

Association between Serum Trace Elements and Renal Toxicology in Elderly Diabetic Patients: A Cross-Sectional Study in Taiwan

血清中微量元素與腎毒理學之相關性研究
-以老年糖尿病病人為例

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All CKD

CKD stages

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Stage 4

Stage 5

Prevalence (95% CI)

National population*	11.93% (11.66–12.28)	1.02% (0.98–1.05)	3.79% (3.73–3.85)	6.81% (6.73–6.89)	0.22% (0.21–0.23)	0.10% (0.09–0.10)
High SES†	7.33% (7.31–7.35)	1.07% (1.06–10.7)	3.10% (30.9–3.11)	3.06% (3.05–3.07)	0.06% (0.06–0.06)	0.04% (0.04–0.04)
Low SES‡	19.87% (19.84–19.91)	0.84% (0.83–0.85)	4.75% (4.74–4.77)	13.59% (13.56–13.61)	0.50% (0.50–0.51)	0.19% (0.19–0.19)
Study cohort	10.10% (9.83–10.37)§	1.04% (0.71–1.29)	3.31% (3.03–3.59)	5.53% (5.26–5.82)	0.17% (0–0.46)	0.08% (0–0.36)
High SES†	6.38% (6.30–6.50)	1.01% (0.96–1.04)	3.02% (2.55–3.45)	2.38% (2.34–2.46)	0.05% (0.04–0.06)	0.03% (0.02–0.04)
Low SES‡	17.89% (17.66–18.14)	0.93% (0.84–0.96)	4.79% (3.78–5.82)	12.04% (11.80–12.20)	0.42% (0.37–0.45)	0.19% (0.16–0.22)

Awareness (95% CI)

Study cohort	3.54% (3.37–3.68)	2.66% (2.29–3.03)	2.68% (2.44–2.92)	4.10% (3.90–4.30)	23.67% (20.17–27.23)	51.40% (45.52–57.28)
High SES†	3.94% (3.65–4.15)	2.76% (2.41–3.19)	2.66% (2.36–2.97)	4.70% (4.11–5.29)	34.59% (26.56–42.64)	58.89% (48.71–69.09)
Low SES‡	3.32% (3.06–3.54)	2.35% (1.52–3.08)	2.71% (2.31–3.09)	3.78% (3.41–4.19)	20.32% (16.58–24.02)	47.96% (40.94–55.06)

CKD=chronic kidney disease. SES=socioeconomic status. *Age and educational level had been standardised to Taiwan population at 2006. †Participants with high-school education or higher (N=275 655). ‡Participants with middle-school education or below (N=105 121). §The figure was adjusted downward from 12.3% of the study cohort as per panel definition to meet the persistent proteinuria requirement.

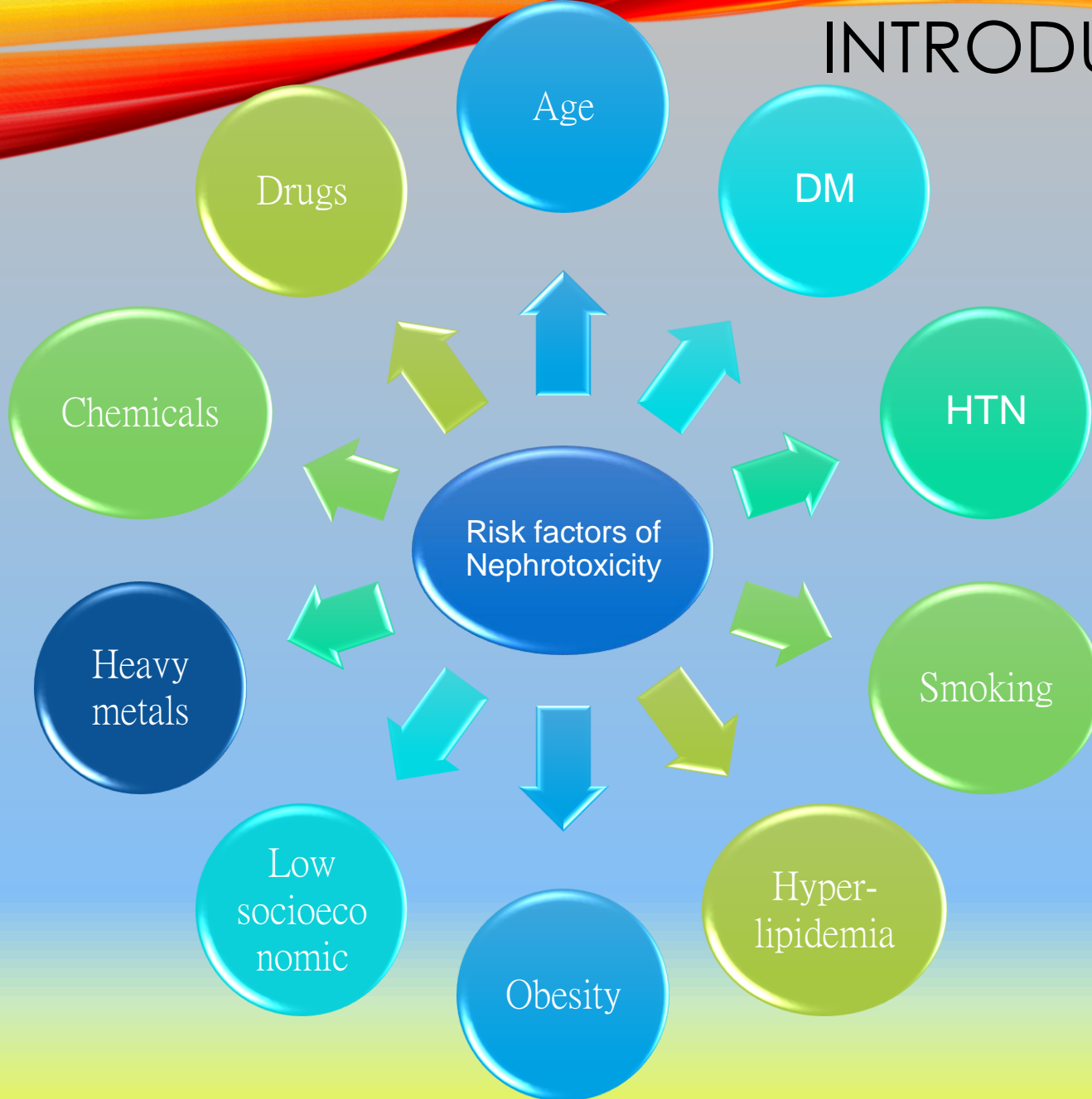
Table 2: Prevalence and awareness of chronic kidney disease by socioeconomic status in cohort participants

The national prevalence of CKD was 11.93% in Taiwan.

Chi Pang Wen et al. All-cause mortality attributable to chronic kidney disease: a prospective cohort study based on 462293 adults in Taiwan. *Lancet*. 2008;371:2173-2182.

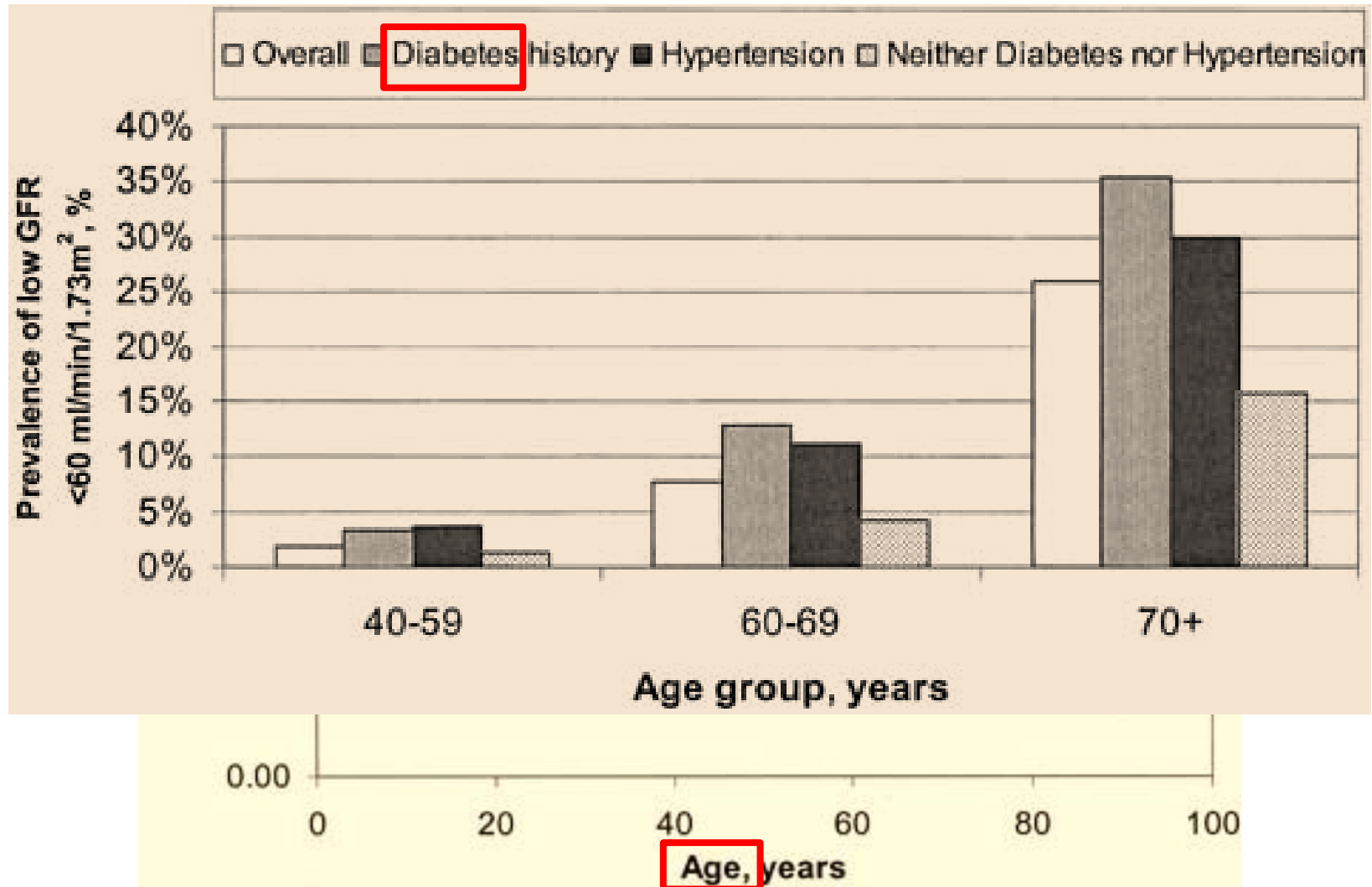
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Type 2 diabetes In Taiwan

- Prevalence of diabetic nephropathy
 - 40%

The Prevalence and Risk Factors of Diabetic Nephropathy in Taiwanese Type 2 Diabetes-A Hospital-Based Study. *Acta Nephrologica* Vol. 23, No. 2, 2009

INTRODUCTION

- 6 • The metabolism of several trace metals was altered in the patients of type 2 DM .

Biological trace element research 2008; 122(1): 1-18

- Several trace elements have been implicated in the decline of renal function
 - Arsenic
 - Cadmium
 - Copper
 - Lead
 - Mercury

Nephrol Dial Transplant (2002) 17:2-8

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- The most important factor affect **trace element concentration** in patients is the **degree of renal failure.**

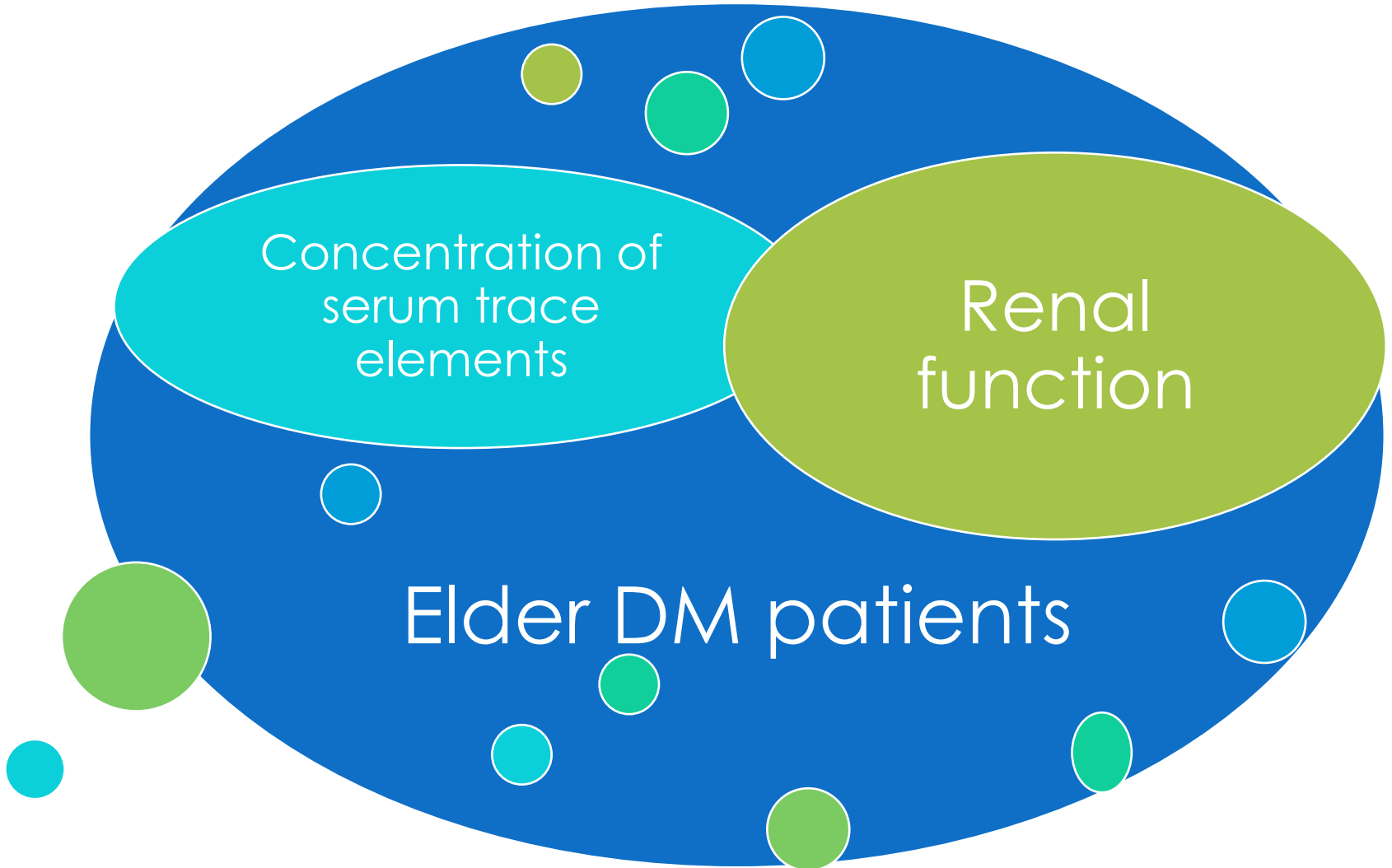
nutritional management of renal disease. 1996 p.396-414

- Excessive accumulation or depletion of trace elements may have significant clinical implications, include **risk for cancer, CVD, immune deficiency, anemia, renal function impairment...**

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PURPOSE

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n=275

- Agree to participate this study

- Type 2 DM patients from OPD
- More than 65 y/o
- From March 2010 to September 2010

- Exclude ESRD with hemodialysis
- Exclude Taiwan aboriginal

n=244

- Questionnaire
- Blood samples
- Urine samples
- Medical records

CKD group
N= 132

- eGFR <60 or spot urine
ACR > 30 mg/g

Non-CKD group
N= 112

- eGFR >60
- spot urine ACR < 30 mg/g

ESTIMATE RENAL FUNCTION

	新版台灣公式		目前國際公式
	Taiwanese MDRD	New Taiwanese equation	4-variable MDRD
計算公式	$175 \times \text{SCr}^{-1.154} \times \text{Age}^{-0.203} \times 0.742$ (if female) $\times 0.945$	$180.91 \times \text{SCr}^{-0.936} \times \text{Age}^{-0.227} \times 0.76$ (if female)	$186 \times \text{SCr}^{-1.154} \times \text{Age}^{-0.203} \times 0.742$ (if female)
準確率 (%)	☆94.8	☆92.4	84.3
誤差值 (ml/min/1.73m ²)	☆-0.7	☆1.5	13.2

「建立國人腎絲球濾過率公式及慢性腎臟病的分期標準」
 台大醫院吳寬墩醫師,高醫陳鴻鈞醫師.2011慢性腎臟病防治研究計畫

MATERIALS AND METHODS

11 • Collected the data

- Age
- Gender
- Height
- Weight
- Level of education
- Duration of type 2 DM
- History of substance use
- History of hypertension, Dyslipidemia
- Standard questionnaires from cases or their family
- The biochemical laboratory blood tests were performed by certified laboratory.
- Checked the following data
 - BUN, Cr, HbA1c, lipid profile and urine albumin with urine Cr.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

- The tests of blood levels of trace elements
→ Se, Cr, Al, As, Pb, Cd, Zn, Cu
- Inductively Couple Plasma Mass Spectrometry (*ICPMS*) of Thermo Scientific XSERIES 2



MATERIALS AND METHODS

- Compare groups
 - male vs female
 - CKD group vs Non-CKD group
- Database processing and statistical analyses
 - SPSS v.19 statistical package.
 - P value < 0.05: statistically significant.

Table 1. Difference characteristic between genders

	Male n=131	Female n=111	P value
Age (years), mean±SD	72.77±5.44	71.83±5.35	0.177
Education level			<0.001*
No education	9	49	
No education, but recognized words	16	6	
Primary school to High school	81	49	
College	25	7	
Hypertension			0.409
Yes	103	93	
No	27	18	
Dyslipidemia			0.498
Yes	106	94	
No	25	17	
Smoking			<0.001*
Yes	62	4	
No	69	107	
Alcohol			<0.001*
Yes	41	3	
No	90	108	
CKD			0.438
Yes	67	63	
No	64	48	
eGFR, mean±SD	63.47±19.23	64.40±24.74	0.748
HbA1c (%), mean±SD	7.36±1.25	7.84±1.39	0.276
DM duration (years), mean±SD	9.66±7.31	12.13±7.74	0.011*
Serum Creatinine (mg/dL) , mean±SD	1.20±0.48	0.95±0.40	<0.001*
BMI (kg/m ²), mean±SD	25.58±3.43	24.86±3.43	0.109

Table 2. Serum trace elements level Comparison between genders

	Male(n=132)	Female (n=112)	P-value
	mean±SD	mean±SD	
Al , ug/L (ppb)	56.39 ± 54.84	45.62 ± 48.57	0.109
As , ug/L (ppb)	7.35 ± 5.54	6.64 ± 4.66	0.282
Cd , ug/L (ppb)	0.32 ± 0.48	0.27 ± 0.13	0.256
Pb , ug/dL	1.94 ± 1.74	1.73 ± 3.28	0.522
Cr , ug/L (ppb)	6.46 ± 9.17	4.80 ± 7.49	0.123
Cu , mg/L (ppm)	0.94 ± 0.35	1.05 ± 0.43	0.032*
Se , ug/L (ppb)	347.98 ± 99.96	326.71 ± 99.02	0.098
Zn , mg/L (ppm)	7.11 ± 3.62	6.85 ± 6.90	0.596

Table3. Difference characteristic between CKD and non-CKD groups

	CKD n=132(54%)	Non-CKD n=112(46%)	P value
Age (years), mean±SD	73.07±5.59	71.56±5.07	0.028*
Education level			0.047*
No education	40(66.7%)	20(33.3%)	
No education, but recognized words	13(59.1%)	9(40.9%)	
Primary school to High school	67(51.5%)	63(48.5%)	
College	12(37.5%)	20(62.5%)	
Hypertension (Yes)	121(91.7%)	77(69.4%)	<0.001**
Dyslipidemia (Yes)	109(82.6%)	93(83.0%)	0.924
Smoking (Yes)	36(27.3%)	31(27.7%)	0.944
Alcohol (Yes)	25(18.9%)	20(17.97%)	0.828
Gender			0.534
male	68(51.5%)	64(57.1%)	
HbA1c (%) , mean±SD	7.88±1.33	7.53±1.28	0.037*
DM duration (years), mean±SD	12.36±7.93	8.87±6.70	<0.001**
BMI (kg/m²), mean±SD	25.78±3.77	24.58±2.87	0.005*
eGFR	51.24±21.77	77.92±11.71	<0.001**

Table 4. trace elements level Comparison between CKD and non-CKD groups

	CKD group	Non-CKD group	P-value
	(n=132)	(n=112)	
	mean \pm SD	mean \pm SD	
Al , <i>ug/L</i> (ppb)	52.495 \pm 56.049	50.211 \pm 47.560	0.734
As , <i>ug/L</i> (ppb)	7.623 \pm 5.302	6.320 \pm 4.915	0.049*
Cd , <i>ug/L</i> (ppb)	0.300 \pm 0.328	0.291 \pm 0.411	0.855
Pb , <i>ug/dL</i>	2.001 \pm 3.173	1.655 \pm 1.540	0.293
Cr , <i>ug/L</i> (ppb)	5.562 \pm 8.716	5.857 \pm 8.188	0.786
Cu , <i>mg/L</i> (ppm)	1.007 \pm 0.401	0.976 \pm 0.377	0.543
Se , <i>ug/L</i> (ppb)	332.376 \pm 103.441	345.105 \pm 95.542	0.322
Zn , <i>mg/L</i> (ppm)	7.109 \pm 3.749	6.846 \pm 3.748	0.586

Table 5. Multiple Linear regression analysis

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{eGFR} = & 165.046 - \mathbf{0.482(\text{Duration of DM})} - 0.138(\text{HbA1c}) + 0.947(\text{Gender}) - \\
 & 4.597(\text{E1}) + 0.749(\text{E2}) + 9.030(\text{E3}) - \mathbf{1.015(\text{Age})} - 0.079(\text{AI}) + 0.440(\text{Cr}) \\
 & - \mathbf{0.974(\text{As})} + 0.031(\text{Se}) - 4.638(\text{Cd}) - \mathbf{1.339(\text{Pb})} - 5.912(\text{Cu}) + \mathbf{0.860(\text{Zn})} \\
 & - 0.384(\text{SMOKING}) - \mathbf{9.470(\text{HTN})} - 0.727(\text{DYSLIPIDEMIA}) \\
 & + 0.703(\text{ALCOHOL}) - 0.534(\text{BMI})
 \end{aligned}$$

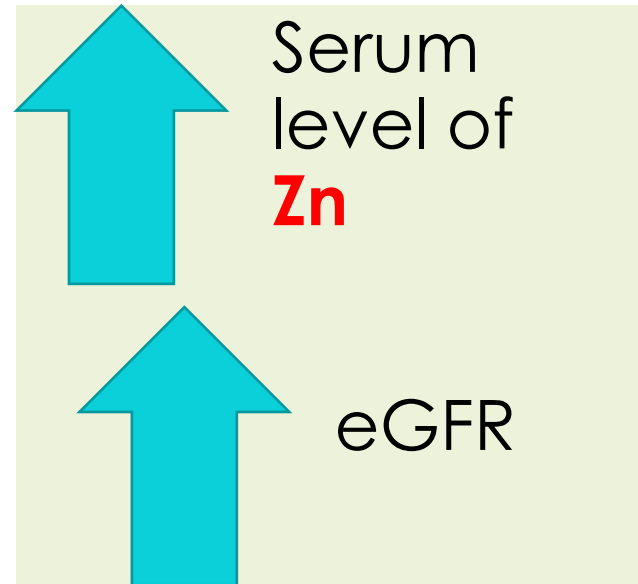
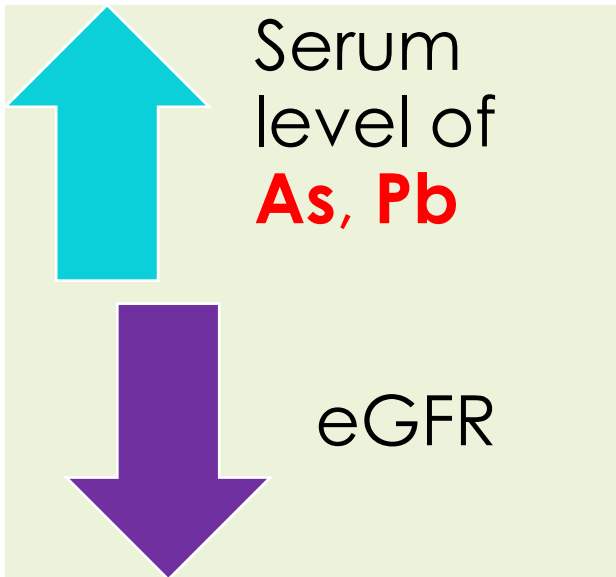


Table 6. Logistic regression model of effects of trace elements (CKD vs non-CKD group)

Trace elements	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value
As		
	OR: 1.083	
Pb	1.084(0.955-1.258)	0.285
Cu	1.085(0.524-2.247)	0.825
Zn	1.022(0.949-1.101)	0.560

Adjusted variables: Sex, age, smoking, BMI, hypertension, dyslipidemia, HbA1c, duration of type 2 DM

RENAL FAILURE

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- Arsenic and chromium tend to increase.
- selenium and zinc tend to decrease.
- Elements levels **Increased**
 - industrial or environmental exposure
 - Intake
 - Smoke
 - dialysate
- Elements levels **Decreased**
 - Protein-bound elements may be loss in proteinuria

Cu

- Serum **copper** level showed **increase** in **women**
 - absorbing a greater percentage than male
 - hormonal status
 - estrogens increase serum copper concentrations

Farzin et al Biol Trace Elem Res (2009) 129:30

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- **Elevated blood Pb levels** was associated with **lower eGFR**
 - even blood Pb levels below 10ug/dL

Ekong EB, Jaar BG, Weaver VM. 2006. Lead-related nephrotoxicity: a review of the epidemiologic evidence. *Kidney Int* 70(12):2074–2084.

- Lower levels of lead exposure continue to contribute to nephrotoxicity.

Associations of blood lead, cadmium, and mercury with estimated glomerular filtration rate in the Korean general population: analysis of 2008-2010 Korean National health and Nutrition Examination survey data. *Environ Res.* 2012 Oct;118:124-9

Table 2 Oxidation-related metals at different stages of chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Parameter	Stage 1 (n = 16)	Stage 2 (n = 51)	Stage 3 (n = 70)	Stage 4 (n = 8)	Average	p
Copper (ppm)	1.04 ± 0.18	1.07 ± 0.21	1.09 ± 0.20	1.24 ± 0.17	1.09 ± 0.2	0.133
Iron (ppm)	1.26 ± 0.45	1.27 ± 0.38	1.16 ± 0.44	1.36 ± 0.59	1.22 ± 0.43	0.347
Zinc (ppm)	0.88 ± 0.13	0.83 ± 0.17	0.76 ± 0.16	0.69 ± 0.13	0.80 ± 0.17	0.005*
Selenium (ppb)	146.3 ± 20.0	144.1 ± 23.2	141.2 ± 23.2	145.4 ± 17.8	143.0 ± 22.5	0.799

Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation (SD).

*p < 0.01.

ppb = parts per billion; ppm = parts per million.

- A decrease in zinc concentration in CKD patients from Stages 1 to 4.
- Zinc concentrations in patients with CKD vary depending on individual diets and medications.
- Serum zinc level was lower in patients on chronic hemodialysis than the control group.
- Zinc deficiency will increase oxidative stress.

As

- Increase oxidative stress
- Carcinogen
 - skin, lung, bladder
- Non-cancer health effect:
 - reproductive, cardiovascular, pulmonary, neurologic, skin
- Seafood, groundwater, air contamination

- 25 • **Low** serum **Se** levels
 - a frequent finding in patients with **acute kidney injury** or **chronic kidney disease**.
- **Se** status and immune function improve after oral and intravenous Se supplementation in renal patients
 - reducing the products of oxidative stress.

LIMITATION

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- **Cross-sectional study**
 - it is difficult to know the relationship of cause and effect.
- Blood trace elements level represent the **recent exposure**.

LIMITATION

- **Other factors** influence renal function
 - Chinese herb intake, NSAIDs, Antibiotics
 - Hg, Be, Si, CS₂
 - Dioxane, Toluene, Phenol....
 - Food or supplements intake

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Table 4. Classification of chronic kidney disease (CKD)

Stage	Description	Classification by severity	
		GFR mL/min/1.73 m ²	Related terms
1	Kidney damage with normal or ↑ GFR	≥90	Albuminuria, proteinuria, hematuria
2	Kidney damage with mild ↓ GFR	60–89	Albuminuria, proteinuria, hematuria
3	Moderate ↓ GFR	30–59	Chronic renal insufficiency, early renal insufficiency
4	Severe ↓ GFR	15–29	Chronic renal insufficiency, late renal insufficiency, pre-ESRD
5	Kidney failure	<15 (or dialysis)	Renal failure, uremia, end-stage renal disease

Abbreviations are: GFR, glomerular filtration rate; ESRD, end-stage renal disease. Related terms for CKD stages 3 to 5 do not have specific definitions, except ESRD.

Definition and classification of chronic kidney disease: A position statement from Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)
Kidney International, Vol. 67 (2005), pp. 2089–2100

ESTIMATE RENAL FUNCTION

Simplified Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (**MDRD**) formula

4-variable or abbreviated MDRD 公式

$$186 \times \text{Cr}^{-1.154} \times \text{age}^{-0.203} \times (0.742, \text{ if female}) \\ \times (1.212, \text{ if African American})$$

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Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO)**

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Cd

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- **Elevated blood cadmium levels were associated with lower eGFR in women**
- **a risk factor for chronic kidney disease**

Blood Cadmium and Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate in Korean Adults. Environmental Health Perspectives • volume 119 | number 12 | December 2011