



From bench to bedside

Polycystic kidney diseases

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Outline

- Definitions, clinical presentation
- Pathophysiology of cyst formation
- Clinical implications, studies

Hereditary polycystic diseases

- **Polycystic Kidney disease**
 - (AD, AR)
- **Juvenile nephronophthisis**
- **Cysts associated with multiple malformations**
 - **Autosomal dominant**
 - Tuberous sclerosis
 - von Hippel–Lindau disease
 - **X linked dominant**
 - Orofaciodigital syndrome, type I
 - **Autosomal recessive:**
 - Meckel syndrome, asphyxiating thorax dystrophy of Jeune type,
 - Zellweger cerebrohepatorenal syndrome,
 - Goldston syndrome, etc. (glomerulocystic disease in most of the cases)
 - **Chromosomal abnormalities**
 - 21 trisomy, 13 trisomy, 18 trisomy

ARPKD

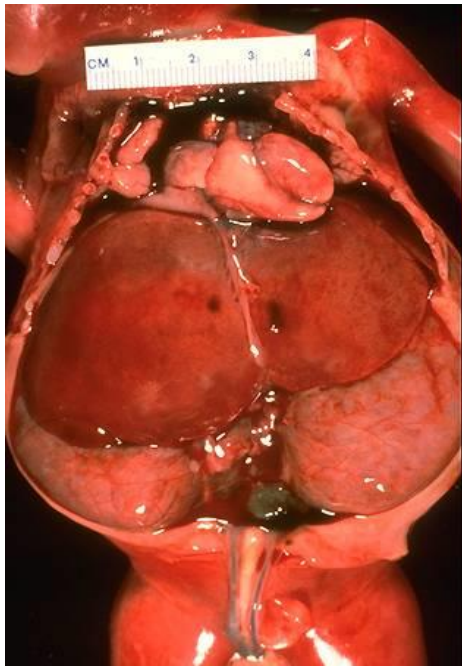
PKHD1

Carrier

frequency 1:65

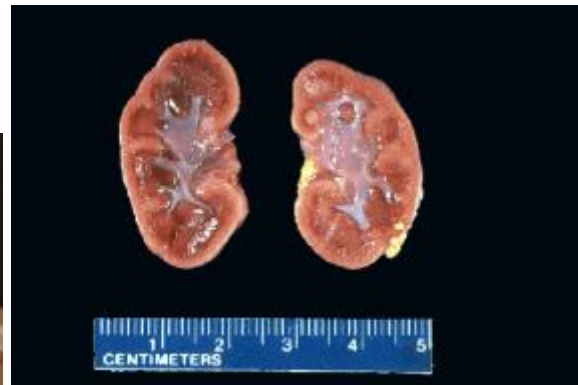
Incidence
1:15.000

ERDS in
childhood



Enormous kidneys filling the abdomen
Preterm neonate (23. gestational week)
Respiratory distress, exitus lethalis

Normal kidney



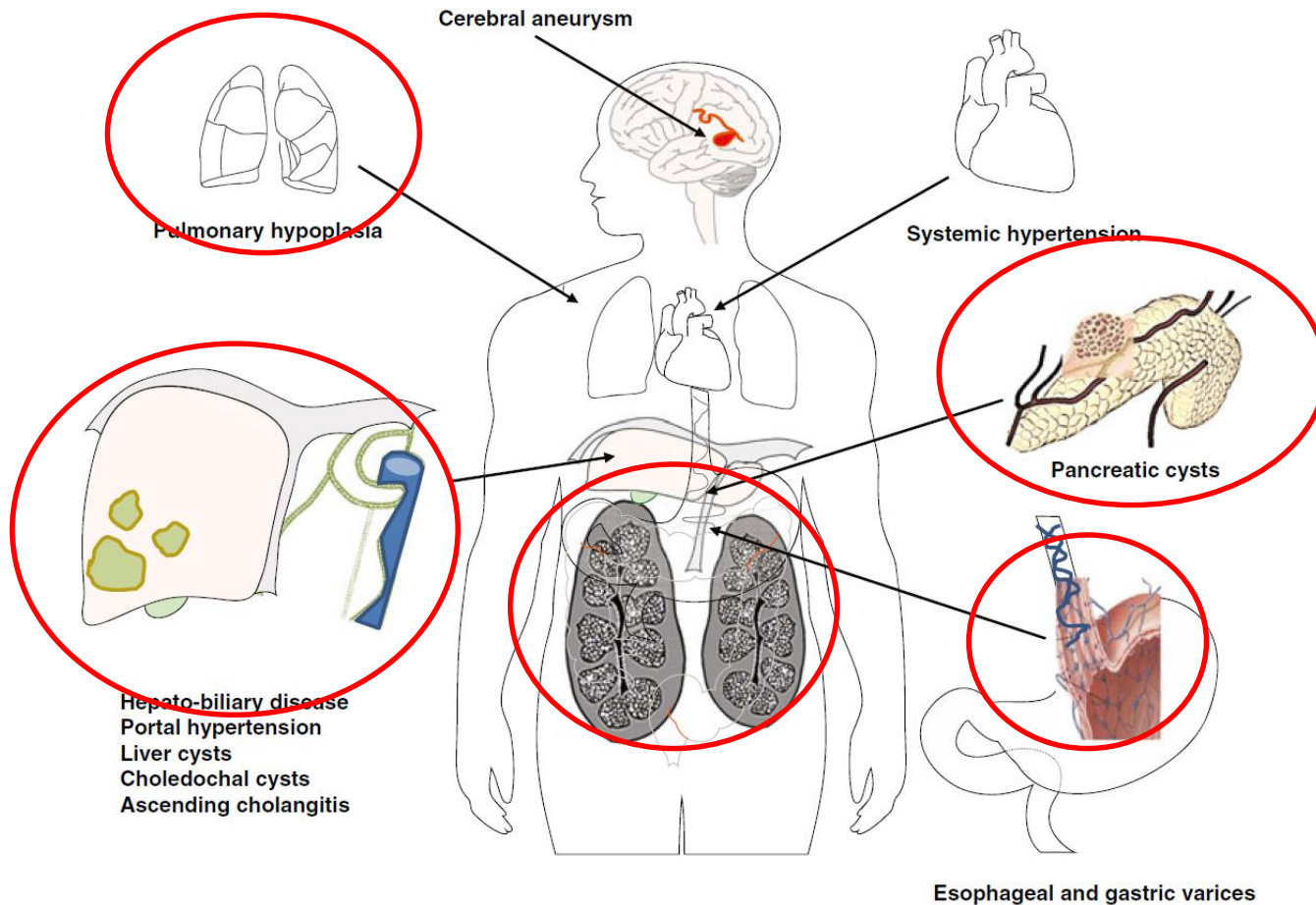
ARPKD kidney

Enlarged kidney no corticomedullary
difference



Ten-day-old preterm infant (34th
week) with autosomal
recessive polycystic kidney disease

ARPKD

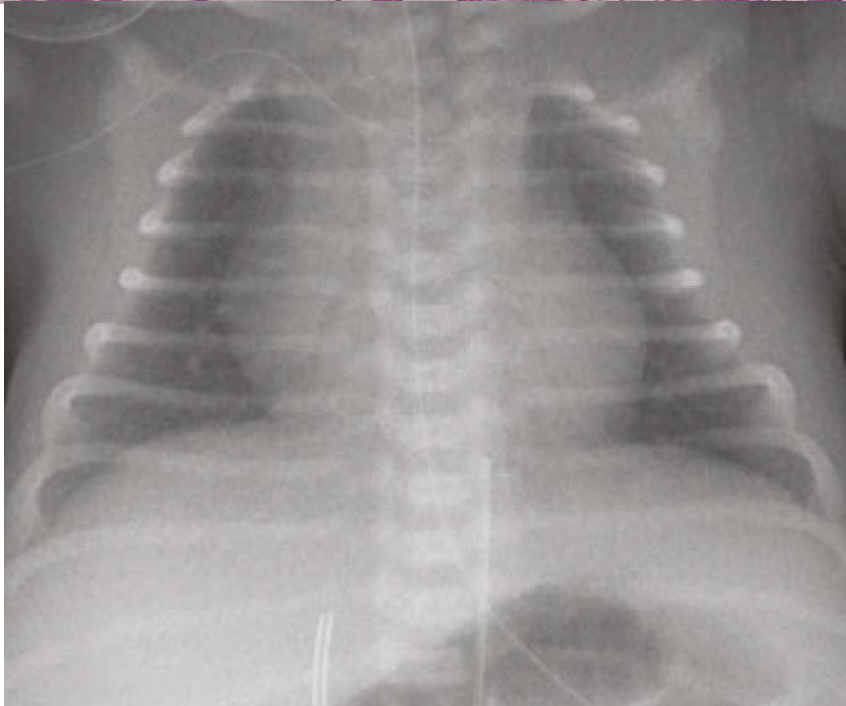


ARPKD

the kidney parenchyma is replaced
by cysts



Pulmonary hypoplasia in ARPKD



Color Doppler ultrasound image and endoscopy of a 8-year-old boy with autosomal recessive polycystic kidney disease (ARPKD) and esophageal and gastric varices



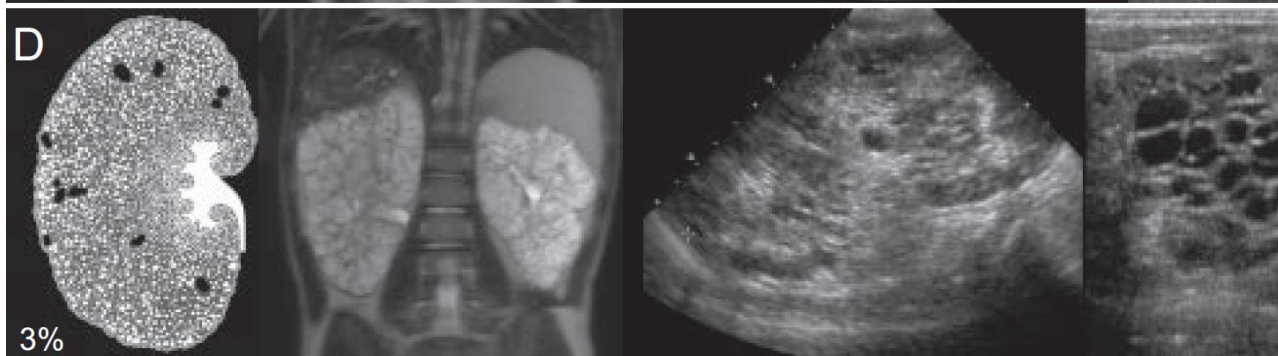
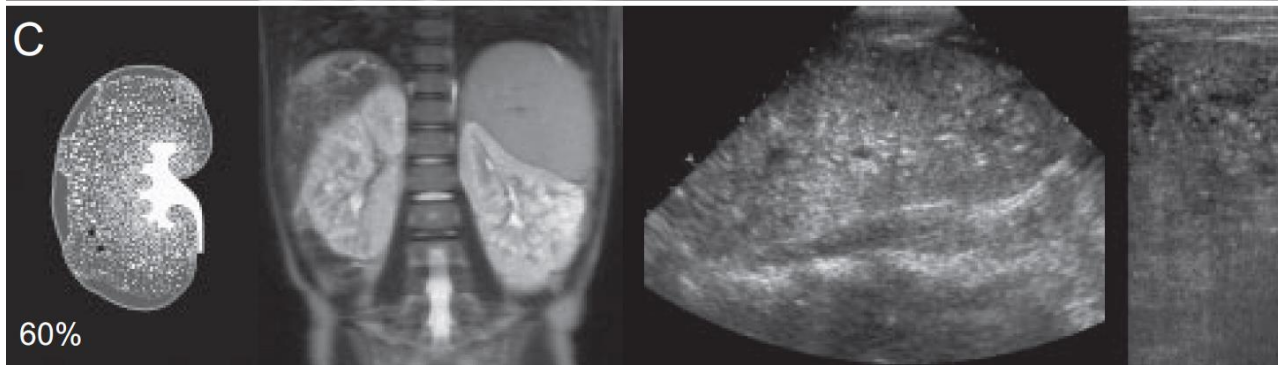
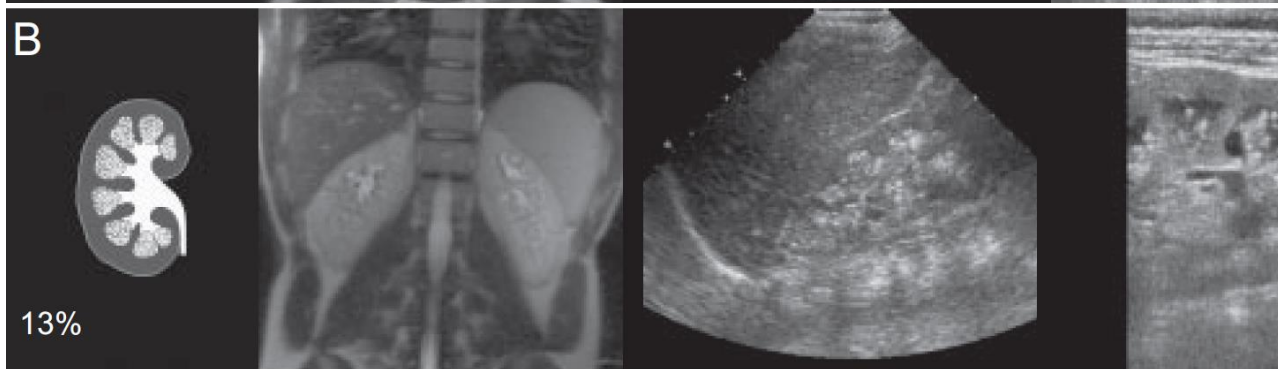
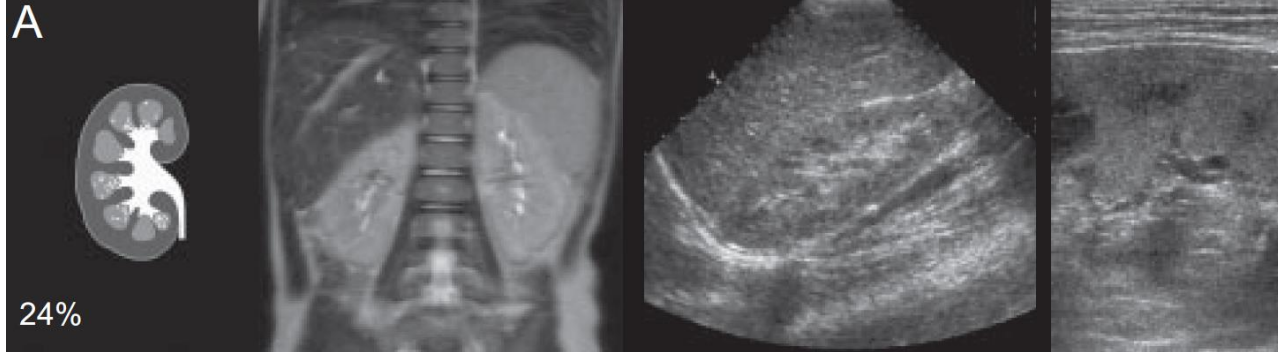
ARPKD: congenital liver fibrosis

The defective fibrocystin (see later) is present in the kidney, the liver and the pancreas as well

ARPKD

Principal consequences of renal manifestation

- **Foetus** (about 30% of the cases)
 - oligohydramnios, pulmonary hypoplasia, Potter sequence, IU death
- **Newborn**
 - **Severe CRF** – usually combined with respiratory distress
 - **Less severe CRF** - hypertension, electrolyte-, acid-base imbalance, failure to thrive
 - **Normal kidney function** and less severe manifestations
 - mild proteinuria, glucosuria, hyperphosphaturia, increased urinary excretion of magnesium)
 - Recurrent episodes of **UTI**
 - **Kidney function may recover with time**



Kidney ultrasound patterns in ARPKD

N=62

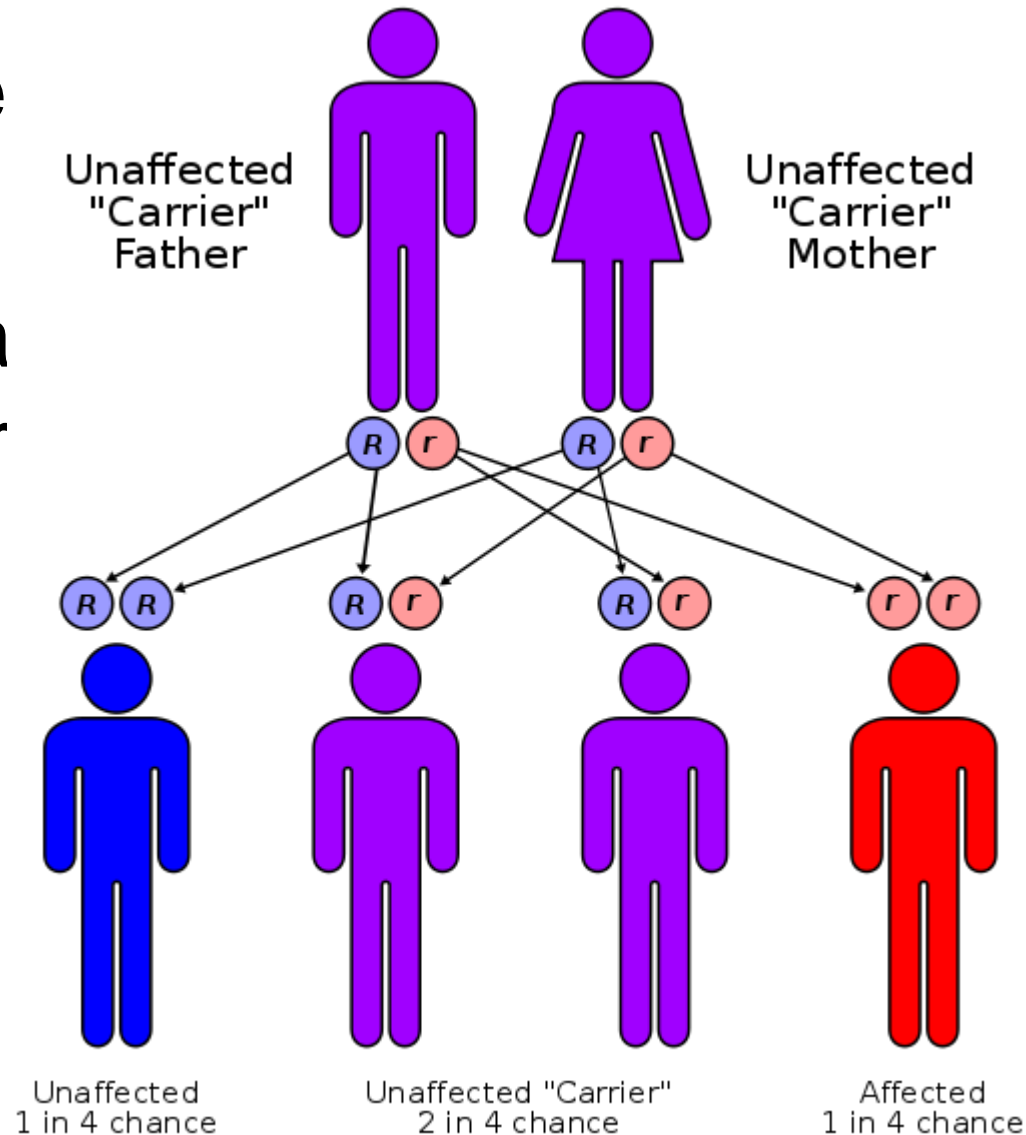
Clin J Am Soc Nephrol
5: 972–984, 2010

Principal **extrarenal manifestations**

- Hepatic fibrosis
 - May be present already at infancy
 - Dominantly vascular involvement (portal hypertension)
 - Parenchymal insufficiency later during the course
 - Severe adverse events
 - Bleeding from esophageal varices
 - Encephalopathy
 - Finally may need hepatic transplantation

Family counseling - genetic testing

- AR patte
- Preimpla
laborator



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PKD1>PKD2

Incidence 1:500-1.000 (5% sporadic)

Fourth cause of ESRD

PKD1: ESRD at 54 y - PKD2 at 74 y

Collecting duct, distal nephron

Liver and pancreatic cysts

ADPKD



Enlarged kidneys filling the retroperitoneum and the abdominal cavity



The parenchyma is replaced by cysts

Principal consequences of renal manifestation

Hypertension

May be the first sign of disease

Hematuria

May be due to kidney stone formation or macro/micro trauma affecting one or multiple cysts

UTI

Infection of the cystic parenchyma may lead to abscess formation

Cyst rupture

Cysts subject to trauma may rupture

Principal **extrarenal manifestations**

Hepatic and pancreatic cysts

Asymptomatic in many patients, but can expand and cause pain and infection; rarely massive PLD

Cardiac valvular abnormalities

Mitral, tricuspid and aortic valve prolapse and regurgitation

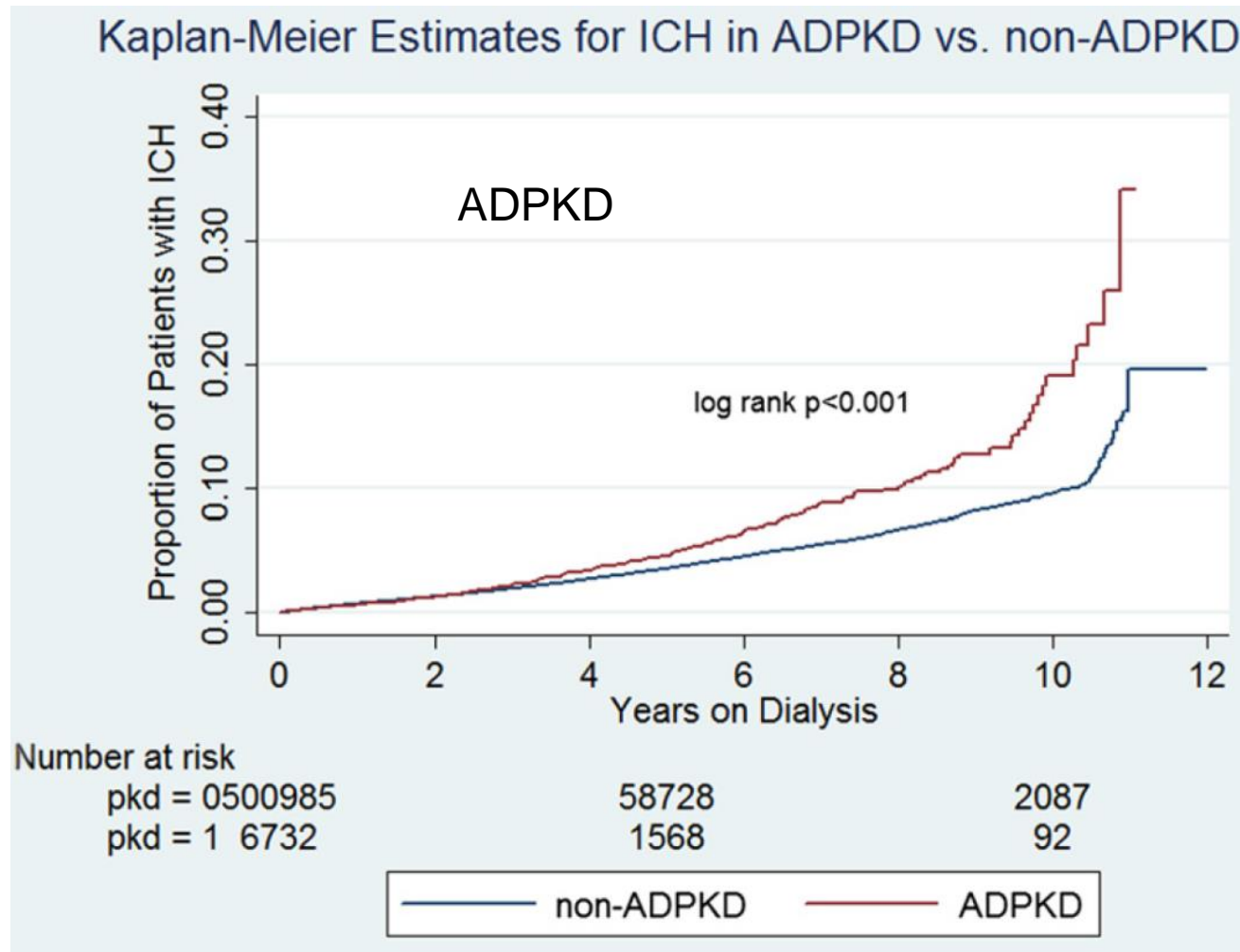
Intracranial aneurysms

Risk of rupture; size predictive. Found in approximately 5% of patients with no family history and about 22% of patients with family history of ICA or SAH

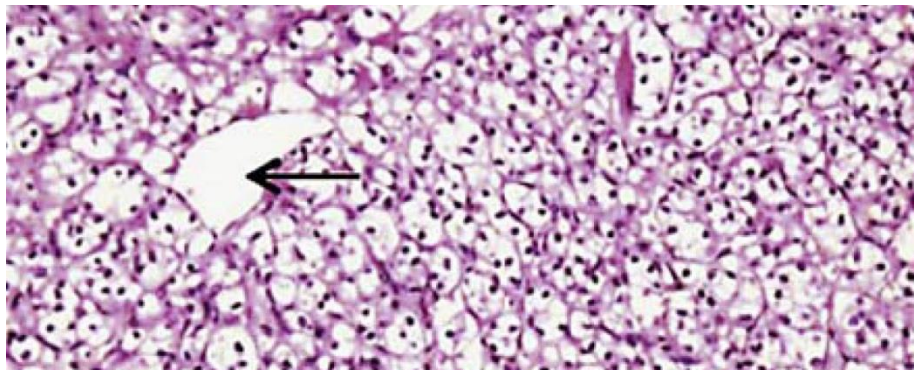
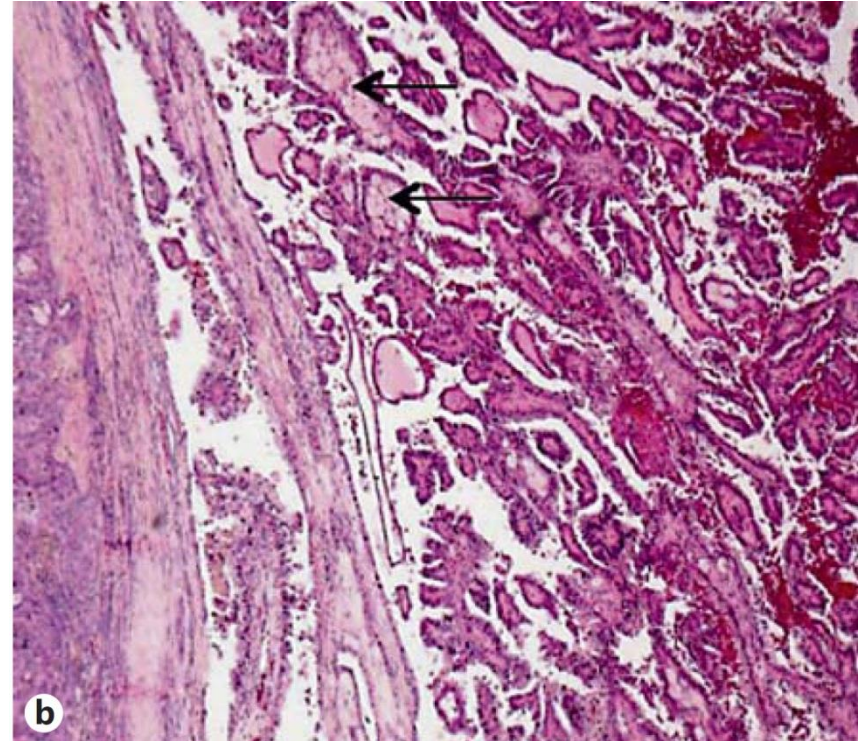
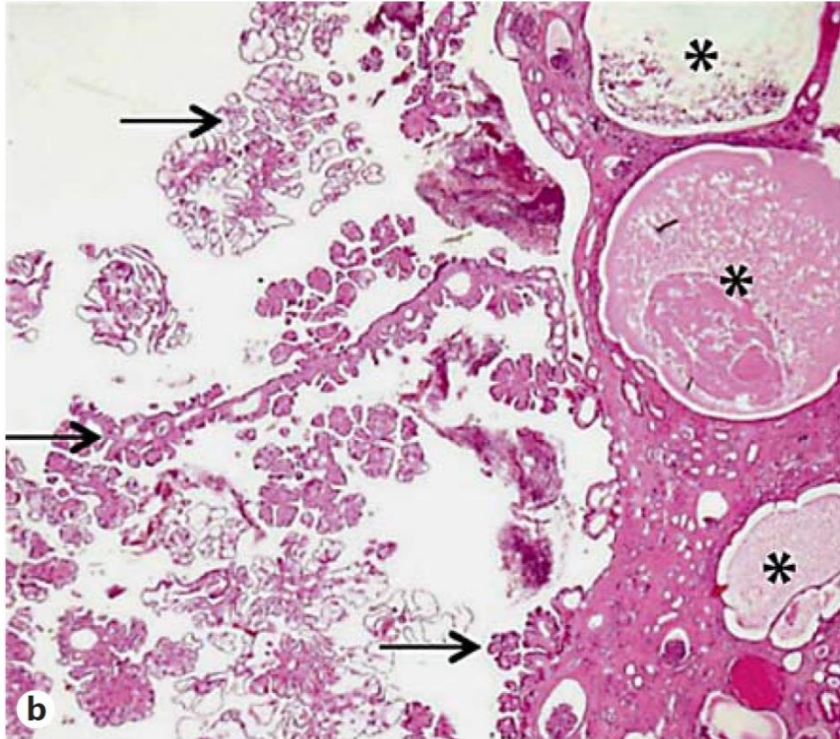
Seminal vesicle cysts

Found in 39-60% of men; undefined risk of infertility

ADPKD is a significant risk factor for ICH among patients on maintenance dialysis



ADPKD: Renal Neoplasias in Surgical Kidney Specimens



N=240

Malignancy: 12/240 = 5% (8/12 on dialysis)

63% papillary 31% clear cell RCC

6% urothelial CC

Jilg CA et al: Nephron Clin Pract 2013;123:13–21

Presymptomatic diagnosis of ADKPD

- AD inheritance
- Selection of transplant donor within an ADPKD family
- Benefits
 - Earlier clinical intervention, i.e., for hypertension
- Potential adverse impact on insurability and employment
 - Indicated if there is specific therapy available for ADPKD
- ?Prenatal diagnosis
- ?Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis

US criteria for ADPKD in a PKD family

age	Number of cysts
< 30	At least 2 cysts in one or both kidneys
30-59	At least 2 cysts/kidney
>60	At least 4 cysts/kidney

At least one family member ESRD \leq 55 years

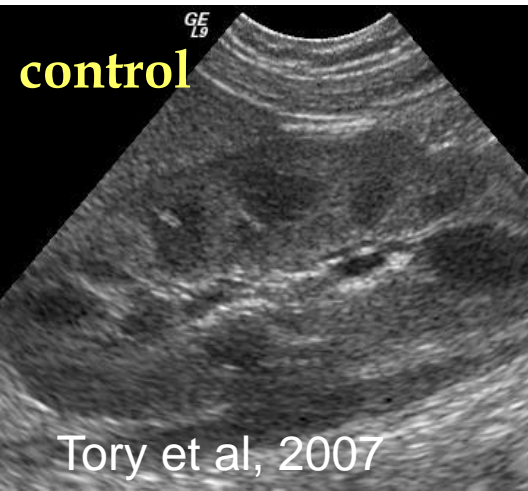
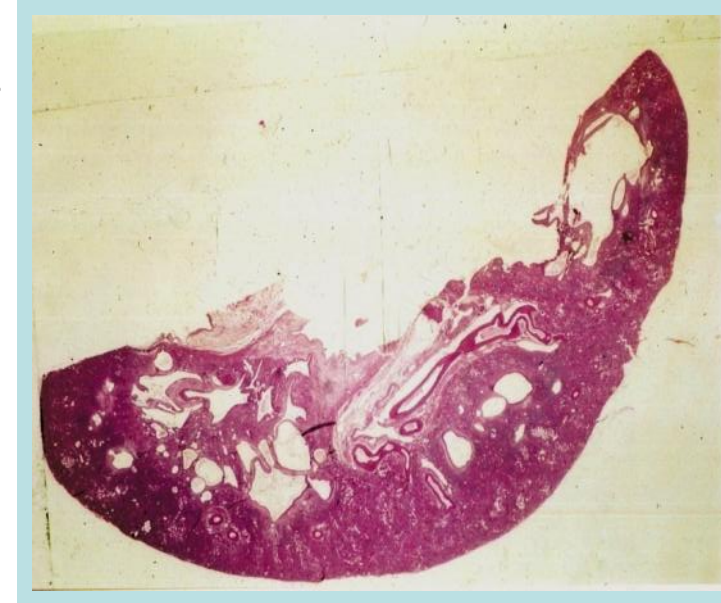
JASN 20:205, 2009, JASN 20:1833, 2009

US criteria or in a family with unknown genotype

age	cysts
15-39	At least 3 cysts in one or both kidneys
40-59	At least 2 cysts/kidney
>60	At least 4 cysts/kidney
No ADPKD if:	
≥40	< 2 cysts

Nephronophthisis – macroscopic morphology

1. Dimension: in juvenile NPH the kidney is usually small, in the infantile type it may be enlarged (+2-3 SD)
2. Cysts: several cysts at the cortico-medullary boundary. Not a real „cystic” disease
3. **Hyperechogenic**, the cortico-medullary boundary is blurred



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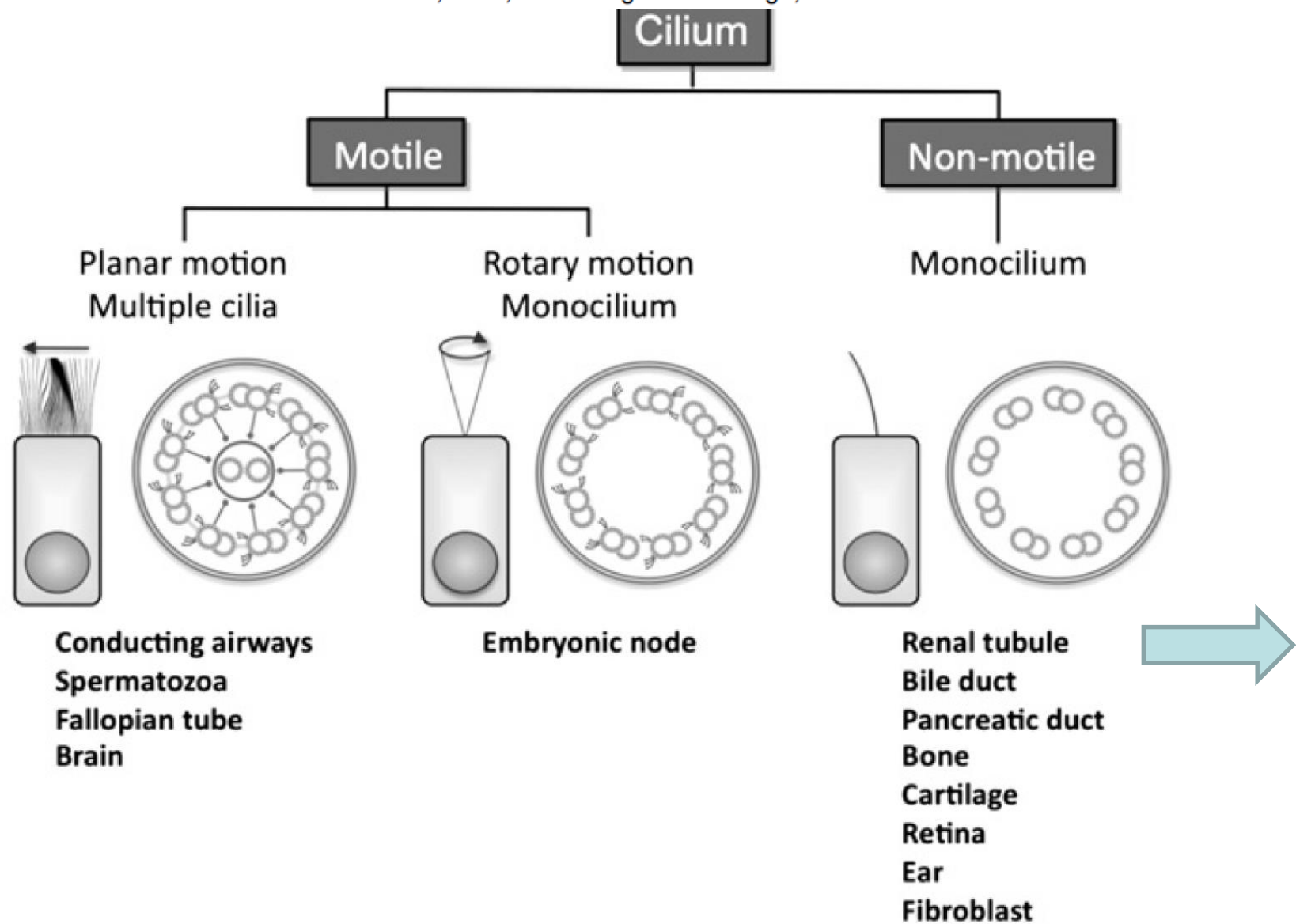
The Cilia Saga

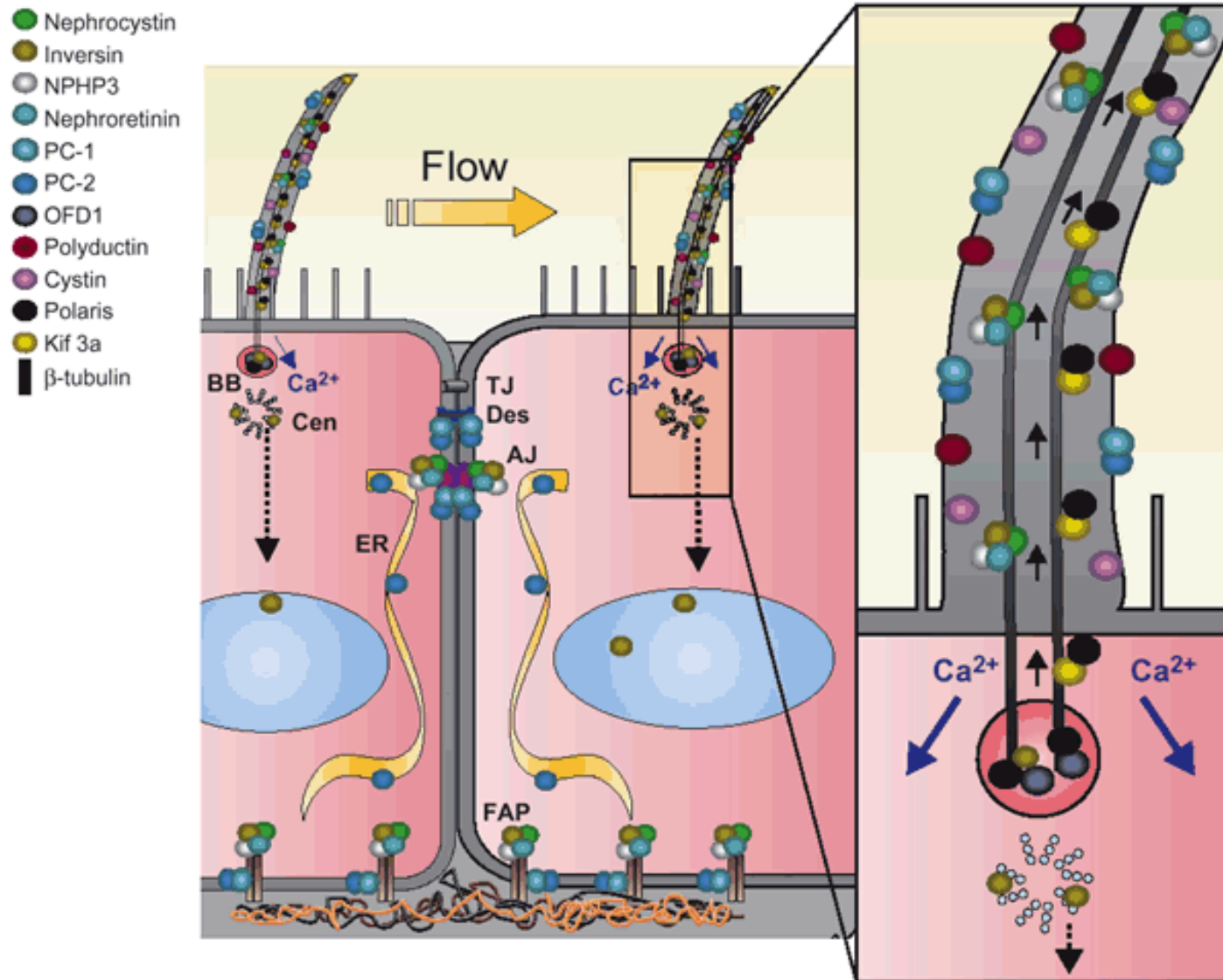
Genes involved in hereditary cystic diseases:

cystic diseases are caused by mutations in genes encoding for proteins involved in the function or structure of the cilia and/or the basal bodies

Ciliopathies: The Central Role of Cilia in a Spectrum of Pediatric Disorders

Thomas W. Ferkol, MD¹, and Margaret W. Leigh, MD²





Unifying concept: the example of nephronophthisis

- Tubulointerstitial nephropathy
 - Polyuria, polydipsia
 - Anemia
 - Normal blood pressure
 - ESRD
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- Further characteristics
 - Multiple syndromes and type of inheritance
 - Joubert, Bardet Biedl
 - Associated anomalies
 - Liver,
 - CNS
 - Retina
 - Olfactory
 - (Hearing)
 - Situs inversus
 - Kartagener syndrome

Nephronophthysis

- diversity

Pediatr Nephrol (2009) 24:2333–2344

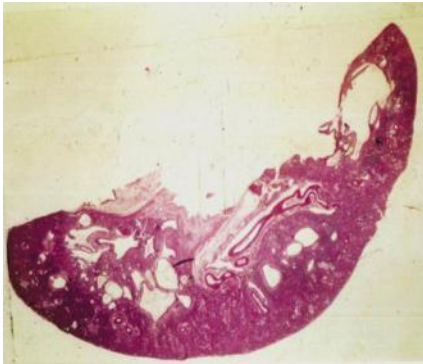
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Table 1 Genetic heterogeneity and overlap of nephronophthysis (NPH), Senior-Løken, Joubert, and Meckel-Gruber syndromes

Locus	Chromosome	Gene*	Clinical manifestations
NPHP1/SLSN1	2q13	<i>NPHP1</i> (nephrocystin-1)	Juvenile neph (mild JBTS, mild RP, Cogan)
NPHP2	9q31	<i>NPHP2/INVS</i> (Inversin)	Infantile neph (RP, liver fibrosis, HT)
NPHP3/SLSN3	3q22	<i>NPHP3</i> (nephrocystin-3)	Juvenile neph (liver fibrosis, RP)
NPHP4/SLSN4	1p36	<i>NPHP4</i> (nephrocystin-4 or nephroretinin)	Juvenile neph (Cogan, RP)
NPHP5/SLSN5	3q21	<i>NPHP5/IQCB1</i>	Juvenile neph + severe RP
NPHP6/SLSN6/JBTS5/ MKS4	12q21	<i>NPHP6/CEP290</i>	Juvenile neph + JBTS + severe RP, isolated RP, (MKS)
NPHP7	16p	<i>NPHP7/GLIS2</i>	Juvenile neph
NPHP8/JBTS7/MKS5	16q	<i>NPHP8/RPGRIP1L</i>	Juvenile neph + JBTS (MKS)
NPHP9	17q11	<i>NPHP9/NEK8</i>	Juvenile and infantile neph

- ... and ciliae

Ciliary proteins – the nephrocystins



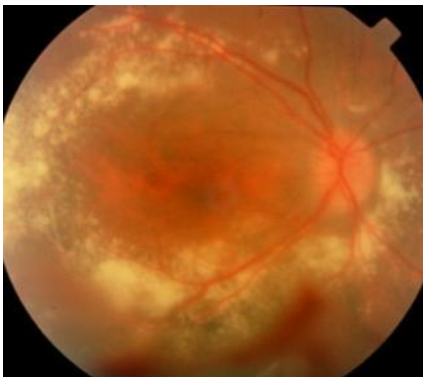
Nephrocystin 1-10

IFT-80



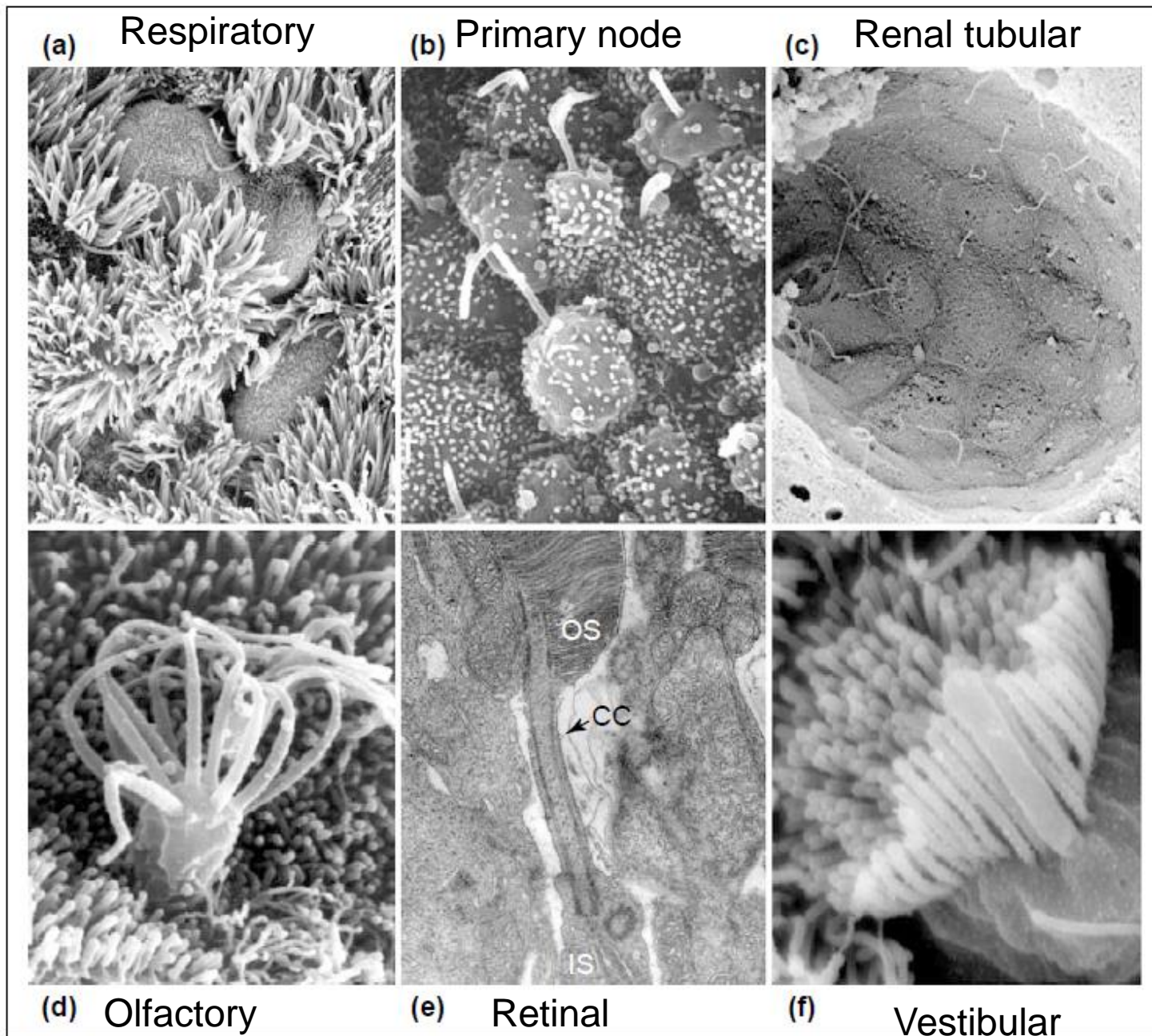
**Nephrocystin
1,3,4,5,6,
RPGR,
RPGRIP1**

**Nephrocystin 1,6,8,
meckelin**

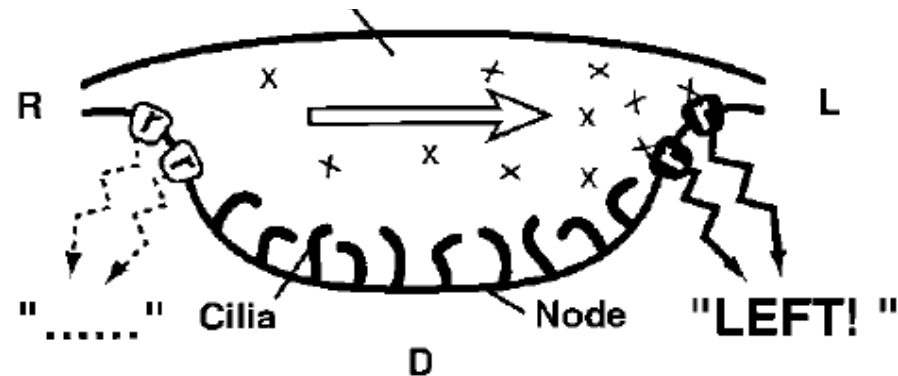


The concept

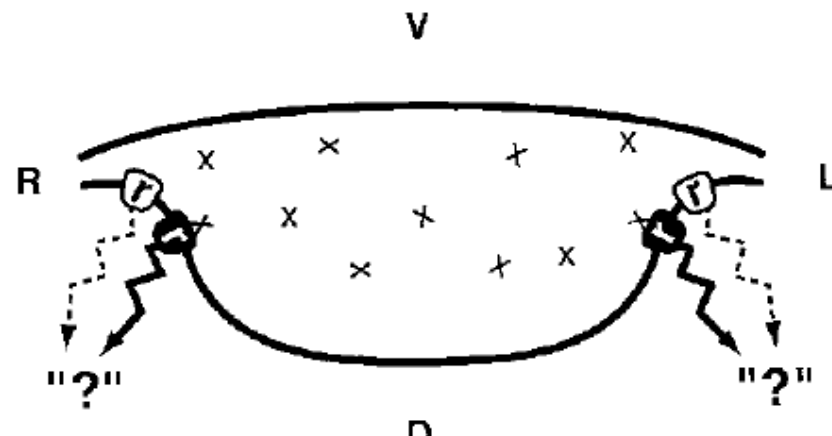
- Inherited cystic diseases are caused by:
 - a defect of proteins involved in the structure and/or the function of the ciliae
- Clinical signs and symptoms: depend on the distribution of the expression of the given protein in the different types of ciliae



Randomization of Left-Right Asymmetry due to Loss of Nodal Cilia Generating Leftward Flow of Extraembryonic Fluid in Mice Lacking KIF3B Motor Protein

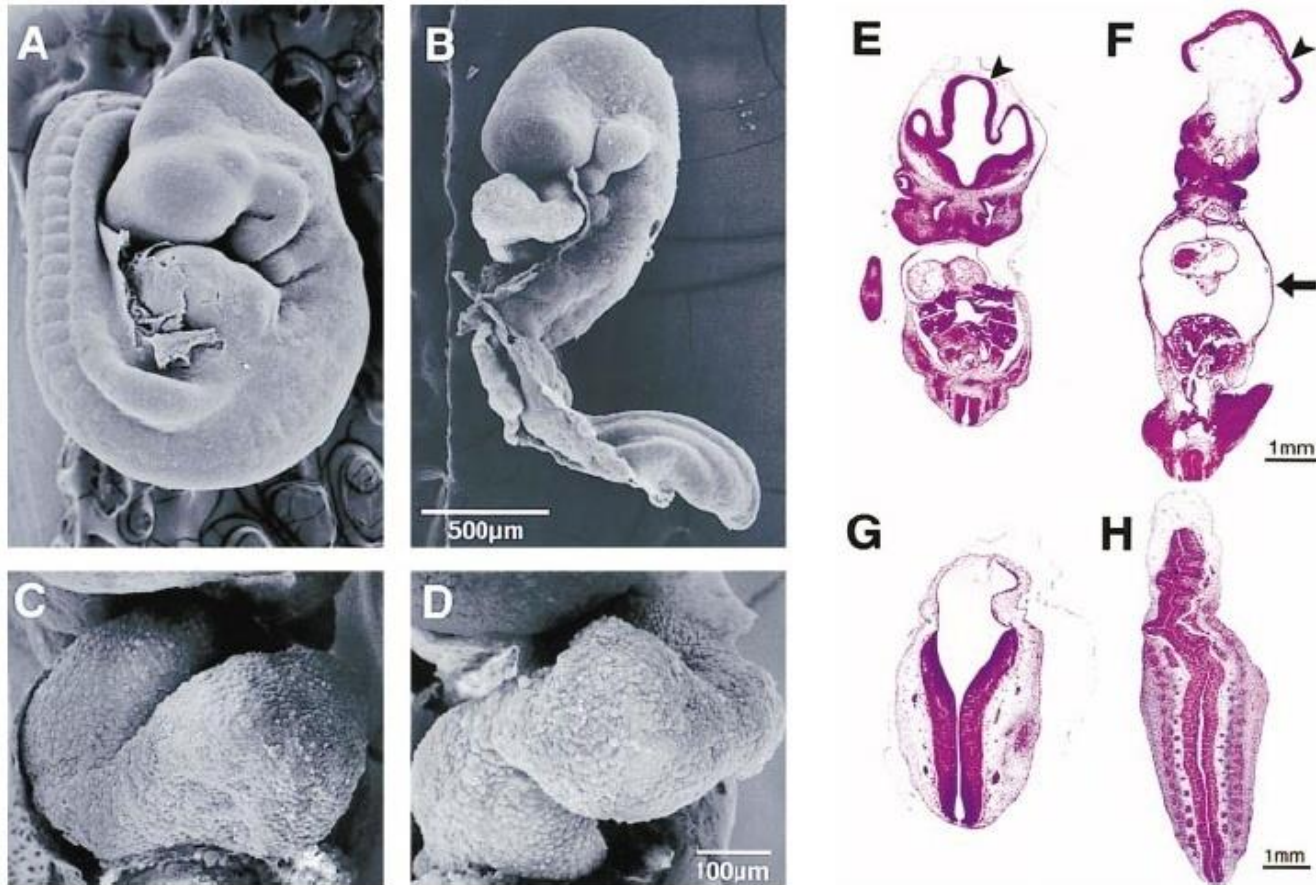


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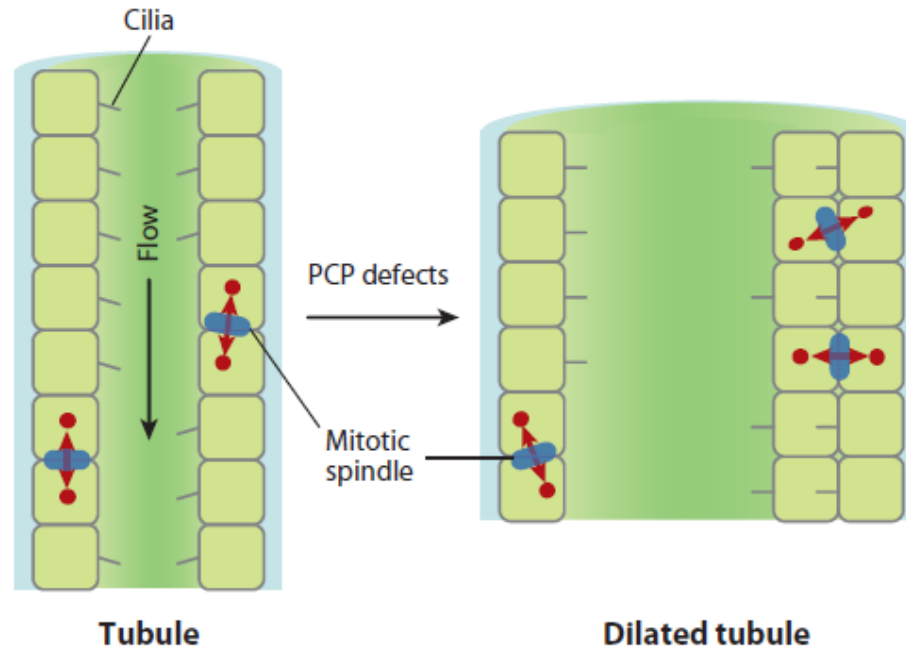


Shigenori Nonaka, et al.

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Ciliary disease and the kidney: „loss of orientation”

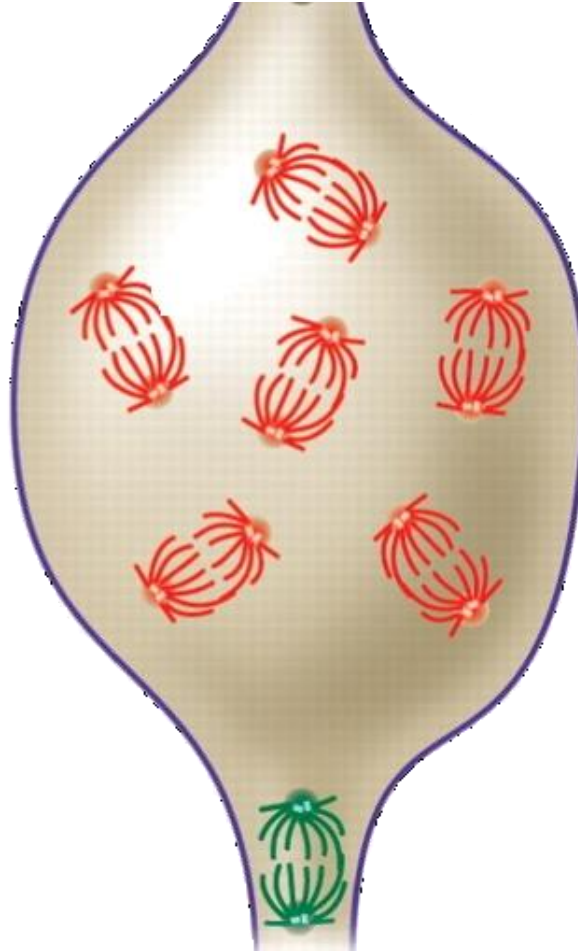


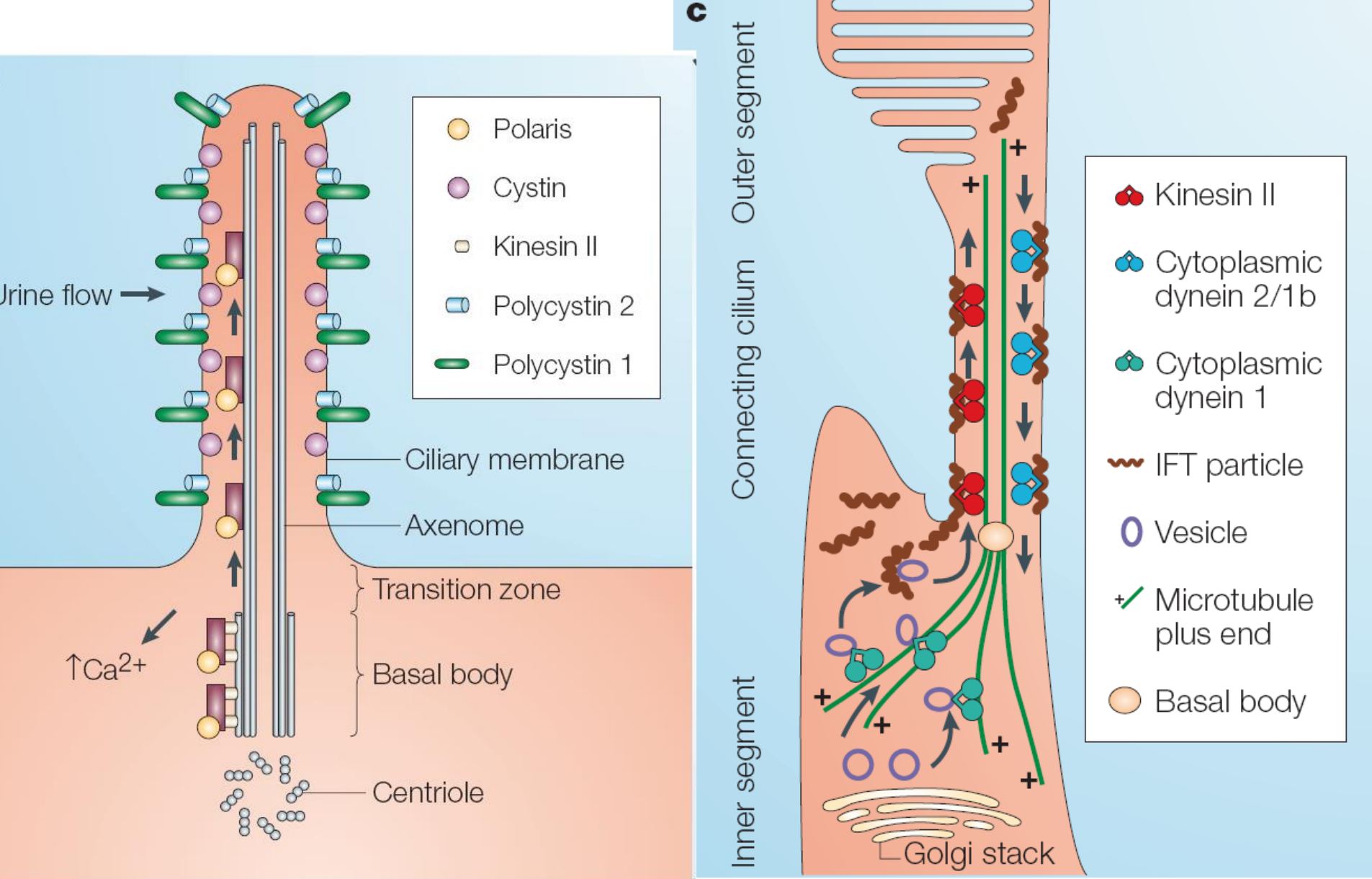
Loss of Planar Polarity: Cyst Initiation

Normal

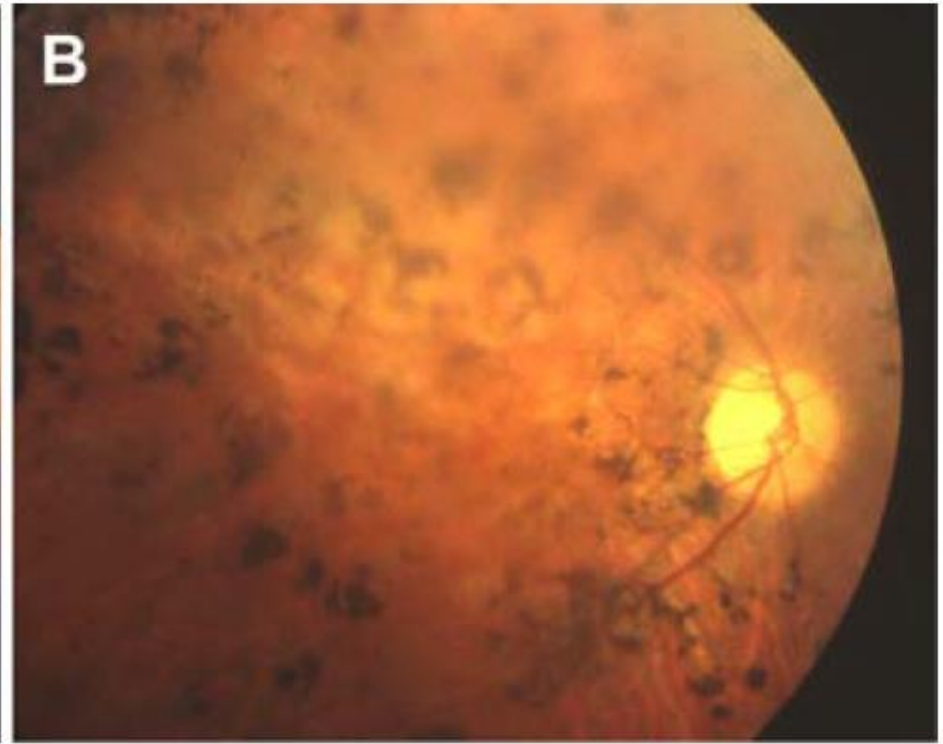
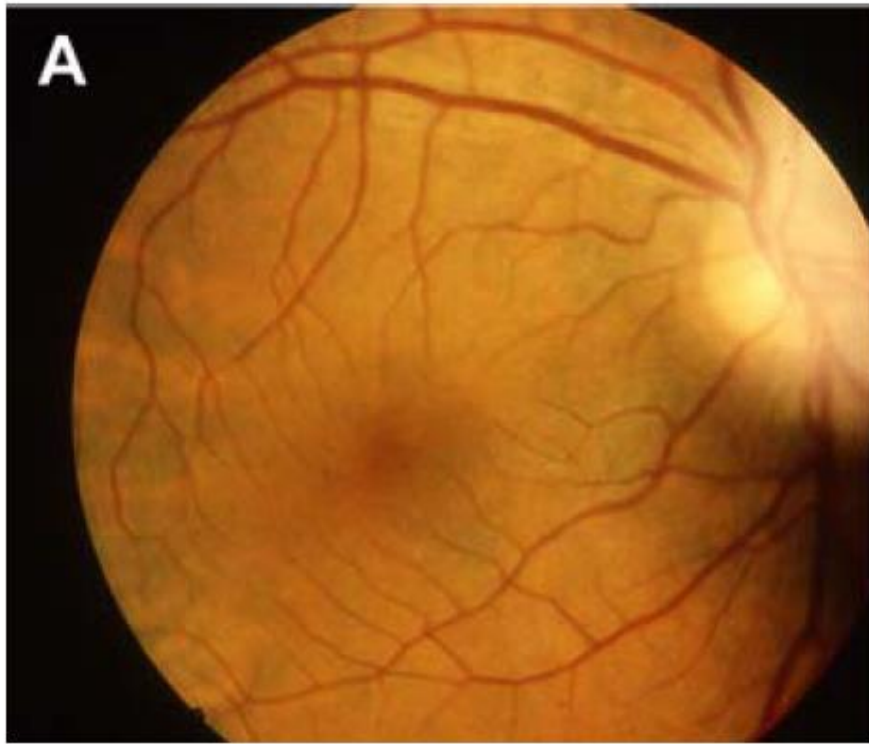


PKD





Ciliary disease and the retina: transport defect



Nephronophthisis

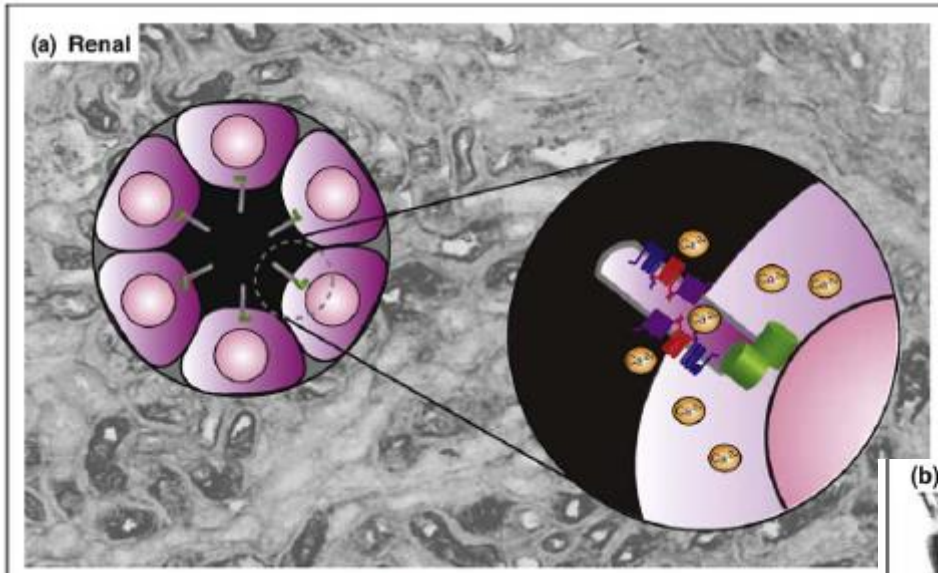
Rémi Salomon • Sophie Saunier • Patrick Niaudet

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Optalmoscopic examinations of a control subject (a) and an affected individual (b) showing typical retinitis pigmentosa fundus characterized by very thin retinal vessels, retinal pigment epithelium atrophy, abnormal pigmentary migrations, and pallor of the optic disk

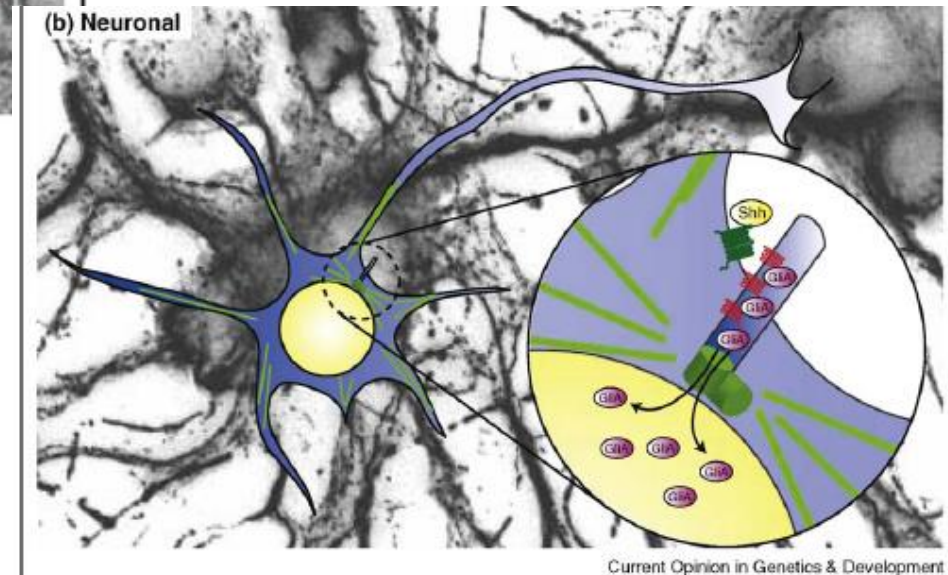
Retinitis pigmentosa

Ciliary disease and the central nervous system: defect of migration & orientation



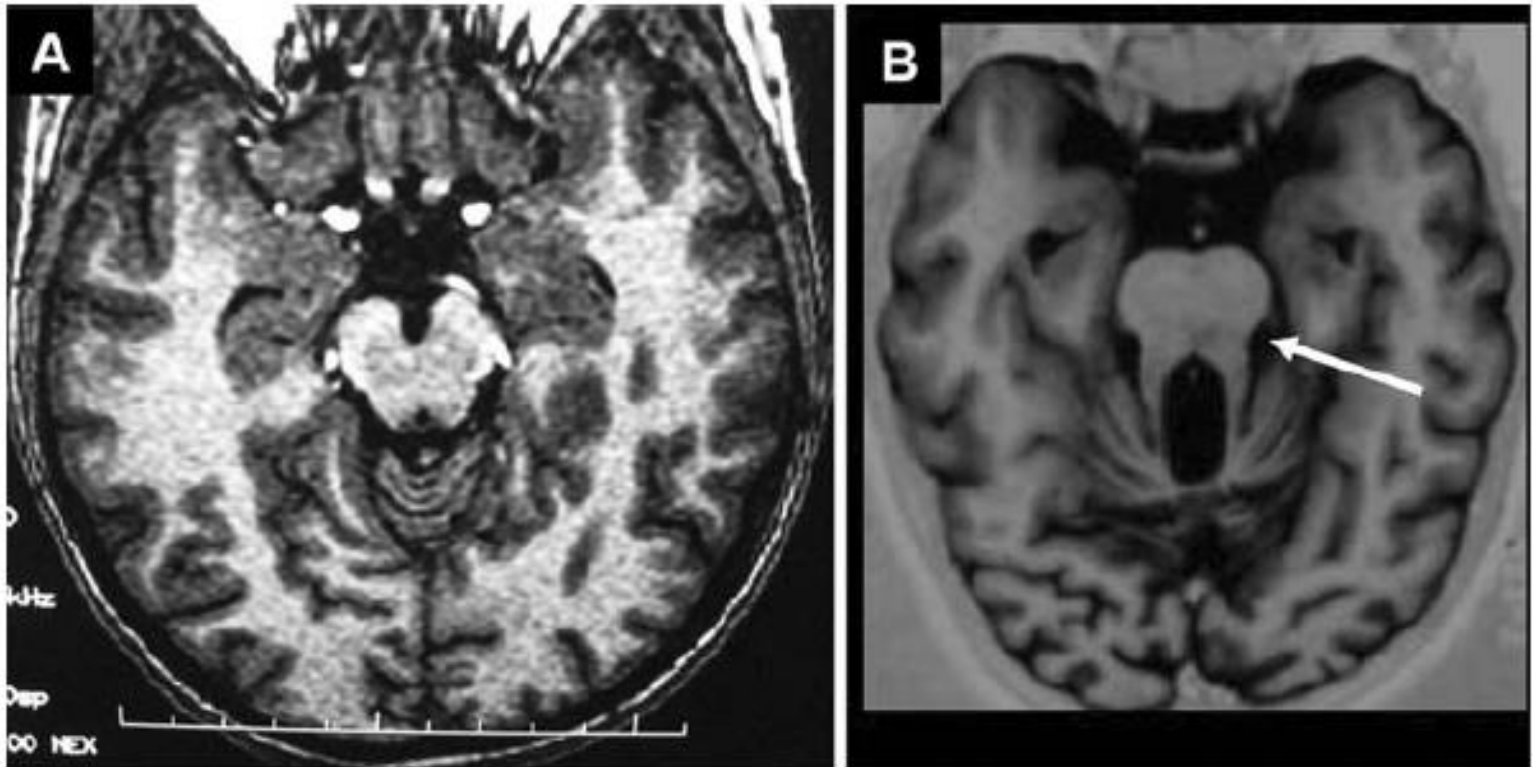
Tubular cell

Hippocampic neurons in
cell culture



Current Opinion in Genetics & Development

Ciliary disease and the central nervous system: defect of migration & orientation



a Evolution

Human



Mouse



Zebrafish



C. elegans



C. reinhardtii



b Genes

PKD1,2
NPHP
BBS2
TTC10
KIF3A

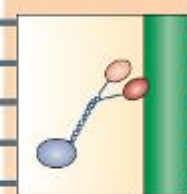
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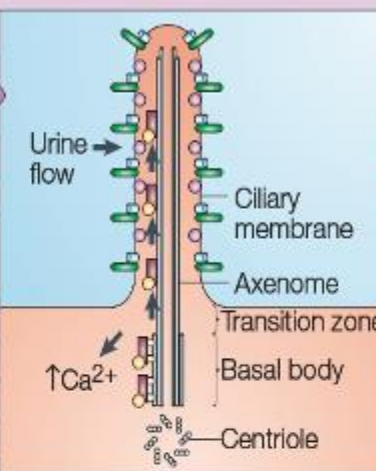
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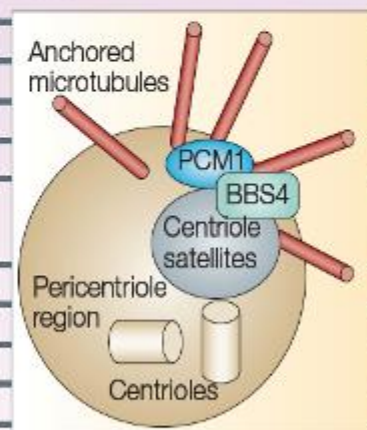
c Proteins



d Subcellular structure



Cilia



Centrosomes

e Disease

Polycystic kidney disease
Nephronophthisis
Bardet-Biedl syndrome
?
?

Kidney cysts

Kidney cysts

Male mating defects

Propulsion defect

f Phenotypes

- Cystic kidneys
- Age-related blindness (RP)
- Anosmia
- Liver fibrosis
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- *Situs inversus*
- Bone changes
- Mental retardation
- Infertility

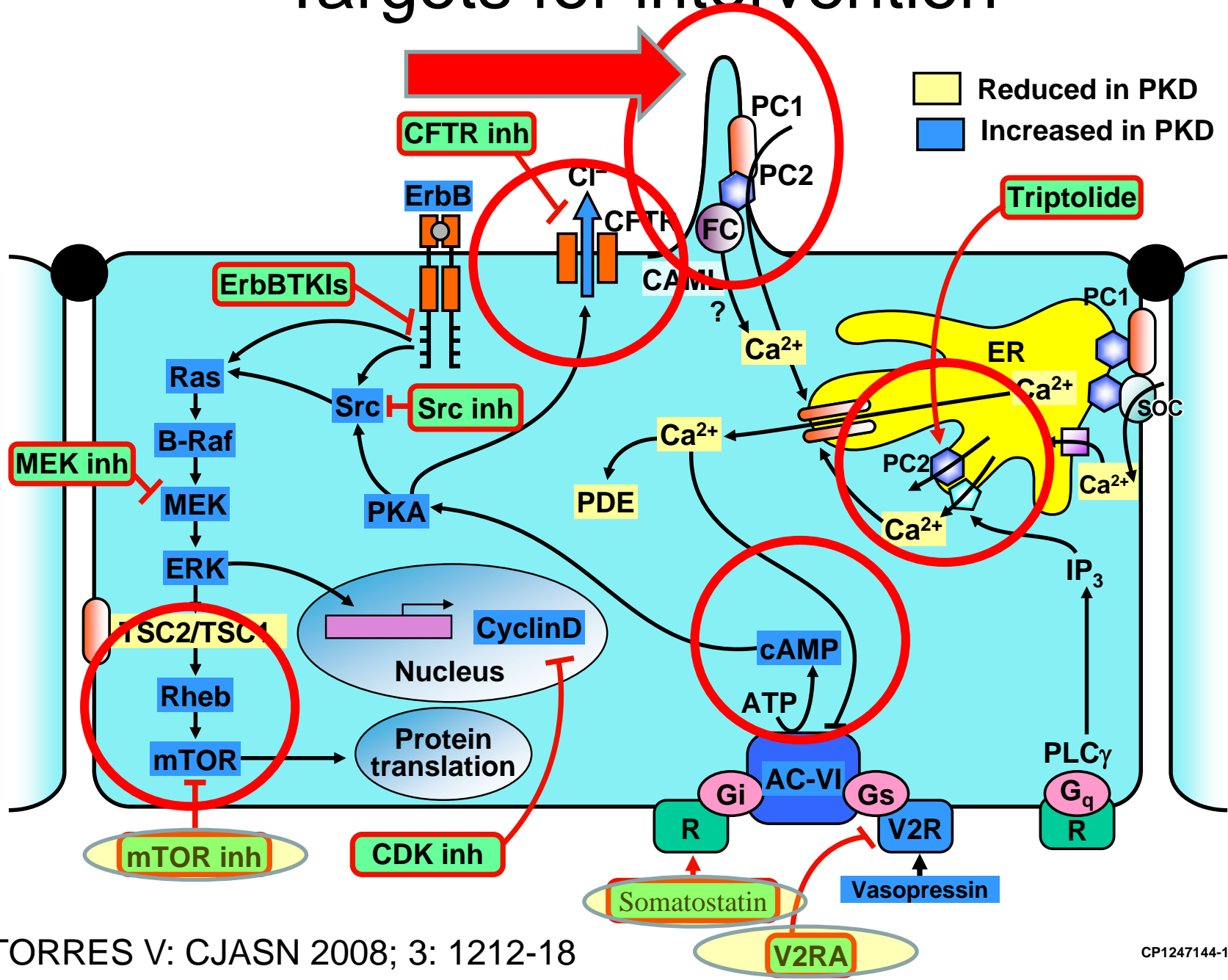
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Therapeutic perspective

Signalling pathways

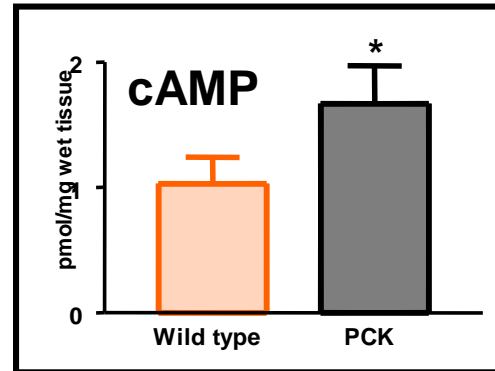
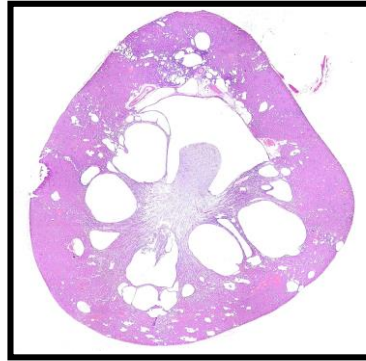
Targets for intervention



Human disease and animal homologues

Model

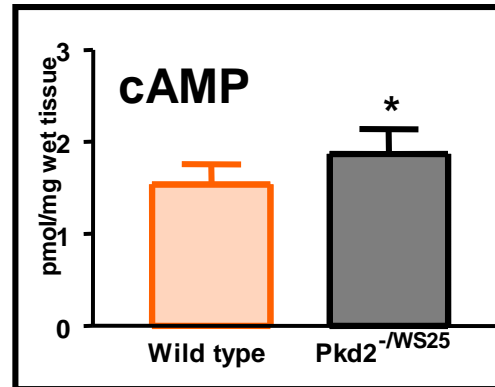
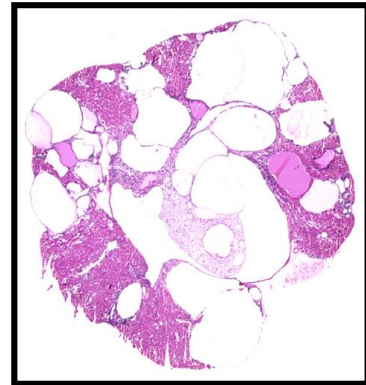
PCK rat



Human

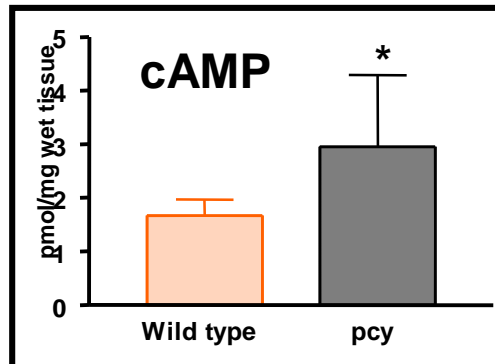
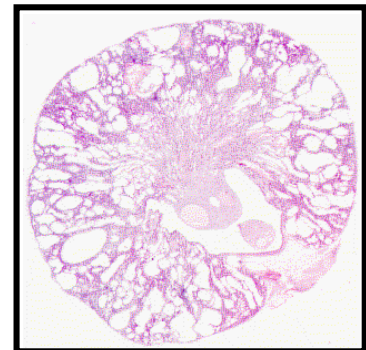
ARPKD

**Pkd2^{WS25/-}
mouse**



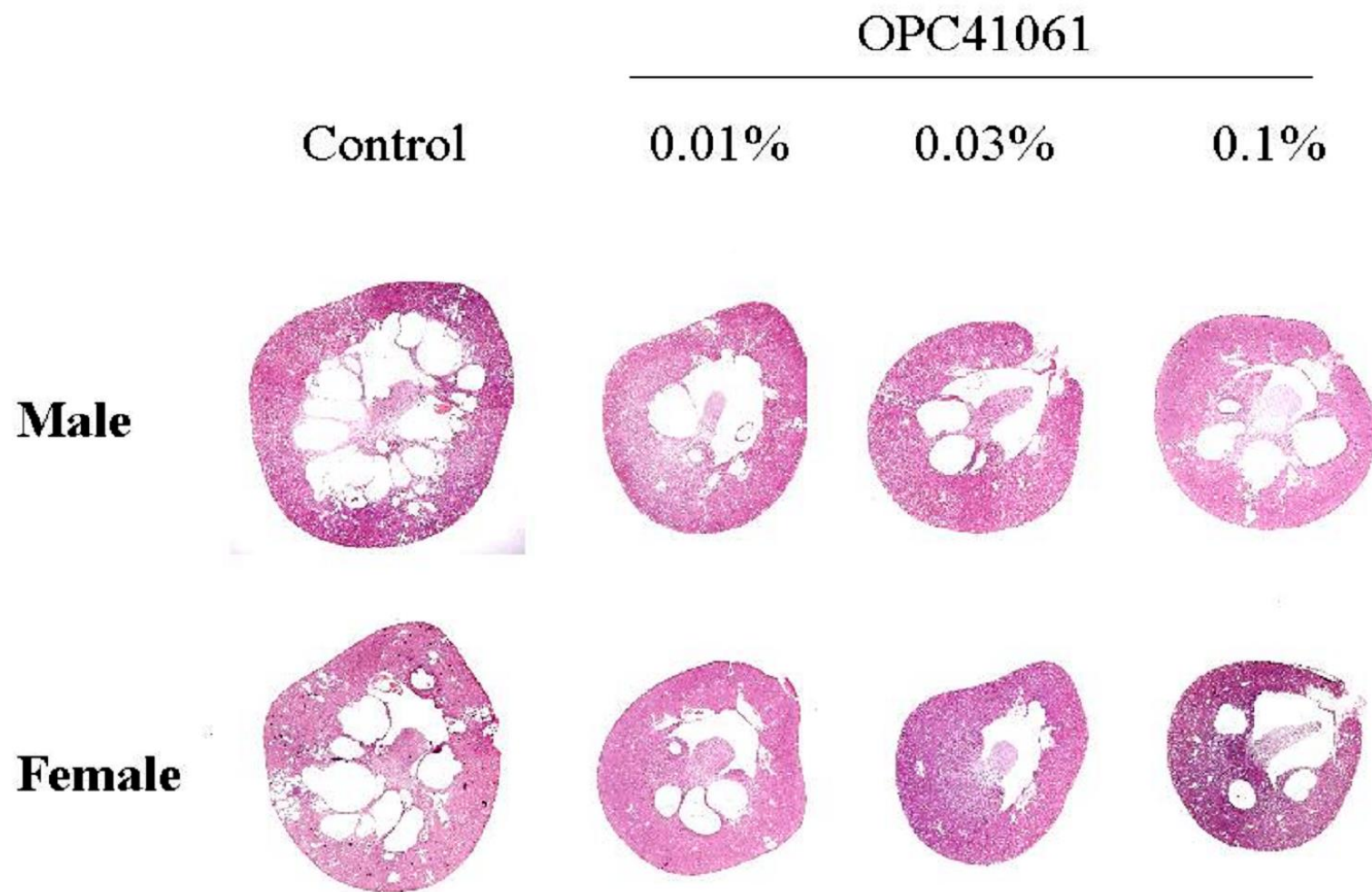
ADPKD

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mouse**



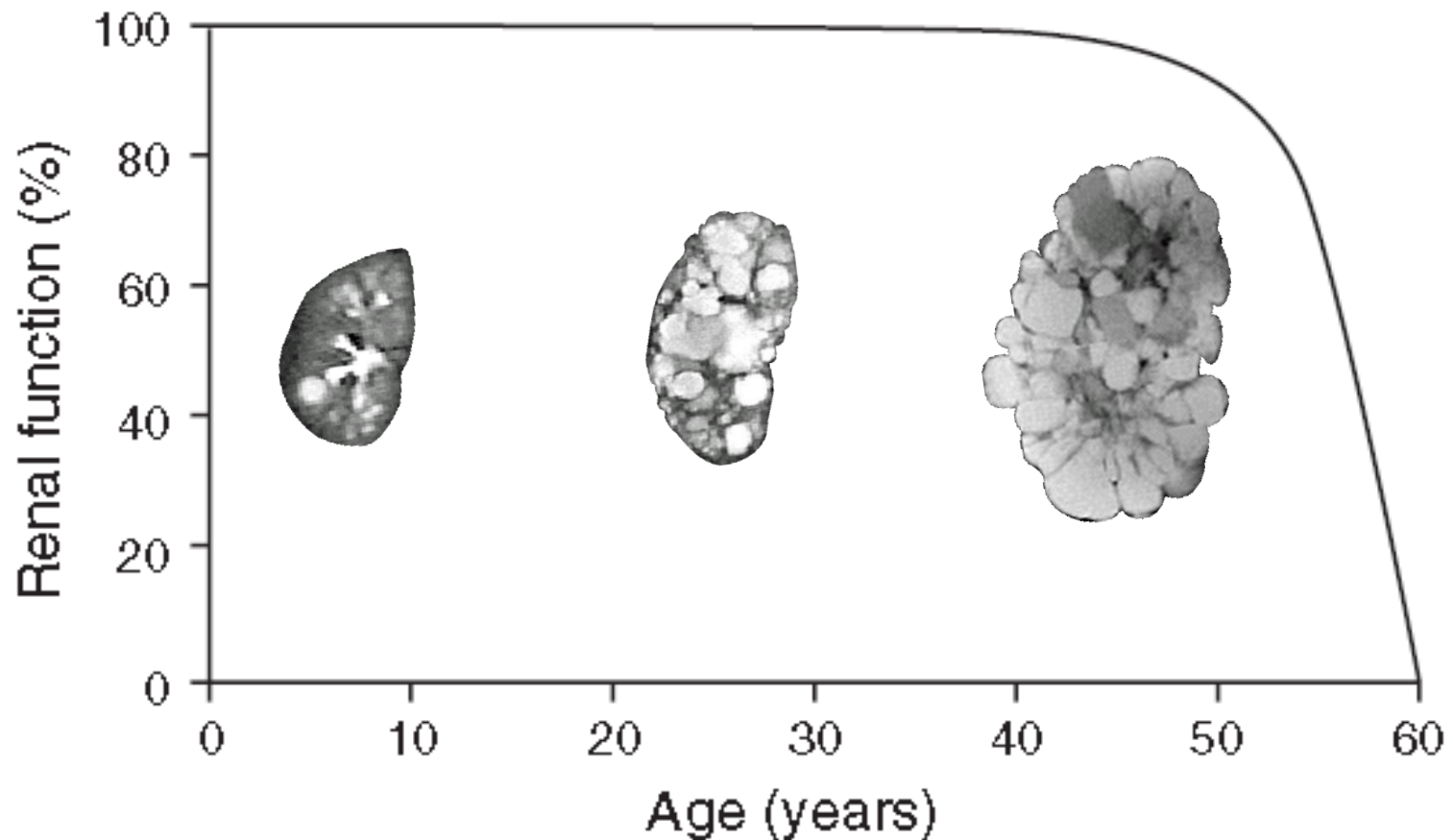
NPHP3

Vasopressin antagonists



Renal survival curve in ADPKD

long duration of intact renal function before loss of renal function or entry into ESRD



ADPKD: Clinical studies

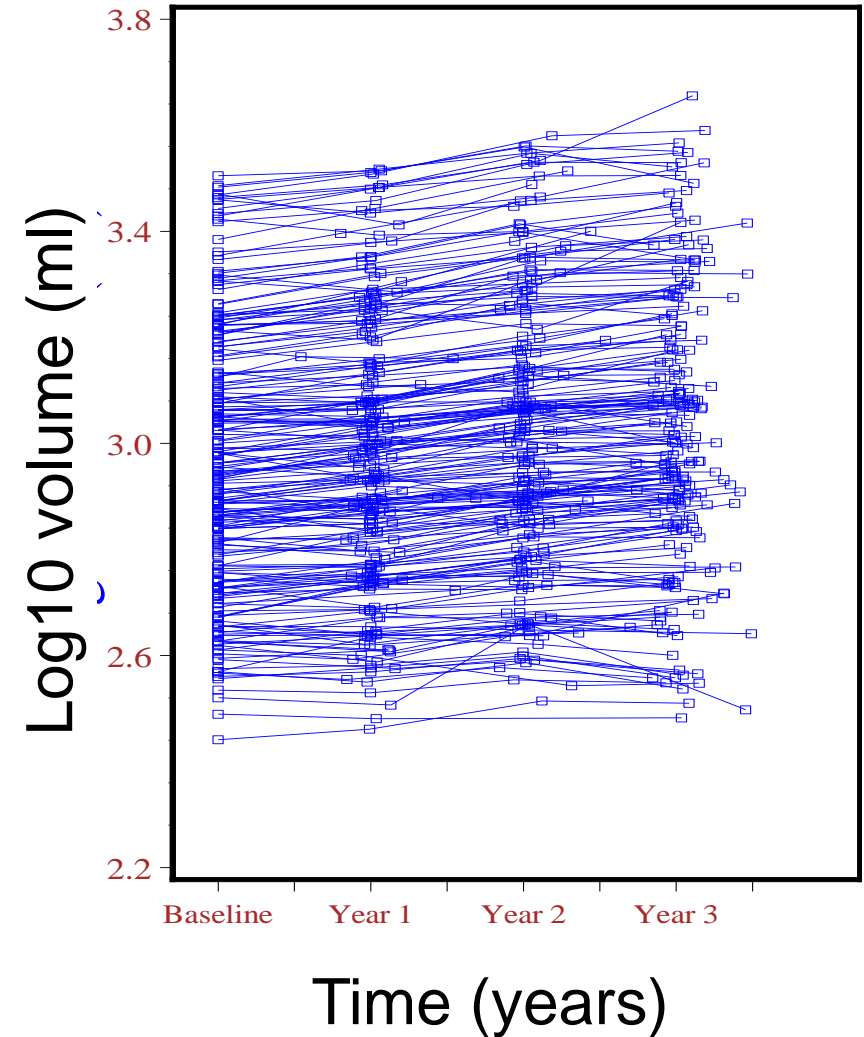
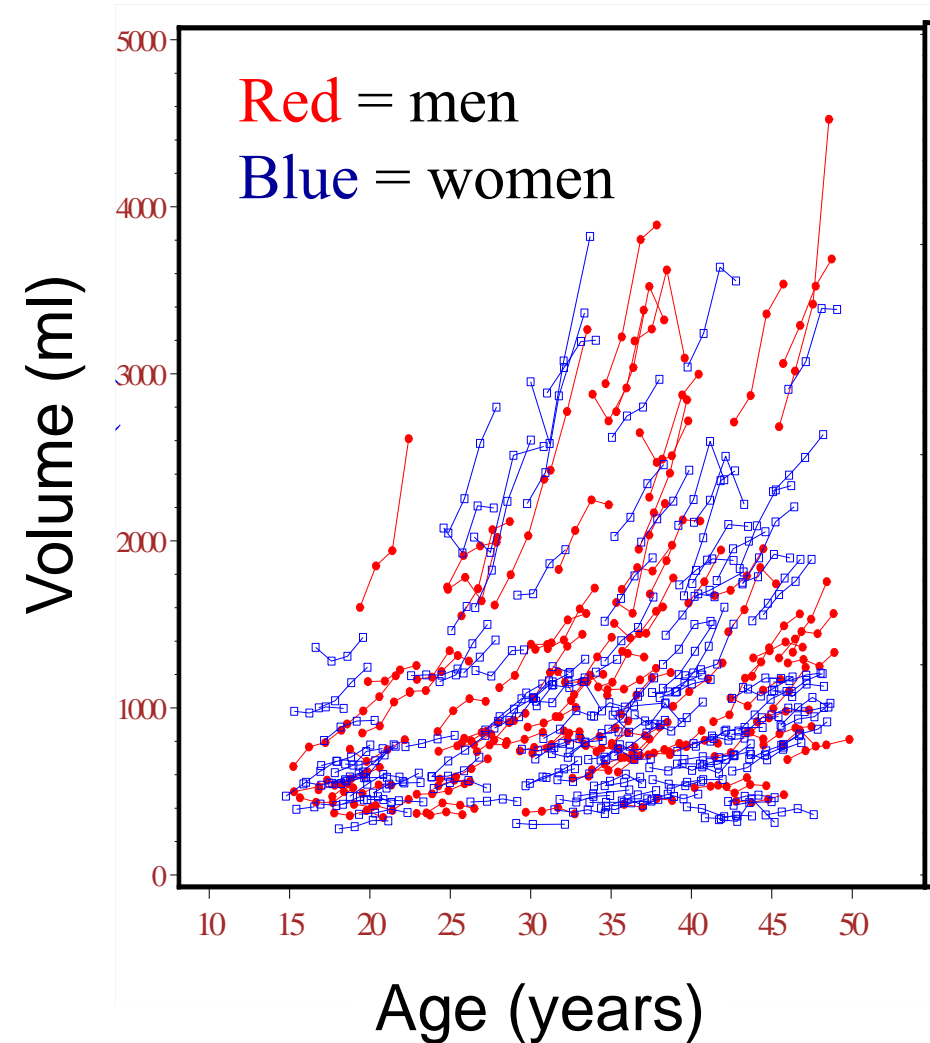
- CRISP – morphology and function
- V2 receptor antagonists: tolvaptan
- Somatostatin analogues: octreotide, lanreotide
- mTOR inhibitors: sirolimus, everolimus
- ACEI & ACEI+ARB: lisinopril - telmisartan

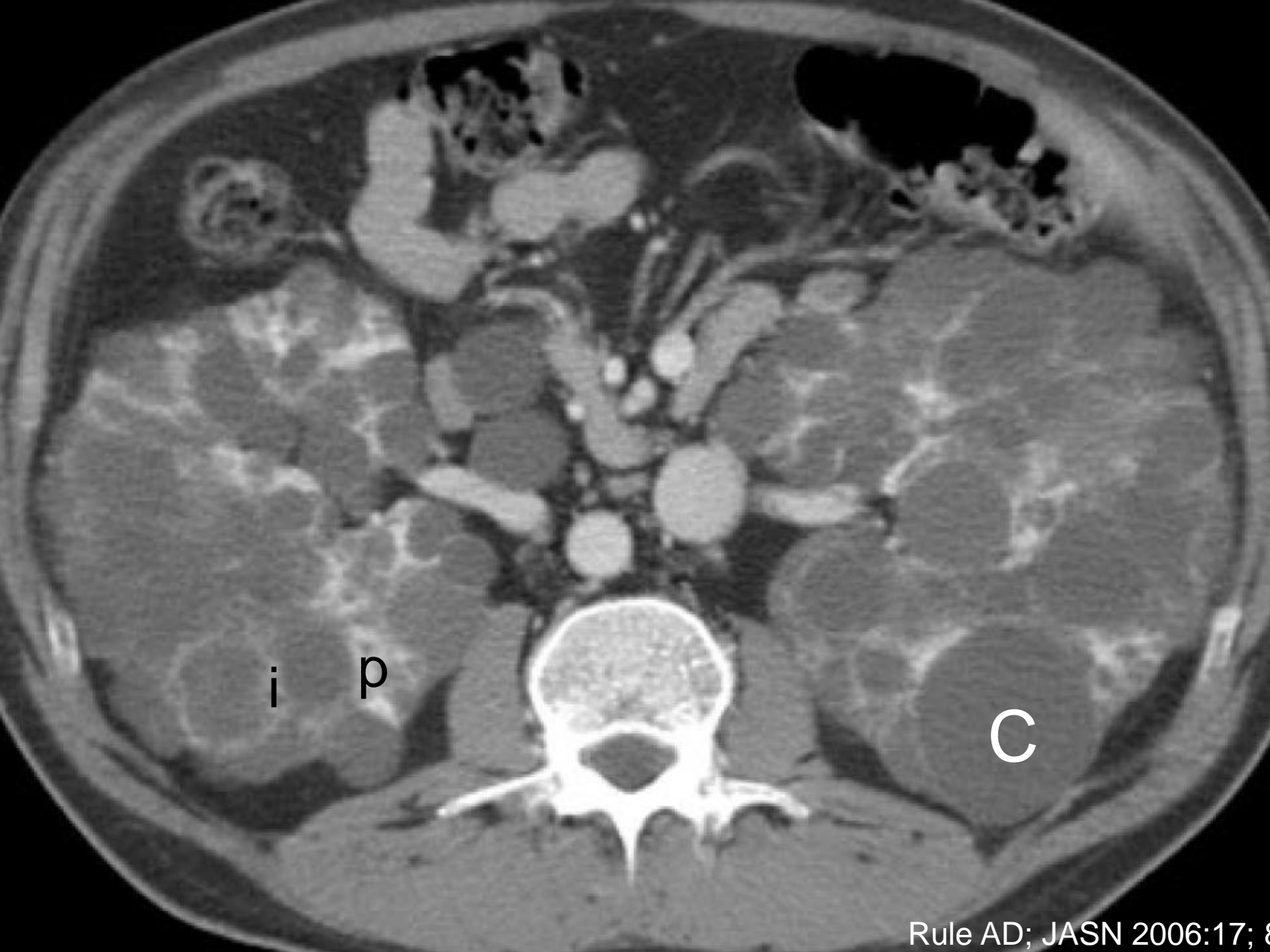
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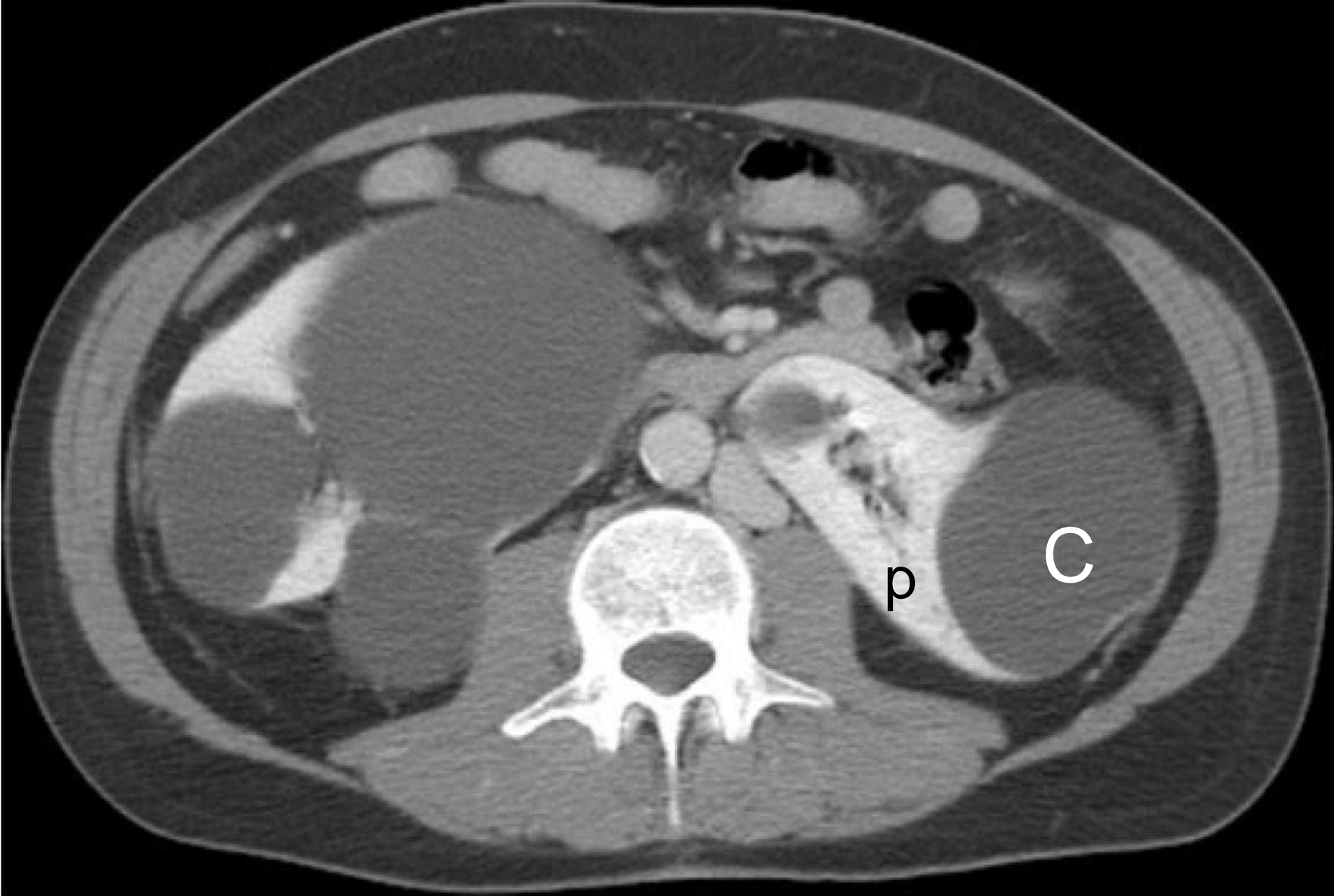
Consortium for Radiological Imaging in Studies of
Polycystic Kidney Disease

- Need for a more sensitive tool than GFR to assess progression of ADPKD
- CRISP
 - Whether kidney/cyst volume changes
 - can be detected over a short period of time
 - and are associated with loss of renal function
 - Prospective observational study
 - Patients with eGFR >70 ml/min

Kidney enlargement is detectable over a short period of time, it is continuous and relatively constant







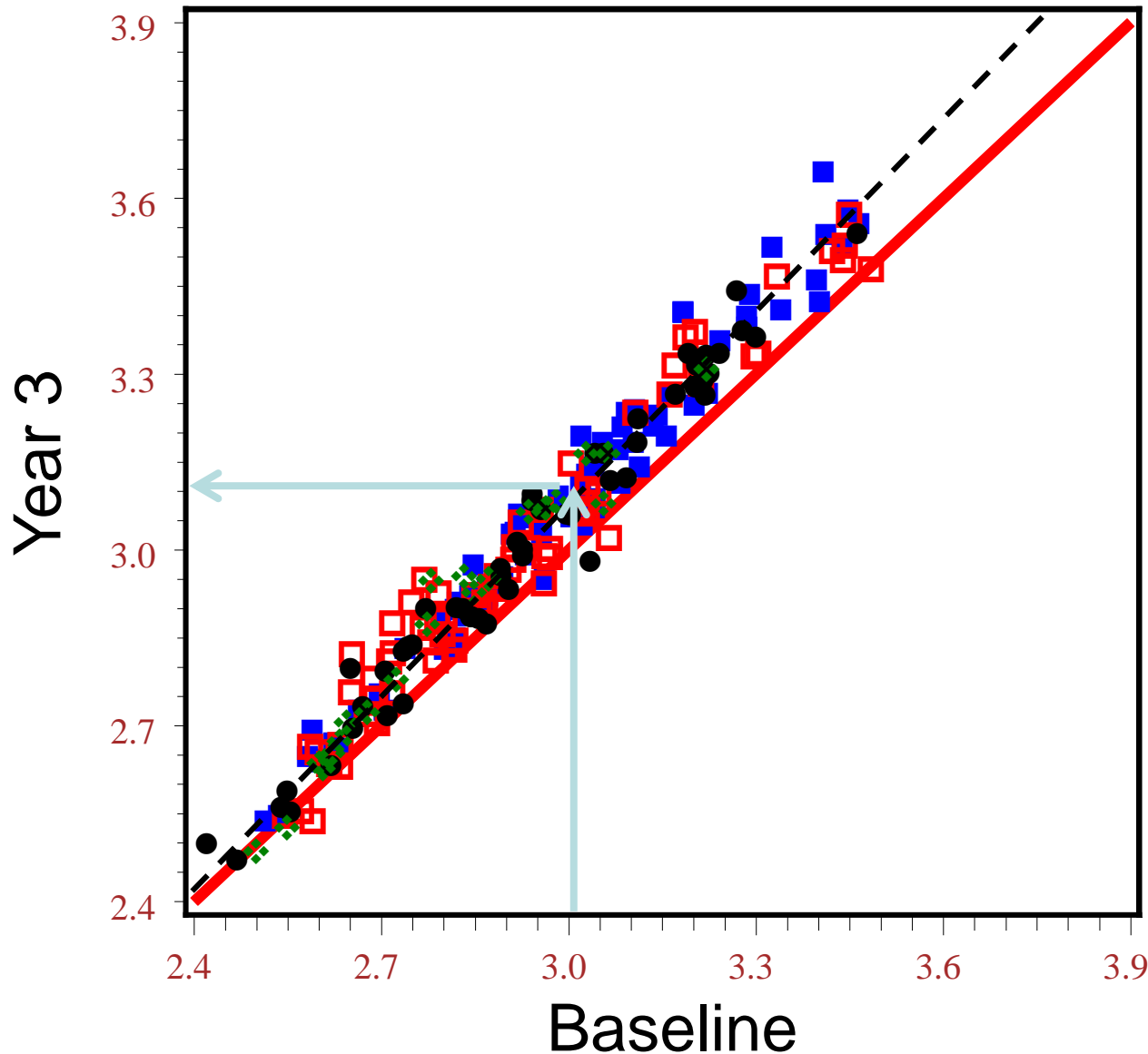
C=cyst P=parenchyma

CT

Rule AD; JASN 2006:17; 854-862

Renal volume predicts rate of enlargement

Log10 MR K Vol



5.3 %
average
yearly
increase in
renal size

CRISP Conclusions

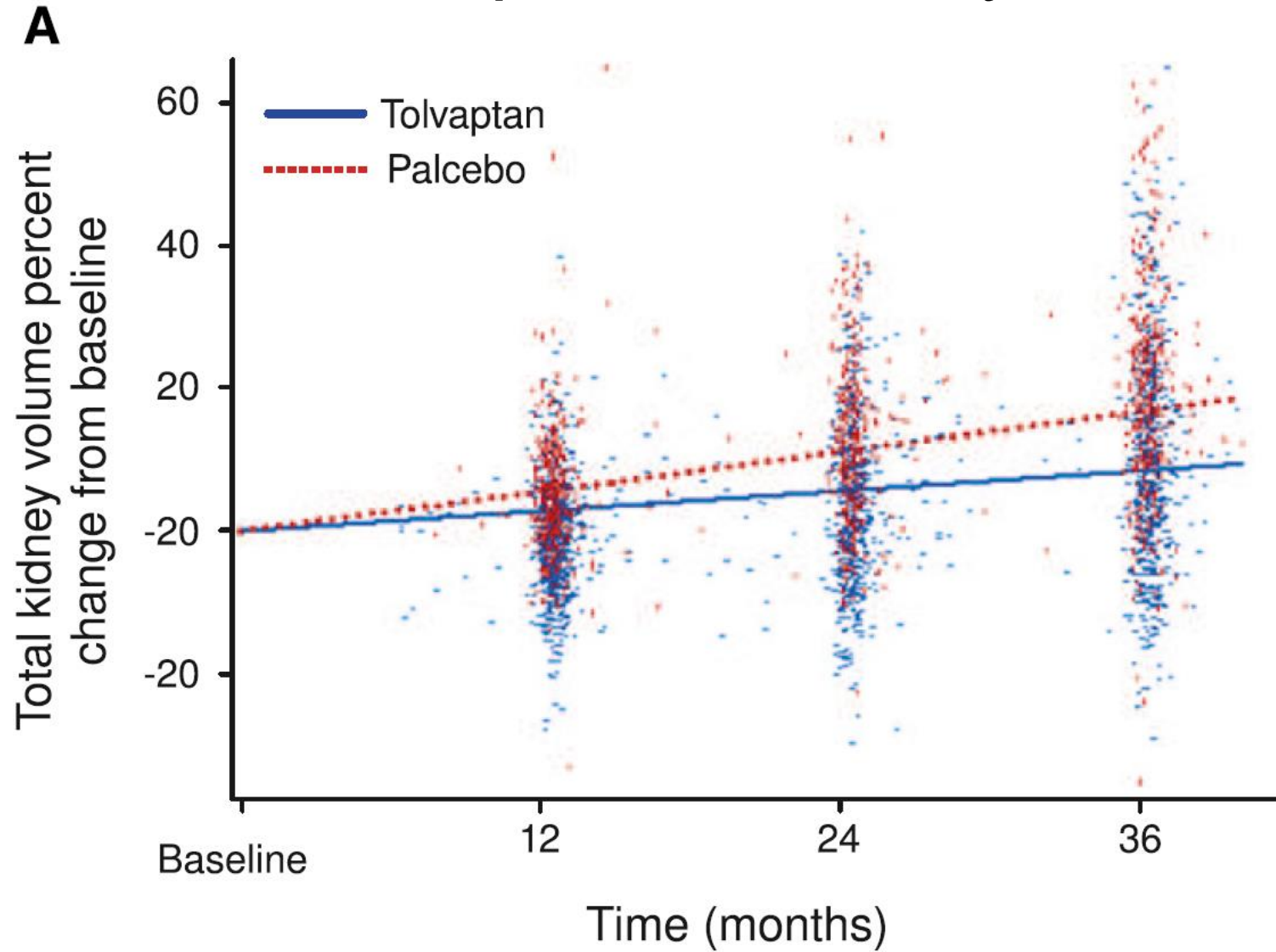
Kidney enlargement is

- Detectable over a short period of time
- A strong predictor of functional progression
- A surrogate endpoint “reasonably likely” to predict clinical benefit in clinical trials

Interventional studies

V2 receptor antagonist

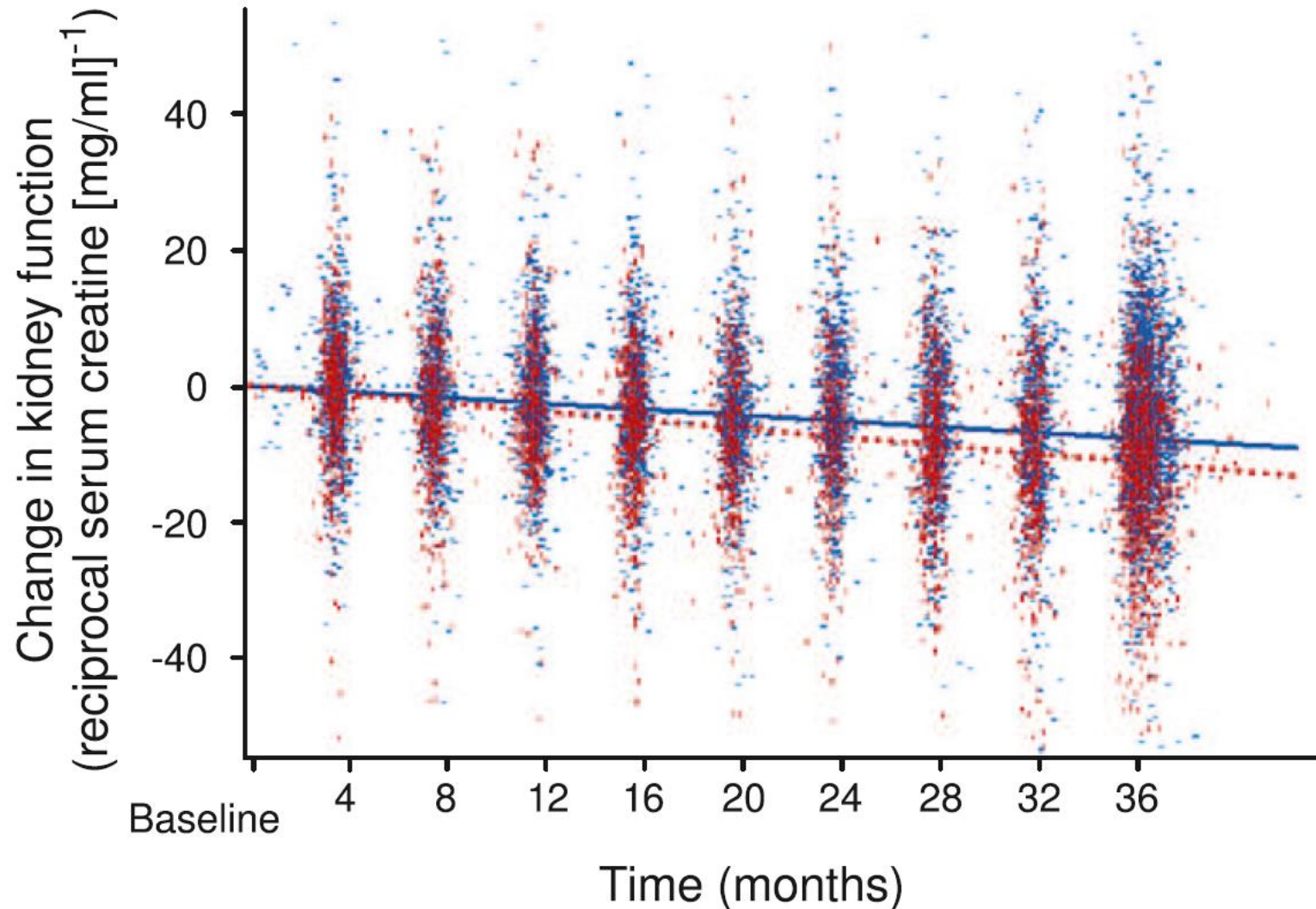
Effect of tolvaptan on kidney volume



Torres VE et al. N Engl J Med 2012; 367: 2407–2418,

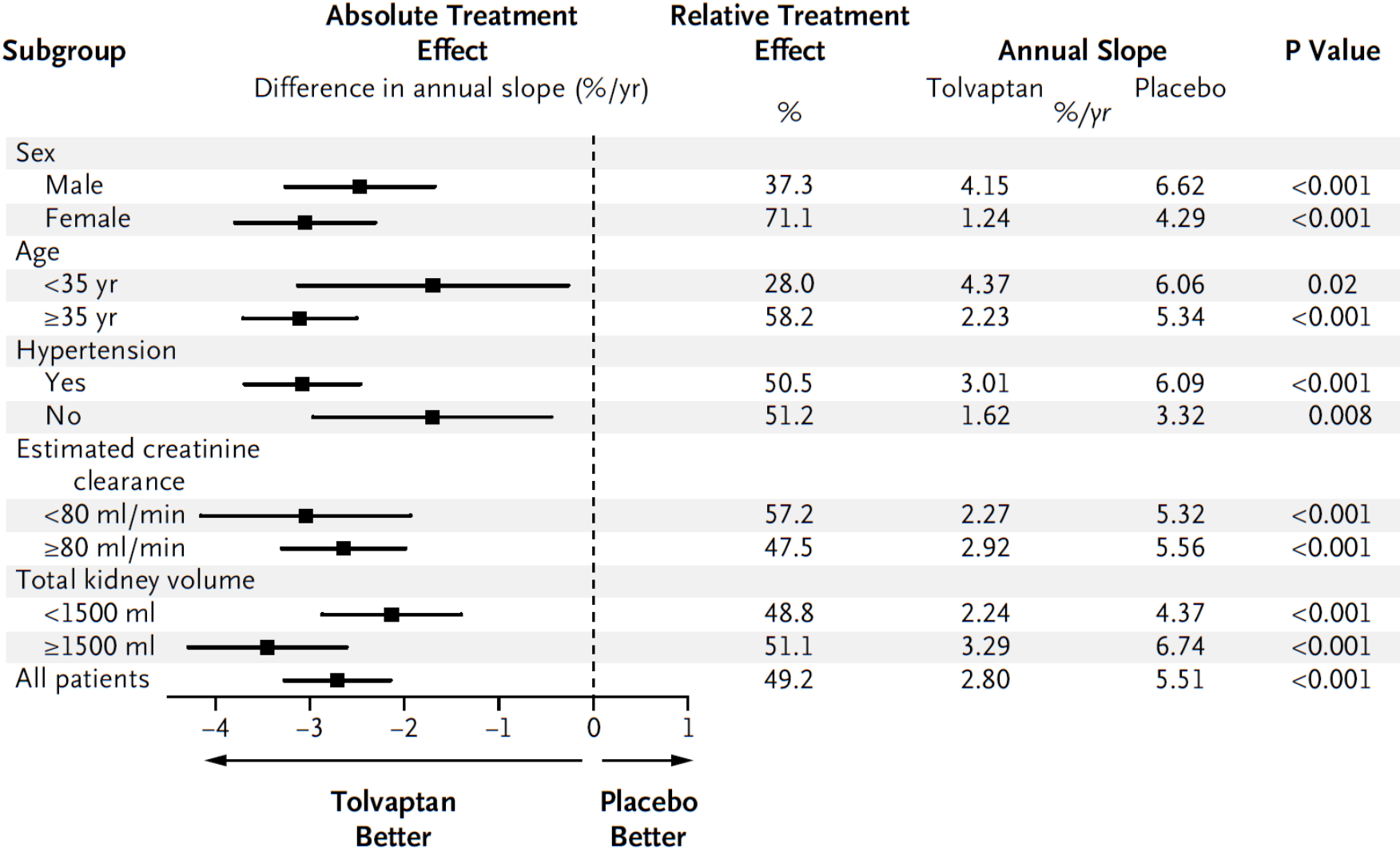
Effect of Tolvaptan on kidney function

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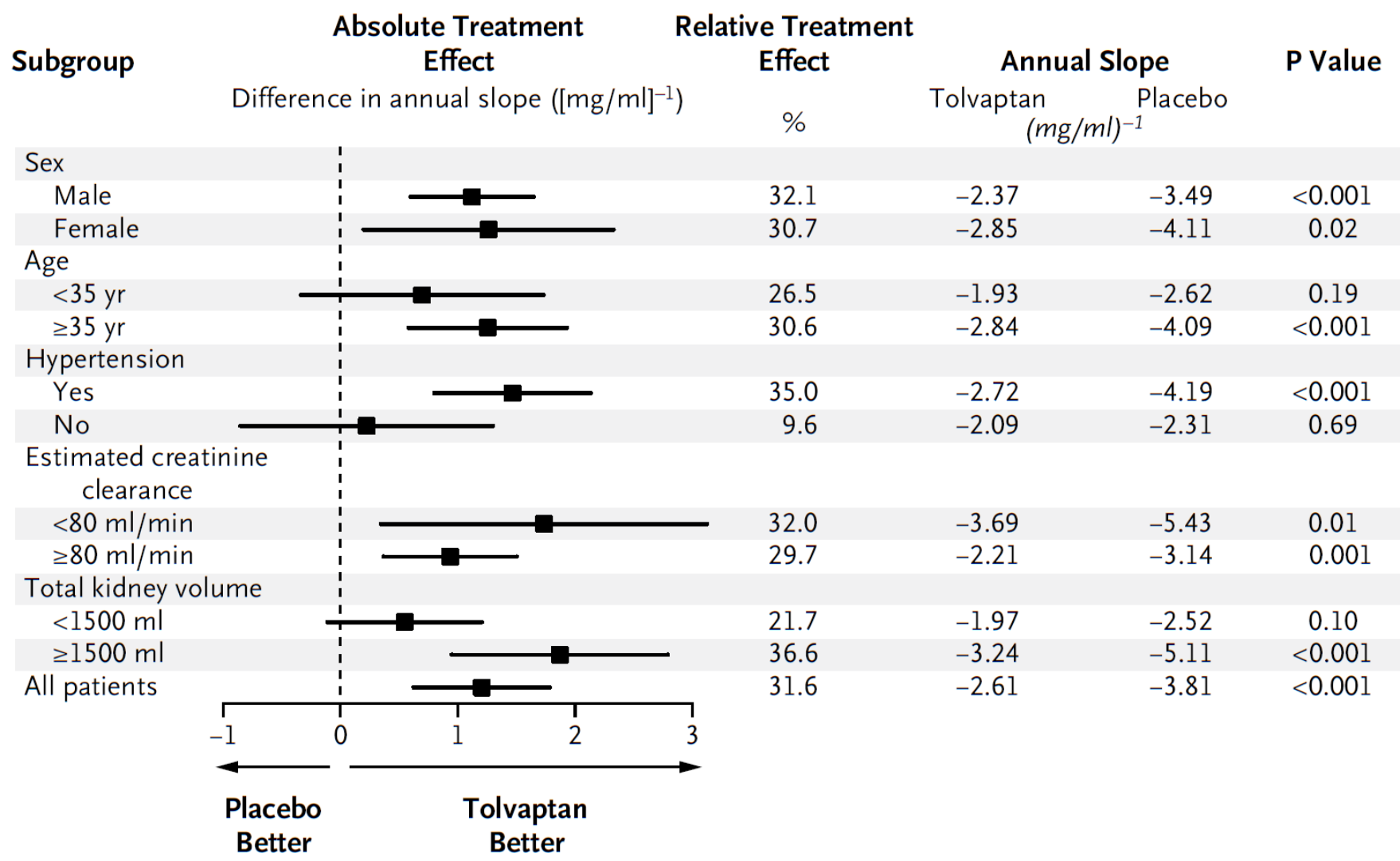


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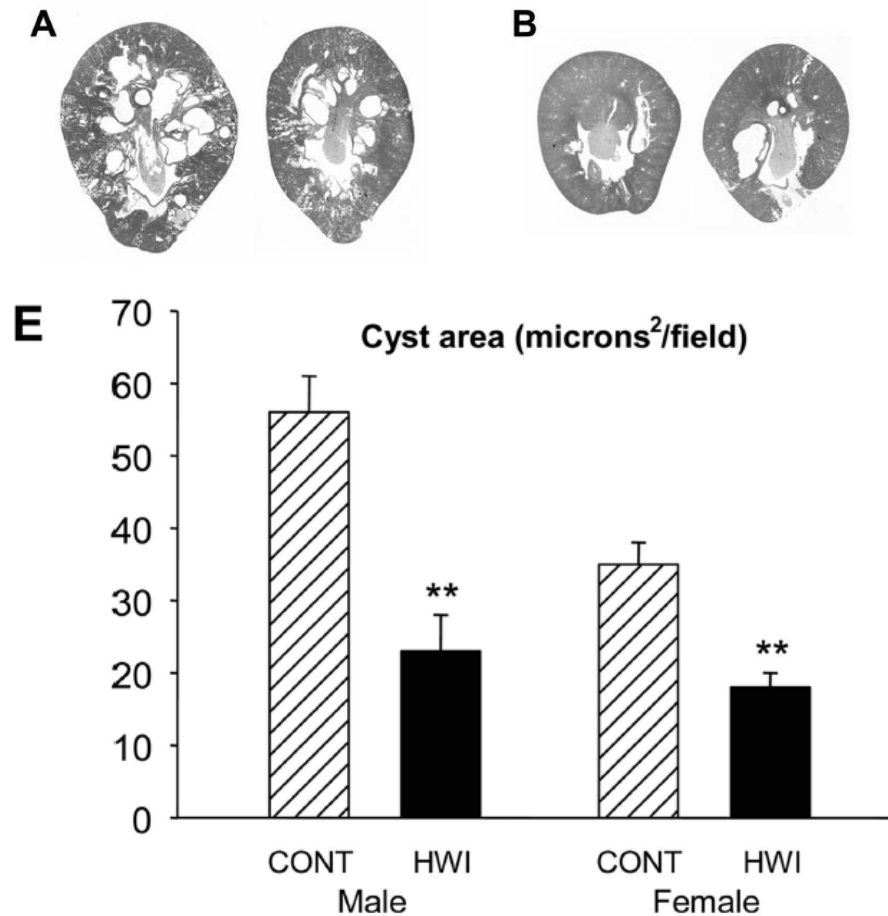
B Treatment Effect for Total Kidney Volume



D Treatment Effect for Kidney Function

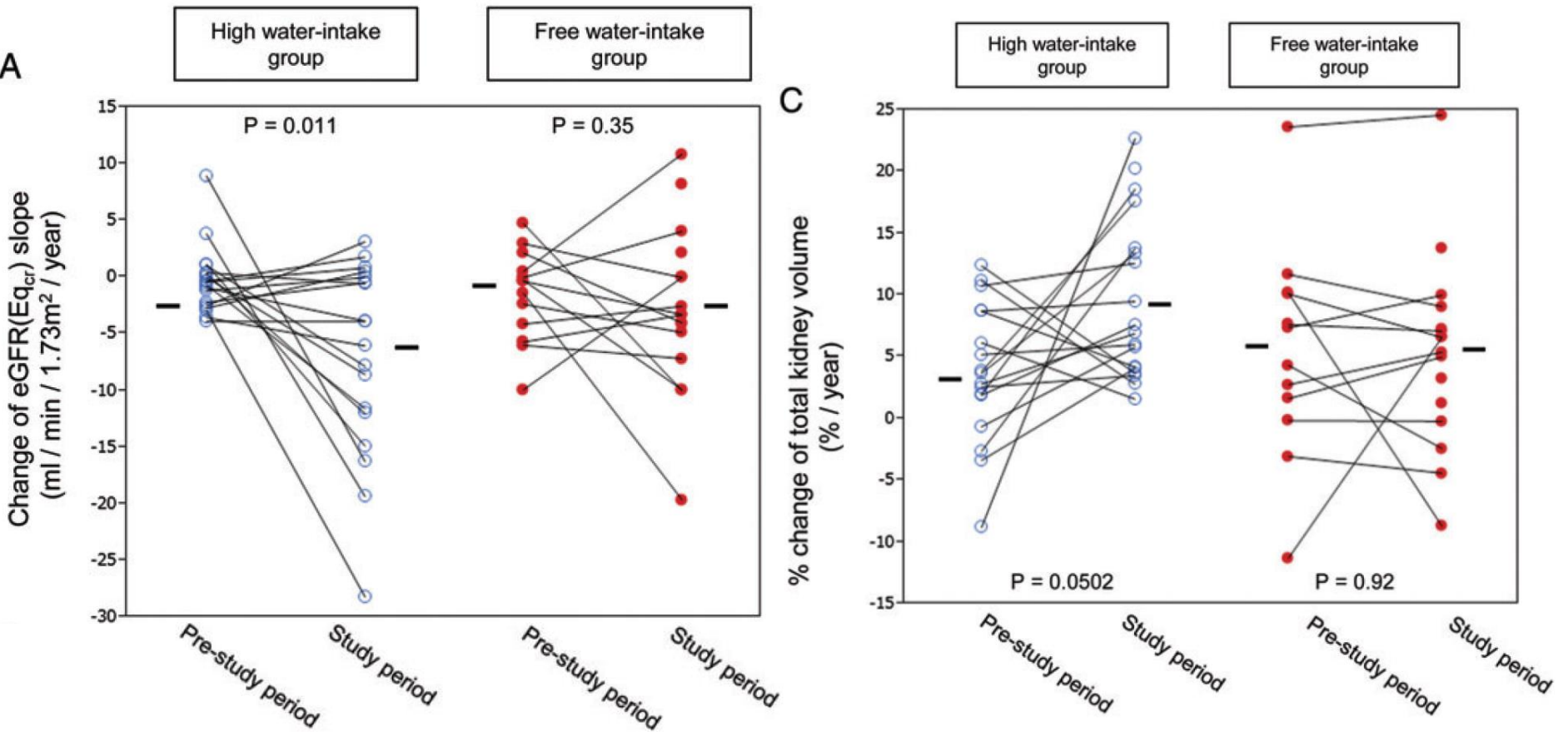


Increased Water Intake Decreases Progression of PKD the Rat



Does increased water intake prevent disease progression in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease?

Eiji Higashihara^{1,2}, Kikuo Nutahara², Mitsuhiro Tanbo², Hidehiko Hara², Isao Miyazaki³,
Kuninori Kobayashi⁴ and Toshiaki Nitatori³



high water intake enhanced disease progression

NDT Perspectives

Recommendations for the use of tolvaptan in autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease: a position statement on behalf of the ERA-EDTA Working Groups on Inherited Kidney Disorders and European Renal Best Practice

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Pillars of decision making

- European Medicines Agency EMA approved the use of the tolvaptan in ADPKD
 - with chronic kidney disease stages 1–3 at initiation of treatment
 - to slow the progression of cyst development and renal insufficiency
- with evidence of rapidly progressing disease

Pillars of decision making

ERA-EDTA recommendations

- series of recommendations
 - hierarchical decision algorithm
 - a sequence of risk-factor assessments in a descending order of reliability
- to select patients who are most likely to benefit from tolvaptan
 - improving the benefit-to-risk ratio and
 - cost-effectiveness of this treatment

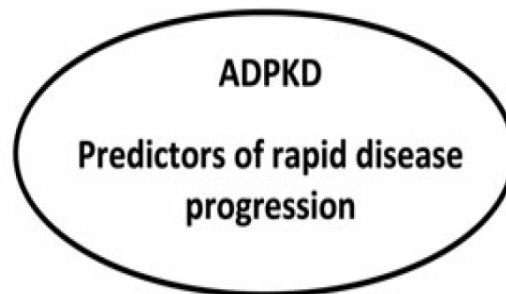
Pillars of decision making

DOCUMENTED/Predicted **progression of kidney function**

- Serial creatinine and eGFR determinations
- Prediction based on age and GFR based tables

DOCUMENTED/Predicted **progression of kidney volume**

- Serial TKV/h measurements
- Prediction based on age and TKV/h based tables
- <45 years and a kidney length of >16.5 cm as assessed by ultrasound, rapid disease progression is likely.
- Further risk factors of progression



Environmental predictors

High caffeine intake

High protein intake

Low water intake

Smoking

Imaging predictors

High Total Kidney Volume

Low Renal Blood Flow

Clinical predictors

Early onset of hypertension

Gross haematuria

Early decrease in GFR

Genetic predictors

PKD1 truncating mutations

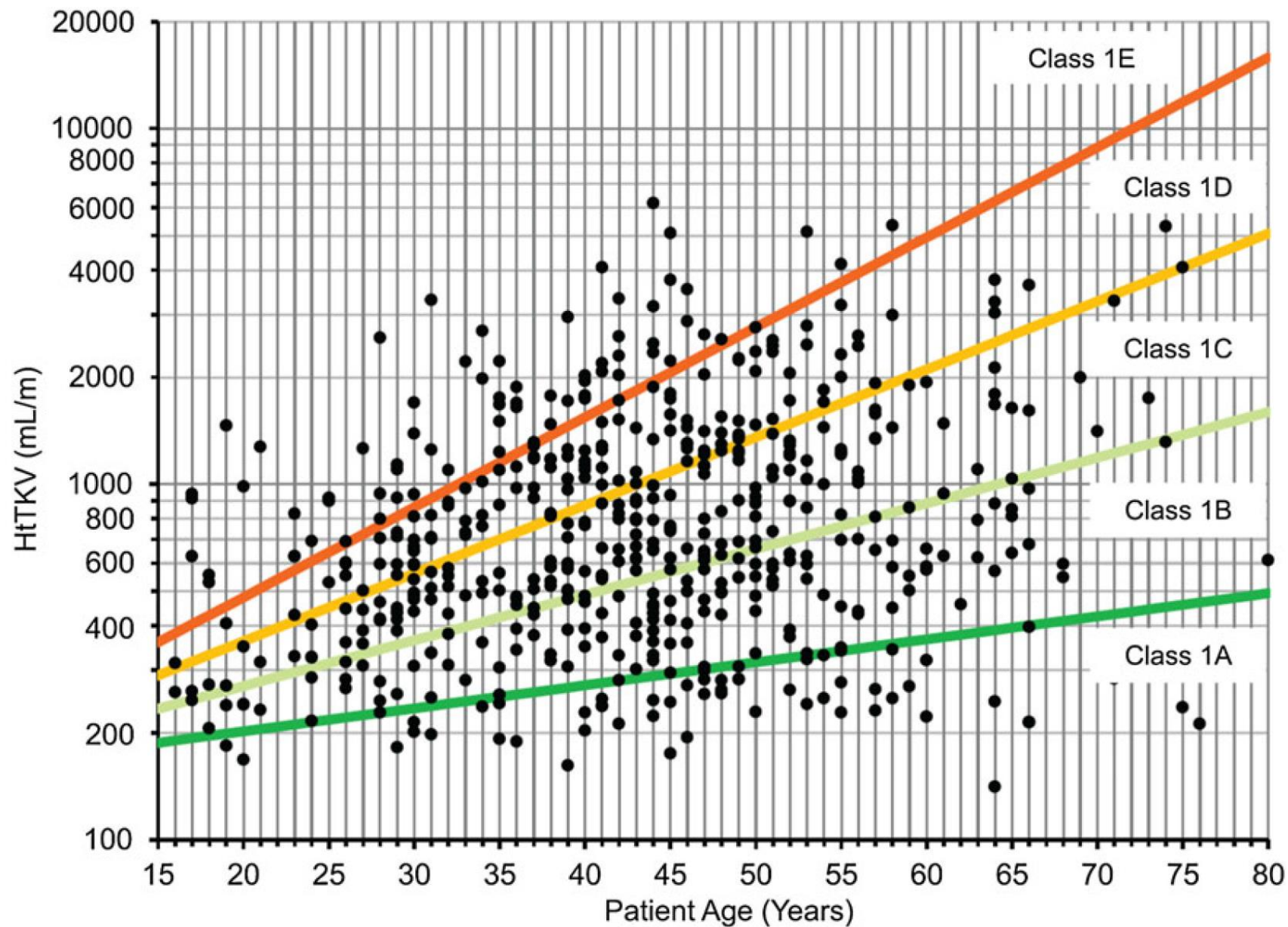
PKD1 disease

Laboratory predictors

Overt proteinuria

Microalbuminuria

Elevated copeptin



The Mayo classification. (J Am Soc Nephrol 2015; 26: 160–172)

CKD stage by age^a:

at age 18 - 30 yr: CKD 1-3a (eGFR > 45 ml/min/1.73m²)

at age 30 - 40 yr: CKD 2-3a (eGFR 45 - 90 ml/min/1.73m²)

at age 40 - 50 yr: CKD 3a (eGFR 45 - 60 ml/min/1.73m²)

Yes

No

Historical eGFR decline^b, with no other confounding cause than ADPKD^c:

1) confirmed eGFR decline ≥ 5 ml/min/1,73 m² in one year^d and/or

2) confirmed eGFR decline $\geq 2,5$ ml/min/1,73 m² per year over a period of five years or more^e?

No

Data not available or not reliable (e.g. in CKD 1)^f

Historical kidney growth in typical ADPKD:

(ht)TKV increase more than 5% per year by repeated measurements (≥ 3)^g?

Preferable by MRI (ellipsoid equation)^h, if not available then by another reliable method (CT)

No

Data not available or not reliable

Predicted progression by baseline htTKV indexed for age and/or genotype:

1) htTKV compatible with Mayo class 1C, 1D, 1Eⁱ or US length >16.5 cm and/or

2) truncating *PKD1* mutation + early symptoms (i.e., a PRO-PKD score >6)^j?

No

Data not available or not reliable

Predicted progression by family history:

Family history with ADPKD patients reaching ESRD ≤ 58 yr^k

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

No

Rapid progression

Indication for treatment

Likely rapid progression

Indication for treatment

Possibly rapid progression

Re-evaluate

Likely slow progression, or
eGFR/age outside indication

No treatment

Recommendations 1

Recommendation 1.1:

We suggest that tolvaptan can be prescribed to adult ADPKD patients aged <50 years with CKD stages 1–3a (eGFR >45 mL/min/1.73 m²) who have demonstrated or who are likely to have rapidly progressing disease, but that CKD stage must be interpreted in conjunction with age.

Recommendation 1.2:

We **recommend not starting** tolvaptan in patients aged 30–40 years with CKD stage 1 (eGFR >90 mL/min/1.73 m_c).

Recommendation 1.3:

We recommend **not starting tolvaptan** in patients aged 40–50 years with CKD stages 1 or 2 (eGFR >60 mL/min/1.73 m²).

Recommendation 2-3

Recommendation 2:

- A confirmed annual eGFR decline ≥ 5 mL/min/1.73 m² in 1 year, and/or
- ≥ 2.5 mL/min/1.73m² per year over a period of 5 years, defines rapid progression

Recommendation 3:

A TKV increase of $>5\%$ per year by repeated measurements (preferably three or more, each at least 6 months apart and by MRI), defines rapid progression

Recommendation 4

Recommendation 4.1:

We recommend the use of the Mayo classification of ADPKD [...] for age and height to define five classes of patients according to prognosis (1A–1E).

Recommendation 4.2:

We suggest that in ADPKD patients with Mayo classes 1C–1E disease (corresponding to a predicted eGFR decrease ≥ 2.5 mL/min/1.73 m₂ per year), rapid disease progression is likely.

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Recommendation 4.4:

We suggest that in a patient with age <45 years and a kidney length of >16.5 cm as assessed by ultrasound, rapid disease progression is likely.

Summary 1

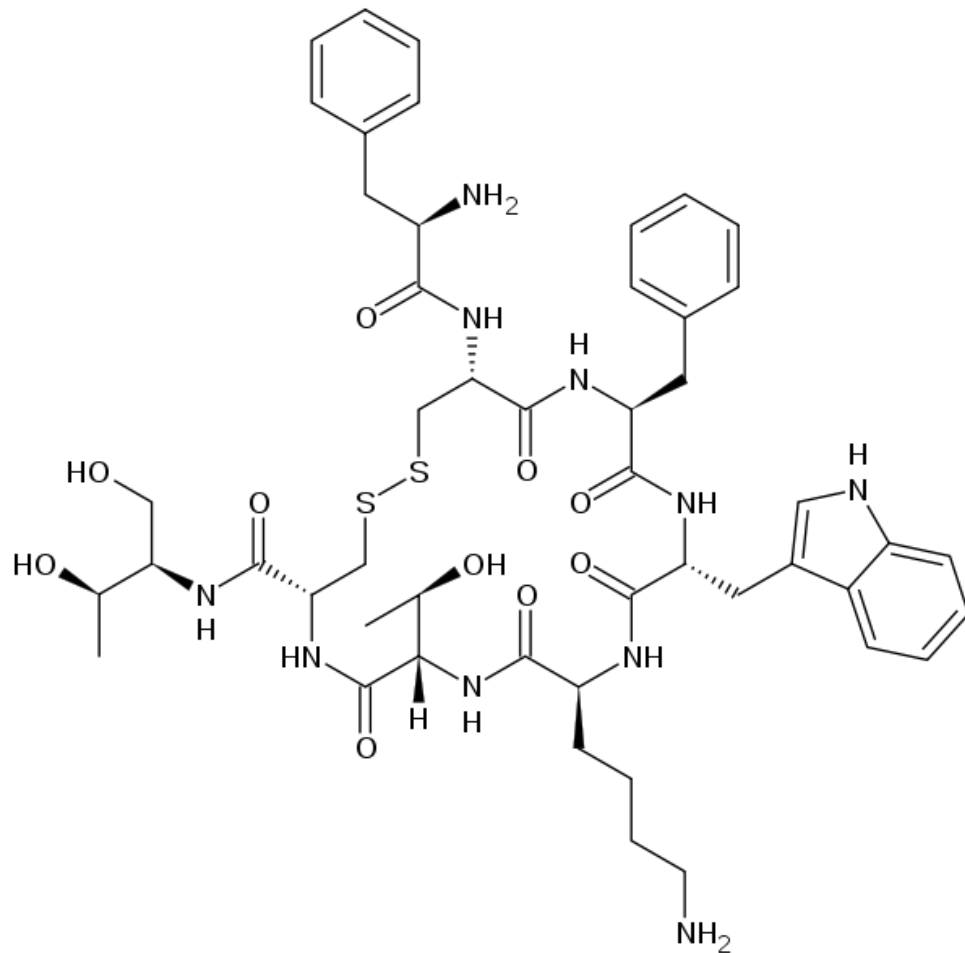
- Tolvaptan is the first pharmaceutical treatment approved to
- slow disease progression in ADPKD.
 - Given the side effect profile and for cost reasons, it is necessary to identify patients most likely to benefit from this drug.
 - A hierarchical decision algorithm should be adopted to assess whether treatment is warranted

Interventional studies

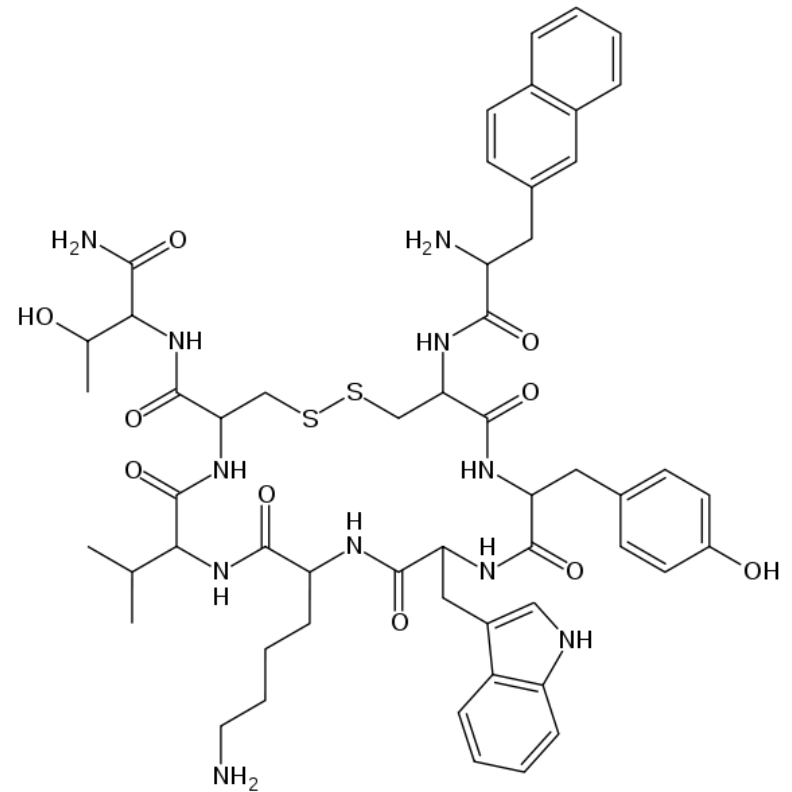
- Somatostatin analogues
- mTOR inhibitors
- ACEI-ARB

Somatostatin analogues

Octreotide (Sandostatin)



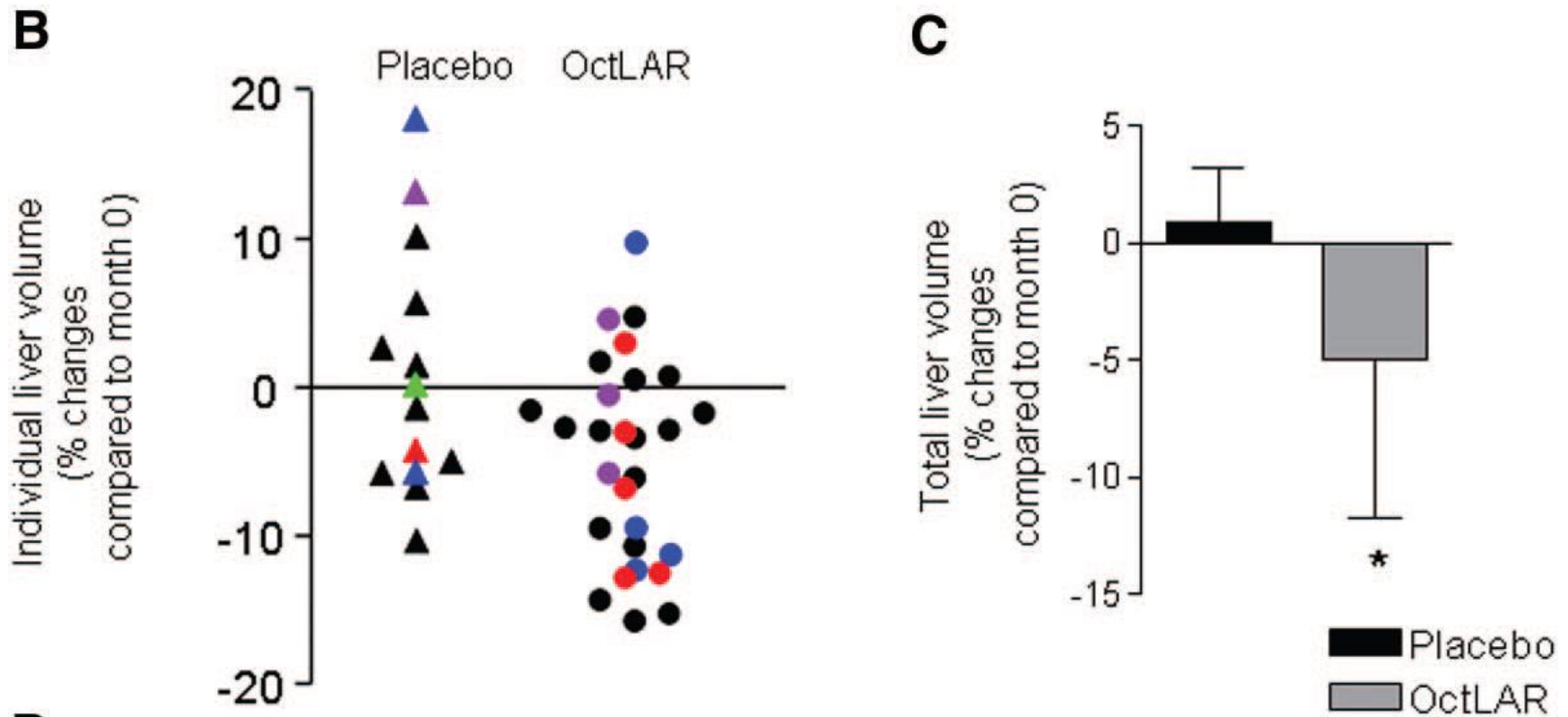
Lanreotide (Somatuline LA and Depot)



Randomized Clinical Trial of Long-Acting Somatostatin for Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney and Liver Disease

LAR 40 mg IM every 4 weeks for 2 years

LIVER



N=42

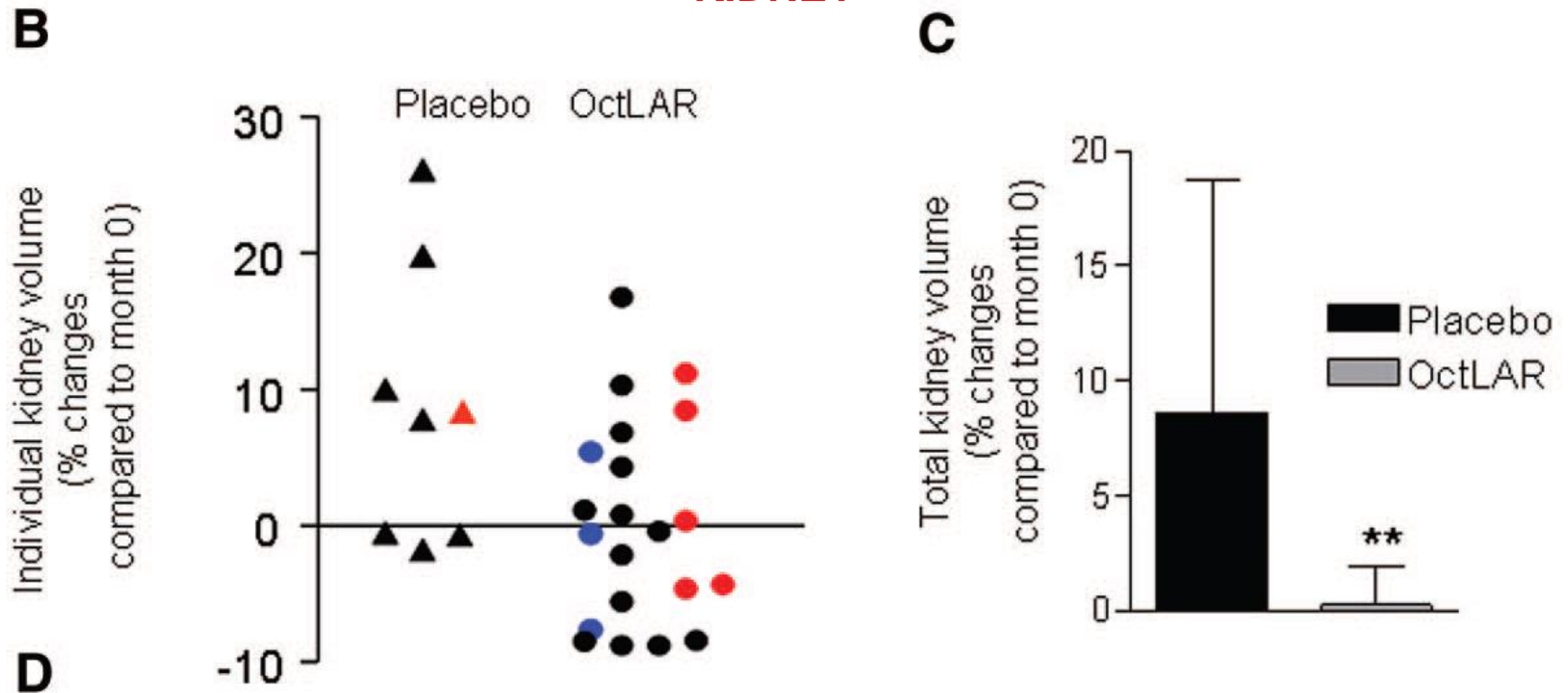
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J Am Soc Nephrol 21: 1052–1061, 2010.

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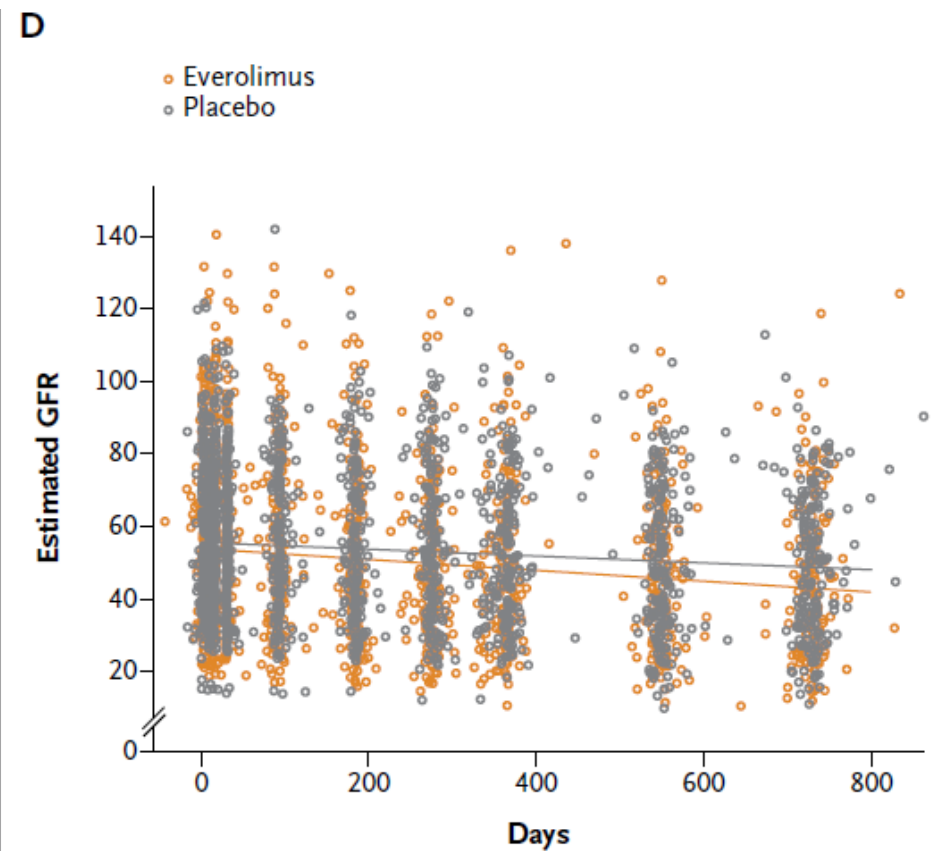
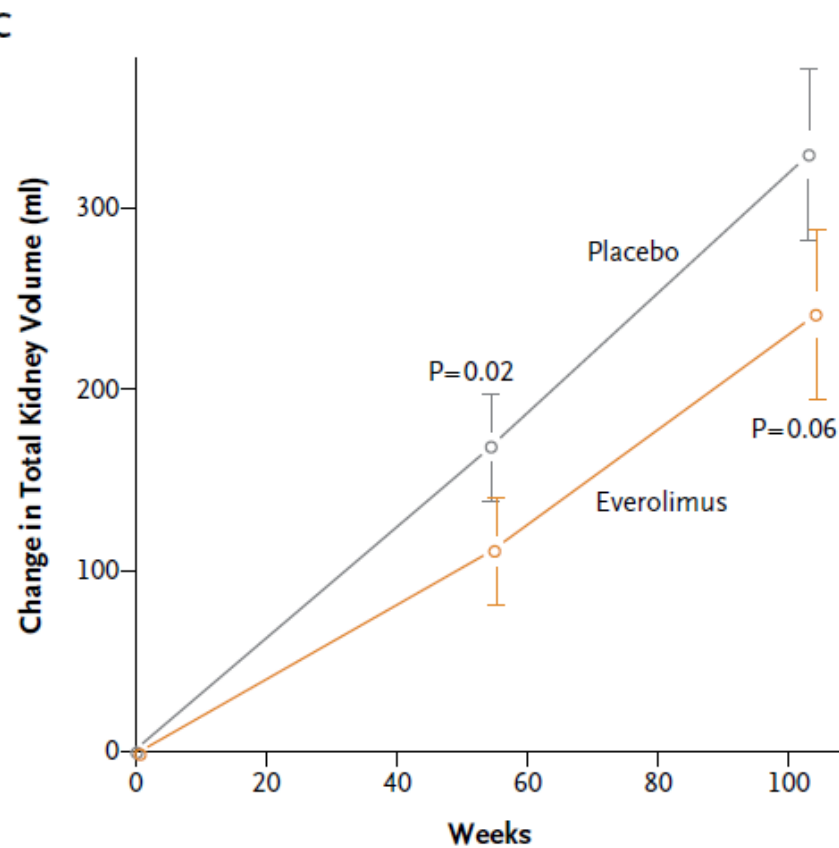
Interventional studies

mTOR inhibitors

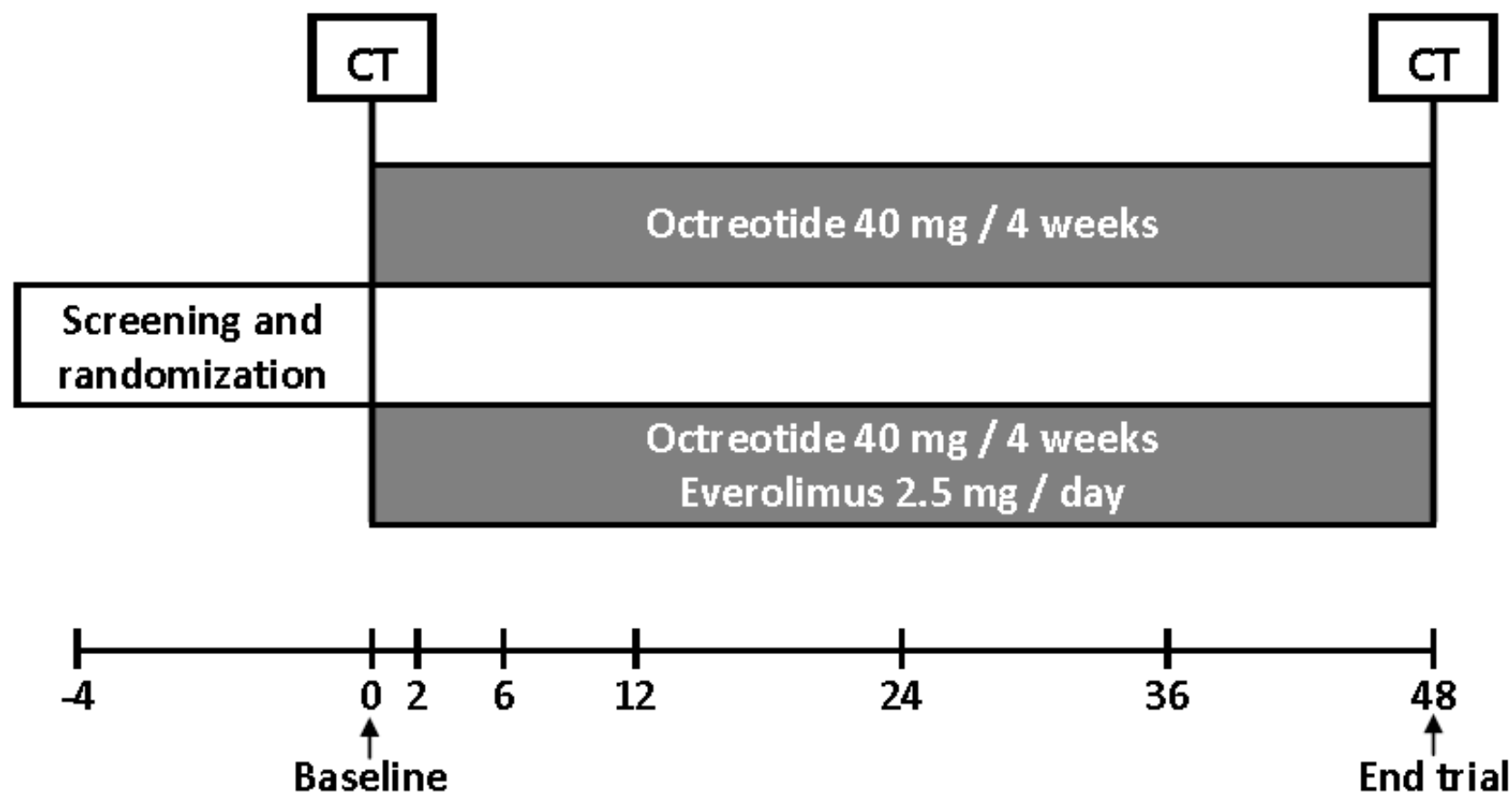
Sirolimus

Everolimus

Everolimus in Patients with Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease

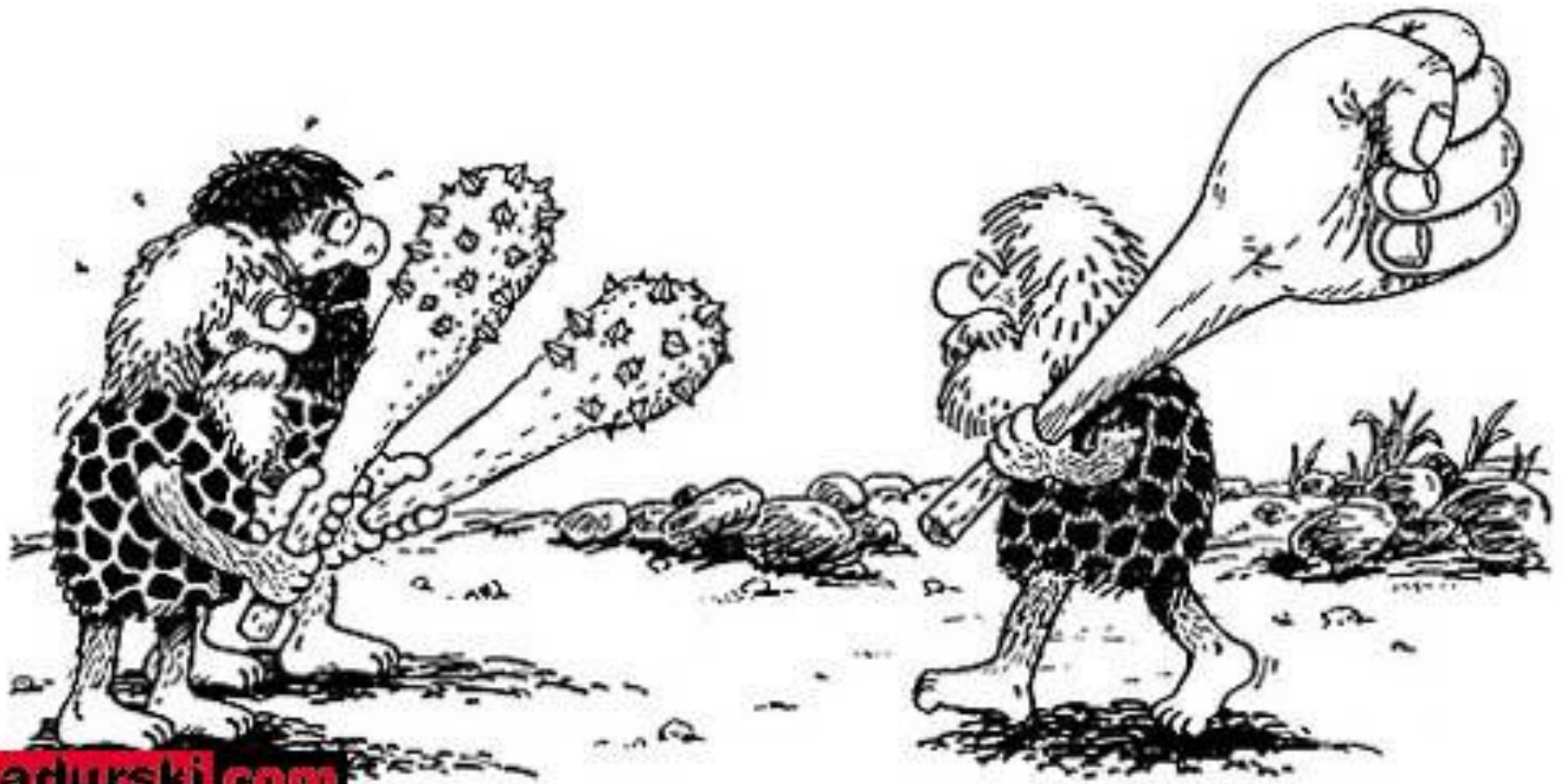


Everolimus and long acting octreotide as a volume reducing treatment of polycystic livers (ELATE): study protocol for a randomized controlled trial



Conclusions

- Promising results of interventional studies
- Still to be answered:
 - When should we intervene?
 - Potential side effects of life-long treatment
 - Mutagenic, cancerogenic immunosuppressive
- Known complications
 - Hypertension, LVH, nephrolithiasis, bleeding, UTI, cerebral aneurisms
 - should be monitored closely



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