



## TMU-Research Center of Urology and Kidney Monthly Meeting

Times : **2023/4/21(Friday) 14:00-15:00**

Google meet link : <https://meet.google.com/xmk-tzqg-dca>

Meeting Chairperson : Mai-Szu Wu

Participant :

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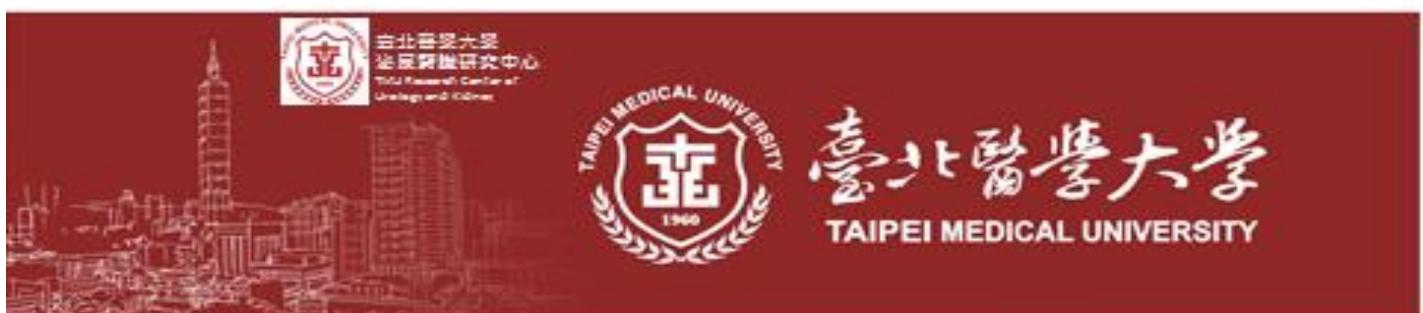
【SKMH】Yung-Ho Hsu、Chu-Lin Chou

Chief : Chien-Huang Lin (President, TMU)、Yen-Hua Huang (Dean, Research and Development, TMU)、Chih-Cheng Hsu (Professor, NHRI)、Ke-Hung Tsui (Vice President, SHH)

Agenda : 1. Chronic kidney disease team  
2. Integrated kidney intervention

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## 慢性腎病團隊

萬芳: 鄭仲益、蘇裕謀  
北醫: 林彥仲、葉曜慶  
雙和: 鄭彩梅、廖家德、宋立勤  
新國民: 許永和、鄒居霖

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**報告人：鄭仲益醫師**

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## 上期研究追蹤



- Artificial intelligence in predicting kidney interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy severity
- Status: Manuscript in submission  
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Clinical and pathological features  
of ANCA associated GN before  
and after COVID-19 epidemic

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# ANCA glomerulonephritis & vasculitis (ANCA-GN & AAV)



- ANCA: Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody directly against cytoplasmic antigen.
- Necrotizing vasculitis affecting small vessels
- Myeloperoxidase (MPO-ANCA) mostly **p-ANCA**
- Proteinase 3 (PR3-ANCA) mostly **c-ANCA**

ANCA renal-limited vasculitis (RLV)      ANCA-associated vasculitis (AAV)

1. Microscopic polyangiitis (MPA)
2. Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener)
3. Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss)

CHCC 2012 categories of ANCA-associated vasculitis

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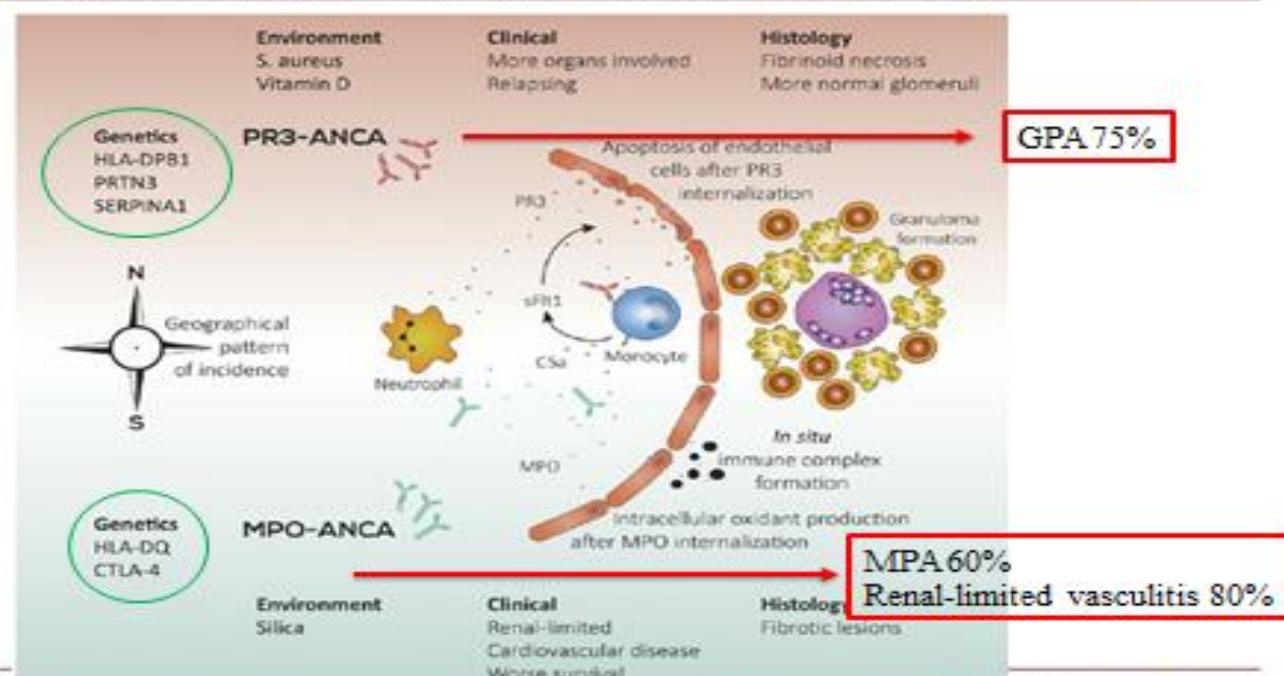
## ANCA-GN



- 50% risk of death or renal failure at 5 yrs when eGFR < 50 ml/min.
- Often related to systemic vasculitis (AAV), MPA, GPA or RLV
- **RPGN**, subnephrotic range proteinuria, microhematuria, and hypertension over days to months.
- **Variable clinical courses:**
  1. Asymptomatic urinary abnormalities
  2. Indolent, remitting, and relapsing course
  3. Chronic remitting course, but cause chronic progressive renal failure
  4. Slowly progressive course for several years.

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## Pathogenic model highlighting the differences between PR3-ANCA and MPO- ANCA vasculitis.



Marc Hilhorst 2015

## ANCA-associated glomerulonephritis (ANCA-GN)



- 20/million population
- Most common form of new-onset GN in adult > 50 years, peak 60- to 70- years
- More common in white and Asian
- Different spectrum of clinicopathologic phenotypes and serotypes of ANCA disease.
- Reported of HLA-DR4 and DRB4 as potential risk alleles for SARS-CoV2 vaccine-related ANCA-associated GN

**Table 1. ANCA associated GN in Taiwan (2001-2016)<sup>a</sup>**

<b>TP series: bimonthly (15 years)</b>	<b>3.0%*</b>
2001-2007	2.1% ( 7/326)
2008-2016.09	3.8% (13/340)
<b>TMU series: monthly ( 4 years)</b>	<b>3.5%*</b>
2012-2016.10	3.5% ( 8/229)
<b>TC series: bimonthly (15 years)</b>	<b>11.7%*</b>
2001-2007	8.9% (11/123)
2008-16.10	13.4% (27/202)

\* P<0.0001 (TP v. TC); Geographic variation? Environment?

<sup>a</sup>Six anti-GBM/P-ANCA dual (+) cases are not included.

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### **Proposal to categorize the glomerular lesions linked to treatment response:**

#### **Unrescuable:**

Acute: Severe glomerular necrosis (NGN), global or circumferential to massive crescents (GC)

Chronic: Global sclerosis (GS)

**Rescuable:** Potential recovery from the re-expansion or preserved tufts after the halt of disease activity. (proven by rebiopsy)

Acute : FN and FC

Chronic: FS

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	ANCA	P-ANCA	C-ANCA	Atypical P-ANCA
Case no.	88	61 (1 double positive, anti-GBM and P-ANCA)	20	7
Renal biopsied	13	11	2	0
Female (%)	42(47.7%)	33 (53.2%)	6 (30%)	3 (42.9%)
Age (yrs)	66.5±15.5	67.0±15.6	62.9±15.2	72.0±15.7
Bodyweight (kg)	60.0±16.3	59.0±14.0	61.7±20.4	64.4±23.5
BMI	23.5±5.8	23.1±4.4	23.7±7.4	26.0±10.3
BUN (mg/dL)	36.6±33.4	34.3±28.3	48.8±47.1	22.1±18.1
Cr (mg/dL)	2.3±2.6	2.5±2.8	2.3±2.1	1.0±0.8

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	ANCA-GN	Before COVID-19	After COVID-19
Renal biopsied	13	7	6
Female (%)	8 (61.5%)	4 (57.1%)	4 (66.7%)
Age (yrs)	63.9±10.9	64.6±13.1	63.2±8.9
Bodyweight (kg)	56.7±8.6	56.4±7.2	57.0±10.8
BMI	21.7±2.9	20.8±2.4	22.7±3.4
BUN	66.1±27.3	69.9±26.4	61.7±30.2
Cr	5.0±3.3	5.1±3.7	4.8±3.2
Manchester ANCA	7.2±2.3	7.3±2.7	7.2±1.9
Renal Risk Score			

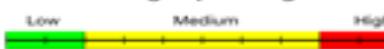
Normal glomeruli &lt; 10% 10-25% &gt; 25%

Tubular atrophy/interstitial fibrosis ≤ 25% &gt; 25%

Renal function eGFR (ml/min): &gt; 15 ≤ 15



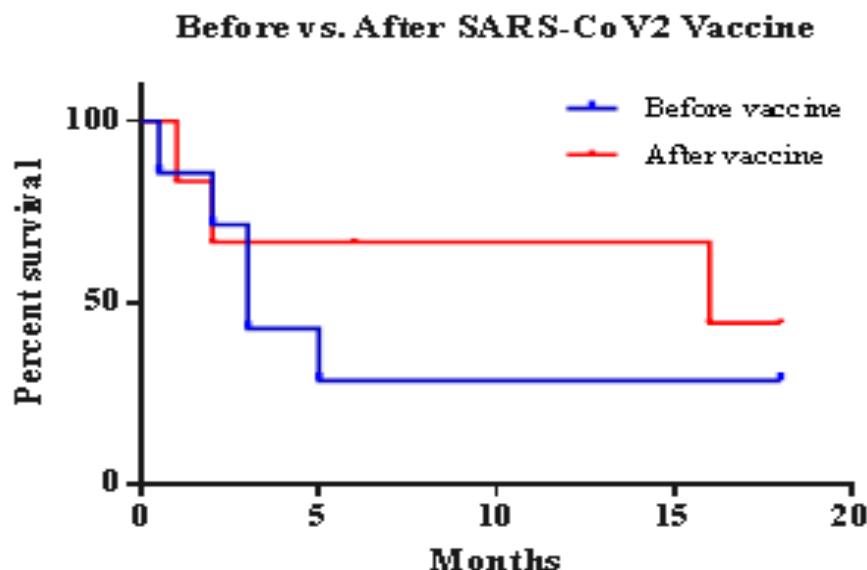
ARR Score: 11  
Risk group: High



<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/anca-score/id1415367084?i=de&ls=1&mt=8>



## Percentage of patients without dialysis or death



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## Future work

- Recruit TMUH and SHH data
- IgA and MGN before and after COVID-19 era
- Genetic predisposition, HLA DR4 and HLA DRB4

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# Progress Report

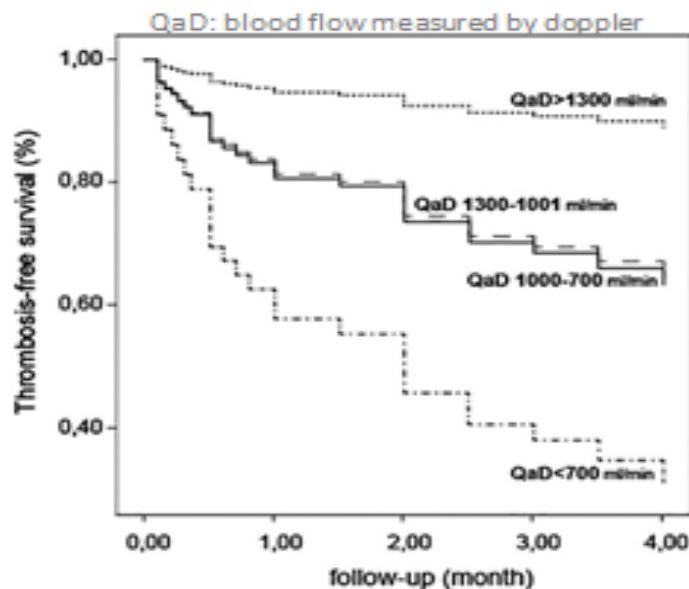
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## Blood flow plays a role in AVG patency

- Thrombosis was one the main reason for the graft patency loss, which leads to increasing medical expense for rescue of the vascular access
- KDOQI (Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative) guidelines for vascular access suggest AVG surveillance by measuring access blood flow is supplementary to regular clinical monitoring, to improve AVG patency

## Decreased blood flow in prosthetic vessels is associated with thrombosis



- Intimal hyperplasia over the venous-graft junction
- Systemic hemodynamics  
Blood pressure  
Cardiac output

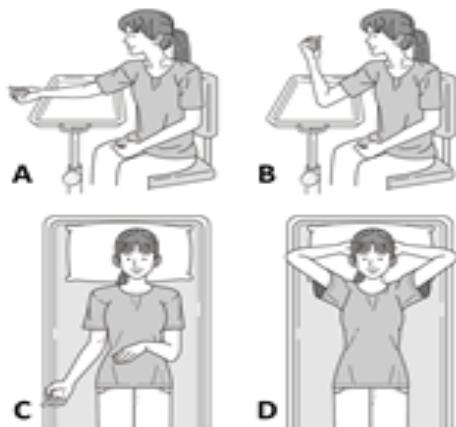
J Vasc Access. 2020 Mar;21(2):195-203.



- KDOQI guidelines suggested arm exercise may be beneficial to vascular access maturation
- Scarce evidence focusing on **the impact of the arm posture** on the blood flow of the AVG



# Method



**49** HD patients using *forearm AVG* > 4 weeks from SHH dialysiscenter (IRB:N202104038; 2022/04-2023/01)

## Four different position

A Sitting extension (rest) B Sitting flexion  
C Lying extension (rest) D Lying flexion

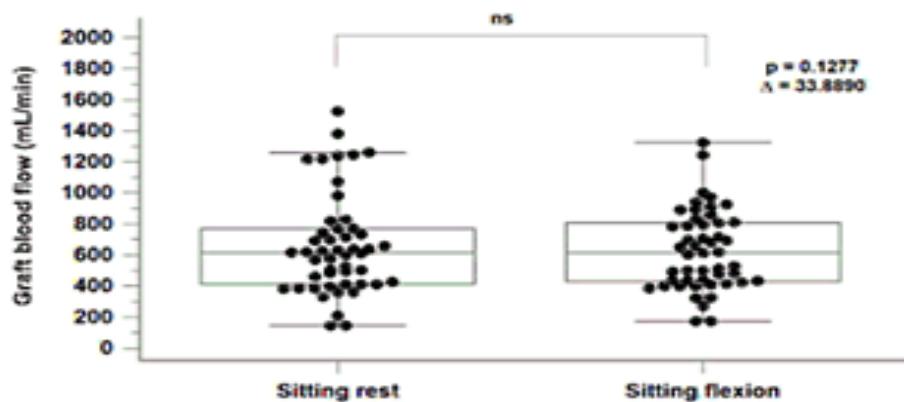
Philips EPIQ 7 diagnostic ultrasound ( USA) and an L12-3MHz Ultrasound transducer (WA, USA) and 60-degree Doppler angle, also same graft material

# Preliminary results

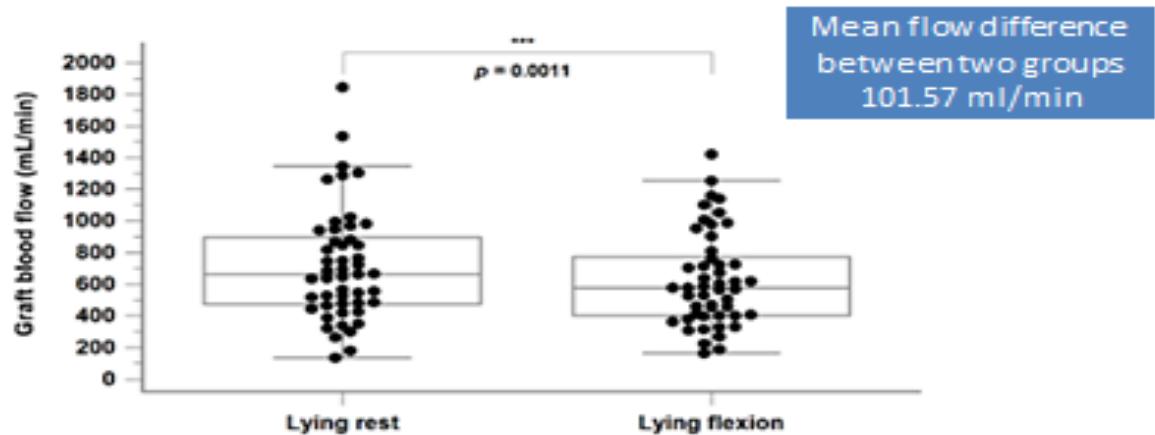


Variables	all patients (n = 49)
Age (years)	65.96 ± 11.28
Sex	
Male (%)	22 (44.9)
female (%)	27 (55.1)
BMI	25.93 ± 6.87
Diabetes mellitus (%)	22 (44.9)
Hypertension (%)	36 (73.5)
Current smoker (%)	5 (10.2)
Coronary artery disease (%)	15 (30.6)
Cerebrovascular accident (%)	4 (8.2)
Peripheral vascular disease (%)	5 (10.2)
Graft sided (%)	
left	43 (87.8)
right	6 (12.2)
Graft configuration (%)	
loop	45 (91.8)
straight	4 (8.2)
Cross elbow (%)	
crossed	12 (24.5)
not crossed	37 (75.5)
Graft age (months), median (IQR)	15.00 (47.00)
History of graft thrombosis (%)	24 (49.0)
Systolic BP (mmHg)	149.59 ± 25.65
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	69.92 ± 17.94
Heart rate (beats per min)	79.45 ± 15.05

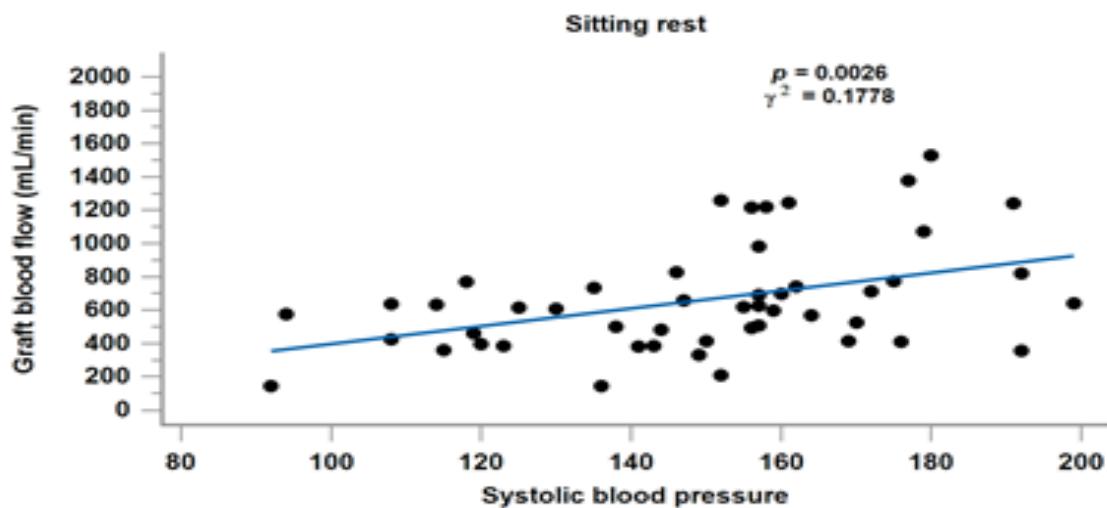
## Sitting position does not alter AVG blood flow



## Lying with arm flexion reduces AVG blood flow



## Systolic BP may **not** correlate with AVG blood flow



## Future works



- Subgroup analysis  
T2DM  
Age (65Y)  
Intervention