



# Optimal use of Vit. D in CKD

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# Introduction

- ▶ The value of using vitamin D to treat 'renal bone disease' is now **nearly six decades** old.
- ▶ However, it is more like **three decades, at most**, that we have routinely been using vitamin D to try to prevent, or reverse, the impact of hyperparathyroidism on the skeleton of CKD patients.

## Box 1: Milestones in vitamin D knowledge

- Chu HI and Liu SH: discovery of vitamin D resistance, 1940.
- Holick MF and De Luca HF: discovery of  $1,25(\text{OH})_2$  vitamin D, the most potent vitamin D, 1970.
- Fraser DR and Kodicek E: central role of the kidney for the synthesis of  $1,25(\text{OH})_2$  vitamin D, 1970.
- Brickman AS, Coburn JW and Massry SG: first study testing  $1,25(\text{OH})_2$  vitamin D in a uremic man, 1974.
- Llach F and Massry SG: accurate documentation of the role of phosphate in the control of  $1,25(\text{OH})_2$  vitamin D levels in early renal failure, 1985.
- Shimada T: fibroblast growth factor 23 reduces the renal expression of  $25(\text{OH})\text{D } 1\alpha$ -hydroxylase, 2004.
- Holick MF: *New England Journal of Medicine* review focusing on the pervasive nature of vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency at population levels and in disparate disease states, 2007 (8407 quotations as of 21 March 2016).

# Introduction

- ▶ The common practice has been to use high and fixed doses of synthetic vitamin D, not naturally occurring ones.

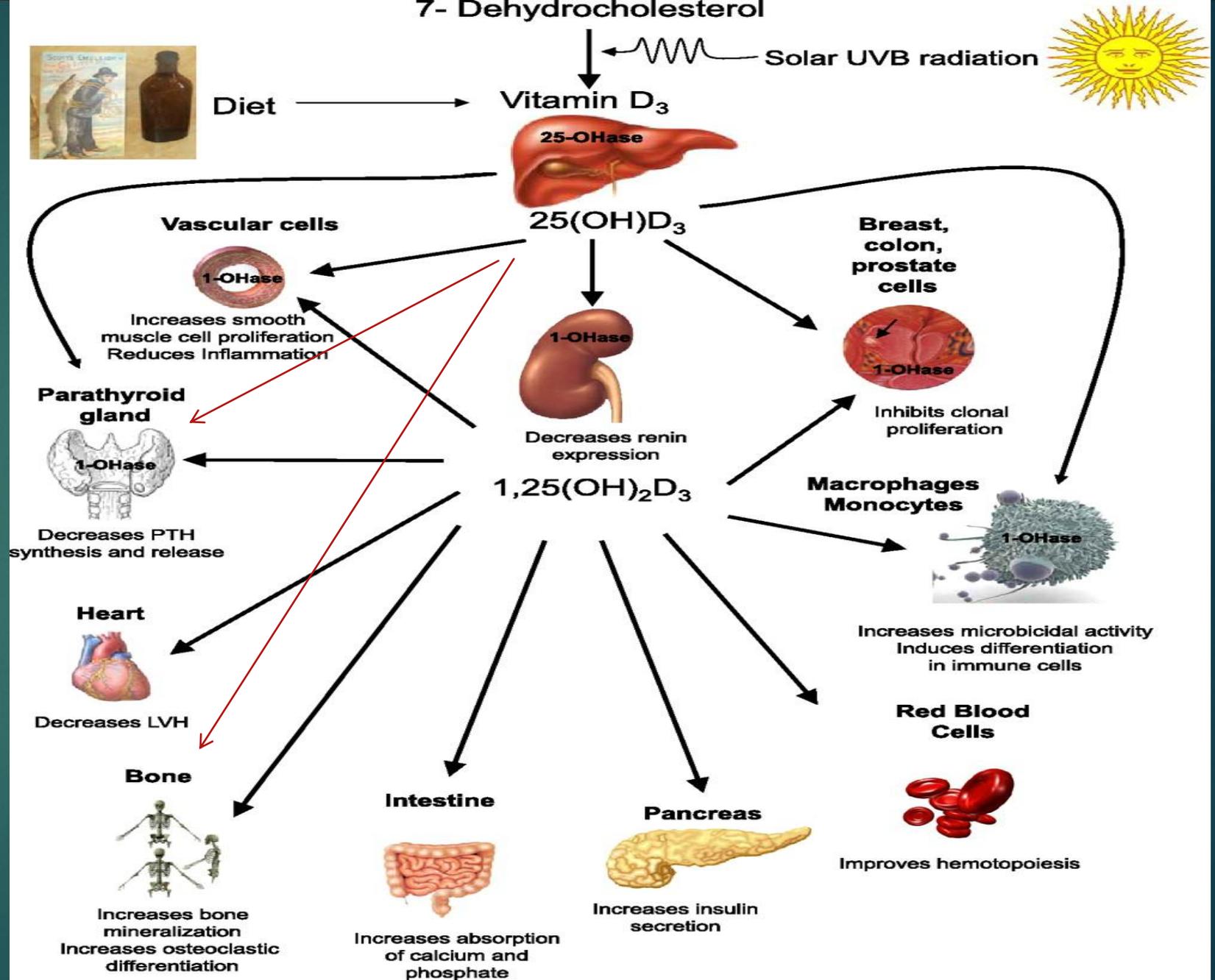
# Agenda

- ▶ Functions of different types of Vit.D
- ▶ Vit D Status in healthy and CKD patients
- ▶ Which Vit D to Use
- ▶ Evidence of benefits
- ▶ Vit. D Ds:
  - ▶ Dilemma, Disappointments

Why would we need vit D?



# Physiological functions of Vit. D



# Why would we need vit D supplement?

- ▶ 1- to replenish vit D
- ▶ 2- to increase Ca levels
- ▶ 3- to control PTH
- ▶ 4- Skeletal effects
- ▶ 5- other
  - ▶ CVD, Mortality, Immunity

# Uses of vit D

- ▶ 1- to replenish vit D

# Vit D deficiency (Normal Population)

Mayo clinic PMID*: 20675513		Institute of Medicine (IOM) PMID*: 21118827		Pilz et al. PMID*: 21682758		Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) PMID*: 19644521	
Severe deficiency	<25	At risk of deficiency	<30	Deficiency	<50	Deficiency	<37
Moderate deficiency	25–59.9	At risk of inadequate level	30–49	Insufficiency	50–74.9	Insufficiency	37–75
Optimal	60–200	Sufficient	50–125	Optimal	75–100	Adequate	>75
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# Vit. D Status in healthy and CKD patients





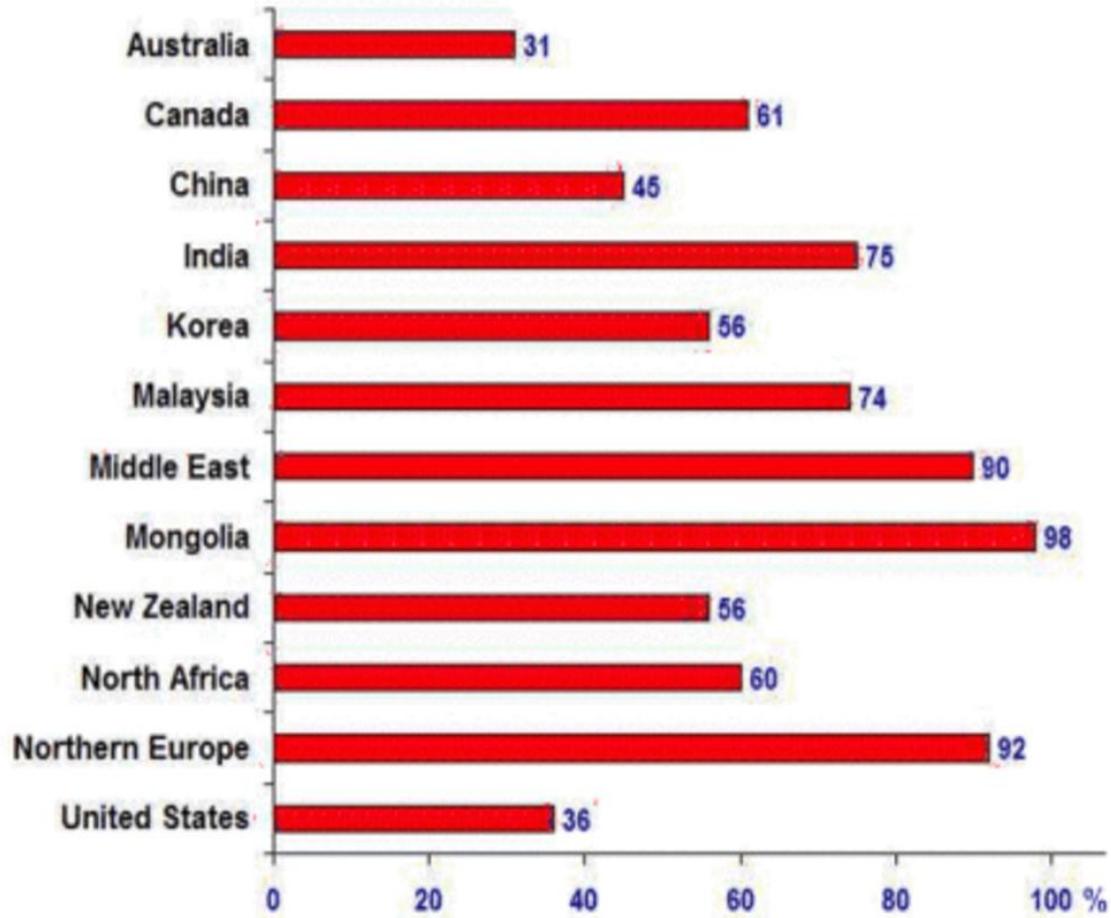
# Vit. D Status in healthy population

**Table 2.** Prevalence of Vitamin D deficiency (<20 ng/mL) and insufficiency (<32 ng/mL) in various athletic populations.

Type of Athlete	Indoor/Outdoor	Gender	Vitamin D Status	Reference
Finnish military recruits	Combination	Male	39% deficient	Valimaki <i>et al.</i> [8]
UK professional athletes (jockeys, rugby, soccer)	Combination	Male	62% deficient	Close <i>et al.</i> [39]
UK athletes (football, rugby)	Combination	Male	57% deficient	Close <i>et al.</i> [40]
Middle Eastern sportsman	Combination	Male	32% insufficient 58% deficient	Hamilton <i>et al.</i> [33]
Australian gymnasts	Indoor	Female	33% insufficient	Lovell [36]
Israeli athletes & dancers	Indoor	Male & Female	73% insufficient	Constantini <i>et al.</i> [35]
USA indoor/outdoor athletes	Combination	Male & Female	12% insufficient	Halliday <i>et al.</i> [37]
USA endurance athletes (runners)	Outdoor	Male & Female	42% insufficient 11% deficient	Willis <i>et al.</i> [2]
USA outdoor athletes (rugby, football, track, cross country)	Outdoor	Male	25% insufficient	Storlie <i>et al.</i> [38]

# Percent of population with less than 20 ng of vitamin D has the following graph

Many countries have large % of population with less than 20 ng of vitamin D



Michael F. Holick, The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism March 22, 2012

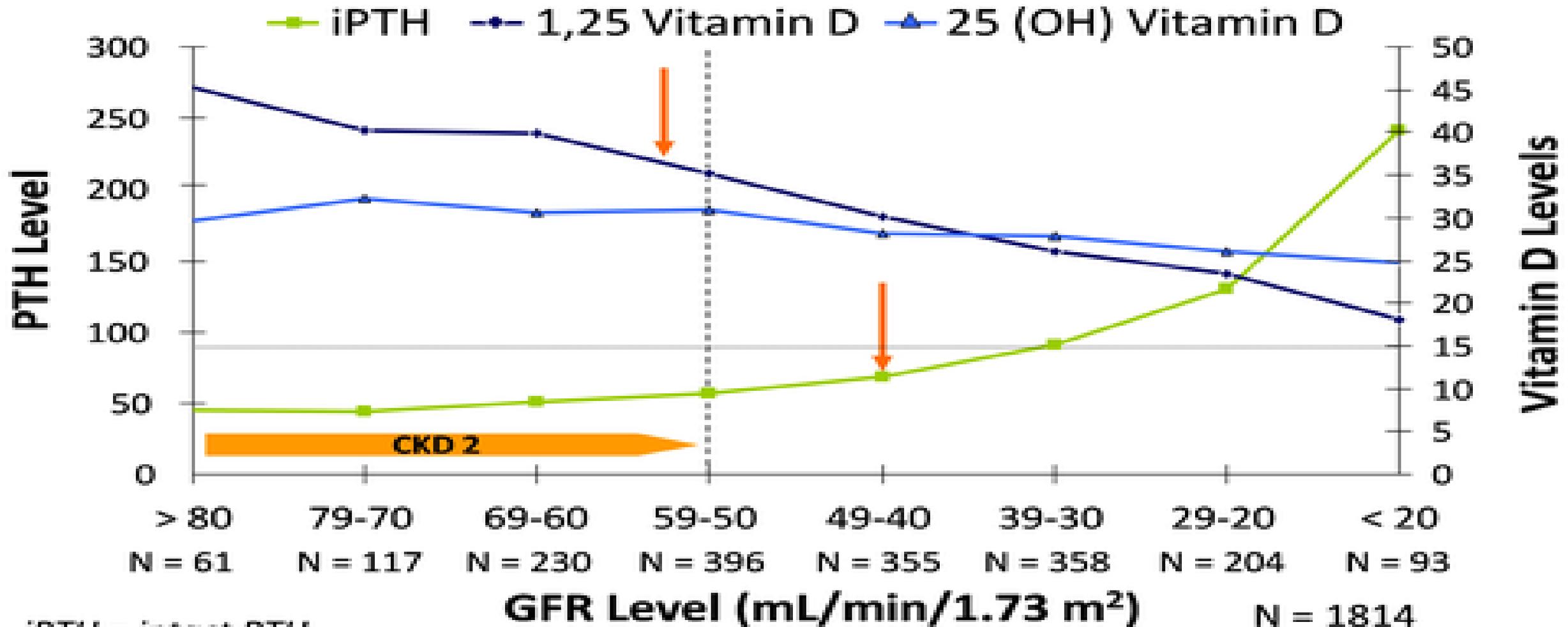
Large % of people in many countries have less than 20 nanograms:

Australia 31, Canada 61, China 45, India 75, Korea 56, Malaysia 74, Middle East 90, Mongolia 98, New Zealand 56, North Africa 60, Northern Europe 92, United States 36

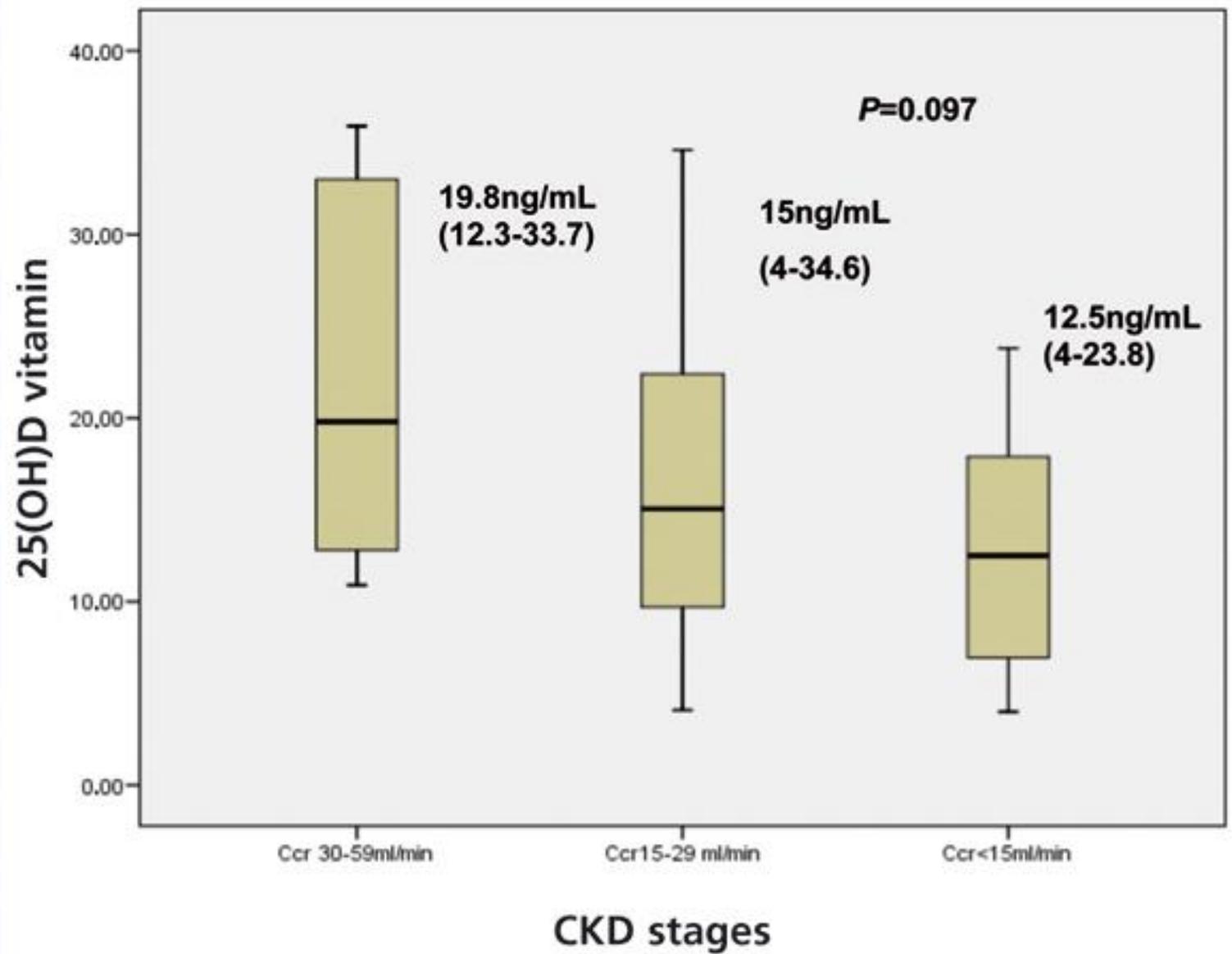


# Vit. D Status in CKD patients

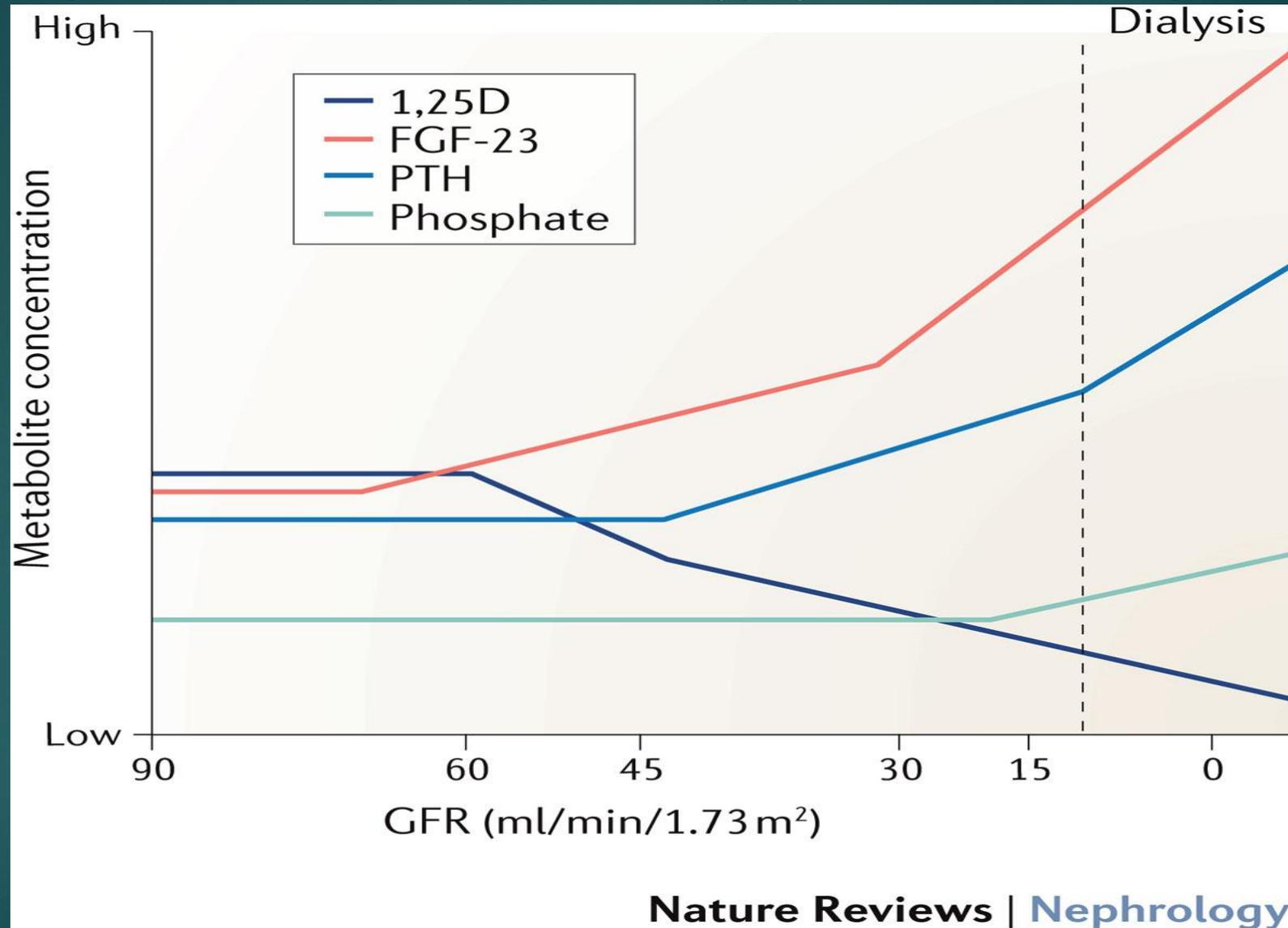
# Progression of iPTH, Corrected Calcium, and Phosphorus Levels



iPTH = intact PTH



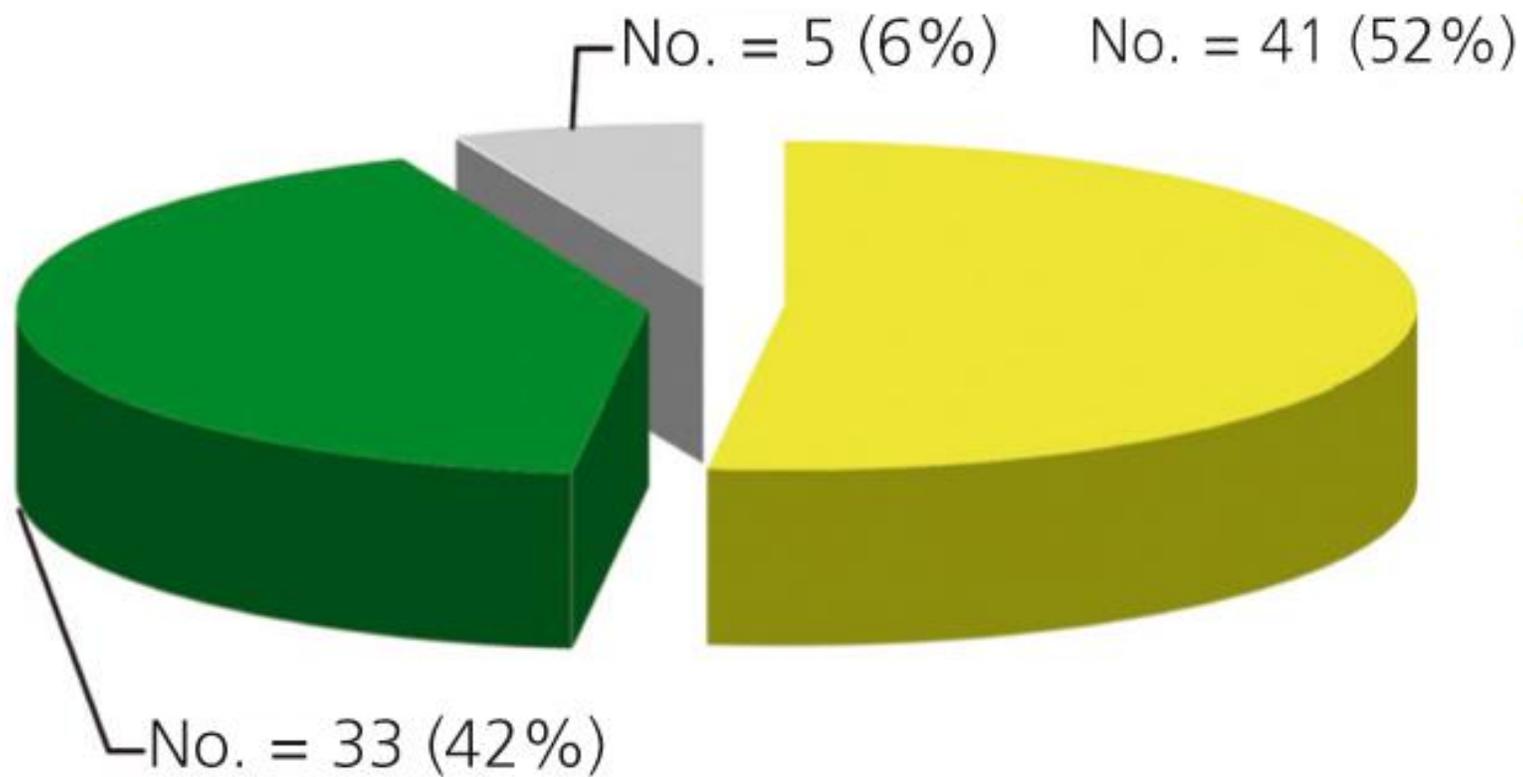
**Figure 4** Model of changes in the serum levels of fibroblast growth factor 23 (FGF-23), 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D (1,25D), parathyroid hormone (PTH) and phosphate during progression of chronic kidney disease



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# Vit. D deficiency in CKD patients

- ▶ Studies have reported varying prevalence rates of vitamin D deficiency in CKD **as high as 70% to 80%** prevalence in some parts of the world.



## 25(OH)D levels (ng/mL)

- Deficient <15ng/mL
- Insufficient 15-30ng/mL
- Normal >30ng/mL

# Why would we need vit D

- ▶ **1- to replenish vit D** **YES**
- ▶ 2- to increase Ca levels
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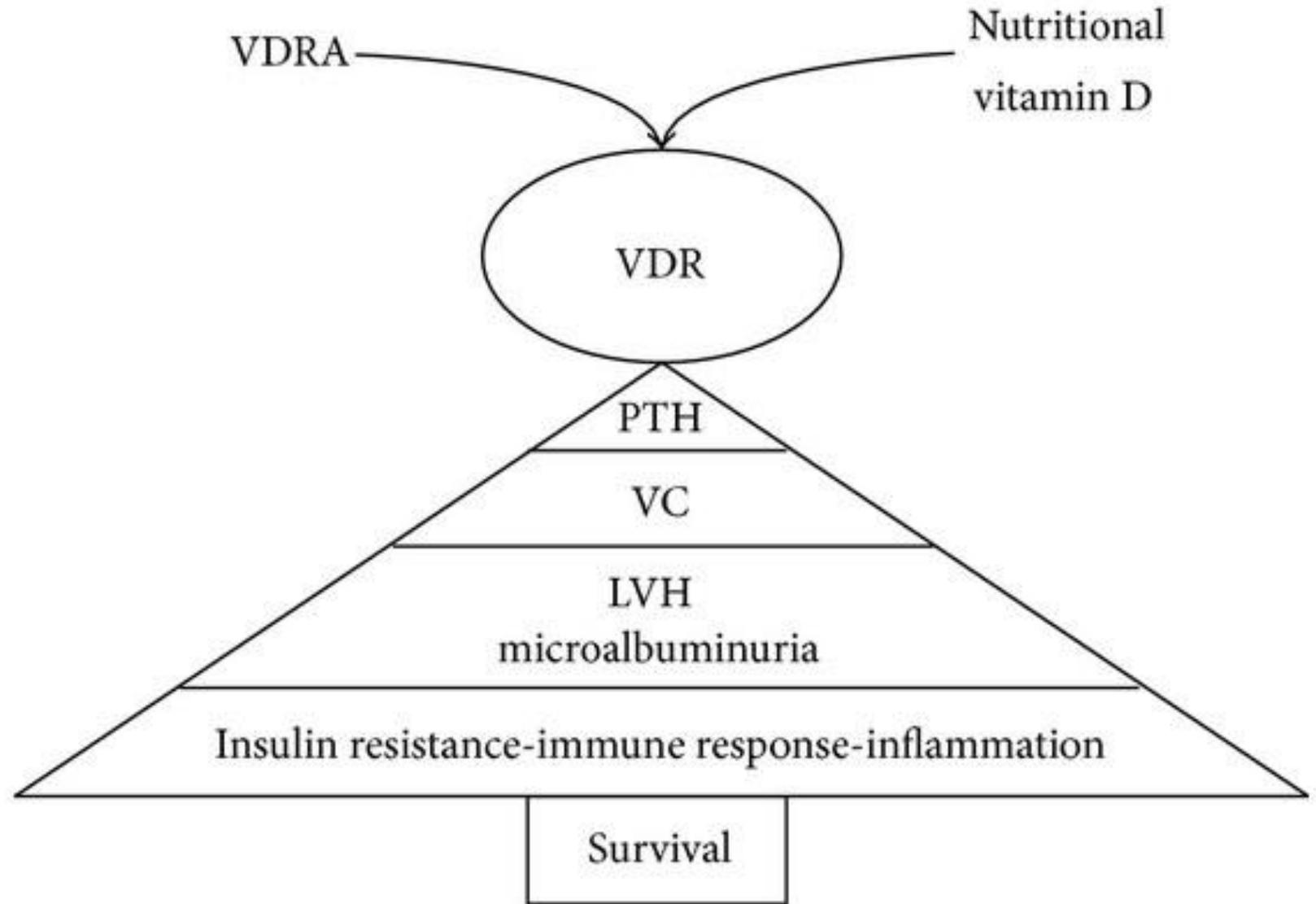
The growing targets of active and native vitamin D.

LVH:

VC: vascular calcification;

VDR: vitamin D receptor;

VDRA: vitamin D receptor activators.



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### Renoprotective effects of vitamin D analogs

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#### Abstract

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Recent decades have witnessed the revelation of expanding roles of the vitamin D endocrine system beyond calcium and phosphorus metabolism. Along with these non-calcemic or non-classic actions of vitamin D are newly discovered therapeutic actions of vitamin D analogs in a number of pathological conditions, including kidney disease. The kidney is the major organ involved in the synthesis of the hormonal metabolite of vitamin D, and vitamin D deficiency is a common feature of chronic kidney disease even in its early stages. Experimental data suggest that vitamin D deficiency may in turn accelerate the progression of kidney disease. Low-calcemic vitamin D analogs have exhibited impressive therapeutic effects

## Vitamin D deficiency

## Chronic Kidney Disease



↓  
Reduced  
25(OH)D

↓  
Reduced  
1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D

↓  
Reduced  
Activation of VDR

Pro-inflammatory  
milieu

Insulin  
resistance

Dyslipidaemia

Hypertension  
& LVF

Proteinuria

Glomerulosclerosis

**Progressive renal deterioration**

→ Treatment →

Inhibits  
1 $\alpha$ -hydroxylase

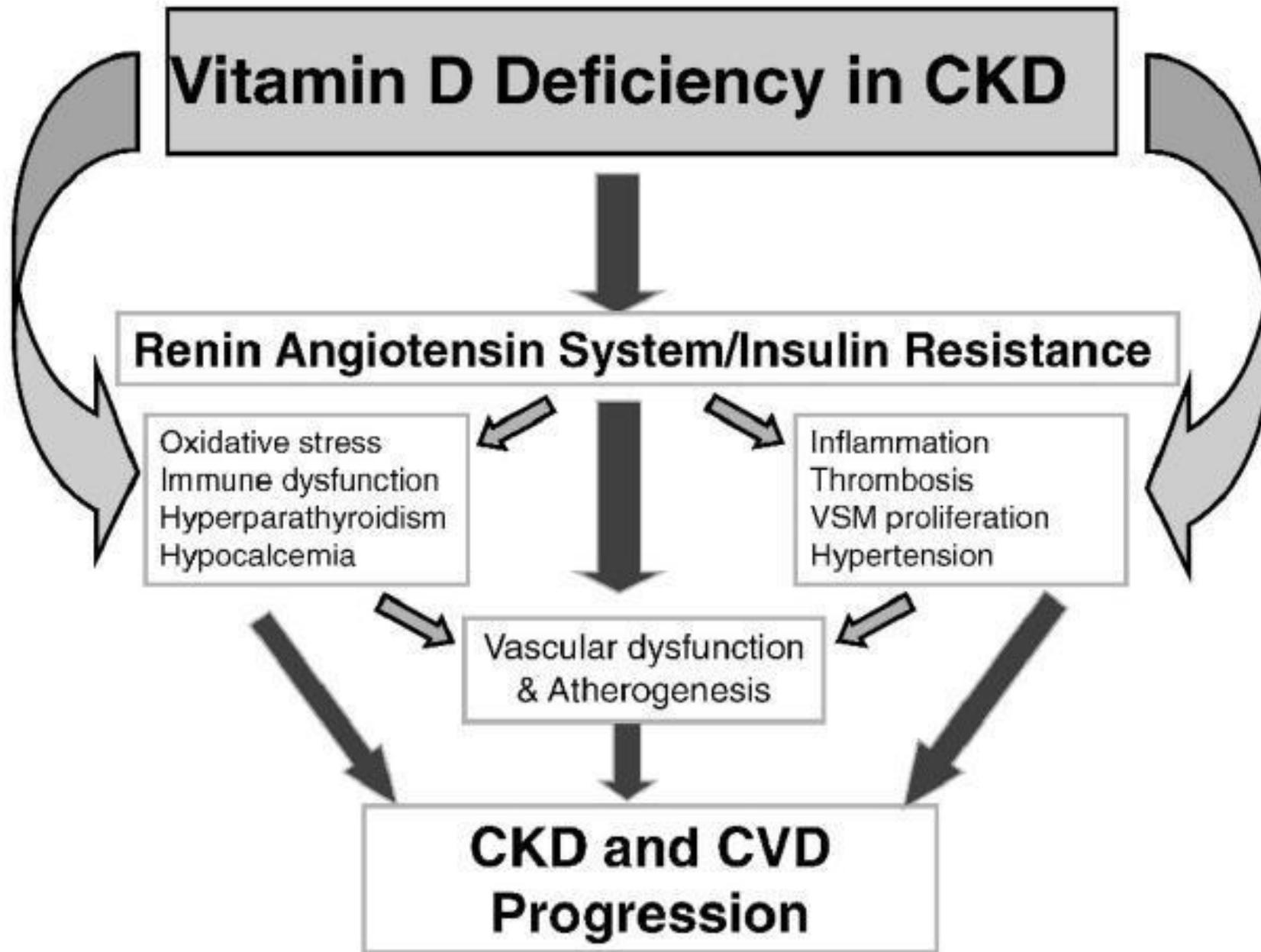
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Reduced  
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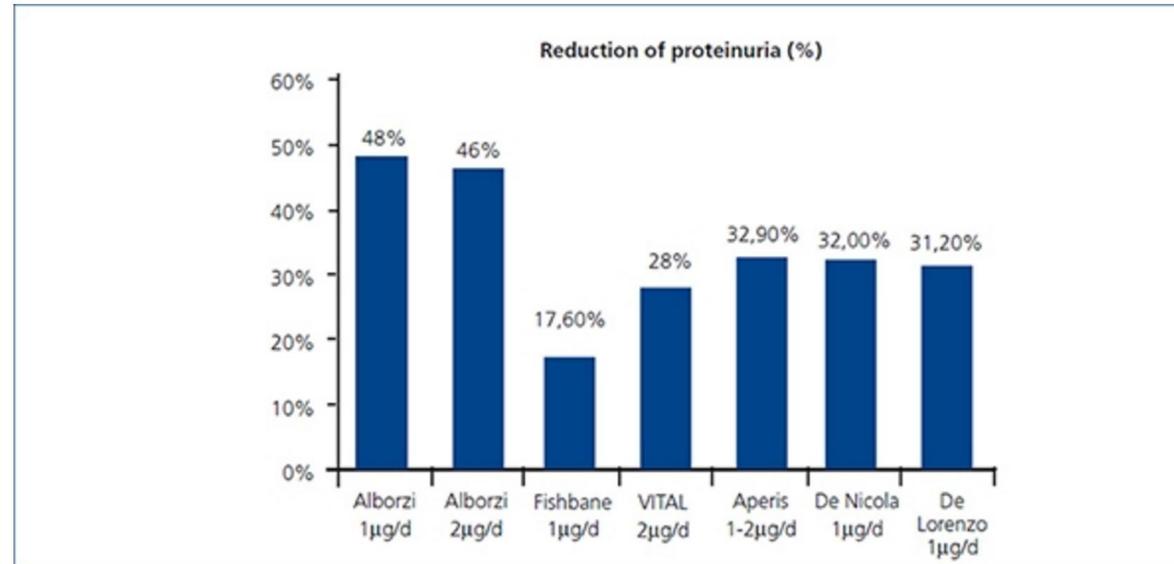
Increased renin production

Increased angiotensin I

Increased angiotensin II



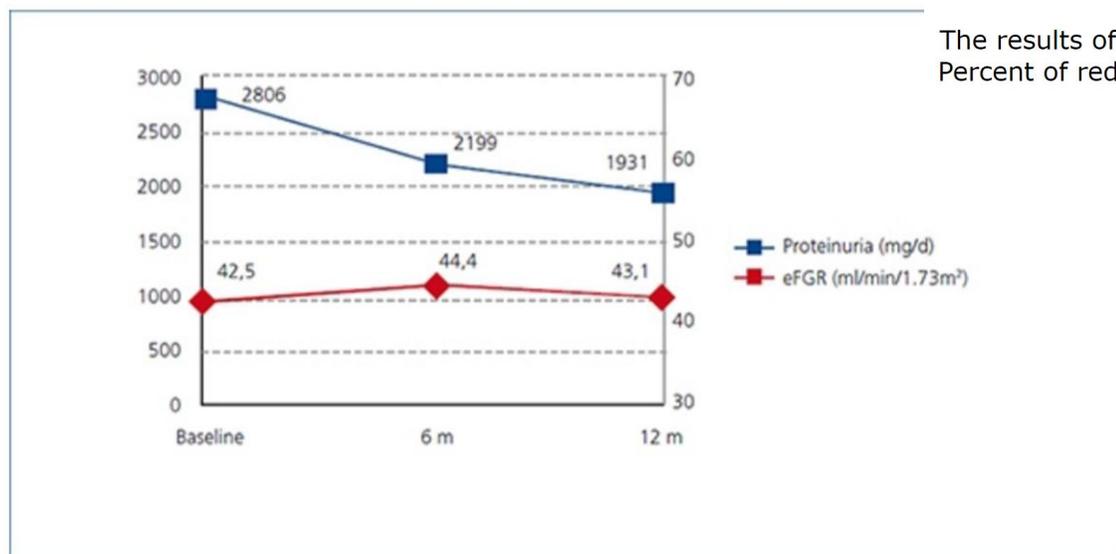
# Proteinuria



**Figure 2.** Comparison of proteinuria reduction.

The results of this study are compared alongside those of previous studies of paricalcitol on proteinuria reduction. Percent of reduction in the study performed by Agarwal et al. not published (proteinuria determined by means of a dipstick test).

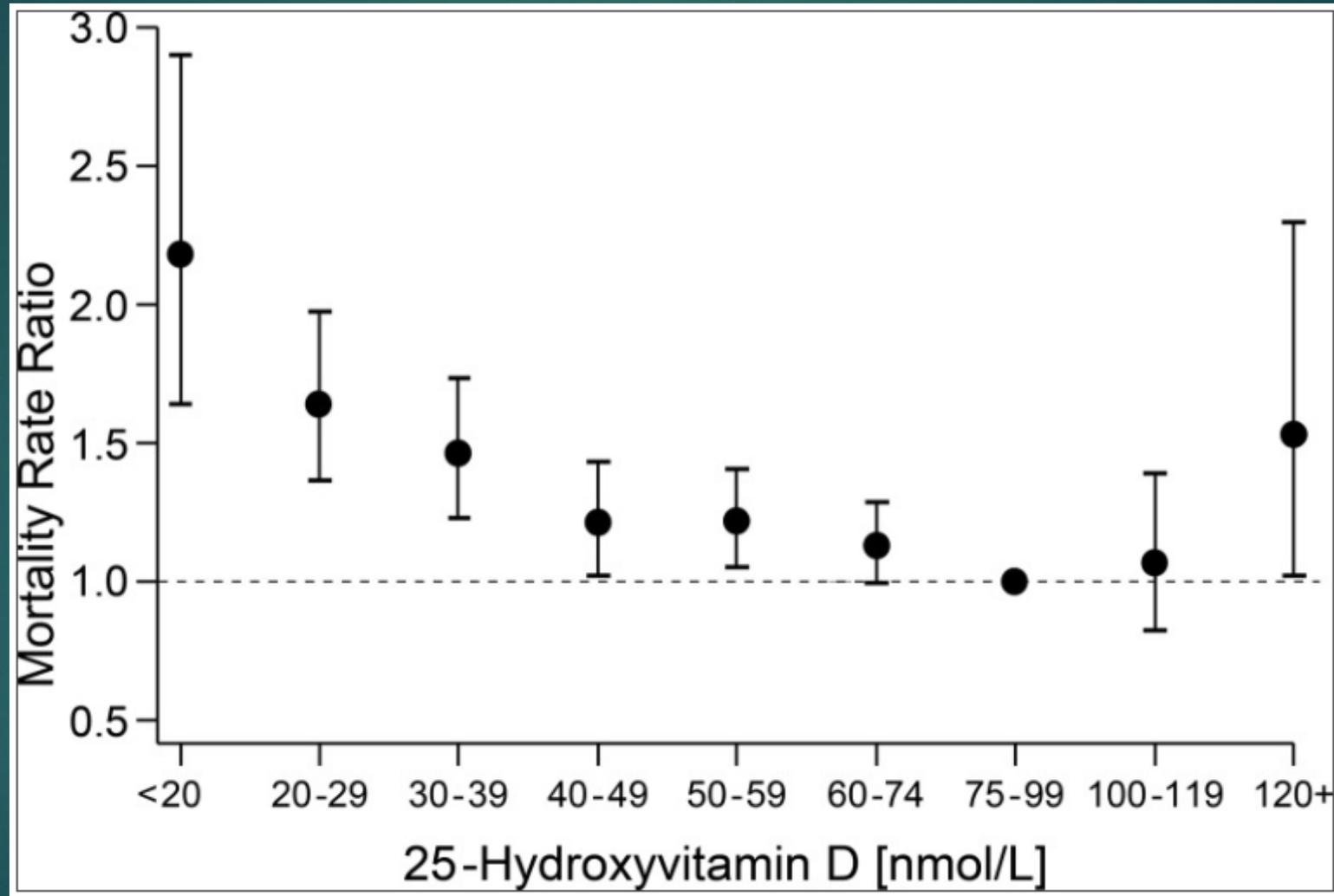
Proteinuria reduction with 1µg/d in VITAL study resulted no significant.



**Figure 1.** Modification of proteinuria and eGFR.

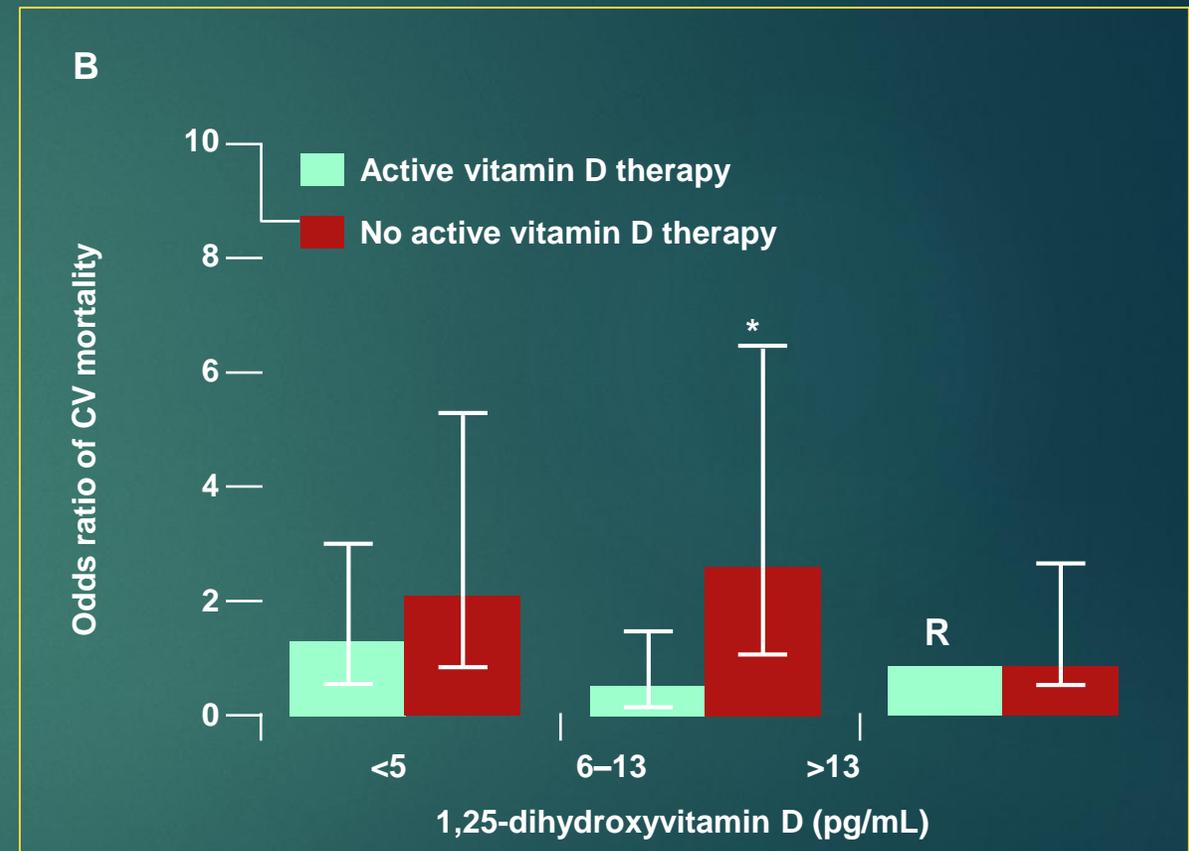
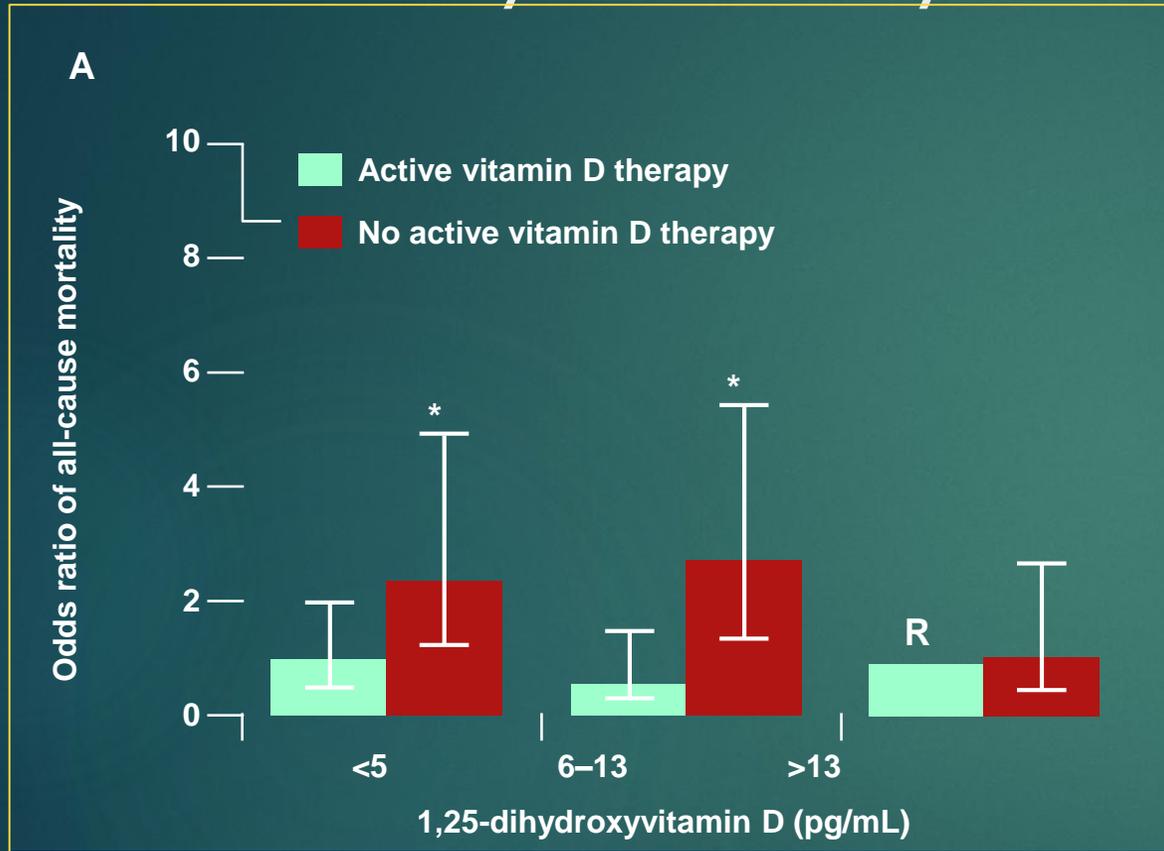
Mean proteinuria was 2806mg/d and fell to 2199mg/d at month 6 ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and 1931.5mg/d at month 12 ( $p < 0.0001$ ). There were no significant changes in eGFR between visits.

# The benefits of Vit D



Chowdhury et al., BMJ. 2014

# 1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D<sub>3</sub> Levels and Mortality in Dialysis Patients



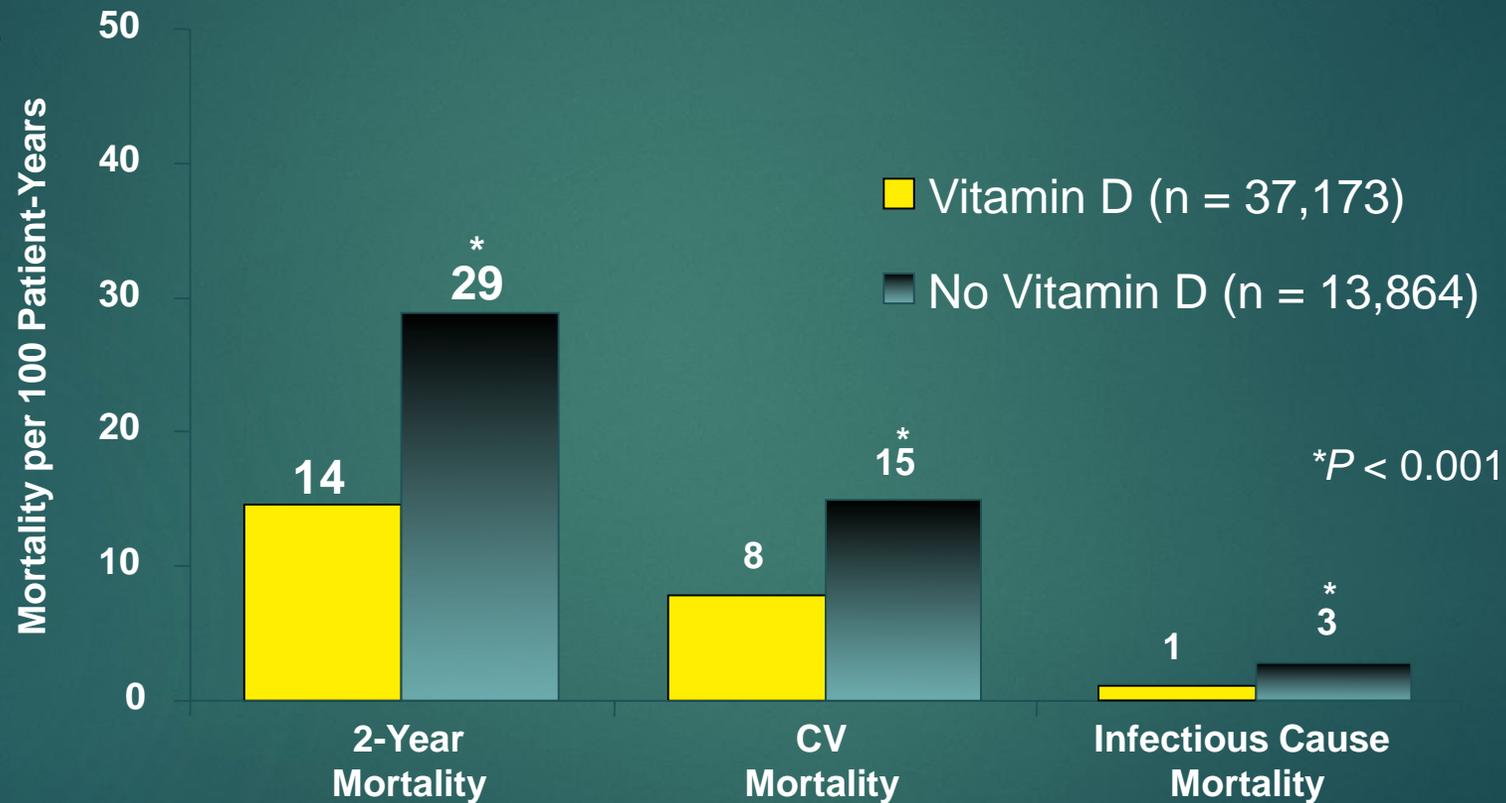
**1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D levels and 90-day all-cause (A) and CV mortality (B) in hemodialysis patients according to whether patients received active vitamin D therapy**

\*P<0.05 for the comparison of the individual vitamin D level—vitamin D treatment groups with the corresponding referent groups.

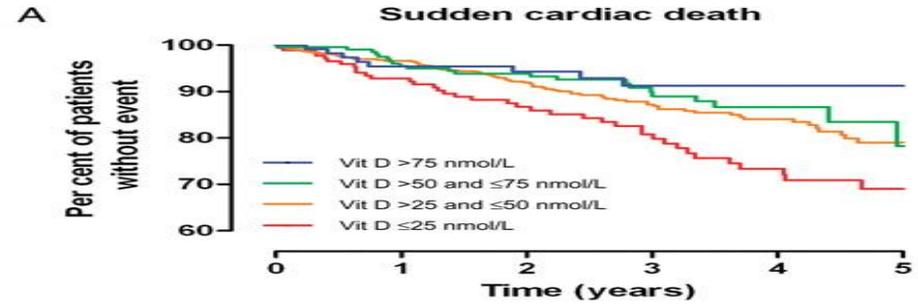
R=subjects treated with active vitamin D and 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D levels ≥13 pg/mL.

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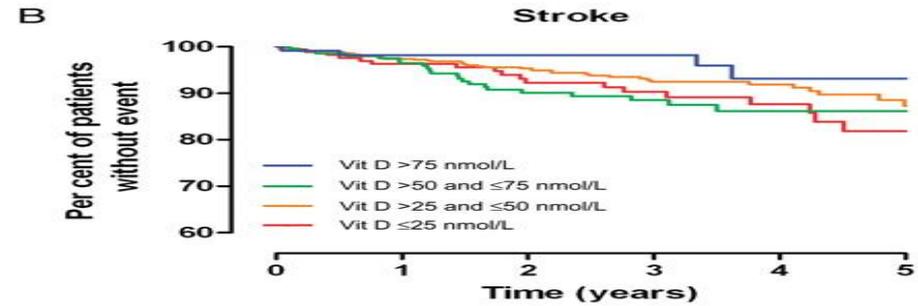
# Vitamin D Use Is Associated With Decreased Mortality in Incident HD Patients



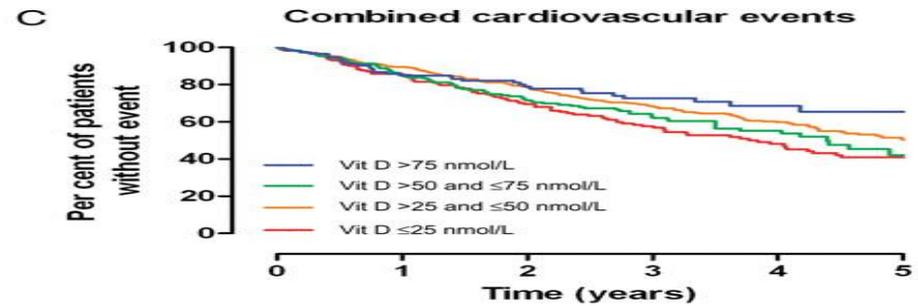
Kaplan–Meier curves for the time to (A) sudden cardiac death, (B) stroke, (C) combined cardiovascular events in subgroups of patients according to 25-hydroxyvitamin D levels at baseline [severely vitamin D deficient ( $\leq 25$  nmol/L), moderately vitamin D deficient ( $>25$  and  $\leq 50$  nmol/L), vitamin D insufficient ( $>50$  and  $\leq 75$  nmol/L), and vitamin D sufficient ( $>75$  nmol/L)].



Number of patients at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5
Vit D >75 nmol/L	114	101	79	55	30	13
Vit D >50 and $\leq 75$ nmol/L	210	186	152	99	49	16
Vit D >25 and $\leq 50$ nmol/L	607	538	415	268	157	71
Vit D $\leq 25$ nmol/L	177	149	111	87	60	30



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# Vitamin D Treatment in Chronic Kidney Disease

- ▶ Two exclusive vitamin D treatment strategies for CKD patients are
- ▶ non-activated vitamin D products (Nutritional), (cholecalciferol  $D_3$ , ergocalciferol  $D_2$ ) and
- ▶ activated vitamin D therapy using calcitriol or an analogue.

# Should we use nutritional or should we use active Vit. D to correct Vit.D Deficiency?

## ▶ Would you use:

- ▶ 1- Natural Vit D. (cholecalciferol *D3*, ergocalciferol *D2*)
- ▶ 2- Active Vit. D
- ▶ 3- Both
- ▶ 4- Either

# Nutritional vs active Vit. D



# Targets of the use Nutritional vs active Vit. D

- ▶ **The use of natural vit D2,& D3 will result in:**
  - ▶ 1- Raising serum levels of 25(OH)Vit. D
  - ▶ 2- Raising serum levels of 1,25(OH)Vit. D
  - ▶ 3- Suppression of PTH
  - ▶ 4- Raise s.Ca



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Original Investigation

## Changes in Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D and Plasma Intact PTH Levels Following Treatment With Ergocalciferol in Patients With CKD

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# Correction of Insufficient 25-hydroxy Vitamin D Levels

- ▶ In 66 stage III-IV CKD patients with 25-hydroxy vitamin D levels < 30 ng/mL and hyperparathyroidism,
  - ▶ **50,000 units of ergocalciferol weekly** increased mean 25-hydroxy vitamin D levels by 10.6 ng/mL,
  - ▶ decreased PTH levels by 38 pg/mL, and
  - ▶ did not alter serum calcium or phosphate levels during 6 months of therapy.
- ▶ **Correction** of deficient/insufficient 25-hydroxy vitamin D levels in CKD results in a modest reduction in PTH levels, absence of toxicity, and low cost.

# Vitamin D Supplementation in Chronic Kidney Disease: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Observational Studies and Randomized Controlled Trials



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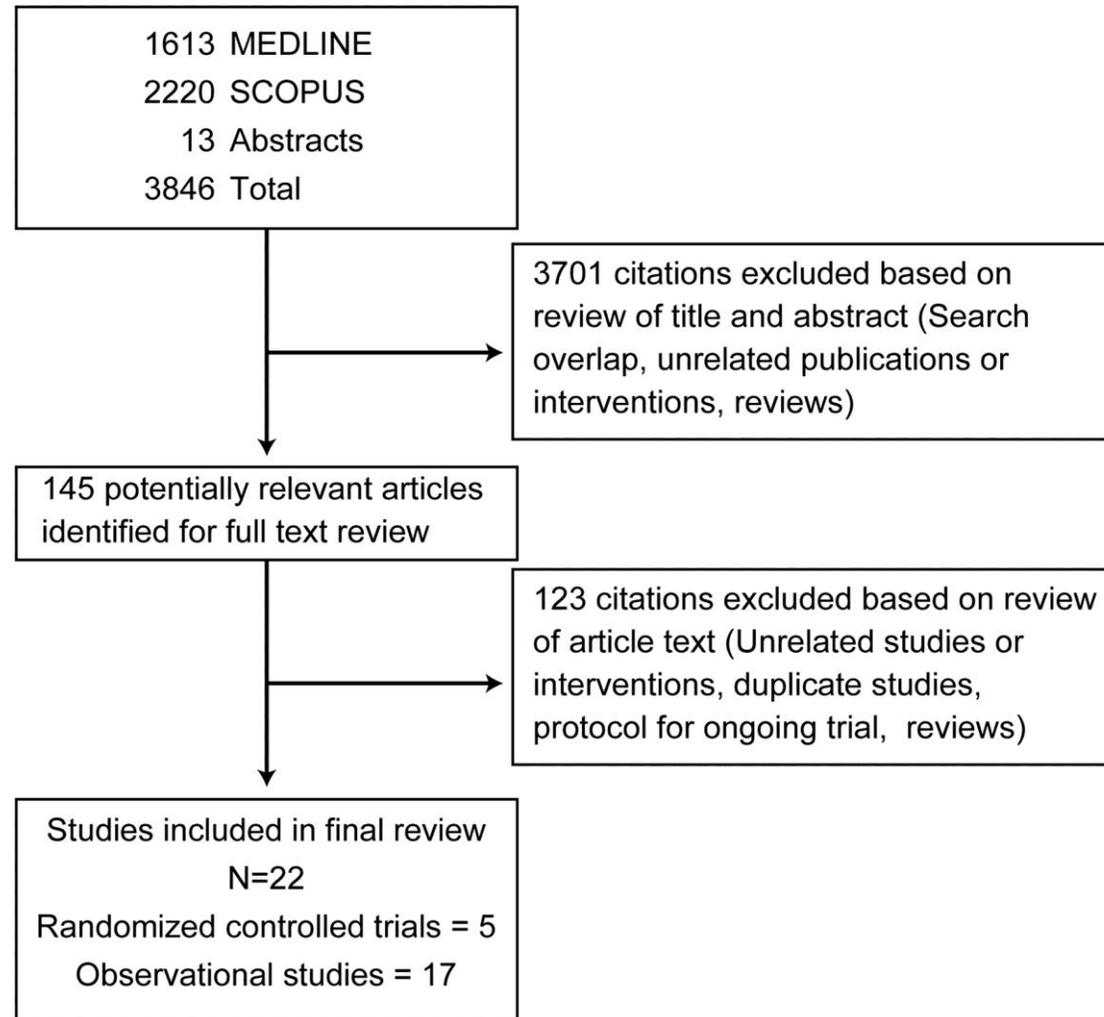
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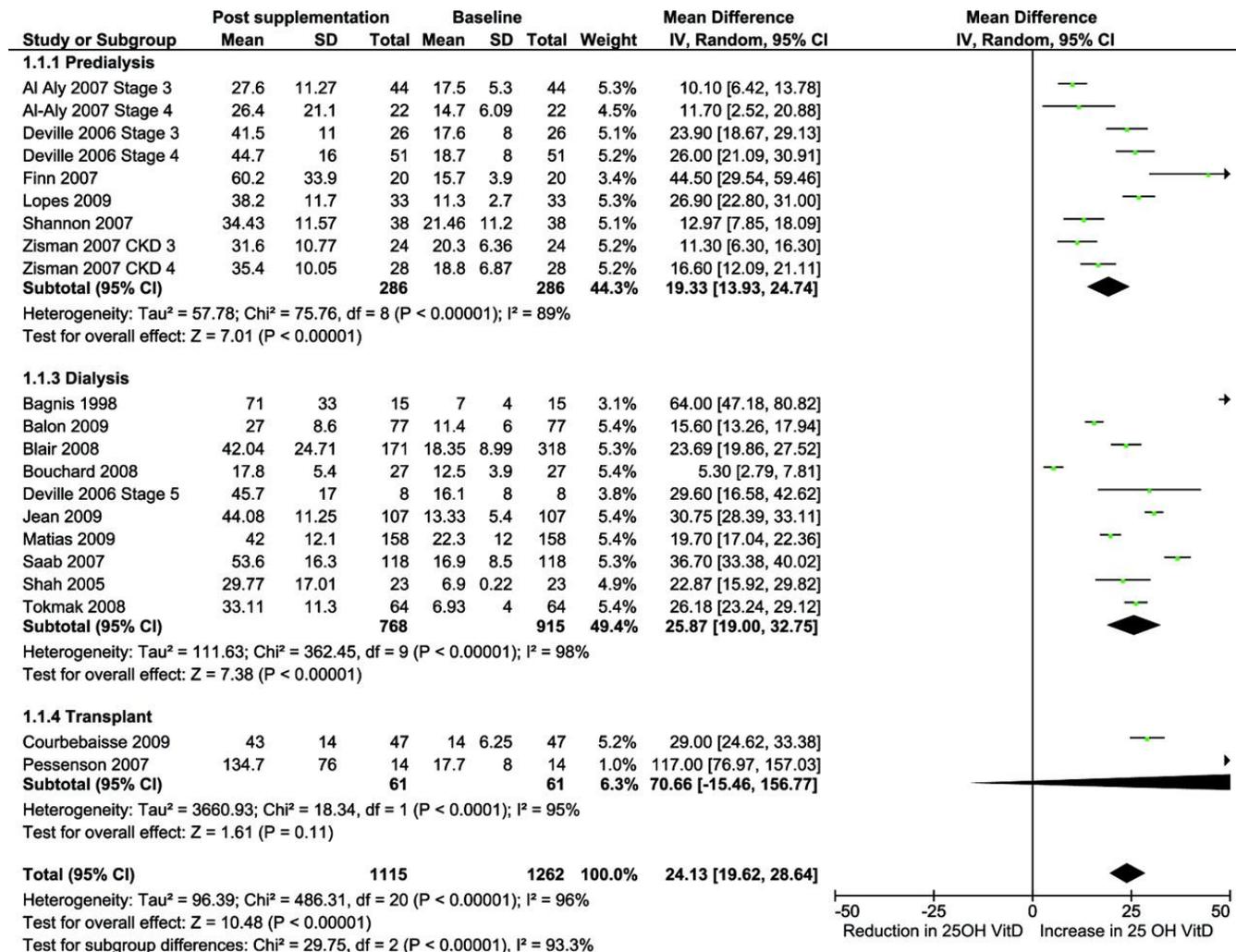
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## Study flow diagram: Included studies and reasons for exclusion of studies.



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## Effect of vitamin D supplementation on **25(OH)D** levels at the end of treatment period among observational studies in CKD.

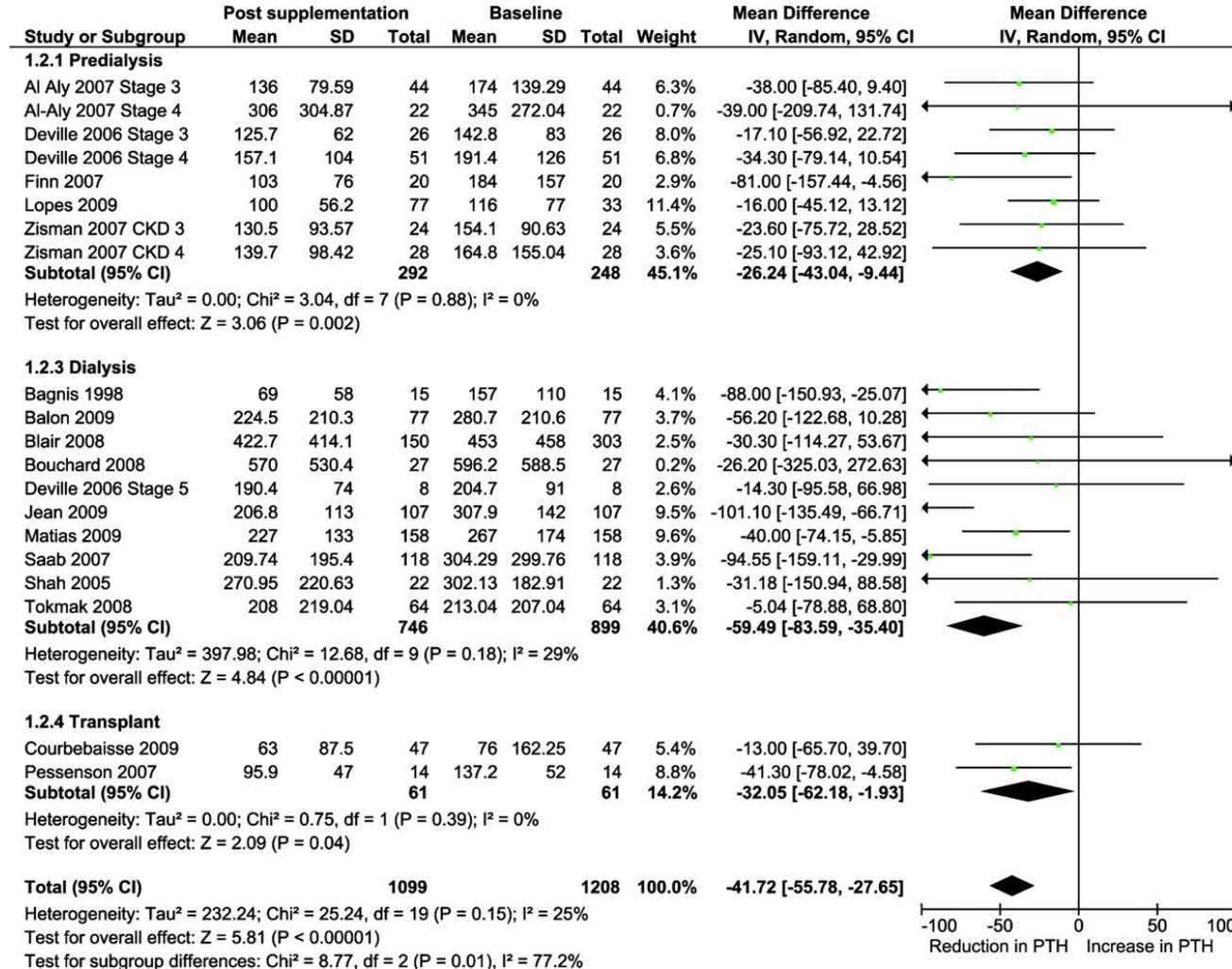


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# 1,25(OH)2D Levels:

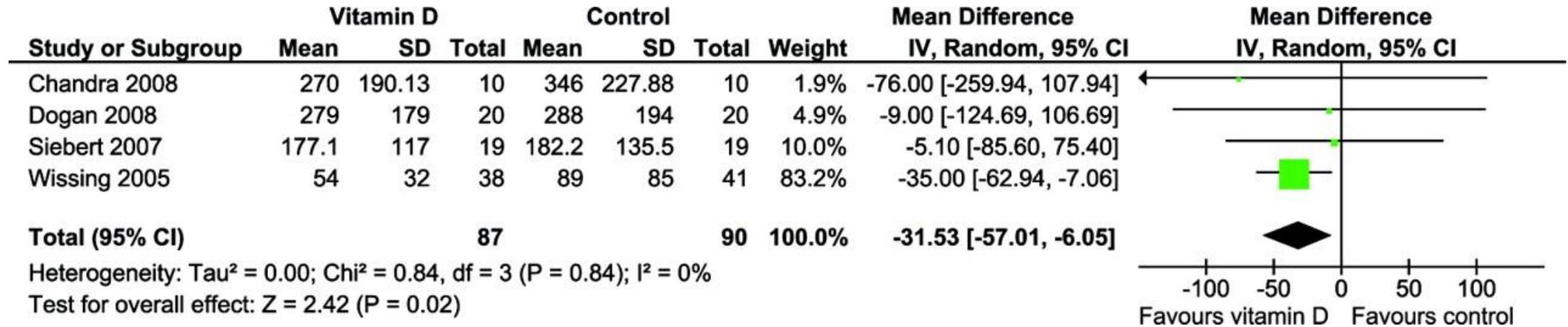
- ▶ **Observational Studies.**
- ▶ Overall there was a significant improvement in the levels of 1,25(OH)2D with vitamin D supplementation (nine studies, 449 patients  $P < 0.00001$ ) with significant heterogeneity between the studies ( $\chi^2 = 121.64$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ;  $I^2 = 93\%$ ).
- ▶ **RCTs.**
- ▶ Although three of the five RCTs reported 1,25(OH)2D levels, data were not available for calculation from one study, and another study (compared 5000 IU with 20,000 IU precluding pooling of the data. Both of these studies reported a nonsignificant increase in 1,25(OH)2D levels

## Effect of vitamin D supplementation on **PTH levels** at the end of treatment period among **observational studies** in CKD.



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**Effect of vitamin D supplementation on PTH levels at the end of treatment period among RCTs in CKD.**



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# Calcium Levels:

- ▶ **Observational Studies.**
- ▶ There was no significant change in serum calcium levels after vitamin D supplementation (16 studies, 1071 patients, MD 0.07 mg/dl, 95% CI -0.03 to 0.17, P = 0.19).
- ▶ **RCTs.**
- ▶ There was no significant change in serum calcium levels with vitamin D supplementation (three studies, 77 patients, MD 0.23 mg/dl, 95% CI -0.31 to 0.77, P = 0.40).

# Phosphorus Levels:

- ▶ **Observational Studies.**

- ▶ There was no significant change in serum phosphorus levels with vitamin D supplementation (15 studies, 986 patients, MD 0.05 mg/dl, 95% CI -0.11 to 0.22, P = 0.53).

- ▶ **RCTs.**

- ▶ There was no significant difference in serum phosphorus levels with vitamin D supplementation (three studies, 80 patients, MD 0.15 mg/dl, 95% CI -0.19 to 0.49, P = 0.38). One study compared 5000 IU with 20,000 IU vitamin D supplementation and revealed a similar change in phosphorus levels

# Incidence of Hypercalcemia and Hyperphosphatemia

- ▶ **Observational Studies.**
- ▶ Of the 17 observational studies, hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia incidence were reported in nine and six studies, respectively.
- ▶ **RCTs.**
- ▶ Of the five randomized studies, hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia data were reported in four and two studies, respectively.

# In conclusion,

- ▶ Natural Vitamin D supplementation appears
  - ▶ to improve 25(OH)D and 1,25(OH)2D levels
  - ▶ While modestly reducing PTH levels without increasing the risk for hypercalcemia and hyperphosphatemia.
- ▶ However, whether such supplementation translates into better cardiovascular and skeletal outcomes needs to be evaluated in future studies.

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**Table 1.**  
Randomized studies comparing the effect of inactive vitamin D supplementation versus placebo or no treatment on surrogate risk factors in patients with CKD and ESRD

Study [ref]	Year	n	Stage of CKD with 25(OH)D <16 ng/mL	Design	Intervention (50 000 IU weekly for 1 month and monthly later)	Control	Duration	Primary Outcome	Result	Notes
[29]				Double-blind	Ergocalciferol (50 000 IU weekly for 1 month and monthly later)	Placebo		Change in micro- and macrocirculatory function	Positive	No effect on aortic PWV (P = 0.78) and LVMI (P = 0.44). Ergocalciferol improved endothelium-dependent vasodilatation after iontophoresis of acetylcholine (P = 0.03)
<b>Studies in ESRD patients</b>										
Delanaye [20]	2013	43	HD patients with 25(OH)D insufficiency	Double-blind	Cholecalciferol (25 000 IU every 2 weeks)	Placebo	12	Change in vascular calcification score	Null	No difference between groups in change of vascular calcification score over time (Deltas: 2 ± 3 versus 2 ± 2, P = 0.89)
Hewitt [21]	2013	60	HD patients with 25(OH)D <24 ng/mL	Double-blind	Ergocalciferol (50 000 IU weekly for 8 weeks and monthly later)	Placebo	6	Change in muscle strength, PWV and HRQOL	Null	Muscle strength tests, aortic PWV and HRQOL domains were no different between groups
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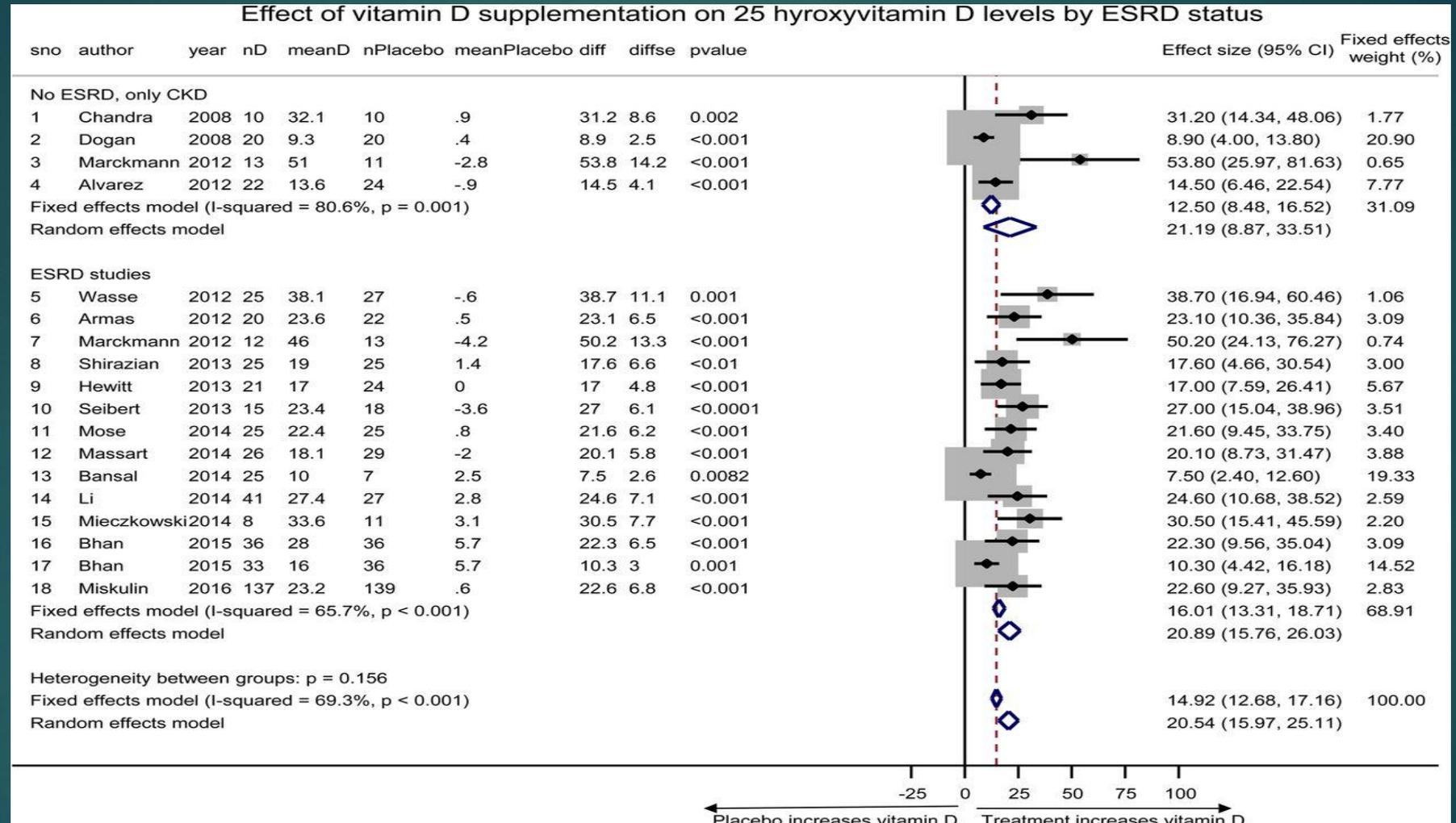
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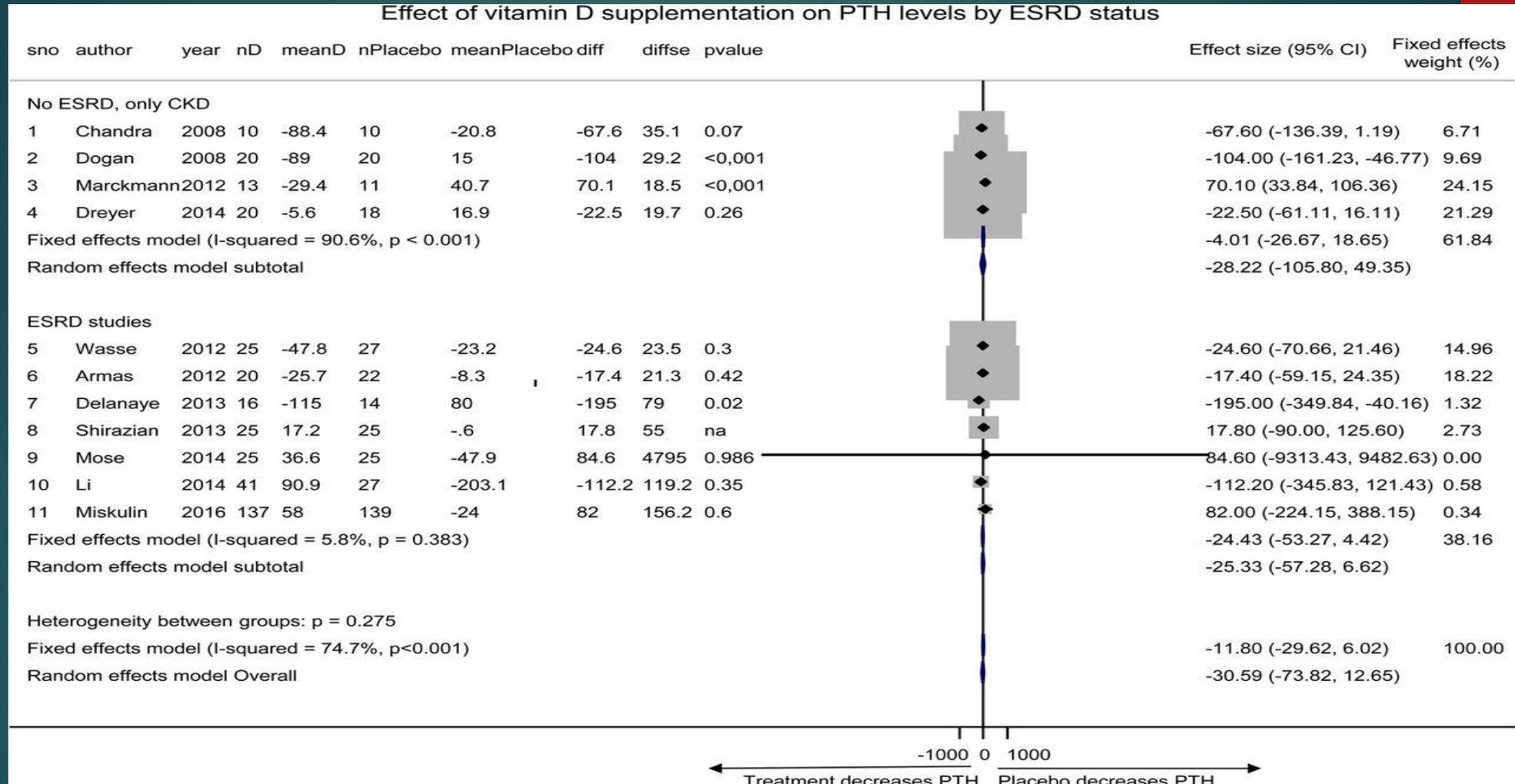
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# Two recent vitamin D supplementation (ergocalciferol) trials in stage G5D CKD patients with vitamin D insufficiency



## Pro: Should we correct vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency in chronic kidney disease patients with inactive forms of vitamin D or just treat them with active vitamin D forms?

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Vitamin D and derivatives

	<b>Vitamin D2 and derivatives</b>	<b>Vitamin D3 and derivatives</b>
The established vitamin D compounds		
Parent compound	Vitamin D2	Vitamin D3
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Product of first hydroxylation	25(OH)D2	25(OH)D3
Synonym	Ercalcidiol	Calcidiol
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The newer vitamin D analogues		
Full term	1- $\alpha$ -Hydroxyergocalciferol	22-Oxacalcitriol
Synonym	Doxercalciferol	Maxacalcitol
Full term	19-Nor-1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D2	F6-1 $\alpha$ ,25-Dihydroxyvitamin D3
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- **Ergocalciferol effectively increases serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D [25(OH)D].**
- **The use of inactive vitamin D forms largely fail to reduce serum PTH and affect various relevant endpoints**, including muscle strength, functional capacity, quality of life and hospitalization.
- **No biological or clinical evidence exists that 25(OH)D may exert meaningful effects in CKD patients who are being treated with active forms of vitamin D.**

# Nutritional Vit. D

- ▶ **The use of natural vit D2, & D3 will result in:**
  - ▶ 1- Raising serum levels of 25(OH)Vit. D      definitely yes
  - ▶ 2- Raising serum levels of 1,25(OH)Vit. D      ?? Yes
  - ▶ 3- Suppression of PTH      NO
  - ▶ 4- Raise s.Ca, and s.Ph      NO

# How to give Nutritional Vit.D



# Vitamin D Repletion in Stage 3 & 4 with Ergocalciferol: KDOQI™ Recommendation 2003

Serum 25(OH)D (ng/mL)	Vitamin D Status	Dose (IU)	Route	Duration (months)	Comment
< 5	Severe deficiency	50,000/wk X 12 wks; then monthly	<i>po</i>	6	Assay 25(OH)D after 6 months
		500,000 once	<i>im</i>		Assure pt adherence; assay 25(OH)D at 6 months
5-15	Mild deficiency	50,000/wk X 4 wks, then monthly	<i>po</i>	6	Assay 25(OH)D after 6 months
16-30	Insufficiency	50,000/mo	<i>po</i>	6	

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- ▶ 4.2.2.
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# Active vit D

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# Uses of active vit D

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- ▶ 1- to replenish vit D
- ▶ 2- to increase Ca levels
- ▶ 3- to control PTH
- ▶ 4- Skeletal effects
- ▶ 5- other
  - ▶ CVD, Mortality, Morbidity

# Treatment With Activated Vitamin

**Table 1:** The difference in characteristics of 25-hydroxyvitamin D and 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D.

	Affinity to vitamin D receptor	Serum total concentration	Half-life	Risk of hypercalcemia
25(OH)D	(1)*	9.0–34.0 ng/mL (500)*	480 hrs	Low
1,25(OH) <sub>2</sub> D	(100–200)*	20–60 pg/mL (1)*	15 hrs	High

\*Relative value.

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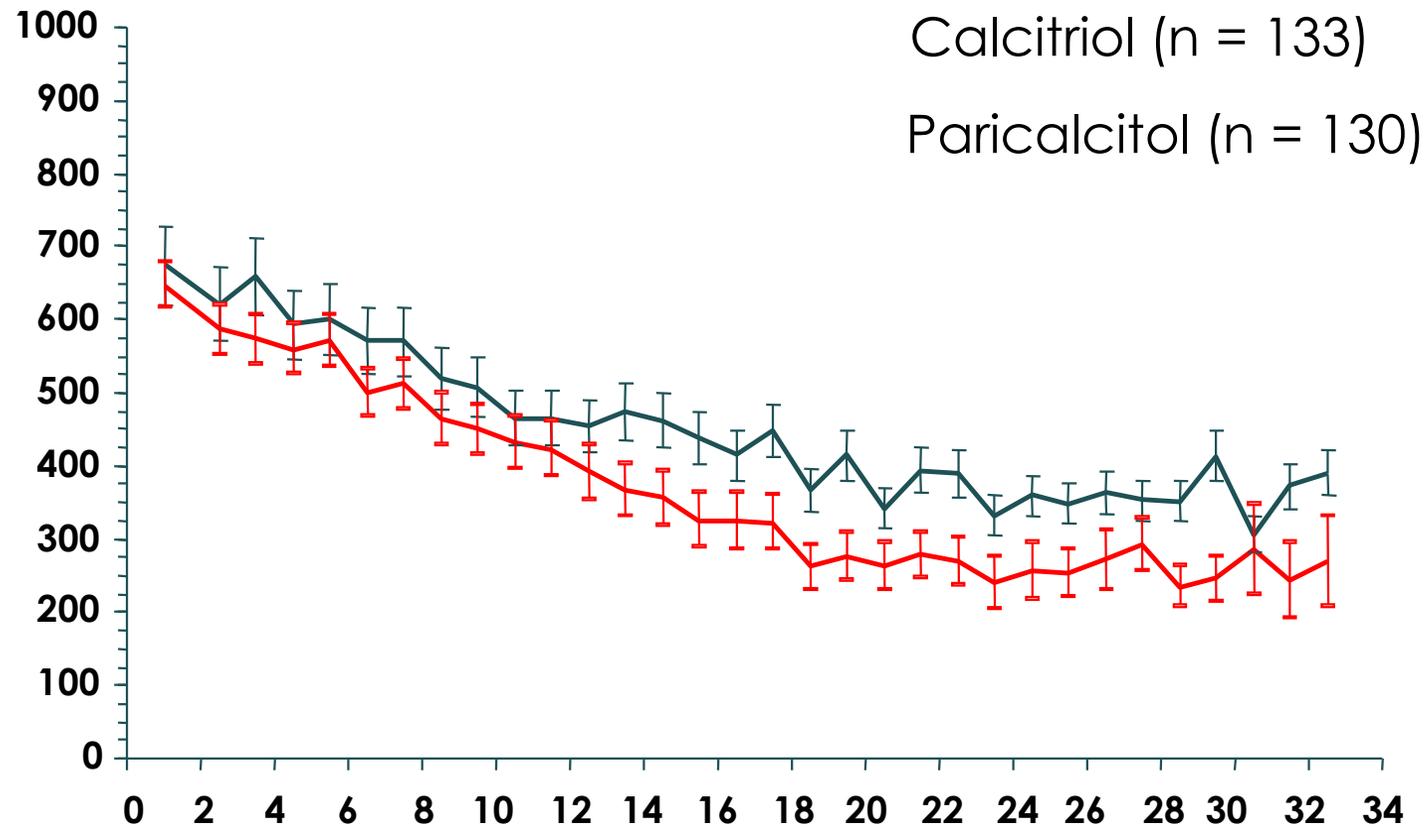
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- ▶ Goals of activated vitamin D therapy in CKD are : to correct hypocalcemia and to prevent and treat SHPT, and to potentially improve health outcomes in CKD.

# Treatment With Activated Vitamin D

- ▶ **Many small clinical trials** have demonstrated that activated vitamin D agents **lower serum PTH** levels in CKD patients.

# Vitamin D Analogs Suppress PTH



- ▶ One of **the earliest, and best, studies** was done in the **1980s/1990s**, well before the modern era.
- ▶ A prospective multicentre study of **176 patients** with a creatinine clearance between 15 and 50 mL/min, **75% had histologic evidence of high-turnover bone** disease at baseline.
- ▶ Patients were randomly assigned to placebo or to the synthetic vitamin D analogue, **alfacalcidol (1-hydroxyvitamin D)**, at a dose of 0.25 µg/day, increasing to a maximum of 1 µg/day.
- ▶ The **aim of therapy was to raise the serum calcium** concentration to the upper limit of normal for the laboratory [mean 9.8–10 mg/dL (2.45–2.50 mmol/L)], **not in fact primarily to reduce the serum PTH** concentration.

- ▶ After at least **2 years of follow-up**:
  - ▶ **Plasma PTH declined** during the **first 6 months** of alfacalcidol therapy and **then rebounded to pretreatment levels**.
    - ▶ In comparison, there was more than a 2-fold increase in PTH levels in the placebo group.
  - ▶ Repeat **bone biopsy** showed improvement in **29%** of patients receiving alfacalcidol,
    - ▶ whereas the bone disease worsened in 90% of placebo-treated patients.
- ▶ **Hypercalcaemia**, was more common in the alfacalcidol group (11 versus 3%).

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# A meta-analysis by Palmer and colleagues reported a pooled treatment effect for calcitriol on serum PTH levels:

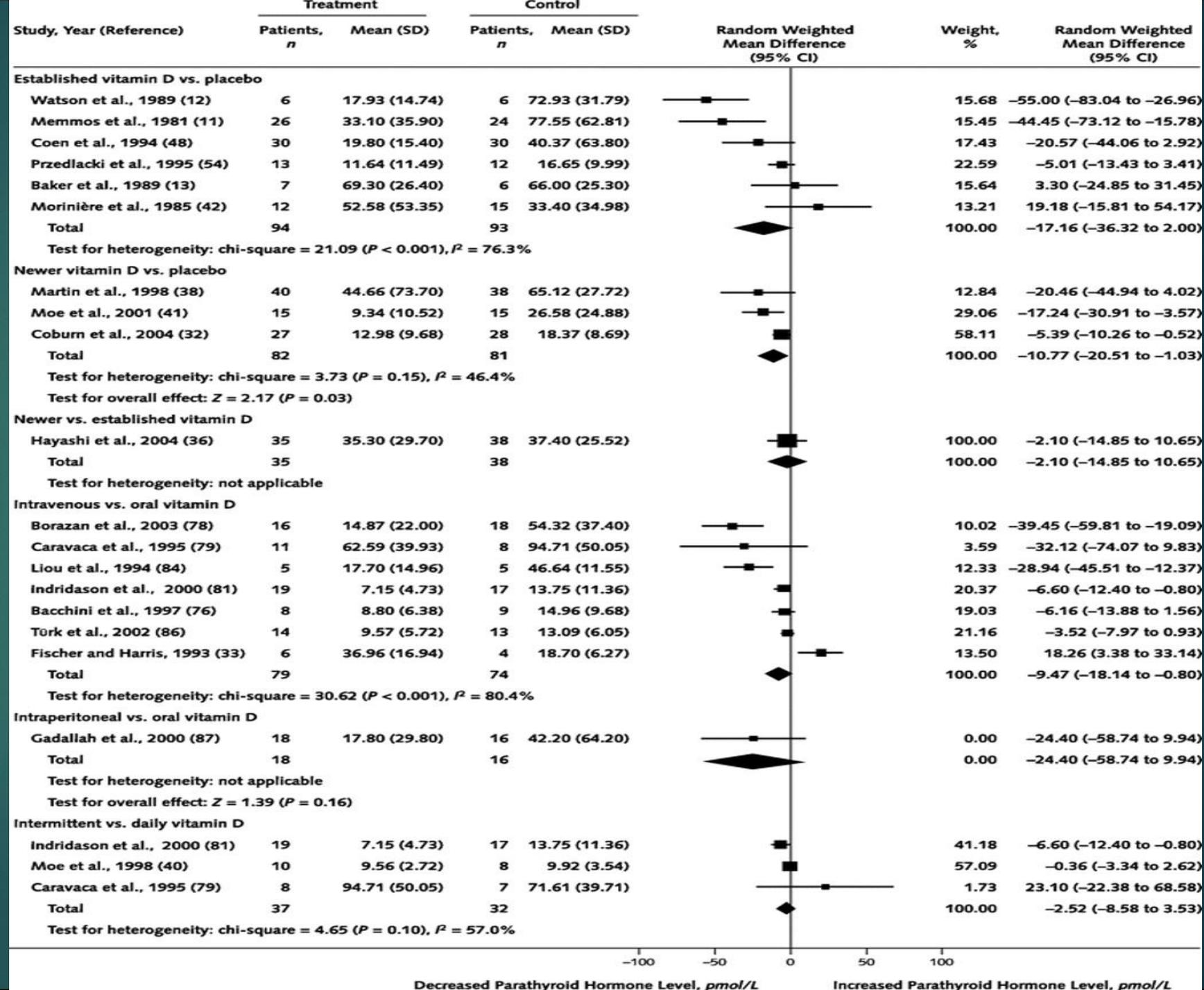


## Systematic literature reviews on vitamin D in patients with CKD

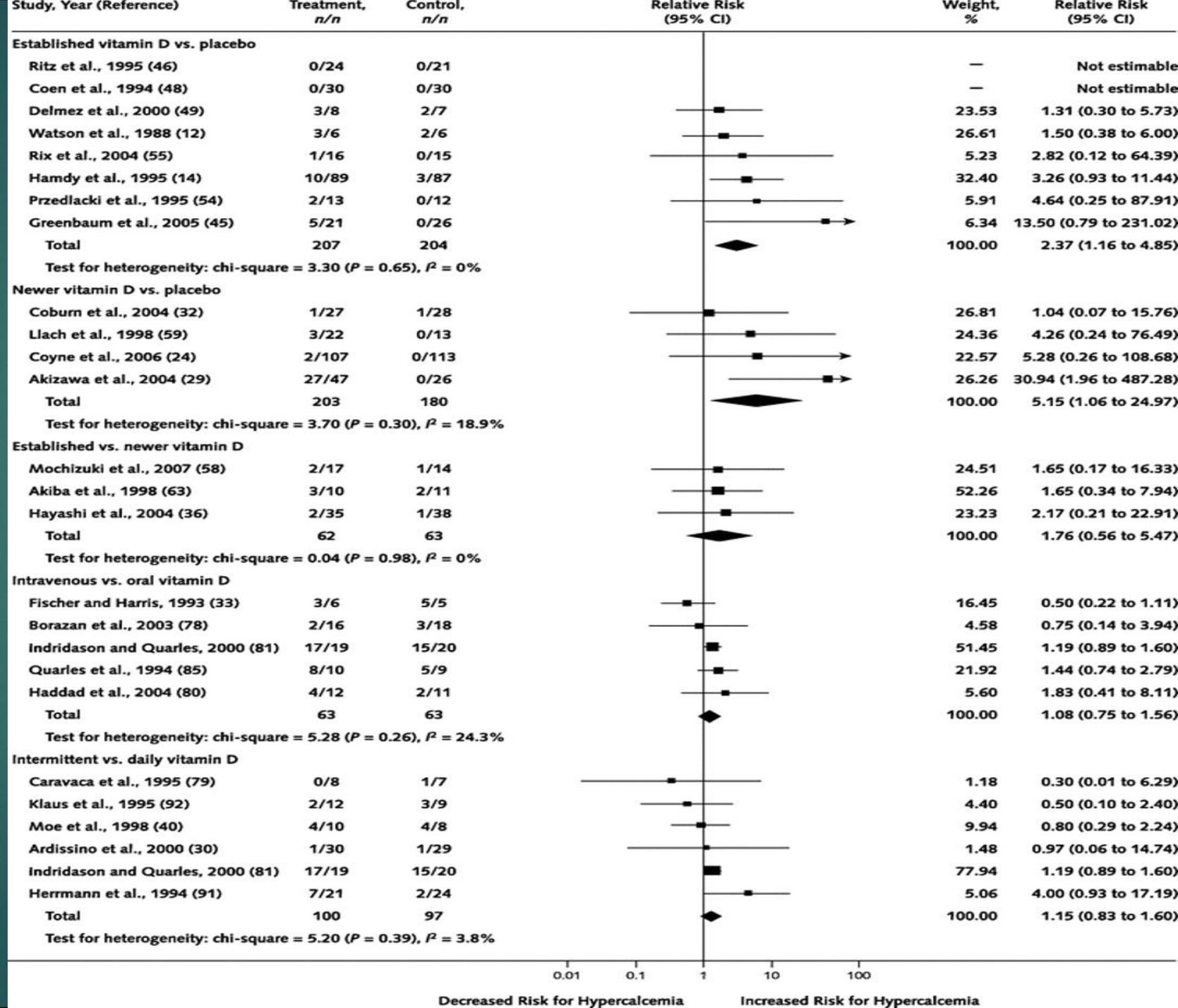
First author, year	Methodology	Number of trials/patients pooled in the analysis	Outcomes tested	Main results
Palmer, 2007 [9]	Meta-analysis	76 studies/3667 CKD patients	Biochemical markers of mineral metabolism, CV and mortality outcomes	Vitamin D compounds did not reduce the risk for death, bone pain, vascular calcification or parathyroidectomy
Haiyang, 2009 [10]	Meta-analysis	6 RCTs/174 CKD patients with sHPT	Suppression of circulating PTH and serum ALP	No significant differences between intermittent intravenous and oral calcitriol in the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism for efficacy
Palmer, 2009 [11]	Meta-analysis	60 studies/2773 CKD RD patients	Clinical, biochemical and bone outcomes	Vitamin D compounds lowered serum PTH at the expense of increasing serum calcium and phosphorus
Palmer, 2009 [12]	Meta-analysis	16 studies/894 CKD NRD patients	Biochemical, bone, CV, and mortality outcomes	Vitamin D compounds lowered serum PTH at the expense of increasing serum calcium and phosphorus
Geary, 2010 [13]	Meta-analysis	15 RCTs/369 children with CKD stages 2-5D	Clinical, biochemical and bone outcomes	Vitamin D therapy significantly reduced PTH levels without consistent differences between routes of administration, frequencies of dosing or vitamin D preparations
Wang, 2010 [14]	Meta-analysis	17 studies (8 RCTs and 9 observational studies, among which 5 were prospective studies of CKD RD patients)/315 860 patients	CV disease outcomes	The five studies of patients who received dialysis showed consistent reductions in CV mortality in those who received vitamin D supplements
Kandula, 2011 [15]	Meta-analysis	22 studies (17 observational and 5 RCTs)/1593 patients with CKD NRD, CKD RD and renal transplant recipients	Biochemical outcomes	Vitamin D supplementation (ergocalciferol or cholecalciferol) appears to improve 25(OH)D and 1,25(OH) <sub>2</sub> D levels while reducing PTH levels without increasing the risk for hypercalcaemia and hyperphosphataemia
Pilz, 2011 [16]	Meta-analysis	10 prospective studies/6853 patients with CKD	Mortality	Higher 25(OH)D circulating levels are associated with significantly improved survival
Cheng, 2012 [6]	Meta-analysis	9 RCTs/832 patients with stage 2-5 CKD	Clinical and biochemical outcomes	Paricalcitol suppresses iPTH and lowers proteinuria without an increased risk of adverse events
Duranton, 2013 [17]	Meta-analysis	14 observational studies/194 932 patients with CKD NRD and CKD RD	Mortality	Therapies with 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D and analogues are associated with reduced mortality in CKD patients
Han, 2013 [18]	Meta-analysis	9 RCTs/1113 patients with CKD NRD	Clinical and biochemical outcomes	Paricalcitol is effective in lowering PTH in CKD patients and is also effective in lowering proteinuria in diabetic CKD patients with a trend towards hypercalcaemia
Xu, 2013 [19]	Meta-analysis	18 RCTs/1836 patients with CKD at stage 3-5	Reduction in proteinuria, renal function and risk of death	Vitamin D therapy lowered proteinuria without any negative influence on renal function. No superiority for newer versus established vitamin D analogues. No differences regarding the risk of death
de Borst, 2013 [20]	Meta-analysis	6 RCTs/688 patients with proteinuria (84% treated with ACEi or ARB)	Reduction in proteinuria	Paricalcitol and calcitriol both reduced proteinuria
Zheng, 2013 [21]	Meta-analysis	20 observational studies/491 857 CKD patients (CKD RD in 17 of 20 studies)	All-cause and CV mortality	Participants receiving vitamin D had lower all-cause and CV mortality. Patients receiving paricalcitol had a survival advantage over those that received calcitriol
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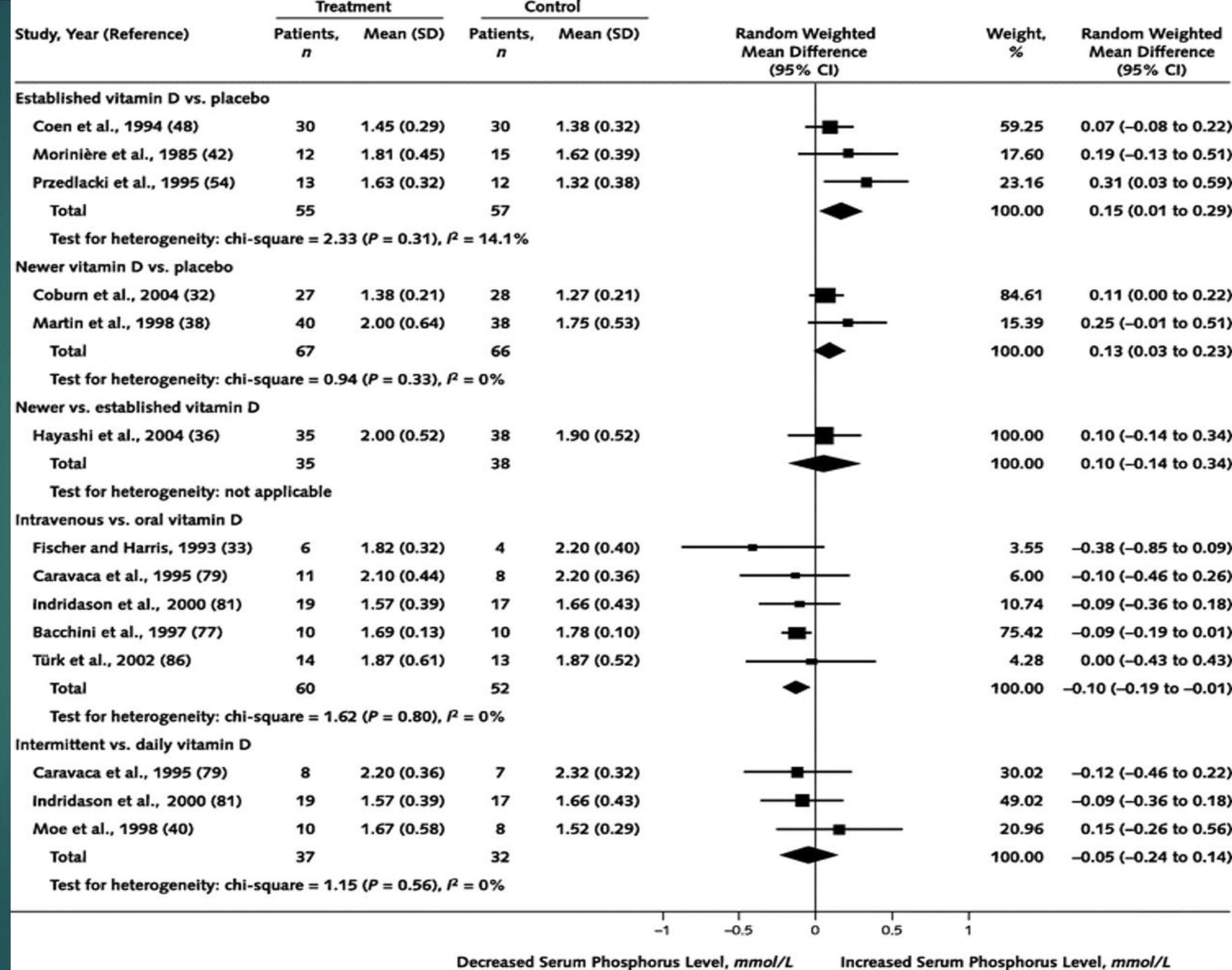
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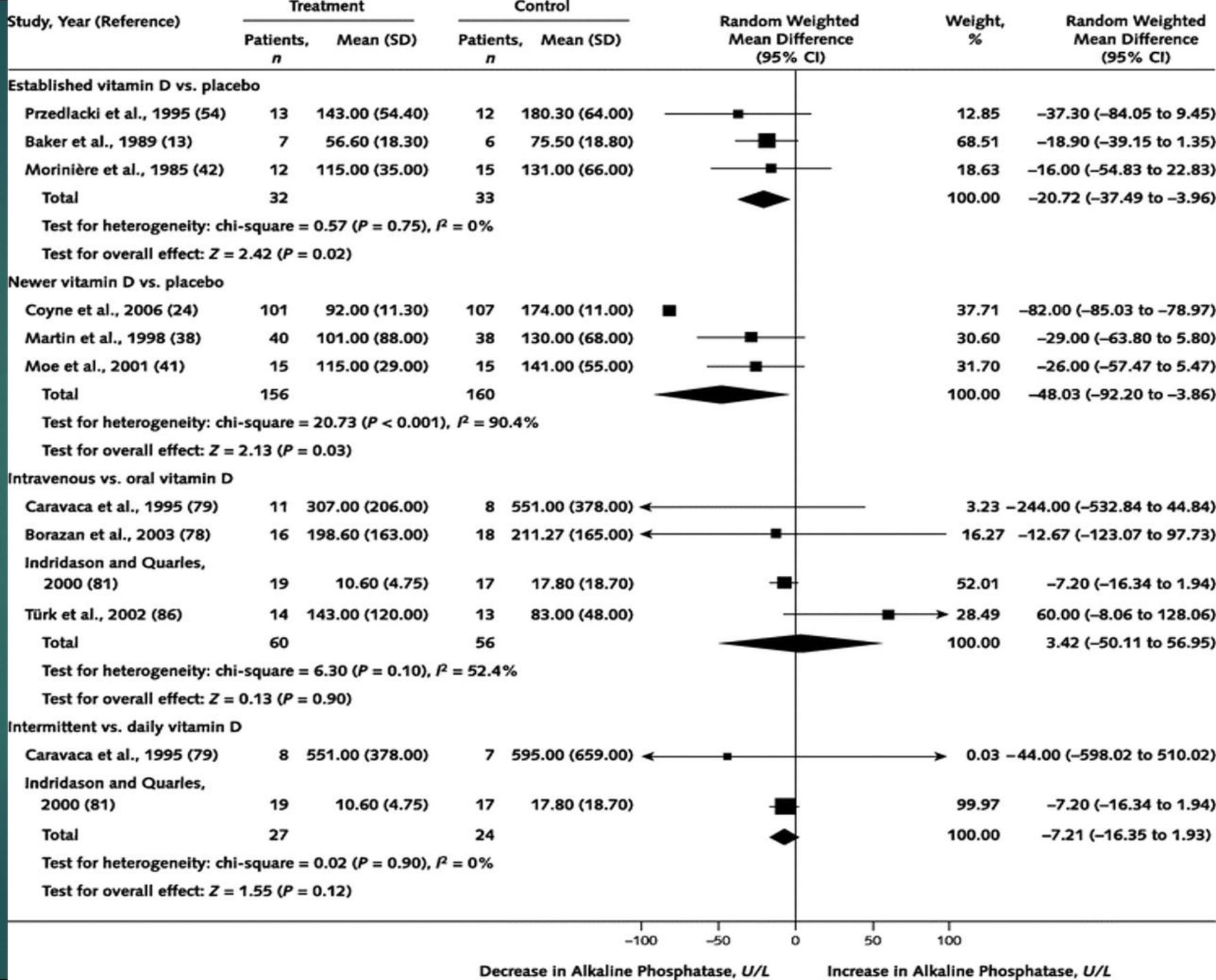
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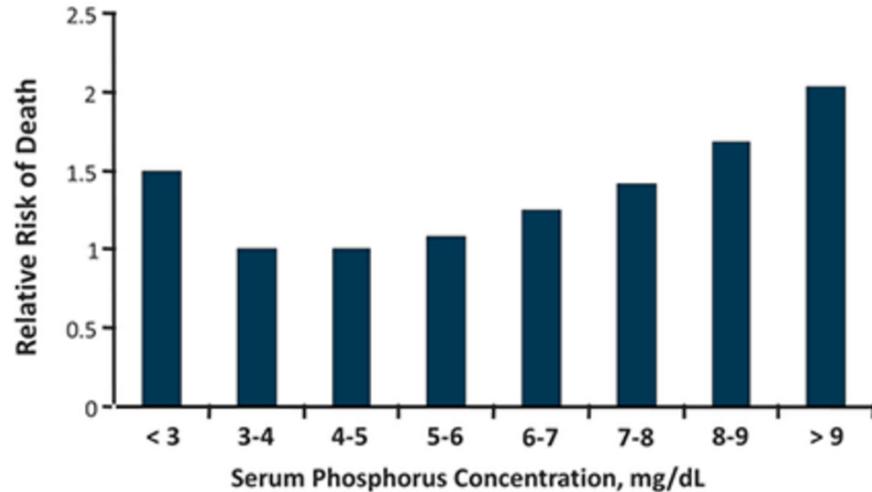
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What are the **most prominent** effects of using activated Vit.D in CKD patients?

- ▶ 1- Suppression of PTH.
- ▶ 2- Increased S phosphorus (Hyperphosphatemia).
- ▶ 3- Decreased ALP.
- ▶ **4- Increased S Calcium (Hypercalcemia).**

# How to use active vit D

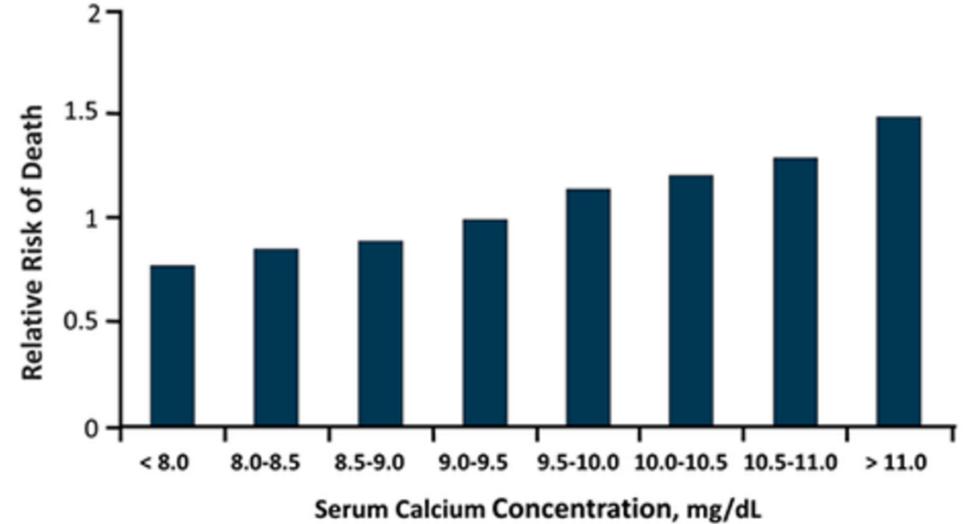
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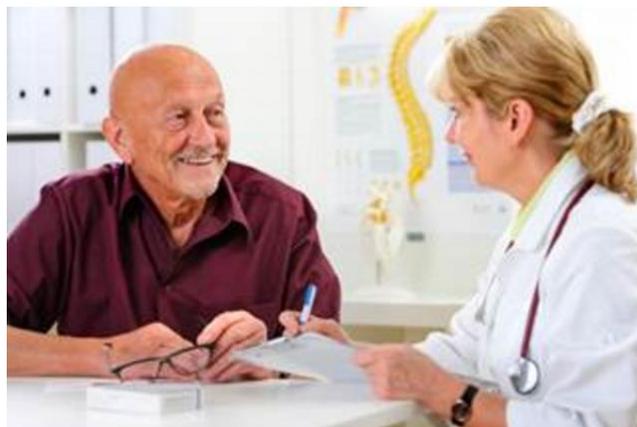
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A team led by Stuart M. Sprague, DO, University of Chicago, conducted the **post-hoc analysis of PACE study.**

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# PACE Study

- ▶ By week 24, both drugs had significantly decreased iPTH levels as well as (BSAP) and (TRAP) and **significantly increased levels of (FGF 23), and sclerostin.**
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- ▶ **The KDIGO recommended dose in CKD 5d is:**
  - ▶ 1- 0.25 ug daily
  - ▶ 2- 0.5 ug daily
  - ▶ 3- 1 ug daily
  - ▶ 4- 1 ug every other day
  - ▶ No recommendation

# Recommended Vitamin D Dosing in ttt of SHPT

PTH	Ca	P	Ca x P	Calcitriol	Paricalcitol	Doxercalciferol
300 – 600	< 9.5	< 5.5	< 55	IV 0.5 – 1.5 Oral same	2.5 – 5.0 mcg	IV 2 mcg Oral 5 mcg
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**Table 2** Active vitamin D in pre-dialysis CKD: guidelines

Guidelines	CKD stage	PTH target	Indication to start VDRA
KDOQI 2003	3	35–70 pg/ml	Start calcitriol, or alfacalcidol, or doxercalciferol in the presence of 25(OH)D levels <30 ng/ml and PTH levels above the suggested range
[K/DOQI 2003 Am J Kidney Dis]	4	70–110 pg/ml	
	5 d	150–130 pg/ml	
KDIGO 2009	3–5	Unknown	Start calcitriol or Vitamin D analogs to raise PTH levels above the normal range despite the correction of low 25(OH)D deficiency, hypocalcemia and hyperphosphatemia
[KDIGO (2009) Kidney Int suppl]		Maintaining PTH within the normal laboratory range is suggested	
KDIGO 2012	G3b–	Unknown	Start VDRA in the presence of PTH levels raising above the upper normal laboratory range only after ascertained absence of suspected or documented 25(OH)D deficiency, hyperphosphatemia and hypocalcemia
[KDIGO CKD (2012). Kidney Int Suppl]	G5	Maintaining PTH within the normal laboratory range is suggested	
ERBP 2010	–	–	–
[Goldsmith DJA (2010). Nephrol Dial Transplant]			
NICE 2014	4–5	–	Start active vitamin D (alfacalcitol or calcitriol) in patients suffering from symptomatic CKD-MBD and GFR <30 ml/min despite an achieved 25(OH)D adequacy
[NICE guidance. nice.org.uk/cg182]			

*CKD* chronic kidney disease, *CKD-MBD* chronic kidney disease and mineral bone disorder, *ERBP* European Renal Best Practice, *KDIGO* Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes, *KDOQI* Kidney Disease Outcome Quality Initiative, *NICE* National Institute of Clinical Excellence, *PTH* parathyroid hormone



- ▶ Optimal 25(OH)D levels are still not well defined
- ▶ The best therapeutic strategy to replenish 25(OH)D status is unknown.
- ▶ Although nutritional and active forms of vitamin D may improve clinical hard endpoints in renal patients, consistent evidence is still lacking in this regard.



- ▶ Active vitamin D therapy should be started in patients in CKD stages 3–5 with
  - ▶ **PTH above the normal range** and
  - ▶ normal levels of circulating **25(OH)D**
  - ▶ **in the absence of hypercalcemia and/or hyperphosphatemia**



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# Active vitamin D analogs use

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  - the corrected **serum total calcium** concentration is <9.5 mg/dL.
- ▶ Vitamin D therapy should also be discontinued **if**:
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  - the serum level of corrected **total calcium exceeds 10.2** mg/dL.

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- ▶ There is **safety issues** about the injudicious use of active vitamin D forms, pointing to the **risk of hypercalcemia and vascular calcification**, a risk that seems to be minimal or absent with inactive vitamin D.

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- ▶ With appropriate attempts to control phosphate, calcium and PTH using diet, dialysis, phosphate binders and ‘natural’ vitamin D species, if the PTH is still deranged, and we feel compelled to continue to try to reduce its serum concentration, we can then swap to active Vit. D

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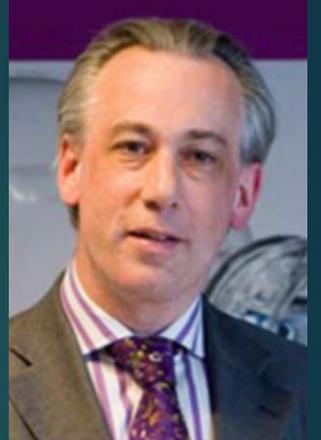


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- ▶ Agarwal, thinks that it would be fair to comment that we do not have the answers to any of these questions.

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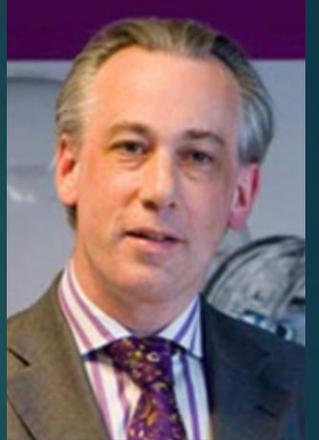
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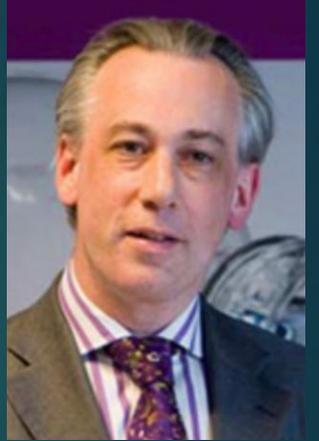
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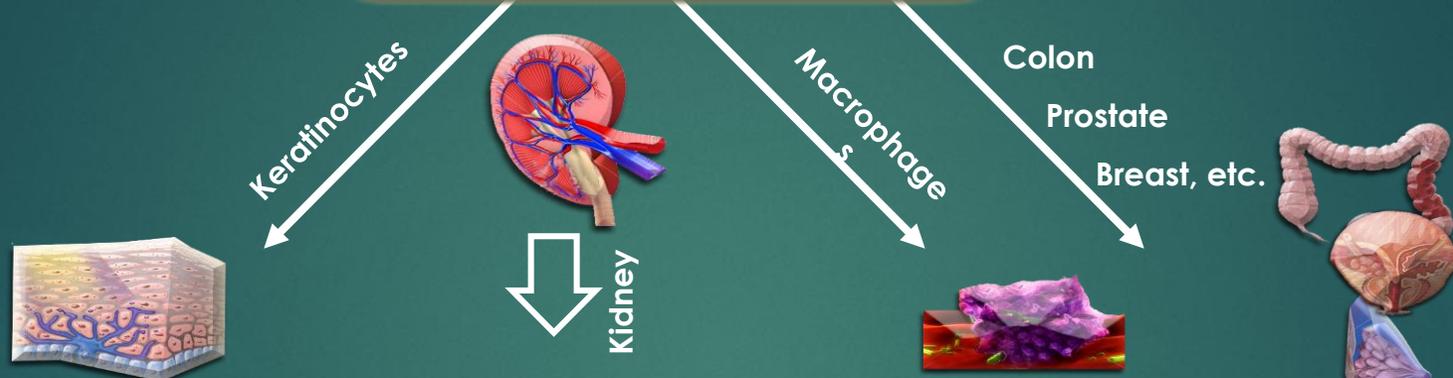
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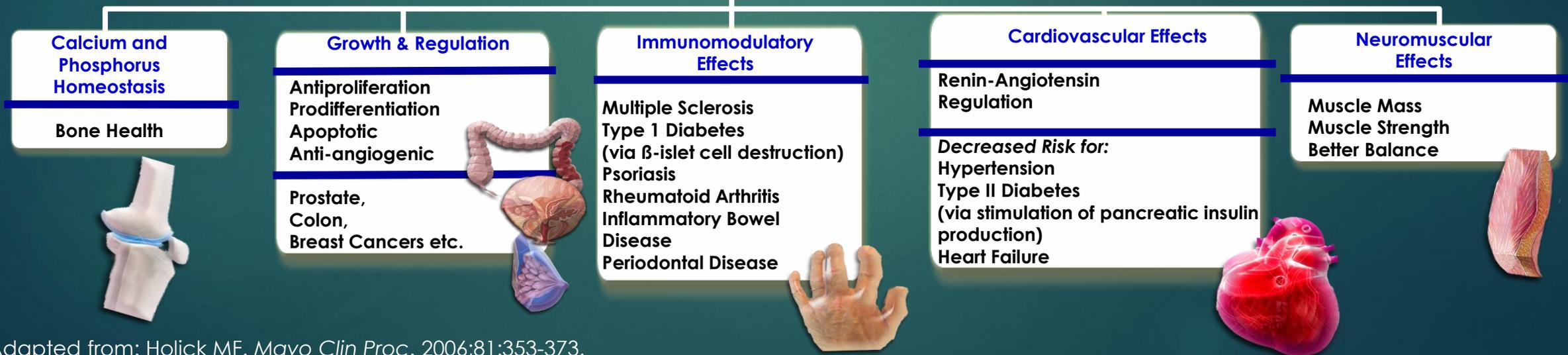


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Major Circulating Metabolite



**1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D**  
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