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The change of peritoneal protein clearance is an independent risk factor for predicting mortality in a large cohort of PD patients with peritonitis

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**Objectives** : The relationship between peritoneal protein clearance (PPC), representing large pore flow, and mortality has been controversial because of susceptibility of PPC influenced by peritonitis in peritoneal dialysis (PD)–patients . And, the long–term follow–up and large study still have not been. Therefore, by following the change of PPC, we investigated the prognostic value of PPC for predicting all–cause mortality in patients with or without PD peritonitis.

**Methods** : This prospective, observational study included a total of 332 patients who initiated PD at NHIS Ilsan Hospital, from January 2000 to December 2009. PPC was measured from 24 hours–PD effluent at initiation PD and after 2 years. We divided the patients into two groups according to presence of peritonitis event within PPC follow–up period; Group 1, no peritonitis (N=127); Group 2, peritonitis (N=205). Cox proportional hazard analysis was performed to investigate the association of PPC with all–cause mortality in patients with or without peritonitis.

**Results** : Among a total 332 of incident PD patients, 174 (52.4%) was male and 164 (49.4%) was diabetes mellitus (DM). The PPC levels trend to increase only in group 2 (86.56mg/d to 93.49mg/d,  $p = 0.099$  vs. 85.38mg/d to 80.15 mg/d,  $p = 0.45$  in group 1). Correlation analyses revealed that PPC was positively correlated with frequency of peritonitis ( $r = 0.123$ ,  $p = 0.025$ ), the presence of DM ( $r = 0.227$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and congestive heart failure (CHF) ( $r = 0.130$ ,  $p = 0.018$ ). While, PPC was inversely correlated with initial serum albumin ( $r = -0.296$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). During a median follow–up duration of 45 months, 103 patients were died (31.0%). In multivariate Cox proportional hazard analysis, PPC at 2years later was an independent risk factor in only group 2 [Hazard Ratio (HR) = 1.007, confidential interval (CI) = 1.002–1.012,  $P = 0.004$ ]. Moreover, increasing of  $\Delta$ PPC was a significant independent predictor of mortality in only group 2 (HR = 1.005, CI = 1.000–1.009,  $P = 0.032$ ), even after adjusted with age, serum albumin, DM, CHF, frequency of peritonitis and C–reactive protein.

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**Conclusions** : The change of PPC was a significant prognostic factor for all-cause mortality in only PD patients with peritonitis. Serial measurement of PPC could be useful tool for predicting survival, especially in patients with PD peritonitis.

**Keywords** : Peritoneal protein clearance, peritoneal dialysis related peritonitis, mortality