**Supplemental Digital Content 2.** Norepinephrine was diluted as (weight x 3) / 100 milligrams in 50 ml 0.9% saline.

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| Weight (kg) | Norepinephrine (mg) | Corresponding dosage for 1 ml/hour (mg/kg/min) |
| 40 | 1.2 | 0.01 |
| 50 | 1.5 | 0.01 |
| 60 | 1.8 | 0.01 |
| 70 | 2.1 | 0.01 |
| 80 | 2.4 | 0.01 |
| 90 | 2.7 | 0.01 |
| 100 | 3 | 0.01 |
| 110 | 3.3 | 0.01 |
| 120 | 3.6 | 0.01 |

The infusion rate began at 0.05 g/kg/min (rate of 5 ml/hour) and was then incrementally adjusted to maintain a mean arterial pressure above 65 mmHg.