



Emerging Issues in Living Kidney Donation

(Problèmes émergents chez les donneurs de rein vivants)

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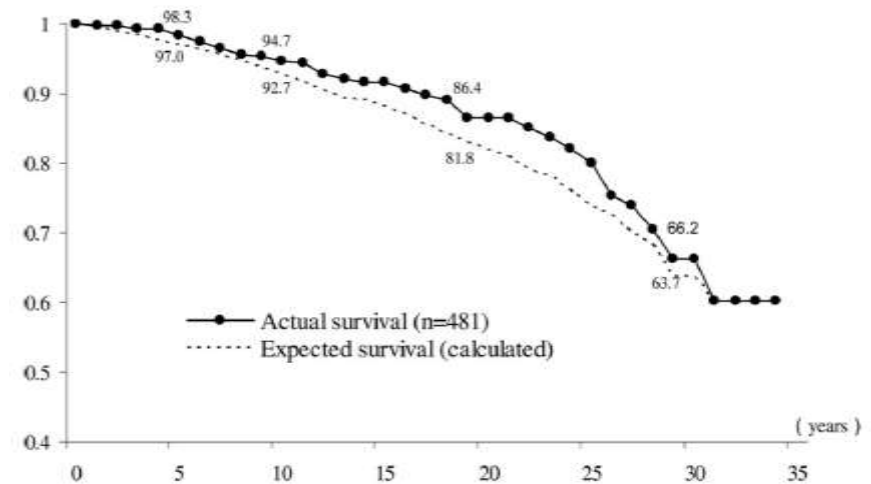
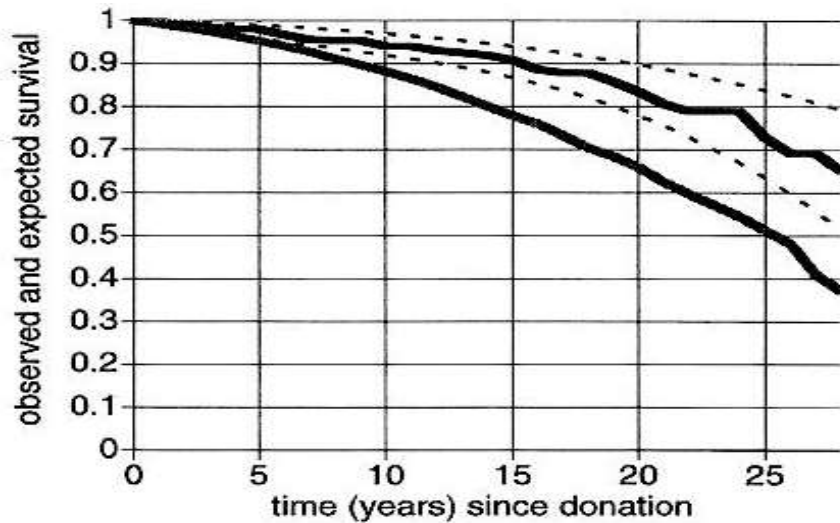
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Living Donors Compared to the General Population

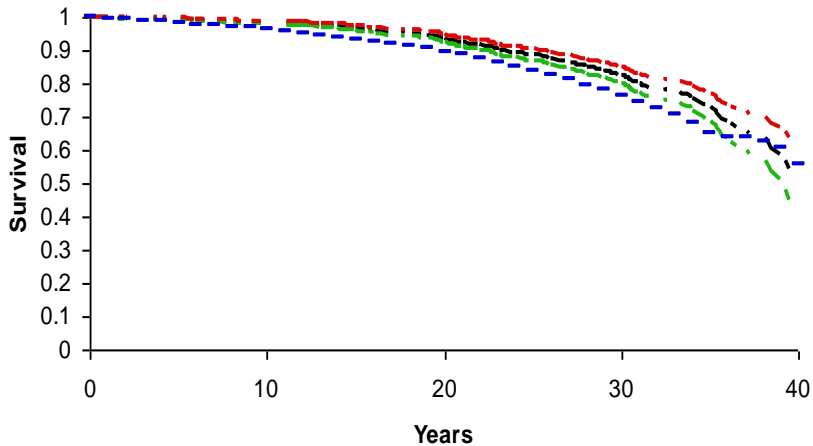
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☐ Sweden ¹	Single center	430	1-35
☐ Minnesota, USA ²	Single center	3,698	1-45
☐ Japan ³	Single center	481	1-35
☐ Norway ⁴	Single (national center)	2,269	1-48
☐ France ⁵	Single center	310	1-53

1) Sweden – Fehman-Ekholm et al, Transplantation 64:976-8, 1997 4) Norway – Mjoen et al, Nephrol Dial Transplant, 27:443-7, 2012
2) USA – Ibrahim et al, NEJM 360:459-60, 2009 5) France – Fournier et al, Transplant International 25:385-90, 2012
3) Japan- Okamoto M, Transplantation 2009; 87:419–423

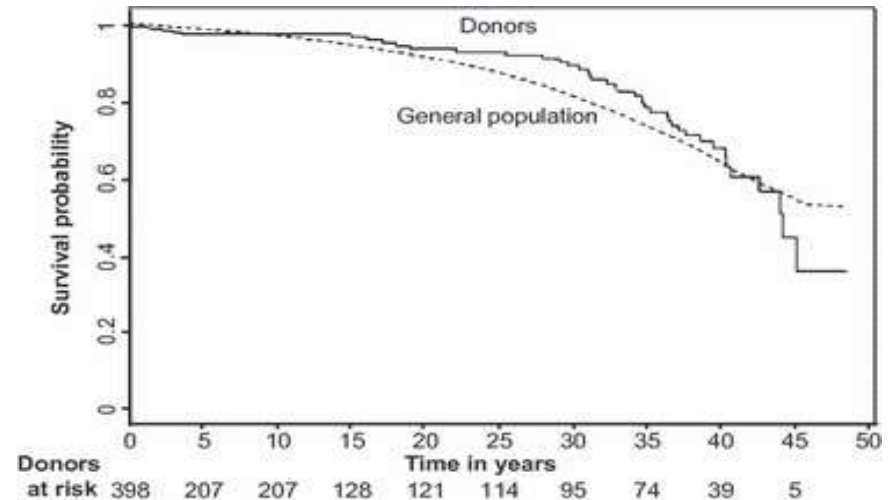
Comparable Survival of Living Donors Vs. General Population Worldwide



Sweden



Japan



USA

France

Donors Survival Vs. Healthy Population Controls

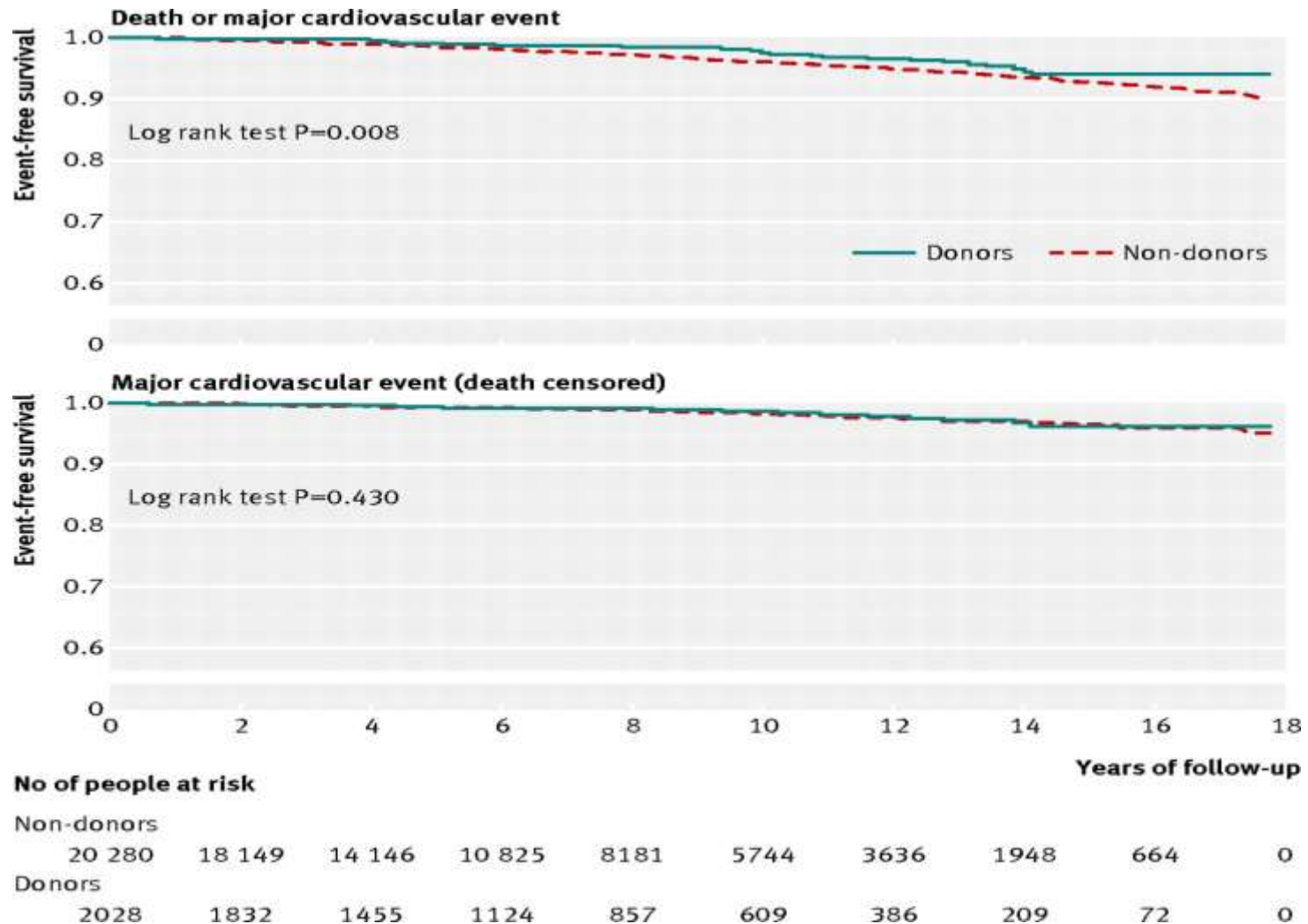
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❑ USA ⁶	National registry	80, 347	1-15
❑ Canada ⁷	Province (Ontario)	2,028	1-18

Vs. Healthy Controls

6) USA – Segev et al, JAMA 303:959-966, 2010

7) Canada – Garg et al, BMJ 344:e1203, 2012

Comparable or Even Better Donors' Survival Vs. Healthy Population Controls



Why Living with 1 Kidney is a Concern?

- Removal of 1 kidney is associated with the overall loss of about 20-30% of renal function
- Why is the loss of even a small-moderate amount of renal function a concern?

So why this can be a concern?

In the general population:

a) mild decrease in GFR is associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease & death

b) ↓ GFR has been associated with increased risk for development of ESRD

More Donor Concerns:

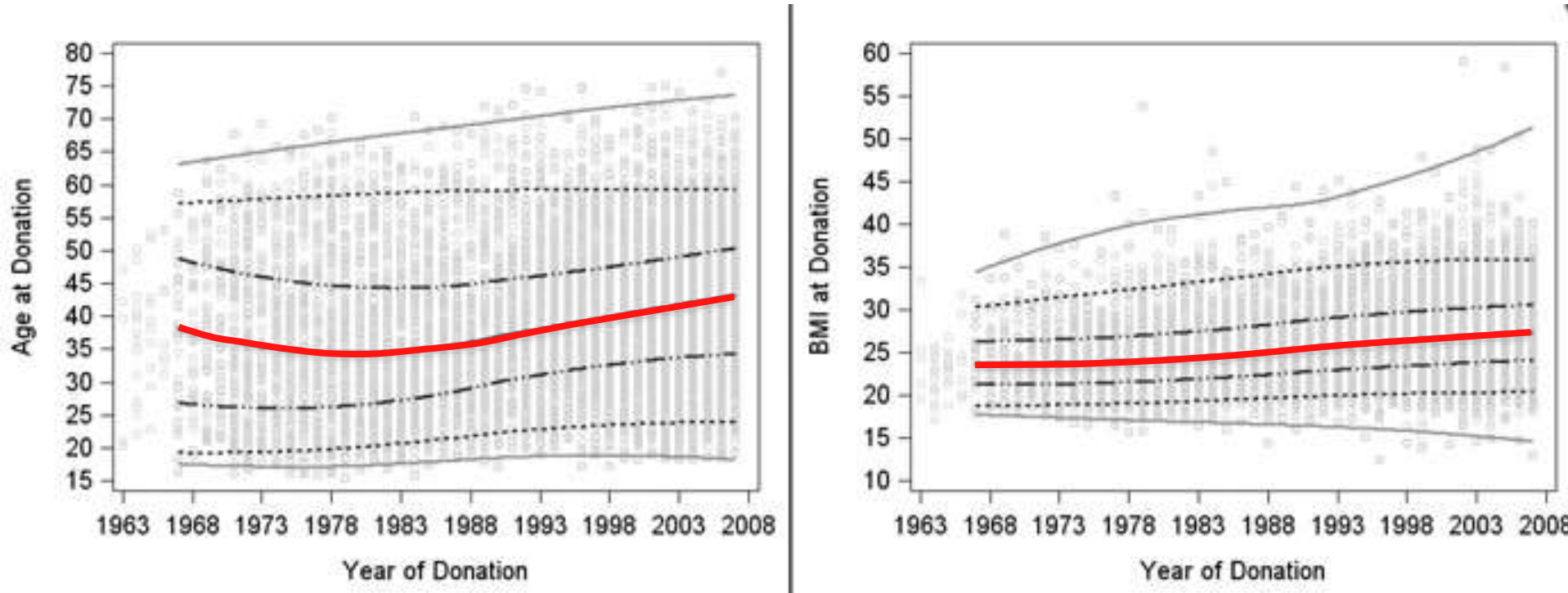
The Obese Donor; Donors who gain weight &/or develops DM &/or HTN

For those donors with ***obesity, and/or subsequent*** development of **obesity &/or HTN, or type 2 diabetes mellitus:**

- ***Is progression of renal disease accelerated by nephrectomy?***
- ***Is the post-donation reduction of GFR confers higher cardiovascular risk?***
- La principale préoccupation des donneurs de reins vivants: prise de poids (obésité), développement de diabète et / ou d'hypertension après le don

Increase of Donors Older than 40 years from 38% to 51% Donors with Obesity Increased from 8% to 26%

- Les donneurs de rein vivants sont plus en plus obèses et plus âgés aux États-Unis



Renal and Lung Living Donors Evaluation (RELIVE) Study Consortium (Mayo Clinic, U of Alabama, U of Minnesota):

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ESRD Has Been Reported in Donors

But there was no ↑ in ESRD vs. General Population

- 1) USA – Kasiske et al. – Meta-analysis (non-donors post-uninephrectomy & donors) *Kidney International*, 1995
- 2) Sweden – Fehman-Ekholm et al., *Transplantation*, 1996
- 3) Canada – Garg et al., Meta-analysis, *Kidney International*, 2006
- 4) USA – Ibrahim et al., *NEJM*, 2009
- 5) Japan – *Transplantation*. 2009
- 6) USA – Lentine et al., *NEJM*, 2010
- 7) Norway – *Nephrol Dial Transplant*, 2012
- 8) France – Fournier et al., *Transplant International*, 2012

These 2 Studies Suggested ↑ Donor Risk



Long-term risks for kidney donors

Geir Mjøen¹, Stein Hallan^{2,3}, Anders Hartmann¹, Aksel Foss¹, Karsten Midtvedt¹, Ole Øyen¹, Anna Reisæter¹, Per Pfeffer¹, Trond Jenssen¹, Torbjørn Leivestad⁴, Pål- Dag Line¹, Magnus Øvrehus², Dag Olav Dale¹, Hege Pihlstrøm¹, Ingar Holme⁵, Friedo W. Dekker⁶ and Hallvard Holdaas¹

Research

Original Investigation

Risk of End-Stage Renal Disease Following Live Kidney Donation

Highlights of Norwegian Study

Mjøen et al.: 1,901 donors *compared to* 32,621 controls:

9 donors developed ESRD (*absolute risk = 0.47%*)

- All 9 were *relatives* of the recipients
- 6/9 had *immunologic disease* (*which would have affected both kidneys*)
- Median time to ESRD – 18.7 yrs

Relative Risk of ESRD was 11.4x vs. Non-donors

• Une insuffisance rénale chronique avancée peut apparaître chez les donneurs, mais à un taux inférieur à celui de la population générale

USA Study

Muzaale et al, JAMA, 311:579-86, 2014

- 96,217 donors studied: *compared to* 9,634 controls
- 99 donors developed ESRD (*absolute risk* = 0.1%)
- Median follow up: 7 years

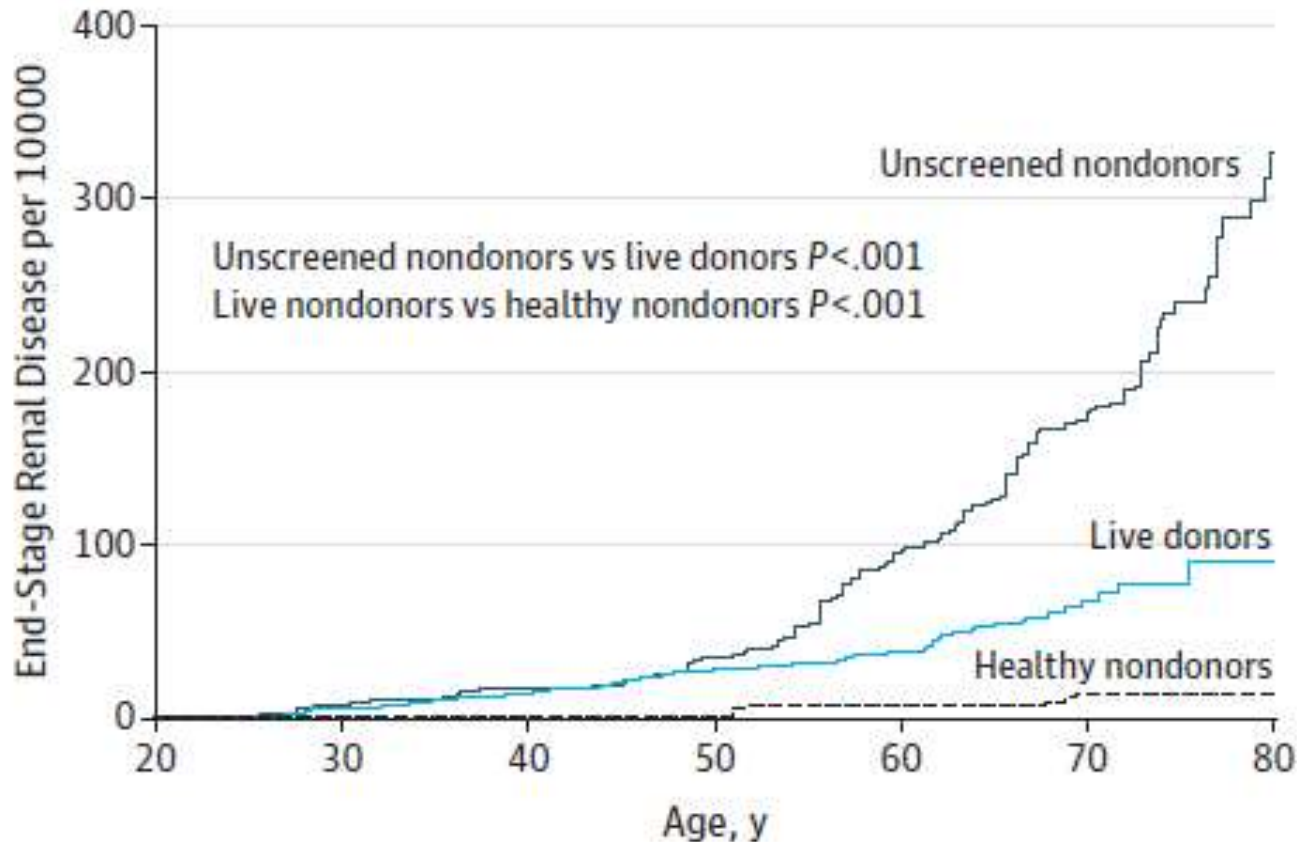
Absolute cumulative ESRD incidence:

Donors: 90/10000

Healthy Controls: 14/10000

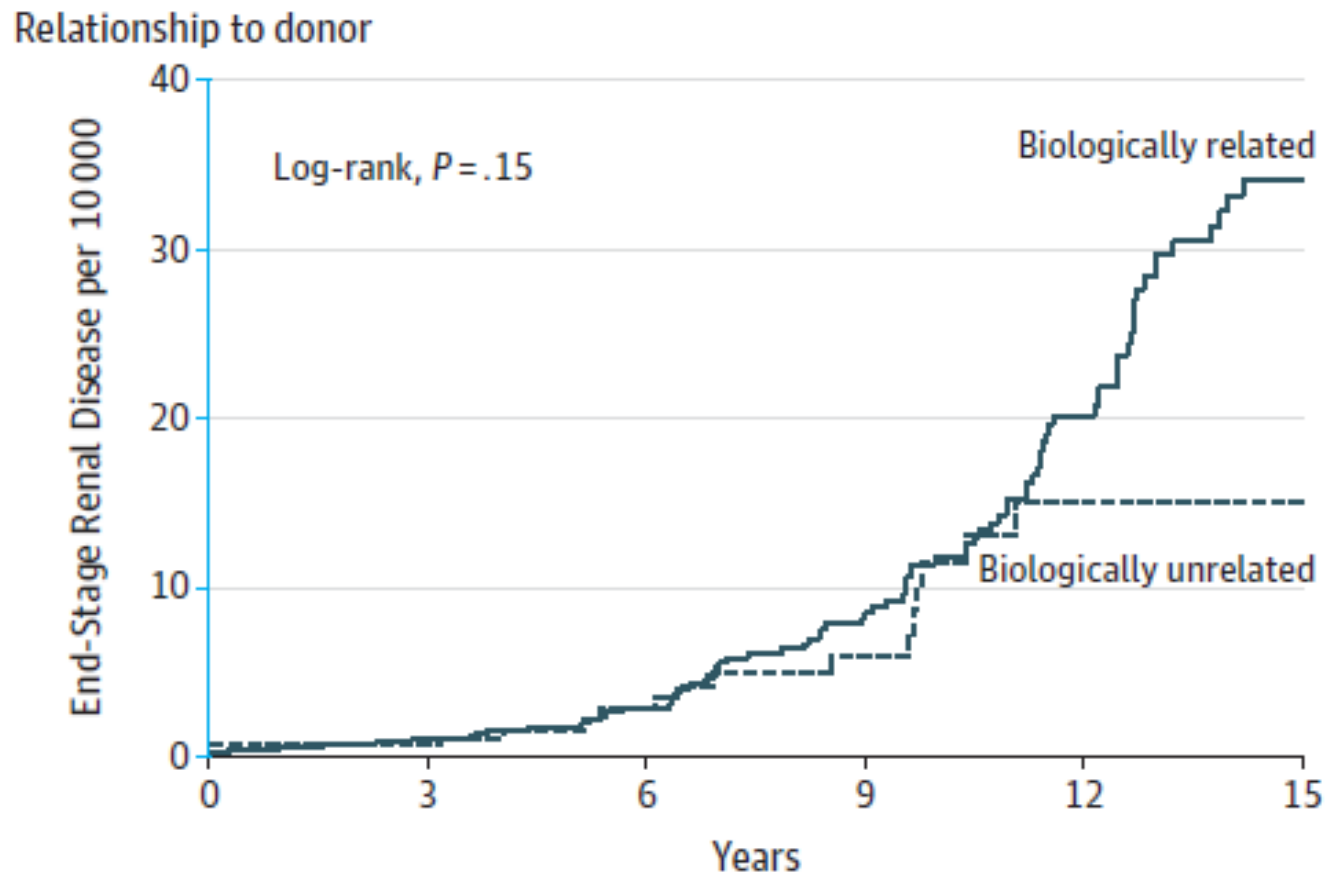
Estimated *Relative Risk* of **ESRD** ↑ **8x** in Donors

Lifetime Absolute Risk of ESRD



- Donors: **90/10,000**
- Healthy controls: **14/10,000**
- General population: **330/10,000**

Biologically Related Donors Had Higher 15-yr ESRD Risk



These 2 Studies Have Major Limitations

Low event rate

Wide 95% CI

Control groups

Different time periods

Statistical techniques

Confounding factors

Limited F/u (JAMA study, USA)

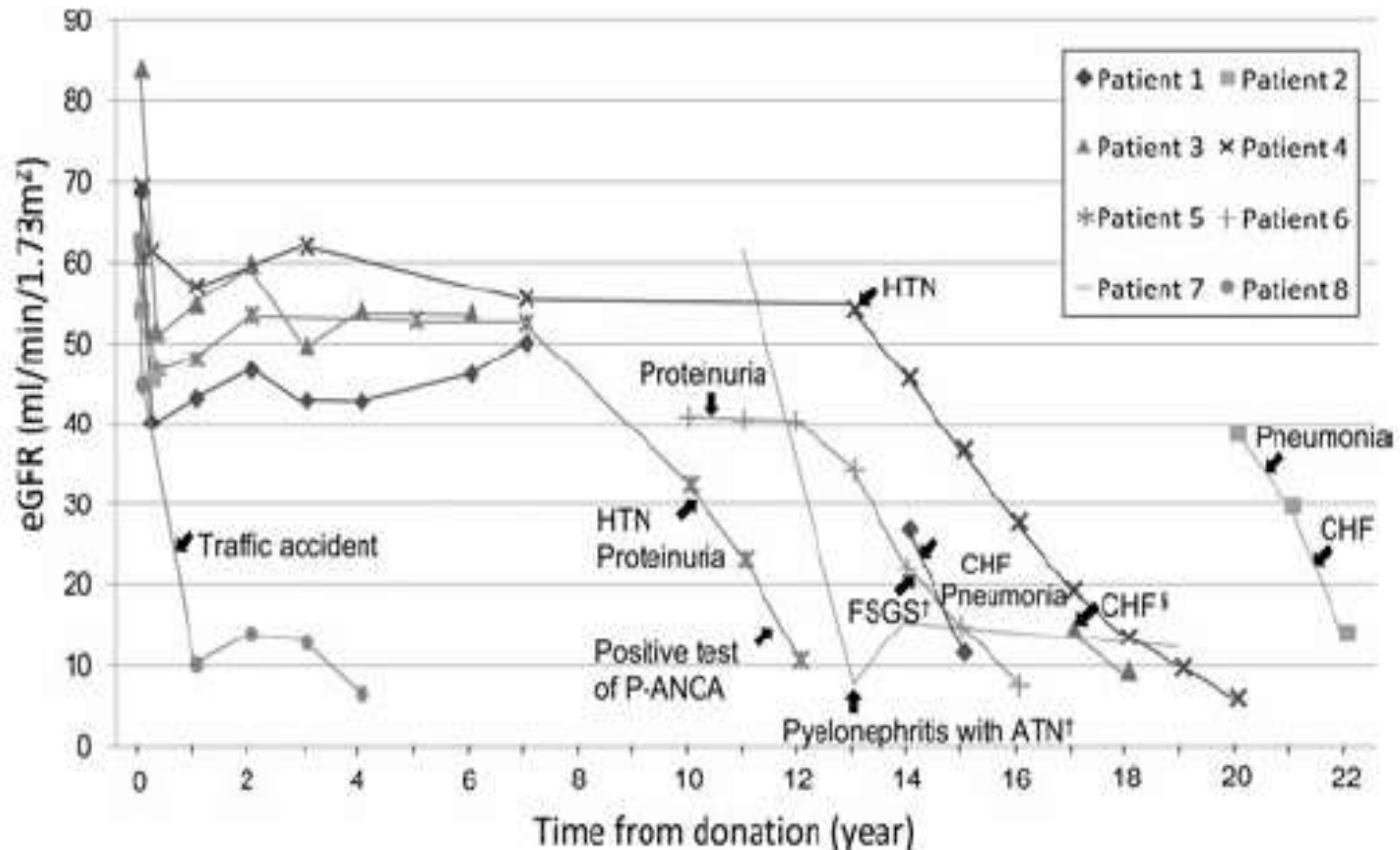
Key Point – *Most of the ESRD that has been reported in donors has occurred in **donors** RELATED to their recipients*

- **Plus grande fréquence d'insuffisance rénale chronique avancée chez les donneurs biologiquement LIÉS à leurs receveurs**

So The Question is: “How Do Living Donors Develop ESRD?”

- Is ESRD due to a *slow steady deterioration in GFR* that is associated with aging?
- Is ESRD due to *new-onset disease* after donation?

How Do Living Kidney Donors Develop ESRD?



Long-term ***Non-ESRD*** Kidney Donor Risks

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Living Donation & Cardiovascular Risk

Increased CVD Disease and Mortality?

- Compared to general population, **NO DIFFERENCE**
- Donors Compared to Healthy Population Controls

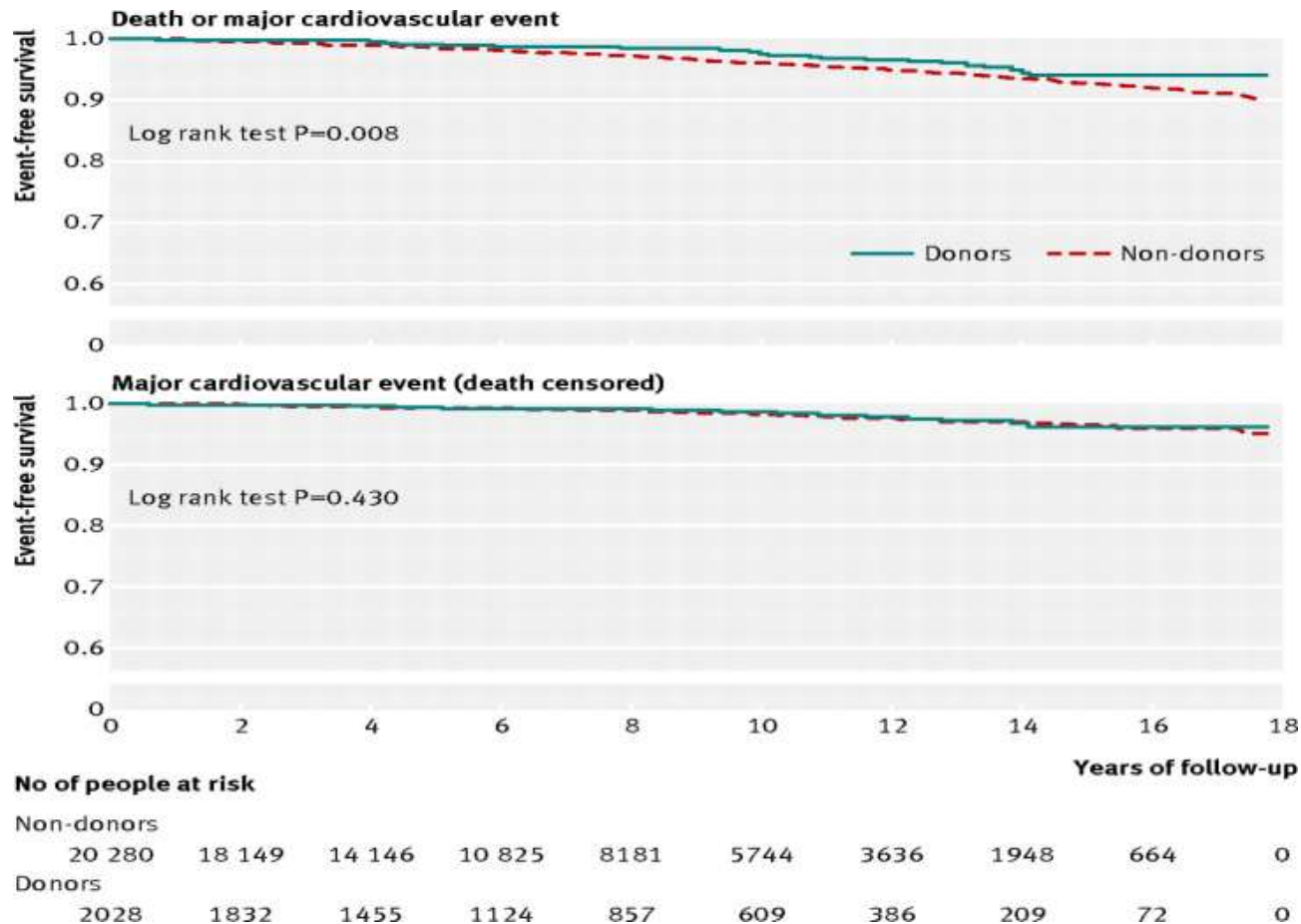
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USA	> 55 years Reese et al, AJT 2014	3,368	7.8**yrs

*** No difference in mortality**

**** no difference in CVD or mortality**

- *Les études n'ont pas montré une incidence plus élevée de maladie cardiovasculaire ou une mortalité accrue après un don de rein vivant par rapport à la population générale*

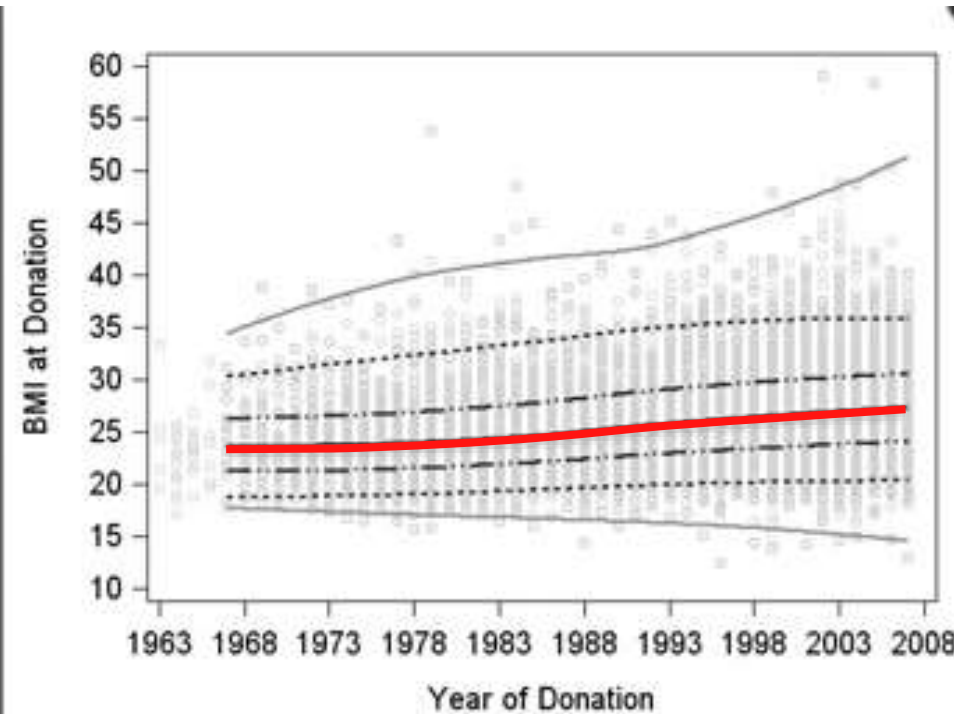
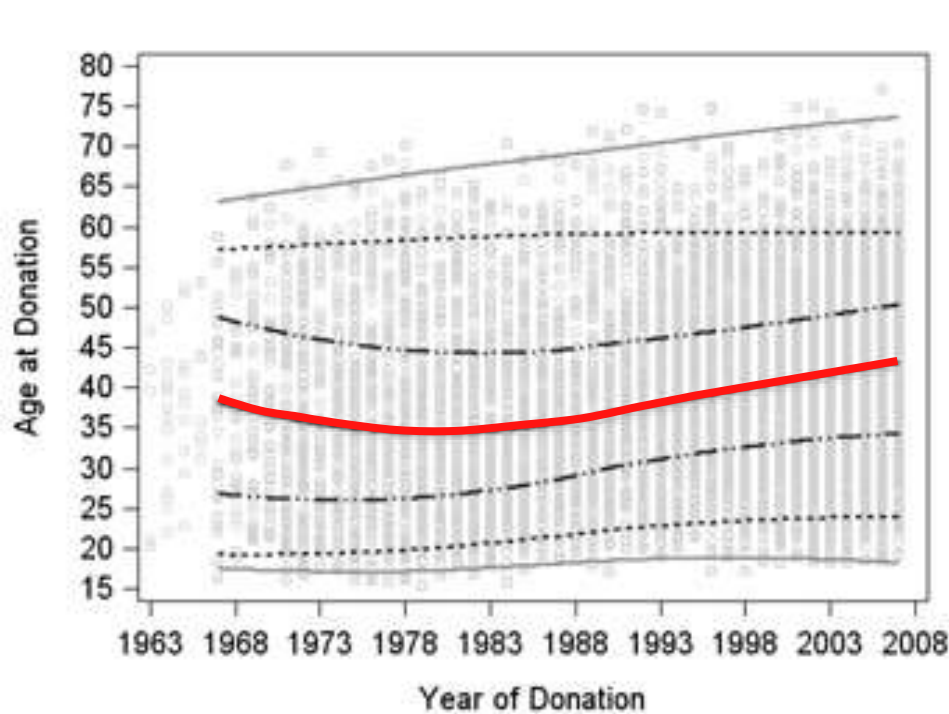
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Obese Donors Outcomes

Donors with Obesity Increased from 8% to 26%

- Mean BMI of donors has increased over time from 24.3 in the 1970's to 27.3 Kg/m² in the 2000's
- > 25% of all living kidney donors in the 2000's are obese compared to fewer than 8% in the 1970's



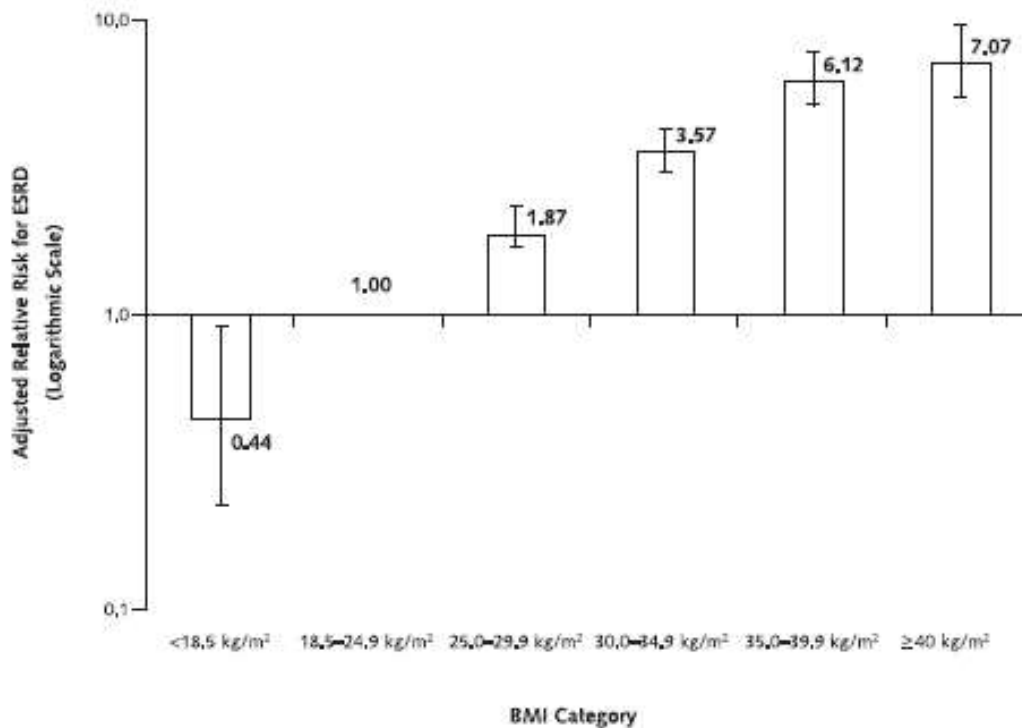
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Taler SJ. et al. Am J Transplant. 2013 Feb;13(2):390-8.

Obese Individuals have a 3.57- fold Higher Risk for ESRD (compared to individuals considered normal weight) (BMI 18.5-24.9 kg/m²)

Figure. Adjusted relative risk for end-stage renal disease (ESRD) by body mass index (BMI).

General
Population



Model adjusted for Multiphasic Health Checkup period, age, sex, race, education level, smoking status, history of myocardial infarction, serum cholesterol level, proteinuria, hematuria, and serum creatinine level. Error bars represent 95% CIs.

Obese Donors have Higher ESRD Risk

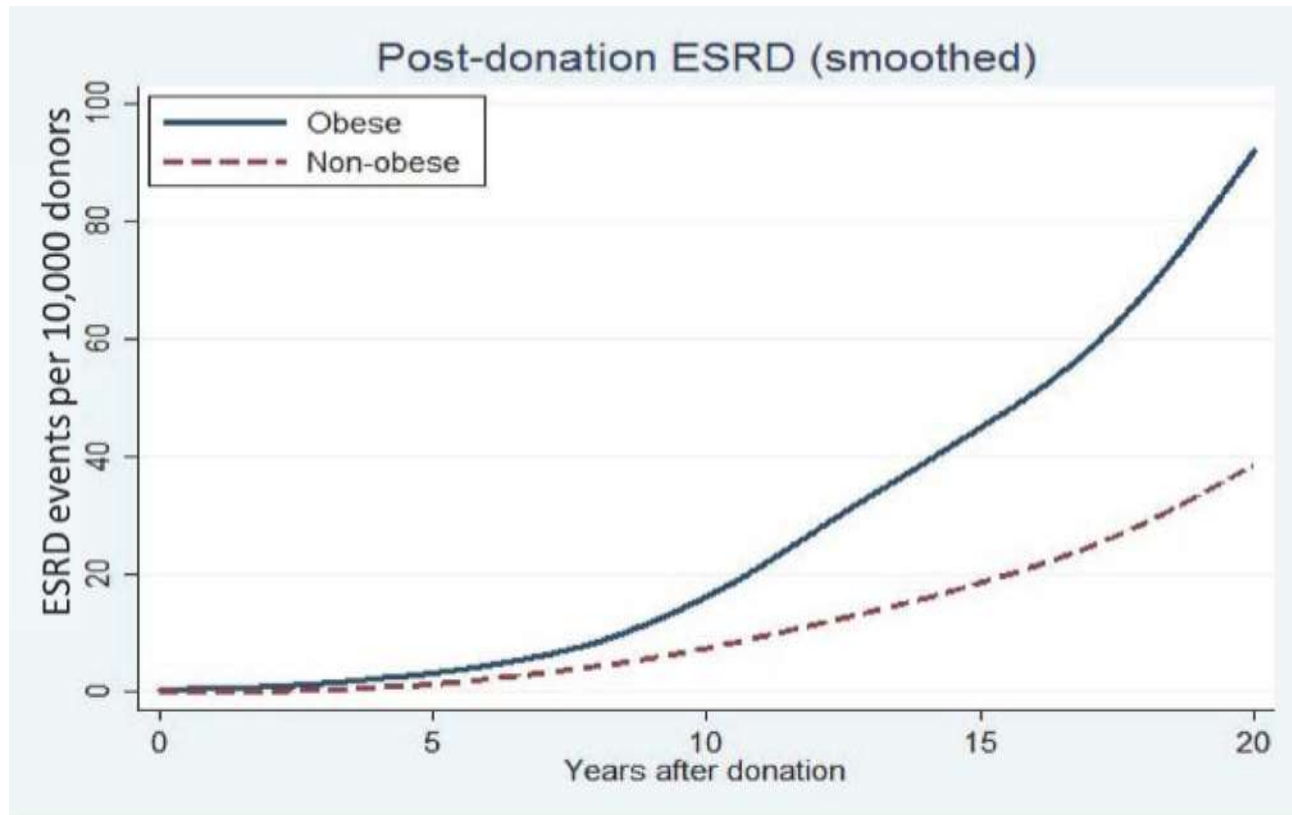


Figure 1.

Cumulative incidence of post-donation ESRD events among living kidney donors by obesity status at time of donation.

n=119,769 live kidney donors

OPTN/SRTR data linked to CMS data for ascertainment of ESRD

Locke JE ET AL, Obesity increases the risk of end-stage renal disease among living kidney donors. Kidney Int. 2017

Obese Donors have Higher ESRD Risk

- **Obese live kidney donors** had a significant **86% increased risk of ESRD** compared to their **non-obese counterparts** (adjusted HR 1.86; 95% CI 1.05-3.30)
- **For each unit increase in BMI above 27 kg/m² there was an associated significant 7% increase in ESRD risk** (adjusted HR 1.07; 95% CI 1.02–1.12)

Table 2

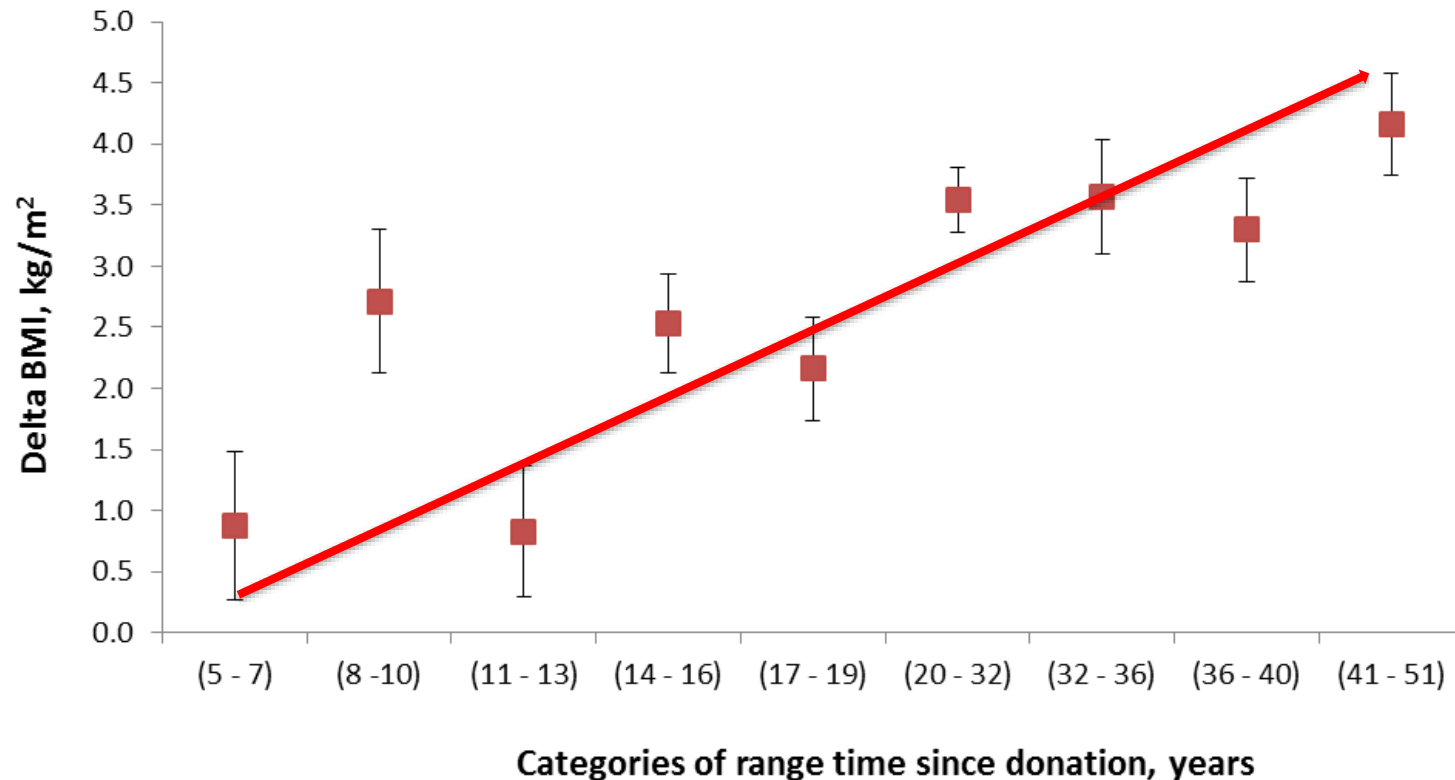
Cumulative incidence of ESRD events per 10 000 living donors estimated from the multiple imputation analyses (10/1/1987–6/30/2013).

Obesity status	5-years	10-years	15-years	20-years
Obese (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m ²)	3.2	15.2	42.5	93.9
Non-obese (BMI < 30 kg/m ²)	1.0	7.4	17.5	39.7

Adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, blood pressure, baseline eGFR & relationship to recipient

Change in Post-Donation BMI by Time Interval: Most Donors Gained Weight!

F/u for at least 5 years; adjusted for age at donation, ethnicity, gender & BMI at donation
(N=940 donors)



Donors with High Post-donation Weight Gain Had Higher Risk for HTN &/or DM2 Compared to Those who Lost Weight or had Minimal Weight Gain

HTN RR 1.93 (95% CI 1.51-2.46) (p<0.001) and/or DM2 RR 3.19 (95% CI 1.55-6.55) (p<0.0001)

Tertiles of percent change in BMI					
		-2.14 (-15.96 - -0.08)	1.43 (-0.05 - 3.96)	5.87 (1.78 - 22.48)	
Clinical outcomes		RRs (95% CI)		linear trend	p value
HTN	1	1.73 (1.32, 2.29)	1.93 (1.51, 2.46)	1.35 (1.21, 1.51)	< 0.0001
Diabetes	1	2.64 (1.22, 5.75)	3.19 (1.55, 6.55)	4.18 (2.05, 8.50)	< 0.0001
CVD	1	1.13 (0.72, 1.77)	1.2 (0.81, 1.77)	1.09 (0.92, 1.28)	0.3
Proteinuria	1	0.73 (0.37, 1.45)	1.02 (0.58, 1.79)	1.04 (0.85, 1.28)	0.7
eGFR < 60	1	1.51 (0.48, 4.76)	1.72 (0.73, 4.01)	1.28 (0.74, 2.25)	0.4
eGFR < 45	1	0.76 (0.45, 1.28)	0.94 (0.63, 1.40)	0.99 (0.77, 1.26)	0.9
eGFR < 30	1	0.83 (0.29, 2.34)	1.03 (0.47, 2.27)	1.03 (0.66, 1.62)	0.9
Death	1	0.45 (0.21, 0.95)	0.49 (0.28, 0.83)	0.70 (0.50, 1.00)	0.05

Linear trend is by tertile of percent change in BMI. HRs for ESRD could not be calculated due to lack of cases in more than one categories. RRs was adjusted for age, sex, family history of diabetes and hypertension and systolic and diastolic blood pressure, blood glucose, BMI, smoking and eGFR all at time of donation.

Should Women Planning Future Pregnancies Be
Donors?

*Les femmes qui planifient de futures grossesses
doivent-elles être des donneuses?*

Risk of Gestational Hypertension or Preeclampsia was **Higher** Post- Kidney Donation

Table 3. Maternal and Fetal Outcomes of Pregnancies after Cohort Entry in Living Kidney Donors and Matched Nondonors.

Outcome	Pregnancies in Donors (N=131)	Pregnancies in Nondonors (N=788)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	P Value [☆]
	<i>no. of events (%)</i>			
Primary outcome: gestational hypertension or preeclampsia	15 (11)	38 (5)	2.4 (1.2–5.0)	0.01
Secondary outcomes				
Gestational hypertension†	7 (5)	17 (2)	2.5 (0.9–6.5)	0.06
Preeclampsia	8 (6)	21 (3)	2.4 (1.0–5.6)	0.05
Cesarean section	41 (31)	224 (28)	1.2 (0.7–2.1)	0.44
Postpartum hemorrhage	≤5 (≤4)‡	24 (3)	0.9 (0.3–2.9)	0.91
Preterm birth with gestation of <37 wk	10 (8)	52 (7)	1.2 (0.5–2.5)	0.70
Low birth weight of <2500 g	8 (6)	31 (4)	1.7 (0.7–4.0)	0.21

Donor Nephrectomy Outcomes Research (DONOR) Network: (Ontario, Canada)

Pregnancies after Donation Should be Considered “High Risk”

- Ibrahim et al, AJT, 9:825, 2009 (USA)

Higher risk of gestational diabetes, HTN & preeclampsia

- Reisaeter et al, AJT 9:820, 2009 (Norway)

Matched donors with population controls

Preeclampsia increased in donors

- Garg et al, NEJM, 372:124, 2015 (Ontario, Canada)

Matched 85 donors with 510 healthy controls

***Gestational hypertension or preeclampsia more common in donors:
(11%) vs. controls (5%)***

Implications - Pregnancies after donation should be considered “***high risk***” with frequent BP checks

- La grossesse après un don de rein vivant doit être considérée comme un risque élevé

Other Potential Attributable Risks?

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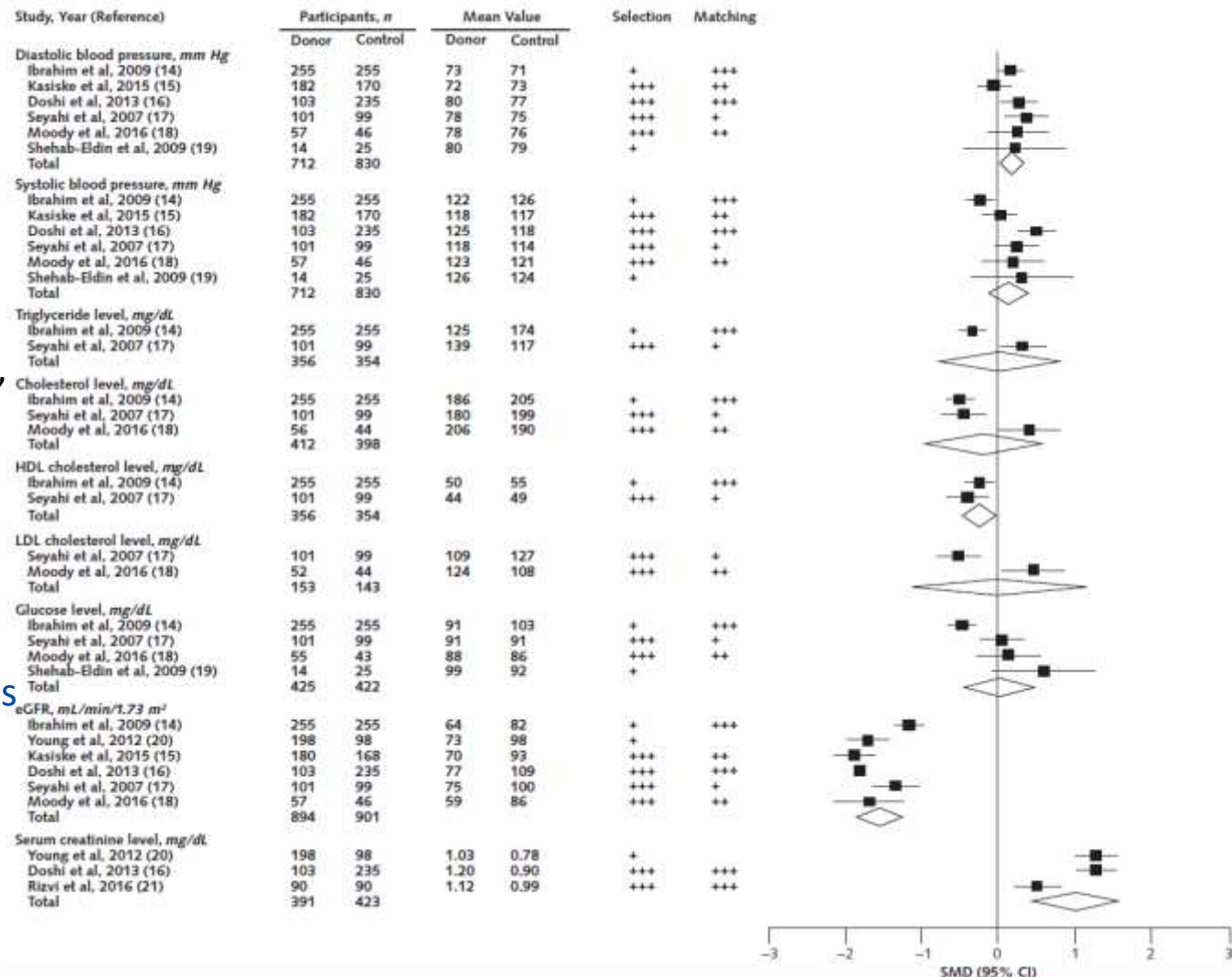
- Fractures: No evidence of increased fragility fracture risk: Am J Kidney Dis, 59: 770, 2012
- Serious G.I. bleeding: No significant difference; Clin Transplant, 28:530, 2014
- Gout: Donors more likely to be given a diagnosis of gout (3.4% vs 2.0: HR 1.6; $P < 0.001$). AJKD 65: 925, 2015
- Nephrolithiasis: no difference in the rate of kidney stones with surgical intervention in donors; Am J Transplant. 13(11):2935-44, 2013
- AKI/Acute dialysis during any hospital stay: no difference: Nephrol Dial Transplant. 27(8):3291-5, 2012

No Increase in All-cause Mortality, Cardiovascular Disease, Hypertension, or Diabetes Mellitus 2 in Living Kidney Donors than in Non-donors

Metanalysis:

- 52 studies, comprising 118,426 living kidney donors and 117,656 nondonors
- 23 studies from North America, 10 from Europe, 2 from Australia, 5 from South America, 12 from other or several regions
- Donors had higher diastolic blood pressure and lower estimated glomerular filtration rates

Figure 2. Meta-analysis of SMD in blood pressure and biomarkers in living kidney donors compared with nondonor control participants.



Higher risk for End-stage Renal Disease (RR, 8.83 [95% CI, 1.02 to 20.93]) and Preeclampsia in Female Donors (RR, 2.12 [CI, 1.06 to 4.27])

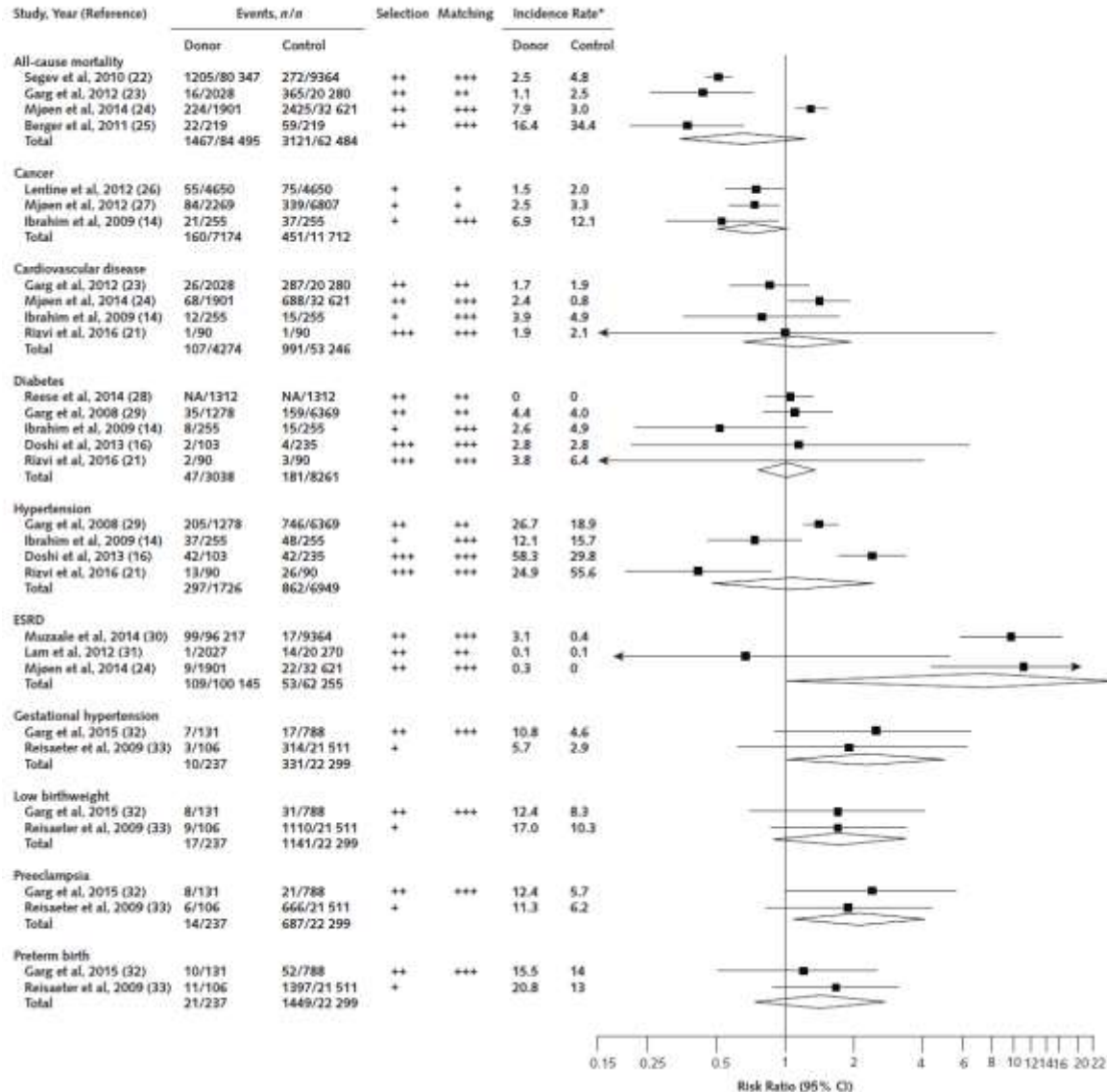
• ESRD:

Despite the increased RR, donors had **low absolute risk for ESRD** (incidence rate: **0.5 event** [CI, 0.1 to 4.9 events] per 1000 person-years)

• Preeclampsia:

Incidence rate, **5.9 events** [CI, 2.9 to 8.9 events] **per 100 pregnancies**

Figure 3. Meta-analysis of relative risks for selected clinical end points in living kidney donors compared with nondonor control participants.



Limitations to all of These Data*

- Almost all the long-term data, to date, have been provided by a very small number of groups:

(Single center or small registry studies in Europe, Japan & the USA **OR** large “inaccurate registries” in Canada and the USA)

- **Finding controls** for donors' outcomes studies is problematic
- There are little long-term data on the ***Non-Caucasian*** donors
- Donor acceptance criteria have expanded over the years:
 - Now include selected ***Older*** donors; donors with ***HTN***; ***Obese*** donors
 - Long-term studies are necessary in these subgroups!

La principale limite dans les résultats des études sur des donneurs vivants aux États-Unis est le manque de comparaison avec une population témoin saine et la plupart des études publiées portaient principalement sur des donneurs de race blanche

**Personal Viewpoint and Opinion*

Conclusions

- (I believe)* living kidney donation remains relatively safe with some **small** long-term **acceptable** risk, that warrants:
 - a) Meticulous selection by transplant providers (**caution in obese, younger..**)
 - b) Diligent counseling of potential donors with immediate **family h/o kidney disease**
 - c) Encouraging all donors to have regular (long-term) health screening post-donation

Les dons de reins vivants sont relativement sûrs, à l'exception de certains petits risques acceptables à long terme

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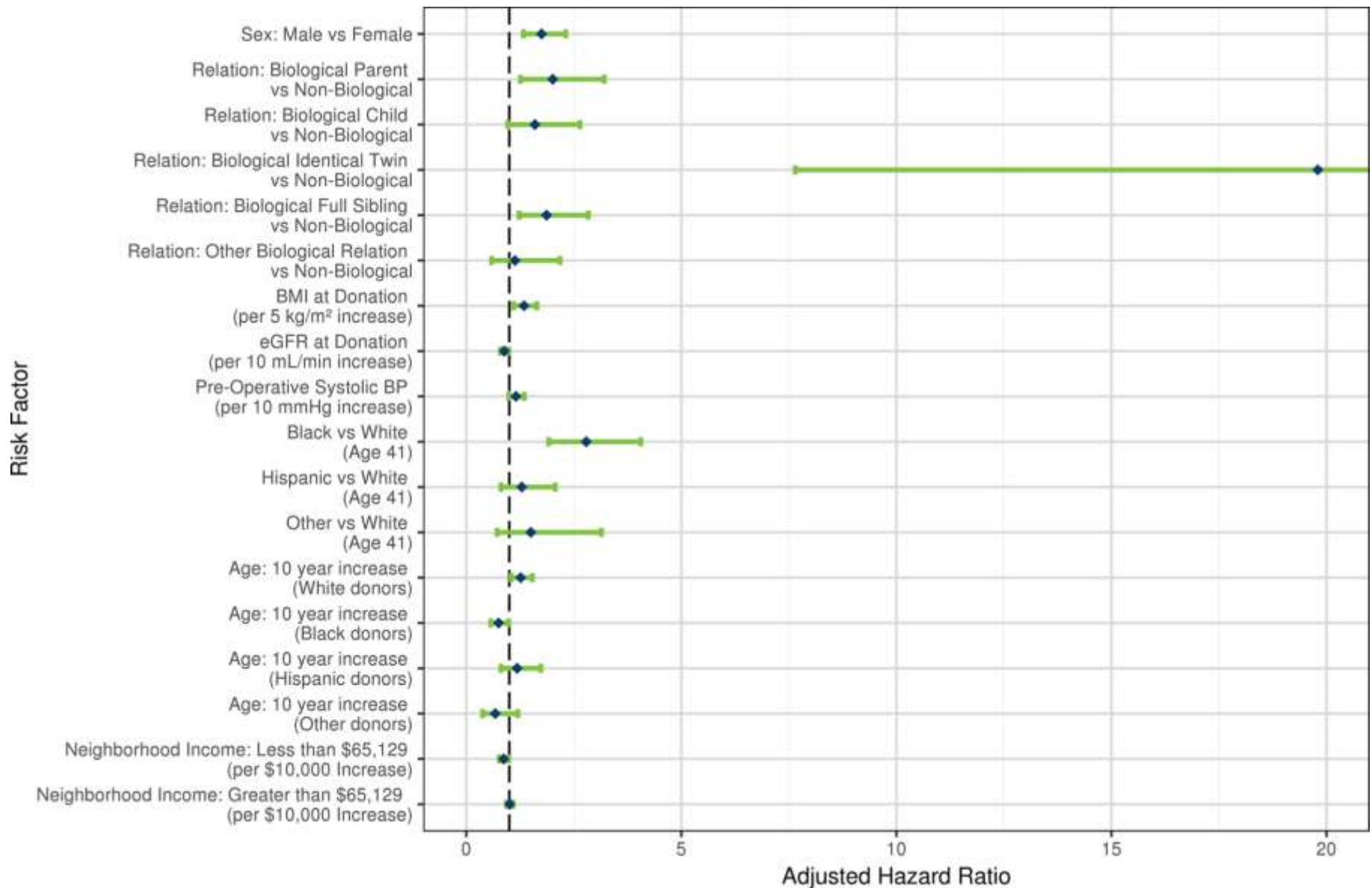
- A. Age
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Post-Test Question 1

Correct Answer: B. 1st degree relative with ESRD

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Biologically Related Donors had **Higher Risk** for Death-Censored **ESRD**



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- C. Cardiovascular diseases
- D. All of the above

Post-Test Question 2

Correct Answer: C. Pre-eclampsia

- **Pre-eclampsia and high blood pressure rates were higher among women who were pregnant after having donated a kidney, but all other outcomes were lower among donors**
- **AKI/Acute dialysis during any hospital stay: no difference:** Nephrol Dial Transplant. 27(8):3291-5, 2012
- **Cardiovascular disease are less prevalent:** from the slides- Compared to the general population, *no increased risk of CVD or mortality*



Thank You!

Questions & Discussion