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***Le novità per la cura della malattia renale cronica dalla  
prevenzione alla terapia dialitica***




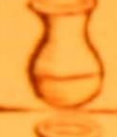






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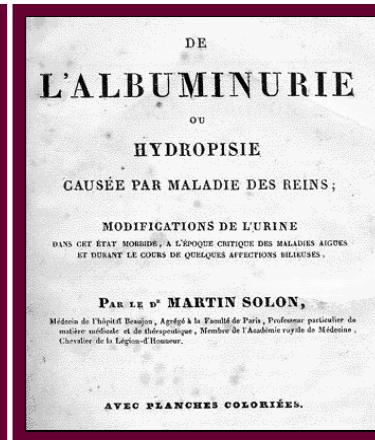
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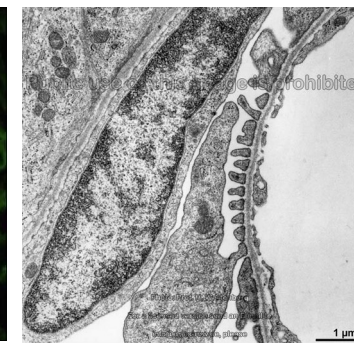
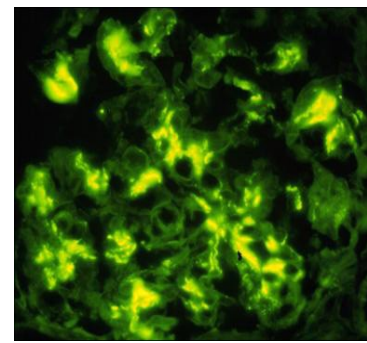
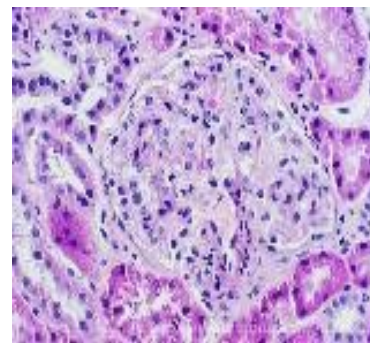
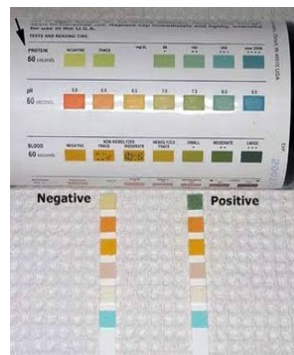
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*Richard Bright.*

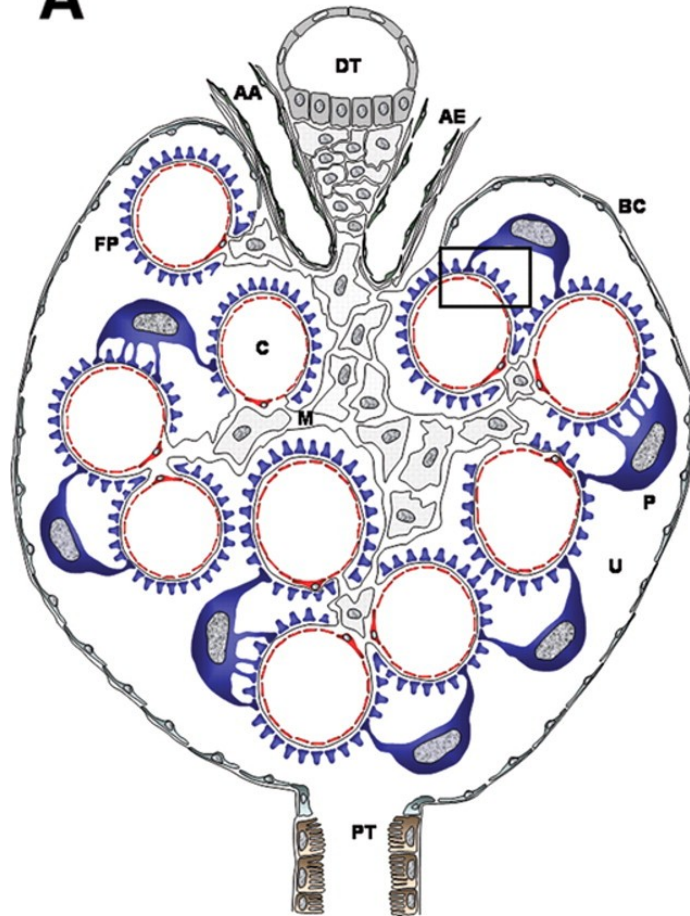
RICHARD BRIGHT,  
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Physician Extraordinary  
to the Queen



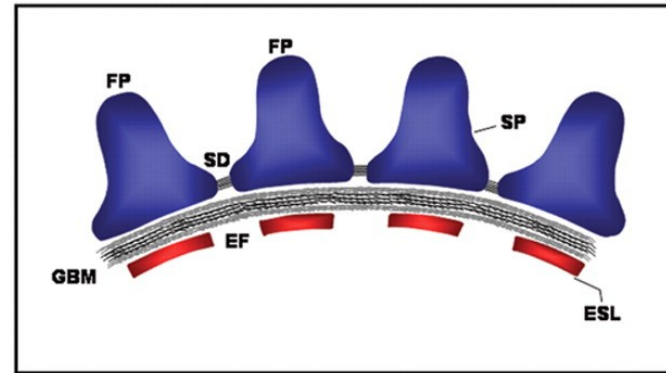


# Glomerular filtration barrier structure

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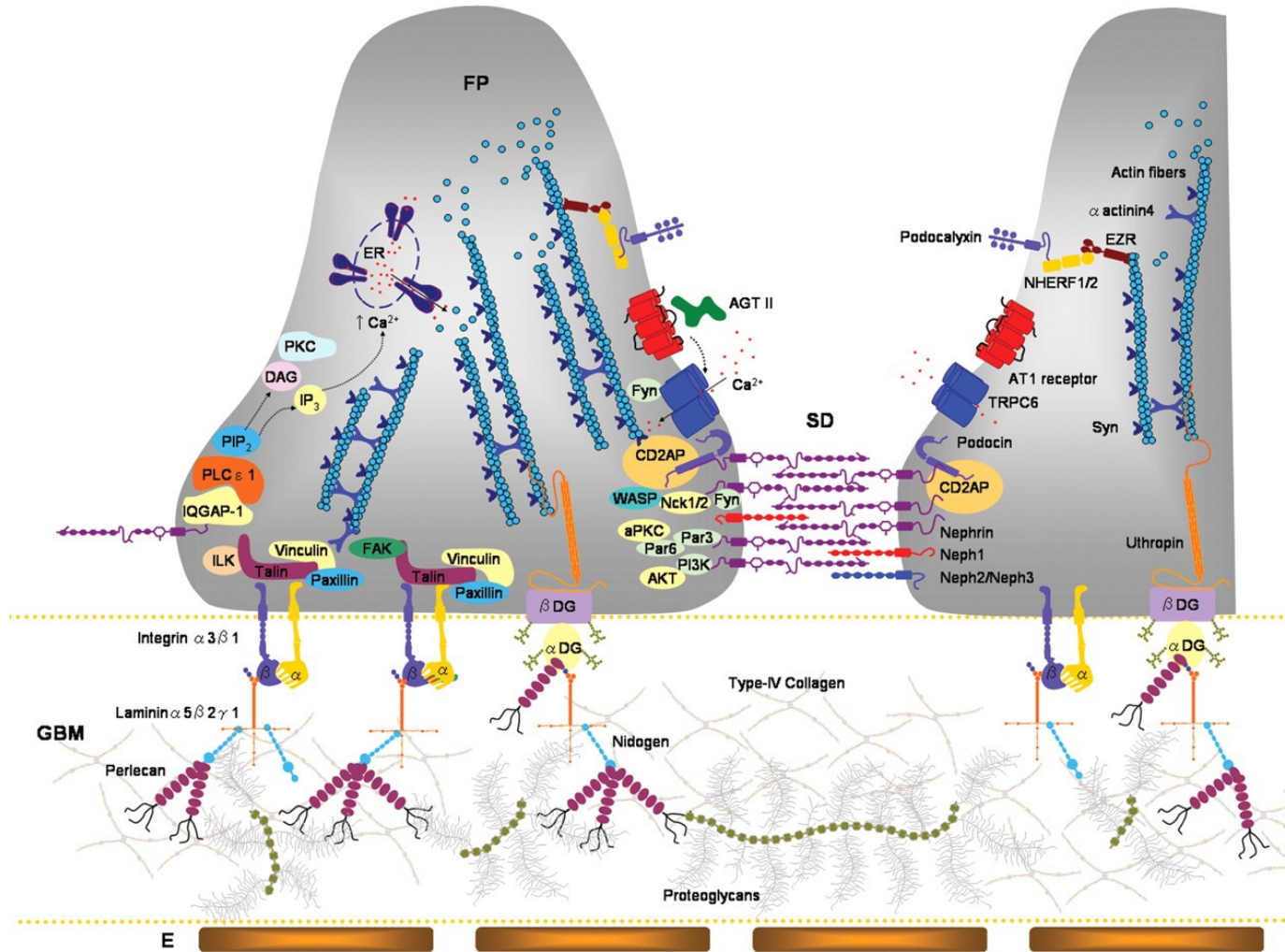


**B**



- ❑ I podociti sono cellule presenti nel rene, più precisamente nel nefrone a livello del corpuscolo renale (di Malpighi), dove vanno ad abbracciare con numerosi prolungamenti ( processi maggiori ), al pari dei tentacoli di una piovra, i capillari glomerulari, affiancandosi agli analoghi processi dei podociti adiacenti.
- ❑ Diversi meccanismi patogenetici hanno linee convergenti in quanto il riarrangiamento del citoscheletro di actina del podocita è stato identificato come un denominatore comune di una varietà di disturbi glomerulari .
- ❑ Il setaccio molecolare formato dalla barriera di filtrazione glomerulare non è una struttura statica. In effetti, lo strato di podociti può essere considerato come una rete particolarmente dinamica di cellule interagenti, che contengono un apparato contrattile a base di actina.
- ❑ Sembra probabile che la capacità dei podociti di percepire e adattarsi continuamente ai cambiamenti ambientali sia fondamentale per preservare la permselectività glomerulare. Il danno sul podocita genera riorganizzazione del diaframma a fessura e della struttura del processo peducellare.

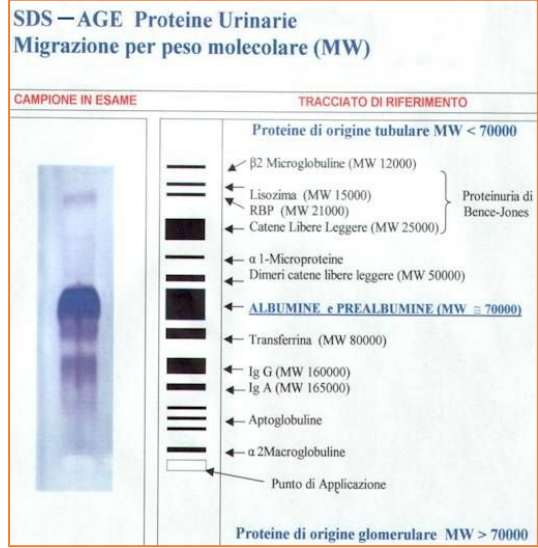
# Molecular overview of the slit-diaphragm and podocyte cell-matrix interactions



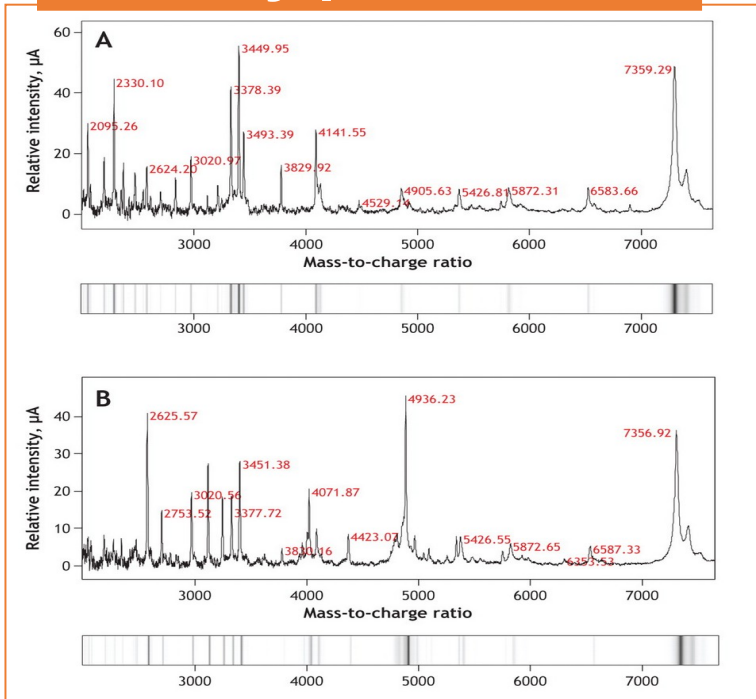




DE  
**L'ALBUMINURIE**  
 OU  
 HYDROPIE  
 CAUSÉE PAR MALADIE DES REINS;  
 MODIFICATIONS DE L'URINE  
 DANS CERTS ÉTATS NORMAUX, À L'ÉTOUPE CERTAINS DES MALADIES AIGÜES  
 ET SOUS LE COUÛS DE CERTAINES AFFECTIONS CHRONIQUES.  
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 Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur.  
 AVEC PLANCHES COLORIÉES.



# Urinary proteomics



# Le scienze omiche

Genomica



Trascrittomica



Proteomica



Metabolomica



Fenotipo



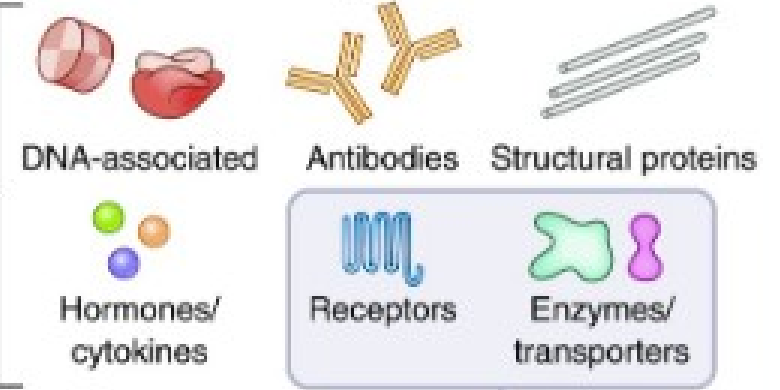
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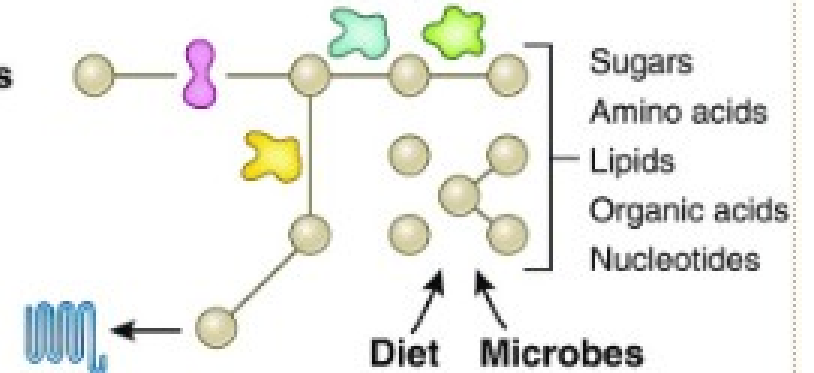
RNA



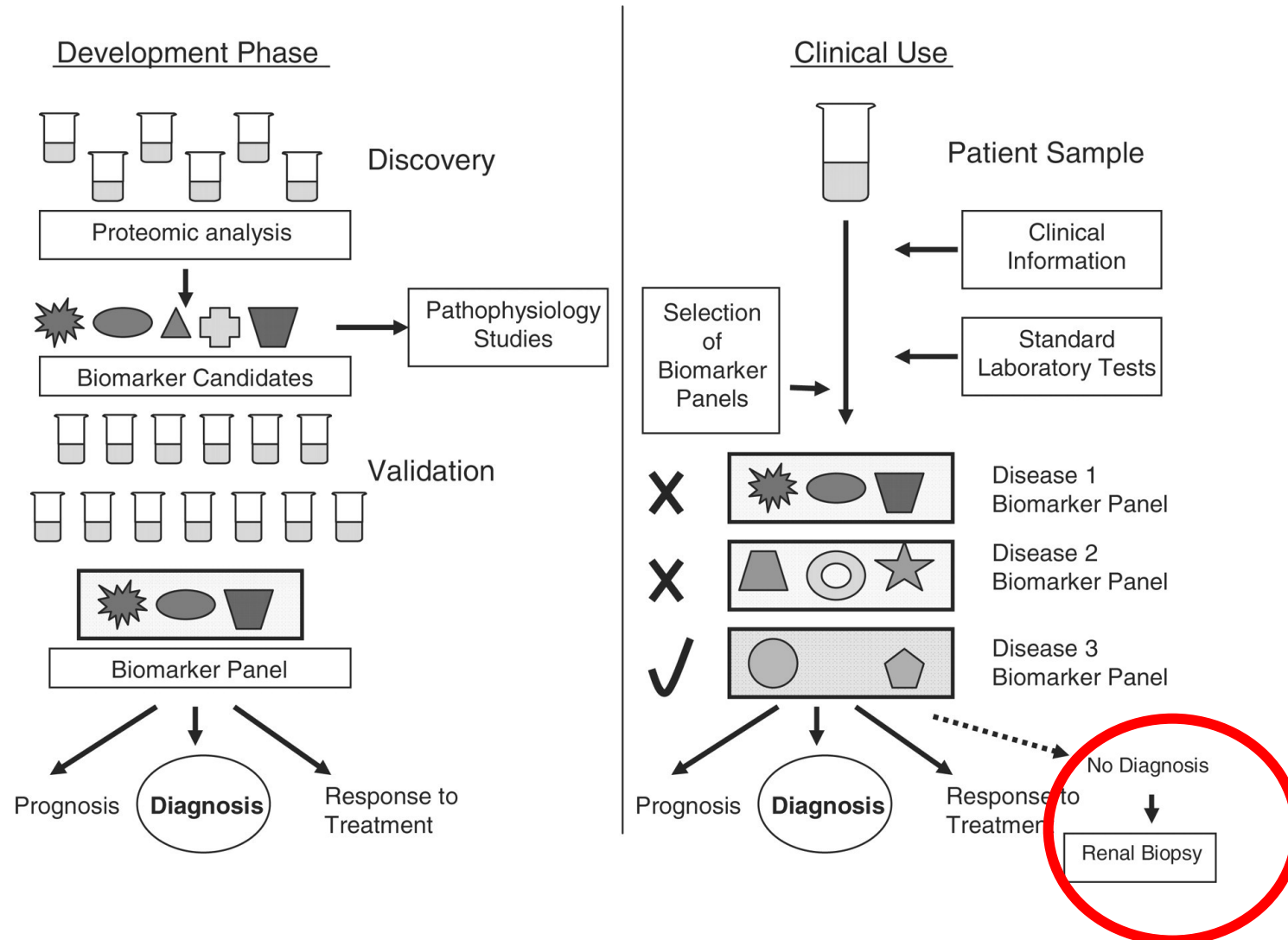
Proteins



Metabolites



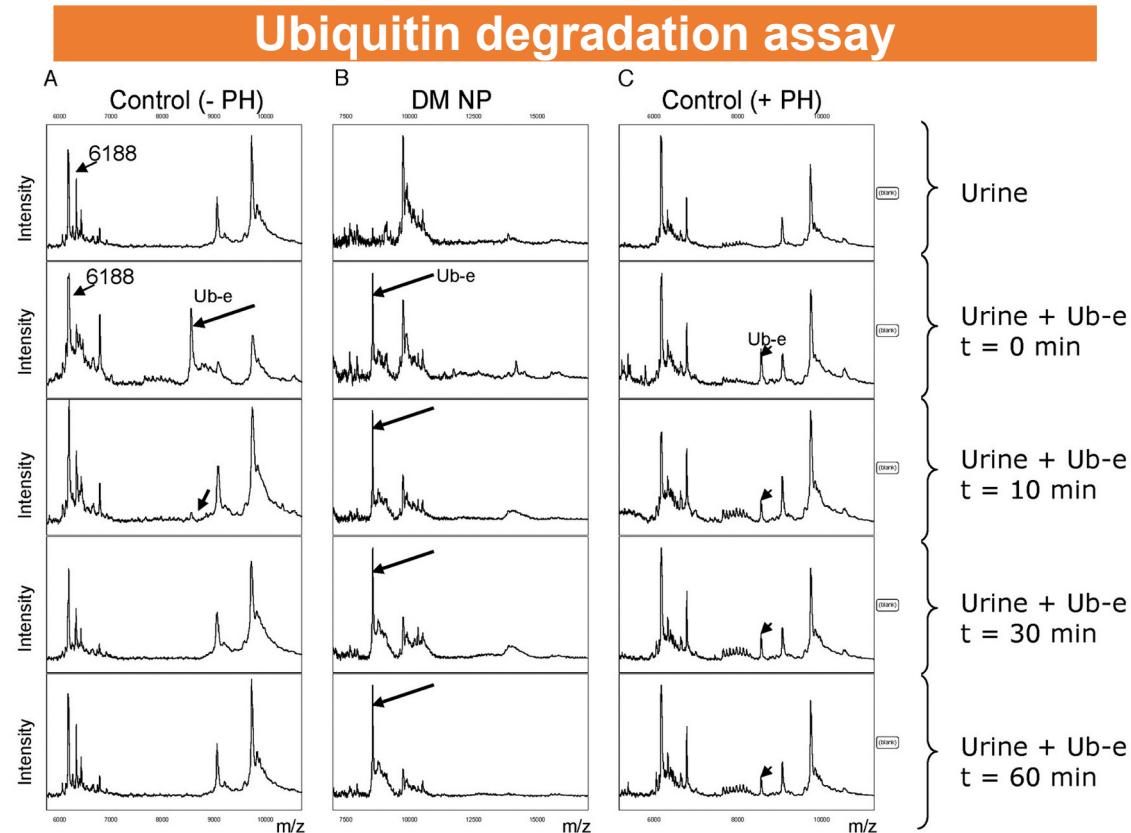
# Schema of translation of urinary proteomics into clinical practice





# Characterization of Diabetic Nephropathy by Urinary Proteomic Analysis: Identification of a Processed Ubiquitin Form as a Differentially Excreted Protein in Diabetic Nephropathy Patients

Hassan Dihazi et al. *Clinical Chemistry* 2007; 53: 1636-1645



In summary, in this pilot study we identified 3 different proteins that were differentially excreted in the urine of diabetic nephropathy patients compared with the other groups. A processed form of ubiquitin with  $m/z$  6188 was missed in the urine of diabetic nephropathy patients.

**This ubiquitin form could be used as a prognosis marker for DM-NP. Quantification of this protein during the progressive disease course in the DM-NP patients will give interesting information on the development of the diseases and serve as a good marker for prognosis.**

# ARIC, Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities; CRIC, Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort; CKD, chronic kidney ...

## Key Question

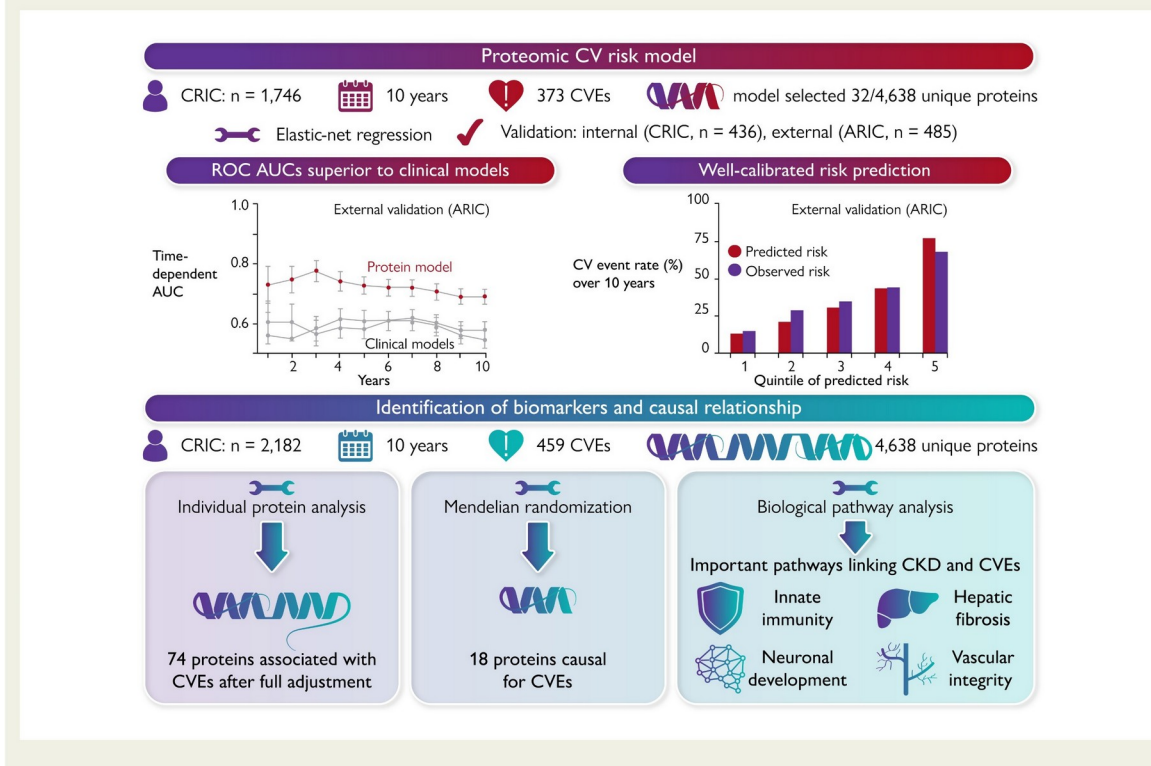
Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is widely prevalent and increases the risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk prediction algorithms have not been developed specifically for CKD patients. Can proteomics identify CKD patients at high risk for cardiovascular disease?

## Key Finding

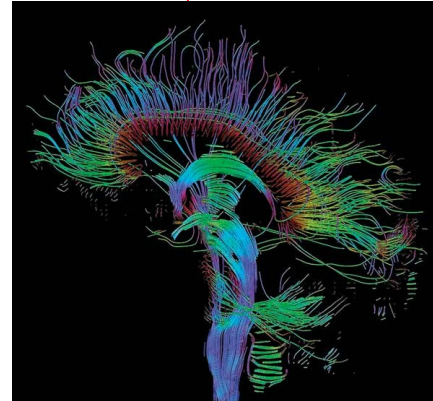
After measuring nearly 5,000 proteins in 2,667 participants with CKD from two different longitudinal cohorts, an elastic-net regression was used to develop a 32-protein risk model. The proteomic risk model surpassed clinical risk models for predicting incident cardiovascular disease.

## Take Home Message

Machine learning and large-scale proteomics can form the foundation for cardiovascular risk models among patients with CKD. Additional biological insights can help to prioritize the development of novel therapeutics.

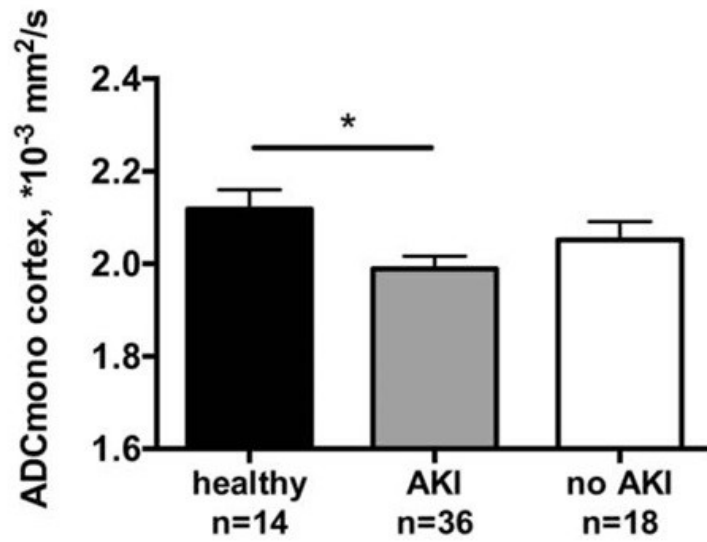


# DIAGNOSTICA, passato, presente , futuro

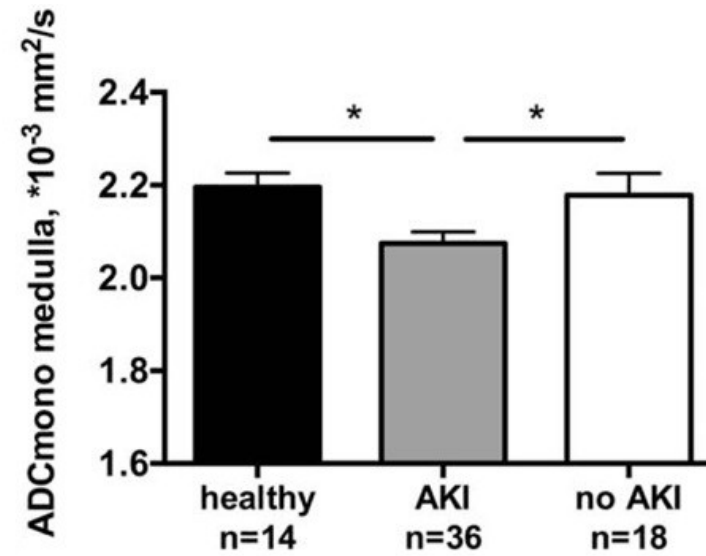




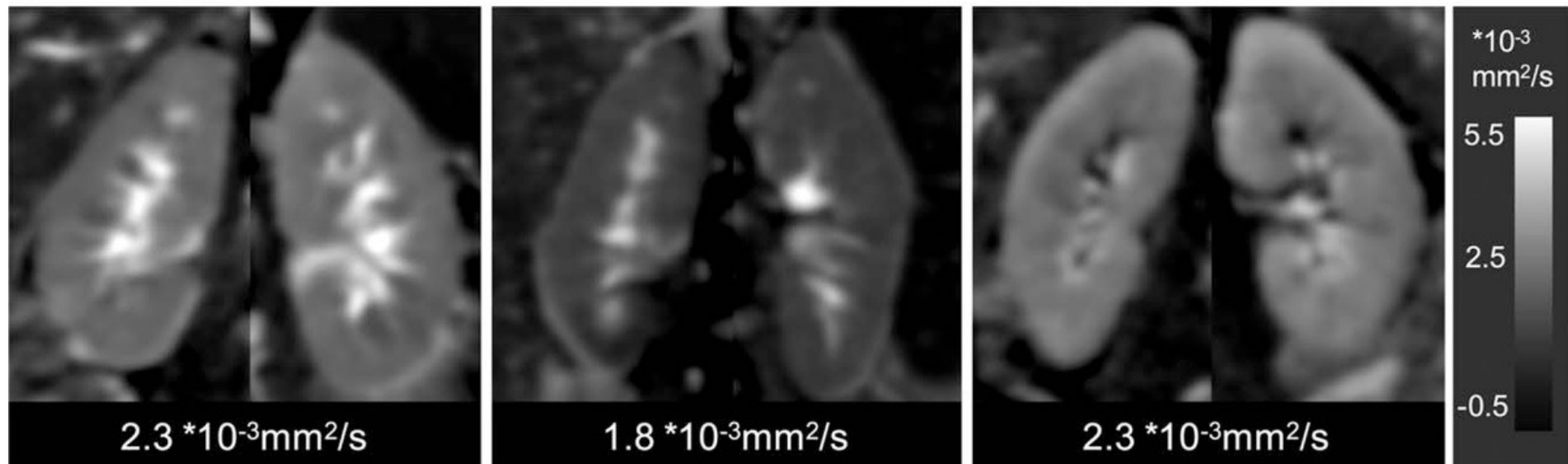
# Risonanza magnetica a diffusione



A



B



C

healthy

AKI

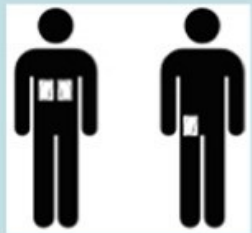
no AKI

# Diffusion-Magnetic Resonance Imaging predicts decline of kidney function in chronic kidney disease and in patients with a kidney allograft.

## Cohort

Is diffusion MRI predictive of renal function decline (>30% eGFR decline or dialysis initiation)?

197 patients



155 kidney allograft patients  
42 native kidney patients

## Methods

Patients underwent diffusion MRI ( $\Delta$ ADC) on the same week as the biopsy



MRI

+



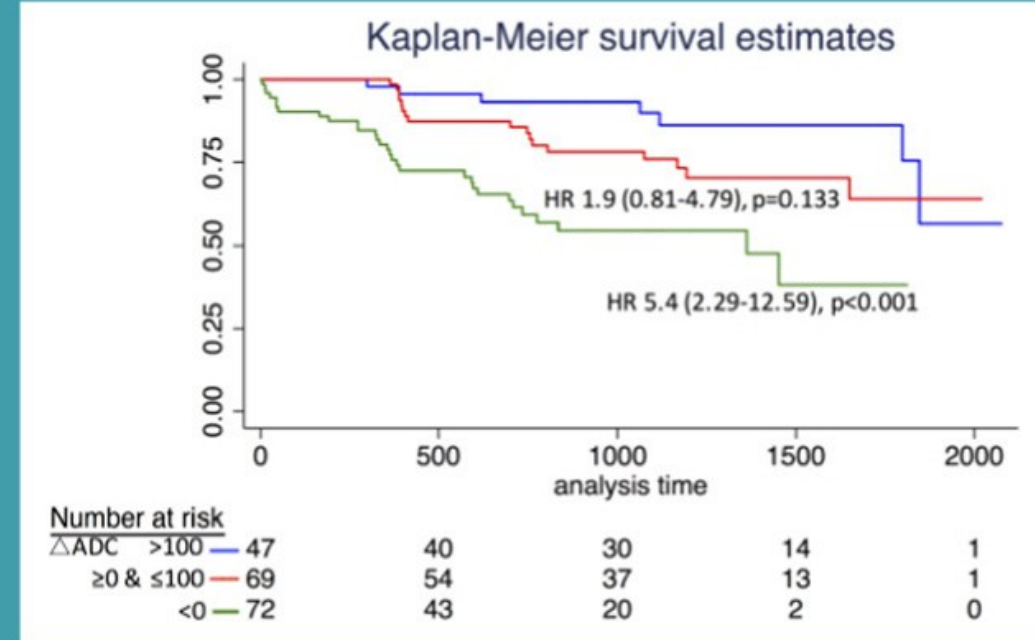
BIOPSY

Follow-up of 5 years

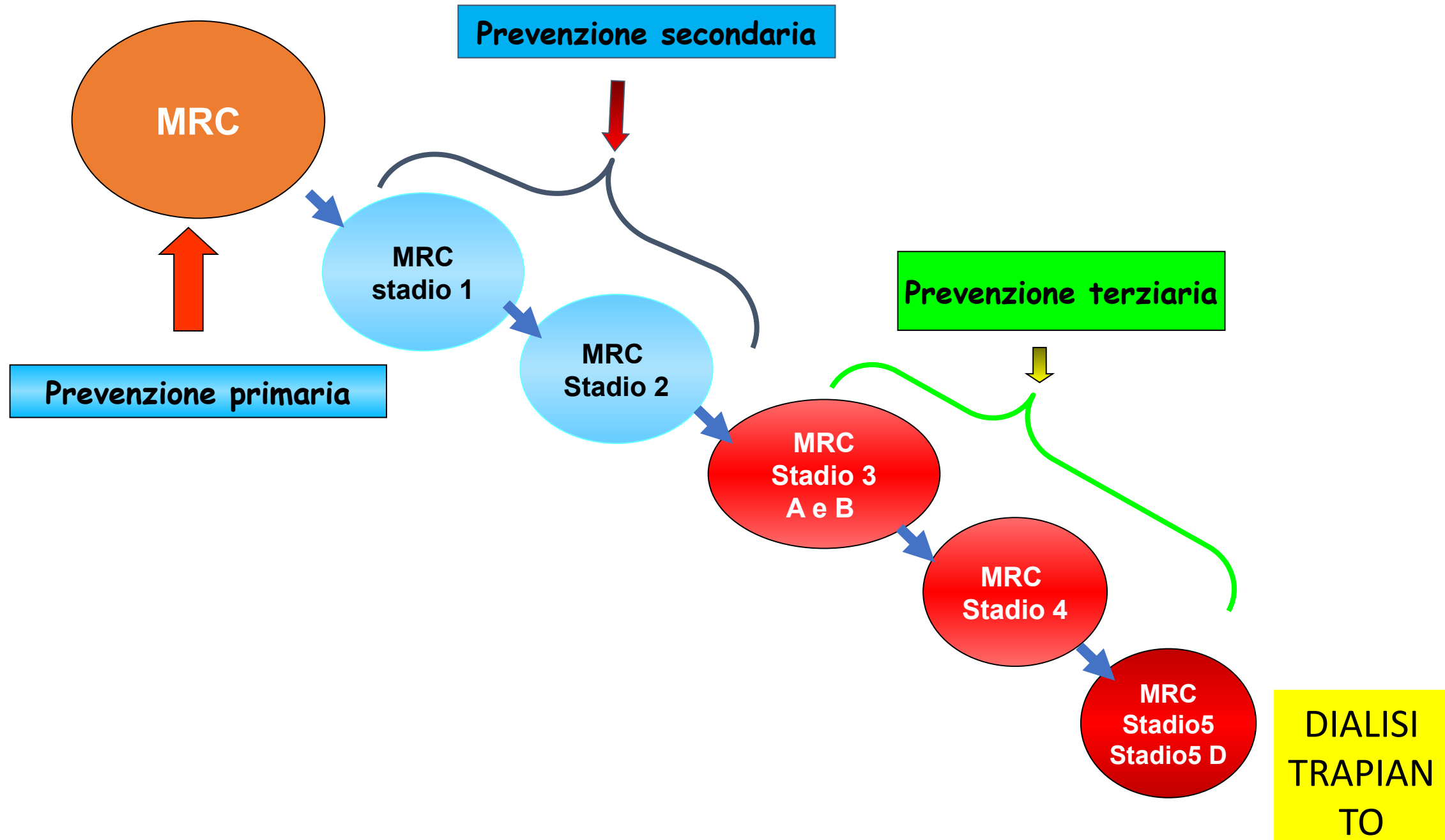
## Outcomes

Low  $\Delta$ ADC had 5.4 more risk of rapid decline of renal function or dialysis (95%CI 2.29-12.58;  $p < 0.001$ ).

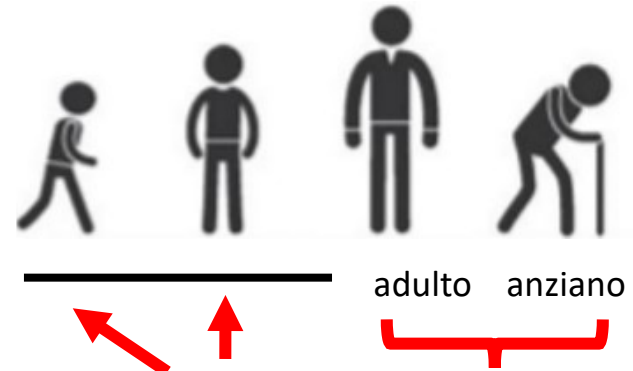
After correction for renal function at baseline and proteinuria, low  $\Delta$ ADC still predict decline of renal function with an HR of 4.62 (95%CI: 1.56-13.67,  $p < 0.001$ ).



**CONCLUSION: Low  $\Delta$ ADC is a predictor of renal function decline and dialysis initiation in CKD and kidney allograft patients, independent of baseline function and proteinuria.**



# La prevenzione primaria



Stile di vita salutare

adulto anziano

Corretta nutrizione (poco sale, non diete iperproteiche, preferire vegetali, ecc.)  
Evitare obesità  
Esercizio fisico regolare  
Evitare farmaci nefrotossici e fumo di sigarette  
Limitare alcol

Screening per MRC, DM, MCV  
Diagnosi precoce



# La prevenzione primaria nelle varie epoche della vita

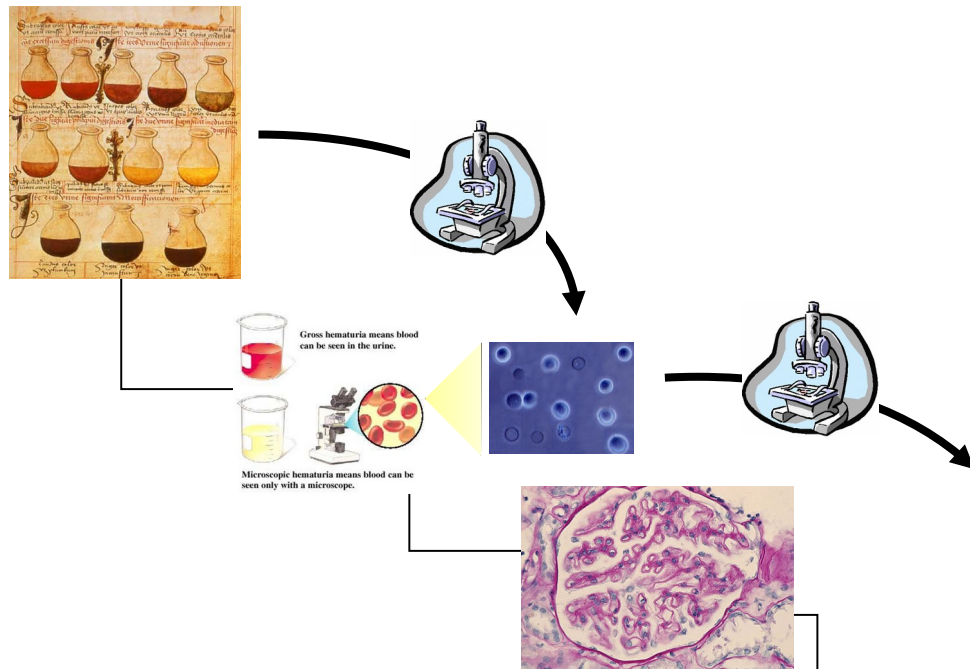


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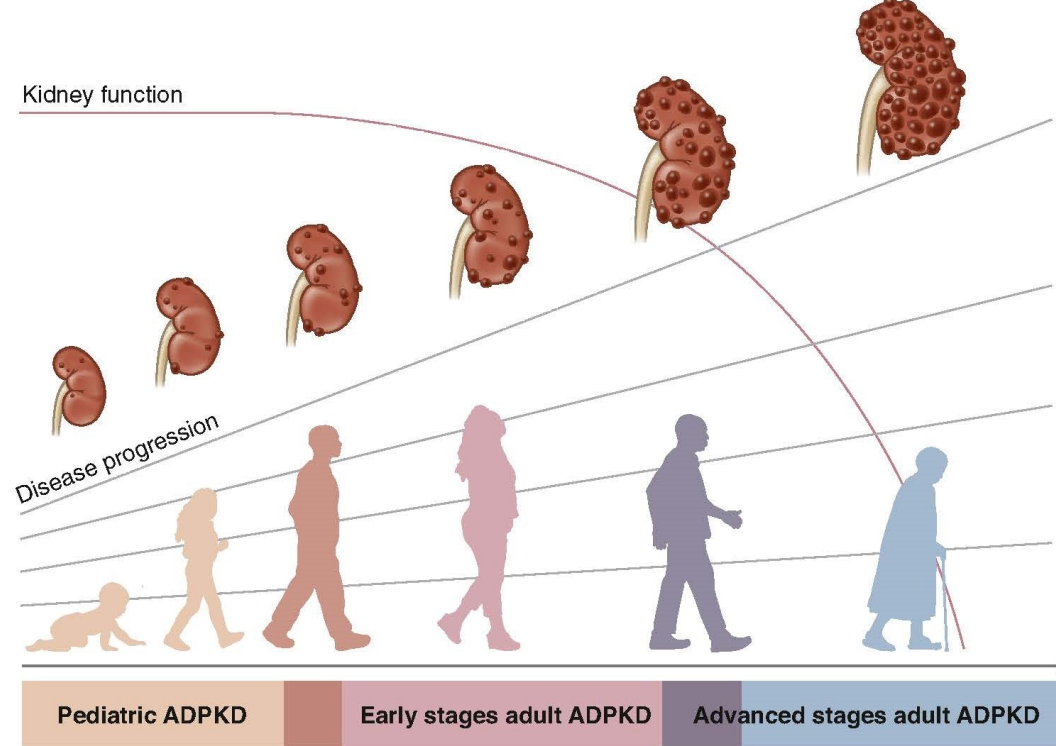


## Glomerulopatie Genetiche

Sindrome di Alport Ematuria, sordità, lenticono	COL4A5/4/3 Cr X e Cr 2	<i>XL,AR,AD</i> Collagene membrana basale
Fechtner Syndrome Trombocitopenia, anomalie piastriniche inclusioni leucocitarie	MYH9 Cr 22	<i>AD</i> Collagene membrana basale
BFH/TBMD Ematuria	COL4A4 Cr 2	<i>AD</i> Collagene membrana basale
Nail Patella Syndrome Ipoplasiya unghie, rotula, proteinuria, ematuria	LMX 1B Cr 9	<i>AD</i> Fattore di trascrizione
Sindrome nefrosica congenita (Tipo finlandese)	NPSH1 Cr 19	<i>Ar</i> Nefrina
Sindrome nefrosica resistente agli steroidi	NPHS2 Cr 1	<i>Ar</i> Podocina
Glomerulosclerosi focale segmentaria familiare FSGS	ACTN4 Cr 19	<i>AD</i> Alfa Actina 4

# Malattie cistiche renali

<b>Rene Policistico dell'adulto</b>	<b>PKD1.2 Cr 16 e Cr 4</b>	<b>AD Policistina 1 e 2</b>
<b>Rene Policistico Infantile</b>	<b>PKHD1 Cr 6</b>	<b>AR</b>
<b>Sclerosi Tuberosa Adenoma sebaceo, epilessia, Ritardo mentale, angioliomi renali</b>	<b>TSC1 Cr 9</b>	<b>AD Amartina</b>
<b>Von Hippel Lindau Emangioblastomi, feocromocitoma, Carcinoma renale</b>	<b>VHL Cr 3</b>	<b>AD Tumor suppressor</b>
<b>Malattia Cistica Midollare</b>	<b>NPHP1 Cr 2</b>	<b>Ar Nefrocistina</b>
<b>Nefronoftsi giovanile</b>	<b>NPHP2 Cr 9</b>	<b>AD</b>
<b>Nefronoftsi adolescenziale</b>	<b>NPHP3 Cr 3</b>	<b>AD</b>



<b>Patient stratification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very early onset, genetics, hypertension</li> <li>• No available stratification scores</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age, genetics, urological events, hypertension</li> <li>• Stratification according to Mayo classification/PRO-PKD score</li> </ul>	
<b>Current primary end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urine osmolarity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HtTKV</li> <li>• eGFR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eGFR</li> <li>• HtTKV</li> </ul>
<b>Current secondary end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HtTKV</li> <li>• eGFR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urine osmolarity</li> <li>• Number of cysts</li> <li>• Copeptin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copeptin</li> <li>• Liver cysts</li> </ul>
<b>Potential end points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texture/segmentation imaging</li> <li>• Number of cysts</li> <li>• Hypertension</li> <li>• uMCP1</li> <li>• PRO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Texture/segmentation imaging/ liver cysts</li> <li>• uMCP1/uEGF/suPAR/Kim-1/β2 microglobulin/NGAL/ FGF23</li> <li>• Urine-to-plasma urea ratio</li> <li>• PRO/pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRO/pain/QoL</li> <li>• Liver cysts</li> </ul>
<b>Future directions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Bridging biomarkers”: proteomic PKD score, microRNAs, and proteins in urinary extracellular vesicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prediction modeling</li> </ul>	



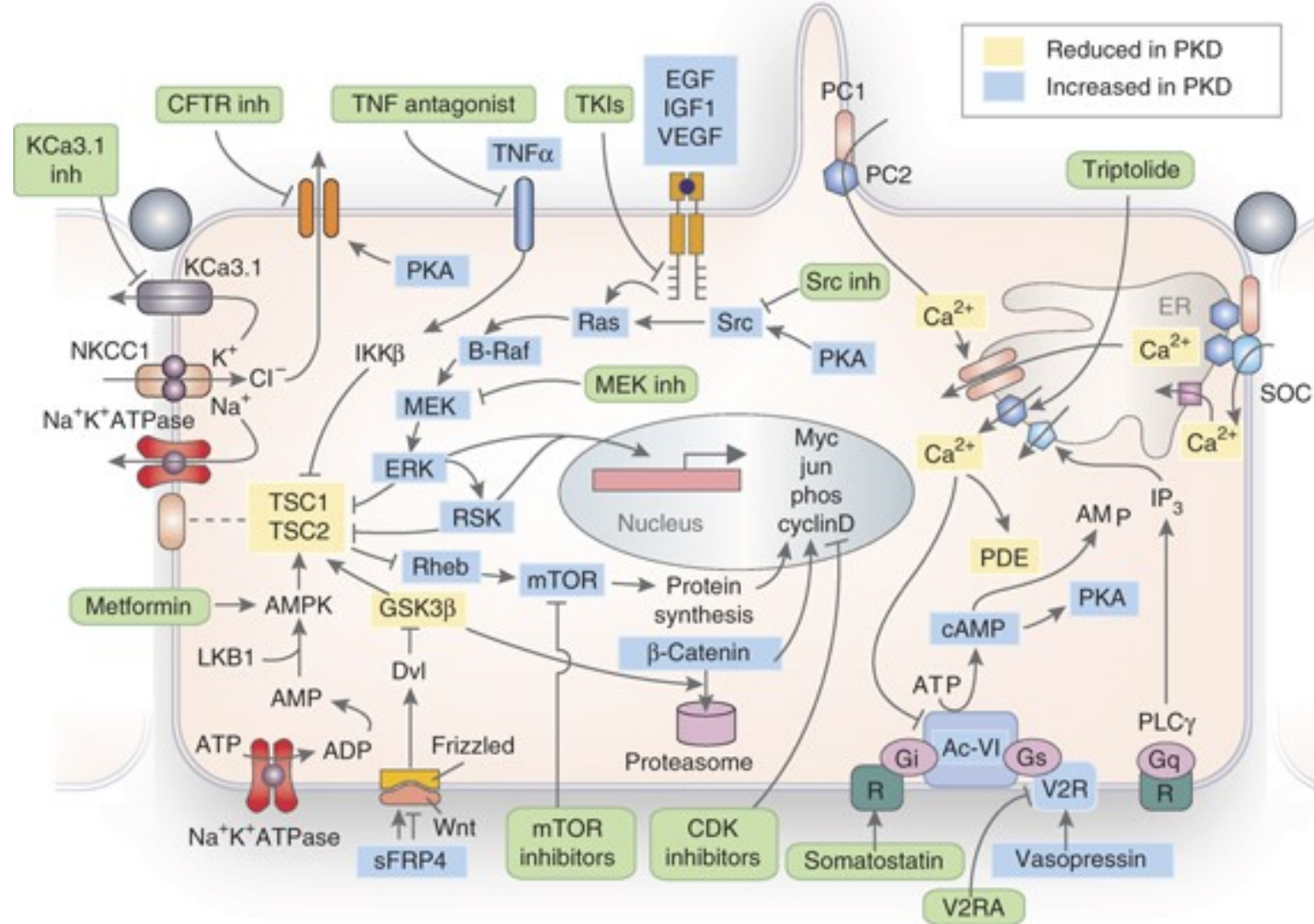


Diagramma raffigurante le vie putative up- o down-regulated nella malattia del rene policistico e il rationale per il trattamento con antagonisti del recettore V2, somatostatina, triptolide; tirosina chinasi, src, MEK, TNF, mTOR o inibitori CDK; metformina e inibitori CFTR o KCa3.1

*Ma genetica a parte, come mai alcuni di noi sono più propensi a sviluppare una malattia renale o una patologia cardiovascolare ?*

# THE INFLUENCE OF OUR LIFE AS A FETUS



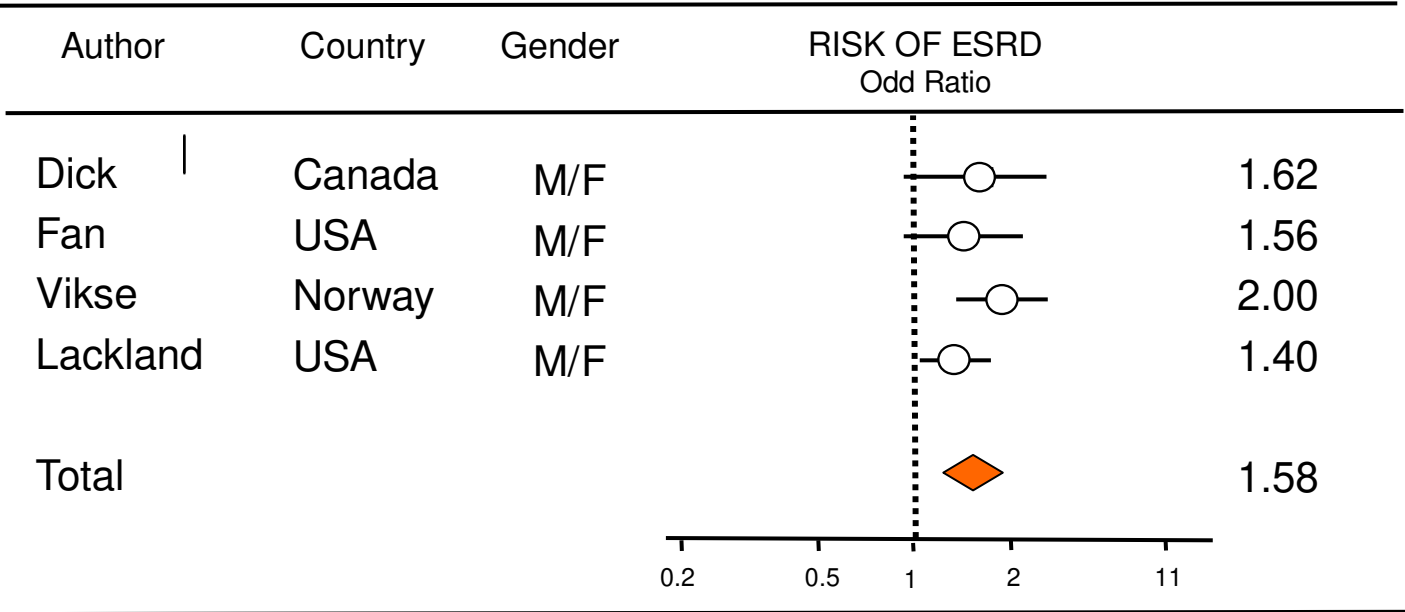
**La prevenzione primaria non inizia in età adulta !!!**





# LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INCREASES THE RISK OF ESRD

Meta-analysis of 31 cohort or case-control studies including over 2 million individuals



Low Birth Weight (< 2500g) is associated with 70 % greater risk of CKD\* in later life compared to normal birth weight

\*CKD defined as: albuminuria, eGFR< 60ml/min/1.73m2 or ESRD

# RISK OF ANY RENAL DISEASE ACCORDING TO BIRTH WEIGHT AND GESTATIONAL AGE

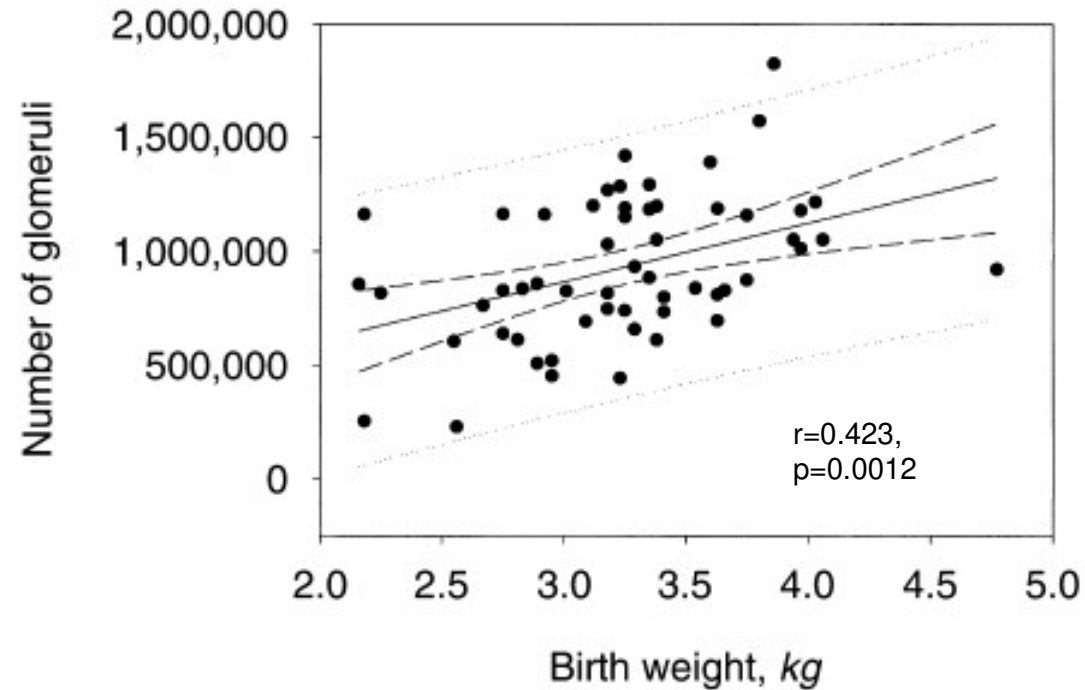
20,431 men and women born during 1924-1944 in the Helsinki Birth Cohort Study

		Hazard Ratio
Birth weight (kg)	≤ 2.0	1.6
	2.5	1.3
	3.0	1.2
	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>
	4.0	0.9
	4.5	0.7
	> 4.5	0.4
Gestational age at delivery (completed weeks)	≤ 33	2.6
	34-36	1.0
	37-38	0.7
	<b>39-40</b>	<b>1.0</b>
	≥ 41	1.0

Osmond et al., 2016

# NEPHRON NUMBER CORRELATES WITH BIRTH WEIGHT IN HUMANS

Autopsy kidneys from 37 African Americans and 19 Caucasians including infants, children and adults

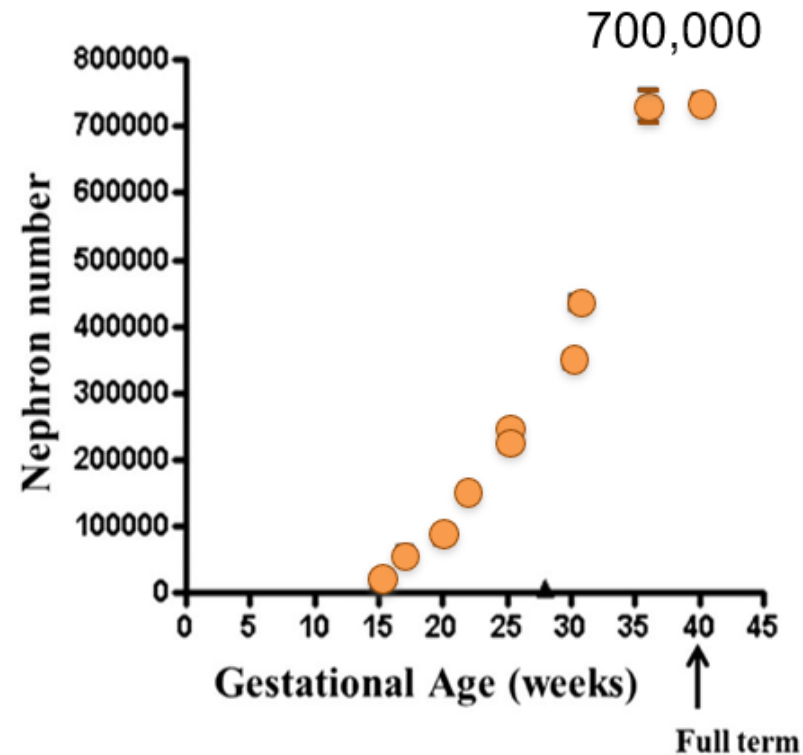


Regression coefficient predicts a gain of 257,426 glomeruli per kg increase in birth weight

Hughson et al., Kidney Int, 2003

# NEPHROGENESIS IN HUMANS IS COMPLETED BY 36 WEEKS OF GESTATION

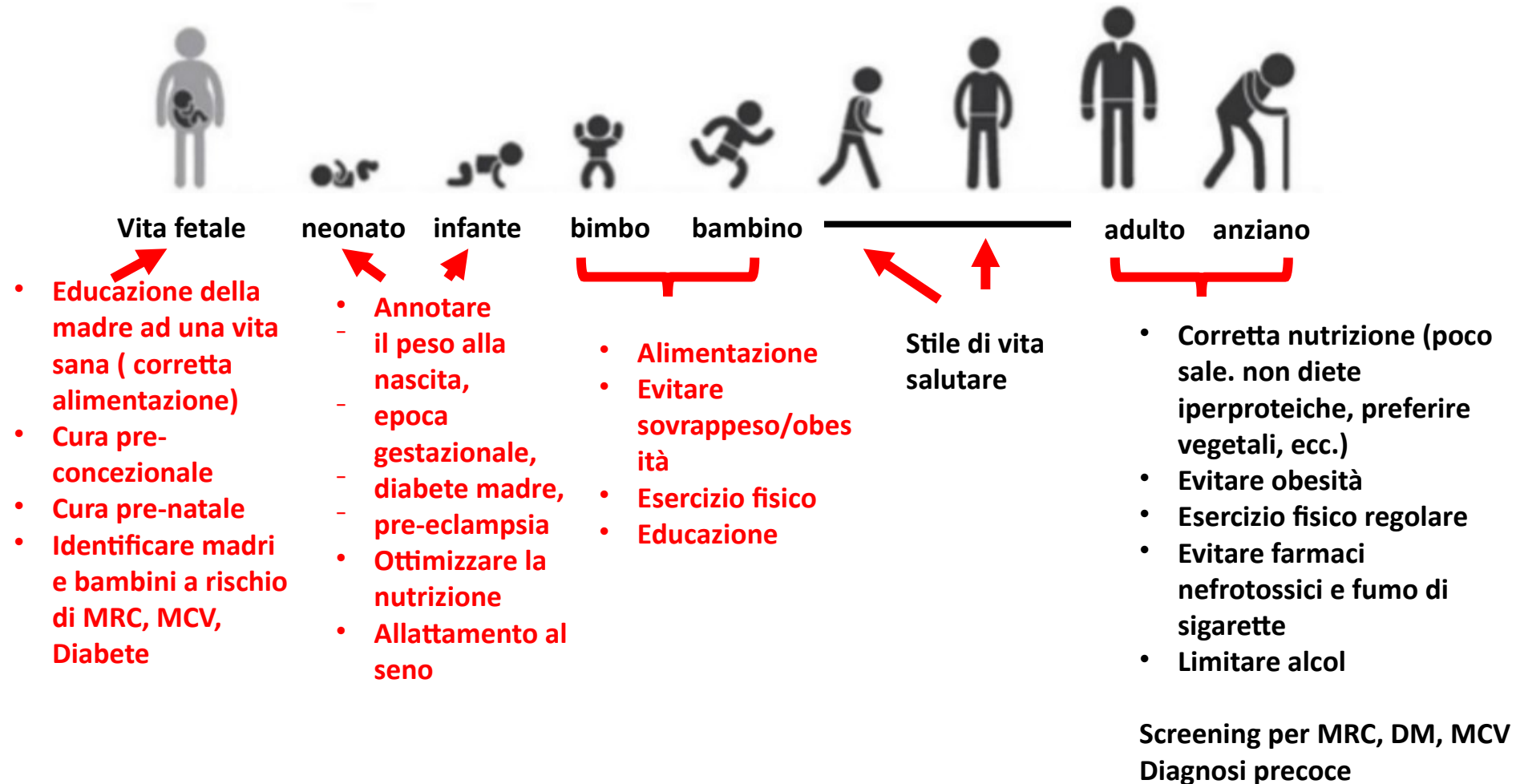
Nephron number estimation on pairs of human kidneys from 11 normal spontaneous second trimester abortions and stillbirths (15 to 40 weeks gestation)



Nearly 60 % of nephrons are developed in the third trimester



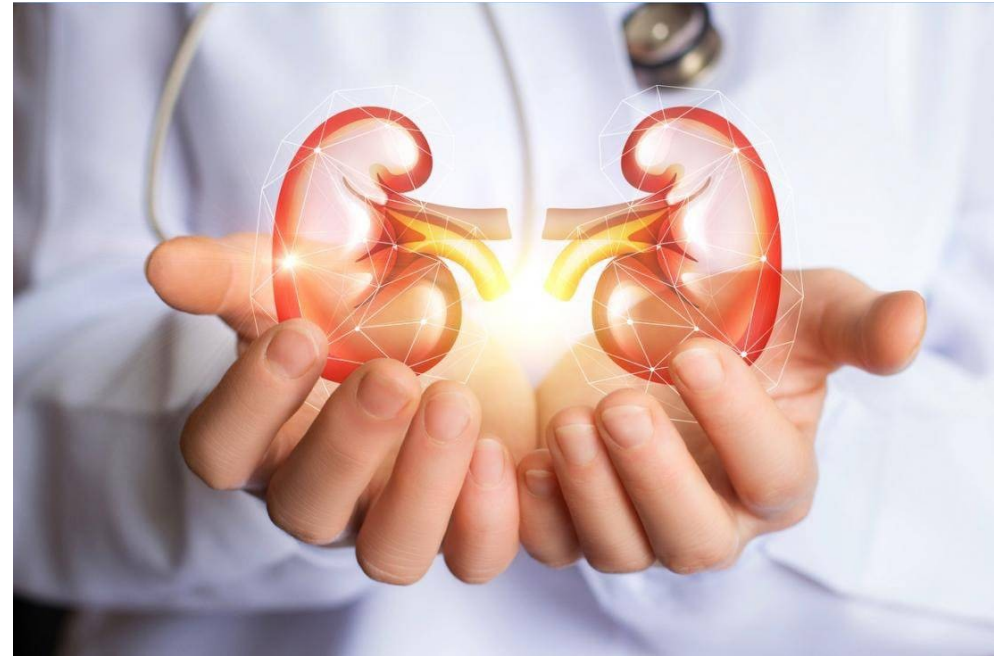
# La prevenzione nelle varie epoche della vita



# Prevenzione primaria in tema di Malattia Renale Cronica



Oltre 800 milioni di individui nel mondo hanno una certa forma di Malattia Renale



La Malattia Renale spesso non presenta sintomi sino allo stadio avanzato di malattia

PROIEZIONE DEL NUMERO DI PAZIENTI CHE AVRANNO  
NECESSITA' DI DIALISI

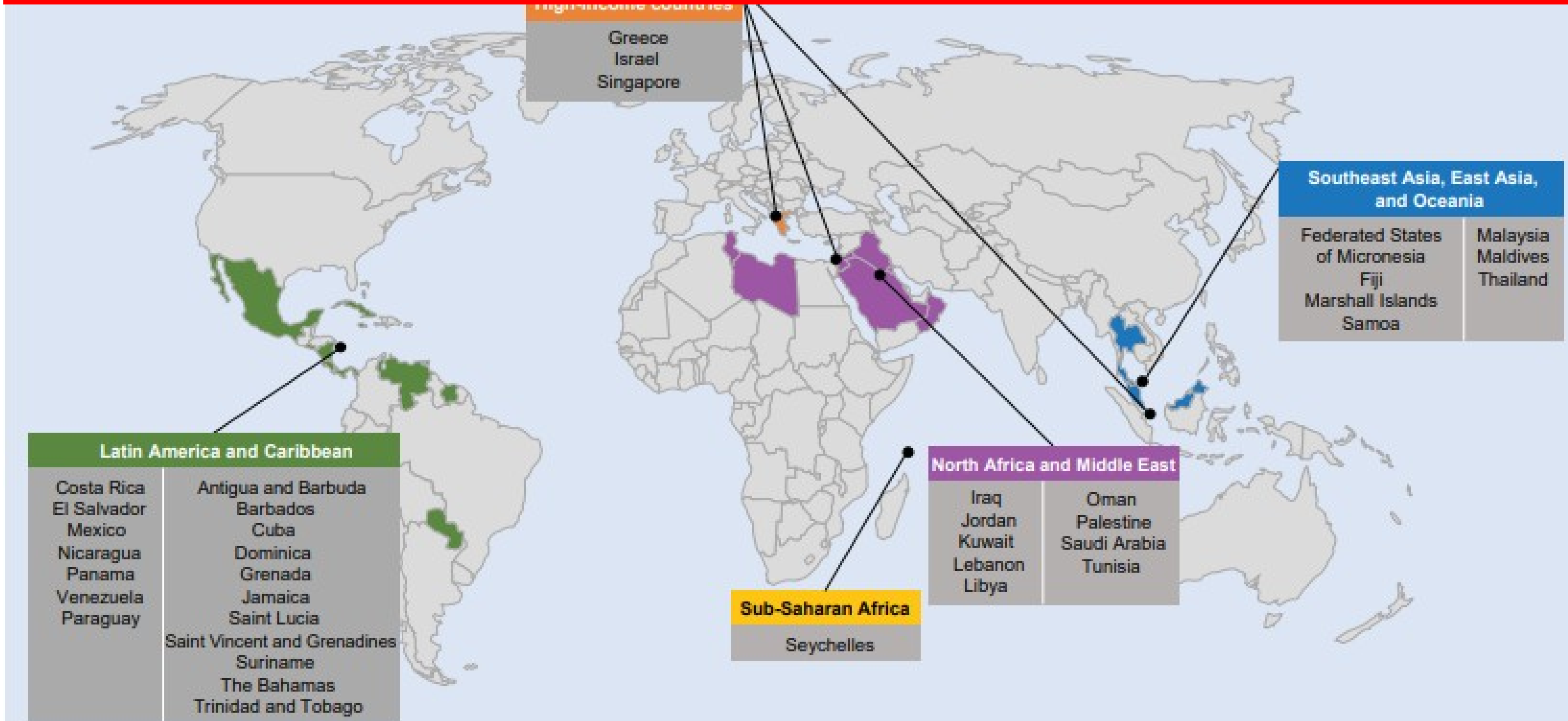


Lancet 2021

# Impatto socio-economico delle malattie renali

- 6.5 milioni di europei hanno una MRC
- Spese sostenute per la MRC: € 27 miliardi per anno
- 546,000 pazienti richiedono RRT
- Carenza di organi per il trapianto
- 16-18% di mortalità annua per i pazienti in dialisi cronica

# Regions and countries where chronic kidney disease is in the top 10 causes of years of life lost in 2013





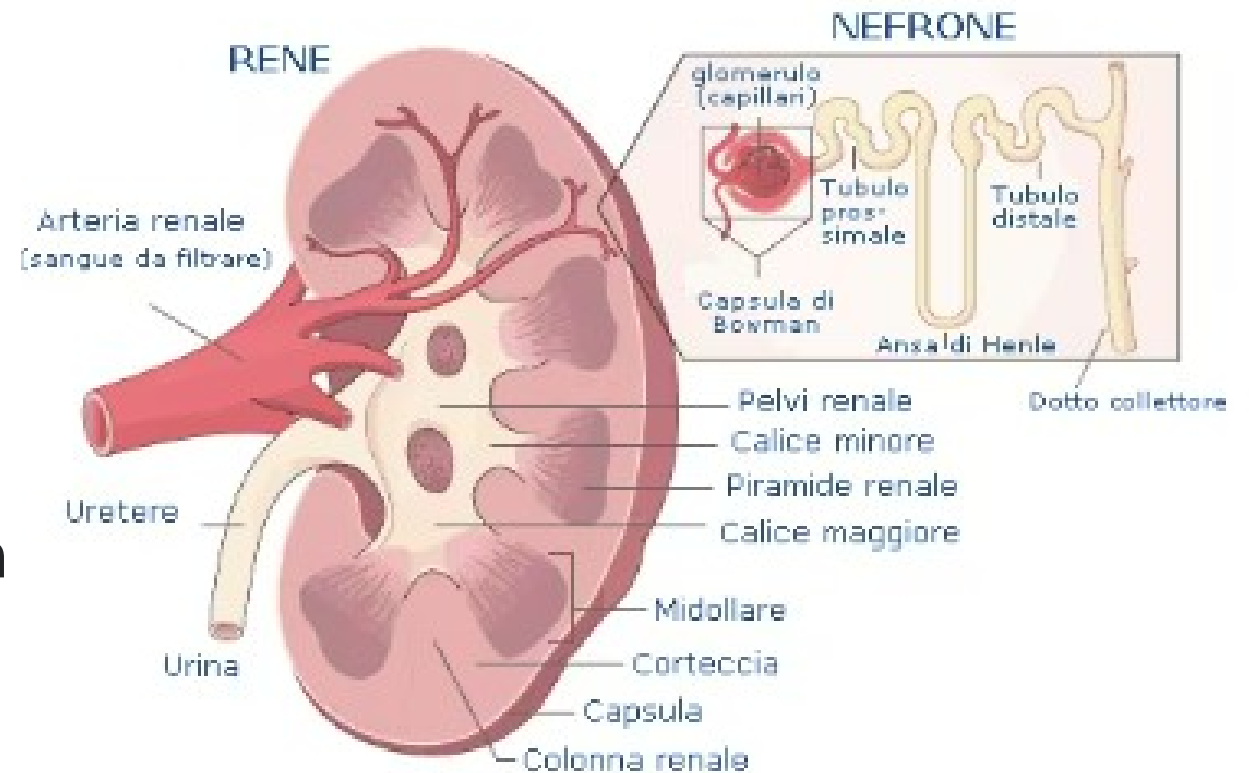
Solo attraverso  
la **prevenzione**  
delle malattie  
renali possiamo  
sperare in un  
mondo  
**“senza dialisi”**





## LE MALATTIE RENALI

- I calcoli renali;
- La pielonefrite;
- La glomerulonefrite;
- La sindrome nefrosica;
- La nefropatia diabetica;
- Il rene policistico;
- L'idronefrosi;
- L'insufficienza renale acuta
- La malattia renale cronica
- Il tumore al rene.



## Principali studi con novità nel 2020

PERL and CKD-FIX

Urate lowering in  
CKD

RACE

Correction factor  
in eGFR  
equation comes  
under scrutiny

ISCHEMIA - CKD

Optimal medical  
management is  
sufficient in CAD

COVID-19

And its impact on  
the Kidney

FIDELIO

Finrenone in DKD

PEXIVAS

PLEX and  
glucocorticoids  
In severe AAV

KIDNEY FIBROSIS

Origin of  
miofibroblasts

STARRT AKI

Early versus late  
dialysis in AKI

SuPAR

Predict AKI in  
Covid-19

DAPA-CKD

Dapaglifozin in  
diabetic and non  
diabetic CKD

## Principali studi con novità nel 2021

SSaSS trial

Potassium salt in HTN  
reduced stroke and  
mortality

AUTORA TRIAL

Vaclosporin in Lupus  
Nephritis

FIGARO

Cardiovascular outcomes  
of Finrenone in DKD

SUCCESSFUL PIG  
KIDNEY  
TRASPLANTED

into humans

CLICK TRIAL

Chlortalidone reduces  
BP  
In CKD

FLOZIN

In IgA subgroups  
In DAPA-CKD

NEW eGFR EQUATIONS

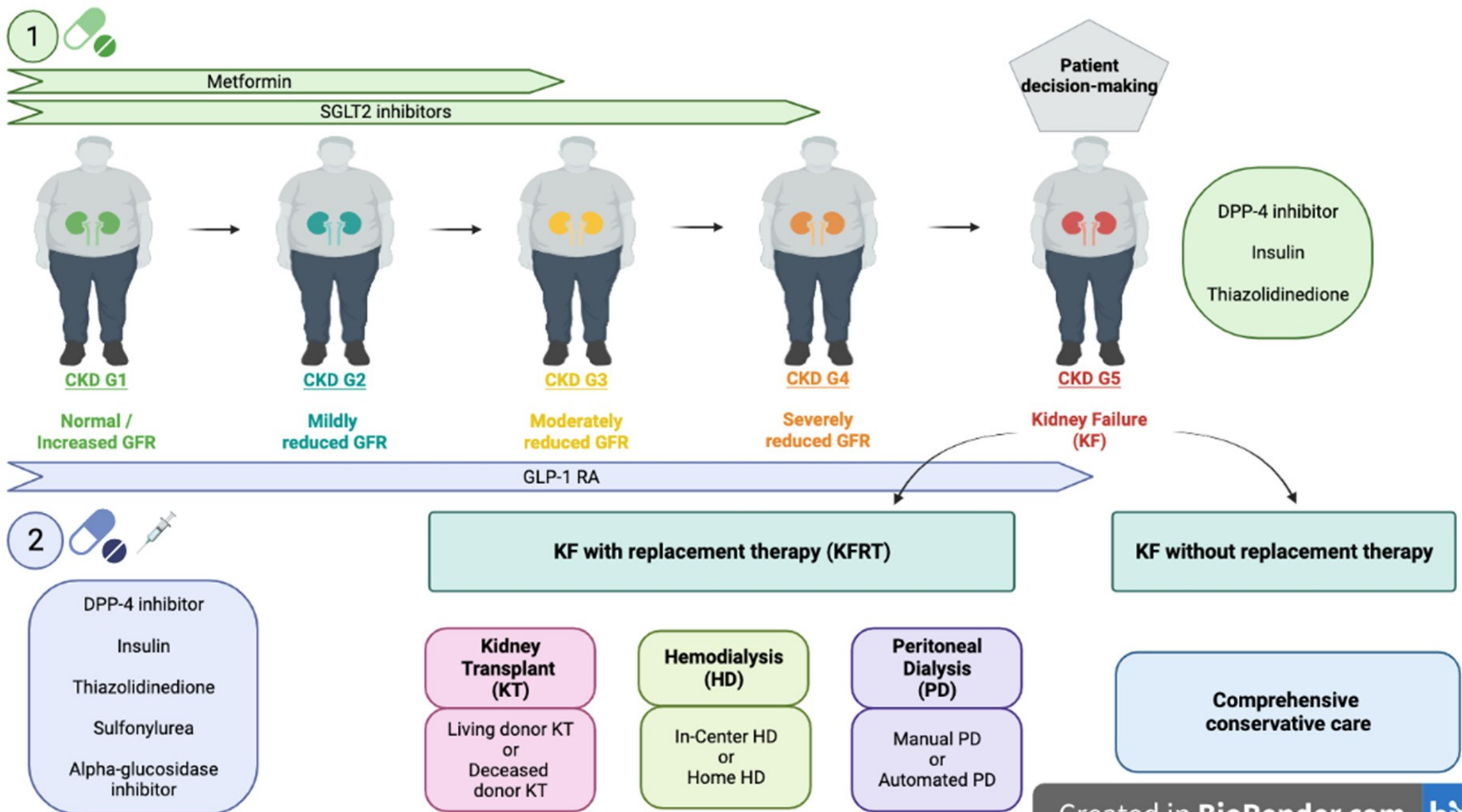
Removal of Race in eCGR

KDIGO UPDATE

In  
Glomerulonephritis

## Principali studi con novità nel 2022

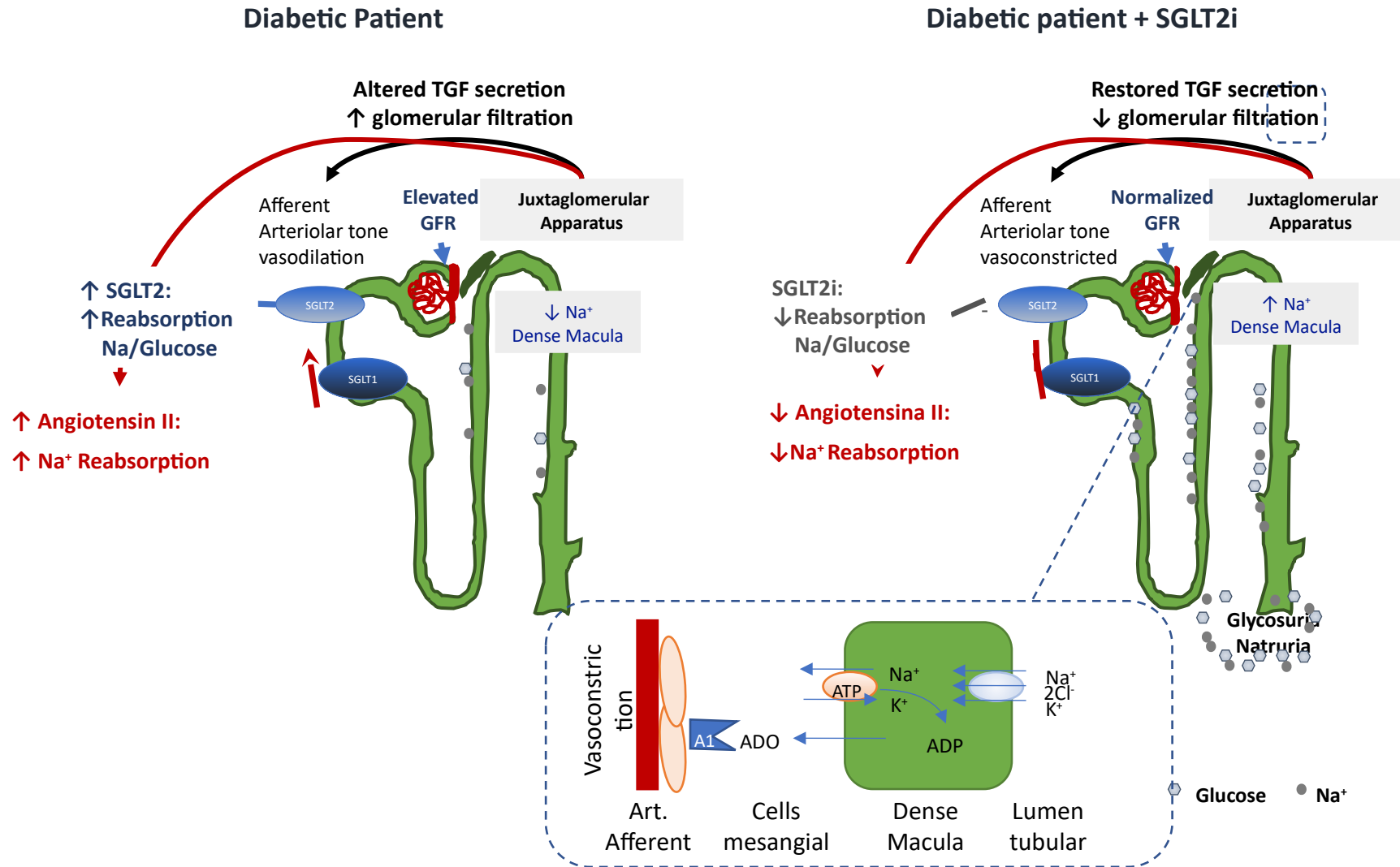
<b>EMPA-KIDNEY</b>  Flozins in progressive CKD	<b>ANTI-NEPHRIN ANTIBODIES</b>  In MCD	<b>STOP ACEi</b>  RAS inhibition in advanced CKD	<b>XENO PIG KIDNEY</b>  In decent humans
<b>CAR T</b>  In Lupus	<b>Testing 2</b>  Steroids in IgA	<b>DELIVER</b>  Flozins in HFpEF	<b>CHAP</b>  BP target in Pregnancy



# Mechanisms of action of SGLT2 inhibitors and their beneficial effects on the cardiorenal axis

Gronda E , Lopaschuk GD, Arduini A, Santoro A, et al.

Can J Physiol Pharmacol  
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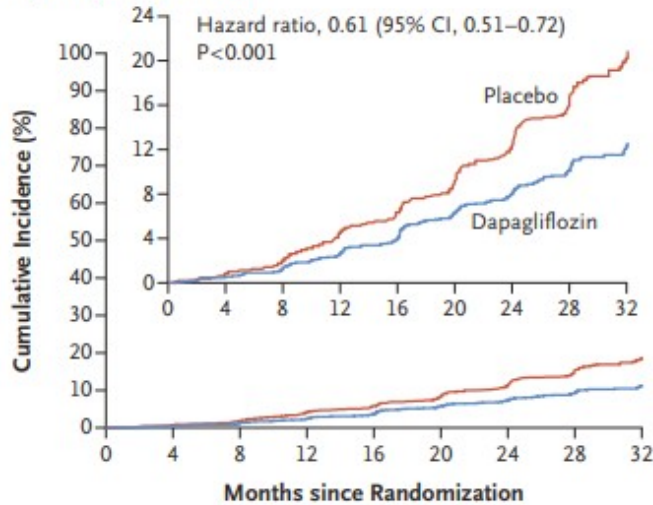
## Dapagliflozin in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

Hiddo J.L. Heerspink, Ph.D., Bergur V. Stefánsson, M.D.,

4304 participants with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) of 25 to 75 ml per minute per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> of body-surface area and a urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio of 200 to 5000 to receive dapagliflozin (10 mg once daily) or placebo. The primary outcome was a composite of a sustained decline in the estimated GFR of at least 50%, end-stage kidney disease, or death from renal or cardiovascular causes

Among patients with chronic kidney disease, regardless of the presence or absence of diabetes, the risk of a composite of a sustained decline in the estimated GFR of at least 50%, end-stage kidney disease, or death from renal or cardiovascular causes was significantly lower with dapagliflozin than with placebo.

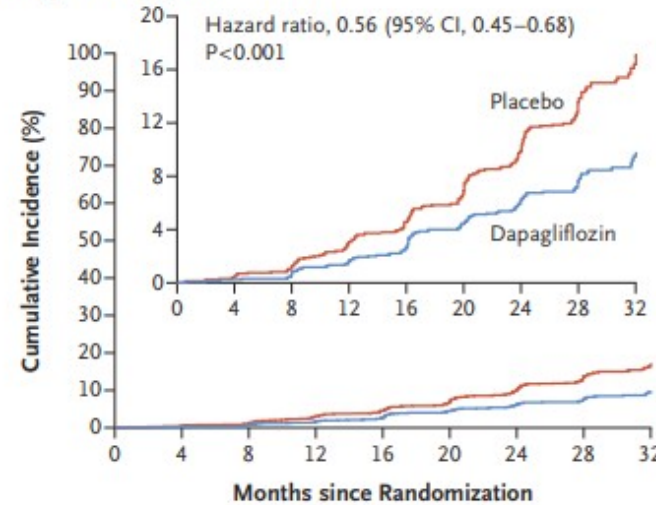
### A Primary Composite Outcome



#### No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

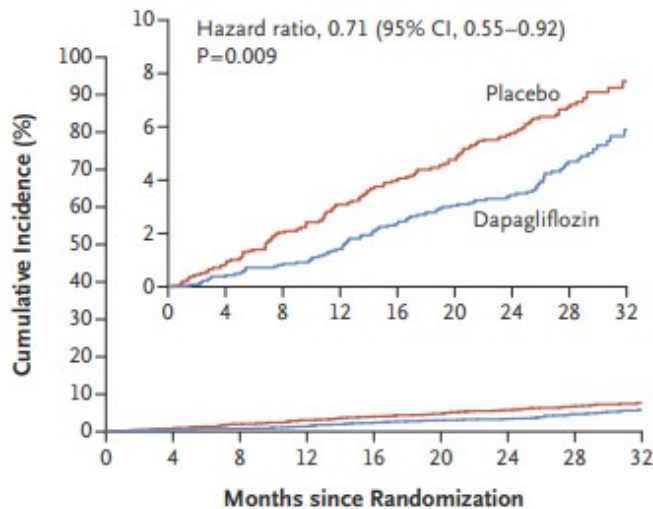
### B Renal-Specific Composite Outcome



#### No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

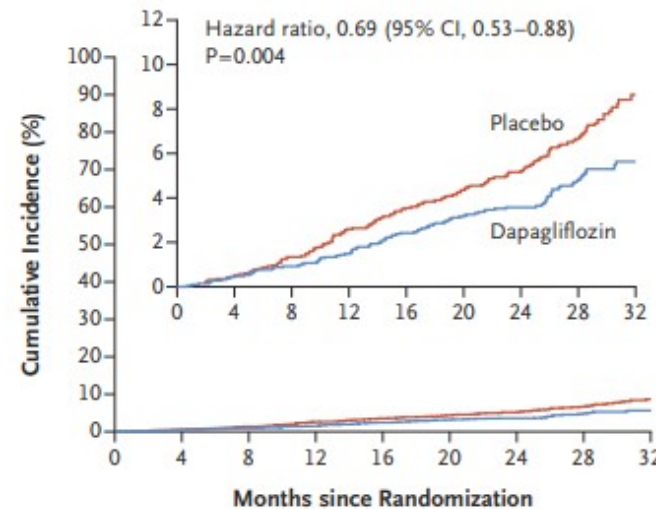
### C Composite of Death from Cardiovascular Causes or Hospitalization for Heart Failure



#### No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	2023	1989	1957	1927	1853	1451	976	360
Dapagliflozin	2152	2035	2021	2003	1975	1895	1502	1003	384

### D Death from Any Cause



#### No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	2035	2018	1993	1972	1902	1502	1009	379
Dapagliflozin	2152	2039	2029	2017	1998	1925	1531	1028	398

# Is Empagliflozin Beneficial in Patients With Variable Chronic Kidney Disease and Diabetes Status?

EMPA-KIDNEY Collaborative Group



6609 patients randomized



2-year follow up



eGFR  $\geq$  20-45 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  
or

eGFR  $\geq$  45-90 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  
and



Urine Albumin to creatinine ratio of > 200 mg/g

	Progressive CKD* or CV death	Hospitalization for CHF or CV death	Hospitalization any cause (per 100 patient yrs)
Placebo n=3305	16.9%	4.6%	29.2
Empagliflozin 10mg n=3304	13.1%	4.0%	24.8
	HR 0.72 (0.64-0.82) p< 0.001	HR 0.84 (0.67-1.07) p=0.15	HR 0.86 (0.78-0.95) p= 0.003

\*sustained 40% eGFR decline / eGFR <10 ml/min / ESKD



or



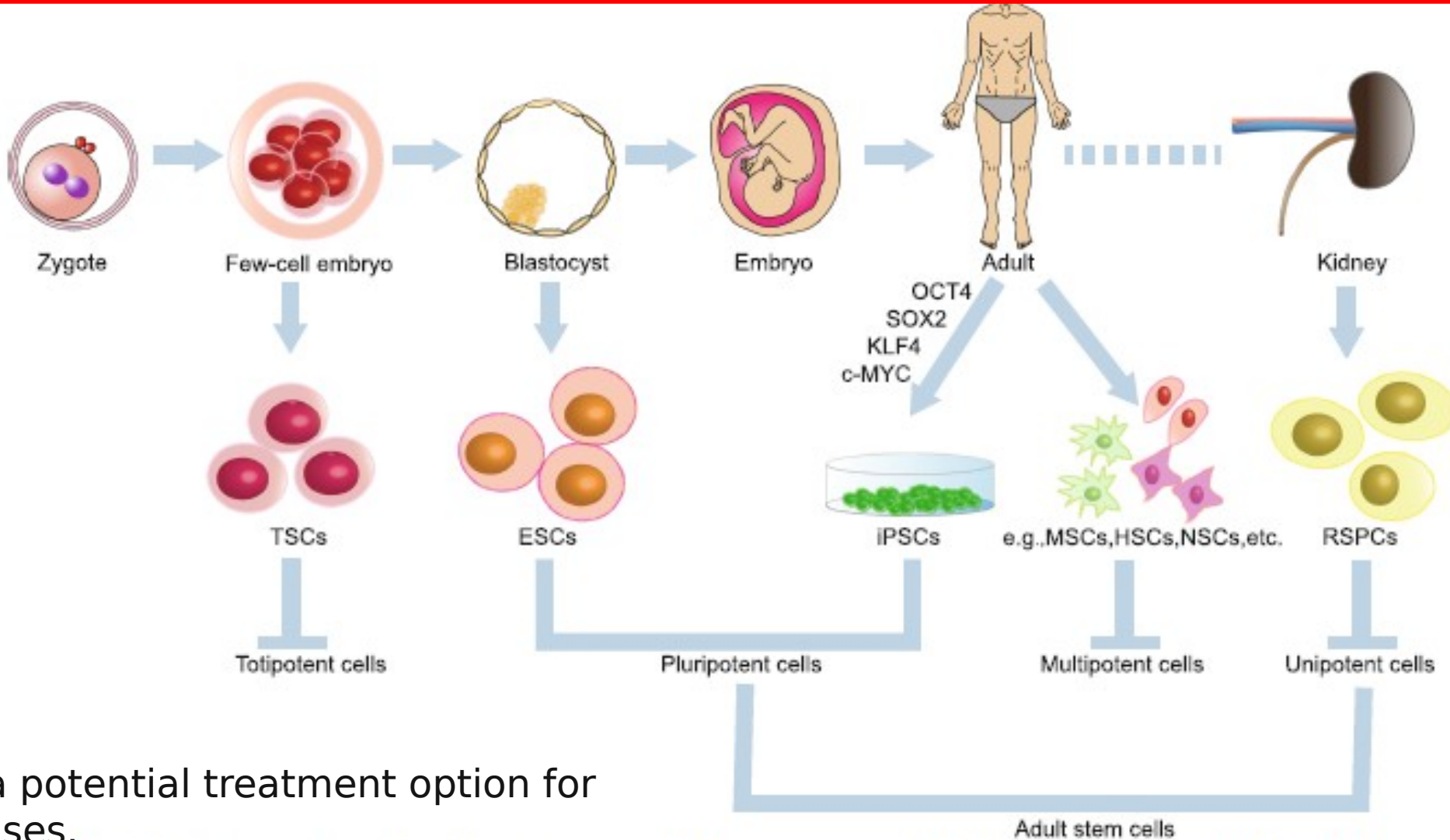
Results were consistent in patients with and without diabetes

Empagliflozin in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease: The EMPA-KIDNEY Collaborative Group. Herrington WG, Staplin N, Wanner C, et al. N Engl J Med. 2022 Nov 4. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2204233

**Conclusion:** Among a wide range of patients with CKD who were at risk for progression, empagliflozin therapy led to a lower risk of progression of CKD or death from cardiovascular causes than placebo.

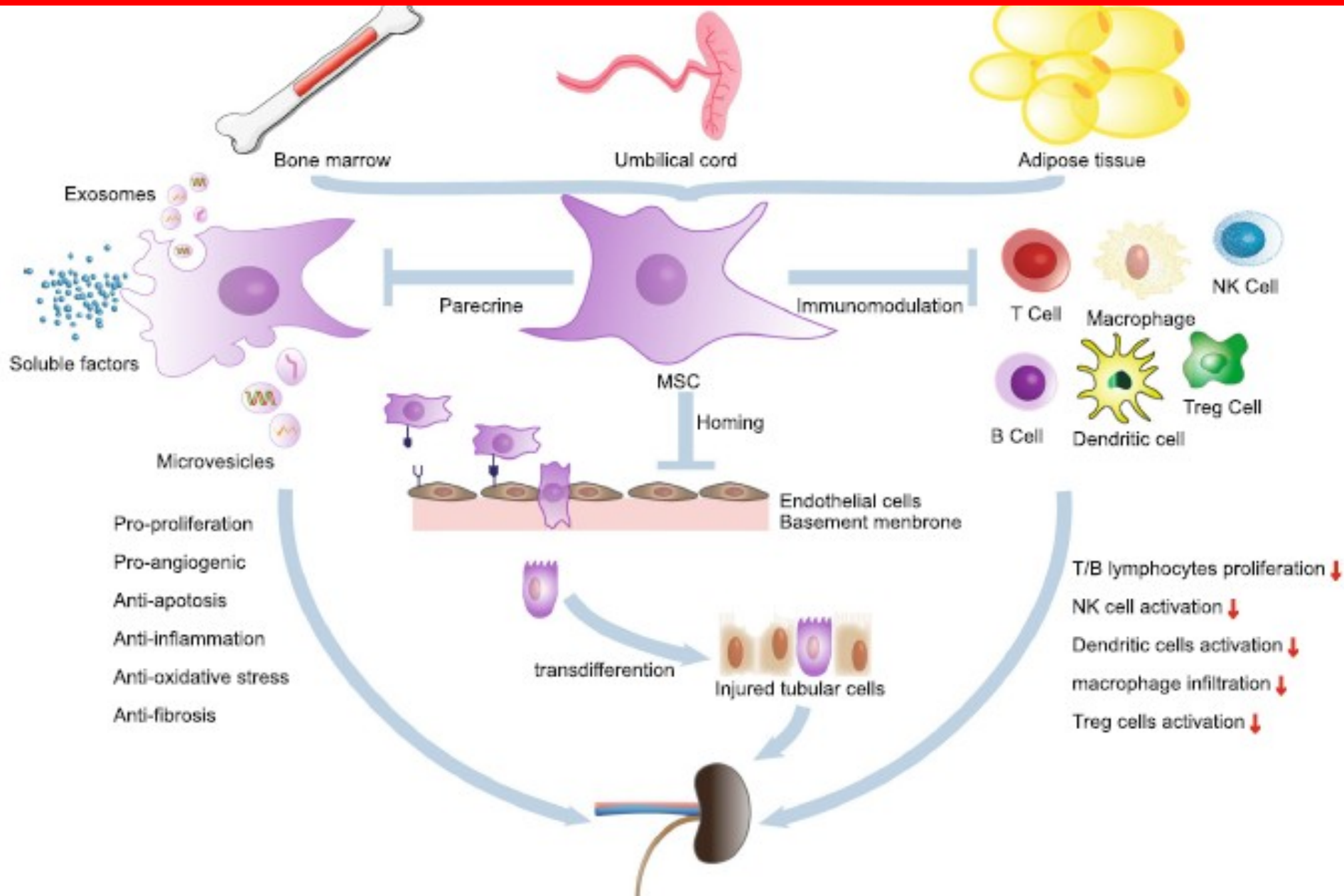


Classification of stem cells based on differentiation potential. TSCs, totipotent stem cells; ESCs, embryonic stem cells; iPSCs, induced pluripotent cells; MSCs, mesenchymal stem cells; HSCs, hematopoietic stem cells; NSCs, neural stem cells; RSPCs, renal stem/progenitor cells



Stem cells: a potential treatment option for kidney diseases.  
Liu et al. Stem Cell Research & Therapy (2020)

# The diverse mechanism of MSCs in the treatment of kidney diseases



# ***Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists comparison, structure, chemistry, distribution, and receptors affinity.***

	<b>Spironolactone</b>	<b>Eplerenone</b>	<b>Finerenone</b>
Chemistry	Steroidal		Non – steroidal, Dihydropyridine
Distribution	Higher concentrations in renal tissue in comparison to cardiac tissue.		Distributed relatively equally between the heart and the kidney.
Mineralocorticoid receptor	24	990	18
Glucocorticoid receptor	2400	22,000	>10,000
Androgen receptor	77	21,200	>10,000
Progesterone receptor	740	31,200	>10,000

**Finrenone : significant systolic BP reduction at highest dosage; greater protection from cardiac and renal injury and structural remodeling; stronger inhibition of renal expression of pro-inflammatory and pro-fibrotic markers.**

# Kidney outcomes with finerenone: an analysis from the FIGARO-DKD study

## Background

The aim was to evaluate the effects of finerenone on kidney outcomes in patients with CKD and T2D.

## Methods



**FIGARO-DKD trial (NCT02545049)**  
7437 patients with T2D and CKD



### Kidney composite outcomes:

Time to kidney failure, sustained  $\geq 40\%$ / $\geq 57\%$  decrease from baseline in eGFR over  $\geq 4$  weeks, or renal death



### CV composite outcome:

Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or hospitalization for HF

Acknowledgments: Funded by Bayer AG; FIDELIO-DKD

## Results

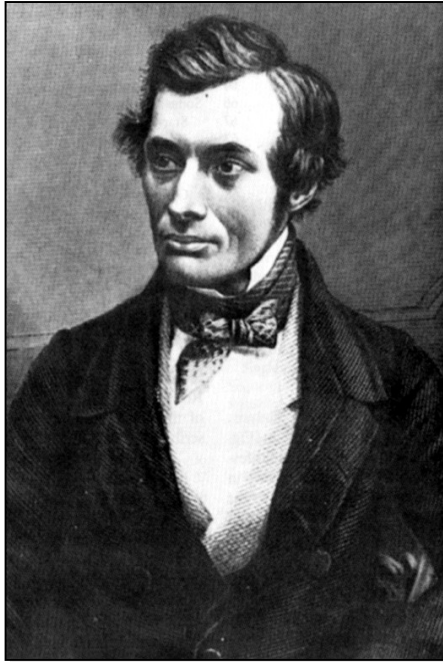
Outcome	Finerenone		Placebo		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Pinteraction
	n/N	n/N	n/100 PY	n/100 PY		
eGFR $\geq 40\%$ kidney composite						
UACR 30–<300 mg/g	145/1726 (8.4)	124/1688 (7.3)	2.63	2.30	1.16 (0.91–1.47)	0.02
UACR $\geq 300$ mg/g	201/1851 (10.9)	268/1878 (14.3)	3.83	5.02	0.74 (0.62–0.90)	
eGFR $\geq 57\%$ kidney composite						
UACR 30–<300 mg/g	34/1726 (2.0)	32/1688 (1.9)	0.60	0.58	1.05 (0.65–1.71)	0.37
UACR $\geq 300$ mg/g	73/1851 (3.9)	106/1878 (5.6)	1.35	1.92	0.69 (0.51–0.93)	
CV composite						
UACR 30–<300 mg/g	226/1726 (13.1)	251/1688 (14.9)	3.88	4.42	0.87 (0.73–1.04)	0.60
UACR $\geq 300$ mg/g	222/1851 (12.0)	254/1878 (13.5)	3.94	4.49	0.90 (0.75–1.08)	

## Conclusion

Finerenone protects against CV events and kidney disease progression in patients with T2D and early- or late-stage CKD.



# 1854: The Scientific Basis for Dialysis



Thomas Graham

1805 - 1869



*Glasgow Philosophical Society  
From the Author*

## PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS.

VII. THE BAKERIAN LECTURE.—*On Osmotic Force.*

*By THOMAS GRAHAM, F.R.S. &c.*

Received June 15,—Read June 15, 1854.

THE expression “Osmotic Force” (from *ὄσμη*, *impulsio*) has reference to the mose and exomose of DUTROCHET.

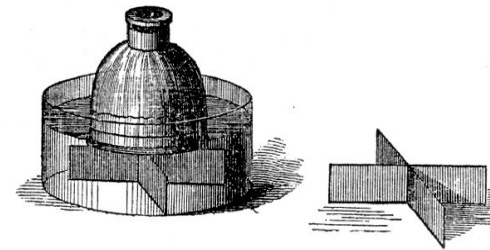
We may succeed in covering a solution of salt occupying the lower part of a jar by a stratum of pure water without much intermixture of the two liquids.

however, is thereby brought into action which carries up the salt in a gradual dispersing it and ultimately producing a uniform mixture of the salt with the volume of water. The molecules of salt have the liquid condition when in as well as those of water itself, and we have in the experiment the contact of different liquids, which must of necessity diffuse through each other, the molecules of a liquid being self-repellent, or subject to a force the same in kind but less in degree as that which gives to gases their elasticity and diffusibility.

The force of liquid diffusibility will still act if we interpose between the two liquids a porous sheet of animal membrane or of unglazed earthenware; for the pores of such a septum are occupied by water, and we continue to have an uninterrupted liquid communication between the water on one side of the septum and the saline solution on the other side.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London,  
144:177-228 (1854)

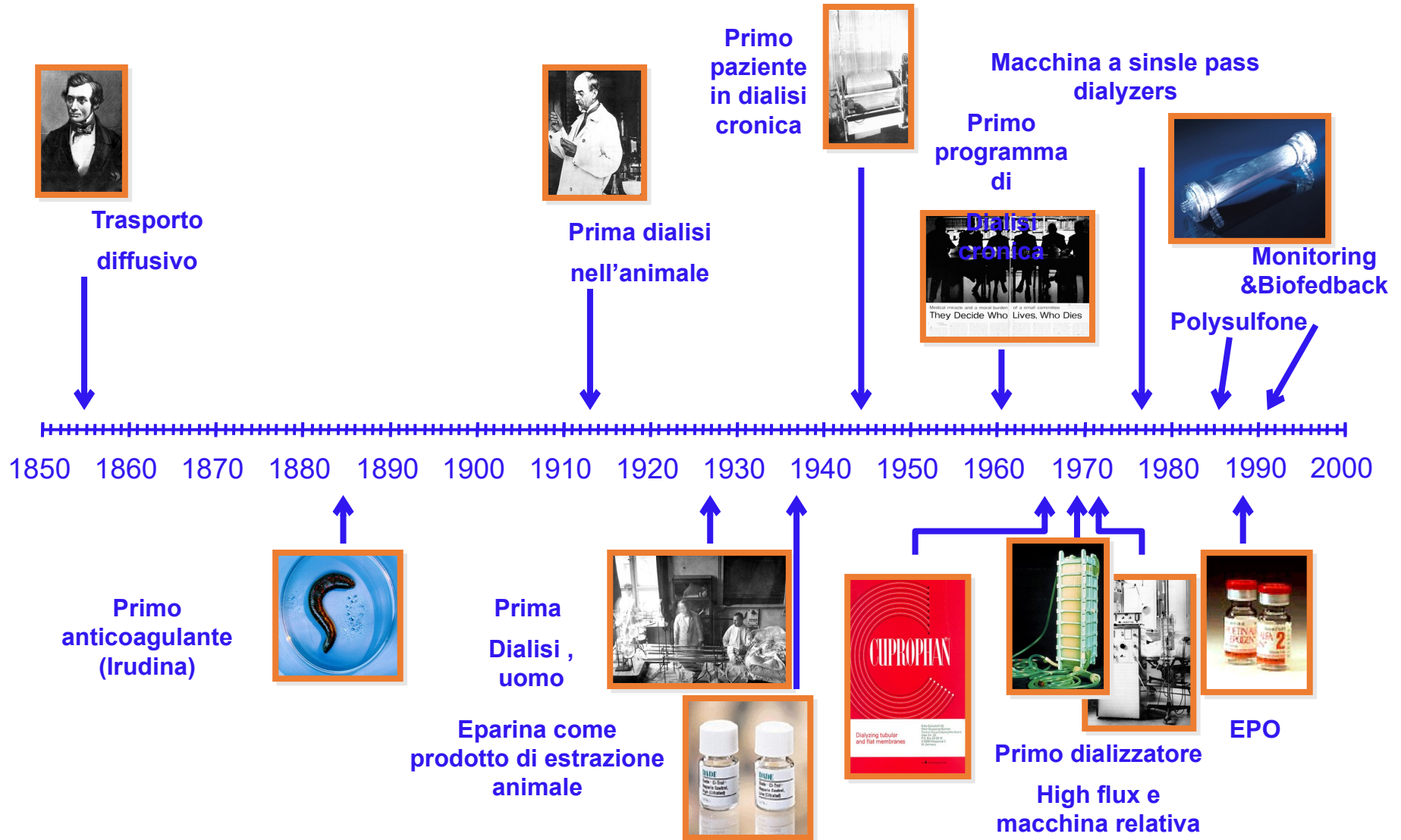
Fig. 3.—Bulb Dialyser.



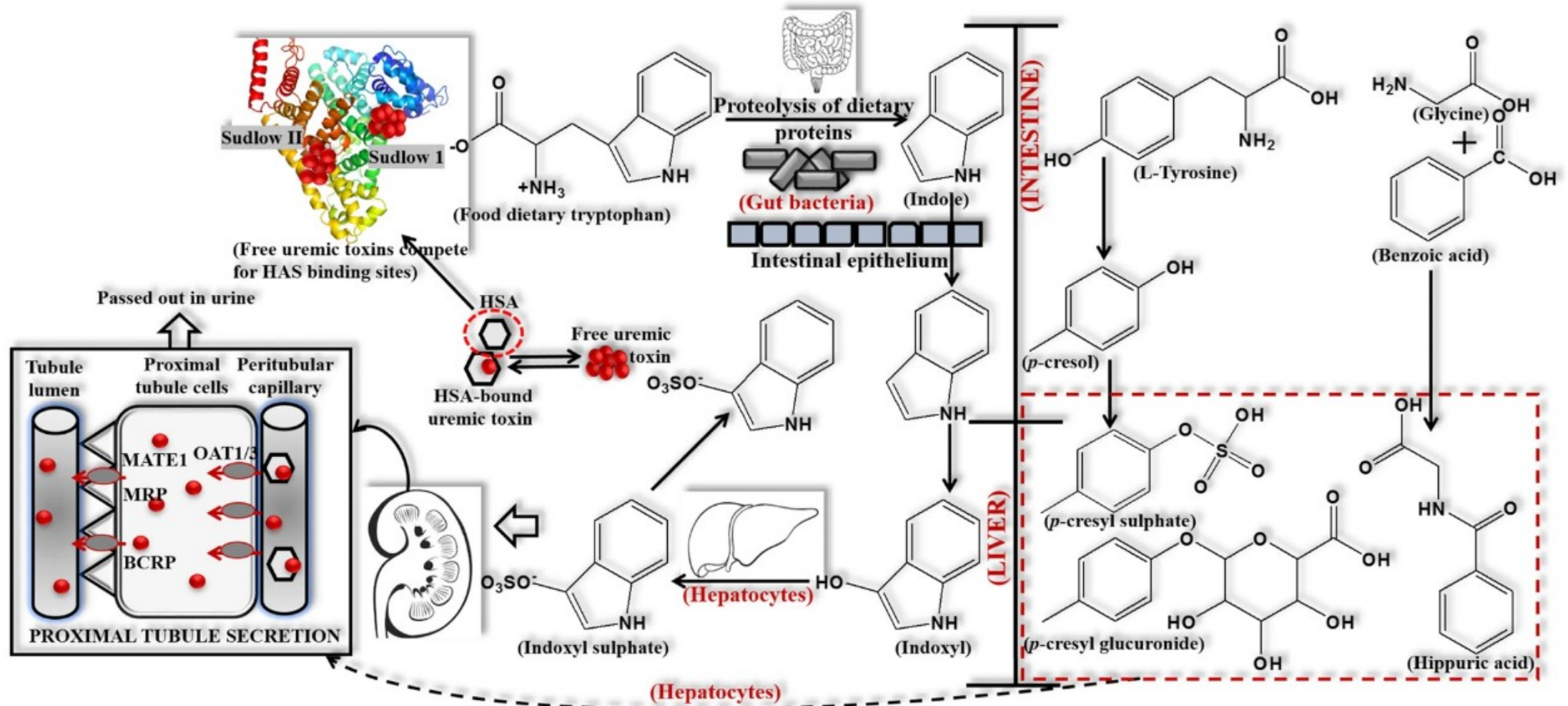
“... might be applied to medicine ...”

Script of Graham’s Bakerian Lecture, 1854

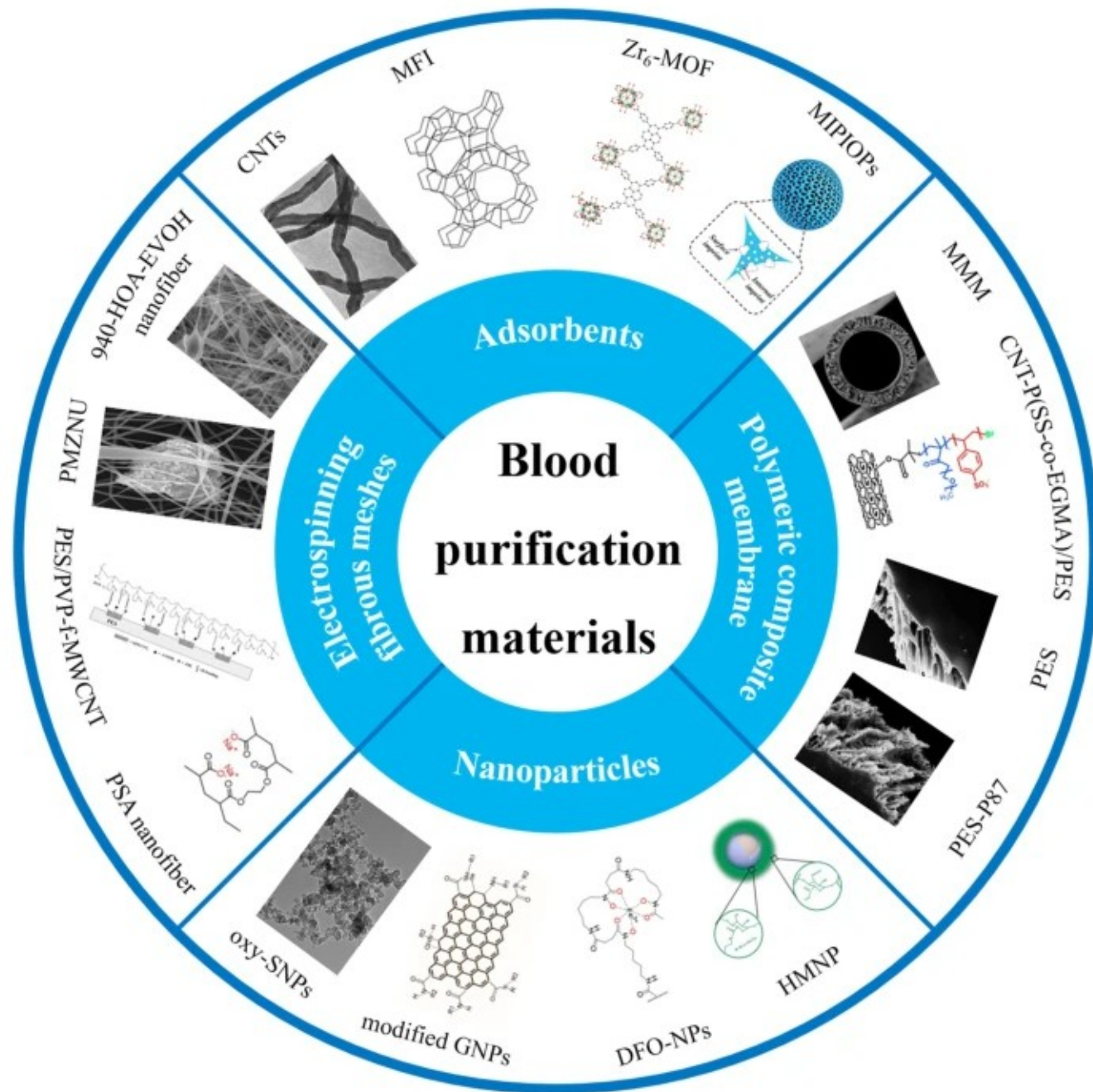
# I Progressi in dialisi



# Pathway for production and clearance of protein-bound indoxyl sulfate (IS), p-cresyl sulphate (PCS), p-cresyl glucuronide (pCG) and hippuric acid (HA) toxins from the body.

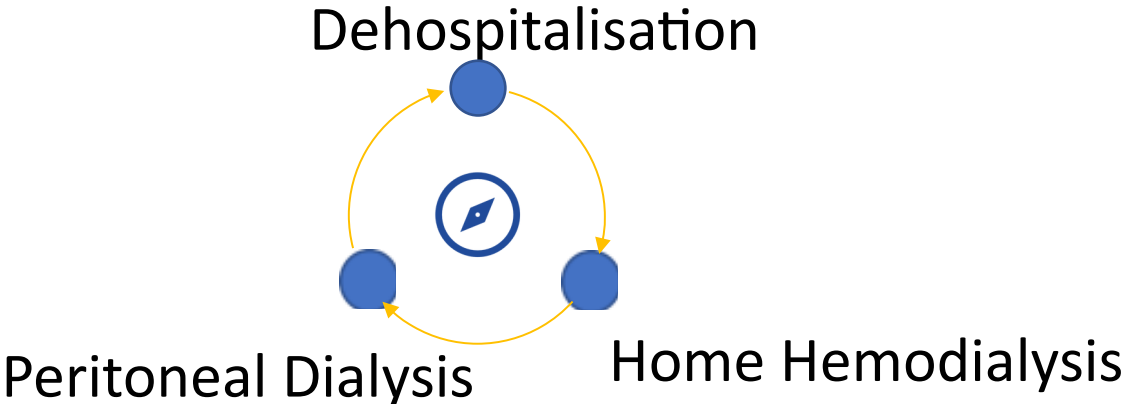




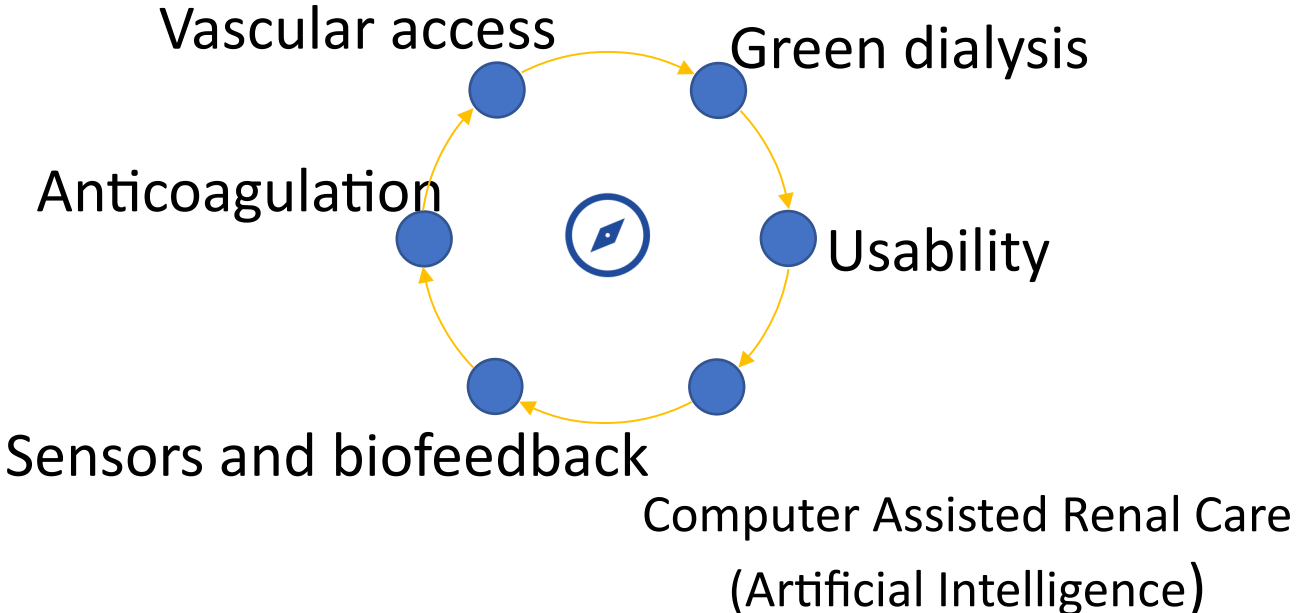


# Major topics still debated

## Organisation

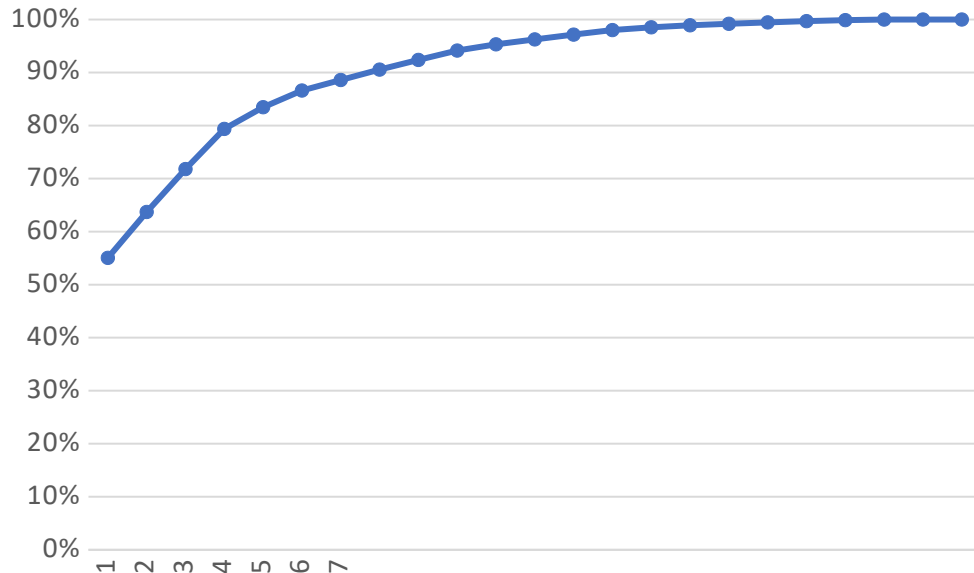
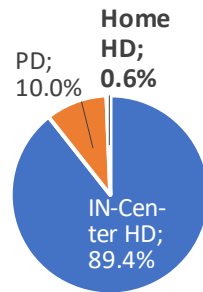


## Technology

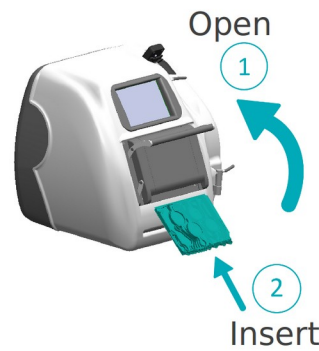


# Home Hemodialysis

Percentage distribution of dialysis pts



DIMI - Infomed



Dharma - Duomedica  
System One - Nxstage



Physidia



Quanta SC+



SAM - Spectral



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TABLO – Outset Medical



# Vascular access

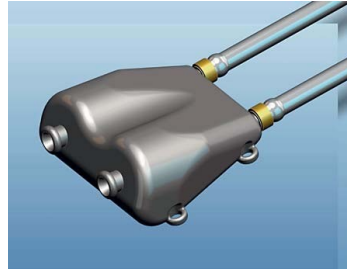
## Vascular access ports



Dialock (1)



LifeSite (2)



Biolink (3)



Humacyl by Humacyte

Is the buttonhole techniques still a valid alternatives?

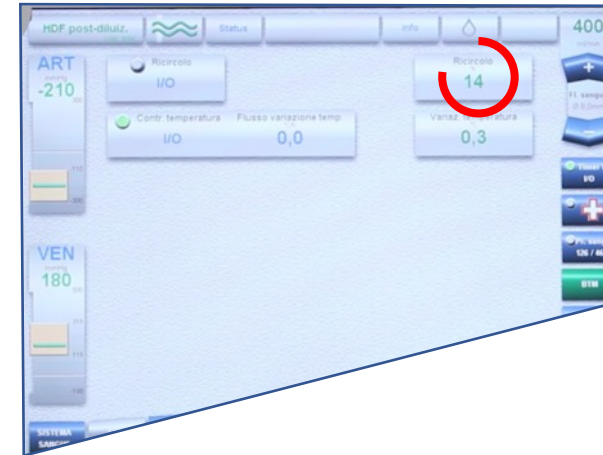
The Human Acellular Vessels is a tissue engineered vessel replacing the traditional grafts in HD patients.

# Vascular Access Care

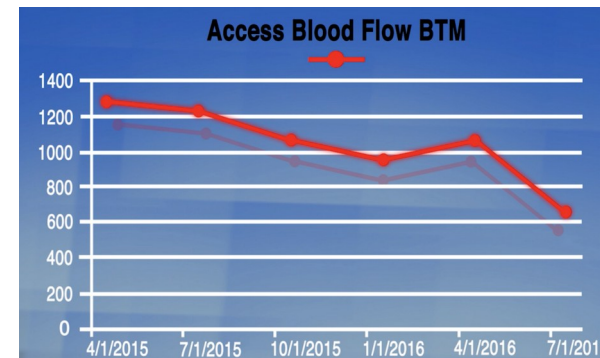
## Vascular access surveillance

Parametri	Methods
Physical examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspection</li> <li>• Finger palpation</li> <li>• Sound</li> </ul>
Pressurre Surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intra Access pressure</li> <li>• Static Venous Pressure</li> <li>• Dynamic Venous Pressure</li> </ul>
Recirculation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ultrasound dilution</li> <li>• Thermodilution</li> </ul>
Flows Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duplex Doppler Ultrasound</li> <li>• Variable Flow Doppler Ultrasound</li> <li>• Ultrasound Dilution Transonic</li> <li>• Opto-dilution</li> <li>• Urea Dilution</li> <li>• Magnetic Resonance Angiography</li> <li>• Glucose Pump Infusion Technique</li> <li>• Differential Conductivity</li> <li>• In-line Dialysance</li> <li>• In-line Termodilution</li> </ul>

## Real time assessment



## Time series analysis



# Anticoagulation: is zero-heparin hemodialysis still a goal?

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## Heparin free dialysis: Comparative data and results in high risk patients

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**Heparin free dialysis: comparative data and results in high risk patients.** Heparin free hemodialysis was compared to systemic heparinization, intermittent saline flushes and constant saline infusions in eight, stable chronic patients dialyzing on hollow-fiber artificial kidneys (HEAK) at blood flows of 250 to 300 ml/min. No significant differences in small molecule clearance, fluid removal or dialyzer clotting were noted. Since this data showed that heparin free hemodialysis without supplemental saline was feasible in a group of stable, chronic dialysis patients, we then prospectively studied twenty-nine patients judged to be at increased risk of hemorrhage from heparinization during 100 heparin-free dialyses. The incidences of severe and moderate dialyzer clotting were 7% and 20%, respectively. Seventeen of 27 treatments in which moderate or severe clotting occurred had identifiable factors thought to predispose to dialyzer clotting such as low blood flows, poor vascular-access function, severe hypotension and intradialytic blood transfusions. Although higher hematocrit values were associated with greater degrees of dialyzer clotting, stepwise discriminant analysis employing blood flow, blood pressure, hematocrit and transfusion administration could not develop an accurate predictor or combination of predictors of clotting. No patient experienced de novo or increased bleeding and problems with inadequate dialysis were not observed. Since this method of heparin free dialysis is as safe and effective as previously reported strategies and requires no specialized equipment or procedures, it is a reasonable initial strategy for dialyzing high risk patients.

Strategies for hemodialyzing patients judged to be at increased risk of bleeding during systemic anticoagulation include low-dose systemic heparinization [1, 2], regional heparinization [1, 3], regional citrate anticoagulation [4], systemic epoprostenol administration [5], development of membrane materials of low thrombogenicity [6], and anticoagulant free hemodialysis with [7-12] or without [13, 14] intermittent saline flushes. In this study we compare four different anticoagulation strategies in a controlled fashion in eight, stable chronic-hemodialysis patients and report the results of 100 consecutive dialysis-treatments without systemic heparinization or saline flushes, performed on 29 patients judged to be at increased risk of bleeding complications.

### Methods

For the controlled study of four different anticoagulation strategies, eight volunteers were solicited from a group of 18

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patients receiving chronic hemodialysis at Albert Einstein Medical Center. Patients receiving anti-platelet or anti-coagulant drugs were excluded. Each patient was dialyzed once with each of four anticoagulation strategies on four consecutive-midweek dialyses.

The first anticoagulation strategy utilized intermittent boluses of heparin at doses previously determined in each patient to be adequate to sustain a full treatment with negligible fiber clotting. Total heparin doses ranged from 4000 to 5000 units per treatment. In the second strategy no supplemental heparin or saline were given during dialysis. In the third strategy a bolus of 200 cc of 0.9% saline was infused into the arterial line every 30 minutes. In the fourth strategy a constant infusion of 0.9% saline was run into the arterial line at a rate of 400 cc/hr throughout the entire treatment. The heparinized saline solution used to prime the extracorporeal circuit prior to dialysis was infused into the patients at the start of dialysis. This resulted in patients receiving up to 500 units of heparin at the beginning of dialysis.

Prior to each dialysis, 10 minutes into dialysis and at the end of the treatment the activated clotting time (ACT) was determined with an ACTester (TRI Med, Inc., Huntington Beach, California, USA). Other determinations made at the start of dialysis included patient weight, BUN and serum creatinine. When peak blood flow was reached (usually 15 to 20 minutes after initiation of dialysis) and at the end of the treatment dialyzer urea and creatinine clearances were measured. The rinse back procedure was effected with 150 to 200 cc of 0.9% saline. The arterial and venous lines were then clamped and cut at the blood ports of the artificial kidney. Residual fiber-bundle volume was then measured by a manual method using a hand-squeezed air pump to express fluid from the kidney and a graduated cylinder to measure the fluid volume evacuated. The percent fiber loss was calculated using the manufacturer's specifications for the fiber bundle volume of a fresh kidney.

In the prospective study of patients judged at increased risk of bleeding, 100 consecutive heparin-free dialyses in 29 patients were performed over a three month period. Data reviewed included the reason for heparin free dialysis, artificial kidney type, hematocrit, peak blood flow, intra-dialytic blood transfusions and pre- and post-dialyzer pressures.

A severe clotting episode was defined as clotting necessitating termination of the treatment or replacement of the artificial kidney. Mild clotting was defined as up to 25% fiber loss and

## Dialysis technique:

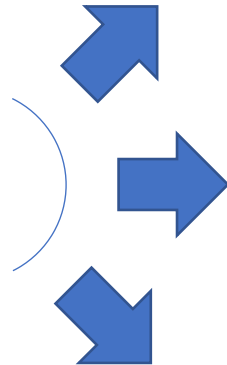
1. Citrate, Predilution
2. Oral anticoagulation

## Membrane biocompatibility

1. Coating
2. New Polymers

## Tubing Systems:

1. Geometry
2. Volumes
3. Fluid-dynamics
4. Coating
5. Polymers



# Anticoagulation: dialysis techniques

## Citrate Intermittent Dialysis:

### PRO

- No new technique translated from CRRT
- Encouraging preliminary results of safety and effectiveness

### CONS

- Perceived as more complex
- Lack of dedicated surveillance software into haemodialysis machines
- Few concentrate formulations Ca<sup>2+</sup>-free
- Lack of large, long term clinical trials on safety
- Recently some concerns about Citrate containing dialysate safety (France, Dec 2018)

Prospective, observational trial in 75 HD patients

**Table 5** Efficacy and safety of regional citrate anticoagulation

	Original regional citrate protocol (n = 357)	Modified regional citrate protocol (n = 694)	p value
Dialyzer clotting	1 (0.3 %) severe	2 (0.3 %) moderate streakiness	1
Systemic [Ca <sub>ion</sub> ] <0.81 mmol/L	2 (0.6 %)	1 (0.1 %)	0.27
Systemic [Ca <sub>ion</sub> ] <0.96 mmol/L	35 (9.8 %)	26 (3.7 %)	<0.0005
Systemic [Ca <sub>ion</sub> ] >1.32 mmol/L	2 (0.6 %)	12 (1.7 %)	0.16

# Anticoagulation: dialysis techniques

## Oral anticoagulation

### PRO

- Heparin-free dialysis
- No anticoagulation at all

### CONS

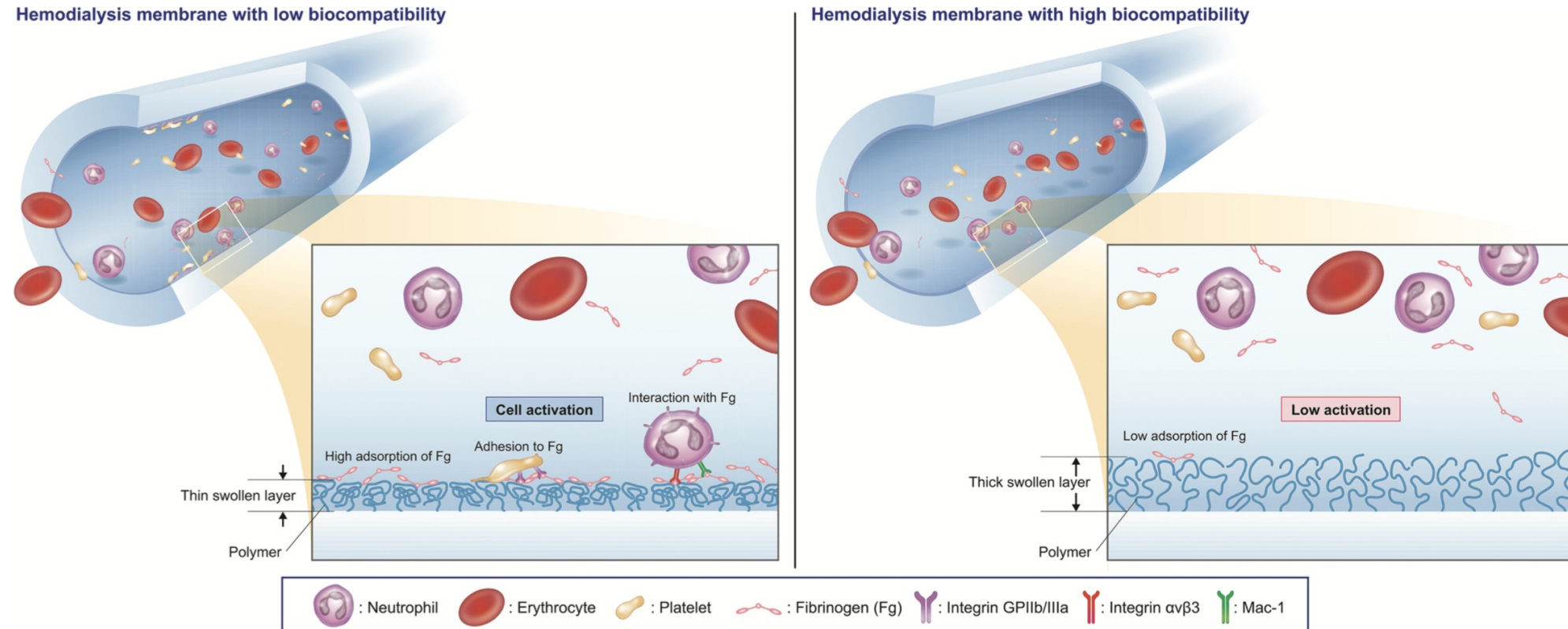
- No clinical evidence
- Only a suggestive hypothesis

Prospective, observational trial in 8 HD patients  
Warfarin or Apixaban

- 2 / 47 session complicated by dialyzer clotting
- Post HD hemostasis:
- 9.51 min in Hep-free vs 9.91 min standard HD



# Anticoagulation: membrane biocompatibility



**FIG. 8.** Schematic illustration showing the means by which hemodialysis membranes affect platelet and neutrophil activation.

# Anticoagulation: membrane biocompatibility

## 1 Coated membranes

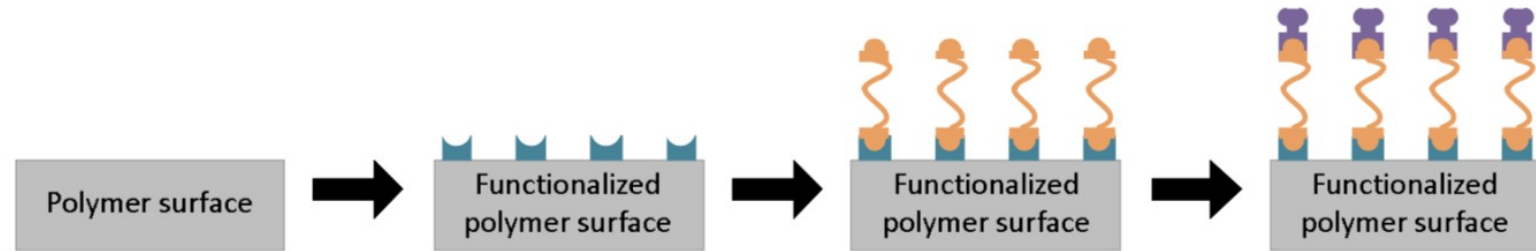
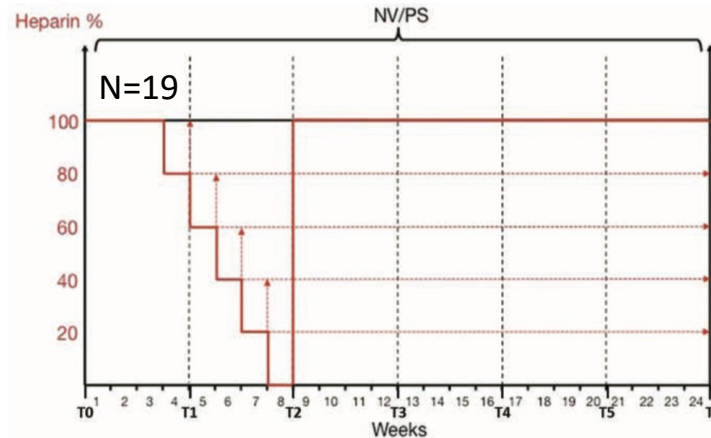


Fig. 3. General concept of biological surface modification.

Wenten et al, J Membrane Science and Research, 2016, 278-89

Pilot, prospective, multi-center, randomized clinical trial on safety and efficacy of Hydrolink™ NV vs polysulfone

Stepwise hep reduction



No inferiority on biocompatibility

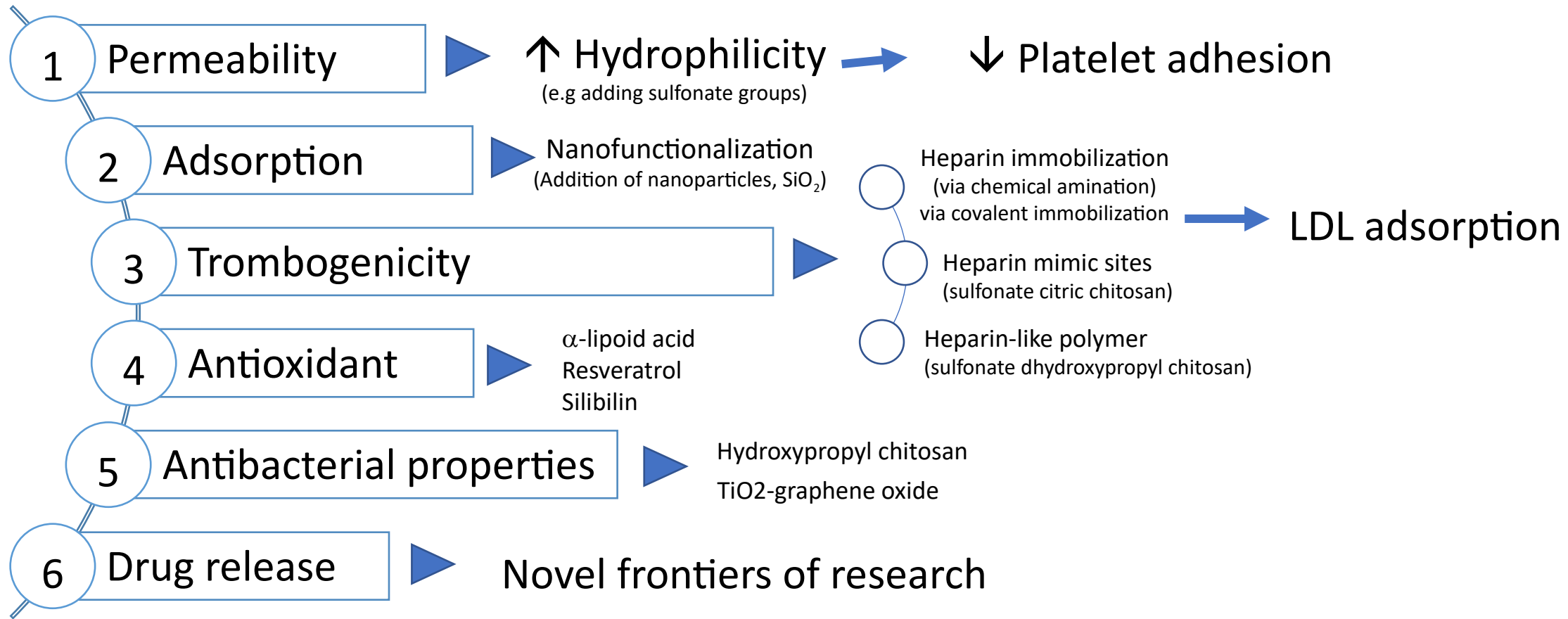
Parameters	Membrane	Biochemical and clinical parameters						Clotting parameters						
		T0 (Month 0)	T1 (Month 1)	T2 (Month 2)	T4 (Month 4)	T6 (Month 6)	P (T0 vs T6)	T0 (Month 0)	T1 (Month 1)	T2 (Month 2)	T4 (Month 4)	T6 (Month 6)	P (T0 vs T6)	
Platelets ( $\times 10^9$ cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )	Hydrolink	144.3 $\pm$ 22.4	134.1 $\pm$ 25.8	138.7 $\pm$ 30.9	145.6 $\pm$ 30.0	150.3 $\pm$ 47.1	NS	Hydrolink	144.3 $\pm$ 22.4	134.1 $\pm$ 25.8	138.7 $\pm$ 30.9	145.6 $\pm$ 30.0	150.3 $\pm$ 47.1	NS
	Control	155.6 $\pm$ 20.2	161.8 $\pm$ 41.1	168.5 $\pm$ 36.1	155.9 $\pm$ 31.3	169.0 $\pm$ 35.7	NS	Control	155.6 $\pm$ 20.2	161.8 $\pm$ 41.1	168.5 $\pm$ 36.1	155.9 $\pm$ 31.3	169.0 $\pm$ 35.7	NS
$\beta$ -TG (pg/mL)	Hydrolink	901 (869-1292)	912 (869-1115)	976 (916-1146)	965 (933-1120)	976 (927-1183)	NS	Hydrolink	901 (869-1292)	912 (869-1115)	976 (916-1146)	965 (933-1120)	976 (927-1183)	NS
	Control	1053 (906-1806)	1090 (958-1760)	1017 (890-2488)	1109 (967-2353)	1119 (973-2258)	NS	Control	1053 (906-1806)	1090 (958-1760)	1017 (890-2488)	1109 (967-2353)	1119 (973-2258)	NS
PF-4 (ng/mL)	Hydrolink	36 (29-73)	32 (29-57)	29 (28-44)	29 (27-46)	35 (27-44)	NS	Hydrolink	36 (29-73)	32 (29-57)	29 (28-44)	29 (27-46)	35 (27-44)	NS
	Control	37 (30-124)	36 (31-130)	74 (33-109)	34 (30-86)	35 (30-62)	NS	Control	37 (30-124)	36 (31-130)	74 (33-109)	34 (30-86)	35 (30-62)	NS

## 2 Modified membrane polymers

Ronco et al, Int J Art Org, 2017, 40 (5), 234-239

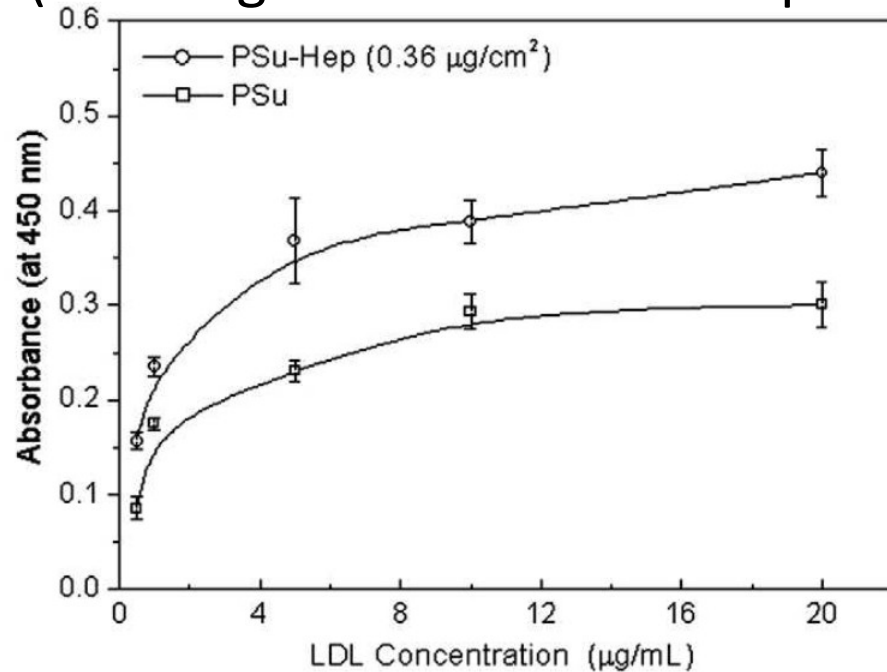
# Membrane functionalization

Spectrum of improved characteristics



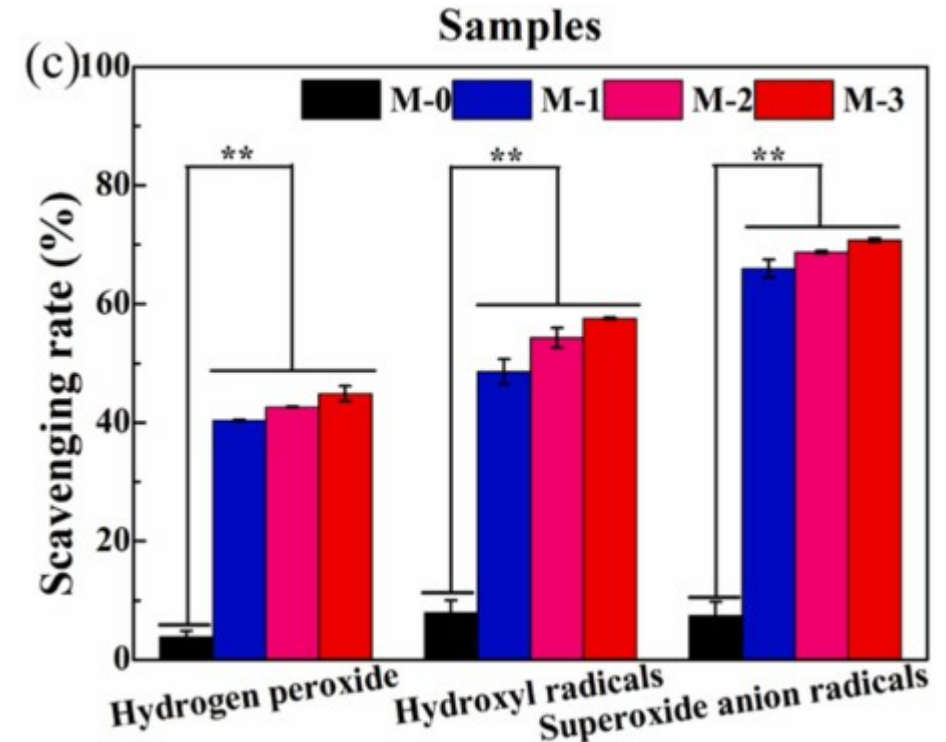
# Example of polysulfone functionalization

## Heparin Covalent Immobilization (anticoagulant and LDL adsorption)



**Fig. 6.** Adsorption of LDL from single protein solution with different concentrations (0.5, 1.0, 5.0, 10 and 20  $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ ) on the pure and heparin-modified PSu films. The adsorption of LDL on both the pure and heparin-modified PSu films surface followed the Langmuir isotherm model. A higher quantity of LDL is adsorbed on the heparin-modified PSu film surface compared to plain PSu.

## Addition of Resveratrol to pure PSF @ different levels



Resveratrol: plant-based extracted antioxidant  
DPPH: 2,2 **Dy**Phenyl-1-**Pic**ryl**H**ydraz

# Green dialysis

1. Water



High Dialysis Efficiency  
Better outcomes



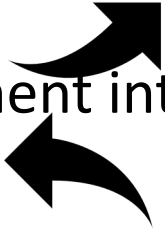
High Water Consumption  
120 L / session

- 1. High Efficiency Water Treatment Plants (WTP)
- 2. Adsorption as removal mechanism

2. Electricity



Technology improvement into

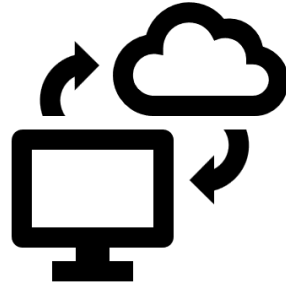


Machine: heat recovery  
Water Treatment Plant

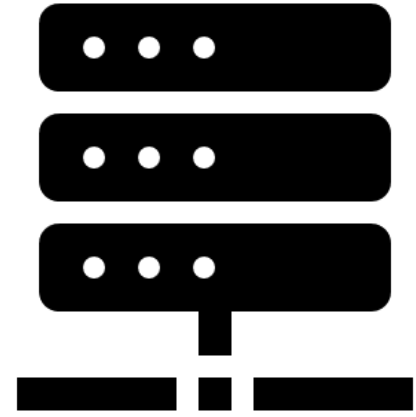


# Computer Assisted Dialysis Care

Share data knowledge



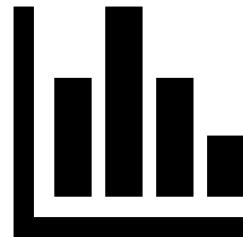
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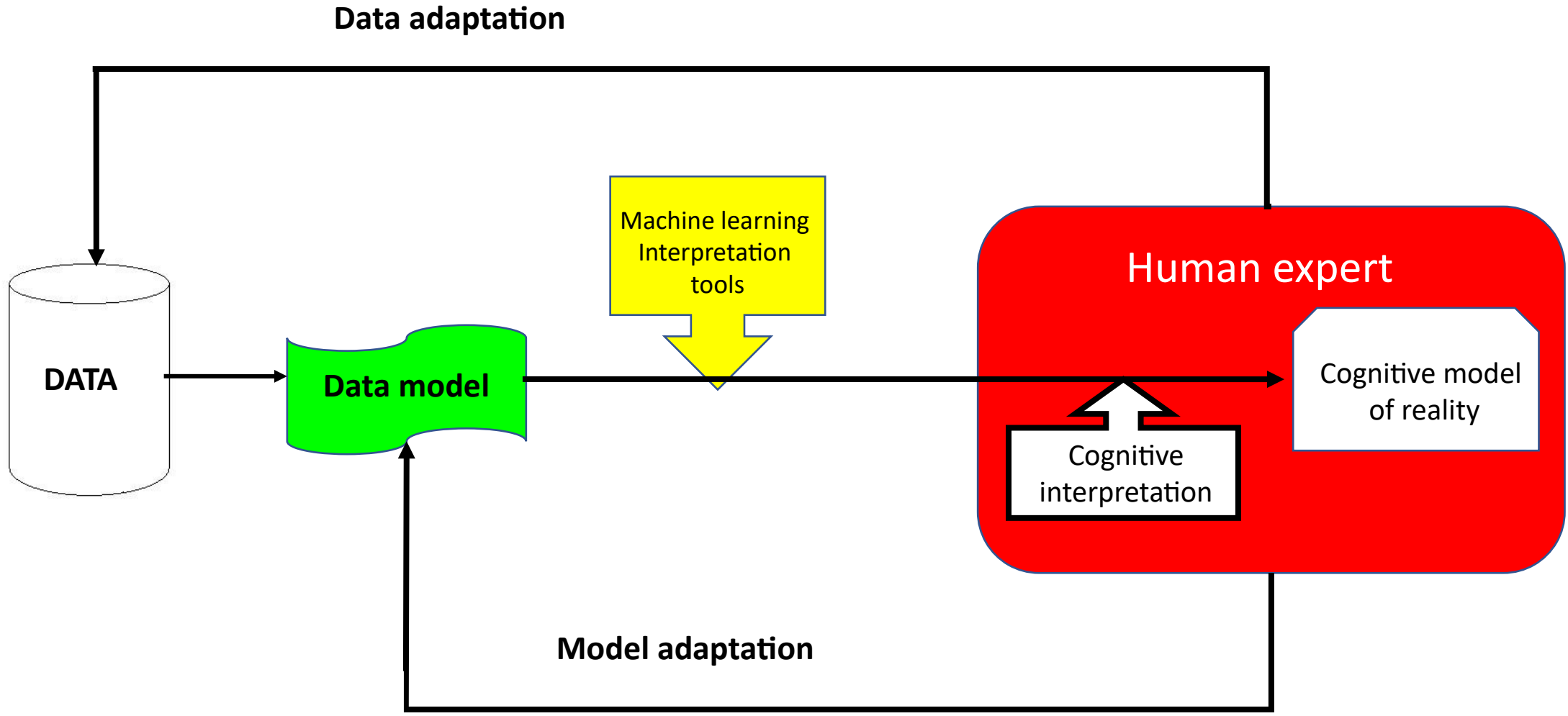


Data mining



Reporting





# Artificial Intelligence in CKD

## First introduction in HD field

### Artificial Intelligence: A New Approach for Prescription and Monitoring of Hemodialysis Therapy

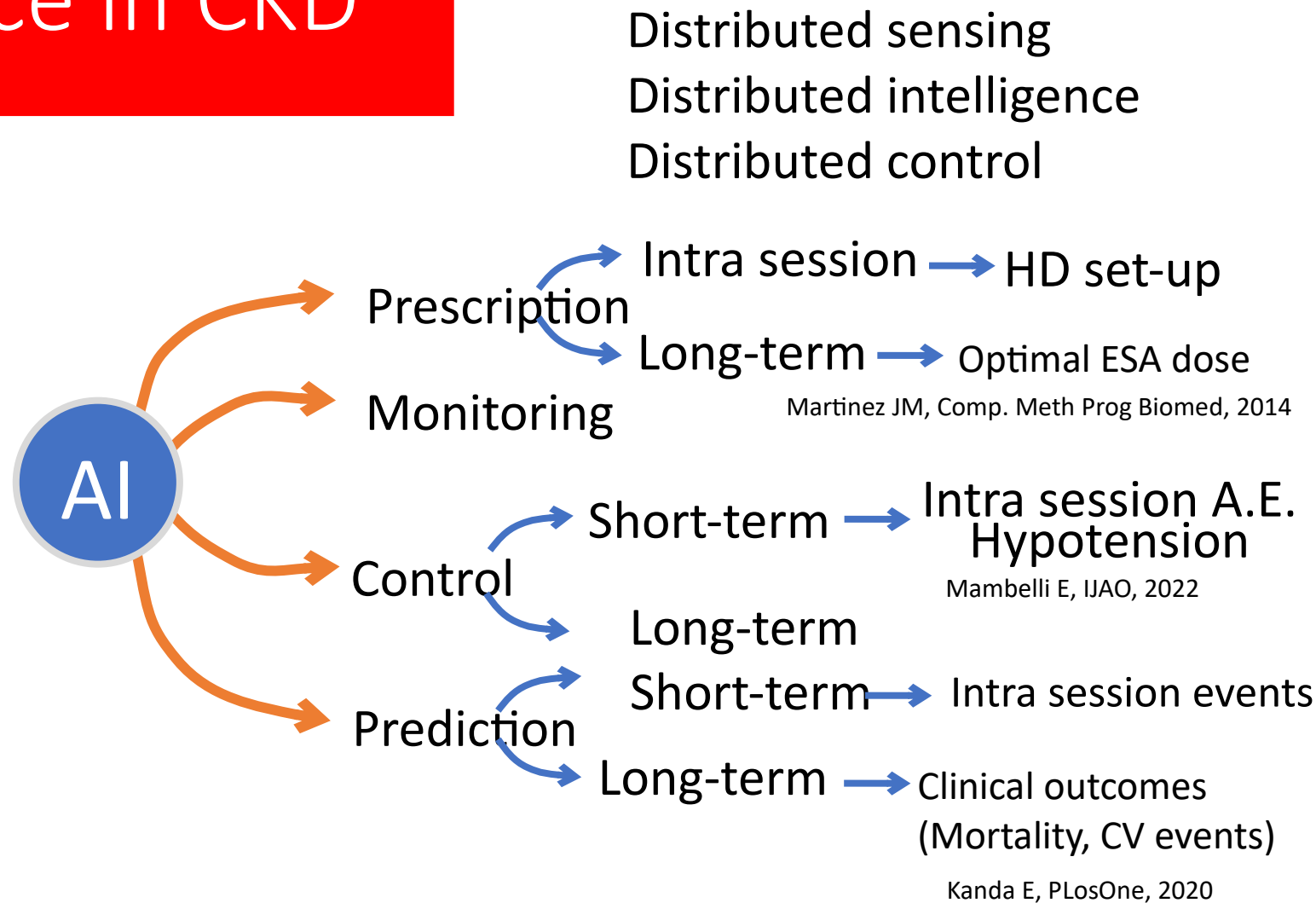
Ahmed I. Akl, MD, Mohamed A. Sobh, MD, Yehya M. Enab, PhD, and James Tattersall, MD

• The effect of dialysis on patients is conventionally predicted using a formal mathematical model. This approach requires many assumptions of the processes involved, and validation of these may be difficult. The validity of dialysis urea modeling using a formal mathematical model has been challenged. Artificial intelligence using neural networks (NNs) has been used to solve complex problems without needing a mathematical model or an understand.

*American Journal of Kidney Diseases*, Vol 38, No 6 (December), 2001: pp 1277-1283



Artificial intelligence is likely to be the future of dialysis machine processors and developing control devices. As such, it will probably modify clinical practice in a substantial way, particularly in hemodialysis.



Distributed sensing  
Distributed intelligence  
Distributed control

Intra session → HD set-up

Long-term → Optimal ESA dose

Martinez JM, Comp. Meth Prog Biomed, 2014

Monitoring

Short-term → Intra session A.E. Hypotension

Mambelli E, IJAO, 2022

Control

Long-term

Short-term → Intra session events

Prediction

Long-term → Clinical outcomes (Mortality, CV events)

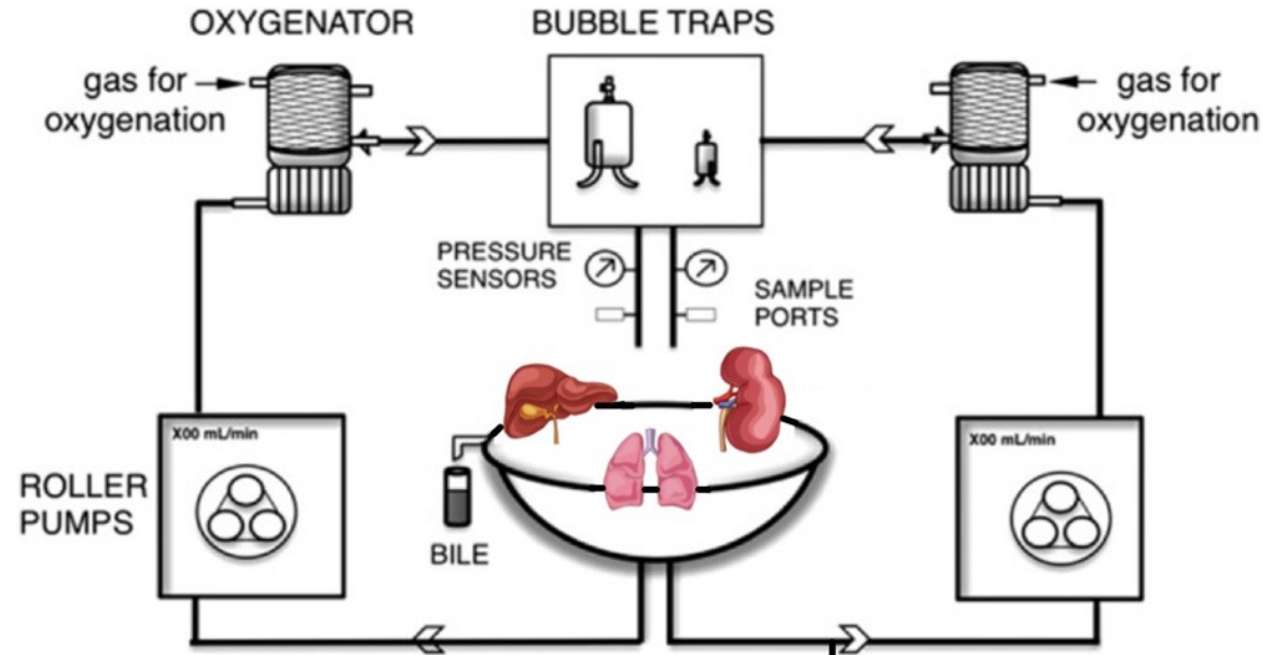
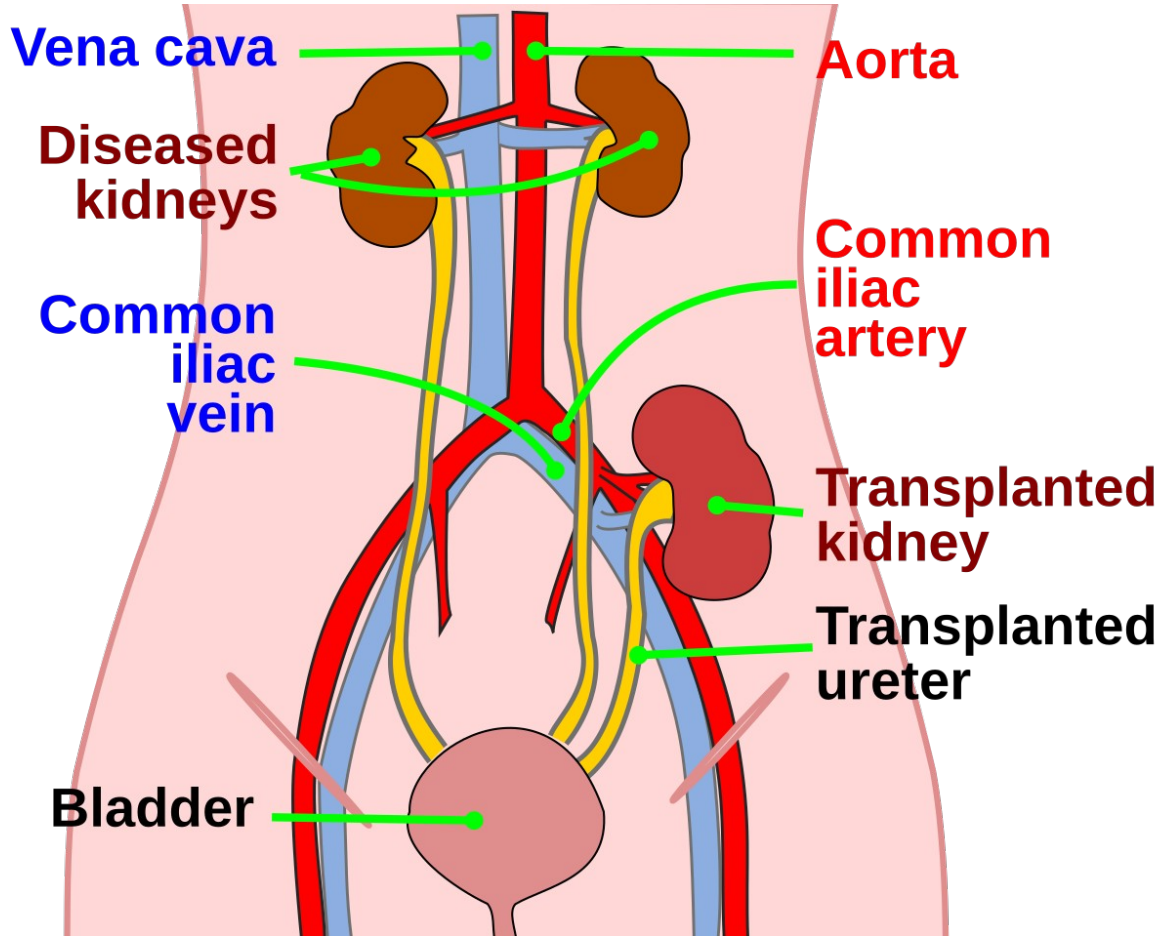
Kanda E, PLoSOne, 2020

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Hypothermia or Machine Perfusion in Kidney Donors

February 2, 2023

KIDNEY TRANSPLANT

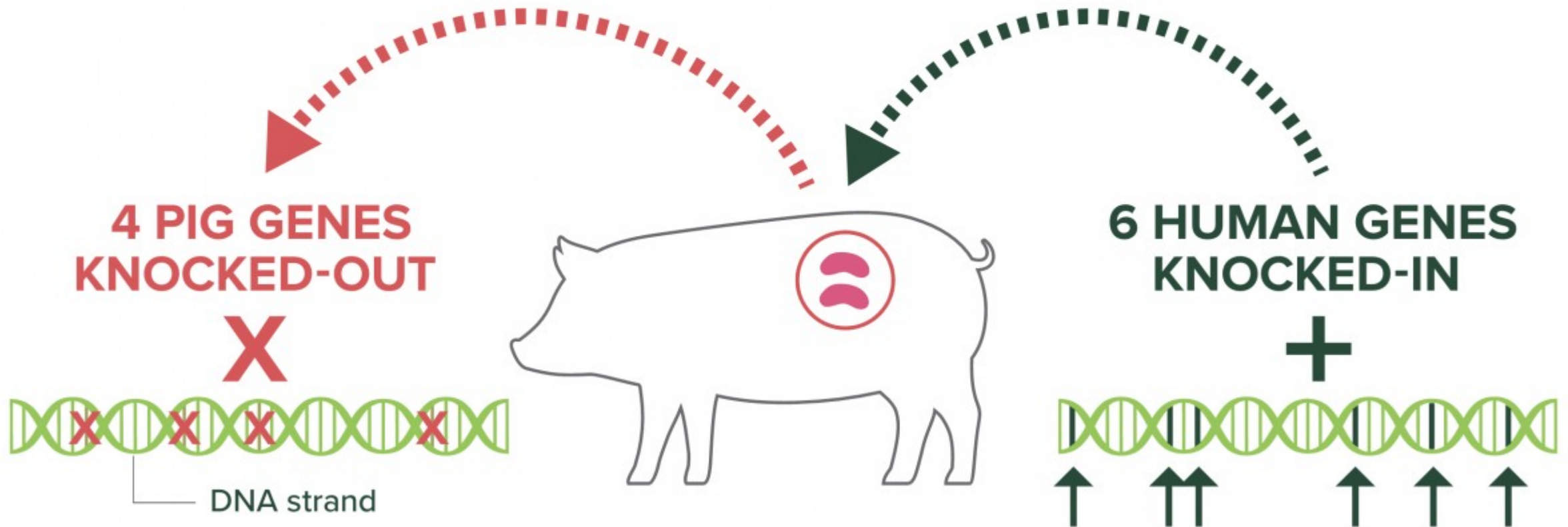


Machine perfusion therapeutic agents

- 1) Microcirculation optimizing agents
- 2) Anti-inflammatory agents
- 3) Anti-apoptotic agents
- 4) Defatting agents
- 5) Mesenchymal stem cells
- 6) Anti-microorganism agents
- 7) Free radical scavengers
- 8) Cellular metabolism optimizers

# The 10-Gene-Edited Pig

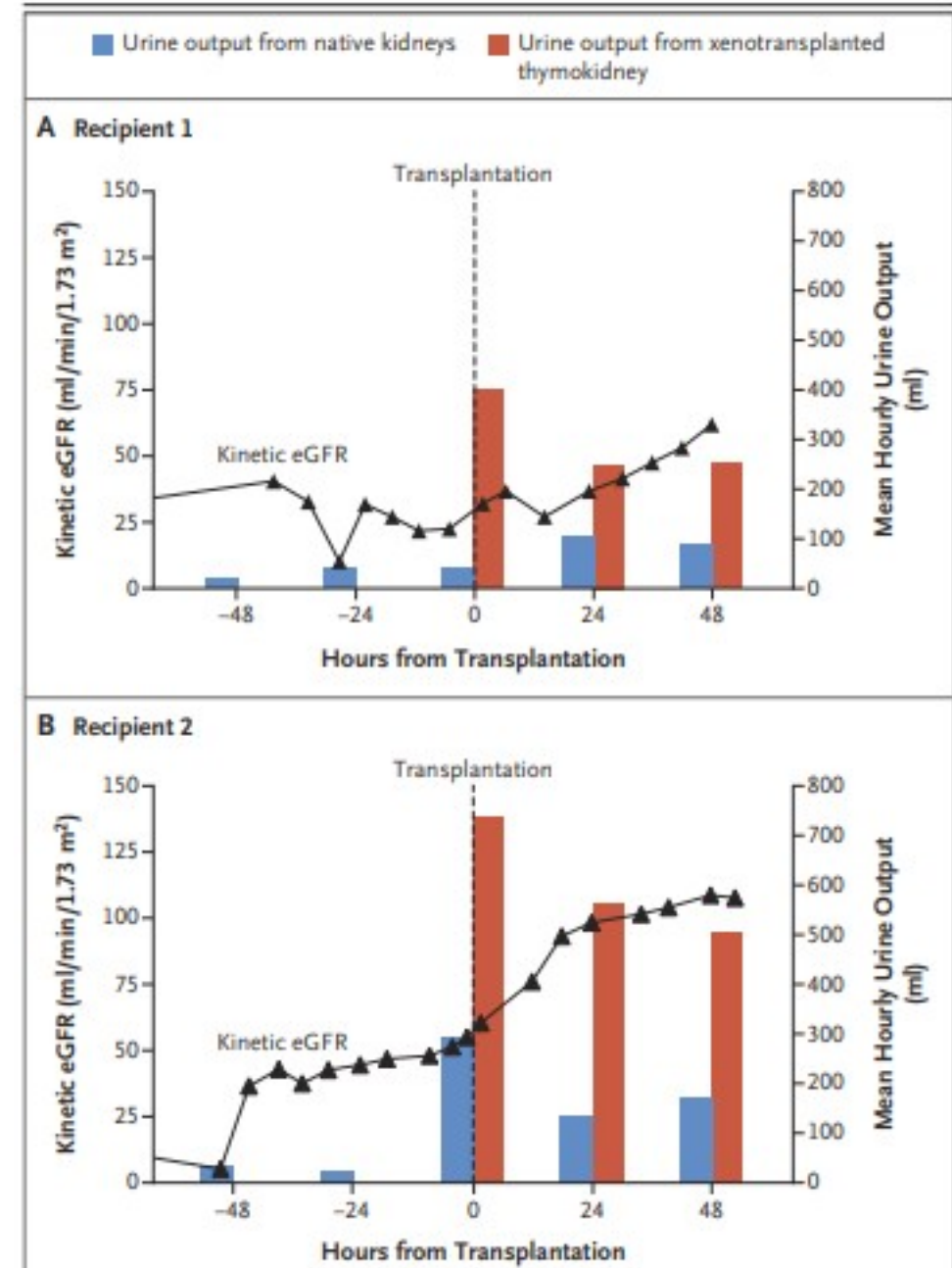
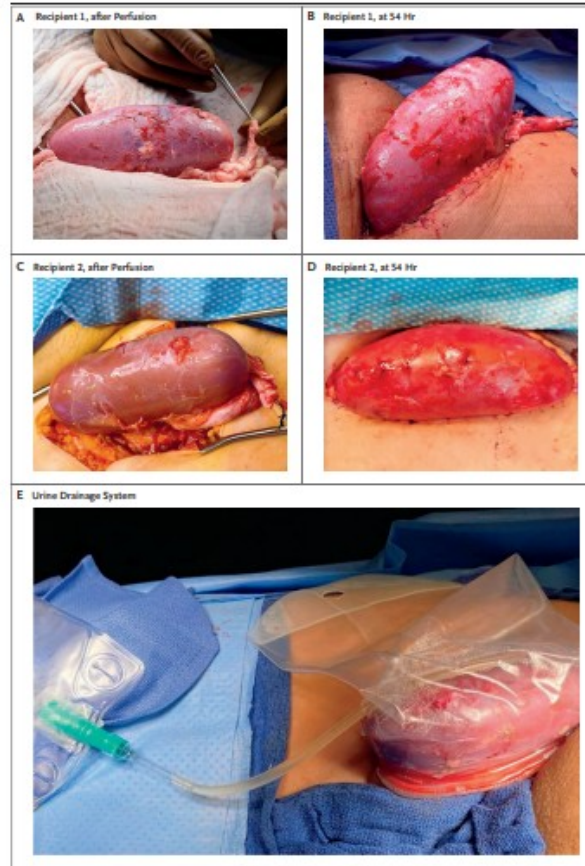
The key to xenotransplantation





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## Results of Two Cases of Pig-to-Human Kidney Xenotransplantation



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With different mechanisms, the SGLT2i acts in the same direction. By antagonizing the tubular reabsorption of glucose and Na<sup>+</sup>, the SGLT2i maintain the concentration of those molecules in the glomerular filtrate and counteract the production of renin at the level of the dense macula in which the absorption of Na<sup>+</sup> and the production of adenosine are activated [36, 37].

The analysis of the neurohormonal and receptor network is involved in the management of the intra-renal Na<sup>+</sup> of the neurohormonal response and, therefore, of the intra-glomerular filtering pressure and the Na<sup>+</sup> retention. The beneficial consequences of the action of SGLT2i have been observed in the largely controlled processes conducted in subjects with T2DM. In these studies, the reduction of the initial filtering pressure led to a replacement of the filter, but below if stabilization is observed and, in some cases, a detail of the recovery, the improvement is also proven inversely proportional to the degree of renal impairment before -existent [37]. Furthermore, the reduced glucose reabsorption in the proximal tubules (due to both decreased glucose levels and SGLT2 inhibition) could result in a decrease in proximal tubular cells inflammation and fibrosis [38]