



VII. Aydın Romatoloji Günleri

Ana Tema: Sjögren Sendromu

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Sjögren Sendromunda Böbrek Tutulumu

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Otoimmün hastalık



Mukozada sikka semptomları

Sistemik bulgular
(ekstraglandüler tutulum)



Histolojide tutulan bezde fokal lenfositik infiltrasyon



Sitopeniler

Akut faz yanıtı

Otoantikörler
Anti-SSA (en spesifik)

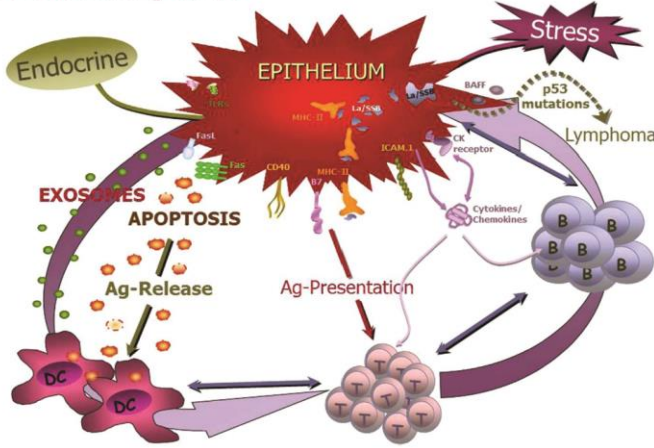
Kryoglobulin ve hipokomplementemi
(prognostik)

Sjögren Sendromu

Primer

Sekonder (en sık
RA, SLE ve Scl)

Autoimmune Epithelitis



Secondary SS

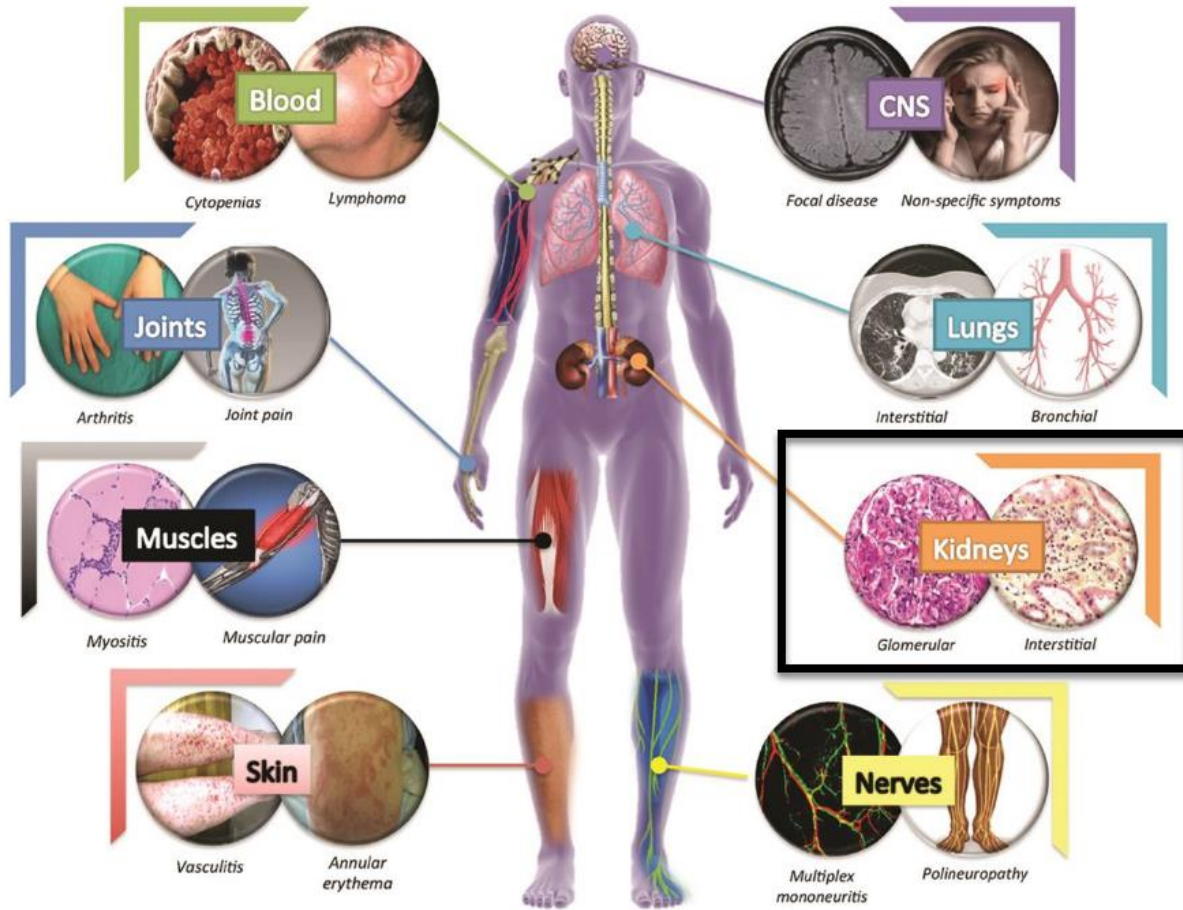
a. Systemic autoimmune diseases

Systemic lupus erythematosus.
Systemic sclerosis.
Rheumatoid arthritis.
Still's disease.
Sarcoidosis.
Inflammatory myopathies.

b. Organ-specific autoimmune diseases/infections

Primary biliary cirrhosis.
Autoimmune hepatitis.
Autoimmune thyroiditis.
Coeliac disease.
Multiple sclerosis.
Diabetes mellitus.
Chronic viral infections.
Chronic hepatitis C virus infection.
HTLV-I infection (Asian countries).
HIV infection.

The 'Janus-faced' pattern of systemic involvement in primary Sjögren's syndrome.



Sekonder

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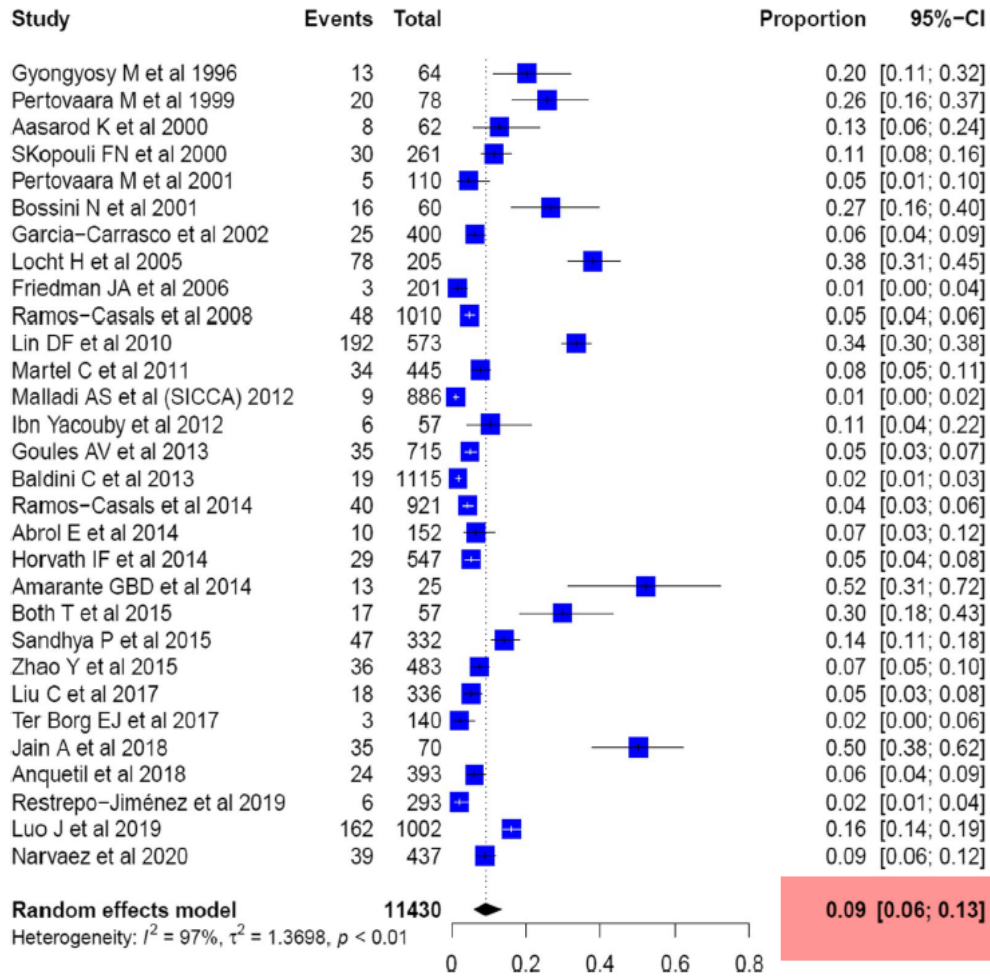
Enfeksiyon

Altta yatan
hastalık (SLE)



Organ	Manifestation
Skin	Purpura (10–15%) often related to cryoglobulinaemia Annular erythema (photosensitive erythematous lesions with indurated borders; 5–10%)
Joints	Non-erosive symmetrical arthritis (15–30%)
Lungs	Chronic obstructive lung disease (10%) Bronchiectasis (8%) Interstitial lung disease (5%)
Cardiovascular	Raynaud's phenomenon (18–37%) Pericarditis (<5%) Symptoms of autonomic dysfunction
Liver	Primary biliary cirrhosis (3–8%) Autoimmune hepatitis (<5%)
Pancreas	Recurrent pancreatitis (<5%)
Nephro-urological	Renal tubular acidosis (11%) Glomerulonephritis (<5%) Interstitial cystitis (<5%) Nephrolithiasis (<5%)
Peripheral nerves	Mixed polyneuropathy (5–10%) Pure sensory neuronopathy (5%) Mononeuritis multiplex (5%) Small-fibre neuropathy* (<5%) Myoclonus
Central nervous system	White matter lesions (MS-like disease) (<5%) Cranial nerve involvement (V, VIII and VII) (7%) Myelitis (<5%)
Thyroid	Autoimmune thyroiditis (14–33%)
Haematological	Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia (<5%) Severe thrombocytopenia $<10\,000/\text{mm}^3$ (<5%) B cell lymphoma (5–10%)

Sjögren sendromu(SS)' nun klinik belirtileri sadece ekzokrin bez tutulumu ile sınırlı olmayıp, hastaların **yaklaşık %15'inde** ekstra-glandüler tutulumlar görülür



Meta-analysis of the Renal Manifestations in pSS in patients with Sjogren's syndrome

- Renal tutulum sıklığı %1-33 bildirilmiştir

- Genel kabul primer SS hastalarının yaklaşık %5'inde böbrek tutulumu olduğu yönünde

- Çalışmalar arasındaki yöntemsel farklılıklar

%9

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Primer Sjögren sendromunda sık görülen renal tutulum paternleri

İzole elektrolit bozuklukları

Distal renal tübüler asidoz

Nefrojenik diabetes insipidus

Fanconi sendromu

Gitelman sendromu

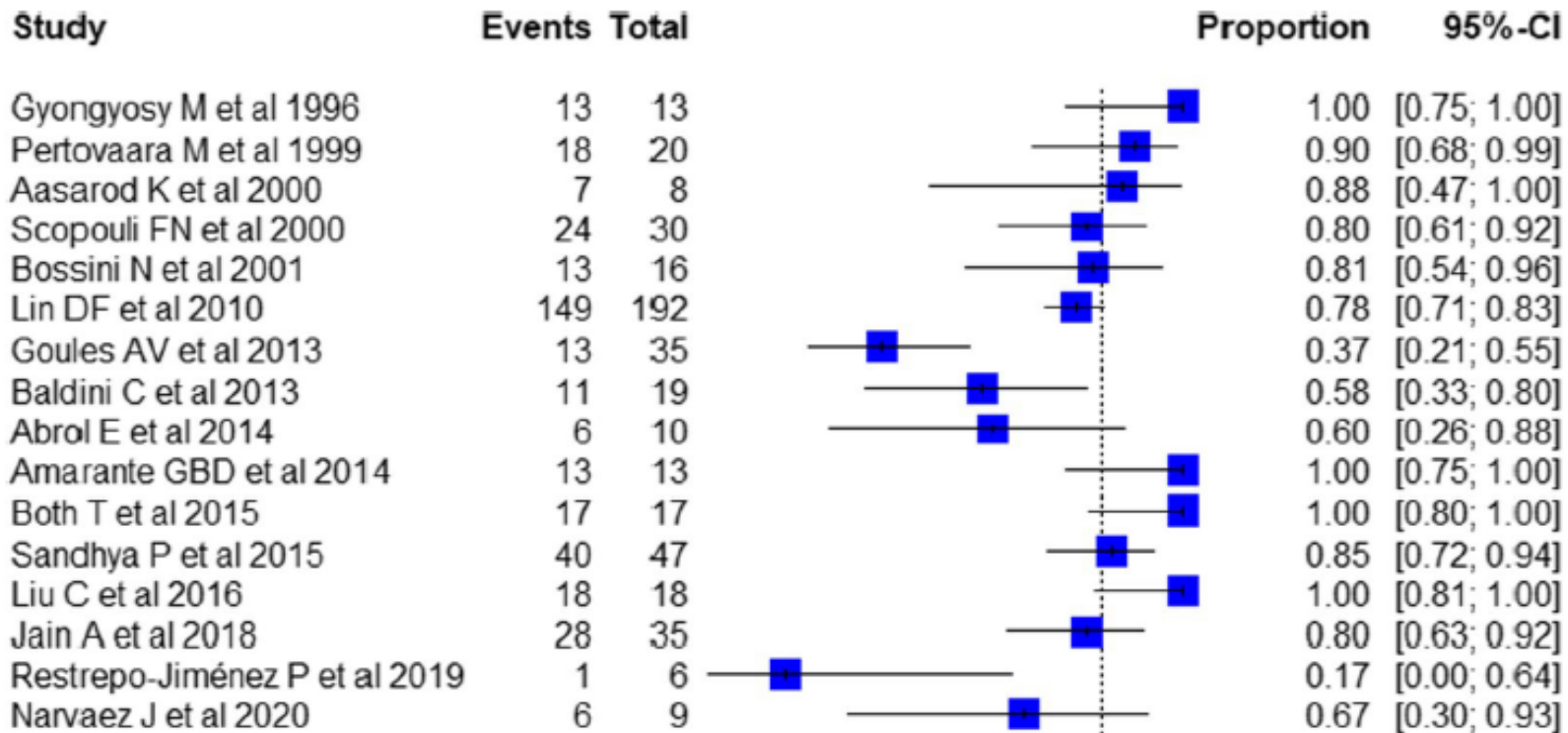
Barter sendromu

Akut tübülointerstisyel nefrit (TIN)

Kronik TIN

Glomerüler hastalık (En sık MPGN)

Yaklaşık %70 hastada renal biyopsi
pSS tanısı almadan önce yapılmış!!



Random effects model

Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 61\%$, $\tau^2 = 1.7263$, $p < 0.01$

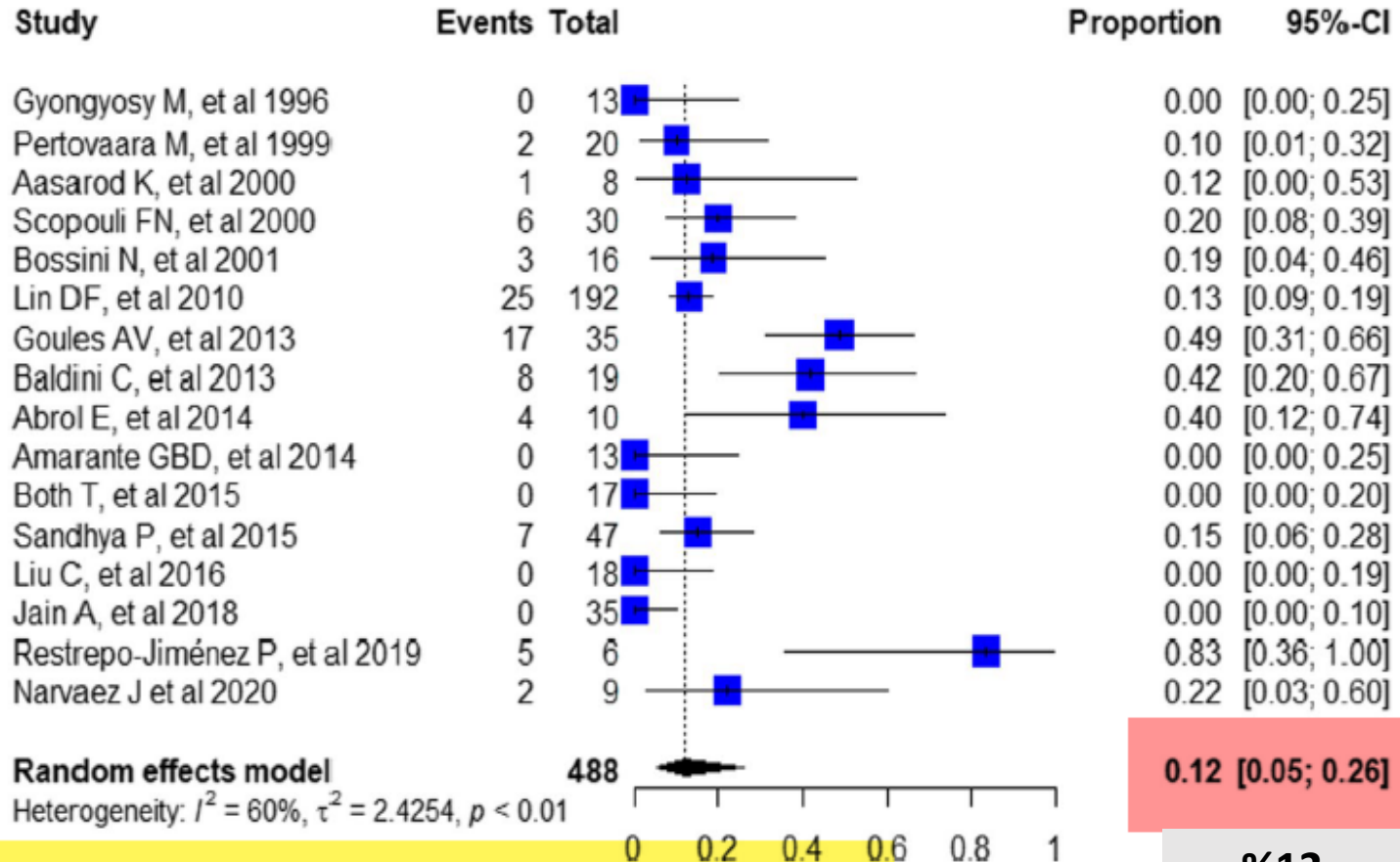
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0.83 [0.69; 0.91]

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Meta-analysis of the Tubulointerstitial Nephritis in patients with Sjogren's syndrome

%83



Meta-analysis of the Glomerulonephritis in patients with Sjogren's syndrome

%12

Tubulointerstisyel nefrit

- En sık görülen tutulum
- Akut veya Kronik
- interstisyumda lenfositik infiltrasyon
 - İnfiltrat çoğunlukla CD4+ T lenfositleri
 - CD8+ T lenfosit ve plazma hücre infiltrasyonu da görülebilir
 - Vakaların yaklaşık %10'unda B hücreler de saptanmaktadır
 - Histopatolojik incelemede **granülom beklenmez**
 - Granülom varlığı, sarkoidoz ve tübülointerstisyel nefrit ve üveit (**TINU**) sendromu açısından şüphelendirmelidir
- **Kronikte tubuler atrofi ve fibrozis**
 - **Glomerüller genellikle normal**

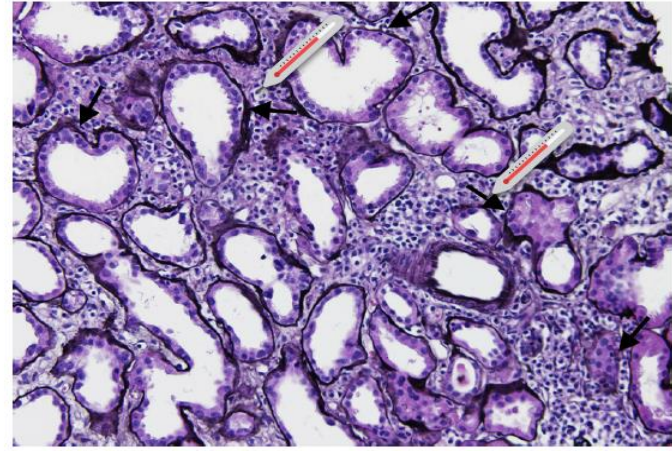


Figure Sjögren syndrome with interstitial lymphoplasmacytic infiltrate with tubulitis (arrows) involving areas of interstitial fibrosis and tubular atrophy (Jones silver stain).

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- Klinik asemptomatik-semptomatik
- Tutulum yerine göre çeşitli klinik ve laboratuvar
 - Plazma kreatinin düzeyinde hafif yükselme
 - İdrarı konsantre etme yeteneğinde bozukluk
 - İdrar PH'sında yükselme
 - Hipokloremik metabolik asidoz
 - Tubuler proteinüri
 - Poliüri, nokturi, polidipsi
 - Nefrolitiazis
 - Hipokalemi

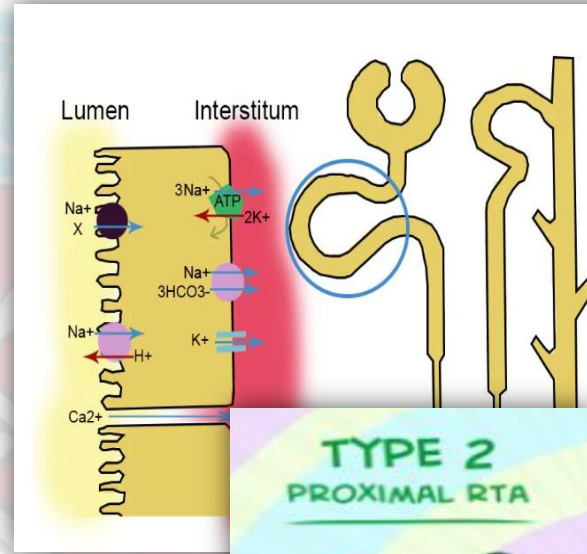
Location	Functions	Reabsorbed (aside from water)	Secretes	Main Transporters	Diuretic
Proximal Tubule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major site of reabsorption overall • The only site of glucose, AA & PO4 reabsorption • Regulates pH of filtrate 	Na K PO4 Ca Mg AA Glucose Bicarbonate	Drugs Creatinine Uric Acid H+	Na/H+ Reabsorption occurs either in co-transport with or exchange for Na	Carbonic anhydrase
Loop of Henle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some electrolyte reabsorption • Creates a concentration gradient for water reabsorption using a counter-current multiplier • 	Na K Cl Ca Mg	Recycles K to provide a +ve luminal charge that encourages Ca/Mg uptake between cells	NKCC2 Aquaporins	Loop diuretic
Distal Convoluted Tubule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further electrolyte control • Main site that can control Ca, Mg using dedicated channels and active transporters 	Na Ca Mg	K	NCC	Thiazide
Collecting Duct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salt and water reabsorption under influence of aldosterone and ADH • Regulates pH of filtrate • Potassium & hydrogen secretion 	Na Bicarbonate	K, H+	ENaC (regulated by aldosterone) Aquaporins	K sparing

PROXIMAL TUBULE

- Where MOST of the reabsorption happens
- Glucose
- Amino Acids
- Bicarbonate
- 80% of Sodium
- 80-90% of phosphate (thanks to PTH)
- 60% of Calcium

- Secretes drugs, creatinine, uric acid

X = Amino acids or Glucose or Phosphate reabsorbed either by co-transport with or in exchange for Sodium



TYPE 2 PROXIMAL RTA

IMPAIRED BICARBONATE REABSORPTION

HIGH URINE pH INITIALLY, LATER < 5.5

HYPOKALEMIA

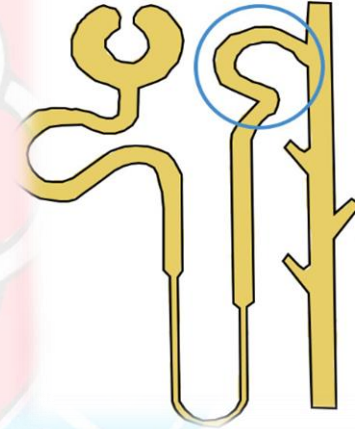
PROXIMAL TUBULE

• Proksimal RTA ve Fanconi sendromu

- Tip 2 RTA
- **Distale göre daha az görülür**
- Proksimal tubul glomerüler filtrasyonun emiliminin çoğundan sorumludur
- **Normal anyon açıklı asidoz, hipofosfatemi, hipöürisemi ile karakterizedir**
- **Normoglisemik glikozüri proksimal tübüler asidoz için spesifik bir bulgudur**
- Önce daha sık görülen diğer nedenler (**Wilson hastalığı, myelom, ilaçlar, toksisite** gibi) dışlanmalıdır

- Distal RTA

- SS hastalarının **yaklaşık %25'inde distal asidifikasyon** kusuru gelişir.
- Mekanizma?
 - Toplayıcı tubullerdeki **alfa interkale hücrelerde H** salınımından sorumlu olan H-ATP az pompasında tam kayıp veya **karbonik anhidraza** karşı otoantikör gelişimi
- Distal nefrondaki **yetersiz hidrojen atılımı**
- **Normal anyon açıklı metabolik asidoz ve idrar pH > 5.5 ile karakterizedir**
- **Asidozun neden olduğu idrarda potasyum kaybı hipokalemi ile sonuçlanır**
- **Hiperkloremi, hiperkalsüri ve hipositratüri görülebilir**
 - **Nefrolityazis (hiperkalsüri ve hipositratüri)**



DISTAL CONVOLUTED TUBULE

- Where Na⁺ reabsorption is dictated by aldosterone
- Calcium & Magnesium is handled.
- Voltage dependent Potassium secretion



- Gitelman (daha sık)
 - Tuz kaybettiren tübölöpati
 - Klinik özellikleri **kronik tiazid** kullanımı ile benzerlik gösterir
 - **Alkaloz, hipokalemi (artmış idrar potasyum atılımı , >20mmol/l), hipomagnezemi , hipokalsiüri, hipermagnezüri ve sekonder hiperaldosteronizm**
- Bartter
 - Primer SS'de Gitelman sendromuna göre daha nadirdir
 - Henle kulpu çıkan kalın kolunda sodyum klorür emiliminin azalması sonucu gelişir.
 - **Loop diüretik** kullanımı ile uyumlu klinik bulgular saptanır.
 - Alkaloz, hipokalemi, sekonder hiperaldosteronizm ve hipomagnezemi
 - Gitelman sendromundan farklı olarak **idrar kalsiyum atılımı** normal veya yüksektir

RENAL TUBULAR ACIDOSIS

AFFECTS THE RENAL TUBULES AND RESULTS IN A HYPERCHLOREMIC METABOLIC ACIDOSIS WITH A NORMAL SERUM ANION GAP



BOWMAN'S CAPSULE

TYPE 2 PROXIMAL RTA

IMPAIRED BICARBONATE REABSORPTION
HIGH URINE pH INITIALLY, LATER < 5.5
HYPOKALEMIA

PROXIMAL TUBULE

IMPAIRED HYDROGEN ION SECRETION

TYPE 1 DISTAL RTA

URINE pH > 5.5

HYPOKALEMIA

RENAL STONES

LOOP OF HENLE

TYPE 4 HYPERKALEMIC RTA

DECREASED ALDOSTERONE SECRETION OR ALDOSTERONE RESISTANCE

URINE pH < 5.5

HYPERKALEMIA

DISTAL TUBULE



COLLECTING DUCT



Hypokalemic Paralysis due to Primary Sjögren Syndrome: Case Report and Review of the Literature

Case Reports in Rheumatology

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- Hipokalemi-Renal tübüler asidoz olmaksızın
 - Hipokalemi, renal hastalığın olduğu primer SS'de yaygın bir bulgudur ve hastaların yaklaşık %30-47'sinde görülür.
 - ***SS'de metabolik asidoz ve idrar asidifikasyon kusuru olmadan da hipokalemi gelişebilir.***
 - Hipokalemiye neden olan birincil kusurun sodyum kaybı olduğu düşünülmektedir.
 - ***Toplayıcı tübüllerdeki azalan sodyum düzeylerinin potasyum sekresyonunda artışa*** neden olması ve volüm kaybı sonucu aldosteron salgılanması.
 - Bu klinik özellikler **Gitelman sendromunu** taklit eder
 - ***Hipokalemisi olan ve renal biyopsi yapılan primer SS hastalarının hepsinde TIN saptandığı bildirilmiştir.***



- Nefrojenik diabetes inspidus (NDİ)
 - SS'de bozulmuş tübüler fonksiyonun başka bir yansıması
 - Tübüler (kollektör) düzeyde vazopressine (ADH) yanıtızsızlık
 - İdrar konsantrasyonu bozular.
 - Poliüri ve polidipsi
 - ***Kronik lityum kullanımı ve hiperkalsemi dışlandıktan sonra NDİ etyolojisi araştırılan hastalarda SS açısından değerlendirme yapılmalıdır***

Glomerüler hastalık



- TIN' e göre daha az ve primer SS'nin geç komplikasyonu
 - Membranoproliferatif glomerülonefrit (MPGN) ve membranöz nefropati en sık görülen glomerüler patolojilerdir.
 - Minimal lezyon hastalığı, immüoglobulin A nefropatisi, fokal segmental glomerüloskleroz ve antinötrofil sitoplazmik antikor ilişkili vaskülit
- Klinik
 - Nefrotik sendrom, nefritik sendrom ya da hızlı ilerleyen GN olarak seyredebilir.
- Patogenez?
 - İmmun kompleksler ve kriyoglobulinler (Tip II)
- ***Düşük C3-C4 ve kriyoglobulinemi varlığı tubuler tutulumdan ziyade glomerül tutulumu öngördürebilir***



- MPGN

- Biyopsi ile doğrulanan renal hastalığın %5-30 arasında değişen sıklıkta kriyoglobulin ilişkili MPGN olduğu bilinmektedir.
- **Hipertansiyon, proteinüri ve hematüri** MPGN seyrinde sık gelişen bulgulardır.
- **Nefritik sendroma** bağlı akut böbrek yetmezliği ve hızlı ilerleyen GN görülebilir.
- Kriyoglobulinemi aracılı MPGN'de **sistemik vaskülit**e bağlı çoklu organ yetmezliği görülebilir

- Membranöz nefropati

- Böbrek biyopsisi yapılan primer SS hastalarının yaklaşık % 10'u
- **SLE tanısı dışlanmalıdır.**
- Membranöz nefropati, diğer nedenlere bağlı olarak da oldukça sık görülür.
 - **primer SS ve membranöz nefropati ilişkisi net değildir**



Variables	Cryoglobulins (+) ^a		Cryoglobulins (-) ^a	
	CV (+) Group 1 (n=21)	CV (-) Group 2 (n=44)	Group 3 (n=450)	P-value ^b
ESSDAI domains (activity), n (%)				
Constitutional domain	16 (76.2)	12 (27.3)	131 (29.1)	<0.001
Lymphadenopathy domain	13 (61.9)	17 (38.6)	72 (16)	<0.001
Glandular domain	13 (61.9)	19 (43.2)	130 (28.9)	0.002
Articular domain	16 (76.2)	27 (61.4)	207 (46)	0.005
Cutaneous domain	21 (100)	13 (29.5)	93 (20.7)	<0.001
Pulmonary domain	5 (23.8)	10 (22.7)	48 (10.7)	0.016
Renal domain	4 (19)	3 (6.8)	11 (2.4)	0.002
Muscular domain	0 (0)	0 (0)	7 (1.6)	1.000
Peripheral nervous system domain	15 (71.4)	6 (13.6)	48 (10.7)	<0.001
CNS domain	1 (4.8)	2 (4.5)	20 (4.4)	1.000
Haematological domain	18 (85.7)	33 (75)	293 (65.1)	0.076
Biological domain	21 (100)	44 (100)	246 (54.7)	<0.001

- Kryoglobulineminin HCV' den sonra en sık görülme nedeni Sjs
- Böbrekteki yansıması genellikle MPGN



Secondary Renal Amyloidosis due to Long-Standing Tubulointerstitial Nephritis in a Patient With Sjögren Syndrome

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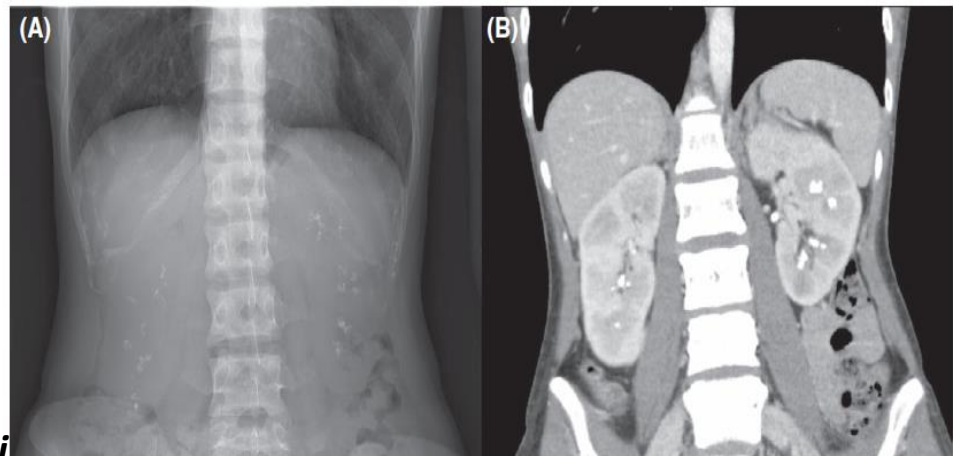
- A 53-year-old patient with long-standing primary Sjögren syndrome presented with acute renal failure and nephrotic syndrome caused by secondary (AA) renal amyloidosis. Ten years before, he had been admitted because of exacerbation of the systemic disease. At that time, a pseudolymphoma of the kidney was diagnosed. To our knowledge, this is the first report of a patient with primary Sjögren syndrome and secondary (AA) amyloidosis with amyloid deposition in the kidneys causing nephrotic syndrome. *Am J Kidney Dis* 46:E75-E80.



Renal Lenfoma

- SS' da artmış lenfoma sıklığı (5x ila 16x)
 - Düşük dereceli marjinal zone B lenfoma (en sık), diffüz büyük B hücreli lenfoma (ikinci sıklıkta), Non Hodgkin Lenfoma özellikle mukoza ilişkili lenf dokusunun (MALT) lenfoması
- Renal lenfoma
 - Daha çok sekonder
 - SS seyrinde primer renal lenfoma tutulumu bildirilen olgu raporları mevcuttur.
- Renal kitle tespit edilen Sjogren vakalarında nötropeni, kriyoglobulinemi, C4 düşüklüğü, vaskülit, splenomegali ve lenfadenopati varlığı değerlendirilmeli, lenfoma olabileceği düşünülerek ince iğne aspirasyon biyopsisi, nefrektomiden önceki seçenek olmalıdır.

Nefrolityazis



- %10-%20
- ***distal RTA'da gelişen hiperkalsiüri ve hipositratüri***
 - Asideminin bir sonucu olarak, kalsiyum fosfat kemikten salınır ve alkali idrarda çökeltilir.
 - Sitrat kalsiyum içerikli taş oluşumu için inhibitördür, bu nedenle hipositratüri kalsiyum içerikli taş oluşumunu tetikler.
- ***Akut böbrek yetmezliği ile başvuran SS hastalarında obstrüktif üropati dışlanmalıdır***

Tedavi



- Tedavide ilk hedef böbrek fonksiyon kaybının ilerlemesine engel olmaktır.
 - Düzenli monitörizasyon
 - Tansiyon regülasyonu
 - Proteinürinin minimize edilmesi
 - Sigaranın bırakılması
- SS ile ilişkili böbrek hastalığının tedavisi, hastalık sürecine, tutulum tipine bağlıdır.

Kontrollü çalışma mevcut değil



• TIN

- Bikarbonat ve elektrolit takviyesi
- KS, Kalsinörin inhibitörleri, CTX ve MMF
- Gözlemler tek başına KS yerine kombinasyon
- Dozlar ve süre?
- MMF ve CTX (şu an kullanımı tavsiye edilmiyor) en sık denenenenler

• GN

- Eşlik eden hipertansiyon ve proteinüri tedavisi için optimum dozda Angiotensin II reseptör blokörleri
- MPGN: Pulse ve sonrası yüksek doz KS, remisyonda AZA veya CTX, diğer seçenekler MMF, RTX ve plazma değişimi
- KV: Pulse, yüksek doz KS, plazma değişimi ve RTX

Prognoz



- Uzun vadeli prognoz, klinik olarak anlamlı böbrek tutulumu olan SS'li hastalar için değişkendir
- Biyopsi tanısı olarak izlenen hasta serilerine dayanarak **son dönem böbrek yetmezliğine ilerleme % 10-20**
- **3 yıllık renal sağkalım TİN grubunda %100, glomerülonefrit grubunda %66**
- **GN tutulumlu hastalar interstisyel nefritli hastalara göre yüksek lenfoma geliştirme riski altındadır ve sağkalımları daha kötüdür.**
- **Glomerülonefrit, tubulointerstisyel nefrite göre daha yüksek mortalite ile ilişkili**

(6) Renal manifestations are underdiagnosed, as they do not often present evident symptoms; thus, an adequate and systematic assessment of renal function is required. When investigating, we must consider the two types of renal impairment: distal tubulointerstitial nephritis (Type I) and proximal tubulointerstitial nephritis (Type II), with or without renal tubular acidosis (RTA); and glomerulonephritis (GN); (Level of Agreement: 100%, Strength of Recommendation: Strong)

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Recommendations for evaluation
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(articular, pulmonary and renal)



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- Serum kreatinin
- GFR
- İdrar pH ve dansitesi (sabah ve taze)
- Serum elektrolitleri (Na, K, Cl)
- Venöz kan gazı (kan pH ve HCO₃)
- Direkt grafi veya USG (mesane ve böbrek)

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(8) The diagnosis of tubulointerstitial involvement requires an active search for RTA signs and symptoms: cramps, muscle weakness, hypokalemic periodic paralysis, renal lithiasis, nephrocalcinosis, polyuria, polydipsia, nocturia, nephrogenic diabetes insipidus, bone pain, and pathological fractures secondary to osteomalacia. (Additional file 1: Chart S2) In these cases, in addition to the initial laboratory evaluation, serum calcium and phosphorus, 24-h proteinuria, or the protein creatinine index (PCI) should be assessed. Hypocitraturia is a frequent and early finding in distal tubular dysfunction, being a risk factor for urolithiasis and nephrocalcinosis (Level of Agreement: 100%, Strength of Recommendation: Strong)

- RTA semptom ve bulguları açısından sorgula
- Kramplar, kas güçsüzlüğü (HPP), böbrek taşı, nefrokalsinoz (hipositatüri), poliüri, polidipsi ve noktüri (NDİ), kemik ağrısı ve patolojik fraktür (sekonder osteomalazi)
- İdrarda sitrat atılımı⁴
- Serum kalsiyum ve fosfor
- 24 saatlik idrarda proteinüri

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