Eligibility

The CLASSIC trial

Inclusion criteria

All the following criteria must be fulfilled:

Ѵ Aged 18 years or above

Ѵ Admitted to the ICU or plan to be admitted to the ICU regardless of trial participation

Ѵ Septic shock defined according to the Sepsis-3 criteria:

* *Suspected or confirmed site of infection or positive blood culture AND*
* *Ongoing infusion of vasopressor/inotrope agent to maintain a mean arterial blood pressure of 65 mmHg or above AND*
* *Lactate of 2 mmol/L or above in any plasma sample performed within the last 3-hours*

Ѵ Have received at least 1 L of IV fluid (crystalloids, colloids or blood products) in the last 24-hours prior to screening

Exclusion criteria

Any of the following criteria:

**×** Septic shock for more than 12 hours at the time of screening

**×** Life-threatening bleeding

**×** Acute burn injury of more than 10% of the body surface area

**×** Known pregnancy

**×** Consent not obtainable as per the model approved for the specific site