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Abstract

Academician Momir H. Polenakovic, MD, Ph.D. is an outstanding researcher, educator and scientist, one of the founders of the nephrology in the Republic of Macedonia. With more than 500 published papers in national and international journals, of which more than 189 are on the PubMed, he is one of the most fruitful medical worker in our country. With his participation in national and international congresses he has contributed to the transfer of the world nephrology in Macedonia, as well as, to the dissemination of the reputation of the Macedonian nephrology and science in the world. He has educated a number of specialists in internal medicine and subspecialists in nephrology. He has introduced new tests and methods in diagnosis and treatment of renal disease, which was a basis for his research and publication. Analyzing the life opus of Academician Momir Polenakovic we can say that he has dedicated his life and work to the research, diagnosis and treatment of kidney patients.

Key words: Macedonian nephrology, research, diagnosis, treatment of kidney patients

M. Polenakovic is a Professor of Medicine – Nephrology. He is an outstanding researcher, educator and scientist, one of the founders of the nephrology in the Republic of Macedonia.

Analyzing the life opus of Academician Momir Polenakovic we can say that he has dedicated his work to the research, diagnosis and treatment of kidney patients. Extremely well

educated at the most famous nephrology centers in Europe and the USA, he managed to transfer part of what he has learnt abroad to Macedonia at the Nephrology Clinic, where he spent his life. Besides being a superb clinician, physician-specialist, internist-nephrologist, he was also a great teacher who educated numerous students and doctors from the Republic of Macedonia and the surrounding countries. With his talent in organizing of the nephrology care and the contacts with the colleagues from Macedonia and abroad he created a strong nephrology organization and nephrology protection of the citizens in Macedonia, and has contributed for the Nephrology Clinic of the Medical Faculty in Skopje to become one of the "centers of excellence" according to the estimates of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia. By uniting his organizational, educational, scientific and research qualities he has developed into one of the most outstanding workers in the medical area in our country.

During his study at the Medical Faculty of the University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Skopje he has shown interest in research and he has been educated and supported by the best professors of the Faculty, as Acad. I. Tadger, Acad. D. Arsov, Prof. V. Dolgova, Prof. D. Hrisoho, Prof. D. Mioviski and Prof. B. Karanfilski. Under their guidance he participated in the research and has prepared several papers published in the student journals of former Yugoslavia (see the bibliography of Acad. Momir Polenakovic <http://manu.edu.mk/prilozi/editor.htm>).

In the early 1960s, with his Prof. Hrisoho he described the new region with the Balkan Endemic Nephropathy (BEN), along the upper part of South Morava River in the village of Vitina, Kosovo, Serbia. The clinico-morphological examination of BEN became a life occupation of Prof. Polenakovic. He has published several papers about BEN and one chapter published in the Oxford Textbook of Nephrology, 1992.

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ENDEMSKA NEFROPATIJA U SELU VITINO (KOSMET)*

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U toku višegodišnjeg praćenja bubrežnih bolesnika lečenih na Internoj klinici u Skopju primećeno je da je najveći broj obolelih bio iz sela Vitino. Takođe je zapaženo da su bolesnici iz Vitina bili u izvesnom srodstvu, tako da su se u određenim periodima više bolesnika iz jedne porodice lečili na Internoj klinici u Skopju. Prateći tok i prognozu bolesti uočena je izvesna specifičnost oboljenja kao i sličnost kliničkih slika što ukazuje da se radi o zajedničkom i istom bubrežnom oboljenju.

Pošto je problem endemske nefropatije veoma aktuelan, sve češće se vrše ispitivanja u raznim krajevima Jugoslavije sa ciljem da se utvrdi rasprostranjenost ovog oboljenja. Zbog toga smo sebi stavili u zadatak da ispitamo sledeće:

- da li je nefropatija problem za Vitino;
- da ukažemo na pojedine kliničke karakteristike oboljenja;
- da zainteresujemo nadležne zdravstvene ustanove za ovaj problem, kako bi se preduzele odgovarajuće naučno-istraživačke, a u sadašnjoj fazi i blagovremene terapijske mere.

METODI RADA

U toku našeg rada obavili smo:

1. istraživanje u endemskom području po unapred određenom planu, a u skladu sa preliminarim programom za ispitivanje nefropatije u SFRJ koji je izradio Savezni zavod za zaštitu narodnog zdravlja;
2. istraživanje u selu Dračevu koje po položaju i životnim uslovima odgovara selu Vitinu;
3. kliničku analizu istorija bolesti bolesnika iz područja sela Vitino hospitalizovanih u toku poslednjih deset godina na Internoj klinici u Skopju.

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*Fig. 1 – The paper about the Endemic Nephropathy in the village of Vitina (Kosmet) was awarded the first prize at the IV Congress of students of medicine held in Sarajevo from 5 to 8 July 1962.
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Balkan nephropathy is a familial chronic tubulointerstitial disease, encountered in some restricted areas of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Rumania. The first description of the disease in Yugoslavia was made by Danilović *et al.* (1957) and in Bulgaria by Tanchev *et al.* (1956). The earliest observation of an increased incidence of renal disease in some of the present endemic settlements was made by practising physicians in about 1941 and 1942.

Geographical distribution

Balkan nephropathy is geographically located in the areas of south-eastern Europe, along the tributaries of the Danube (Fig.

1), within an area of about 400 to 500 km². The endemic areas in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Rumania border on one another and the distance between them is not more than 100 km. The disease is limited to a relatively small region north and south of the Danubian Iron Gates and located in a few areas along the tributaries of this river in the plains and low hills at an altitude of 150 to 500 m above sea level, some distance from the mountainous regions of the Balkans and Carpathians. The region where Balkan nephropathy is detected generally have high humidity and high rainfall. No local geological peculiarities have been described.

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Balkan Nephropathy

Kidney Disease beyond the Balkans?

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Introduction

Balkan nephropathy is a chronic tubulointerstitial disease, encountered in some well-defined areas of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Rumania. Geographically, settlements where Balkan nephropathy is endemic are in southeastern Europe, along the affluents of the Danube, within an area of 400–500 km diameter (fig. 1). The regions of Balkan nephropathy are limited to a relatively small area north and south of the Danubian Iron gates and located in a few spots along the tributaries of this

Etiology of Balkan Nephropathy

The etiology of Balkan nephropathy has attracted much interest, and broad investigations have been conducted into the possible role of genetic factors, environmental agents (living agents, trace elements, fungal and plant toxins) and immune mechanisms. Despite the failure to show a single specific cause of Balkan nephropathy, evidence has been obtained on the factors associated with the disease.

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WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THE BALKAN ENDEMIC NEPHROPATHY AND THE UROEPITHELIAL TUMORS?

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Abstract

Balkan endemic nephropathy (BEN), a familial chronic tubulo interstitial disease with a slow progression to terminal renal failure, affects people living in the alluvial plains along the tributaries of the Danube River. One of its most peculiar characteristics is a strong association with upper urothelial cancer. An increased incidence of upper urinary tract (UUT) transitional cell cancer (TCC) was discovered among the inhabitants of endemic settlements and in families affected by BEN. In areas where BEN is endemic, the incidence of upper tract TCC is significantly higher, even 100 times, than in non-endemic regions. Until now, several hypotheses have been introduced about the etiopathogenesis of BEN. Only the toxic effect aristolochia clematidis has been confirmed as a factor in the occurrence of the disease. We don't have specific biomarkers for an early diagnosis of BEN and UUT-TCC. With application of modern molecular and genetic methods in investigation of etiopathogenesis and diagnosis of BEN and UUT-TCC we should expect improvement in the study of BEN.

Key words: Balkan endemic nephropathy, upper urinary tract, transitional cell cancer.

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Balkan nephropathy

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Abstract. Balkan endemic nephropathy (BN), frequently associated to upper urothelial cancer, is a familial chronic tubulointerstitial disease with insidious onset and slow progression to end-stage renal disease. After 60 years of research, its cause remains the major unanswered question. Etiology as-

sume River in Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, and Serbia [1]. An estimate of more than 10,000 of affected or at-risk individuals makes this disease an important public health problem in the Balkans. A high prevalence of upper tract urothelial tumors (UTUT) of

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With his colleagues he introduced the treatment of Acute (1965) and Chronic (1971) Kidney Failure with hemodialysis. He has published a number of papers about renal disease in national and international journals. He has a

special interest in investigation of cupropharm membrane and PMMA in patients on hemodialysis. He participated in the first renal transplantation in the Republic of Macedonia in 1977.

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L'ACCÈS AU DIAGNOSTIC DU SYNDROME HYPERTENSIF
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Интерна клиника при Медицинскиот факултет во Скопје

ЛЕКУВАЊЕ НА БОЛНИ СО АКУТНА БУБРЕЖНА ИНСУФИЦИЈЕНЦИЈА СО ПОСЕБЕН ОСВРТ НА НАШИТЕ ИСКУСТВА СО ХЕМОДИЈАЛИЗА

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Хемодијализа во фаза на анурија претставува не-заменлива терапевтска процедура бидејќи овозможува болниот да се ослободи од заканавањите количини уреа и го регулира водено-електролитниот биланс и ацидозата. Хемодијализата е применета 1 до 5 пати при 17 болни и резултатите се следни: при 50% дијализирани болни настани фаза на полиурија, при 30% олигурија како премин кон полиуричната фаза. Болните се јавуваат доцна кога фаза на анурија трае повеќе дена заради што настануваат иреверзибилни промени. Од друга страна, криминалните абортуси се изведуваат примитивно те настануваат тешки септични состојби, најчесто анаеробни што е секое причина за летален исход во голем процент и покрај настанувањето на диуретичната фаза во 50% случаи.

Акутна бубрежна инсуфицијенција е состојба во која дневното излачување на урина нагло се намалува под 400 ml. Таа може да е последица на тешките функционални нарушувања без структурални промени, а се јавува при почетната, но реверзибилна вазоконстрикција поради намален крвен волумен по траума, обилна дијареа и vomitus, опекотини и особено по спонтани и хируршки крвавења. По обилни крвавења кои како последица имаат периферна вазоконстрикција, во првите 1 до 2 часа сè уште се одржува нормален плазматичен флукс и оттаму резултира големо значење на примената на трансфузијата во овој период. Меѓутоа, доколку крвниот волумен е редуциран во текот на 4 до 7 часа, настанува тешка ренална вазоконстрикција којашто доведува до тубуларна некроза, а во некој случаи и до некроза на реналниот кортекс.

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Abstract. A hypersensitivity reaction occurring in the first minute of the dialysis procedure was observed in seven haemodialysis patients in one day. Hollow-fibre dialysers were used, five made of saponified cellulose ester (SCE) and two of cuprammonium cellulose (CC). All were sterilised with ethylene oxide (ETO) and used for the first time. The severity of the reactions was grade 2. The whole series of dialysers was examined for the presence of ETO concentration. A significantly higher concentration of ETO was found in the polyurethane potting than in the capillaries. The ETO concentrations were 122, 185, 440, 274, 342, and 280 p.p.m. in the following dialysers: Cordis Dow (cellulose acetate CA), Cordis Dow-Plivaldial (SCE), Fresenius C-1.3 (CC), Fresenius E-2 (CC), Fresenius E-3 (CC), and Travencol-Medial S11 flat plate (CC) respectively. According to the clinical signs, ETO concentrations in the dialysers and the lack of reaction when extensive rinsing was used, it can be presumed that these reactions are related to ETO although other mechanisms cannot be excluded.

Key words: Hypersensitivity; Ethylene oxide; Haemodialysis; Polyurethane potting; Biocompatibility

Introduction

With increasing life expectancy of patients and upon introduction of new technologies, the number of problems associated with dialysis procedures in chronic dialysis patients has also multiplied. These are manifest as multiple functional, organ lesions, and residual phenomena. Their mechanisms and ways of preventing their occurrence under conditions of long-

term therapy associated with prolonged blood contact to different kinds of biomaterials are not yet known. All these phenomena are part of the intradialysis morbidity which may result from a pre-existing or other illness, inadequate treatment of uraemia, previous immunosuppressive therapy, or exposure to haemodialysis [1]. The hypersensitivity reactions at the beginning or during haemodialysis are also part of the factors that may contribute to dialysis morbidity.

These reactions are mostly sporadic and distinct in severity and duration. In the USA the incidence of these reactions is 3.5/100 000 dialysers sold [2,3]. Our experience showed an incidence of 2.5/100 000. In 1975 ethylene oxide was for the first time reported as a causative factor of such reactions [4]. Since then there have been many reports on the role of ETO in hypersensitivity reactions in particular first-use syndrome [5].

The aim of this paper is to report our experience in a follow-up of accidental hypersensitivity reactions observed in one day, and to clarify this relatively frequent phenomenon in our practice.

Materials and Methods**Patients**

In seven haemodialysis patients in the Department of Nephrology in Skopje, hypersensitivity reactions in the first minute of the dialysis procedure were observed. The patients' ages ranged from 26 to 58 years, and they comprised five females and two males. The basic renal diseases were: chronic glomerulonephritis 3, nephro-angiosclerosis 1, polycystic disease 1, pyelonephritis 1, Balkan endemic nephropathy 1. None had a pre-existing pneumocardiopathy or any type of hypersensitivity. The duration of dialysis procedure was 12 h per week for all patients, and survival ranged from 9 to 42 months.

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Haemodialysis-membrane biocompatibility and mortality of patients
with dialysis-dependent acute renal failure: a prospective randomised multicentre trial

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ABSTRACT: 1,019 adult patients with terminal renal failure were treated with dialysis (D) in the first part of the year 2000 in the Republic of Macedonia. 1,010 patients (99%) were treated with chronic intermittent (maintenance) hemodialysis (HD) while nine patients (1%) were on continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). For the children, a special peritoneal dialysis program was developed; 509 patients per million of the population (PMP) were on dialysis.

The Republic of Macedonia is, therefore, among those central and eastern European countries with a higher PMP number in the treatment of end-stage renal disease, following Croatia, the Czech Republic and Slovenia.

The patients were treated at 18 Centers in a network of HD Centers at a distance of 30-50 km. from their place of residence in order to facilitate their access to treatment and to work. All patients who have had symptoms indicating need for treatment with D were accepted for treatment. The government paid all the expenses of the treatment and the salaries of the staff. 56% were male and 44% were female patients. The youngest patient was aged 9 and the oldest was 82 years old. There has been an increase in the age of the patients on D as well as an increase in their number. In 1993 we had 727 patients being treated with D, and now we have 1,019 with a constant increase in the number of patients with ESRD and a need for D and renal transplantation. Mortality per year at the different Centers ranged from 8-19% in 1999 and the average is 12%.

Glomerulonephritis (GN) – both primary and secondary – is the main cause of renal failure (RF) in some Centers up to 45%. Tubulo-interstitial disease follows GN. ADPKD patients constitute 9.4% with a difference among the Centers of 3-29%, and diabetic nephropathy is found in 10%, 5-15% in different Centers. 11-61% of patients have an unknown etiology.

352 patients are on treatment with human recombinant erythropoietin (rhuEPO) – in some Centers up to 60%. The mode of application was subcutaneous and the initial dose is 20 U/kg body weight and the mean maintenance dose of EPO per patient weekly is 4,000 U.

The Cimino-Brescia arteriovenous fistula is being applied as a standard vascular access. The survival rate of our patients treated with maintenance HD at 5 years was 58%. CAPD and particularly renal transplantation are to be further developed as alternative methods in treating terminal renal failure. (Int J Artif Organs 2002; 25: 386-90)

KEY WORDS: Chronic renal failure, Hemodialysis, CAPD, EPO, Survival

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Еритропоетин во лекувањето на бубрежна анемија

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Richard Bright во 1835 год. прв ја опишал поврзаноста помеѓу анемијата и хроничната бубрежна инсуфициенција. Понатамошните студии потврдиле дека еритропоетинот е поврзан со бубрежните преку продукцијата на хормонот еритропоетин кој е главен регулатор на создавањето на еритроцитите во коскениот мозок. Секое оштетување на бубрежните кое ги вклучува и клетките одговорни за синтеза на еритропоетинот и неговата физиолошка контрола ќе предизвика хипопролиферативна анемија чиј што интензитет корелира со степенот на намалување на бубрежната функција. Многу од регистрираните морбидитет и морталитет кај пациентите со бубрежна инсуфициенција се должи на последните од анемијата.

Кај возрасна машка особа хемоглобинот е 13,5-18 g/dl, а кај женска 11,5-16 g/dl. Кај мажи хематокритот изнесува 0,40-0,54%, а кај жени 0,37-0,47%, еритроцитите кај мажи се помеѓу 4.500.000-6.500.000/mm³, а кај жени помеѓу 3.900.000 и 5.600.000/mm³. Овие основни вредности треба да се имаат на ум при одена на постоење на анемија и започнување на лекувањето на истата со еритропоетин.

Во 1986 год. за прв пат е клинички употребен, произведен по пат на генетско инженерство, рекомбинантен хуман еритропоетин (hEPO), во лекување на анемијата кај хроничната бубрежна инсуфициенција. Бројни мултицентрични студии и широка примена на еритропоетинот во лекувањето на анемијата кај хроничната бубрежна инсуфициенција ги покажаа сите позитивни и негативни дејства на еритропоетинот како и неговата незаменива улога во лекувањето на болни со хронична бубрежна инсуфициенција. Организирана примена на hEPO во лекувањето на бубрежната анемија започна во 1990 год. во Р.Македонија. Имаме можност да учествуваме во интернационалната мултицентрична студија со hEPO кај пациентите на

хемодијализа насловена: „Контролирана клиничка студија за влијанието на субкутаната ЕПО терапија врз морбидитетот и клиничката толеранција кај пациенти со терминална бубрежна инсуфициенција на лекување со хемодијализа“. Еритропоетинот, Recormon (R), употребен за клиничките испитувања го обезбеди производителот Boehringer-Mannheim од Германија. 40 пациенти лекувани со хемодијализа од Клиниката за нефрологија влегоа во студијата. Анемија со хематокрит понизок од 28 vol% беше критериум за вклучување во студијата. Се целеше со субкутаното давање на ЕПО – Recormon (R), 3 x 20 единици на килограм телесна тежина, на 10 минути пред секоја хемодијализа да се достигне саканиот хематокрит од 30-35 vol%. Карактеристично за оваа мултицентрична студија, во која земаа учество клинички од Бугарија, Чехословачка, Полска, Источна Германија, Советскиот Сојуз, Унгарија и Југославија, партиципираше само Клиниката за нефрологија од Скопје, беше субкутаното давање на ЕПО и бавно покачување на хематокритот за да се избегнат несаканите дејства. Нашето искуство од оваа студија за прв пат го соопштуваме во текот на Научниот симпозиум по повод 20 години хронична хемодијализа во Македонија – „Нефрологија денес и утре“, одржан во Македонската академија на науките и уметностите, на 16 и 17.05.1991 г. а отпечатен во Македонски медицински преглед, Дополнител 12, стр. 65-74, 1993. Нашите резултати и искуства во лекувањето на бубрежната анемија со ЕПО ги соопштуваме во повеќе домашни и странски списанија. Дел од резултатите беа соопштени во текот на Првиот Конгрес на Македонското здружение за нефрологија, дијализа, трансплантација и вештачки органи и отпечатен како Зборник на трудови во Македонски медицински преглед, дополнител 14, 1994, насловен „Нефрологија '93“ и под заглавие „Еритропоетин“. Кардиоваскуларните ефекти на терапијата со еритропоетин се дадени на Табела 1.

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Fig. 12 – Polenakovic M. Erythropoietin in treatment of renal anemia Nefrologija 2000, Macedonian Medical Review. 2001; 55 (suppl. 49): 255–6

He introduced the treatment with erythropoietin (EPO) in patients with anemia and chronic renal disease, as well as on hemodialysis.

His publications about the survival of red blood cells and EPO and heart morphology before and after treatment with EPO are well known.

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Analysis of Heart Morphology and Function Following Erythropoietin Treatment of Anemic Dialysis Patients

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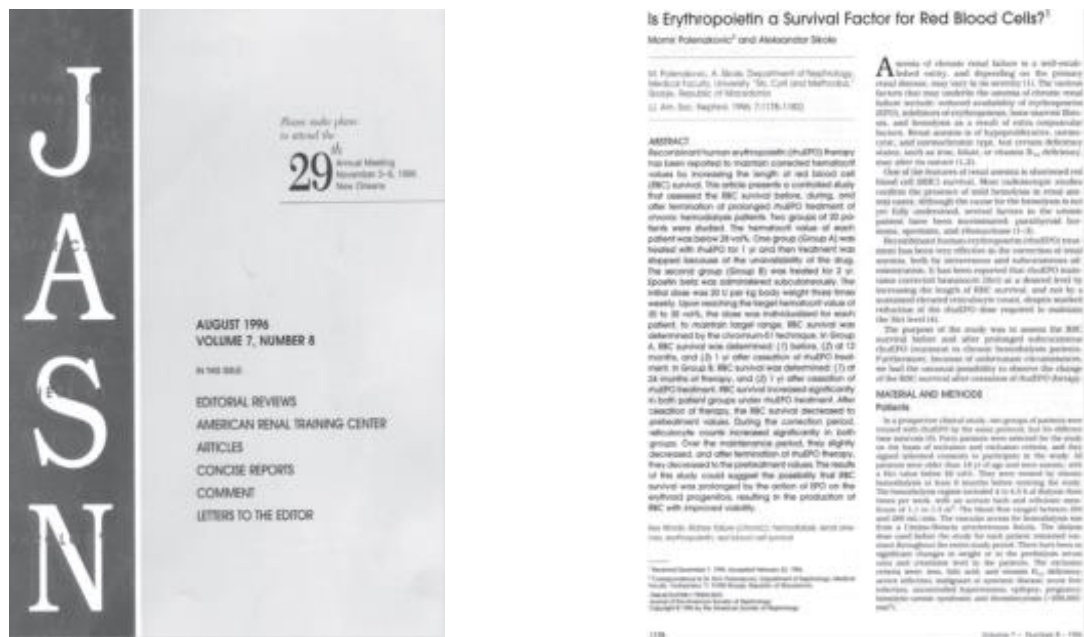


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In the beginning of 1970s, he introduced the percutaneous renal biopsy and the examination of the received renal tissue with light, fluorescent and electronic microscopy, among the first in former Yugoslavia. That way, he per-

formed the classification of primary and secondary glomerulonephritis. Thanks to these methods the treatment of glomerulonephritis improved with the most advanced therapy, with immunosuppressive therapy and plasmapheresis.

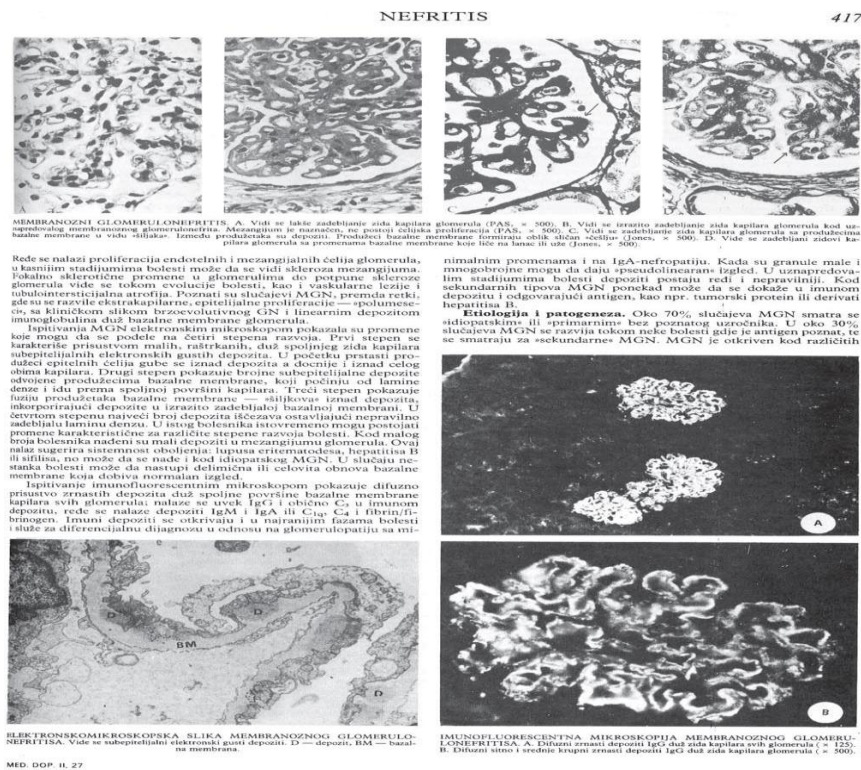


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infektivnih bolesti kao npr. hepatitis B, sifilisa (kongenitalni i sekundarni), lepre, sistosomijaze, filarijaze; kod multisistemskih bolesti, npr. sistemskog lupusa eritematozisa, reumatskog artritisa, mekoviće bolesti vezivnog tkiva, dermatomiozitisa, sarkoidoze; kod neoplazmi — karcinoma (pluća, kolona, želuca i dr.), limfoma i ređe leukemije; za vreme primarne leukemije, npr. zlatu, živu, D-penicilaminu, trietanolamin, probenecid i kaptoprilu. MGN je zapažen kod hereditarnih familijarnih i metaboličkih bolesti kao i kod hroničnog odbacivanja bubrega. Ovi sekundarni MGN služe kao model za stvaranje imunokompleksa G.N. gde može da se otkrije specifični antigen sugeriran kliničkom slikom, za razliku od idiopatskog MGN gde to nije slučaj.

Miljenja o patogenezi MGN su kontroverzna. Morfološke karakteristike MGN idu u prilog imunokompleksa G.N. Sugerira se da endogeni ili egzogeni antigeni izazivaju formiranje protutela, zatim stvaraju u cirkulaciji imuni kompleksi koji se talože iz cirkulacije duž kapilara glomerula i uzrokuju G.N. Druga teorija sugerira mogućnost kombinacije slobodnih protutela iz cirkulacije sa antigenima pribrodno lociranim na epitelnoj strani zida kapilara glomerula i in situ stvaranje imunih kompleksa koji dalje uzrokuju G.N. Ispitivanje sistema HLA sugerira da postoji genetska osnova za osetljivost prema bolesti. Saopštava se da je idiopatski MGN povezan sa HLA-B₂, B₂ ili sa DR3. Saopštava se da je HLA-DR 3 naden u 67–76% bolesnika sa MGN u odnosu na 21% zdravih belaca. Ispitivanja učinjena u Velikoj Britaniji ukazuju na povezanost MGN sa haplotipom HLA-DR 3, B₂ i B₂. Ustanovljena je i znatno veća učestalost MT 2 kod bolesnika sa idiopatskim MGN no kod zdravih lica.

Tok i prognoza. MGN je bolest sa nepredvidljivim tokom, ona ne zavisi mnogo od primenjenog lečenja. Spontana remisija može da nastane do u 25% slučajeva bolesnika. 25–50% bolesnika dugo vremena mogu da imaju samo početne manifestacije bez evolucije u hroničnu bubrežnu insuficijenciju (HBI). Ima slučajeva povećanja nefrotskog sindroma, no sa dugotrajnim ostacima blagotvorne evolucije. Bolest u značajnom broju slučajeva evoluirala do HBI; tako tokom 5–10 god., od otkrića MGN, oko 25% bolesnika razvija HBI, a drugi tok 10–20 god., čak i docije. Kod ostalih se saopštava o razvoju HBI u 30–60% bolesnika sa MGN. Kod dece prognoza je bolja, osobito ako su mladi od 5 godina prema HBI je do 10%. Teška hipertenzija, koja je retko prisutna u početku bolesti, razvija se tokom bolesti i do u 30% bolesnika. Tromboza renalnih vena čeka je kod MGN no kod ostalih G.N. Često je klinički latentna, pogoršava tok MGN i može da izazove tromboembolijske komplikacije; preovlađava mišljenje da je sekundarna na MGN. Izračunato je da do 76% bolesnika sa MGN preživljava prvih 10 god., od otkrića bolesti.

Lečenje. Saopštava se da je davanje kortikosteroida u početku idiopatskog MGN sa nefrotskim sindromom i sačuvanom bubrežnom funkcijom reduciralo proteinuriju i usporilo pojavu HBI. Uloga citostatika u lečenju još nije tačno definisana. Kod sekundarnih formi MGN primenjuje se lečenje osnovne bolesti. Rekurentnost MGN na presađeni bubrež nije kontraindikacija za transplantaciju.

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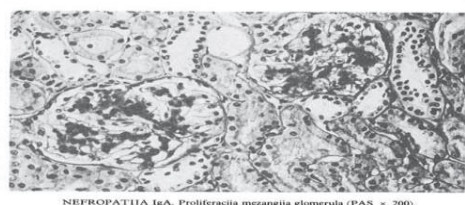
NEFROPATIJIA IgA

IgA-nefropatiju (sin. IgA-IgC-glomerulonefritis, IgA-nefritis, IgA-IgC nefropatija, mezangijalni IgA-glomerulonefritis, Bergerova bolest) prvi put su opisali 1968. god. Berger i Hinglais. Naden je karakterističan imunohistološki nalaz, konstantno i dominantno prisustvo znatnih depozita IgA u mezangijumu svih glomerula, bez obzira na histološke promene, u odsustvu sistemske bolesti. Pacijenti, češće muškog pola, obično u drugoj ili trećoj deceniji života, imaju skraćeno makroskopsku hematuriju ili makroskopsku hematuriju sa proteinurijom. Tok bolesti je hroničan, sa sporom evolucijom ka hroničnoj bubrežnoj insuficijenciji.

Klinička slika i laboratorijski nalazi. Učestalost IgA-nefropatije varira između 3,8–8,5% u biopsičnom materijalu primarnih glomerulonefritisa. U Francuskoj je jedna od najčešćih glomerulskih bolesti, slična je incidentnost u i Australiji, Italiji i Japanu, dok je manje zastupljena u Severnoj Americi i Velikoj Britaniji. I u našoj zemlji spominje se među učestalijim glomerulonefritima.

Otkriva se u mladih osobama, najčešće uzrasta između 19–30 god., iako su opservirani slučajevi i kod dece uzrasta od 3–8 god., i kod starijih osoba. Muškarci češće obolevaju od žena. Familijarna zastupljenost je retka.

Rekurentna ili perzistentna hematurija najčešće se sreću kao klinička prezentacija bolesti. Jedna trećina bolesnika ima makrohaturiju koja je obično povezana sa infekcijama gornjeg respiratornog trakta,



NEFROPATIJIA IgA. Proliferacija mezangijalne glomerula (PAS × 200).

gastrointestinalnog ili urinarnog sistema. Reda je po se ekstremnog fizičkog napora ili posle imunizacije. Učestalija je u početku bolesti nego kasnije. Karakteristično je da se makrohaturija pojavljuje posle infekcije ili napora u toku nekoliko časova, najčešće tokom prva dva dana. Ovi kratki intervali razlikuju IgA-nefropatiju od poststreptokokovog glomerulonefritisa, kod kojega interval između infekcije i hematurije obično traje između 10–14 dana. Makrohaturija mogu da budu bolovi u abdomenu, slabim, mišićima, ređe dišavima, osećaj malaksalosti a povremeno i povišena telesna temperatura. Između pojava makrohaturije obično perzistira mikrohematurija i proteinurija, iako povremeno mogu da budu odsutne. Vremenski intervali između pojava makrohaturije su različiti. Kod polovine bolesnika postoji na početku bolesti samo proteinurija i mikrohematurija. U ovih bolesnika bolest može da se otkrije samo preko analize urina. IgA-nefropatija ređe počinje kao akutni glomerulonefritis, sa hematurijom, edemima, bubrežnom insuficijencijom i hipertenzijom. Početna bolest može da se otkrije pri ispitivanju uzroka hipertenzije i hronične bubrežne insuficijencije.

Proteinurija je umerena, obično nije veća od 1 g/24 h, retko je tako obilna da izazove nefrotski sindrom. Nalaz eritrocita i granuliranih cilindara u urinu ukazuje na parenhimno oštećenje bubrega a ne na urolitiku genuzu hematurije za kojom se često nepotrebno traži. Nivo IgA, kao i povišeni nivo IgA-imunokompleksa, C₃ i C₄ u serumu obično su normalni. C₃ proaktivator (Faktor B) je normalan. Mogu se naći uvećane vrednosti fragmenata C₃ u serumu što sugerira aktivaciju C₃ in vivo najverovatnije alternativnim putem. Kod ove nefropatije opisana je aktivacija sistema komplementa alternativnim putem, pomoću hladne. Zapaženo je da su HLA-antigeni, i to HLA-Bw 35 u Francuskoj, B 12 u SAD i HLA-DR, u Japanu učestali u ovih bolesnika no u ostaloj populaciji.

Patologija. Ispitivanjem bubrežne biopsije svetlosnim mikroskopom vidi se karakteristično uvećanje mezangijuma, koje difuzno zahvata skoro sve lobule glomerula. Konstantno je povećan mezangijalni matrica, pridružen jednakom proliferacijom mezangijalnih ćelija u lobulama. Ovaj nalaz ranije je često opisivao kao fokalni glomerulonefritis. Bojenje trihomom (Masson) pokazuje efibrinoide depozite u mezangijumu. Ako ne postoje segmentne lezije, dobija se izgled mezangijalnog glomerulonefritisa, a u blagim slučajevima pro-



ELEKTRONSKOMIKROSKOPSKA SLIKA NEFROPATIE IgA. Mezangijalni elektronski gusti depoziti. D — depoziti, M — urinarni prostor, UP — kapilarni lumen (× 14 600, prof. Groszdev).

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0028-2766/85/0401-0091\$2.75/0**Unilateral Renal Vein Occlusion in Rats¹**

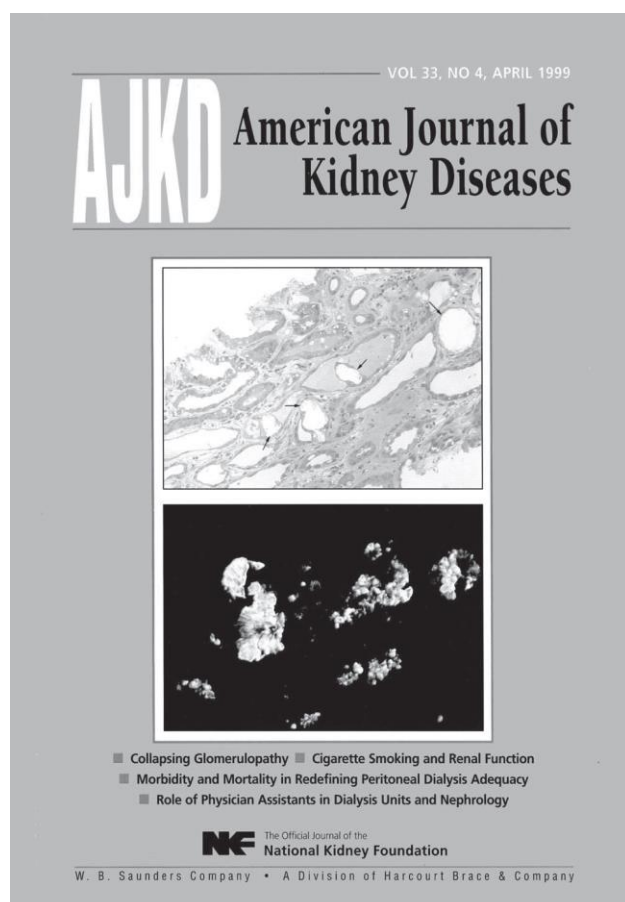
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Key Words. Renal vein · Thrombosis · Occlusion · Rats · Experimental electromicroscopic immunofluorescent

Abstract. To study the relationship of renal vein thrombosis to membranous glomerulonephritis with the nephrotic syndrome, we attempted to simulate the former by occluding to 0.5 mm one renal vein in rats. Although increased proteinuria did occur during the first 3 days after such occlusion, there was little difference from control animals in the amount of proteinuria thereafter, up to 46 days, and no evidence of membranous glomerulonephritis by light, immunofluorescent, or electron microscopy.

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**ORIGINAL INVESTIGATIONS****Collapsing Glomerulopathy: Clinical Characteristics and Follow-Up**

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• In 1986, Weiss et al reported a group of patients with nephrotic syndrome, progressive chronic renal failure, and the histopathologic features of glomerular capillary collapse. Similar lesions are often described in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) nephropathy. We evaluated 893 consecutive nontransplant renal biopsies performed in our department and the follow-up of the patients at our outpatient service. Sixteen specimens were identified with the pathological features of collapsing glomerulopathy (focal segmental or global glomerular capillary collapse and mesangial epithelial cell hyperplasia), with no evidence of HIV infection and/or intravenous drug abuse. Their clinical characteristics were analyzed and compared with a group of 28 patients with noncollapsing focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS). The follow-up period of both patient groups was 5 ± 1.48 years. The Kaplan-Meier life table method was used to present survival of the patients. The age of both groups was similar, 34 ± 4 years (mean ± standard error of the mean) for patients with collapsing glomerulopathy and 35 ± 3 years for those with FSGS. The serum creatinine level was greater in patients with collapsing glomerulopathy (182 ± 81 μmol/L) compared with those with FSGS (175 ± 16 μmol/L), but the difference was not significant ($P = 0.394$). The difference in proteinuria was not significant ($P = 0.785$); it was 5.82 ± 6.74 g/d in patients with collapsing glomerulopathy and 5.42 ± 6.84 g/d in those with focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. The difference in systolic ($P = 0.4$) and diastolic blood pressure ($P = 0.838$) was also not significant. Survival of the patients with collapsing glomerulopathy was worse than that of patients with FSGS ($P = 0.023$). Renal function survived 5 years in 40% of the patients with FSGS, but patients with collapsing glomerulopathy had no renal function survival. Our data suggest that idiopathic collapsing glomerulopathy is a distinct clinicopathologic entity with similar clinical features to focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, but a worse prognosis and a rapidly progressive course toward end-stage renal disease.

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FOCAL SEGMENTAL glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) is a common pattern of glomerular injury encountered in human renal biopsy specimens.¹ Only some cases represent idiopathic FSGS, the primary glomerular disease associated with the nephrotic syndrome known as FSGS.²⁻⁴ The majority of patients with this form of glomerular disease represent a progressive course to renal failure. In an attempt to predict the prognosis, a number of histopathologic patterns of FSGS have been described, but the prognostic importance of these patterns remains controversial.^{1,3,5} In 1986, Weiss et al⁶ described six patients with

nephrotic syndrome, progressive irreversible renal failure, and the pathological features of glomerular capillary collapse and visceral epithelial cell swelling and hyperplasia. This clinicopathologic entity, which did not include a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, was also reported by other investigators and is known as collapsing glomerulopathy.^{7,10}

We report on 16 patients who had no evidence of HIV infection or known HIV risk factors who presented pathological features similar to those described in previous reports as collapsing glomerulopathy.⁶⁻¹⁰ This study reports their clinical characteristics and prognosis and compares them with a group of 29 patients with idiopathic FSGS.

MATERIALS AND METHODS**Patient Selection**

We evaluated 893 consecutive nontransplant renal biopsies performed in our department and the follow-up of the patients at our outpatient service. Sixteen specimens were identified with the pathological features of collapsing glomerulopathy with no evidence of HIV infection or intravenous drug abuse. The biopsy diagnosis of collapsing glomerulopathy was based on light microscopy findings of focal, segmental, or global glomerular capillary collapse and visceral epithelial cell hyperplasia and hyperplasia, sometimes

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Treatment and Long-Term Follow-Up of Patients With Stage II to III Idiopathic Membranous Nephropathy

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• Many important aspects of the therapeutic approach to patients with idiopathic membranous nephropathy are still controversial. There are several reports that the effectiveness of therapy depends on histological staging and severity of interstitial mononuclear cell infiltration. We used several different treatments in 39 patients with stage II to III primary membranous nephropathy with proteinuria more than 2.5 g/d, without hypertension and chronic renal failure at biopsy. Ten patients were not treated, 13 were treated with only steroids, 13 with alternate use of steroids and chlorambucil, and three with cyclosporine A. The follow-up period was 5 to 10 years. Statistics included Kruskal-Wallis and one-way ANOVA analysis. A significant decrease in proteinuria was noted in patients treated with steroids ($P < 0.01$), from 8.45 ± 1.04 g/d (mean \pm SEM) to 1.42 ± 0.45 g/d after follow-up of 5 years and in patients treated with steroids and chlorambucil (12.9 ± 2.4 g/d [mean \pm SEM] to 2.46 ± 1.38 g/d). Compared with patients treated with steroids (15.3%) and patients treated with steroids and chlorambucil (15.3%), untreated patients had a high frequency of chronic renal failure after 5 years of follow-up (70%) and had a significant increase in mean serum creatinine ($P = 0.008$). We conclude that steroid therapy alone, or associated with chlorambucil, is effective in patients with stage II to III membranous nephropathy. Patients responded with a decrease of proteinuria and stable renal function during the long-term follow-up period. The group of patients treated with cyclosporine A was too small to analyze.

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IDIOPATHIC MEMBRANOUS nephropathy is a common cause of nephrotic syndrome in adults.¹⁻³ Renal function may remain stable for long periods, and spontaneous remissions of nephrotic syndrome can occur, but there also are patients who are disabled by or even die of complications related to nephrotic syndrome or progressive chronic renal failure.^{4,5} The role of steroid and cytotoxic agents for treating idiopathic membranous nephropathy remains controversial.⁷⁻¹⁸ Research studies have shown varying degrees of effectiveness of steroid therapy on different stages of glomerular changes in membranous nephropathy and different degrees of interstitial infiltration.^{10,17}

To avoid the influence of histological staging and severity of tubulointerstitial changes, several treatment methods were used for 39 patients with stage II to III idiopathic membranous nephropathy, without significant tubulointerstitial changes, with proteinuria more than 2.5 g/d, and without hypertension and chronic renal failure at the start of treatment.

PATIENTS AND METHODS

Patient Selection

Thirty-nine white patients (26 men and 13 women; ages 33.2 \pm 11.5 years) with stage II to III idiopathic membranous nephropathy documented by standard histopathologic procedures were included in the study. Stage II to III membranous nephropathy was defined by optical micro-

copy silver stain which showed interruption of the outer aspects of capillary loop interrupted by numerous basement membrane "spikes," and by the presence of numerous epimembranous electron-dense immune deposits separated by "spikes" of basement membrane material on electron microscopy (Fig 1). Tubulointerstitial changes were absent or slight and were graded semiquantitatively as 0 or \leq . Both glomerular and tubulointerstitial changes were analyzed by two pathologists. The total number of glomeruli per section for optical microscopy was 10 to 25, for electron microscopy, 1 to 3. All patients had normal renal function and no hypertension at biopsy, and all had greater than 2.5 g/d proteinuria. Patients with systemic disorders (eg, malignancies, diabetes, chronic infections, rheumatologic diseases, and congestive heart failure) were excluded. Proteinuria equal to or greater than 3.5 g/d was considered nephrotic. Chronic renal failure was defined as serum creatinine higher than 110 μ mol/L or a 50% reduction in clearance from normal. End-stage renal failure was the start of hemodialysis treatment.

Treatment Protocols

Group 1. Ten patients were treated with a low-salt diet and, if necessary, diuretics and plasma infusions. Eight of these patients refused specific treatment, and treatment was believed to be contraindicated in the other two patients.

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Tubular basement membrane changes during induction and regression of drug-induced polycystic kidney disease

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Tubular basement membrane changes during induction and regression of drug-induced polycystic kidney disease. Defective cell-extracellular matrix (ECM) biophysiology is considered a factor in the development of polycystic kidney disease (PKD). Altered biosynthesis of various ECM components may result in tubular dysmorphogenesis and uncontrolled tubular cystic expansion. In this study, expression of certain ECM components was investigated in a diphenylthiazole (DPT)-induced rat model of PKD. DPT induces cystic change in all the collecting tubules, most severe in the outer medulla and inner cortex, and following withdrawal of DPT, cystic tubules return to normal with persistence of focal interstitial fibrosis. SDS-PAGE analyses of isolated tubular basement membranes (TBMs) of control and PKD kidneys revealed overall similar electrophoretic migratory bands. However, in PKD, there were relative increases in components with M_r ~ 380,000, 250,000 and 145,000, and a decrease in

and have decreased synthesis and expression of proteoglycans (PG), and altered immunoreactivities for other ECM glycoproteins, for example, fibronectin (FN) and type-I collagen have been noted in human forms of PKD. In a previous study [6], biochemical changes in non-collagenous polypeptides in TBMs of kidneys with diphenylthiazole (DPT)-induced PKD were observed, and these alterations regressed with the discontinuation of DPT. Besides the changes in various matrix components, impaired intracellular synthesis and processing of sulfated glycoproteins (SGPs) in the Golgi complex was observed [11]. The PGs so synthesized were undersulfated, and conceivably, this led to their

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The incidence of biopsy-proven primary glomerulonephritis in the Republic of Macedonia—long-term follow-up

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Abstract

In order to define the type of renal disease, renal biopsy was performed in 1304 patients, aged 14–72 years. Their biopsies were processed for light and immunofluorescence microscopy, and electron microscopy in some cases. The diagnosis of primary glomerular disease was confirmed in 716 patients with the following incidence: minimal change nephrotic syndrome in 52 (7.2%), focal segmental glomerulosclerosis in 72 (9.9%), membranous nephropathy in 97 (13.5%), IgA nephropathy in 85 (11.8%), diffuse mesangial glomerulonephritis (GN) without IgA in 32 (4.4%), focal mesangial GN in 97 (13.5%), membranoproliferative GN in 59 (8.4%), acute GN in 88 (12.3%), crescentic GN in 53 (7.4%) and sclerosing GN in 46 patients (6.4%).

Subjects and methods

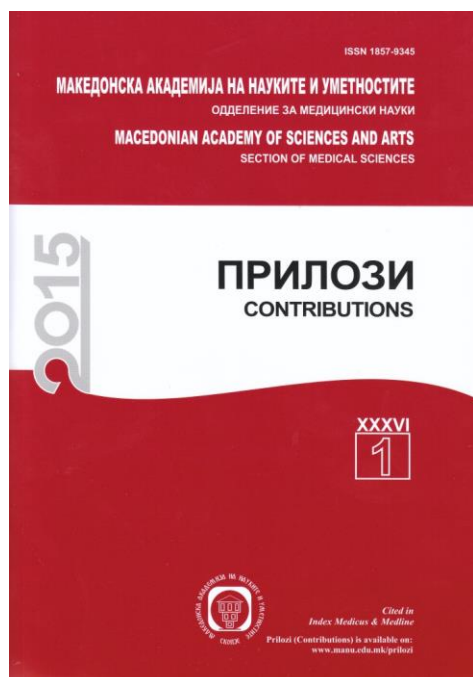
This is a single-centre retrospective study. Renal biopsy specimens of adult patients with primary GN were selected from 1304 percutaneous renal biopsies, performed at the Department of Nephrology, Skopje, Macedonia over a period of 26 years (1975–2001). All the biopsies were evaluated by light microscopy and immunofluorescence, using standard procedures. Electron microscopy was only available during 1980–1983 and 1993–1998. Churg (WHO) classification was performed after exclusion of systemic diseases or underlying abnormalities [8].

Results

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PROTEOMICS IN DIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER

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Abstract

Prostate cancer (PCa) is the second most frequently diagnosed malignancy in men worldwide. The introduction of prostate specific antigen (PSA) has greatly increased the number of men diagnosed with PCa but at the same time, as a result of the low specificity, led to overdiagnosis, resulting to unnecessary biopsies and high medical cost treatment.

The primary goal in PCa research today is to find a biomarker or biomarker set for clear and effective diagnosis of PCa as well as for distinction between aggressive and indolent cancers. Different proteomic technologies such as 2-D PAGE, 2-D DIGE, MALDI MS profiling, shotgun proteomics with label-based (ICAT, iTRAQ) and label-free (SWATH) quantification, MudPIT, CE-MS have been applied to the study of PCa in the past 15 years. Various biological samples, including tumor tissue, serum, plasma, urine, seminal plasma, prostatic secretions and prostatic-derived exosomes were analyzed with the aim of identifying diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers and developing a deeper understanding of the disease at the molecular level.

This review is focused on the overall analysis of expression proteomics studies in the PCa field investigating all types of human samples in the search for diagnostics biomarkers. Emphasis is given on proteomics platforms used in biomarker discovery and characterization, explored sources for PCa biomarkers, proposed candidate biomarkers by comparative proteomics studies and the possible future clinical application of those candidate biomarkers in PCa screening and diagnosis. In addition, we review the specificity of the putative markers and existing challenges in the proteomics research of PCa.

Key words: Prostate cancer, benign prostate hyperplasia, diagnostics biomarkers, comparative proteomics, gel-based proteomics, shotgun proteomics.

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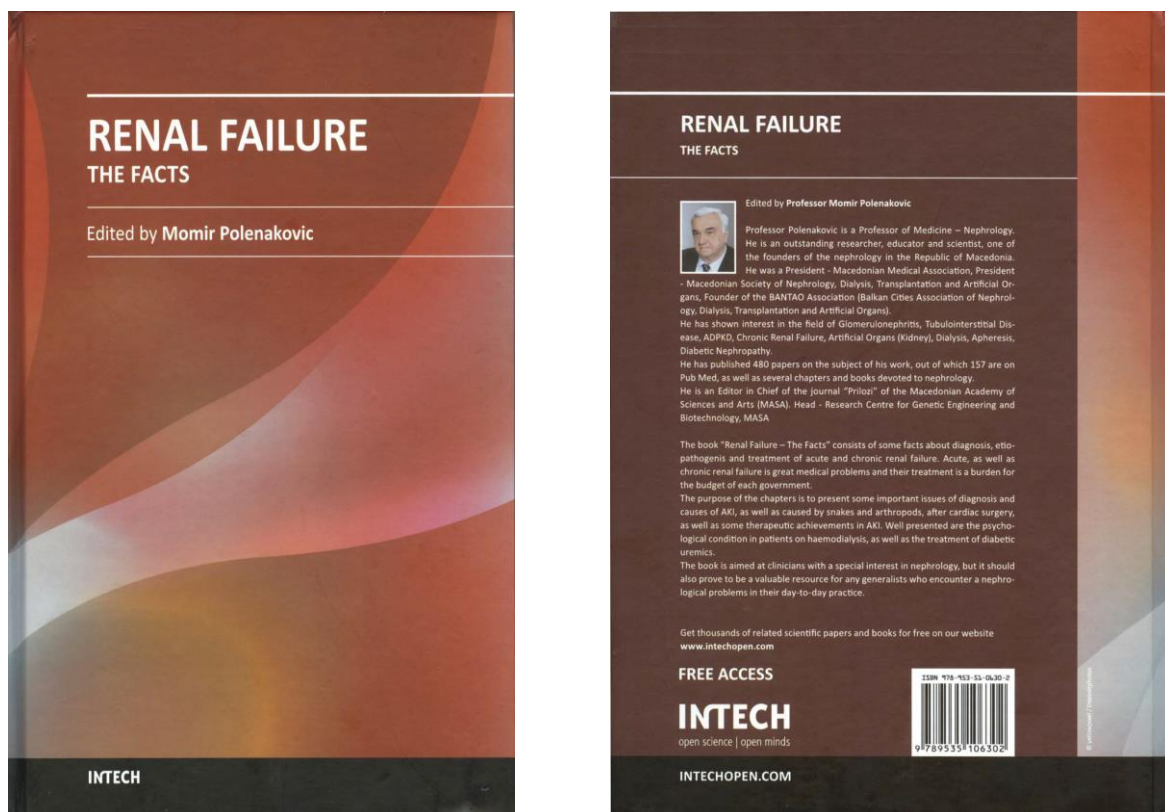


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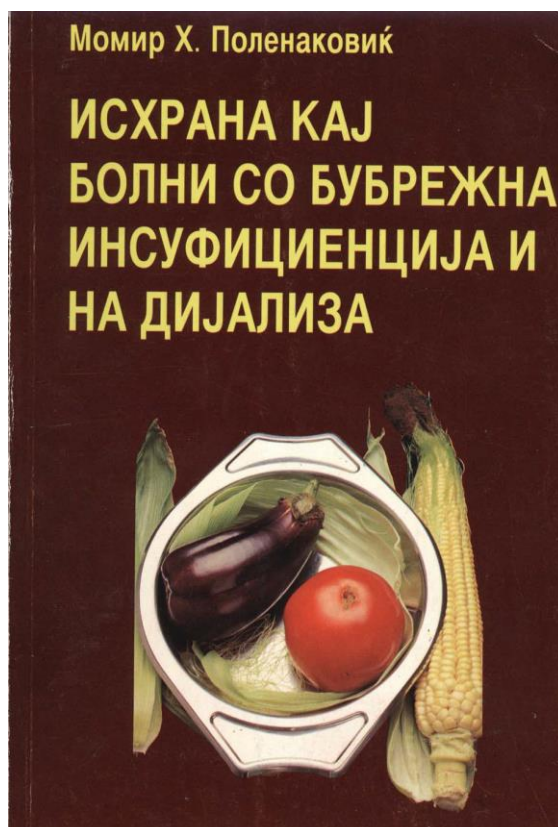


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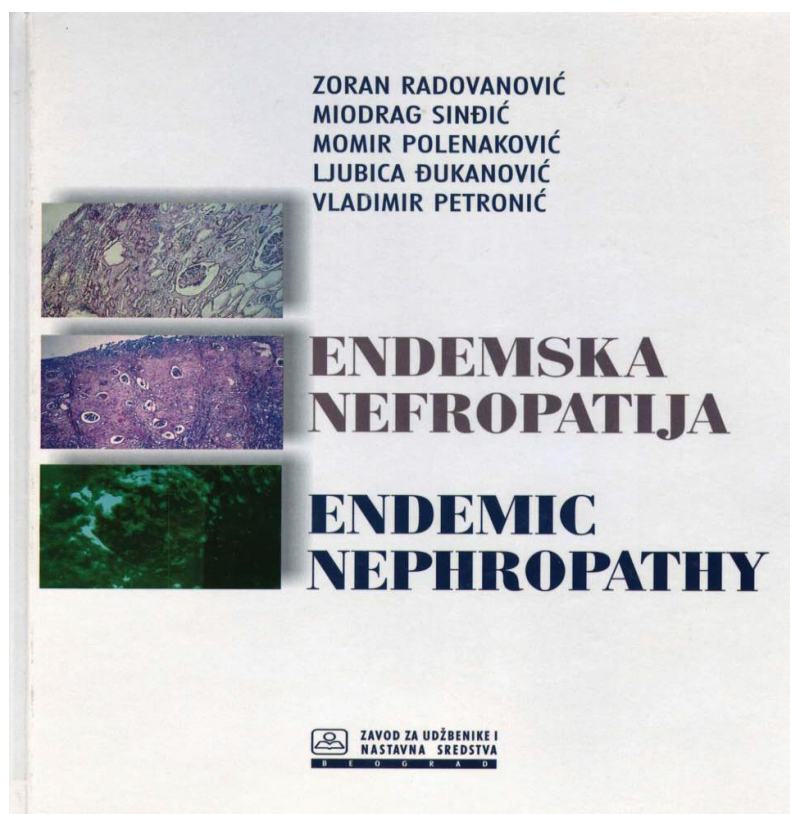
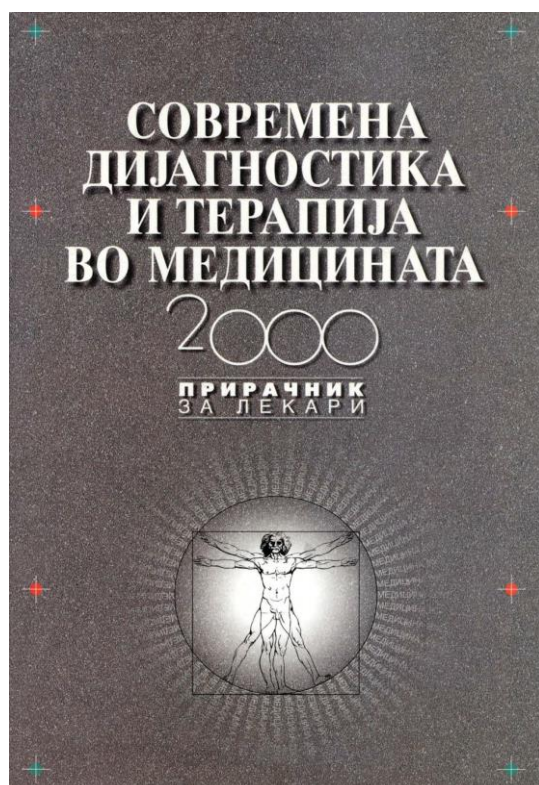
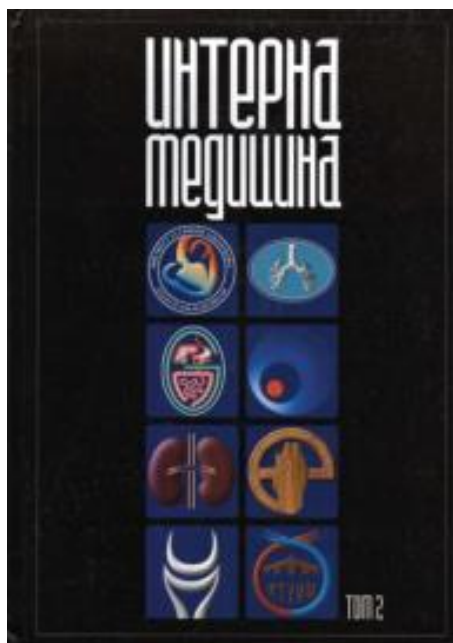


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ИМУНОПАТОГЕНЕЗА НА ГЛОМЕРУЛОНЕФРИТИСНЕ

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Во имунопатогенезата на гломеруло-

нефритисите учествуваат како хуморалниот така и

целуларниот имунитет.

Хуморални механизми на гломеруларна лези-

ја. Носители на хуморалниот имунитет се антите-

лата. Во реналното ткиво тие можат да се депони-

раат на два начина.

— Да реагират на антиген лоциран во ренал-

ното ткиво, или

— Да реагират со растворени антигени во кр-

вниот компартман, а потоа во вид на имуни ком-

плекси да се натапојат во бубрегот.

Најдобро проучени се нефритисите струк-

турални антигени се: гломеруларната базална мем-

брана (ГБМ), како и тубуларната базална мем-

брана (ТБМ). Ако во циркулирањата постојат анти-

тела насочени кон антиген содржан и распоредени

дифузно по добојната на ГБМ, се јавува карактери-

стички лансирен распоред на депозит на IgG по-

добојната на самата мембрана. Заболувањата кај

кои постојат овој начин на дејство со антигени ди-

ректно насочени кон конституенти на ГБМ се

означуваат како анти-ГБМ болести, а антигелата

како анти-ТБМ антитела. Овој тип лезија е ретка и

не е карактеристична за нашето население. Ако ле-

зијата е ограничена само на бубрег, патолошко-

лошка се јавува дифузирепролиферативен гломеру-

лофритис (или мекроглотинит) со присуство на

целуларни, фибро-целуларни или фиброзни полу-

месеци формации кои го обволнуваат гломеру-

лот, додека клиничка се проявува како рашено-

прогресивен гломерулофритис. Гломерулоф-

ритисот, со неке опширните карактеристики, може

да се најде и во склоп на системско заболување,

кога постојат афекција и на алвеоларната мембрана,

под името Синдром на Good-Pasture. Депонирањето

антитела можат да медираат антиген-антиген и ле-

зија на зафатената мембрана. Кај вториот хуморал-

ен механизам антигелата реагират во динамич-

киот циклус со софобилните антигени, присутни

во циркулирањата, се создаваат имуни комплекси

кои го обволнуваат клуперот на мононуклеарниот

феноцитен систем, циркуларни и можат да се на-

тапојат во сите интрагломеруларни структури

(ГБМ, мезангиум), како и други интраренални

компартменти (интерстициум, крвни садови, ТБМ).

Оваа појава одговара на третот вид хиперсен-

зитивност или Алфа-овит феномен. На имунофлу-

оресценција депозитите се грануларни и неспеци-

ни, по нивното таложение следи медијаторска акти-

вација која вклучува цитокини, метаболити на

арахидонска киселина, сенини итн. Овие меди-

аторски механизми се идентифицирани со овие кои служат

за одбрана на организмот, имено, променетиот дел

со натапојени били антитела, било имуни ком-

плекси, се проповеда како туѓ и треба да се уништи.

Овие системи ги вклучуваат комплементот, леу-

коцитите и нивните продукти, коагулационите

протеини итн. Овој механизам е присутен кај по-

веќе примарни или секундарни гломеруларни

заболувања (во склоп на системски заболувања)

како: акутниот гломерулофритис, имуно-ком-

плекс рашенопрогресивниот гломерулофритис,

мембранозната нефропатија, IgA нефропатјата,

мезангиокапсуларниот гломерулофритис (сипо-

ни 1, 2), лупус нефритисот итн.

Постојат и трет механизам на хуморална лезија

кај може да се спречи во отсуство на директни

антитела, депонирање во гломерулот. Најчест

патолошко-лошка наод кај овој вид гломеруларна

лезија е рашенопрогресивен гломерулофритис,

поретко дифузирепролиферативен, почесто некро-

тизацисен, со присуство на полумесеци околу-

гломеруларни формации, метуни без присуство на

наталожени имунореактанти на имунофлуорес-

ценција. Овој механизам е својствен и за група си-

стемски заболувања, васкулитис. Во циркулира-

њата на пациентите се среќаваат антитела кои се

означуваат како анти-АНЦА (анти-неутрофилен ци-

топлазмни антитела) кои реагираат со антигелите —

составни делови на цитоплазмата на неутрофилите

и моноцитите. Се идентификуваат два типа АНЦА, во

зависност од силата што се добива при боене со

етанол фиксирани неутрофили. Во првиот случај

се добива дифузно грануларно боене на цитопла-

змата на овие антитела се означуваат како п-АНЦА,

додека во другиот случај се добива перинуклеарно

боене и овие антитела се означуваат како н-АНЦА,

кој се среќава во примарните гранули на неутро-

филите и при боене се прераспределува центри-

чно, т.е. перинуклеарно. н-АНЦА реагираат со ем-

визитот протеин 3 (P3). Имунопатогенетската

улога на овие антитела не е разјаснета, јасно е дека

можат да доведат до активација на неутрофилите.

Докажано е дека и н-уно препливикуваат оксидатив-

на лезија и деградација на неутрофилите. Акти-

Fig. 29 – Internal Medicine



Fig. 30 – Internal Propedeutics

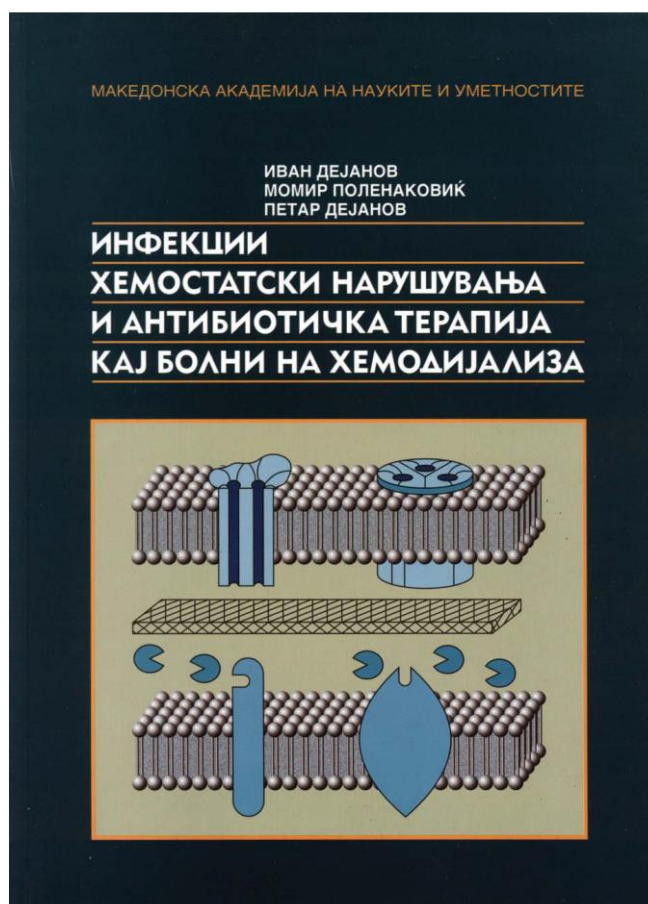


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He was the principal investigator in several national and international projects.

We have partially presented the scientific work of Acad. Polenakovic. Having in mind that he has published more than 500 papers, of which more than 189 papers are on the PubMed, several hundred abstracts, several books and book chapters we can say that he is really a Nestor of the Macedonian nephrology and one of the most active and distinguished medical workers in the Republic of Macedonia.

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Резиме

**ПРИДОНЕСОТ НА АКАДЕМИК
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ОФИЦИЈАЛНО ОБРАЌАЊЕ НА АКАДЕМИК
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Македонска академија на науките и уметностите

Академик Момир Х. Поленаковиќ е познат истражувач, едукатор и научник, еден од основачите на нефрологијата во Република Македонија. Со повеќе од 500 објавени труда во домашни и во меѓународни списанија, од кои по-

веќе од 180 се на PubMed, тој е еден од најплодните медицински работници во нашата земја. Со своето учество на национални и на меѓународни конгреси академик Поленаковиќ придонесе за трансфер на светската нефрологија во Македонија, како и ширење на угледот на македонската нефрологија и наука во светот. Тој има образовано голем број специјалисти по интерна медицина и супспецијалисти по нефрологија. Академик Поленаковиќ воведо нови тестови и методи за дијагноза и третман на бубрежните болести, кои беа основа за неговото истражување и објавување. Анализирајќи го животниот опус на академик Момир Поленаковиќ, можеме да кажеме дека тој се посветил на истражувањето, дијагностицирањето и лекувањето на бубрежните болни.

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