

Nephropathy in Type 1 Diabetes: Can One Identify the Patients at Risk ?

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Nephropathy in Type 1 Diabetes

- It has been known for years that the risk of nephropathy is not the same for all patients with Type 1 diabetes
- Are there favouring or protective factors ?
- Our Group has addressed this question in three studies that will be briefly reviewed.

Nephropathy in Type 1 Diabetes

- *Factors predictive of nephropathy in DCCT Type 1 diabetic patients with good or poor metabolic control (Zhang et al :Diabet.Med.2003,20:580-585)*
- *Different patterns of insulin resistance in relatives of Type 1 diabetic patients with retinopathy or nephropathy (Hadjaj et al : Diabetes Care, 2004,27: 27:2661-2668)**
- *Diabetic nephropathy development is conditioned by the Glu298Asp polymorphism of endothelial nitric oxide synthase gene(NOS3): additive effects with angiotensin-converting enzyme gene(ACE) I/D polymorphism (Weekers et al: 2007, submitted)**

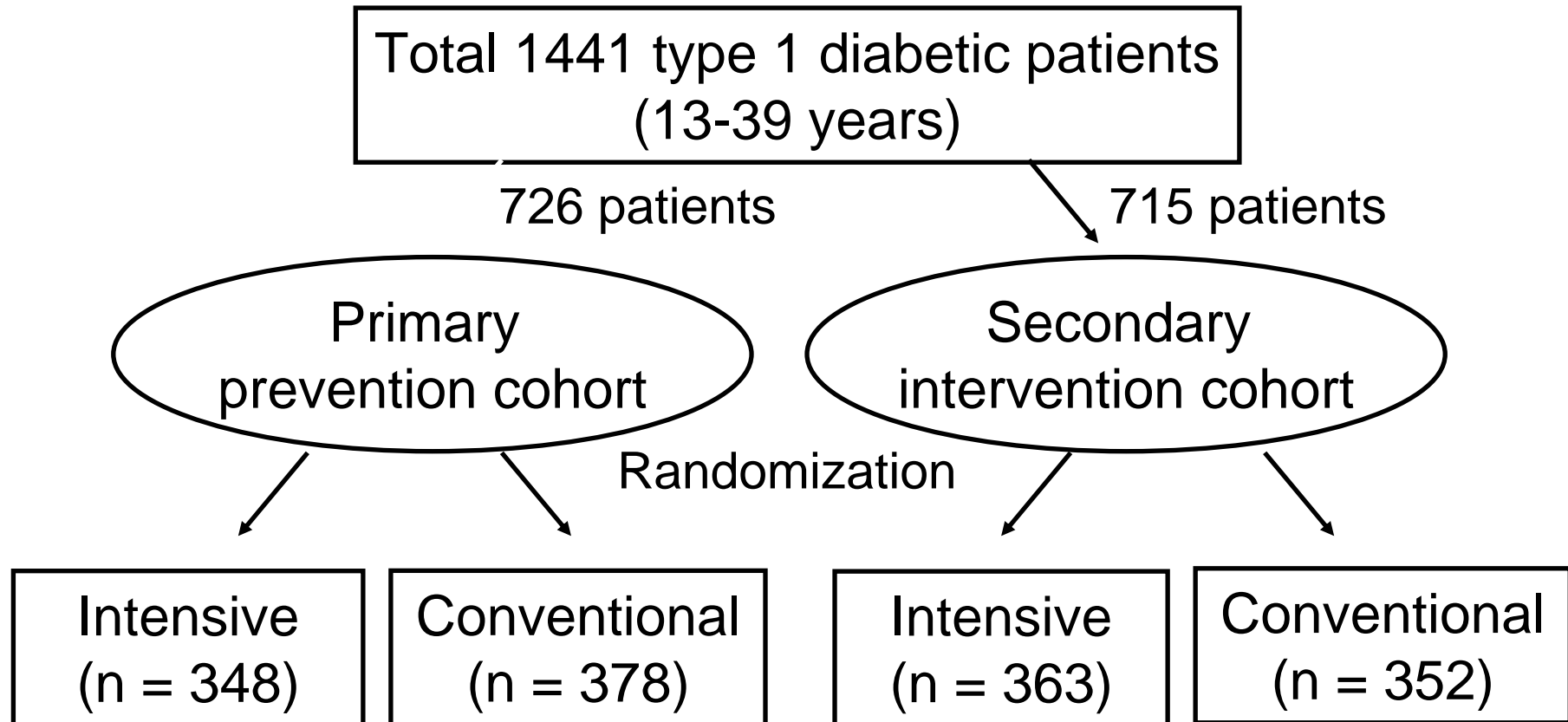
*Collaboration with the Group of M.Marre in Paris

Factors predictive of nephropathy in DCCT Type 1 patients

Zhang, Krzentowski, Albert and
Lefèbvre, Diabetic Medicine 2003

The DCCT Study

- Design in the full-scale clinical trial:

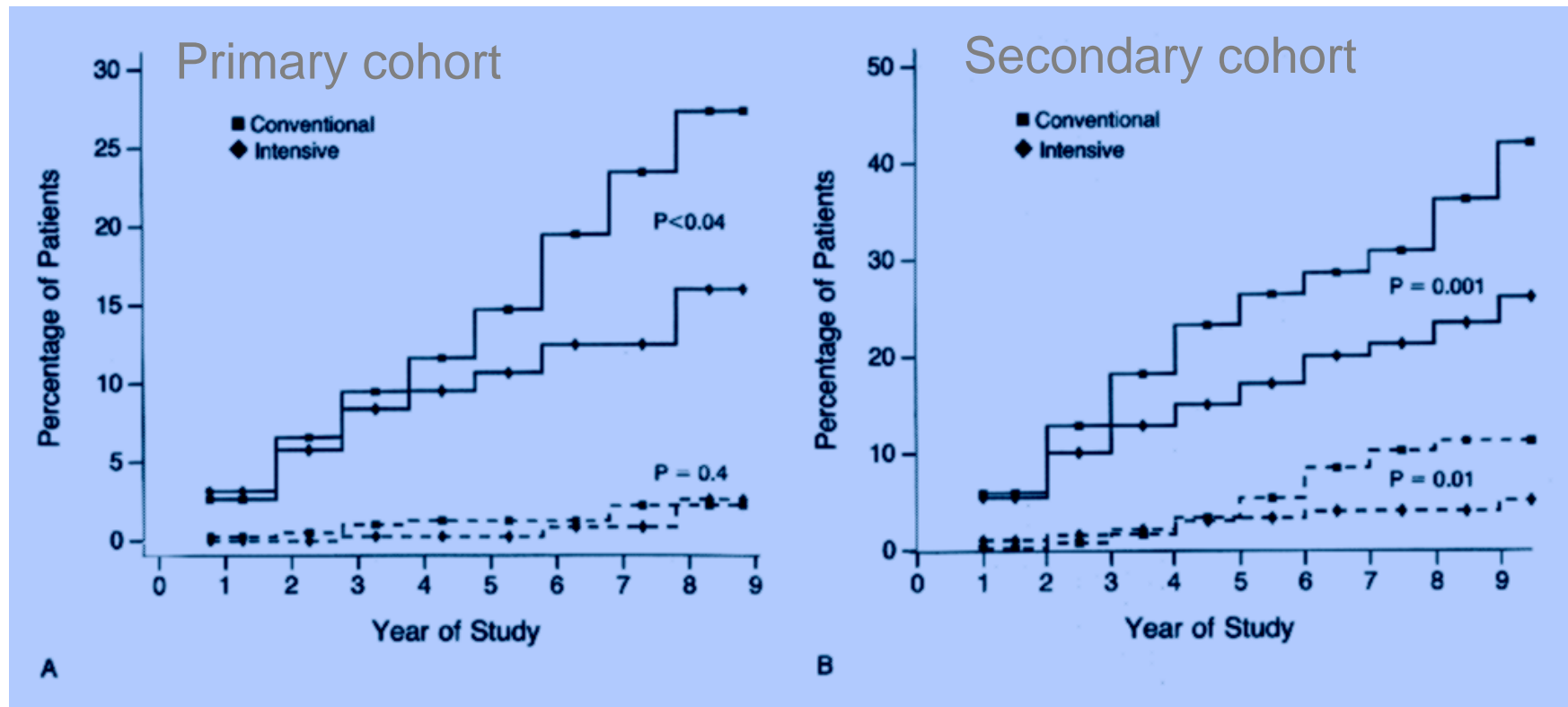


Intensive: CSII (continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion) or multiple daily injections of insulin

Conventional: up to 2 daily injections of insulin.

Metabolic Control and Complications

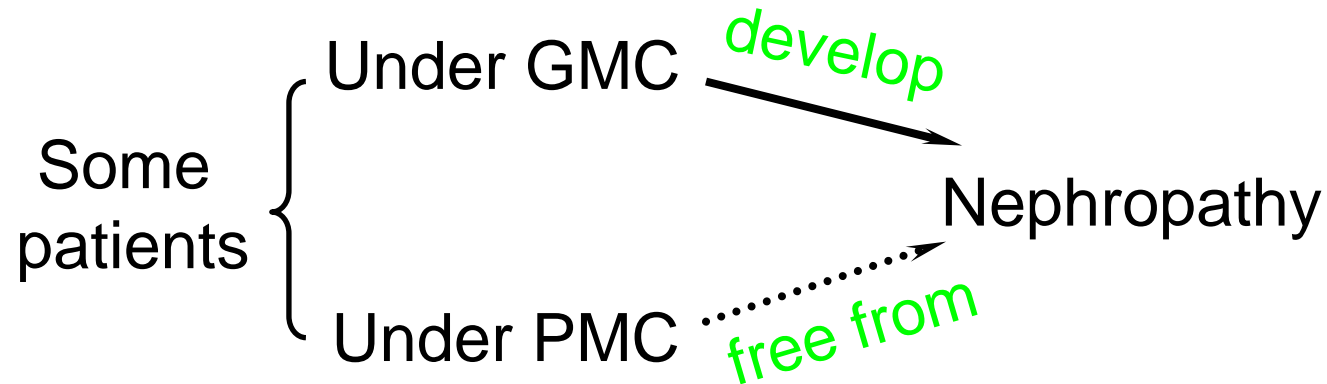
- Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT, 1983-1989)



Microalbuminuria (solid lines) and albuminuria (dotted lines)

Aims of the Work

- Questions:



- Aims:

To assess the risk of a given patient developing diabetic nephropathy despite good metabolic control (GMC) or the chance of escaping nephropathy despite poor metabolic control (PMC)

A great example of Democracy in Science

DCCT Database made available by
the US National Technical Information
Service of the Dpt. of Commerce

The DCCT Study

- Risk covariates at baseline:

- Quantitative variables

Age at entry (year)

BMI (kg/m²)

Duration of diabetes (months)

HbA_{1c} at baseline (%)

AER (mg/24h)

Stimulated C-peptide (pmol/ml)

Mean blood glucose (mg/dl)

Arterial blood pressure (mmHg)

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- Categorical variables

Gender

Adulthood

Family history

Marital status

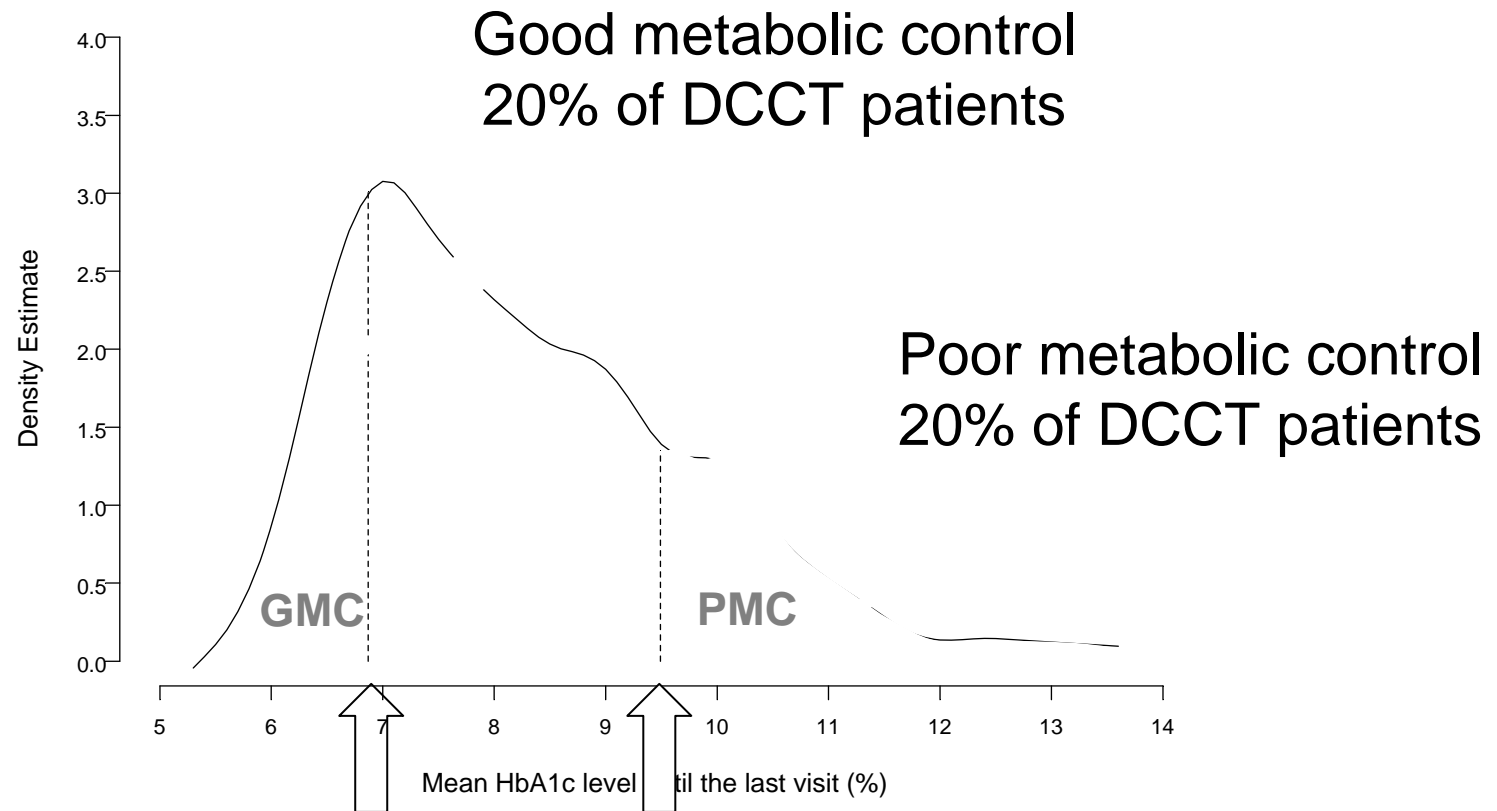
Smoking status

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- Time-related variables (HbA1c, AER,)

Definition of GMC or PMC

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All DCCT patients irrespective of treatment



HbA_{1c} level: 6.9% 9.5%

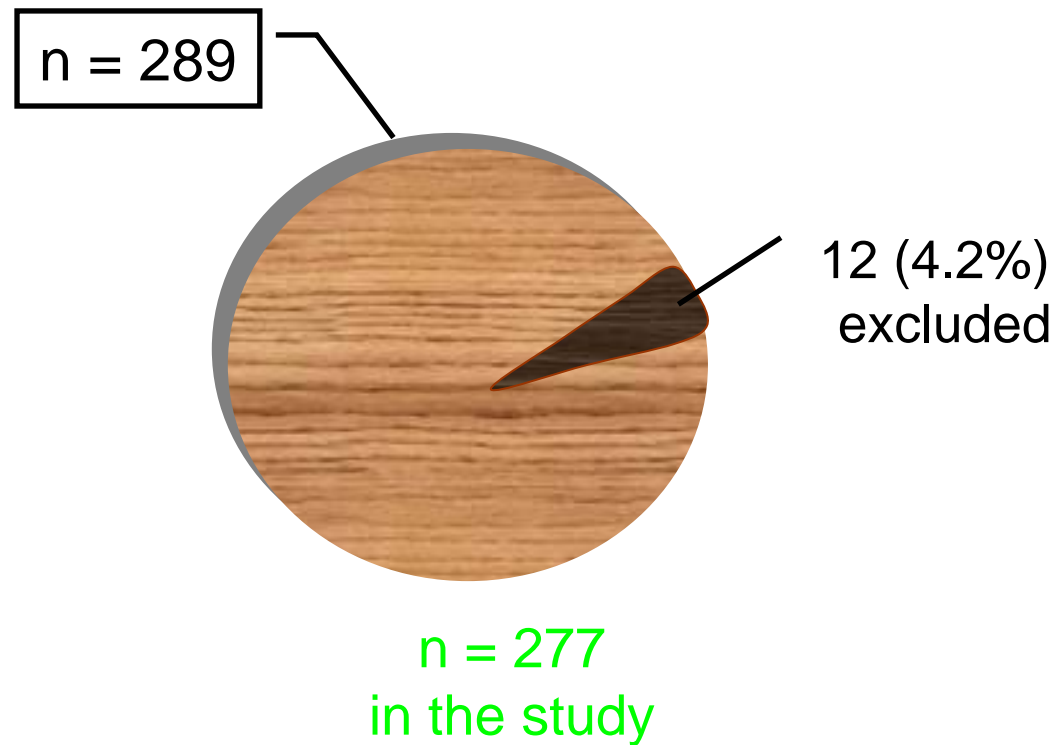
Diabetic Nephropathy

- Aims: To assess the risk of developing nephropathy in patients maintained for several years under GMC or PMC
- Patients: DCCT primary and secondary cohort under GMC or PMC but without nephropathy at baseline (n = 545)
- Definition: An observed urinary albumin excretion rate (AER) ≥ 40 mg/24h (measured annually)

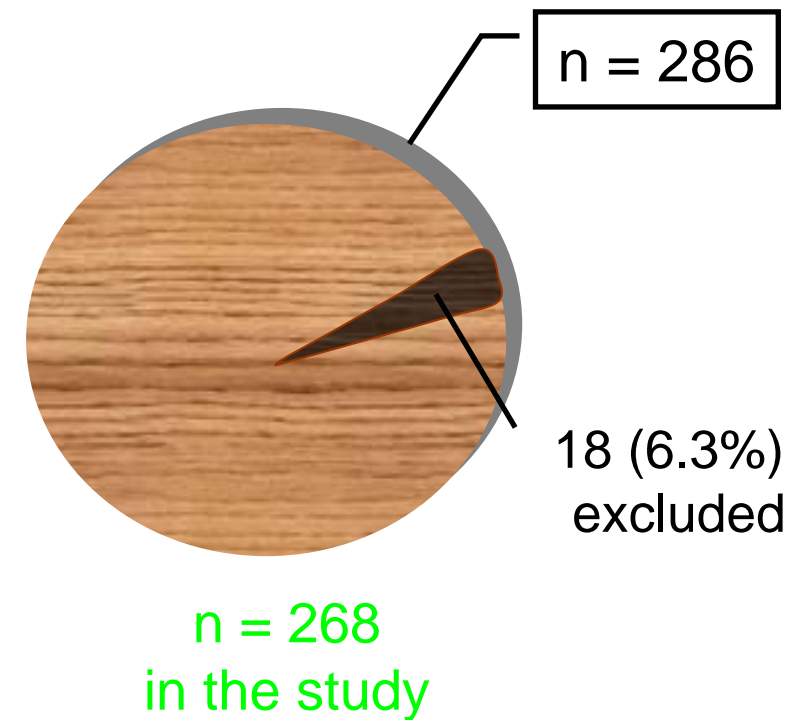
Diabetic Nephropathy

- The database

Good metabolic control
(GMC)



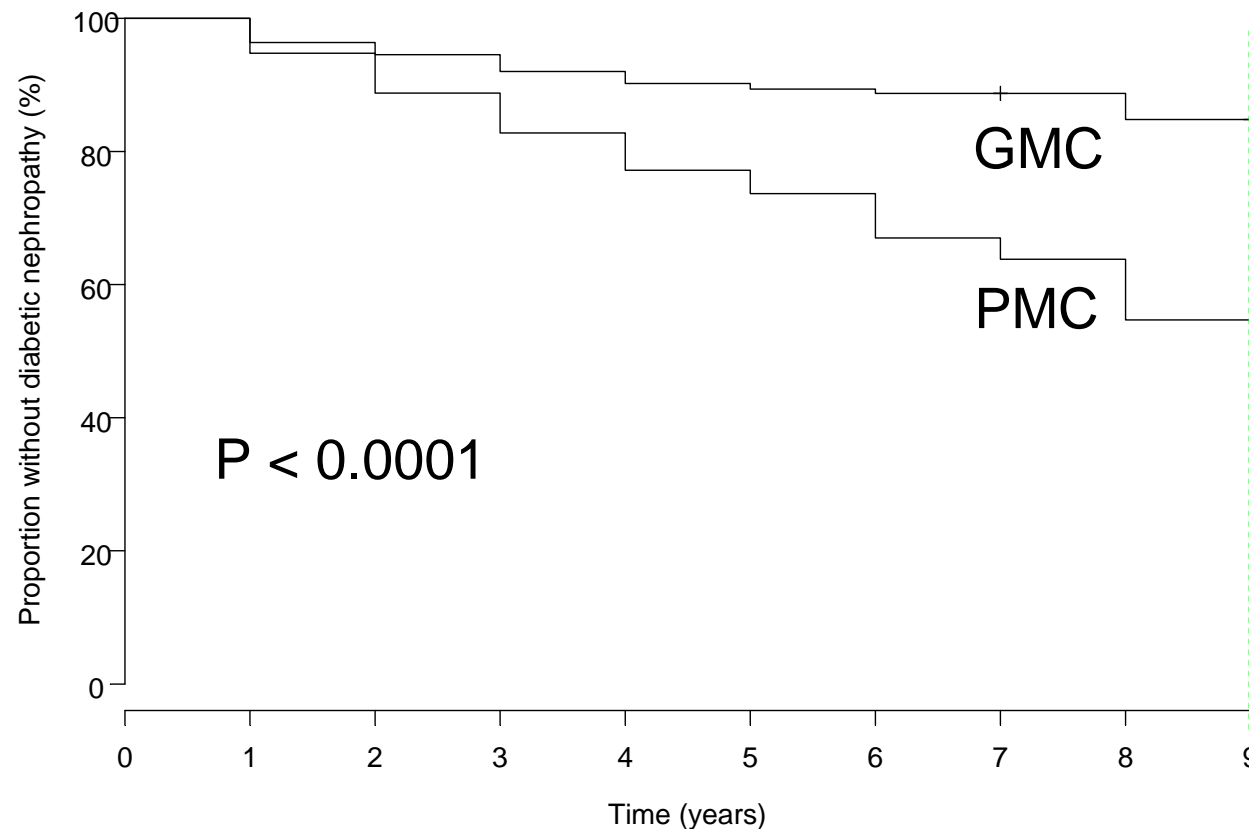
Poor metabolic control
(PMC)



n = 545

Diabetic Nephropathy






- The effect of MC confirmed by Kaplan-Meier curve:



After 9 years: 15% developed nephropathy in GMC
52% did not develop nephropathy in PMC

Diabetic Nephropathy

- Factors predictive of nephropathy in backward stepwise Cox PH regression when adjusted for MC:

Variable	Coef (\pm SE)	P	Risk ratio (95% CI)
<u>Single effects</u>			
Age (years)	-0.094 (\pm 0.016)	< 0.0001	0.91 (0.88-0.94)
AER (mg/24h) 	0.54 (\pm 0.15)	0.0004	1.72 (1.27-2.31)
Duration of diabetes (months) 	0.41 (\pm 0.12)	0.0011	1.50 (1.18-1.91)
BMI (kg/m ²) 	-0.10 (\pm 0.034)	0.0025	0.90 (0.84-0.96)
Gender (0 = male; 1 = female)	0.73 (\pm 0.35)	0.0389	2.07 (1.04-4.11)
<u>Interaction effects</u>			
Age \times MC 	0.064 (\pm 0.013)	< 0.0001	1.07 (1.04-1.09)
Gender \times MC 	-1.05 (\pm 0.40)	0.0091	0.35 (0.16-0.77)

The interaction terms: the major role of MC
the differential effects of age and gender.

Diabetic Nephropathy

- A risk ratio $\lambda = \exp(R)$:

$$R = 0.54 \times \log(\text{AER}) + 0.405 \times \log(\text{Disease duration}) - 0.103 \times \text{BMI} \\ - 0.0943 \times \text{Age} + 0.0635 \times \text{Age} \times \text{MC} \\ + 0.725 \times \text{Gender} - 1.05 \times \text{Gender} \times \text{MC}$$

GMC (MC = 0)

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Under GMC

The risk of developing nephropathy is higher in women (risk ratio = 2.1) and decreases with age (risk ratio = 0.91).

1= female; 0= male *

Diabetic Nephropathy

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PMC (MC = 1)

$$R = 0.54 \times \log(\text{AER}) + 0.405 \times \log(\text{disease duration}) - 0.103 \times \text{BMI} \\ - 0.0308 \times \text{Age} - 0.325 \times \text{Gender}^*$$

* 1 = female; 0 = male. Risk ratio: 0.97 for age and 0.72 for gender

Under PMC

Male patients are more at risk of developing nephropathy than female patients.

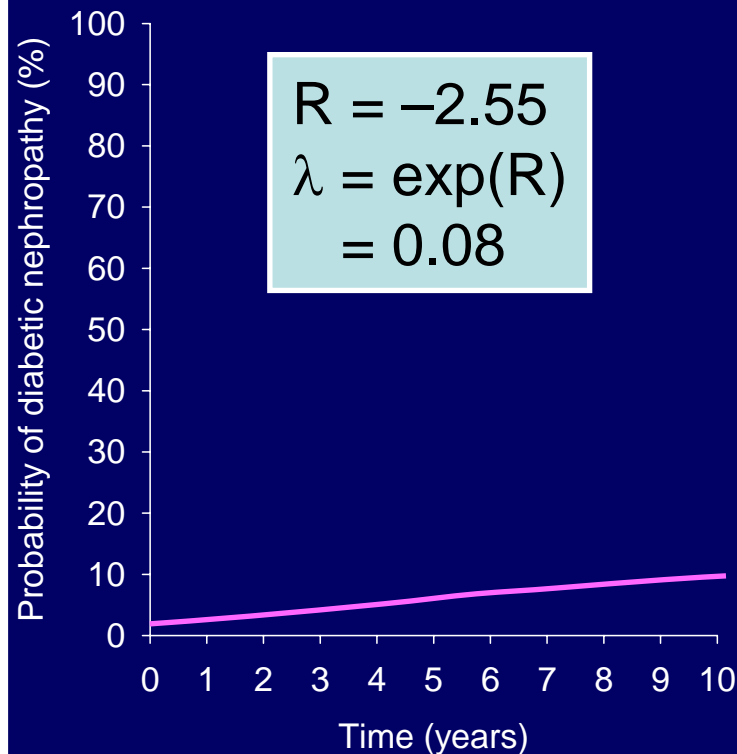
Diabetic Nephropathy

- Example:

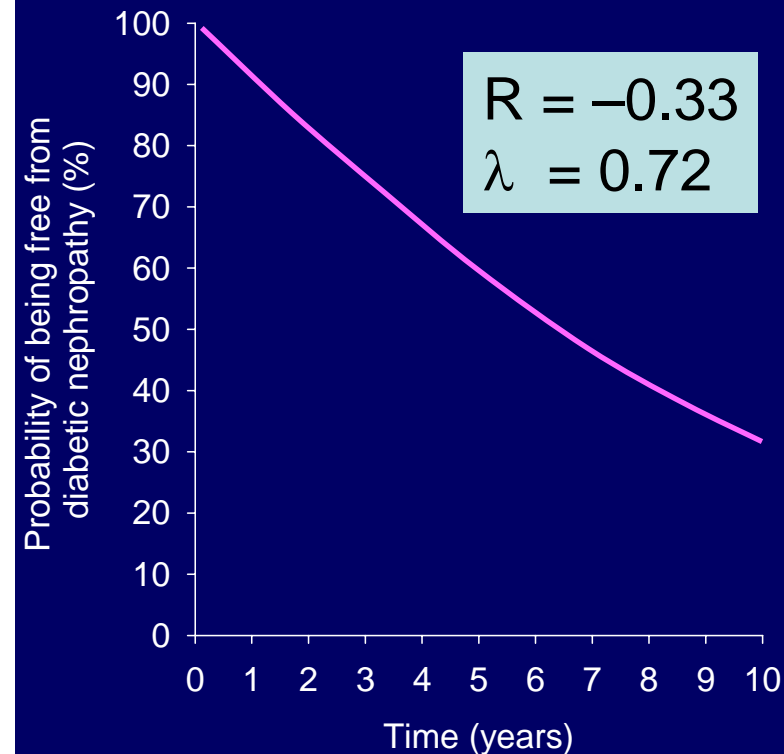
Man 1, 35 years old, disease duration: 60 months

BMI: 23 kg/m², AER: 15 mg/24h.

GMC (MC = 0)



PMC (MC = 1)



Conclusions (1)

- In patients with good metabolic control (HbA1c \leq 6.5% for 9 years), diabetic nephropathy occurred in 15% of the patients
- Despite poor metabolic control (HbA1c \geq or $>$ 9.5% for 9 years), diabetic nephropathy did not develop in 52% of the patients

Conclusions (2)

- Regardless of metabolic control, the risk of diabetic nephropathy is increased with:
 - higher AER (within the «normal range»)at baseline
 - longer duration of diabetes
 - lower BMI

Conclusions (3)

- Under good metabolic control, the risk of diabetic nephropathy seems higher in women than in men and decreases with age
- Under poor metabolic control, the effect of age vanishes and the risk of diabetic nephropathy seems higher in men ...

Take-home message 1

- It is confirmed that Type 1 diabetic patients with good MC may develop diabetic nephropathy and that those with poor MC may escape the condition
- Higher AER , within the « normal range » already indicate early DR
- Risk of DN is higher at younger age and lower BMI
- The effect of gender is ambiguous

Different patterns of insulin resistance in relatives of Type 1 diabetic patients with retinopathy or nephropathy

Hadjaj, Péan, Gallois, Passa, Aubert, Weekers,
Rigalleau, Bauduceau, Bekherraz, Roussel,
Dussol, Rodier, Maréchaud, Lefèbvre, and Marre
for the GENESIS France-Belgium Study
Diabetes Care 2004

Genesis Franc-Belgium Family Study

- 853 subjects recruited
- 578 relatives
- 275 probands: -130 with
-145 without diabetic
nephropathy

Nephropathy stages

- Absent: repeated microalbuminuria < 30mg/24 h
- Incipient: microalbuminuria 30-300mg/24h
- Established: AER > 300mg/24h with creatinine <150µmol/l
- Advanced: increased AER, Creatinine > 150µmol/l or renal replacement

« Insulin resistance score » in first degree relatives

- Composite score taking into consideration:
 - History of hypertension
 - dyslipidemia
 - Type 2 diabetes
 - Body weight*

*Diabetes Care , 2004

Results

- Nephropathy in the probands correlated with:
 - Insulin resistance score in first degree relatives ($p < 0.04$), particularly in mothers ($p = 0.02$)
 - Personal history of Type 2 diabetes ($p < 0.0001$), obesity ($p < 0.0001$) and lipid disorders ($p < 0.007$) , but not hypertension, in first degree relatives

Clustering of risk factors in parents of patients with nephropathy and Type 1 diabetes

- Earl et al , 1992: CVD
- De Cosmo et al , 1997: risk factors for CVD
- Tarnow et al , 2000: CVD
- Verhage et al , 1999: Syndrome X
- Lindsey et al, 1999: stroke
- Fagerudd et al , 1999: Type 2 DM
- Thorn et al, 2007: Hypertension , CVD and Type 2 DM

Take-home message 2

The risk of diabetic nephropathy in patients with Type 1 diabetes seems to be increased if one or both parents have experienced:

- Cardiovascular disease
- Type 2 diabetes
- Metabolic Syndrome/Insulin resistance
- Hypertension (?)

Diabetic nephropathy development is conditioned by the Glu298Asp polymorphism of endothelial nitric oxide synthase gene (NOS3): Additive effect with angiotensin-converting enzyme gene (ACE) I/D polymorphism

Weekers, Hadjaj, Guilloteau, Gallois, Pean, Roussel, Antkoche, Tichet, Lefèbvre and Marre on behalf of GENEDIAB and DESIR Study

Groups , 2007 : submitted

A candidate gene study among many others

- Endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS) is a key regulator of renal hemodynamics. Is there an association with DN and two polymorphisms of the eNOS gene (NOS3)?
- Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) insertion/deletion polymorphism is a risk factor for DN, the ACEII genotype conferring the lowest risk .
- Is there a combined effect of these 2 polymorphisms ?

ARTICLE

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Angiotensin-I converting enzyme insertion/deletion polymorphism and its association with diabetic nephropathy: a meta-analysis of studies reported between 1994 and 2004 and comprising 14,727 subjects

Review of the results of 47 studies in 14,727 subjects
Risk of DN is 22% lower in subjects with II Genotype than Carriers of the D-allele.
The association is more marked (-35%) in diabetic Asians (Chinese, Japanese, Koreans)

Prospective study

- 297 Type 1 diabetic patients followed at the Angers (France) diabetes clinic for 7 years
- Primary outcome : diabetic nephropathy (see Study 2)

Results

- eNOS: exon 7 polymorphism (Asp/Asp patients versus Glu allele carriers) was associated with a lower risk of DN progression :HR 0.32, 95% CI 0.11-0.96
- ACE: II genotype was also associated with a lower risk of DN progression: HR 0.27, 95% CI 0.08-0.86
- The lowest risk was associated with the combination of ACE II and NOS3 Asp/Asp genotypes



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EURAGEDIC study: identification of new candidate genes for diabetic nephropathy

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New candidates: PARP1 (glucose-induced apoptosis)
SLC12A3 and EDN1 (renal Na excretion and
systemic blood pressure)

Original Article

Genome-Wide Scans for Diabetic Nephropathy and Albuminuria in Multiethnic Populations

The Family Investigation of Nephropathy and Diabetes (FIND)

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Take-home message 3

- Potential candidate genes underlying susceptibility to, or protection from, diabetic nephropathy have been identified
- Large genome scan investigations are in progress to map genes involved in multiethnic populations

Diabetic Nephropathy

- Conclusions:
 - Under GMC, nephropathy develop in patients with specific baseline pattern. By contrast, patients with PMC can remain free from the complication for a long time period.
 - Major role of MC on time to nephropathy
 - Baseline risk factors: AER, age, gender, BMI and duration of diabetes. Diabetic nephropathy may already be present at $AER < 40\text{mg}/24\text{ hours}$
 - The effect of age: younger patients are associated with nephropathy.
 - The effect of gender: under GMC, women tend to develop nephropathy more often but appear to be better protected under PMC.