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### Hemodiafiltration Is Associated with Better patients` Survival Compared with Conventional Hemodialysis

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Objectives : The survival benefit of hemodiafiltration (HDF) to ESRD patients is not yet established whereas recent studies using high convection volume HDF demonstrated its survival benefit.

Methods : Total 42552 hemodialysis patients from Korean Society Nephrology registry were analyzed in the current study. HDF (n=8191) and conventional HD (n=34361) groups were compared.

Results : In baseline characteristics, HDF group was younger ( $58 \pm 13$  vs.  $62 \pm 14$  years;  $p < 0.001$ ) and had more male (62.1 vs. 56.9 %;  $p = 0.004$ ). AVF (vs. AVG) was more used in HDF group (80.4 vs. 71.9 %;  $p < 0.001$ ). DM (38.9 vs. 47.7 %;  $p < 0.001$ ) and cerebrovascular accident (4.8 vs. 5.6 %;  $p = 0.006$ ) were less common in HDF group. HDF group showed the better patient`s survival compared with conventional HD group ( $p < 0.001$ ). Propensity score matching for the precise comparison was used. After propensity score matching, two groups were comparable in baseline characteristics, but HDF group still showed better patient`s survival compared with conventional HD group ( $p < 0.001$ ).

Conclusions : Our study shows HDF is strongly considered for improving patient`s survival.

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