

**Abstract Submission No.: A-0423****Interdialytic blood pressure variability and all-cause mortality in patients undergoing maintenance hemodialysis: a multicenter study using the DialysisNet**

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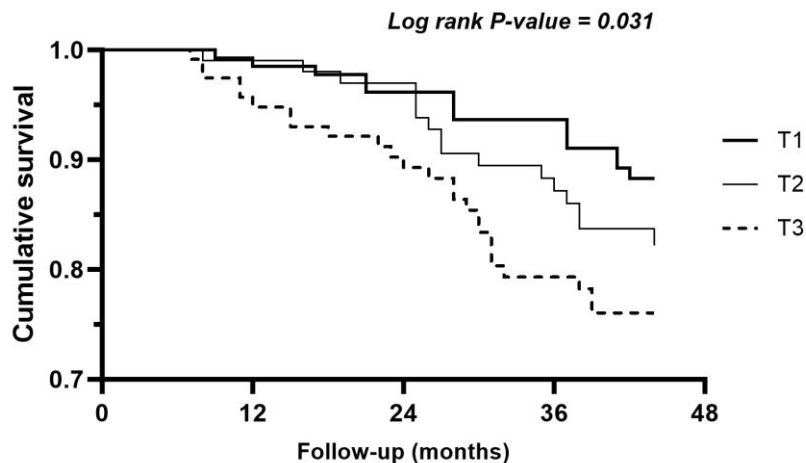
**Objectives :** Traditionally, the goal of blood pressure (BP) management is to control mean blood pressure, which is achieved by office BP measurement. However, the importance of BP variability has been increasingly emphasized recently. Therefore, this study aimed to analyze all-cause mortality according to interdialytic BP variability (BPV) in hemodialysis patients.

**Methods :** Data on pre-dialysis BP and clinical information were extracted from four dialysis units through the DialysisNet system, which enables efficient HD management by utilizing common data elements. Interdialytic BPV was evaluated as the coefficient of variation (CV) of predialysis BP at each dialysis session over a 12-month period. The CV of systolic blood pressure (SBP) and diastolic blood pressure (DBP) was divided into tertiles. The primary outcome was all-cause mortality according to the CV of predialysis SBP, which was analyzed using Cox regression analysis.

**Results :** Data of 357 hemodialysis patients (55.5% male), aged 62.9±13.2 years, with a median dialysis vintage of 24 (5–68) months, were analyzed. Patients in the third SBP CV tertile were older (P=0.010), had a higher prevalence of underlying diabetes (P=0.017), and had lower serum albumin levels (P=0.010). During a mean follow-up of 44.0±10.7 months, 55 (15.4%) patients died. Compared with the first SBP CV tertile, the third tertile showed significantly increased all-cause mortality after adjustment (hazard ratio [HR], 2.11; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.04–4.24; P=0.037). Compared with the first DBP CV tertile, the third tertile showed significantly increased mortality in univariable analysis (HR, 2.18; 95% CI, 1.10–4.30; P=0.025) but not in multivariable analysis (HR, 1.88; 95% CI, 0.89–3.95; P=0.096).

**Conclusions :** Increased interdialytic BPV in hemodialysis patients is associated with all-cause mortality. This was more prominent in SBP than in DBP. Particular attention should be paid to large BPVs in older adults, women, and patients with a relatively longer dialysis vintage.

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Number at risk	T1	T2	T3
	136	104	117
	134	99	108
	119	93	94
	109	77	75
	88	55	55

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Table 3. All-cause mortality according to the SBP CV tertiles

	CV tertile of SBP	Events, n (%)	Model 1		Model 2		Model 3	
			HR (95% CI)	P-value	HR (95% CI)	P-value	HR (95% CI)	P-value
All cause mortality	T1	14 (10.3)	Reference		Reference		Reference	
	T2	16 (15.4)	1.56 (0.76, 3.21)	0.222	1.13 (0.52, 2.48)	0.757	1.05 (0.47, 2.33)	0.902
	T3	25 (21.4)	2.34 (1.22, 4.50)	0.011	2.22 (1.10, 4.45)	0.026	2.11 (1.04, 4.24)	0.037

Model 1: Unadjusted

Model 2: Adjusted for age, sex, BMI, DM and HTN

Model 3: Model 2 + adjusted for hemoglobin, albumin and phosphorus

CV, coefficient of variation; SBP, systolic blood pressure; HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; BMI, body mass index; DM, diabetes mellitus; HTN, hypertension