

Dialysis..Life Giver or Destroyer
By J.B. 15 yo ESRD Patient

Dialysis is like a hungry monster eager for your blood
It is like a dark shadow thrown over you
It seems like it will is never going to end
Dragging on for hours, unable to move
Boring and still
And if you do move
Alarms will sound like when a prisoner is trying to escape

Dialysis is a second life
Dialysis is a life giving angel
Cleaning my blood
Restoring my energy
Dialysis is a gift prolonging my life

It is a battle only few understand, those that do
Are fellow patients
Dialysis

PROTEINURIA: MARKER/CULPRIT

Kidney Kid
Sierra Nevada Specialty Care
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- ▶ Have Fun
- ▶ Learn 1 or 2 things
- ▶ Review newer studies

OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Small segment of population
 - ▶ 6-8%
 - ▶ 150-200mg < proteinuria
- ▶ Types of Protein
 - ▶ Albumin
 - ▶ Tamm–Horsfall
 - ▶ Light chain proteins

PROTEINURIA

- ▶ Proteinuria greater 3000mg
- ▶ Hypo-albuminemia
- ▶ Edema
- ▶ Hyperlipidemia

NEPHROTIC SYNDROME

- ▶ Why does proteinuria occur?
- ▶ What are the negative effects of proteinuria?
- ▶ Edema #\$\$%&!@
- ▶ What are some causes of Proteinuria?
- ▶ How can we control and improve proteinuria?

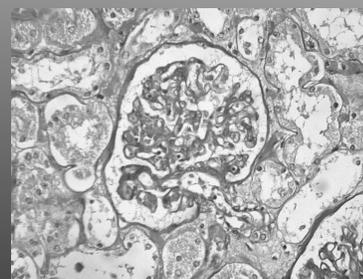
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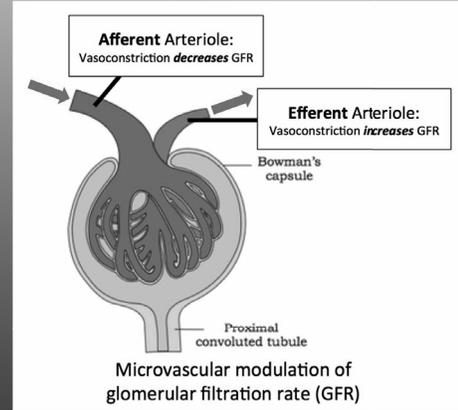
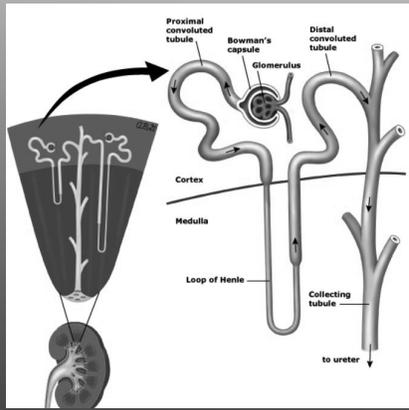
- ▶ Where does proteinuria come from?

OUTLINE: PART 1

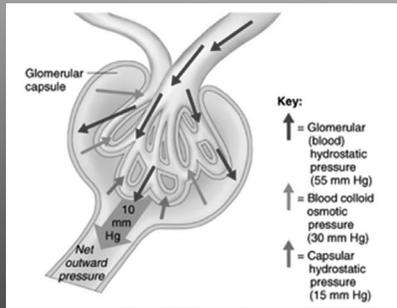


Physiologic Masterpiece



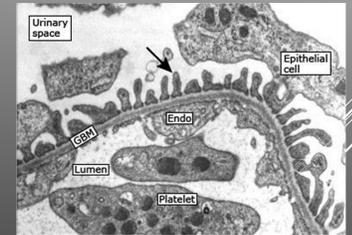
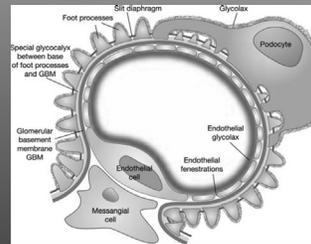


Glomerular Forces



Glomerular Capillary Wall
 Fenestrated Endothelium
 Glomerular Basement Membrane
 Epithelial Cells

Charge/Size of protein inhibit proteins from going into urinary space



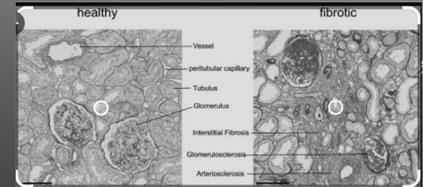
▶ What are the negative effects of Proteinuria?



OUTLINE: PART 2

PROTEINURIA AND DOWNSTREAM AFFECTS

- ▶ Glomerular permeability dysfunction of proteinuric nephropathies allows complement factors to be ultrafiltered abnormally across the altered glomerular barrier into the Bowman's space and tubular lumen.
- ▶ Complement activation is a powerful mechanism underlying tubular and interstitial injury via cytotoxic, proinflammatory, and fibrogenic effects.



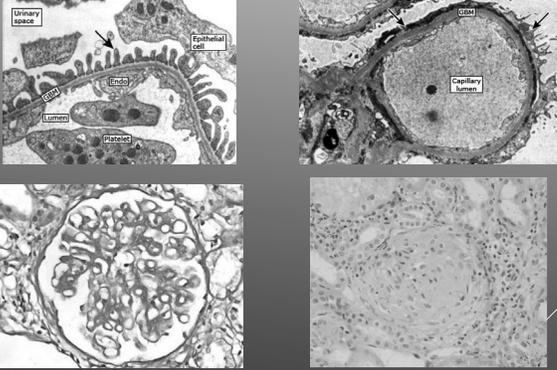
- ▶ Decreased antithrombin III
- ▶ Decreased plasminogen
- ▶ Decreased protein C and S
- ▶ Increased platelet activation
- ▶ Hyperfibrinogenemia

HYPERCOAGULABLE

- ▶ Hypogammaglobulinemia due to protein loss
 - ▶ immunoglobulin G (IgG)
- ▶ Depressed cellular immunity due to loss of vitamin D and other serum factors

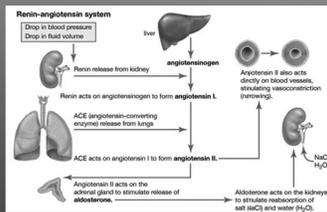
INFECTION

Edema: Outline part 3

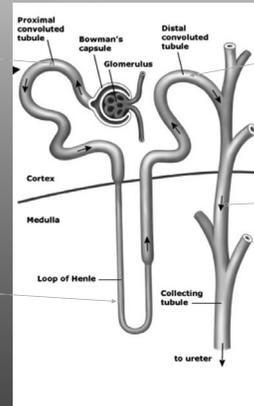


EDEMA

- ▶ Sodium retention that is directly induced by the kidney disease
- ▶ Secondary sodium retention in which the low plasma oncotic pressure due to hypoalbuminemia promotes the movement of fluid from the vascular space into the interstitium, leading to underfilling of the vasculature
- ▶ Activation of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system



Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
SGLT2i



Thiazide Diuretics
MRA

Vaptans
MRA

Loop Diuretics

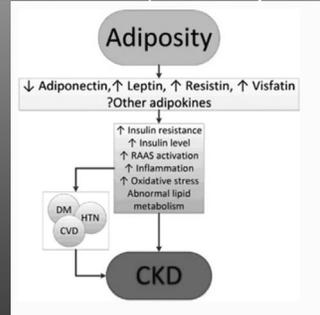
- ▶ What are the some causes of Proteinuria?



OUTLINE: PART 4

Obesity Related Glomerulopathy

Adipose tissue is a pleiotropic source of hormones and chemokines, collectively called adipokines



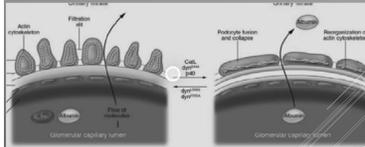
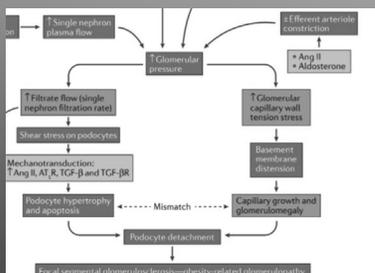
Leptin regulate energy balance and hunger .

Resistin links obesity to insulin resistance and is pro inflammatory

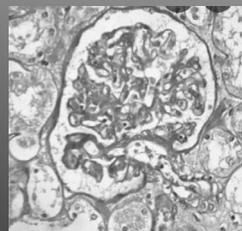
Visfatin insulin receptor binder/pro fibrotic

Adiponectin plays a crucial role in protecting against insulin resistance/diabetes and atherosclerosis.

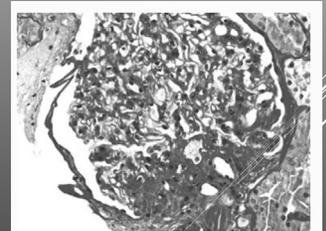
A compensatory mechanism of hyperfiltration occurs to meet the heightened metabolic demands of the increased body weight.



Normal



Obesity Affected



Characteristic	ORG-related FSGS
Age at presentation	Most common in middle-aged adults (mean age 37–46 years ^{15–17,51,52}), but may be present in children and older adults
Clinical presentation	Slowly progressive proteinuria
Proteinuria and serum albumin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-nephrotic proteinuria in 52–90% of patients • Normal serum albumin levels
Full nephrotic syndrome*	Unusual (<5% of patients) even in patients with massive proteinuria
Clinical course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slower progression than primary FSGS • Renal survival 75% at 5 years and 50% at 10 years^{16,17}
Glomeruli with FSGS lesions	Fewer than in primary FSGS (mean 12% of glomeruli ¹⁹)
FSGS variants	Perihilar variant more common
Glomerulomegaly	Defining feature of ORG (100% of cases ¹⁶)
Foot process effacement	Usually <50% glomerular surface area



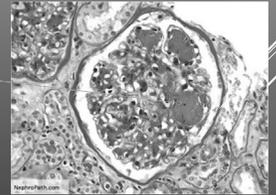
- ▶ Diabetes is the leading cause of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) in the United States and worldwide.
- ▶ The proportion of people with diabetes who also have CKD has remained relatively stable (approximately 25 to 30 percent) over the past 20 years.
- ▶ Currently, more than 3 million people worldwide are estimated to be receiving treatment for kidney failure, with predictions that the number will increase to more than 5 million by 2035.

DIABETES AND THE KIDNEY

CASCADE OF CHAOS

- ▶ Hyperglycemia results in production of advanced glycation end-products (AGE)
- ▶ Reactive oxygen cytokines
- ▶ Metabolic products activate intercellular signaling for proinflammatory and profibrotic gene expressions

Kimmsliel-Wilson Nodules



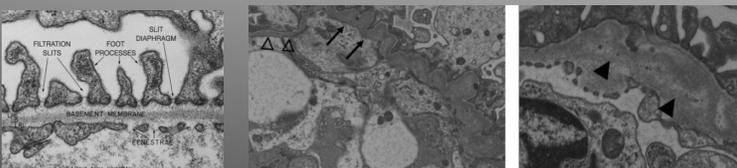
- ▶ Poor glycemic control
- ▶ Older age
- ▶ Non-white race
- ▶ Low socioeconomic status
- ▶ Obesity
- ▶ Smoking
- ▶ Blood pressure control
- ▶ Genetic factors

RISK OF PROGRESSION

- ▶ Rapid decline in GFR (in a patient that has been stable)
- ▶ Sudden onset of nephrotic syndrome <5 years from diagnosis of DM
- ▶ Active urinary sediment
- ▶ Signs of systemic disease
- ▶ Lack of retinopathy/neuropathy
- ▶ People who have diabetes for more than 20 years without any previous evidence

COULD IT BE SOMETHING ELSE BESIDES DM

- ▶ Leading cause of proteinuria after DM
- ▶ Thickened basement membrane



MEMBRANOUS NEPHROPATHY

- ▶ Primary Membranous
 - ▶ PLA2R Antibodies
 - ▶ positive in 80% of primary
- ▶ Secondary membranous
 - ▶ Cancer (solid Tumors)
 - ▶ NSAIDs
 - ▶ Hepatitis

MEMBRANOUS NEPHROPATHY

- ▶ Light chains do not show up on a traditional dipstick/UA with evidence of proteinuria
- ▶ Need specific testing if there is an index of suspicion
 - ▶ Kappa/ Lambda light Chains
 - ▶ SPEP/UPEP
 - ▶ Immunofixation

LIGHT CHAIN DISEASE/ MYELOMA/ AMYLOID

- ▶ How can we control and improve proteinuria?



OUTLINE: PART 5

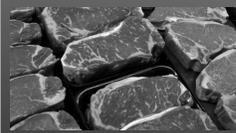
WEIGHT LOSS



Author	Year	Study Type	Population	Intervention	Outcomes
Giordano et al [30]	2010	Prospective	269 obese nondiabetic women (BMI 36.8 ± 4.6 kg/m ²), 17 with pathological albuminuria	3 months of lifestyle intervention including periodic visits for education, advice reinforcement in dietary and exercise management.	eGFR Creatinine Albuminuria BMI decreased in all subjects (P < 0.05). Creatinine and eGFR remained stable. 8 of 17 women with microalbuminuria became normoalbuminuric. Waist circumference decreased in all subjects. Insulin sensitivity and glucose levels significantly decreased only in women with improvement in albuminuria.
Shan et al. [31]	2010	Prospective	63 obese patients (BMI 30.83 ± 2.86 kg/m ²) with biopsy-proven obesity-related glomerulopathy (55.6% FSGS) and proteinuria (1.48 ± 0.87 g/24 h)	24 months of 500 kcal-restriction diet + aerobic exercise 3 days/week	eGFR Proteinuria At 6 months, 27 patients lost weight by 8.2% ± 6.0%, with a mean decrease in proteinuria of 35.3%. At 24 months later, 27 patients achieved a 9.20 ± 3.78% reduction in BMI and a 31.3% reduction in proteinuria (both P < 0.0001). In patients with increased BMI, proteinuria increased by 28.7%. Weight loss improved also lipid profile. BP Changes in BMI were the only predictor of proteinuria (P < 0.01)
Esaquiel et al. [32]	2012	Prospective	33 nondiabetic obese patients with metabolic syndrome, pathological albuminuria but conserved eGFR	12 weeks of low calories diet	eGFR Albuminuria In responders (n = 14), diet produced a significant reduction in albuminuria and eGFR (both P < 0.001). Diet improved also lipid profile in responders.

LOW PROTEIN DIET

- ▶ High protein intake increases glomerular pressure and hyperfiltration that negatively affect kidney function and proteinuria
- ▶ Certain animal proteins, red meat and processed meat, increased inflammatory markers and oxidative stress
- ▶ Degree of protein restriction is variable among studies, ranging from 0.8 to 0.3 g/kg exact recommendation is unclear



Low Protein Diet Studies

Author	Study Design	Population	Outcomes
Di Iorio et al [21] (2013)	Observational cohort study	100% with CKD3-5, proteinuria > 1 g/d; all patients using RAASi at inclusion and LPD (0.6 g/kg/d) or LPD + KA (0.3 kg/g/d) was added; fu of 24 mo; N = 99	UUN-estimated protein intake at baseline: 0.95 g/kg/d; ↓ proteinuria (~48% in LPD + KA + RAASi, ~20% in LPD + RAASi vs baseline [RAASi alone with NDP]); no change in GFR decline
Giordano et al [22] (2008)	Observational study; T2DM with severely increased albuminuria; all patients using ACEi at inclusion and NPD was added (1.2 g/kg/d) and later an LPD (0.8 g/kg/d); fu of 4 wk for each diet; N = 9	100% with ACEi	UUN-estimated protein intake: 0.81 g/kg/d in LPD, 1.38 g/kg/d in NPD; ↓ proteinuria (~40% in LPD + RAASi vs RAASi alone with NDP); no difference in GFR

Examples

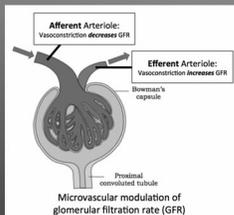
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- Salmon fillet 45 grm
- Strip steak 55
- Chicken Breast 45

- ▶ ACE/ARB
- ▶ Mineral-Corticoid Receptor Antagonists
- ▶ SGLT2 Inhibitors
- ▶ Glucagon Like Peptide-1 Agonists
- ▶ Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and glucose-dependent insulinotropic peptide (GIP) receptor agonist

MEDICATIONS

ACE/ARB

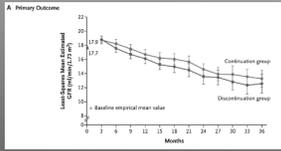
- ▶ The Effect of Angiotensin-Converting-Enzyme Inhibition on Diabetic Nephropathy NEJM 1993
- ▶ Effects of Losartan on Renal and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Nephropathy NEJM 2001



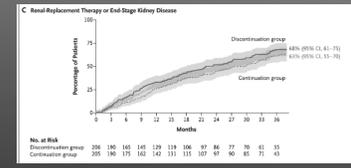
RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM INHIBITION IN ADVANCED CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, NEJM 12/22

	RAS Inhibitor Discontinuation Group (N=206)	RAS Inhibitor Continuation Group (N=205)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate		
Median (IQR) — ml/min/1.73 m ²	18 (14 to 22)	18 (14 to 21)
Distribution — no. (%)		
<15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	58 (28)	60 (29)
≥15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	148 (72)	145 (71)
Median rate of decrease over 24 mo (IQR) — ml/min/yr	-4.8 (-7.6 to -3.3)	-4.7 (-7.3 to -3.5)
Protein:creatinine ratio [§]		
Median (IQR)	960 (230 to 2089)	1035 (265 to 2230)
Distribution — no. of patients (%)		
<885	97 (47)	98 (48)
≥885	109 (53)	107 (52)

Results



Subgroup	Discontinuation Group no. of patients	Continuation Group no. of patients	Mean Difference in Estimated GFR at 3 Yr (95% CI)
Diabetes			
Type 1	9	11	2.88 (-2.22 to 8.99)
Type 2	86	87	-0.14 (-3.32 to 3.04)
None	111	127	-1.36 (-3.57 to 0.86)
Mean serum potassium			
<200 nmol/L	122	129	-0.61 (-2.03 to 0.81)
≥200 nmol/L	74	76	-0.82 (-1.92 to 0.28)
Age			
<65 yr	118	110	-0.32 (-2.02 to 1.38)
≥65 yr	80	86	-0.22 (-2.71 to 2.26)
Proteinuria ratio			
<45 g	87	98	-1.12 (-3.41 to 1.16)
≥45 g	109	107	0.14 (-2.37 to 2.08)
Estimated GFR			
<15 mL/min/1.73 m ²	18	40	-0.32 (-0.82 to 0.20)
≥15 mL/min/1.73 m ²	148	144	-0.62 (-2.02 to 0.77)



Variable	Discontinuation Group	Continuation Group
Patients — no./total no. (%)	107/206 (52)	101/205 (49)
No. of events	237	253
No. of cardiovascular events	108	88

- ▶ The activation of the RAAS pathway leads to the production of aldosterone.
- ▶ Aldosterone is a mineralocorticoid hormone produced by the adrenal cortex.
 - ▶ Reabsorption of sodium and secretion of potassium.
- ▶ The mineralocorticoid receptor is present in the distal tubule/collecting of the kidney and also within glomeruli on podocytes and mesangial cells.
- ▶ Mineralocorticoid receptor also functions as a transcription factor that can increase the levels of inflammatory cytokines
 - ▶ increasing local levels of reactive oxygen species
 - ▶ profibrotic factors

ALDOSTERONE

Long term effects of spironolactone on proteinuria and kidney function in patients with chronic kidney disease
Kidney International

	All	Conventional therapy	Conventional therapy plus spironolactone
No. of patients	165	82	83
eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	62.3±1.6	62.2±2.1	62.4±2.4
Uprotein (g/g creatinine)	2.1±0.05	2.0±0.07	2.1±0.08

Conventional

Conventional/
Spironolactone

9 months all	2.0±0.07	0.99±0.06 (-49.9%)*
eGFR<60 ml/min	2.1±0.08	1.0±0.08 (-56.4%)
eGFR>60 ml/min	1.94±0.07	0.98±0.08 (-40.4%)*
12 months all	2.11±0.08	0.89±0.06 (-54.2%)*
eGFR<60 ml/min	2.19±0.09	0.88±0.09 (-62.2%)
eGFR>60 ml/min	1.99±0.08	0.93±0.09 (-42.9%)*

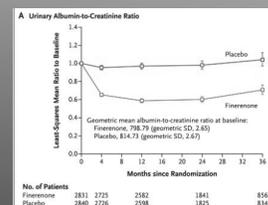
EFFECT OF FINERENONE ON CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE OUTCOMES IN TYPE 2 DIABETES, NEJM 2020;383:2219-2229

- ▶ Primary composite outcome
 - ▶ Kidney failure
 - ▶ Sustained decrease of at least 40% in the eGFR from baseline
 - ▶ Death from renal causes.
- ▶ Secondary composite outcome
 - ▶ Death from cardiovascular causes
 - ▶ Nonfatal myocardial infarction
 - ▶ Nonfatal stroke
 - ▶ Hospitalization for heart failure

Characteristic	Finerenone (N=2833)	Placebo (N=2841)	Total (N=5674)
≥60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	318 (11.2)	338 (11.9)	656 (11.6)
45 to <60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	972 (34.3)	928 (32.7)	1900 (33.5)
25 to <45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	1476 (52.1)	1505 (53.0)	2981 (52.5)
<25 ml/min/1.73 m ²	66 (2.3)	69 (2.4)	135 (2.4)
Missing data	1 (-0.1)	1 (-0.1)	2 (-0.1)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio‡			
Median (IQR)	833 (441-1628)	867 (453-1645)	852 (446-1634)
Distribution — no. (%)			
<30	11 (0.4)	12 (0.4)	23 (0.4)
30 to <300	350 (12.4)	335 (11.8)	685 (12.1)
≥300	2470 (87.2)	2493 (87.8)	4963 (87.5)
Missing data	2 (-0.1)	1 (-0.1)	3 (-0.1)

Outcome	Finerenone (N=2833) no. of patients with event (%)	Placebo (N=2841) no. of patients with event (%)	Finerenone (N=2833) no. of patients with event per 100 patient-yr	Placebo (N=2841) no. of patients with event per 100 patient-yr	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Primary composite outcome	504 (17.8)	600 (21.1)	7.59	9.08	0.82 (0.73-0.93)	0.001
Kidney failure	208 (7.3)	235 (8.3)	2.99	3.39	0.87 (0.72-1.05)	—
End-stage kidney disease	119 (4.2)	139 (4.9)	1.60	1.87	0.86 (0.67-1.10)	—
Sustained decrease in eGFR to <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	167 (5.9)	199 (7.0)	2.40	2.87	0.82 (0.67-1.01)	—
Sustained decrease of ≥40% in eGFR from baseline	479 (16.9)	577 (20.3)	7.21	8.73	0.81 (0.72-0.92)	—
Death from renal causes	2 (<0.1)	2 (<0.1)	—	—	—	—
Key secondary composite outcome	367 (13.0)	420 (14.8)	5.11	5.92	0.86 (0.75-0.99)	0.03
Death from cardiovascular causes	128 (4.5)	150 (5.3)	1.69	1.99	0.86 (0.68-1.08)	—
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	70 (2.5)	87 (3.1)	0.94	1.17	0.80 (0.58-1.09)	—
Nonfatal stroke	90 (3.2)	87 (3.1)	1.21	1.18	1.03 (0.76-1.38)	—
Hospitalization for heart failure	139 (4.9)	162 (5.7)	1.89	2.21	0.86 (0.68-1.08)	—
Death from any cause	219 (7.7)	244 (8.6)	2.90	3.23	0.90 (0.75-1.07)	—
Hospitalization for any cause	1263 (44.6)	1321 (46.5)	22.56	23.87	0.95 (0.88-1.02)	—
Secondary composite kidney outcome	252 (8.9)	326 (11.5)	3.64	4.74	0.76 (0.65-0.90)	—
Sustained decrease of ≥57% in eGFR from baseline	167 (5.9)	245 (8.6)	2.41	3.54	0.68 (0.55-0.82)	—

Results in regards to proteinuria



- ▶ Activates macula densa restores the tubuloglomerular feedback by promoting afferent arteriole vasoconstriction, thus decreasing intraglomerular pressure and GFR
- ▶ SGLT-2 inhibitors have anti-inflammatory, anti-fibrotic and antioxidant effects, as they are able to suppress advanced glycation end products (AGEs)

SGLT2 INHIBITORS

DAPAGLIFLOZIN IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE N ENGL J MED 2020; 383:1436-1446

- ▶ Primary outcome
- ▶ Sustained decline in the estimated GFR of at least 50%
- ▶ End-stage kidney disease
- ▶ Death from renal or cardiovascular causes.

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Participants at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Dapagliflozin (N=2152)	Placebo (N=2152)
Estimated GFR		
Mean — ml/min/1.73 m ²	43.2±12.3	43.0±12.4
Distribution — no. (%)		
≥60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	234 (10.9)	220 (10.2)
45 to <60 ml/min/1.73 m ²	646 (30.0)	682 (31.7)
30 to <45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	979 (45.5)	919 (42.7)
<30 ml/min/1.73 m ²	293 (13.6)	331 (15.4)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio[‡]		
Median (interquartile range)	965 (472–1903)	934 (482–1868)
>1000 — no. (%)	1048 (48.7)	1031 (47.9)
Type 2 diabetes — no. (%)	1455 (67.6)	1451 (67.4)

Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes and Adverse Events of Special Interest.*

Outcome	Dapagliflozin		Placebo		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	no./total no. (%)	events/100 patient-yr	no./total no. (%)	events/100 patient-yr		
Primary outcome						
Primary composite outcome	197/2152 (9.2)	4.6	312/2152 (14.5)	7.5	0.61 (0.51–0.72)	<0.001
Decline in estimated GFR of ≥50%	112/2152 (5.2)	2.6	201/2152 (9.3)	4.8	0.53 (0.42–0.67)	NA
End-stage kidney disease	109/2152 (5.1)	2.5	161/2152 (7.5)	3.8	0.64 (0.50–0.82)	NA
Estimated GFR of <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	84/2152 (3.9)	1.9	120/2152 (5.6)	2.8	0.67 (0.51–0.88)	NA
Long-term dialysis [†]	68/2152 (3.2)	1.5	99/2152 (4.6)	2.2	0.66 (0.48–0.90)	NA
Kidney transplantation [†]	3/2152 (0.1)	0.1	8/2152 (0.4)	0.2	—	NA
Death from renal causes	2/2152 (<0.1)	0.0	6/2152 (0.3)	0.1	—	NA
Death from cardiovascular causes	65/2152 (3.0)	1.4	80/2152 (3.7)	1.7	0.81 (0.58–1.12)	NA

Secondary outcomes

Composite of decline in estimated GFR of ≥50%, end-stage kidney disease, or death from renal causes	142/2152 (6.6)	3.3	243/2152 (11.3)	5.8	0.56 (0.45–0.68)	<0.001
Composite of death from cardiovascular causes or hospitalization for heart failure	100/2152 (4.6)	2.2	138/2152 (6.4)	3.0	0.71 (0.55–0.92)	0.009
Death from any cause	101/2152 (4.7)	2.2	146/2152 (6.8)	3.1	0.69 (0.53–0.88)	0.004

Type 2 diabetes

Yes	152/1455	229/1451	0.64 (0.52–0.79)
No	45/697	83/701	0.50 (0.35–0.72)
Estimated GFR			
<45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	152/1272	217/1250	0.63 (0.51–0.78)
≥45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	45/880	95/902	0.49 (0.34–0.69)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio			
≤1000	44/1104	84/1121	0.54 (0.37–0.77)
>1000	153/1048	228/1031	0.62 (0.50–0.76)
Systolic blood pressure			
≤130 mm Hg	46/793	96/749	0.44 (0.31–0.63)
>130 mm Hg	151/1359	216/1403	0.68 (0.56–0.84)

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Empagliflozin in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

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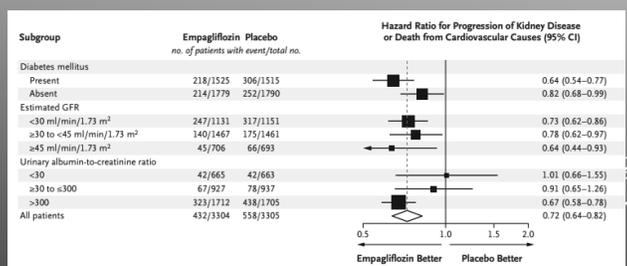
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- ▶ The primary outcome
- ▶ Progression of kidney disease
 - ▶ End-stage kidney disease
 - ▶ Sustained decrease in eGFR to <10 ml per minute per 1.73 m²
 - ▶ Sustained decrease in eGFR of ≥40% from baseline
 - ▶ Death from renal causes
- ▶ Death from cardiovascular causes.

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Empagliflozin (N=3304)	Placebo (N=3305)
History of diabetes — no. (%)		
Yes	1525 (46.2)	1515 (45.8)
No	1779 (53.8)	1790 (54.2)
Estimated GFR		
Mean — ml/min/1.73 m ²	37.4±14.5	37.3±14.4
Distribution — no. (%)		
<30 ml/min/1.73 m ²	1131 (34.2)	1151 (34.8)
≥30 to <45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	1467 (44.4)	1461 (44.2)
≥45 ml/min/1.73 m ²	706 (21.4)	693 (21.0)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio^{††}		
Geometric mean (95% CI)	219 (205–234)	226 (211–242)
Median (IQR)	331 (46–1061)	327 (54–1074)
Distribution — no. (%)		
<30	665 (20.1)	663 (20.1)
≥30 to <300	927 (28.1)	937 (28.4)
>300	1712 (51.8)	1705 (51.6)
Cause of kidney disease — no. (%)		
Diabetic kidney disease	1032 (31.2)	1025 (31.0)
Hypertensive or renovascular disease	706 (21.4)	739 (22.4)
Glomerular disease	853 (25.8)	816 (24.7)
Other	387 (11.7)	421 (12.7)
Unknown	326 (9.9)	304 (9.2)

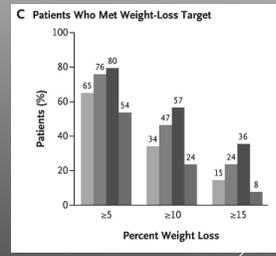
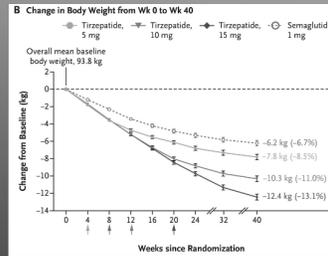
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TIRZEPATIDE VERSUS SEMAGLUTIDE ONCE WEEKLY IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES AUGUST 5, 2021
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Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline in the Modified Intention-to-Treat Population.^a

Characteristic	Tirzepatide			Semaglutide	Total (N=1878)
	5 mg (N=470)	10 mg (N=469)	15 mg (N=470)	1 mg (N=469)	
BMI†	33.8±6.85	34.3±6.60	34.5±7.11	34.2±7.15	34.2±6.93
Weight — kg	92.5±21.76	94.8±22.71	93.8±21.83	93.7±21.12	93.7±21.86
Waist circumference — cm	108.06±14.81	110.55±16.05	109.55±15.60	109.04±14.90	109.30±15.36
Estimated GFR‡					
Mean value — ml/min/1.73 m ²	96.6±17.51	95.5±16.62	96.3±16.92	95.6±17.25	96.0±17.07
Value <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² — no. (%)	19 (4.0)	15 (3.2)	11 (2.3)	19 (4.1)	64 (3.4)
Value ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m ² — no. (%)	451 (96.0)	454 (96.8)	459 (97.7)	450 (95.9)	1814 (96.6)
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio — no. (%)¶					
<30	340 (72.3)	353 (75.3)	357 (76.0)	364 (77.6)	1414 (75.3)
30 to <300	111 (23.6)	87 (18.6)	85 (18.1)	90 (19.2)	373 (19.9)
>300	18 (3.8)	29 (6.2)	27 (5.7)	15 (3.2)	89 (4.7)



- ▶ Be aggressive with lifestyle
- ▶ Supplement with medications
 - ▶ Cost is often an issue
- ▶ Don't give up

CONCLUSIONS

JB Received a transplant 1/14/23

