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**Association between anemia and peritoneal dialysis withdrawal in stable peritoneal dialysis patients**

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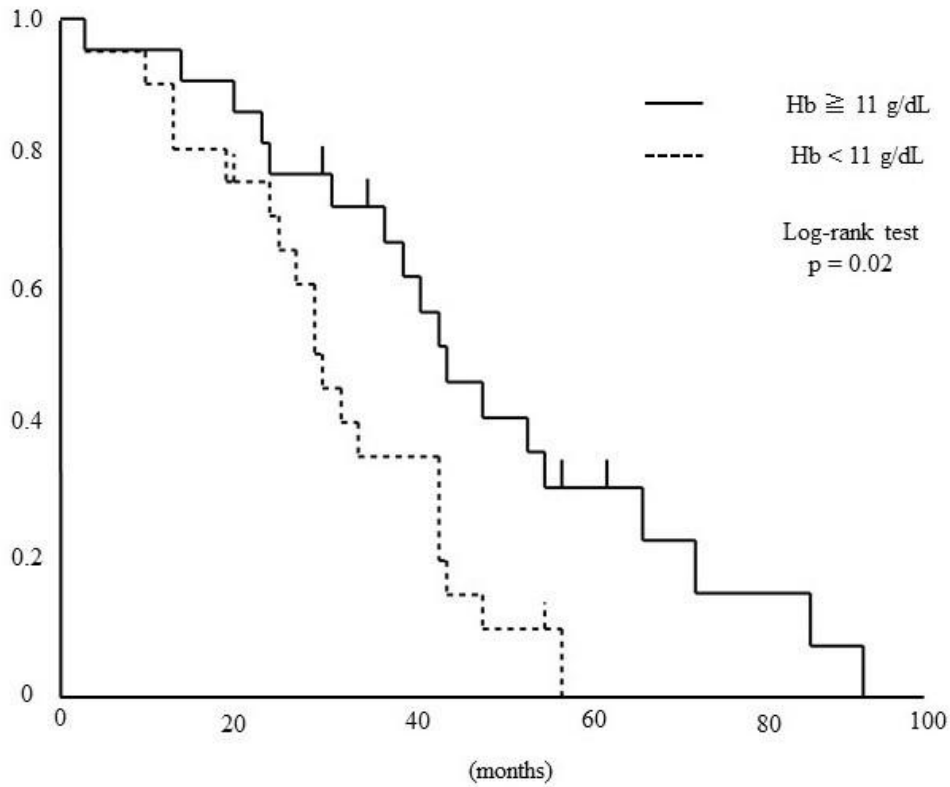
**Objectives** : Anemia is a risk factor for early withdrawal from peritoneal dialysis (PD); however, its influence on stable PD patients is not established. We investigated the relationship between anemia and PD withdrawal in stable PD patients.

**Methods** : Forty-three PD patients underwent multiple peritoneal equivalent tests (PET) between September 2011 and December 2022. Patients were divided into two groups: Hb  $\geq$  11 g/dL (22 patients) and Hb < 11 g/dL (21 patients) at the time of first PET, and subsequent PD withdrawal rates were analyzed. Furthermore, the correlation between Hb and annual rate of urinary volume decline was also investigated.

**Results** : The median PD duration was 14 months, and 37 patients withdrew from PD during the mean follow-up period of 37.5 months. PD withdrawal rate was higher in the Hb<11 g/dL group (Log-rank test  $p=0.02$ ). In the COX proportional hazards model, Hb was also a significant factor associated with PD withdrawal even after adjustment for patient background (HR: 0.73, 95% CI: 0.54-0.99,  $p=0.04$ ). In addition, Hb was negatively correlated with the subsequent annual rate of urinary volume decline ( $r=-0.34$ ,  $p=0.02$ ).

**Conclusions** : Anemia is a risk factor for PD withdrawal in stable PD patients through residual renal function decline.

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	Univariate		Multivariate	
	HR	p-value	HR	p-value
Age (years)	1.00 (0.97-1.03)	0.78	1.00 (0.96-1.04)	0.99
Sex (Male)	1.20 (0.62-2.34)	0.59	1.15 (0.43-3.04)	0.78
Duration of PD (months)	1.00 (0.97-1.03)	0.99	1.00 (0.96-1.03)	0.81
Charlson Comorbidity Index	1.04 (0.77-1.34)	0.79	0.95 (0.67-1.30)	0.77
Hb (g/dL)	0.71 (0.56-0.92)	0.009	0.73 (0.54-0.99)	0.04
Urinary volume (dL/day)	0.90 (0.85-0.97)	0.006	0.93 (0.86-1.01)	0.09