

# Calcificación vascular marcador subrogado ¿El tratamiento es imposible?

¿Debemos valorar las calcificaciones vasculares?  
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# Efecto de cinacalcet sobre las calcificaciones vasculares y de tejidos blandos en pacientes con HPS en diálisis



Radiografía de manos basal



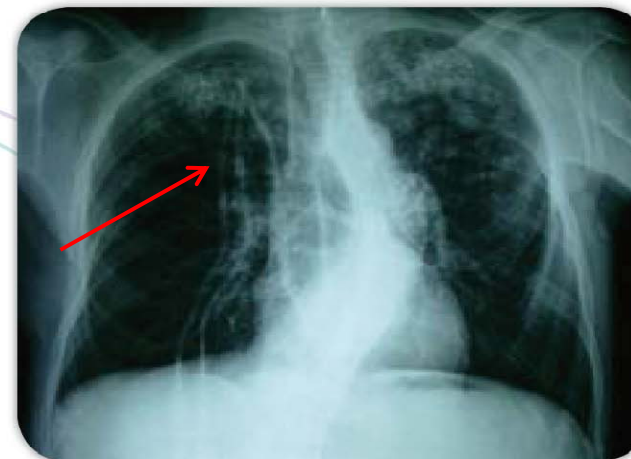
Radiografía de manos 12 meses



Radiografía de manos 24 meses



Radiografía de tórax basal



Radiografía de tórax 24 meses

# Efecto de cinacalcet sobre la rigidez arterial en pacientes con HPTS

- Tras 12 meses de tratamiento, se redujeron de forma significativa tanto los niveles de PTH como de fosfatasa alcalina, así como se disminuyó la rigidez arterial en el 81% de los pacientes

PARÁMETRO	BASAL	1 AÑO	Valor P
Ca, mmol/l	2,5 (0,1)	2,4 (0,2)	ns
P, mmol/l	2 (1)	1,9 (1,2)	ns
Fosfatasa Alcalina , U/l	168,5 (79,6)	124,8 (72,8)	<0,001
PTH, pg/l	1007,9 (846,7)	341,6(264,7)	<0,001
<b>Presión arterial diástolica periférica, mmHg</b>	83,5 (13,2)	77,3 (14,2)	<b>&lt;0,051</b>
<b>Velocidad Onda Pulso (PWV) , m/sc</b>	9,3 (1,8)	8,6 (1,8)m/sc	<b>&lt;0,03</b>

# ERC es un factor independiente de riesgo CV



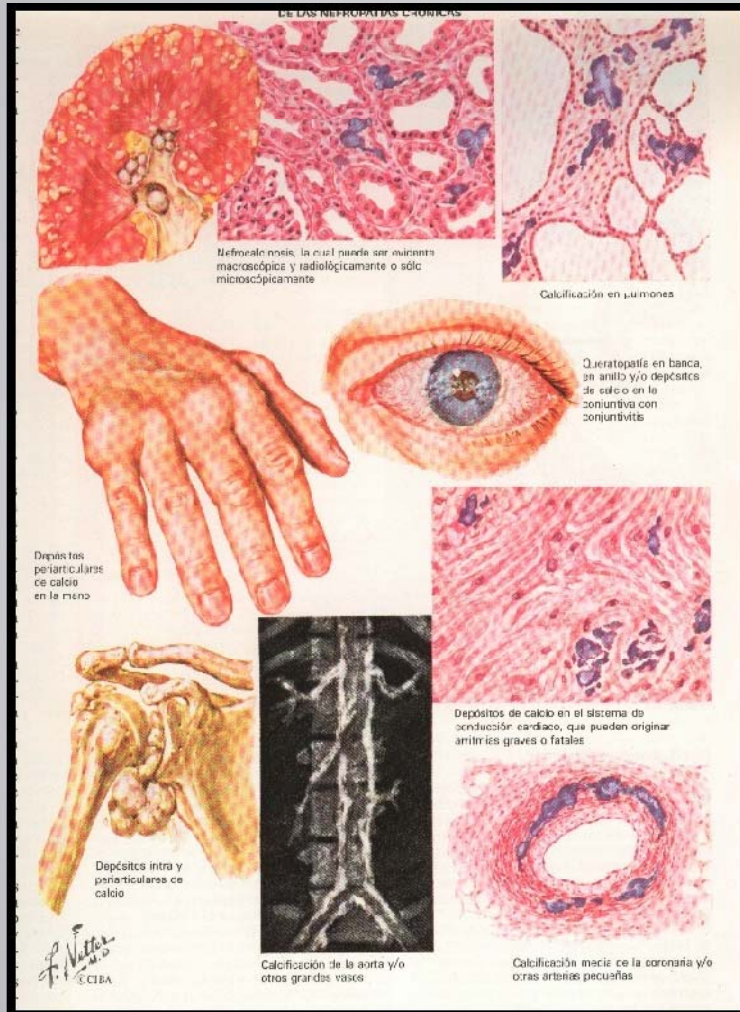
**Envejecimiento acelerado**

**Ateromatosis y Calcificación acelerada**

**FR tradicionales**

**No tradicionales**

# ERC: Calcificación sistémica



Netter 70's



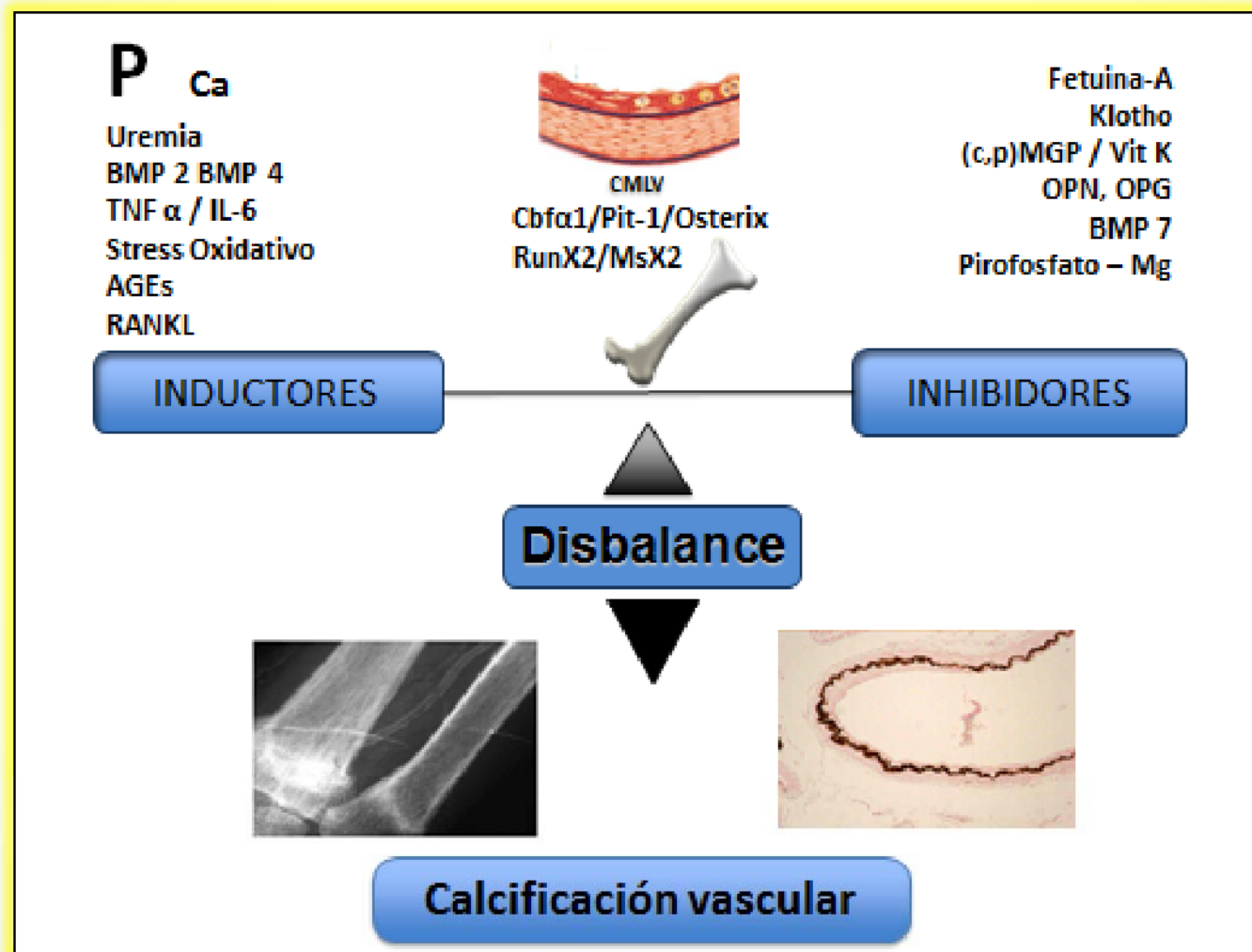
MDCT  
EBCT



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Osificación de los vasos (activa y pasiva)

# CALCIFICACIÓN-OSIFICACION VASCULAR PASIVA Y ACTIVA



## **Detección de las calcificaciones cardiovasculares: ¿una herramienta útil para el nefrólogo?**

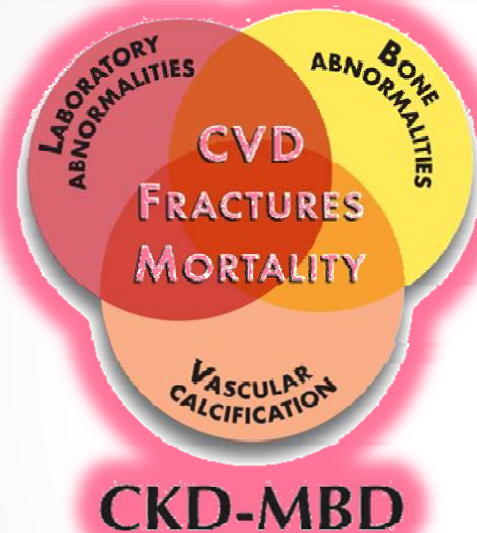
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## **Calcificaciones cardiovasculares en la enfermedad renal crónica: Potenciales implicaciones terapéuticas**

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# CKD–MBD: Alteración (síndrome?) sistémico

CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE–  
MINERAL AND BONE DISORDER



Chronic–Kidney Disease–Mineral and Bone Disorder  
ERA–EDTA Working Group

- Eje Riñón–Hueso
- Eje Hueso-Vaso

**Bone: a new endocrine organ at the heart of chronic kidney disease and mineral disorders**

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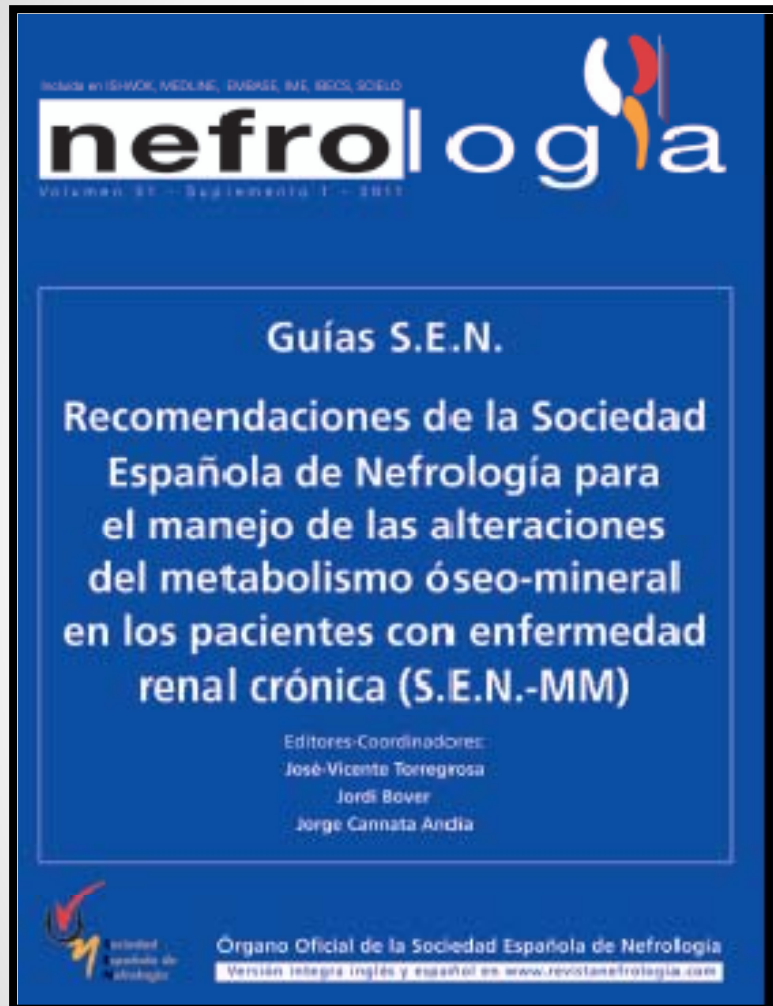
## KDIGO GUIDELINES on vascular calcification (2009)

**3.3.1** In patients with CKD stages 3–5D, we suggest that a lateral abdominal radiograph can be used to detect the presence or absence of vascular calcification, and an echocardiogram can be used to detect the presence or absence of valvular calcification, as reasonable alternatives to computed tomography-based imaging (2C).

**3.3.2** We suggest that patients with CKD stages 3–5D with known vascular/valvular calcification be considered at highest cardiovascular risk (2A). It is reasonable to use this information to guide the management of CKD-MBD (not graded).

VC and progression are predictive of outcomes with any imaging Rapid limited value of Framingham scoring

# 2011 Recomendaciones SEN



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It is reasonable to screen ALL patients with CKD and it is reasonable to use this Information to guide management

- Lateral **Abdominal XR (Kauppila)**
- **Hands and pelvis (Adragao):**
- **Ecocardiography**
- **Ultrasonography**
- **Thorax XR**
- **Breast arterial calcification**
- **PWV, ABI**
- **PP** (CAC correlation?)

- **MDCT-scan**
  - **EBCT**
- } Research purposes

# PRO: CARDIOVASCULAR CALCIFICATIONS ARE CLINICALLY RELEVANT

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NDT pro-con debate



Depending on the available resources, screening for CV calcifications should be performed **in all** CKD patients at first presentation and at regular intervals **or only in selected cases** (e.g. from incident dialysis patients considered for renal transplantation to any patient in whom the caring physician decides that knowledge of the presence of VC may impact a therapeutic decision).

Screening for VC fits in the paradigm of **personalized medicine**; at present not ready for prime time but eager to jump in.

# CON: Vascular calcification is a surrogate marker, but not the cause of ongoing vascular disease, and it is not a treatment target in CKD

Carmine Zoccali and Gerard London

NDT pro-con debate

To maximize health benefits, the approach to vascular disease in CKD patients should focus on the **prevention of arterial lesions** by correcting the several, traditional and non-traditional, **pro-atherogenic risk factors** responsible for arterial injury, including hyperphosphatemia and CKD-MBD disorders. **Interventions aiming at modifying late arterial lesions like calcifications are unlikely to produce tangible health benefits in these patients.**

**Nephrol Dial Transplant 2015**

Inflammation. NO. Microcalcifications.

Moderator's view: **Christoph Wanner**

**Treatment of vascular calcification is a physical impossibility, so far**

# Prevalence of subclinical atheromatosis and associated risk factors in chronic kidney disease: the NEFRONA study

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**NEFRONA study.**

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Nephrol Dial Transplant 2014

# OSERCE II: Detection of VC by plain X rays

Centralized 2X

## Adragao Score (0-8)

### Pelvis:

- cuadrante superior derecho: 0 / 1
- cuadrante superior izquierdo: 0 / 1
- cuadrante inferior derecho: 0 / 1
- cuadrante inferior izquierdo: 0 / 1

### - Hands:

- Mano der: superior: 0 / 1
- Mano der: inferior: 0 / 1
- Mano izq superior: 0 / 1
- Mano izq inferior: 0 / 1

## Kauppilá's index (0-24)

### Vertebral bodies L1-L4

- 0: No calcificación
- 1: Calcificación pequeña
- 2 Calcificación moderada
- 3 Calcificación grande,  
Anterior y posterior



# Vascular Calcification in Patients with Nondialysis CKD over 3 Years

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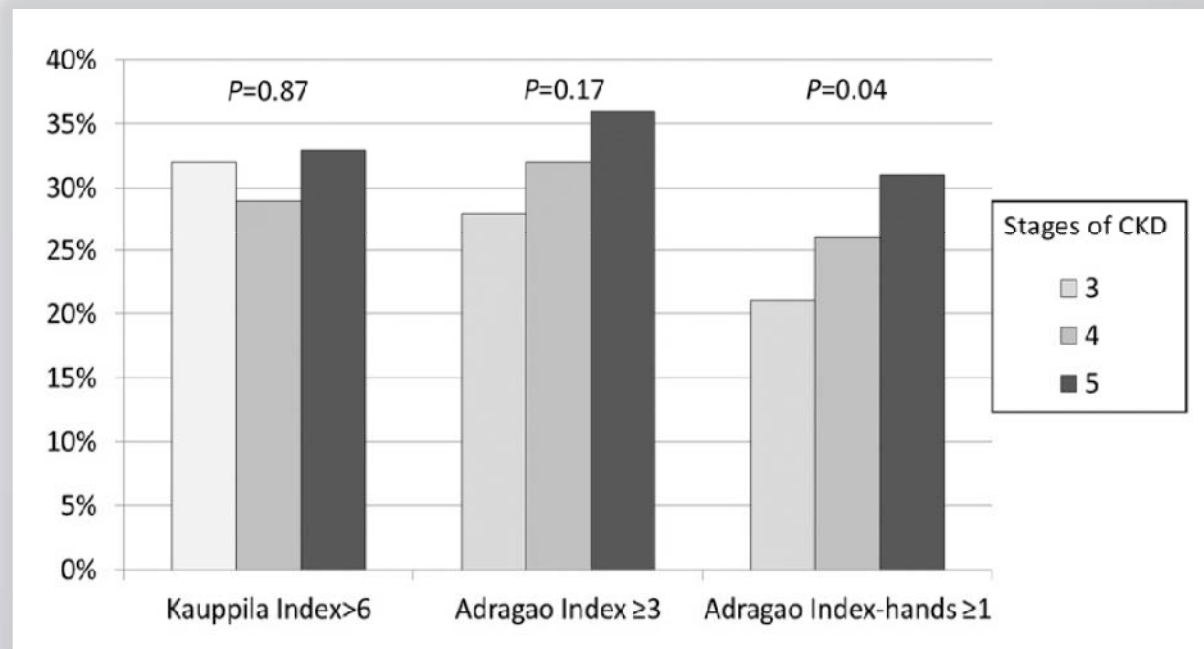
**Conclusions** VC is highly prevalent in patients with CKD. VC assessment using AS independently predicts death and time to hospitalization. Therefore, it could be a useful index to identify patients with CKD at high risk of death and morbidity as previously reported in patients on dialysis.

*Clin J Am Soc Nephrol* 10: ●●●-●●●, 2015. doi: 10.2215/CJN.07450714

742 patients  
eGFR 27±12  
Prevalence 79%

**K > 6 or AS ≥ 3 47%**

**Late phenomenon,  
early presence**



Large-elastic

Medium-size muscular arteries; peripheral

HR All-cause; CV mortality, , time to hospitalization

HR 2.07; 3.46;1.14

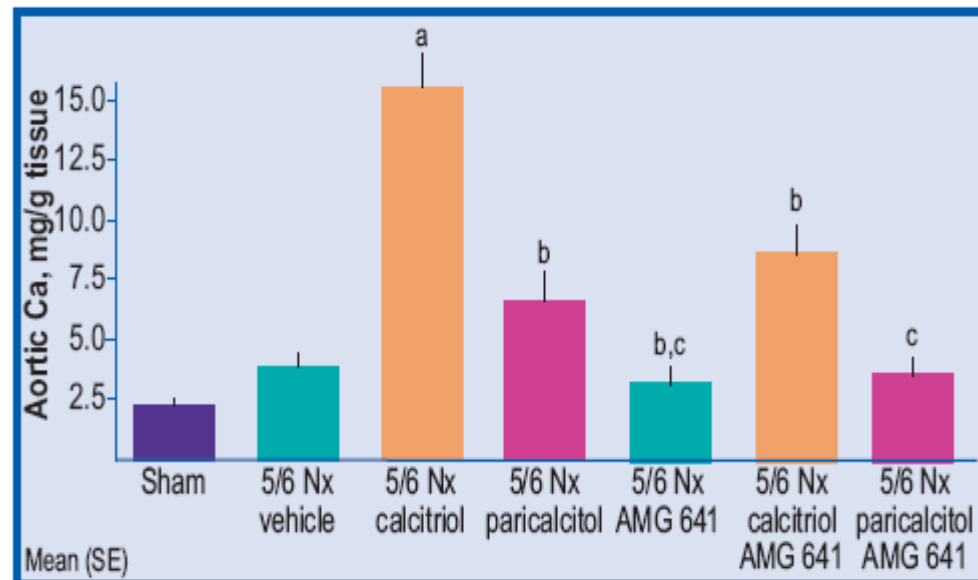
PTH, CKD st, CV mort, hosp-free

**Table 1.** Comparison of distinct effects of P binders and anti-parathyroid agents on CKD-MBD laboratory parameters, progression of vascular calcification (VC) and/or survival. Ca = Calcium; P = Phosphate; PTH = Parathyroid hormone; NA = Not available; RCT = Randomized Clinical Trial; Exp = only experimental studies.

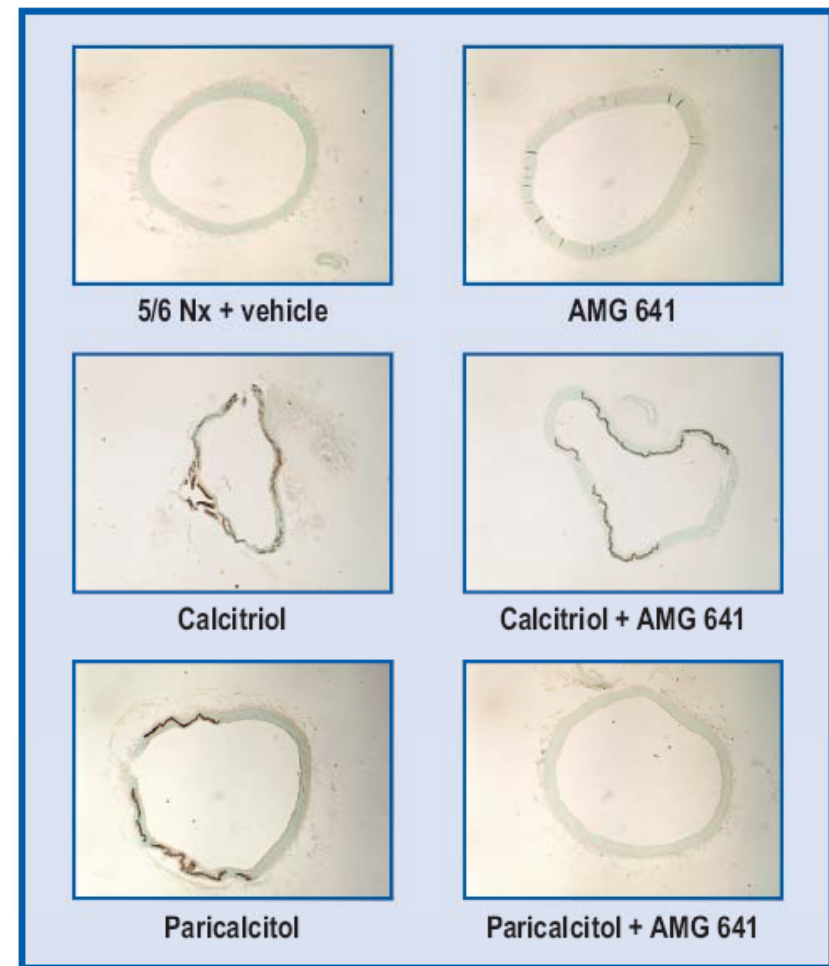
<i>P binders</i>	Ca	P	Ca x P	PTH	VC	Survival
Aluminum	-	↓↓↓	↓↓	-↓	NA	NA
Ca-based	↑-↑↑	↓↓	↓-	↓↓	↑↑- (RCTs)	-(RCT)
Non-Ca-Based	-	↓↓	↓	-↑	↑- (RCTs)	- (RCT) ↑ (2 <sup>nd</sup> analysis RCT) ↑ (metanalysis)
<i>Anti-parathyroid drugs</i>						
Calcitriol (CTR), Alfacalcidol, Doxercalciferol	↑-↑↑	↑	↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑↑↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (CTR, retrospective)
Paricalcitol	-↑	-↑	-↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective vs CTR)
Calcimimetics	↓-↓↓	-↓	↓↓	↓↓↓	-↓ (RCT)	- (RCT) ↑ (2 <sup>nd</sup> adjusted analysis RCT) - (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective)



# Diferential effects of CTR, paricalcitol and/or CM in experimental vascular calcification



<sup>a</sup>P < 0.05 vs 5/6 Nx + vehicle  
<sup>b</sup>P < 0.05 vs 5/6 Nx + calcitriol  
<sup>c</sup>P < 0.05 vs 5/6 Nx + paricalcitol



Henley et al. NDT 2005;

Cinacalcet + CTR 250-280 µg/kg

I. López et al, Kidney Int

# Breve comparación de guías: ERC 5D

	K/DOQI 2003 <sup>1</sup>	KDIGO 2009 <sup>2</sup>	SEN 2011 <sup>4</sup>	¿ KDIGO 2016 <sup>5</sup> ?
P	1.3–1.78 mmol/L (3,5-5,5 mg/dl)	“Towards” normal	Normal Long gap Tolerance up to 1.6 mmol/L (5 mg/dl)	“Towards” normal (including 3a-5D)
Ca	Normal preferably towards the lower end (2.1–2.37 mmol/L)	Normal	Normal	Avoiding hypercalcemia
iPTH	150–300 ng/L	2–9 times the upper normal range of the assay	150–300 pg/mL Avoid <100 >500; PTH converter 2–5 times the upper normal range of the assay	=

**DMO y OSTEOPOROSIS EN ERC!!!**

- **RX dorso-lumbar!**

1. NKF. K/DOQI. Am J Kidney Dis 2003;42(suppl 3):S1-S202)
2. KDIGO CKD Work Group. Kidney Int. 2013;Suppl 3:1–150
3. Prados-Garrido MD, et al. Dial Traspl 2011;32:108–118
4. Torregrosa J-V, et al. Nefrologia 2011;31(Suppl 1):3–32
5. www.kdigo.org

## Revisiting KDIGO clinical practice guideline on CKD-MBD: a commentary from KDIGO controversies conference

The group was **unanimous** in their assessment of the clinical significance of CV calcification and the conclusion that CV calcification **SHOULD BE CONSIDERED for guidance of CKD-MBD management**. However, they concluded that there was **INSUFFICIENT NEW EVIDENCE** to warrant a reassessment of these statements

Specifically, no high-quality data have been published to justify **ROUTINE** screening and no new data comparing different imaging methods have emerged.

The overall perception of the WG was that **the available data may indeed strengthen the existing clinical practice guideline**, but updating the evidence rating was outside the scope of the conference since no systematic review was performed a priori on this issue



## INTEGRAL PHARMACOLOGICAL MANAGEMENT OF BONE MINERAL DISORDERS IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE: From treatment of **phosphate imbalance** (part I) to **control of PTH** and **prevention of progression of cardiovascular calcification** (part II)

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*Use knowledge of CKD to guide treatment of CKD-MBD, use drugs in combination, and individualize treatment.*

### **Phosphate (and/or FGF23) control: (P-binders) (see Part I)<sup>1</sup>**

- Achieve P levels as close to normality as possible with reasonable measures, including optimization of dialysis\*
- Avoid additives by all possible means, prioritize a balanced vegetarian vs animal dietary protein source and limit ↑ P protein index foods
- Prioritize P-binder prescription over unsupervised non-specific protein diet restriction
- If very high serum PTH and P levels are present, consider the possibility that P may NOT be of intestinal origin.
- Personalize choice of P-binder prescription depending on patient preferences, CKD stage (dialysis vs non-dialysis), presence/absence/degree of VC, concomitant therapies (i.e., VDRA, calcimimetics) and side effect profile (i.e., palatability, constipation, diarrhea)
- Avoid Ca-based P-binders in patients with hypercalcemia, low PTH levels, and/or ABD. Avoid or limit Ca-based P-binders in diabetics, patients with VC, and patients treated with coumadin.
- Combination of P-binders is possible and inhibition of intestinal transporters may

### **PTH control (specific anti-parathyroid treatment)**

- Aim for iPTH levels between 2 and 5 times the upper limit of normality and avoid extremes of risk (<2X or >9X).
- Treat tendencies and do not respond to minor variations in PTH.
- Initial drug selection may be based on CKD stage, Ca and P levels as well as on other aspects of CKD-MBD (e.g., CVC).
- Cinacalcet is not approved for the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in CKD stages 3-5
- In CKD stage 5D, use vitamin D and calcimimetics in combination to improve efficacy with fewer secondary effects, eventually always considering the Ca and P levels
- Selective VDRA (paricalcitol) may provide a wider therapeutic window, especially in those with a trend toward hypercalcemia or hyperphosphatemia, diabetic patients, and those prone to VC (experimental).
- Cinacalcet is considered first-line treatment in hypercalcemic (and perhaps significantly hyperphosphatemic) dialysis patients.
- I.V. etelcalcetide may improve compliance

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# Adynamic Bone Disease

**Table 1.** Treatment Options in ABD

Avoid

- Aluminum or trace metal exposure
- Bisphosphonates and other antiresorptive agents
- Excessive calcium load: ↓ calcium-based P binders,  
↓ active forms of vitamin D
- Excessive PTH oversuppression: ↓ vitamin D,  
↓ calcimimetics

Consider

- Non-calcium-based P binders
- Native vitamin D to achieve calcidiol levels > 20-30 ng/mL
- Paricalcitol > calcitriol

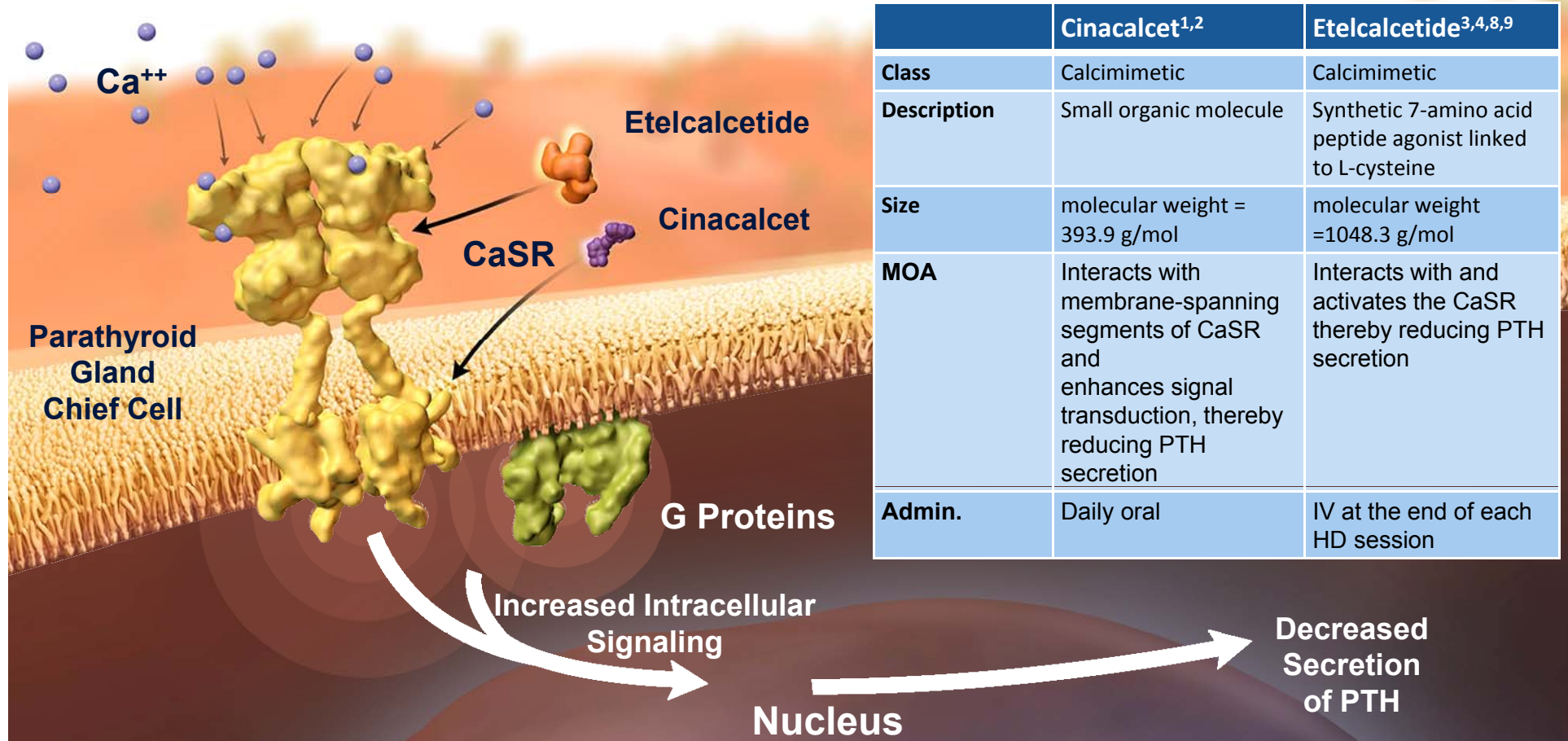
Active increase in PTH levels

- Decrease previous Ca dialysate content
- Low Ca dialysate

Others (?)

- Recombinant PTH
- Parathyroid allotransplantation
- Antisclerostin monoclonal antibodies

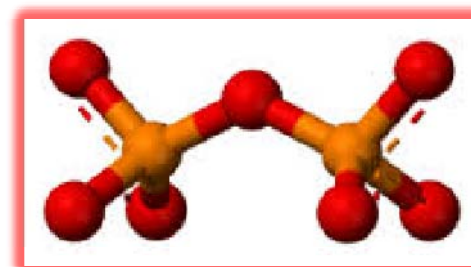
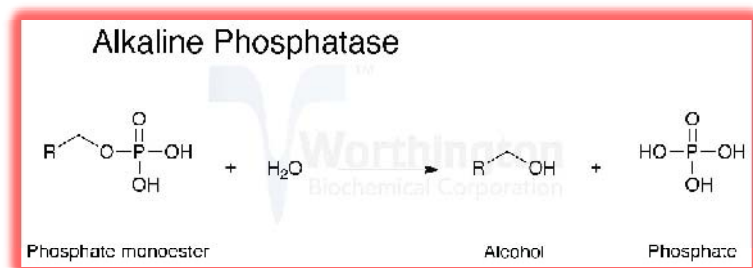
# Etelcalcetida: Nuevo calcimimético EV



	Cinacalcet <sup>1,2</sup>	Etelcalcetide <sup>3,4,8,9</sup>
<b>Class</b>	Calcimimetic	Calcimimetic
<b>Description</b>	Small organic molecule	Synthetic 7-amino acid peptide agonist linked to L-cysteine
<b>Size</b>	molecular weight = 393.9 g/mol	molecular weight = 1048.3 g/mol
<b>MOA</b>	Interacts with membrane-spanning segments of CaSR and enhances signal transduction, thereby reducing PTH secretion	Interacts with and activates the CaSR thereby reducing PTH secretion
<b>Admin.</b>	Daily oral	IV at the end of each HD session

1. Mimpara® (cinacalcet) Summary of product characteristics, Amgen. 2. Goodman WG. *Adv Ren Replace Ther.* 2002;9:200-208. 3. Cunningham J, et al. Presented at the 52<sup>nd</sup> ERA-EDTA Congress; May 2015; London, UK. 4. Chen P, et al. *J Clin Pharmacol.* 2015;55:620-628. 5. Goodman WG, et al. *Kidney Int.* 2008;74:276-288. 6. Moallem E, et al. *J Biol Chem.* 1998;273:5253-5259. 7. Brown EM. *Rev Endocr Metab Disord.* 2000;1:307-315. 8. Walter S, et al. *J Pharmacol Exp Ther.* 2013;346:229-240. 9. Amgen Media News Release. Amgen submits new drug application for novel intravenous calcimimetic etelcalcetide (AMG 416). <http://wwwext.amgen.com/media/news-releases/2015/09/amgen-submits-marketing-authorization-application-for-novel-intravenous-calcimimetic-etelcalcetide-amg-416-to-the-european-medicines-agency>

# Inhibidores de la fosfatasa alcalina



Alkaline phosphatases (APs) are membrane-bound glycoprotein **hydrolases** responsible for **removing phosphate (P) groups** (dephosphorilation or P ester hydrolysis) from many molecules (nucleotides, proteins, pyrophosphate...), most effectively operating in an alkaline environment. Thus, P becomes available for many processes such as **mineralization**.

**Aryl sulphonamides (Dahl)**  
**Pyrazole derivatives (Sidique)**

High-throughput screens

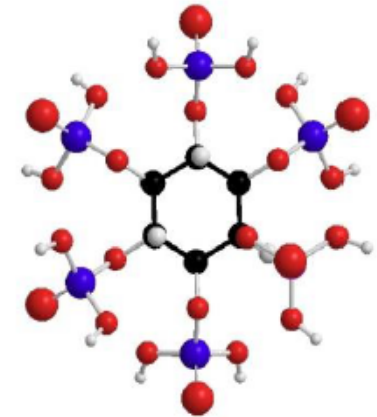
Circulating APs may increase **hydrolysis of pyrophosphate**, a natural inhibitor of hydroxyapatite formation in the extracellular fluid and a well-known **potent inhibitor of vascular calcification** by preventing incorporation of inorganic P into hydroxyapatite crystals.

Narisawa JBMR 2007, Dahl J Med Chem 2009, Sidique Bioorg Med Chem Lett 2009, Sergienko J Biomol Screen 2009, Chung TD Molecules 2010, Sergienko Nat Protoc 2010,

# Introduction to SNF472

Natural “phytate”

- ❑ **IP6:** myo-inositol hexaphosphate (MW = 792 Da)
- ❑ **IP6:** potent modulator of calcification
- ❑ Natural nutritional ingredient, **GRAS listed**
- ❑ **Low oral availability** (highly polar)
- ❑ **SNF472:** modified IP6 salt, i.v. formulation
- ❑ **IP6** found in blood and intracellular compartment.
- ❑ Physiological levels: blood < 0.3 uM / Intracellular 10-100 uM
- ❑ **SNF472** impacts on extracellular compartment levels
- ❑ Expected therapeutic concentrations **2-3 uM**
- ❑ **SNF472** in clinical development for cardiovascular calcification in ESRD dialysis patients and calciphylaxis

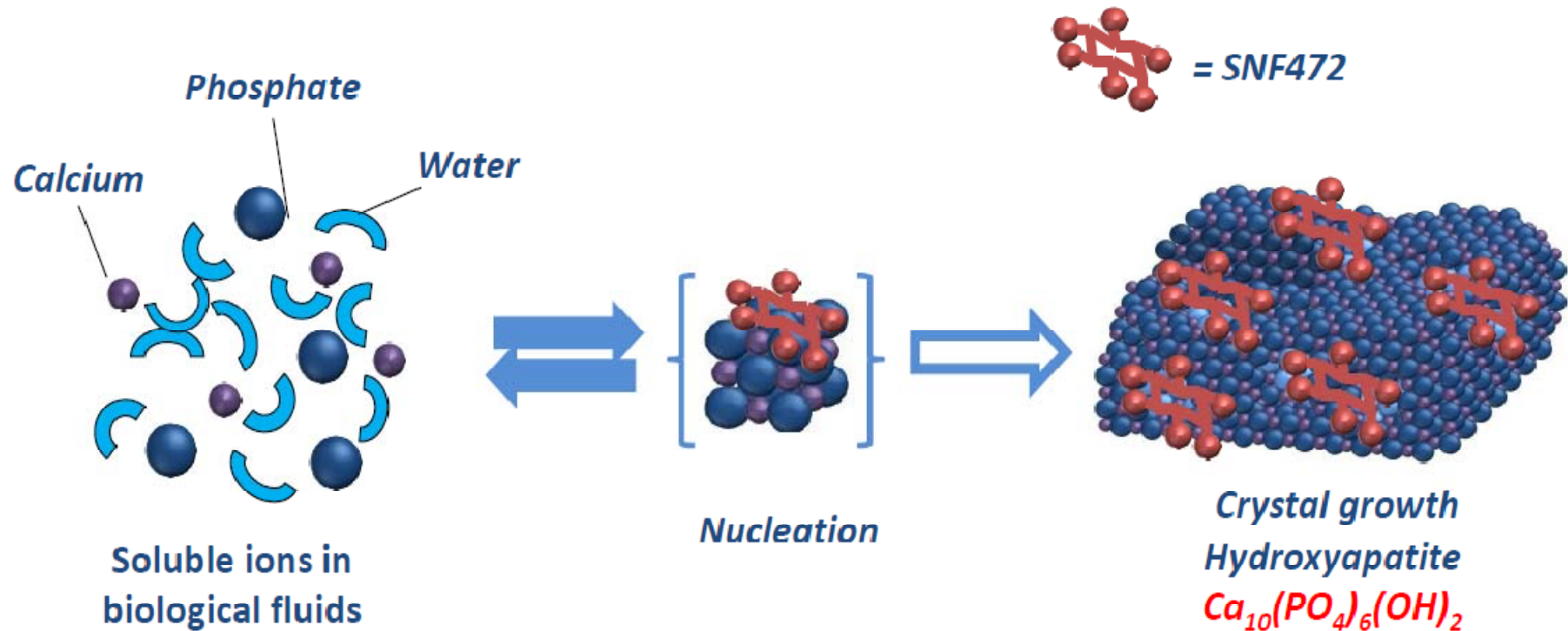


**IP6:** ácido fítico (o fitato en forma de sal) es la principal forma de almacenamiento de P en plantas, especialmente salvado y semillas (precisa fitasa – rumiantes)



# SNF472. Mechanism of Action

**Physico-chemical MoA:** prevents cardiovascular calcification (CVC) by blocking Ca-crystal formation/growth



# A PHASE 1B/2A RANDOMISED, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED CLINICAL TRIAL WITH SNF472 IN HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS

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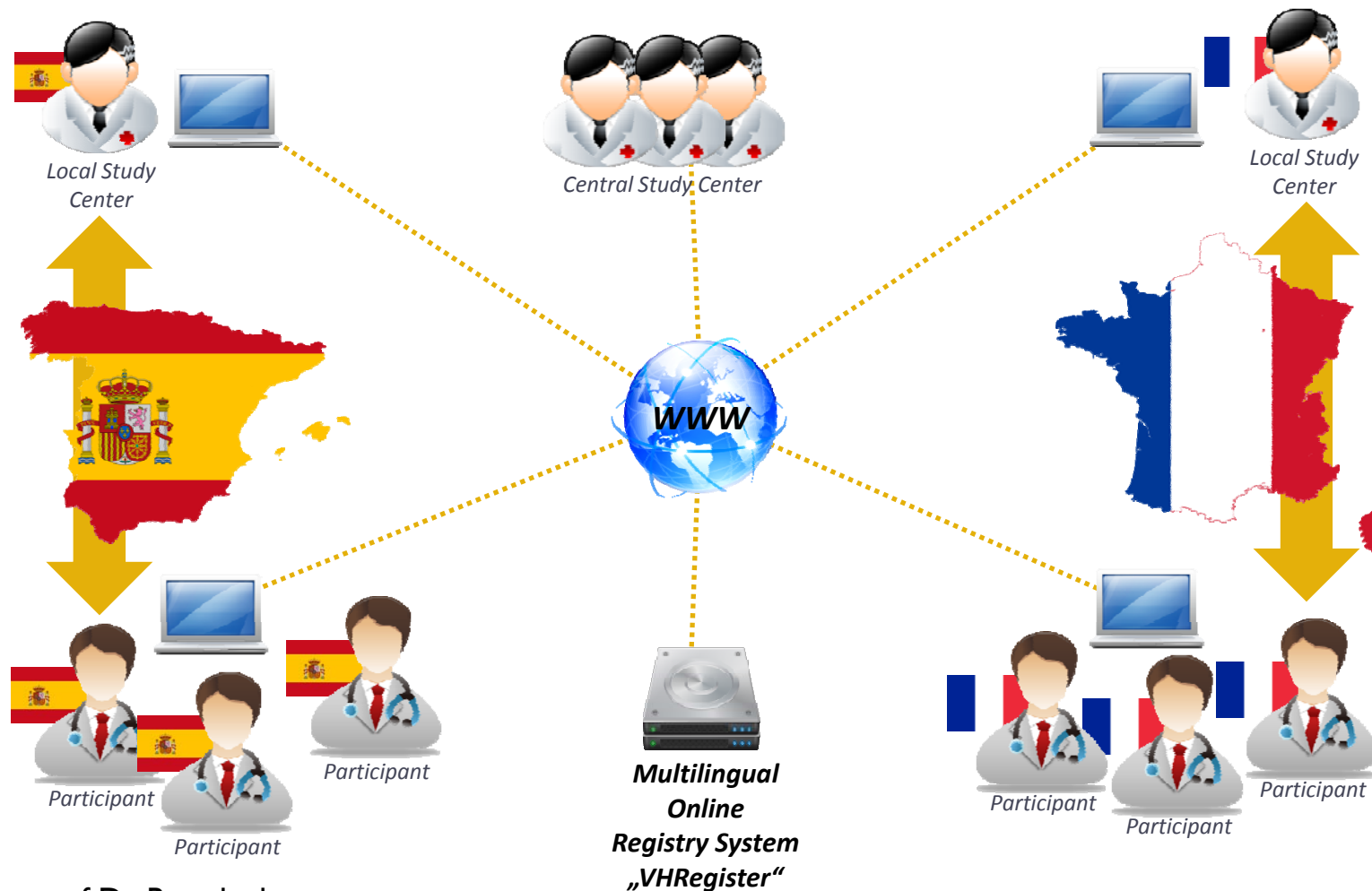
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May 21st, 2016**

- SNF472 reduces vascular calcification in animal models and calcification propensity in HD patients dose-dependently.
- Plateau of calcification propensity inhibition from 3 mg/kg (10000 ng/mL; 15 uM)
- Good safety at all tested doses, up to 20 mg/kg (70000ng/mL; 105 uM)

# Perspective: [www.calciphylaxis.eu](http://www.calciphylaxis.eu)

- Local study centers collect and manage cases from their country
- One central study center reviews and consolidates all collected data



Courtesy of Dr. Brandenburg

# CONCLUSIONES I

- Los pacientes con calcificación vascular/valvular deberían considerarse en el **grupo de mayor riesgo CV**
- Además del score de Kauppila (KDIGO), otros **(Adragao's...) son más fáciles y potencialmente útiles** para su uso clínico (incluso en ERC no-en-diálisis)
- Las guías sugieren (y sugerirán) que **es razonable** usar esta información para **guiar el manejo del complejo CKD-MBD** a pesar de que no hay evidencia de alta calidad que esta aproximación mejore el pronóstico o eventos duros

# CONCLUSIONES II

- Dependiendo de los recursos disponibles, la evaluación de las calcificaciones vasculares puede ser **global** o solo en **pacientes seleccionados** (i.e. cualquier paciente en el que el médico decide que esta **información pueda impactar una decisión terapéutica**)
- La ausencia de evidencias 1A en Nefrología **NO debería ser equivalente a aceptar NIHILISMO TERAPEUTICO como opción** mientras se esperan estudios « definitivos », especialmente teniendo en cuenta que el **TRATAMIENTO puede que sea muchas veces IMPOSIBLE pero...**

...PODEMOS NO MEJORAR LA CALCIFICACION CV.

Sin embargo, ES MODIFICABLE y **PODEMOS EMPEORAR SU PROGRESION**

**“PRIMUM NON-NOCERE”**

**Aforismo hipocrático**



# WHO , WHEN AND HOW?

## WHO?

- Depending on available resources ... all patients or those where knowledge of the presence of VC may impact a therapeutic decision
- Hypersensitized patients
- Waiting list for RT: O > B > A > AB
- Age criteria?

## WHEN?







- Diagnosis of CKD (before dialysis)

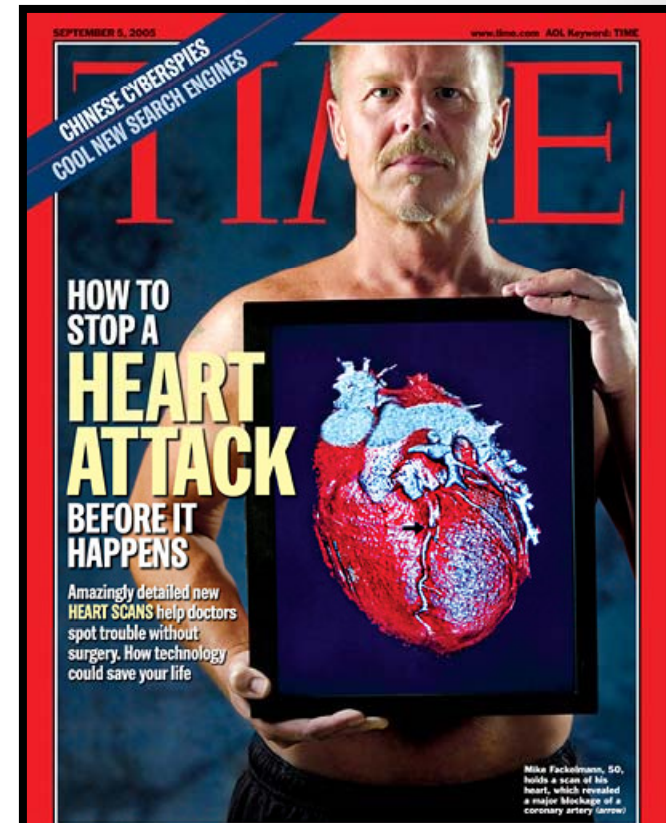
## HOW?

- Depending on available resources and objectives:  
Research: MDCT (EBCT)  
Clinical: Kaupilla  
Aragao's Index, Adragao's hands  
Any indirect form



# Nephrology and the Kidney are strategically located in the field of CV risk

-  **A** lbuminuria
-  **B** lood pressure
-  **C** holesterol, Cigarette
-  **D** iabetes, Vitamin **D**
  
-  **E** stimated GFR
-  **"F"** osphate



## Cover Story







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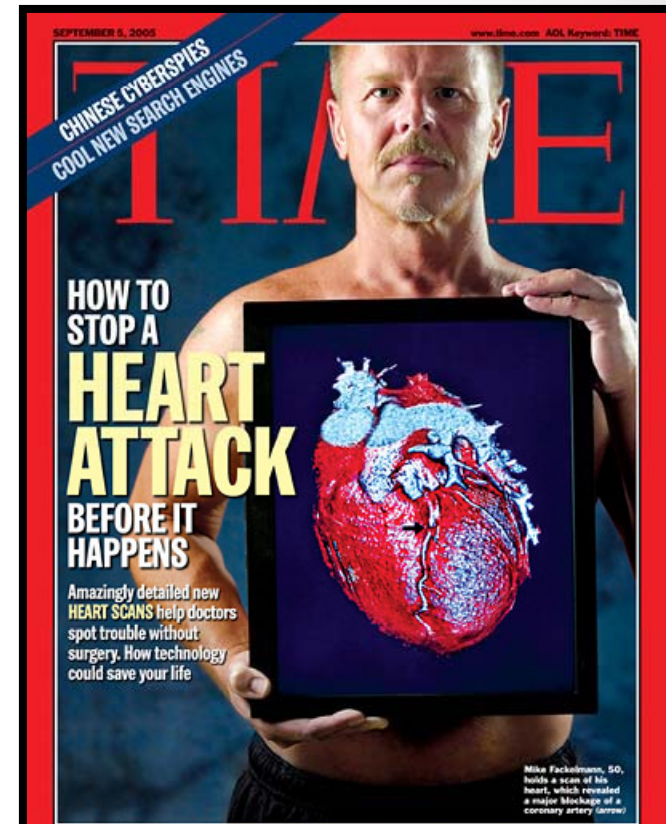
## Do You Know Your Calcium Score?

The Newest Risk Factor

By ALICE PARK

# Nephrology and the Kidney are strategically located in the field of CV risk

-  **A** lbuminuria
-  **B** lood pressure
-  **C** **ALCIFICATION**
-  **D** iabetes, Vitamin **D**
  
-  **E** stimated GFR
  
-  **“F”** osphate



## Cover Story

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## Do You Know Your Calcium Score?

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“PRIMUM NON-NOCERE”

“FIRST, DO NOT HARM”

**Hypocratic aphorism**



- Although the Framingham cohort identified BP as a “factor risk” in 1961, many of the seminal RCT’s showing the benefit of lowering diastolic, then systolic BP, were not completed until 2-3 decades later. Screening for elevated BP and instituting appropriate treatment remains a national priority today.

- “To screen or not to screen: That is not (yet) the question”. Tuot DS and Peralta CA.  
*CJASN 2015 (editorial)*

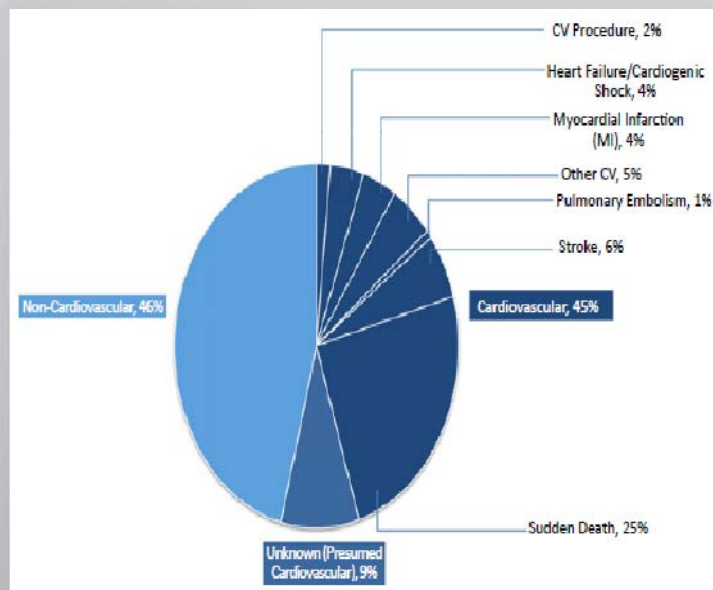
On CKD and “preventive nephrology” that should be prioritized by the nephrology community

## Effects of Cinacalcet on Atherosclerotic and Nonatherosclerotic Cardiovascular Events in Patients Receiving Hemodialysis: The EVALUATION Of Cinacalcet HCl Therapy to Lower CardioVascular Events (EVOLVE) Trial

David C. Wheeler, MD; Gerard M. London, MD; Patrick S. Parfrey, MD; Geoffrey A. Block, MD; Ricardo Correa-Rotter, MD; Bastian Dehmel, MD; Tilman B. Drüeke, MD; Jürgen Floege, MD; Yumi Kubo, MS; Kenneth W. Mahaffey, MD; William G. Goodman, MD; Sharon M. Moe, MD; Marie-Louise Trotman, MS; Safa Abdalla, MD; Glenn M. Chertow, MD; Charles A. Herzog, MD; for the EVALUATION Of Cinacalcet HCl Therapy to Lower CardioVascular Events (EVOLVE) Trial Investigators\*

J Am Heart Assoc 2014

**Conclusions**—Accepting the limitations of post hoc analysis, any benefits of cinacalcet on cardiovascular disease in the context of hemodialysis may result from attenuation of nonatherosclerotic processes.



- **Greater relative benefit on nonatherosclerotic CV events, including sudden death and heart failure**
- **The potential CV benefit of cinacalcet in HD patients may be mediated by nonatherosclerotic mechanisms:**
  - **slowing arterial calcification or reducing myocardial Ca accumulation**
  - **↓ FGF-23 → ↓ LVH**

# Coffee consumption and coronary artery calcium in young and middle-aged asymptomatic adults

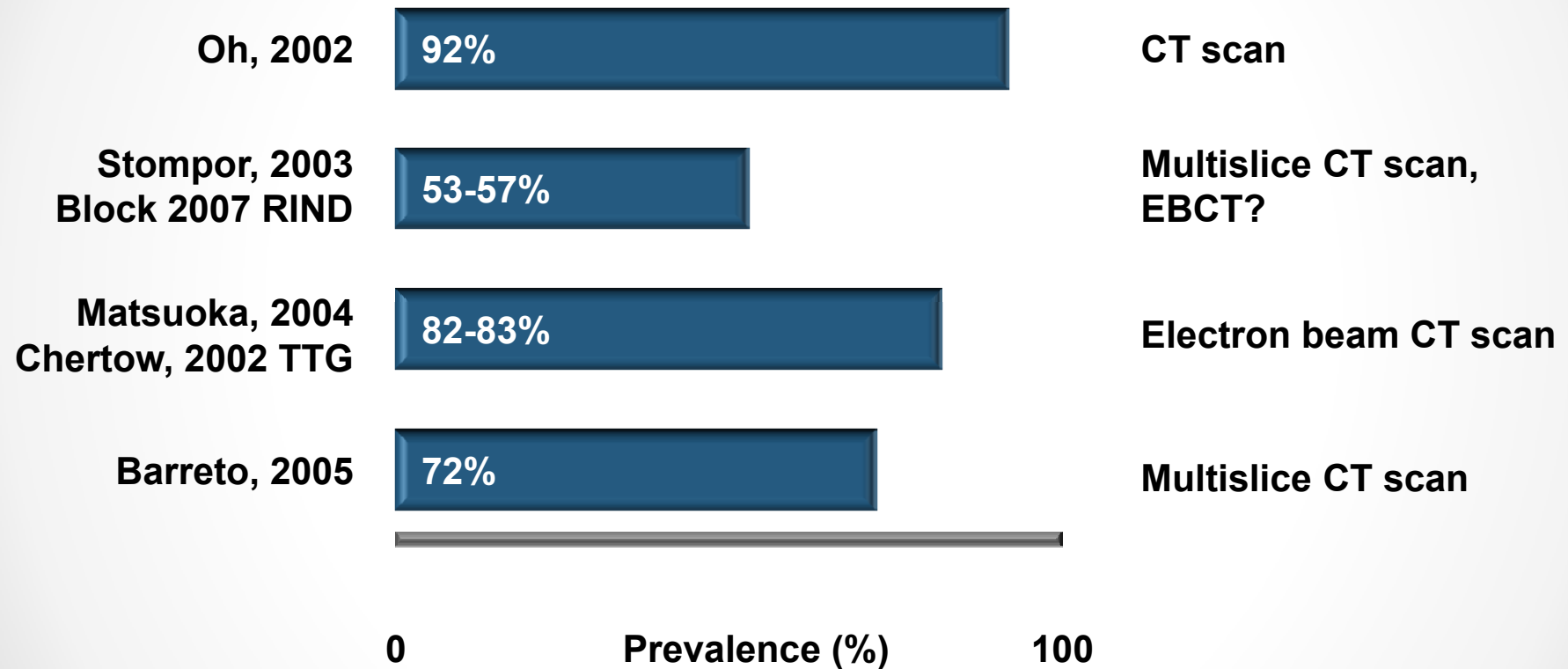
Choi Y et al. Heart 2015

Coffee drinkers were less likely to have calcium in their coronary arteries than nondrinkers. The relationship was **U-shaped, with the lowest levels occurring in people who drank 3 or 4 cups daily**

**Conclusions** In this large sample of men and women (**25138 South Korean men and women**) apparently free of clinically evident cardiovascular disease, moderate coffee consumption was associated with a lower prevalence of subclinical coronary atherosclerosis.

Despite the positive findings, study author Eliseo Guallar said in an email that he was "concerned that the role of coffee in preventing cardiovascular disease is exaggerated. Our study was an **observational association study that by itself cannot prove causation.**" Moderate coffee drinkers, he said, "should not be concerned that coffee is increasing their risk of cardiovascular disease. On the other hand, we believe that at this point we should still not recommend drinking coffee for preventing cardiovascular disease."

# La mayoría de pacientes en diálisis tienen calcificación coronaria (CAC)

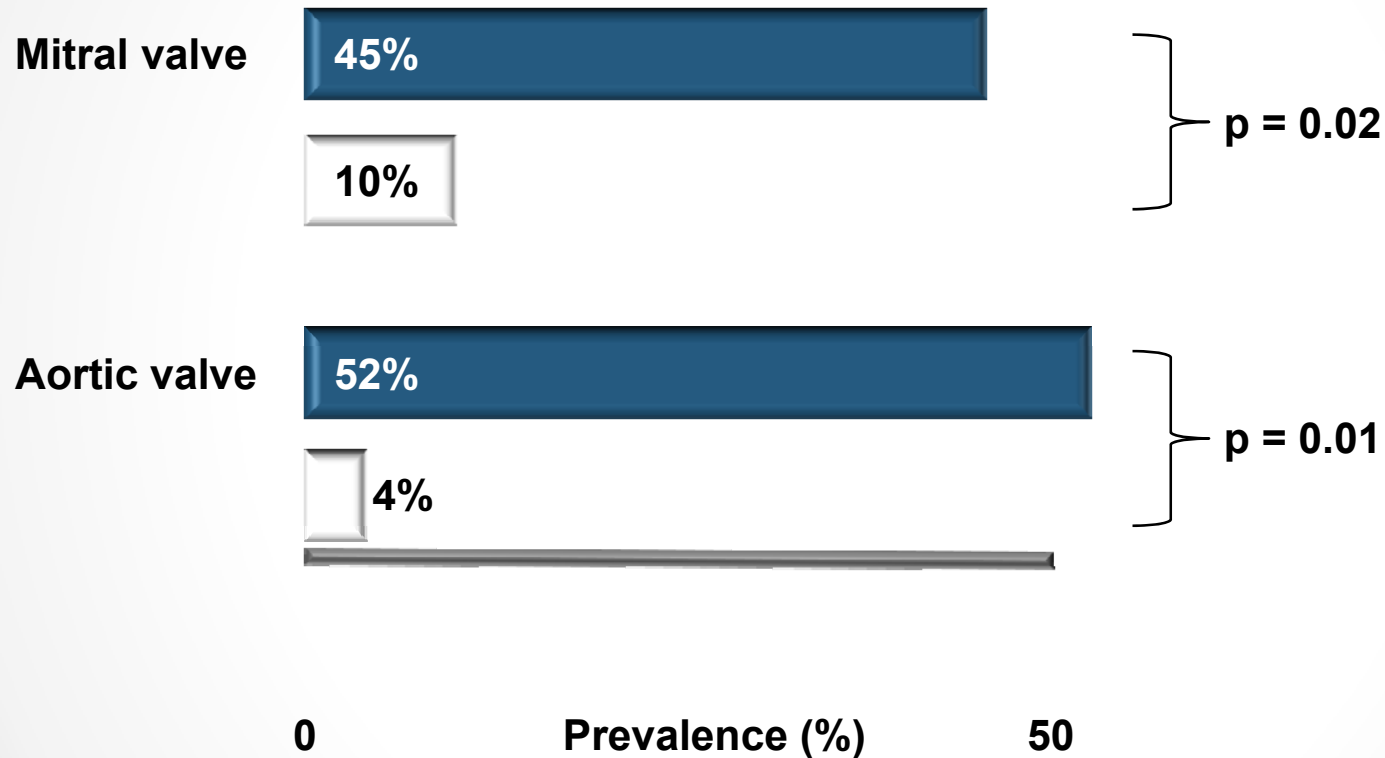


CT: computerised tomography

Adapted from Kalpakian MR et al. *Semin Dial.* 2007;20:139-143.



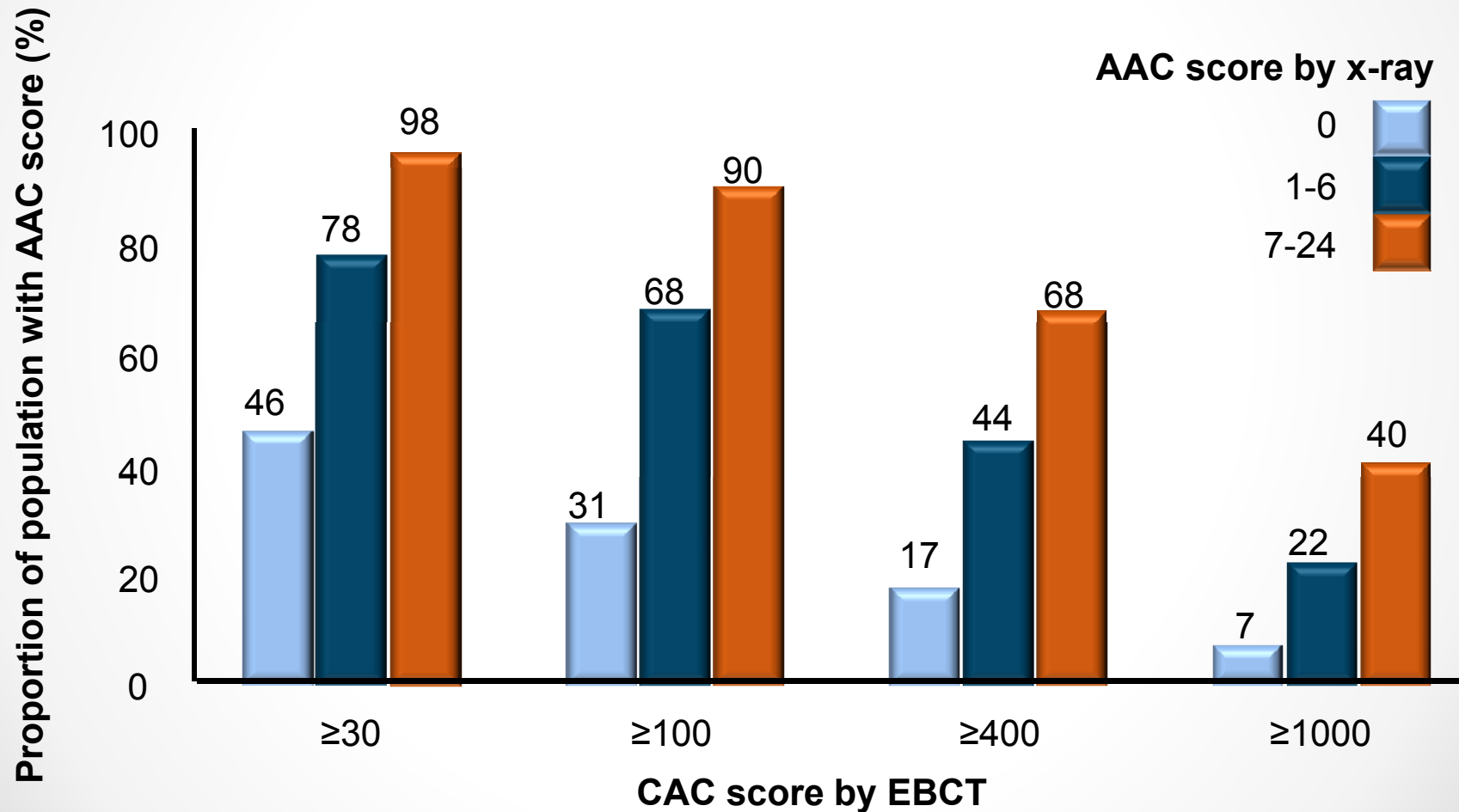
# Alta prevalencia de calcificación VALVULAR en pacientes en diálisis vs. controles



N = 92 patients on dialysis  
N = 92 age-matched controls

**Sanchez-Perales et al Nefrologia 2015**  
50% incidentes; ambas en 69/128 pac;  
39/128 mitral, 20/128 aortica y se relaciona  
con eventos y muerte CV

# Los pacientes con mayor calcificación aórtica (RX) tienen consistentemente índices de CAC más elevados (EBCT)



N = 140

AAC: abdominal aorta calcification; CAC: coronary artery calcification; EBCT: electron beam computerised tomography

Bellasi A et al. *Kidney Int.* 2006;70:1632-8

# Efecto de cinacalcet sobre las calcificaciones vasculares y de tejidos blandos en pacientes con HPTS en diálisis



Radiografía de manos basal



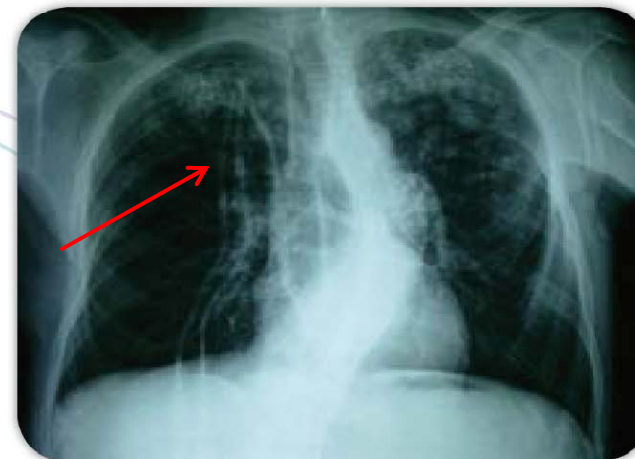
Radiografía de manos 12 meses



Radiografía de manos 24 meses



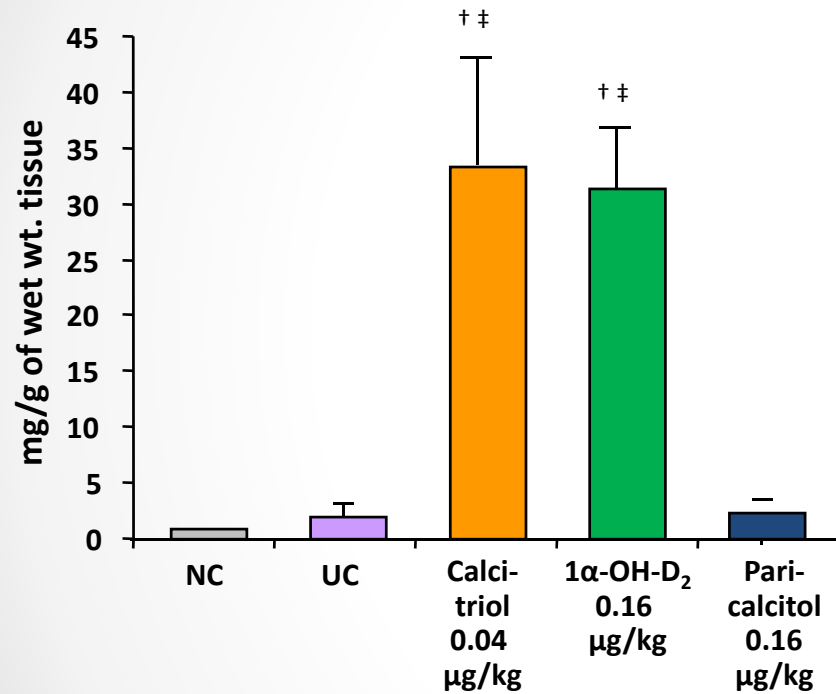
Radiografía de tórax basal



Radiografía de tórax 24 meses

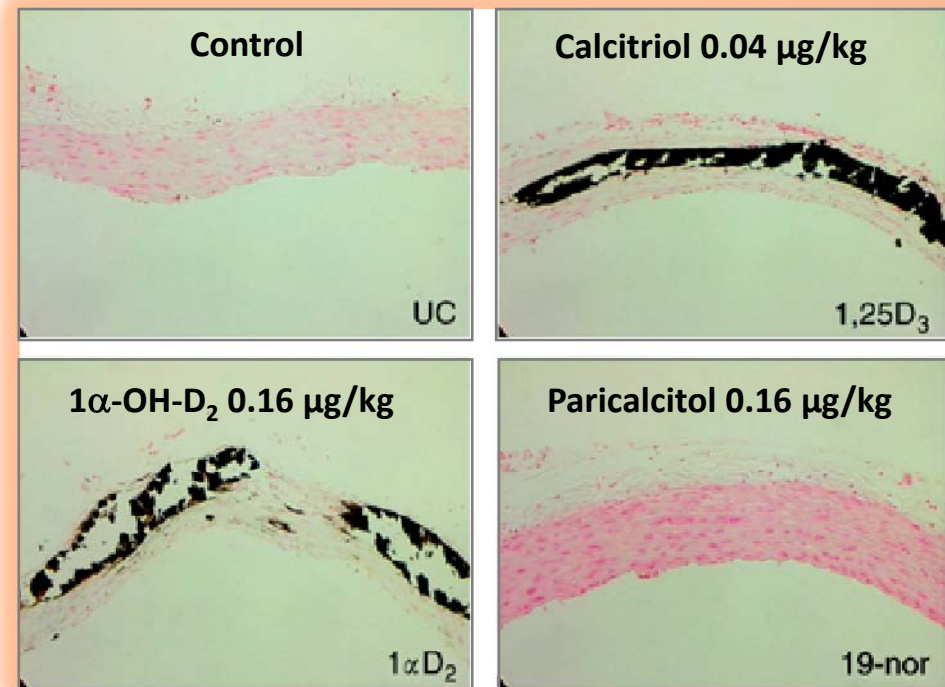
# Calcitriol and doxercalciferol, but not paricalcitol, increase vascular calcification in uremic rats\*

### Aortic Ca content



### Aortic calcification

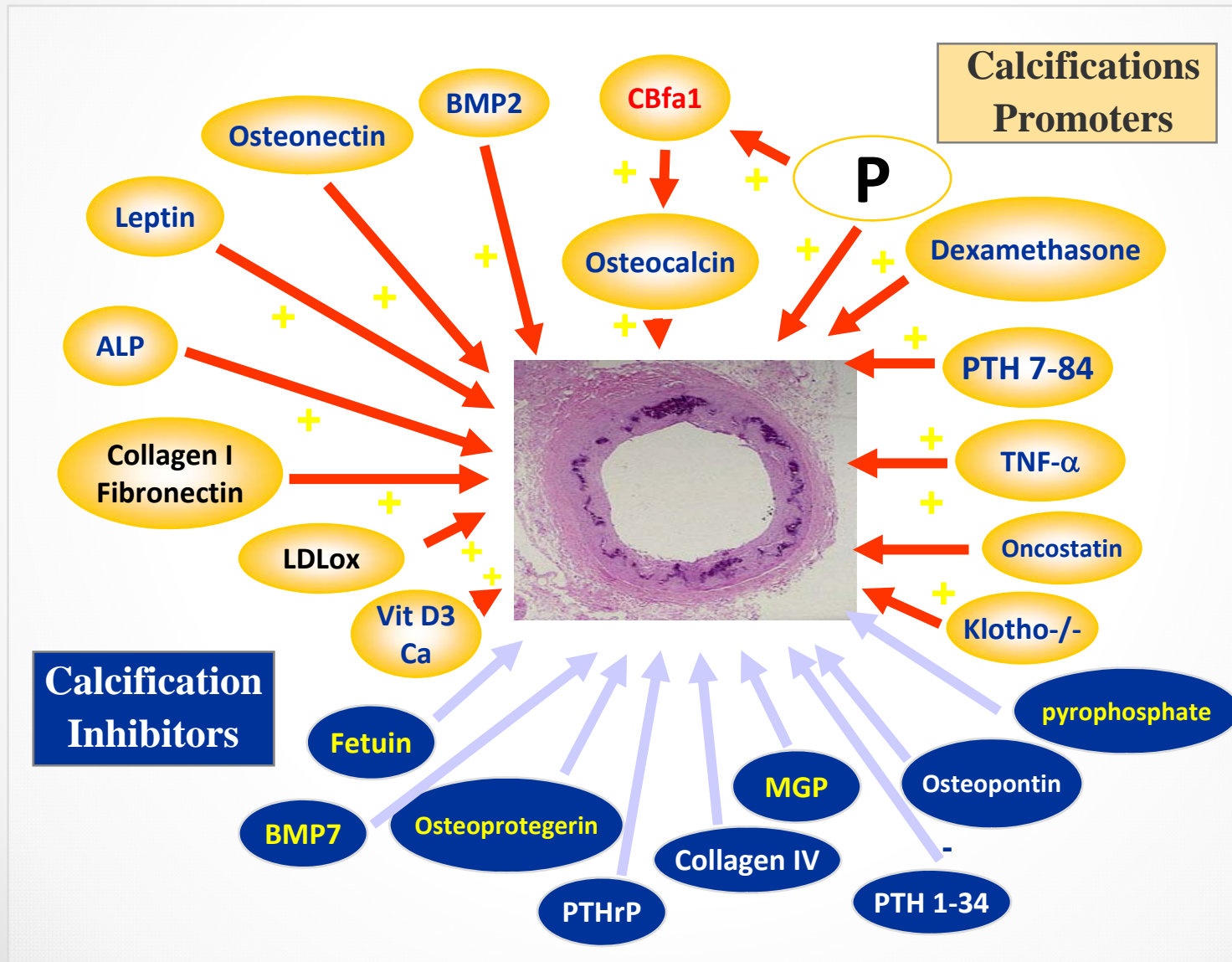
(von Kossa staining; black areas represent calcification)



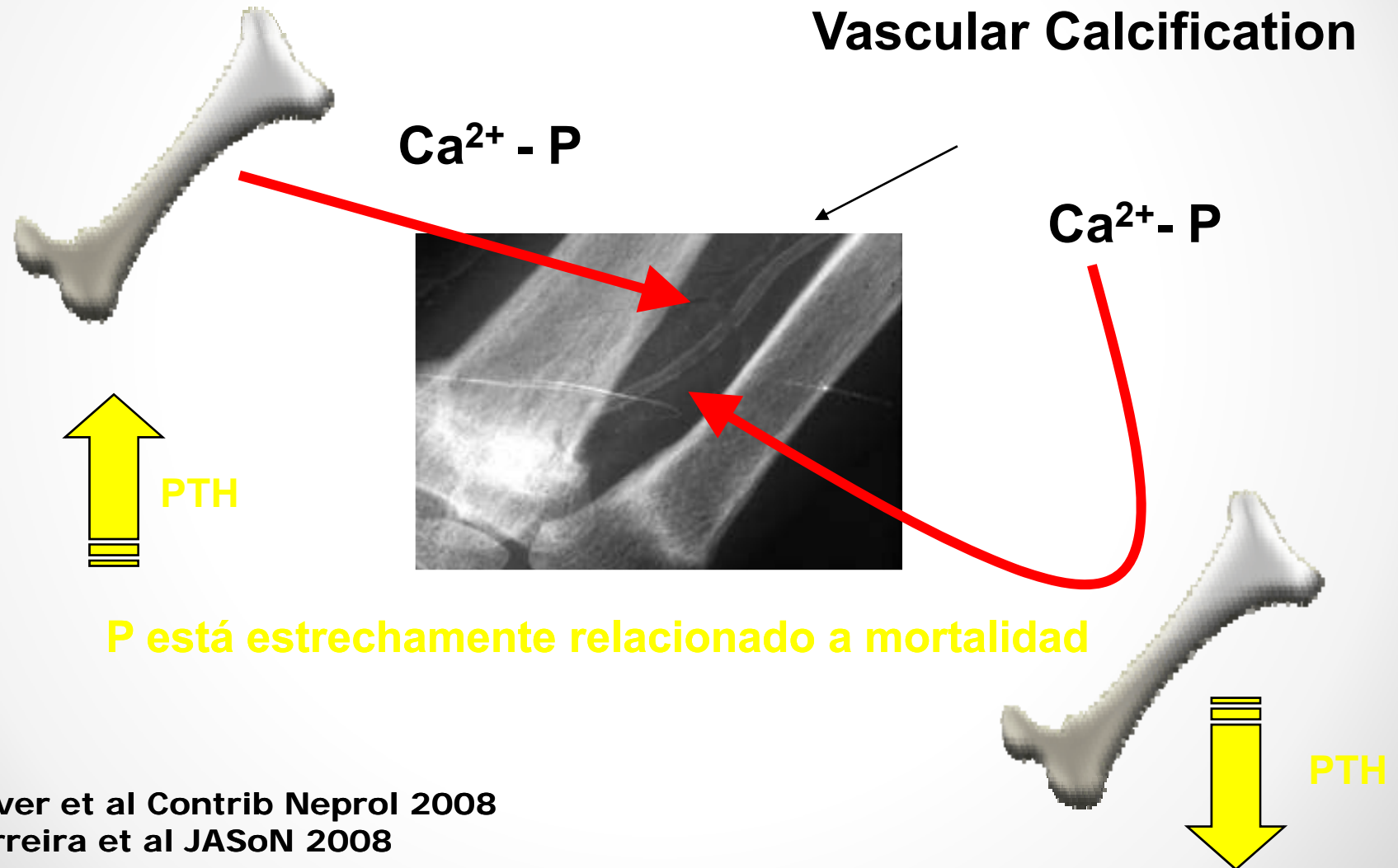
Mizobuchi M et al. Kidney Int 2007;72:709–15

Cardús A, et al. J Bone Miner Res 2007;22:860–6

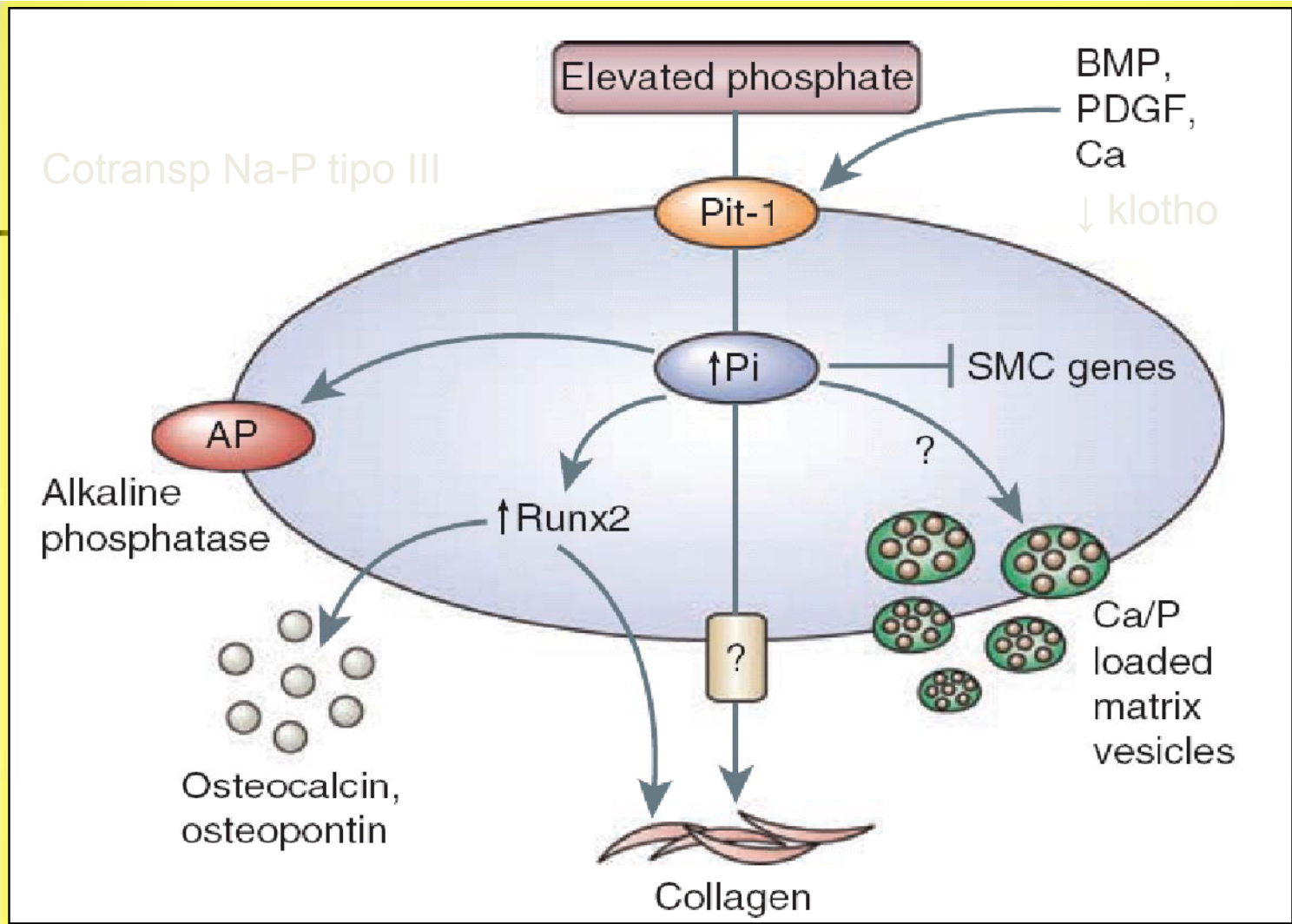
# El sistema vascular está sometido a promotores e inhibidores de la calcificación vascular



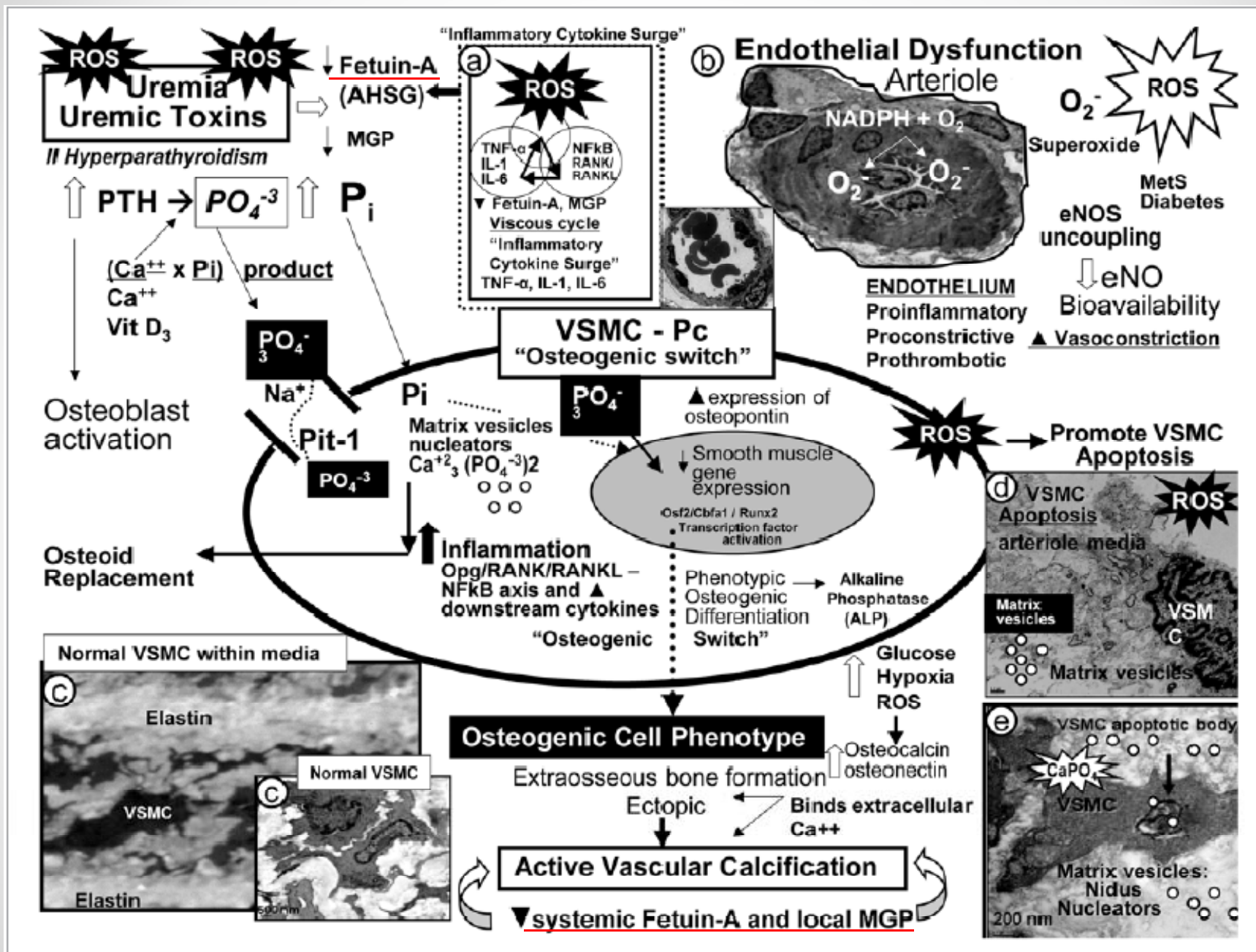
# Calcificaciones-Mortalidad P y PTH



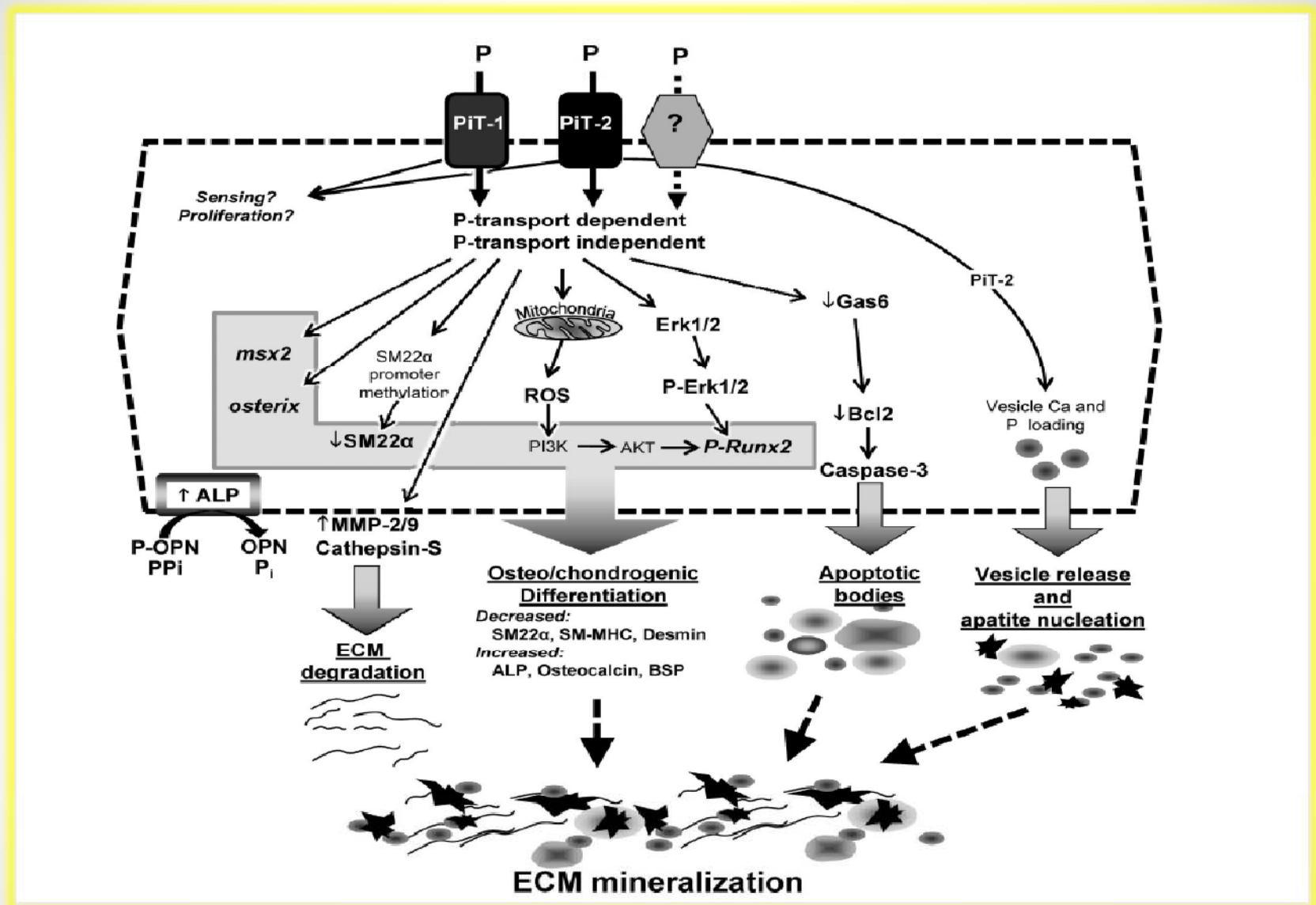
Bover et al Contrib Nephrol 2008  
Ferreira et al JASN 2008



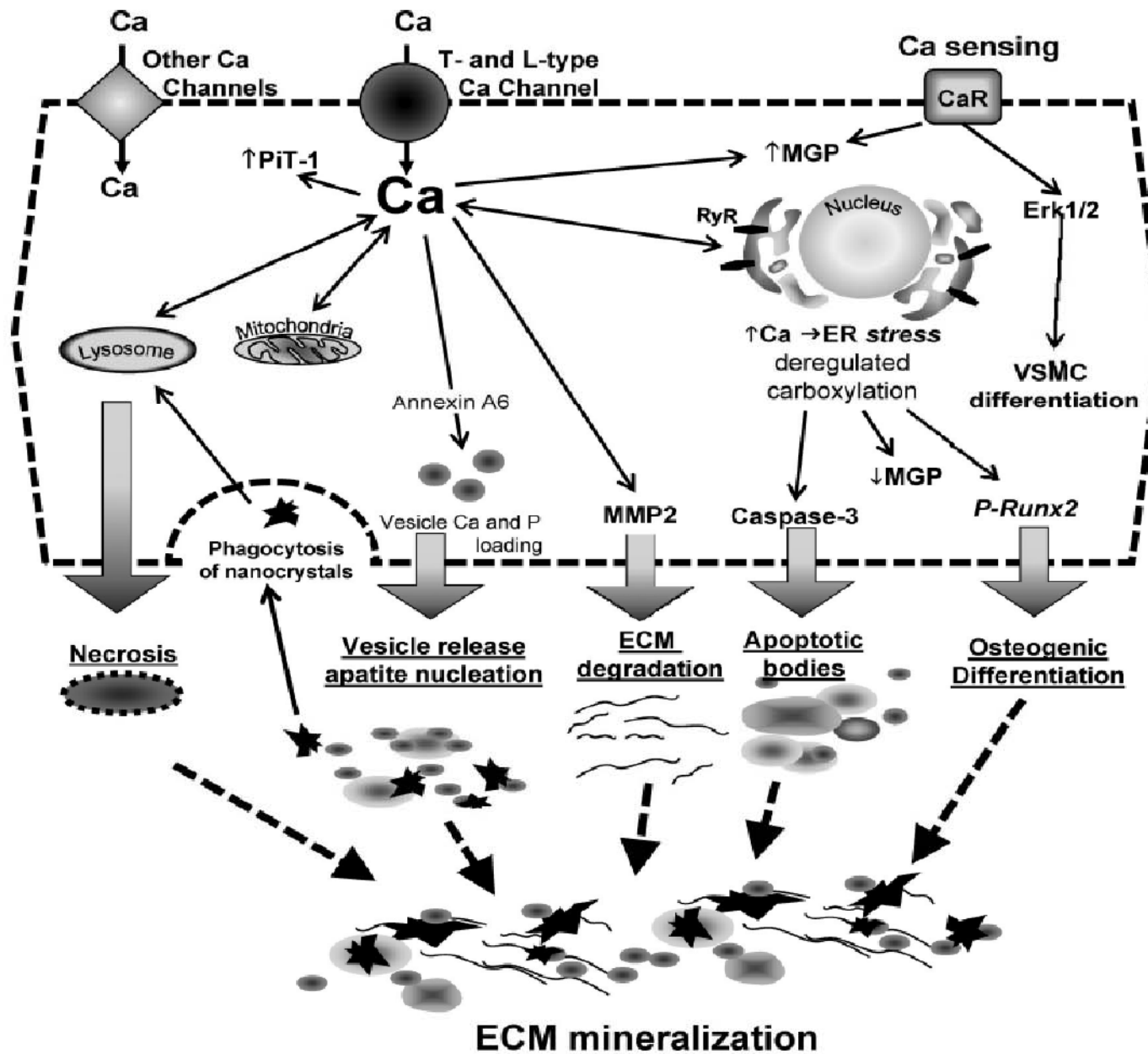
Inducción de un cambio de fenotipo de CMVL o OB

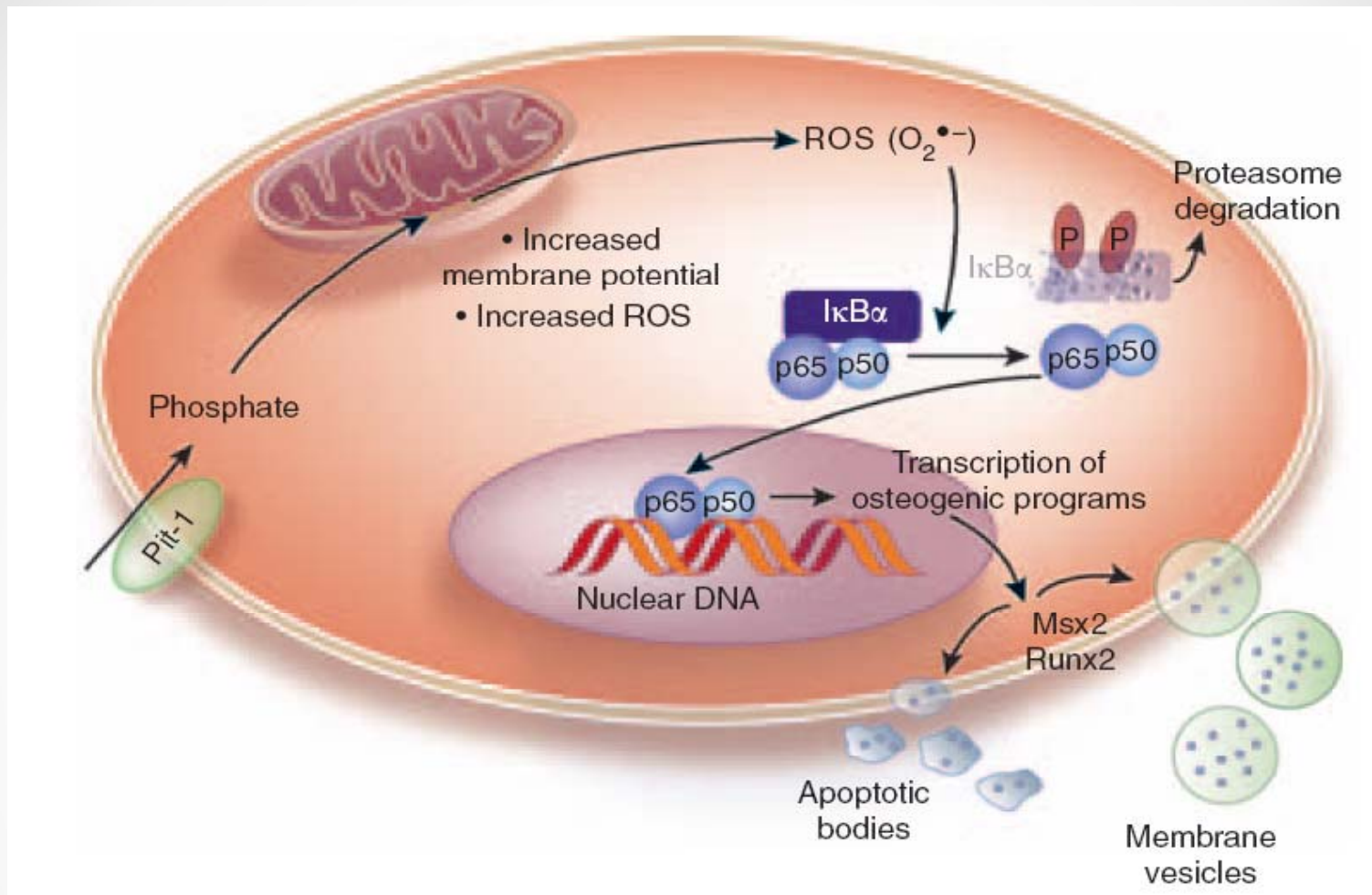






Shanahan et al, Circ Res 2011



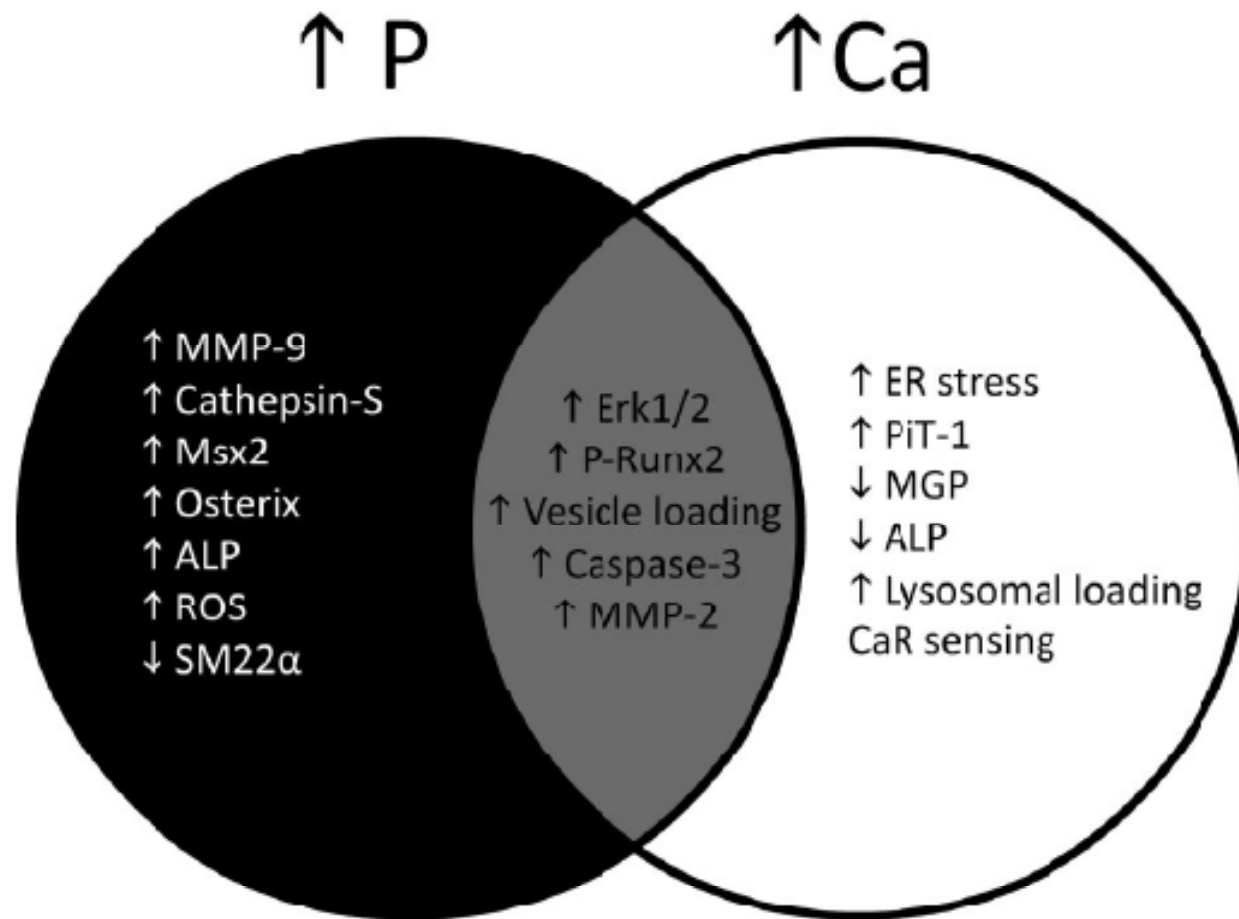


**Phosphate-induced vascular calcification is mediated through activation of mitochondrial reactive oxygen species, and p65 nuclear translocation.**

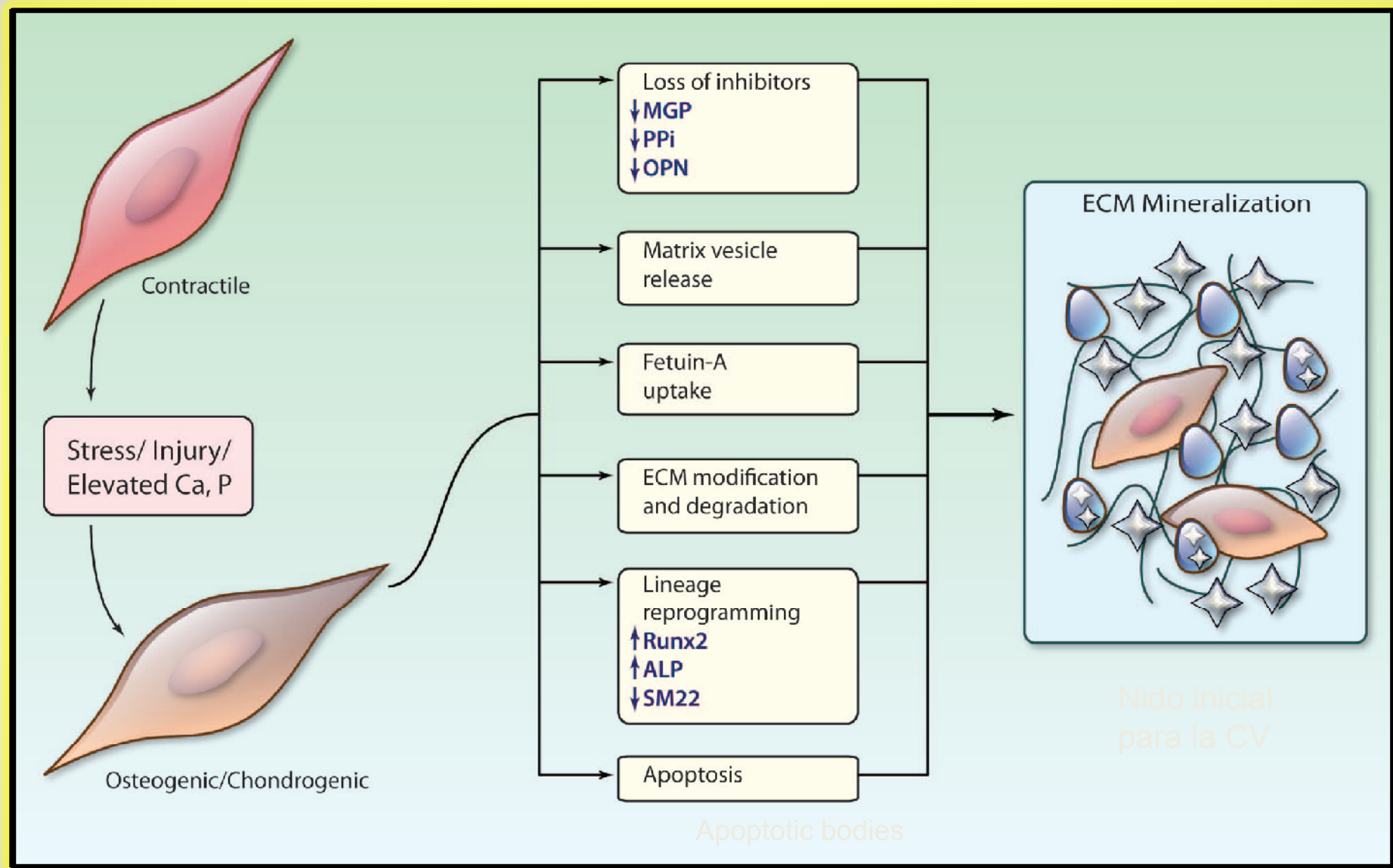
**P → Inflamación y Stress Oxidativo**

Khao et al. KI 2011

Al-Aly Z. KI 2011



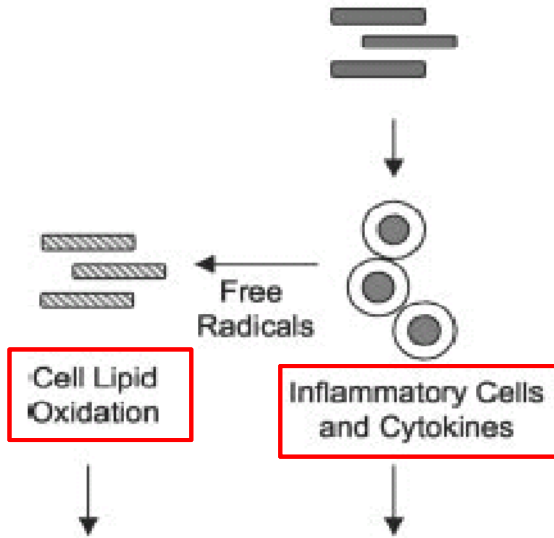
**Figure 5. Overview of distinct and overlapping pathways initiated by elevated calcium (Ca) and phosphate (P) in vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs).** Black background indicates pathways specific to elevated serum inorganic phosphate (Pi), white background indicates pathways specific to elevated serum Ca, and gray area shows common pathways.



Shanahan et al. Arterial Calcification in CKD:  
Key roles for calcium and phosphate. Circ Res 2011

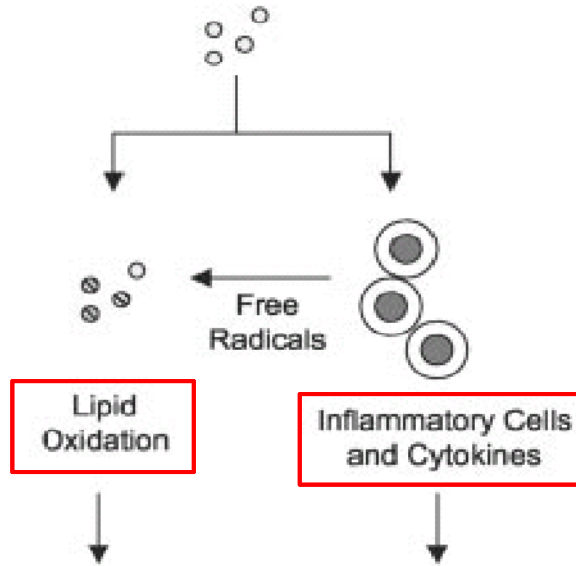
### Soft Tissue Calcification

Chronic inflammatory source  
(e.g. infectious agents)



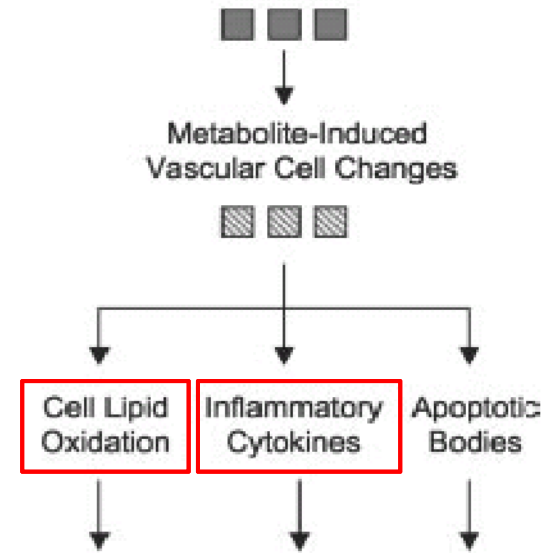
### Atherosclerotic Calcification

Subintimal lipid deposition

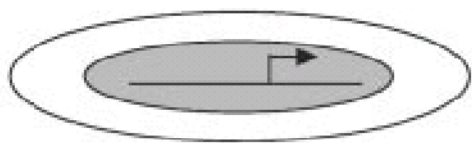


### Medial Calcification

Toxic substances  
(Uremic toxins)

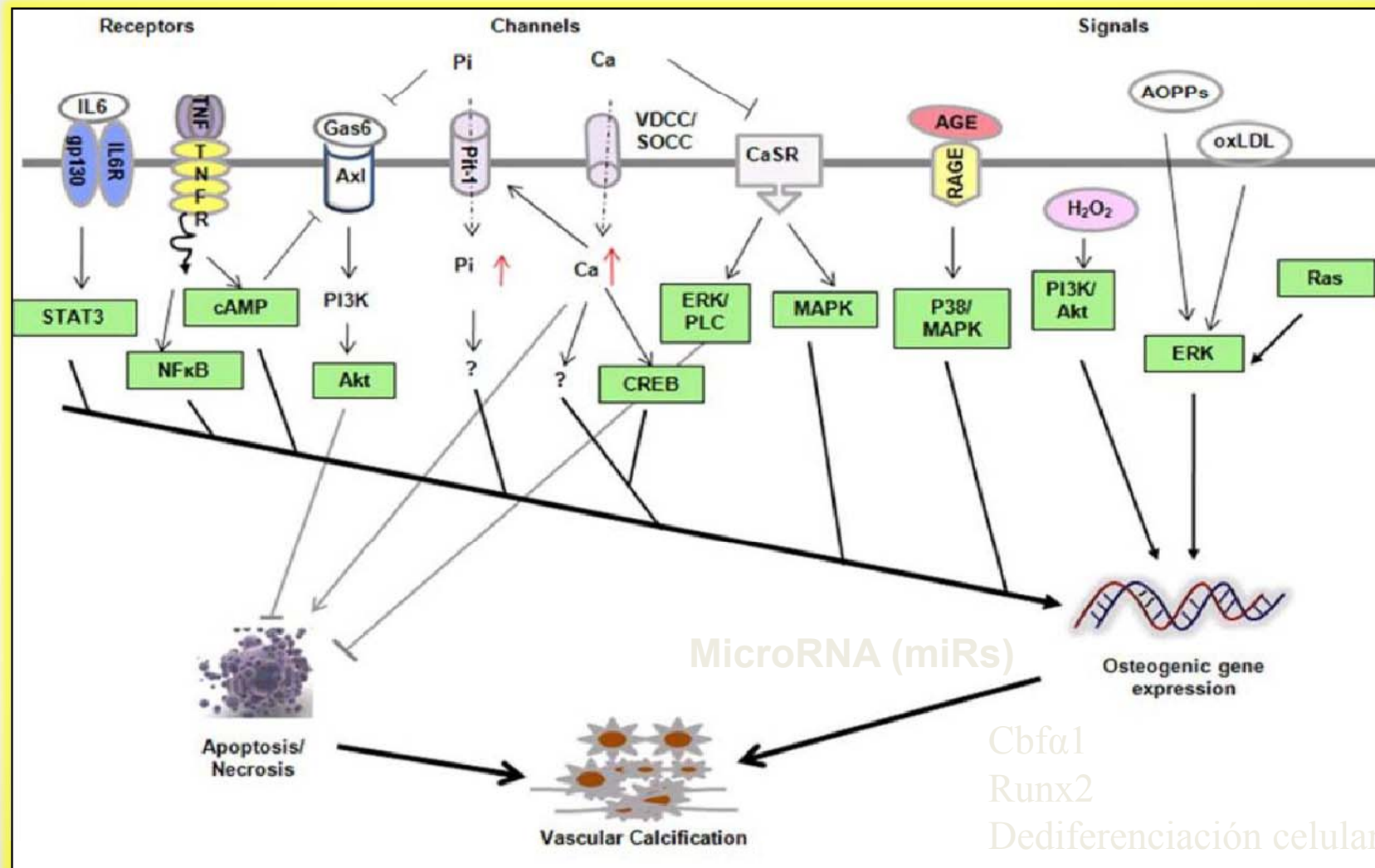


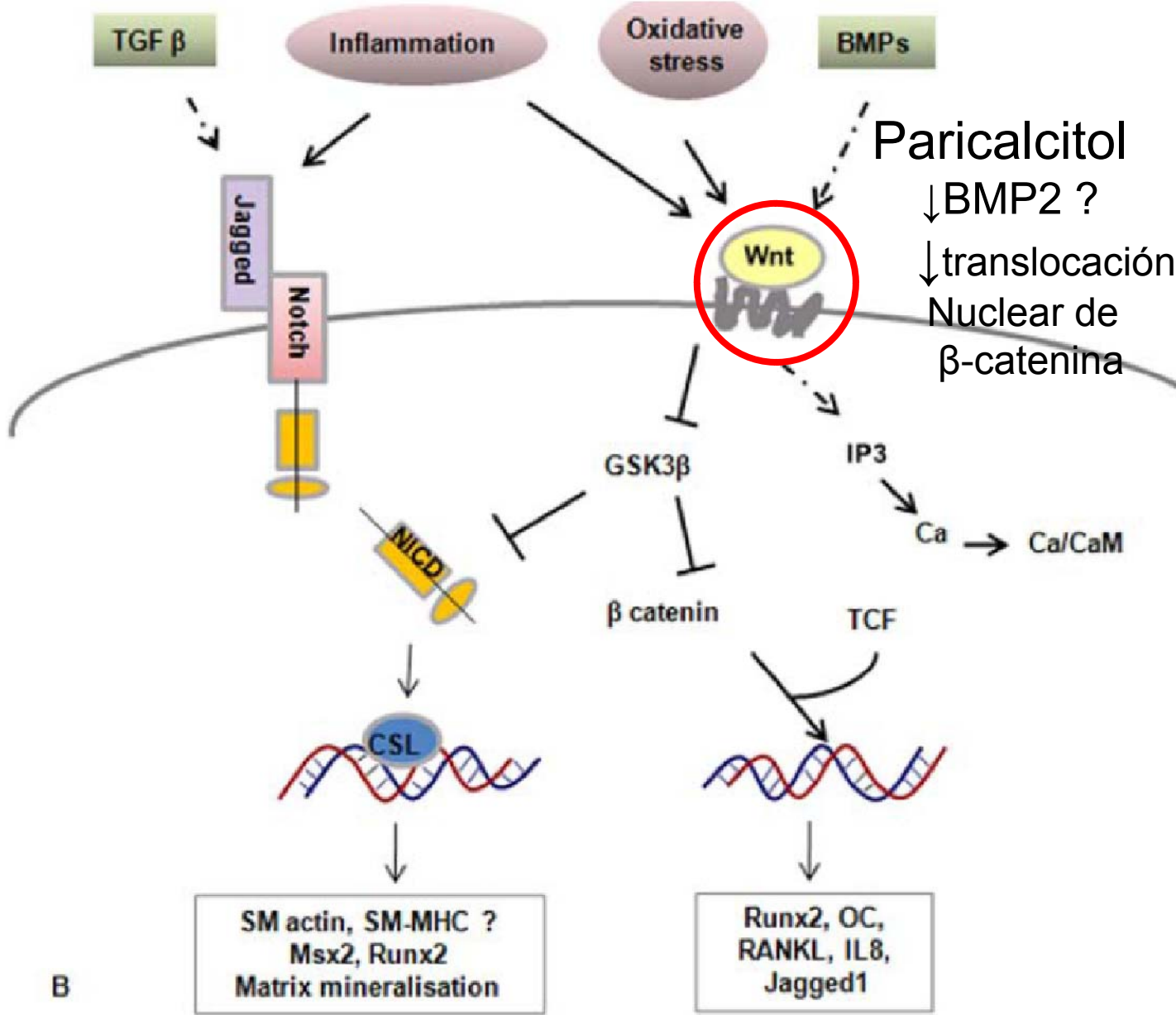
Osteogenic Regulatory Genes



Osteogenic Differentiation  
of Mesenchymal Cells

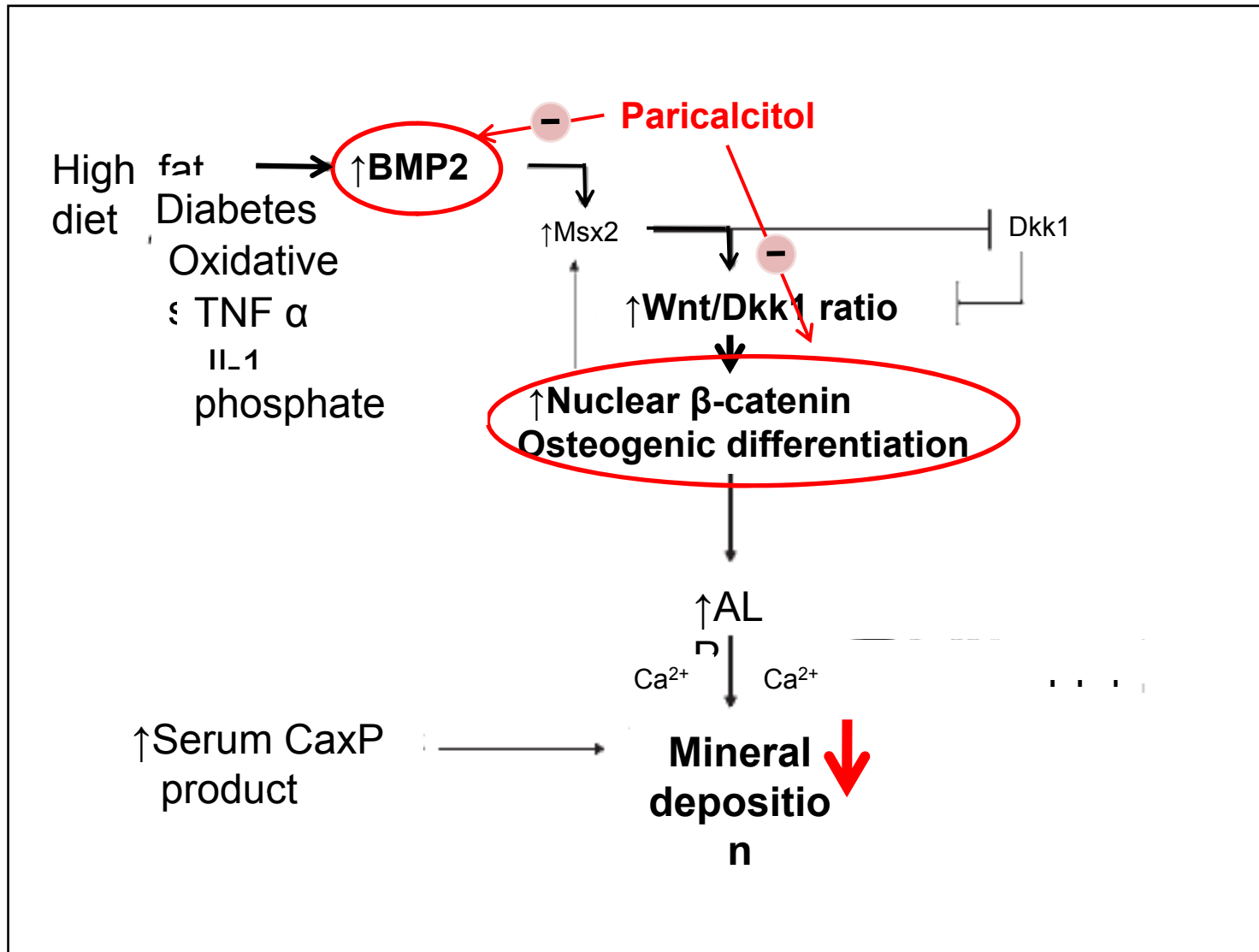
# Señalización celular de la CV







## Working model: osteogenic regulation of vascular calcification



➤ **ACTUAR CON LA MEJOR DE  
LAS EVIDENCIAS  
DISPONIBLES**

**en contraposición a**

➤ **ESPERAR A LA MEJOR DE LAS  
EVIDENCIAS PARA EMPEZAR A ACTUAR**

- NOT A NEW PHENOMENON : MUMMY

CLASIFICACION ATEROMATOSIS

- NDT VASCULAR CALCIFICATION
- FIRST DO NOT HARM
- P-PTH and renin = Bozic J Hypertnes 2014

- Chirinos Reducing arterial stiffness in CKD editorial CJASN 2015
- To screen or not to screen Tuot CJASN 2015

**Table 2. Presence of plaque at any territory [n(%)] stratified by age, sex, CKD stage and diabetic condition**

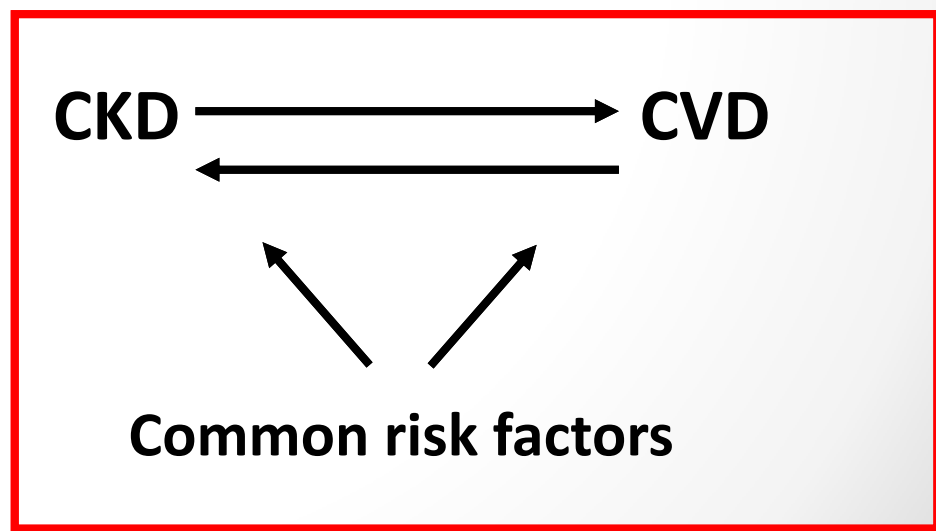
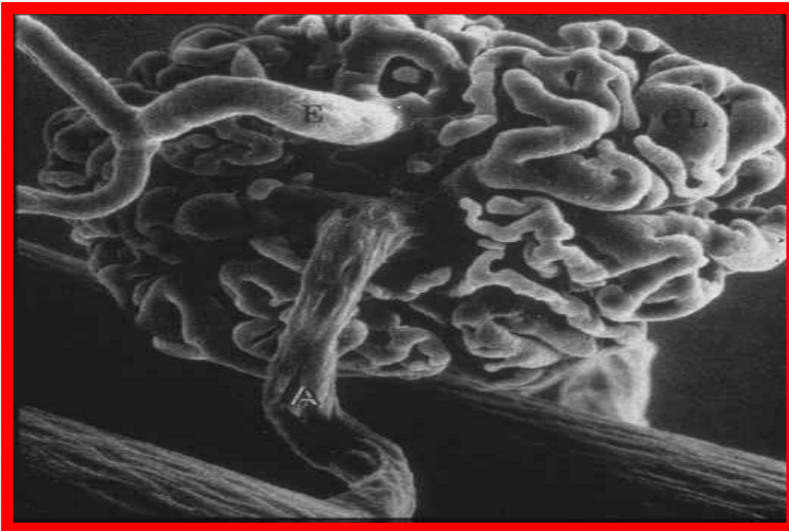
Age (years)	Men					Women				
	Non-CKD	CKD 3	CKD 4-5	CKD 5D	P trend	Non-CKD	CKD 3	CKD 4-5	CKD 5D	P trend
<b>Non-diabetics</b>										
≤35	1 (5.0)	1 (3.8)	2 (9.5)	6 (13.0)	0.171	1 (4.0)	0 (0)	1 (5.6)	8 (25.8)	0.008
36-45	10 (27.0)	11 (31.4)	9 (25.0)	37 (51.4)	0.009	4 (11.1)	3 (13.6)	9 (29.0)	13 (31.7)	0.015
46-55	43 (60.6)	30 (65.2)	37 (59.7)	60 (81.1)	0.019	24 (34.3)	18 (45.0)	23 (44.2)	35 (59.3)	0.007
56-65	65 (77.4)	105 (73.4)	94 (89.5)	77 (92.8)	<0.001	28 (42.4)	38 (58.5)	49 (68.1)	36 (75.0)	<0.001
66-75	39 (78.0)	167 (89.8)	91 (89.2)	55 (96.5)	0.009	24 (61.5)	69 (67.6)	60 (82.2)	45 (88.2)	<0.001
<b>Diabetics</b>										
≤35	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (33.3)	na <sup>a</sup>	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (50.0)	na <sup>a</sup>
36-45	0 (0)	8 (61.5)	6 (60.0)	8 (80.0)	na <sup>a</sup>	1 (100)	3 (60.0)	1 (11.1)	5 (55.6)	0.704
46-55	2 (33.3)	11 (73.3)	16 (84.2)	10 (100.0)	0.002	6 (100)	5 (62.5)	10 (76.9)	3 (50.0)	0.138
56-65	15 (93.8)	62 (87.3)	35 (81.4)	25 (96.2)	0.827	5 (71.4)	18 (69.2)	14 (77.8)	14 (93.3)	0.141
66-75	11 (78.6)	78 (94.0)	69 (95.8)	27 (100.0)	0.017	6 (54.5)	29 (90.6)	41 (80.4)	15 (93.8)	0.114

<sup>a</sup>na stands for not applicable groups, i.e. those empty groups (with nobody) for whom any plaque percentages cannot be estimated.

**NEFRONA study. UDETMA Lleida**  
**Nephrol Dial Transplant 2014**

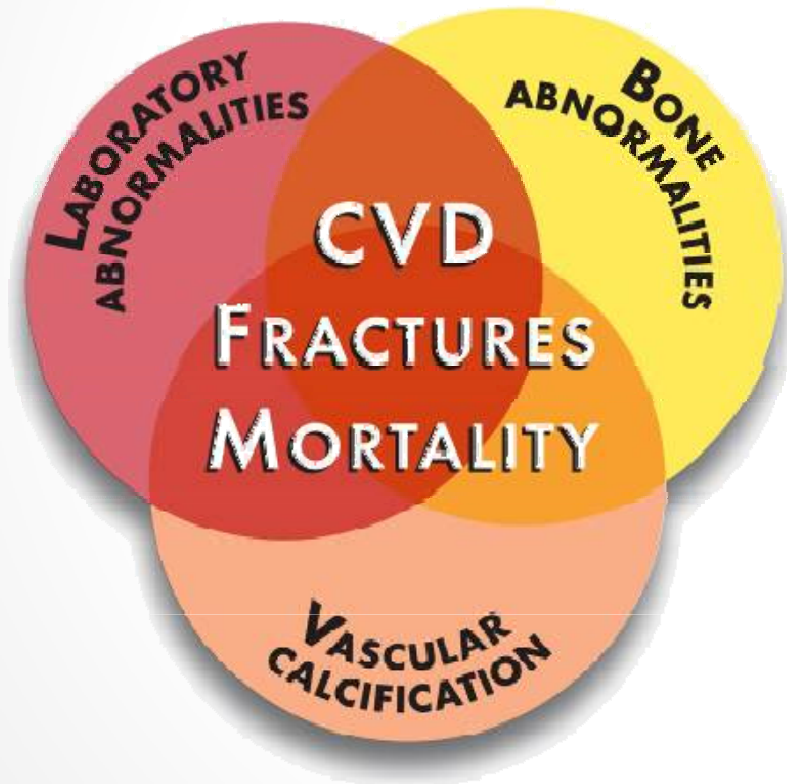
# Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

# CKD



# CKD-MBD: Systemic disorder

## CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE— MINERAL AND BONE DISORDER



## CKD-MBD

Beyond laboratory abnormalities

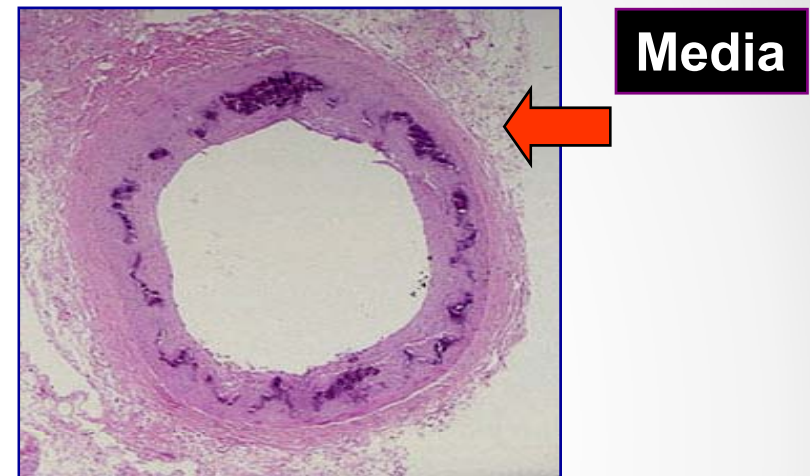
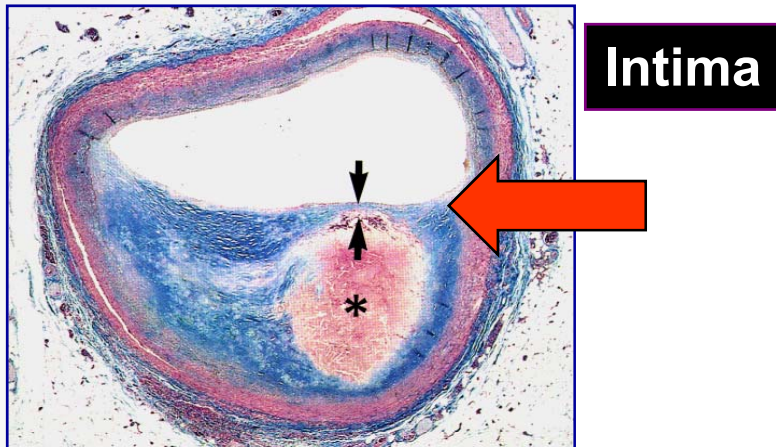
- Bone–kidney axis
- Bone–vascular axis

Among non-traditional



# CVD en ERC: No sólo es ateromatosis

## Ateromatosis y envejecimiento acelerados



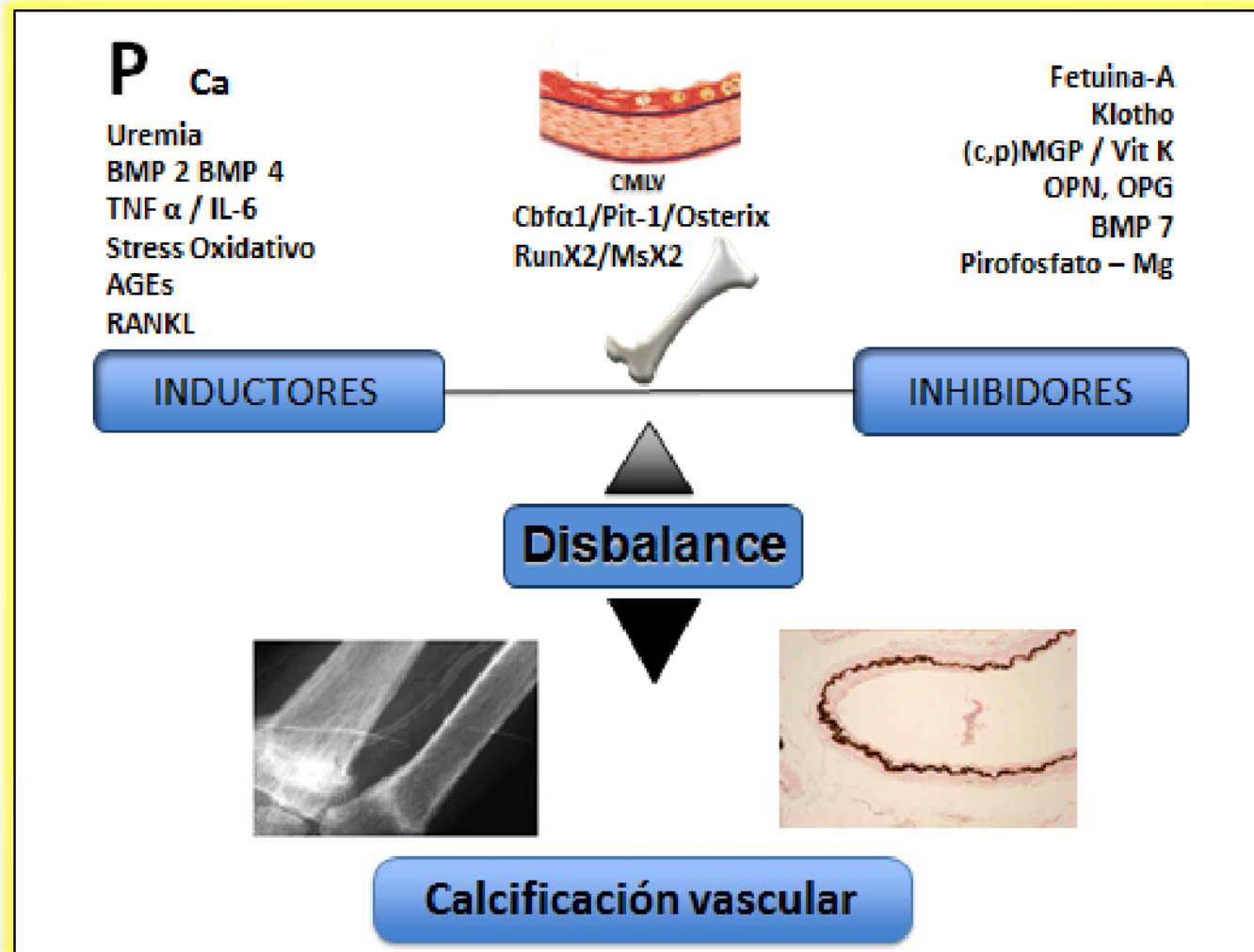
### **ATEROMATOSIS**

Lesiones isquémicas  
Oclusión vascular

### **ARTERIOESCLEROSIS**

Rigidez Vascular  
↓ Amortiguación  
↑ VOP (↑PAS ↓PAD)

# CALCIFICACIÓN VASCULAR PASIVA Y ACTIVA



# OSERCE II: Detección de calcificaciones mediante Radiografías simples

Lectura centralizada por dos radiólogos (748 pacientes x 3 Rx)

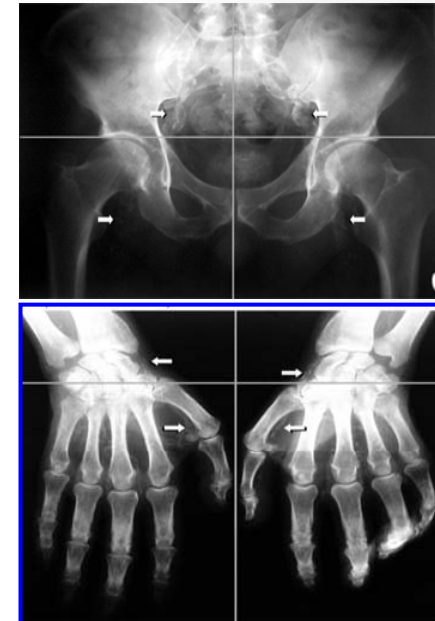
## Indice de Adragao (0-8)

### Pelvis:

- cuadrante superior derecho: 0 / 1
- cuadrante superior izquierdo: 0 / 1
- cuadrante inferior derecho: 0 / 1
- cuadrante inferior izquierdo: 0 / 1

### - Manos:

- Mano der: superior: 0 / 1
- Mano der: inferior: 0 / 1
- Mano izq superior: 0 / 1
- Mano izq inferior: 0 / 1



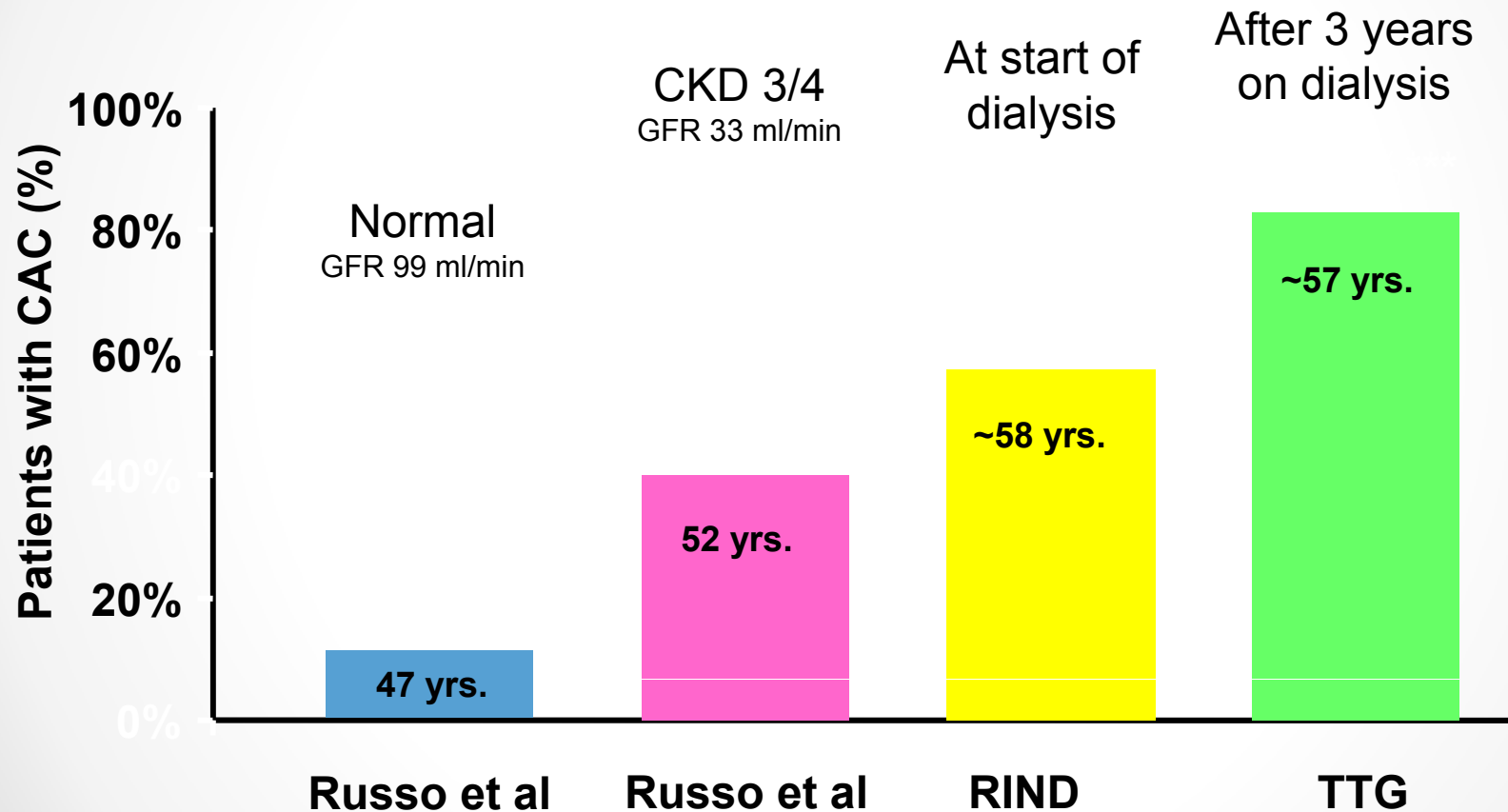
## Indice de Kauppila (0-24)

### -Análisis vértebras L1-L4

- 0: No calcificación
- 1: Calcificación pequeña
- 2 Calcificación moderada
- 3 Calcificación grande, Anterior y posterior



# Coronary artery calcification (CAC) is associated with GFR and dialysis vintage



\*Russo D et al Am J Kidney Dis 2004;44:1024-1030

\*\*Spiegel D et al. Hemod Internat 2004: 8:265

\*\*\* Chertow GM et al. Kidney Int 2002;62:245-252



# Calcificación vascular (preHD)

(X Ray 695 patients)

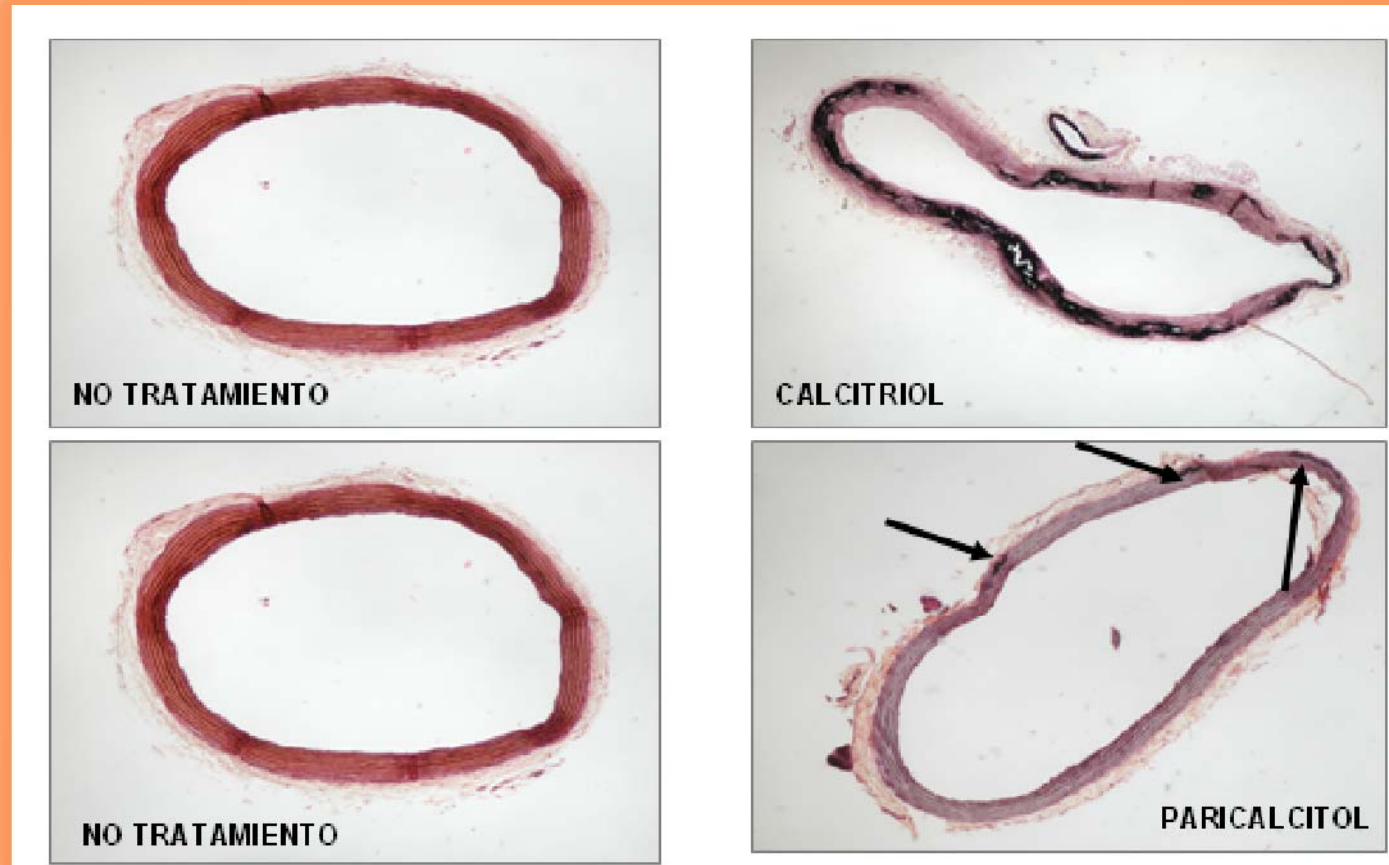
**79 % some degree of Vascular Calcification**

**47 % significant calcifications (Adragao  $\geq 3$  or Kauppila  $> 6$ )**

	<b>%</b>
<b>Vascular calcification</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Vascular calcification by Adragao's score</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Vascular calcification by Kaupilla's score</b>	<b>72,5</b>



# Differential effect of calcitriol and paricalcitol on aortic calcification



Cardús et al. Effects of 1,25 (OH) 2D3 and 19-nor-1,25-(OH) 2D2 on VSMC proliferation and calcification. JBMR, 2007

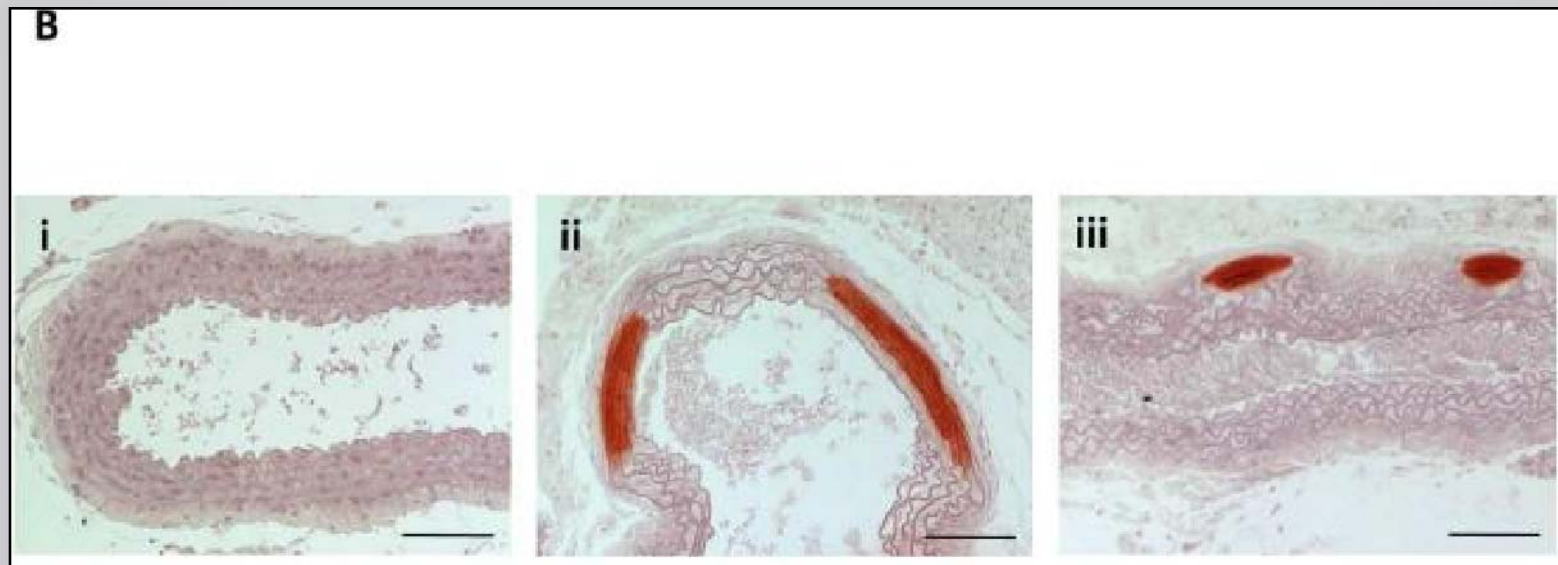
↓BMP2?, ↓translocación nuclear B catenina (Wnt) → RUNX2

*Kidney Int.* 2012 Dec;82(12):1261-70. doi: 10.1038/ki.2012.322. Epub 2012 Aug 29.

## **Vitamin D receptor agonists increase klotho and osteopontin while decreasing aortic calcification in mice with chronic kidney disease fed a high phosphate diet.**

Lau WL, Leaf EM, Hu MC, Takeno MM, Kuro-o M, Moe OW, Giachelli CM.

Department of Nephrology, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195, USA.



Thoracic aorta with Alizarin Red-S stain showing marked medial calcification in CKD+HP animal (ii) compared to NC+NP animal (i), and significantly less calcification in an animal treated with paricalcitol (CKD+HP+P300, iii).

**EVOLVE: NS Primary end-point.**

Predefined Adjustment for Baseline Characteristics (ITT)\*:

**Nominally Significant\*\* 12% Reduction** in the Risk of Death and Cardiovascular Events in Patients with SHPT#

	HR (95% CI)	P value**
Treatment group (Cinacalcet vs. Placebo)	0.88 (0.79, 0.97)	0.008

\* prespecified adjustment for up to 40 characteristics, including age (years) at randomisation, BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>), history of CV disease

# the trial did not meet its primary endpoint in the unadjusted intent-to-treat analysis

\*\* **formal statistical significance cannot be claimed.** reported P values should be considered nominal





Chronic-Kidney Disease-Mineral and Bone Disorder  
ERA-EDTA Working Group

### *NDT Perspectives*

## Is chronic kidney disease-mineral bone disorder (CKD-MBD) really a syndrome?

**Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2014 Oct;29(10):1815-20.**

Mario Cozzolino<sup>1</sup>, Pablo Ureña-Torres<sup>2</sup>, Marc G. Vervloet<sup>3</sup>, Vincent Brandenburg<sup>4</sup>, Jordi Bover<sup>5</sup>, David Goldsmith<sup>6</sup>, Tobias E. Larsson<sup>7,8</sup>, Ziad A. Massy<sup>9,10</sup> and Sandro Mazzaferro<sup>11</sup>, on Behalf of the CKD-MBD Working Group of ERA-EDTA

## Bone: a new endocrine organ at the heart of chronic kidney disease and mineral disorders

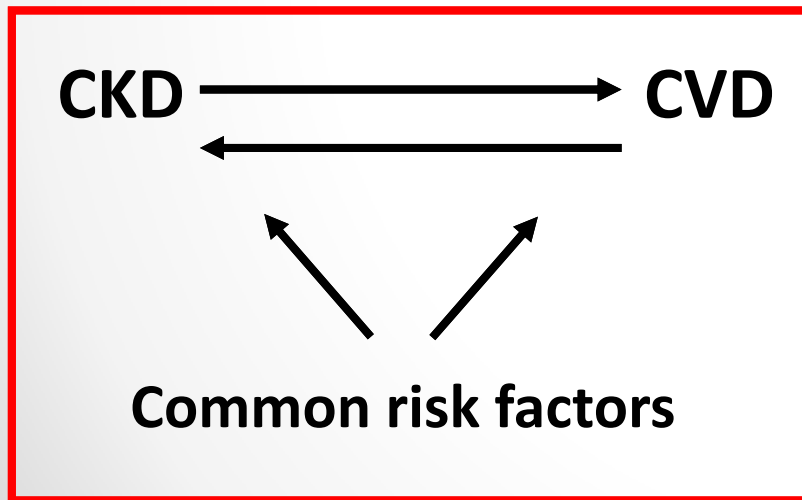
*Marc G Vervloet, Ziad A Massy, Vincent Brandenburg, Sandro Mazzaferro, Mario Cozzolino, Pablo Ureña-Torres, Jordi Bover, David Goldsmith, on behalf of the CKD-MBD Working Group of ERA-EDTA\**

**Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2014 May;2(5):427-36.**



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# CKD



# CVD - MBD

Cardio-Renal Sd

## Jamal et al. Lancet 2013 meta-analysis 3-5D

**22% mortality risk reduction associated with non-Ca based P binders, sevelamer and lanthanum. However,**

- Binders were titrated to high doses (protocol-driven targets)
- Cautious extrapolation to situations of low-Ca exposure, including combination therapy

**Hill et al. ERC 3b-4 Ca<sup>45</sup> meals 1 g Ca . 1,5 g P**

**Kidney Int 2013**

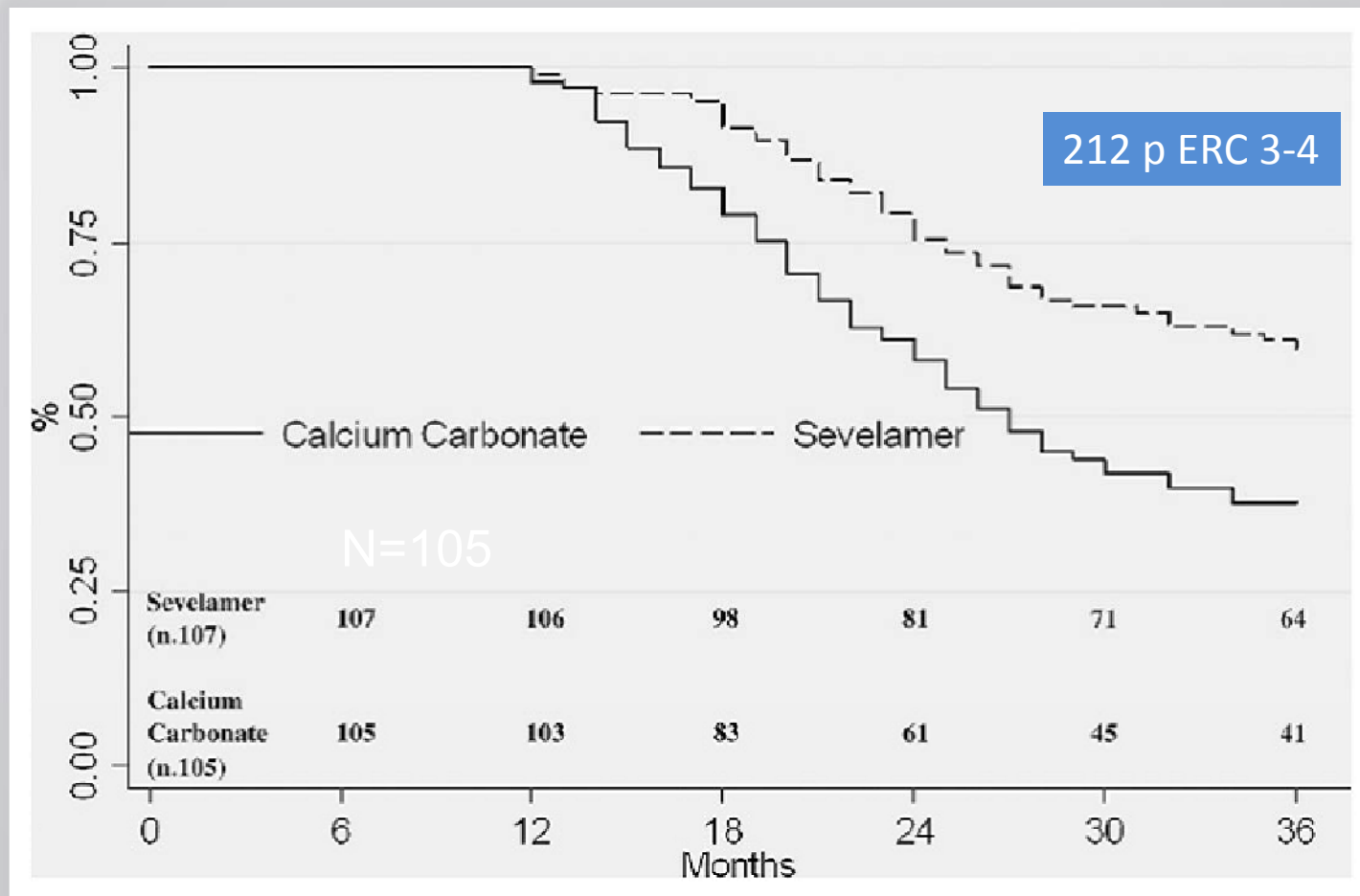
2 experimental weeks

**Supplementation of 3 x 500 mg Ca → + Ca balance** , Ca carbonate did not have any effect on P balance ... transient? Adaptations?

Most recent DI IORIO

# Mortality in Kidney Disease Patients Treated with Phosphate Binders: A Randomized Study

Biagio Di Iorio,<sup>\*</sup> Antonio Bellasi,<sup>†</sup> and Domenico Russo,<sup>‡</sup> on behalf of the INDEPENDENT Study Investigators



All cause-mortality and composite death-dialysis inception

CJASN 7: 487-493, 2012

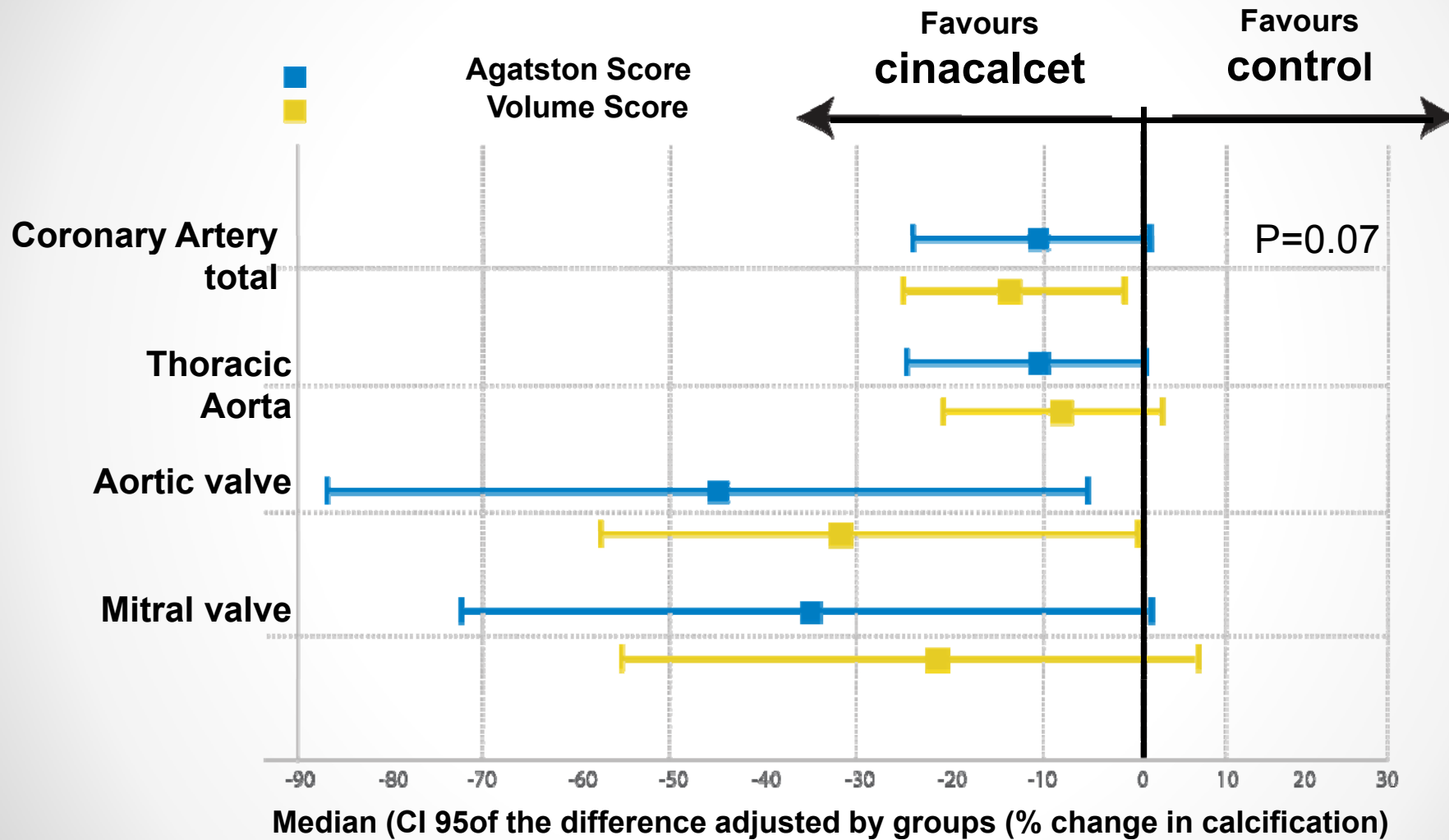
**P binders may not slow VC in moderate CKD: Block et al JASN 2012; Lemos et al Clin Nephrol 2013**

**Table 1.** Comparison of distinct effects of P binders and anti-parathyroid agents on CKD-MBD laboratory parameters, progression of vascular calcification (VC) and/or survival. Ca = Calcium; P = Phosphate; PTH = Parathyroid hormone; NA = Not available; RCT = Randomized Clinical Trial; Exp = only experimental studies.

<u>P binders</u>	Ca	P	Ca x P	PTH	VC	Survival
Aluminum	-	↓↓↓	↓↓	-↓	NA	NA
Ca-based	↑-↑↑	↓↓	↓-	↓↓	↑↑- (RCTs)	- (RCT)
Non-Ca-Based	-	↓↓	↓	-↑	↑- (RCTs)	- (RCT) ↑ (2 <sup>ry</sup> analysis RCT) ↑ (metanalysis)
<u>Anti-parathyroid drugs</u>						
Calcitriol (CTR), Alfacalcidol, Doxercalciferol	↑-↑↑	↑	↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑↑↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (CTR, retrospective)
Paricalcitol	-↑	-↑	-↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective vs CTR)
Calcimimetics	↓-↓↓	-↓	↓↓	↓↓↓	-↓ (RCT)	- (RCT) ↑ (2 <sup>ry</sup> adjusted analysis RCT) - (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective)

<u>Anti-parathyroid drugs</u>						
Calcitriol (CTR), Alfacalcidol, Doxercalciferol	↑-↑↑	↑	↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑↑↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (CTR, retrospective)
Paricalcitol	-↑	-↑	-↑	↓↓↓	↓-↑ (Exp)	- (no RCT) ↑ (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective vs CTR)
Calcimimetics	↓-↓↓	-↓	↓↓	↓↓↓	-↓ (RCT)	- (RCT) ↑ (2 <sup>nd</sup> adjusted analysis RCT) - (metanalysis) ↑ (retrospective)

# Cinacalcet effect on vascular/valvular calcification: ADVANCE study



Raggi P et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2011;

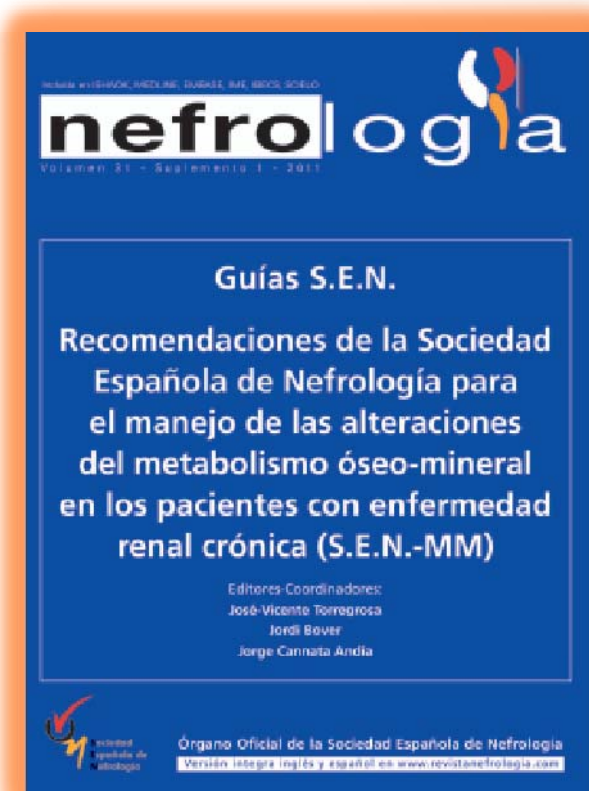
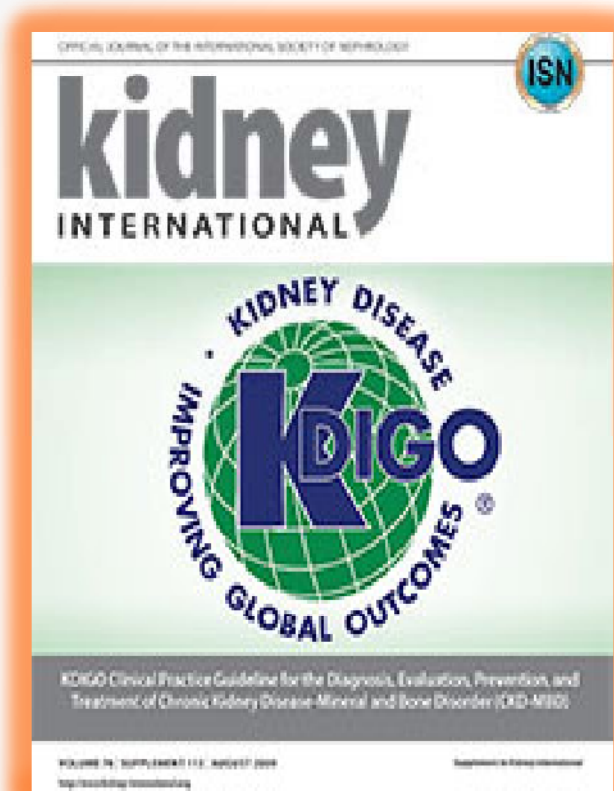
Ureña P et al Nephrol Dial Transplant 2012 (posthoc, protocol-adherent subjects)

Positive signals pre-defined





# THERE IS NOT AN UNDISPUTABLE “1A” LEVEL OF EVIDENCE IN GUIDELINES



**“ We suggest...We might...”**

The absence of evidence is not an evidence of absence

# ERC: del MDRD (IDMS) a CKD-EPI

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## Valoración de la nueva ecuación CKD-EPI para la estimación del filtrado glomerular

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ente.
BIOQUIMICA SANGRE (suero)
GLUCOSA ..... 5.6 [ ] mmol/L (4.2-6.0)
UREA ..... 13.2 [+2] mmol/L (3.2-7.5)
CREATININA (Método compensado) .... 217 [+2] umol/L (65-110)
Filtrado Glomerular (MDRD-IDMS) .. 26 mL/min/1.73m
Filtrado Glomerular (MDRD-IDMS) .. FG estimado indicador de ERC estadio 4 (
si persiste durante más de 3 meses).
Filtrado Glomerular (CKD-EPI) ..... 26 mL/min/1.73m
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# Sociedad Española de Nefrología: 10 Sociedades Españolas (Martinez-Castelao A, Górriz JL, Bover J et al Nefrologia 2014)

- Documento común para el diagnóstico y tratamiento de la  
**ERC y sus complicaciones**  
(HTA, diabetes, dislipemia, anemia, HPS...)



Preoperative eGFR and the risk of MACVE in non-cardiac surgery. **Br J Anaesth 2014**  
MDRD GFR is a better prognostic factor of CV events than classical CV RF in patients  
with PAD. **J Vasc Surg 2012**