobility. hearing, vision, reason for admission. number of other diseases, postoperative complications, preoperative medication. method and length of anaesthesia, blood loss; time admission to surgery, OBS score on admission, type of fracture, antibiotics, catheter, traction, hour of admission, surgery time, age, gender...

Number key RFs: 4/4 (patients with dementia excluded). Number of pts with delirium at baseline: None; no. pts developing delirium: 51/457 developed delirium