

Results: Eight deaths (26.7%) were recorded in the control group compared to one death (3.3%) each in the ascorbic acid ($p<0.05$) and alpha-tocopherol groups ($p<0.05$). None of the patients in the combination group died ($p<0.01$). There was no significant difference in length of hospital stay between the control and ascorbic acid groups but the alpha-tocopherol ($p<0.05$) and combination groups ($p<0.001$) had significantly shorter hospital confinements. The Glasgow outcome scores in all the treatment groups was significantly better than the control group at discharge (ascorbic acid $p<0.01$, alpha-tocopherol $p<0.001$ and combination group $p<0.001$), one month (ascorbic acid $p<0.01$, alpha-tocopherol $p<0.01$ and combination group $p<0.0001$) and three months (ascorbic acid $p<0.05$, alpha-tocopherol $p<0.01$ and combination group $p<0.001$) post discharge. This difference was consistently more profound in the combination group.