



# Urinary biomarkers of chronic kidney disease

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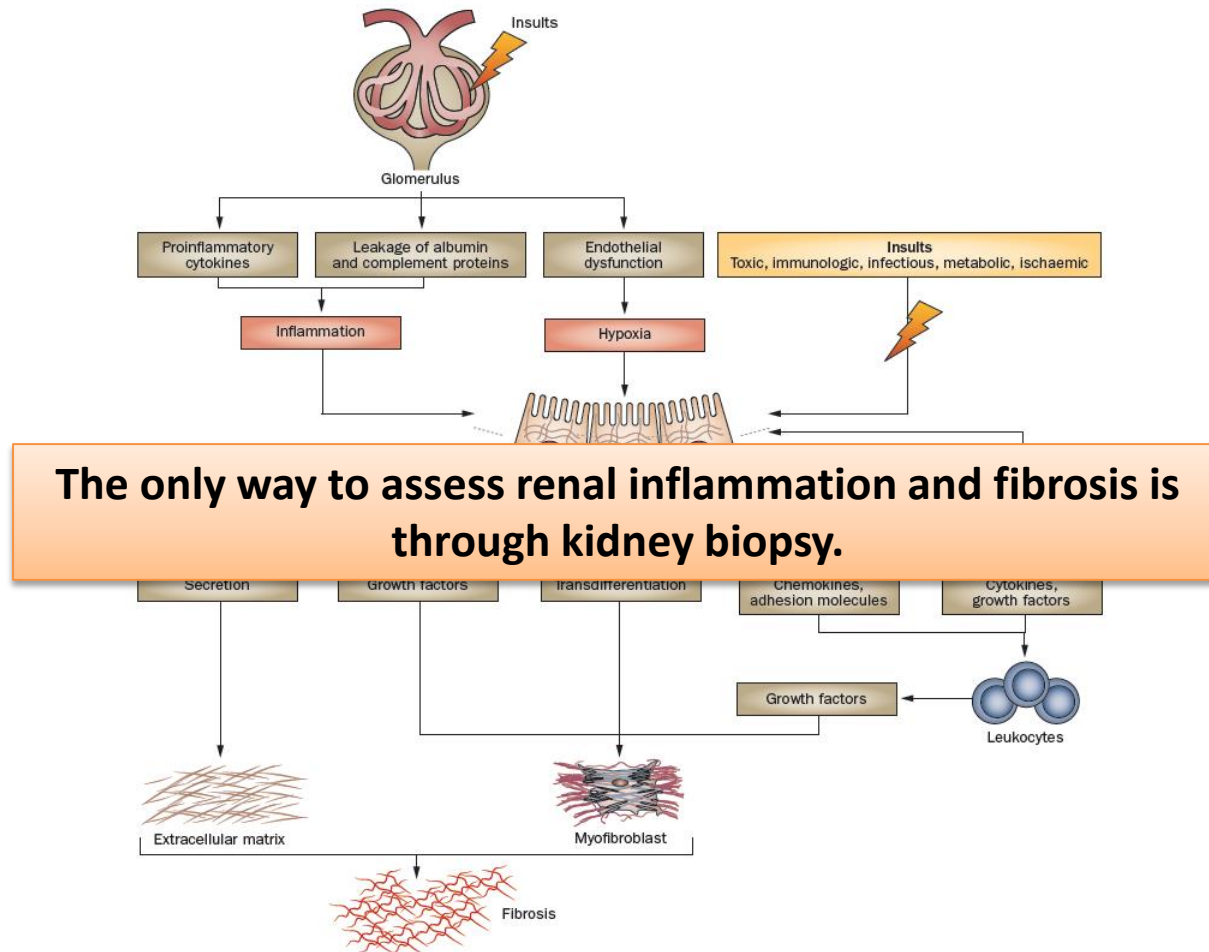
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# **Novel biomarker is needed for Precise Medicine of kidney disease**

- **China's adult prevalence rate of CKD is 10.8%**
- **The biomarkers for early detection and dynamic monitor of kidney disease is still missing**
- **Novel biomarkers are needed for precise diagnosis**

# CKD is a progressive disease from inflammation to fibrosis

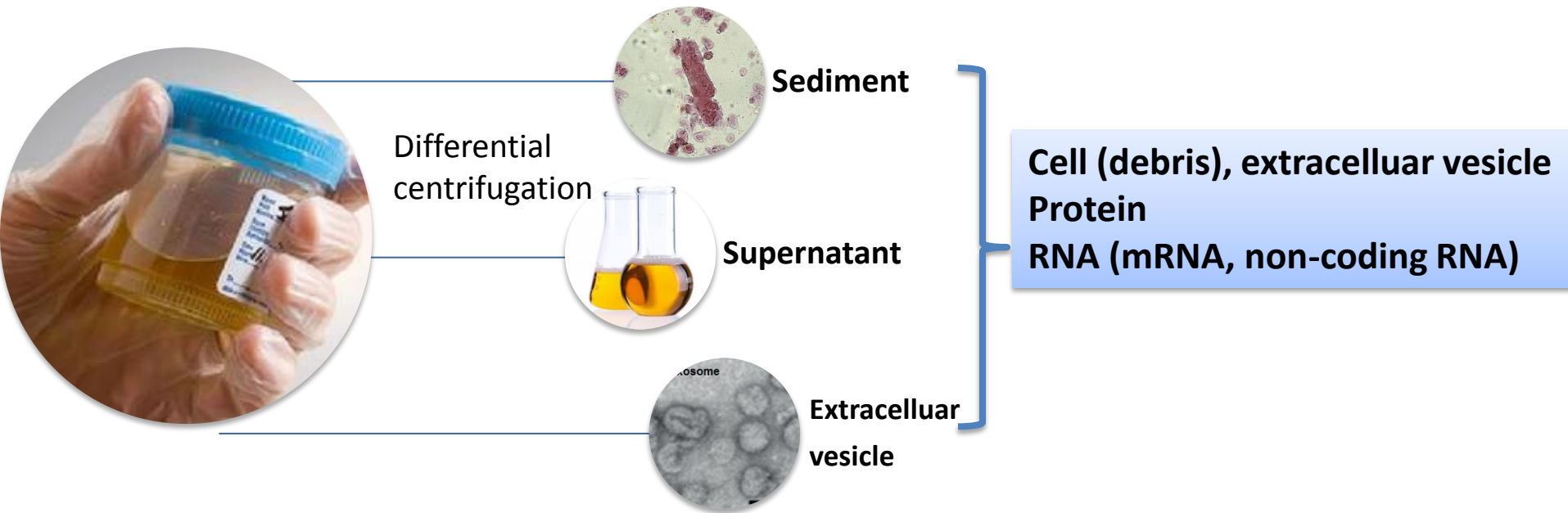


# **Noninvasive** diagnostic biomarkers are needed to complement kidney biopsy

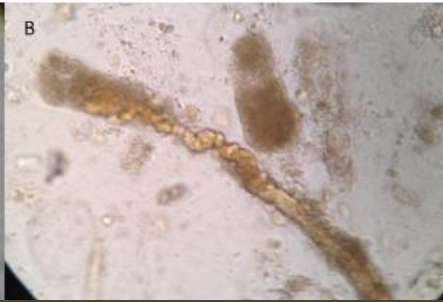
- Kidney biopsy is an invasive procedure and cannot be performed repeatedly
- It is associated with discomfort and a risk of major complications
- Cannot be employed in the early detection and screening test



# Urine contains rich biological information: An ideal source for non-invasive biomarker



# Urine sediment examination is a well-established test in the evaluation of patients with kidney disease

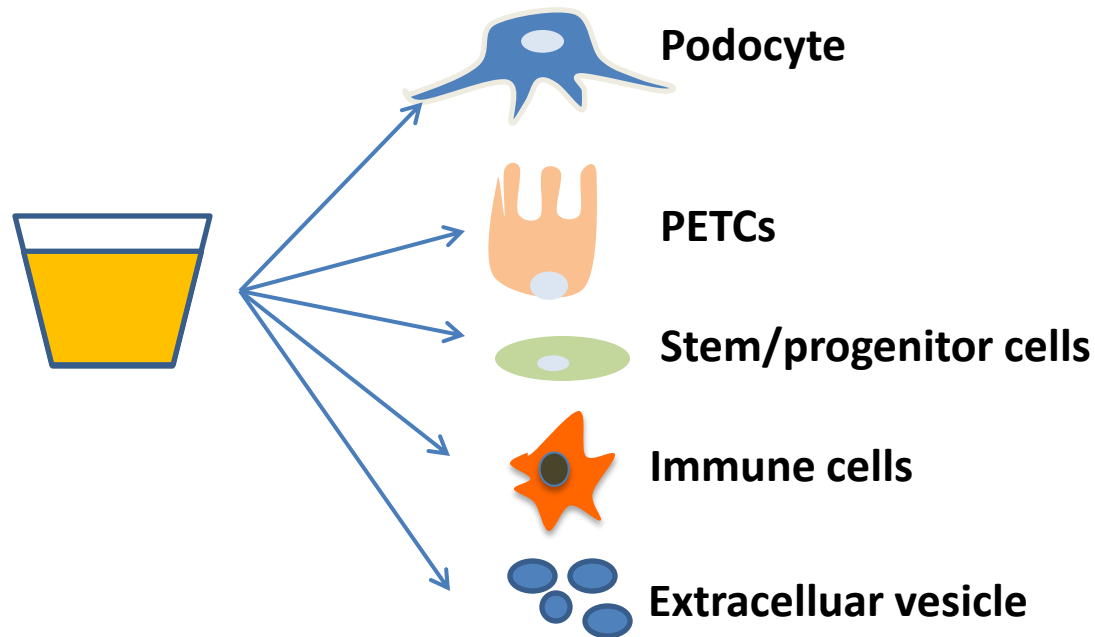


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**More information to be explored in Urine sediment!**

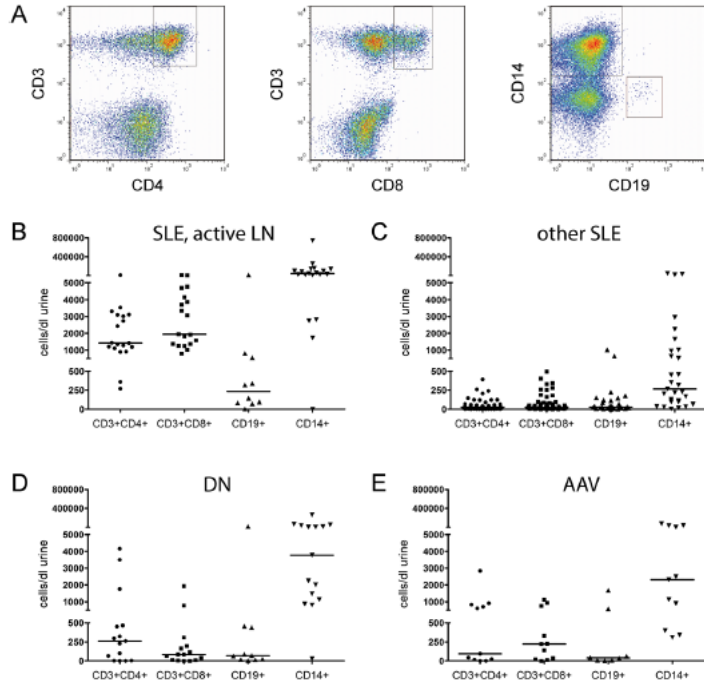


# Human Urine as a Noninvasive Source of Kidney Cells

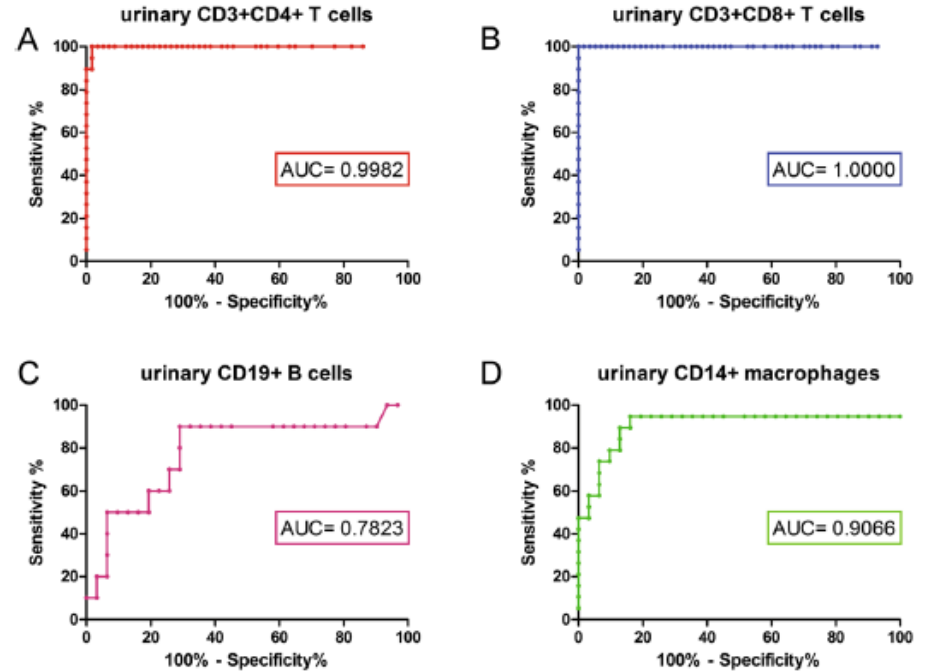


# Urinary immune cell biomarker for Lupus nephritis

Urinary cells in SLE patients and in patients with different nephropathies.



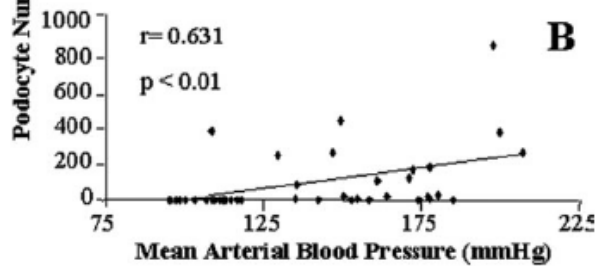
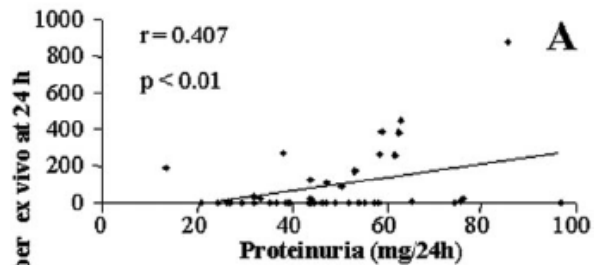
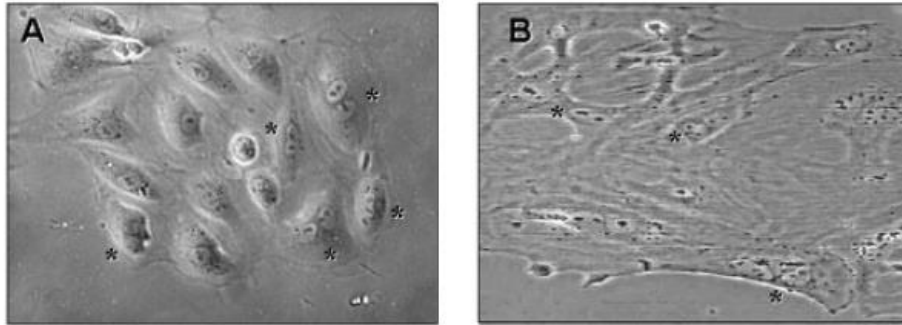
Diagnosing proliferative lupus nephritis (LN) among SLE patients



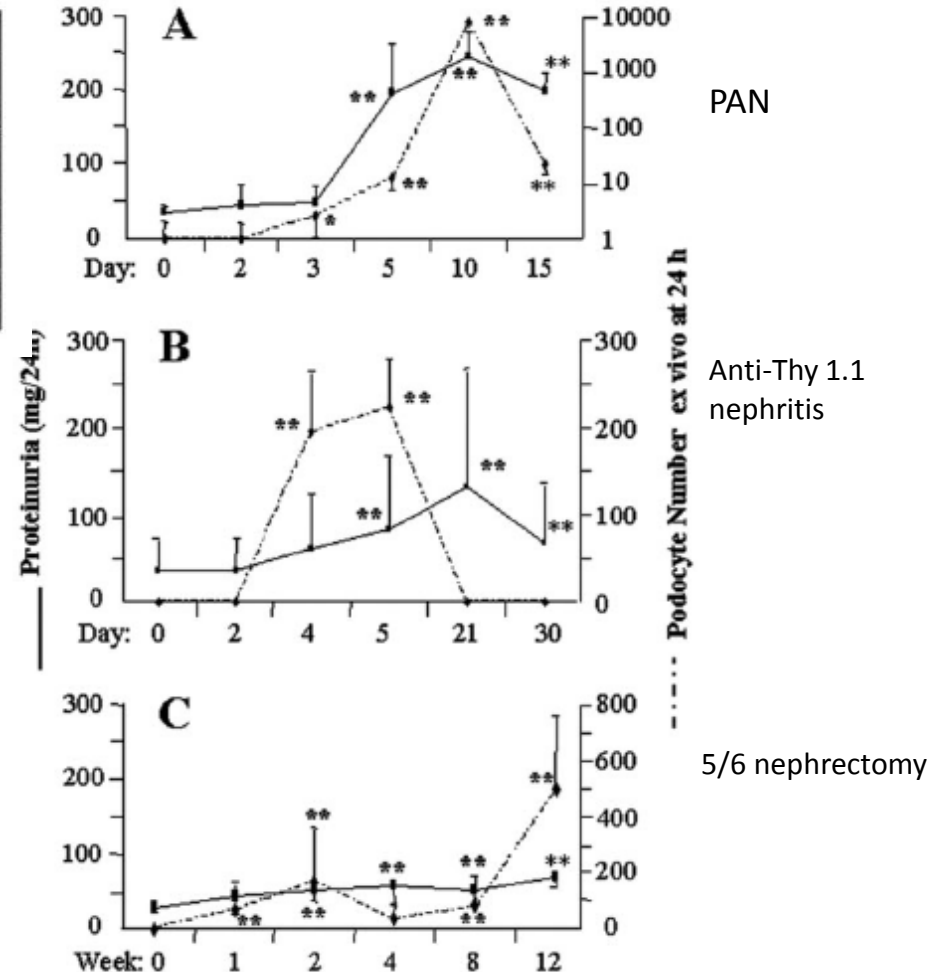


# Urinary Podocyte Loss Is a Specific Marker of Ongoing Glomerular Damage

Viable Podocytes from the Urine

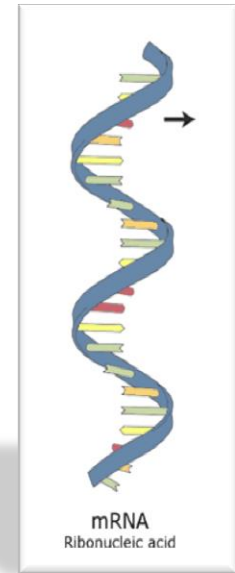


Time course of podocyturia and proteinuria in the different disease models



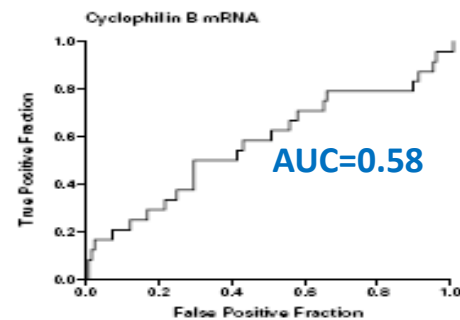
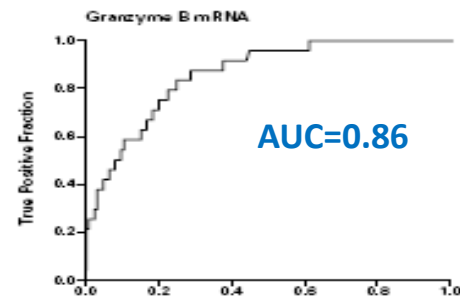
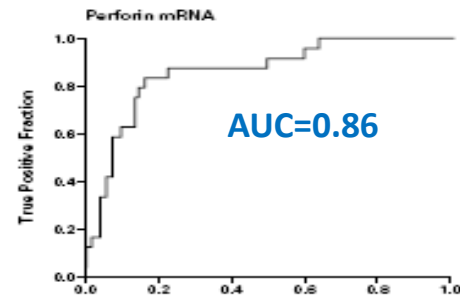
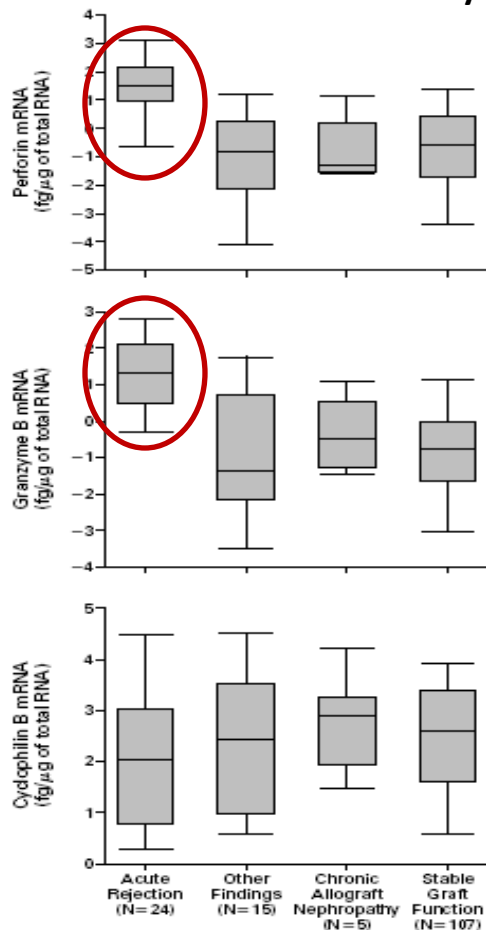
# Urinary sediment RNA—Novel CKD Biomarkers

- Urinary sediments contains shedding cells originated from the kidney and urinary tract.
- Real-time PCR can make rapid detection with low cost.
- Genetic markers are more stable compared with protein markers.

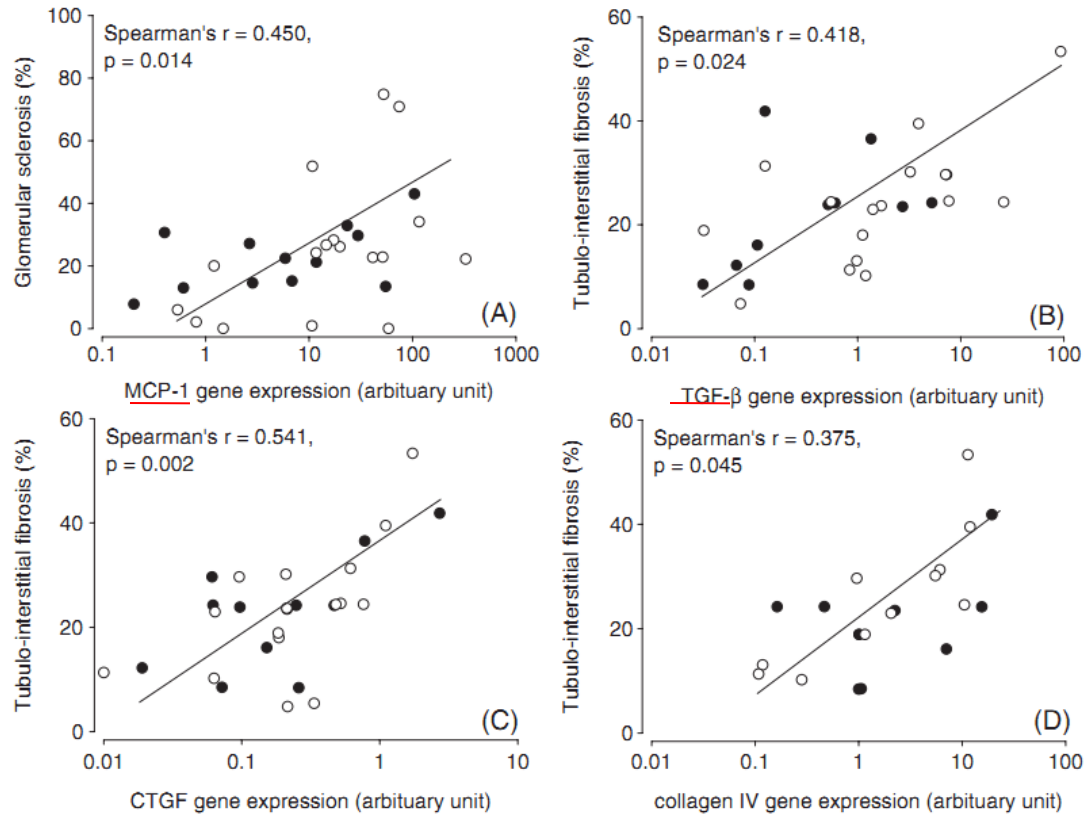


# Urinary Perforin, Granzyme B mRNA in Diagnosing Acute Rejection of Renal Allografts

Levels of mRNA in Urinary Cells.



# Relation Between Cytokine mRNA Expression in Urinary Sediment and Histological Damage

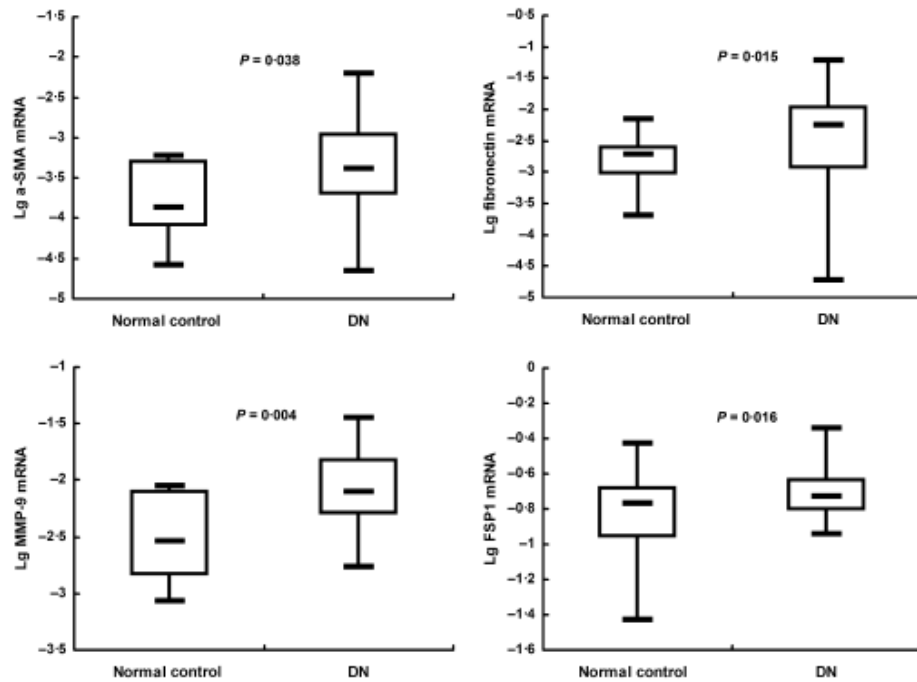


# Urinary HGF mRNA may be a useful tool for predicting CKD progression

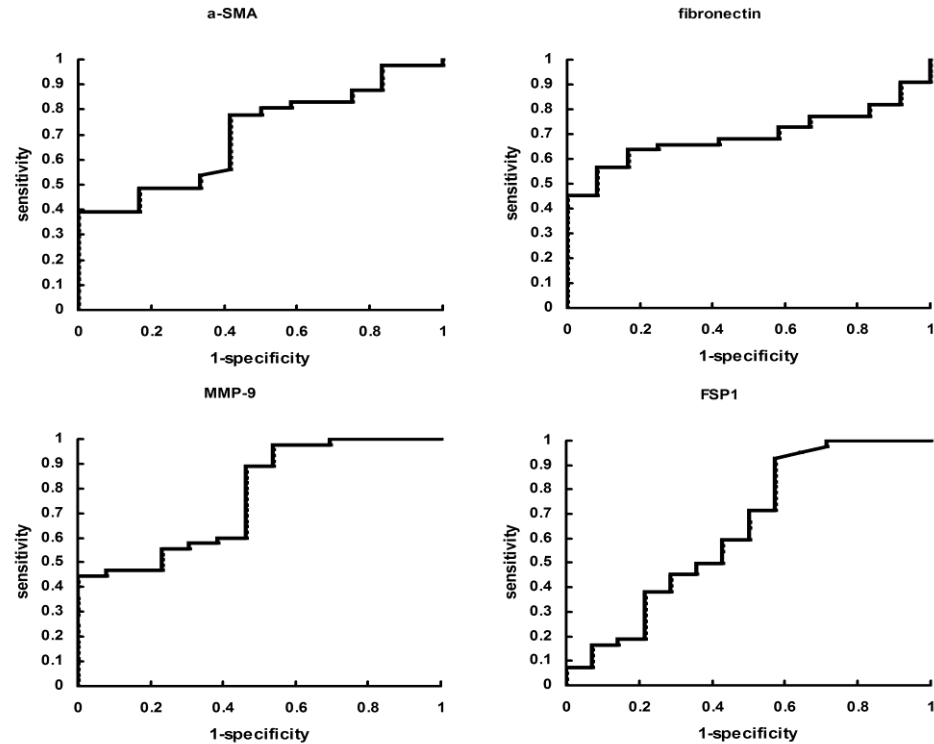
	Hazard Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	P
Sex*	2.203	1.137-4.265	0.019
Age (y)	1.044	1.021-1.067	<0.001
Proteinuria (g/d)	1.076	1.032-1.121	<0.001
Estimated GFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	0.951	0.934-0.969	<0.001
Renal diagnosis			<0.001†
Diabetic nephropathy	5.222	1.748-15.604	0.003‡
Tubulointerstitial scarring (%)	1.042	1.029-1.055	<0.001
Glomerulosclerosis (%)	1.021	1.011-1.032	<0.001
<u>Urinary mRNA expression§</u>			
CTGF	1.453	0.946-2.232	0.088
HGF	1.035	1.003-1.067	0.031
Vascular endothelial growth factor	0.998	0.989-1.006	0.607
TGF-β1	0.977	0.920-1.036	0.436
MCP-1	2.536	0.633-10.167	0.189
Collagen I	1.367	0.730-2.561	0.329
Collagen III	1.003	0.995-1.012	0.419
Collagen IV	1.027	0.943-1.118	0.543
Fibronectin	1.022	0.933-1.119	0.643
Caspase 3	0.952	0.736-1.231	0.705
α-Smooth muscle actin	0.958	0.870-1.056	0.392

# Urinary sediment $\alpha$ -SMA, fibronectin, MMP-9 and FSP1 mRNA increased significantly in DN patients

Urine mRNA level

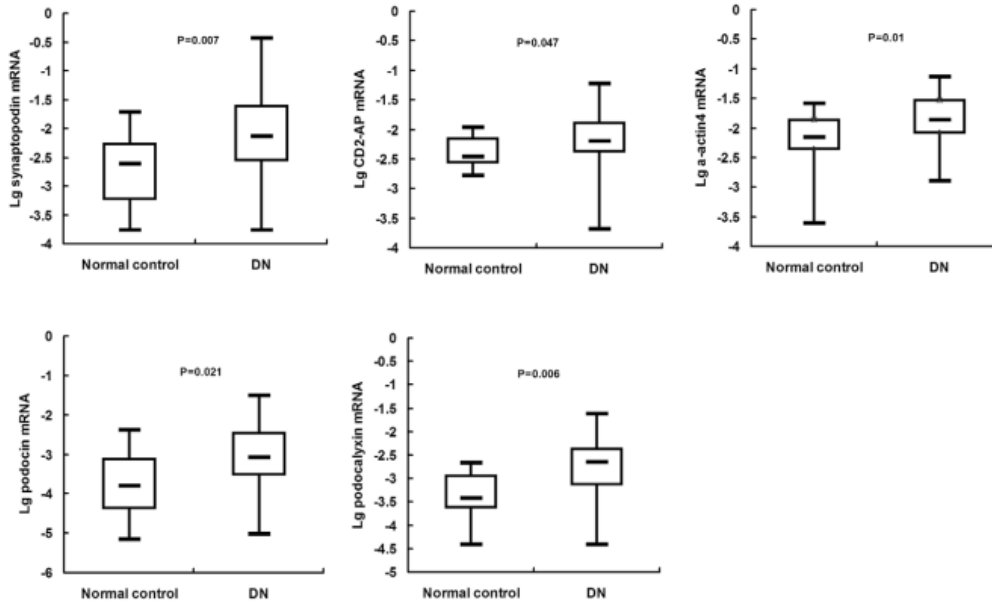


ROC of urine mRNA for identifying DN

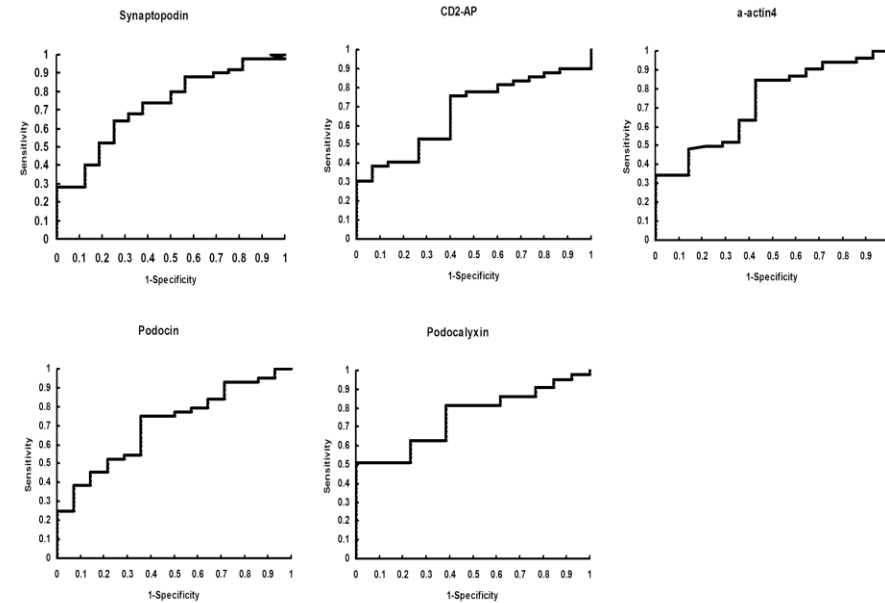


# Urinary sediment Podocyte mRNA expression in diagnosing DN

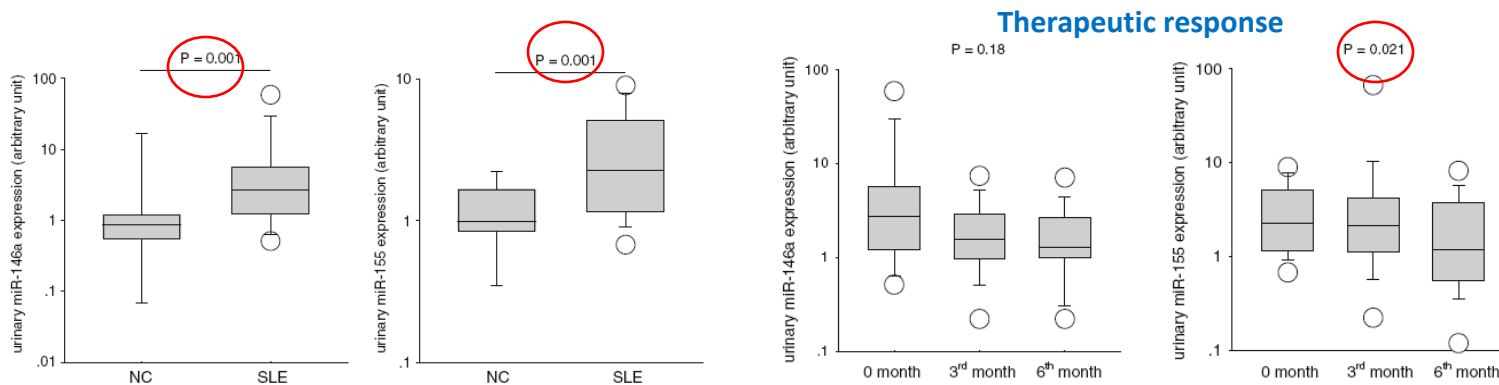
## Urine mRNA level



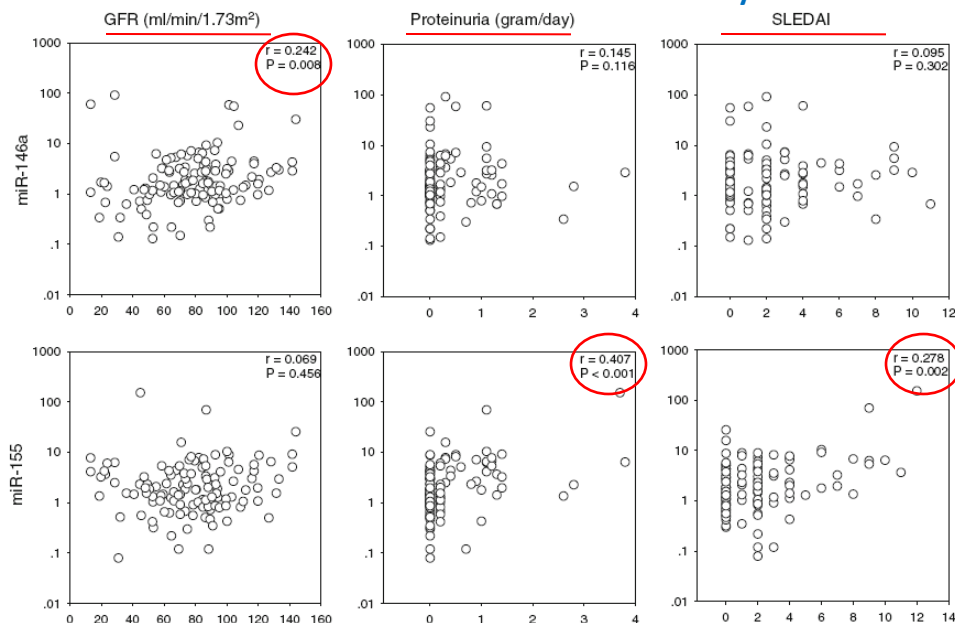
## ROC of urine mRNA for identifying DN



# miR-146a and miR-155 from **urine sediment** could be used as potential markers of lupus nephritis



## Renal function and disease activity





# PCR array for Urinary sediment mRNA Detection

<i>COL5A2</i>	<i>AGT</i>	<i>NFKB1</i>	<i>MAPK14</i>	<i>transferin</i>	<i>RBP4</i>	<i>cytokeratin18</i>	<i>FABP1</i>	<i>Fn</i>	<i>PAI-1</i>	<i>α-SMA</i>	<i>H</i>
<i>wt-1</i>	<i>IFN-γ</i>	<i>MCP-1</i>	<i>TNF-α</i>	<i>nephrin</i>	<i>TGFβ</i>	<i>MAPK8</i>	<i>JAG2</i>	<i>JAG1</i>	<i>NOTCH4</i>	<i>NOTCH3</i>	<i>G</i>
<i>NOTCH2</i>	<i>NOTCH1</i>	<i>NGAL</i>	<i>KIM-1</i>	<i>ACE2</i>	<i>ACE</i>	<i>REN</i>	<i>RAGE</i>	<i>PPARG</i>	<i>UMOD</i>	<i>B2M</i>	<i>F</i>
<i>AMBP</i>	<i>CP</i>	<i>RANTES</i>	<i>LAMA5</i>	<i>LAMC2</i>	<i>BMP7</i>	<i>SMAD7</i>	<i>SMAD4</i>	<i>SMAD3</i>	<i>SMAD2</i>	<i>SMAD1</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>ILK</i>	<i>ETS1</i>	<i>LEF1</i>	<i>SNAI2</i>	<i>SNAI1</i>	<i>TWIST1</i>	<i>CDH2</i>	<i>DES</i>	<i>FSP1</i>	<i>VIM</i>	<i>CDH1</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>COL4A1</i>	<i>COL3A1</i>	<i>TIMP1</i>	<i>TIMP2</i>	<i>MMP9</i>	<i>MMP2</i>	<i>PODXL2</i>	<i>PODXL</i>	<i>ACTN4</i>	<i>SYNPO</i>	<i>FAT1</i>	<i>C</i>
<i>CDH3</i>	<i>ZO-1</i>	<i>ITGB1</i>	<i>ITGA3</i>	<i>CD2AP</i>	<i>NPHS2</i>	<i>CRP</i>	<i>VCAM1</i>	<i>ICAM1</i>	<i>IL18</i>	<i>IL8</i>	<i>B</i>
<i>IL6</i>	<i>IL1B</i>	<i>IL1A</i>	<i>EGF</i>	<i>FGF23</i>	<i>PDGF-B</i>	<i>VEGF-B</i>	<i>VEGF-C</i>	<i>CTGF</i>	<i>IGF1</i>	<i>HGF</i>	<i>A</i>



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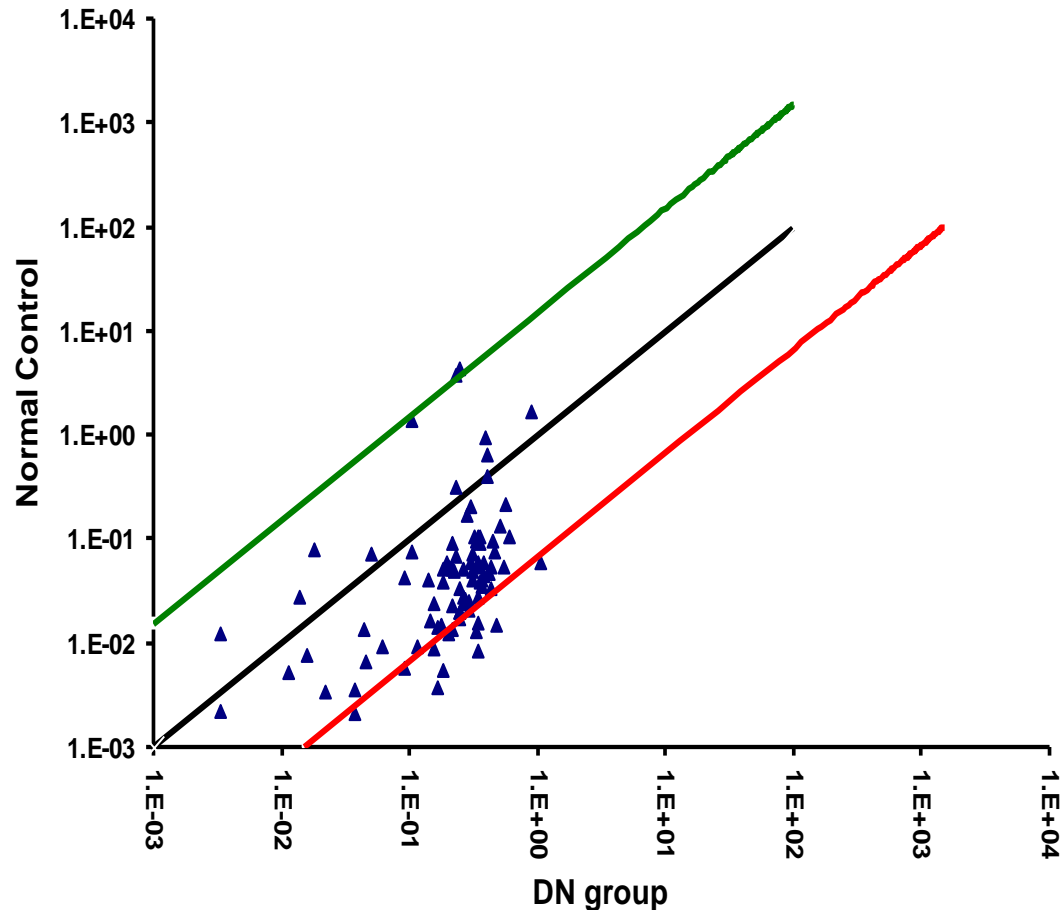


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# Fold Change Expressions of multiple mRNAs Between DN Patients and Controls

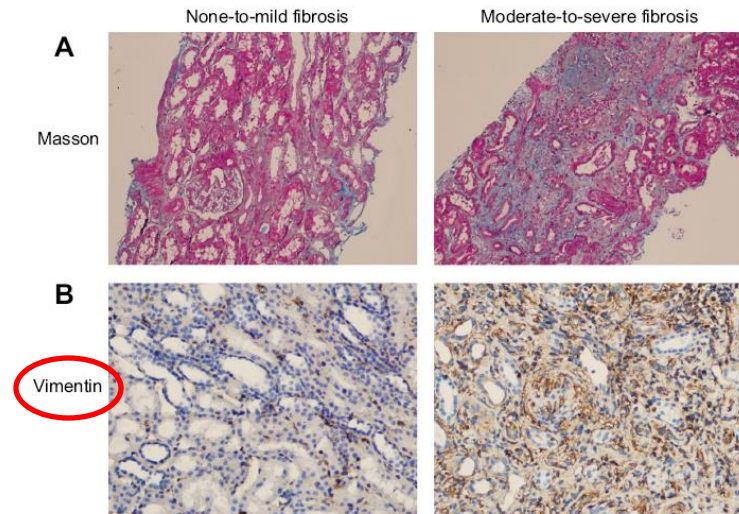


Fold change expressions of mRNAs between DN patients and controls. Red and green lines represent fold change above or below 15 respectively. Those mRNAs with 15 fold increased levels when DN patients were compared with normal controls included 8 ones as followings: NOTCH3, ACTN4, CDH2, ACE, FAT1, COL4A1, SYNPO, TWIST1. And TIMP-1 was found with 15 fold decreased levels in DN group compared with normal controls.

# Vimentin mRNA of urine sediment was identified from the screening study of CKD

Table 3. Functional categories and fold changes of 21 differentially regulated mRNAs

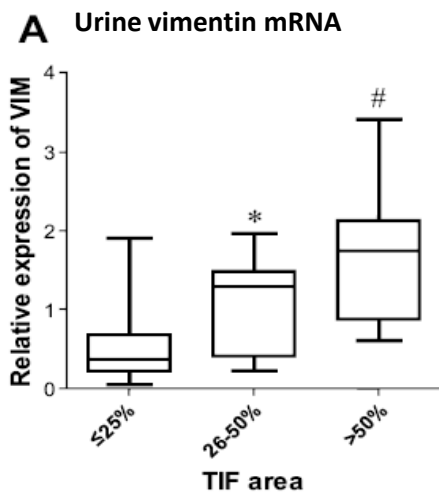
Gene Name	Functional Category	Fold Change	P Value
VIM	Mesenchymal cell marker	9.99	<0.001
HGF	Growth factor	8.50	0.014
FGF2	Growth factor	8.39	0.036
MMP7	Matrix metalloproteinase family	7.13	0.007
PPARG	Type II nuclear receptor	5.26	0.005
SMAD7	TGFβ family	5.02	0.016
MCP-1(CCL2)	Chemotactic cytokine	4.71	<0.001
SMAD2	TGFβ family	4.66	0.014
RANTES(CCL5)	Chemotactic cytokine	4.57	0.046
PODXL	Podocyte marker	4.43	0.013
TGFβ1-R	TGFβ family	4.27	0.038
FSP-1	S100 family	3.39	<0.001
CCL4	Chemotactic cytokine	3.37	0.008
P53	Tumor suppressor gene	3.25	0.012
TLR2	Toll-like receptor	3.08	0.036
PAI-1	Serine protease inhibitor	3.06	0.021
FN1	Extracellular matrix component	2.92	0.040
TIMP1	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinases	2.74	<0.001
TNF	TNF family	2.63	0.006
MMP9	Matrix metalloproteinase family	2.55	0.024
TGFβ1	TGFβ family	2.23	0.006



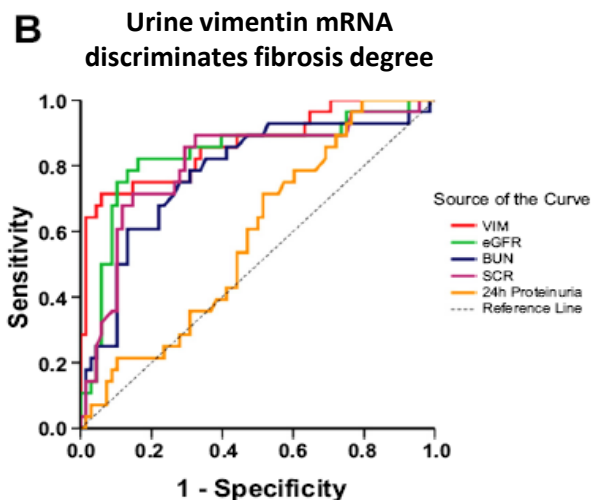
# vimentin mRNA was validated in an independent set of study

Table 2. Characteristics of the study subjects

	Control (n = 31)		CKD (n = 135)		P Value	
	Training (n = 11)	Validation (n = 20)	Training (n = 39)	Validation (n = 96)	Training	Validation
Age, yr	36 ± 10	34 ± 10	42 ± 15 <sup>a</sup>	42 ± 15 <sup>a</sup>	0.253 <sup>c</sup>	0.056 <sup>c</sup>
Gender (male/female)	4/7	8/12	19/20	40/56	0.468 <sup>d</sup>	0.170 <sup>d</sup>
SBP, mmHg	119 ± 10	126 ± 8	136 ± 15 <sup>a</sup>	133 ± 20 <sup>a</sup>	0.061 <sup>c</sup>	0.084 <sup>c</sup>
DBP, mmHg	80 ± 8	82 ± 6	86 ± 19 <sup>a</sup>	83 ± 14 <sup>a</sup>	0.279 <sup>c</sup>	0.271 <sup>c</sup>
Scr, mmol/l	63 ± 8	61 ± 9	116 ± 90 <sup>a</sup>	93 ± 57 <sup>a</sup>	0.001 <sup>c</sup>	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
eGFR, <sup>e</sup> ml <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> ·1.73 m <sup>-2</sup>	116 ± 10	117 ± 11	82 ± 36 <sup>a</sup>	90 ± 35 <sup>a</sup>	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
BUN, mmol/l	4.71 ± 1.07	3.80 ± 0.97	7.27 ± 3.91 <sup>a</sup>	6.80 ± 4.62 <sup>a</sup>	0.001 <sup>c</sup>	<0.001 <sup>c</sup>
Proteinuria, g/day	/	/	2.77 (0.11,18.32) <sup>b</sup>	2.89 (0.29,12.80) <sup>b</sup>	/	/
Score of glomerular sclerosis	/	/	0.80 (0.00,4.00) <sup>b</sup>	0.52 (0.00,4.00) <sup>b</sup>	/	/
Score of TIF, %	/	/	18 (0.5,80) <sup>b</sup>	10 (0.5,90) <sup>b</sup>	/	/



\*P<0.001 vs ≤25%,  
 \*P=0.004 vs >50%  
 #P<0.001 vs 26-50%



Cao Y, Lv LL et al. Am J Physiol Renal Physiol 309: F514–F522, 2015.



# Urine supernatant inflammatory biomarkers for LN

- LN are often treated without the benefit of kidney pathology after initial treatment
- A continuous read-out of kidney pathology would be helpful in following therapy for LN
- Urine inflammatory cytokines might be biomarker of histological activity.



# Urine MCP-1 and Lupus Nephritis Disease Activity

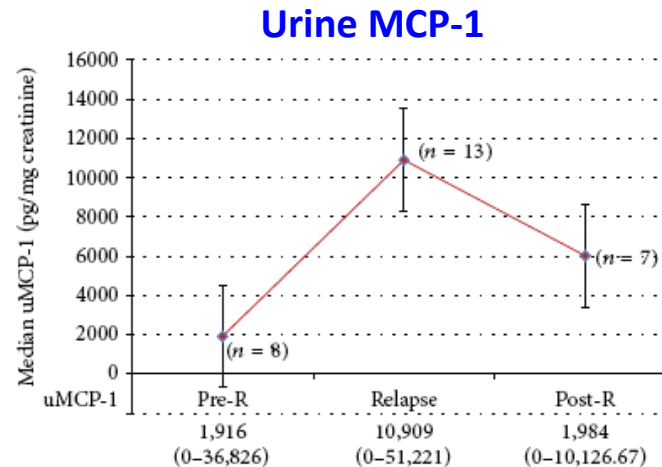


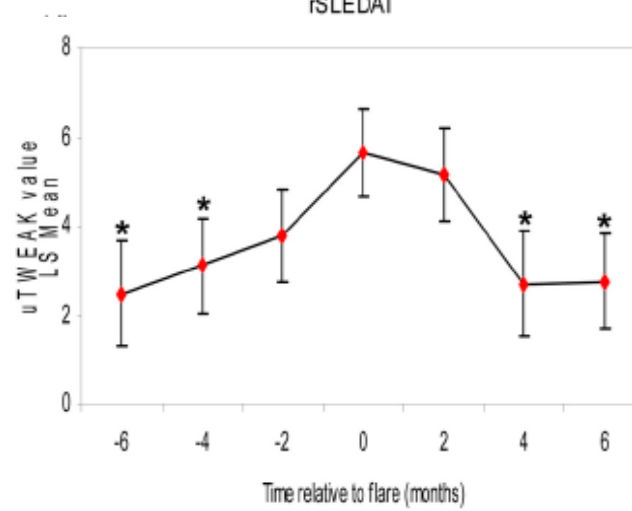
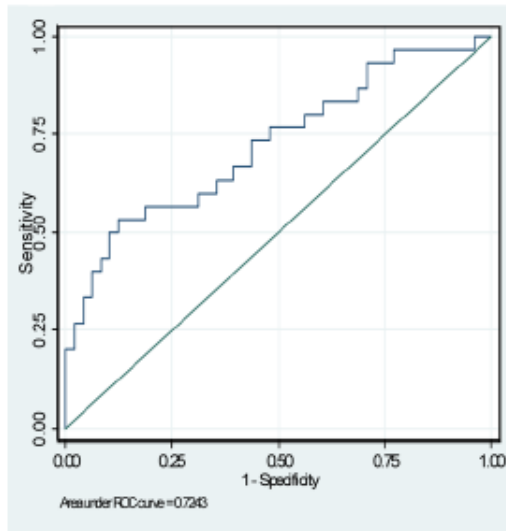
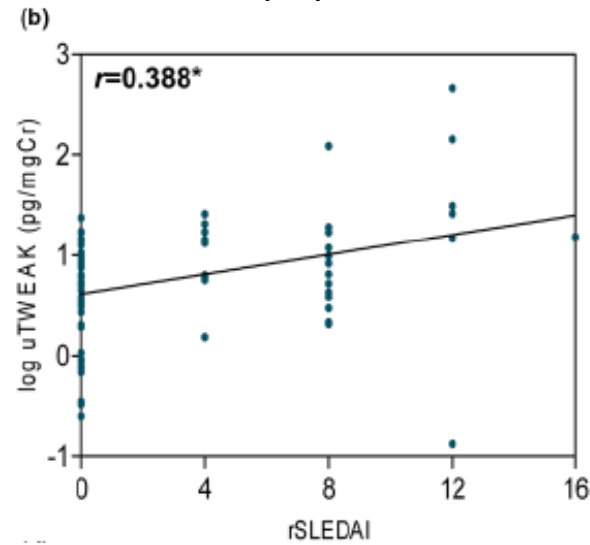
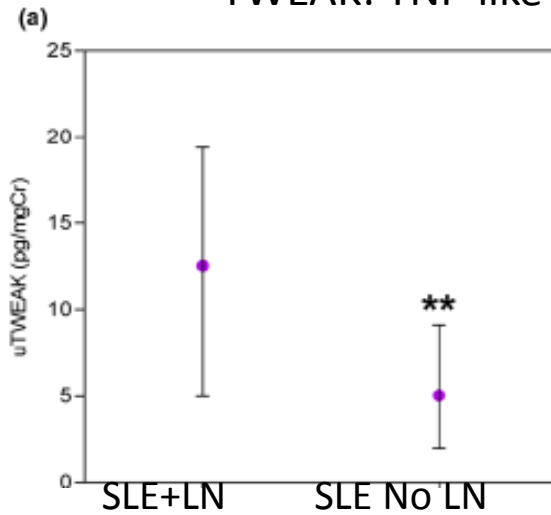
TABLE 4: Association of uMCP-1 with parameters of LN activity on follow-up.

Spearman's rho variable (active : inactive LN)	Baseline (47 : 53)		2 months (29 : 71)		4 months (22 : 78)	
	$r_{sp}$	$p$ value	$r_{sp}$	$p$ value	$r_{sp}$	$p$ value
<u>Serum albumin</u>	-0.35	<b>0.001</b>	-0.32	<b>0.001</b>	-0.22	<b>0.03</b>
<u>Serum creatinine</u>	0.09	0.38	0.14	0.15	0.24	<b>0.01</b>
<u>eGFR</u>	-0.10	0.30	-0.15	0.12	-0.24	<b>0.01</b>
Anti-dsDNA Ab titers (IU)	-0.04	0.64	-0.19	0.06	0.01	0.89
C3 (mg/dL)	-0.09	0.34	-0.29	<b>0.003</b>	-0.04	0.70
C4 (mg/dL)	0.02	0.80	-0.23	<b>0.02</b>	-0.01	0.86
Proteinuria (uPCI)	0.39	<b>0.001</b>	0.48	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.41	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<u>Leukocyturia</u>	0.26	<b>0.008</b>	0.21	<b>0.03</b>	0.19	0.06
Haematuria	0.13	0.18	0.09	0.38	0.11	0.24
<u>SLEDAI-2K global score</u>	0.27	<b>0.006</b>	0.42	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.29	<b>0.004</b>
<u>SLEDAI-2K renal score</u>	0.39	<b>0.001</b>	0.43	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.35	<b>0.001</b>
SLEDAI-2K-extrarenal score	-0.08	0.42	-0.18	0.74	-0.11	0.27



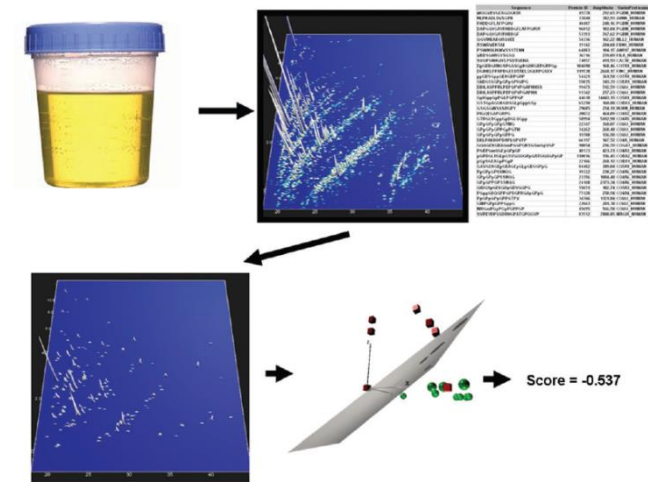
# Urinary TWEAK as a biomarker of lupus nephritis

TWEAK: TNF-like weak inducer of apoptosis





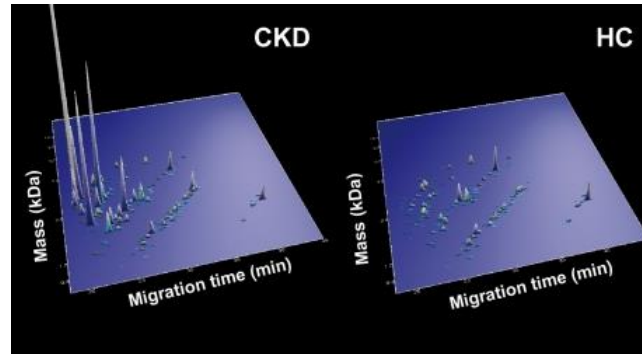
# High-throughput analysis of urine protein: Urine proteomics



- Abundance of molecular information obtained from urinary proteome analysis.
- It is at the transition towards clinical implementation.



# Urinary peptides (CKD273) is well suited for the early detection of CKD and for prognosis of progression



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## Diagnosis and Prediction of CKD Progression by Assessment of Urinary Peptides.

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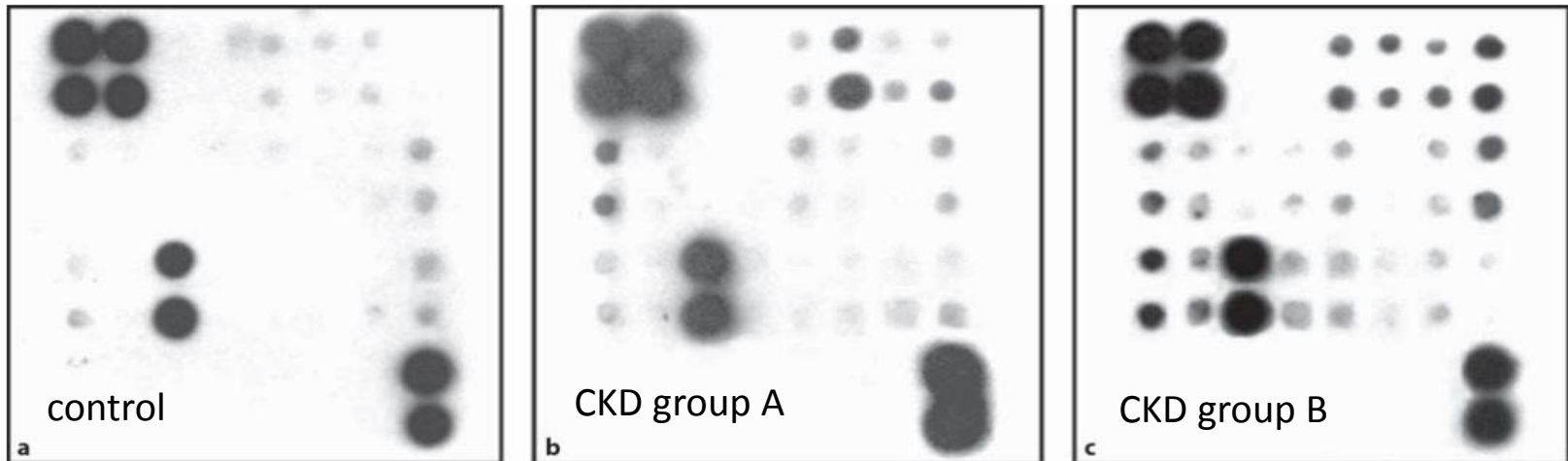
Multicentre prospective validation of a urinary peptidome-based classifier for the diagnosis of type 2 diabetic nephropathy

**PRIORITY, a multicentric intervention study  
(3280 diabetic patients)**

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# Urine cytokine increased in CKD patients

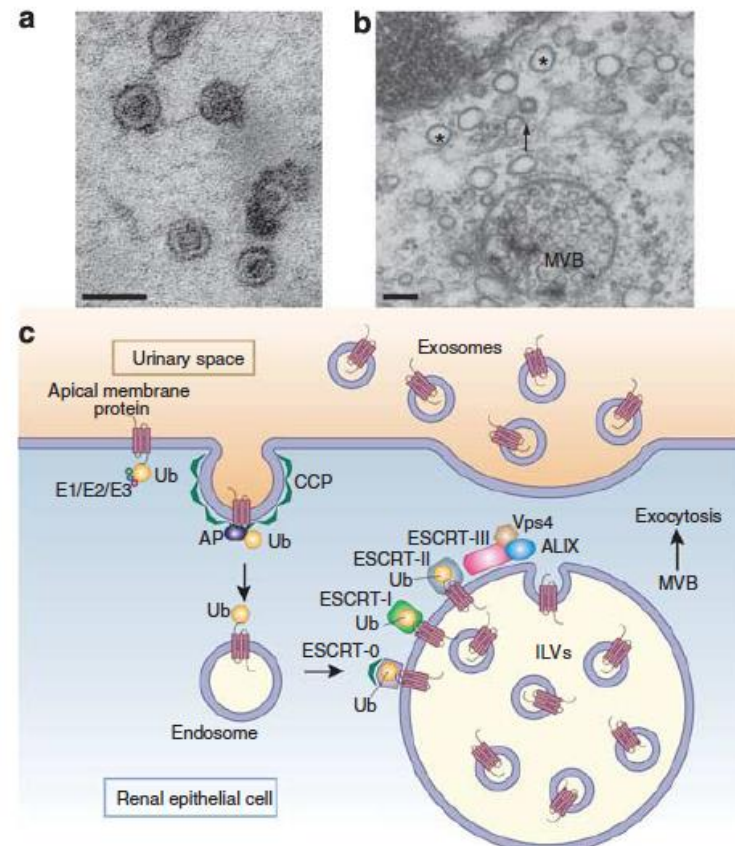


	Control group	CKD group A	CKD group B
E-selectin	1.0	4.4 ± 2.4 <sup>1</sup>	3.4 ± 2.1 <sup>1</sup>
Fas	1.0	4.3 ± 2.4 <sup>1</sup>	3.7 ± 3.7 <sup>1</sup>
ICAM-1	1.0	4.3 ± 1.7 <sup>1</sup>	1.5 ± 0.8
IL-2	1.0	4.9 ± 4.7 <sup>1</sup>	1.3 ± 0.8
MCP-1	1.0	4.9 ± 4.3 <sup>1</sup>	8.7 ± 5.1 <sup>1</sup>
MMP-2	1.0	2.3 ± 1.2 <sup>1</sup>	1.9 ± 1.5
MMP-9	1.0	492.8 ± 129.5 <sup>1</sup>	198.7 ± 82.2 <sup>1</sup>
PDGF-BB	1.0	0.2 ± 0.3 <sup>1</sup>	0.6 ± 0.4
RANTES	1.0	3.7 ± 1.0 <sup>1</sup>	6.1 ± 8.1 <sup>1</sup>
TGF-β	1.0	2.3 ± 1.4 <sup>1</sup>	0.8 ± 0.1
TIMP-1	1.0	3.2 ± 1.3 <sup>1</sup>	6.9 ± 0.6 <sup>1</sup>
TNF-α	1.0	13.5 ± 11.5 <sup>1</sup>	27.4 ± 45.5 <sup>1</sup>
VCAM-1	1.0	0.5 ± 0.7 <sup>1</sup>	1.0 ± 1.2
VE-cadherin	1.0	1.4 ± 0.7	7.3 ± 12.4 <sup>1</sup>
VEGF	1.0	3.6 ± 2.4 <sup>1</sup>	6.6 ± 5.6 <sup>1</sup>

The relative value of cytokine in each group was converted into the n-fold change, which was expressed as means ± SD. For explanation of abbreviations, see table 3.

# Urinary Extracellular Vesicles (EVs)- fluid biopsy of kidney

- Urine EVs are small particles originating from cells of different nephron segments or of the urinary tract
- Released with cytoplasmic **proteins, lipids, nucleic acids**
- Urinary EVs represent a unique source of information for diagnostic purposes



# Subsets of Extracellular Vesicles

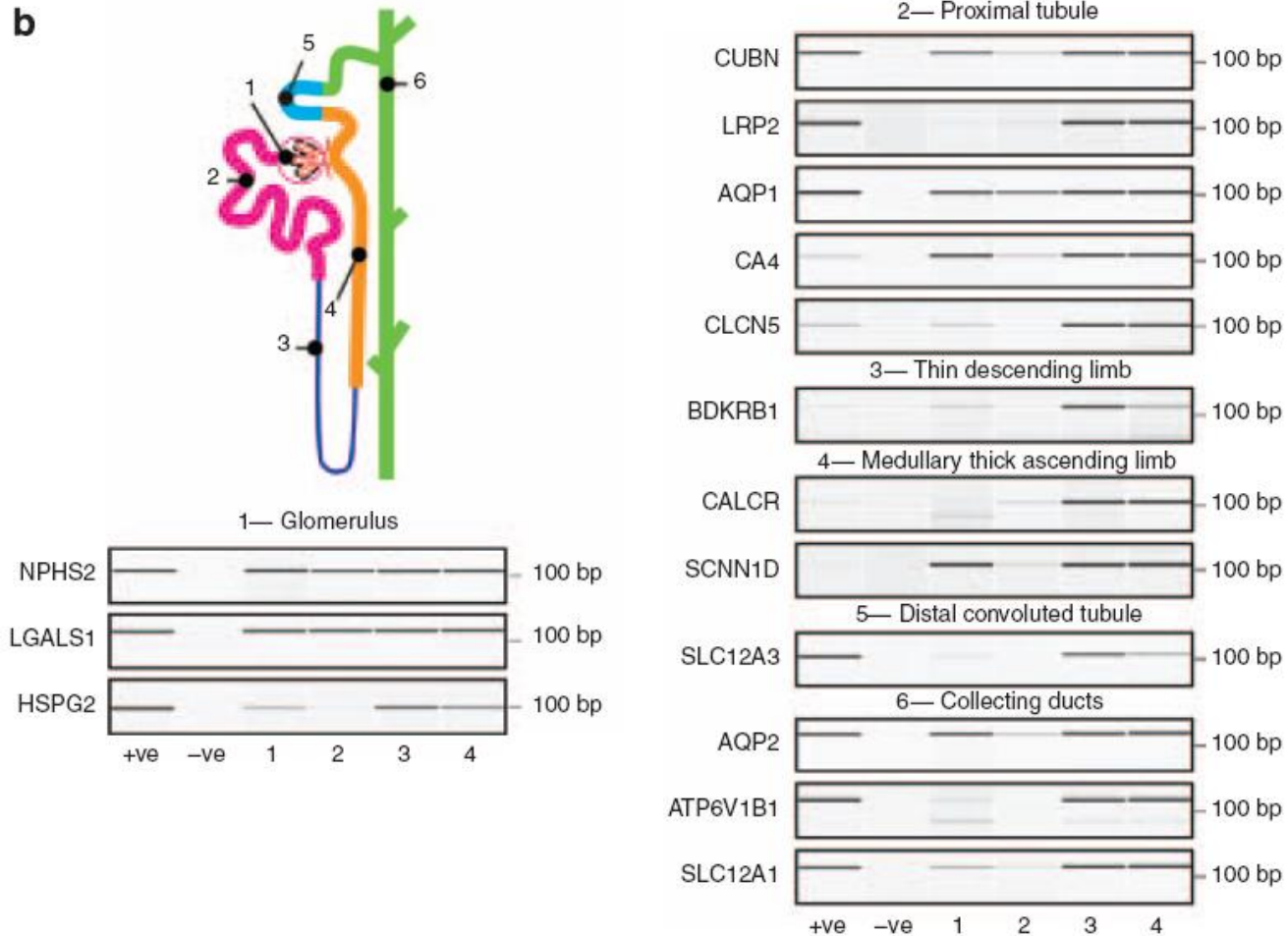
**Table 1** Characteristics of exosomes, microvesicles and apoptotic bodies

	Exosomes	Microvesicles	Apoptotic bodies
Size	30–100 nm	100–1000 nm	Up to 4000 nm
Formation and release	Formed intracellularly within multivesicular bodies	Shed from plasma membrane surface	Cellular breakdown Release from cellular blebs during apoptosis
Isolation and detection	Ultracentrifugation, electron microscopy, western blotting, mass spectrometry, nanoparticle tracking analysis	Differential centrifugation, flow cytometry, electron microscopy, western blotting, mass spectrometry, nanoparticle tracking analysis	Flow cytometry using e.g. FITC-conjugated annexin V antibody, electron microscopy
Markers	Alix, TSG101 and the tetraspanin proteins CD81 and CD9	Integrins, selectins, markers of parental cells	Genomic DNA and intact organelles, externalized phosphatidylserine
References	1–4	1–5	2–4

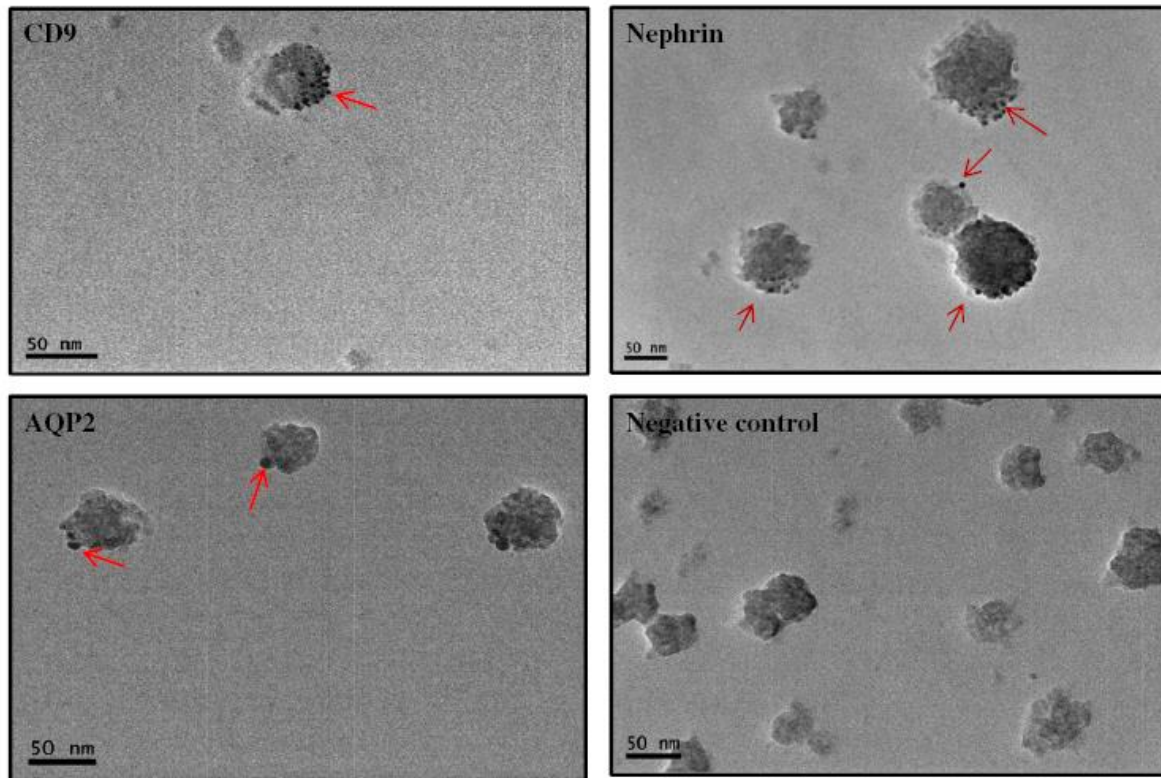


# Urinary exosome contain mRNA transcripts encoding specific genes from various regions of kidney

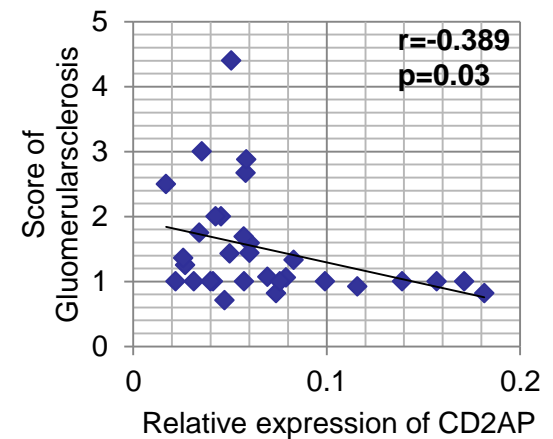
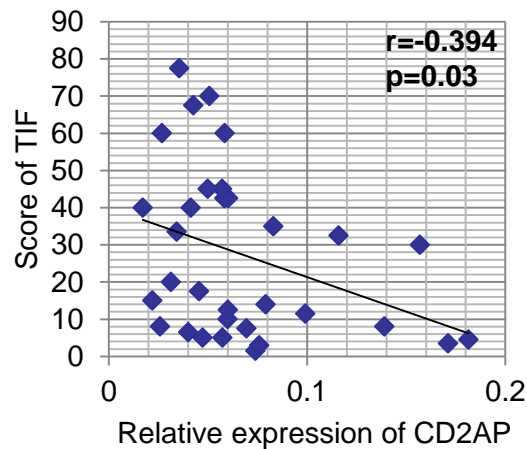
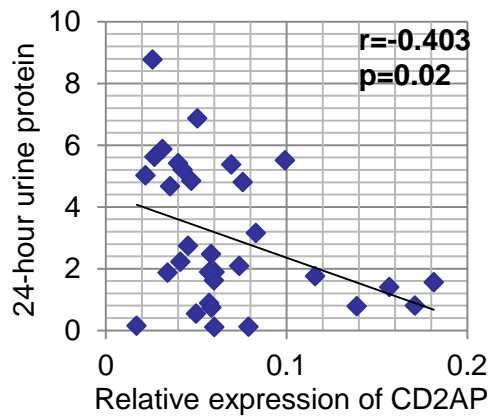
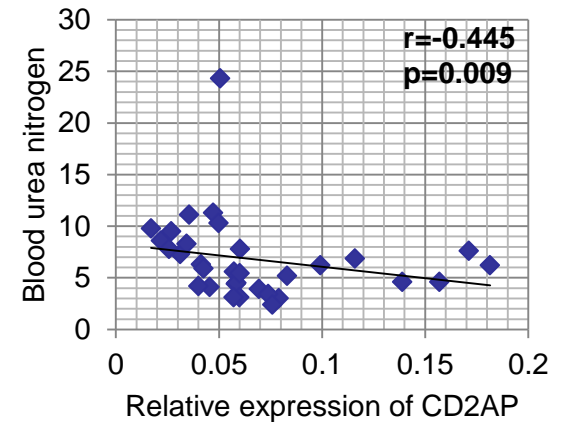
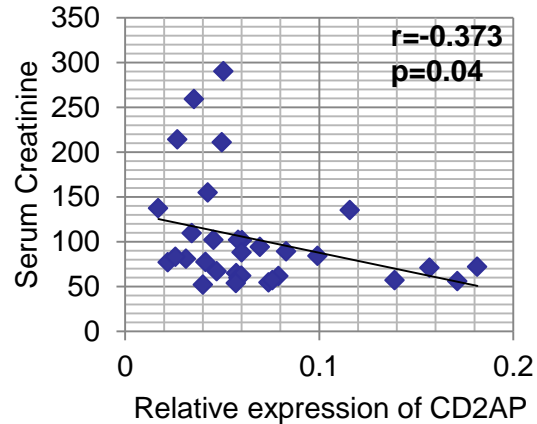
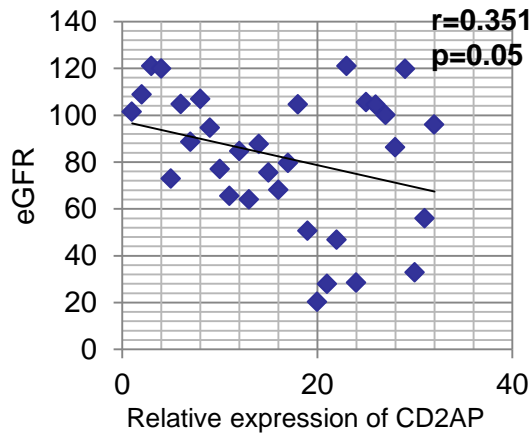
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# Exosome from podocyte was isolated from urine

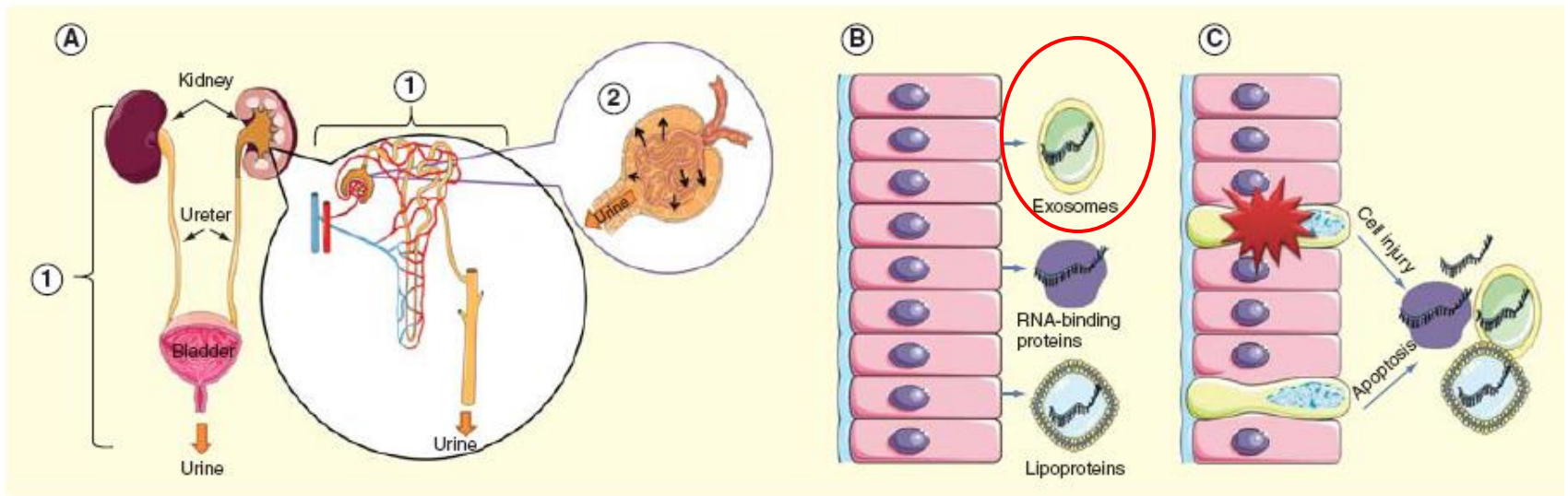


# Urinary exosome CD2AP mRNA correlated with kidney function and histological change





# miRNAs was mainly packed in urinary exosome



**Table 1. Concentration of RNA isolated from different body fluids.<sup>a</sup>**

Sample	Median total RNA concentration, $\mu\text{g/L}$ (interquartile range)	Number of detectable miRNAs
Amniotic fluid	570 (354)	359
Breast milk	47 240 (73 180)	429
Bronchial lavage	1128 (886)	260
Cerebrospinal fluid	111 (66)	212
Colostrum	585 (NA)	386
Peritoneal fluid	775 (345)	397
Plasma	308 (104)	349
Pleural fluid	470 (190)	210
Saliva	1945 (2495)	458
Seminal fluid	17 770 (7673)	436
Tears	564 (631)	320
Urine	94 (129)	204

<sup>a</sup> As estimated by the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer using the RNA 6000 Pico Total RNA chip, median concentration across all 5 samples except colostrum. The number of detected miRNAs in each body fluid is based on the number of miRNA species with a level of  $>80\%$  of the global mean.

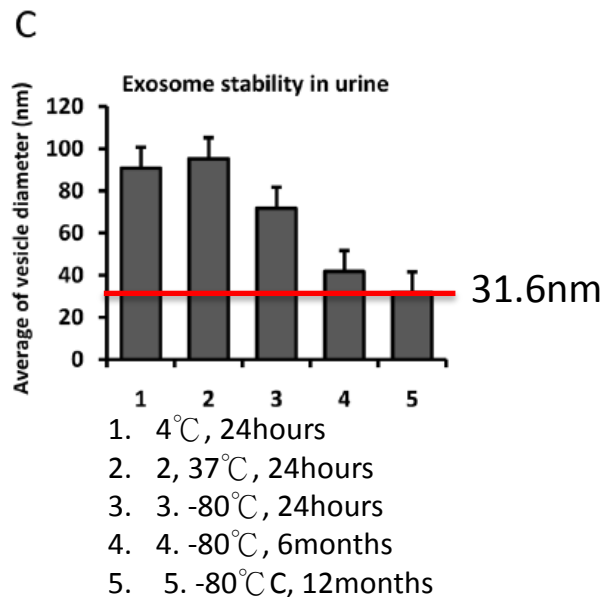
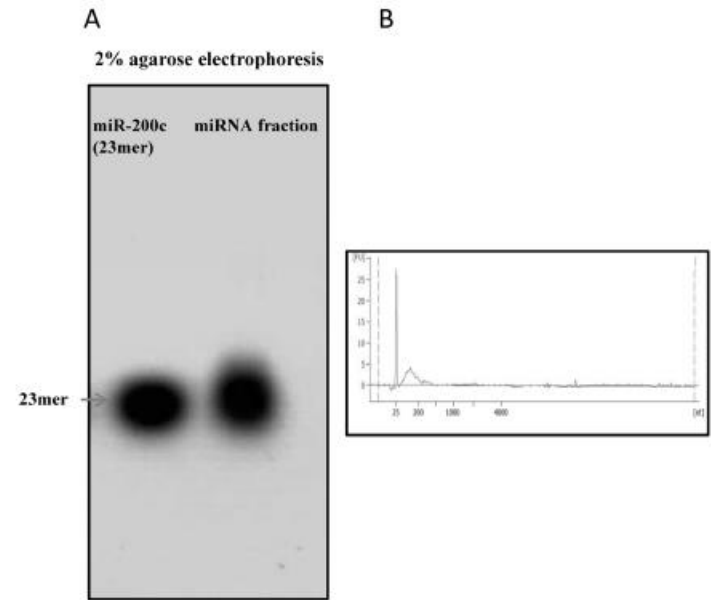
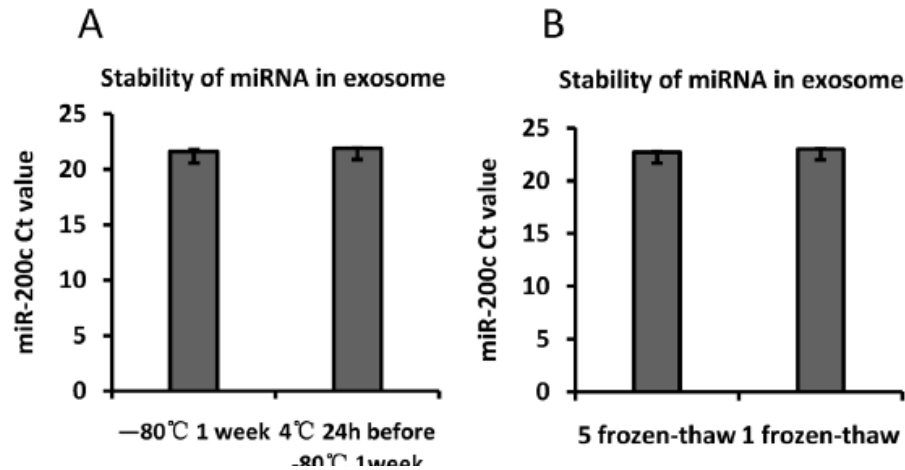
**A variety of miRNA  
can be detected in  
urine**

## Advantages of **urine exosome miRNA** as biomarker

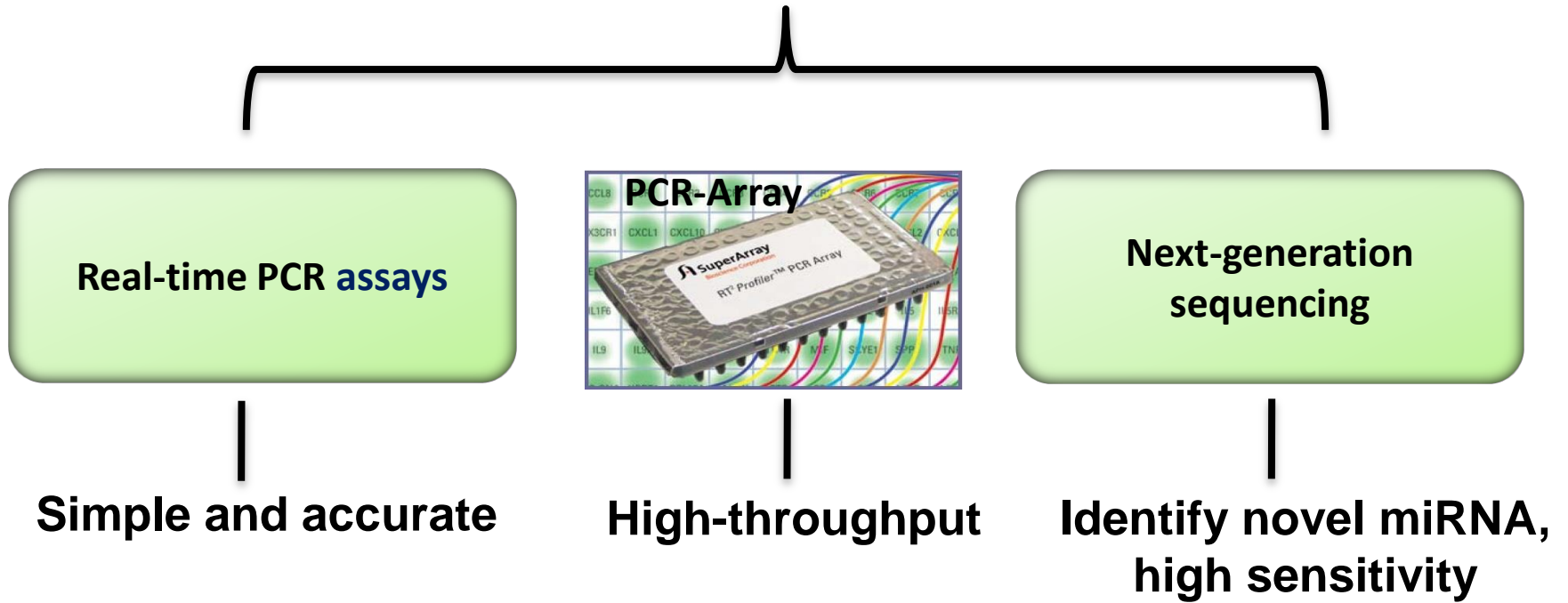
- Exosome may protect RNA during urine passage
- More stable than RNA extracted from whole urine
- Derived from functioning cells
- miRNA was enriched in exosome



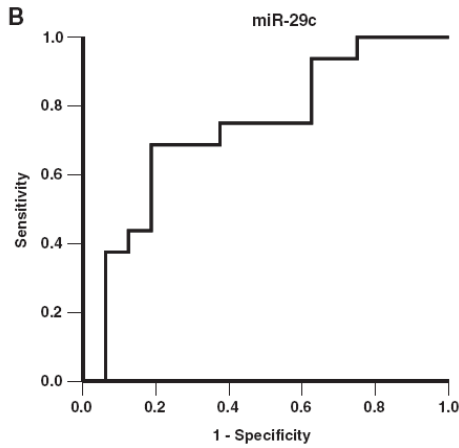
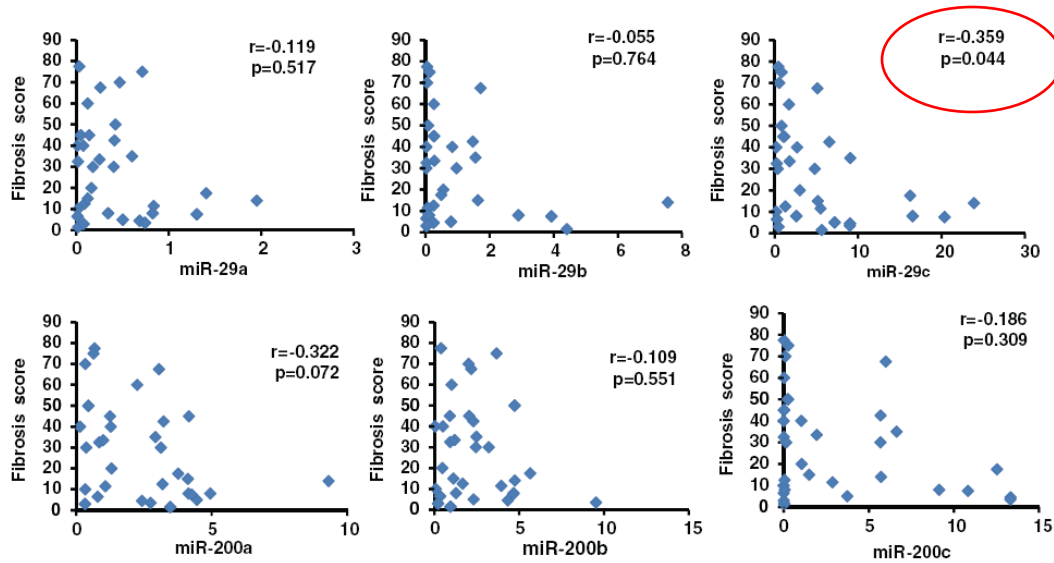
# Stability of **exosome miRNA**



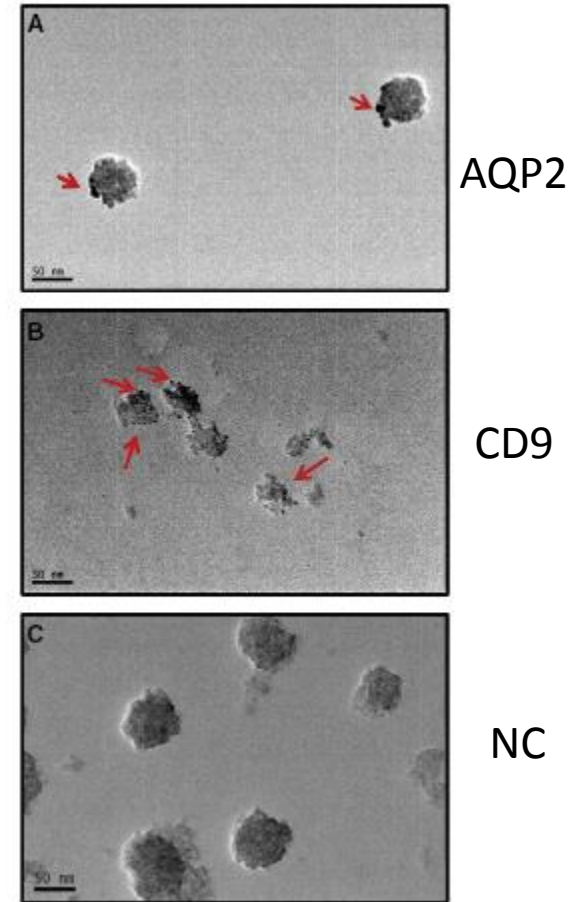
# Detection of miRNA



# miR-29c from urinary exosome is potential biomarkers of renal fibrosis



## Urine exosome



# Challenges in kidney disease Biomarker Study

- Large cohort validation studies is lacked for most new biomarkers and very few novel biomarkers have been translated to clinic
- Urine (exosome) samples are often collected, processed and stored under different protocols
- Sensitivity and specificity not comparable to traditional clinic parameters



# Phases of diagnostic or prognostic biomarker studies

	Description	Aim of study	sample sizes
Ia	Discovery	Identification of promising biomarkers	10–100
Ib	Assay development, assay validation	Define and optimize analytical process into robust, reproducible, and valid device	10–100
Ic	Retrospective validation	Clinical assay detects disease; development of first algorithm for combination test	50–500
II	Retrospective refinement	Validation of early detection properties of biomarker (set); development and/or refinement of algorithm(s) for combination tests	100–1,000
III	Prospective investigation	Determination of diagnostic accuracy (sensitivity, specificity) in the situation of clinical routine	200–1,000
IVa	Randomized controlled trial	Quantification of effect of making the biomarker information available to the doctor to reduce disease burden	200–1,000
IVb	Health economics study	Quantification of cost-effectiveness	



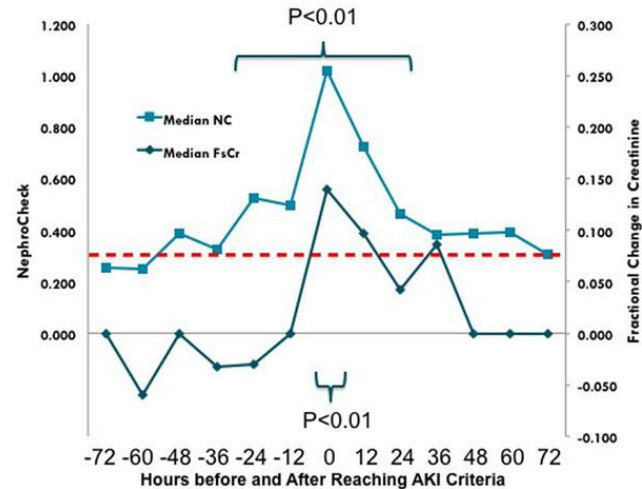


FDA News Release

# FDA allows marketing of the first test to assess risk of developing acute kidney injury



## Urine TIMP2 × IGFBP7 increases 24 hours before severe AKI

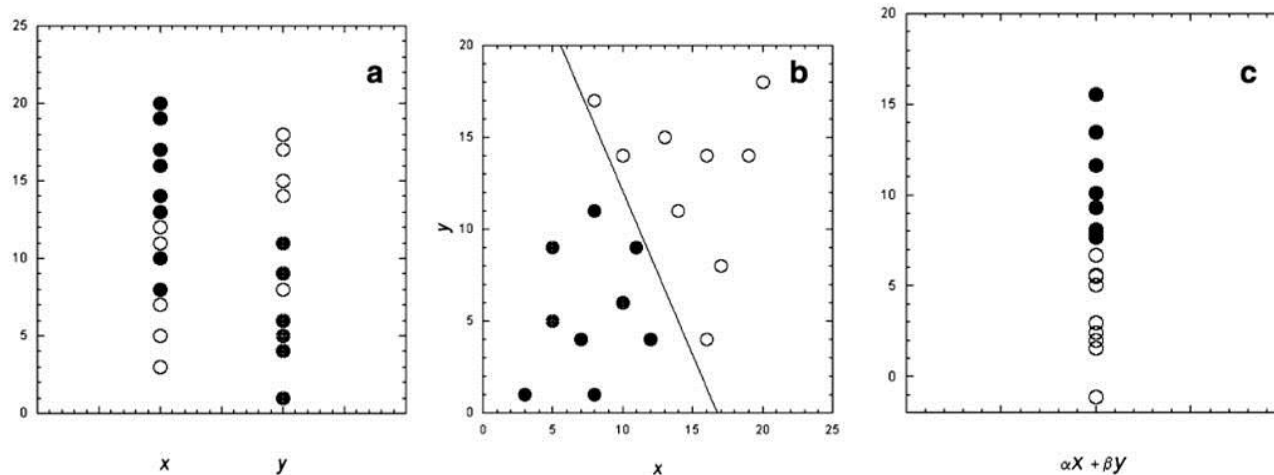


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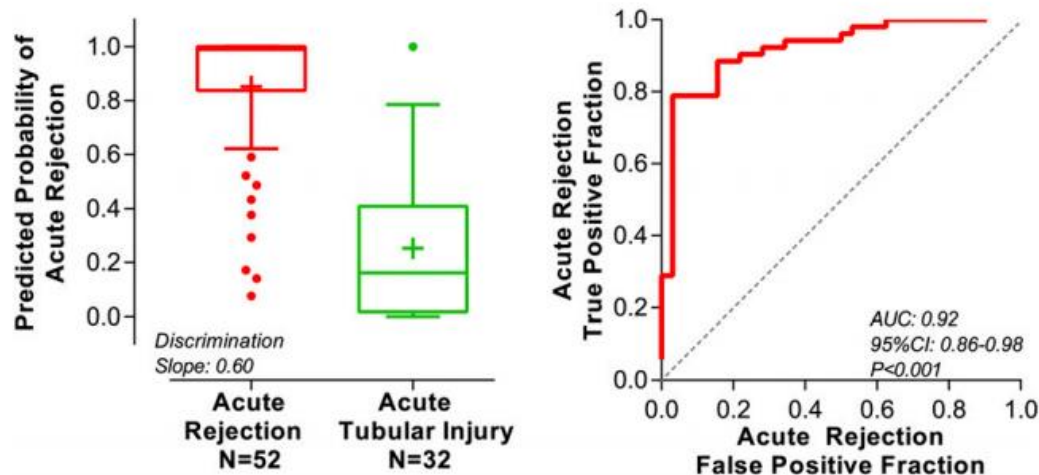


# Multivariate biomarker to improve diagnostic performance

- Novel biomarker combined with traditional clinic parameters
- Multiple novel biomarker combined



# Composite biomarker with multiple novel biomarkers



Development of a **six-gene** urinary cell diagnostic signature to differentiate acute rejection (AR) from acute tubular injury (ATI) :

$$(0.523 \ln \text{CD3}) + (1.023 \ln \text{CD105}) + (0.813 \ln \text{TLR4}) + (21.163 \ln \text{CD14}) \\ + (0.283 \ln \text{Complement Factor B}) + (20.793 \ln \text{Vimentin})$$



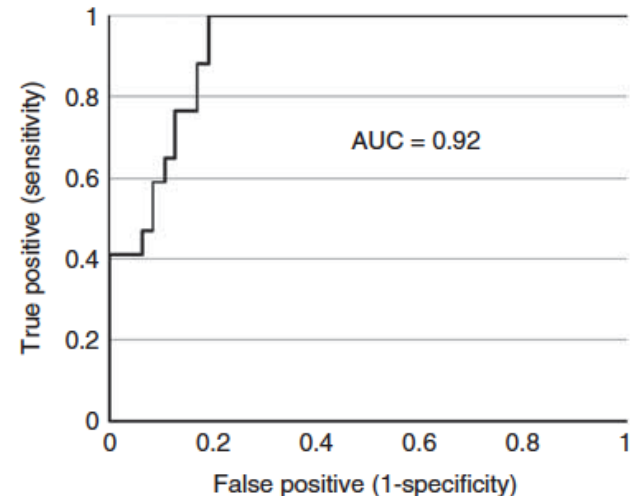
# Combination of novel biomarker with traditional clinic parameters

**Table 3 | Performance characteristics of biomarkers of interstitial inflammation for all biopsies<sup>a</sup>**

Biomarker	Threshold value <sup>b</sup>	Misclassifications (%)	Sens. (%)	Spec. (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)	AUC under ROC
uMCP-1	2.2	10/64 (16)	83	85	67	93	0.87
uLFABP	118	14/64 (22)	65	83	58	87	0.75
uHepcidin	136.5	22/64 (34)	83	60	42	90	0.70
uPCR	3.7	18/61 (30)	56	76	45	83	0.65
SCr	1.43	13/64 (20)	83	79	58	93	0.86
Equation (1) $Y_1$ (applied to all biopsies)	1	9/64 (14)	100	81	67	100	0.92
Equation (1) $Y_1$ (applied to 49 biopsies)	1	6/49 (12)	100	83	68	100	0.91

$$Y_1 = 0.992 * \ln(\text{uMCP} - 1) + 2.213 * \ln(\text{Scr})$$

$$Y_2 = 4.177 * \ln(\text{uPCR}) - 1.425 * \ln(\text{uHEP})$$



# Summary

- Different component of urine contain rich information for biomarker discovery, among which urine (exosome) mRNA , miRNA were interesting target for further study.
- Large cohort validation study is needed for translating novel biomarkers to clinic.

**We are expecting more potential urine biomarker translated to clinic!**





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