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# Epidemiology, Diagnostic and treatment for Protein Energy Wasting in Dialysis

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# ESRD

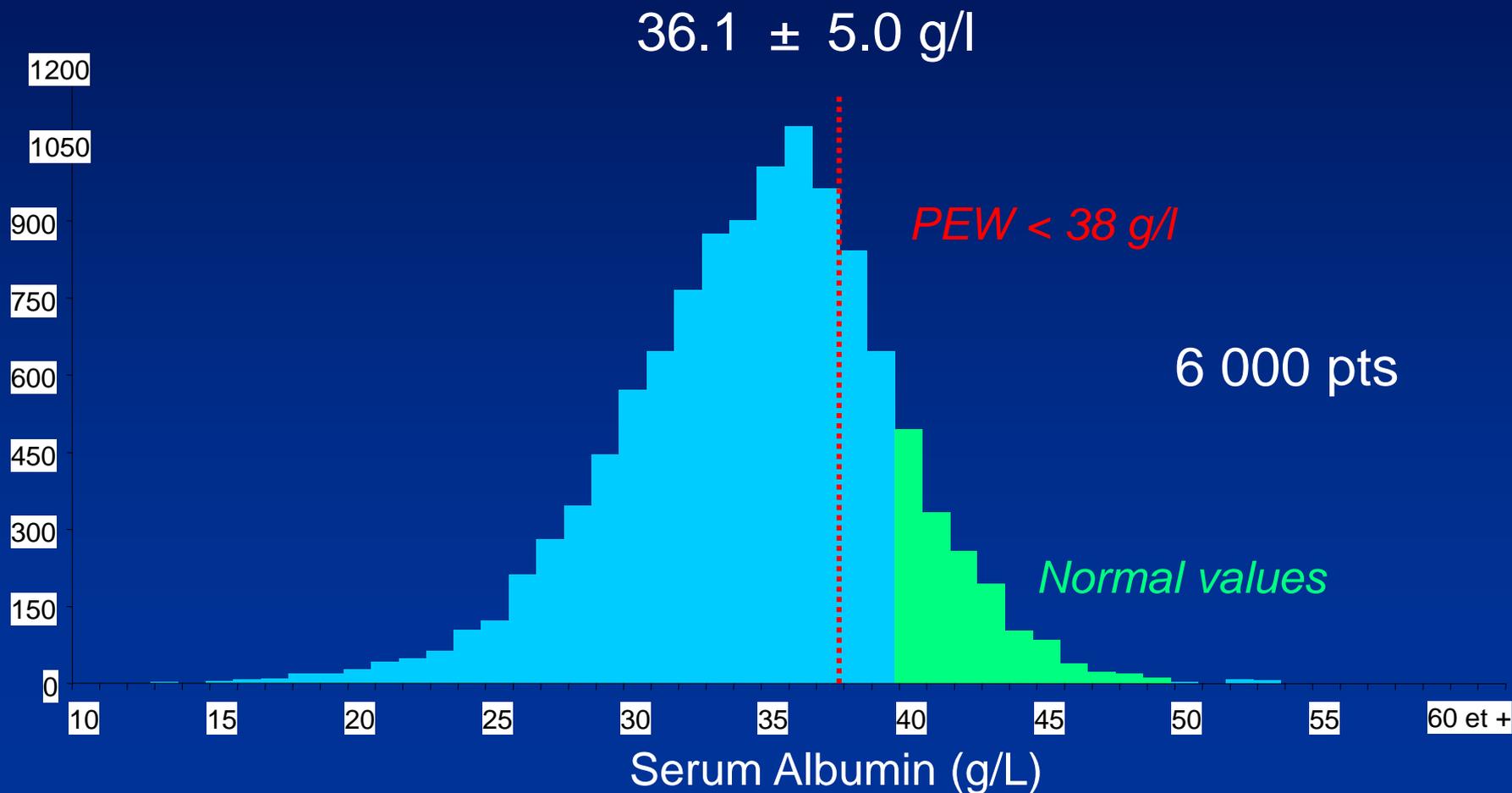
**Definition of Malnutrition status**

**and**

**How to predict survival**

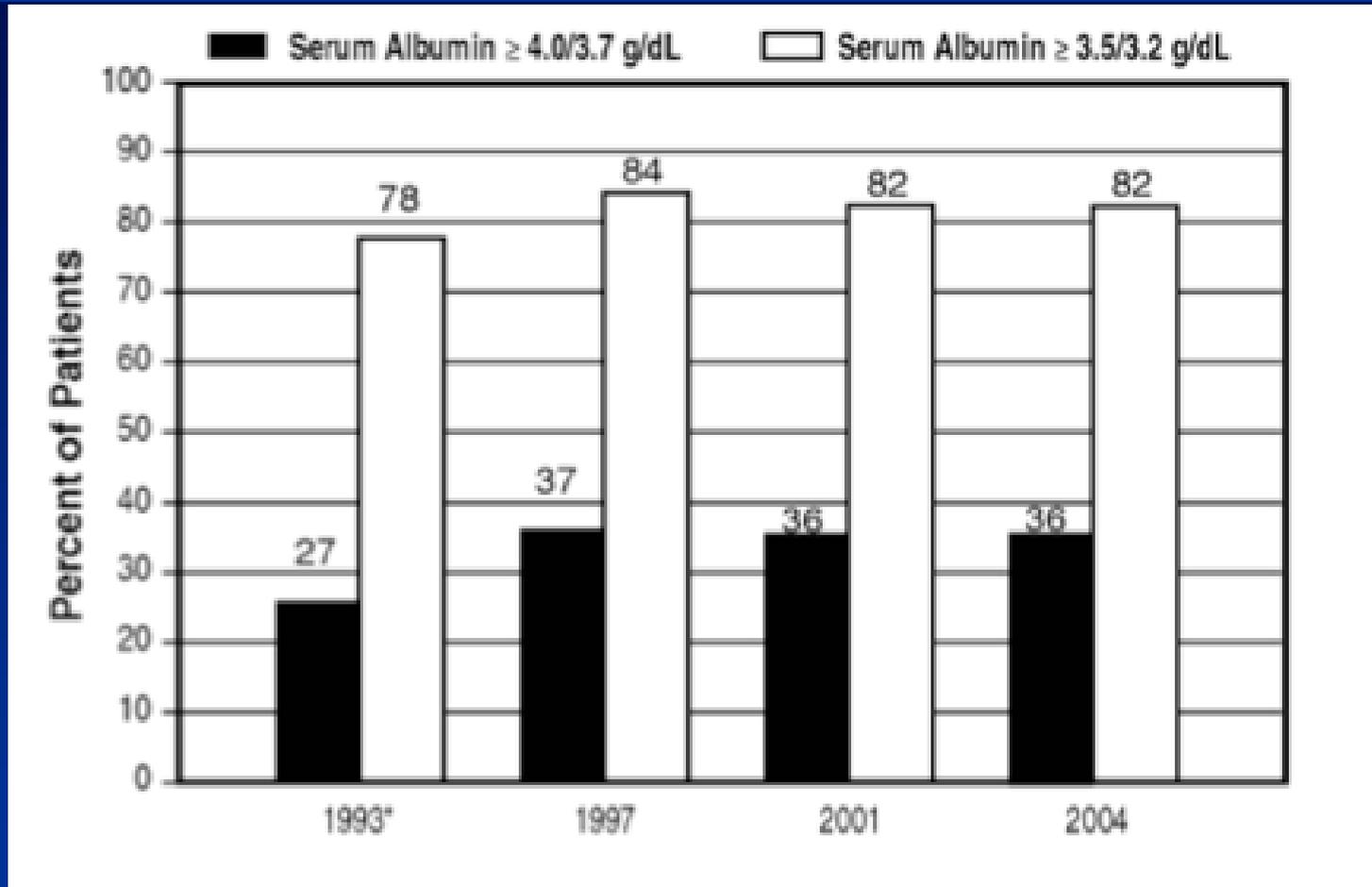
# Low serum albumin in French dialysis Pts

*Observatoire Phosphocalcique, January 2011*

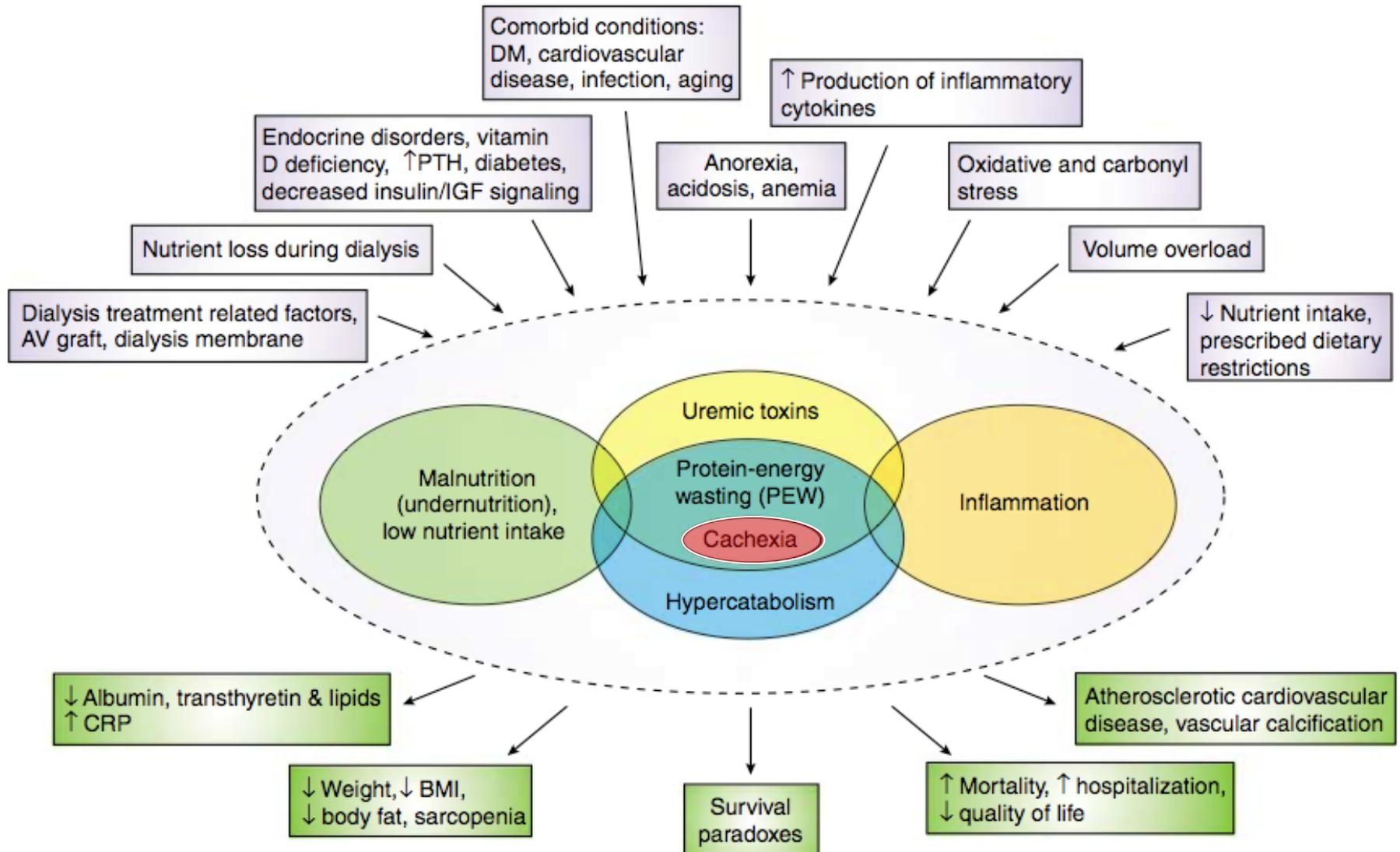


# Serum Albumin of MHD patients, USA, 1993-2004

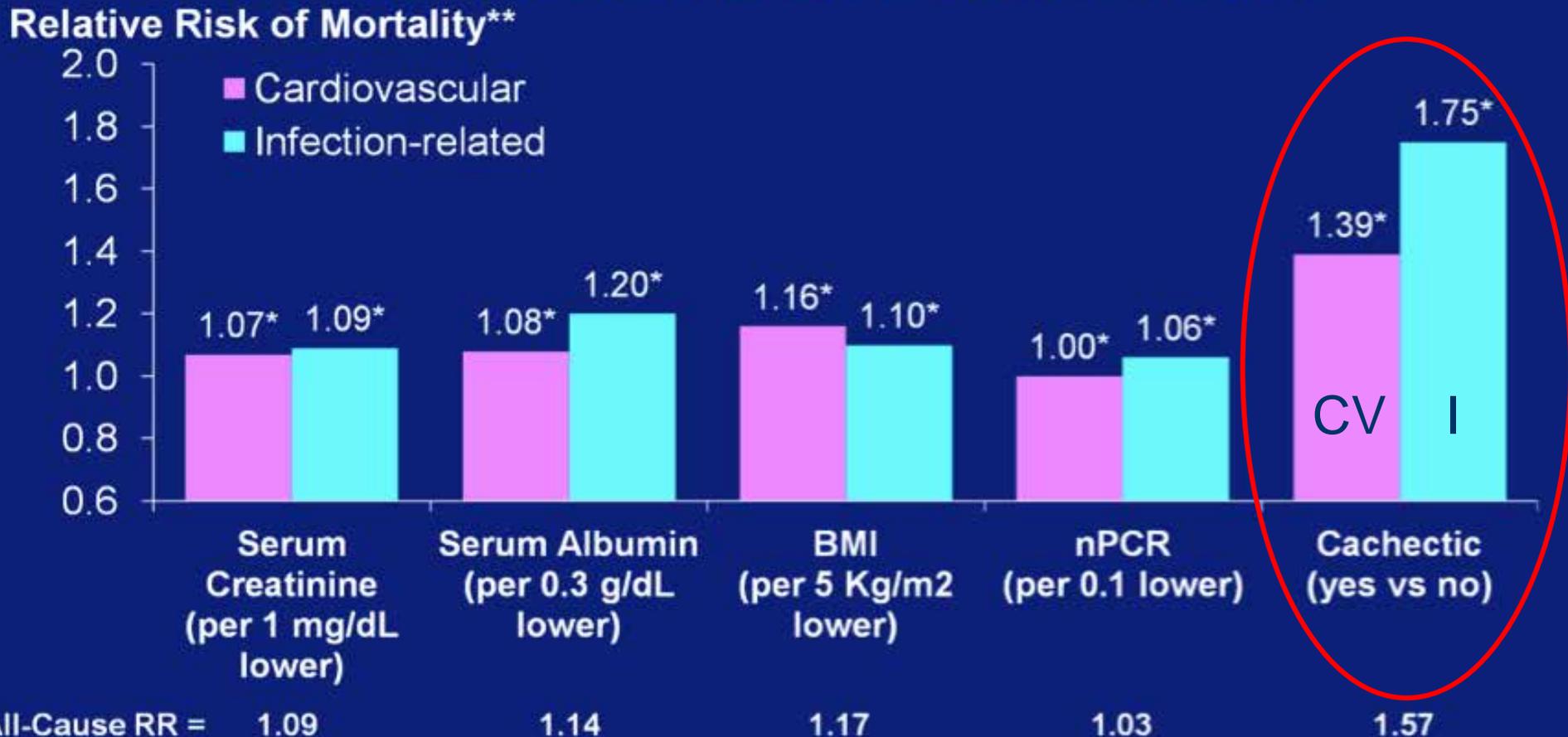
## ESRD Clinical Performance Measures Project



# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008



# Figure 1: Adjusted RR of death due to cardiovascular and infection-related causes associated with nutritional indicators



\*  $p < 0.01$ ;

\*\* Relative risks were adjusted for age, sex, race, vintage, 14 summary comorbidities, neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio and dialysis by catheter; BMI = body mass index; nPCR = protein catabolic rate; RR = relative risk



# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008

Gr 1: Biology

Gr 2: Body Mass

Gr 3: Muscle

Gr 4: Dietary intake

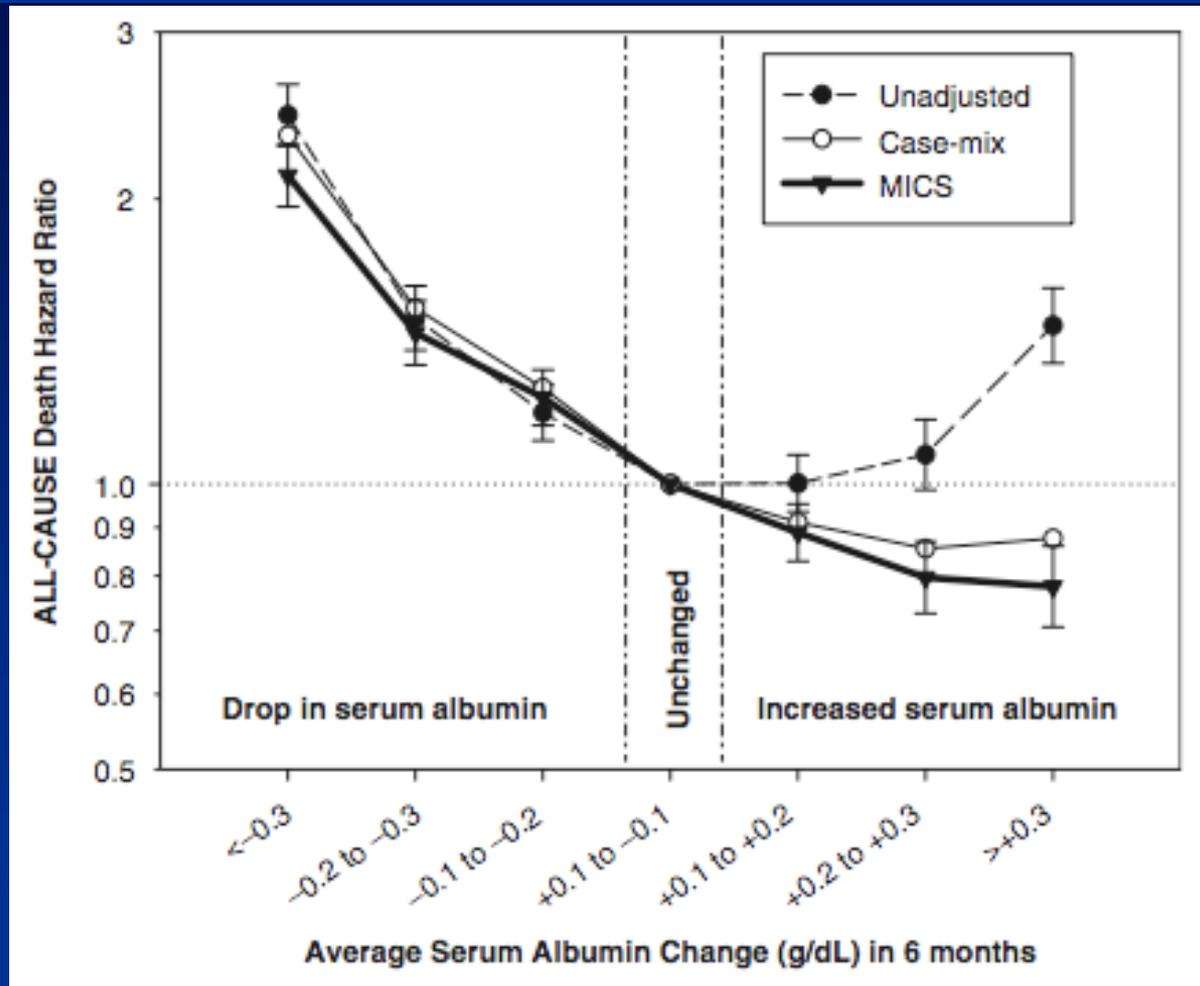
*At least one criterion in 3 of the 4 groups*

# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008

## Biology

- Serum Albumin < 38 g/l (BCG)
- Gr 1 - Serum prealbumin < 300 mg/l
- Serum cholesterol < 1 g/l

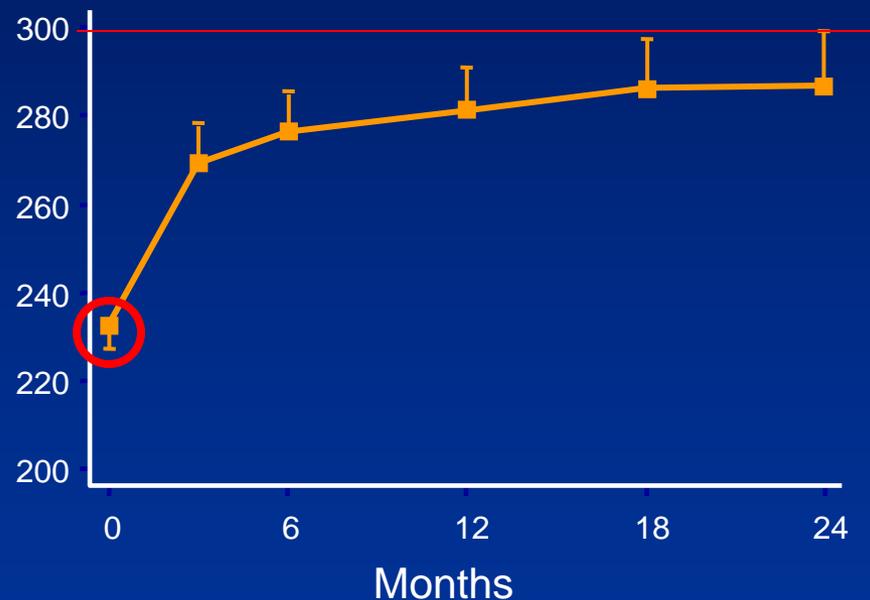
# Short term albumin change predicts long-term survival



# Serum Prealbumin response to renutrition

FineS study, oral  $\pm$  IDPN support in malnourished MHD pts

Serum prealbumin  
mg/L



+ 55 mg/l  
+ 23%

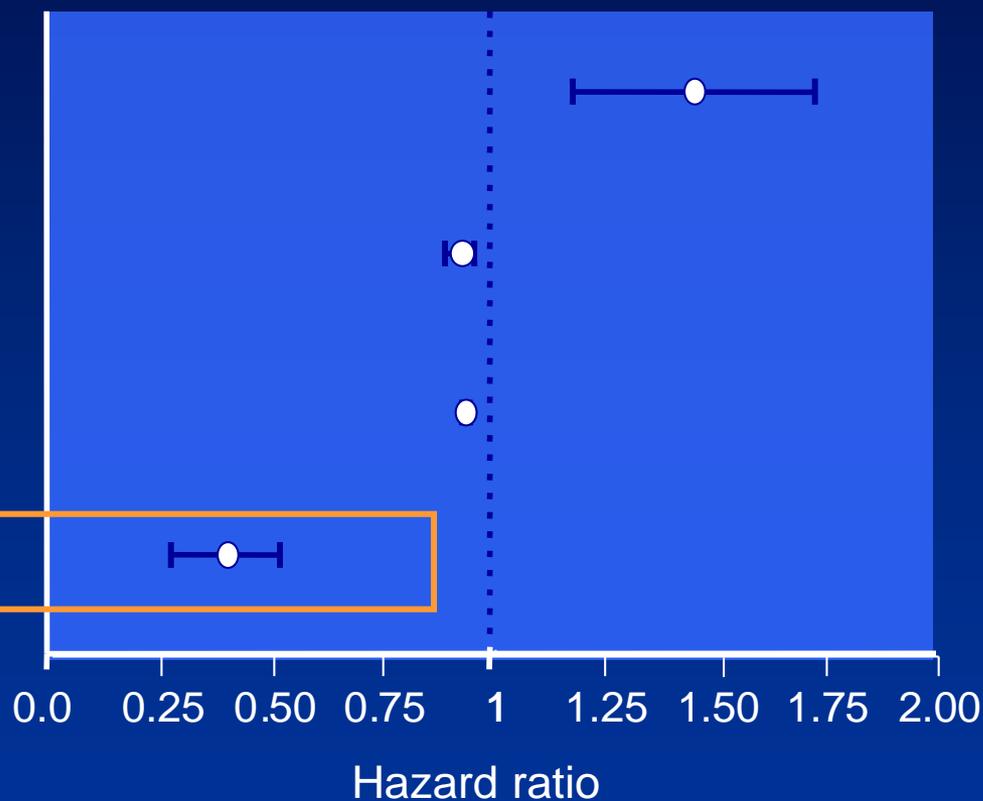
# Serum Prealbumin response to renutrition

Comorbidity (+1)

Albumin d0 (+1 g/L)

Creatinine d0 (+10  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )

$\Delta$  Prealbumin d0-m3 (> 30 mg/L)



*Multivariate Cox*

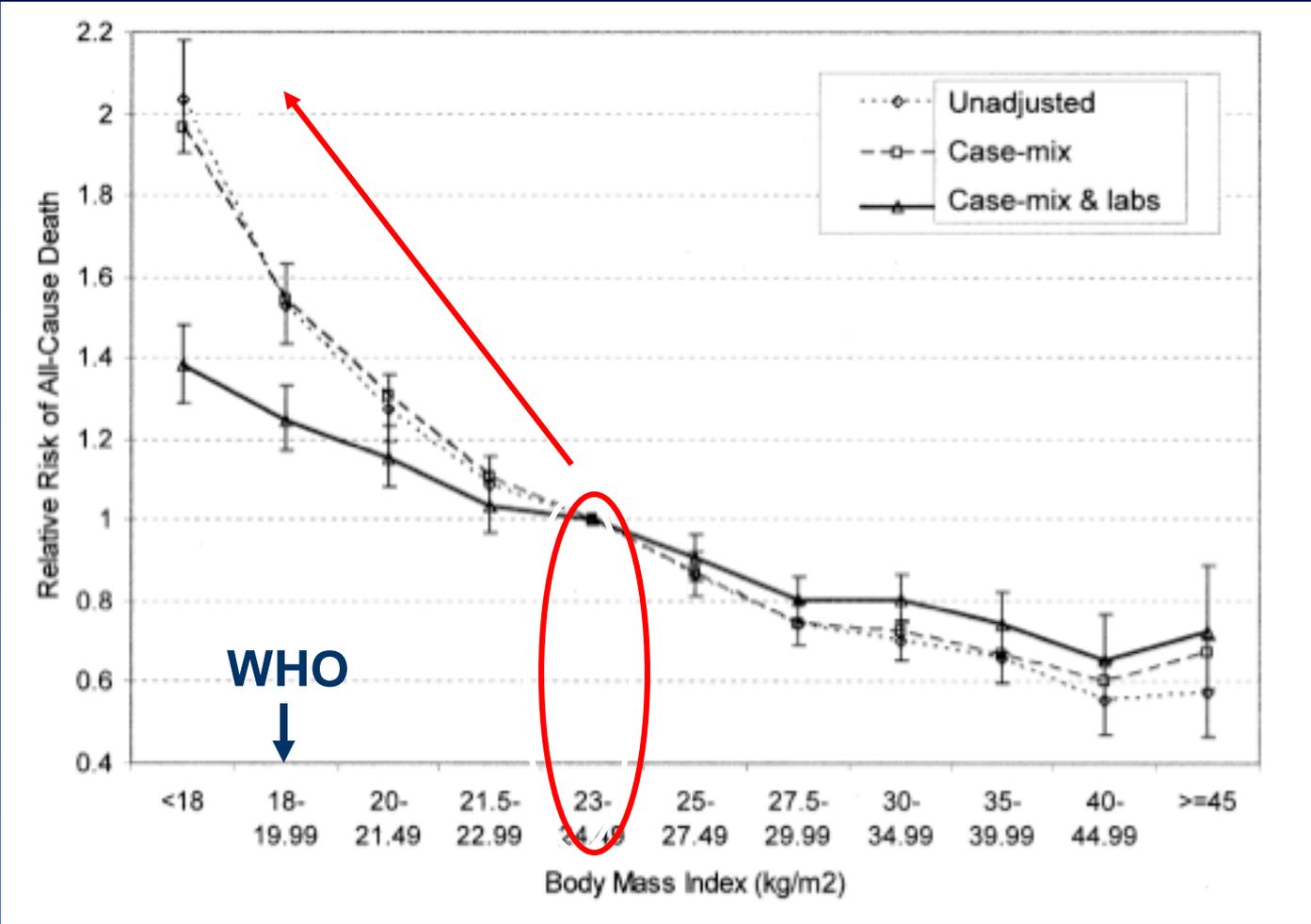
*Cano et al, J Am Soc Nephrol 2007*

# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008

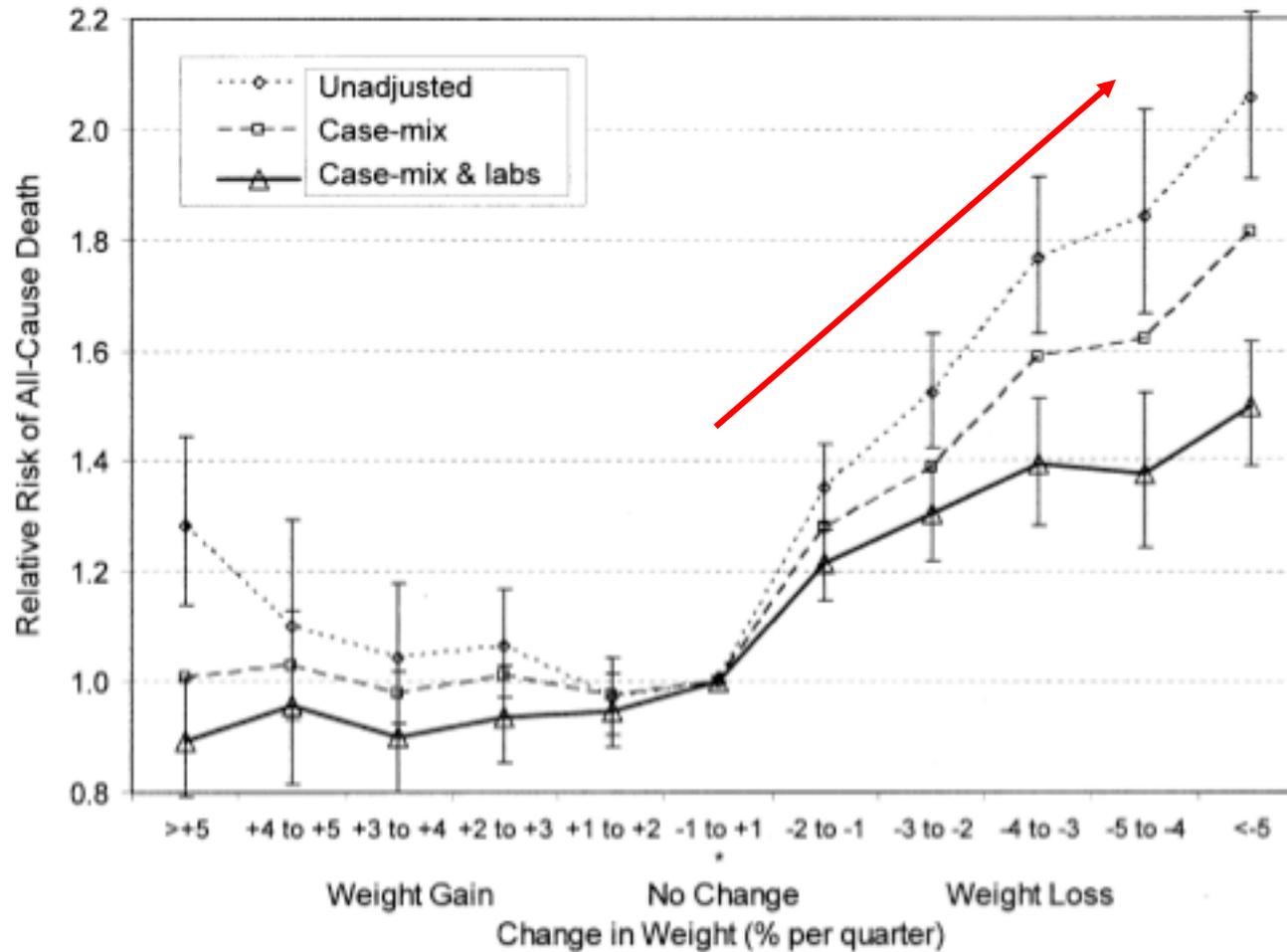
## Anthropometry

- **Body Mass Index < 23** (*WHO: 18.5*)
- Gr 2 - **Weight loss > 5 %** (3 months)
- Weight loss > 10 % (6 months)
- **Body Fat < 10 %**

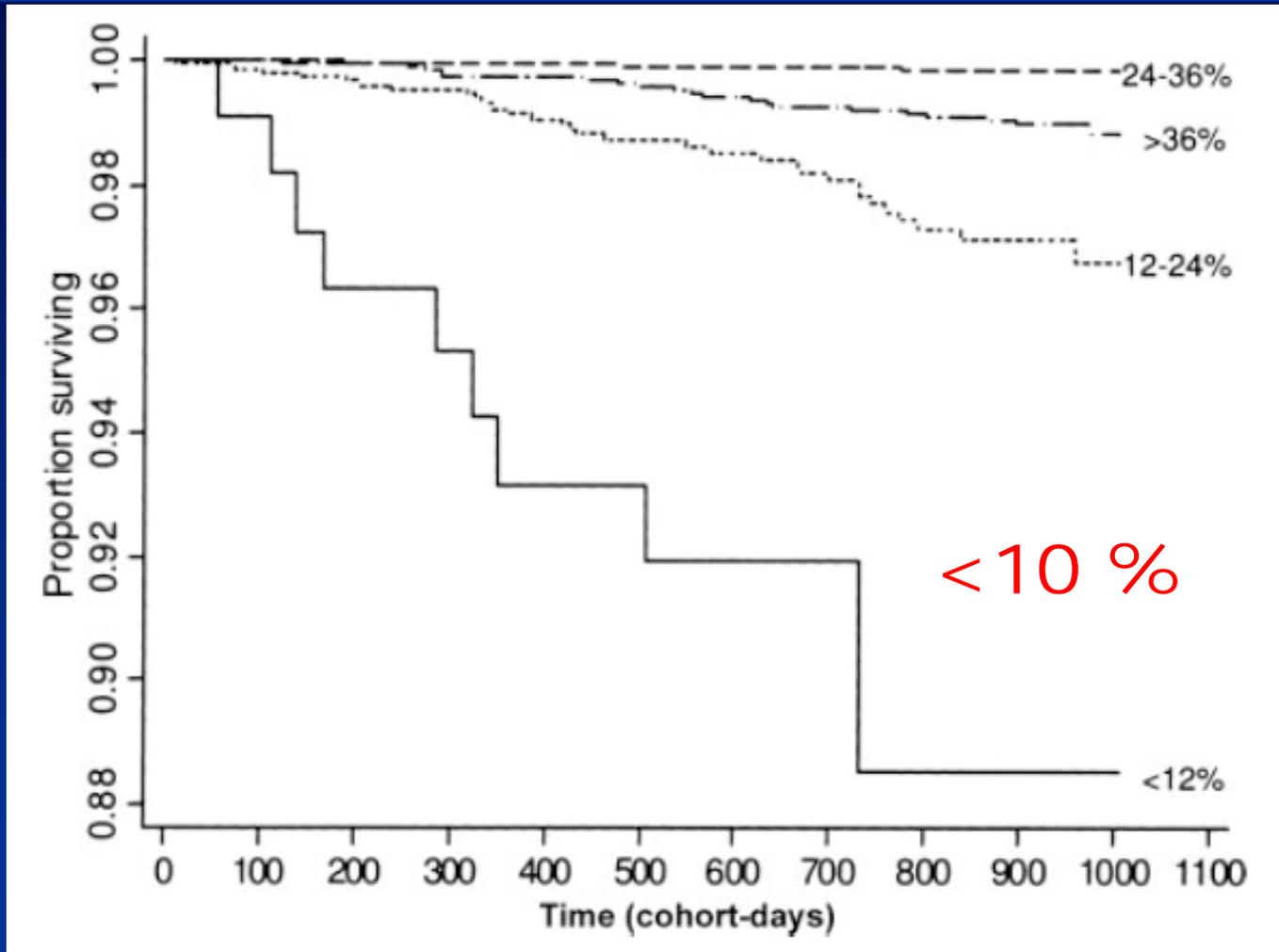
# Gr 2: Body Mass Index and mortality



# Weight loss and mortality



# Fat Mass and mortality

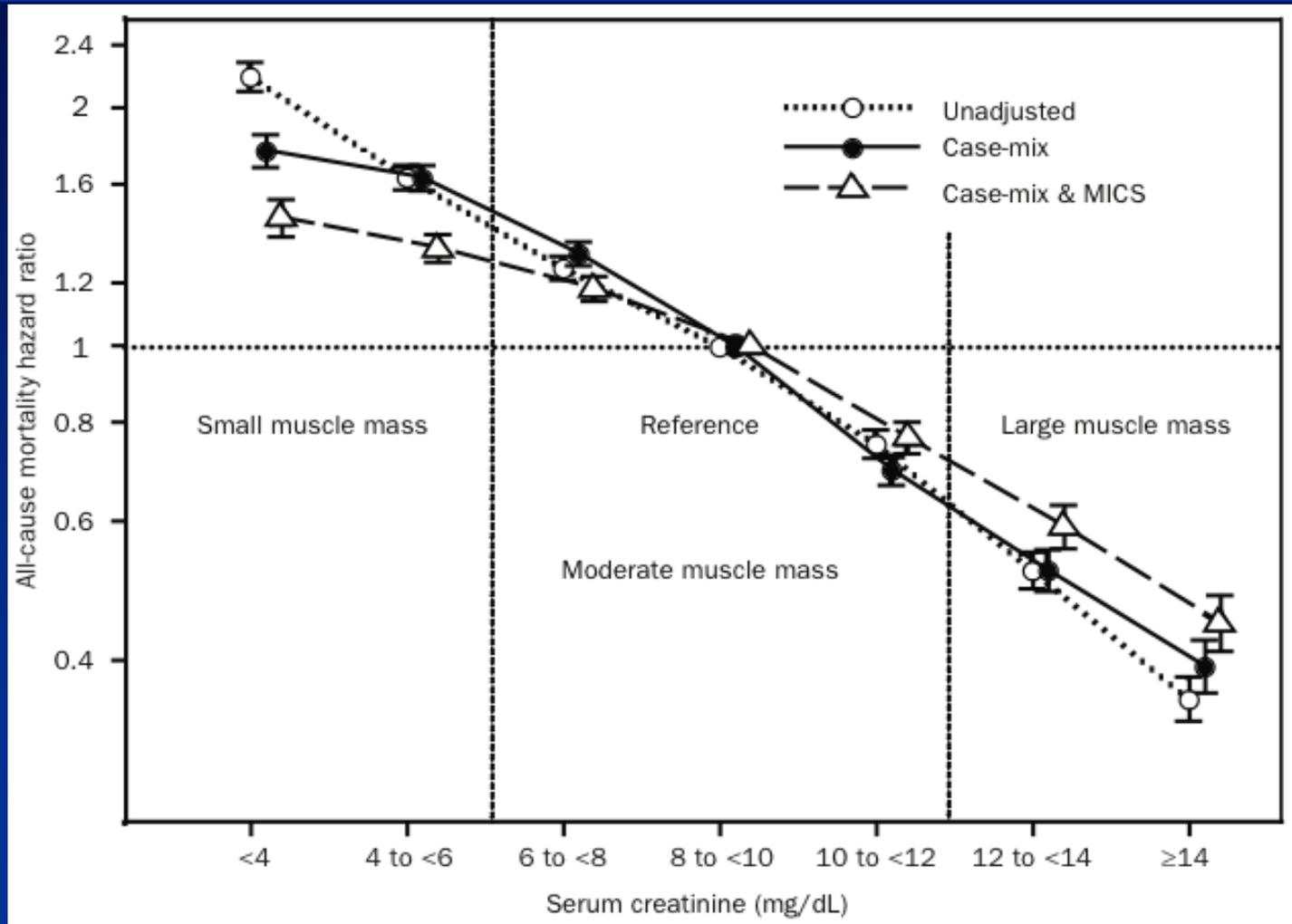


# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008

## Muscle

- Loss of muscle mass > 5% (3 months)
- Loss of muscle mass > 10% (6 months)
- Gr 3 - Reduced MAMC (>10% below 50th percentile)
- Predialysis S Creatinine (K-DOQIs)
- Creatinine kinetics (Garred et al.)

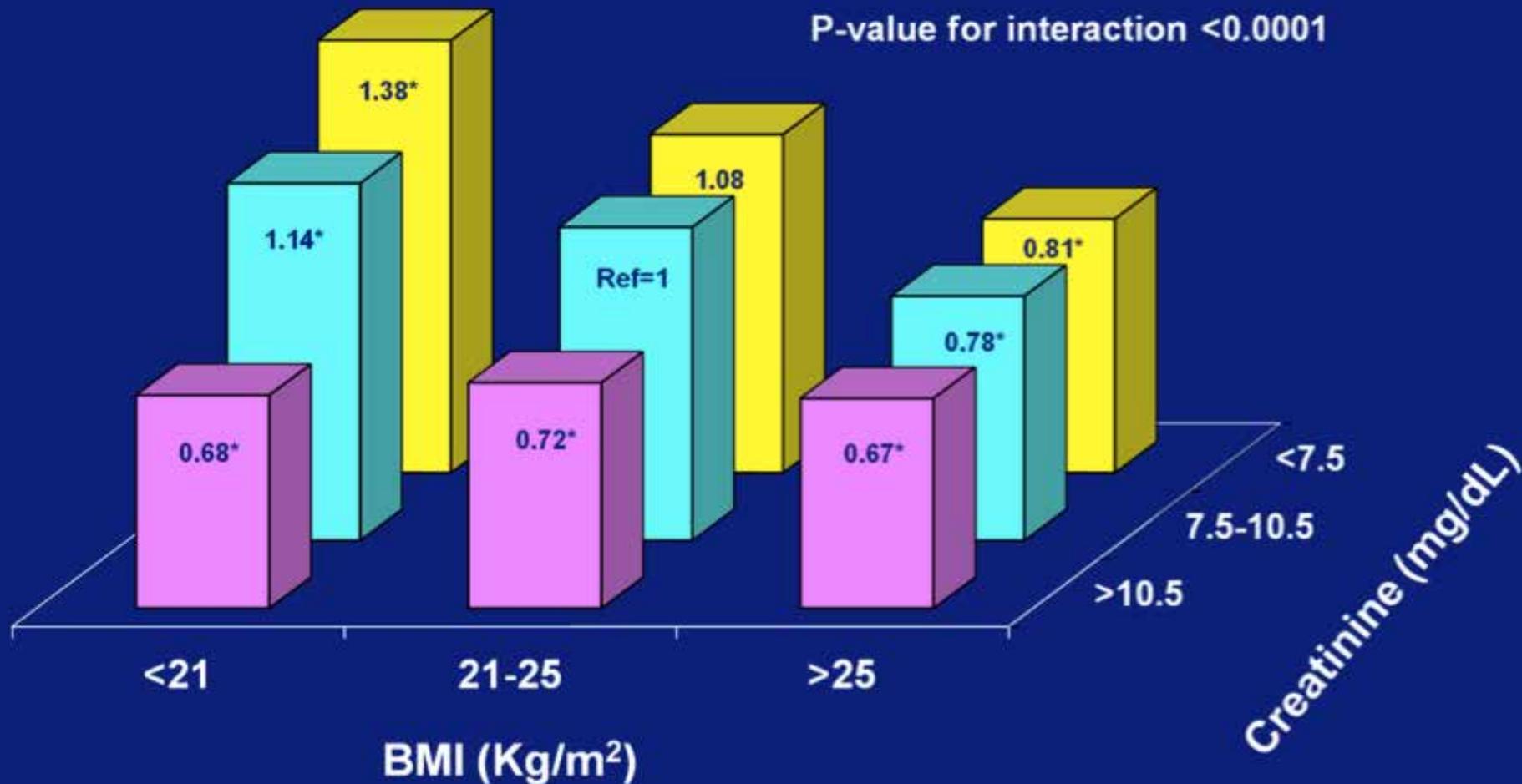
# Serum Creatinine



58 000 MHD pts, retrospective 2001-06

*Kalantar et al, Mayo Clin Proc 2010*

# Figure 2a: The relative risks of all-cause mortality due to the joint effects of BMI and creatinine



\*p<0.05 as compared with the referent group; ref = referent group; BMI=body mass index  
 Relative risks were adjusted for age, sex, race, vintage, 14 summary comorbidities, neutrophil/lymphocyte ratio and dialysis by catheter

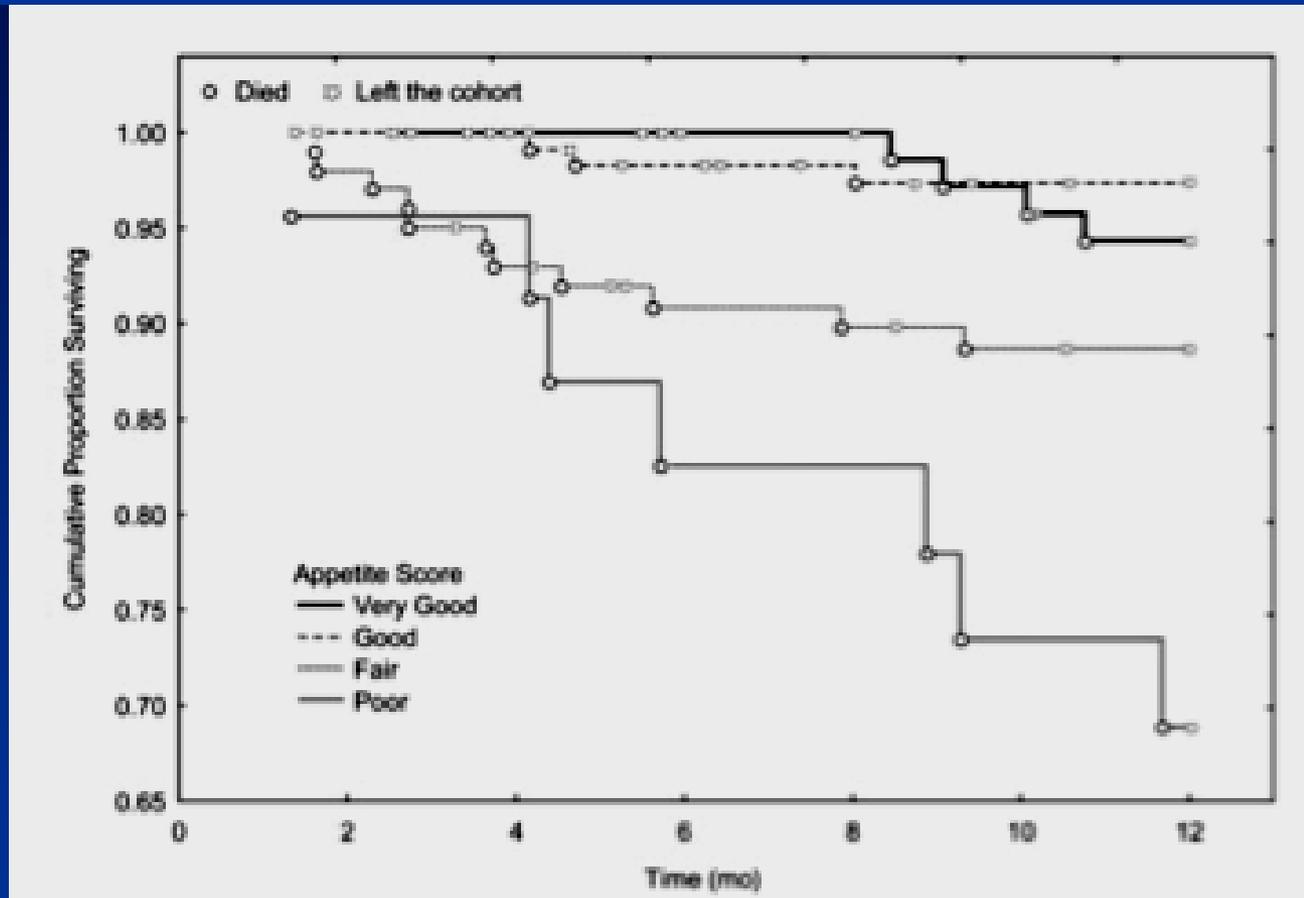


# Protein Energy Wasting - 2008

## Nutrients intake

- Unintentional Dietary Protein Intake  
Gr 4 < 0.8 g/kg BW/day for 2 months
- Unintentional Dietary Energy Intake  
< 25 kcal/kg BW/day for 2 months

# Appetite: a predictor of mortality



VG

G

F

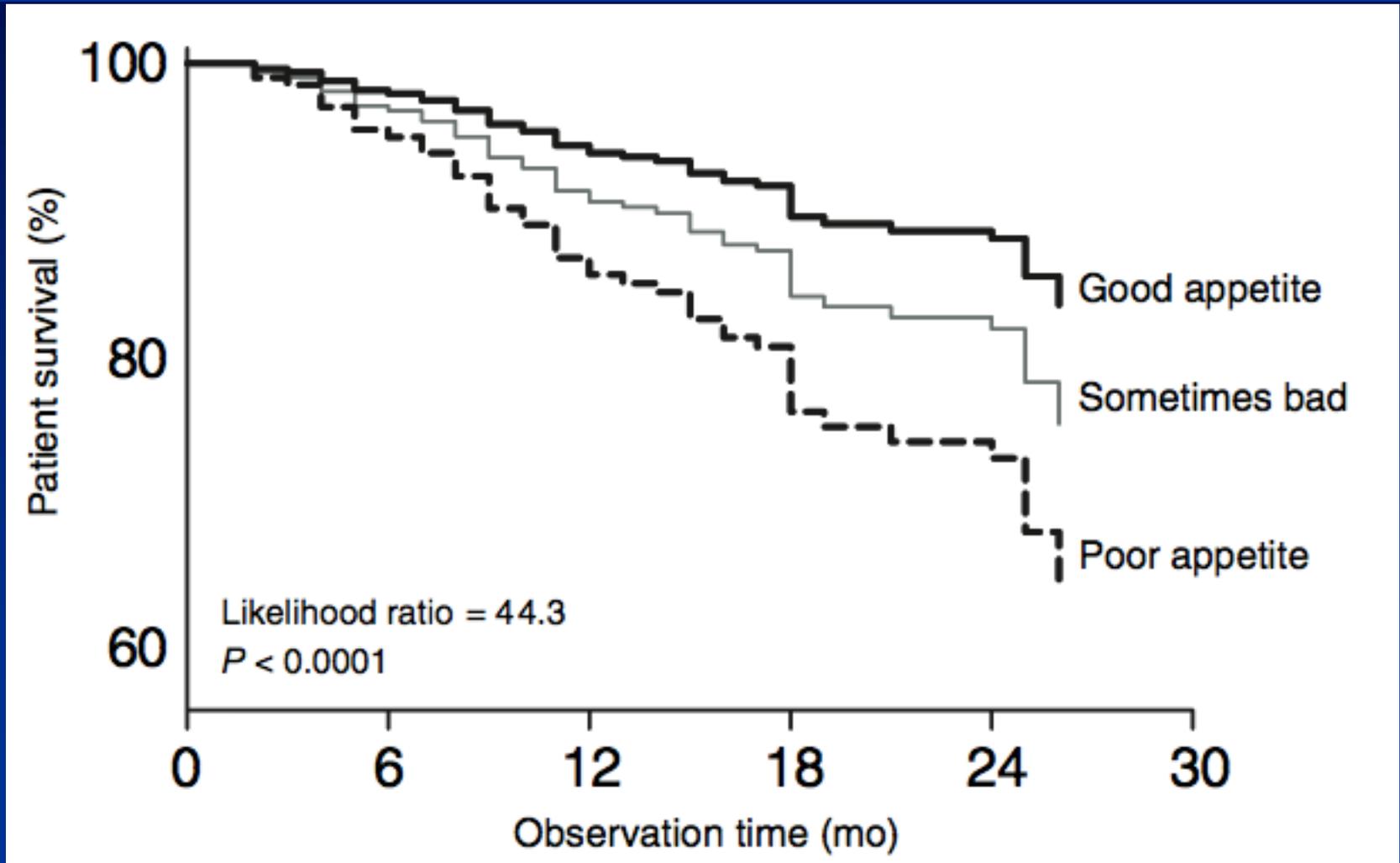
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One year survival

331 californian MHD patients

*Kalantar et al, Am J Clin Nutr 2004*

# Appetite and patients survival



223 swedish MHD patients

*Carrero et al, Am J Clin Nutr 2007*

# Gr 4: Dietary intake

## Protein intake

- Should be assessed monthly
- nPNA (nPCR) or food report

## Energy intake

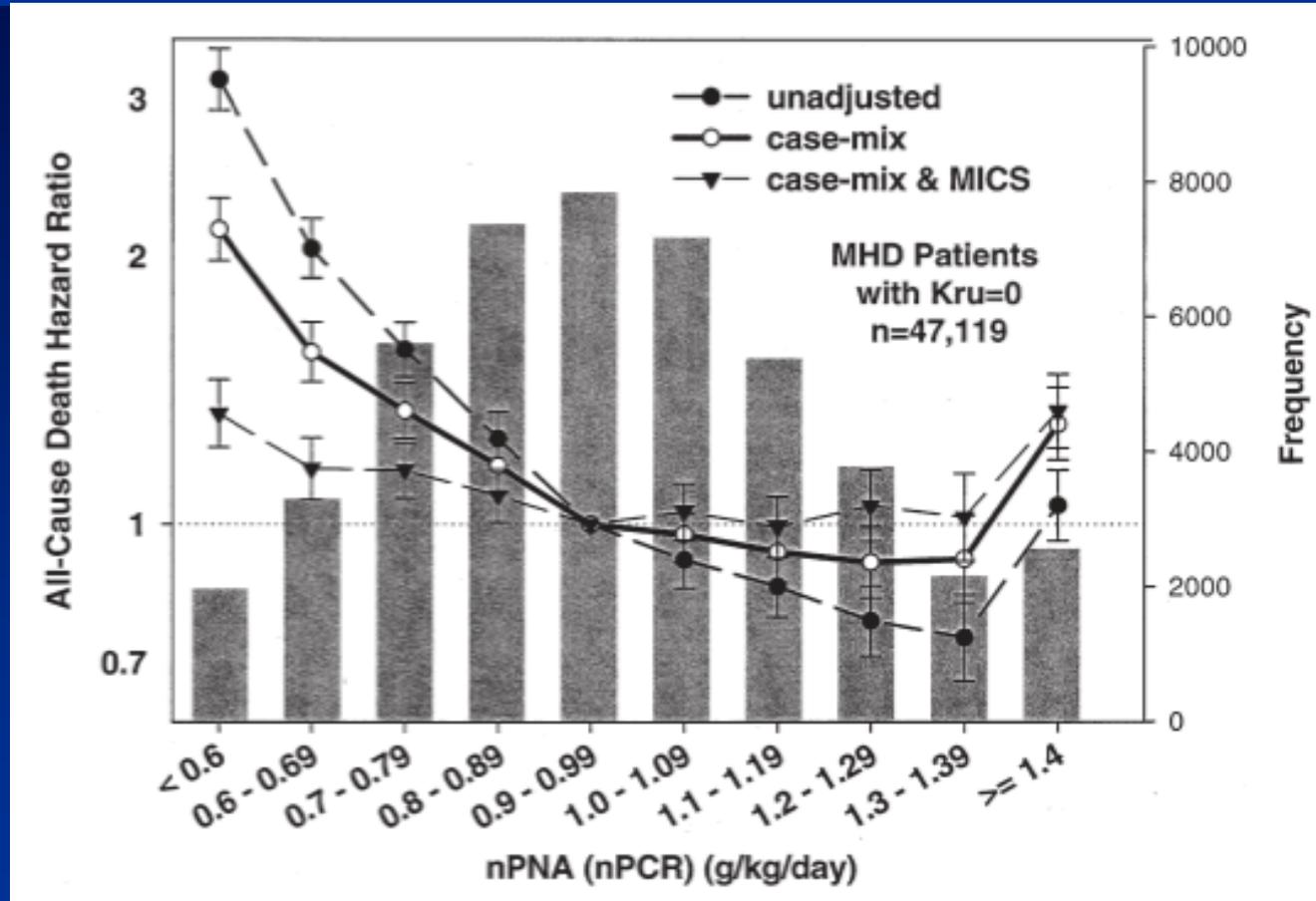
- Only by food report (every three to six month)

## Gr 4: Dietary intake

- Unintentional Dietary Protein Intake  
< 0.8 g/kg BW/day for 2 months
- Unintentional Dietary Energy Intake  
< 25 kcal/kg BW/day for 2 months

# What is the optimal protein intake ?

Mortality  
RR



# Defining a new predictive nutritional score

## 1. Which criteria

1. simple, accessible, routine
2. Include lean body mass

## 2. Which targets

1. Serum Albumin > 38 g/l
2. nPNA > 0.8 g/kg/day
3. BMI > 23
4. Screat/BSA > 380  $\mu\text{mol/l.m}^2$

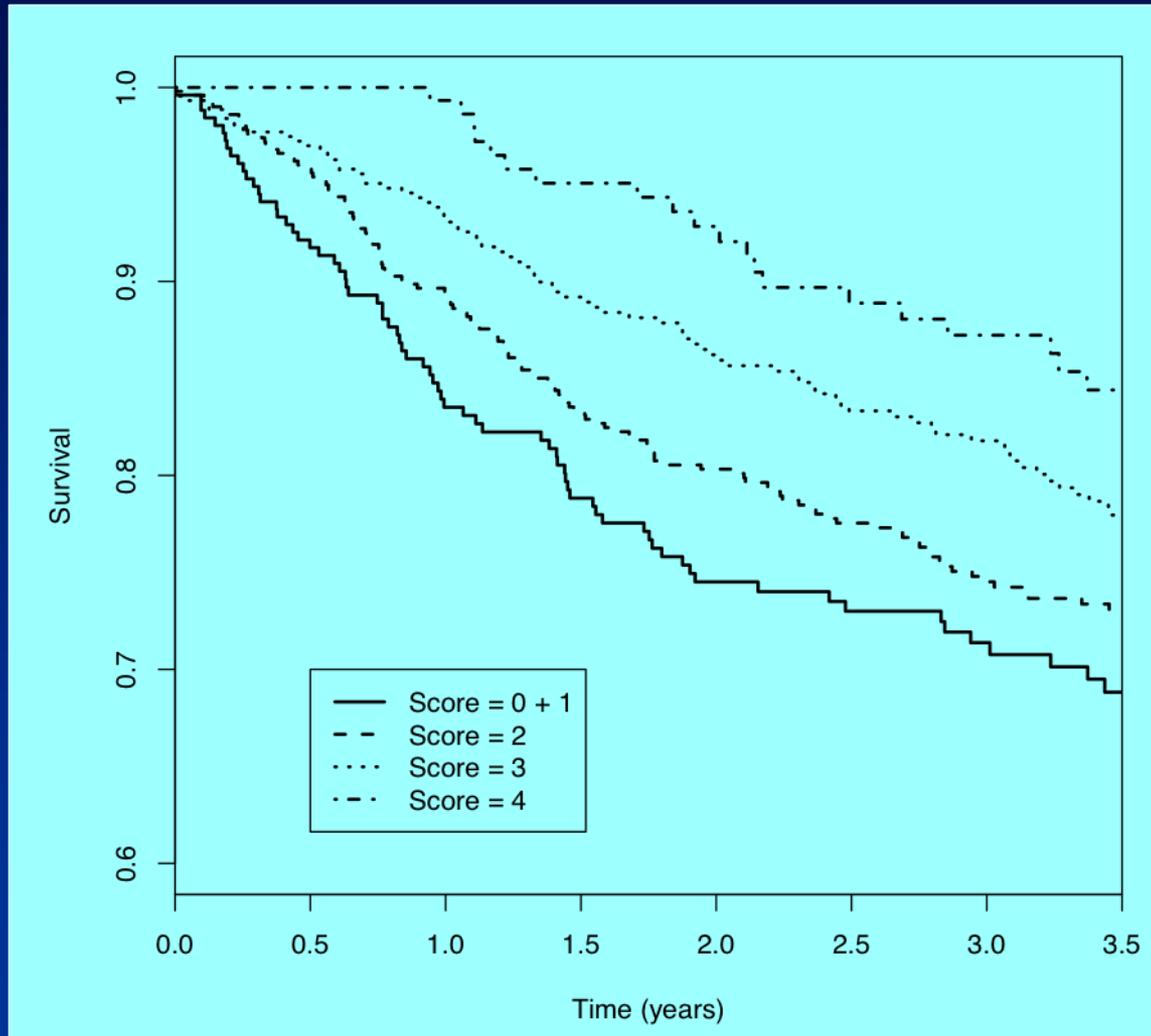
## 3. Calculation

0 to 4

4 : No PEW  
Above all targets

0 : Severe PEW  
Under all targets

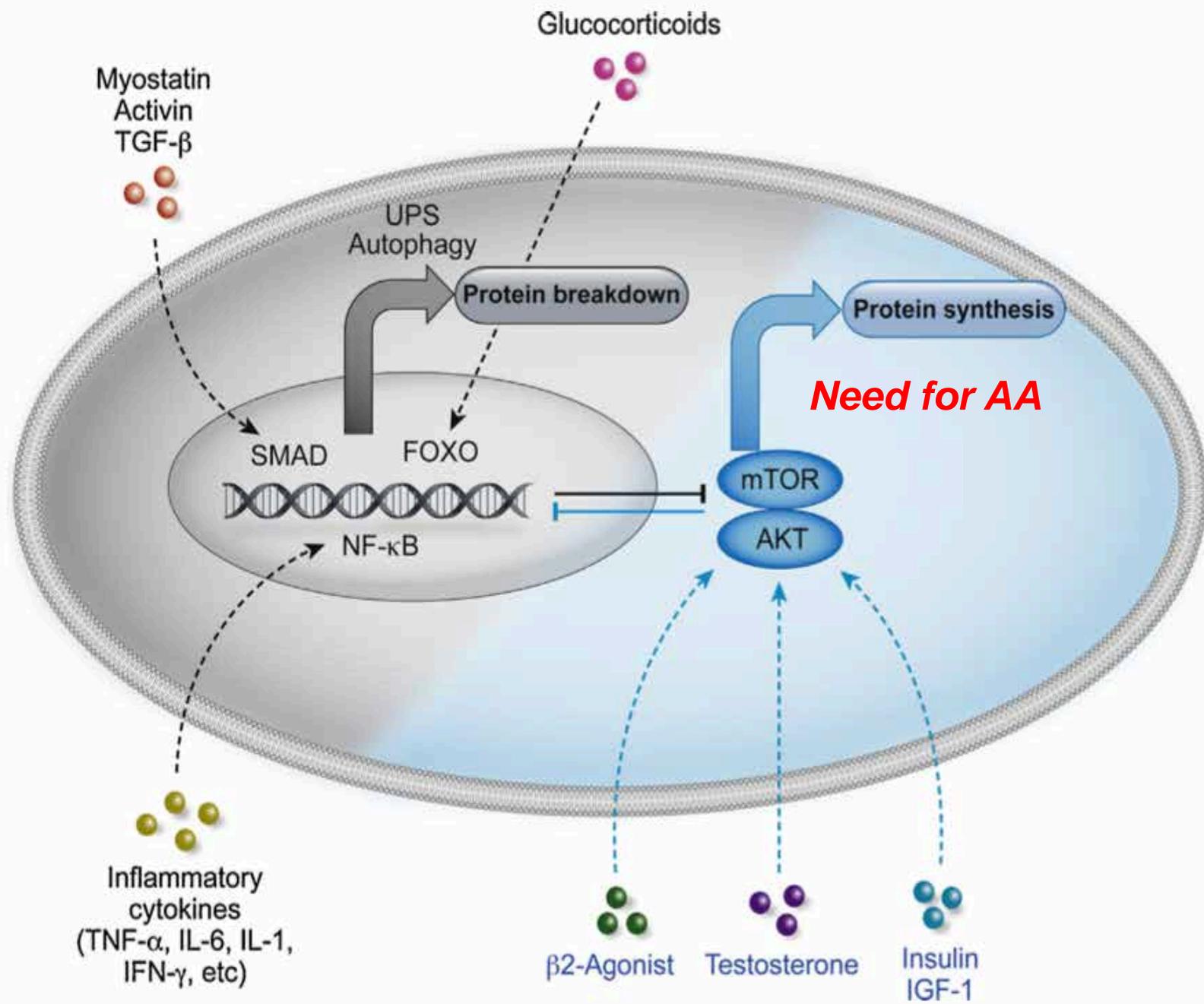
# A new predictive nutritional index: Baseline



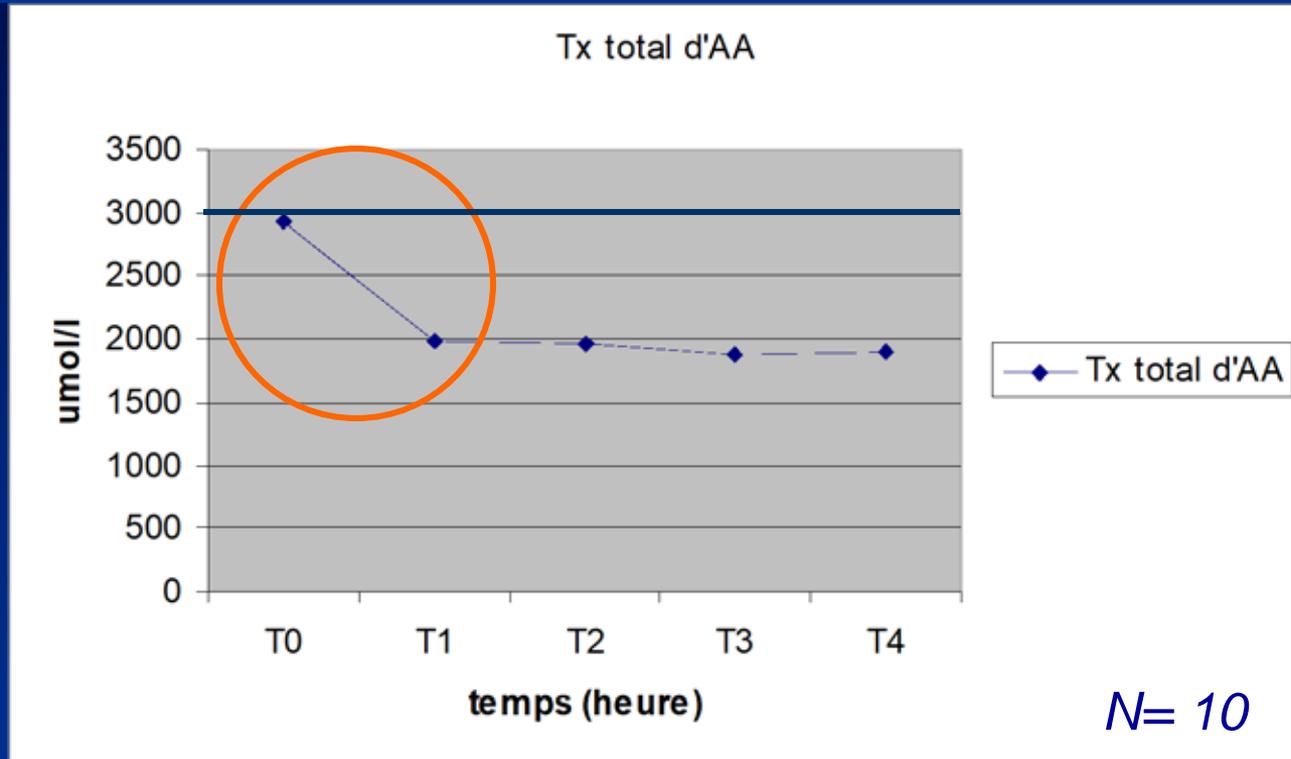
# Summary

- A new terminology: Protein Energy Wasting
- A pragmatic assessment tool
- A preliminary validation in patients
- A potential useful predictive score
- Impact of nutritional disorders most powerful on patients survival

# Protein Energy Wasting treatment

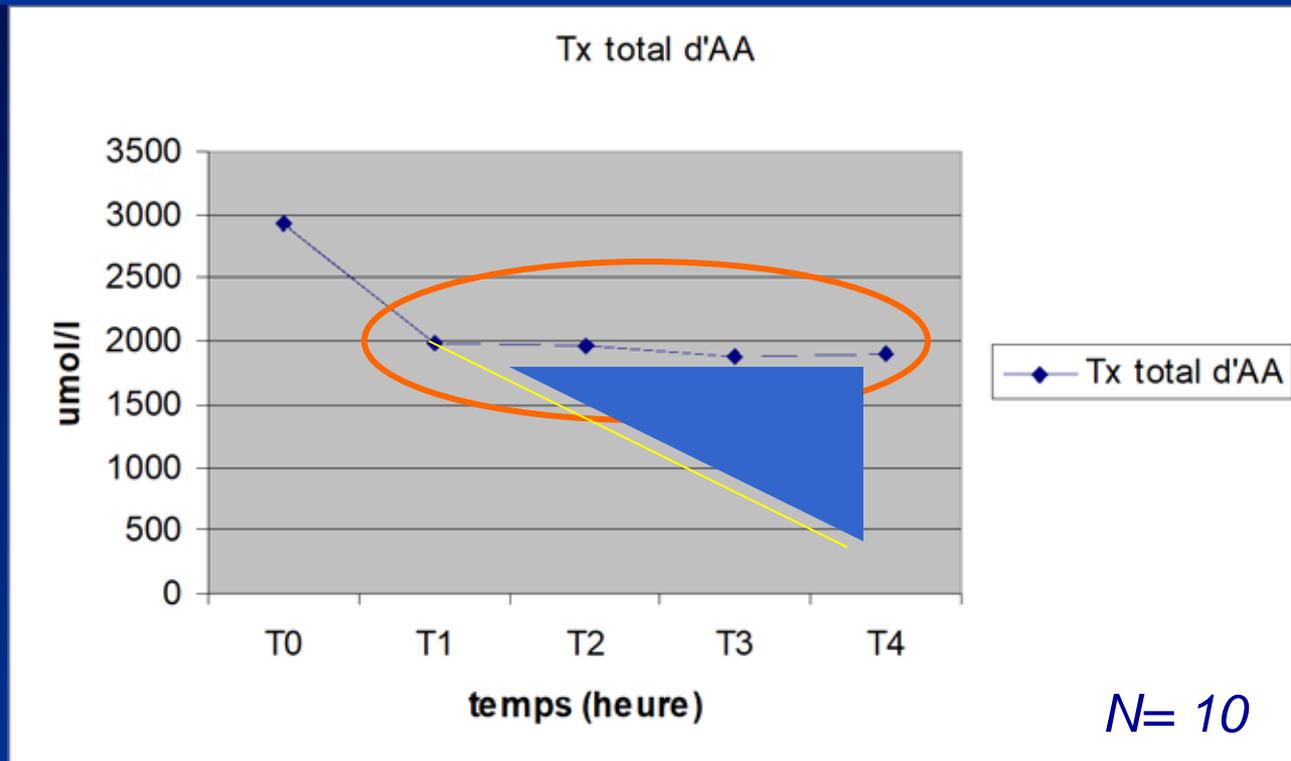


# Plasma Aminoacid Profile during one Dialysis



1. The dialysis session blocks muscle protein synthesis in response to a rapid and profound decrease in plasma AA

# Plasma Aminoacid Profile during one Dialysis



Muscle protein catabolism occurs in order to maintain plasma amino acids

# PEW treatment

1. Oral- Enteral support
2. Intradialytic nutrition (IDPN)
3. Androgens

# Per Dialytic Oral Supplement

1. Oral supplement during the EER session
2. Every 30 min (enriched yoghurt)
3. Total: 0.6 g prot/kg + 15 kcal/kg (45 g prot, 1125 kcal)



*1050 kcal x3/week = 450 kcal/d*

# Per Dialytic Oral Supplement

## Plasma Amino acids

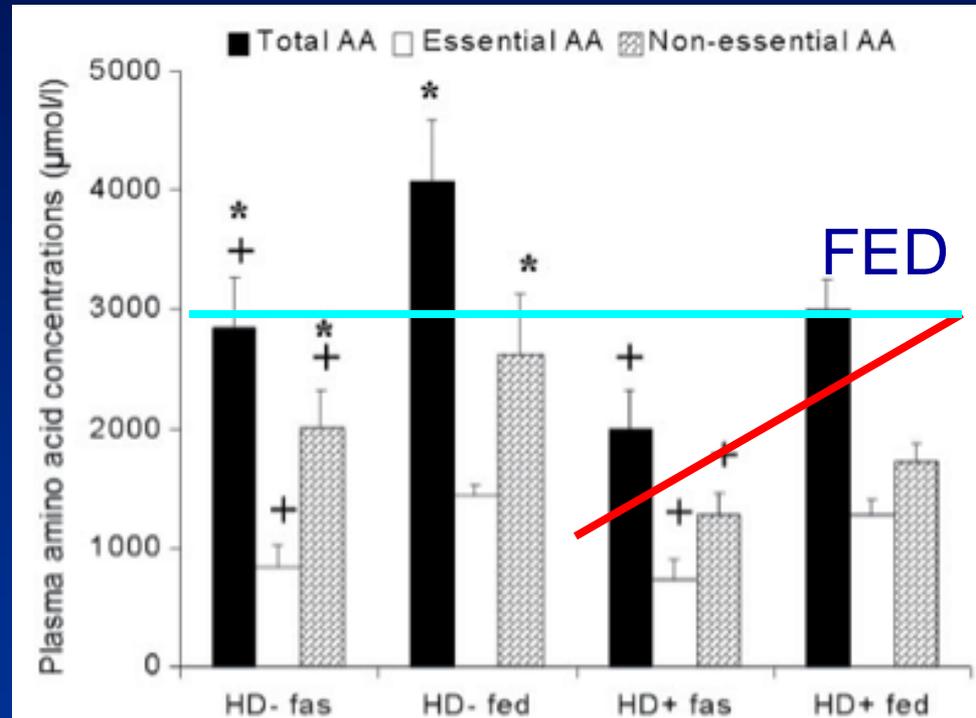


Fig. 3. Concentrations of total, essential, and nonessential amino acids in plasma in the steady-state periods in all study protocols. +Significant difference in amino acid concentration during fasting compared with feeding. \*Significant difference in amino acid concentration during the HD+ protocol compared with the same condition (fasting or feeding) during the HD- protocol.

# Per Dialytic Oral Supplement

## Nitrogen Balance

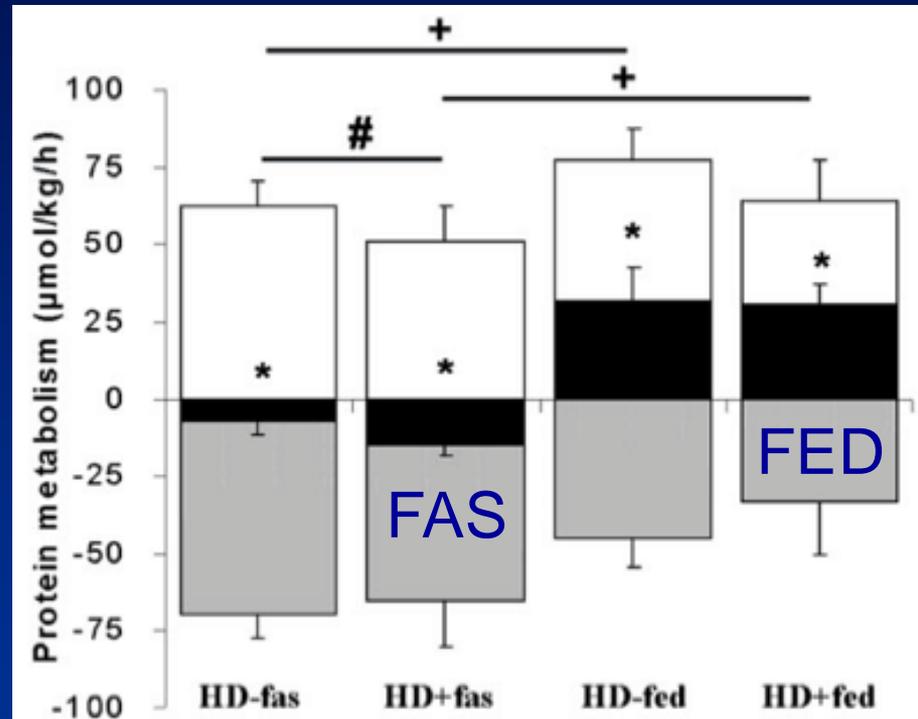


Fig. 5. Summary of whole body protein breakdown (gray bars), synthesis (open bars), and protein balance (filled bars) under all experimental conditions. \*Whole body protein balance significantly different from 0. +Whole body protein balance significantly different between fasting and feeding. #Whole body protein balance significantly different between the HD+ and HD- protocols.



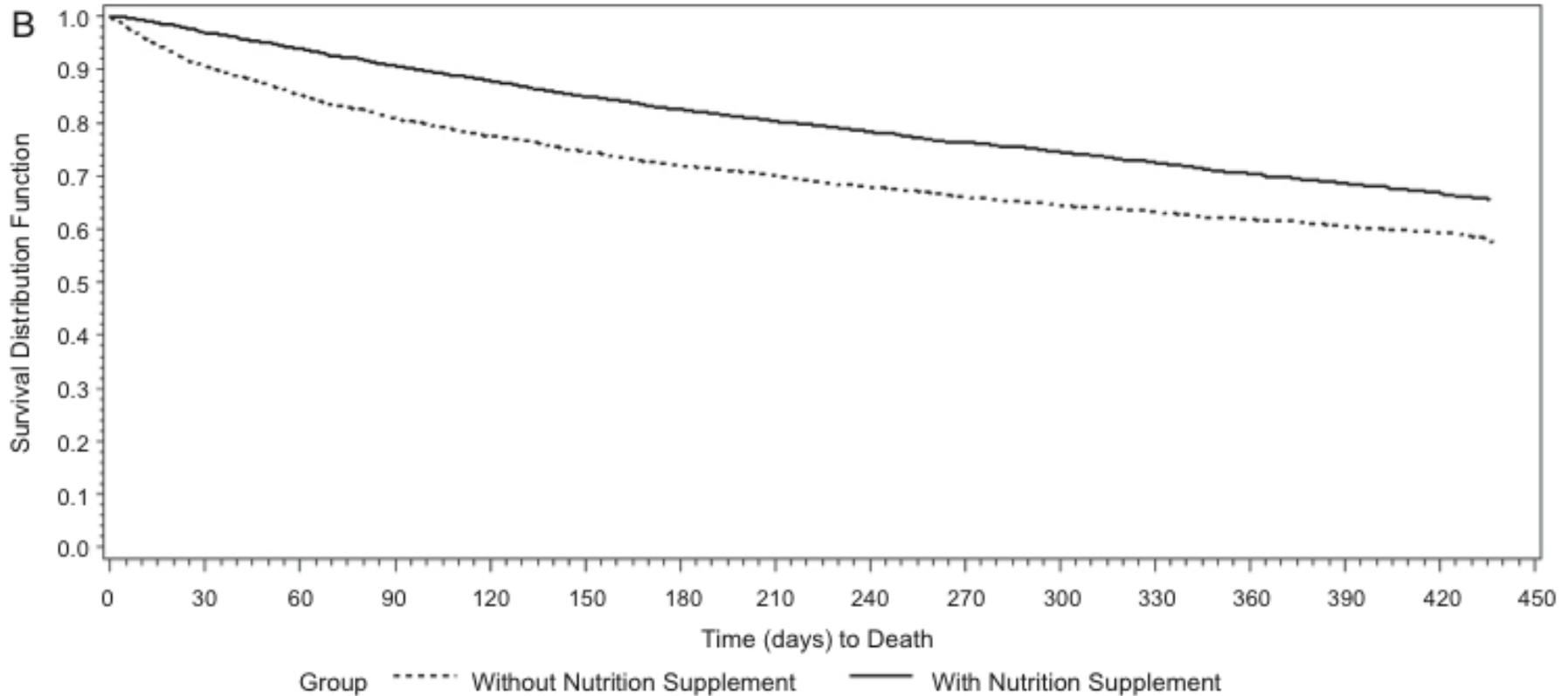
# Oral-enteral nutrition: long term

Case control study 2007-2009, FMC cohort, USA  
5000 pts receiving Oral supplement vs 5000 controls  
S Alb < 35 g/L  
One supplement during the session  
One year, 156 food supplements

**Table 1. Oral Nutritional Supplement Product Choices**

Nutrition Product	Serving Size	Protein (g)	Calories
NeproCarb Steady	8 fl oz	19	425
ProStat RC	1 fl oz	15	60
ZonePerfect	50-g bar	14	210
VitalProteinRX	60-g bar	20	210

# Oral-enteral nutrition: long term



# Parenteral Support

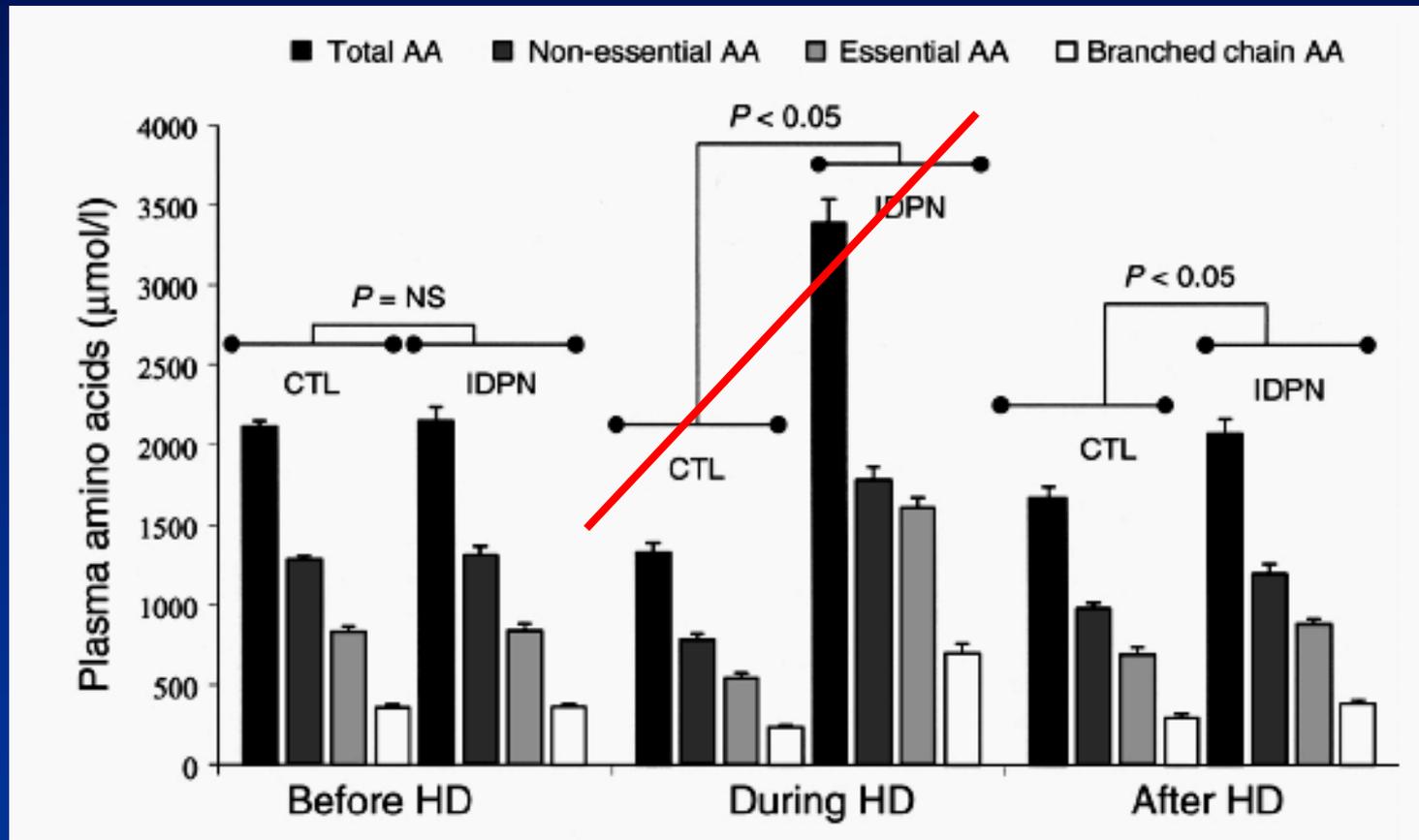
# IntraDialytic Parenteral Nutrition

## IDPN standard solution

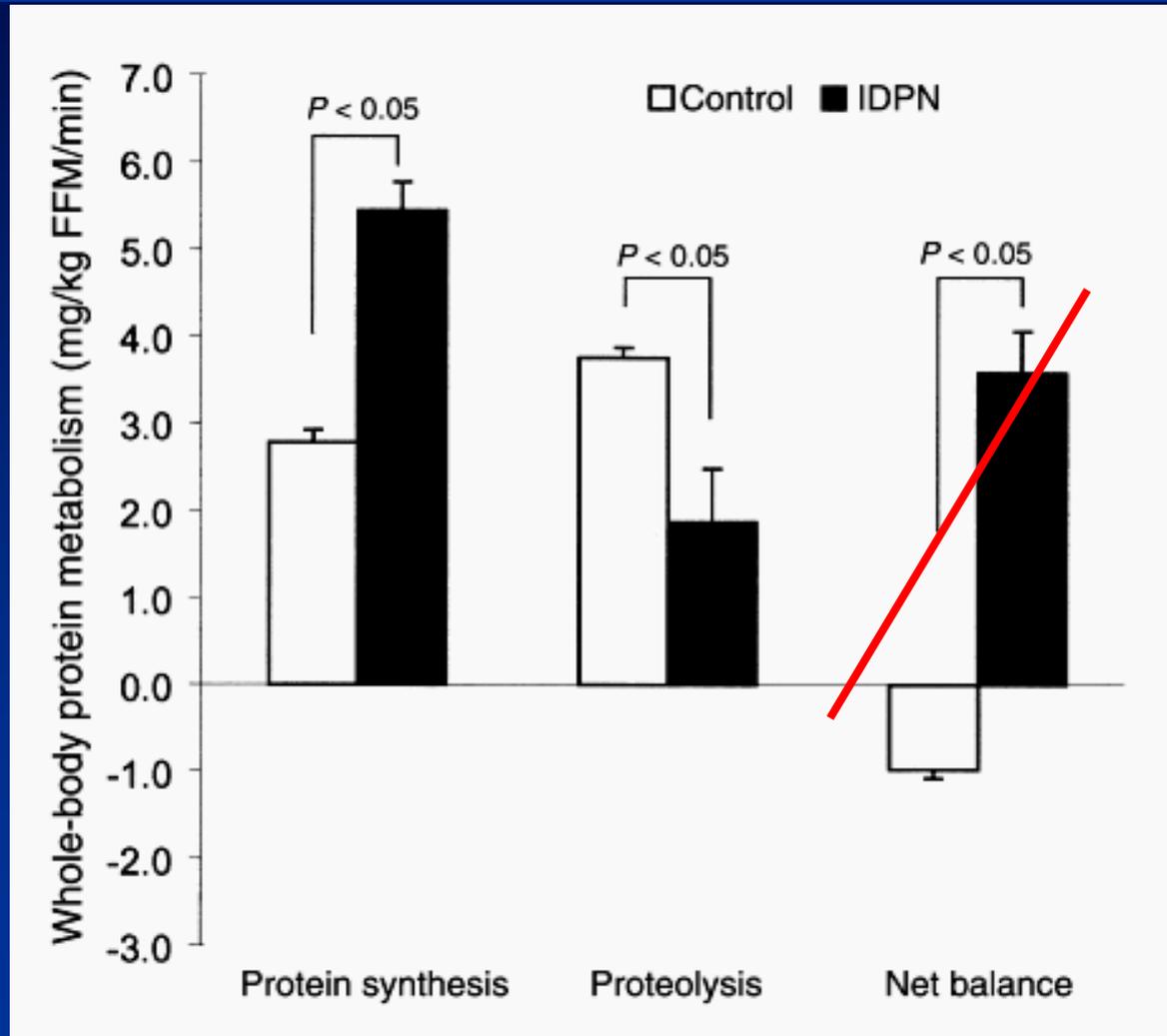
1. 600 ml (300 ml AA 15%, 150 ml IL20%, 150 Gluc 50%)
2. 150 ml/hr
3. 190 kcal/hr

*700-1000 kcal x3/week = 350 - 450 kcal/d*

# IDPN: Plasma amino acids



# IDPN: Whole Body Protein Metabolism



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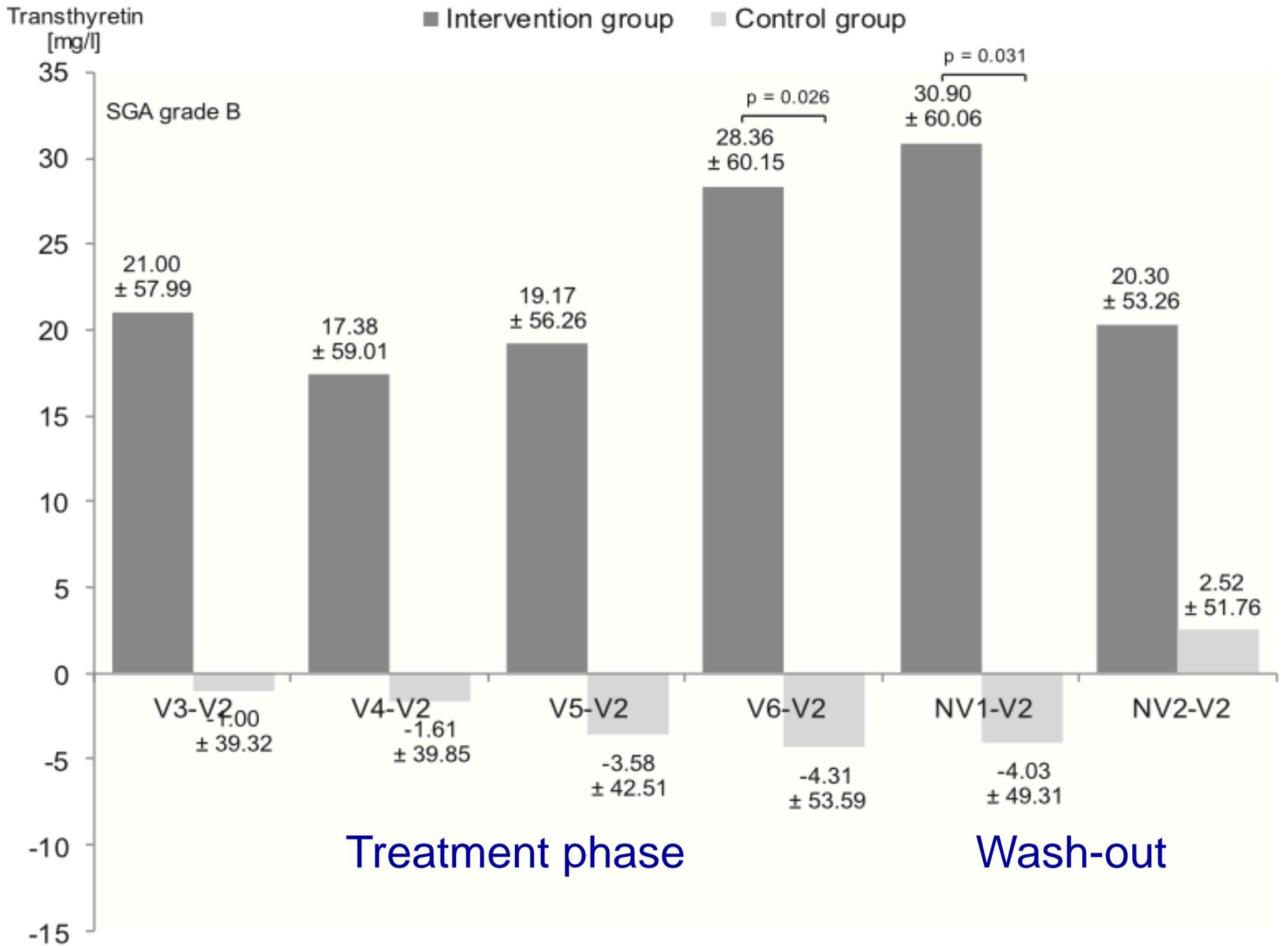
## Intradialytic parenteral nutrition in maintenance hemodialysis patients suffering from protein-energy wasting. Results of a multicenter, open, prospective, randomized trial<sup>☆</sup>

Tobias A. Marsen <sup>a,\*</sup>, Justinus Beer <sup>b</sup>, Helmut Mann <sup>c</sup>, for the German IDPN-Trial group

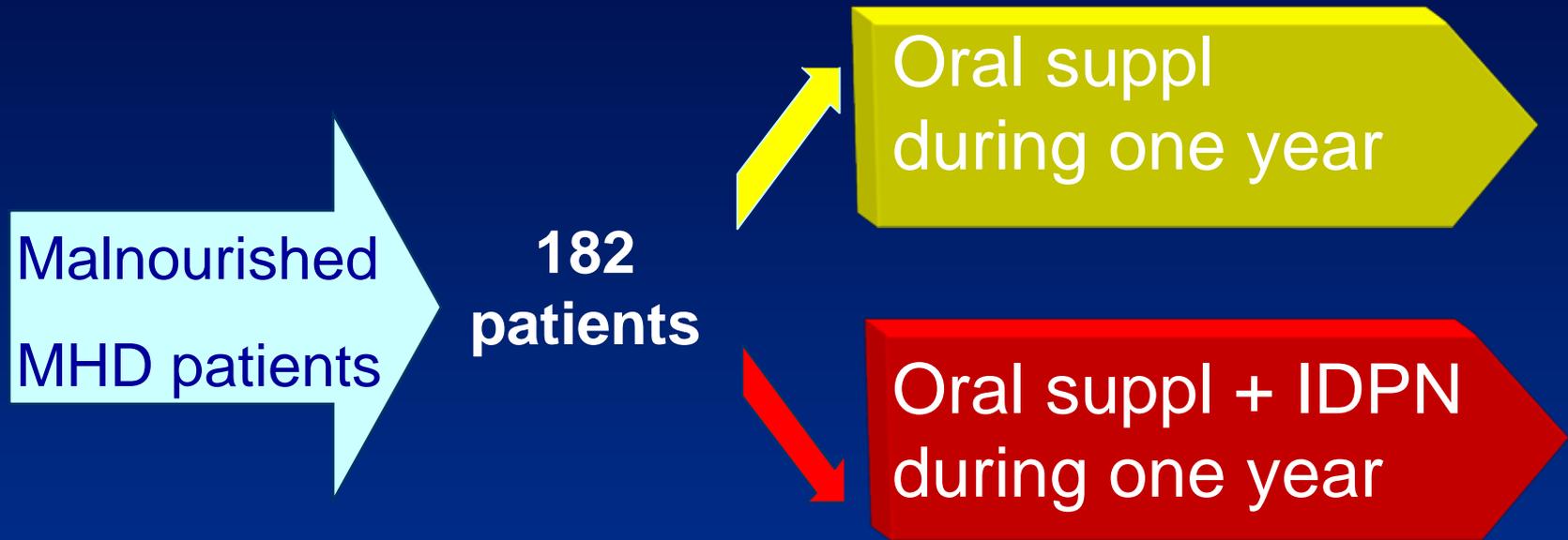
- RCT in 107 MHD pts in Germany
- 4 months treatment followed by 3 months w/o treatment

Glucosteril <sup>®</sup> 70% <sup>a</sup>	1.35 ± 0.36 g
Aminoven <sup>®</sup> 15% <sup>a</sup>	0.68 ± 0.13 g
Lipovenous <sup>®</sup> MCT 20% <sup>a</sup>	0.47 ± 0.13 g
Omegaven-Fresenius <sup>®a</sup>	0.07 ± 0.02 g
FrekaVit <sup>®</sup> , water soluble <sup>a</sup>	10 mL
Tracitrans plus <sup>®a</sup>	10 mL
Nefrocarnit <sup>®b</sup>	1 g
	13.59 ± 3.27 kcal
	10.81 ± 2.83 kcal
	10.29 ± 3.96 mL

Dose/kg/session x 3/wk



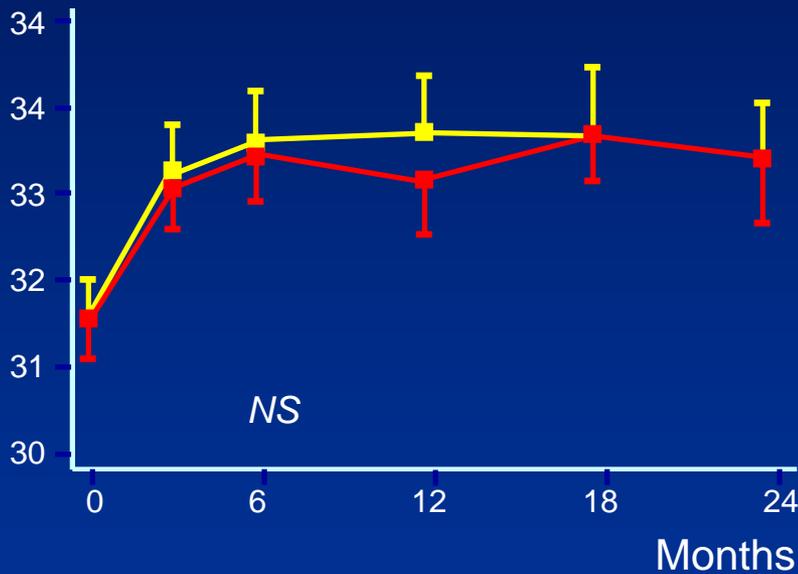
# FineS design



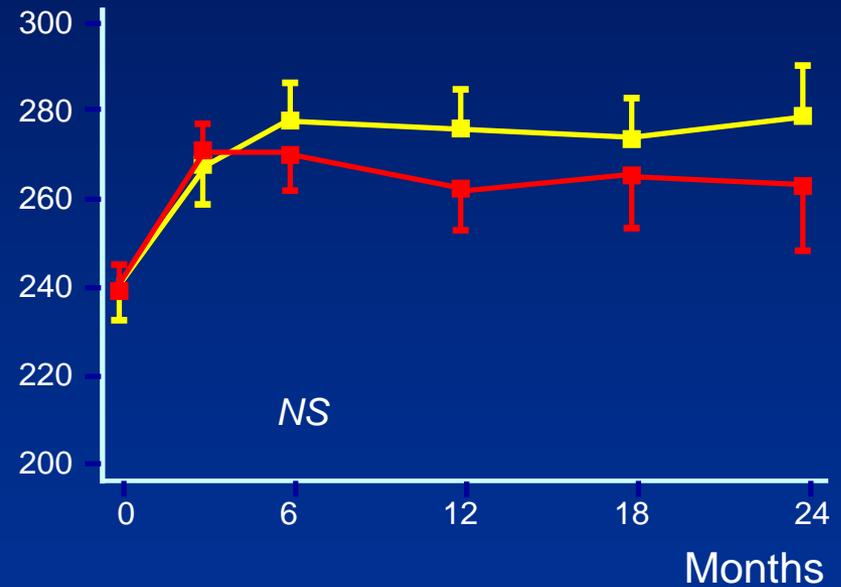
- Follow-up: two years (treatment period + one year)
- Visits at day 0 and month 3, 6, 12, 18 and 24

# Effects of Enteral and IDPN Support

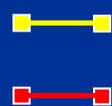
## Serum albumin, g/L



## Serum prealbumin, mg/L



Control group  
IDPN group



# Nutritional Education vs Oral supplement

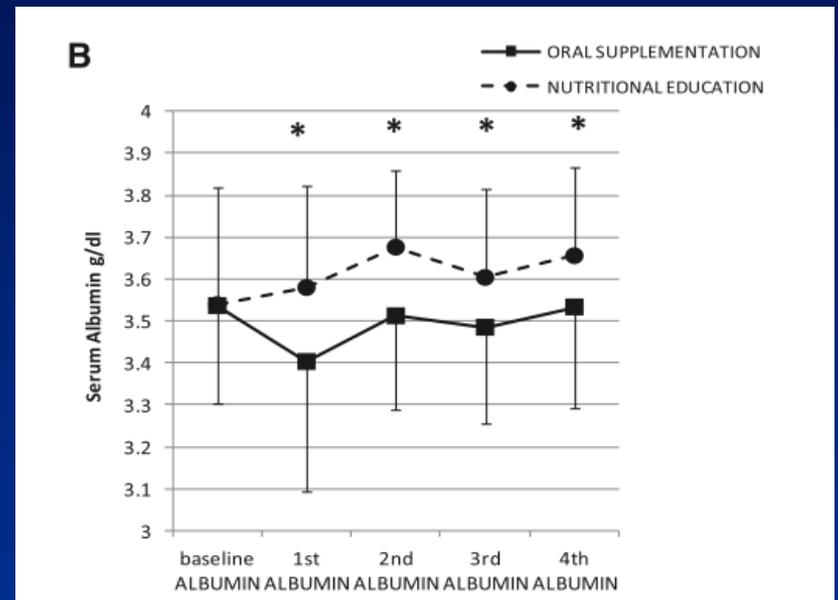
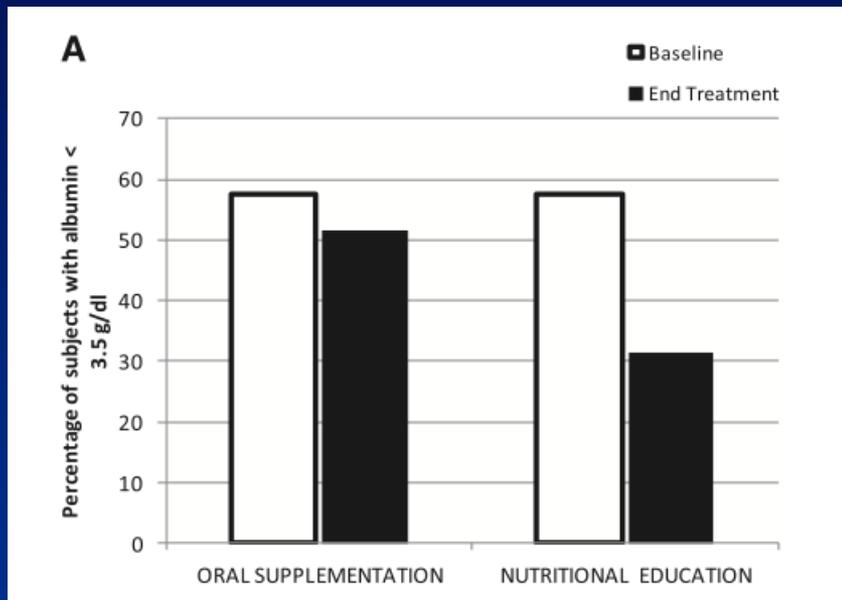
120 MHD pts from Spain

RCT: Nutritional Education program vs Oral supplement for 4 months

Nutritional Education program: 12 sessions of nutritional knowledge and culinary recommendations and balanced menus

Oral supplement: Nepro®, 470 ml/session 3x / wk

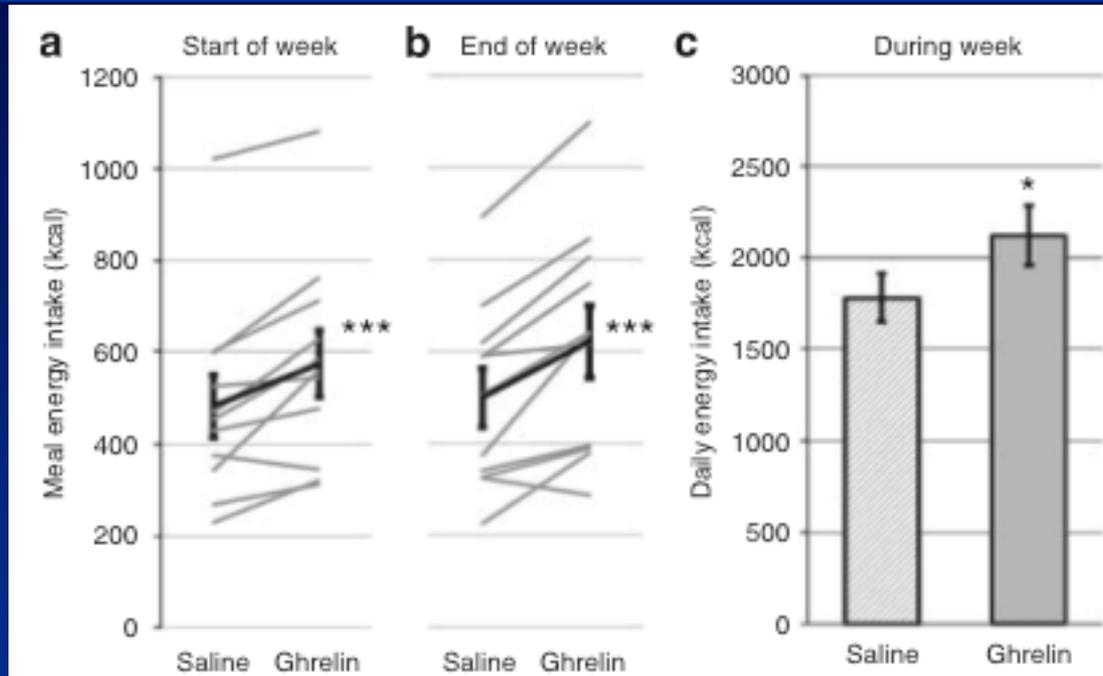
# Effects on PEW and S Albumin



# Growth factors- orexigens

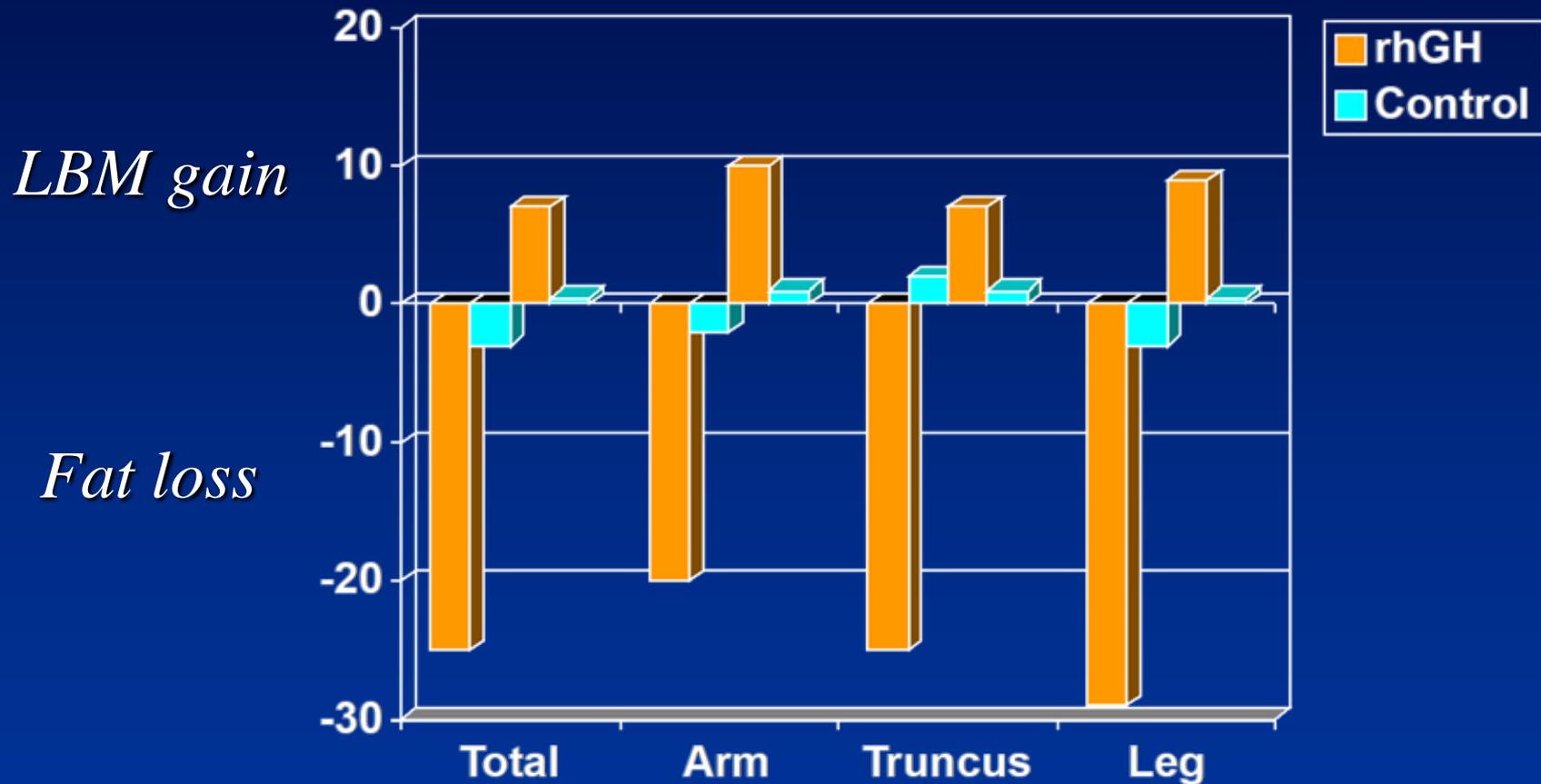
- Growth hormone and IGF-1
- Ghrelin
- Androgens

# Effects of Ghrelin in malnourished MHD



**Figure 2 | Energy intake with saline compared with ghrelin.** (a) Study meals at the start of saline and ghrelin weeks showing an increase in energy intake after the first injection (individual values and mean  $\pm$  s.e.,  $P < 0.001$ ); (b) study meals at the end of saline and ghrelin weeks showing persistence of the increase in energy intake ( $P < 0.001$ ); and (c) food diaries during both weeks showing a consistent effect throughout the diurnal period (mean  $\pm$  s.e.,  $P = 0.040$ ). \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\*\* $P < 0.01$ .

## RhGH Treatment in MHD Patients: Segmental Body Composition (DEXA)

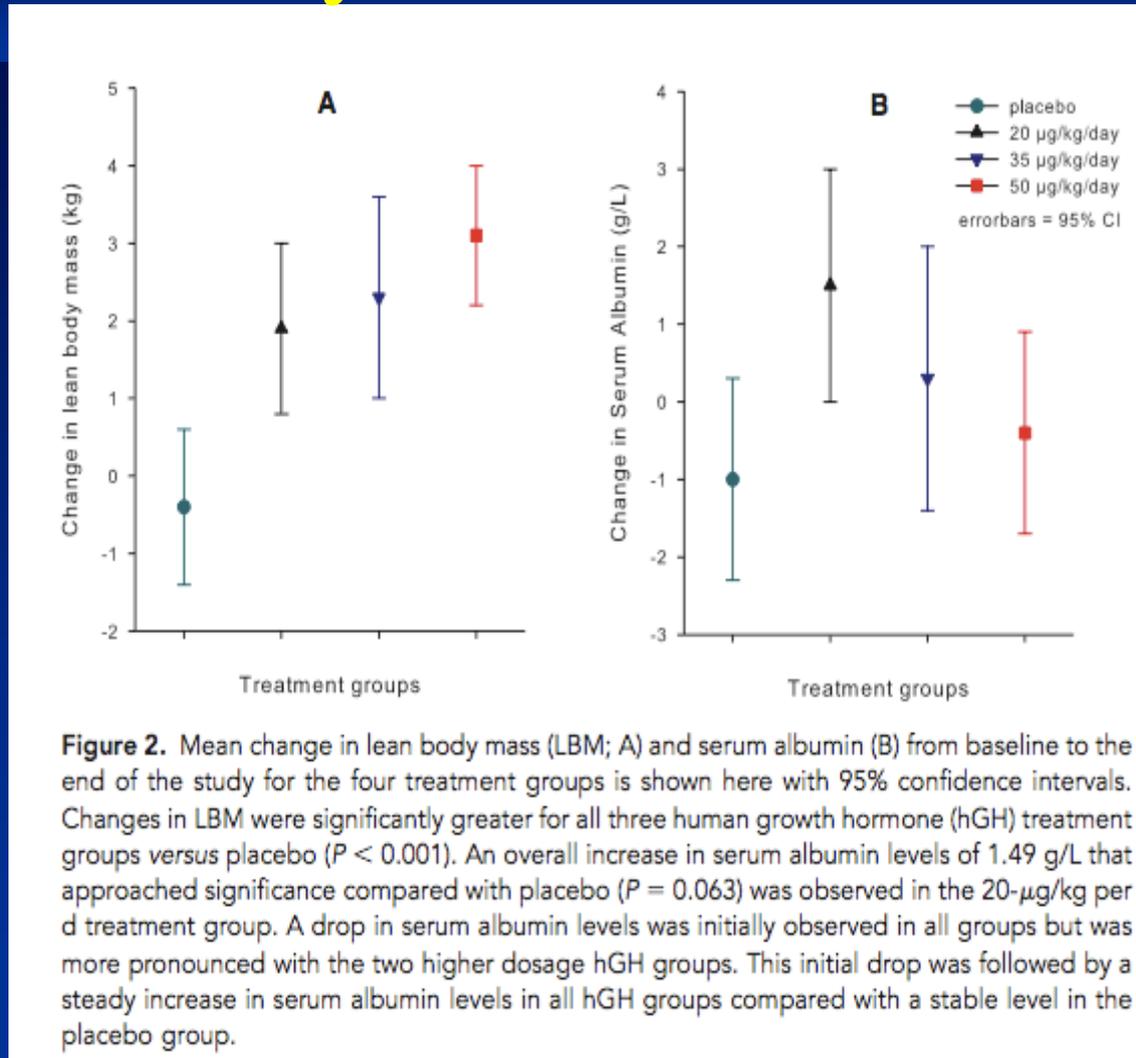


## Growth Hormone Treatment during Hemodialysis in a Randomized Trial Improves Nutrition, Quality of Life, and Cardiovascular Risk

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# Lean Body Mass      Serum Albumin

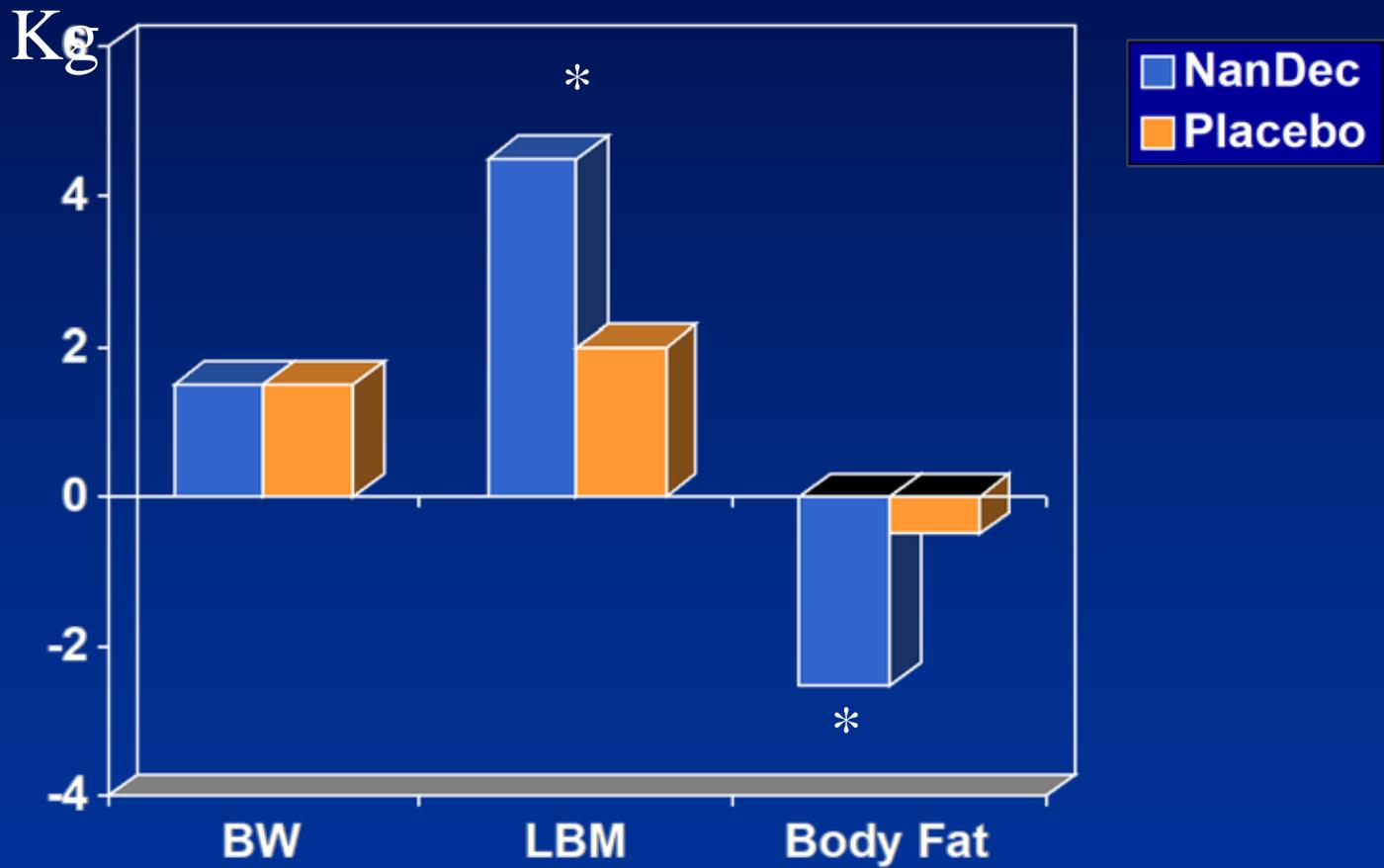


# Anabolic Factors: Androgens

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1. In case of severe malnutrition resistant to optimal nutritional intervention, a course of androgens should be proposed in MHD patients for three to six months (Evidence level II)
2. Androgens should be administered weekly or bimonthly (Evidence level II)
3. Patients should be monitored at regular intervals for side effects (hirsutism, voice change, priapism, alteration in plasma lipids, liver tests and prostatic markers) (Evidence level II)
4. Patients with a known prostate cancer should not receive androgens (Evidence level II)

# Androgens Treatment in MD Patients: Body Composition (DEXA)



*Johansen et al, JAMA 1999*

# Androgens Treatment in MD Patients: Functional status and well-being

- Improvement in Treadmill time (+20% vs -28%)
- Increase in Maximum work output (+21% vs -35%)
- Reduction in Stair climbing time (-9% vs +8%)
- Reduction in Fatigue index (Profile of Mood States) (-50% vs +36%)

*Johansen et al, JAMA 1999*

# Conclusion

**Nutritional supplements: Oral / intravenous - limited**

**Nutritional education: it works !**

**Growth factors: many reasons - not enough evidence**

**Androgens: a possible short-term use in severe case**