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The publication at hand makes a significant contribution to achieving this goal, with renowned Japanese scientists presenting their recent research results. Papers cover various aspects of CKD and related morbidities, ranging from dialysis- and access-related issues to bone disorders, tissue engineering, or hyperphosphatemia.

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Editors
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Yoshiaki Takemoto

This book brings together papers presented both during the 61st Annual Meeting of the Japanese Society for Dialysis Therapy (JSDT) and the 34th Congress of the International Society of Blood Purification (ISBP), held in Osaka in June and in Hiroshima in September 2016, respectively. They cover a broad spectrum of topics, ranging from hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, hemodiafiltration and technical innovations in blood purification to complications of chronic kidney disease and acute kidney injury, including mineral bone disease and anemia.

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Hypoxia-inducible factors (HIF) regulate erythropoiesis at the molecular level. Accordingly, drugs that inhibit the enzyme HIF-prolyl hydroxylase simulate hypoxia in the cell and orchestrate a series of responses that increases red blood cell mass. However, hundreds of other genes are also stimulated and the risk-benefit assessment in patients with chronic kidney disease is the subject of several larger phase III trials. Locatelli and colleagues discuss this class of compounds in their in-depth review in this edition of AJN.

The Association between Biomarker Profiles, Etiology of Chronic Kidney Disease, and Mortality
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There is variability in outcomes in patients with different etiologies of chronic kidney disease such as progression to dialysis and mortality. It would be of great clinical utility to have tools that would enable one to objectively identify CKD patients with higher mortality risk so as to guide interventions with the potential of reversibility. In this paper the authors analyze data from a Canadian multicentre cohort study (the Canadian Study of Prediction of Dialysis, Death and Interim Cardiovascular Events over Time) that prospectively collected serial biosamples of blood and urine in patients with advanced CKD. Their analysis provides preliminary evidence that biomarker profiles differ in CKD based on etiology and may represent potential therapeutic targets for future intervention. Subsequent studies could be used to validate these findings in other cohorts. If consistent high risk profiles are confirmed, then studies designed to assess whether directed interventions can reduce the associated biomarkers and ameliorate their related processes, should be conducted.

Clinical Features and Outcomes of a Racially Diverse Population with Fibrillary Glomerulonephritis

Fibrillary glomerulonephritis (FGN) is a relatively rare but morphologically distinctive disorder, only diagnosable by renal biopsy, first described 40 years ago. It has been generally regarded to be a form of “Primary” glomerulonephritis. In a retrospectives survey of 42 racially diverse patients seen at the University of North Carolina Kidney Center between 1985–2015, Payan-Schoder and colleagues add important new insights into the clinical features and outcomes of FGN. The findings emphasize that FGN is secondary to underlying auto immune, diseases and infections (mainly hepatitis C virus) and malignancy in many cases (almost 60% in this series). Outcomes are generally poor, but might be improved by greater attention to the underlying diseases associated with FGN.
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