

# **FGF23 & Other Emerging Diagnostic Markers**

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**EPIDEMIOLOGY**

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# Classic actions and stimuli of FGF23

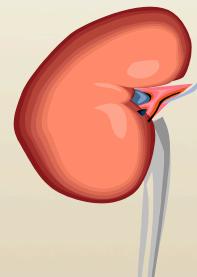
- Stimulates phosphaturia
  - Inhibits CYP27B1
  - Stimulates CYP24A1
  - Inhibits PTH
  - Classic actions require “permissive” serum calcium
  - Stimuli:
    - phosphate intake, 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D, PTH, calcium
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- Lower 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D

# CKD Chickens and Eggs

Primary klotho deficiency  
with FGF23 resistance

↑ FGF-23

↓ klotho

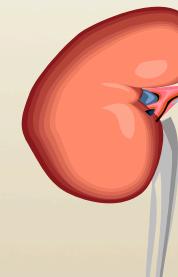
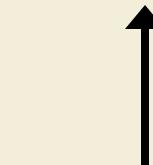


*Early CKD*

Primary FGF23 excess with  
klotho down regulation

↑ FGF-23

↓ klotho

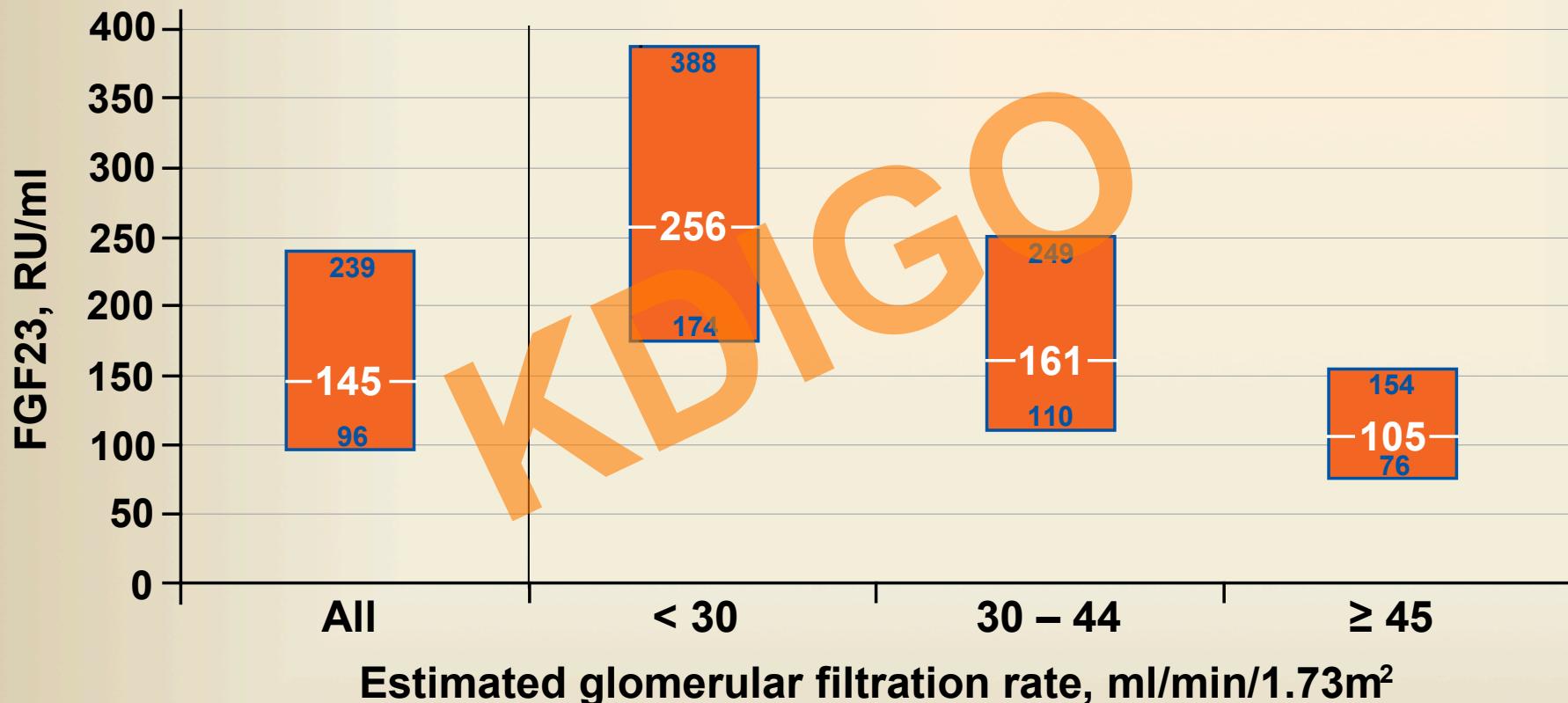


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# FGF23 by CKD stage in CRIC



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**P = 3.7**

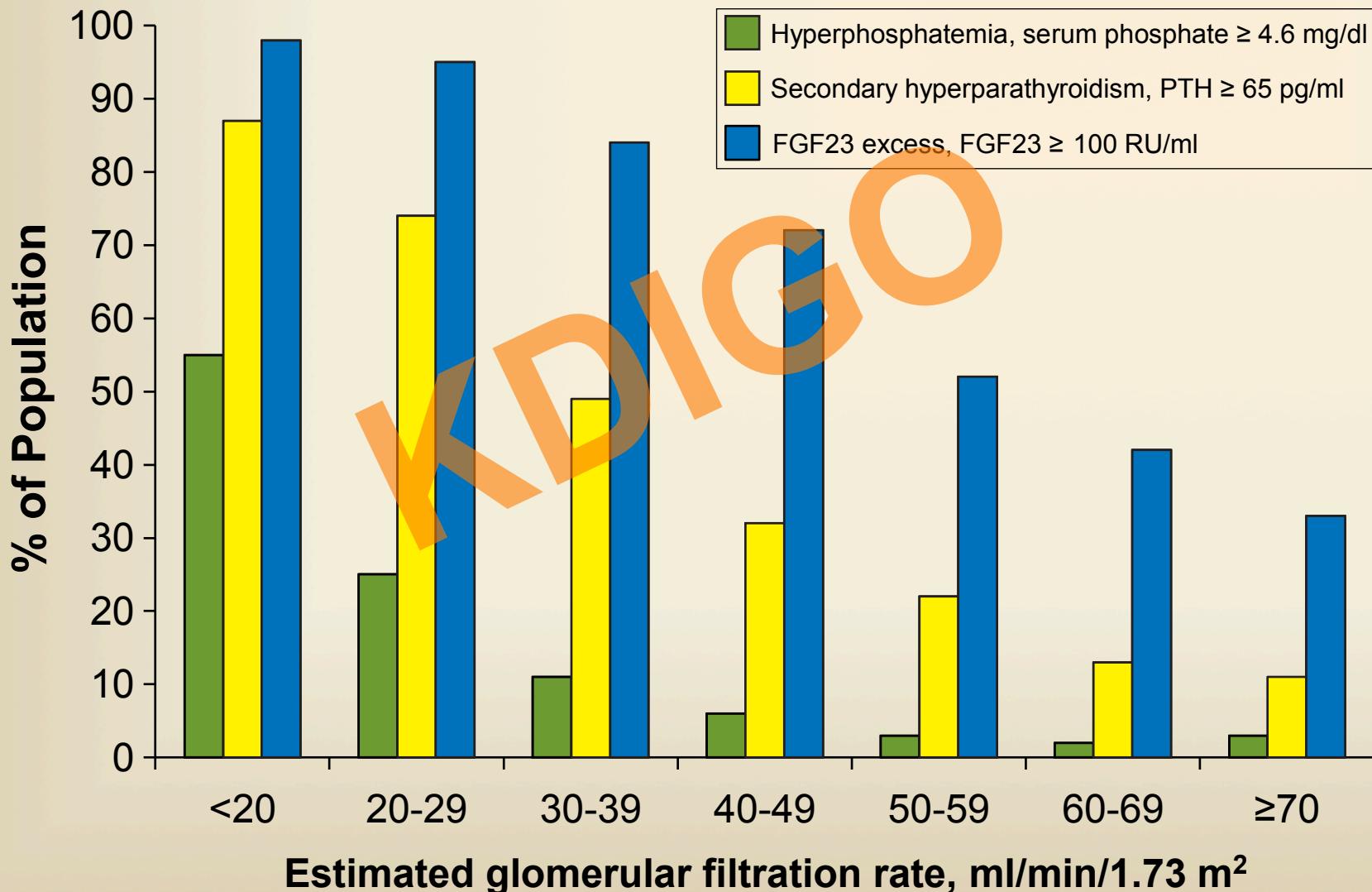
**N = 752**  
**P = 4.1**

**N = 1472**  
**P = 3.7**

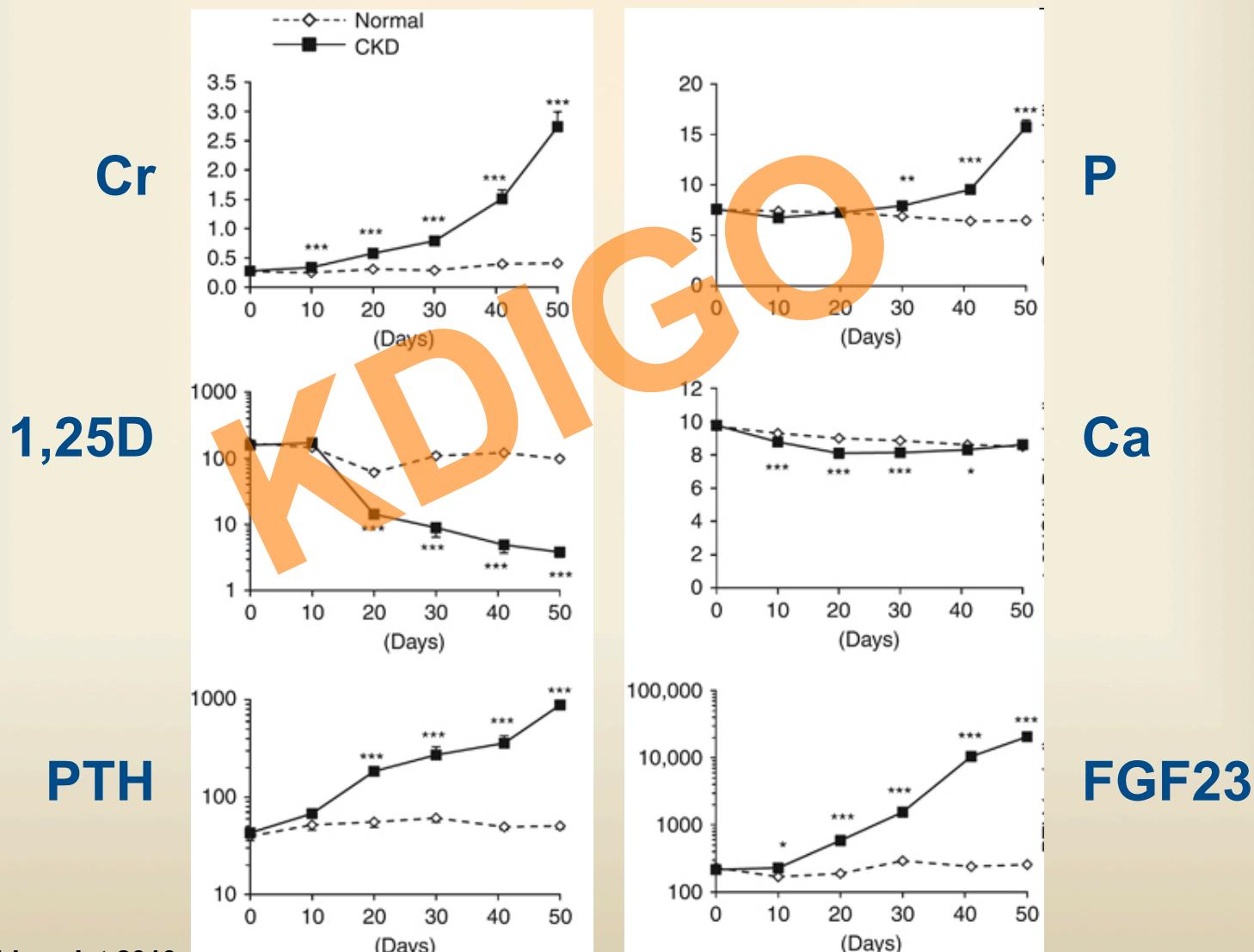
**N = 1649**  
**P = 3.5**



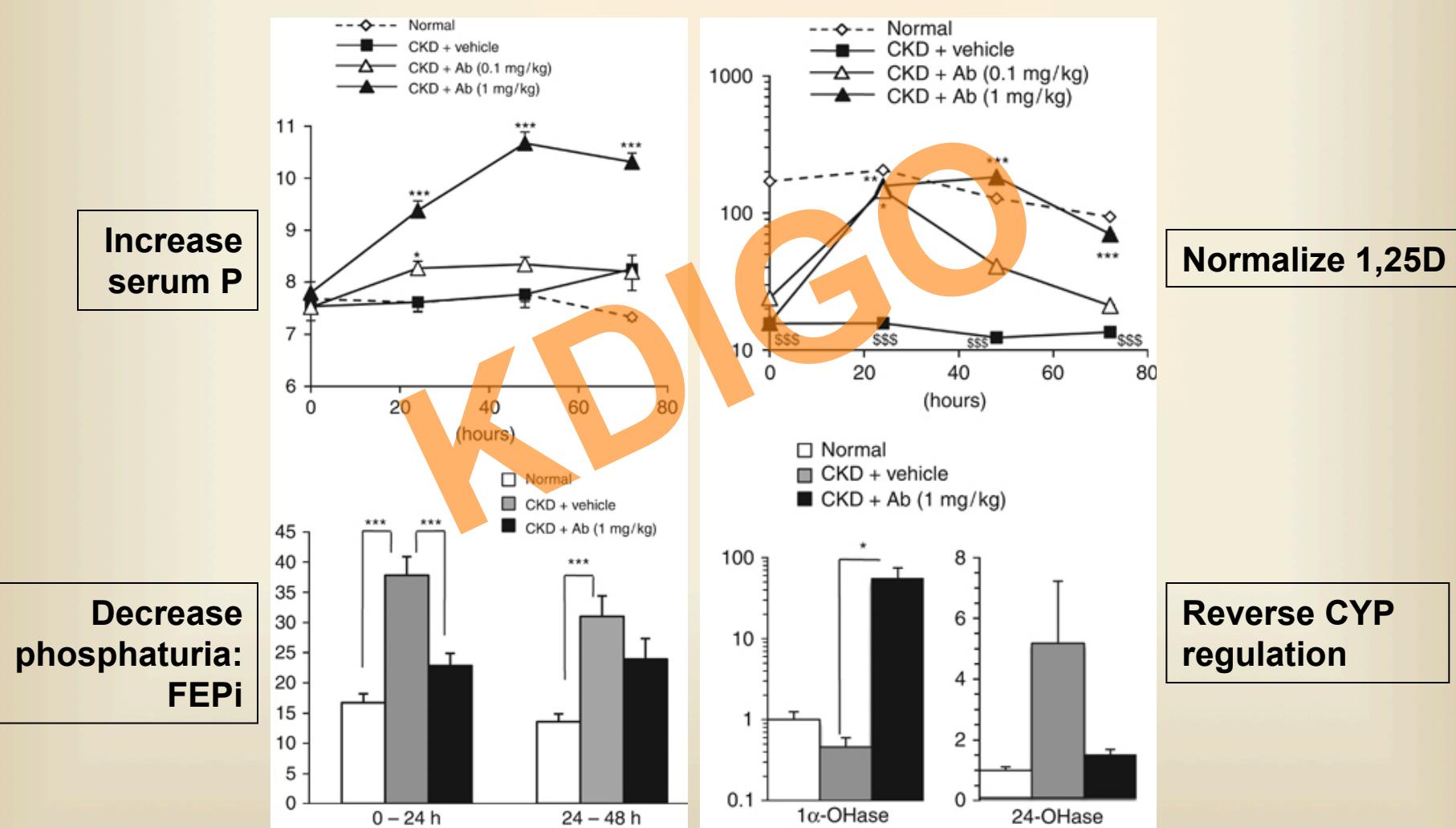
# FGF23, phosphate and PTH in CRIC



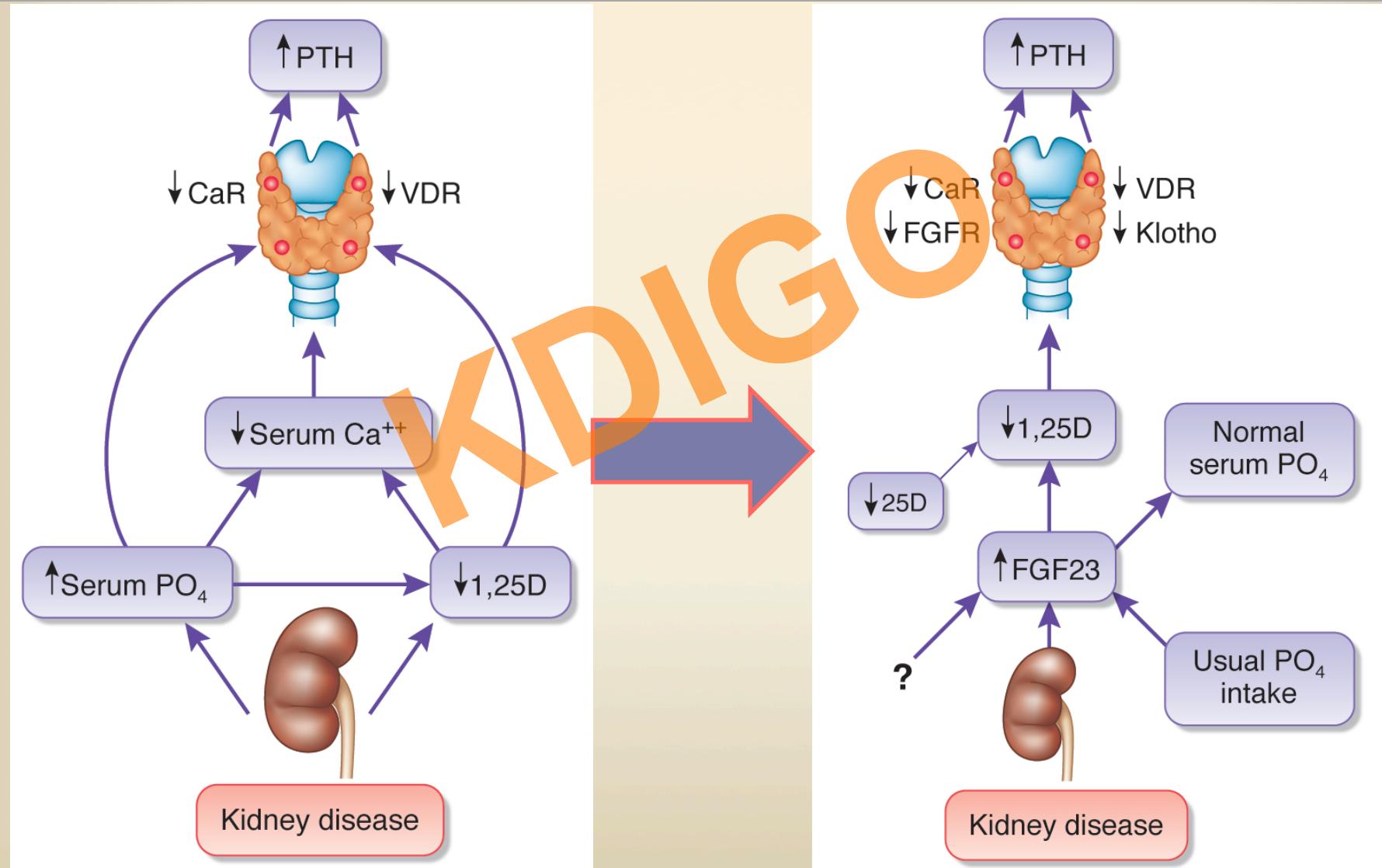
# Disordered Mineral Metabolism in Rats with Anti-GBM Nephritis



# Effects of Anti-FGF23 Antibodies



# Emerging views on the pathogenesis of disordered mineral metabolism in CKD

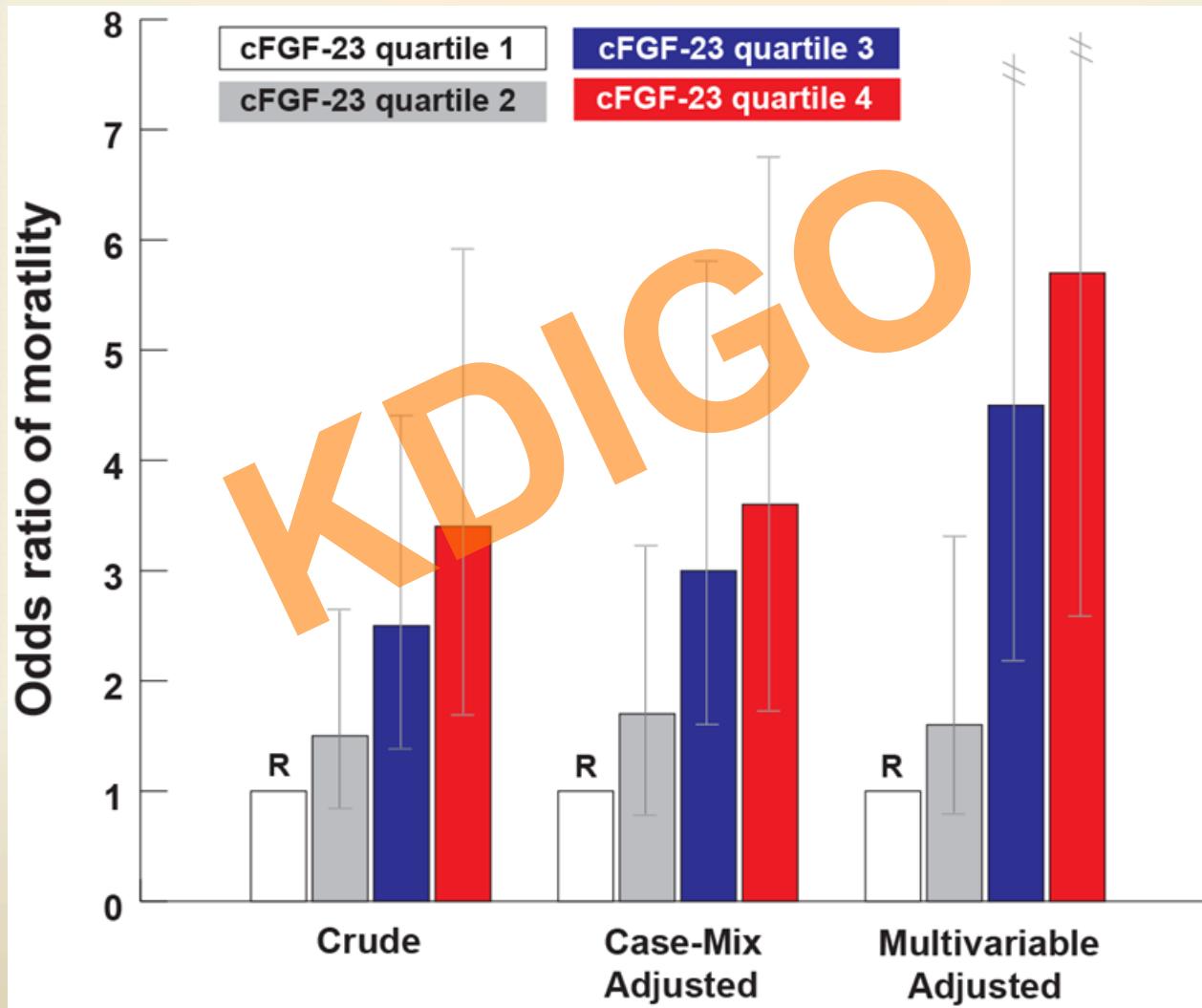


# OUTCOMES STUDIES

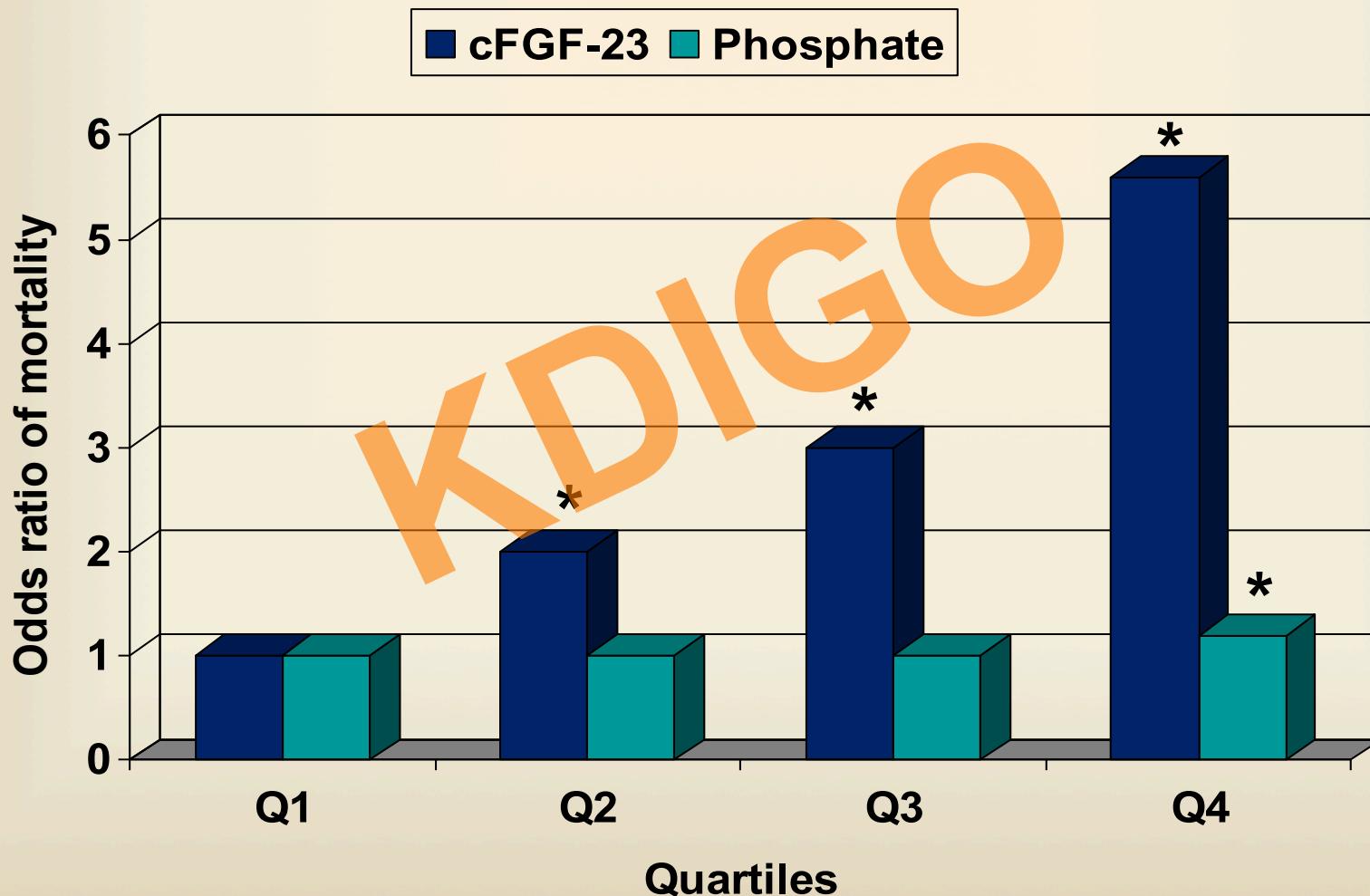
Mortality  
CVD Events  
CKD Progression

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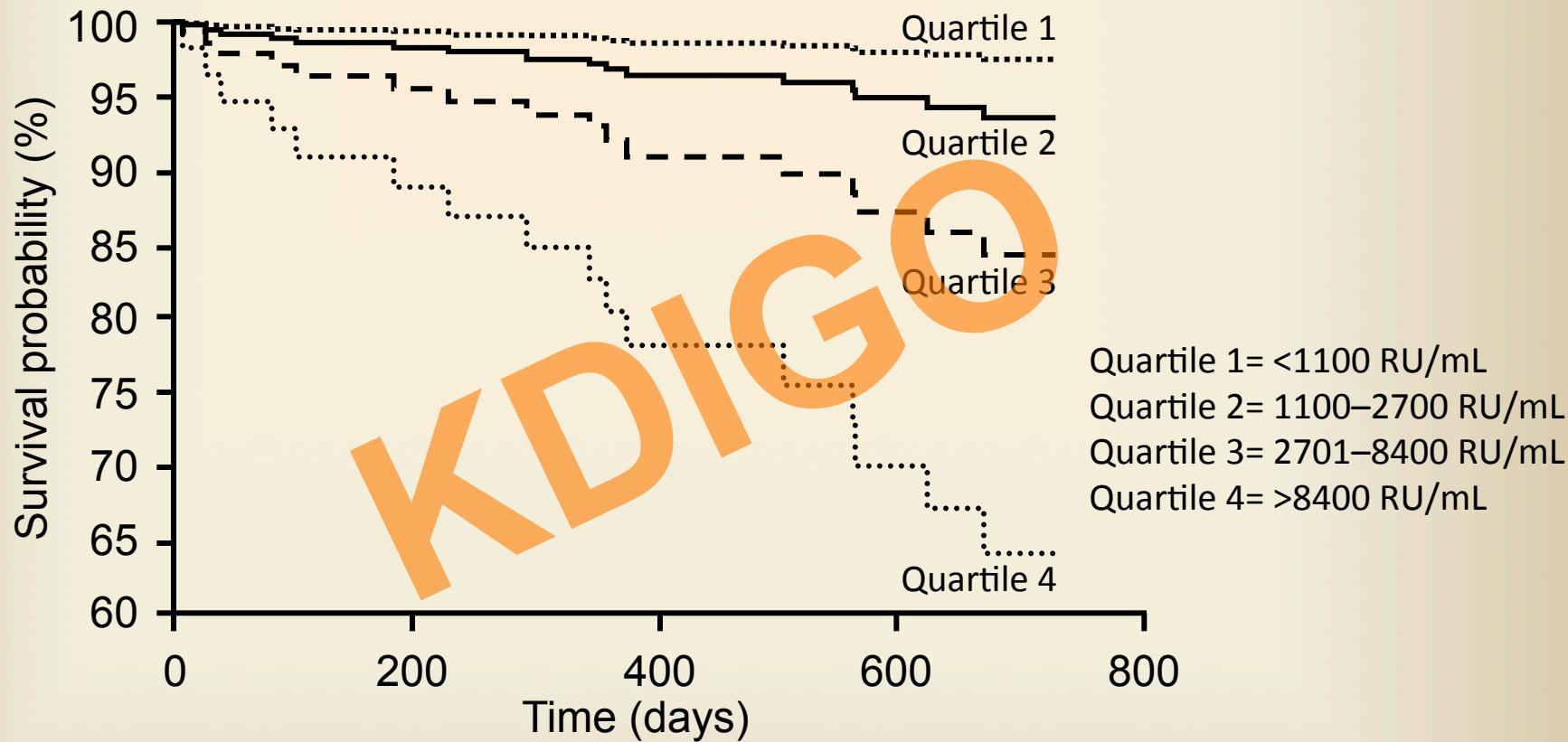
# FGF23 and Mortality in Incident ESRD



# cFGF-23 vs. Phosphate Quartiles & Mortality

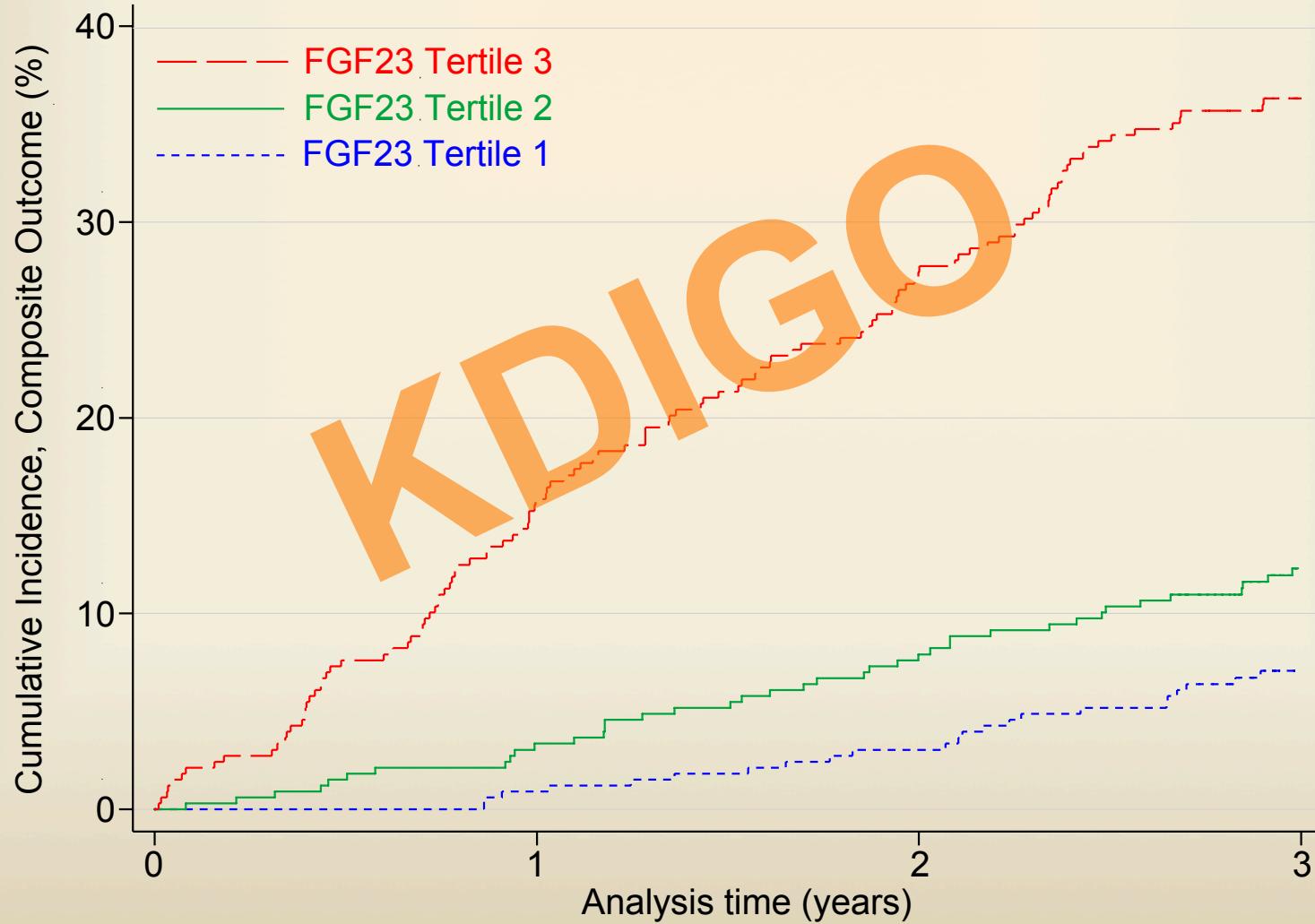


# Two-year survival according to FGF23: Prevalent hemodialysis

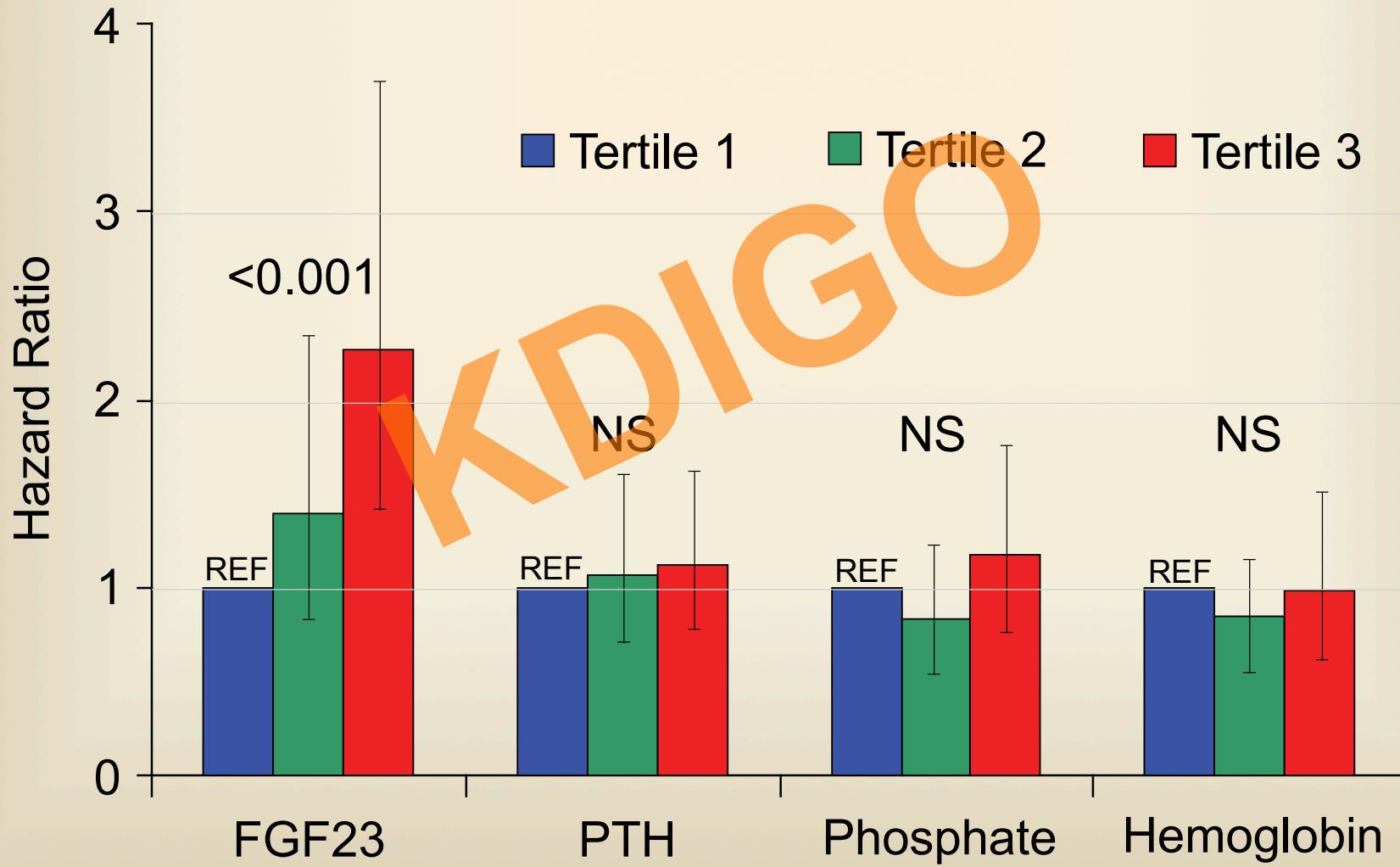


Nb at risk	219	186	162	137
Quartile 1	54	48	45	41
Quartile 2	55	48	43	39
Quartile 3	55	46	39	32
Quartile 4	55	44	35	25

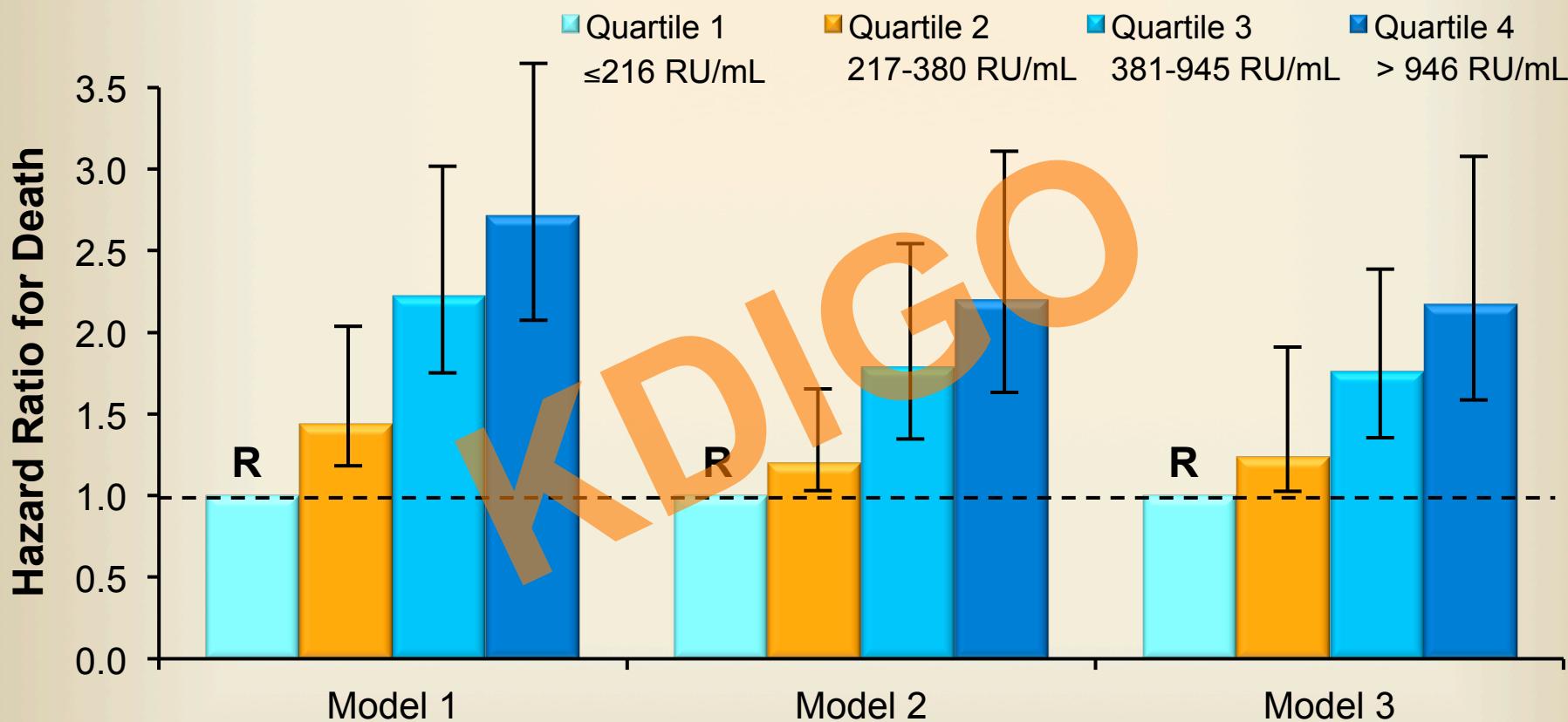
# FGF23 Tertiles & Composite Risk of Death or Allograft Loss



# FGF23 vs. PTH, Phosphate, Hgb as Risk Factor for Composite Outcome



# HOST: Higher FGF23 Associated With Greater Risk of All-Cause Mortality in CKD 4



Model 1: age, race, gender.

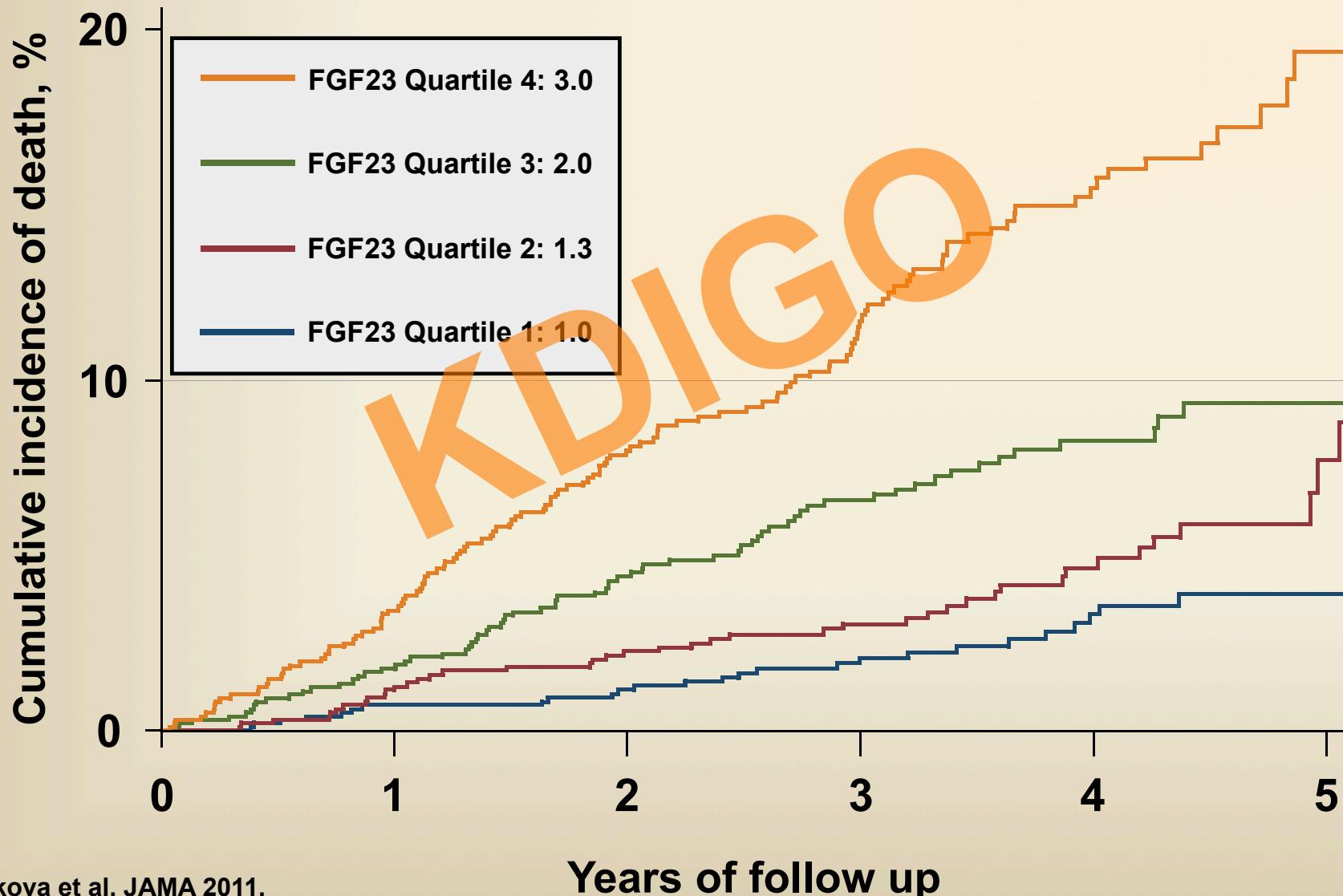
Model 2: Model 1 + smoking status, alcohol intake, DM, HTN, CVD, BMI, SBP, GFR, treatment assignment, homocysteine, hemoglobin, folate, B12, albumin, calcium, 25(OH)D, 1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D, iPTH, phosphorus, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, and total cholesterol.

Model 3: Model 2 + use of medications.

Kendrick JR, et al. *J Am Soc Nephrol*. 2011

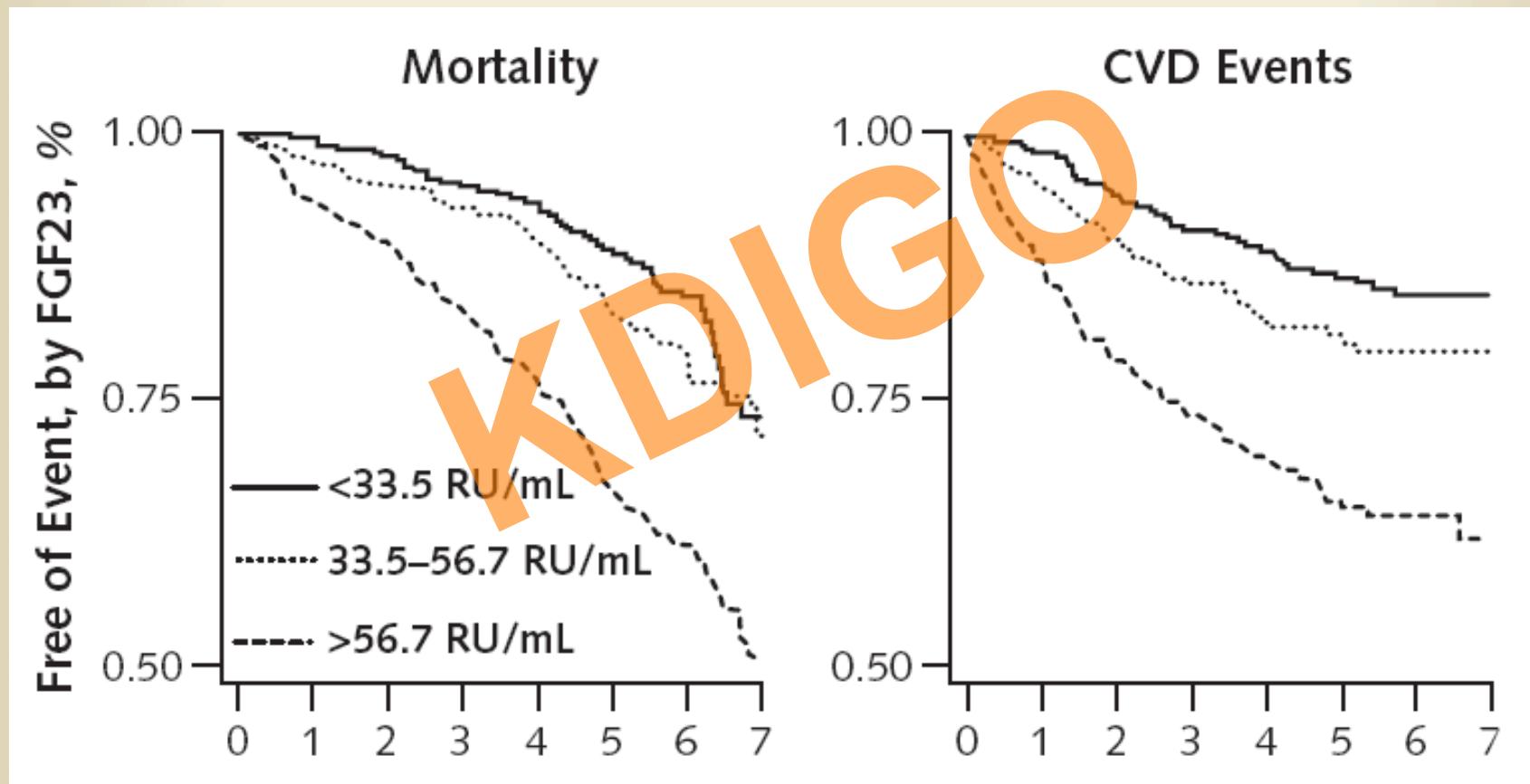


# FGF23 and Mortality in CKD 2-4: 266 events, 20.3/1000 person-years



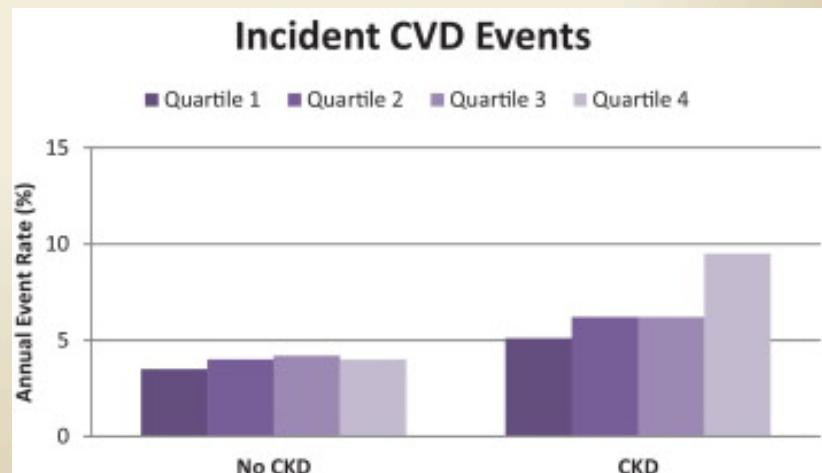
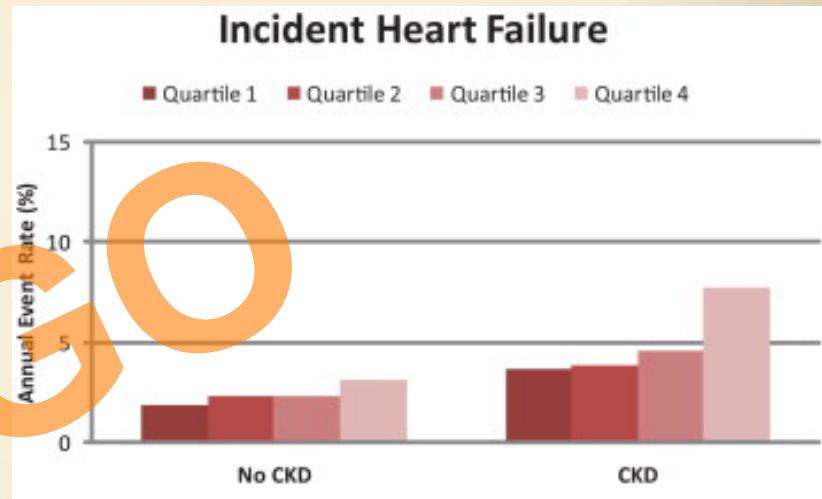
# FGF-23 and CVD in non-CKD: Heart & Soul

N=833 with history of CAD



# FGF23 and outcomes in CHS

- N=3107; 1128 with CKD (eGFR<60 or ACR>30 mg/g)
- Strongest association: death, CHF
- No association of FGF23 with MI
- Greater risks in CKD vs. non-CKD

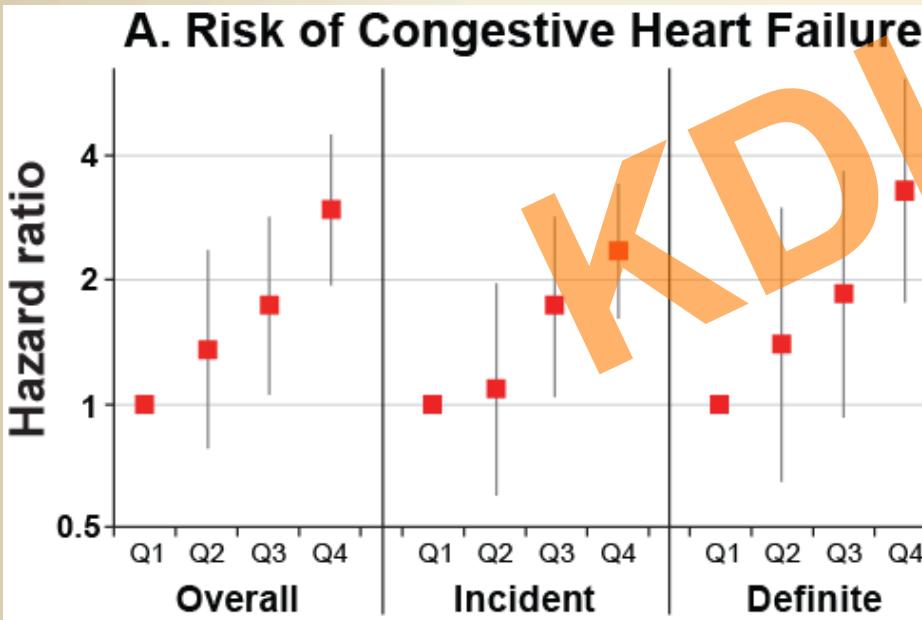


# FGF23 and risk of cardiovascular disease events in CKD stages 2 – 4

N=3860; Median follow-up, 3.7 years

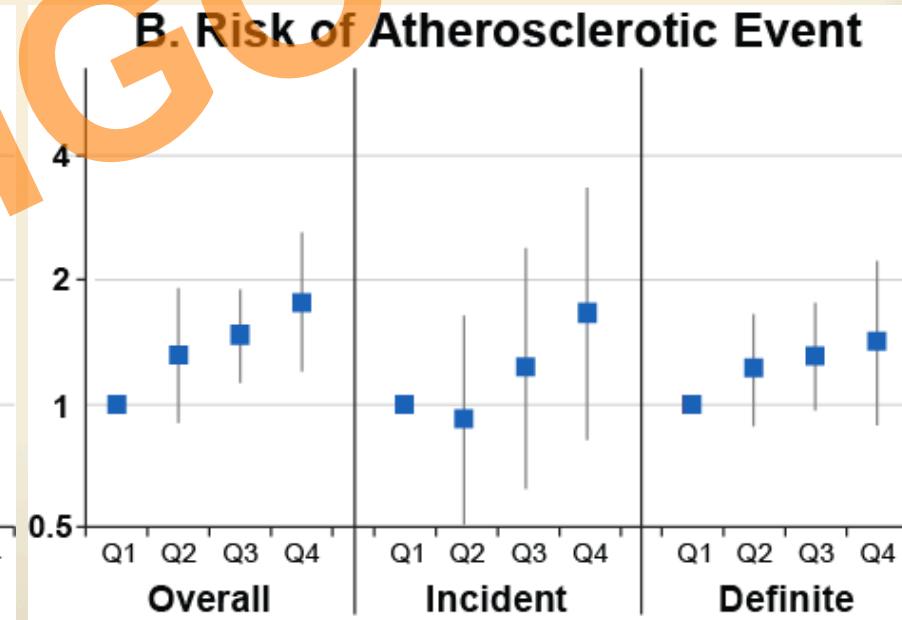
## Congestive Heart Failure

360 events (27/1000 person-years)



## Atherosclerosis

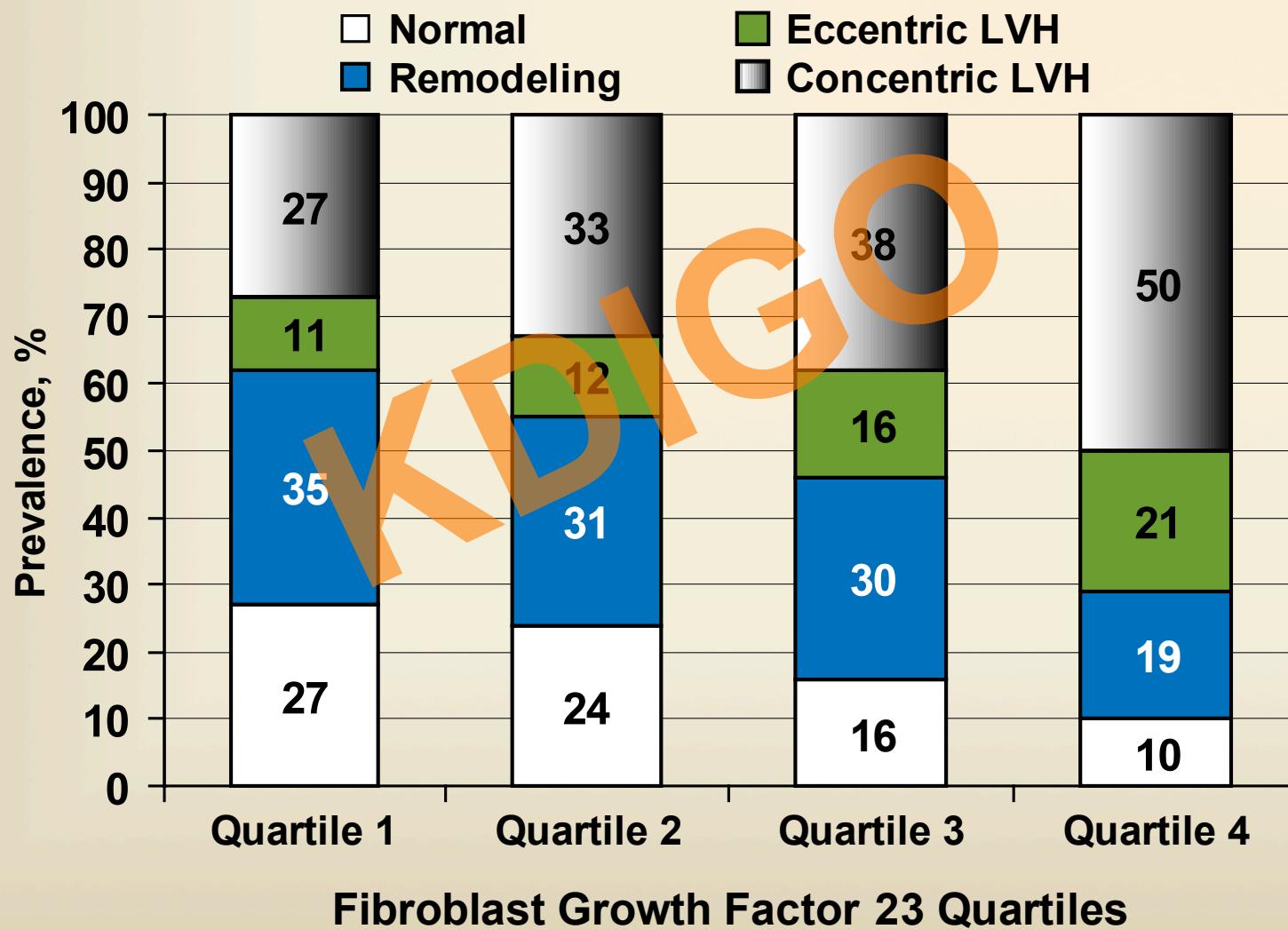
287 events (22/1000 person-years)



Adjusted for demographics, kidney function, traditional CVD risk factors, medications

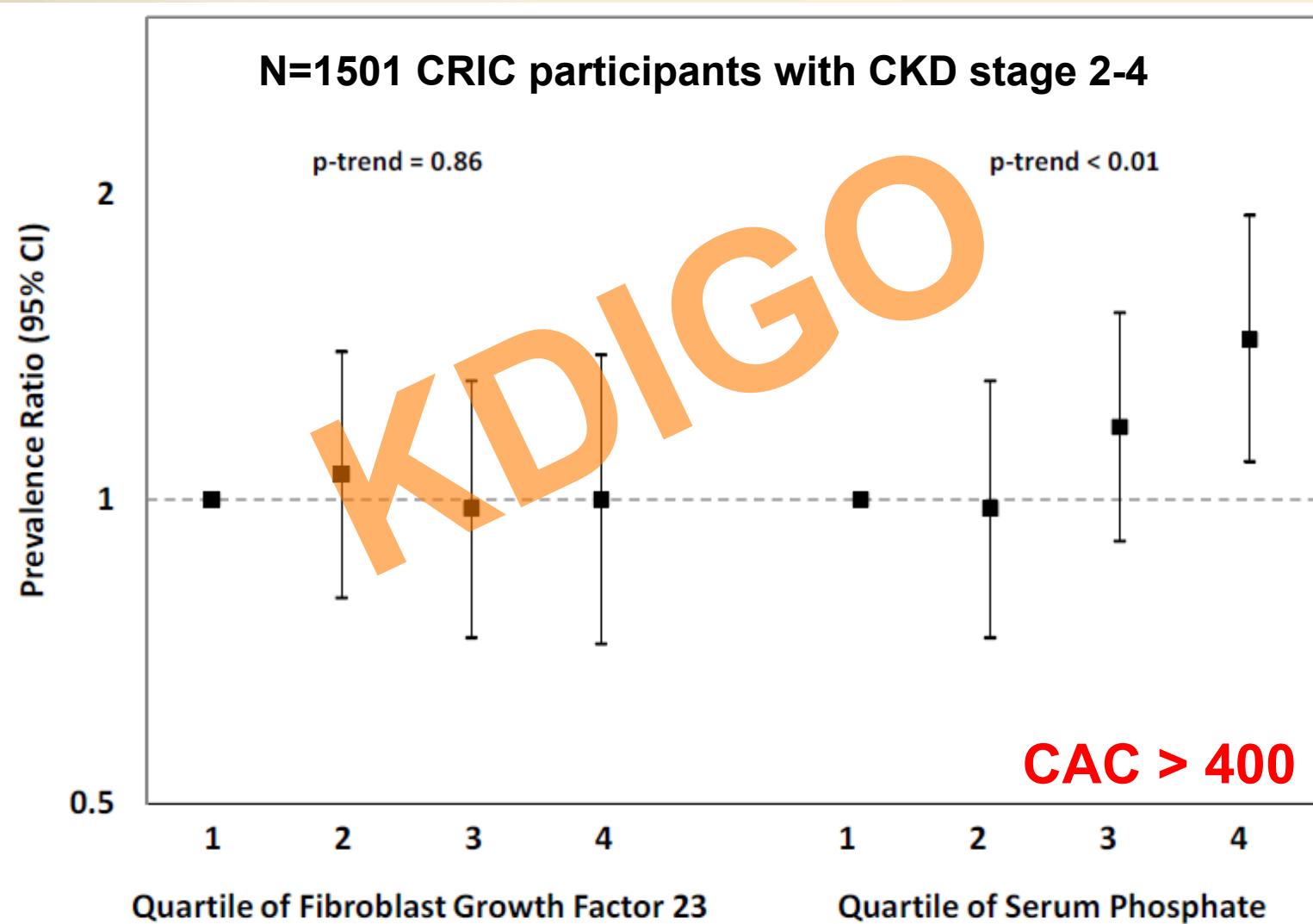


# LV Geometry According to Ascending Quartiles of FGF23

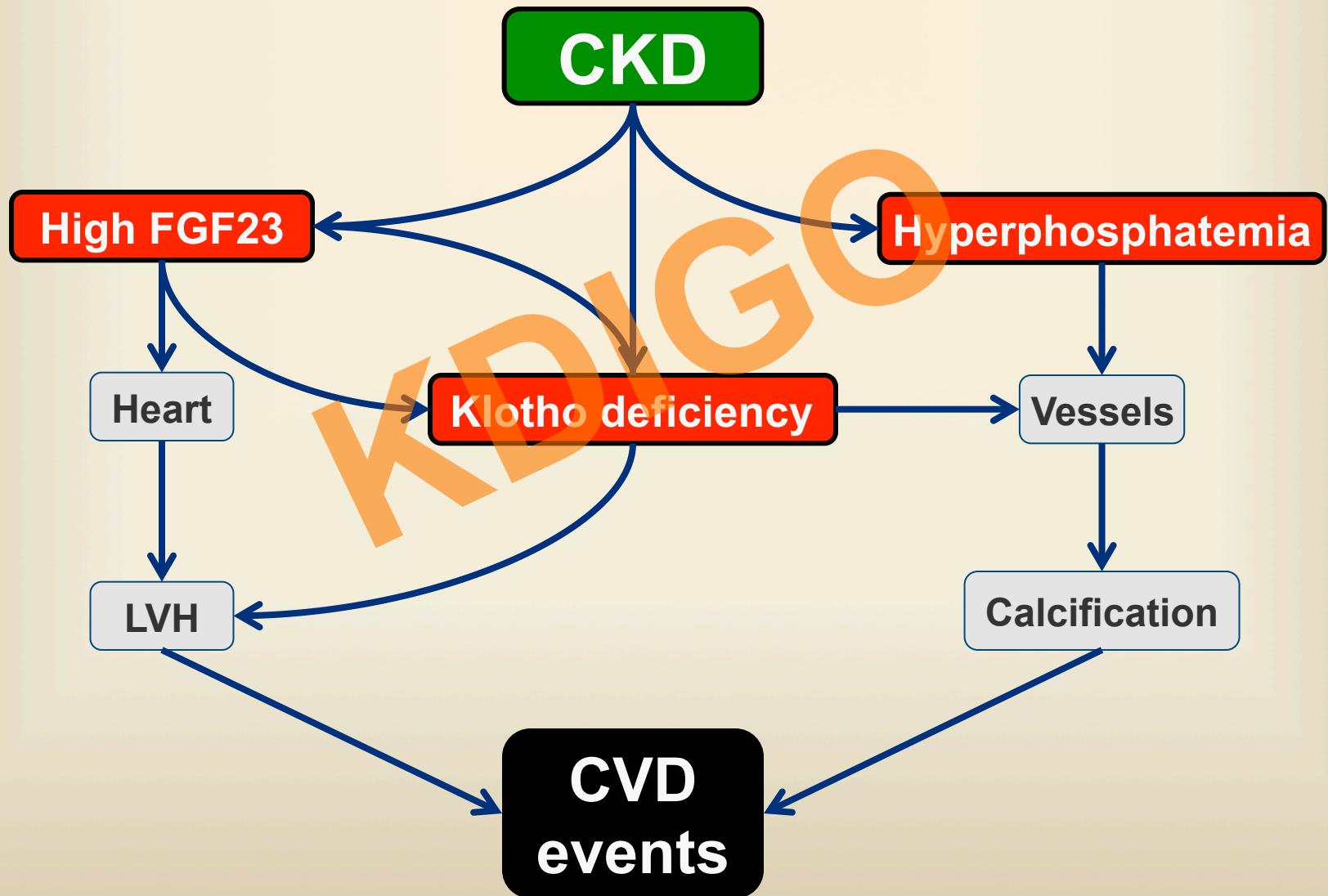




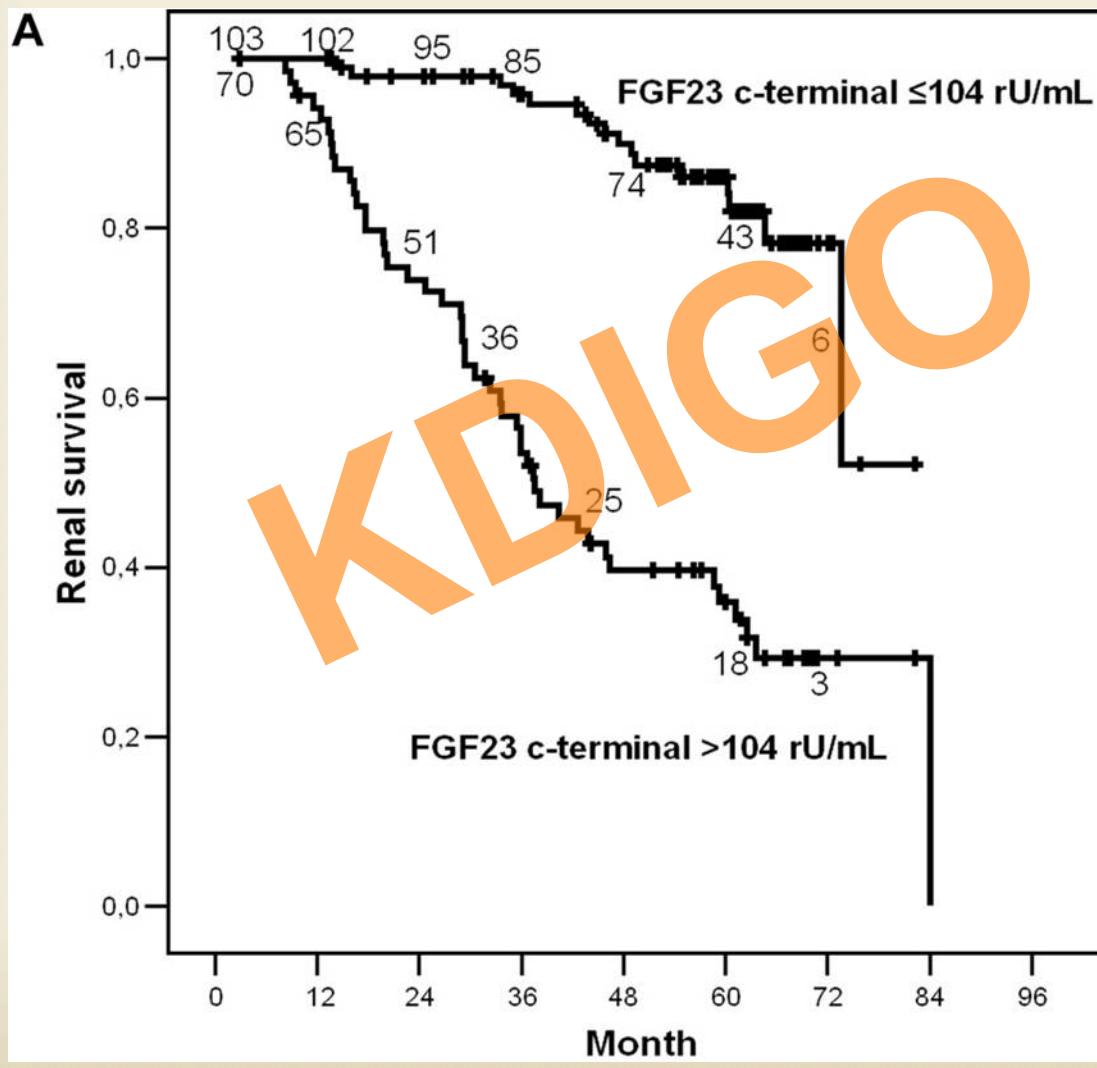
# FGF23 vs. phosphate as risk factors for CAC



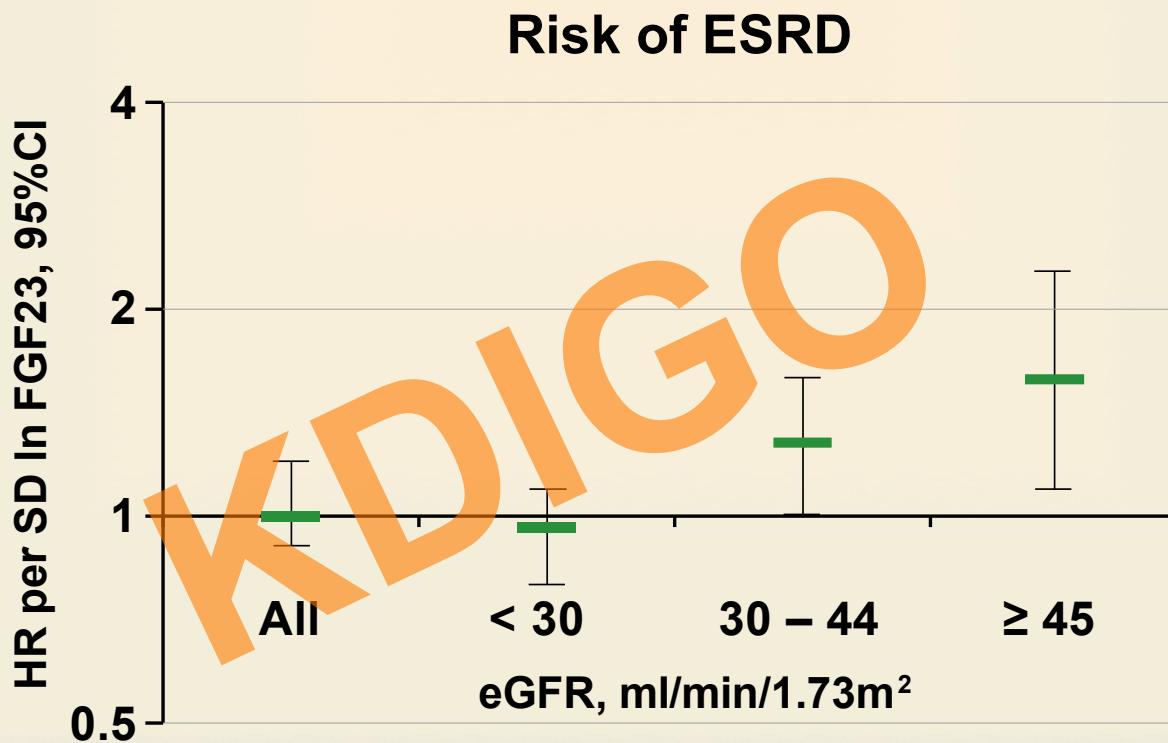
# Disordered phosphate homeostasis and cardiovascular disease in CKD



# Renal progression according to cFGF-23 levels

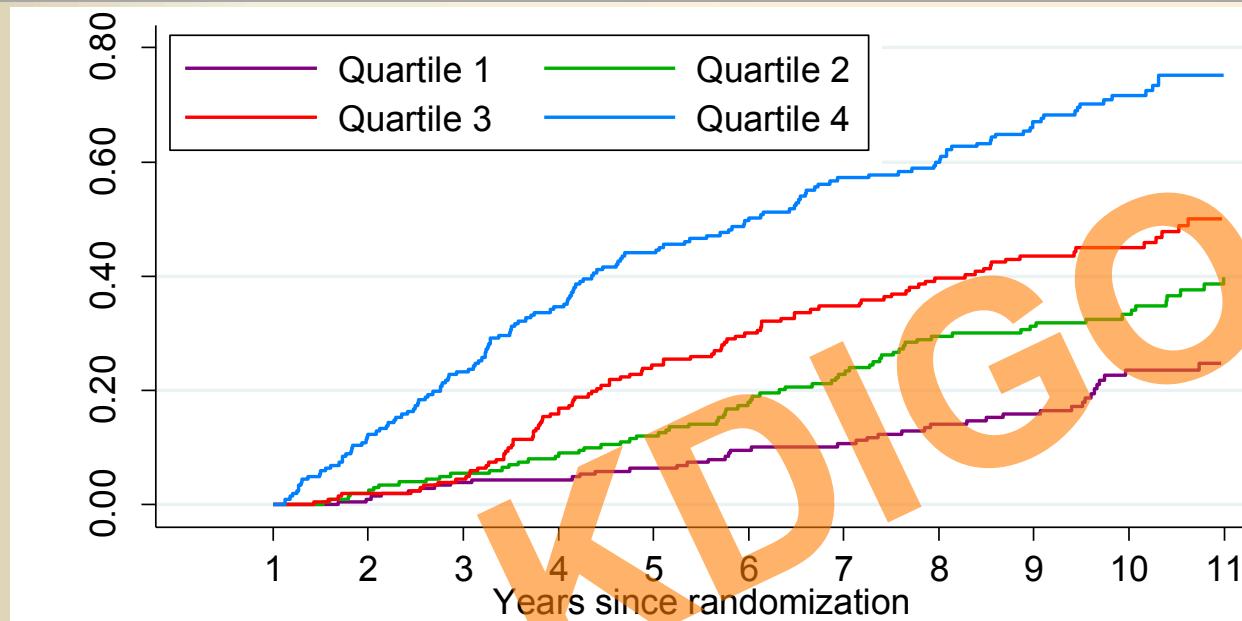


# Interaction between FGF23, eGFR and ESRD



	N	FGF23	Events	Incidence
All	3879	145	410	33.0
$< 30$	758	256	231	111.2
$30 - 44$	1472	161	143	30.6
$\geq 45$	1649	105	36	6.3

# FGF23 is a risk factor for ESRD in AASK



MV: adjusted for:  
age, sex, Rx group;  
GFR; UPCR;  
income, prior heart  
disease, smoking,  
albumin, BMI, center

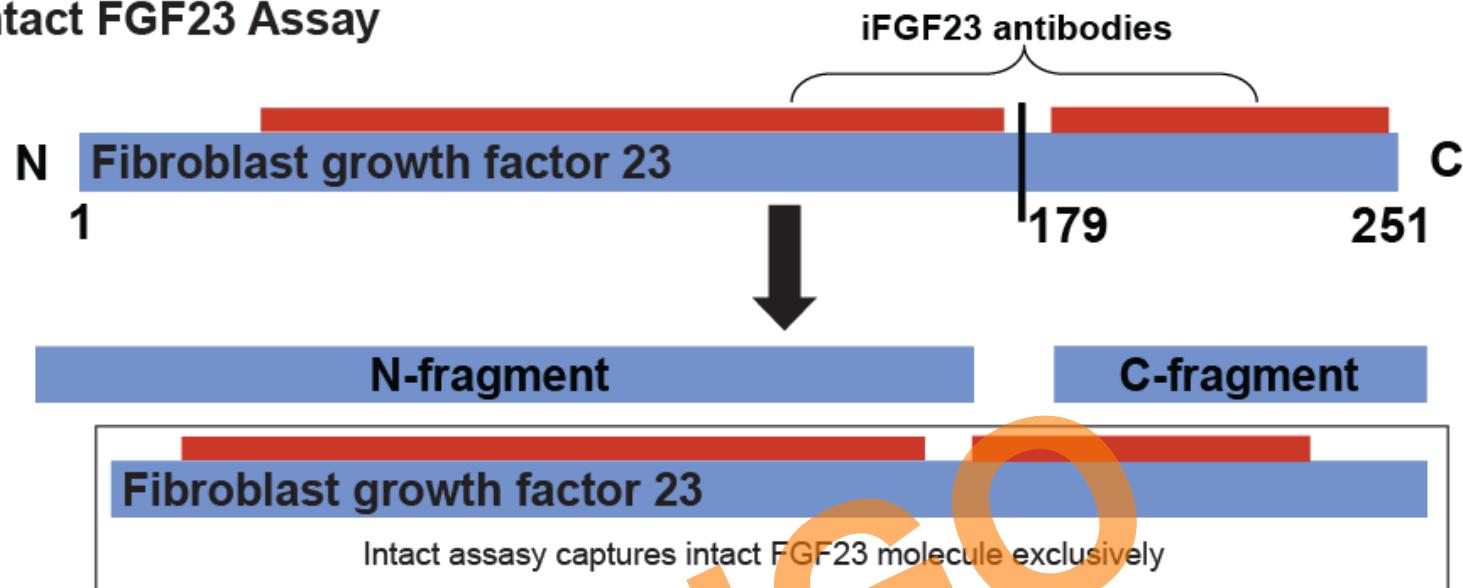
FGF23	+GFR	MV	+MM	+GFR slope
Quartile 1	Ref	Ref	Ref	Ref
Quartile 2	1.40	1.47	1.54	1.44
Quartile 3	1.58	1.67	1.79	1.65
Quartile 4	2.17	2.24	2.29	2.22
p-trend	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

+MM: adjusted for  
PTH, phosphate,  
25-hydroxyvitamin  
D, calcium

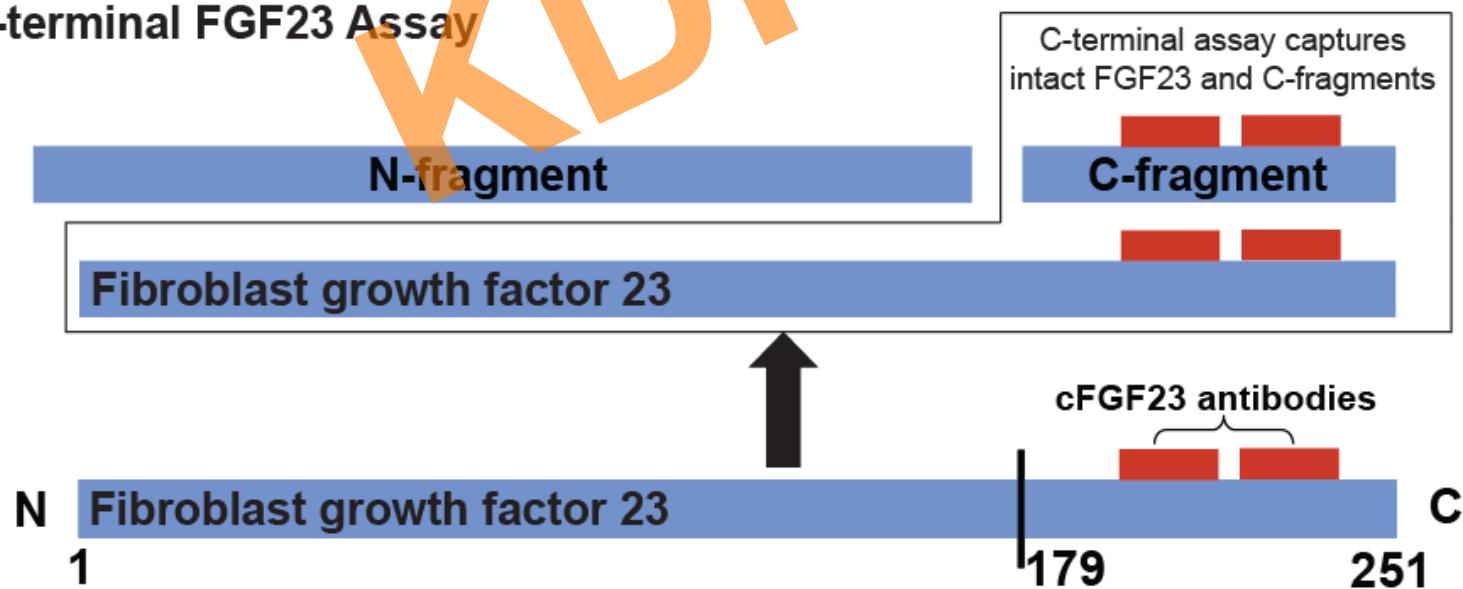
+GFR slope:  
adjusted for year 1  
GFR slope

# ASSAYS and **KDIGO** **OTHER ODDS AND ENDS**

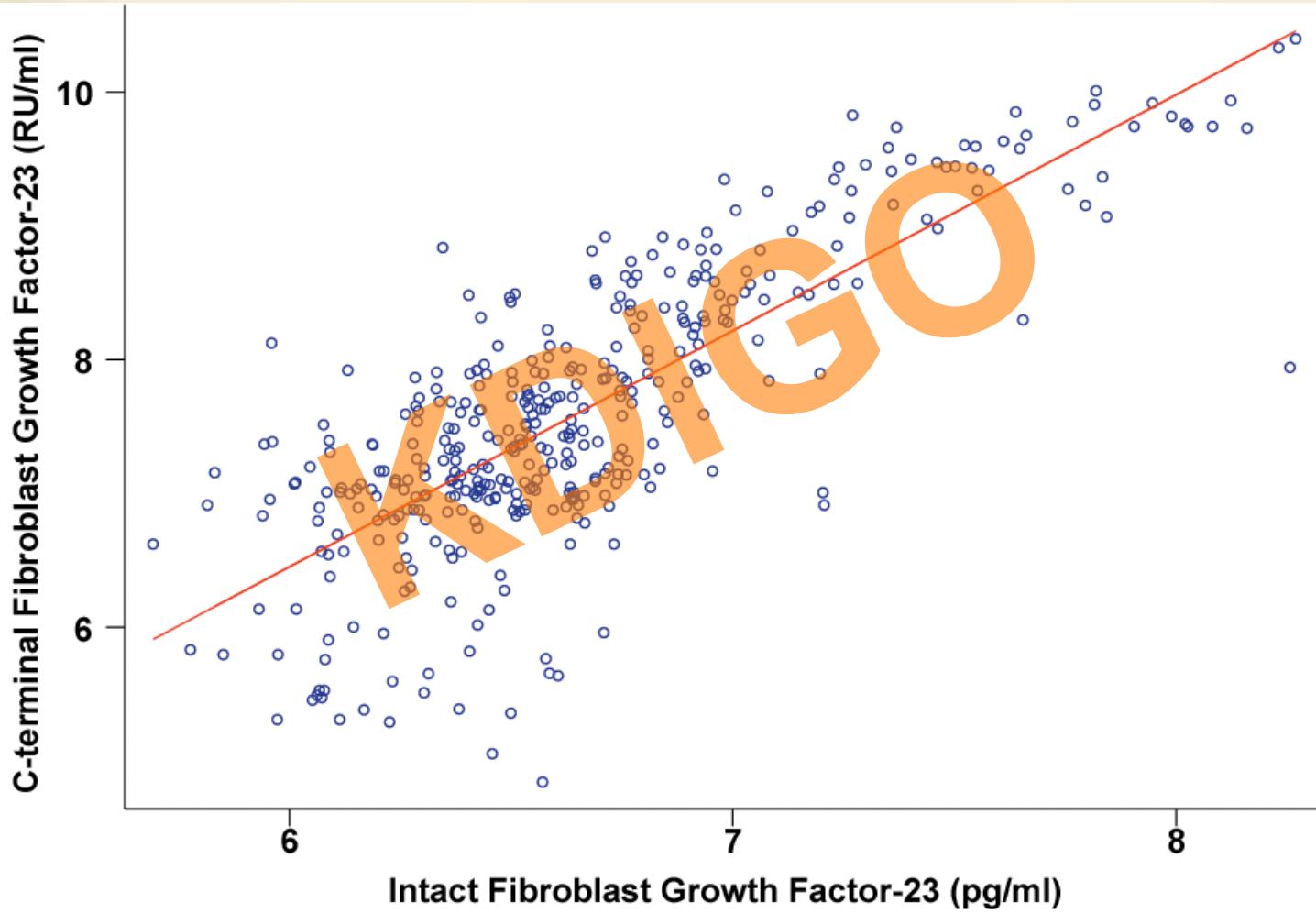
### A. Intact FGF23 Assay



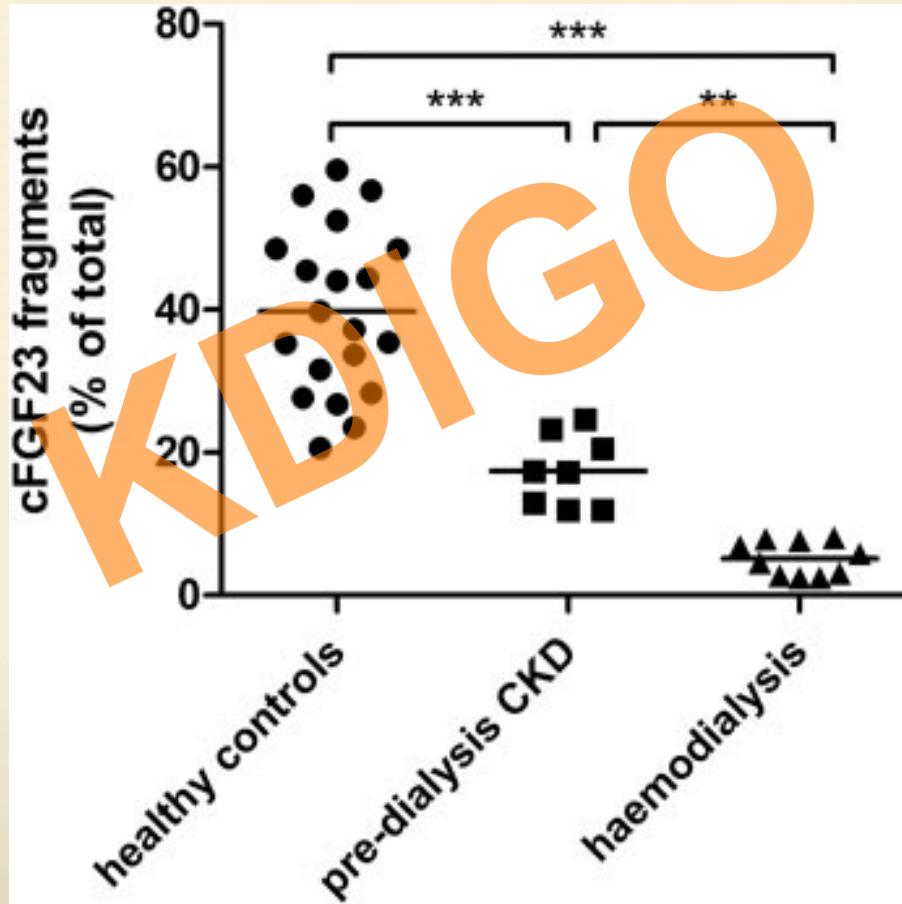
### B. C-terminal FGF23 Assay



# Correlation between cFGF-23 & iFGF-23

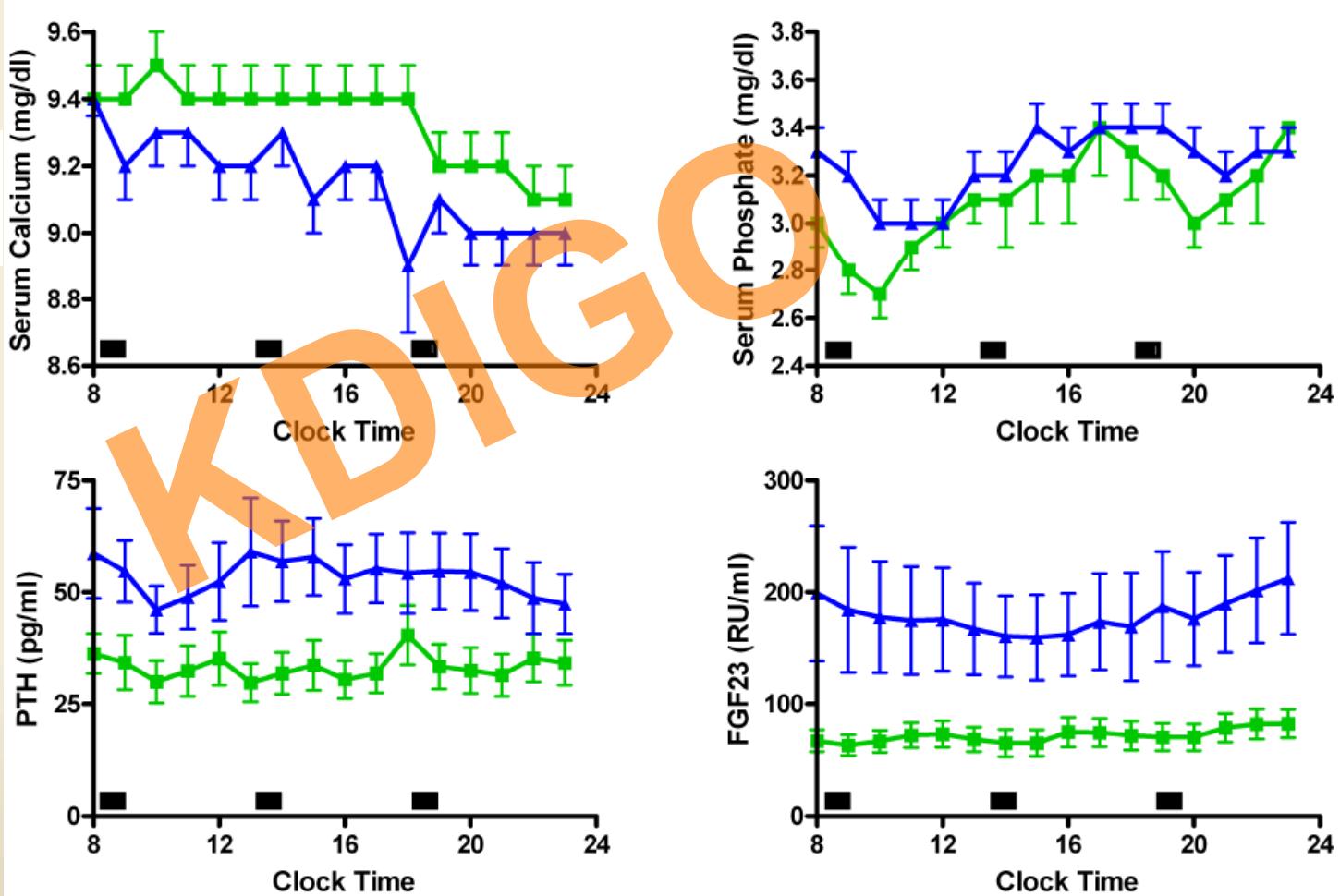


# Differences in the Proportion of FGF23 Present as C-terminal Fragments



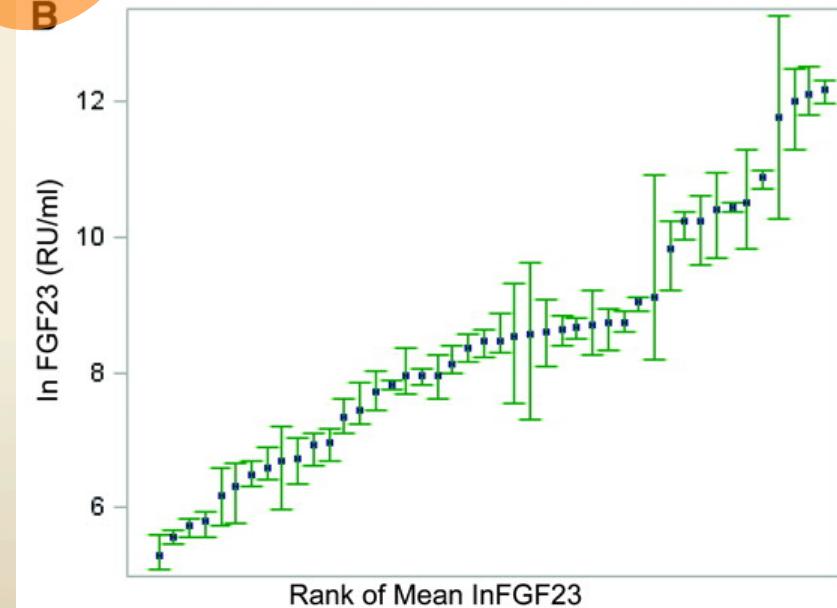
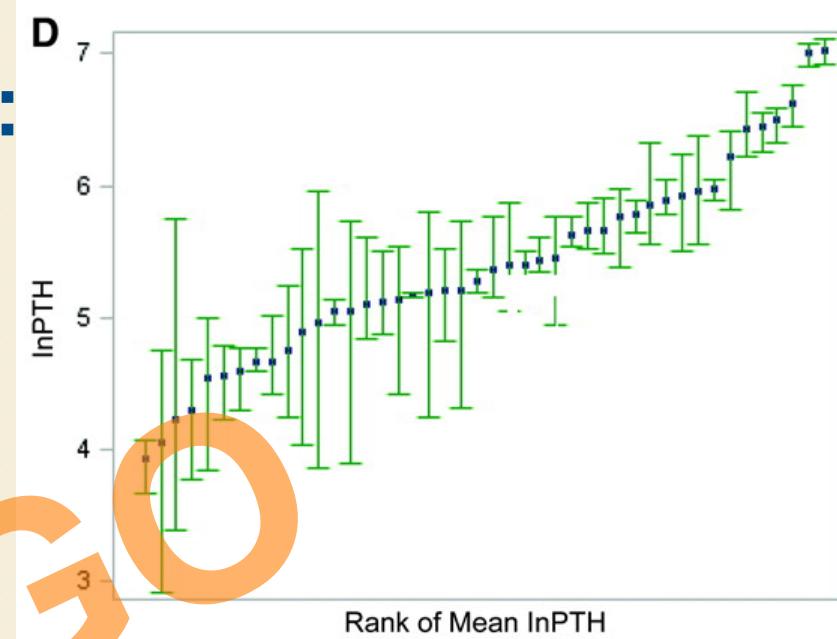
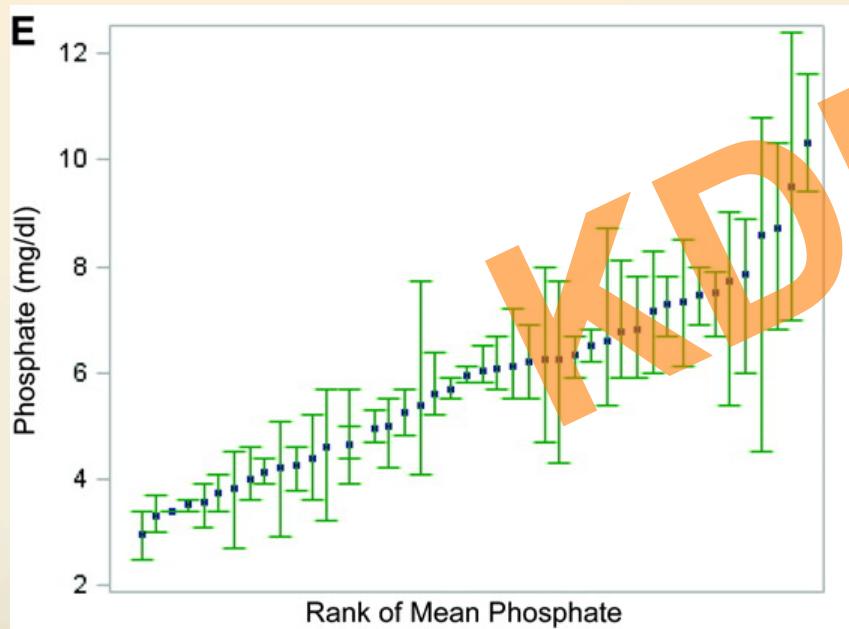
# Intact Diurnal Variation in Mineral Metabolism in CKD

Healthy Volunteers  
Patients with CKD



# Within-Subject Variation: FGF23, PTH, Phosphate

3 monthly measurements in 67 PD patients



# Factors that Modify FGF23

Raises FGF23	Lowers FGF23
CKD Low GFR AKI	Kidney transplantation
High phosphate diet	Low phosphate diet
Calcium PTH	Hypocalcemia Non-calcium P-binders
1,25D and analogs	Cinacalcet
Certain IV iron formulations	Certain IV iron formulations

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# Major unanswered questions

- What stimulates FGF23 production in early CKD?
- Does the FGF23 response differ by CKD etiology?
- What is FGF23 actually regulating?
- How and where is phosphate sensed?
- How and where is FGF23 degraded?
- What are other “off-target” effects of FGF23?
- What are the ideal therapeutic approaches to lower (or slow elevation) FGF23?
- If FGF23 can be modified, can we improve clinical outcomes?