



# Utility of Biomarkers for Prognosis in CKD G4+

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- Conceptual framework
- GFR and albuminuria
- Other markers
- Where to go from here?

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# Why do we need biomarkers?

## *Clinical care*

- Inform patients of their risk for significant events (ESRD, CVD, death, etc)
- Help to identify cause, site of damage, mechanism of injury etc
- Inform clinical decisions (access, transplant, and ideally ultimately eligibility for treatments)

## *Public health*

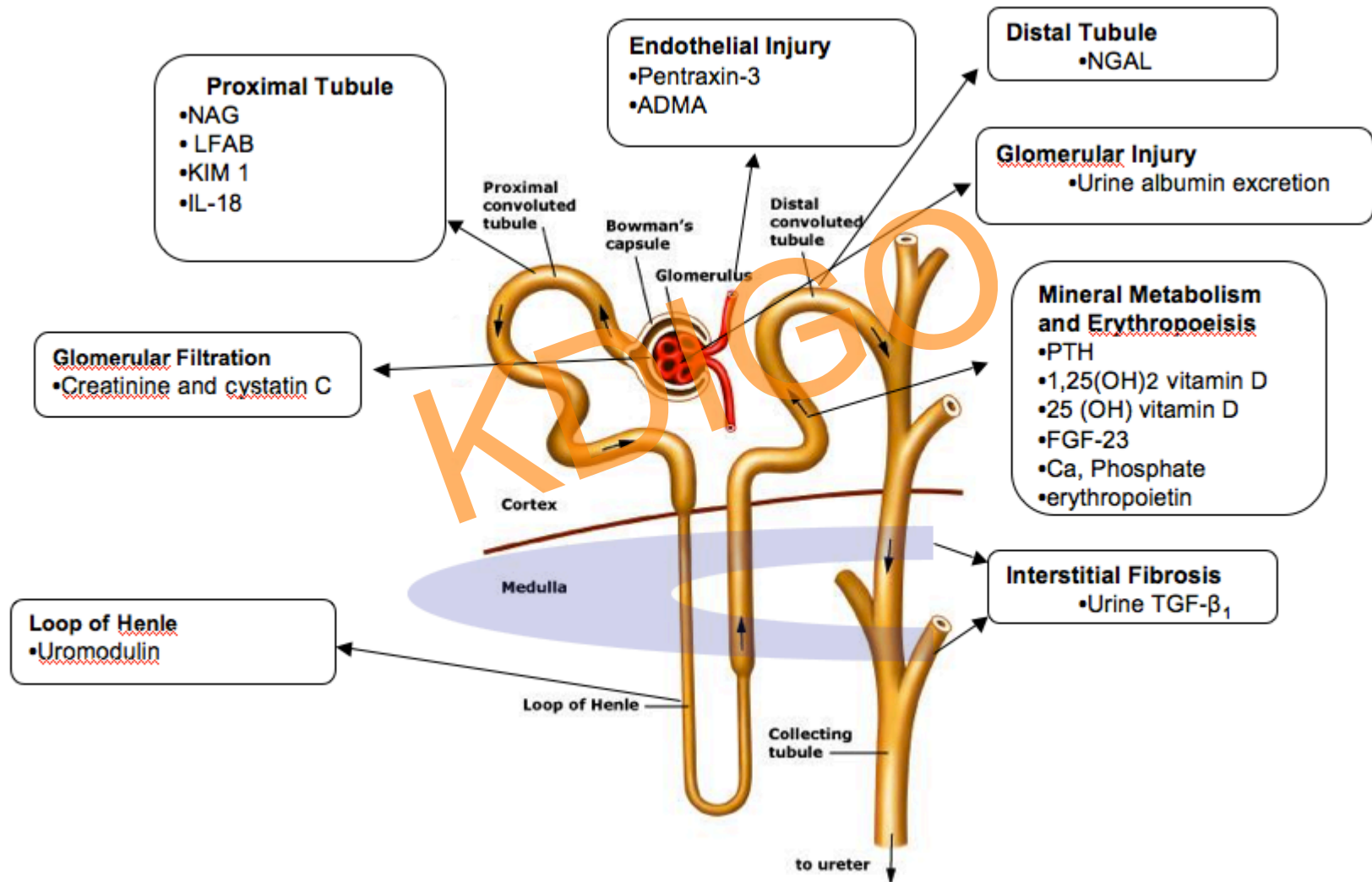
- Identify high risk patients who might benefit from intensive mgmt

## *Research*

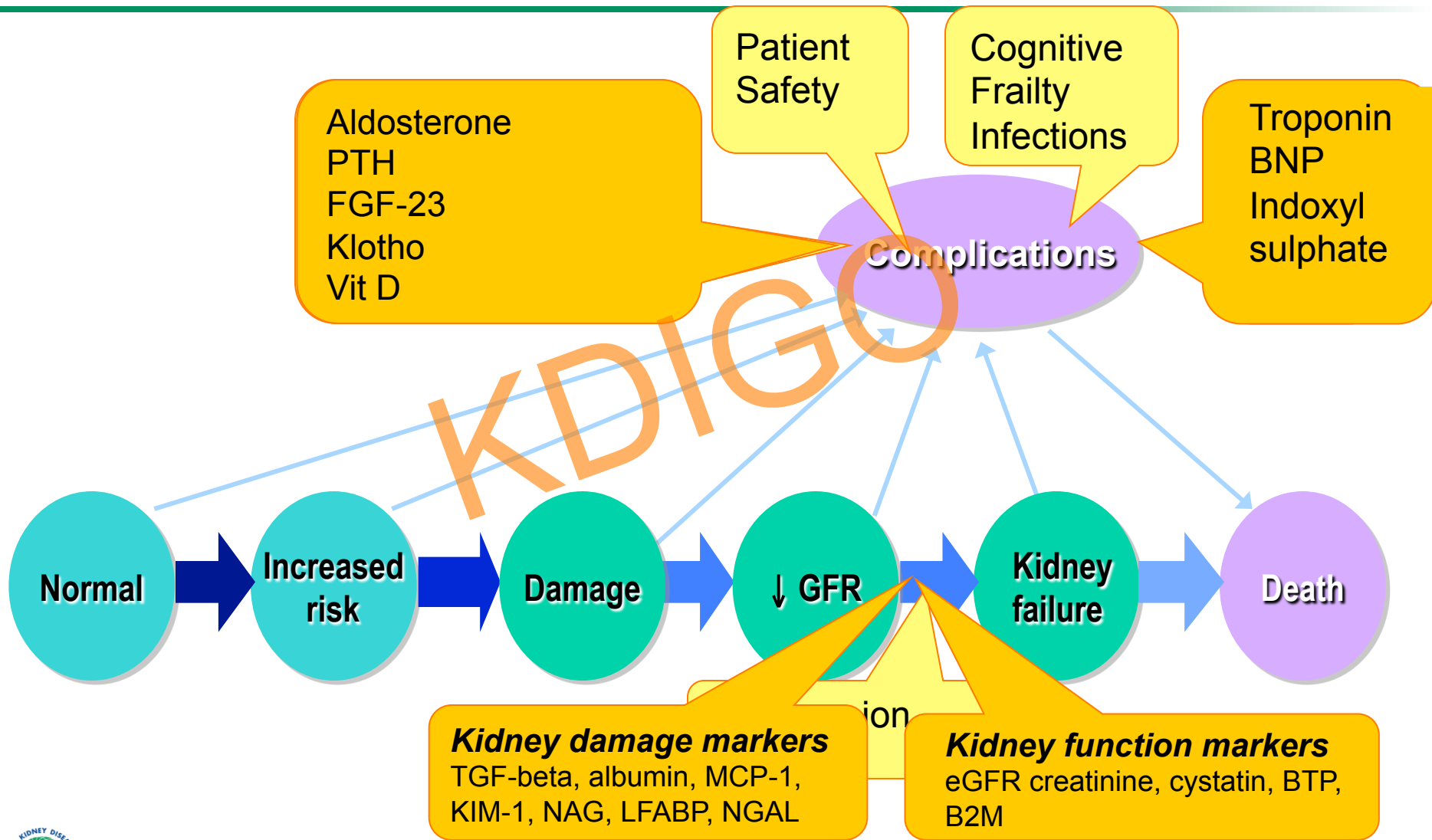
- Identify high risk participants for inclusion in trials
- Targets for therapy
  - Identification of pathophysiological pathways
  - Use as alternative endpoints
- Markers of therapeutic response



# Biomarkers, the nephron, and kidney disease



# CKD Outcomes



# Can biomarkers improve prognostication in CKD Stage G4+?

## Yes (pro)

- Higher likelihood of extreme levels of biomarkers
- High risk population. Greater number of events within shorter time frames

## No (con)

- End stage kidneys act in similar ways and biomarkers wont be able to differentiate future events
- High use of medications may effect biomarkers
- For patients at end stage, age will outweigh any other factors to predict death vs other outcomes

# Statistical evaluation of biomarkers

Parameter	Metric	Description
<b>1. Association</b>		
	Odds ratio, relative risk, hazard ratio	Quantifies association between biomarker and outcome
<b>2. Prediction (static and dynamic)</b>		
<b>Discrimination</b>	Sensitivity and specificity ROC curve, AUC, C-statistic	Good separation in risk scores between individuals who will vs will not develop outcomes
<b>Calibration</b>	Homer-Lemeshow	Predicted probabilities match the observed rates of the outcome
<b>Incremental value</b>	NRI	Better or worse reclassification to risk categories
	IDI	Improvement in difference in risk for cases vs risk for controls

## 3. Clinical use and decision analytics





# Evaluation of biomarkers at Stage G4+

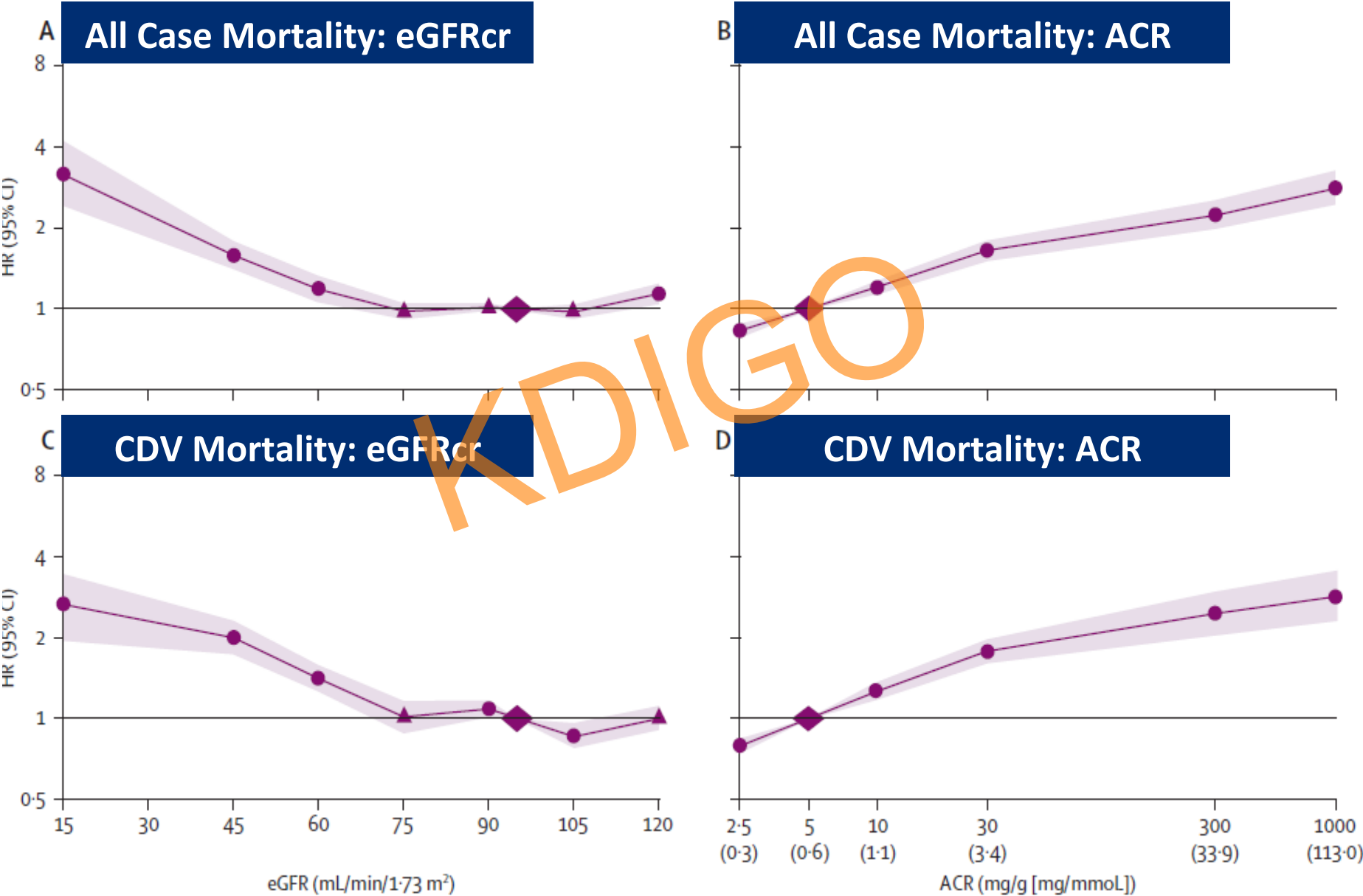
- Populations that are restricted primary to this range of GFR
- Subgroup within larger studies
- Interactions by GFR level

# GFR and Albuminuria: Associations and Predictions with ESRD

- Static measurements of GFR and ACR
- Dynamic measurements of GFR
- Novel filtration markers

# Risk of all-cause and CVD mortality according to level of eGFR & ACR.

Matsushita K. *Lancet*. 2010 Jun 12;375(9731):2073-81.



# Summary of Hazard ratios from Categorical Meta-Analysis

## All-Cause Mortality

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
eGFR > 105	1.1	1.5	2.2	5.0
eGFR 90-105	Ref	1.4	1.5	3.1
eGFR 75-90	1.0	1.3	1.7	2.3
eGFR 60-75	1.0	1.4	1.8	2.7
eGFR 45-60	1.3	1.7	2.2	3.6
eGFR 30-45	1.9	2.3	3.3	4.9
eGFR 15-30	5.3	3.6	4.7	6.6

## Cardiovascular Mortality

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
eGFR > 105	0.9	1.3	2.3	2.1
eGFR 90-105	Ref	1.5	1.7	3.7
eGFR 75-90	1.0	1.3	1.6	3.7
eGFR 60-75	1.1	1.4	2.0	4.1
eGFR 45-60	1.5	2.2	2.8	4.3
eGFR 30-45	2.2	2.7	3.4	5.2
eGFR 15-30	14	7.9	4.8	8.1

## Kidney Failure (ESRD)

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
eGFR > 105	Ref	Ref	7.8	18
eGFR 90-105	Ref	Ref	11	20
eGFR 75-90	Ref	Ref	3.8	48
eGFR 60-75	Ref	Ref	7.4	67
eGFR 45-60	5.2	22	40	147
eGFR 30-45	56	74	294	763
eGFR 15-30	433	1044	1056	2286

## Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
eGFR > 105	Ref	Ref	2.7	8.4
eGFR 90-105	Ref	Ref	2.4	5.8
eGFR 75-90	Ref	Ref	2.5	4.1
eGFR 60-75	Ref	Ref	3.3	6.4
eGFR 45-60	2.2	4.9	6.4	5.9
eGFR 30-45	7.3	10	12	20
eGFR 15-30	17	17	21	29

## Progressive CKD

	ACR <10	ACR 10-29	ACR 30-299	ACR ≥300
eGFR > 105	Ref	Ref	0.4	3.0
eGFR 90-105	Ref	Ref	0.9	3.3
eGFR 75-90	Ref	Ref	1.9	5.0
eGFR 60-75	Ref	Ref	3.2	8.1
eGFR 45-60	3.1	4.0	9.4	57
eGFR 30-45	3.0	19	15	22
eGFR 15-30	4.0	12	21	7.7

# A Predictive Model for Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease to Kidney Failure

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**A**N ESTIMATED 23 MILLION people in the United States (11.5% of the adult population) have chronic kidney disease (CKD) and are at increased risk for cardiovascular events and progression to kidney failure.<sup>1-5</sup> Similar estimates of burden of disease have been reported around the world.<sup>6</sup> Although there are proven therapies to improve outcomes in patients with progressive kidney disease, these therapies may also

**Context** Chronic kidney disease (CKD) is common. Kidney disease severity can be classified by estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) and albuminuria, but more accurate information regarding risk for progression to kidney failure is required for clinical decisions about testing, treatment, and referral.

**Objective** To develop and validate predictive models for progression of CKD.

**Design, Setting, and Participants** Development and validation of prediction models using demographic, clinical, and laboratory data from 2 independent Canadian cohorts of patients with CKD stages 3 to 5 (estimated GFR, 10-59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) who were referred to nephrologists between April 1, 2001, and December 31, 2008. Models were developed using Cox proportional hazards regression methods and evaluated using C statistics and integrated discrimination improvement for discrimination, calibration plots and Akaike Information Criterion for goodness of fit, and net reclassification improvement (NRI) at 1, 3, and 5 years.

**Main Outcome Measure** Kidney failure, defined as need for dialysis or preemptive kidney transplantation.

**Results** The development and validation cohorts included 3449 patients (386 with kidney failure [11%]) and 4942 patients (1177 with kidney failure [24%]), respectively. The most accurate model included age, sex, estimated GFR, albuminuria, serum calcium, serum phosphate, serum bicarbonate, and serum albumin (C statistic, 0.917; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.901-0.933 in the development cohort and 0.841; 95% CI, 0.825-0.857 in the validation cohort). In the validation cohort, this model was more accurate than a simpler model that included age, sex, estimated GFR, and albuminuria (integrated discrimination improvement 3.2%; 95% CI 2.4%-4.2%; calibration [Nam and

# Multinational Assessment of Accuracy of Equations for Predicting Risk of Kidney Failure

## A Meta-analysis

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Thirty one cohorts, including 721,357 participants with CKD Stages 3 to 5 in more than 30 countries spanning 4 continents, and showed that “The original KFREs accurately predict the risk of progression from CKD Stages 3-5 to kidney failure in a diverse group of patients with CKD”

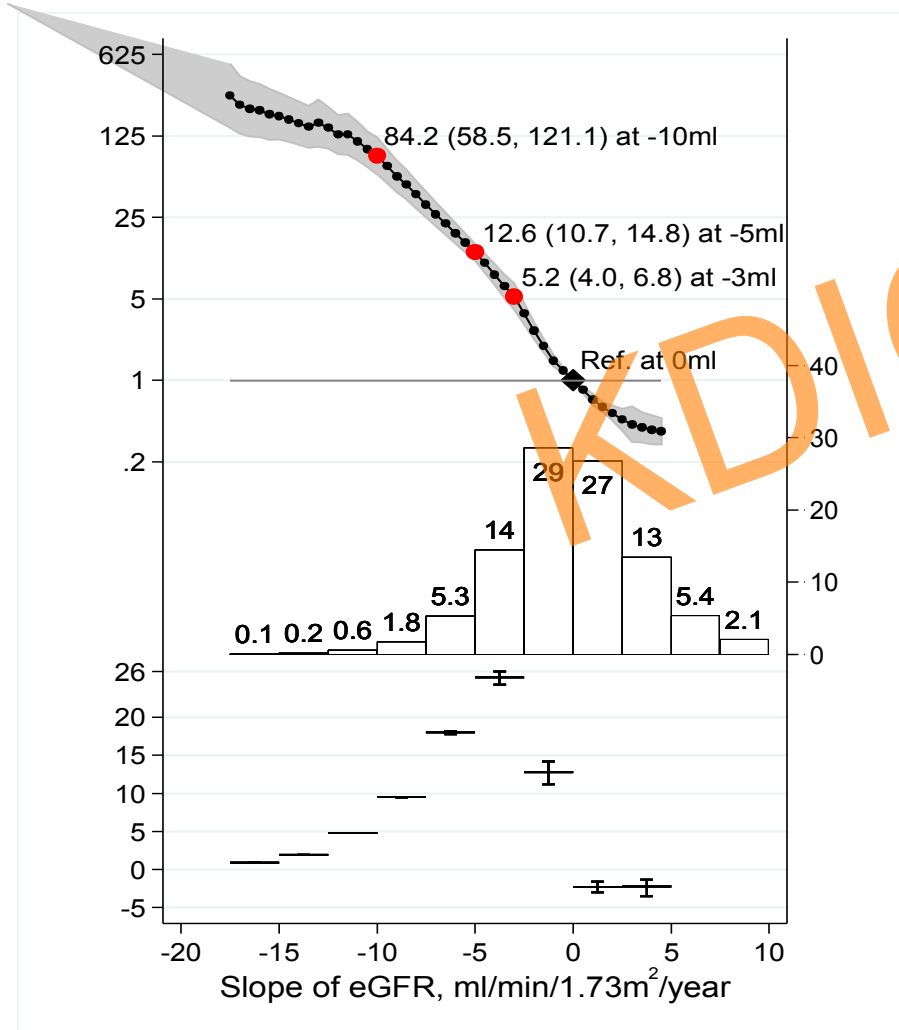
**STUDY SELECTION** Cohorts participating in the CKD Prognosis Consortium with data on end-stage renal disease.

**DATA EXTRACTION AND SYNTHESIS** Data were obtained and statistical analyses were

# Effect of time of adjusted GFR on associations of change in GFR over 3 years with subsequent development of ESRD

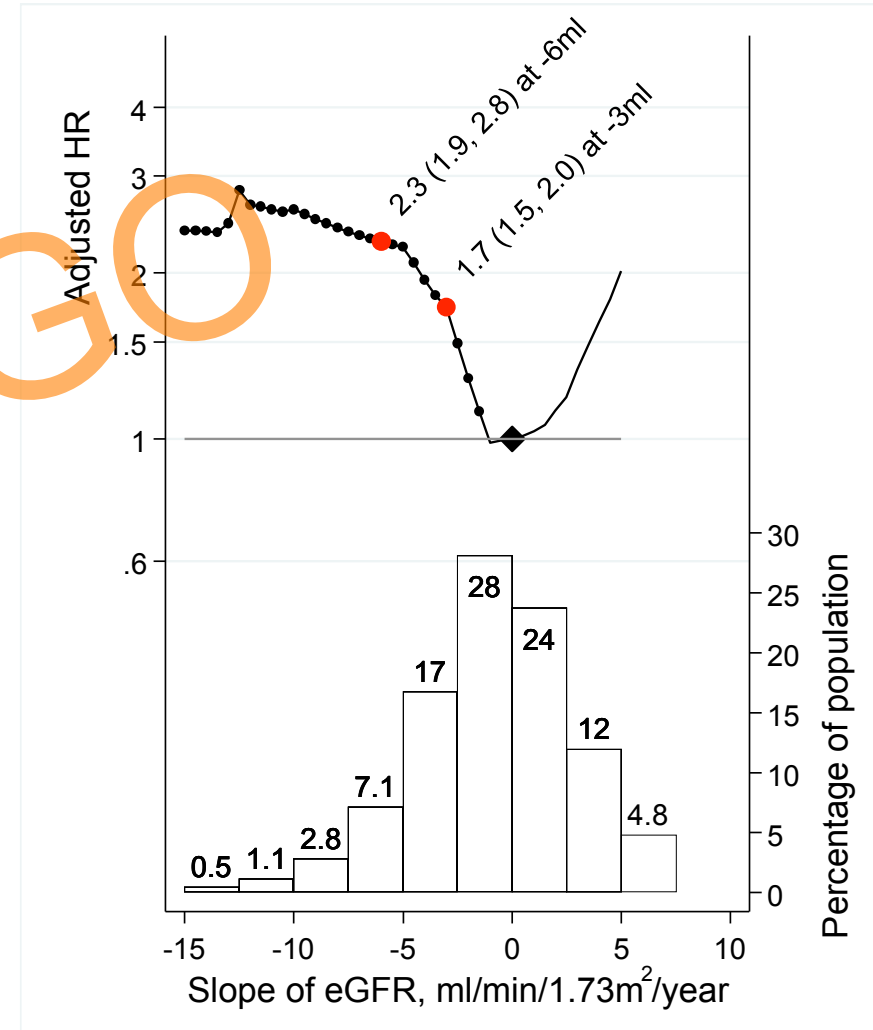
## Adjustment for **FIRST** GFR GFR < 60

Coresh et al. JAMA. 2014



## Adjustment for **LAST** GFR CKD cohorts

Kovesdy et al. JASN. 2015



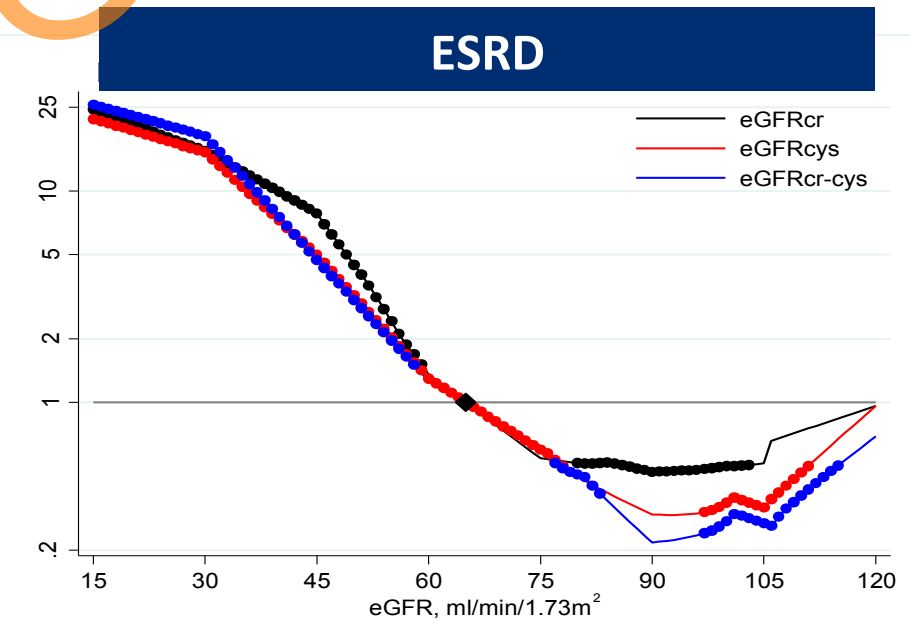
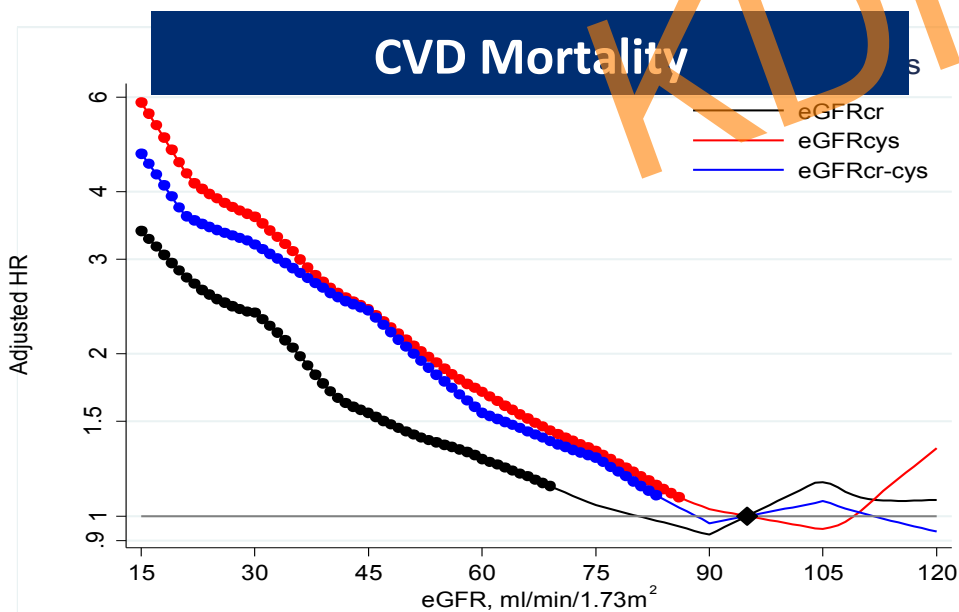
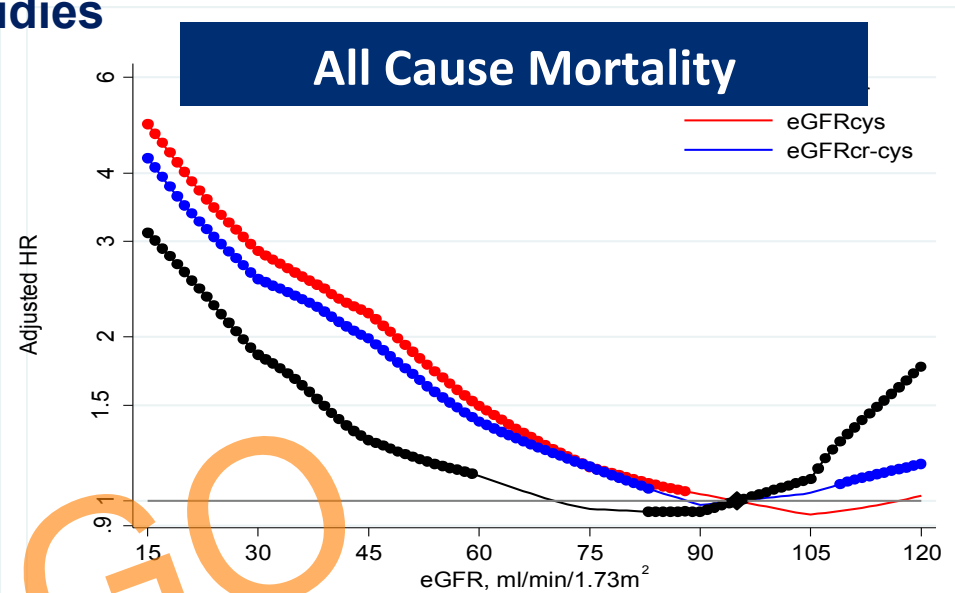
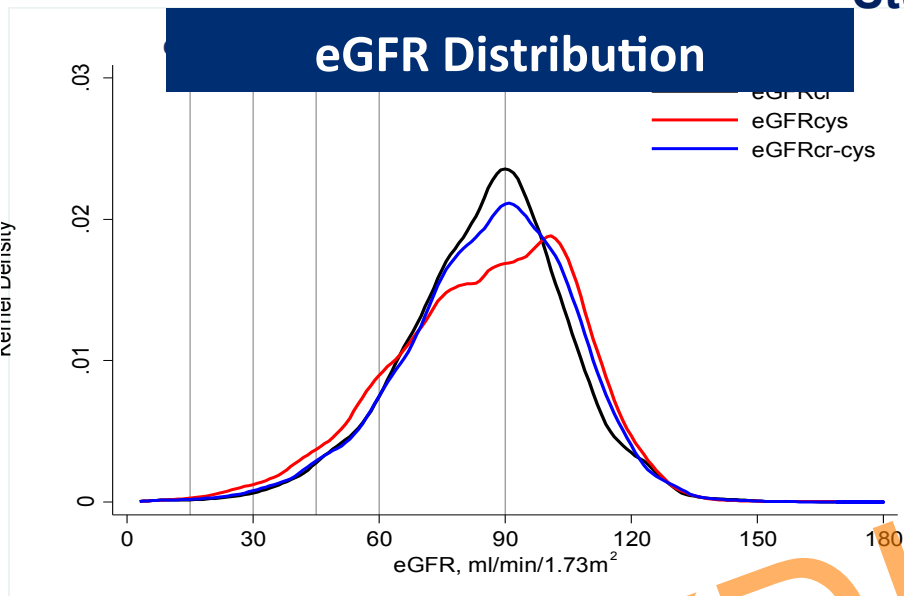
# A Dynamic Predictive Model for Progression of CKD

Variable	Baseline Static Model Hazard ratio (95% CI)	All Visits Dynamic Model Hazard ratio (95% CI)	
eGFR	0.65(0.62 - 0.69)	0.44(0.41 - 0.48)	↑
Log Urine ACR	1.45(1.32 - 1.58)	1.30(1.19 - 1.43)	↓
Age (per 10 yrs)	0.86(0.80 - 0.92)	0.86(0.80 - 0.93)	→
Male sex	1.29(1.03 - 1.61)	1.09(0.87 - 1.36)	→
Albumin (per 5 g/L)	0.87(0.78 - 0.98)	0.98(0.87 - 1.10)	↓
Phosphate (per 1.0 mg/dL)	2.03(1.52 - 2.72)	1.05(0.78 - 1.42)	↓
Bicarbonate (per 1.0 mEq/L)	0.95(0.92 - 0.98)	0.98(0.95 - 1.01)	→
Calcium (per 1.0 mg/dL)	0.86(0.76 - 0.97)	0.88(0.77 - 1.00)	→
C Statistic	0.90 (0.88, 0.92)	0.91 (0.89, 0.93)	
AIC*	4092	3795	
IDI (95% CI)*	N/A	1.39% (1.23%, 1.56%)	
NRI (95% CI)*	N/A	18.29% (12.64%, 23.93%)	

*Tangri N, Inker LA, Heibert B, et al. (2016). A Dynamic Predictive Model for Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease. AJKD in press*



# Risk Relationships for eGFRcr, eGFRcys and eGFRrcys in General Population Studies

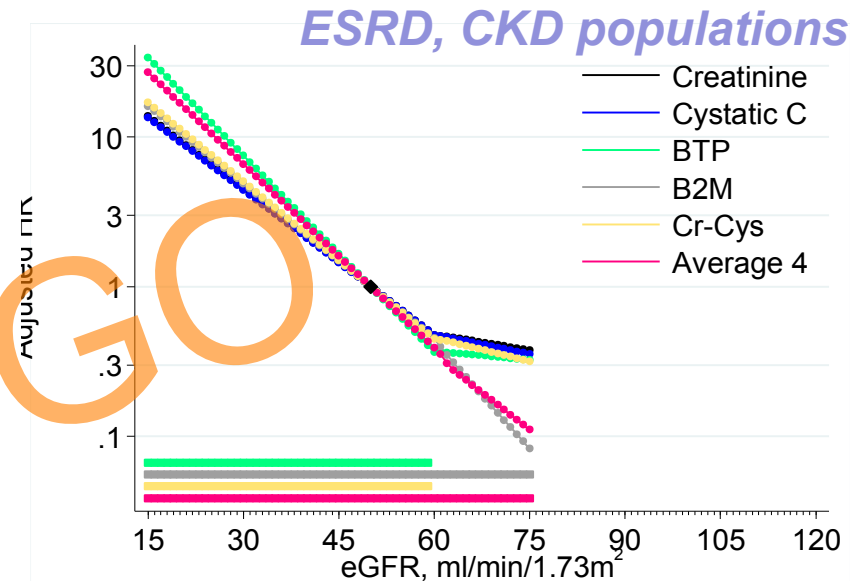


N = 90,750 participants in 11 cohorts, Shlipak NEJM 2013

# Filtration markers as predictors of end-stage renal disease and mortality – meta-analysis

Lesley Inker, Josef Coresh, Yingying Sang et al for the CKD Biomarkers Consortium.  
CJASN in press

- Individual patient meta-analysis of 3 general population or high risk cohorts (**N=17903**, ARIC, NHANES, Pima) and 3 CKD studies (**N=5415**, MDRD, AASK and CRIC)
- Compared associations and risk prediction for eGFR from BTP, B2M, Cys and combinations compared to creatinine for ESRD and death



	Creatinine	Cystatin C	BTP	B2M	All 4 markers
45-59	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
30-44	2.12 (1.80, 2.50)	1.94 (1.30, 2.90)	1.92 (1.17, 3.13)	2.26 (1.66, 3.08)	2.36 (1.44, 3.88)
15-29	4.67 (3.37, 6.48)	5.18 (3.37, 7.97)	5.22 (2.89, 9.45)	5.47 (3.38, 8.86)	6.83 (3.83, 12.18)
<15	14.62 (6.99, 30.55)	9.84 (4.25, 22.78)	49.82 (6.34, 391.36)	14.00 (8.37, 23.43)	18.69 (3.59, 97.25)

# Incremental predication of novel filtration markers

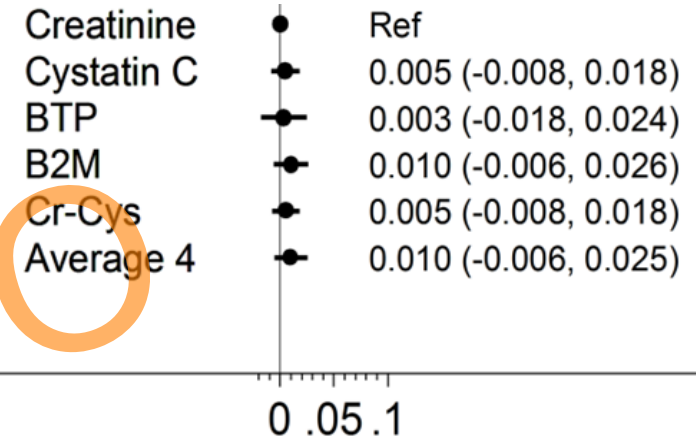
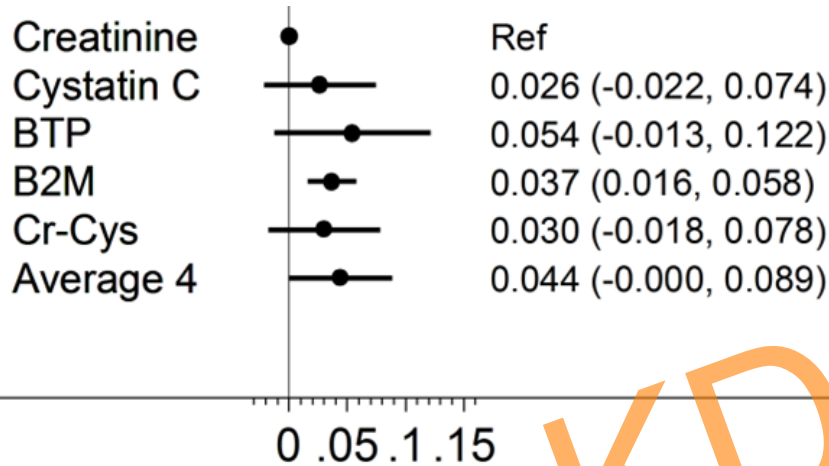
## eGFRcr alone

## eGFRcr and Albuminuria

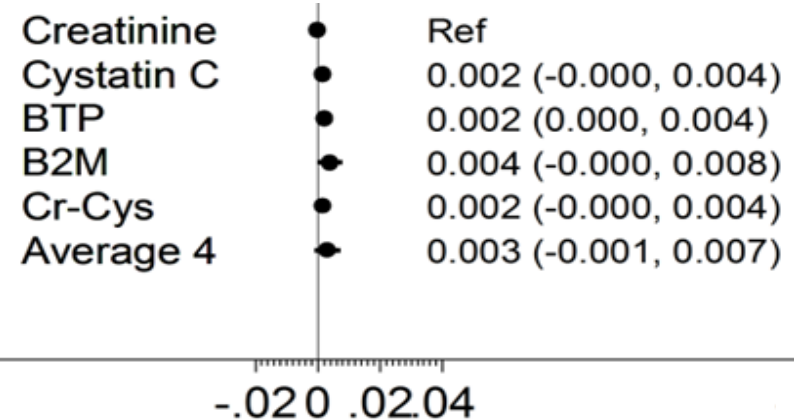
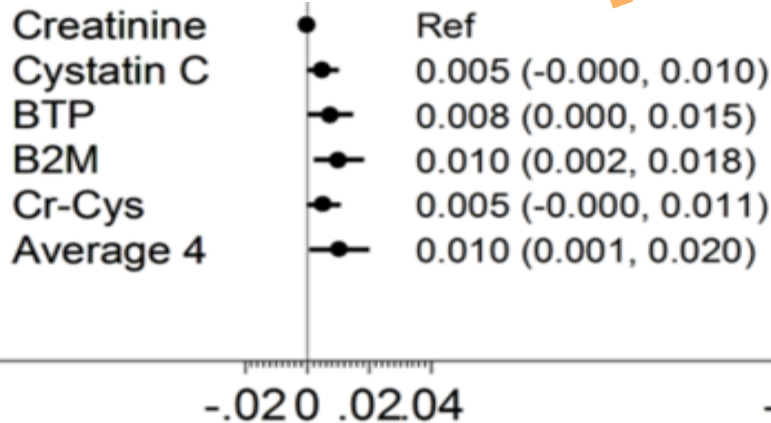
### Change in c-statistic

Base model c-statistic 0.824

Base model c-statistic 0.856



### Net reclassification index



Base model includes eGFRcr, age, sex, race, SBP, diabetes, CRP, smoking, CVD, For NRI, risk cutoffs at 1 year of 1% and 10% and 5% and 40% at 5 years

- Examples of other biomarkers in CKD Stage 4+

- FGF-23

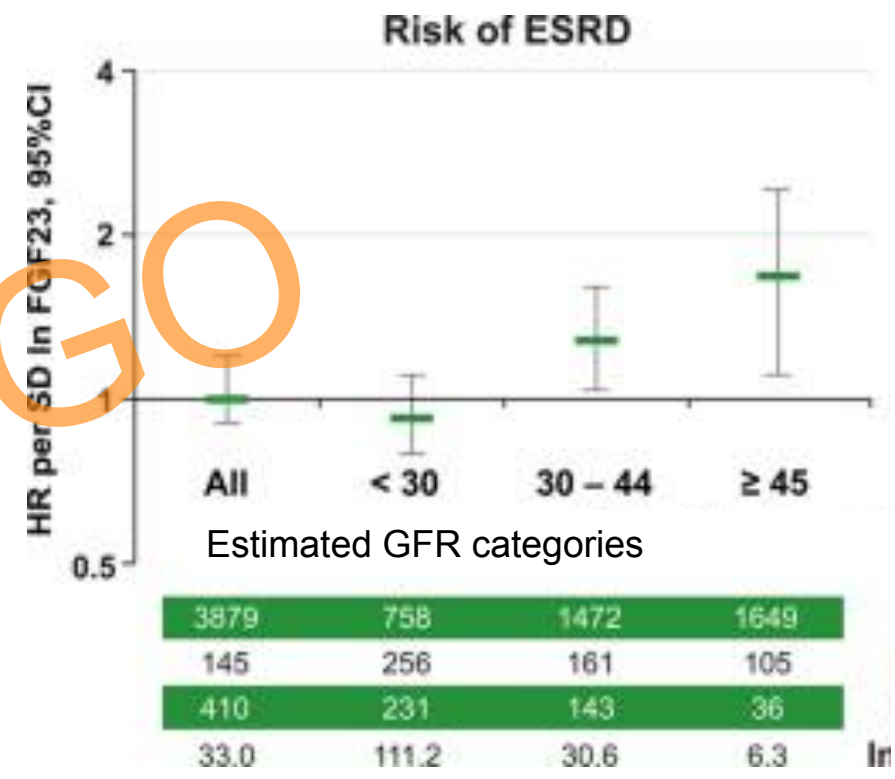
- KIM-1

- suPAR

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# Associations of FGF -23 with ESRD in CRIC by Quartile

	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	
	Unadjusted	+eGFR and ACR
1	1 [Reference]	1 [Reference]
2	<b>2.5 (1.6-4.0)</b>	1.2 (0.8-2.0)
3	<b>5.5 (3.6-8.4)</b>	1.4 (0.9-2.2)
4	<b>10.1 (6.7-15.2)</b>	1.3 (0.8-2.1)



Model 2 adjusts for covariates in model 1 plus estimated glomerular filtration rate, natural log-transformed urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio, serum albumin, and hemoglobin.

Isakova T et al. JAMA. Jun 2011; 305(23): 2435.



# KIM-1: Marker of tubular damage

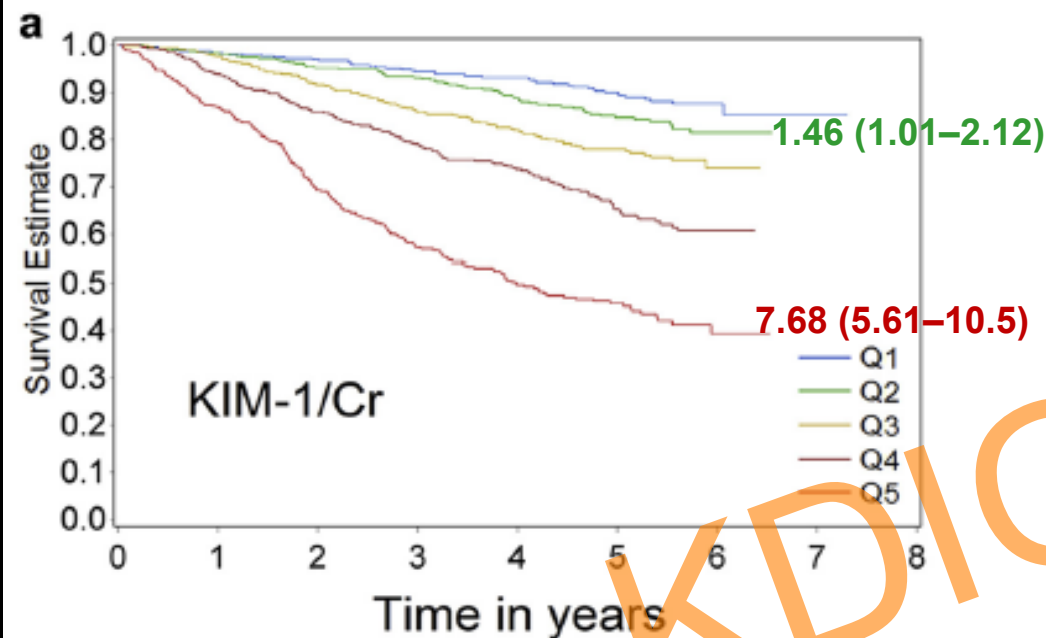
	ACR < 30	ACR 30 – 299	ACR ≥ 300
eGFR ≥ 90	615 (162 – 1701)	941 (229 – 3896)	870 (291 – 2881)
eGFR 60-89	804 (289 – 1779)	995 (357 – 2278)	1197 (442 – 2403)
eGFR 45-59	912 (305 – 2130)	1127 (398 – 2966)	1762 (689 – 3394)
eGFR 30-44	1035 (307 – 2672)	1230 (489 – 3529)	1853 (668 – 4391)
eGFR 15-29	1477 (447 – 2844)	1874 (541 – 4957)	2031 (758 – 5123)
eGFR < 15	1334 (432 – 2504)	1154 (447 – 8157)	1596 (460 – 9160)

Median (10<sup>th</sup>-90<sup>th</sup> percentiles) levels of urinary KIM-1 in the five cohorts [Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC); Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort (CRIC); Pima Indian Cohort (PIMA); Prospective Investigation of the Vasculature in Uppsala Seniors (PIVUS); Uppsala Longitudinal Study of Adult Men (ULSAM)]

Waikar et al NDT 2016



# Urine KIM-1 and Risk of ESRD

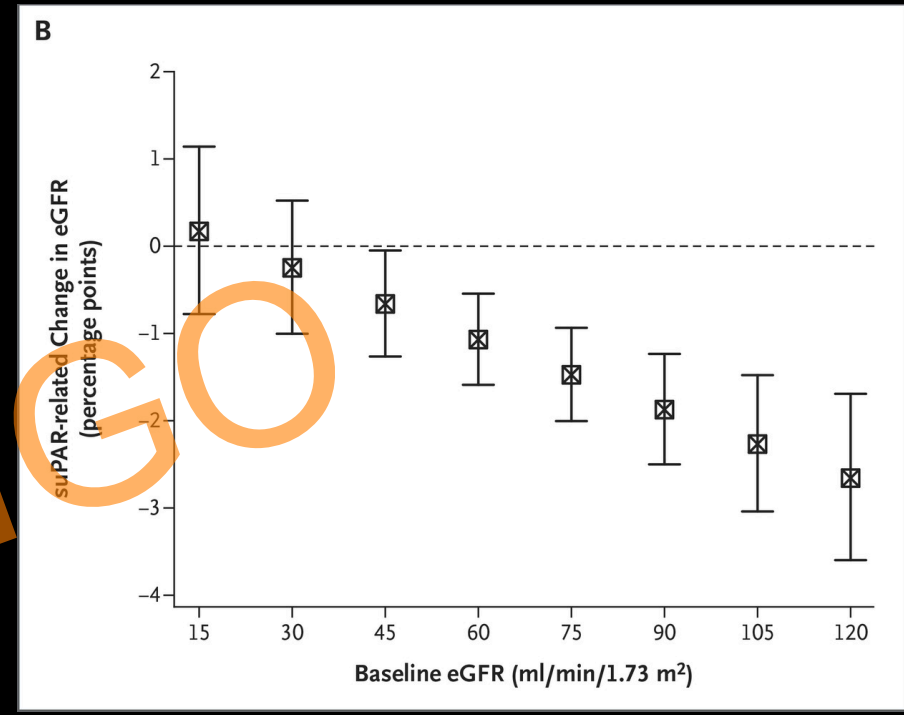
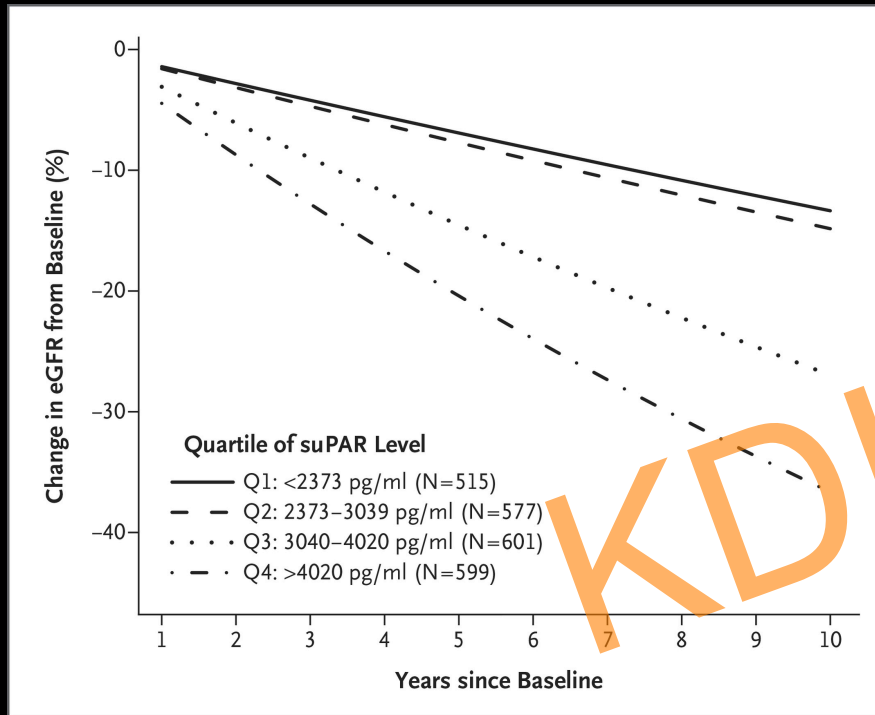


Model	C-stat
Base Clinical Model	0.890
Base Clinical + KIM-1/Cr	0.890

Kim/Cr (ng/g)	Unadjusted	Adjusted for ACR and eGFR
≤661	Ref	Ref
>661-1112	1.46 (1.01-2.12)	0.98 (0.67-1.43)
>1112-1831	2.24 (1.59-3.17)	1.10 (0.76-1.58)
>1831-2990	3.76 (2.72-5.21)	1.19 (0.83-1.70)
>2990	7.68 (5.61-10.5)	1.30 (0.89-1.89)



# Levels of suPAR and Decline in the eGFR Emory Cardiovascular Biobank Cohort (mean GFR 73)



suPAR, soluble urokinase-type plasminogen activator receptor

Hayek SS et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373:1916-1925



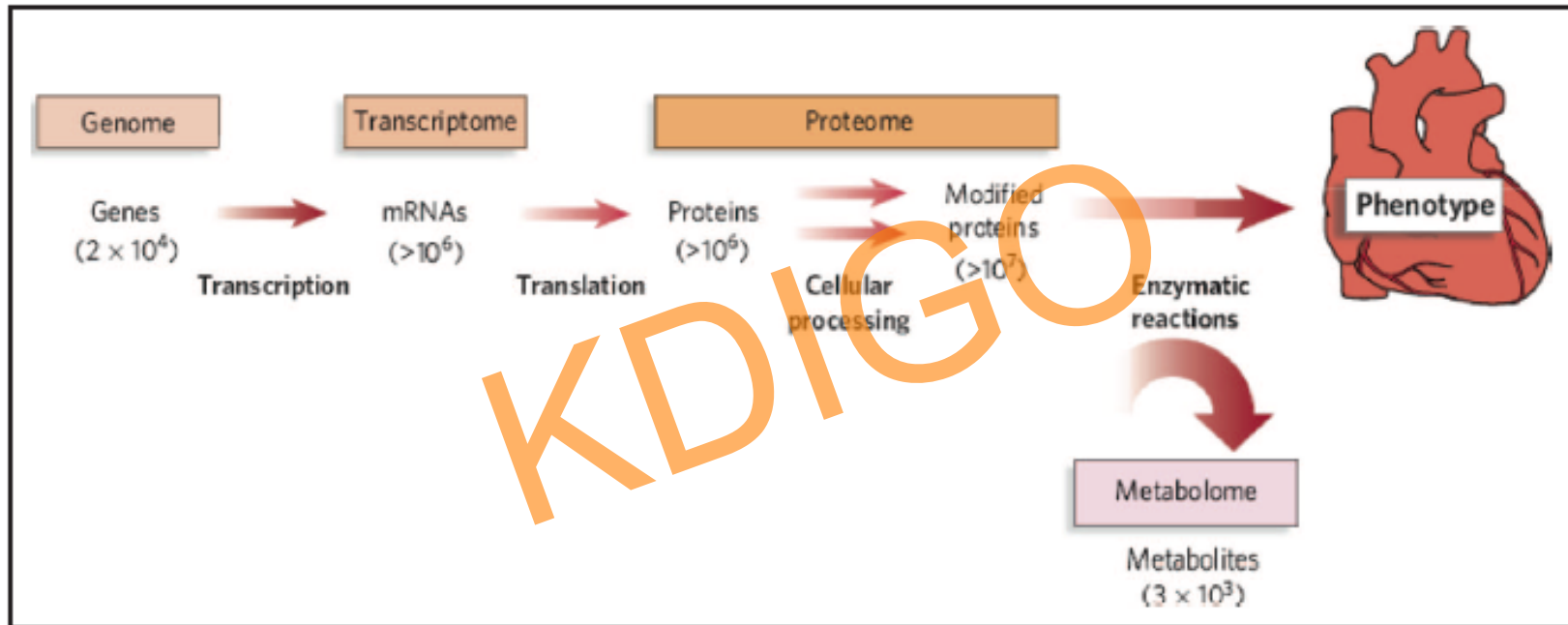
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# Where do we go from here?

1. Evaluate current markers in the right populations
2. Evaluate current markers using the right outcomes, appropriate for the biomarker
3. New biomarkers

# Methods to identify new biomarkers



Rhee et al. Clin Chem. Jan 2012; 58(1): 140

# Metabolites significantly associated with annual eGFRcr change and incident CKD in the KORA study between visits S4 and F4

Metabolite	Annual eGFRcr Change			Incident CKD (n=95 cases)		
	n	Direction	P Value	n	Direction	P Value
C-mannosyltryptophan	985	+	8.7E-06	920	+	1.1E-03
Pseudouridine	989	+	1.3E-05	924	+	3.7E-03
O-sulfo-L-tyrosine	987	+	6.8E-05	922	+	1.4E-02

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- A positive direction in eGFRcr change denotes a decline of kidney function over time per unit increase in metabolite concentration and a positive association with incident CKD with higher odds of CKD.

*Sekula Goek, Quaye et al JASN 2016*



# Summary

- Biomarkers can have utility in CKD, for prognosis as well as other uses
- Current biomarkers do not appear to outperform GFR and ACR for prediction of kidney failure, but might be helpful for identifying cause, mechanisms, intercurrent episodes injury or specific clinical decisions making
- For CKD Stage G4+, there have been insufficient studies for many biomarkers, perhaps due to insufficient large populations
- Future success depends upon having large cohorts, with detailed clinical and outcome data, as well as better biomarkers