



Namaste مرحبا Bem Vindo Selamat Datang  
Willkommen  
Croeso  
Welcome Bienvenidos أهلا وسهلا  
Bienvenidos Bienvenue Croeso  
Benvenuti  
Welkom  
Bem Vindo  
Buenvenue  
مرحبا Welcome  
Croeso  
Bienvenidos Welkom أهلا وسهلا Namaste  
Selamat Datang أهلا وسهلا مرحبا  
Welcome Bienvenue Bem Vindo  
Willkommen Selamat Datang Croeso  
добре дошъл Benvenuti Willkommen  
καλώς ήλθατε Kalós ēlthate Benvenuti

# Proteinuria



**4mg/m<sup>2</sup>/hr**

- **100mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day**
- **150mg/24h**

**0.2mg/mg creatinine spot/24h**

- **200mg/g**
- **20mg/mmol**

# Dipstick screening

- Single +ve → 5-15%
- Repeat 3x → 0.1%

**Persistent first morning**



# Dipstick screening

- Detects mainly albumin  
→ Underestimate (others & degraded alb.)
- Trace may not be significant
- +1 frequently miss microalbuminuria



# Dipstick screening

**AAP no longer recommends non-selective screening of healthy children for kidney disease using urinalysis at any age**

# Microalbuminuria



**30-300 mg/g creatinine**

**Prognosis of CKD by GFR  
and Albuminuria Categories**

**KDIGO, 2012**

Albuminuria categories Description and range		
A1	A2	A3
Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased
<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-299 mg/g 3-29 mg/mmol	≥300 mg/g ≥30 mg/mmol

GFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) Description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90			
	G2	Mildly decreased	60-90			
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59			
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44			
	G4	Severely decreased	15-29			
	G5	Kidney failure	<15			

Green: low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD); Yellow: moderately increased risk; Orange: high risk; Red, very high risk.

1	<30	30-300	>300
2			
3a			
3b			
4			
5			



- **Proteinuria accelerates CKD progression**

**Renal injury/reduced nephron mass**



**Increased glomerular capillary pressure**



**Podocyte dysfunction/loss**



**Increased glomerular permeability to macromolecules**

**Increased glomerular permeability to macromolecules**



**Increased filtration of plasma proteins**



**Excessive tubular reabsorption**



**Release of vasoactive and inflammatory proteins**



**Tubular cell apoptosis, monocyte infiltration, accumulation in the interstitium of extracellular matrix**



**Scarring/GFR loss**

**Hyperfiltration**

**Tubular Ptn load**

**Pro-inflammatory**

**Profibrotic**

# **↑ filtered PCT protein content**

- **PI Protein exposure**
- **Excess PCT cell protein (receptor) handling**
- ➔ **proinflammatory & profibrotic mediators**

# **↑ filtered PCT protein content**

**→ NF-κB dependent & independent pathways → upregulated chemotactic & adhesion molecules**

**↑ tubular chemokine expression, complement activation & macrophage infiltration**

**→ ↑ interstitial infl. & fibrogenesis**

# Proteinuria accelerates CKD progression

- Loss of selectivity & filtration of larger proteins, Ig, C, etc
- Mesangial stretch → ↑ TGF-β

# Proteinuria accelerates CKD progression

- **Antigenic effects of albumin degradation products**
- **Promote excr. of bound toxins/mediators**
- **Protein binding of protective molecules**  
**Retinol binding → ↓ podocyte regeneration**  
**↑ oxidative damage**



- **Effect of albumin infusions on proteinuric patients with saturated albumin handling**  
→ **Essentially 100% recovered in urine**



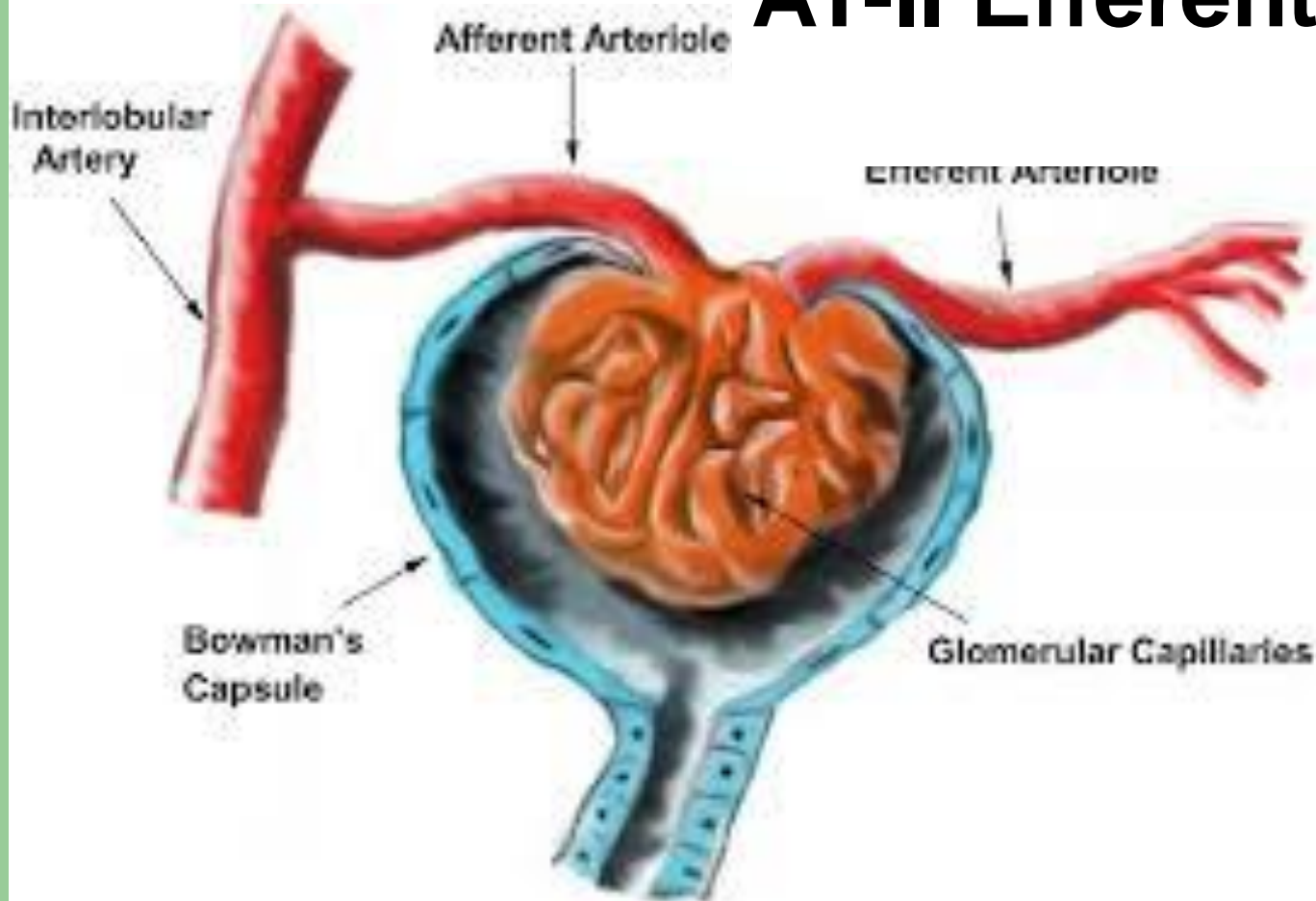
**↓ proteinuria consistently shown to be renoprotective**

- **Renoprotection associated with BP lowering dependent on initial proteinuria**
- **Independent of CKD progression, proteinuria ↑ CV risk (adult—based evidence)**

# RAAS blockade in AKI?

## RAAS blockade & Nephroprotection

### AT-II Efferent VC



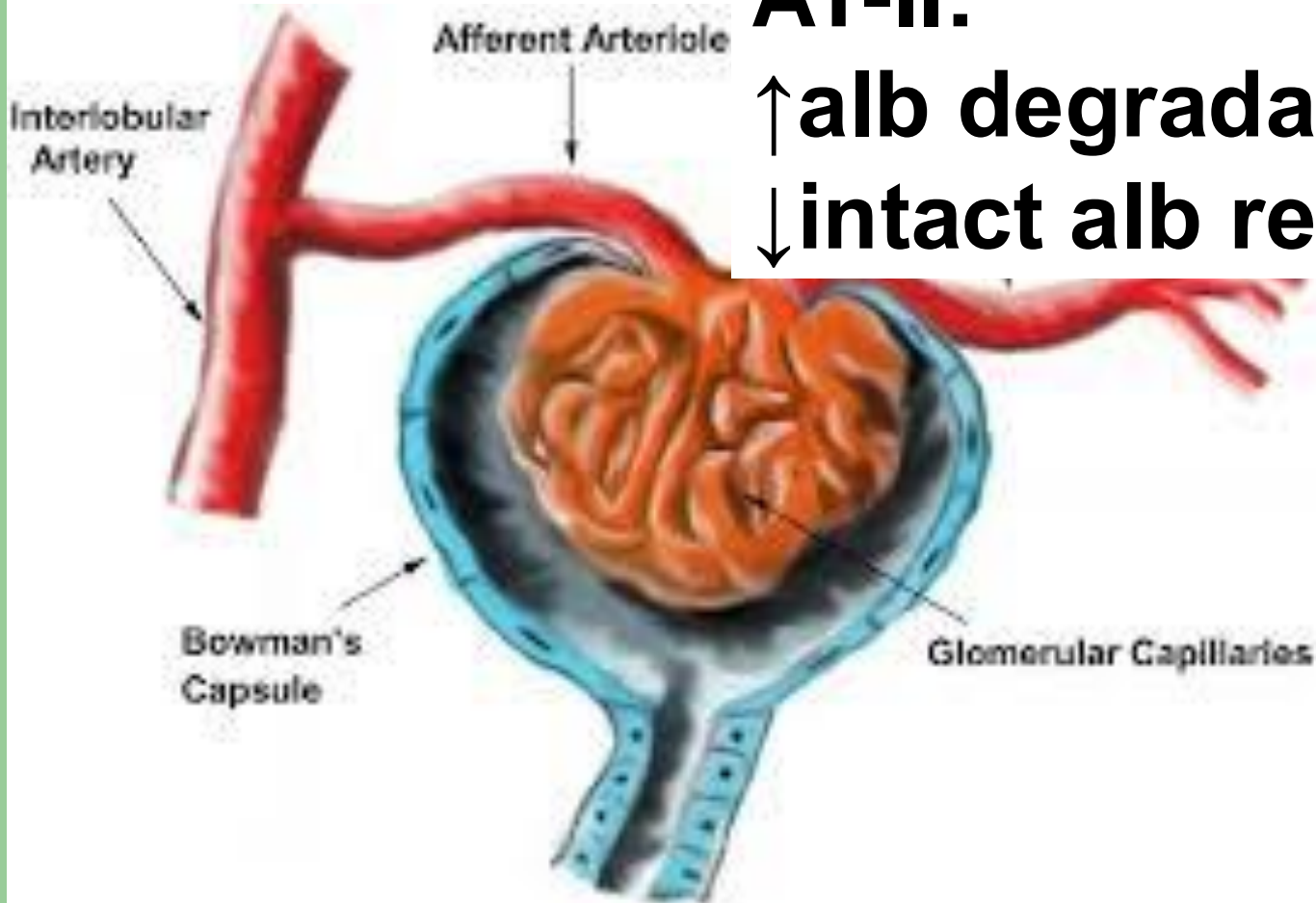
# RAAS blockade in AKI?

## RAAS blockade & Nephroprotection

**AT-II:**

↑ alb degradation

↓ intact alb reabsorp.



# RAAS blockade

- Hemodynamic effect  
(BP, glomerular P & SA)
- ↓ AT II shift alb degradation → reabsorption
- ↓ inflammation
- ↓ salt & water retention

# RAAS blockade

- **Associated with better renal protection despite similar BP control**
- 1<sup>st</sup> line in proteinuric CKD**

# RAAS blockade

- **Ramipril/ARB (non-kid. metabolism)**
- **Combination not supported**
- **Check change in proteinuria & aim for max. approved/ tolerated dose**
- **Caution in CKD4, avoid/ stop if volume depletion, AKI, hyper-K**
- **Teratogenic effect**

# SGLT*i*



- **Empagliflozin**
- **Dapagliflozin**
- **Canagliflozin**

**Delay CKD progression & ↓ CV  
risk in diabetic kidney disease**

# SGLT2 Inhibitors



- Diuretic effect
- Glycosuria
- Nephroprotection
- Erythropoietin increase



- Decreased left ventricular mass
- Improved diastolic function



- Reduced vascular stiffness
- Improved endothelial function



- Increased utilization of ketone bodies
- Improved energy processes

# SGLT

**AFFERENT**

**VD →**

**↑ filtration,  
glom P &  
permeability**

**PCT →**

**Na—glucose  
reabsorption**

**EFFERENT**

**↓ Adenosine**

**↓ distal Na**

**& Tubuloglom. feedback**

**Na—H exchanger  
colocalizes**

# SGLT*i*

**AFFERENT  
VD →**

**↑ filtration,  
glom P &  
permeability**

**PCT →**

**Na—glucose  
reabsorption**

**EFFERENT**

**↓ Adenosine**

**VD synergic RAAS*i***

**↓ distal Na RESTORE**

**&Tubuloglom. feedback**

**Na—H exchanger**

**colocalizes Natriuresis**

# SGLT*i*

**+Protect podocytes &  
↑podocyte autophagy**

**+Inhibit pro-inflammatory &  
pro—oxidant pathways**

# **SGLTi; Based on Diabetic Kidney Disease**

---

# Adult non-diabetic proteinuric CKD

- **Encouraging signals from RCTs**
- **Available evidence clearly supports down to GFR 20**
- **Benefit in non-proteinuric needs further/ longer studies**
- **Pediatric use still experimental or off-label**

# Mineralocorticoid antagonist

- **Spirolactone & Finerenone**  
(Non—steroidal mineralocorticoid antagonist)

# Mineralocorticoid antagonist

↑ **mineralocorticoid activity:**

- **Pro-inflammatory**
- **Profibrotic**

**Protective**

- **BM changes & podocyte injury**
- **Mesangial proliferation**
- **Endothelial dysfunction**

**Direct anti Proteinuric**

# Diuretics

- **Thiazides shown to ↓ proteinuria by >35% in several studies**
  - **Effect ↑ by low-salt**
- BP & vol control & glomerular hyperfiltration**

# Diuretics

- **Thiazide-like drugs as indapamide: same effect**
- **Others less explored but possible:  
Loop- acetazolamide-- amiloride**

# ET-1 R antagonist

**Short-term atrasentan can  
↓ proteinuria**

**Long-term effect uncertain**

- ↓ glomerular hyperfiltration
- ↓ inflammation & tubular protective
- Na, water retention

# Non-dihydropyridine CCB

- **Verapamil**
- **Diltiazem**

# Corticosteroids & CNIs

**Complement inhibitor**

- **Iptacoban**

**FB in PNH**

**FDA 2024 for adult IgAN after RAASi**

- **Proteinuria accelerates CKD progression**
- **Several mechanisms lead to damage, infl. & fibrosis**
- **Decreasing proteinuria renoprotective**
- **RAAS blockade 1<sup>st</sup> line in proteinuric CKD**
- **SGLTi proven in diabetic kidney disease. Promising in others**
- **Mineralocorticoid antagonists, diuretics esp thiazides & ET-1 antagonist**
- **Control of underlying process**



**T**  
**H**  
**A**  
**N**  
**K**  
  
**Y**  
**O**  
**U**