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Online Haemodiafiltration

is it really the Technique of the Future?

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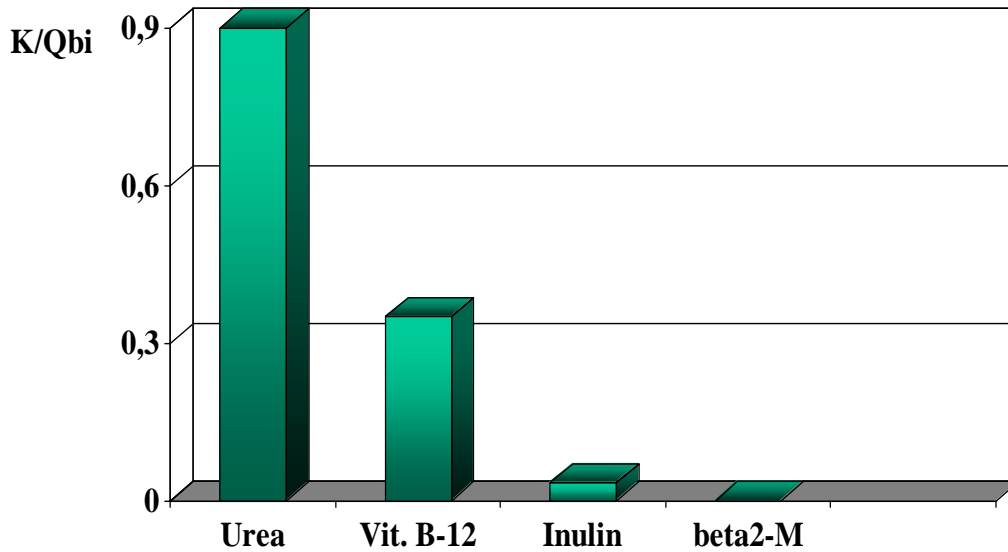
Standard Haemodialysis

3 times weekly, 4 h per session

low flux membranes

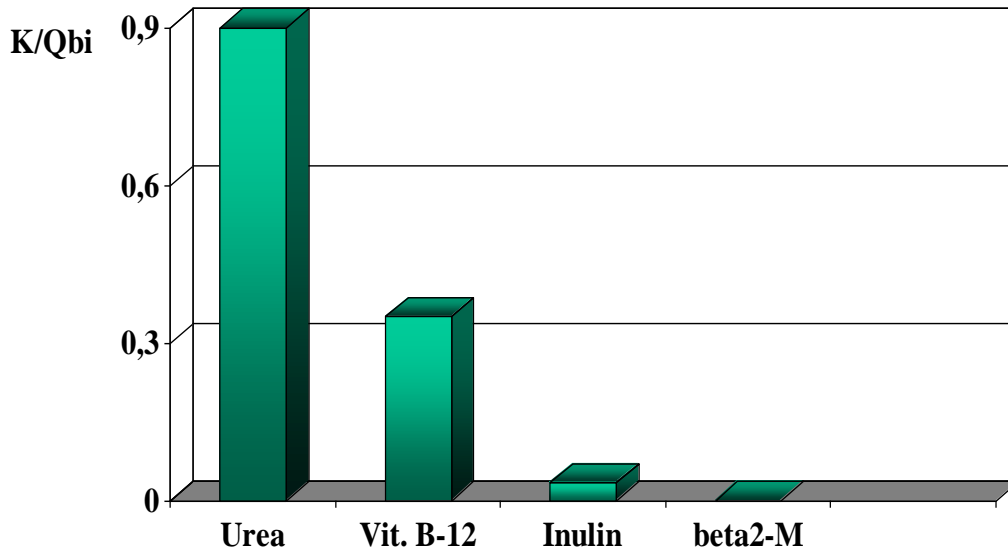
.... it is far from ideal in that it supports life but it fails to restore the patient to full functional normality and longevity

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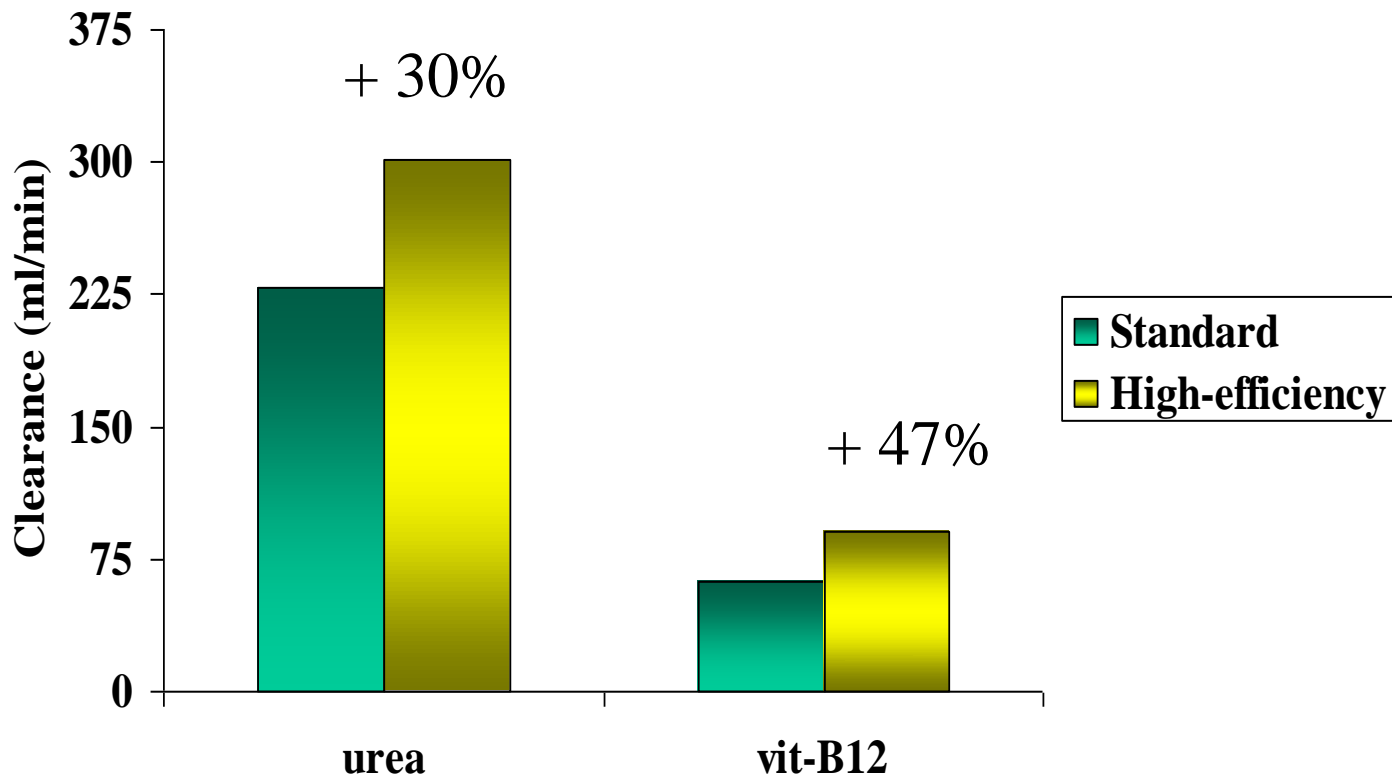
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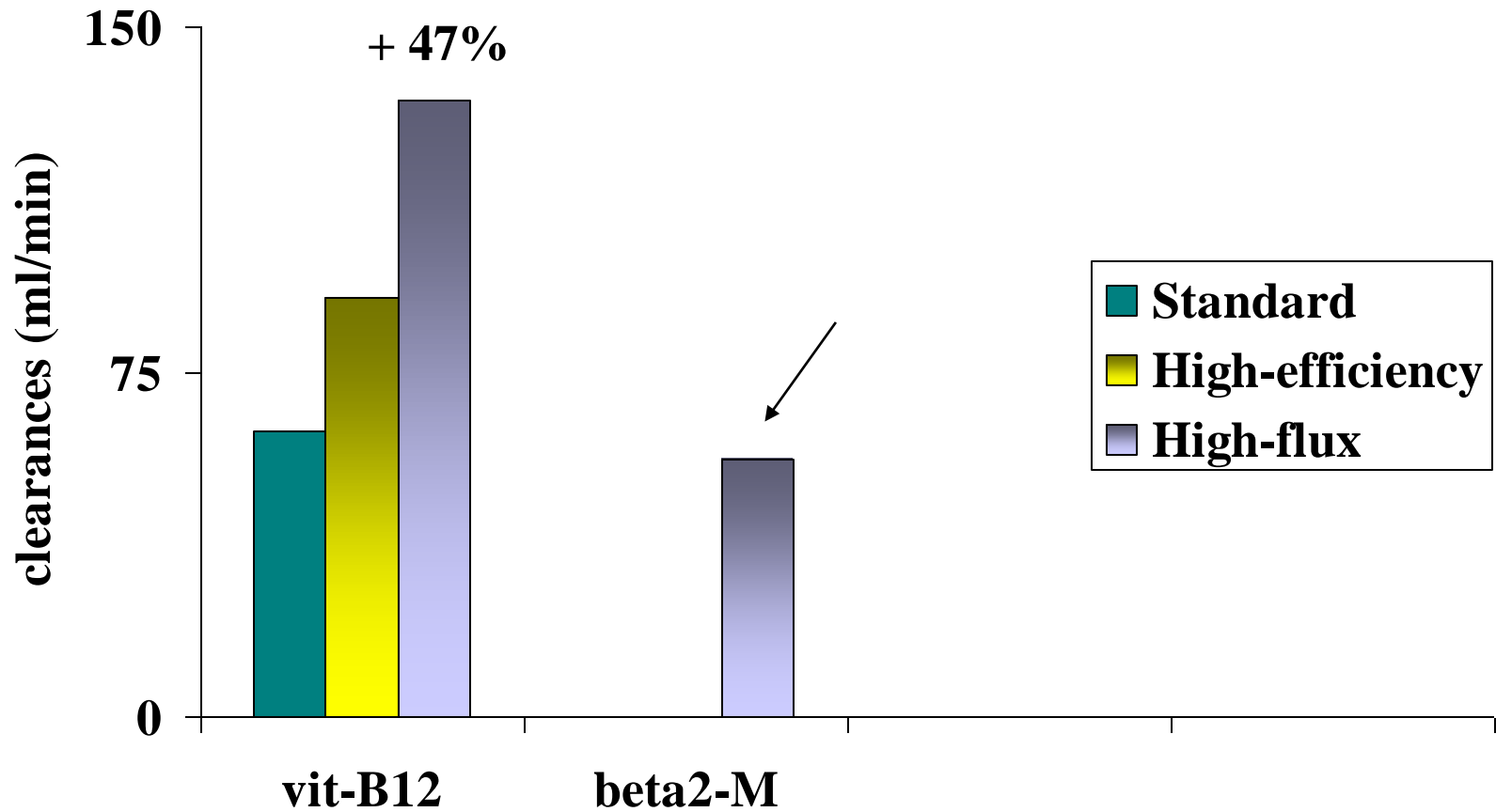


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High-efficiency vs Standard Haemodialysis

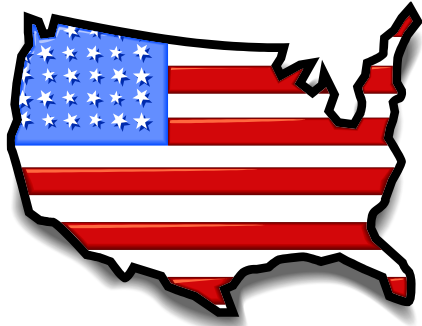


High-Flux vs High-Efficiency and Standard Haemodialysis



Early observational studies on the effect of high-flux HD on risk of mortality

	Design	High-flux or convective treatment	Sample size	% reduction in risk of death with high-flux	P value
Hornberger et al. 1992	Retrospective	HF-HD	253	76	<0.001
Koda et al. 1997	Retrospective	HF-HD	819	39	<0.05
Locatelli et al. 1999	Historical, prospective	HDF or HF	6,444	10	NS
Leybold et al. 1999	Retrospective	HF-HD	1,771	5	<0.0001
Woods et al. 1999	Retrospective	HF-HD	715	42	<0.01
Port et al. 2001	Prospective, observational	HF-HD	12,791	19	0.04



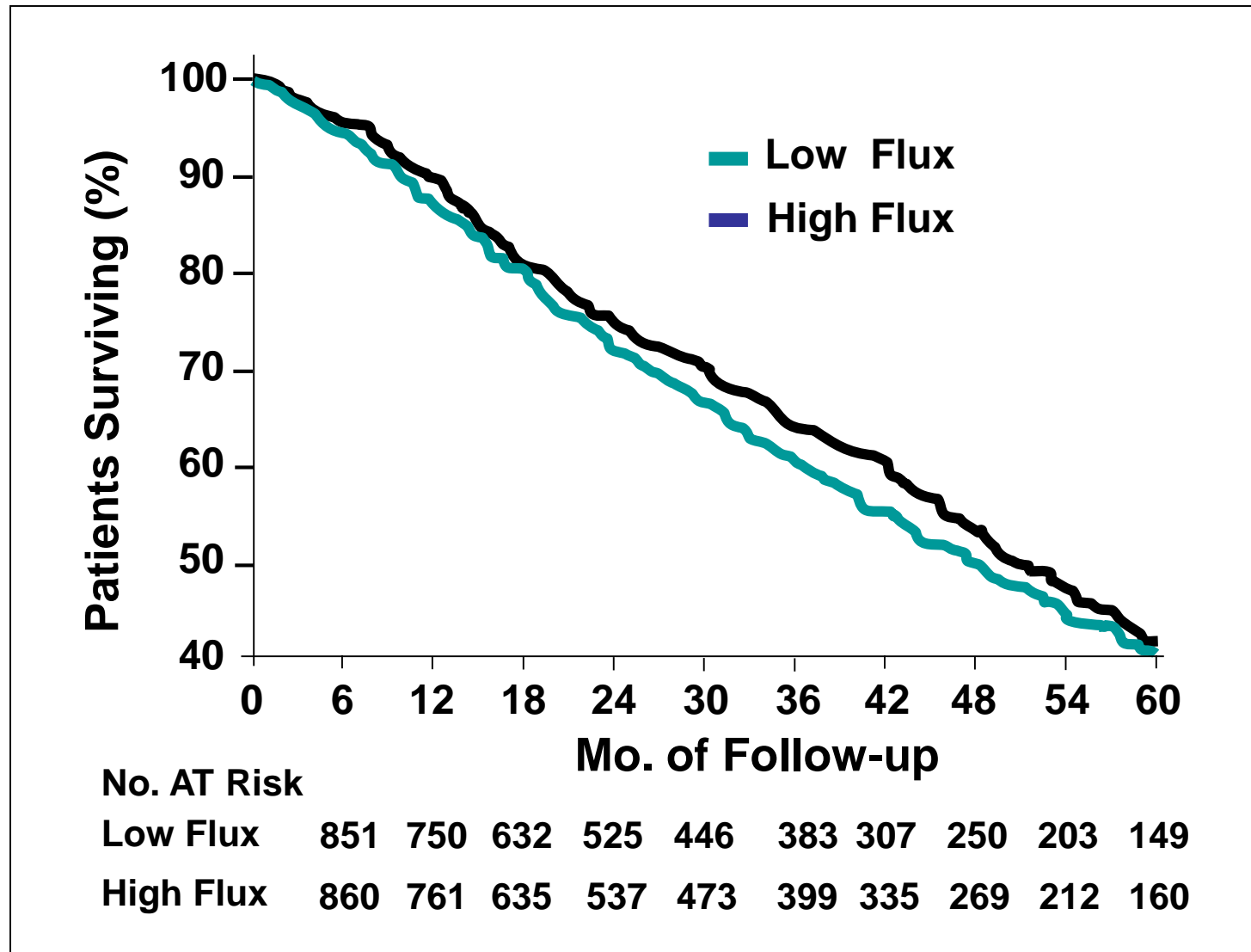
The HEMO Study in the US



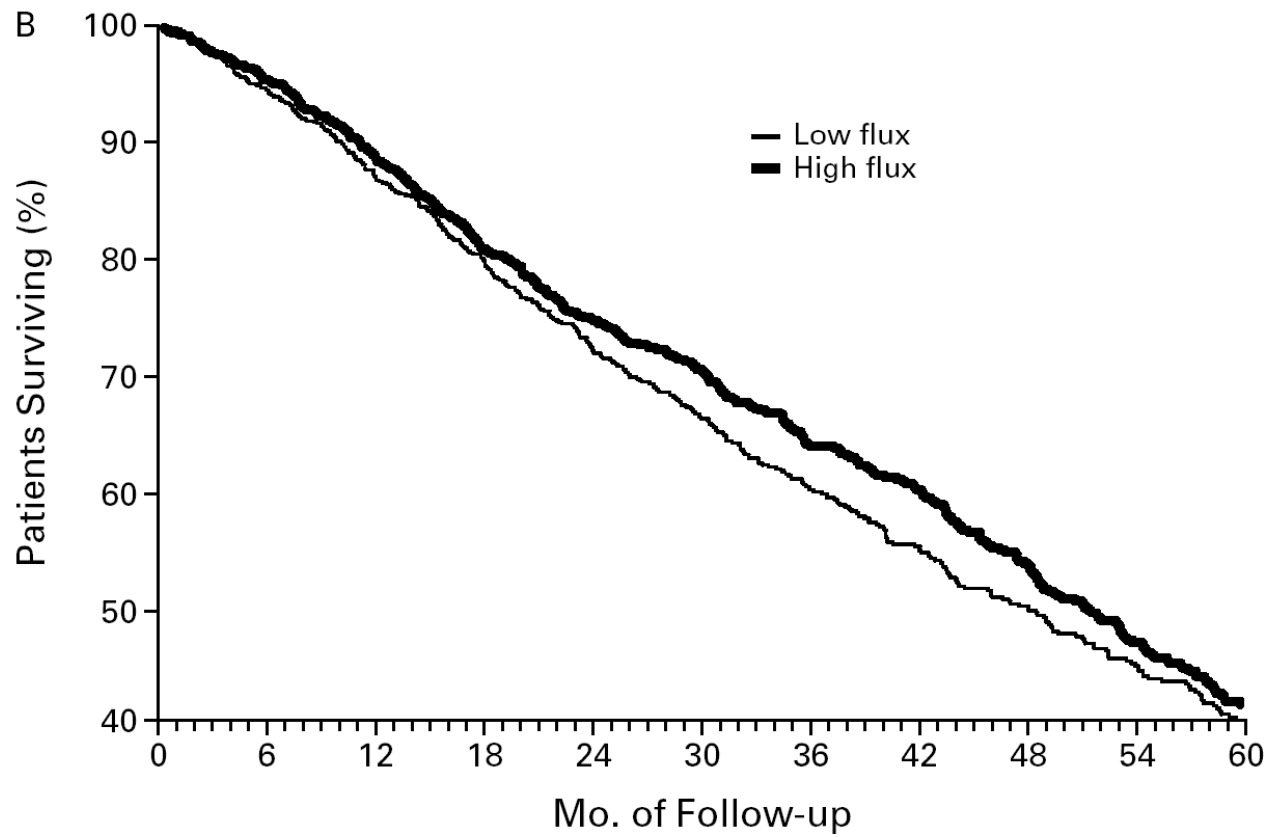
The MPO Study in Europe

HEMO Study

Effect of Membrane Flux on All-cause Mortality



After adjustment for the base-line factors, mortality in the high-flux group was 8 percent lower (P=0.23) than that in the low-flux group



No. AT RISK	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
Low flux	851	750	632	525	446	383	307	250	203	149	
High flux	860	761	635	537	473	399	335	269	212	160	

Effect of Membrane Permeability on Survival of Hemodialysis Patients

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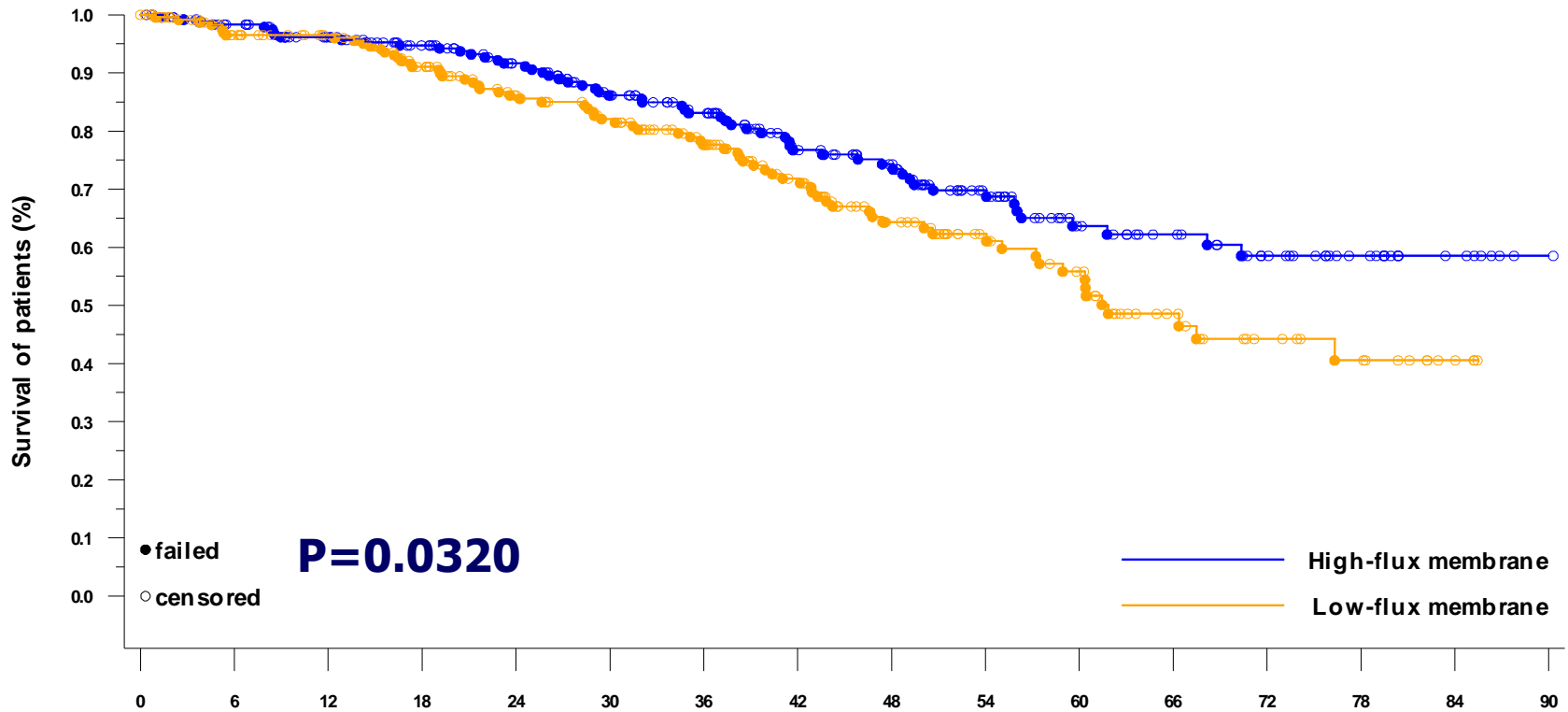
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MPO : Kaplan-Meier Survival Analysis

Survival time - whole study time - Albumin ≤ 4

- Kaplan-Meier analysis -
Intention-to-treat, n=492

$\leq 4\text{g/dl Alb}$



P=0.0320

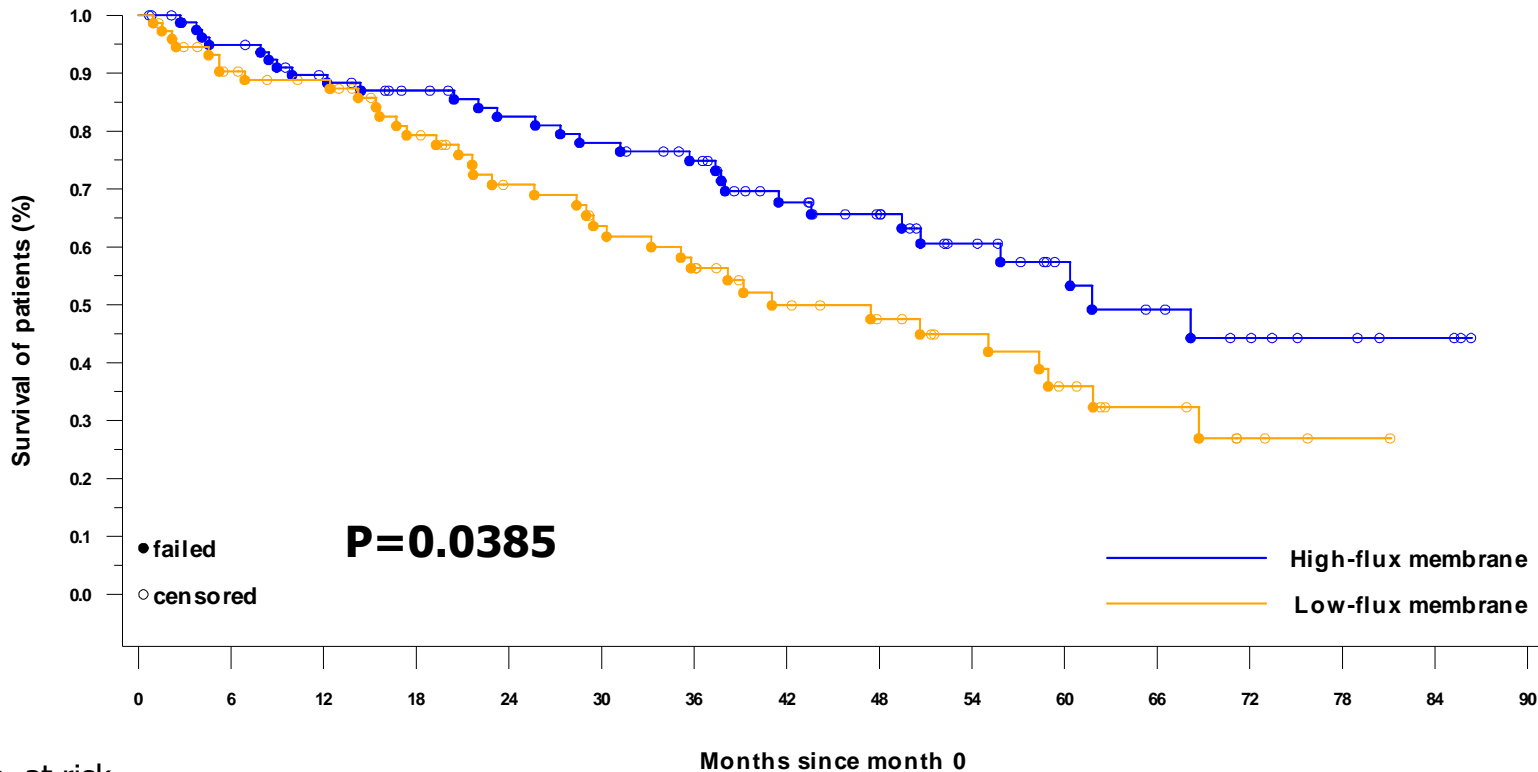
No. at risk

High-flux	250	212	173	134	85	44	26	7
Low-flux	243	202	152	117	67	41	15	3

Months since month 0

MPO : Kaplan-Meier Survival Analysis Subgroup Analysis – Diabetics*

Fi *Pts. with both serum albumin ≤ 4 and > 4 g/dl albumin



No. at risk
High-flux
Low-flux

83	67	55	46	27	14	7	3
74	59	40	29	19	11	3	0

Randomised studies on the effect of High-Flux Haemodialysis on mortality risk

	Design	Treatment (patients)	Sample size	% relative risk reduction	P value
Locatelli et al. 1996	Randomised, prospective	Cuprophan-HD (132) LF-HD (147) HF-HD (51) HDF (50)	380		NS
Eknoyan et al. 2002	Randomised, prospective	HF-HD (921) LF-HD (925)	1,846	8	NS
Locatelli et al. 2009	Randomised, prospective	Albumin \leq 4 g/dl HF-HD (279) LF-HD (283)	562	37	0.032
	Randomised, prospective	Albumin $>$ 4 g/dl HF-HD (84) LF-HD (92)	176		NS
	Randomised, prospective, post-hoc analysis	Diabetics HF-HD (83) LF-HD (74)	157	38	0.039

LF-HD: low-flux haemodialysis; HF-HD: high-flux haemodialysis; HDF:haemodiafiltration

Editorial Comment to MPO Study:

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The results of the MPO Study can be interpreted as a supporting rationale for the use of high-flux dialysis membranes if they are financially affordable.

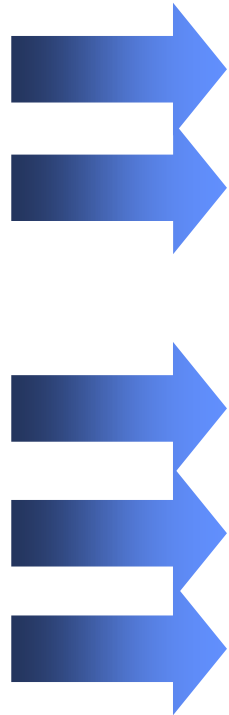
A K Cheung T Green J Am Soc Nephrol 20: 462-464, 2009

High-flux or low-flux dialysis: a position statement following publication of the MPO study

- **MPO study provides sufficient evidence to upgrade the strength of guideline 2.1 to a level 1A (strong recommendation, based on high-quality evidence): high-flux HD should be used to delay long-term complications of hemodialysis in the case of high-risk patients (comparable to the low-albumin group of the MPO study)**
- **Because the substantial reduction of an intermediate marker (beta2-microglobulin) in the high-flux group of the MPO study, synthetic high-flux membranes should be recommended even in low-risk patients (level 2b: weak recommendation, low quality evidence)**

Quality of dialysis procedure

HDF



- Water quality and distribution system
- Dialysate
- Extracorporeal circuit
- Dialysis dose and frequency
- Membranes and convective treatments
- Online treatments

Observational studies on the effect of Haemofiltration and/or Haemodiafiltration on mortality risk

	Design	Treatments (patients)	Sample size	Relative risk reduction	P value
Locatelli et al. 1999	Historical, prospective	HDF or Haemofiltration (188) HD (6,256)	6,444	10%	NS
Canaud et al. 2006	Historical, prospective	LF-HD (1,366) HF-HD (546) Low-efficiency HDF (156) High-efficiency HDF (97)	2,165	35% (High-efficiency HDF vs LF-HD)	0.01
Panichi et al. 2008	Prospective	Bicarbonate-HD* (424) HDF (204) On-line HDF (129)	757	22% (HDF and On-line HDF vs Bicarbonate-HD)	0.01

LF-HD: low-flux haemodialysis; HF-HD: high-flux haemodialysis; HDF: haemodiafiltration; * Including LF-HD (403 patients) and HF-HD (21 patients)

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Wizemann et al. 2000	Randomised, prospective	HDF (23) LF-HD (21)	44		NS
Santoro et al. 2008	Randomised, prospective	On-line Hemofiltration (32) LF-HD (32)	64	55%	0.05
Locatelli et al. 2010	Randomised, prospective	LF-HD (70) On-line Hemofiltration (36) On-line HDF (40)	146		NS

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Potential strategies to improve hemodialysis efficiency

Strategies	Variables			
	> Duration (T)	> Frequency	> TBK (S & M)	< V
Nocturnal HD	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Daily HD	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extended: >6 hrs	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Hemodiafiltration	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes (small/middle molecules)	Yes
Hemofiltration	Yes / No	Yes / No	Yes (middle molecules)	Yes

Convective Therapies: Outcomes

- **Intradialytic Cardiovascular Stability**
- **Beta2 microglobulin**
- **Phosphataemia**
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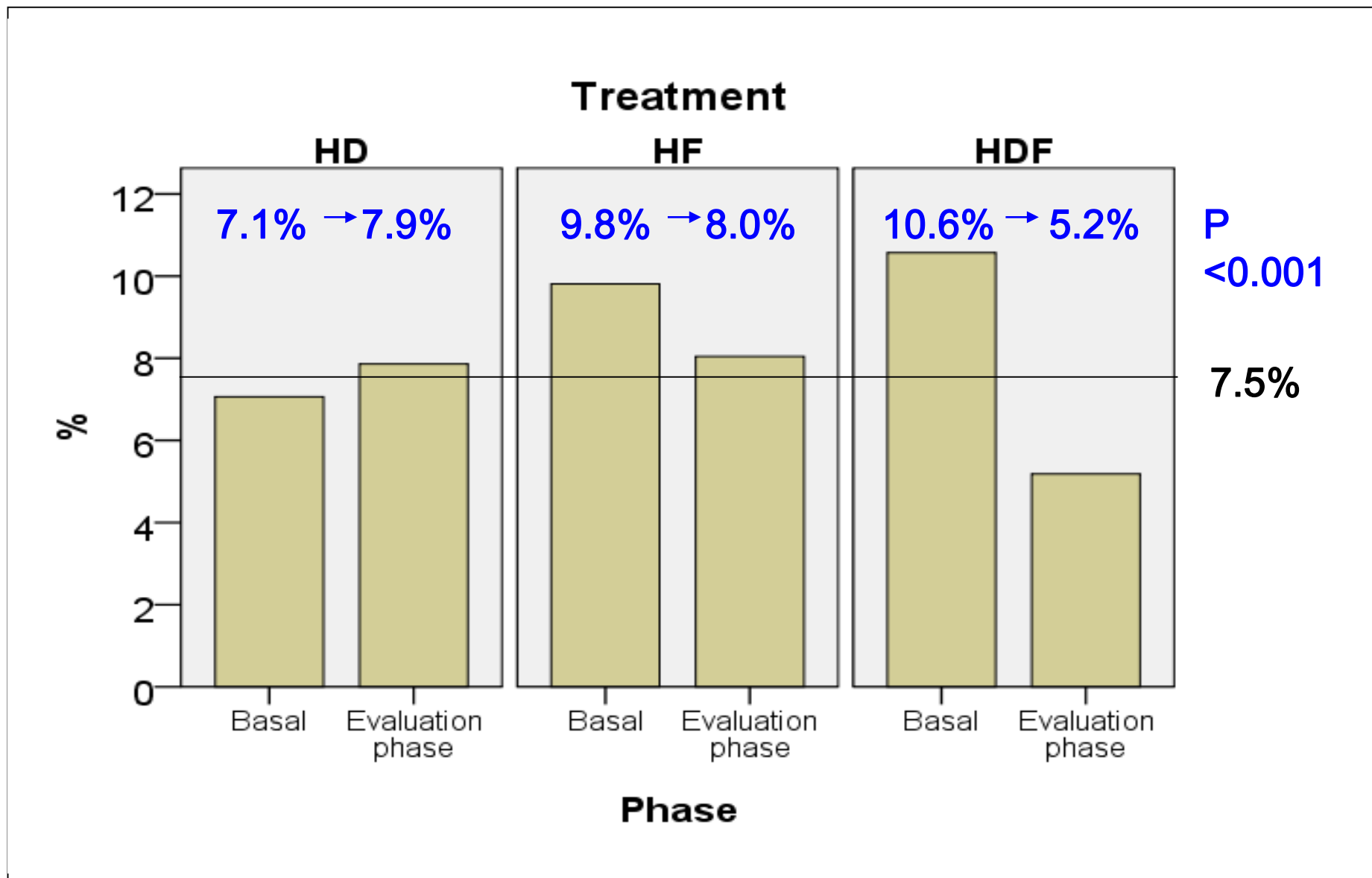
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Hemofiltration and Hemodiafiltration Reduce Intradialytic Hypotension in ESRD

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Sessions with intradialytic hypotension (%)



Intradialytic symptomatic hypotension

Logistic Regression

	B	Sig	ODDS ratio	95% CI for ODDS ratio	
Diabetes	0.517	<0.001	1.68	1.48	1.90
Age (years)	0.024	<0.001	1.02	1.02	1.03
Systolic blood pressure (mmHg)	-0.025	<0.001	0.975	0.972	0.978
Diastolic blood pressure (mmHg)	0.007	0.011	1.01	1.002	1.012
Ischemic cardiopathy	0.493	<0.001	1.64	1.47	1.83
Chronic ischemic arteriopathy	0.430	<0.001	1.54	1.34	1.77
Previous transient ischemic attack	0.715	<0.001	2.04	1.80	2.32
Ultrafiltration rate (hg/hour)	0.130	<0.001	1.14	1.12	1.16
Experimental treatment:		<0.001			
HF	-0.378	0.011	0.69	0.51	0.92
HDF	0.782	<0.001	0.46	0.33	0.63

Number needed to treat

	Expected Hypotensions (patient*/year) from run-in phase	RRR (relative risk reduction, %)	ARR (absolute risk reduction, %)	Avoided Hypotensions (patient*/year)	NNT (number needed to treat) dialysis sessions
Dialytic Modality					
Hemofiltration	14.9	18	1.8	2.74 (156/57)	57
Hemodiafiltration	16.1	51	5.4	8.21 (156/19)	19

*Patient performing 3 dialytic treatments/week

from Locatelli et al. J Am Soc Nephrol. 2010; 21(10):1798-807

Italian Study Conclusions

- **This is the first multicenter randomized controlled trial simultaneously comparing three extracorporeal treatments with different levels of convection and diffusion on intradialytic cardiovascular stability of chronic hemodialysis patients**
- **The main finding is the demonstration of a lower frequency of intradialytic symptomatic hypotension in patients treated with pure (HF) or mixed (HDF) convection in comparison with patients treated with a diffusive technique (low flux HD)**
- **This effect was more pronounced in online pre-dilution HDF**

Tolerance of CKD patients receiving HDF and HF versus HD

F.Locatelli B. Canaud, *Nephrol Dial Transplant.* 2012 Aug;27(8):3043-8

Author, Year	HDF vs Comp	Type of study	β 2-M	Survival	Tolerance
Locatelli F et al, 1996	LF-HD vs cuprophan-HD vs HF-HD vs HDF	RCT	↓ (HF-HD and HDF)	=	=
Wizemann V et al, 2000	HDF vs LFHD	RCT	↓	=	=
Bosch JP et al, 2006	HDF vs LFHD vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	?	↑ 45%	↑
Canaud B et al 2006	HDF+/- vs LFHD vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	?	↑ 35%	=
Jirka et al, 2006	HDF vs LFHD vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	?	↑ 36%	=
Schiffl H et al, 2007	HDF vs HFHD + UPD	RCT	↓	=	=
Vinhas J et al, 2007	HDF vs HFHD	Prospective controlled study	?	↑ 50%	↑
Panichi V et al. 2008	HDF+/- vs LFHD	Prospective controlled study	↓	↑ 15%	↑
Santoro A et al, 2008	HF vs HFHD	RCT	↓	↑ 18%	↑
Tiranathanagul K 2009	HDF vs HFHD	Prospective controlled study	↓	=	↑
Vilar E et al, 2009	HDF vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	↓	↑ 34%	↑
Locatelli F et al, 2010	HDF & HF vs LFHD	RCT	↓	=	↑ ↑

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Long-term effects of high-efficiency on-line HDF on uraemic toxicity

Multicentre prospective randomized cross-over study

Laboratory values and dialysis adequacy parameters at the end of the 2 periods

6 months x 2	LF-HD (n=62)	OI-HDF (n=62)	P-value
eKt/V urea	1.44±0.26	1.60±0.31	< 0.0001
Urea, basal, mg/dL	143 ± 25	133 ± 23	0.004
End session, mg/dL	36 ± 12	29 ± 10	<0.0001
Beta2-m	33.5±11.8	22.2±7.8	< 0.0001
tHcy, µmol/L	18.7 ± 8.2	15.4 ± 5.0	0.003*
ADMA, µmol/L	0.97 ± 0.40	0.84 ± 0.37	0.2
P	5.0±1.4	4.6±1.3	0.008
iPTH	228±177	203±154	0.03
Triglycerides, mg/dL	167 ± 87	148 ± 77	0.008*
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	175 ± 45	176 ± 45	0.9
Albumin	4041±391	3919±393	0.004
Albumin, g/dL	4041 ± 391	3919 ± 393	0.004*
CRP	6.65±6.07	5.49±5.46	0.03
Potassium, mmol/L	5.2 ± 0.6	5.2 ± 0.7	0.8
Bicarbonate, mmol/L	21.8 ± 2.1	21.7 ± 1.9	0.6

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Wizemann V et al, 2000	HDF vs LFHD	RCT	↓	=	=
Bosch JP et al, 2006	HDF vs LFHD vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	?	↑ 45%	↑
Canaud B et al 2006	HDF+/- vs LFHD vs HFHD	Historical prospective cohort	?	↑ 35%	=
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Urea, mg/dL		36 ± 12	29 ± 10	<0.0001
End session, mg/dL		9.8 ± 2.2	9.1 ± 2.2	<0.0001
Creatinine, mg/dL		33.5±11.8	22.2±7.8	< 0.0001
Beta-2-microglobulin, mg/L	Beta2-m	10.7 ± 0.2	10.4 ± 0.0	0.0001
ADMA, µmol/L		0.97 ± 0.40	0.84 ± 0.37	0.2
Calcium, mg/dL		0.6 ± 0.8	0.7 ± 0.7	0.3
Phosphorus, mg/dL	P	5.0±1.4	4.6±1.3	0.008
Calcium x phosphorus product, mg ² /dL ²		47.0 ± 13.1	44.4 ± 13.0	0.001
Intact parathyroid hormone-related protein, pg/mL	iPTH	228±177	203±154	0.03
Total cholesterol, mg/dL		175 ± 45	176 ± 45	0.9
HDL, mg/dL		44.7 ± 12.4	49.2 ± 12.7	<0.0001*
Albumin, g/L	Albumin	4041±391	3919±393	0.004
C-reactive protein, mg/L		6.65 ± 6.07	5.49 ± 5.46	0.02*
Serum ferritin, µg/L	CRP	6.65±6.07	5.49±5.46	0.03
Parathyroid hormone-related protein, pg/mL		0.2 ± 0.0	0.2 ± 0.1	0.8
Bicarbonate, mmol/L		21.8 ± 2.1	21.7 ± 1.9	0.6

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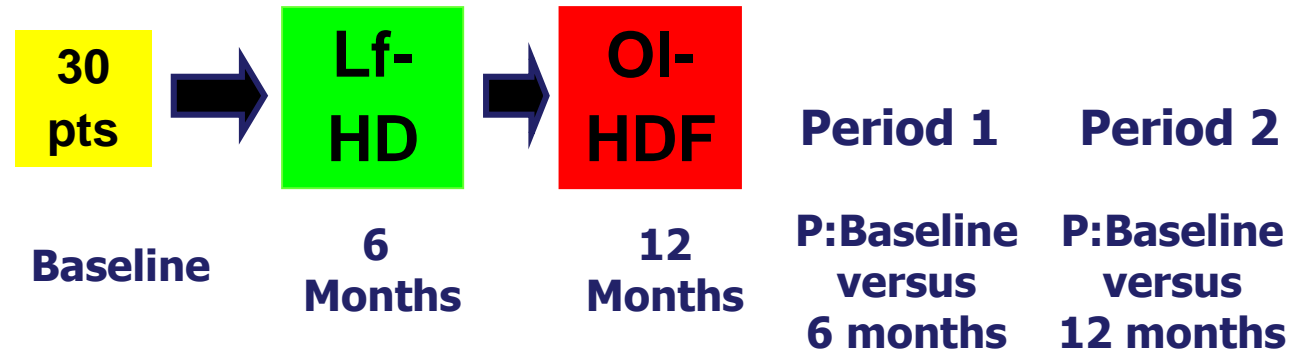
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Phosphate binders and 1-25 OH Vit D

	Low Flux-HD	On line-HDF	P-value
Ca (acetate/carbonate), g/day	<i>n</i> = 35 2.54 ± 1.36	<i>n</i> = 34 2.67 ± 1.45	0.6
Al hydroxide, g/day	<i>n</i> = 16 2.98 ± 1.99	<i>n</i> = 16 3.10 ± 1.97	0.9
Sevelamer, mg/day	5120±2001	3947±2016	0.04
1-25 OH cholecalciferol, µg/week	<i>n</i> = 38 2.25 ± 1.64	<i>n</i> = 38 2.38 ± 1.83	0.8

Effect of post-dilutional on-line HDF on serum calcium, phosphate and PTH in uraemic patients

Prospective trial



Study group: $n=30$

	Baseline	6 Months	12 Months	Period 1	Period 2
Calcium (mg/dl)	8.9 ± 0.8	9.1 ± 0.7	8.9 ± 0.6	NS	NS
Serum phosphate (mg/dL)	5.3 ± 0.7	5.1 ± 1.0	4.0 ± 0.7	NS	<0.0001
PTHint (ng/mL)	319 ± 163	307 ± 167	194 ± 98	NS	<0.0001

Controls: $n=35$ (Lf-HD)

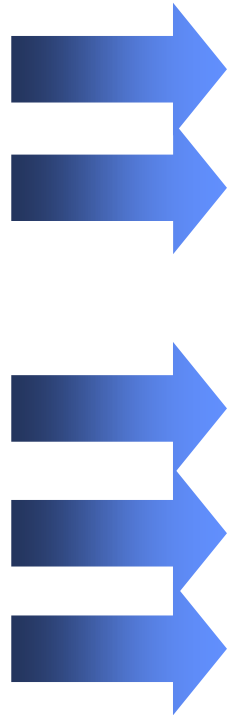
	Baseline	6 Months	12 Months	Period 1	Period 2
Calcium (mg/dl)	9.1 ± 0.6	9.2 ± 0.6	9.2 ± 0.5	NS	NS
Serum phosphate (mg/dL)	5.0 ± 0.5	5.1 ± 0.4	5.2 ± 0.5	NS	NS
PTHint (ng/mL)	276 ± 182	242 ± 149	294 ± 189	NS	NS

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Anaemia and dialysis procedure

HDF



- Water quality and distribution system
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Observational studies on the effect of Convective Treatments on Anaemia correction

	Design	Treatments	Sample size	Haemoglobin Haematocrit	Epo dose
Kawano et al. 1994	Prospective	LF-HD to HF-HD	10	NA	↓
Villaverde et al. 1999	Prospective	Cellulose-HD to polysulphone-HD	31	=	↓
Maduell et al. 1999	Prospective	Conventional HDF to On-line HDF	37		↓
Lin et al. 2002	Prospective	Conventional HD to On-line HDF	92		↓
Bonforte et al. 2002	Prospective	Cuprophan HD to On-line HDF	32	*	↓#
Yokoyama et al. 2008	Historical, prospective	HF-HD vs LF-HD And Cellulose vs Biocompatible	1,207	=	=

LF-HD: low-flux haemodialysis; HF-HD: high-flux haemodialysis; HDF: haemodiafiltration; NA: not available;

* Only in patients not receiving Epo therapy; # Only in patients receiving Epo therapy

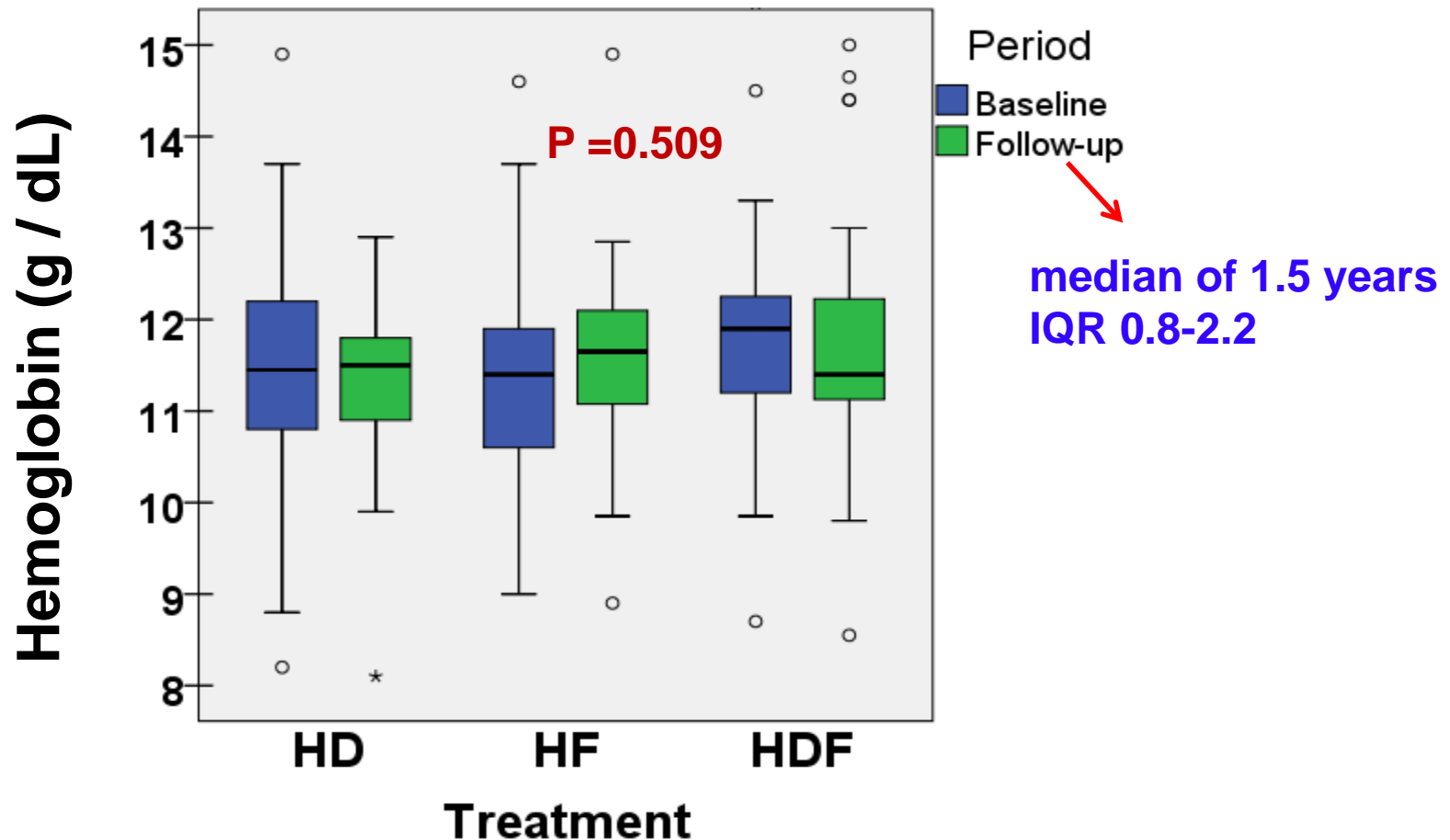
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	Analysis	Treatments (patients)	Sample size	Haemoglobin Haematocrit	Epo dose
Locatelli et al. 1996	Secondary	Cuprophane-HD (132) LF – Ps HD (147) HF – Ps HD (51) HDF Ps (50)	380	(HF-HD vs LF-HD)	NA
Locatelli et al. 2000	Primary	HF-PMMA HD (42) Cellulose-HD (42)	84	=	=
Ward et al. 2000	Primary	On-line HDF vs HF-HD	44	=	
Wizemann et al. 2000	Primary	LF-HD (21) On-line HDF (23)	44	=	=
Ayli et al. 2004	Primary	HF-HD vs LF-HD	48		↓
Vaslaki et al. 2006	Primary (cross-over)	On-line HDF vs HD	70		↓
Locatelli et al. 2009	Secondary	LF-HD (375) HF-HD (363)	738	=	=
Andrulli.. and Locatelli 2010	Primary	HF-HD+ Vit. E coated membranes vs	20	=	=
	Secondary	HF-HD		=	↓

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Baseline and follow-up haemoglobin values in online HF and online HDF vs low-flux HD

A total of 146 patients were centrally randomized to HD (70 patients), HF (36 patients) or HDF (40 patients)



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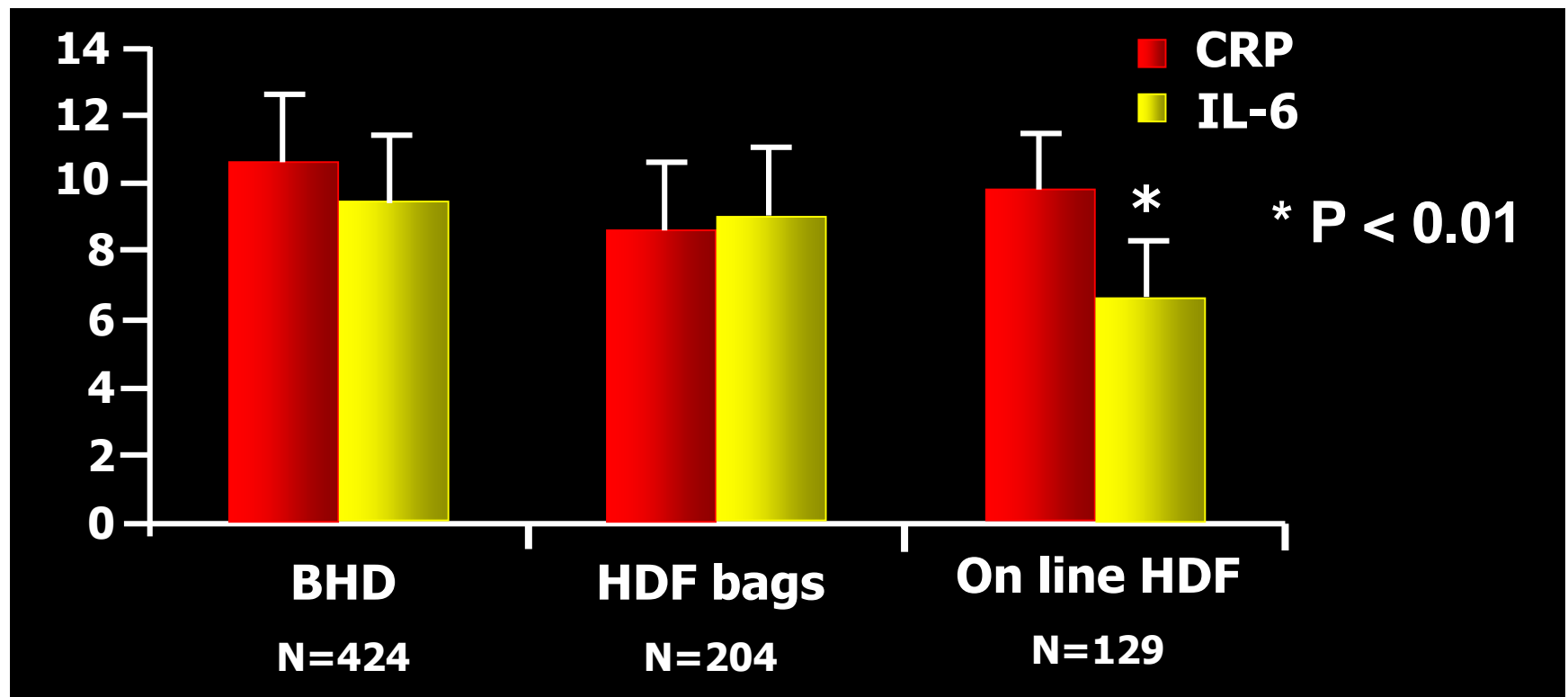
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Chronic inflammation and mortality in HD: effect of different renal replacement therapies.

Results from the RISCAVID study

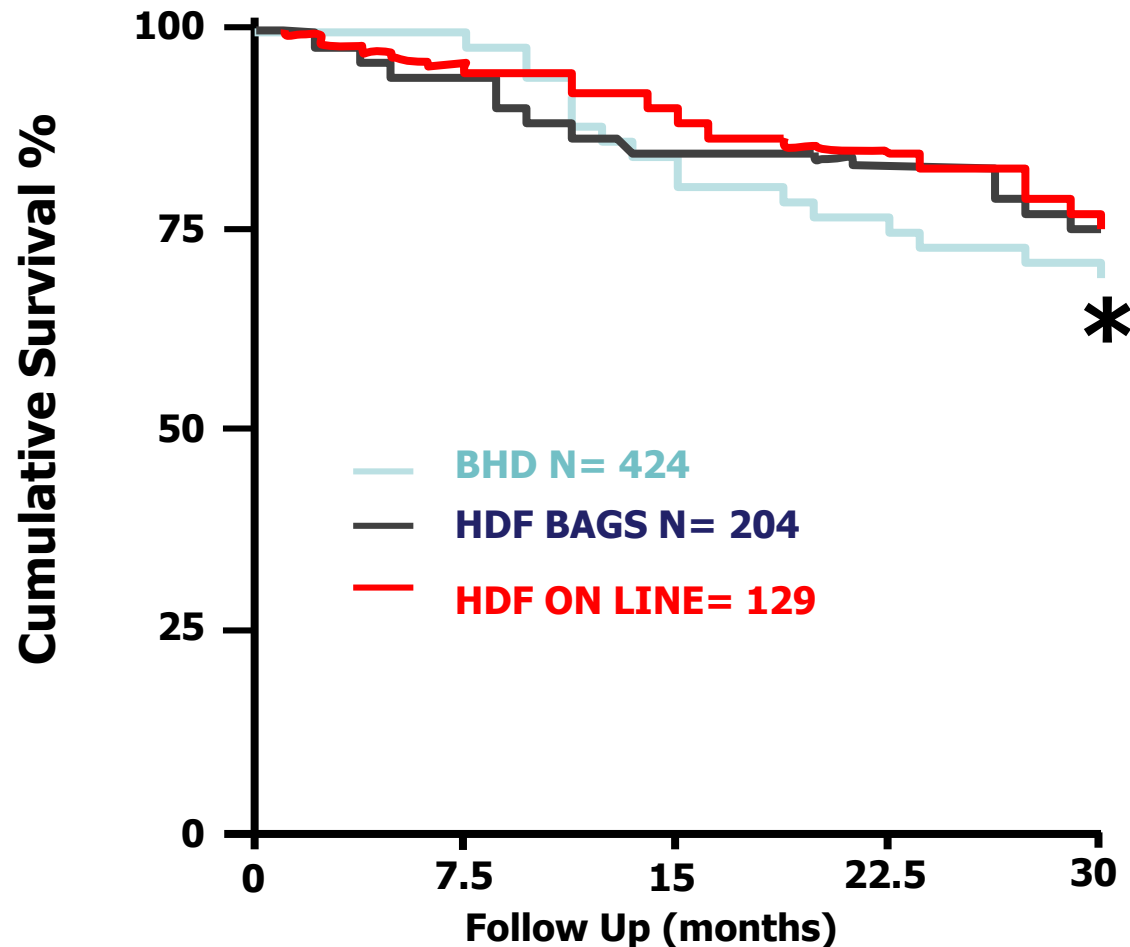
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Inflammatory markers and dialytic techniques



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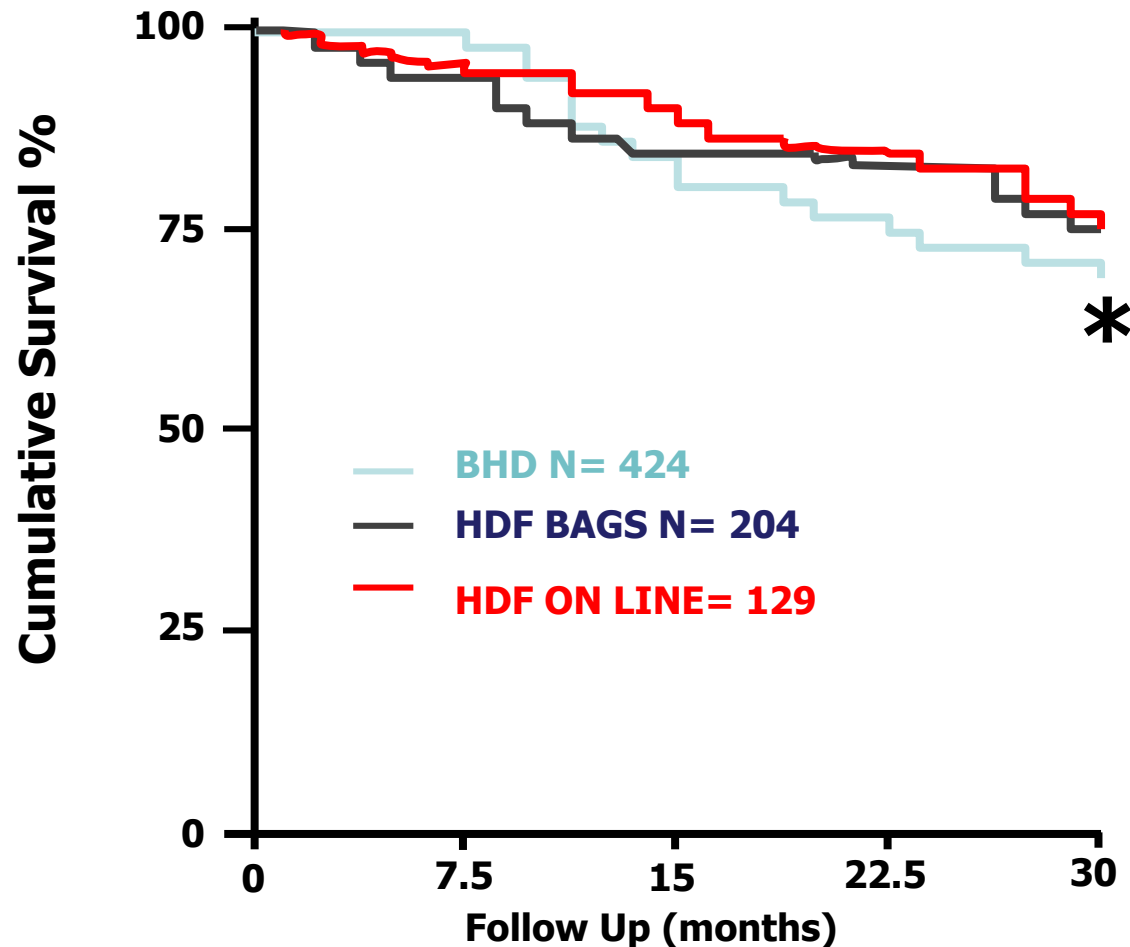
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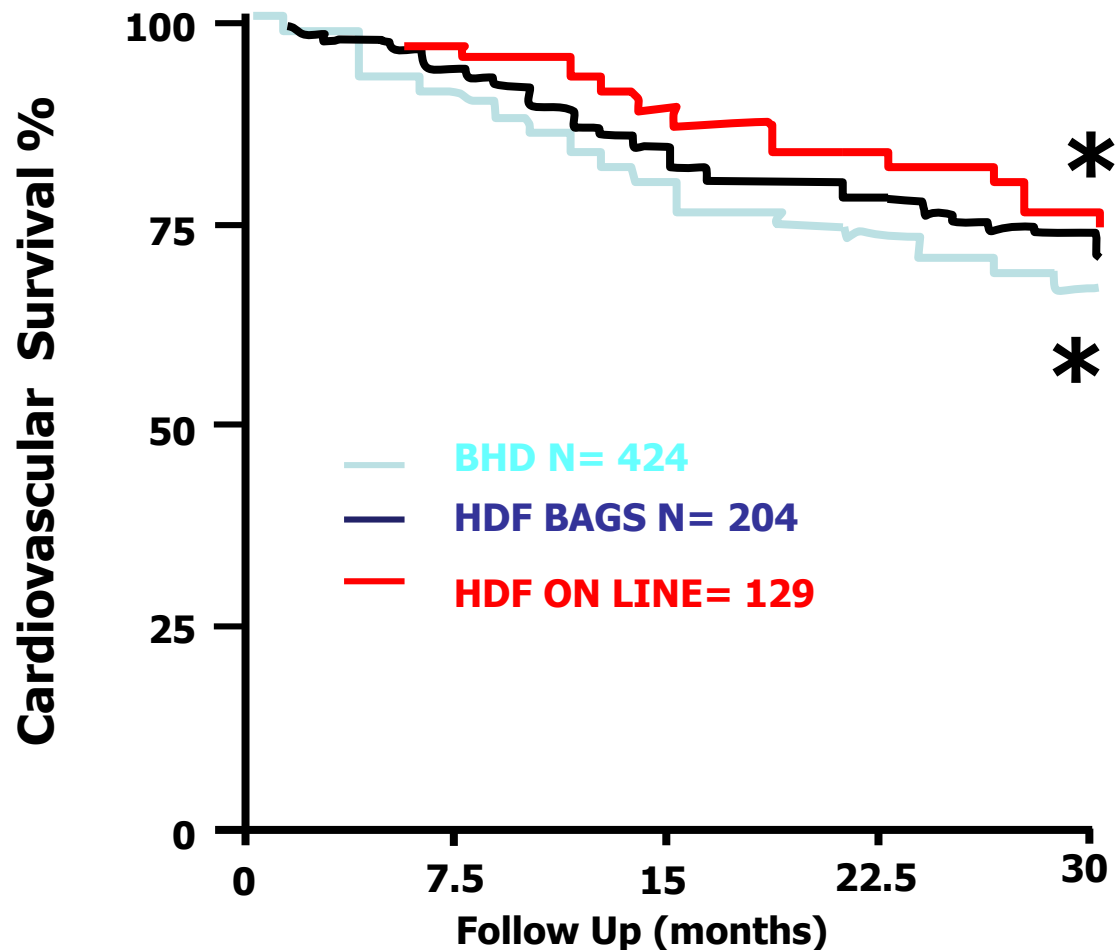


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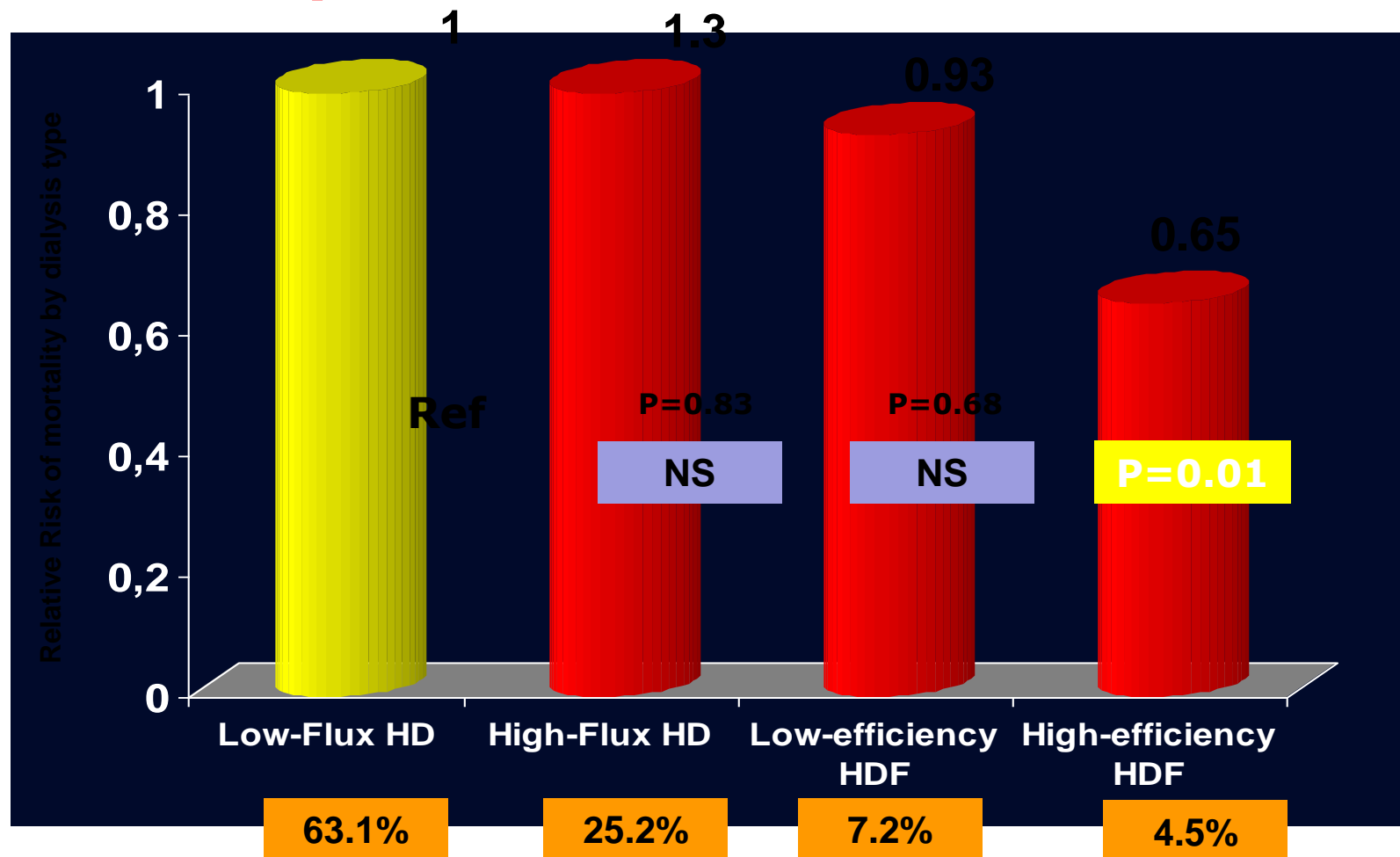
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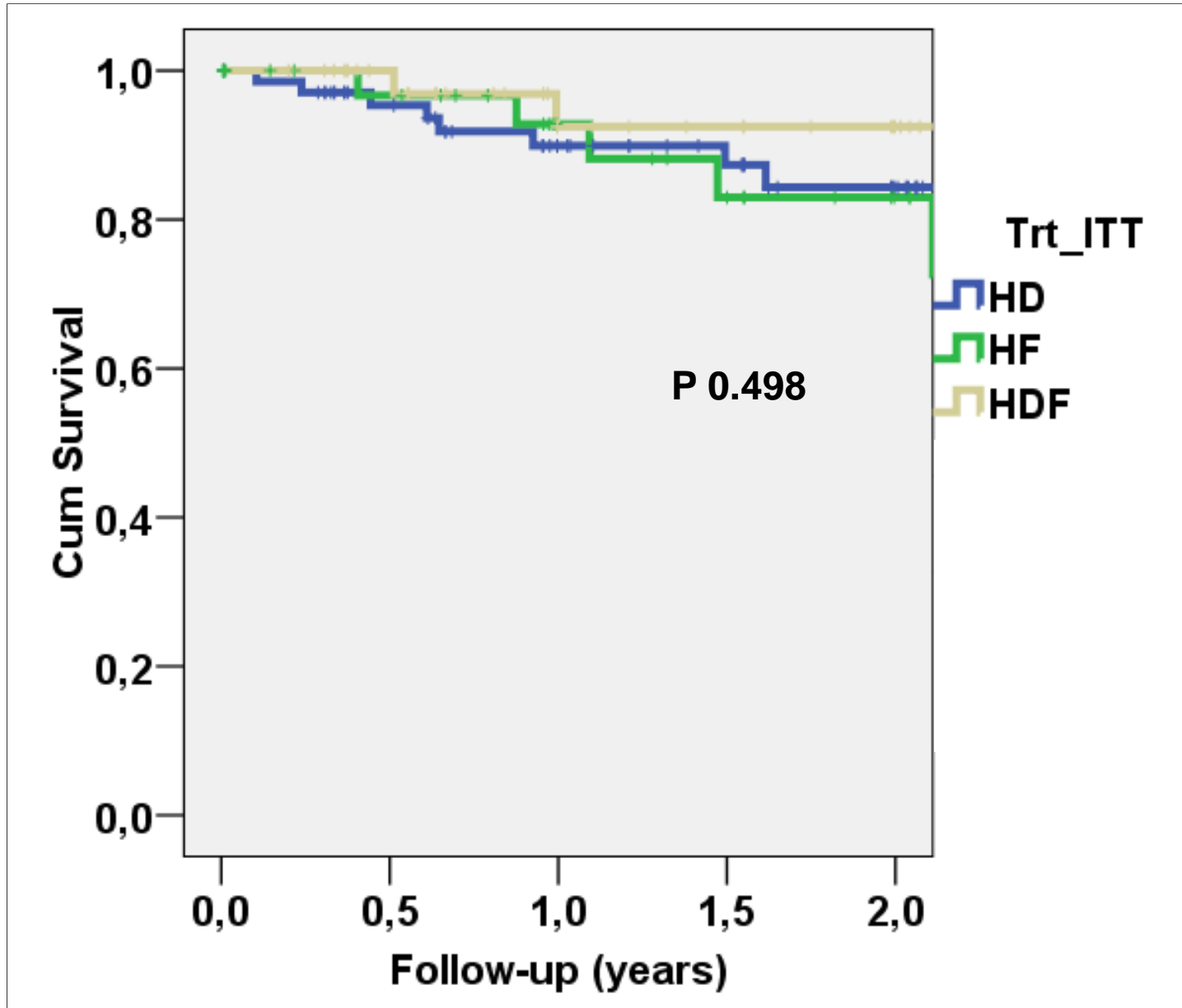
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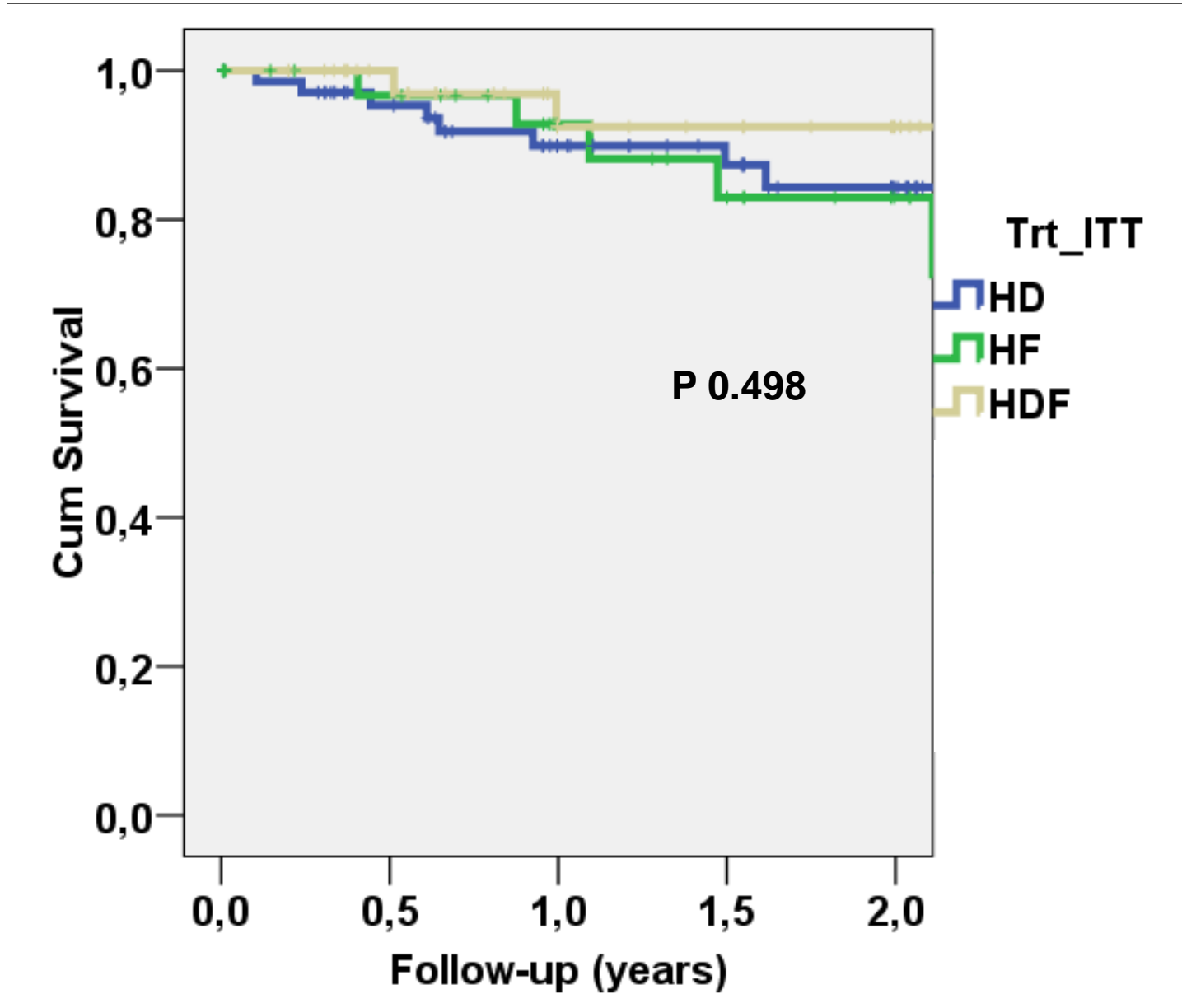
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Patient survival



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Is hemodiafiltration the future?

Barriers to its large use

Barriers to larger use of Hemodiafiltration

- Lack of convincing evidence of survival benefit
- Lack of convincing cost saving - varies from country to country
- Safety concerns using large volume of on-line prepared substitution fluid
- Regulatory issues regulation of on-line fluid preparation (cumbersome and costly)
- Inadequate vascular access for Q_b requirements
- Education and training
- Cost of OL-HDF machine

Lessons from recent trials in hemodialysis

The solution...

- **Randomised controlled studies in dialysis are welcomed**
- **The HEMO and MPO studies comparing High flux and low flux hemodialysis, the Italian Convective Study comparing hemodialysis, hemodiafiltration and hemofiltration gave important information on how to improve the management of dialysis patients**

Randomized clinical trials in Europe evaluating HDF vs HD

Dutch Trial
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LFHD vs HDF
350/350
CV events
Mortality
36 months

715 enrolled
JASN 2012

Italian Trial
CONVESTUDY
LFHD vs HF/HDF
150/75/75
Tolerance
Morbidity
Mortality
24 months

70 HD; 40 HDF
& 36 HF patients
JASN 2010

French Trial
HFHD vs HDF
> 65y
300/300
Tolerance
CV events
Mortality
24 months

410 patients;
enrollment closed
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Results by Dec ,
2013?

Catalonian Trial
ESHOL
HFHD vs HDF
300/300
CV events
Mortality
24 months

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JASN 2013

Turkish Trial
HFHD vs HDF
300/300
CV events
Mortality
24 months

~ 800 patients
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Effect of Online Hemodiafiltration on All-Cause Mortality and Cardiovascular Outcomes

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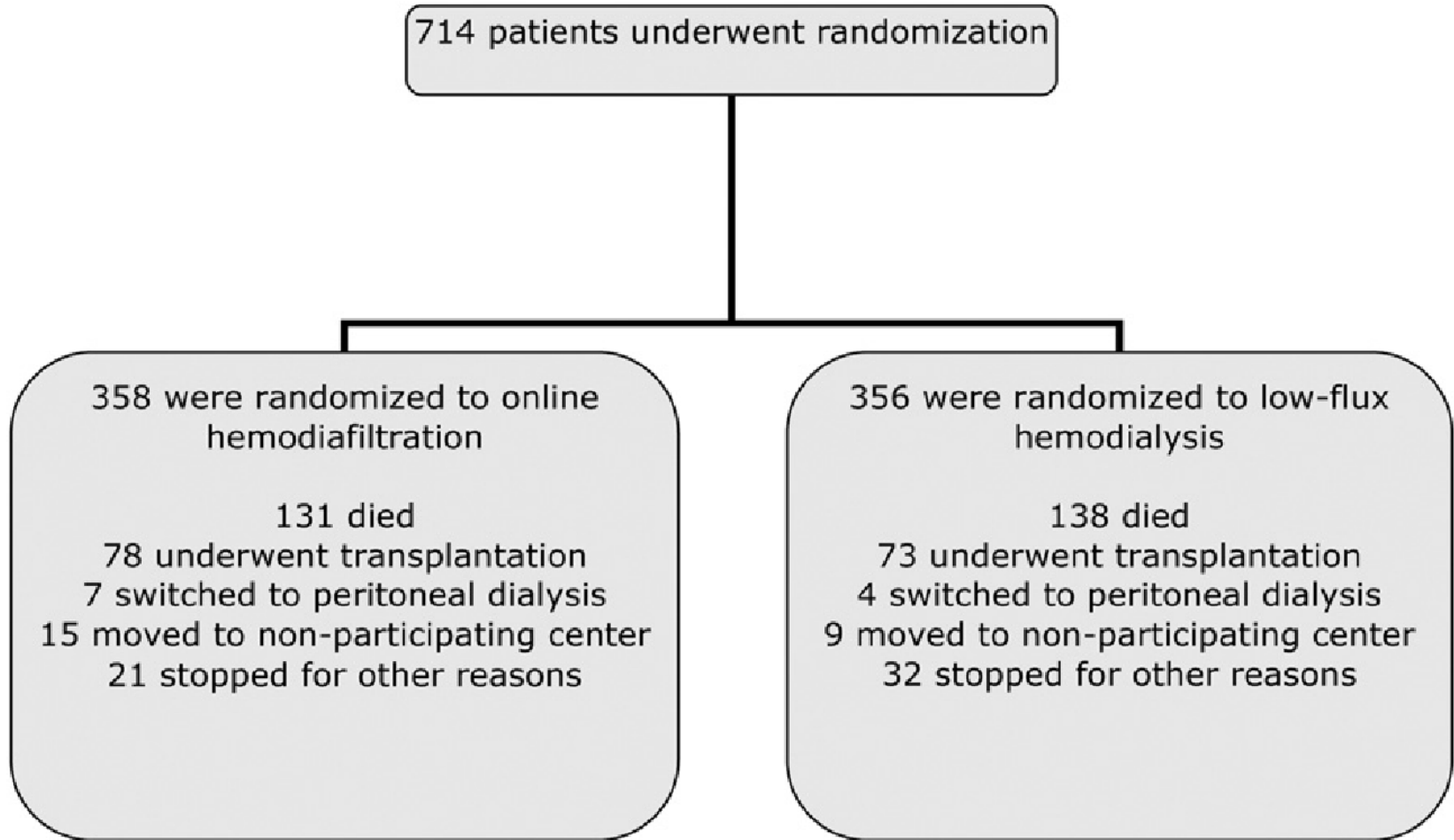


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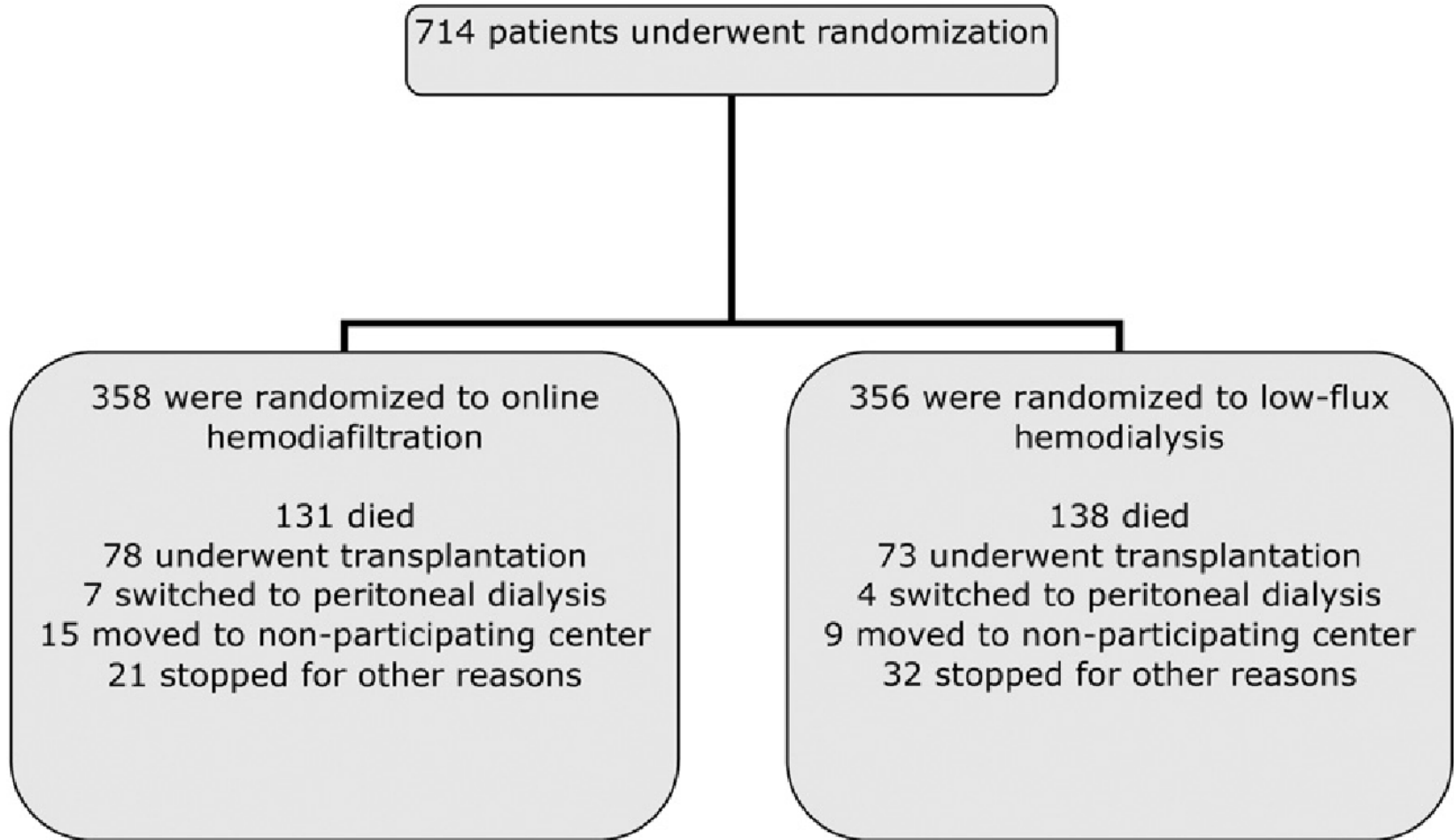


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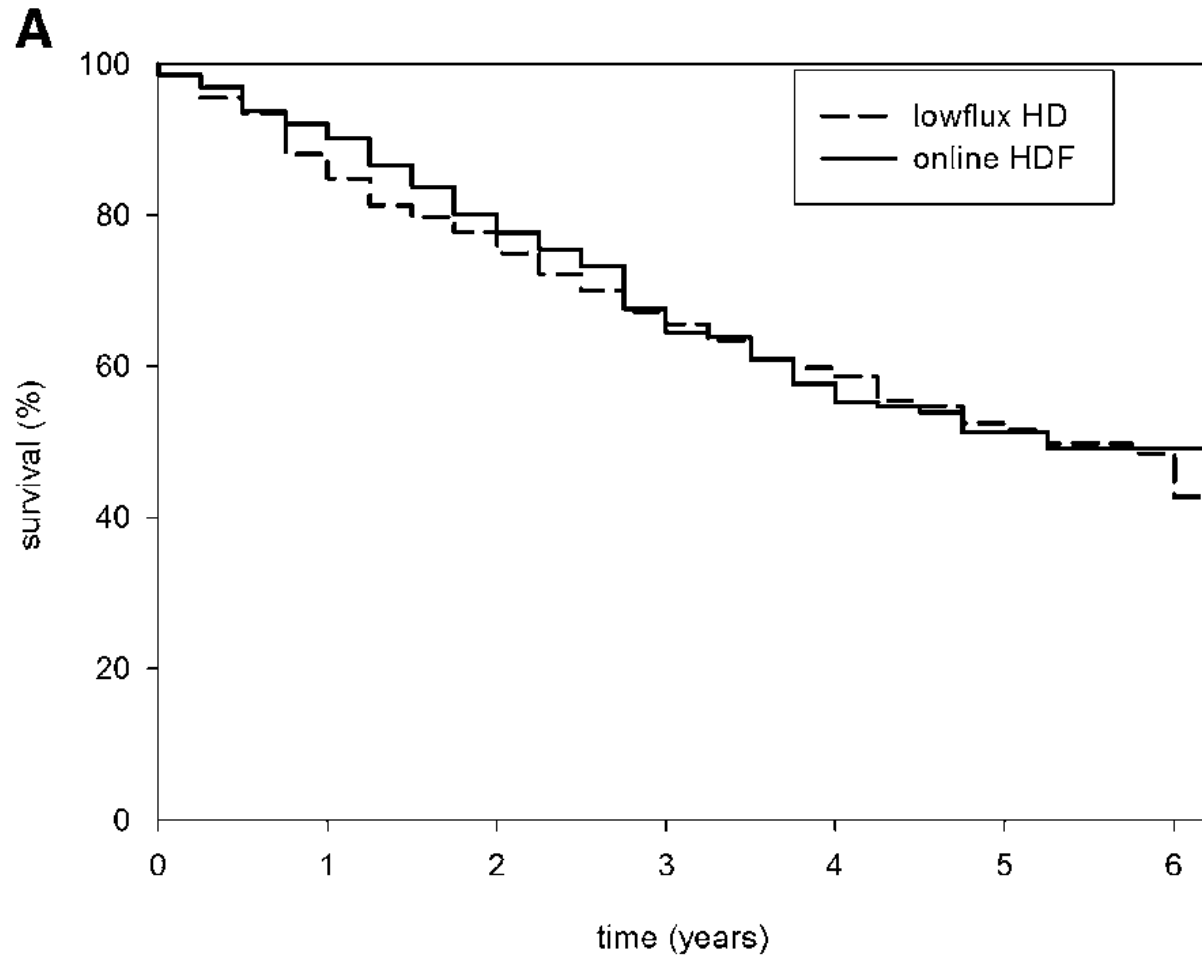
Primary outcome

	Online Hemodiafiltration		Low-Flux Hemodialysis		HR (95% CI) ^a
	Number of Events	Person-Years of Follow-Up	Number of Events	Person-Years of Follow-Up	
Primary out-come: all-cause mortality	131	1085	138	1085	0.95 (0.75–1.20)

^a Obtained through unadjusted Cox proportional hazards models

All-cause mortality was not affected by treatment

Survival curves for time to death from any cause based on life table analyses using 3-month time periods



Patients at risk

HD	356	337	307	269	230	201	169	140	102	83	65	52	32
HDF	358	346	324	287	237	203	160	131	103	77	57	44	18

Patient characteristics during follow-up

Characteristic	Online Hemodiafiltration	Low-Flux Hemodialysis	Mean Difference (SEM)	P Value for Difference
Duration of dialysis session (h)	3.77 (0.01)	3.81 (0.01)	-0.04 (0.02)	0.02
Blood flow (ml/min)	332 (2.6)	312 (2.3)	20 (3.4)	0.001
Sessions/wk (n)	2.99 (SD 0.6)	2.99 (SD 0.7)	0.002 (0.02)	0.25
Online hemodiafiltration				
number of sessions/wk	2.71 (SD 0.35)	NA		
convection volume (L) / treatment	20.7 (SD 6.0)	NA		
Single-pool Kt/V _{urea}	1.63 (0.02)	1.45 (0.02)	0.18 (0.03)	<0.001
β-2-microglobulin (mg/L)	26.4 (0.37)	35.4 (0.54)	-8.9 (0.7)	<0.001
Albumin (g/L)	39.4 (0.14)	39.7 (0.15)	-0.30 (0.20)	0.14
CRP (mg/L)	11.9 (1.4)	11.4 (1.2)	0.52 (1.9)	0.77
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	11.8 (0.03)	11.6 (0.03)	0.11 (0.05)	0.03
Phosphorus (mg/dl)	4.80 (0.06)	4.95 (0.06)	0.19 (0.06)	0.02
Cholesterol (mg/dl)	143 (2)	139 (2)	2 (2)	0.28
Predialysis systolic pressure (mmHg)	146 (1)	145 (1)	0.9 (0.5)	0.49
Interdialytic weight change, pre – post (kg)	1.91 (0.05)	1.85 (0.05)	0.05 (0.07)	0.51

Risk of all-cause mortality by achieved convection volume

82 missing and 206 deaths instead of 269

	HD	Online Hemodiafiltration Convection Volume Tertiles			<i>P</i> for Trend
		<18.17 L	18.18–21.95 L	>21.95 L	
Total mortality					
crude	1.0	0.95 (0.66–1.38)	0.83 (0.57–1.22)	0.62 (0.41–0.93)	0.010
adjusted ^a	1.0	0.79 (0.53–1.14)	0.77 (0.51–1.14)	0.65 (0.42–0.99)	0.012
adjusted ^b	1.0	0.80 (0.52–1.24)	0.84 (0.54–1.29)	0.61 (0.38–0.98)	0.015

^a Adjusted for age, sex, previous vascular disease, diabetes, previous transplantation, spKt/V, baseline eGFR, baseline albumin, baseline creatinine, baseline hematocrit, and use of α - and β -blockers, calcium antagonists, and angiotensin converting inhibitors at baseline

^b Adjusted for the above-mentioned determinates as well as for center differences

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ABSTRACT

In patients with ESRD, the effects of online hemodiafiltration on all-cause mortality and cardiovascular events are unclear. In this prospective study, we randomly assigned 714 chronic hemodialysis patients to online postdilution hemodiafiltration ($n=358$) or to continue low-flux hemodialysis ($n=356$). The primary outcome measure was all-cause mortality. The main secondary endpoint was a composite of major cardiovascular events, including death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, therapeutic coronary intervention, therapeutic carotid intervention, vascular intervention, or amputation. After a mean 3.0 years of follow-up (range, 0.4–6.6 years), we did not detect a significant difference between treatment groups with regard to all-cause mortality (121 versus 127 deaths per 1000 person-years in the online hemodiafiltration and low-flux hemodialysis groups, respectively; hazard ratio, 0.95; 95% confidence interval, 0.75–1.20). The incidences of cardiovascular events were 127 and 116 per 1000 person-years, respectively (hazard ratio, 1.07; 95% confidence interval, 0.83–1.39). Receiving high-volume hemodiafiltration during the trial associated with lower all-cause mortality, a finding that persisted after adjusting for potential confounders and dialysis facility. In conclusion, this trial did not detect a beneficial effect of hemodiafiltration on all-cause mortality and cardiovascular events compared with low-flux hemodialysis. On-treatment analysis suggests the possibility of a survival benefit among patients who receive high-volume hemodiafiltration, although this subgroup finding requires confirmation.

On-line hemodiafiltration not a self-fulfilling prophecy

- HDF needs to be applied in an educated and well defined manner
- Ongoing studies in this field will help to define future treatment standards
- On-line HDF is not a self-fulfilling prophecy; it must be used wisely

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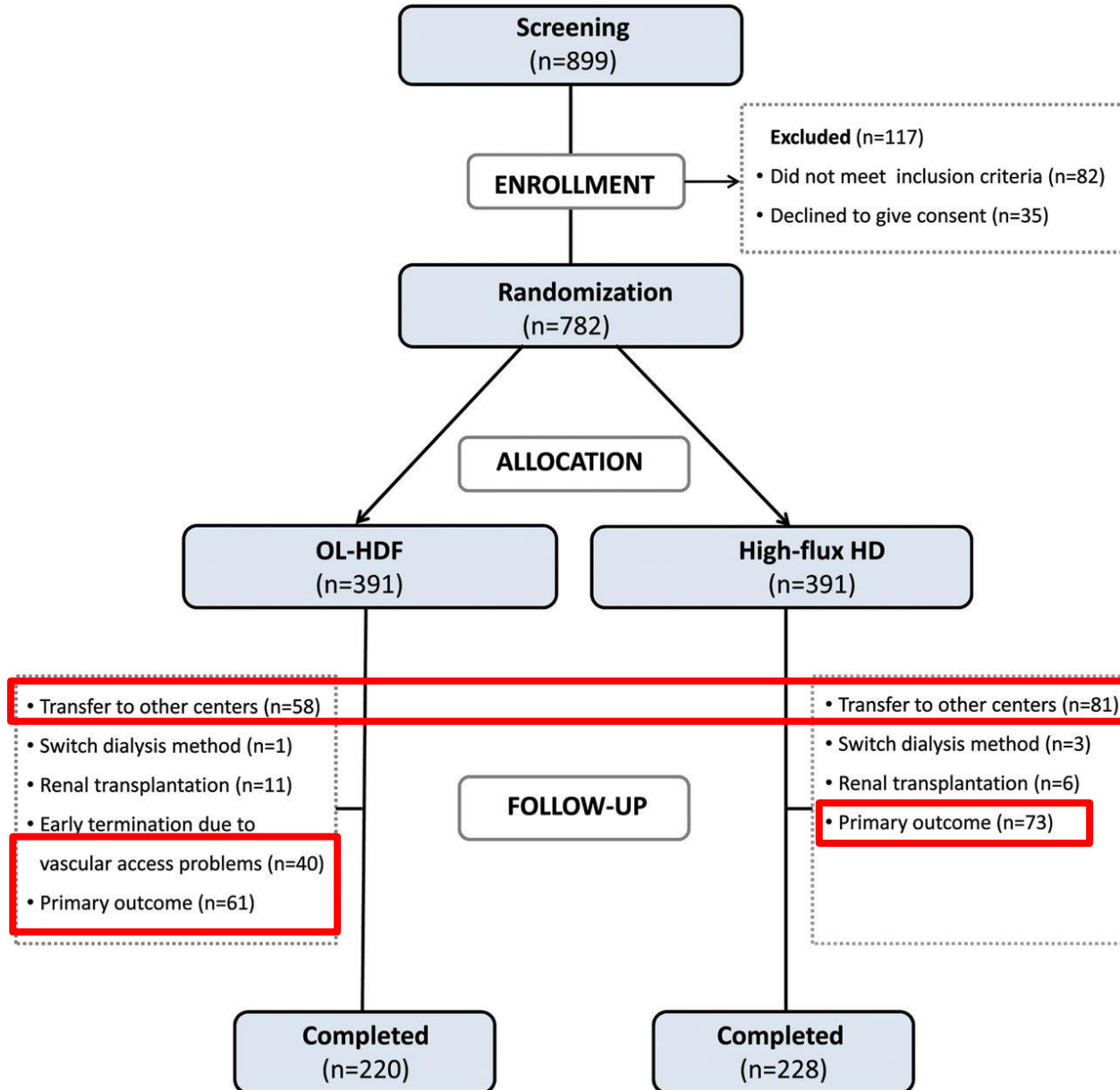
Mortality and cardiovascular events in online haemodiafiltration (OL-HDF) compared with high-flux dialysis: results from the Turkish OL-HDF Study

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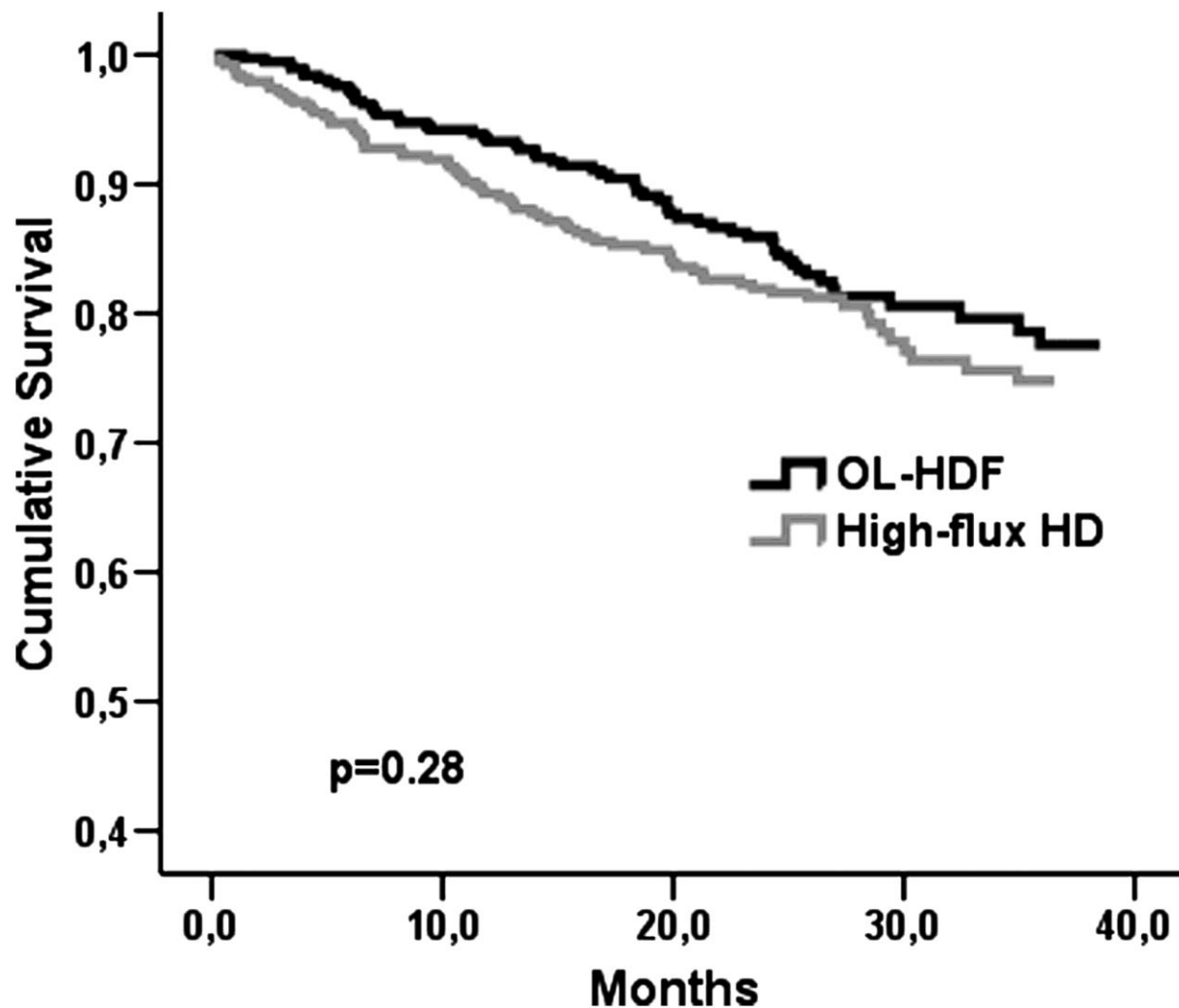
Flow chart of study participation.



Mortality

	All patients (<i>n</i> = 782)	OL-HDF (<i>n</i> = 391)	High-flux HD (<i>n</i> = 391)
Overall mortality (<i>n</i> , %)	117 (15.0)	52 (13.3)	65 (16.6)
Cardiovascular mortality (<i>n</i> , %)	76 (9.7)	32 (8.1)	44 (11.2)
Noncardiovascular mortality (<i>n</i> , %)	41 (5.2)	20 (5.1)	21 (5.3)

Composite event-free survival in patients treated with OL-HDF and high-flux HD



Multivariate analysis for Mortality

secondary endpoint

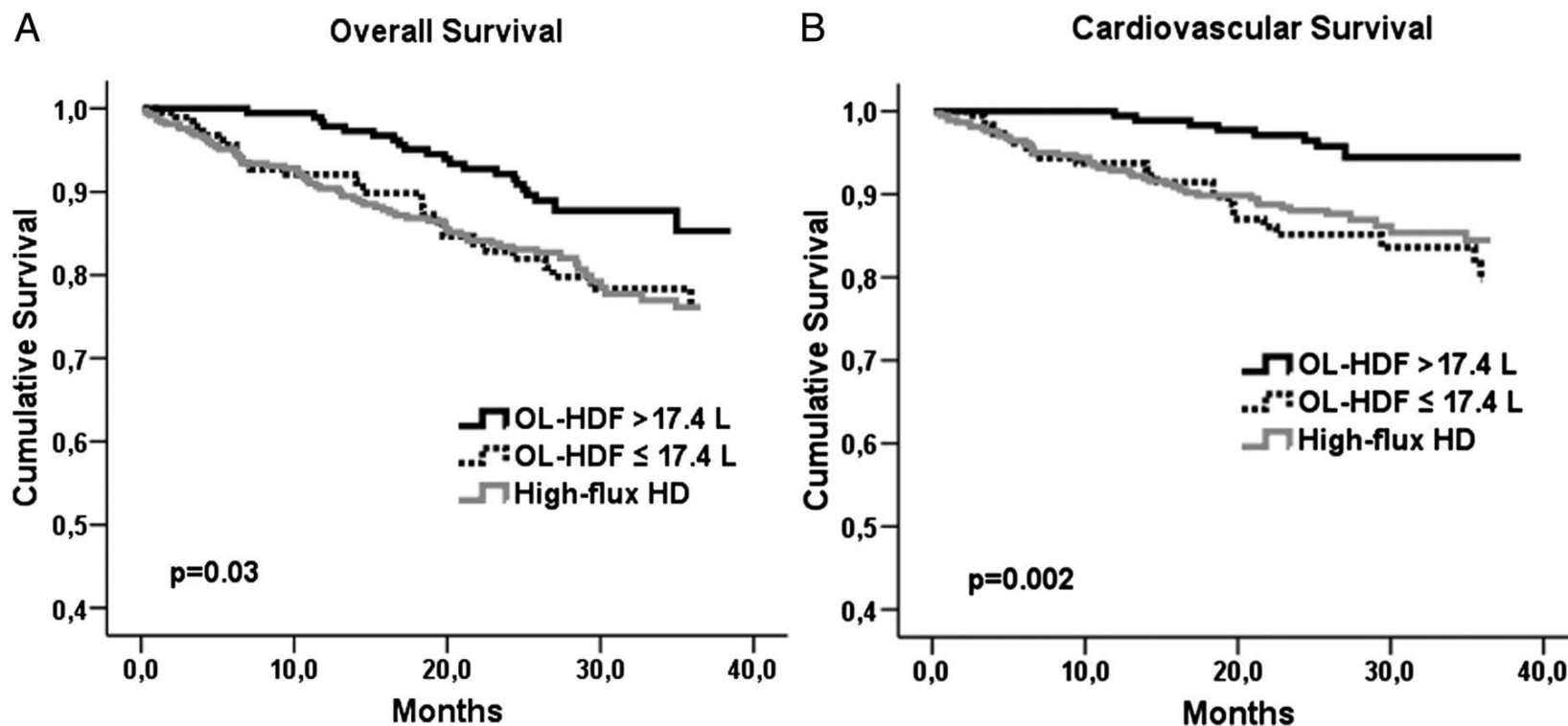
Table 6. Unadjusted and adjusted multivariate analysis for predictors of overall and cardiovascular mortality

	Unadjusted HR (95% CI)	Model 1 HR (95% CI)	Model 2 HR (95% CI)
Overall mortality			
High-flux HD	Reference	Reference	Reference
HDF with RF \leq 17.4 L	0.99 (0.64–1.53), P = 0.54	1.17 (0.73–1.88), P = 0.36	1.10 (0.68–1.76), P = 0.69
HDF with RF $>$ 17.4 L	0.54 (0.33–0.88), P = 0.01	0.57 (0.33–0.96), P = 0.04	0.54 (0.31–0.93), P = 0.02
Age (per year)		1.05 (1.03–1.07), P < 0.001	1.05 (1.03–1.07), P < 0.001
Presence of diabetes		1.73 (1.15–2.60), P = 0.007	1.88 (1.25–2.84), P = 0.002
Albumin (per g/dL)		–	0.49 (0.28–0.85), P = 0.01
Cardiovascular mortality			
HDF with RF \leq 17.4 L	1.18 (0.72–1.94), P = 0.50	1.27 (0.75–2.16), P = 0.36	1.28 (0.75–2.19), P = 0.35
HDF with RF $>$ 17.4 L	0.31 (0.14–0.65), P = 0.002	0.29 (0.13–0.65), P = 0.003	0.29 (0.12–0.65), P = 0.003
Age (per year)		1.05 (1.03–1.08), P < 0.001	1.05 (1.03–1.08), P < 0.001
Presence of diabetes		2.03 (1.24–3.34), P = 0.005	2.24 (1.35–3.73), P = 0.002

Model 1: Adjusted for age, gender, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, time on haemodialysis, vascular access, interdialytic weight gain, blood flow rate.

Model 2: Model 1+ haemoglobin, albumin, phosphate and eKt/V.

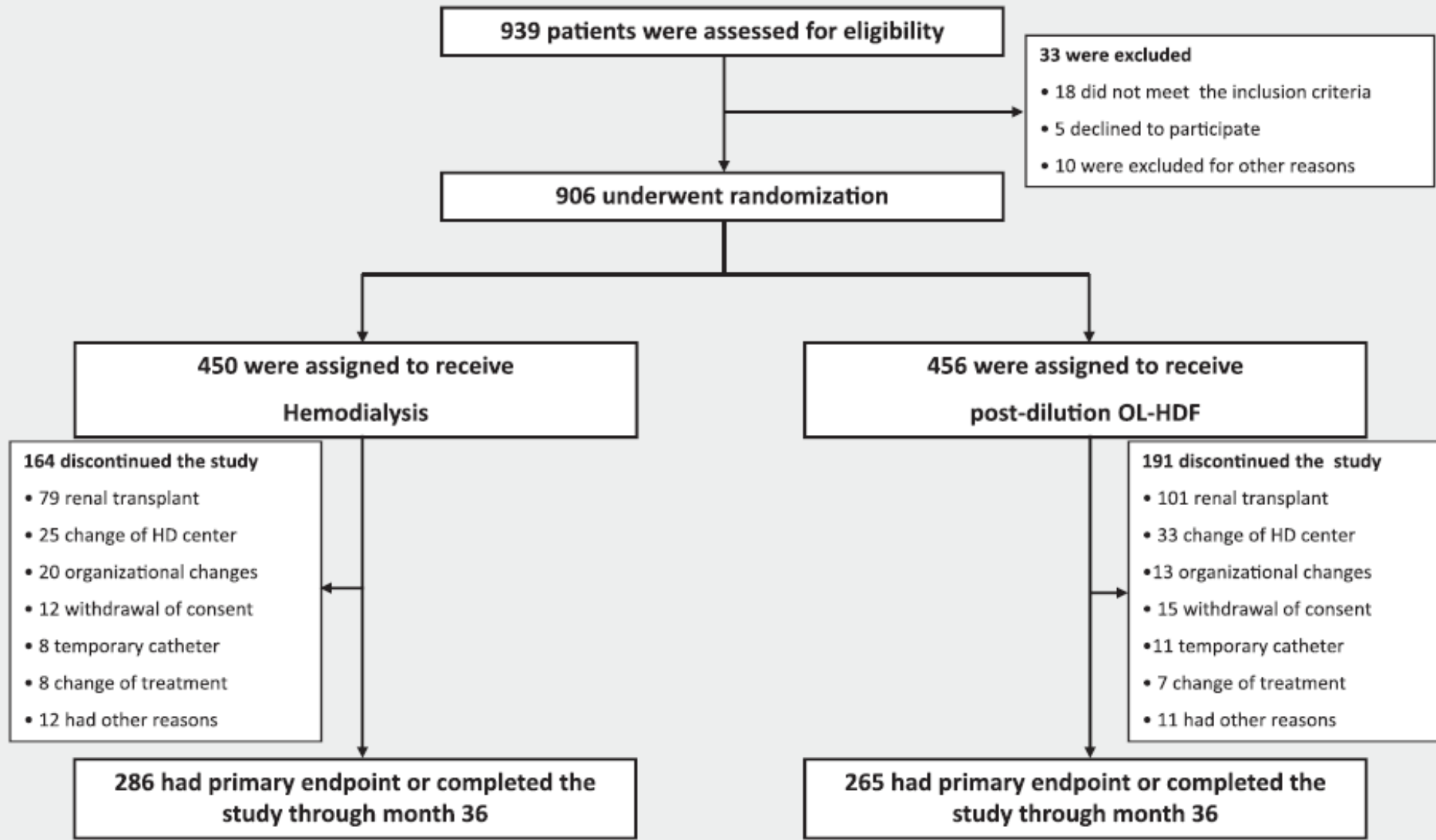
Overall (A) and cardiovascular survival (B) among the treatment groups



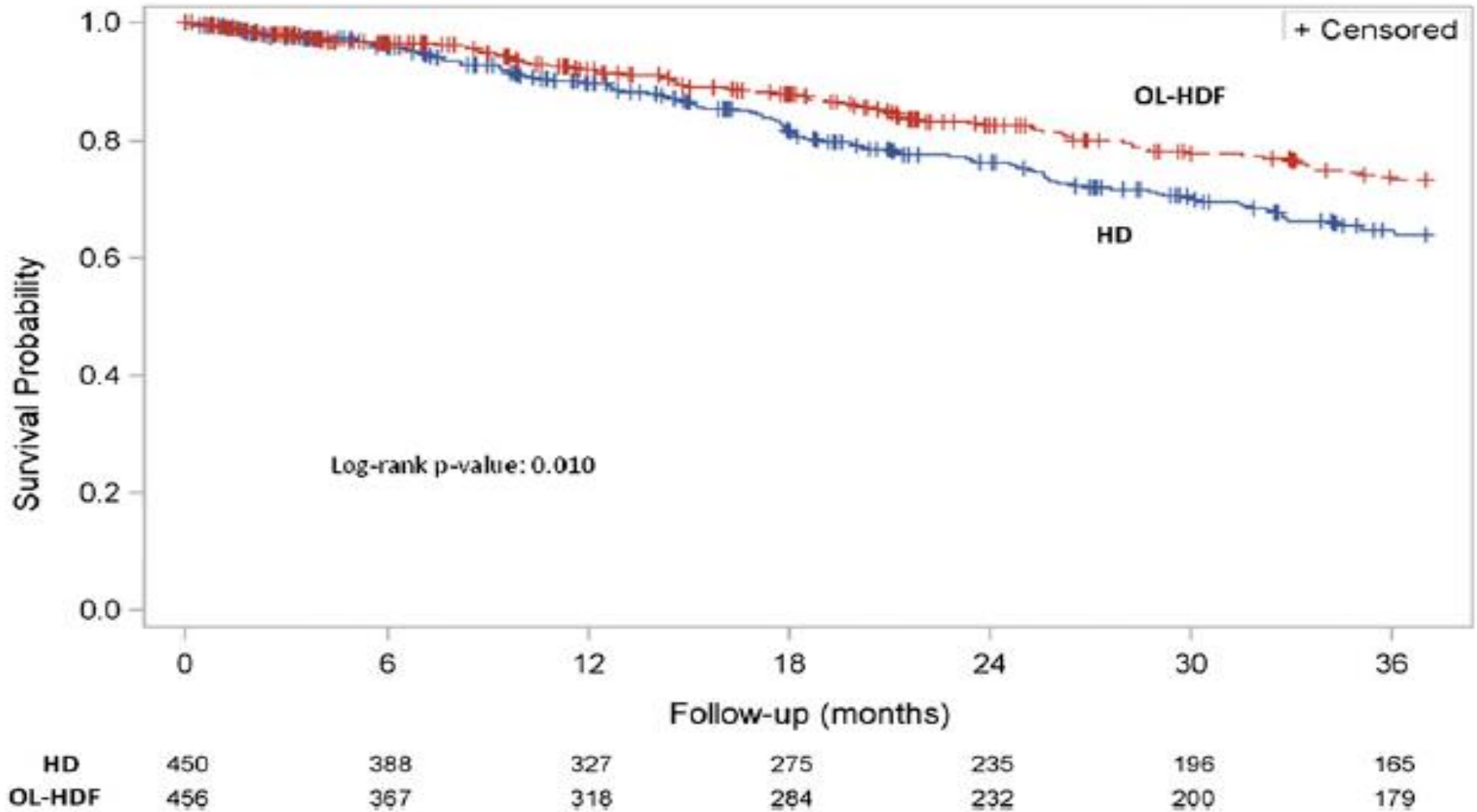
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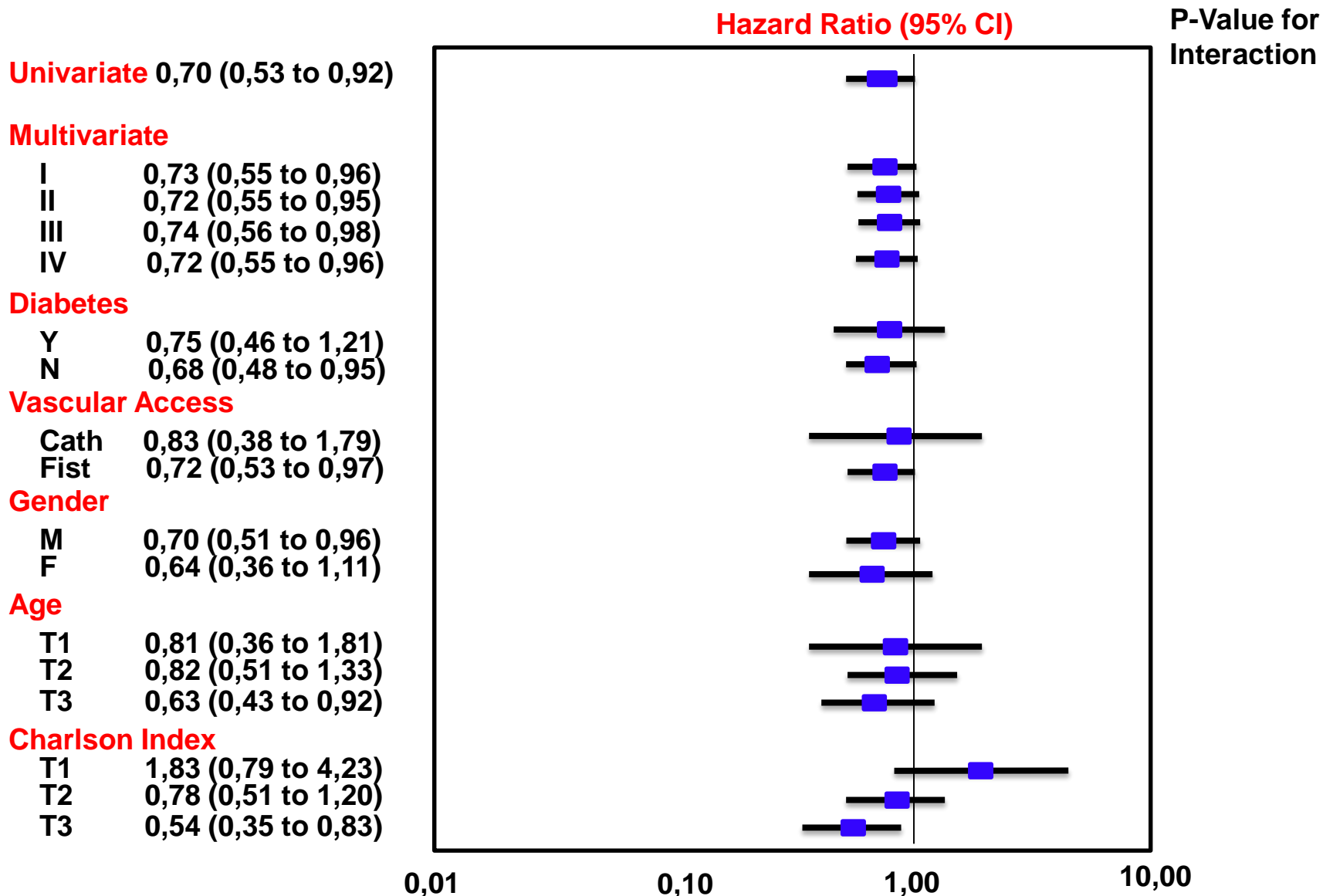
Study Populations



36 months survival in the intention to treat population ($p=0,001$ by the long rank test)



Analyses for the main outcome showing HRs (95% CIs) for the intervention based on relevant variable that were found to be independent predictors for all-cause mortality



Suggestions for future randomized studies

- Only incident patients
- Multicentre and multinational
- Large sample size
- Long follow-up
- Maximization and randomization of convective volumes

CONCLUSIONS

- Online Haemodiafiltration, is an established RRT modality in routine clinical practice for over two decades.
- Several clinical studies have reported upon the improved patient outcomes with Online Haemodiafiltration.
- Ever since the DOPPS data indicating that patient high-efficiency Online Haemodiafiltration improves outcomes, the focus has been on randomised controlled trials examining the impact of high convective volumes on patient survival.

CONCLUSIONS

- OL-HDF currently represents the most technically advanced dialysis treatment available.
- Widespread clinical experience with this RRT modality for ~ 3 decades has confirmed its safety and efficacy.
- Widespread implementation of this technique has been delayed pending conclusive evidence of its benefits from randomized studies.

The results of the ESHOL Study should be considered as an important step towards making OL-HDF a gold standard treatment for patients with CKD.

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