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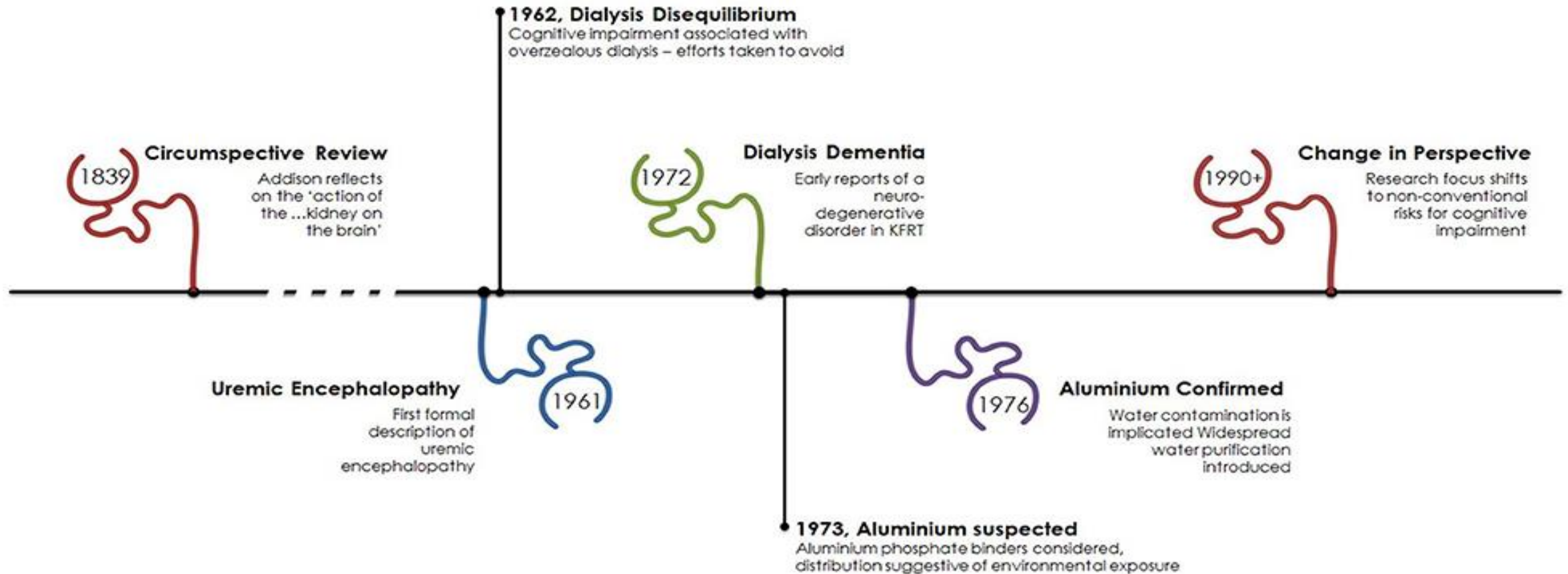
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Γνωσιακή δυσλειτουργία στην προχωρημένη ΧΝΝε Πρόληψη και θεραπευτικές στρατηγικές

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“Has Long Been Known...” –The History of Cognitive Impairment in Kidney Failure



Η γνωστική δυσλειτουργία στη χρόνια νεφρική νόσο: ένας παράγοντας που παραμένει συχνά αδιάγνωστος

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Περίληψη

Οι ασθενείς με χρόνια νεφρική νόσο (ΧΝΝ) παρουσιάζουν συχνότερα νοητικές διαταραχές και έχουν πιθανότητα να υποστούν νοητική έκπτωση κατά 3.5 φορές περισσότερο σε σύγκριση με τα άτομα της ίδιας ηλικίας του γενικού πληθυσμού. Ωστόσο, μόλις την τελευταία δεκαετία έχει αναγνωριστεί αυτή η υψηλή επιβάρυνση της νοητικής λειτουργίας σε αυτούς τους ασθενείς. Πρόσφατα έχει περιγραφεί η σαφής αρνητική συσχέτιση του ρυθμού της σπειραματικής διήθησης με την γνωστική λειτουργία. Η γνωστική εξασθένιση εκδηλώνεται συνήθως ως αγγειακή άνοια και αναπτύσσεται είτε με τη μορφή της οξείας, είτε με τη μορφή της χρόνιας γνωστικής δυσλειτουργίας. Οι αιμοκαθαιρόμενοι ασθενείς διατρέχουν μεγαλύτερο κίνδυνο, λόγω της αυξημένης επίπτωσης που έχουν στα αγγειακά εγκεφαλικά επεισόδια, των πολλαπλών παραγόντων καρδιαγγειακού κινδύνου, καθώς επίσης και λόγω άλλων παραγόντων που σχετίζονται πιο ειδικά με τη νεφρική νόσο, όπως η ουραιμία, ο δευτεροπαθής υπερπαραθυροειδισμός και η αναιμία. Η παθοφυσιολογία της γνωστικής εξασθένισης δεν είναι πλήρως κατανοητή, ενώ πολλά α-

Η γνωστική δυσλειτουργία στην ΧΝΝ είναι ένας παράγοντας συχνά αδιάγνωστος παρά το γεγονός ότι κάθε νεφρολόγος αφιερώνει μέσο όρο 47 min στον ασθενή του (τρεις φορές την εβδομάδα επίσκεψη)

Declining kidney function linked to dementia & cognitive impairment in adults with hypertension.



- eGFR decline of >30% associated with higher dementia risk
- Incident eGFR < 60 mL/min/m² associated with higher risk for dementia and cognitive impairment

Healio[★]



- ✓ Αυτό-φροντίδα, αυτάρκεια
- ✓ Λήψη αποφάσεων
- ✓ Συμμόρφωση σε ιατρικές οδηγίες-εκπαίδευση σε εξωνεφρική κάθαρση

Reduced

Self Efficacy
Engagement with
health care
Decision making
Quality of Life



Increased

Mortality
Dialysis withdrawal
Depression & Stress
Hospitalisation



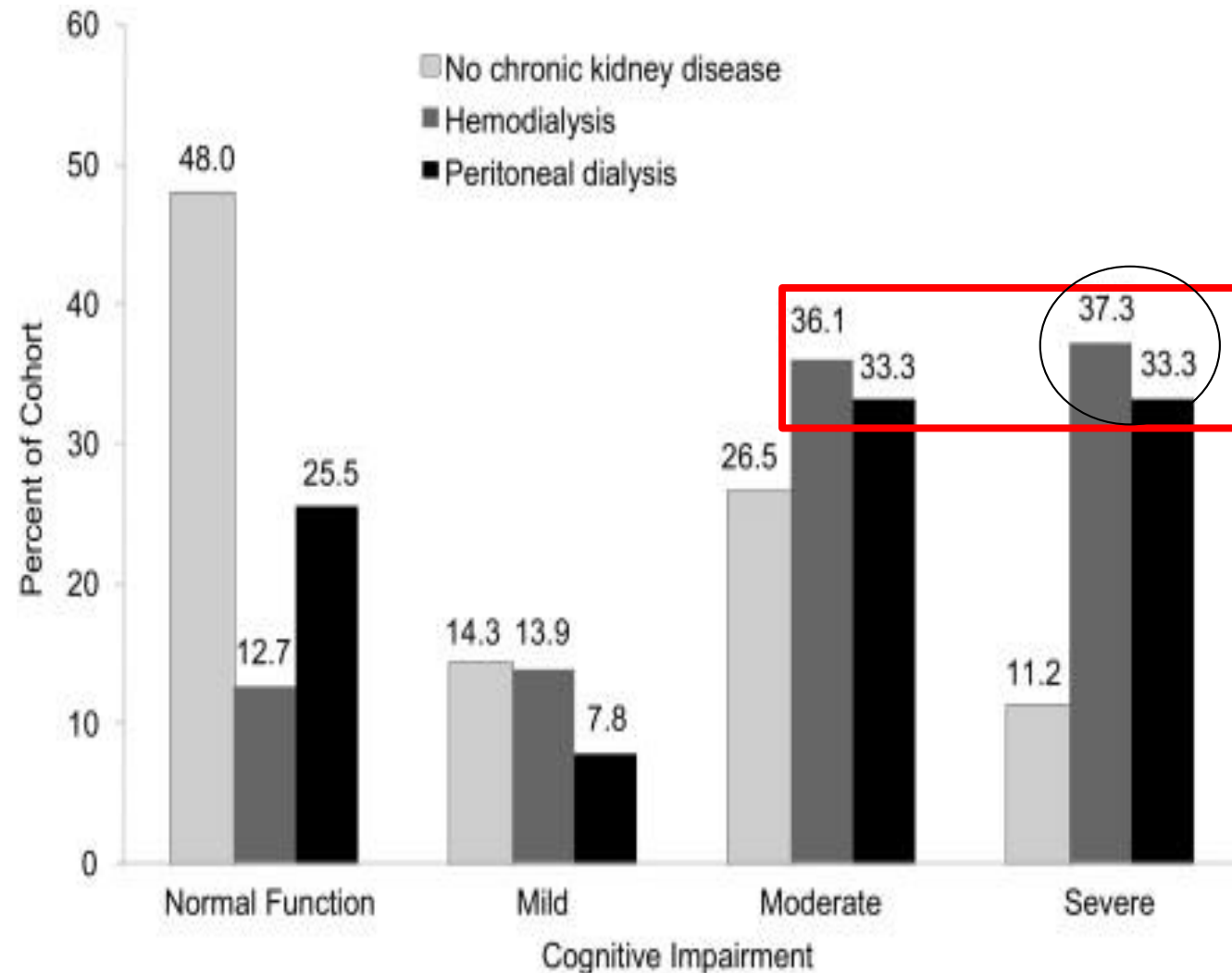
- ✓ Αυξημένη νοσηλεία
- ✓ Θνητότητα
- ✓ Κατάθλιψη

Cognitive impairment in hemodialysis patients is common

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- Ο επιπολασμός της ΓΔ στην ΧΝΝ είναι από 10-40%
- Ενώ 50% των ασθενών σε αιμοκάθαρση έχουν γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

Risk factors for cognitive dysfunction in CKD and hypertensive subjects

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Table 3 Multivariate analysis of non-dialysis population

Cognitive tests	Factor	OR (95 % CI)	<i>p</i>
MMSE	Stages	2.46 (1.81–3.34)	<0.001
	Age (years)	1.06 (1.02–1.09)	0.001
	DM	4.27 (1.88–9.75)	0.001
	PTH	1.01 (1.00–1.01)	0.010
Clock test	Stages	1.92 (1.23–2.99)	0.004
	Age (years)	1.07 (1.03–1.11)	0.001
	DM	4.48 (1.86–10.83)	0.001
	PTH	1.92 (1.23–2.99)	0.004
IADL	Stages	1.75 (1.26–2.45)	0.001
	Age (years)	1.11 (1.05–1.16)	0.000
	DM	7.64 (3.12–18.73)	0.000
	UTPR	1.00 (1.00–1.00)	0.047

The main finding of the study was that in every CKD stage the risk of CO/DY increased more than twofold

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Ο κίνδυνος για ΓΔ αυξάνεται κατά
2.5 φορές
με κάθε αλλαγή σταδίου



Assessment of cognitive impairment and related risk factors in hemodialysis patients

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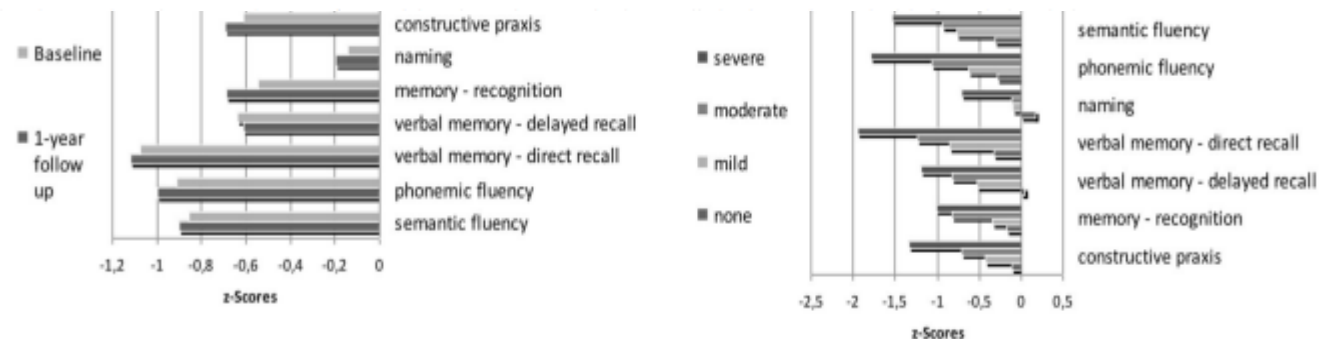
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Abstract

Background Cognitive impairment in hemodialysis patients has been acknowledged over the last years and has been reported in up to 80% of patients. Older age, high prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors, such as stroke and transient ischemic attack, uremia, and multiple metabolic disturbances represent the most common factors for cognitive impairment in hemodialysis patients.

Methods We conducted a prospective cohort study on 408 patients from 10 hemodialysis centers in the regional government district of Middle Hesse (Germany). Patients underwent a neuropsychological test battery consisting of five tests, in addition to a phonemic fluency test, to assess cognitive profile. The patients were classified as no cognitive impairment or mildly-, moderately- or severely-impaired cognitive function, depending on the degree of impairment and number of domains where the deficit was determined. We analyzed the cognitive profile and the change in performance over time in hemodialysis patients based on their cognitive status at baseline vs. 1-year follow-up.

Results Of 479 eligible patients, 408 completed all tests at baseline. Only 25% (n = 102) of the patients had no cognitive impairment. Fourteen per cent (n = 57), 36.5% (n = 149), and 24.5% (n = 100) of patients showed mild, moderate, and severe impairment, respectively. In patients with cognitive impairment, all cognitive domains were affected, and impairment was significantly associated with depression and education. The most impaired cognitive performance was immediate memory recall, and the best performance was found in naming ability. No significant change was observed after 1-year follow up in any domain.



Mild cognitive impairment and kidney disease: clinical aspects

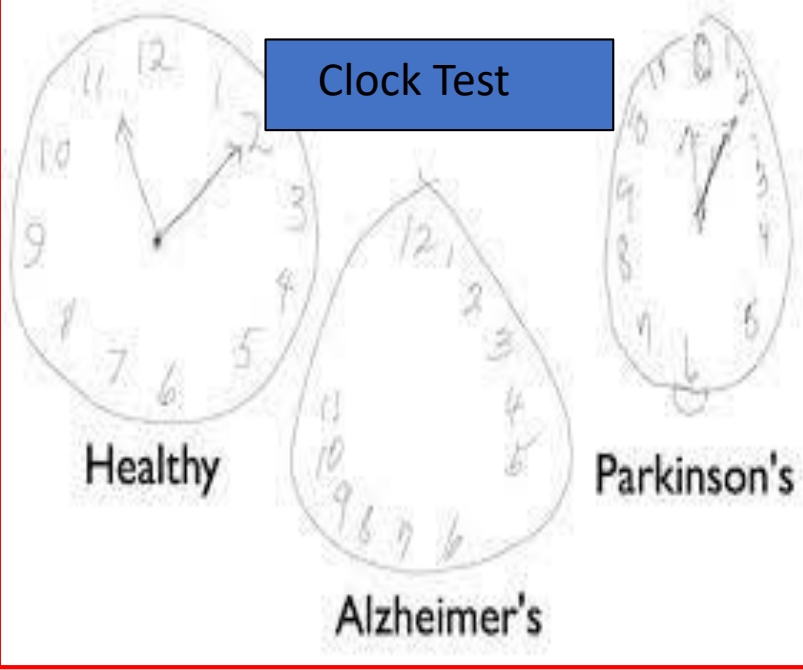
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Table 1. Prevalence of MCI and dementia in different populations

Population	Prevalence of MCI (%)	Prevalence of dementia (%)	References
Healthy subjects	7–26	13	[41–43]
Early CKD (Stage 3)	14	Unknown	[39, 44]
Late CKD (Stage 4 and 5)	16–38	Unknown	[45, 46]
Haemodialysis	26–60	15–36	[47, 48, 51]
Peritoneal dialysis	35	3.9–31	[42, 49, 51]
Transplantation	(Only studies comparing pre–post transplant scores)	22	[50]

Table 2. Morphological, functional and pathogenetic features of MCI-CKD

Feature	MCI general population	MCI-CKD	References
Pathogenesis	Unknown	Uraemic (neuro)toxins	
Tractography	Lower connectivity of the basal nucleus	Internal capsule demyelination	[74, 75, 77]
MRI	Reduced amygdala and hippocampus grey matter	Deep white matter demyelination	[58, 70, 73, 76, 78, 80]
EEG	Altered cortical synchronization at alpha frequencies	Altered cortical synchronization at delta frequencies	[67–69]
Animal models	Cortical atrophy, damage to the cholinergic system	Normal neural architecture	[81–83]



Clock Test

Healthy

Parkinson's

Alzheimer's

MONTREAL COGNIΤIVE ΕΞΕΤΑΣΗ-Μ

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MMSE

MINI-MENTAL STATE EXAMINATION

Σύντομη Εξέταση της Νοητικής Κατάστασης

01. Προσανατολισμός

Ποιά είναι η ημερομηνία; Τακάρτε τις σωστές απαντήσεις	Ημέρα	Ημερ/νία ημέρας	Μήνας	Έτος	Εποχή
Που βρισκόμαστε; Τακάρτε τις σωστές απαντήσεις	Όνομα ή διεύθυνση	Όροφος	Πόλη	Ναμός	Χώρα

02. Εγγράραξη

Θα ονομάσω τρία αντικείμενα. Όταν τελειώσω, θα σας ζητήσω να τα επαναλάβετε. Να θυμάστε ποια είναι γιατί θα σας ξαναρωτήσω σε λίγο.

	Αριθ. Επαναλήψεων	Μπόντα	Σημεία	Δέντρο
Τακάρτε τα αντικείμενα που είναι σωστά με την ΠΡΩΤΗ προσπάθεια, εάν γίνει κάποιο λάθος στην πρώτη προσπάθεια, επαναλάβετε όλα τα ανάματα έως ότου ο ασθενής τα μάθει και τα τρία.				

03. Προσοχή και ικανότητα υπολογισμών

Αφαίρεση Τώρα θα ήθελα να αφαιρέσετε το 7 από το 100. Από αυτόν τον αριθμό αφαιρέστε άλλα 7. Συνεχίστε τις αφαιρέσεις κατά 7, μέχρι να σας πω να σταματήσετε. Καταχωρήστε ως σωστή μία απάντηση κάθε φορά που η διαφορά είναι 7, ακόμη κι αν η προηγούμενη απάντηση είναι λάθος.

	Καταγραφή απάντησης	Σωστό
	93	
	86	
	79	
	72	
	65	

Απόδοση λέξης Συλλαβίστε τη λέξη "πέτρα" ανάποδα ("ΑΡΤΕΠ")

Καταχωρήστε ως σωστό μόνον εάν τα γράμματα είναι με την σωστή σειρά

Και οι δύο δοκιμές πρέπει να ολοκληρωθούν. Η τελική βαθμολόγηση (σωστές απαντήσεις) για αυτήν την ενότητα είναι η ΥΨΗΛΟΤΕΡΗ εκ των δύο (Αφαίρεση ή Απόδοση λέξης)

04. Ανάκληση

Ποιά είναι τα τρία αντικείμενα που σας ζήτησα να θυμάστε;

	Μπόντα	Σημεία	Δέντρο

05. Γλώσσα

Ονομασία Δείξτε δύο αντικείμενα (ρολάι, μολύβι) και ρωτήστε "Πως ονομάζεται αυτό το αντικείμενο;"

	Ρολάι	
	Μολύβι	

Επανάληψη Πρόκειται να πω κάτι και θα ήθελα να το επαναλάβετε μετά από εμένα: "Όχι αν, και ή αλλά" (Επιτρέπεται μία επανάληψη)

Εντολές Δώστε καθαρές οδηγίες με την πρώτη. *θα σας δώσω ένα κομμάτι χαρτιού. Πάρτε το χαρτί με το δεξί σας χέρι, διπλώστε το στη μέση και ακουμπήστε το στο πάτωμα*. Αφού δώσετε στον ασθενή το χαρτί, επαναλάβετε την εντολή. Βαθμολογήστε ως σωστό, εάν οι εργασίες έγιναν με την σωστή σειρά.







	Δεξί χέρι	
	Δίπλωμα	
	Στο πάτωμα	

Ανάγνωση Δείξτε την κάρτα που γράφει "Κλείστε τα μάτια σας" και ζητήστε από τον ασθενή να ακολουθήσει την οδηγία.

Γραφή Υποδείξτε στον ασθενή το τέλος της σελίδας σχεδίου (επόμενη σελίδα) και ζητήστε του να γράψει μία οποιαδήποτε ολοκληρωμένη πρόταση. Κατόπιν ζητήστε από τον ασθενή να σας πει τι έγραψε. Η ορθογραφία και η γραμματική δεν είναι σημαντικά. Η πρόταση θα πρέπει να έχει ένα υποκείμενο (ή αυτό να υπονοείται) και ένα ρήμα.

Αντιγραφή Υποδείξτε στον ασθενή την επόμενη σελίδα και πείτε "Αντιγράψτε αυτό το σχέδιο". Κάθε πεντάγωνο, θα πρέπει να έχει 5 πλευρές και 5 καθαρές γωνίες και η τομή τους να σχηματίζει ένα ρόμβο.

Cognitive disorders in patients with chronic kidney disease: specificities of clinical assessment

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Global cognition			
MMSE	30-point test (orientation, attention and calculation, memory, language and visuospatial abilities)	Screening of global CI	Yes
MoCA	30-point test (visuospatial abilities, executive functions, memory, attention, language, abstract reasoning and orientation)	Screening of global CI (including executive functions)	Yes
CDT	Non-verbal test. The patient is asked to draw a clock face and mark the hours and then draw the hands to indicate a particular time	Executive functions, visuospatial and visuoconstructional functioning	Yes
Language			
Boston Naming Test	Name objects shown in 60 black-and-white line drawings. Items are ordered according to their ability to be named, which is correlated with their frequency	Confrontation naming	Yes
Visuospatial and constructive abilities			
Cancellation test	Lines, circles, letters bells or stars are drawn in random positions on a sheet of paper (A4) and presented to patient, who is asked to cancel or cross out the target	Visual neglect, response inhibition, motor perseveration and attention	Yes
Judgement of line orientation	30-item test in which the patient is asked to match two angled lines to a set of 11 lines that are arranged in a semi-circle and separated 18 degrees from each other	Visuospatial perception	Yes
Rey–Osterrieth complex figure test (copying)	Patient is asked to copy a complex geometrical figure	Complex visuospatial constructional ability	Yes
Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS) block design	Timed subtest of the WAIS. Identical blocks with surfaces of solid red, surfaces of solid white and surfaces that are half-red and half-white are presented to the patient. The patient is asked, using an increasing number of blocks, to	Visuospatial and organizational abilities and processing speed	Yes

Screening of Cognitive Impairment in the Dialysis Population: A Scoping Review

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Reference [first author] and country of study	Study groups	Sample			Exclusion criteria of interest				Screening tools	Prevalence based on screening test	Assessment timing
		size	age, years	gender, M/F	advanced dementia	cerebro-vascular disease	psychiatric disease	lack of language fluency			
Harczarek [21], 2012, Poland	HD C	49 30	47.9±12.01 47.23±10.21	27/22 22/8	E	E	E	E	MMSE	MMSE HD: baseline: 28.57±0.98; 1st follow-up: 28.59±0.99; 2nd follow-up: 28.56±0.96	24 h after the last dialysis
Huang [22], 2008, Taiwan	HD	147	group I: 68±8.46; group II: 57.51±12.64	61/86	NR	NR	NR	NR	MMSE	MMSE scores NR	shortly before dialysis session
Isshiki [23], 2014, Japan	PD C	18 60	67.5±6.9 71.5±8.3	12/6 28/32	NR	E	NR	NR	MMSE	MMSE 27 or more: 14 (78%); 24–26: 3 (17%); 25 or less: 1 (5%)	not applicable
Jung [24], 2013, South Korea	HD PD C	29 27 12	55.8±8.7 52.4±11.6 44.7±10.7	13/16 14/13 11/1	E	NR	E	NR	MMSE	MMSE <24: HD: 7 (24.1%); PD: 5 (11.1%)	off dialysis, minimum 1 h from last dialysis treatment
Kalaitzidis [25], 2013, Greece	HBP CKD I, II CKD III CKD IV HD PD	96 ^b 160 ^b	53±1.51 50.2±11.8 63.1±9.4 64.1±12.2 60.4±13.8 58.6±15.7	62/35 ^b 15/4 ^b 20/9 ^b 33/14 ^b 17/14 ^b 20/13 ^b	NR	E	E	NR	MMSE	NR	on HD patients before dialysis session middle of the week
Kalirao [26], 2011, USA	PD HD C	51 338 101	57.5±14.8 71.2±9.5 68.5±9.6	34/17 183/155 44/57	NE	NE	E	E	3MS	3MS raw scores: PD: range 93–100, SD 6.7; HD: range 83–100, SD 8.6; C: range 94.3–100, SD 5.7	during off-dialysis time, with an interval of at least 2 h from the time of last dialysis
Kang [27], 2012, USA	HD PD CKD	70 17 82	52.6±14.6	110/59	E	E	E	NR	3MS	3MS: total: 91.7±7.4; SDB: 90.5±7.9; non-SDB: 92.8±6.8	HD: morning of a non-dialysis day at home
Kato [28], 2012, Japan	HD CKD C	57 26 17	69.4±3.8 66.6±14.7 66.6±4.1	29/28 18/8 5/12	NR	NR	NR	NR	MMSE	HD: 27.4±2.4; CKD: 25.8±2.4; C: 28±2	NR
Kitaguchi [29], 2011, Japan	HD	37	68.9±4.1	16/21	NR	NR	NR	NR	MMSE	MMSE 27.1±2.4	NR
Kobayashi [30], 2014, Japan	HD	54	67.8±11.3	33/21	NR	E	NR	NR	MMSE	MMSE 28 or more: 34 (63%); 25–27: 13 (24%); 24 or less: 7 (13%)	NR
Kutlay [31], 2001, Turkey	HD	84	mean: 42	47/37	NR	NE	NE	NR	MMSE	Mild impairment (MMSE 18–23): 18 (21%); moderate to severe impairment (MMSE <18): 9 (11%)	at various times: before, during, after, and at intervals; immediate beginning and termination of dialysis avoided
Leinaw [32], 2009, USA	HD	109	61±10	71/38	NE	NR	NR	E	MMSE	MMSE reported to be present in 41 (38%); breakup of the scores not provided	midweek, after the dialysis treatment was underway



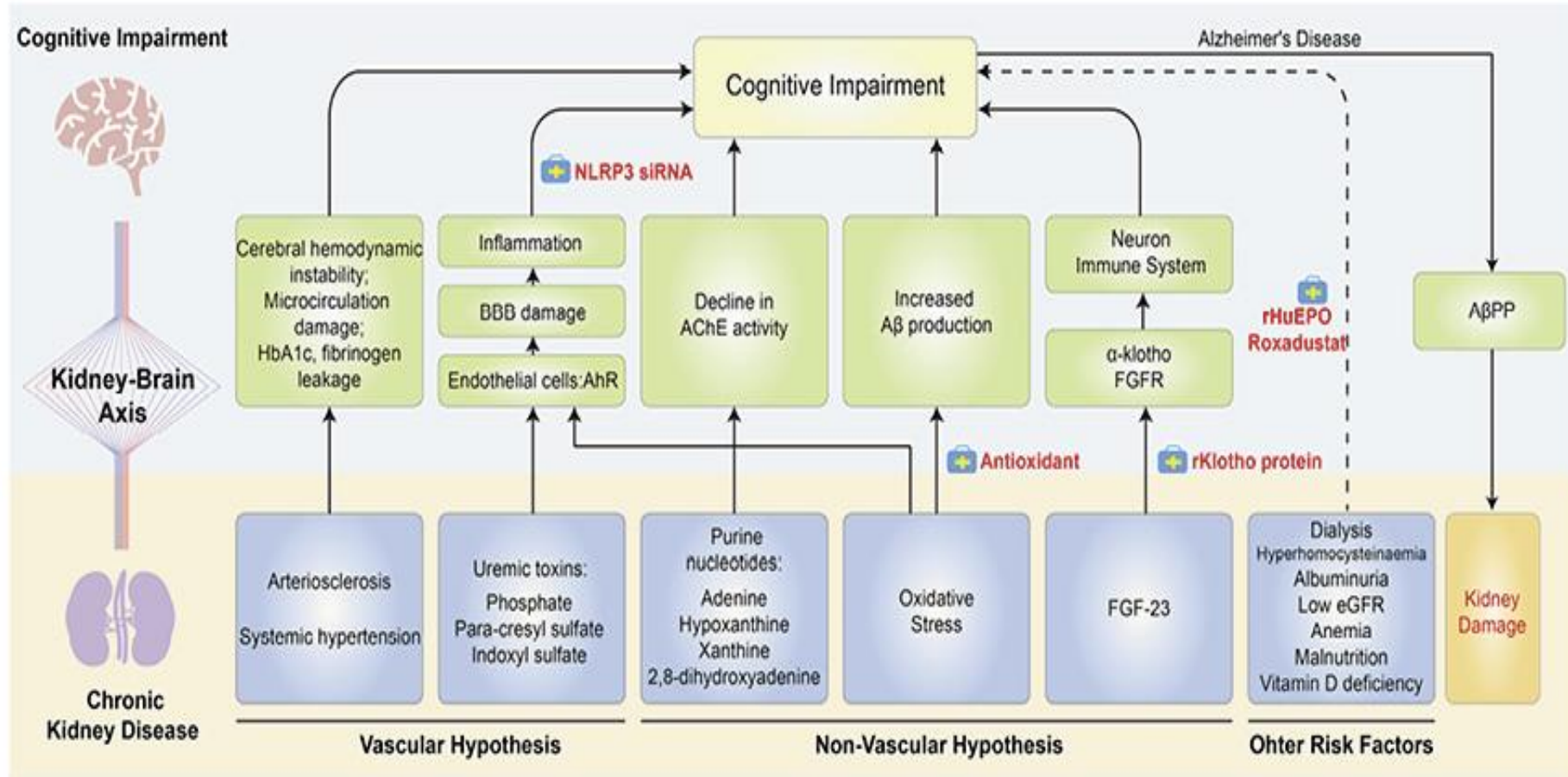
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**Πως ο νεφρός επηρεάζει
τον εγκέφαλο;**

Chronic Kidney Disease and Cognitive Impairment: the Kidney-Brain Axis



Οι ασθενείς με ΧΝΝ μπορούν να οδηγηθούν σε γνωστική δυσλειτουργία

- 1.Αγγειακή υπόθεση (συστηματική ΑΥ, αθηρωμάτωση και ουραιμικές τοξίνες)
- 2.Μη αγγειακή υπόθεση (νουκελοτίδια πουρίνης, οξειδωτικό στρες,FG23)
- 3.Παράγοντες στην αιμοκάθαρση, αναιμία, λευκωματουρία και έλλειψη VitD

Review Article

Clinical Interaction between Brain and Kidney in Small Vessel Disease

Cardiology Research and Practice

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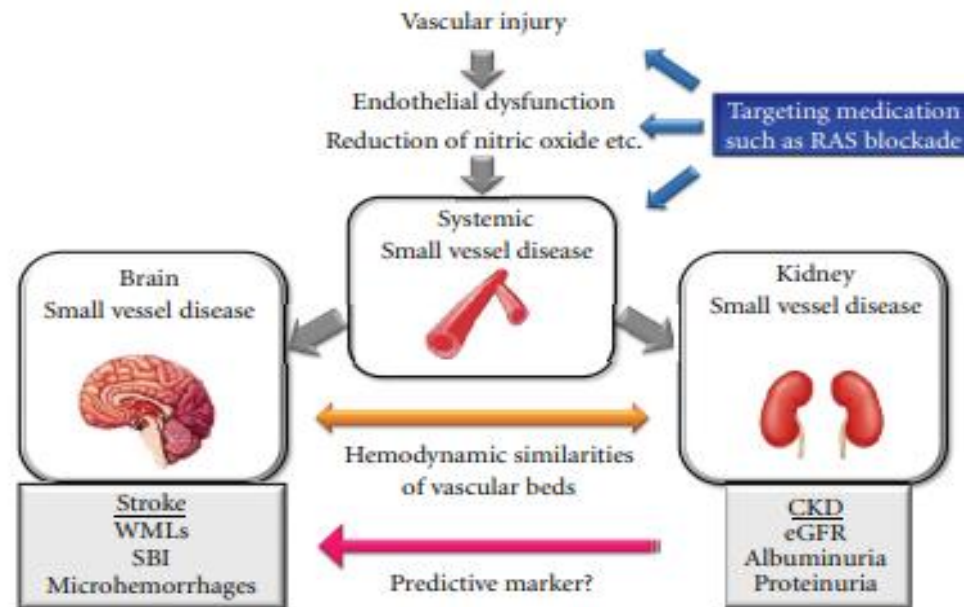
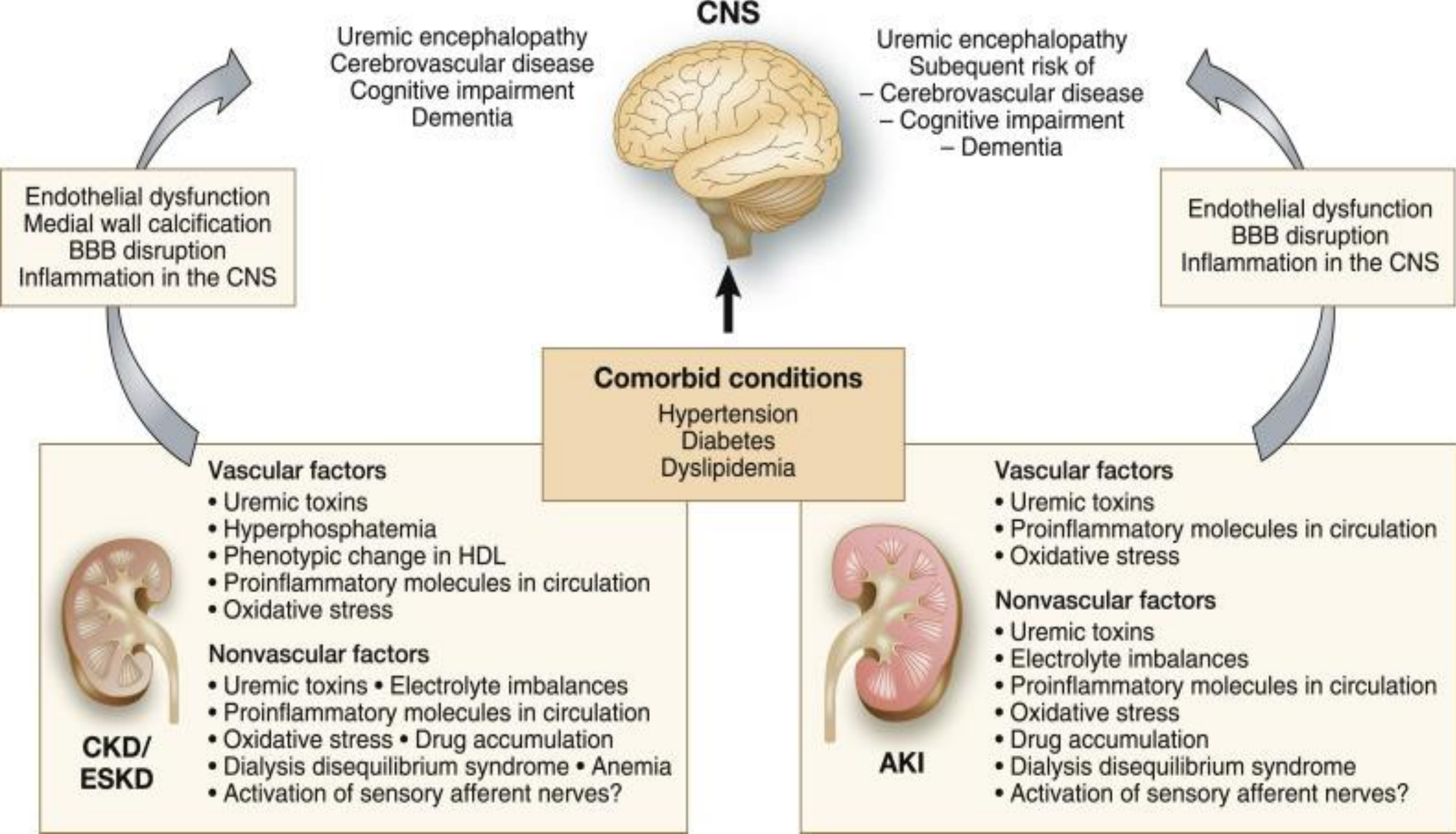


FIGURE 1: Schematic representation of cerebrorenal connection. RAS: renin-angiotensin system, CKD: chronic kidney disease, eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate, WMLs: white matter lesions, and SBI: silent brain infarction.

Η απώλεια της αγγειακής αυτορρύθμισης έχει αποτέλεσμα τις αιμοδυναμικές αλλαγές στον νεφρό (πρωτεϊνουρία) και στον εγκέφαλο (νόσος των μικρών αγγείων, μικροέμφρακτα και γνωστική δυσλειτουργία)



Brain damage



VASCULAR HYPOTHESIS

NEURODEGENERATIVE HYPOTHESIS

Stroke

- Subclinical vascular disease
- White matter lesions
 - Silent brain infarcts
 - Microbleeds

Vascular injury

Endothelial dysfunction

Direct neuronal toxicity

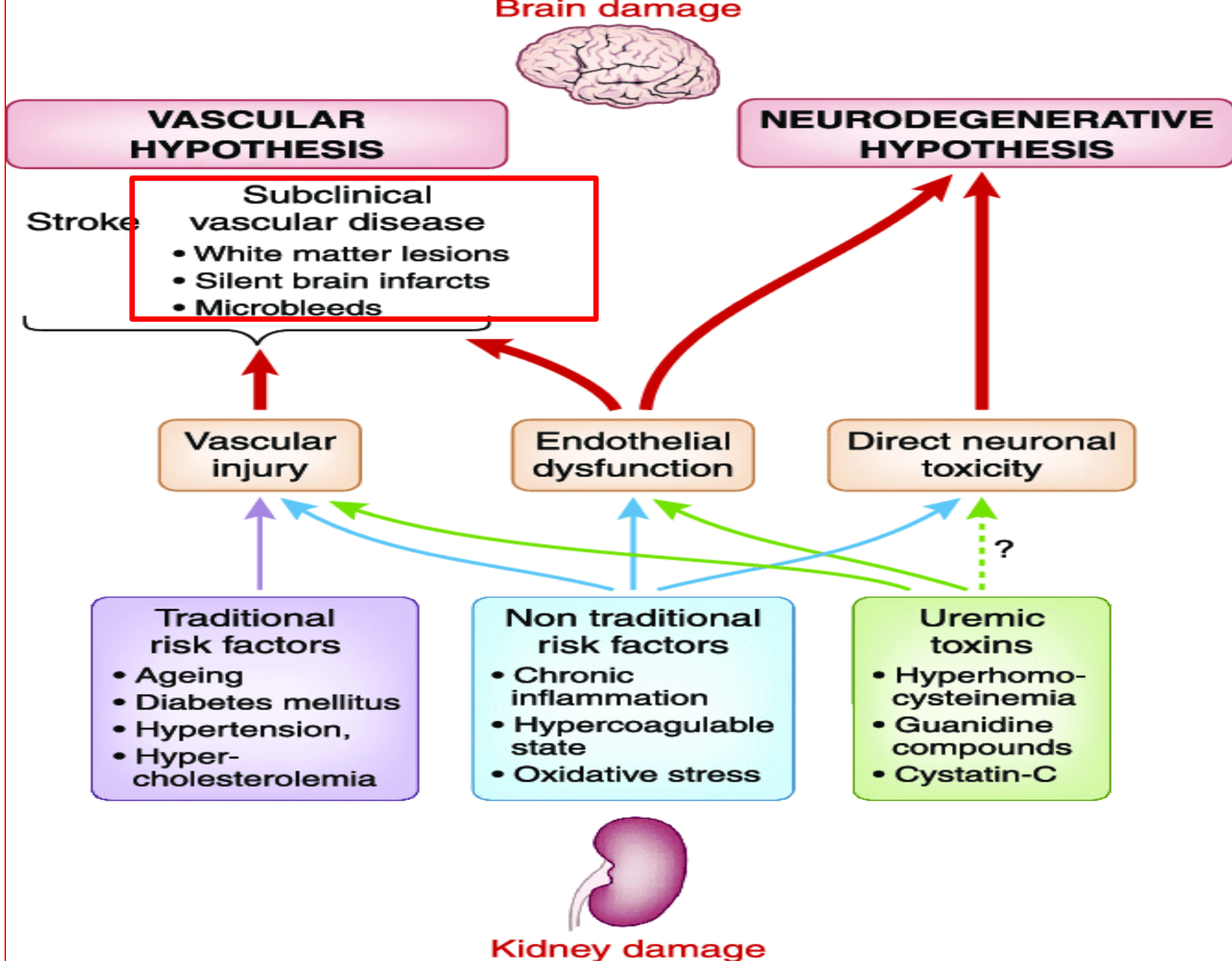
- Traditional risk factors
- Ageing
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Hypertension,
 - Hypercholesterolemia

- Non traditional risk factors
- Chronic inflammation
 - Hypercoagulable state
 - Oxidative stress

- Uremic toxins
- Hyperhomocysteinemia
 - Guanidine compounds
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Kidney damage



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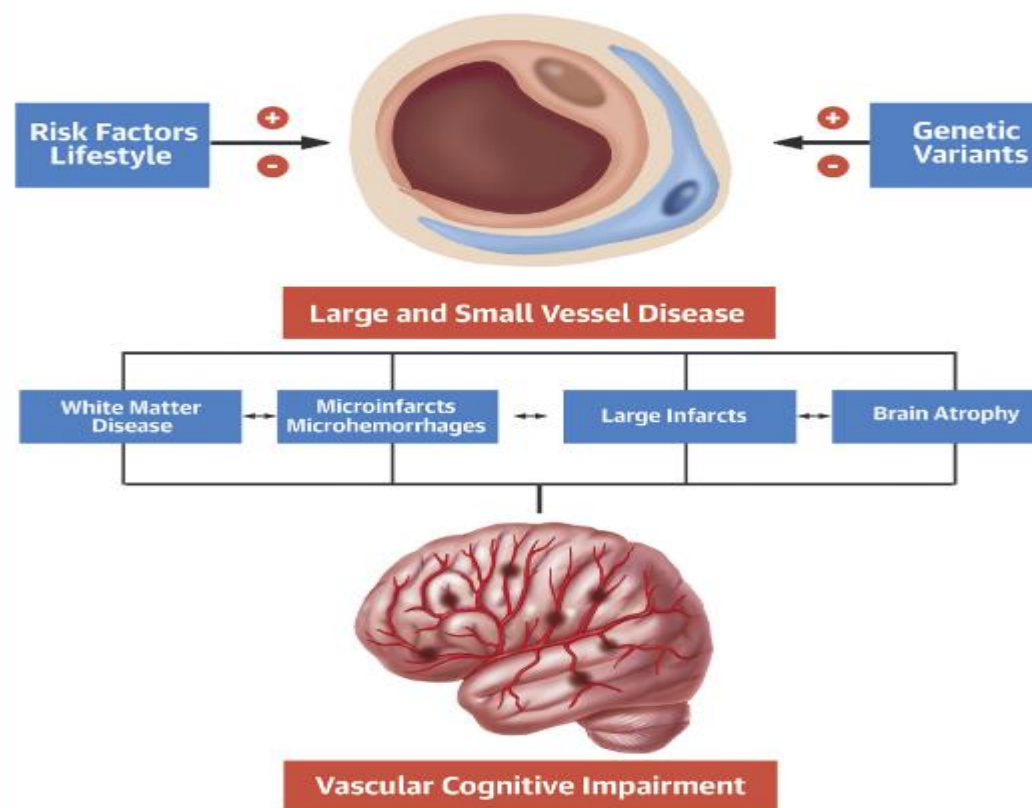
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TABLE 1 VICCCS Guidelines for VaD

- Clinical, neuropsychological, and imaging examination should follow the National Institute of Neurological Disorders-Canadian Stroke Network guidelines. Core domains for cognitive assessment should include executive function, attention, memory, language, and visuospatial function.
- Definition of major VCI (VaD): clinically significant deficits of sufficient severity in at least 1 cognitive domain (deficits may be present in multiple domains) and severe disruption to IADLs/ADLs (independent of the motor/sensory sequelae of the vascular event).
- Patients given a diagnosis of major VCI (VaD) are subcategorized according to the underlying pathology as appropriate (Figure 1).
- The terms "probable" and "possible" are used to define the available evidence.
- MRI is a "gold-standard" requirement for a clinical diagnosis of VCI. Probable mild VCI or probable major VCI (VaD) is the appropriate diagnostic category if computed tomography imaging is the only means of imaging available.
- Post-stroke dementia is defined by an immediate and/or delayed cognitive decline that begins within 6 months after a stroke and that does not reverse.
- Exclusions from diagnosis: drug/alcohol abuse/dependence within the last 3 months of first recognition of impairment or delirium.

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Risk factors and lifestyle, as well as genetic variants, can either promote (+) or stave off (-) damage to large and small cerebral blood vessels, which, in turn, leads to neuropathological changes that result in vascular cognitive impairment.

Acidosis, cognitive dysfunction and motor impairments in patients with kidney disease

Review

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Background



CKD has recently been associated with cognitive dysfunction, and advanced CKD patients often have reduced motor function



Recent data point towards the possibility that metabolic acidosis is one modifiable contributor to cognitive dysfunction

Methods

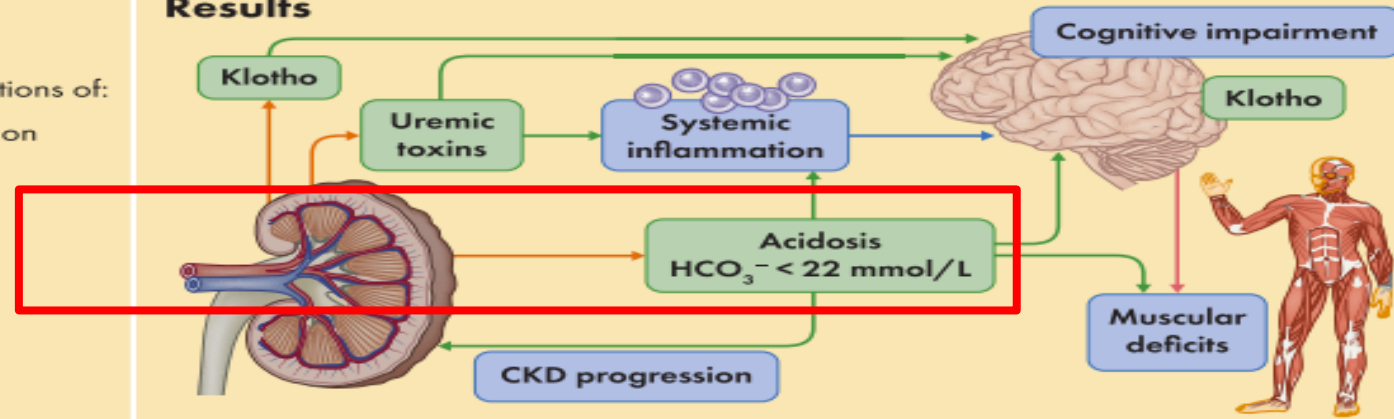


Literature search PubMed for combinations of:



- Cognitive dysfunction
- Brain function
- Motor function
- pH
- Acidosis
- CKD
- AKI

Results



Conclusion

CKD and acidosis are associated with forms of cognitive dysfunction. Further studies are required to test for causality, mechanisms, and therapies.

- However, limited data show that patients with CKD 2 and normal serum $[\text{HCO}_3^-]$ (eubicarbonatemia) manifest H^+ retention, and base administration ameliorates CKD progression.

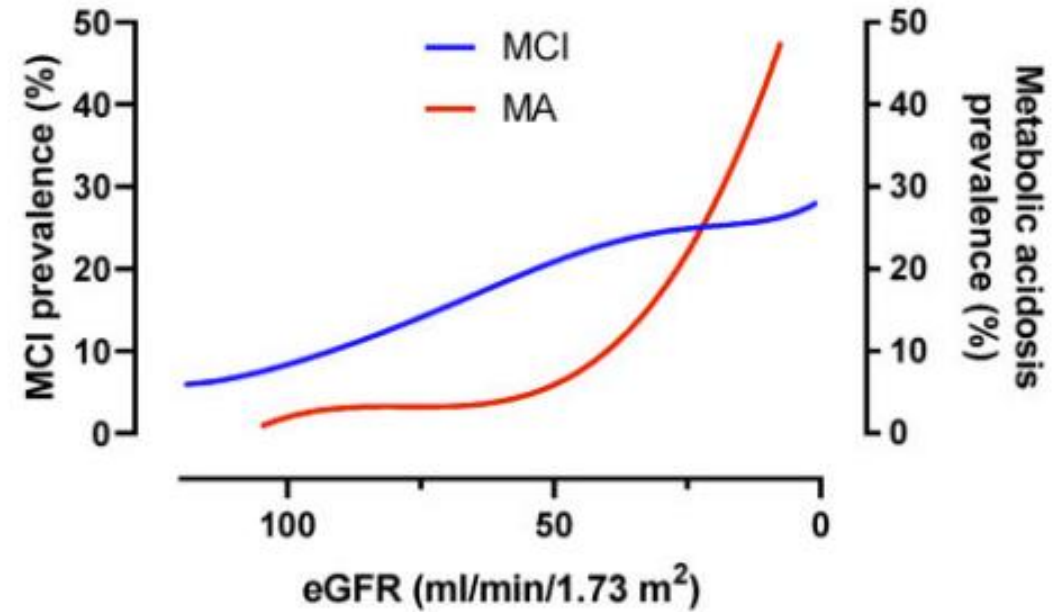


FIGURE 1: Prevalence of MCI and metabolic acidosis (MA) in patients with reduced kidney function. The prevalence of MCI and MA as a function of eGFR is estimated from several studies that reported the prevalence of MCI or MA in patients with reduced kidney function [1, 3, 5, 7, 8]. Cross-sectional studies analysing the prevalence of both clinical entities in the same cohort of patients have not been reported to date.

Blood-brain barrier perturbations by uremic toxins: Key contributors in chronic kidney disease-induced neurological disorders?

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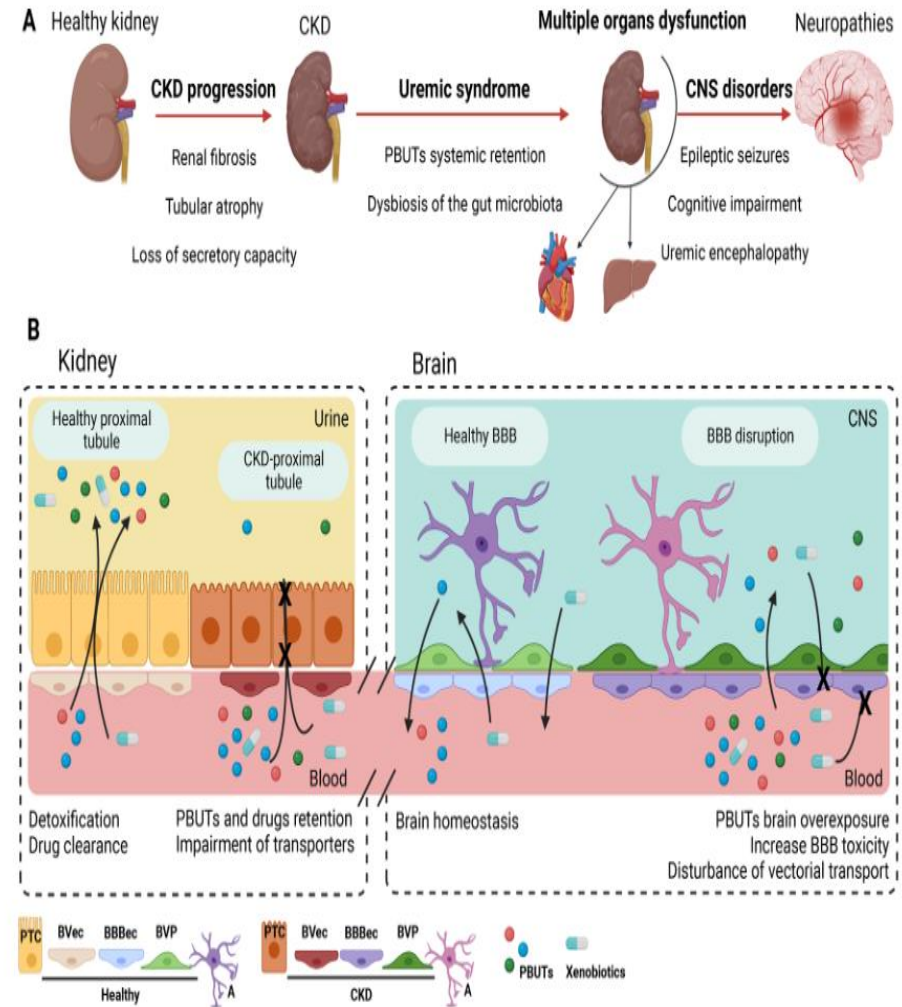


Fig. 1. Kidney-brain crosstalk and putative consequences in CKD-induced neurological complications at the (A) anatomical and (B) cellular level of tubular and blood-brain barrier. A, astrocytes; BBBec, blood-brain barrier endothelial cell; BVec, blood vessel endothelial cell; BVP, blood vessel pericyte; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CNS, central nervous system; PBUTs, protein-bound uremic toxins; PTC, proximal tubular cell. Illustration created with BioRender.com.



Review

The Impact of Uremic Toxins on Cerebrovascular and Cognitive Disorders

Η αύξηση του Θεικού ινδοξυλίου στην ΧΝΝ συνδέεται άμεσα με την εγκεφαλική βλάβη μέσω οξειδωτικού στρες και εναπόθεση αμυλοειδούς

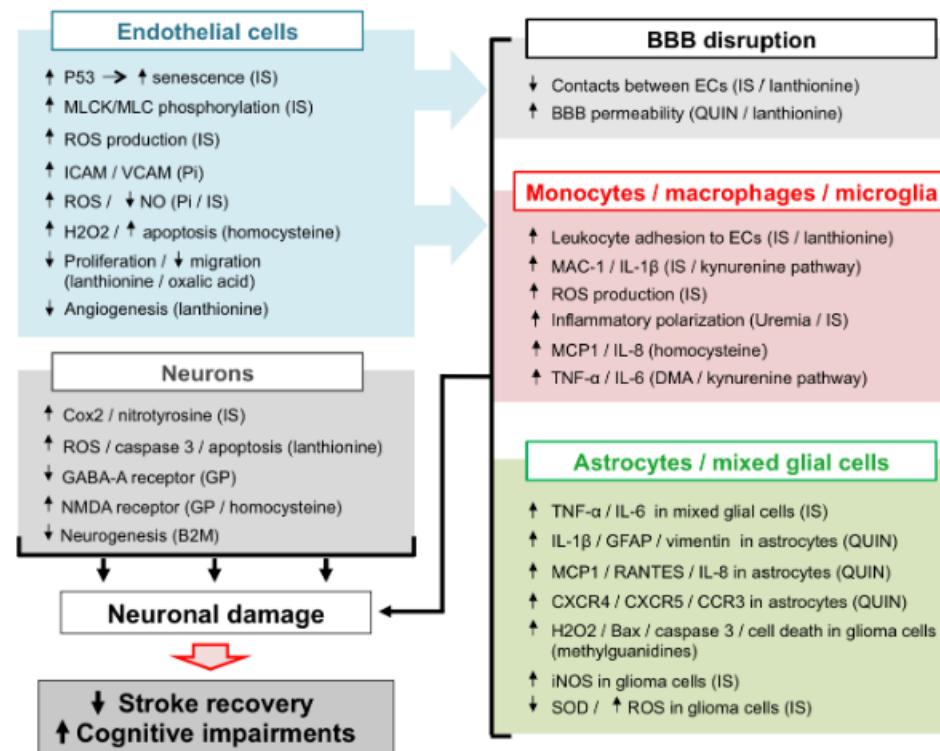





Figure 2. Impact of uremic toxins on neurological damage: a mechanistic view based on a review of the recent literature. B2M: β -2-microglobulin, BBB: blood-brain barrier, DMA: dimethylarginines, ECs: endothelial cells, GFAP: glial fibrillary acidic protein, GP: guanidino compounds, iNOS: inducible nitric oxide synthase, IS: indoxyl sulfate, MLCK: myosin light chain kinase, MLC: myosin light chain, NO: nitric oxide, Pi: inorganic phosphate, QUIN: quinolinic acid, ROS: reactive oxygen species, SOD: superoxide dismutase. ICAM: intercellular adhesion molecule, VCAM: vascular cell adhesion molecule, GABA-A: γ -aminobutyric acid receptor A, NMDA: *n*-methyl-*d*-aspartic acid, MCP1: Monocyte chemoattractant protein 1, MAC-1: macrophage-1 antigen, TNF- α : tumour necrosis factor, CXCR4: C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4, CXCR5: C-X-C chemokine receptor type 5, CCR3: C-C chemokine receptor type 3, RANTES: Regulated on Activation, Normal T Expressed and Secreted

Diabetes, Albuminuria and the Kidney—Brain Axis

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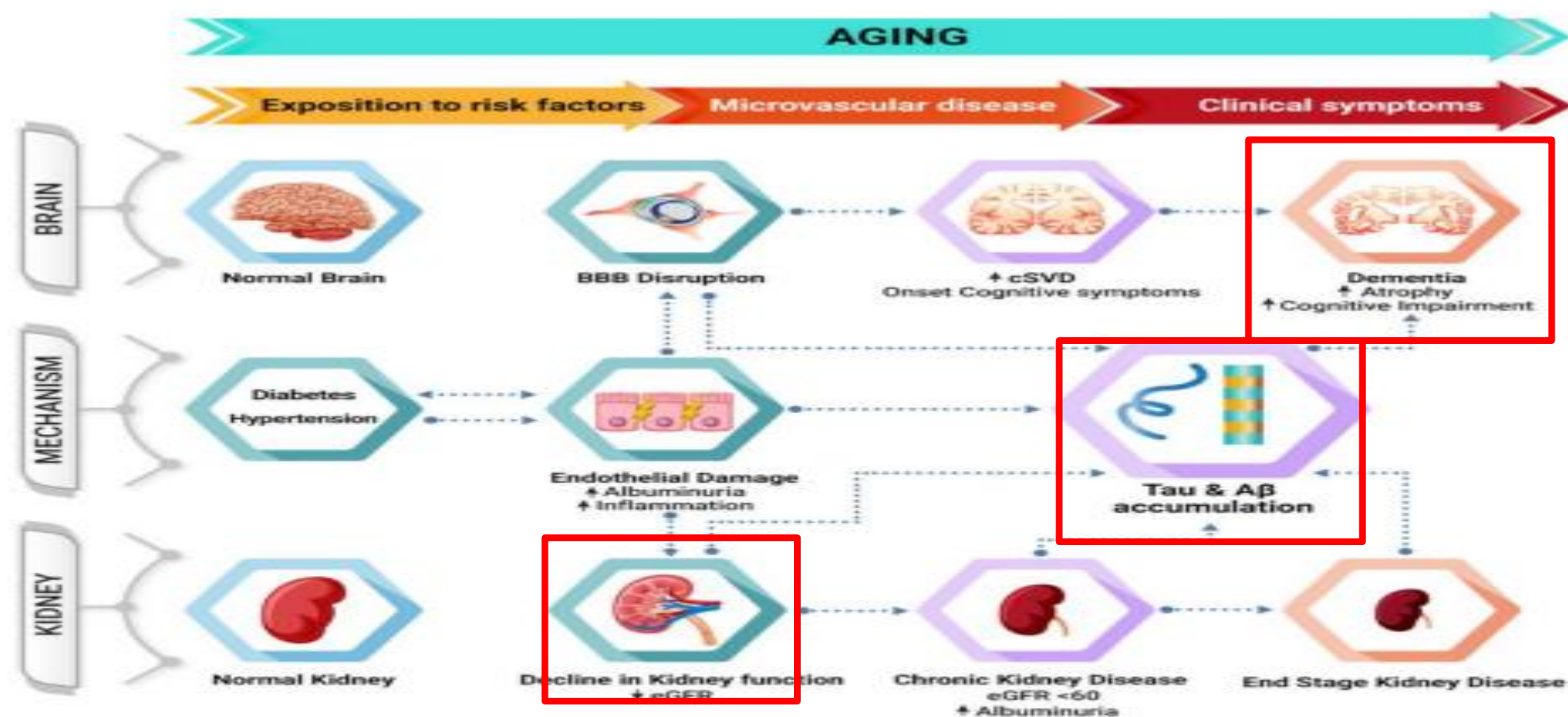
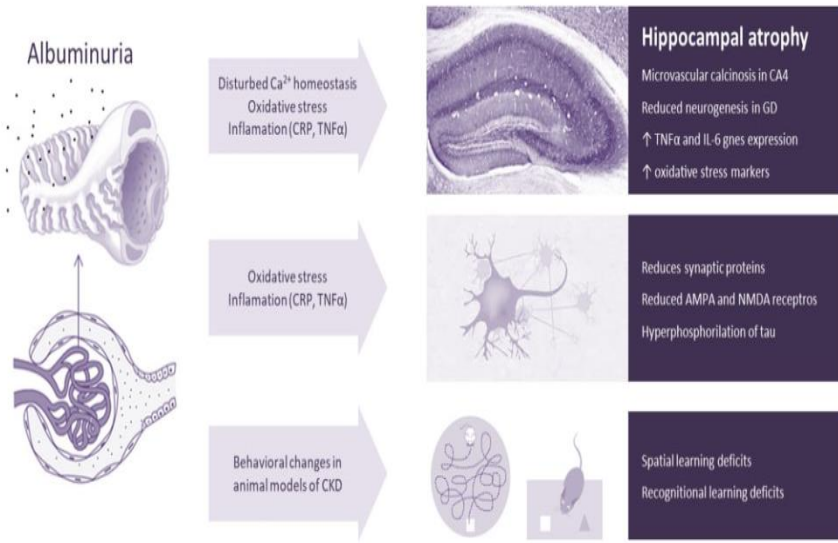


Figure 1. Schematic representation of the potential mechanisms linking albuminuria and cognitive impairment. Chronic exposure to risk factors during mid-life triggers endothelial damage, manifesting as increased albuminuria and leading to BBB disruption and decreased eGFR, which ultimately result in increased cerebrovascular burden and CKD. Additionally, decreased kidney function might compromise the systemic clearance of A β , increasing the likelihood of dementia during the later stages of the disease. Key: AD, Alzheimer's disease; BBB, blood–brain barrier; CKD, chronic kidney disease; cSVD, cerebral small vessel disease; and eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Albuminuria as a risk factor for mild cognitive impairment and dementia—what is the evidence?

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Review Article

Albuminuria as a risk factor for mild cognitive impairment and dementia – what is the evidence?

Synopsis

This review summarizes the available evidence on increased albuminuria in the development of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or dementia, points to existing gaps in our knowledge, and suggests actions to overcome them.

Clinical data



Epidemiological studies were conducted in different populations



They demonstrated that the presence of **increased albuminuria is associated with a higher relative risk of MCI or dementia** both in cross-sectional analyses and in studies with long-term follow-up

Pathophysiology



Underlying pathophysiological mechanisms of albuminuria's effect are still under investigation



Available experimental data indicate that elevated albuminuria and low GFR are associated with **significant neuroanatomical declines in hippocampal function and gray matter volume**

Controversies and proposals

We propose 10 recommendations for further clinical studies on relationship between albuminuria and MCI or dementia that would resolve the major questions about a causal relationship and the effectiveness of interventions targeting albuminuria per se to prevent cognitive decline.

FIGURE 1: Hippocampal structural and functional changes in animal models of kidney disease. GD, gyrus dentatus.



CKD, Brain Atrophy, and White Matter Lesion Volume: The Japan Prospective Studies Collaboration for Aging and Dementia

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Rationale & Objective: Chronic kidney disease, defined by albuminuria and/or reduced estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), has been reported to be associated with brain atrophy and/or higher white matter lesion volume (WMLV), but there are few large-scale population-based studies assessing this issue. This study aimed to examine the associations between the urinary albumin-creatinine ratio (UACR) and eGFR levels and brain atrophy and WMLV in a large-scale community-dwelling older population of Japanese.

Study Design: Population-based cross-sectional study.

Setting & Participants: A total of 8,630 dementia-free community-dwelling Japanese aged greater than or equal to 65 years underwent brain magnetic resonance imaging scanning and screening examination of health status in 2016-2018.

Exposures: UACR and eGFR levels.

Outcomes: The total brain volume (TBV)-to-intracranial volume (ICV) ratio (TBV/ICV), the regional brain volume-to-TBV ratio, and the WMLV-to-ICV ratio (WMLV/ICV).

Analytical Approach: The associations of UACR and eGFR levels with the TBV/ICV, the regional brain volume-to-TBV ratio, and the WMLV/ICV were assessed by using an analysis of covariance.

Results: Higher UACR levels were significantly associated with lower TBV/ICV and higher geometric mean values of the WMLV/ICV (P for trend = 0.009 and <0.001, respectively). Lower eGFR levels were significantly associated with lower TBV/ICV, but not clearly associated with WMLV/ICV. In addition, higher UACR levels, but not lower eGFR, were significantly associated with lower temporal cortex volume-to-TBV ratio and lower hippocampal volume-to-TBV ratio.

Limitations: Cross-sectional study, misclassification of UACR or eGFR levels, generalizability to other ethnicities and younger populations, and residual confounding factors.

Conclusions: The present study demonstrated that higher UACR was associated with brain atrophy, especially in the temporal cortex and hippocampus, and with increased WMLV. These findings suggest that chronic kidney disease is involved in the progression of morphologic brain changes associated with cognitive impairment.

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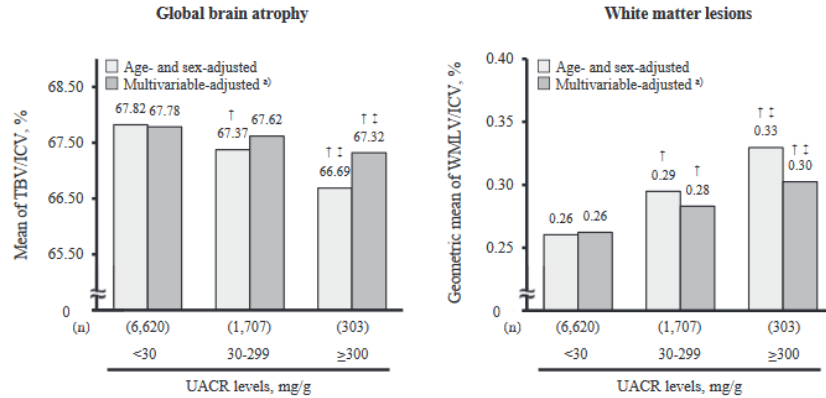
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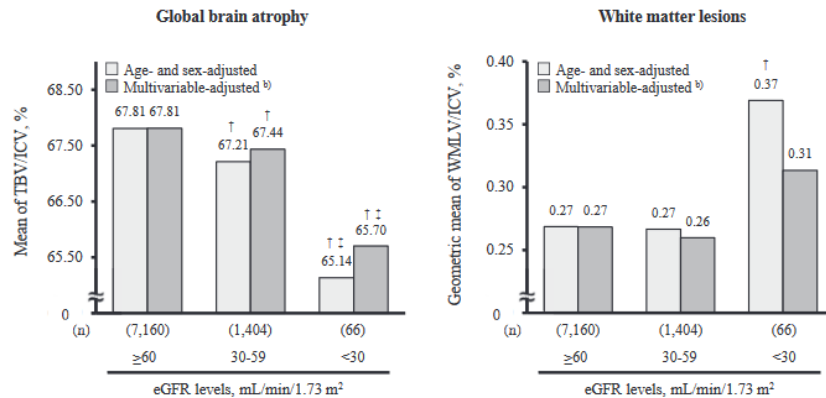
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A. UACR



B. eGFR



Chronic kidney disease and neurological disorders: are uraemic toxins the missing piece of the puzzle?

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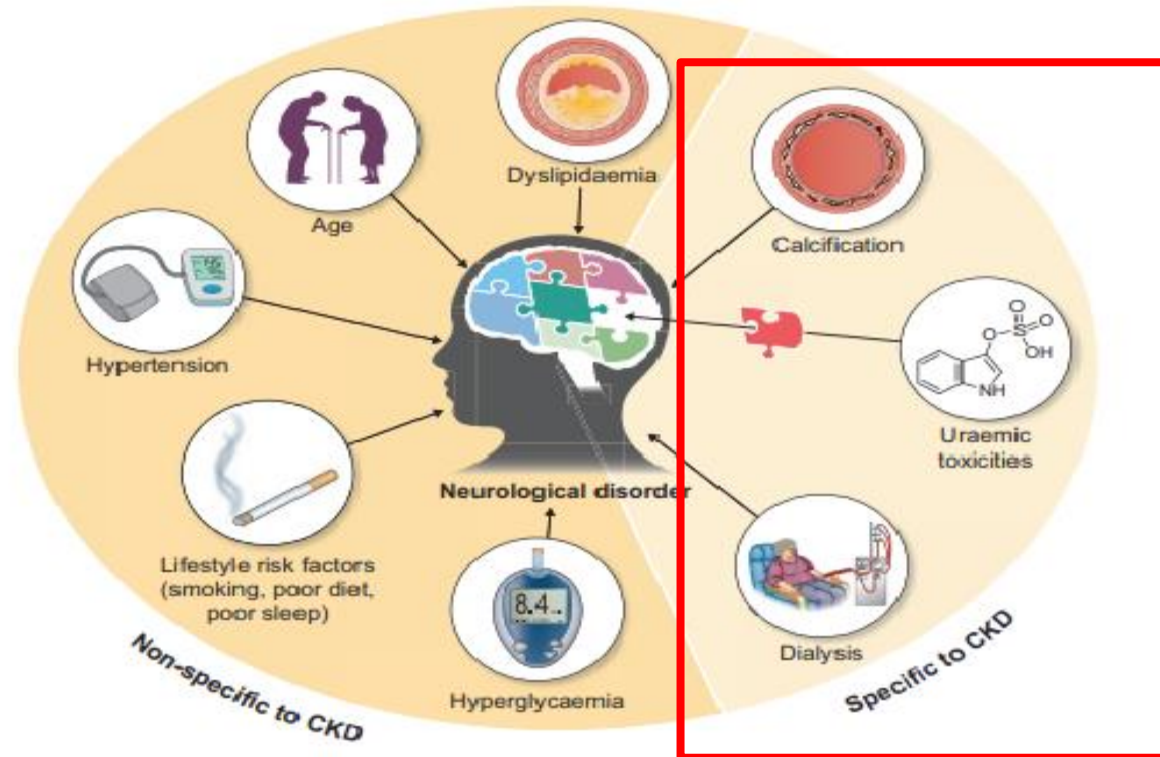


FIGURE 1: The complicated puzzle of risk factors associated with neurological disorders in patients with CKD. Along with traditional cardiovascular risk factors (such as diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidaemia), non-traditional risk factors related to kidney damage (such as uraemic toxicities) may predispose patients with CKD to neurological disorders.

Vascular Calcification in Chronic Kidney Disease: Diversity in the Vessel Wall

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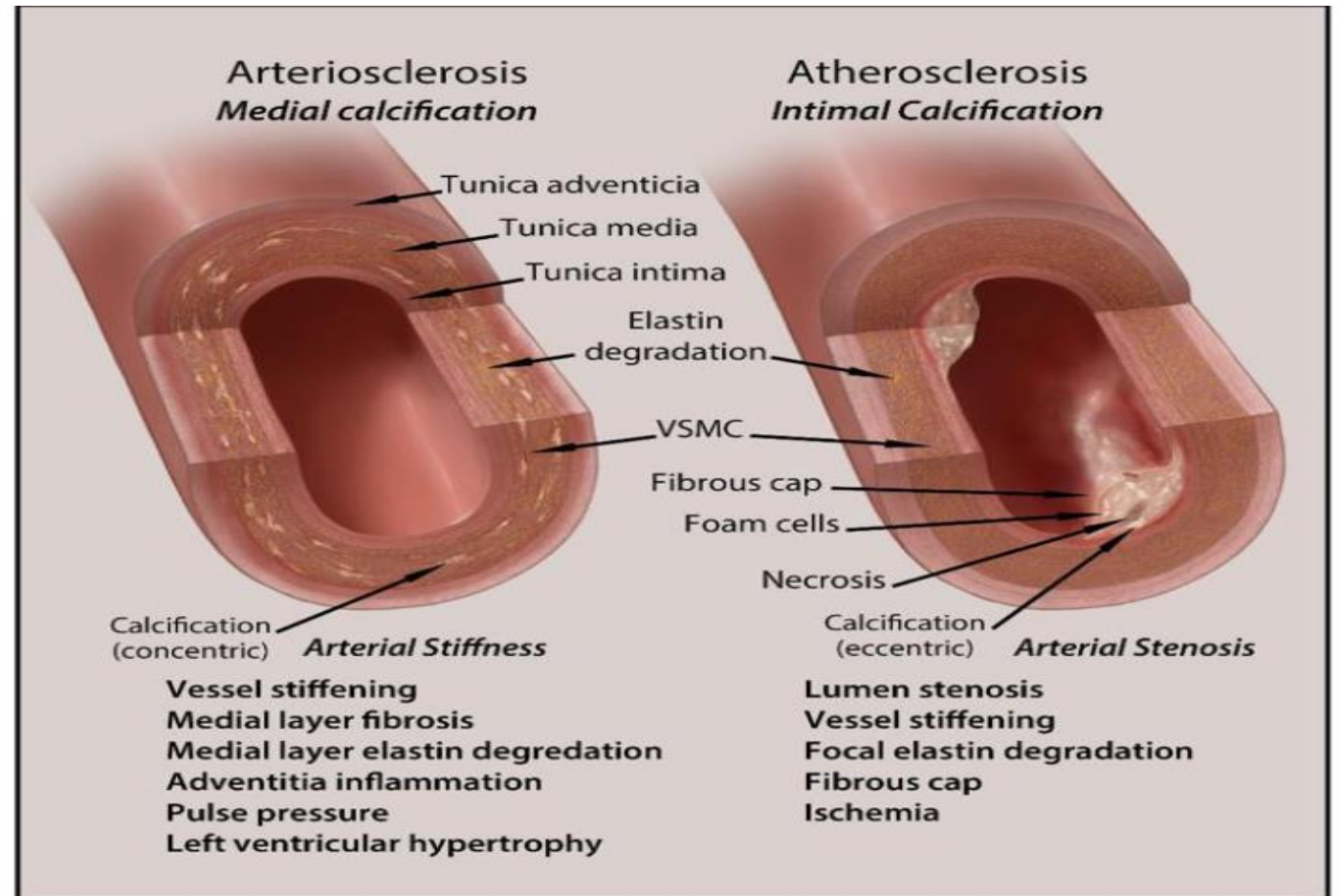
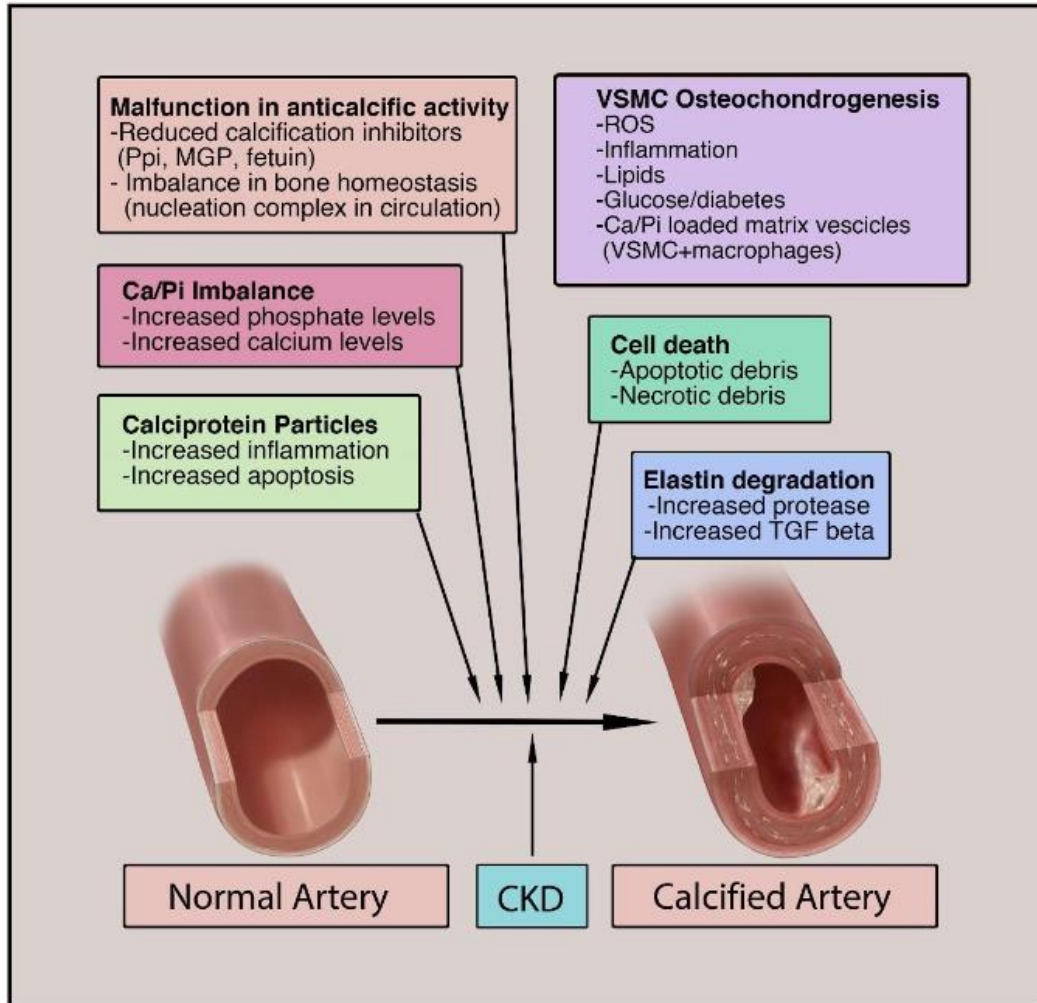


Figure 2. Schematic representation of intimal and medial calcification and their related pathologies.

Arterial damage and cognitive decline in chronic kidney disease patients


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TABLE 3 Multivariate analysis of the study

Parameters	In/Out	R ² increment%	Beta coeff.	Lower CI	Upper CI	P value
Dependent variable MMSE						
Age	In	9.7	-0.102	-0.142	-0.062	<0.001
Education	In	58.1	7.159	6.137	8.354	<0.001
cf-PWV	In	1.0	-0.209	-0.409	-0.010	0.040
Ht	In	1.2	0.139	0.022	0.257	0.020
GFR-MDRD	Out	-	-	-	-	-
R ² = 0.700						
(a) Dependent variable MMSE without age and aPP						
Education	In	57.9	8.031	6.891	9.171	<0.001
Ht	In	4.5	0.174	0.037	0.311	0.014
cf-PWV	In	1.5	-0.233	-0.446	-0.019	0.029
GFR-MDRD	In	1.1	0.020	0.001	0.039	0.032
R ² = 0.650						
(b) Dependent variable MMSE without age and cf-PWV						
Education	In	58	7.949	6.776	9.123	<0.001
aPP	In	1.1	-0.043	-0.081	-0.005	0.026
LDL	In	1.3	0.012	0.001	0.023	0.035
Statin	In	1.5	-1.375	-2.622	-0.129	0.031
GFR-MDRD	In	4.3	0.018	0.001	0.037	0.050
R ² = 0.663						

Dependent variable Clock-test

Arterial Stiffness and Cognition Among Adults: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Observational and Longitudinal Studies

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Global cognition

Elias et al., 2009 ²⁷
Fukuhara et al., 2006 ²⁸
Hanon et al., 2005 ³⁰
Karasavvidou et al., 2018 ³¹
Kim et al., 2009 ³²
Lamballais et al., 2018 ³⁴
Lee et al., 2014 ³⁵
Lim et al., 2016 ¹³
Muela et al., 2018 ³⁷
Palta et al., 2019 ⁴⁰
Ryu et al., 2017 ⁴³
Singer et al., 2013 ⁴⁵
Zhong et al., 2014 ⁵⁰
Subtotal (I-squared = 75.9%)
(Q-Cochrane = 49.81, p =

Conclusions

In conclusion, this systematic review and meta-analysis reveals a negative association between arterial stiffness, measured using PWV, and cognition, specifically executive function, memory, and global cognition. This association seems to be independent of sex, age, blood pressure levels, and PWV measurement characteristics. Separate analyses of longitudinal studies support the negative association between arterial stiffness and cognitive function found in cross-sectional studies. Our results accumulate evidence supporting that PWV assessment could be a useful tool to identify individuals at high risk of cognitive decline or early stages of cognitive decline, to implement interventions aimed at slowing the progression to dementia.

-0.07 (-0.27, 0.12)	8.42
-0.32 (-0.59, -0.04)	6.24
-0.18 (-0.41, 0.04)	7.54
-0.17 (-0.49, 0.15)	5.27
-0.82 (-1.03, -0.61)	7.97
-0.13 (-0.18, -0.07)	12.49
-0.22 (-0.61, 0.17)	4.08
-0.10 (-0.33, 0.12)	7.54
-0.28 (-0.62, 0.05)	4.98
-0.11 (-0.18, -0.03)	12.06
-0.49 (-0.85, -0.14)	4.63
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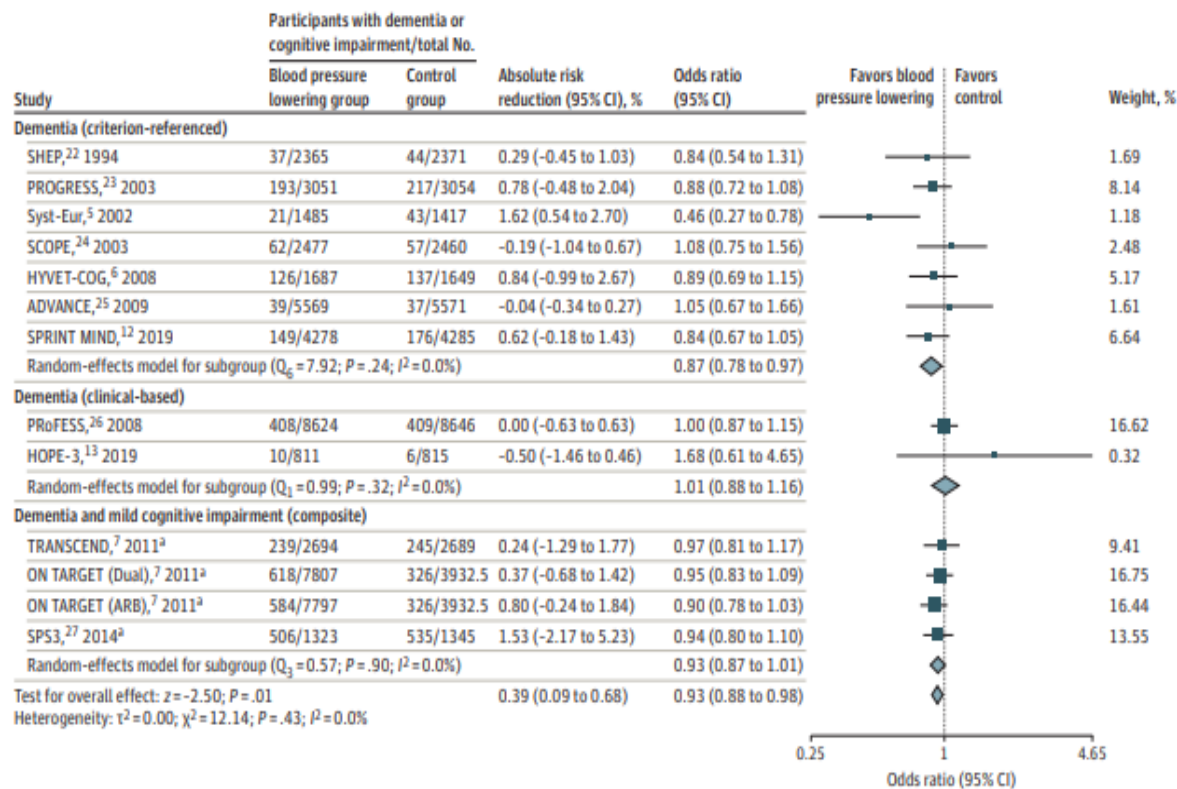
Association of Blood Pressure Lowering With Incident Dementia or Cognitive Impairment

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Figure 1. Association of Blood Pressure Lowering With Dementia or Cognitive Impairment



DOES TREATING HYPERTENSION REDUCE THE RISK OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT?

Η υπέρταση μπορεί να οδηγήσει σε γνωστικό κίνδυνο έως 50% ενώ η χρήση αντιυπερτασικών φαρμάκων μπορεί να οδηγήσει σε μείωση του γνωστικού κινδύνου και της άνοιας έως 11%

The squares and bars represent the mean values and 95% CIs of the effect sizes and the area of the squares reflects the weight of the studies. Diamonds represent the combined effects and the vertical dotted line represents the line of no association.

^a Composite of dementia and cognitive impairment.



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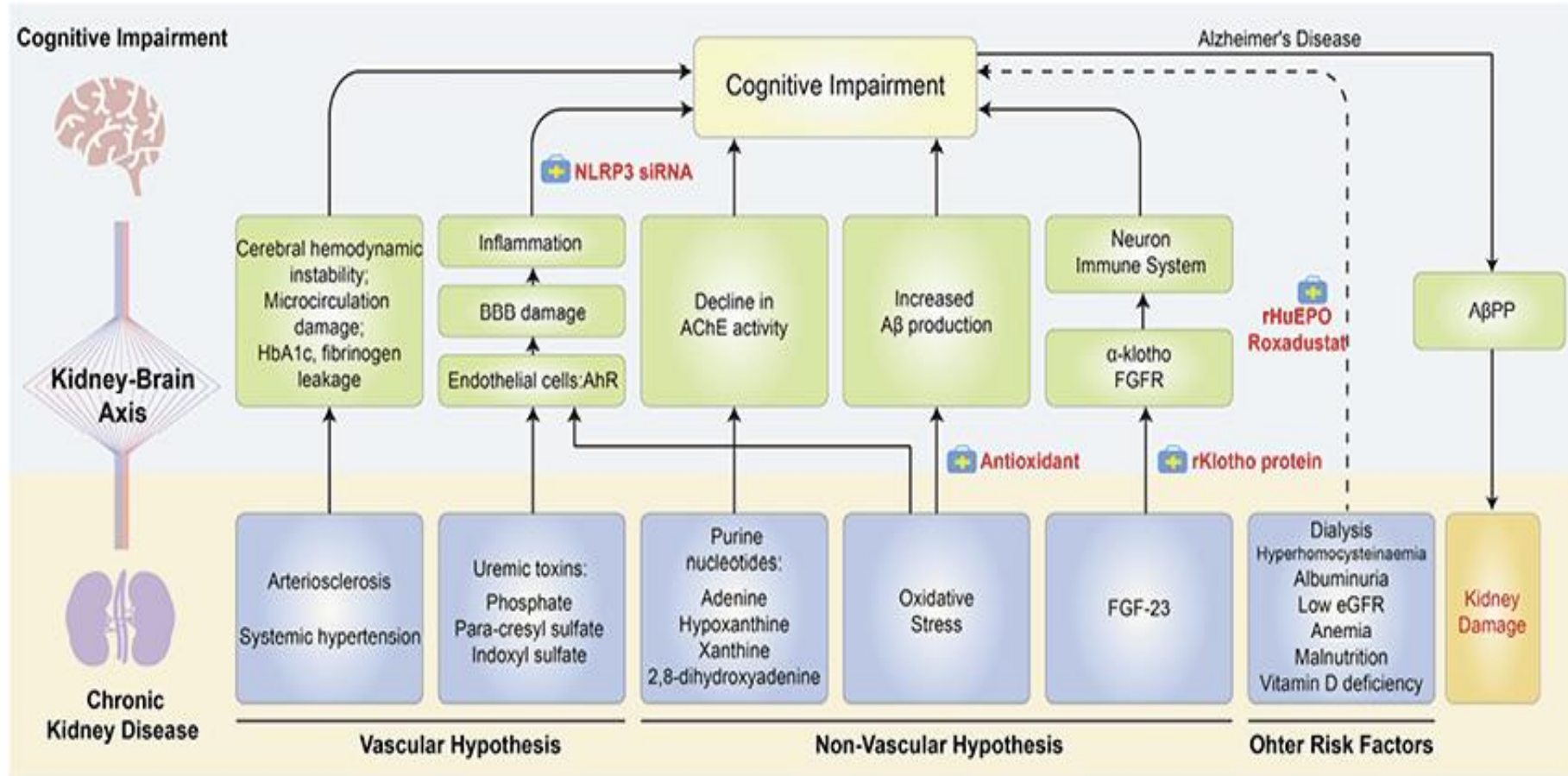
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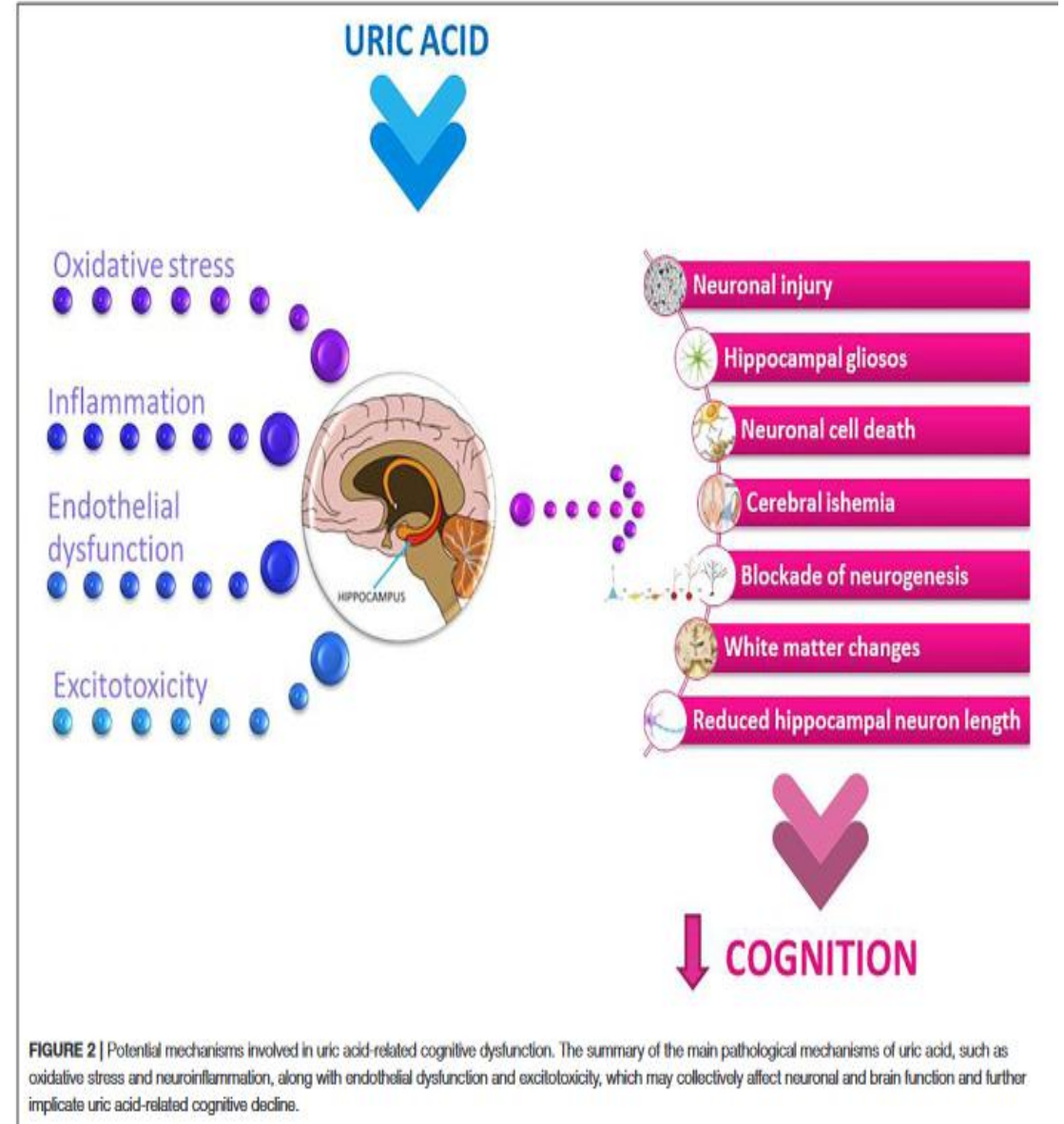
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The Influence of Serum Uric Acid on the Brain and Cognitive Dysfunction

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Uric acid is commonly known for its bad reputation. However, it has been shown that uric acid may be actively involved in neurotoxicity and/or neuroprotection. These effects could be caused by oxidative stress or inflammatory processes localized in the central nervous system, but also by other somatic diseases or systemic conditions. Our interest was to summarize and link the current data on the possible role of uric acid in cognitive functioning. We also focused on the two putative molecular mechanisms related to the pathological effects of uric acid—oxidative stress and inflammatory processes. The hippocampus is a prominent anatomic localization included in expressing uric acid's potential impact on cognitive functioning. In neurodegenerative and mental disorders, uric acid could be involved in a variety of ways in etiopathogenesis and clinical presentation. Hyperuricemia is non-specifically observed more frequently in the general population and after various somatic illnesses. There is increasing evidence to support the hypothesis that hyperuricemia may be beneficial for cognitive functioning because of its antioxidant effects but may also be a potential risk factor for cognitive dysfunction, in part because of increased inflammatory activity. In this context, gender specificities must also be considered.



Relationships between serum Klotho concentrations and cognitive performance among older chronic kidney disease patients with albuminuria in NHANES 2011-2014

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Background: The potential relationship between Klotho and cognitive function is limited and controversial. This study aimed to quantify the association of Klotho and cognitive impairment in chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients with albuminuria.

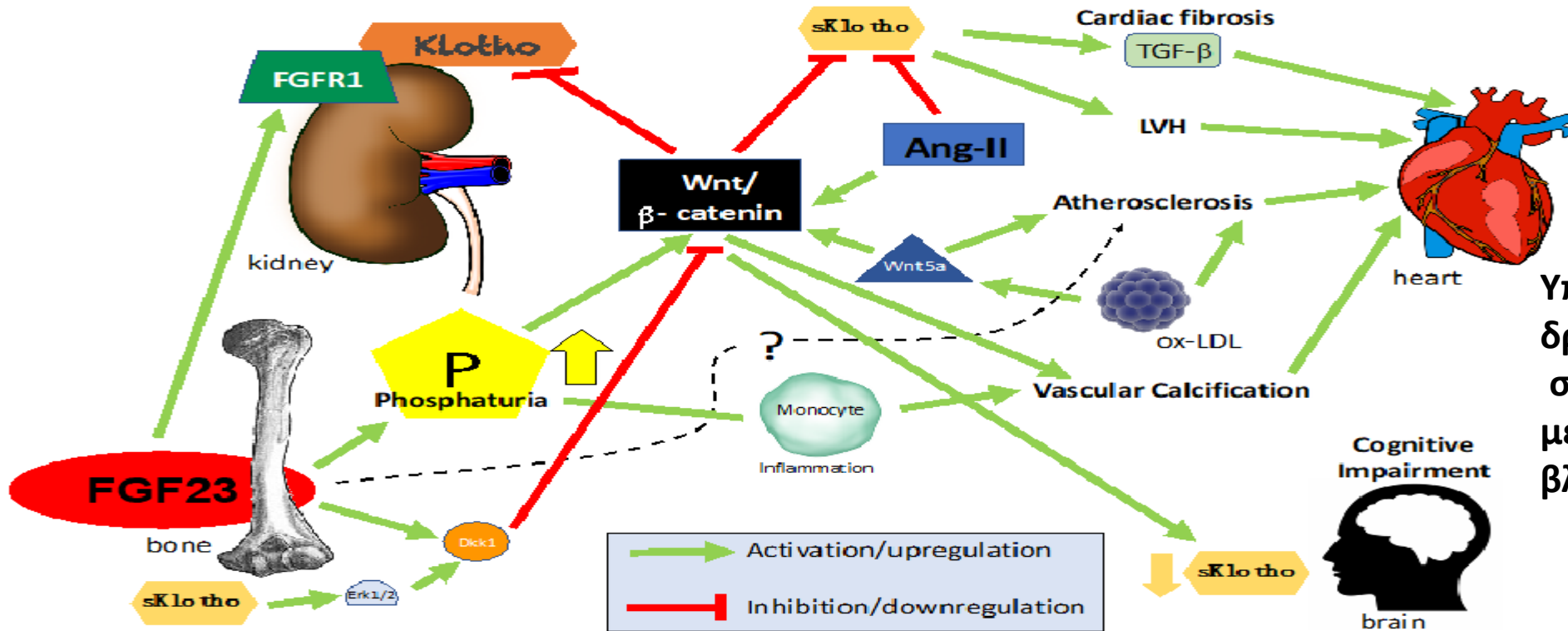
Methods: Serum Klotho was measured by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. Patients with urine albumin to creatinine ratio (UACR) > 30mg/g from the National Health and Nutrition Survey (NHANES) 2011-2014 were divided into 4 groups according to the quartile of Klotho. Cognitive function was examined using the Consortium to Establish a Registry for Alzheimer's Disease (CERAD), Digit Symbol Substitution Test (DSST), and Animal Fluency Test. The relationship between Klotho and cognitive function was analyzed by multivariable regression and subgroup analysis.

Results: Among 368 CKD patients with albuminuria, we found that Klotho was negatively associated with creatinine, and positively associated with hemoglobin, and estimated glomerular filtration rate. No significant linear relationship was showed between Klotho (as a continuous variable) and cognitive function. When regarded Klotho as a category variable, patients in the quartile 3 group were at a better cognitive performance for CERAD-word learning subset and DSST, especially in the CKD patients with 30 mg/g < UACR <300 mg/g, but not in participants with UACR > 300 mg/g.

Conclusions: The increased Klotho was associated with an increased cognitive function in CKD patients with microalbuminuria. Further studies are needed to demonstrate whether Klotho may be a beneficial biomarker of cognitive health and neurodegeneration.

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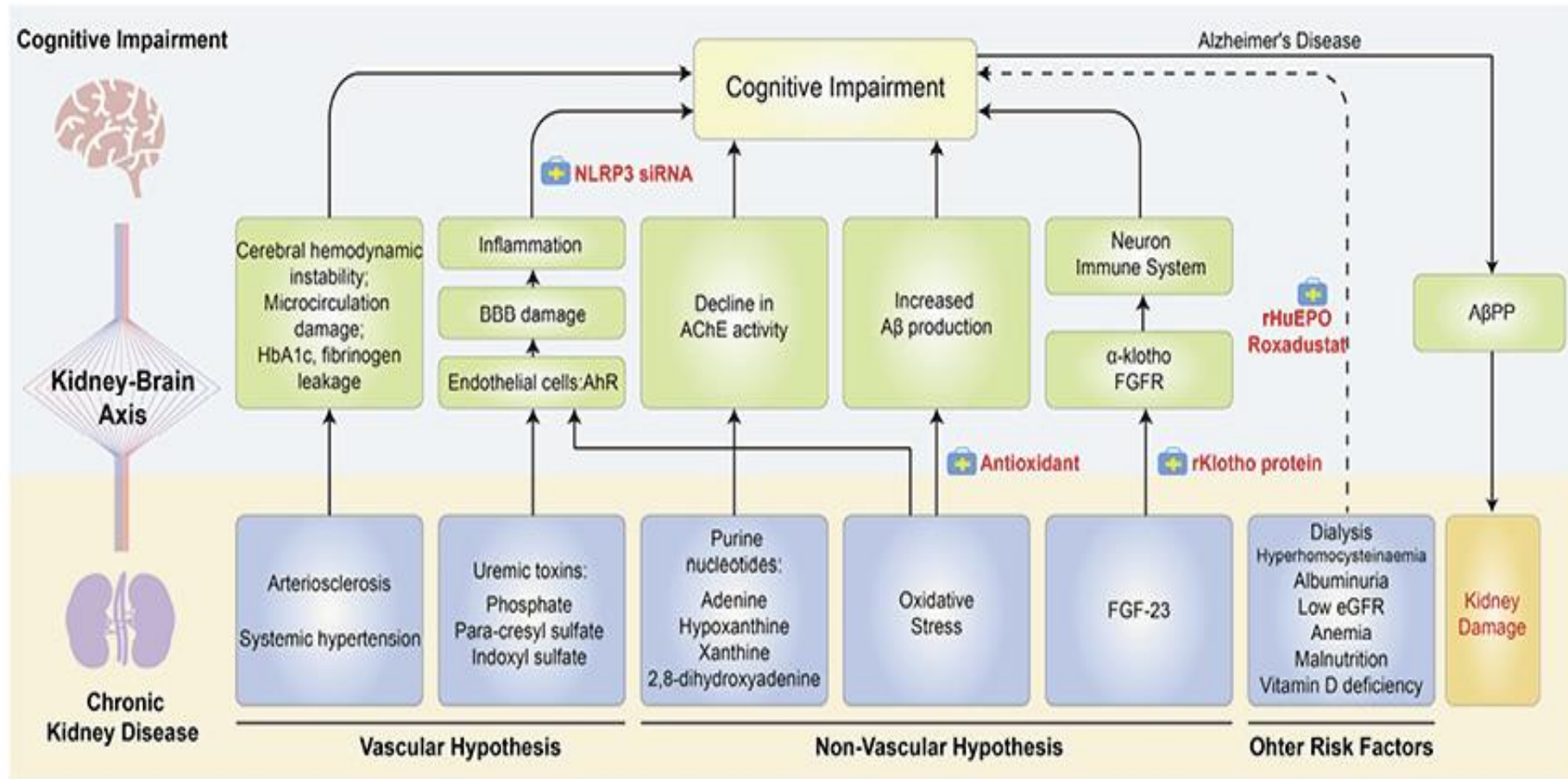
Klotho/FGF23 and Wnt Signaling as Important Players in the Comorbidities Associated with Chronic Kidney Disease



Υπάρχουν ενδείξεις ότι η FGF23 δρα απευθείας στην λειτουργία του ιππόκαμπού με αποτέλεσμα την εγκεφαλική βλάβη

Figure 2. Schematic representation of FGF23/Klotho interactions with the Wnt/β-catenin pathway in the bone, kidney, and heart.

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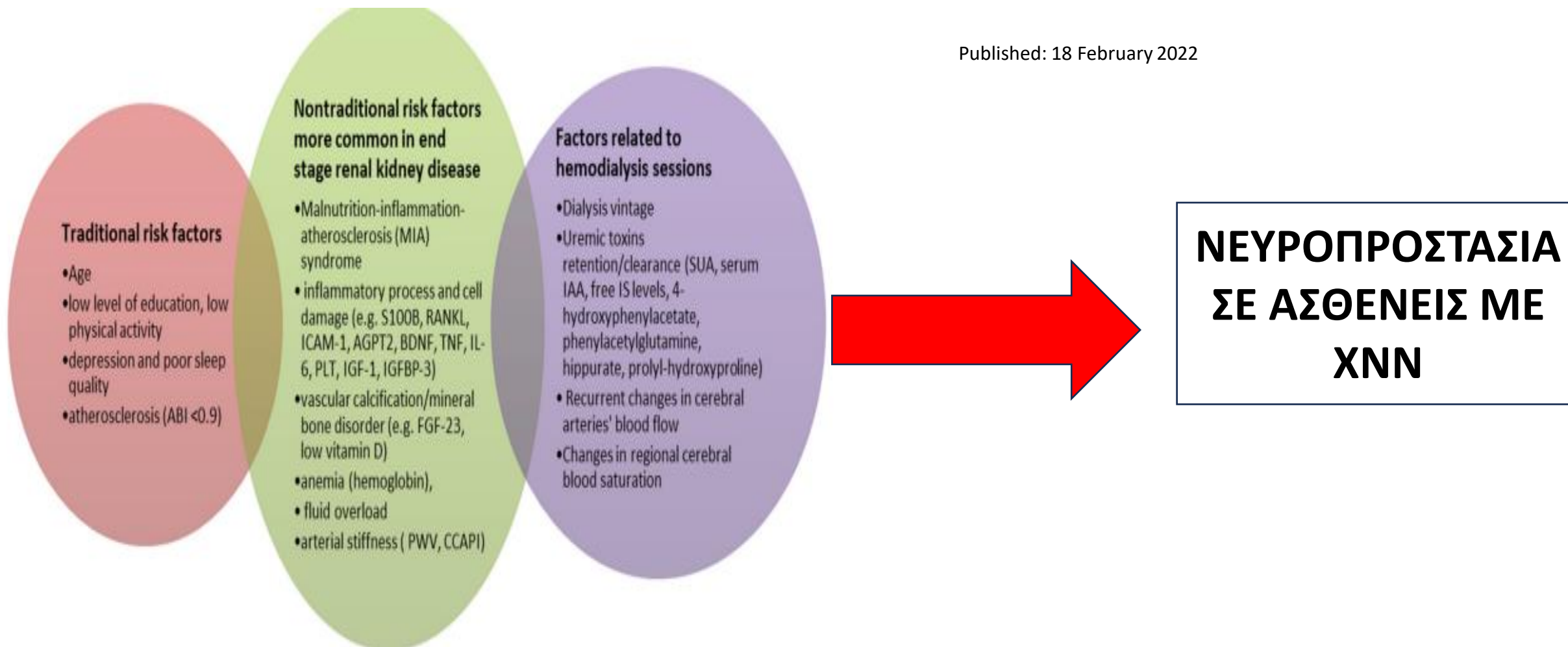


Review

Cognitive Impairment in End Stage Renal Disease Patients Undergoing Hemodialysis: Markers and Risk Factors

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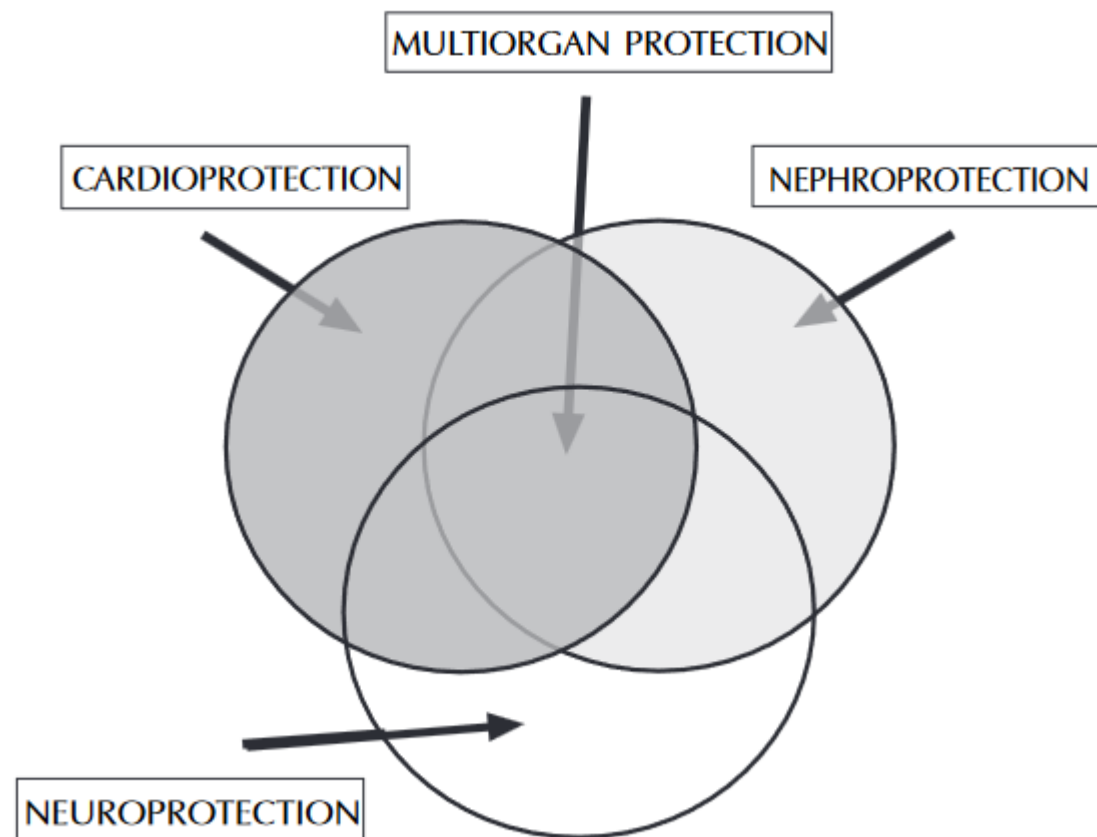


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Role of Vitamin D in Cognitive Function in Chronic Kidney Disease

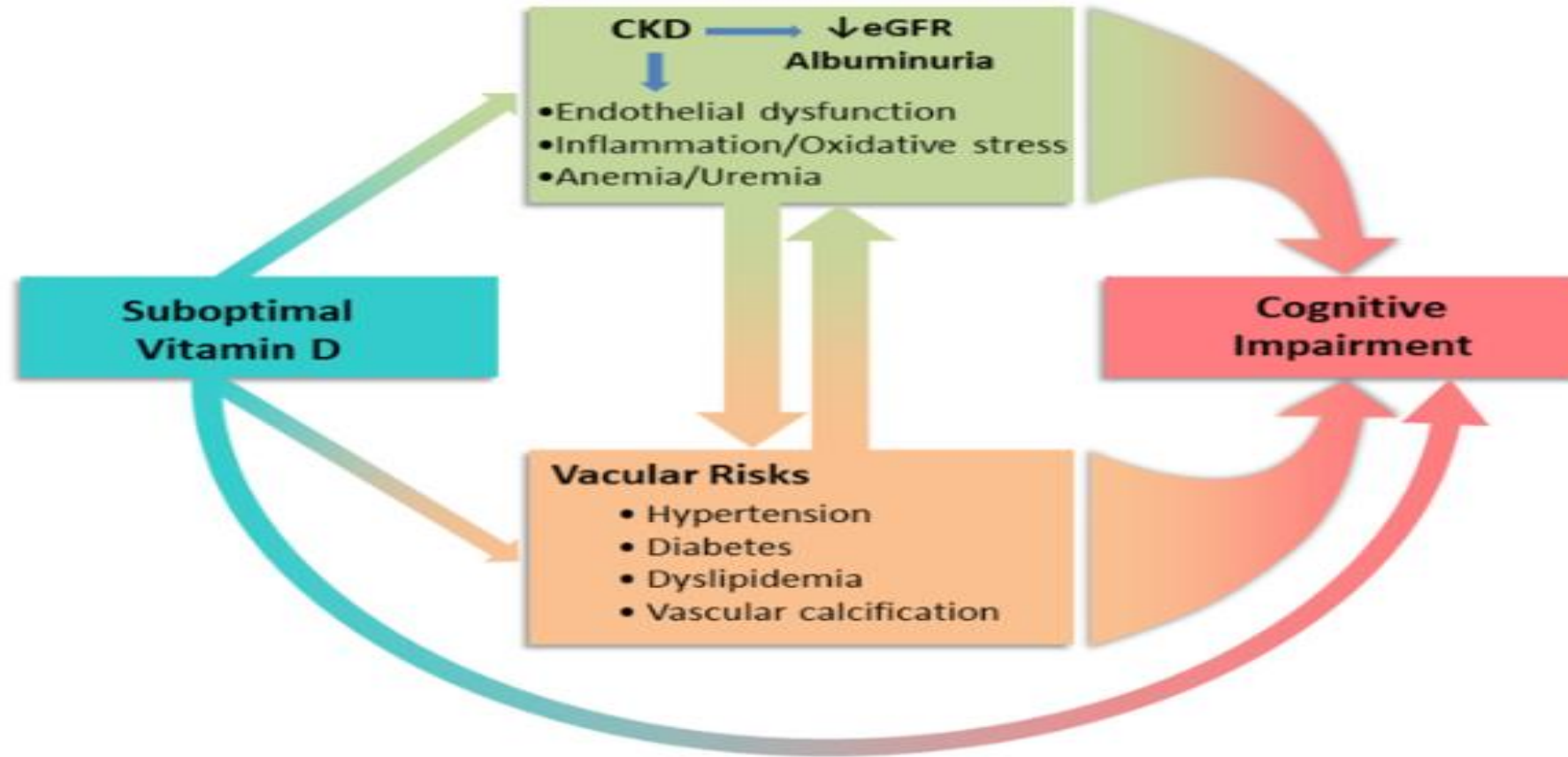
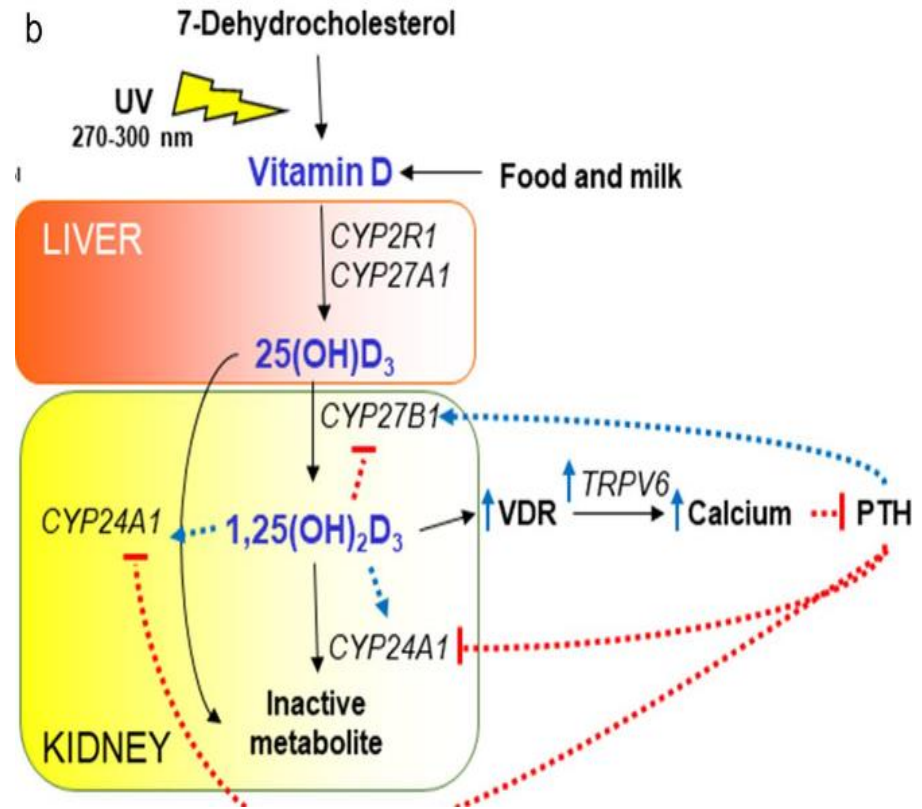
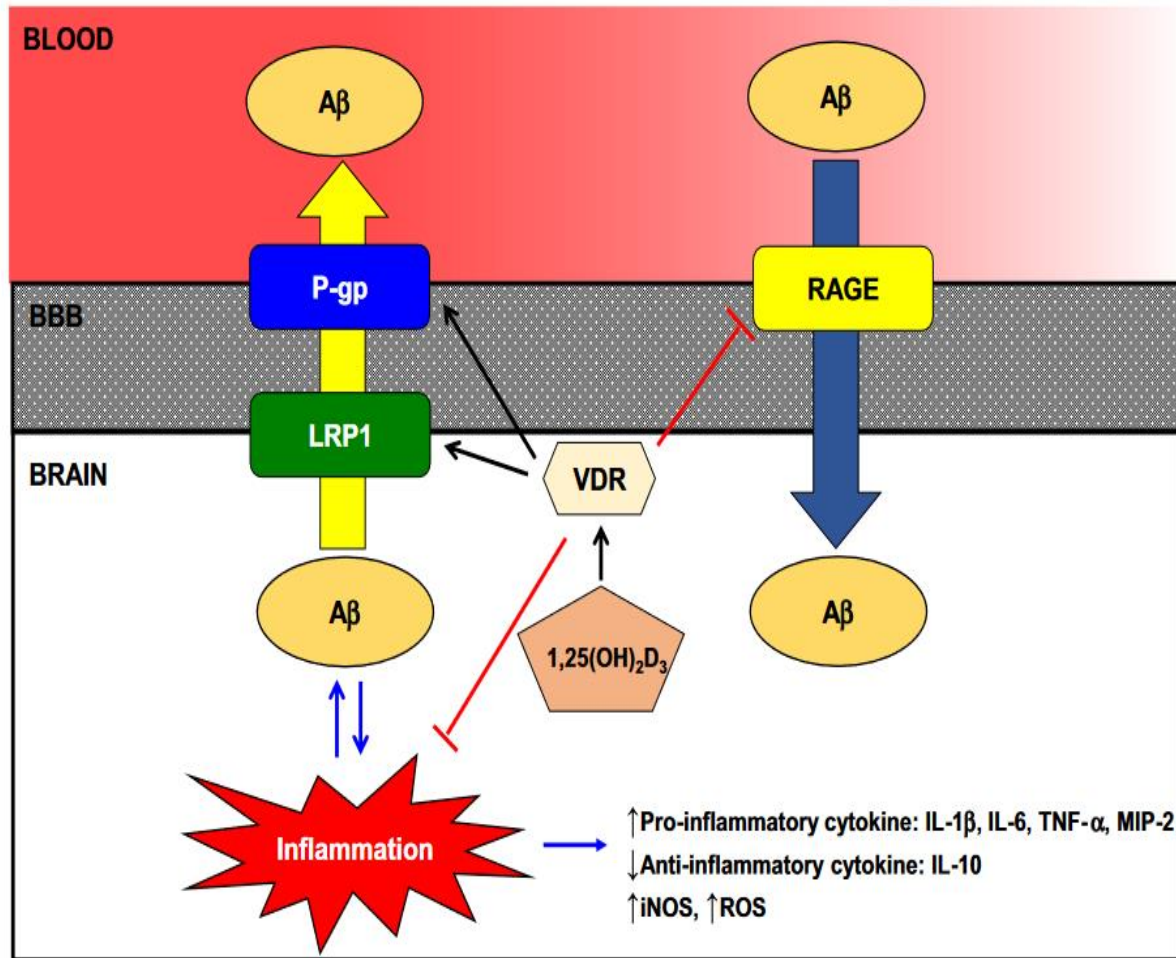


Figure 2. Suboptimal vitamin D status directly and indirectly contributes to the development and progression of cognitive impairment. Studies have demonstrated an association of hypovitaminosis D and diseases that raise vascular risks [85]. Endothelial dysfunction and inflammatory/uremic milieu in CKD act not only as a consequence of CKD but also through promoting vascular risk factors contributing the CKD progression.

Fig. 5 VDR regulation of receptors governing the influx (RAGE) and efflux (LRP1 and P-gp) of $A\beta_{1-40}$ and $A\beta_{1-42}$ peptides in brain; other benefits of the VDR include anti-inflammatory activities and lowering of reactive oxygen species



Review

Phosphate in the Context of Cognitive Impairment and Other Neurological Disorders Occurrence in Chronic Kidney Disease

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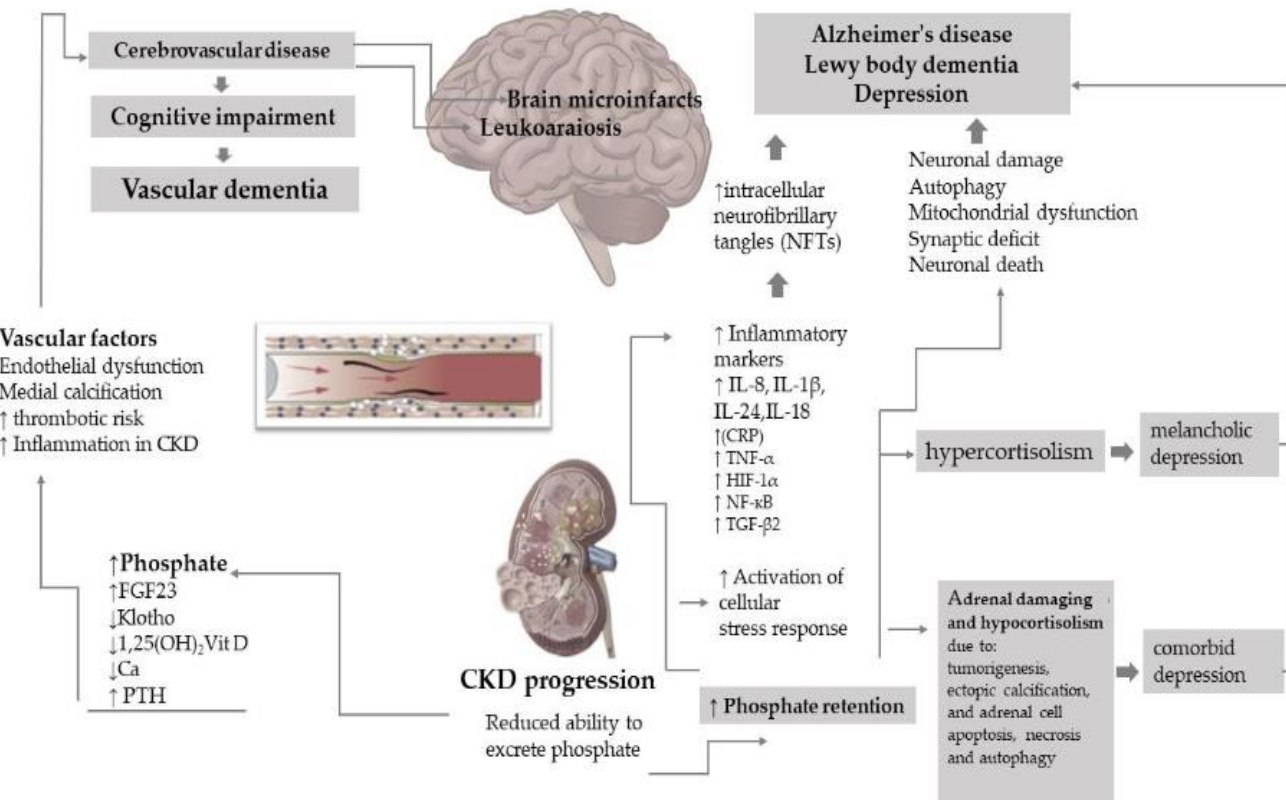


Table 1. CKD-MBD biomarkers, role in bone metabolism, vascular calcification, brain, and neurocognitive function.

CKD-MBD Biomarkers	Role in Bone Metabolism	Vascular Calcification	Brain and Neurocognitive Function
PTH	Key mediator of bone turnover Regulates P and Ca homeostasis	Complex paracrine and systemic effect Promotes VC Impairs endothelial function	Endothelial dysfunction Arterial stiffness ↑Ca→ neuronal signaling disruption, frontal-subcortical dementia, atrophy in hippocampus ↑PTH→significantly decreased gray matter volume (GMV) Impair executive function memory impairment
Vit D	Key role in Ca, P homeostasis Depletion promote sHPPTH and osteitis fibrosis cystica	Biphasic curve of Vit D on calcification	↓Vit D→ impairs contractile function of vessels ↓Vit D→ may lead to disruption of calcium homeostasis in neurons, thus causing neuronal aging and neurodegeneration vulnerability ↓Vit D→↑Amyloid β deposition and tau protein tangles in the brain ↓Vit D→↑inflammation, ↑oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction
Klotho	Acts as a Wnt-inhibitor Modify bone metabolism	Inhibitor of VC Klotho deficiency→ impair endothelial function	Klotho deficiency →impairment of vascular cell senescence, →impairment of brain immune system, →impairment of central nervous system
FGF23	Posphaturic hormone acts through α-klotho	Is not clear if it has a direct effect on VC	↑FGF23 not directly connected with cognitive impairment ↑FGF23→↓Vit D ↑FGF23→↑inflammation

Neuroprotective Effect of SGLT2 Inhibitors

Table 1. Comparison of pleiotropic effects of Sotagliflozin, Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin, Ertugliflozin.

	Sotagliflozin	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Empagliflozin	Ertugliflozin
SGLT2 Selectivity over SGLT1	20 fold [28]	250 fold [28]	1200 fold [28]	2500 fold [28]	2500 fold [28]
Brain/Serum Ratio	n/a	0.3	0.3	0.5	n/a
AChE Inhibition	K_i 5.6 μ M [29]	The most potent, even called a dual inhibitor K_i 0.13 μ M [29]	K_i 25.02 μ M [29]	K_i 0.177 μ M [30]	K_i 31.69 μ M [29]
BDNF Increase	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes [31]	n/a
Anti-epileptic Potential	n/a	n/a	Yes [32]	n/a	n/a
CIMT Regression	n/a	n/a	Yes [33]	Yes [34]	n/a
Anti-inflammatory	n/a	Yes [35]	Yes [36]	Yes [37]	No n/a [38]
Blood-brain Barrier Protection	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes [37]	n/a

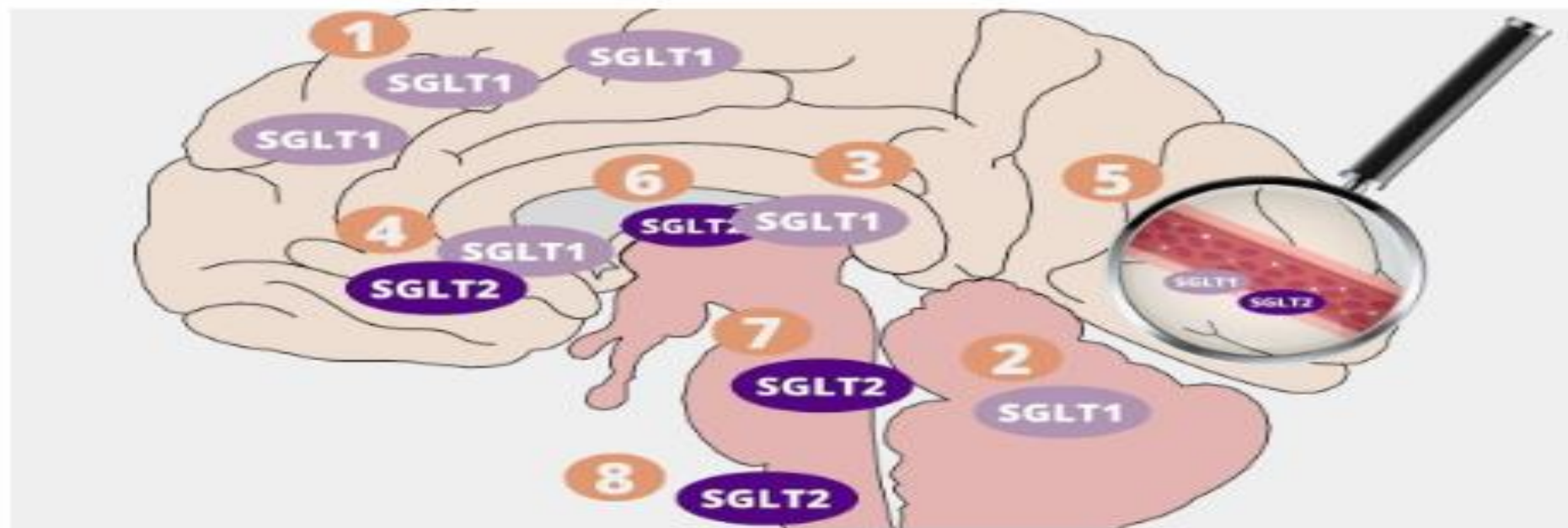



Figure 1. Distribution of SGLT1 and SGLT2 receptors in the Central Nervous System: 1. Pyramidal cells of brain cortex; 2. Purkinje cerebellum cells; 3. Hippocampus pyramidal and granular cells; 4. Hypothalamus; 5. Microvessels; 6. Amygdala; 7. Periaqueductal grey; 8. Dorsomedial medulla—nucleus of the solitary tract (NTS).

SGLT2 inhibitors are not fully selective for SGLT2 co-receptors, and they also affect SGLT1 to various extents (Table 1). Sotagliflozin has the most affinity to SGLT1 receptors. It is even called a “dual SGLT1/SGLT2 inhibitor”, however, it is the newest Flozin, and it is not yet used in diabetic patients on a large scale [12]. Among commonly used SGLT2 inhibitors, Canagliflozin has the greatest potential for inhibiting SGLT1 receptors. In contrast, Empagliflozin and Ertugliflozin are the most selective for SGLT2 and have the lowest potential for interaction with SGLT1 [27]. Therefore, theoretically, to obtain the neuroprotective effect associated with SGLT1 inhibition in diabetic patients, Sotagliflozin and Canagliflozin should be preferred over Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin, and Ertugliflozin.

Erythropoietin as a Neuroprotective Molecule: An Overview of Its Therapeutic Potential in Neurodegenerative Diseases

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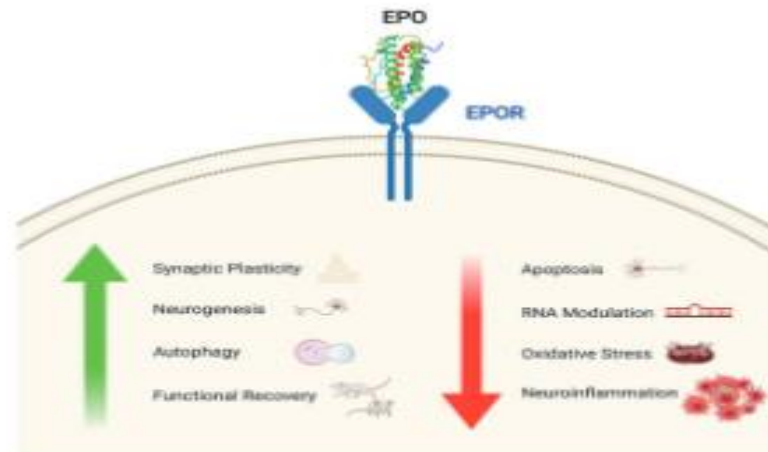


Figure 2. Neurotrophic role of EPO's binding with EPOR. In the CNS, EPO's binding to its receptor leads to an increase in neuroprotective actions (synaptic plasticity, neurogenesis, autophagy) with an overall functional recovery in animal models. Conversely, the binding leads to a decrease in apoptosis, expression of miRNAs regulating the apoptotic process, oxidative stress, and neuroinflammation. Made in ©BioRender—biorender.com
EPO = erythropoietin; EPOR = erythropoietin receptor.






Table 1. Summary of the Studies Describing EPO's Neurotrophic Effect in Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Pathology	Description	References
Parkinson's disease		
<i>In vitro</i>	EPO increases cell viability altering the Bax/Bcl-2 ratio in PC12 cells intoxicated with MPP ⁺ , modulates the autophagy process in rotenone-treated SH-SY5Y cells, activates the PI3K/Akt/FoxO3a pathway, and modulates neuroinflammation.	Wu et al., 2007; Maiese et al., 2012; Bond and Rex, 2014; Jia et al., 2014; Jang et al., 2016
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO restores TH levels and reduces the expression of early proinflammatory cytokines and microglia markers.	Qi et al., 2014; Erbas et al., 2015; Carelli et al., 2016a, 2017b, 2018
Clinical trials	EPO has positive effects on nonmotor symptoms, such as pain, apathy, and sexual difficulty.	Pedroso et al., 2012; Jang et al., 2014
Alzheimer's disease		
<i>In vitro</i>	EPO is used to block the apoptotic pathway and protects from A β toxicity, increases antioxidant mechanisms, and has a neurotrophic function in primary hippocampal neuron through BDNF's expression.	Viviani et al., 2005; Li et al., 2008; Ma et al., 2009; Shang et al., 2011, 2012; Esmaili Tazangi et al., 2015
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO decreases tau hyper phosphorylation, reduces neuroinflammation and oxidative stress, increases neurogenesis, improves cognitive results in AD mice models, and improves synaptic plasticity but no effect on anxiety and spontaneous activity.	Lee et al., 2012; Armand-Ugón et al., 2015; Li et al., 2015; Samy et al., 2016; Hernández et al., 2017; Rodríguez Cruz et al., 2017
Clinical trials	EPO improves neuropsychological test scoring in chronic kidney disease and ameliorates AD patient's daily living.	Kumagai et al., 2018; Vinothkumar et al., 2018
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis		
<i>In vitro</i>	EPO prevents apoptotic neuronal changes and decreases the levels of the SOD1 aggregates.	Nagańska et al., 2010; Cho et al., 2011
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO administration delays symptoms, preserves motor symptoms, and modulates the neuroinflammatory response, but results are controversial with regard to the life span.	Grignaschi et al., 2007; Grunfeld et al., 2007; Koh et al., 2007; Noh et al., 2014
Clinical trials	EPO administration has no adverse effects	Lauria et al., 2009; Kim et al., 2014
Spinal cord injury		
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO administration leads to a partial recovery of motor function, prevents the secondary injury through anti-inflammatory and neuroprotective actions, increases TH-positive fibers of lumbosacral cord of treated mice, reduces the production of proinflammatory cytokines, and induces neurogenesis increasing BDNF activity.	Gorio et al., 2002, 2005; Rees et al., 2010; Mofidi et al., 2011; Simon et al., 2011; Cerri et al., 2012; Carelli et al., 2014, 2015, 2017b
Clinical trials	EPO's effect was not efficiently evaluated.	Costa et al., 2015
Brain ischemia		
<i>In vitro</i>	EPO acts on neurogenesis, is involved in apoptotic and cellular recovery, and activates antiapoptotic genes.	Ruscher et al., 1998; Dirnagl et al., 1999; Suzuki et al., 2001; Martí, 2004
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO administration is involved in neuroprotection.	Shingo et al., 2001; Sanchez et al., 2009
Clinical trials	EPO reduces infarct size.	Tsai et al., 2015; Yao et al., 2017
Brain hypoxia and hyperoxia		
<i>In vivo</i>	EPO ameliorates the metabolic stress and induces neuroprotection in chronic hypoxia.	Chung et al., 2015; Fantacci et al., 2006
Clinical trials	EPO treatment in newborns with hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy improves neurological outcomes.	Zhu et al., 2009

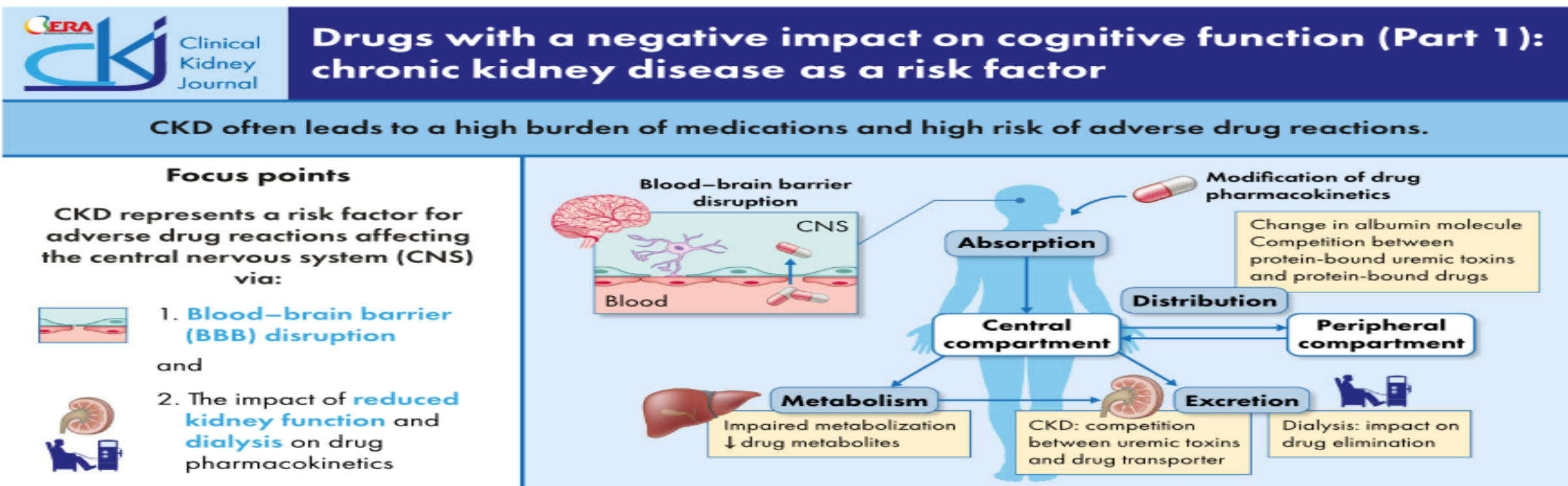
Note. EPO = erythropoietin; MPP⁺ = 1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium; PI3K = phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase; TH = tyrosine hydroxylase; BDNF = brain-derived neurotrophic factor; AD = Alzheimer's disease; SOD1 = superoxide dismutase.

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Drugs with a negative impact on cognitive function (Part 1): chronic kidney disease as a risk factor

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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



Conclusion: eGFR decline is a risk factor of BBB disruption and modification of drug pharmacokinetics. These modifications may affect drug efficacy and safety. Indeed, the increase of free drug fractions and the passage of drugs into the brain parenchyma could

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Drug prescription in patients with chronic kidney disease a true challenge

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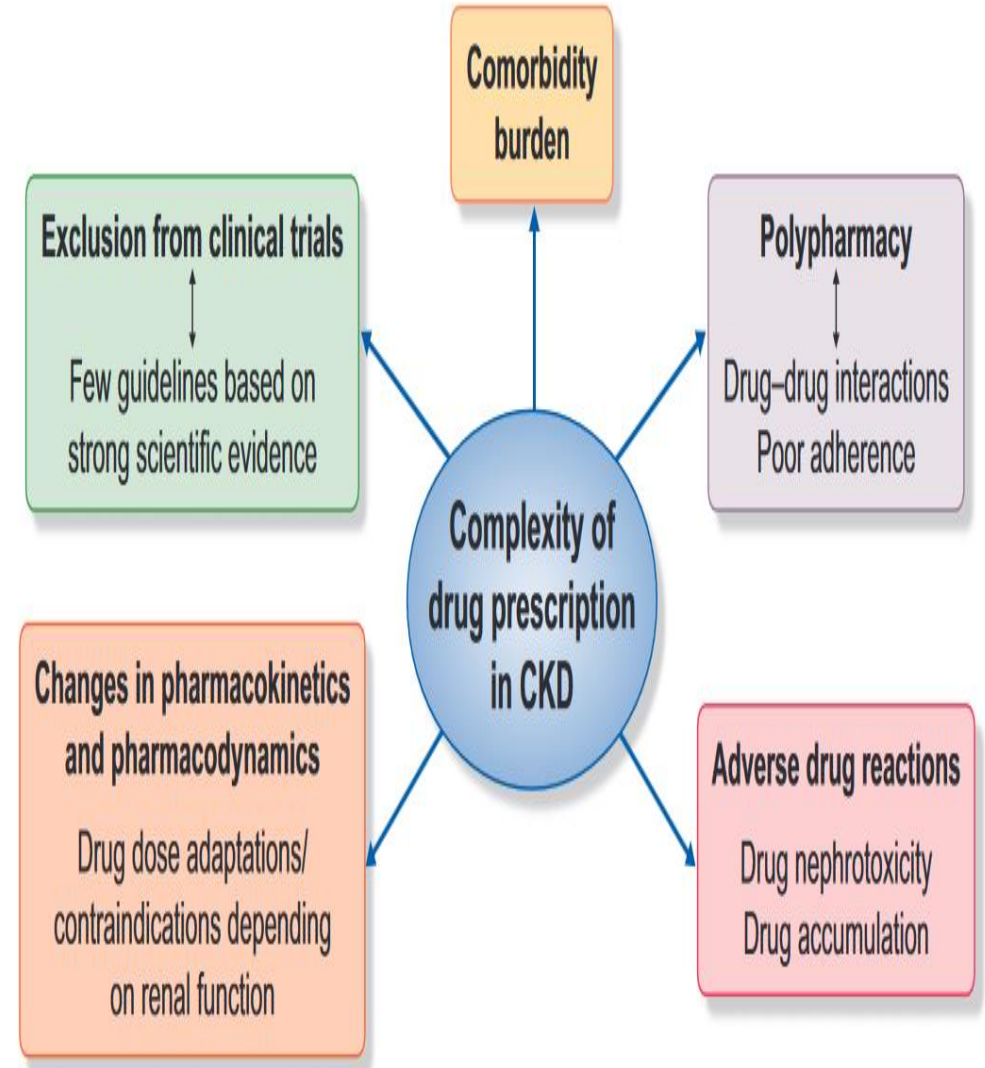


FIGURE 1: Factors accounting for the complexity of drug prescription in patients with CKD.

Drugs with a negative impact on cognitive functions (Part 2): drug classes to consider while prescribing in CKD patients

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A better understanding of risk factors associated with cognitive impairment could lead to new avenues to prevent further cognitive impairment in CKD patients. Adverse drug reactions affecting the central nervous system (CNS) could represent a modifiable risk factor as these may be prevented by re-evaluating patients' drug prescription.



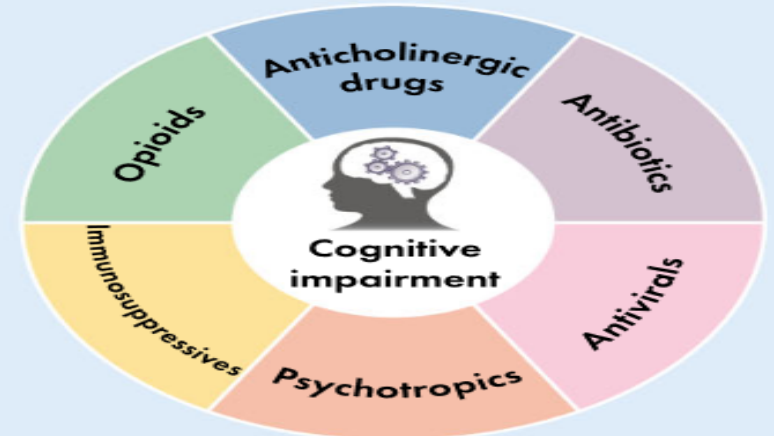
Cognitive functions:

- Social functioning
- Language
- Visual functioning
- Learning and memory
- Complex attention
- Executive function
- Orientation
- Visuospatial



Adverse drug reactions on CNS:

- Sedation
- Decreased performance skills
- Cognitive impairment
- Neuroexcitatory effects
- Hallucination
- Delirium



Conclusion: CKD patients are frequently treated with drugs that are commonly recognized as at risk of cognitive impairment in the general population such as opioids, psychotropics, antibiotics, antivirals, and drugs with anticholinergic properties, suggesting that more

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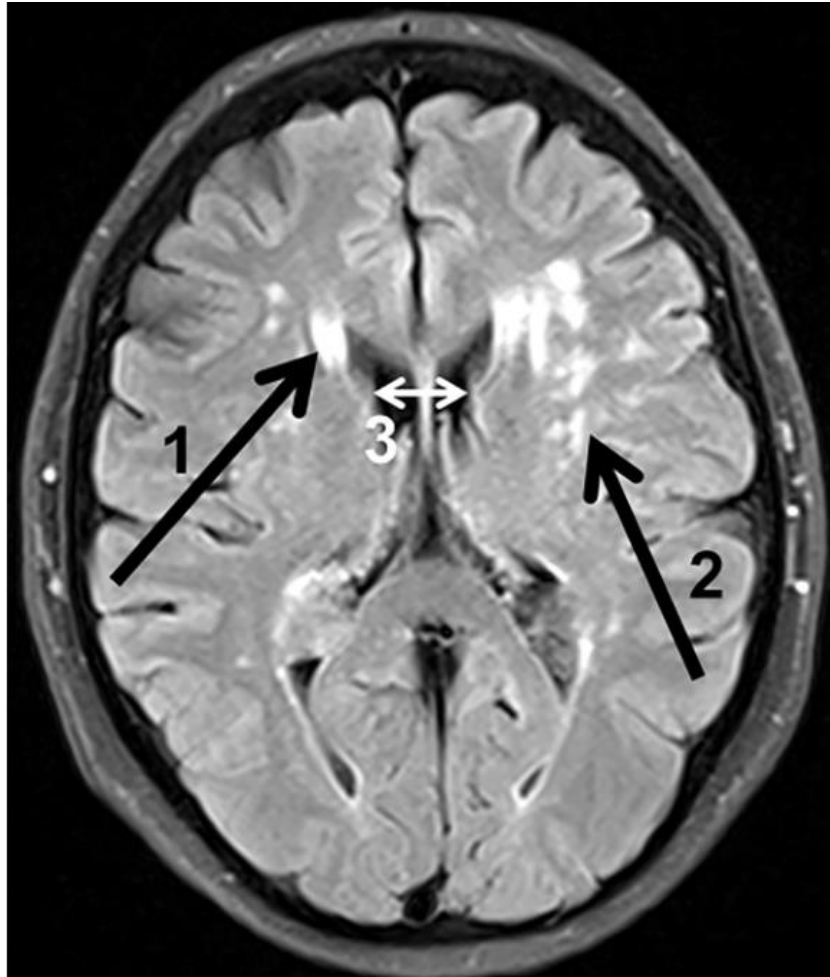


Fig 2. Exemplary illustration of magnetic resonance imaging parameters. This exemplary FLAIR image displays the assessed MRI values periventricular hyperintensities (PVH, arrow 1), white matter hyperintensities (WMH, arrow 2) and ventricular widths at the level of the caudate nucleus (VVCN, arrow 3) in a 54 year old female patient 11 years after kidney transplantation.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Brain function and metabolism in patients with long-term tacrolimus therapy after kidney transplantation in comparison to patients after liver transplantation

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PROTOCOL

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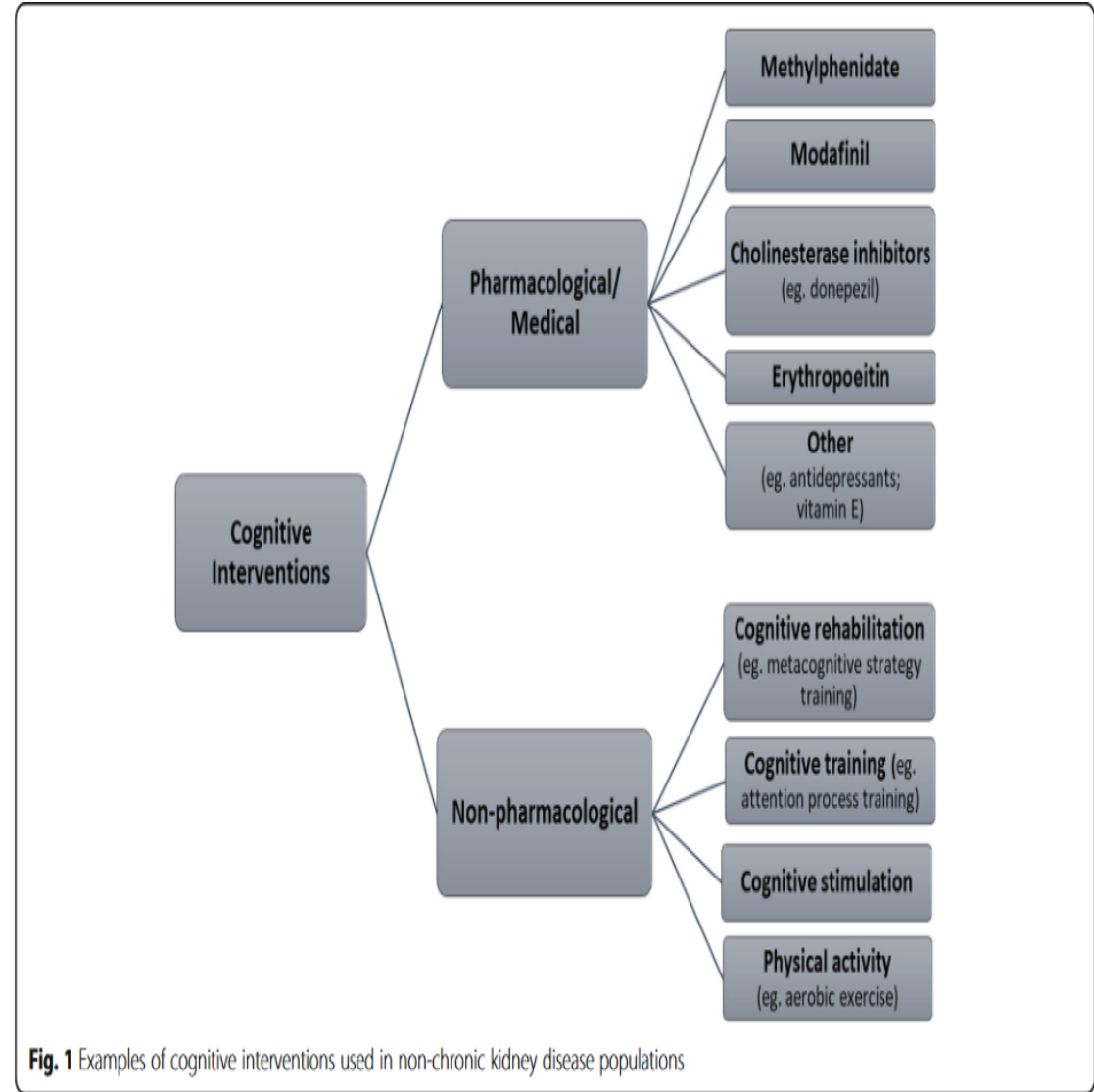
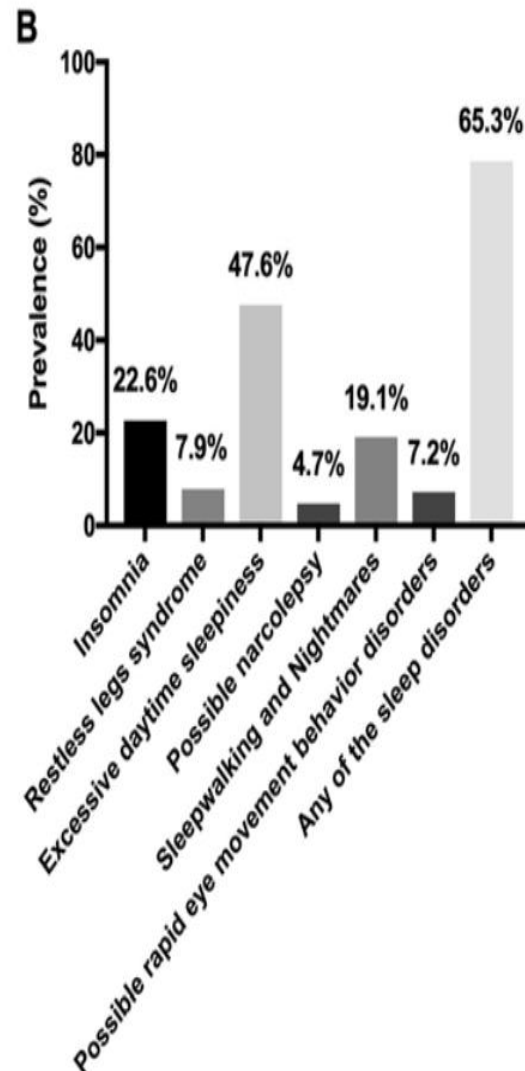
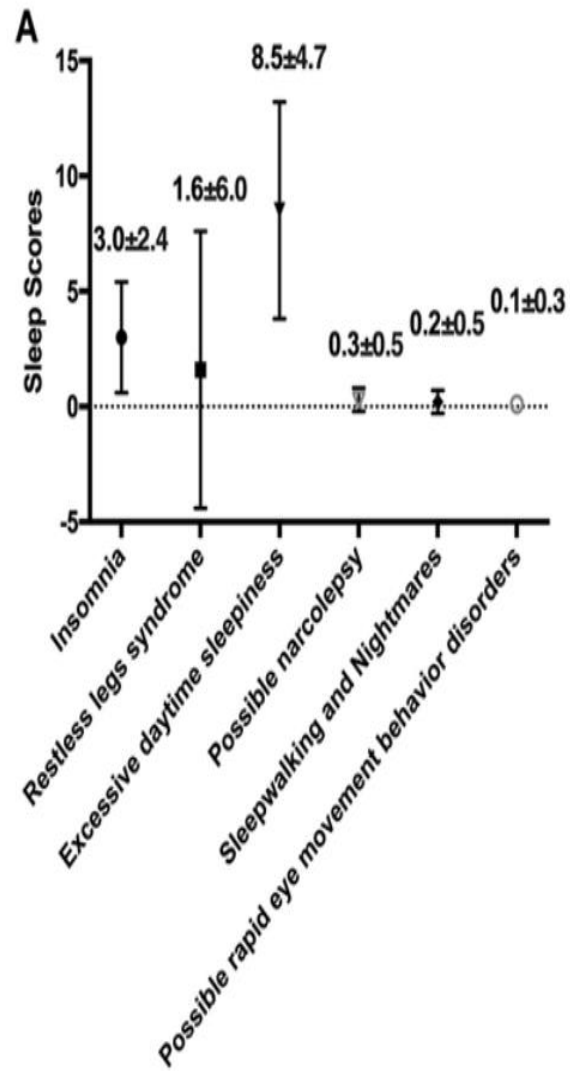


Fig. 1 Examples of cognitive interventions used in non-chronic kidney disease populations



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