

# Na<sup>+</sup> storage in dialysis patients

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# Na<sup>+</sup> and the „internal environment“



« La fixité du milieu intérieur est la condition d'une vie libre et indépendante. »

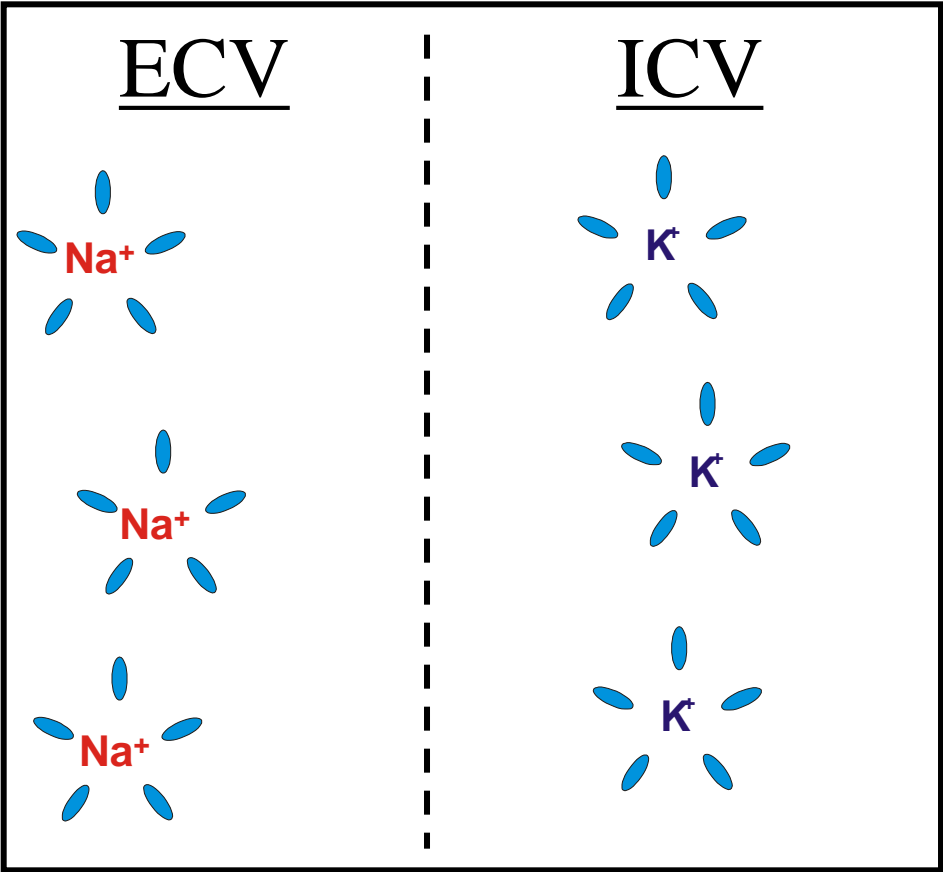
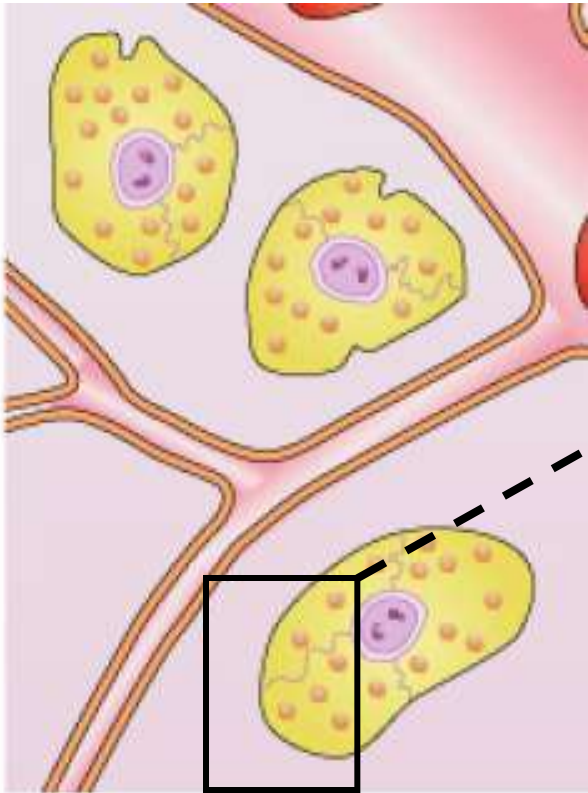
*Claude Bernard*

1813-1878

"... the blood constitutes an actual organic environment, an intermediary between the external environment (in which the complete individual lives) and the living molecules, which cannot safely be brought into contact with their external environment ..."



# Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, and water and the internal environment



***Iso-Osmolality:***

≈ 140 mmol/L  
( ≈ 9 g NaCl)

≈ 140 mmol/L



# Na<sup>+</sup> and the maintenance of the internal environment

Intake:

*Thirst*

9 g NaCl



Excretion:

*Skin*

*Kidney*

9 g NaCl

ADH  
RAAS  
Nerves ↓

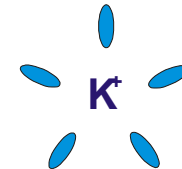
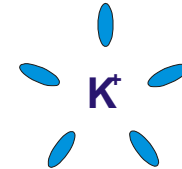
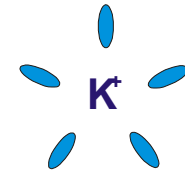


ECV



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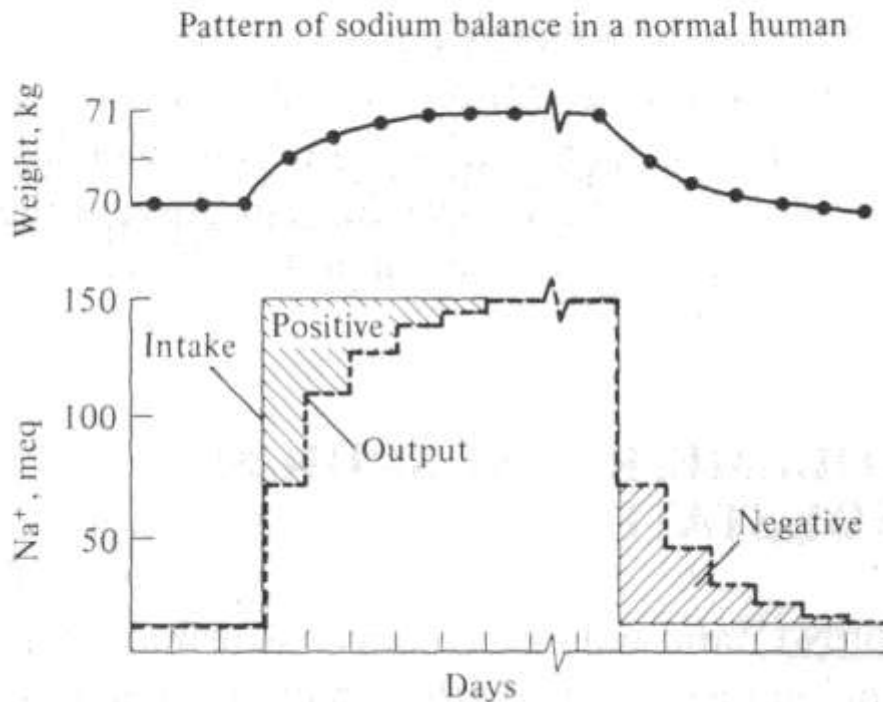
ICV



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# Body sodium balance in humans



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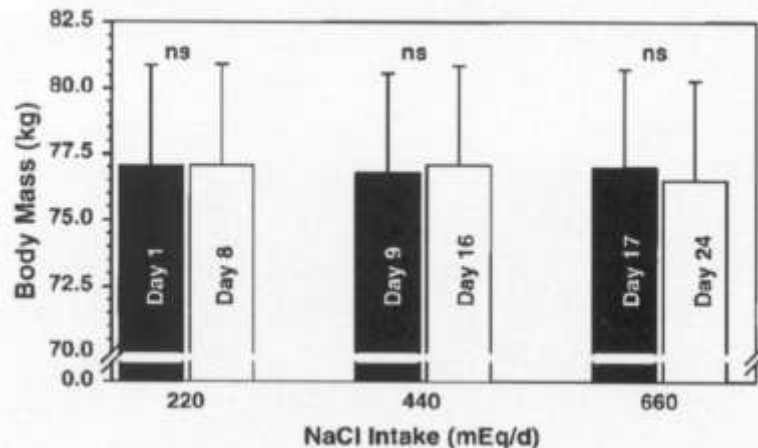
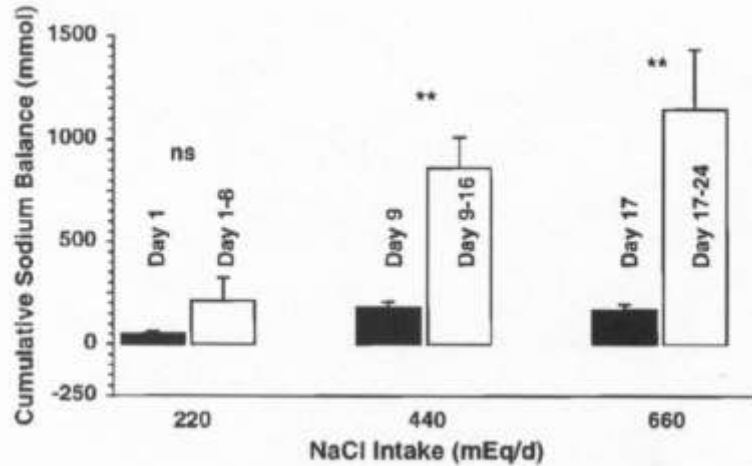
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TBNa<sup>+</sup> maintained within narrow limits?

Increase in TBNa<sup>+</sup> = Increase in BP?



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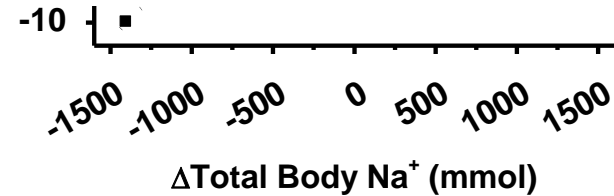
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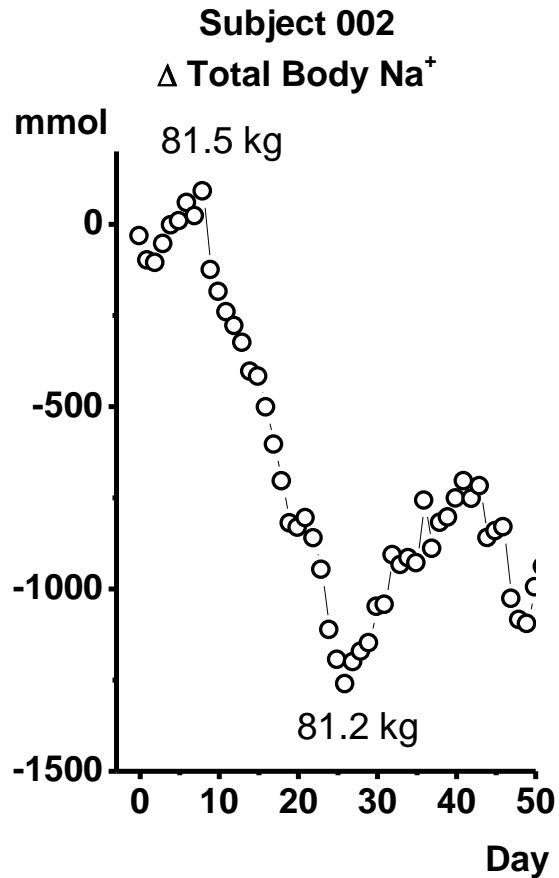
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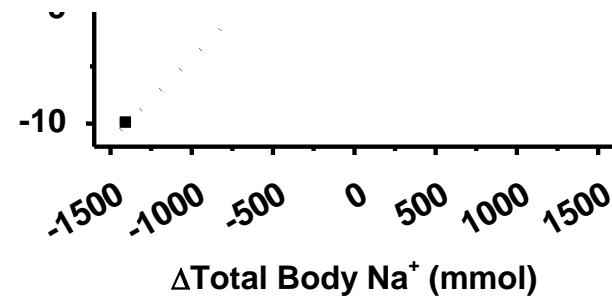
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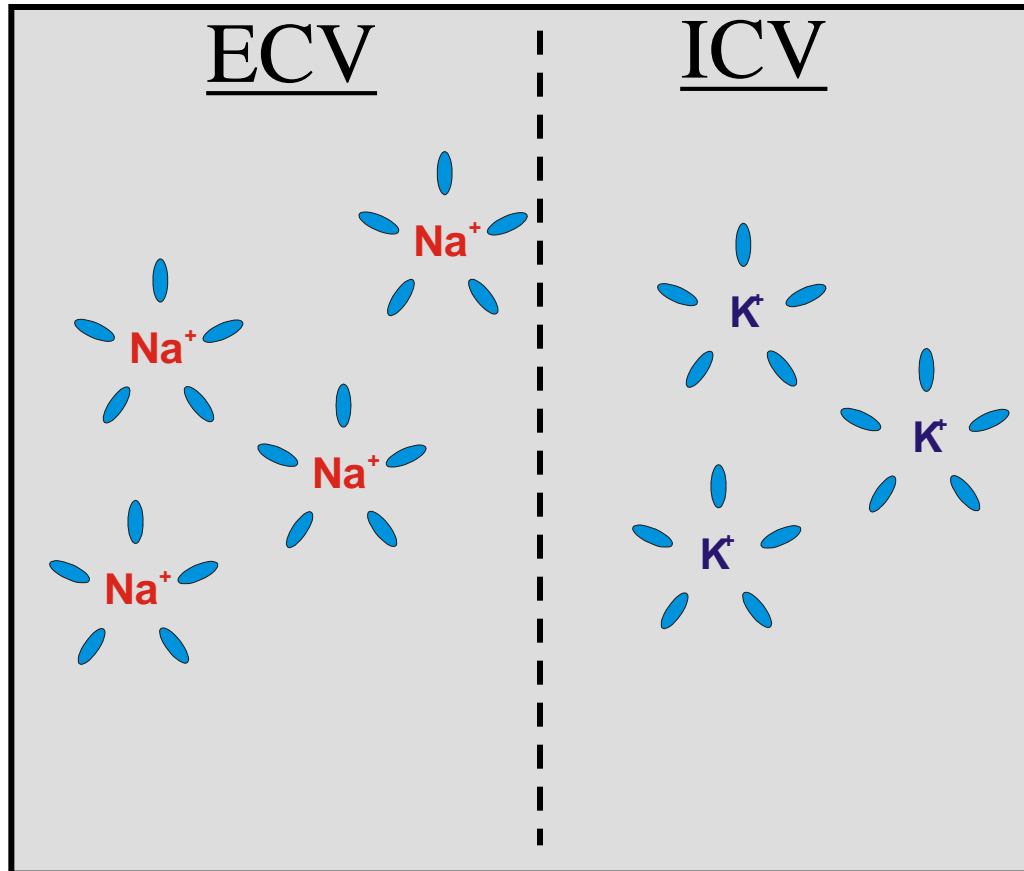
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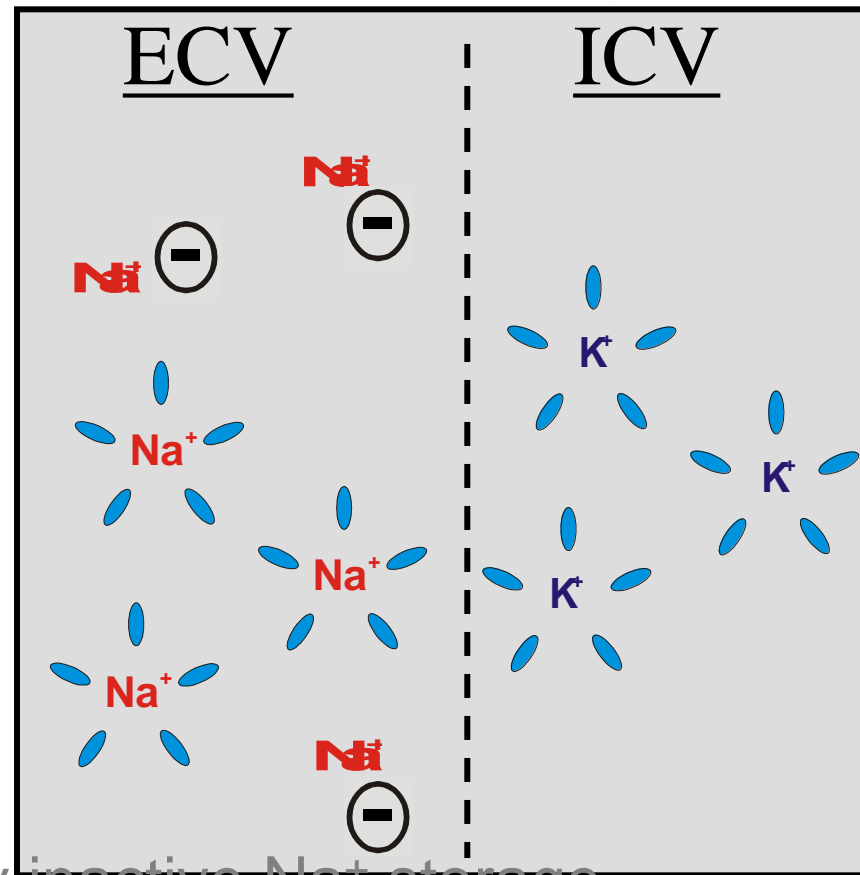
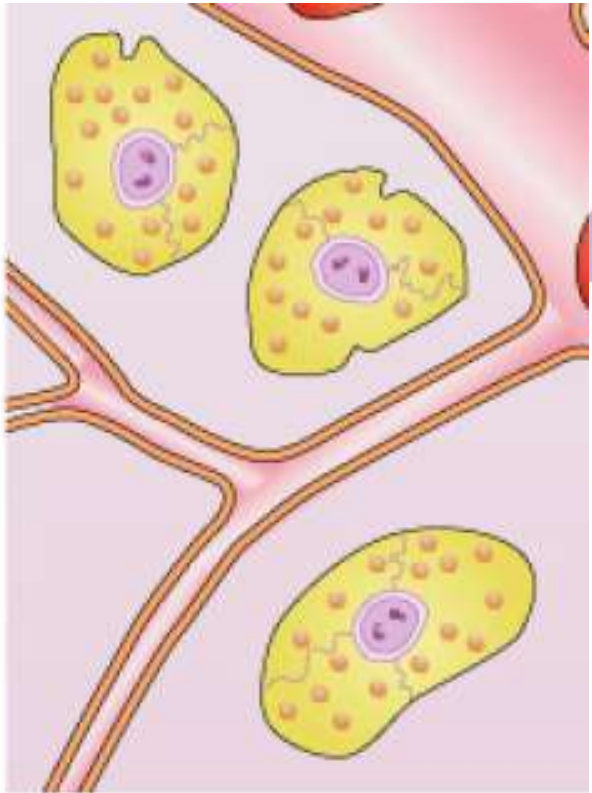


Osmotically neutral  $\text{Na}^+$  /  $\text{K}^+$  Exchange





# Can we accumulate $\text{Na}^+$ in abundance over water?



Osmotically inactive  $\text{Na}^+$  storage



# A view inside the body: chemical analysis.



skinning

Dessication:  
**SKW**

Ashing:  
**Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>**



Dessication:  
wet weight  
minus  
dry weight:  
**TBW**

Skeleton:  
**Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>**

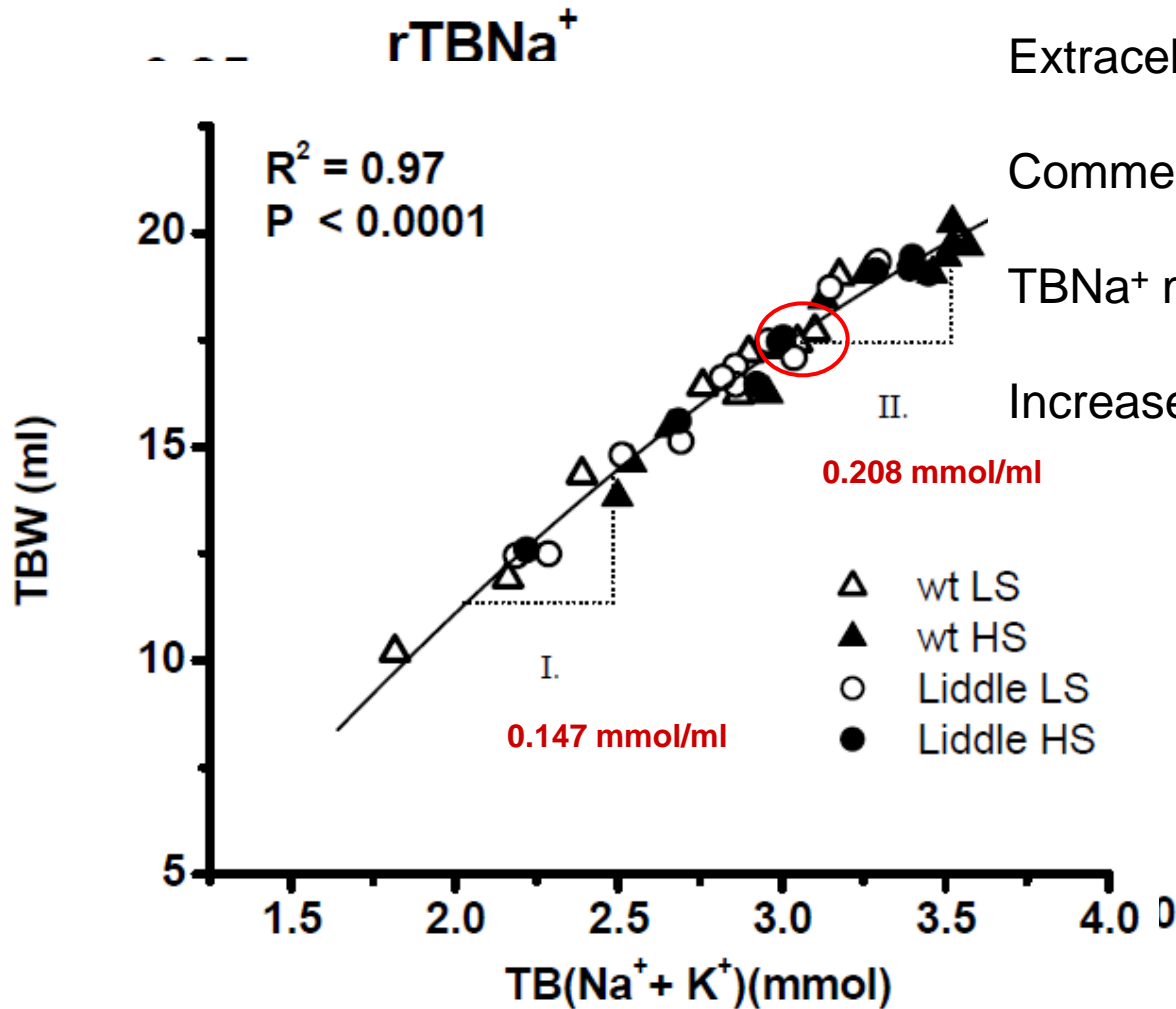
**Rest Carcass Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>**  
- Internal organs  
- Retroperitoneum  
- Muscle



# Startling data from animal experiments.

Liddle's syndrome

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# Bench to bedside

**rising incidence of arterial hypertension worldwide, leading to secondary end organ damage**

**association of elevated RR and high salt intake**

Pimenta E, Gaddam KK, Oparil S, Aban I, Husain S, Dell'Italia LJ, Calhoun DA. [Effects of dietary sodium reduction on blood pressure in subjects with resistant hypertension: results from a randomized trial.](#) *Hypertension.* 2009 Sep; 54(3):475-81

**RR<sub>sys</sub> -23 mmHg !!!**



**renal failure: associated with reduced salt removal,  
dialysis: accompanied by elevated blood pressure  
high risk of cardio-vascular events**

**therefore:** recommendation for dialysis patients to moderately lower their dietary salt intake (WHO 6 g NaCl/ day)

**but:** difficulty to maintain salt restricted diet at home  
**persisting high blood pressure values**



# Tissue specific Na<sup>+</sup> content in humans

alternative technique?



<sup>23</sup>Na<sup>+</sup>-knee coil/ 3 Tesla MRT

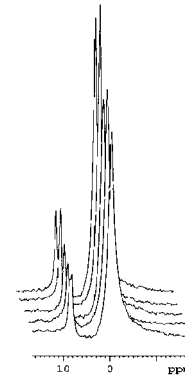
# $^{23}\text{Na}^+$ - MRI



3-Tesla MRI

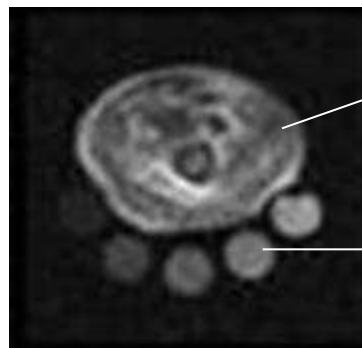


$^{23}\text{Na}^+$ -knee coil



ideal tool for clinical investigations

duration of measurement: ca. 35-45 min,  
no contrast medium needed

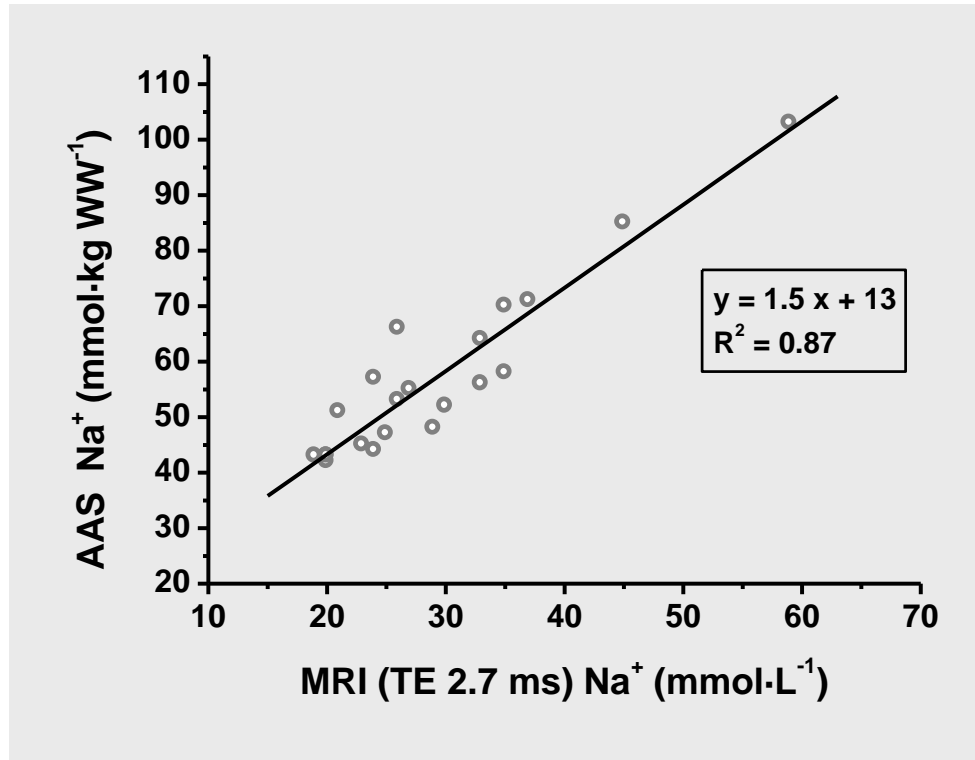


Cross section of  
lower leg

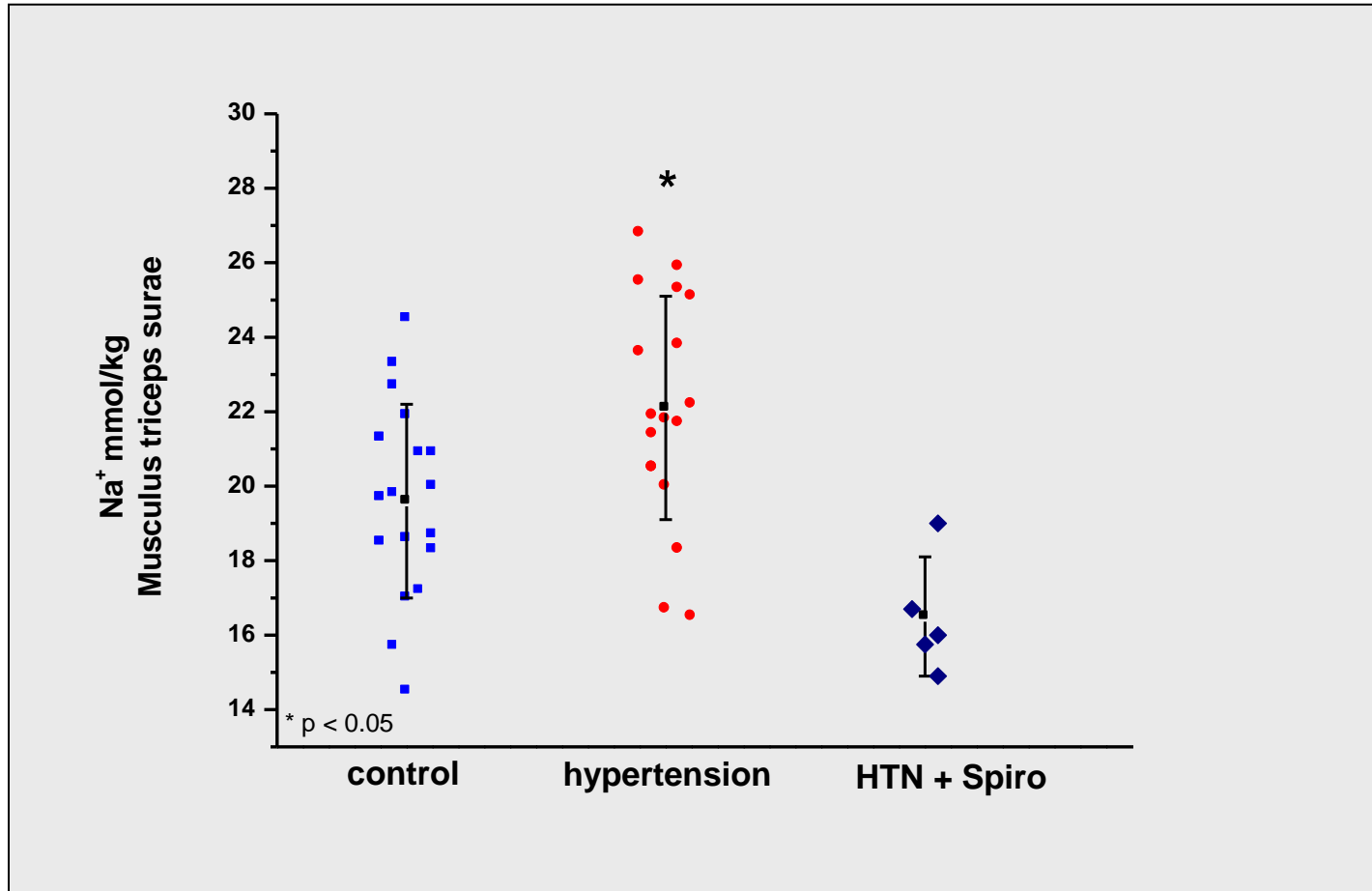
NaCl calibration  
tubes



# Human tissue specific Na<sup>+</sup> content



# Therapy resistant hypertension

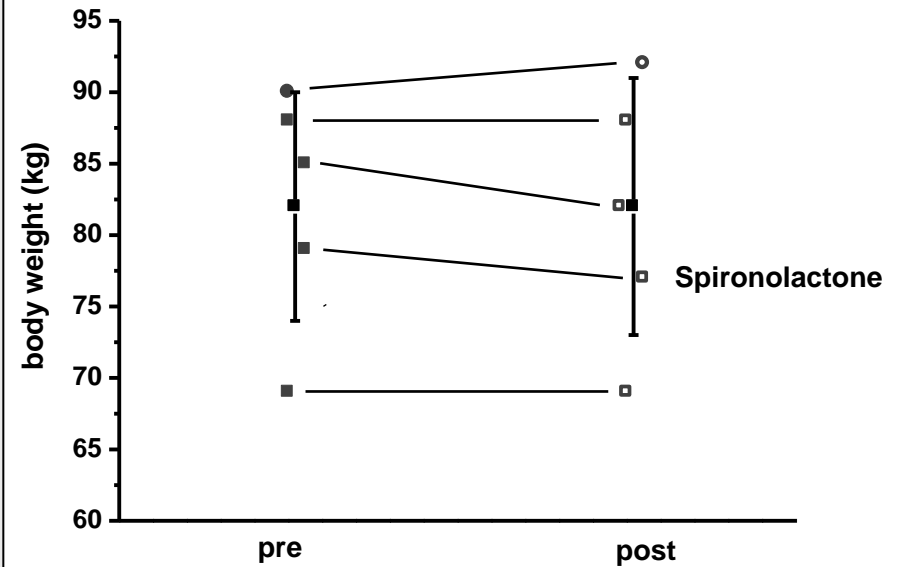
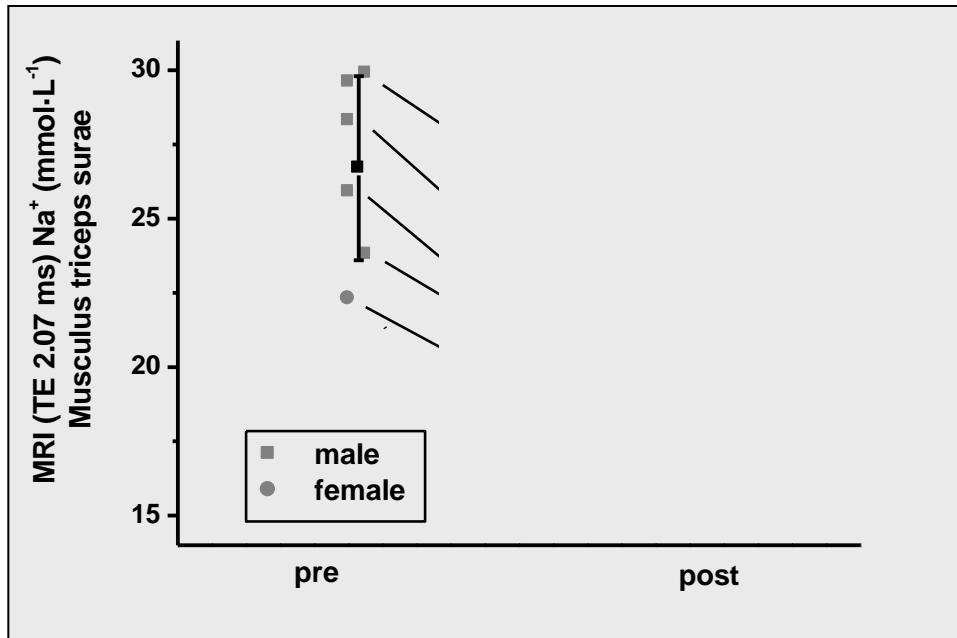


Kopp C. et al., submitted *Hypertension*





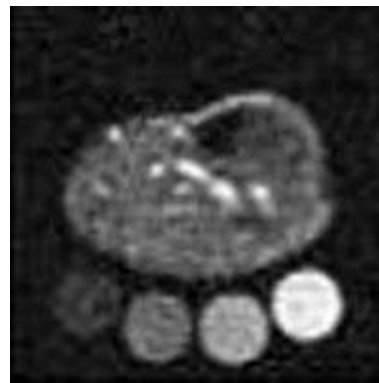
# Hyperaldosteronism (Conn syndrome)



pre



post



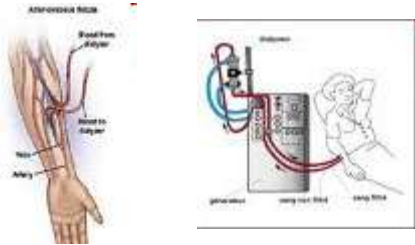
Where is the salt?

Na<sup>+</sup> MRI: diagnostic tool



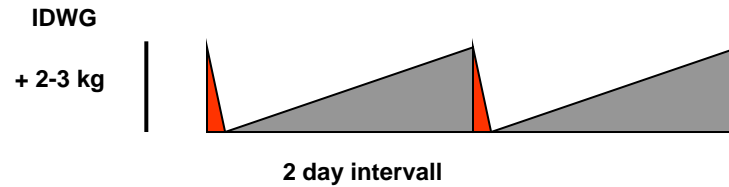
# Dialysis therapy

**CIHD:** chronic intermittend hemodialysis

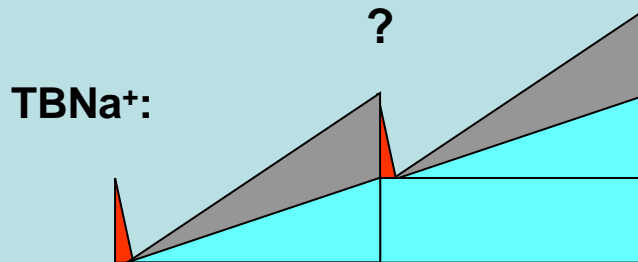


duration of treatment: 4h / 3x per week

**IDWG:** interdialytic weight gain ~ ultrafiltration rate



IDWG of 2-3 kg corresponds to daily intake of 10-15 g NaCl



- no change in serum Na<sup>+</sup> concentration
- Na<sup>+</sup> removal estimated by IDWG

→ Na<sup>+</sup> MRI



## <sup>23</sup>Na MRI dialysis study

DS Nr.	gender	age (yrs)	bw (kg) pre dialysis	diabetes	smoker	duration CIHD (yrs)	RR meds (fold)	HD time (h)	IDWG (kg)	net filtration (ml)
1	male	21	109,3	no	yes	3	3	8	4,8	5000,0
2	male	66	88,6	no	no	1	3	4,5	2,1	2100
3	male	55	95,7	no	no	2	3	6	0,7	700
4	male	58	87,5	no		4	3	5	2,5	2500
5	male	29	108					6	3,5	3500
6	male	75	120	yes		2	2	5,5	2,5	2500
7	female	42	58,4	no		9	4	4,5	2,9	2900
8	female	30	53,7	no		8	2	4	-0,3	-300
9	female	61	70,4	no	yes	5	1	4,5	2,4	2400
10	male	82	75,3	no	yes	4	3	4,75	2,8	2800
11	male	63	79,3	no	yes	5,5	4	5	3,3	3300
12	female	50	77,3	no	no	0,5	1	4,5	0,3	300
13	female	67	57,3	no	no	6,5	1	4,25	-0,7	-300
14	male	68	56,3	no	no	20	3	5	1,3	1300
15	male	30	78,2	no	no	0,1	4	4,25	0,7	700
16	female	69	76,8	yes	no	3,5	3	4	0,8	800
17	male	74	83,2	yes	no	0,5	4	4,25	0,2	200
18	male	50	92,3	no	no	2		4	1,3	1300
19	male	62	86	no	yes	2,5	2	4,75	2,4	2400
20	female	74	52,5	no	yes	1,25	5	4	2	2000
21	male	64	90,8	yes	no	2,5	2	4,5	1,3	1600
22	male	66	63,2	no	no	6,2	3	4,75	2,2	2200
23	male	65	75,6	no	no	0,5	4	4,5	3,1	2700
<b>mean value</b>		<b>57,4348</b>	<b>79,8130</b>			<b>4,0705</b>	<b>2,8571</b>	<b>4,8043</b>	<b>1,8304</b>	<b>1852,1739</b>
<b>std</b>		<b>16,6592</b>	<b>18,2920</b>			<b>4,3507</b>	<b>1,1084</b>	<b>0,8981</b>	<b>1,3425</b>	<b>1312,8282</b>

## $^{23}\text{Na}$ MRI dialysis study

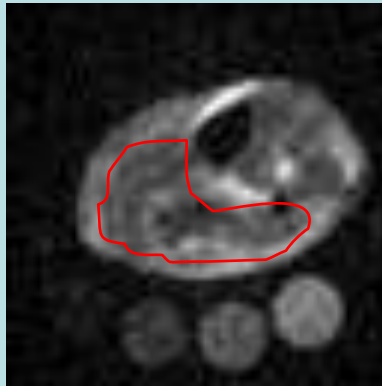
conventional MRI:



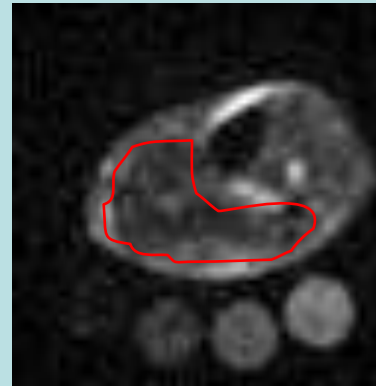
skin

M. triceps surae

$^{23}\text{Na}^+$  MRI:



pre dialysis

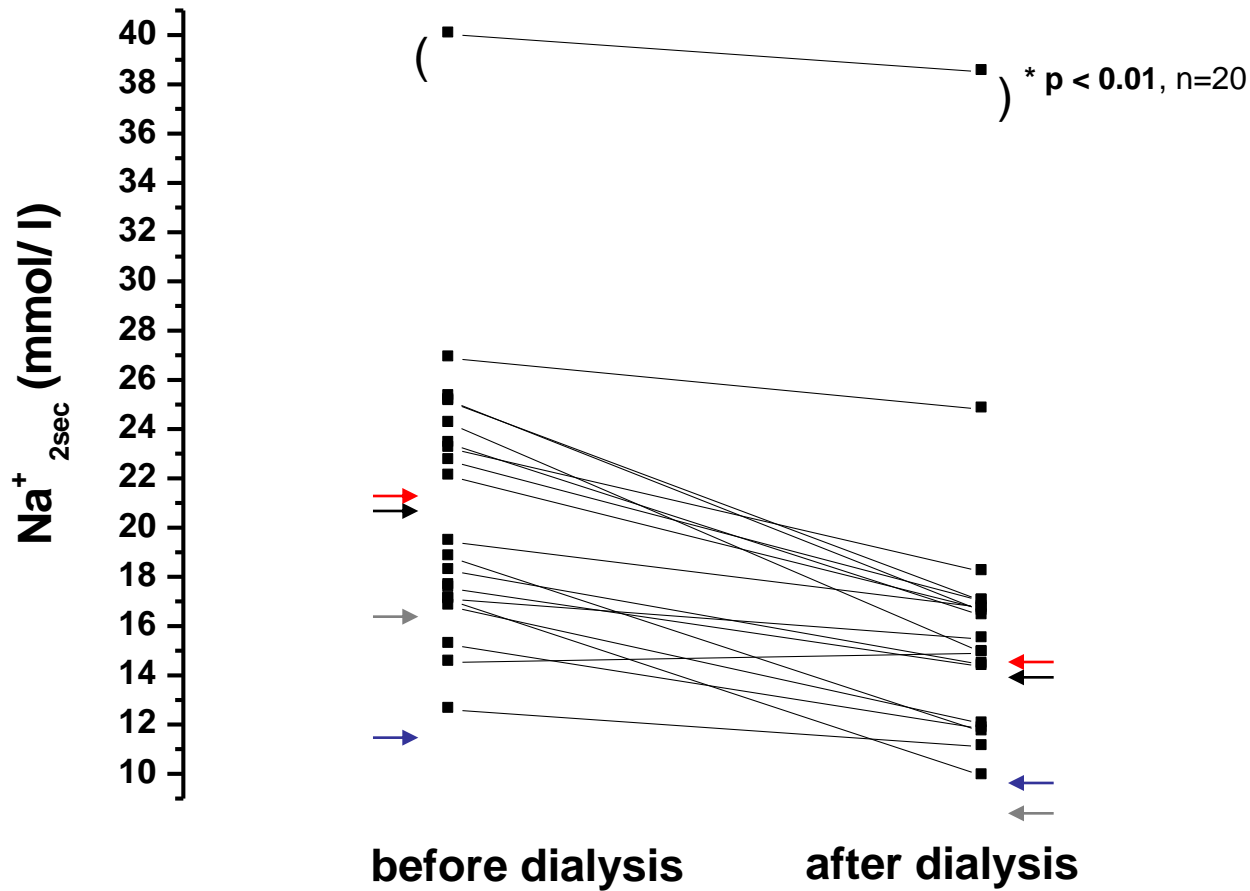


post dialysis



# Na<sup>+</sup><sub>2msec</sub> in muscle before/ after dialysis

## M. triceps surae

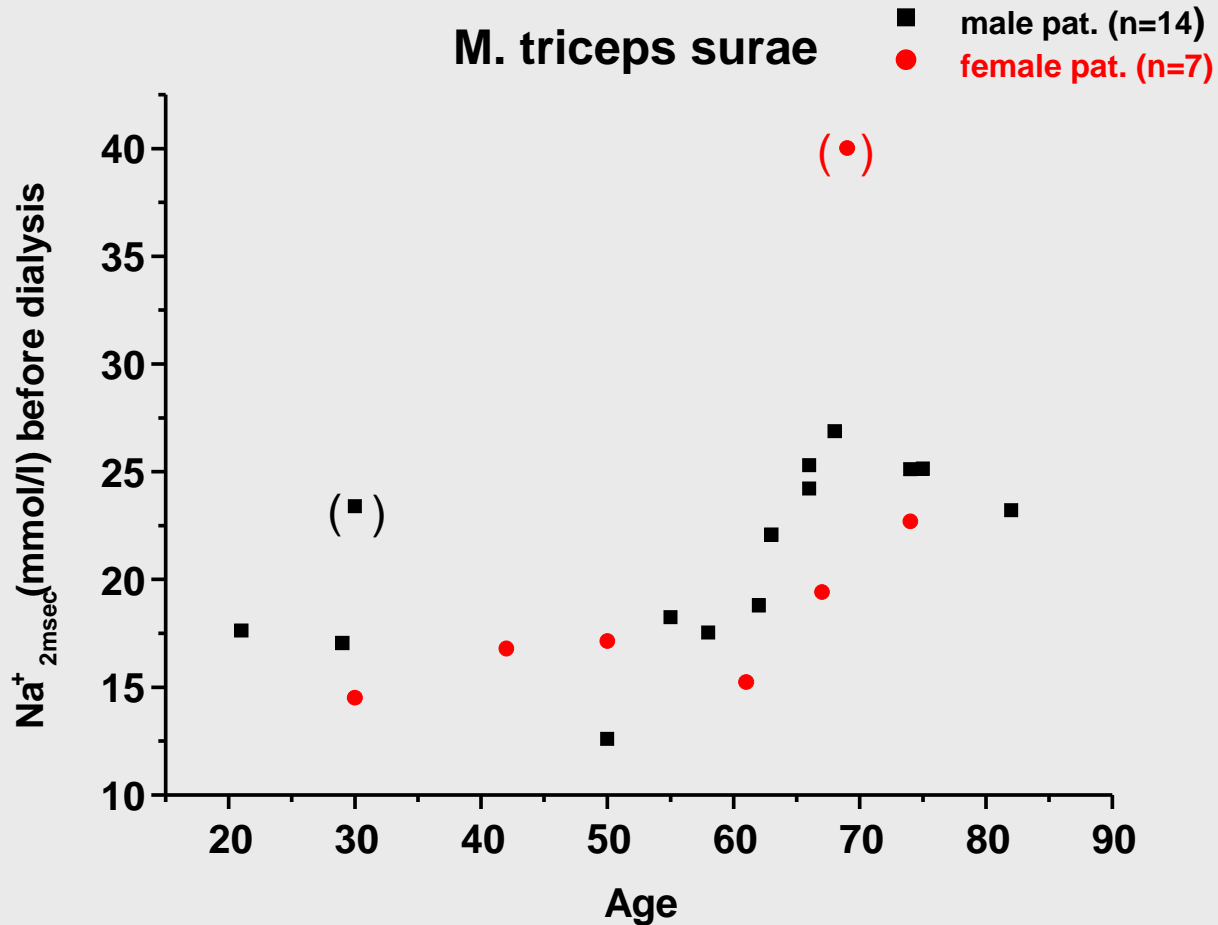


20.15 ± 4.17 mmol/l

15.56 ± 3.62 mmol/l

Δ: ~ 4.6 mmol/l

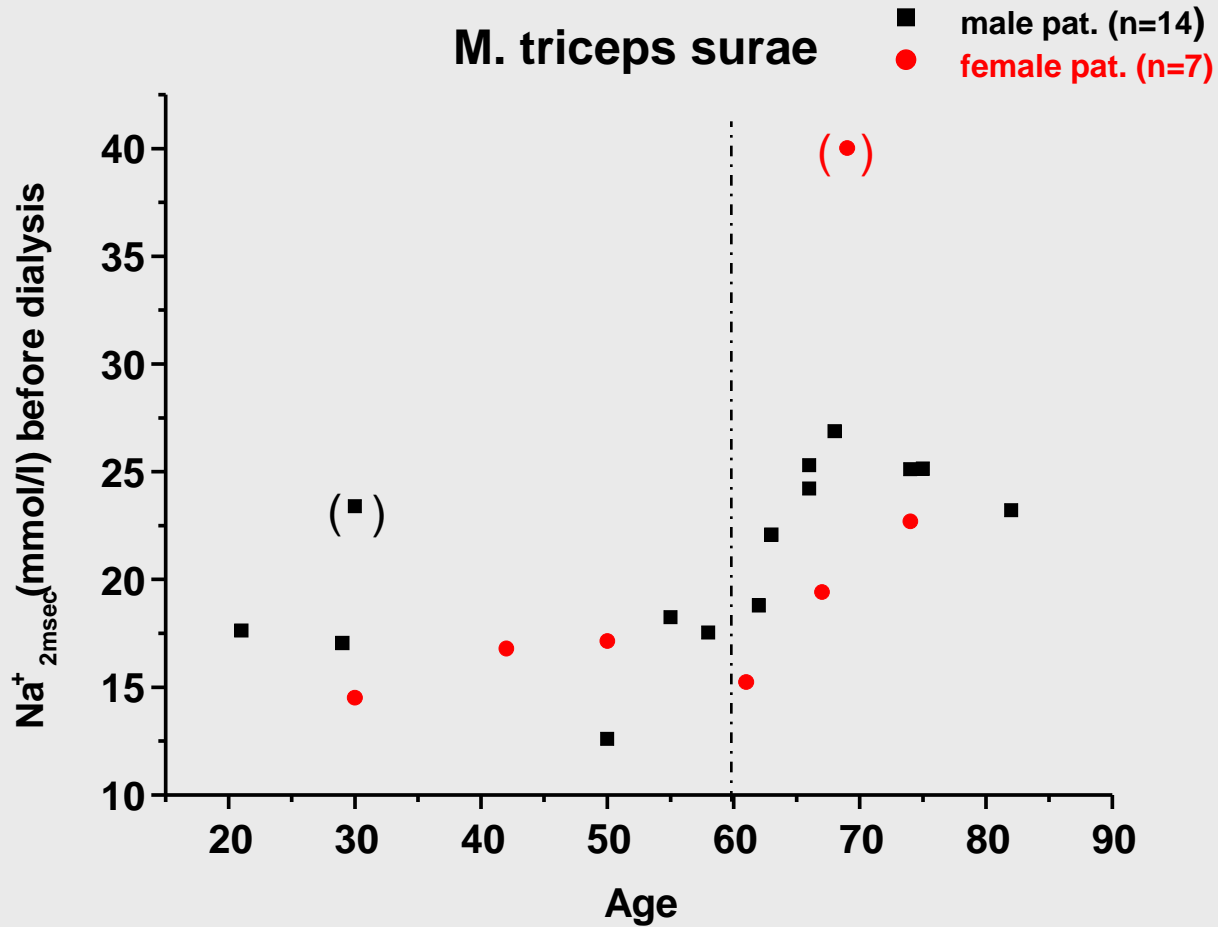
# gender dependency of initial $\text{Na}^+$ <sub>2msec</sub> in muscle



**Male (58,8 ± 19,1 yrs): 21,23 ± 4,21 mmol/l**

**Female (54,0 ± 16,5 yrs): 17,64 ± 3,0 mmol/l, p < 0.1**

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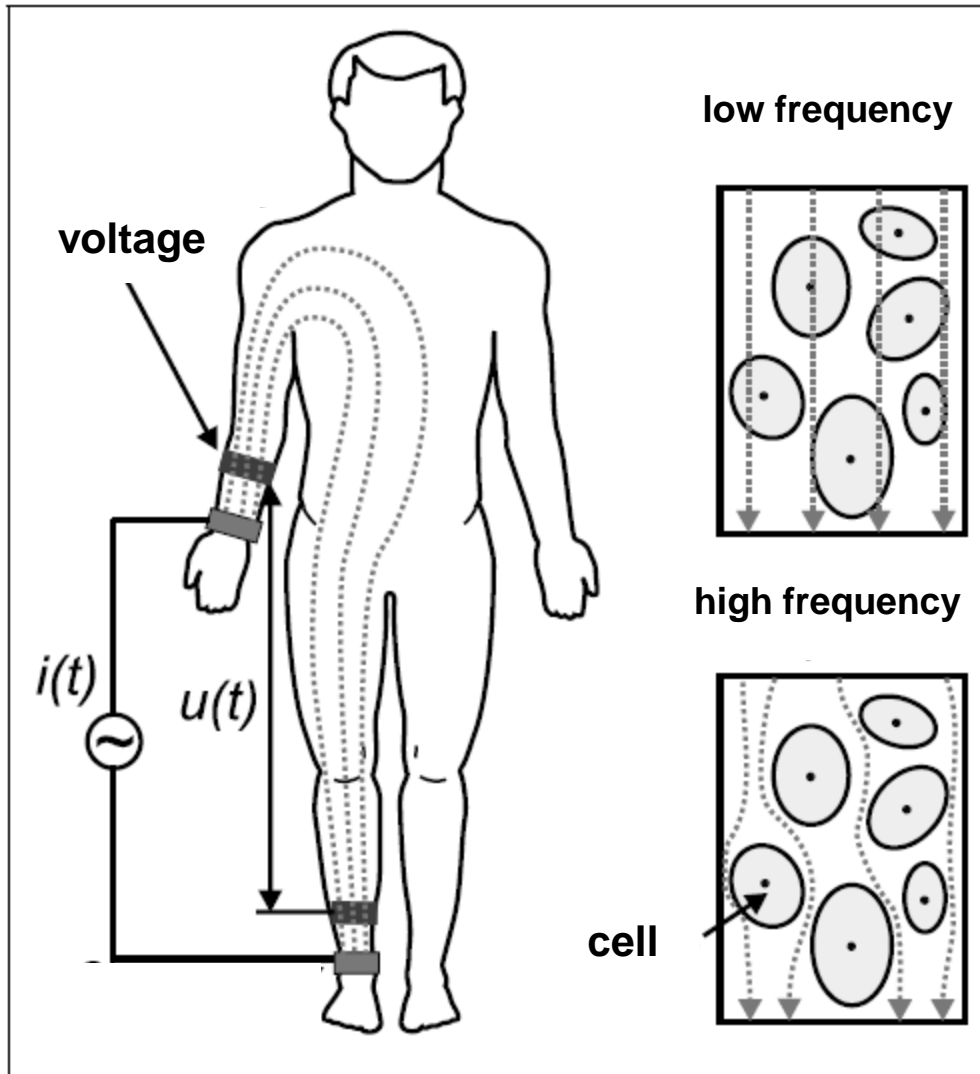
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# Body composition measurement (BCM)



## measurements

- resistancy
- impedance
- reactance

## parameter

- age
- gender
- height
- body weight

frequency: 5 kHz – 1MHz



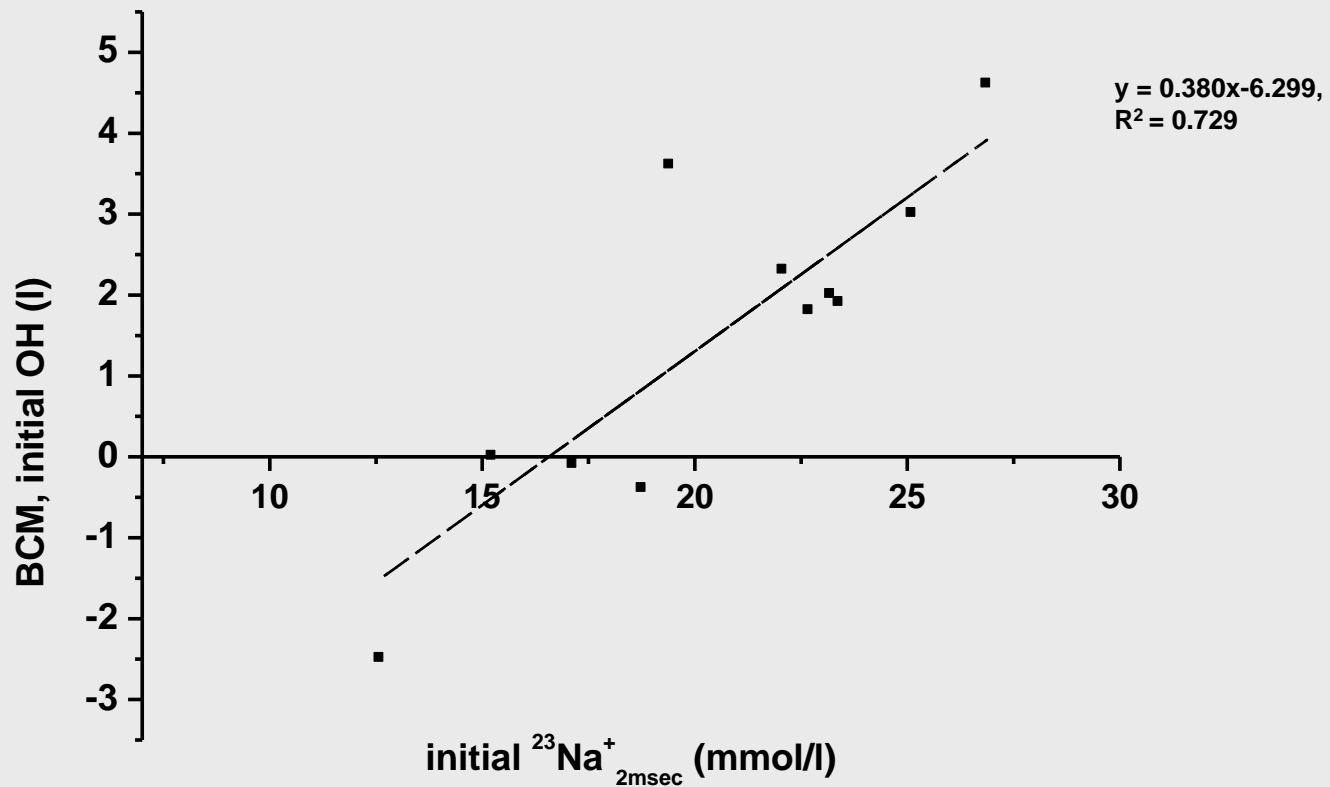
## BCM and hemodialysis

	OH (l)	TBW (l)	ECW (l)	ICW (l)	E/I	LTM (kg)	LTI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )
DS1 pre HD	0	25,2	12,7	12,5	1,01	19,9	7,5
DS2 pre HD	2	36,2	18,2	18	1,01	36,3	13,7
DS3 pre HD	2,3	38,2	18,9	19,7	0,96	39,9	13,5

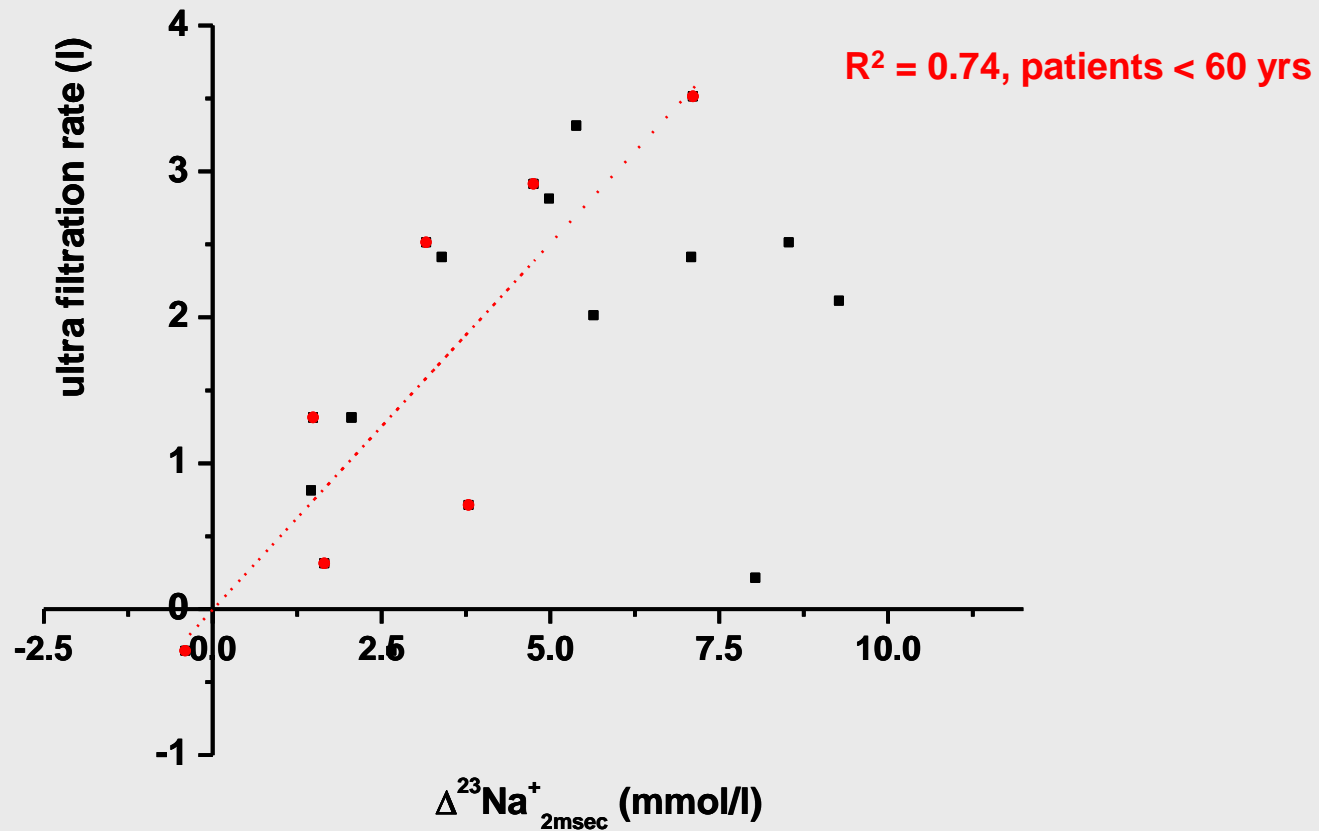
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DS2 post HD	0,5	33,8	16,4	17,4	0,94	34,3	12,9
DS3 post HD	-0,4	36,2	16,3	19,9	0,82	40,2	13,6

# Bioimpedance and muscle sodium content

Na<sup>+</sup>- content in M.triceps surae determines overhydration



# Ultrafiltration rate and Na<sup>+</sup> removal



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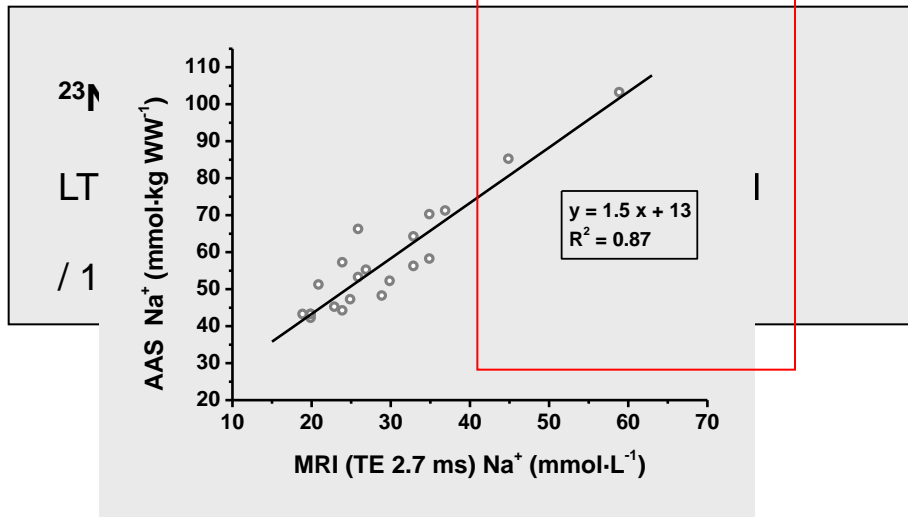


# estimation of total Na<sup>+</sup> removal

## Subjects < 60 yrs:

## Subjects > 60 yrs:

	<sup>23</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> muscle (mmol/kg)	ultra-filtration (l)	LTM (kg)		<sup>23</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> muscle (mmol/kg)	ultra-filtration (l)	LTM (kg)
pre	38.7				50.2		
post	33.4		~ 43.6		41.8		~ 43.6
<b>Delta</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>~ 1.55</b>			<b>8.4</b>	<b>~ 1.77</b>	



<sup>23</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> content muscle	=
LTM (kg) * <sup>23</sup> Na <sup>+</sup> (mmol/kg)	= 313.6 mmol
/ 140 mmol/l	~ 2,24 l

**water free sodium removal?**

## Conclusion

water free sodium retention

osmotically neutral Na<sup>+</sup> /K<sup>+</sup> exchange

osmotically inactive Na<sup>+</sup> storage

<sup>23</sup>Na MRI

diagnostic tool

<sup>23</sup>Na MRI and dialysis

gender/ age dependency

Open questions concerning dialysis treatment!



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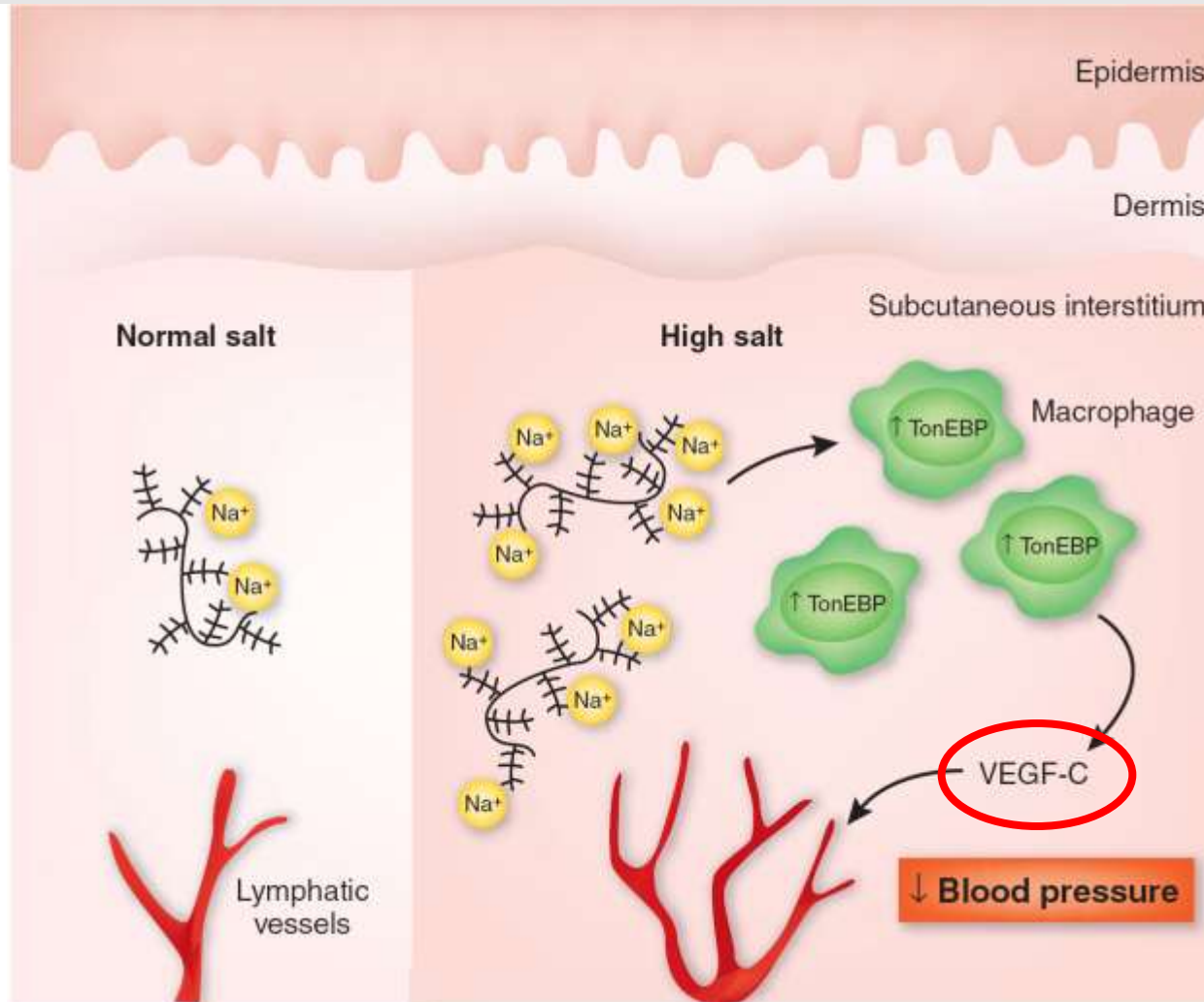
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# MPS cells and blood pressure regulation



## Clinical relevance: VEGF-C and RR?

