

# Νέα δεδομένα στην αντιμετώπιση της αναιμίας σε ασθενείς με Χρόνια Νεφρική Νόσο





• **Anaemia** is a state in which the quality and/or quantity of circulating red blood cells are below normal; it is associated with progression of CKD.

• Hb levels fall as kidney function declines.

• Adverse effects associated with anaemia include:


- tiredness
- shortness of breath
- lethargy
- palpitations
- increased sensitivity to the cold
- reduced cognition and concentration.





# A Primary Care Approach to CKD Management



Stage	Description	Classification by Severity	Classification by Treatment
1	Kidney damage with normal or increased GFR	GFR $\geq$ 90	 T if kidney transplant recipient D if dialysis D if dialysis
2	Kidney damage with mild decrease in GFR	GFR of 60-89	
3	Moderate decrease in GFR	GFR of 30-59	
4	Severe decrease in GFR	GFR of 15-29	
5	Kidney failure	GFR $<$ 15	

Note: GFR is given in mL/min/1.73<sup>2</sup>

National Kidney Foundation. KDOQI Clinical Practice Guidelines for Chronic Kidney Disease: Evaluation, Classification, and Stratification. Am J Kidney Dis 2002;39(suppl 1):S1-S266

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### EBPG 2004

Definition of anaemia

Hb <11.5 in women

Hb <13.5 in men  $\leq$ 70 years

Hb <12 in men >70 years

Haemoglobin target

Hb >11 g/dl; Hb >14 g/dl not  
desirable (>12 g/dl in CVD)

Targets for iron therapy

TSAT (%)

Lower limit: 20

Target: 30–50

Ferritin (ng/ml)

Lower limit: 100

Target 200–500

	Normal HCT (Besarab et al 1998, NEJM)	CHOIR (Singh et al 2006, NEJM)	CREATE (Drueke et al 2006, NEJM)
<b>Πλήθος ασθενών</b>	1.233	1.432	603
<b>Στάδιο νόσου</b>	XNN – 5 με καρδιολογικό νόσημα	XNN 3 – 4	XNN 3 – 4
<b>Στόχος μελέτης</b>	Ποιες είναι οι επιπτώσεις της φυσιολογικοποίησης των τιμών Hb σε ασθενείς με XNN και καρδιά	Ποιά είναι τα βέλτιστα επίπεδα Hb;	Αν θα υπάρξει βελτίωση της καρδιακής λειτουργίας με τη διόρθωση της αναιμίας
<b>Στόχοι Hb</b>			
<b>Χαμηλό όριο</b>	10 g/dl	11.3 g/dl	10.5 – 11.5 g/dl
<b>Υψηλό όριο</b>	14 g/dl	13.5 g/dl	13 – 15 g/dl
<b>Follow up</b>	30 μήνες	16 μήνες	35 μήνες
<b>Αποτέλεσμα</b>	Σε ασθενείς με XNN-5 και συμφορητική καρδιακή ανεπάρκεια ή ισχαιμικό επεισόδιο, η πλήρης διόρθωση της αναιμίας δεν συστήνεται	Ο υψηλός στόχος οδήγησε σε αύξηση των κινδύνων σε σχέση με τον χαμηλό, χωρίς βελτίωση της QoL	Η διόρθωση της αναιμίας δεν φαίνεται να διορθώνει τον κίνδυνο εμφάνισης καρδιαγγειακών συμβαμάτων

# KDOQI Guidelines 2006\7

## “3.2.3 Targets of iron therapy:

In the opinion of the Work Group, sufficient iron should be administered to generally maintain the following indices of iron status during ESA treatment:

### 3.2.3.1 HD-CKD:

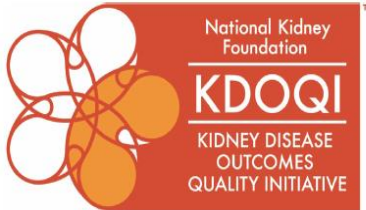
- Serum ferritin >200 ng/mL AND TSAT >20%, or CHr >29 pg/cell.

### 3.2.3.2 ND-CKD and PD-CKD:

- Serum ferritin >100 ng/mL AND TSAT >20%.

### 3.2.4 Upper level of ferritin:

In the opinion of the Work Group, there is insufficient evidence to recommend routine administration of IV iron if serum ferritin level is greater than 500 ng/mL. When ferritin level is greater than 500 ng/mL, decisions regarding IV iron administration should weigh ESA responsiveness, Hb and TSAT level, and the patient's clinical status”.



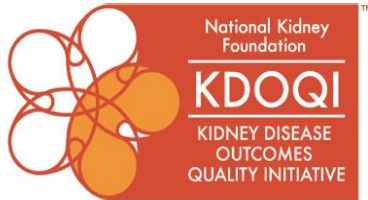
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### **“3.2.5 Route of administration:**

3.2.5.1 The preferred route of administration is IV in patients with HD-CKD. (**STRONG RECOMMENDATION**)

3.2.5.2 In the opinion of the Work Group, the route of iron administration can be either IV or oral in patients with ND-CKD or PD-CKD”.



KDOQI Guidelines. *Am J Kidney Dis* 2006;47(5):S58-S70

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#### Introduction

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In this context, and while awaiting the publication of the KDIGO anaemia guidelines possibly in 2011, an *ad hoc* work group was commissioned by the ERBP Advisory Board to give its opinion on the 'hot topic' of Hb targets, including recently raised issues that were not covered by KDOQI in 2006 [2]. These points are summarized in the present position paper, which is not intended to represent a set of new guidelines as it is not the result of a systematic review of the evidence.

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#### ERBP: anaemia group position, 2008

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## A Trial of Darbepoetin Alfa in Type 2 Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease

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### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Anemia is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular and renal events among patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease. Although darbepoetin alfa can effectively increase hemoglobin levels, its effect on clinical outcomes in these patients has not been adequately tested.

#### METHODS

In this study involving 4038 patients with diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and anemia, we randomly assigned 2012 patients to darbepoetin alfa to achieve a hemoglobin level of approximately 13 g per deciliter and 2026 patients to placebo, with rescue darbepoetin alfa when the hemoglobin level was less than 9.0 g per deciliter. The primary end points were the composite outcomes of death or a cardiovascular event (nonfatal myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, stroke, or hospitalization for myocardial ischemia) and of death or end-stage renal disease.

#### RESULTS

Death or a cardiovascular event occurred in 632 patients assigned to darbepoetin alfa and 602 patients assigned to placebo (hazard ratio for darbepoetin alfa vs. placebo, 1.05; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.94 to 1.17;  $P=0.41$ ). Death or end-stage renal disease occurred in 652 patients assigned to darbepoetin alfa and 618 patients assigned to placebo (hazard ratio, 1.06; 95% CI, 0.95 to 1.19;  $P=0.29$ ). Fatal or nonfatal stroke occurred in 101 patients assigned to darbepoetin alfa and 53 patients assigned to placebo (hazard ratio, 1.92; 95% CI, 1.38 to 2.68;  $P<0.001$ ). Red-cell transfusions were administered to 297 patients assigned to darbepoetin alfa and 496 patients assigned to placebo ( $P<0.001$ ). There was only a modest improvement in patient-reported fatigue in the darbepoetin alfa group as compared with the placebo group.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The use of darbepoetin alfa in patients with diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and moderate anemia who were not undergoing dialysis did not reduce the risk of either of the two primary composite outcomes (either death or a cardiovascular event or death or a renal event) and was associated with an increased risk of stroke. For many persons involved in clinical decision making, this risk will outweigh the potential benefits. (ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00093015.)

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## ERBP Position Paper 2010

### Haemoglobin target

"The ERBP group also feels that it is reasonable to suggest that:

(i) In patients with type 2 diabetes not undergoing dialysis (and probably in diabetics at all CKD stages), more caution is needed when treating anaemia with ESA therapy. In diabetic patients with a history of stroke, a lower target is more sensible (10-12 g/dL), balancing the risk-benefit of treatment and the desired Hb target in the individual patient. It is also of paramount importance to involve the patient in the decision making, and seek their personal views after a discussion about the benefits/risks of treatment. On this respect, the patient's opinion should be carefully taken into consideration.

(ii) The risk-benefit of increased transfusions should also be considered carefully, especially for patients eligible for transplantation."

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Editorial Review

**Target haemoglobin to aim for with erythropoiesis-stimulating agents: a position statement by ERBP following publication of the Trial to Reduce Cardiovascular Events with Aranesp® Therapy (TREAT) Study**

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#### Abstract

The European Renal Best Practice (ERBP), which are issued by ERA-EDTA, are suggestions for clinical practice in areas in which evidence is lacking or weak, together with position statements on recently published randomized controlled trials, or on existing guidelines and recommendations. In 2009, the Anaemia Working Group of ERBP published its first position statement about the haemoglobin target to aim for with erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESA) and on issues that were not covered by KDOQI in 2006-07. This second position paper of the group follows the publication of the Trial to Reduce Cardiovascular Events with Aranesp® Therapy (TREAT) Study. This multi-centre, placebo-controlled trial compared cardiovascular and renal outcomes in 4038 patients with type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease not on dialysis, and anaemia who were randomized to complete anaemia correction (haemoglobin target of 13 g/dL using darbepoetin alfa) or placebo (with a haemoglobin rescue value of 9 g/dL). Following the findings of the TREAT study, the Anaemia Working Group of ERBP maintains its view that 'Hb values of 11-12 g/dL should be generally sought in the CKD population without intentionally exceeding 13 g/dL' and that the doses of ESA therapy to achieve the target haemoglobin should also be considered. More caution is suggested when treating anaemia with ESA therapy in patients with type 2 diabetes not undergoing dialysis (and probably in diabetics at all CKD stages). In those with ischaemic heart disease or with a previous history of stroke, possible benefits should be weighed up against an increased risk of stroke recurrence, when deciding which Hb level to aim for.

These recommendations are not intended to represent a new guideline as they are not the result of a systematic review of the evidence.

**Keywords:** anaemia; chronic kidney disease; diabetes; erythropoiesis stimulating agents; stroke

#### Introduction (aim and scope)

Some years ago, the nephrological community planned a single set of international guidelines under the aegis of Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) [1]. Consequently, the ERA-EDTA agreed to issue afterwards only suggestions for clinical practice in areas in which evidence is lacking or weak, together with position statements on recently published randomized controlled trials (RCTs), or on existing guidelines and recommendations issued by other bodies or previous European Best Practice Guidelines (EBPG) [2]. Following the publication of KDOQI guidelines about anaemia in 2006/2007 [3,4], the Anaemia Working Group of European Renal Best Practice (ERBP) published its first position statement [5], giving its opinion on the 'hot' topic of haemoglobin (Hb) targets and on recently raised issues that were not covered by KDOQI in 2006 [3].

The aim of this second position statement on anaemia is to give guidance on the interpretation of the recently published Trial to Reduce Cardiovascular Events with Aranesp® Therapy (TREAT) Study [6], and its possible relevance to recommended treatments and Hb targets to be used when treating chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients with erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESA) therapy, while

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"(iii) In diabetic patients with ischaemic heart disease or with a previous history of stroke, possible benefits of reduced need for coronary revascularization procedures and transfusions should be weighed up against an increased risk of stroke recurrence, when deciding which Hb level to aim for, and use of the lowest possible doses of ESA appears reasonable.

(iv) In patients with CKD and a previous history of cancer, the risk of tumour recurrence and related death should be considered when deciding whether or not to start ESA treatment. Again, in these patients, the lowest possible doses of ESA should be used."

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## ERBP Position Paper 2010

### "Treatment of renal anemia

- (i) Iron administration is an important factor for the successful treatment with any kind of ESA, in order to use the lowest dose for reaching and maintaining the desired Hb target
- (ii) ESA treatment should not be started in patients who are iron-deficient
- (iii) Iron replacement should be used first in any CKD patient who is proven or likely to be iron-deficient, and only once the iron stores are replete should ESA therapy be initiated
- (iv) In CKD patients, ESA treatment should be considered when Hb levels are consistently below 11 g/dL (possibly < 10 g/dL in patients with type 2 diabetes and with a history of strokes), and all other causes of anaemia have been excluded; the threshold for treatment should be decided according to patient characteristics and symptoms, and the desired Hb target"

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#### Editorial Review

#### Target haemoglobin to aim for with erythropoiesis-stimulating agents: a position statement by ERBP following publication of the Trial to Reduce Cardiovascular Events with Aranesp® Therapy (TREAT) Study

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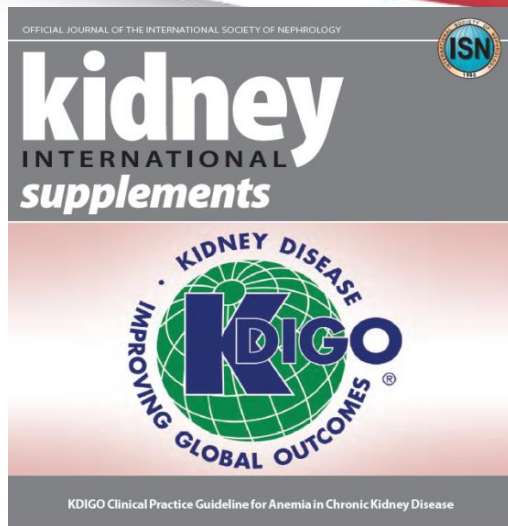


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## KDIGO 2012



### “Diagnosis of anemia

1.2.1: Diagnose anemia in adults and children >15 years with CKD when the Hb concentration is <13.0 g/dl (<130 g/l) in males and <12.0 g/dl (<120 g/l) in females. (Not Graded)”

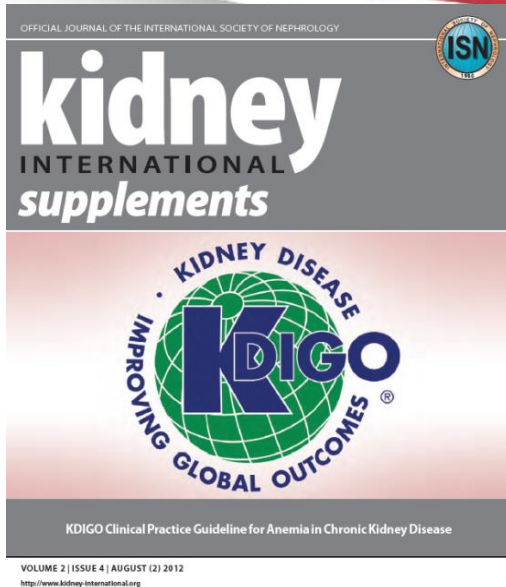
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## KDIGO 2012

### "ESA INITIATION



**3.1:** Address all correctable causes of anemia (including iron deficiency and inflammatory states) prior to initiation of ESA therapy. (Not Graded)

**3.2:** In initiating and maintaining ESA therapy, we recommend balancing the potential benefits of reducing blood transfusions and anemia-related symptoms against the risks of harm in individual patients (e.g., stroke, vascular access loss, hypertension). (1B)

**3.3:** We recommend using ESA therapy with great caution, if at all, in CKD patients with active malignancy—in particular when cure is the anticipated outcome—(1B), a history of stroke (1B), or a history of malignancy (2C).

**3.4.1:** For adult CKD-ND patients with Hb concentration >10.0 g/dl (>100 g/l), we suggest that ESA therapy not be initiated. (2D)."



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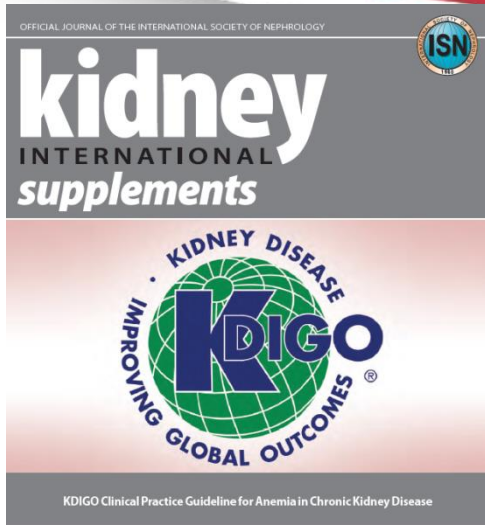
## KDIGO 2012

### “continue...”

**3.4.2:** For adult CKD-ND patients with Hb concentration  $<10.0$  g/dl ( $<100$  g/l) we suggest that the decision whether to initiate ESA therapy be individualized based on the rate of fall of Hb concentration, prior response to iron therapy, the risk of needing a transfusion, the risks related to ESA therapy and the presence of symptoms attributable to anemia. (2C)

**3.4.3:** For adult CKD 5D patients, we suggest that ESA therapy be used to avoid having the Hb concentration fall below  $9.0$  g/dl ( $90$  g/l) by starting ESA therapy when the hemoglobin is between  $9.0$ - $10.0$  g/dl ( $90$ - $100$  g/l). (2B)

**3.4.4:** Individualization of therapy is reasonable as some patients may have improvements in quality of life at higher Hb concentration and ESA therapy may be started above  $10.0$  g/dl ( $100$  g/l). (Not Graded)”



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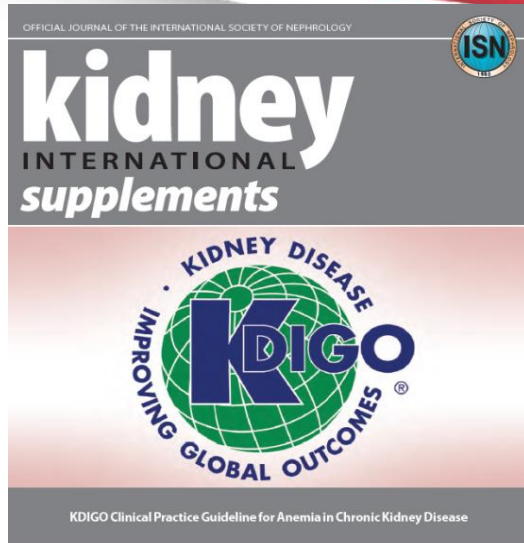
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### “Treatment with iron agents

2.1.1: When prescribing iron therapy, balance the potential benefits of avoiding or minimizing blood transfusions, ESA therapy, and anemia-related symptoms against the risks of harm in individual patients (e.g., anaphylactoid and other acute reactions, unknown long-term risks). (Not Graded)

2.1.2: For adult CKD patients with anemia not on iron or ESA therapy we suggest a trial of IV iron (or in CKD-ND patients alternatively a 1-3 month trial of oral iron therapy) if (2C):

- an increase in Hb concentration without starting ESA treatment is desired and
- TSAT is  $<30\%$  and ferritin is  $<500$  ng/ml ( $<500$  mg/l)”



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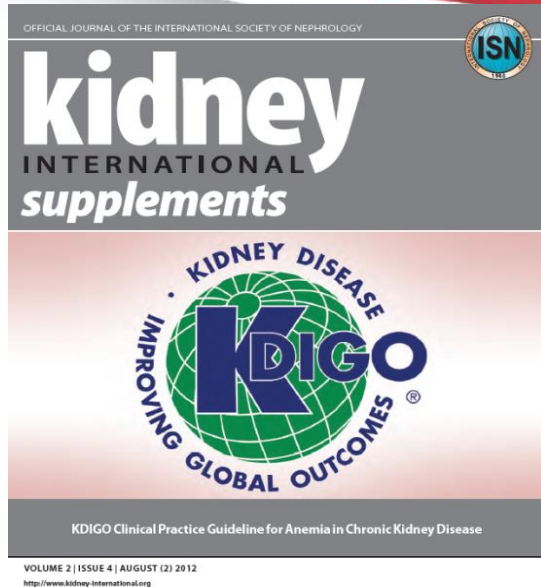


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### "Treatment with iron agents



2.1.3: For adult CKD patients on ESA therapy who are not receiving iron supplementation, we suggest a trial of IV iron (or in CKD-ND patients alternatively a 1-3 month trial of oral iron therapy) if (2C):

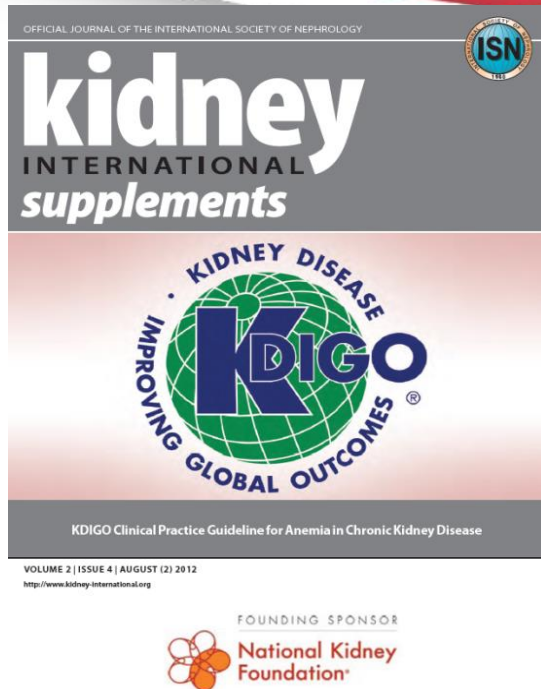
- an increase in Hb concentration or a decrease in ESA dose is desired and
- TSAT is  $<30\%$  and ferritin is  $<500$  ng/ml ( $<500$  mg/l)

2.1.4: For CKD-ND patients who require iron supplementation, select the route of iron administration based on the severity of iron deficiency, availability of venous access, response to prior oral iron therapy, side effects with prior oral or IV iron therapy, patient compliance, and cost. (Not Graded)."



# Οδηγίες - Guidelines

## KDIGO 2012 Σημεία Ενδιαφέροντος



"In patients with CKD-ND, the available evidence supports an efficacy advantage of IV compared with oral administration of iron although the effect is rather small, with a weighted mean Hb difference of 0.31 g/dl (3.1 g/l). Whether the small Hb benefit of IV iron in CKD-ND patients is clinically meaningful or justifies the small risk of serious adverse events and unknown long-term risks is uncertain."



## FIND-CKD: a randomized trial of intravenous ferric carboxymaltose versus oral iron in patients with chronic kidney disease and iron deficiency anaemia

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In conclusion, patients with non-dialysis-dependent CKD, anaemia and iron deficiency may benefit from IV iron treatment targeting a higher ferritin level. Both IV and oral iron therapy were effective in increasing Hb, ferritin and TSAT



# Assessment and optimisation of erythropoiesis - optimal Hb levels



When determining individual aspirational Hb ranges for people with anaemia of CKD, take into account:

- patient preferences
- symptoms and comorbidities
- the required treatment



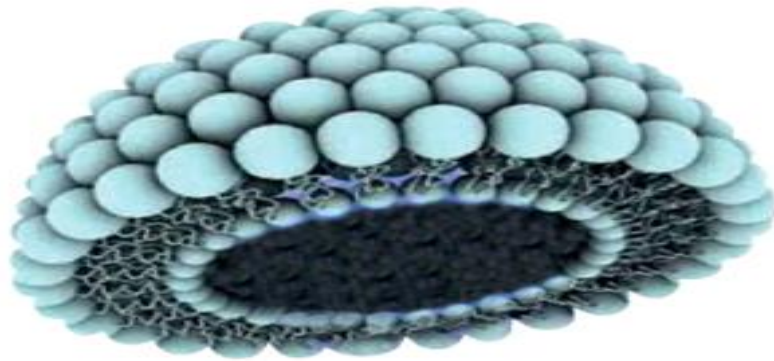


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[18-25]; a recent report by European Medicines Agency (EMA) (September 2013) clearly points out that IV iron should be prescribed when oral iron cannot be given or does not work, and that should be administered in environments in which resuscitation facilities are present by personnel specifically trained to treat allergic reactions (EMA/579491/2013).

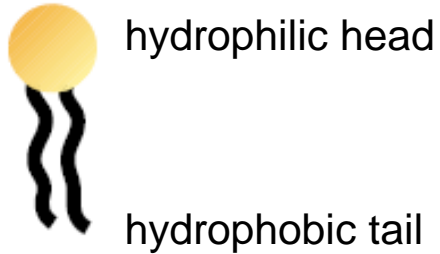




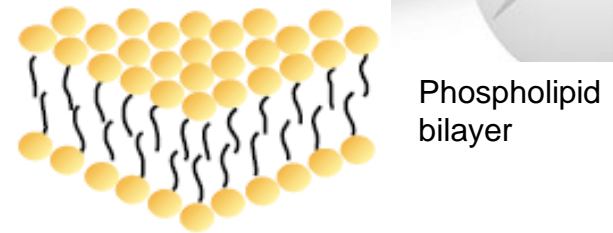
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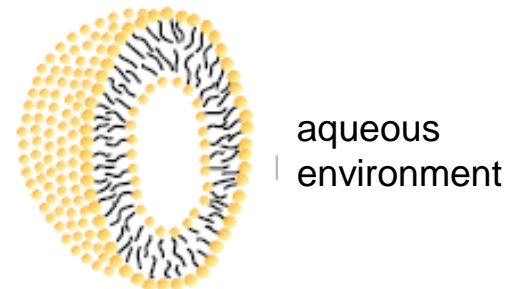
- Phospholipid



## Arrangement of phospholipids in aqueous environment



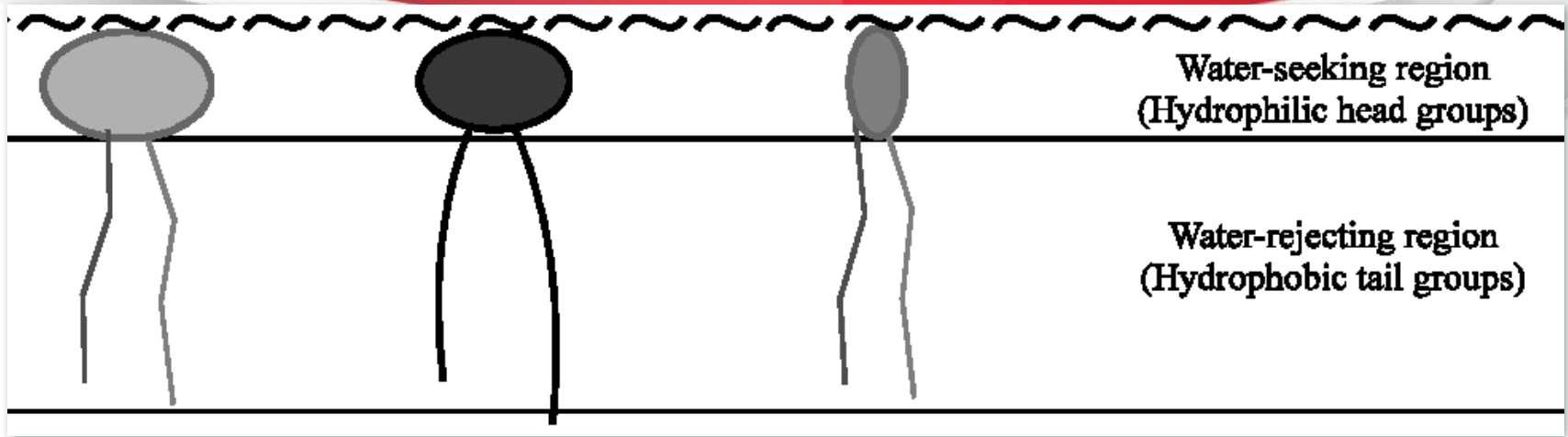
- Longitudinal Section



# LIPOSOME

- Liposomes are formed by self-aggregation of the phospholipids in an aqueous phase
- The lipid bilayer is similar to cell membranes

# LIPOSOME STRUCTURE

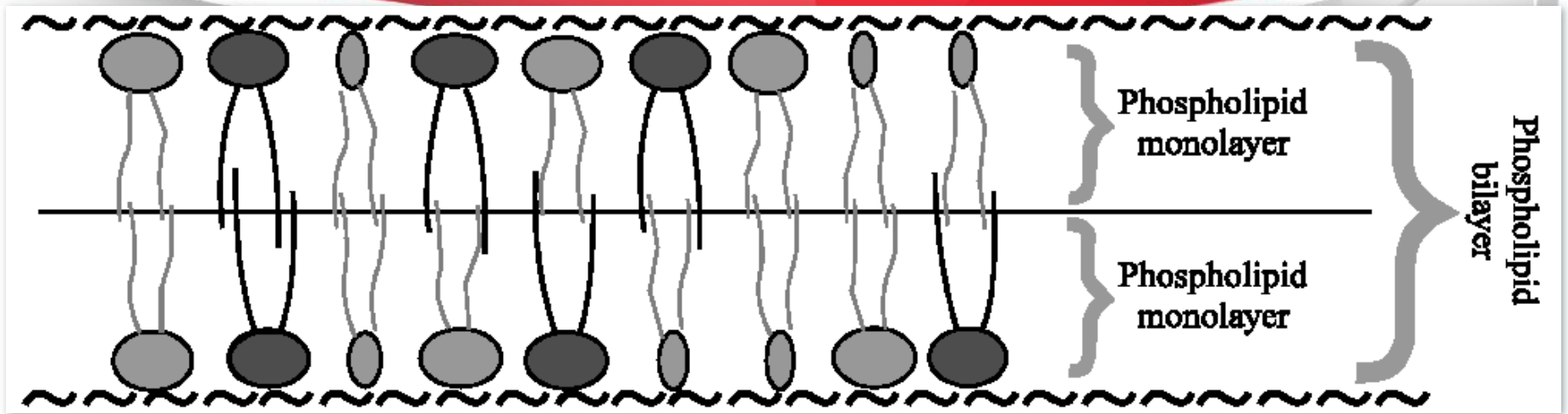


**PHOSPHOLIPIDS**



Main constituents of the  
Liposome (and of cellular  
membranes)

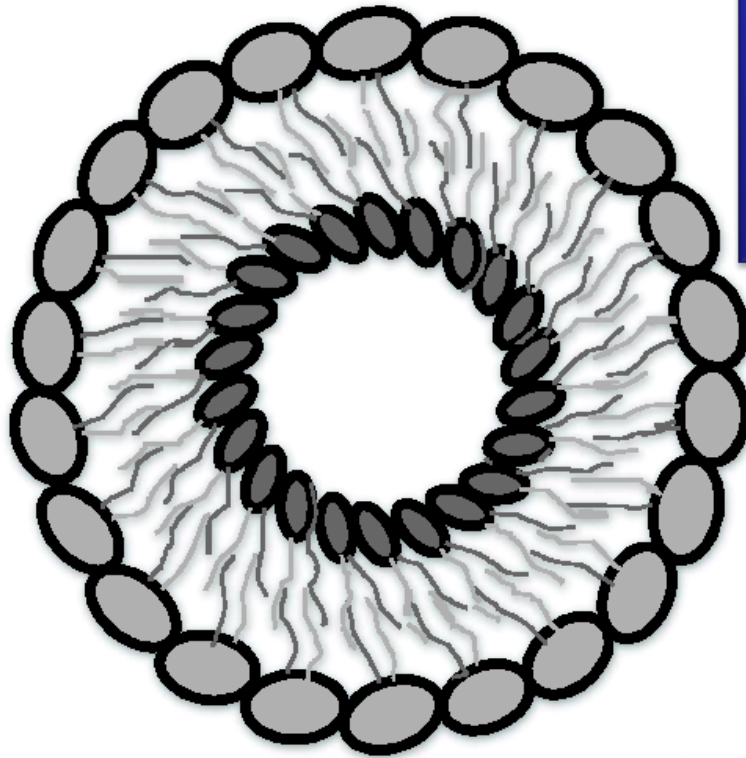
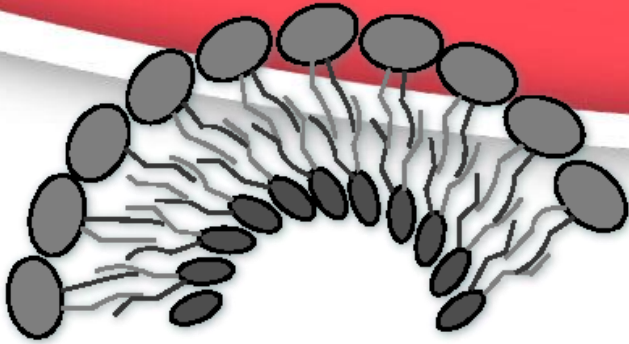
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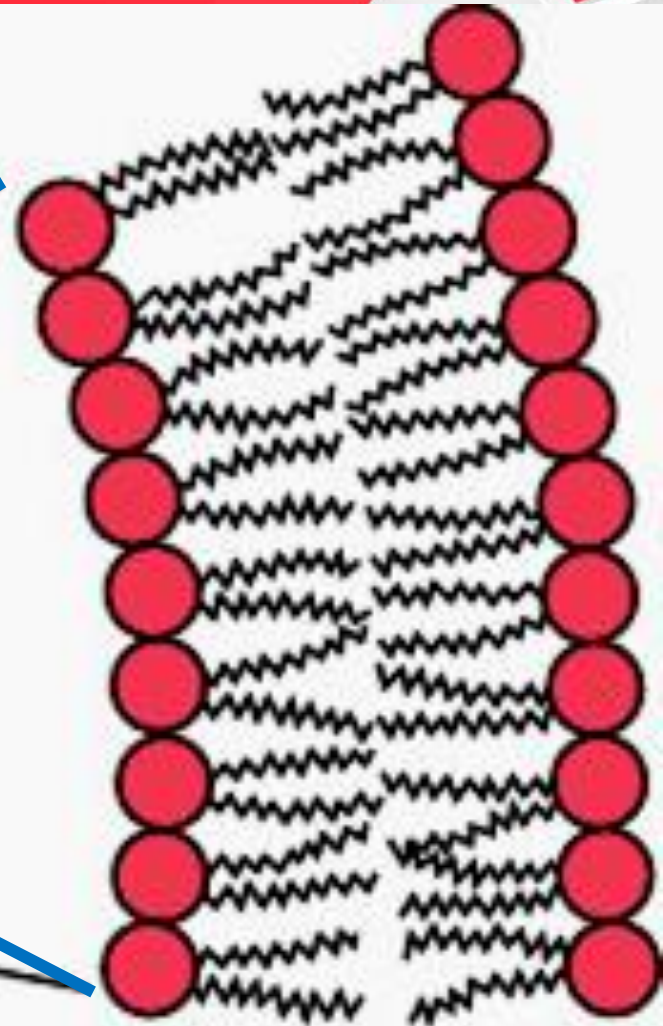
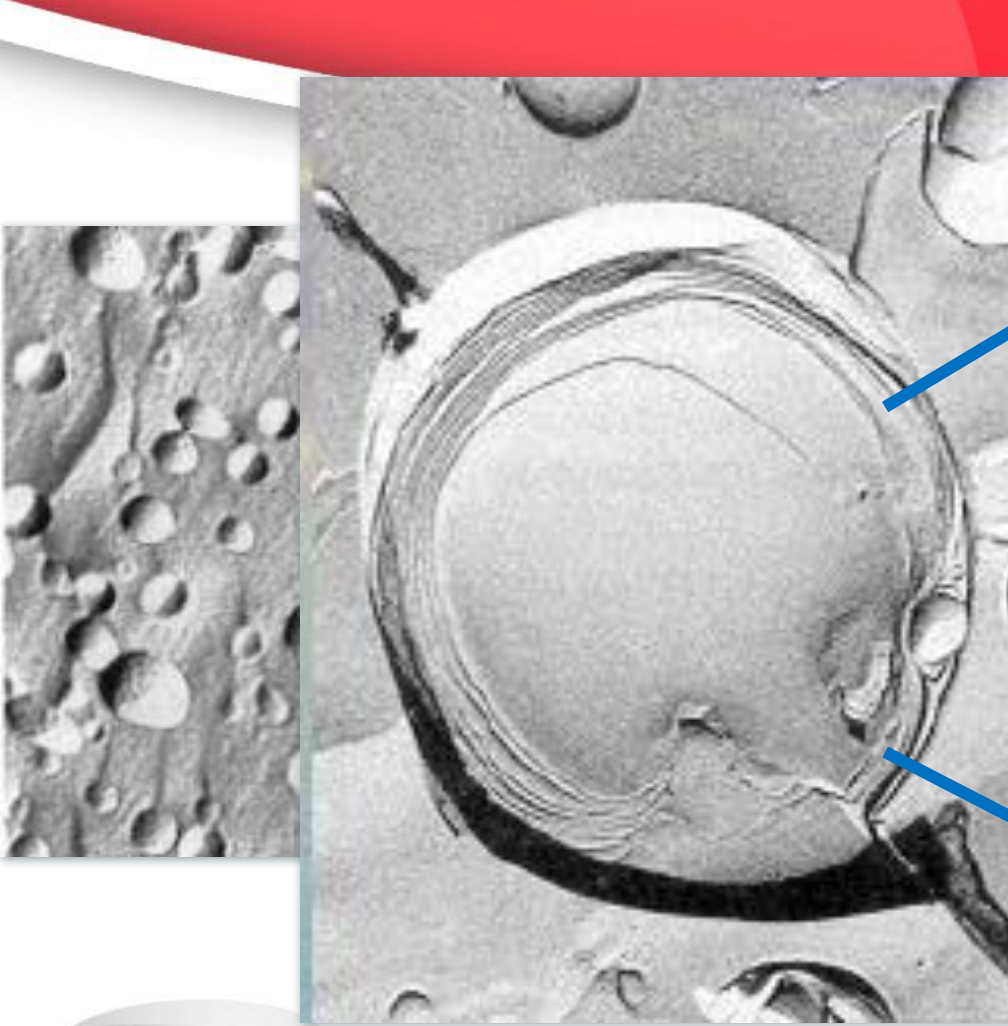
# LIPOSOME STRUCTURE



They give spontaneous origin to spherical vesicles (double-layer walls)



# LIPOSOMES



# LIPOSOMES DRUG DELIVERY

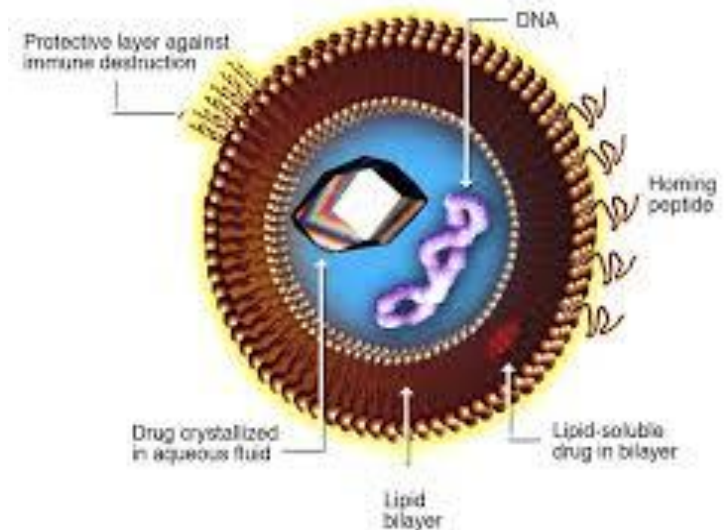
“Associating a drug with liposomes **markedly changes its pharmacokinetics and lowers systemic toxicity;**

Furthermore, the drug is prevented from early degradation and/or inactivation after introduction to the target organism”

*Kozubek - Acta Bioch. 2000*



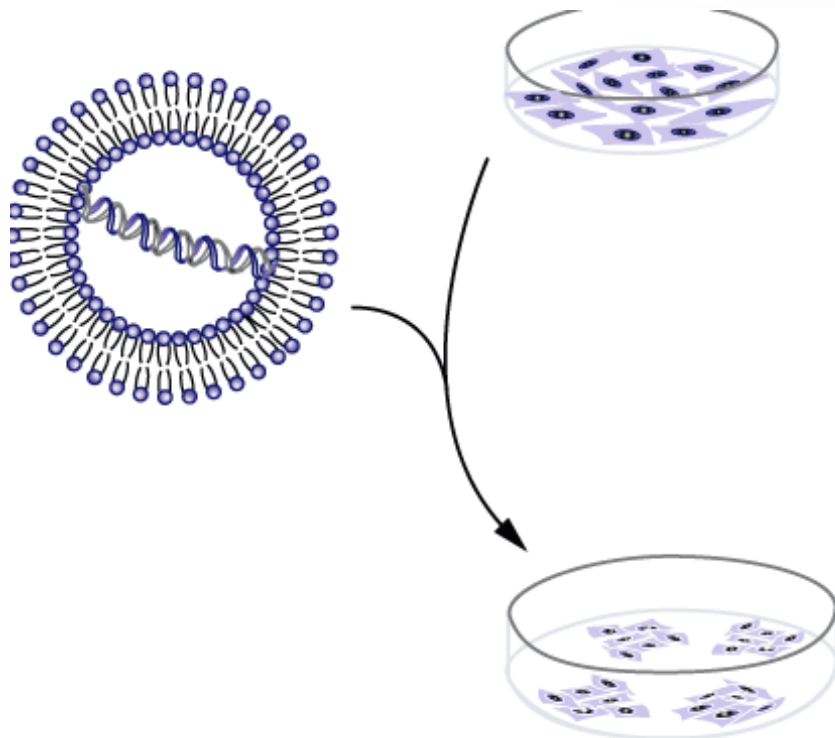
Liposome for Drug Delivery



# Examples of Liposomal Preparations

<b>Liposomal Drugs</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>AMPHOTERICIN B</b>	<b>Antifungal</b>
<b>DAUNOMYCIN</b> <b>DOXORUBICIN</b>	<b>Anti-tumor antibiotic</b>
<b>CYTARABINE</b>	<b>Chemotherapy drug</b>
<b>HEPATITIS A VIRUS</b> (INACTIVE)	<b>Hepatitis A Vaccine</b>

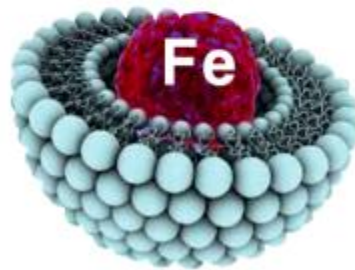
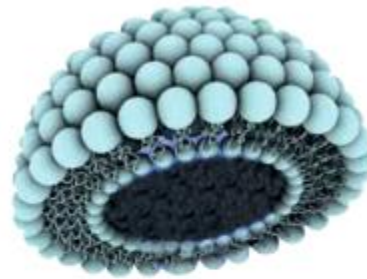
# LIPOSOMES AS DNA DELIVERY



It is difficult for “raw” DNA to enter tumor cells or other somatic cells. In fact, it is a highly-polar molecule, with strong negative charge that does not pass the cell membrane.

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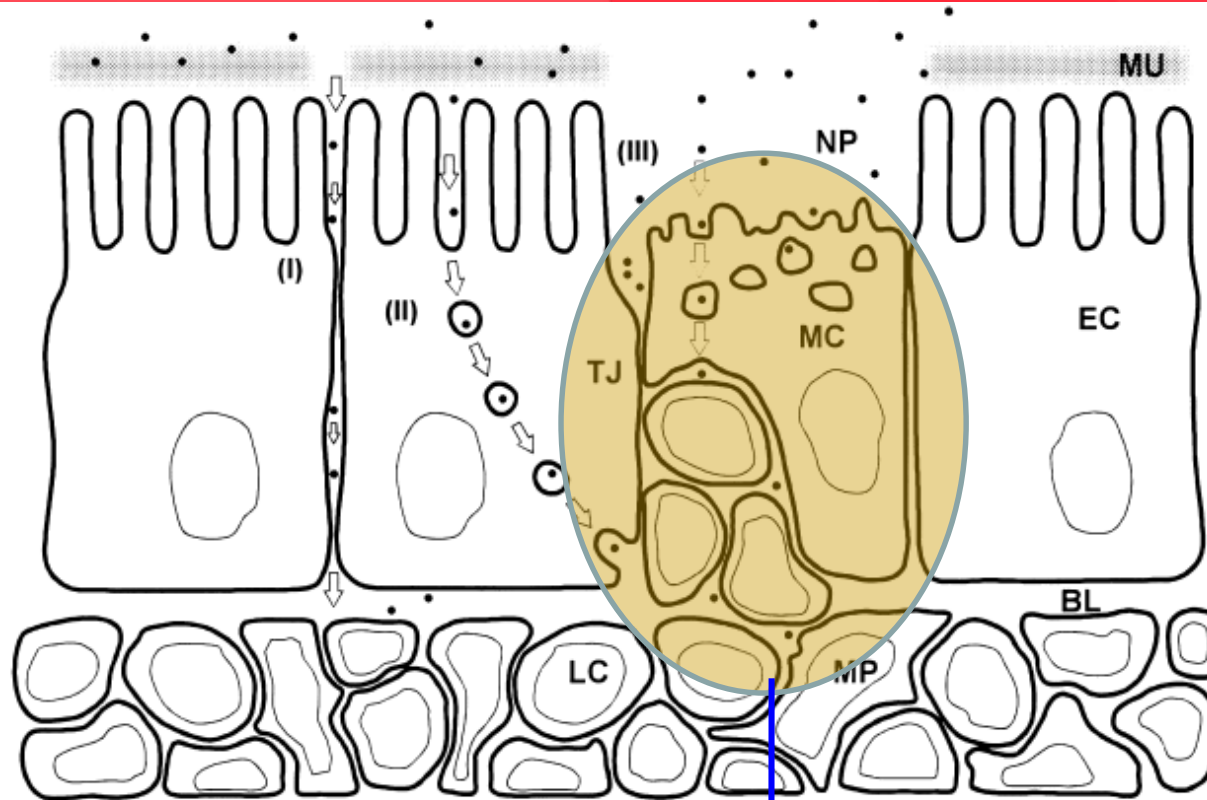
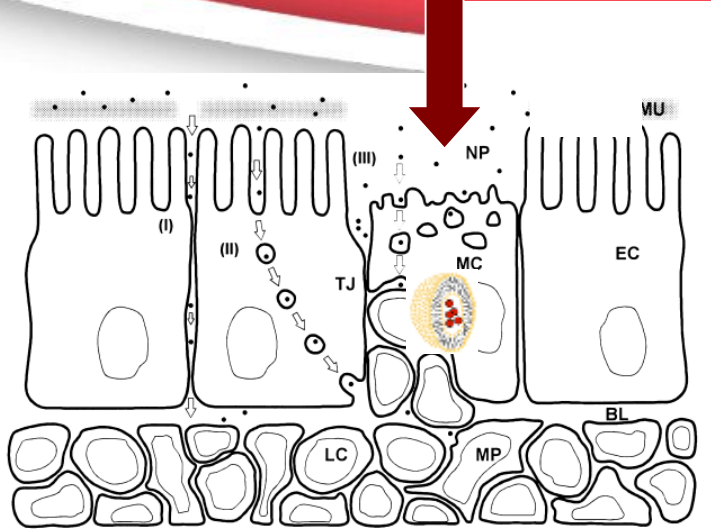
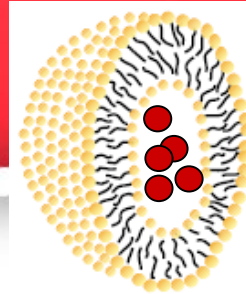


Fig. 1. Schematic drawing of mucus (MU) covered absorptive enterocytes (EC) and M cells (MC) in the small intestine. Lymphocytes (LC) and macrophages (MP) from underlying lymphoid tissue can pass the basal lamina (BL) and reach the epithelial cell layer which is sealed by tight junctions (TJ). Possible translocation routes for NP are (I) paracellular uptake, (II) endocytotic uptake by enterocytes and (III) M cells.

M CELLS



Liposomal  
Iron

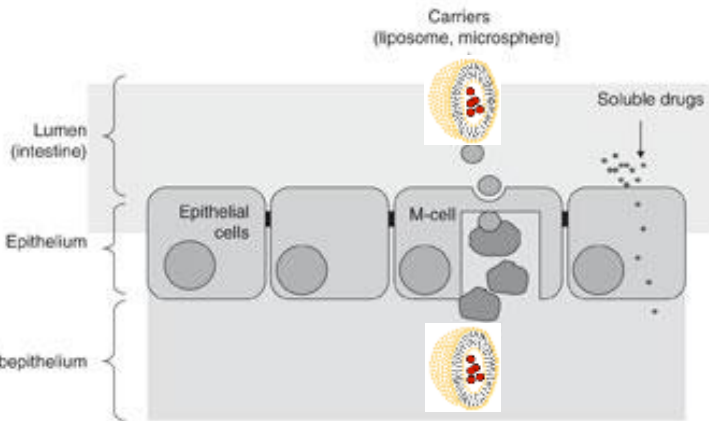


Direct absorption

M Cells (endocytosis)

Macrophages  
(Peyer's Plaques)

Transport through the  
lymph

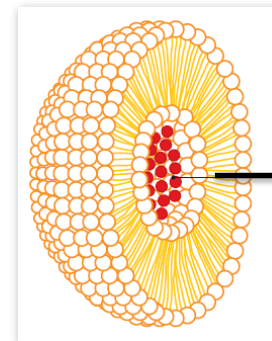
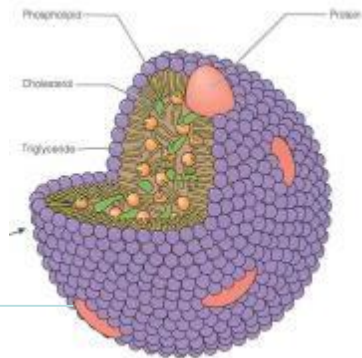


# LIPOSOMES ABSORPTION



The iron is enclosed in the liposomes, in this way, passing undamaged through gastric acid environment, Liposomal iron could be recognized as chylomicrons in the intestinal tract and never reacts with mucouse membranes.

**Chylomicron**



**Liposome**



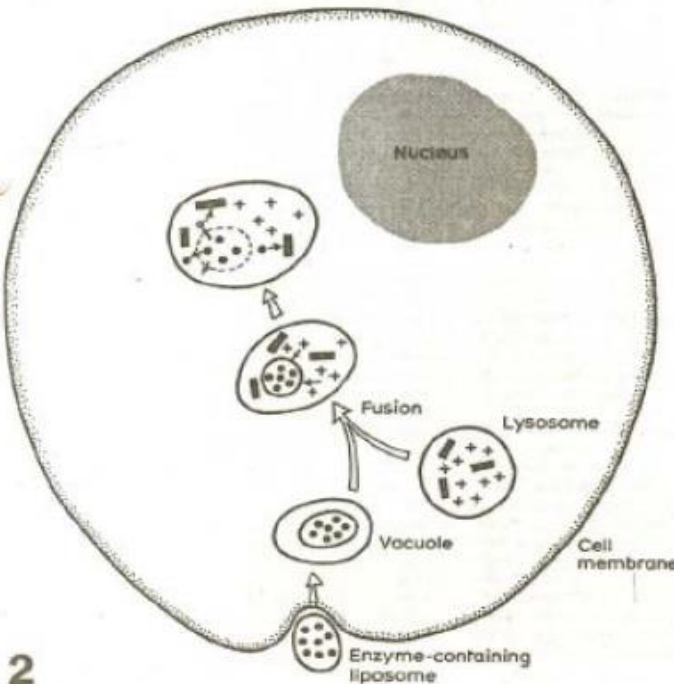
# Molecular Trojan horses

With the prospects of genetic engineering in humans still remote, other methods of repairing inborn errors of metabolism have to be sought. Wrapping up enzymes in membrane sacks and injecting them into afflicted patients may be the answer

**Dr Gregory Gregoriadis** is a research scientist at the Medical Research Council's Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, near London

The role of enzymes in transforming one substance (substrate) to another (product) is the basis of all biological processes. The existence of enzymes in cells depends on the release of information held in a sequence of nucleic acid, the corresponding structural gene. A faulty gene results in the partial or total absence of its respective enzyme, which in turn leads to the accumulation of the relevant substrate and a deficiency in the product of the reaction. In terms of human suffering, this often means early death, newborns maturing

the lysosomes of cells in different parts of the body does not require any sophisticated effort on our part. Materials near the cell enter the lysosomes by a process known as endocytosis which involves trapping the material within infoldings of the cell membrane which then pinch off to form vacuoles (membrane sacks) inside the cell. These vacuoles subsequently fuse with lysosomes which now contain the endocytosed material, and eventually degrade it by their lysosomal enzymes.



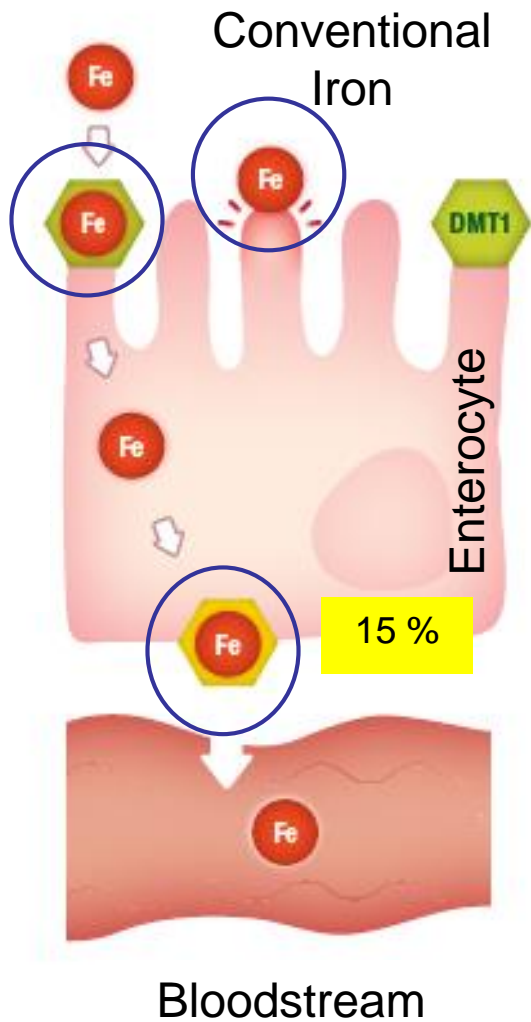
lysosomes or, after diffusion through the membranes surrounding the liposomes, in other cellular compartments (for example, the nucleus).

It is true that at the moment liposomes can be applied only for the liver and the spleen. However, specific manipulations on the liposomal surface can alter both the rate of their removal from the blood and their place of uptake. We have found, for example, that positively charged liposomes will circulate in the blood for much longer than negatively charged liposomes. We hope to be able to exploit this in treating inherited enzyme deficiencies such as phenylketonuria and galactosemia in which excessive levels of phenylalanine or galactose in blood are the cause of severe clinical manifestations. Circulating liposomes containing the appropriate enzymes could help metabolise these substances and therefore lower their level in blood. Asparaginase-containing positive liposomes could be used in treating some forms of leukaemia in which elimination of circulating asparagine has been shown to be beneficial to patients. To increase tissue specificity the attachment on the surface of liposomes of substances (antibodies for instance)

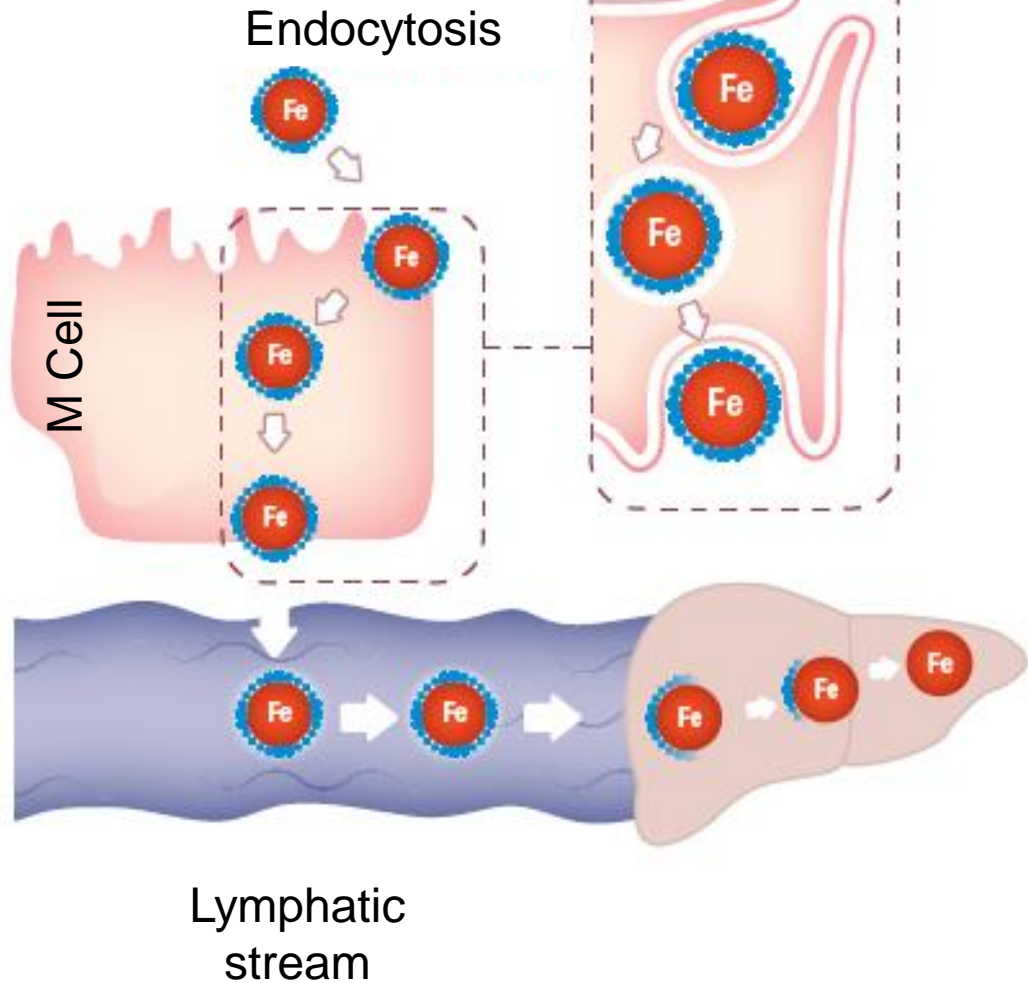
Figure 2 A liposome containing enzyme molecules (dots) is taken up into a cell by endocytosis. The endocytotic vacuole fuses with a lysosome which contains substrate molecules (bars). The lysosomal enzymes (crosses) disrupt the lipid bilayers of the liposome releasing the entrapped enzyme to act on the stored substrate



# LIPOSOMIAL IRON ABSORPTION



## LIPOSOMIAL



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Thanks to liposomal technology, iron never comes in contact with intestinal mucosae



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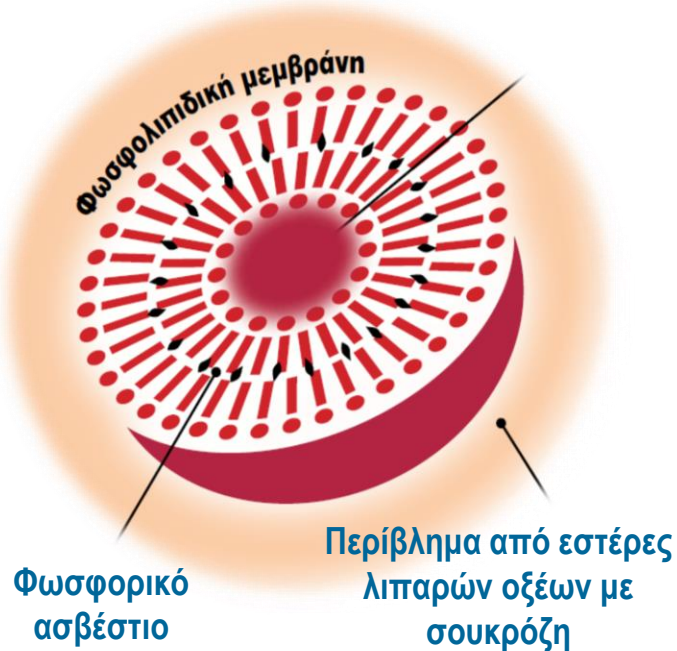


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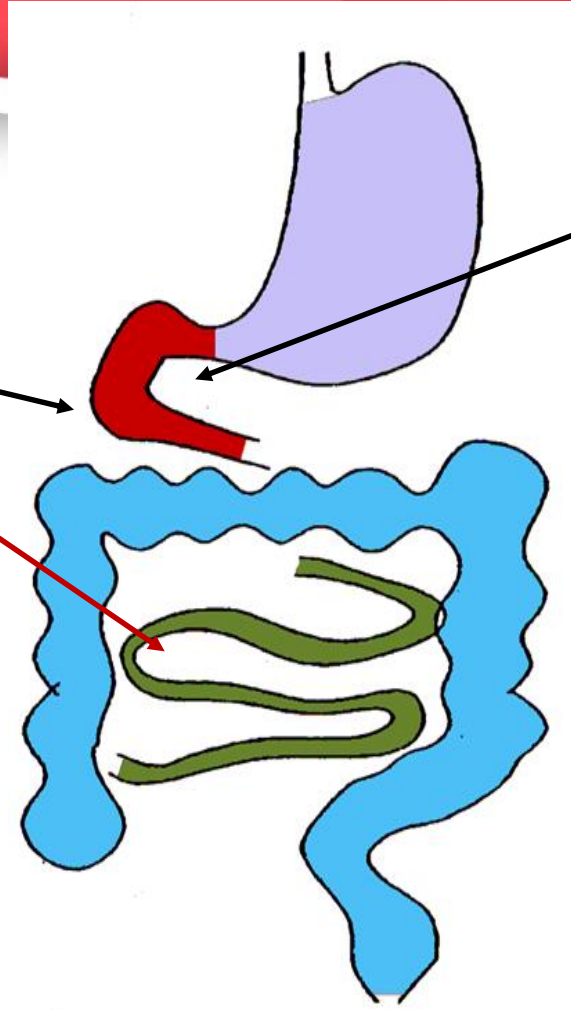
Ο Fe βρίσκεται εγκλωβισμένος σε μία δομή από φυσικά συστατικά

- ✓ **Φωσφολιπίδια**  
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Ο σίδηρος που εμπεριέχεται είναι τρισθενής πυροφωσφορικός
- ✓ **Φωσφορικό ασβέστιο**  
Ενισχύει τους δεσμούς μεταξύ των φωσφολιπιδίων
- ✓ **Εστέρες λιπαρών οξέων με σουκρόζη**
  - Προστατεύουν τη δομή κατά τη διεύλευσή της από το γαστρεντερικό σύστημα
  - Βελτιώνουν την απορρόφηση της



Η δομή προστατεύεται από πατέντα (PCT/1B2013/001659 & PCT/IB2014/001780)

# Απορρόφηση σιδήρου



Sucrosomial® Iron

Απορρόφηση συμβατικού  
σιδήρου

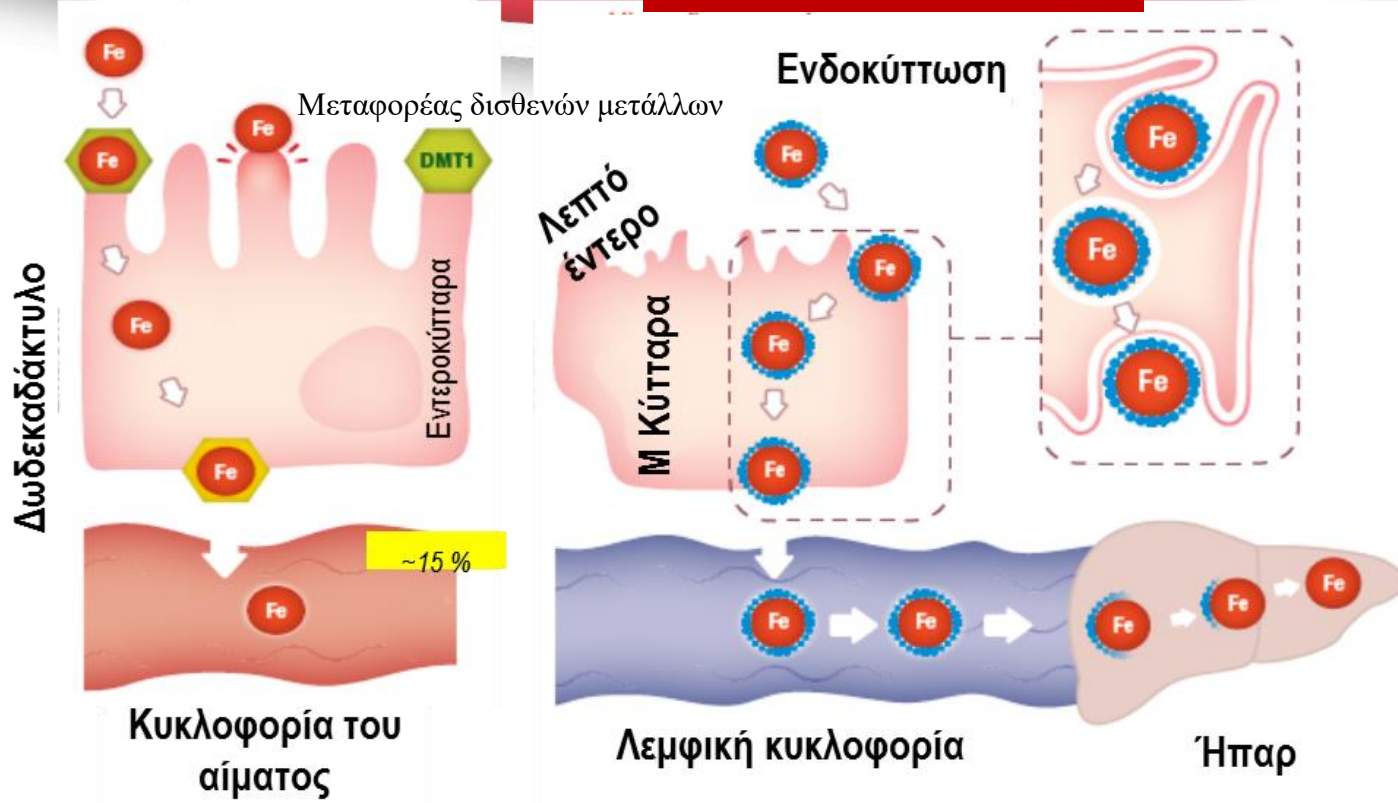
Απορροφάται το 10-20%  
του χορηγούμενου  
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# Sucrosomial<sup>®</sup> Iron: Απορρόφηση

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Sucrosomial<sup>®</sup> Iron

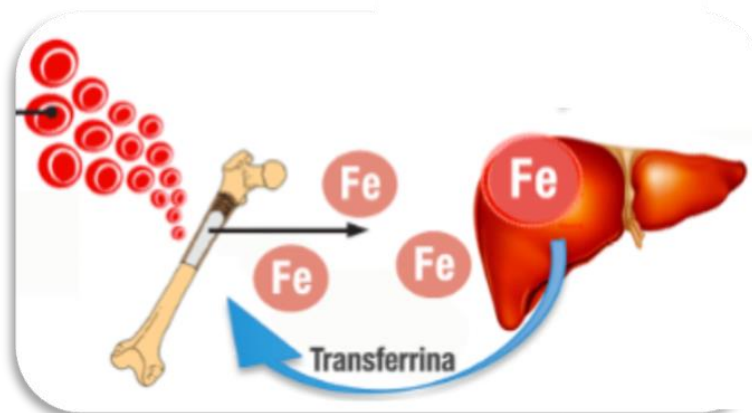


Αποδόμηση μεμβράνης σφαιριδίου  
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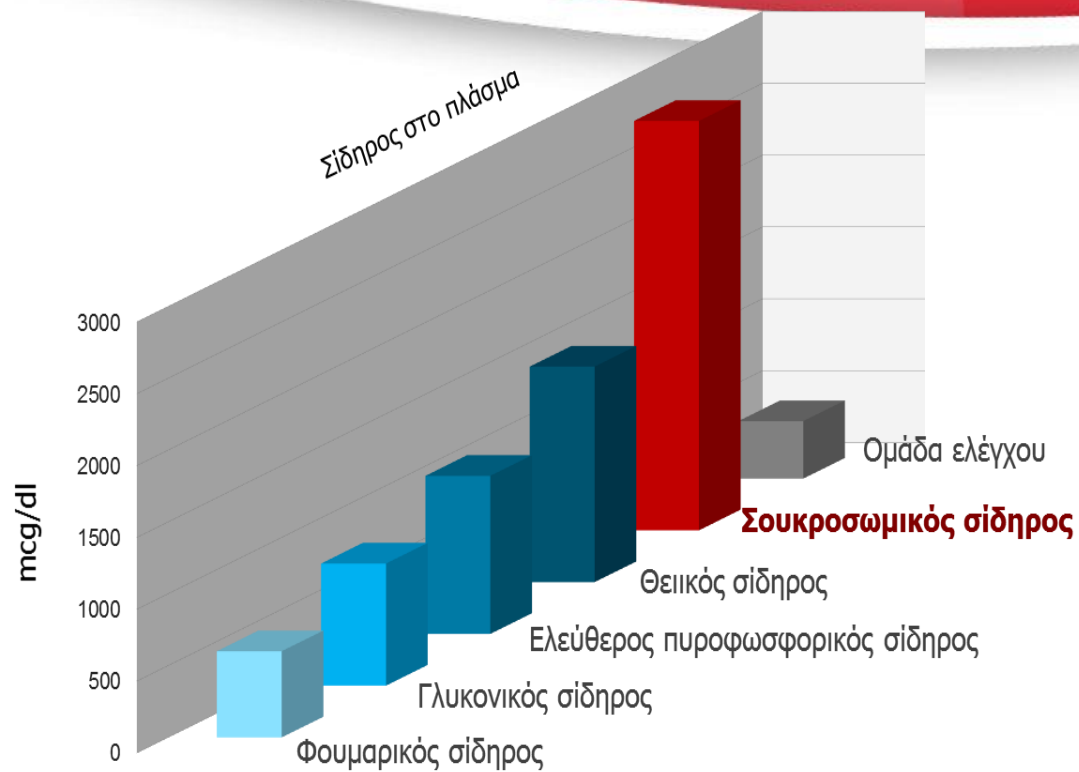
# Τρισθενής πυροφωσφορικός σίδηρος



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2. Η τρανσφερρίνη χρησιμοποιεί τρισθενή σίδηρο



# Υψηλότερη βιοδιαθεσιμότητα από τα άλατα σιδήρου



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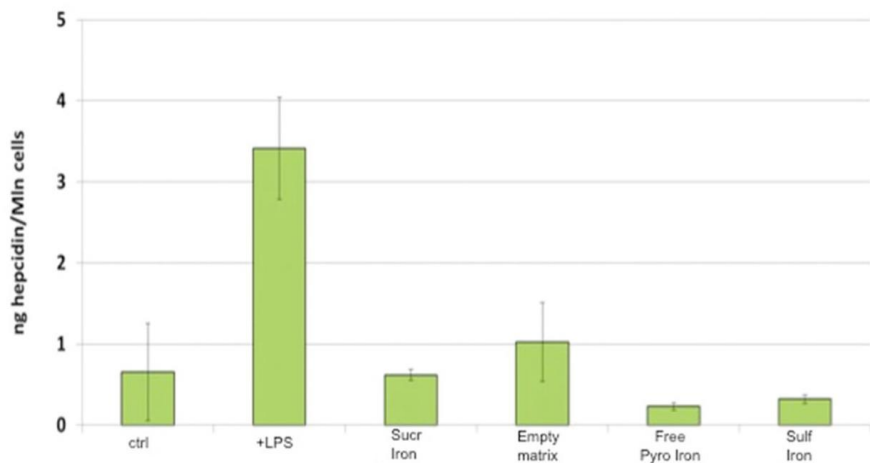
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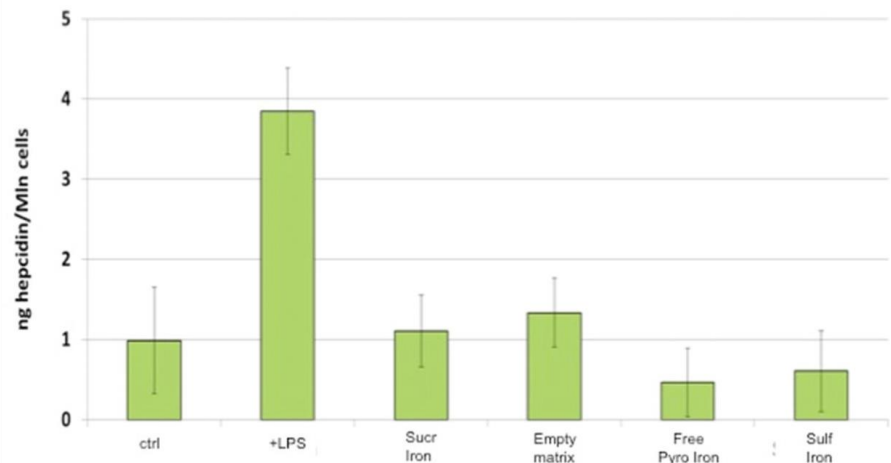


# Innovative Oral Iron Supplement (Sucrosomial Iron®) Is Able to Downregulate Hepcidin Release during Inflammation: In Vitro Study

Hepcidin Expression in Hep-G2 Cells at 6h



Hepcidin Expression in Hep-G2 Cells at 24h



Results showed that Sucrosomial Iron® is able to significantly reduce Hepcidin level both 6 and 24 h after treatment in comparison with other iron formulations.

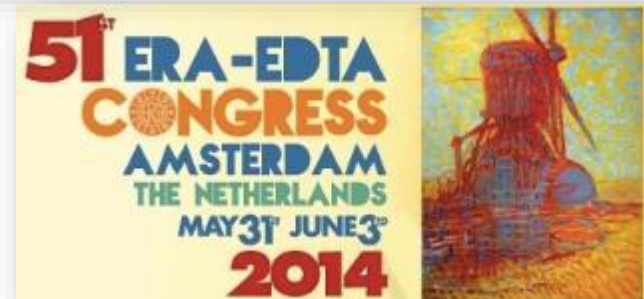
# Liposomal iron for the treatment of iron deficiency anemia in non dialysis Chronic Kidney Disease (CKF) patients: a randomized controlled trial

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– European Dialysis and Transplant  
Association) 2014**





## AIM

To evaluate the efficacy of treatment with liposomal iron, compared to intravenous iron (IV), in the anemic patient with CKD not on dialysis in the presence of an iron deficiency.

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**Effect of oral liposomal iron versus intravenous iron for treatment of iron deficiency anaemia in CKD patients: a randomized trial**

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# Σουκροσωμικός σίδηρος έναντι ενδοφλέβιου σιδήρου σε ασθενείς με ΧΝΝ (I)



- ✓ Τυχαιοποιημένη μελέτη σε 99 ασθενείς με χρόνια νεφρική νόσο (υπολογιζόμενος ρυθμός σπειραματικής διήθησης  $< 60$  ml/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup>) και σιδηροπενική αναιμία που δεν υποβάλλονταν σε αιμοκάθαρση
- ✓ Sideral Forte 30 mg ημερησίως από του στόματος ή γλυκονικός σίδηρος σε 8 ενδοφλέβιες εβδομαδιαίες εγχύσεις των 125 mg (συνολική δόση 1.000 mg)
- ✓ Διάρκεια θεραπείας 3 μήνες

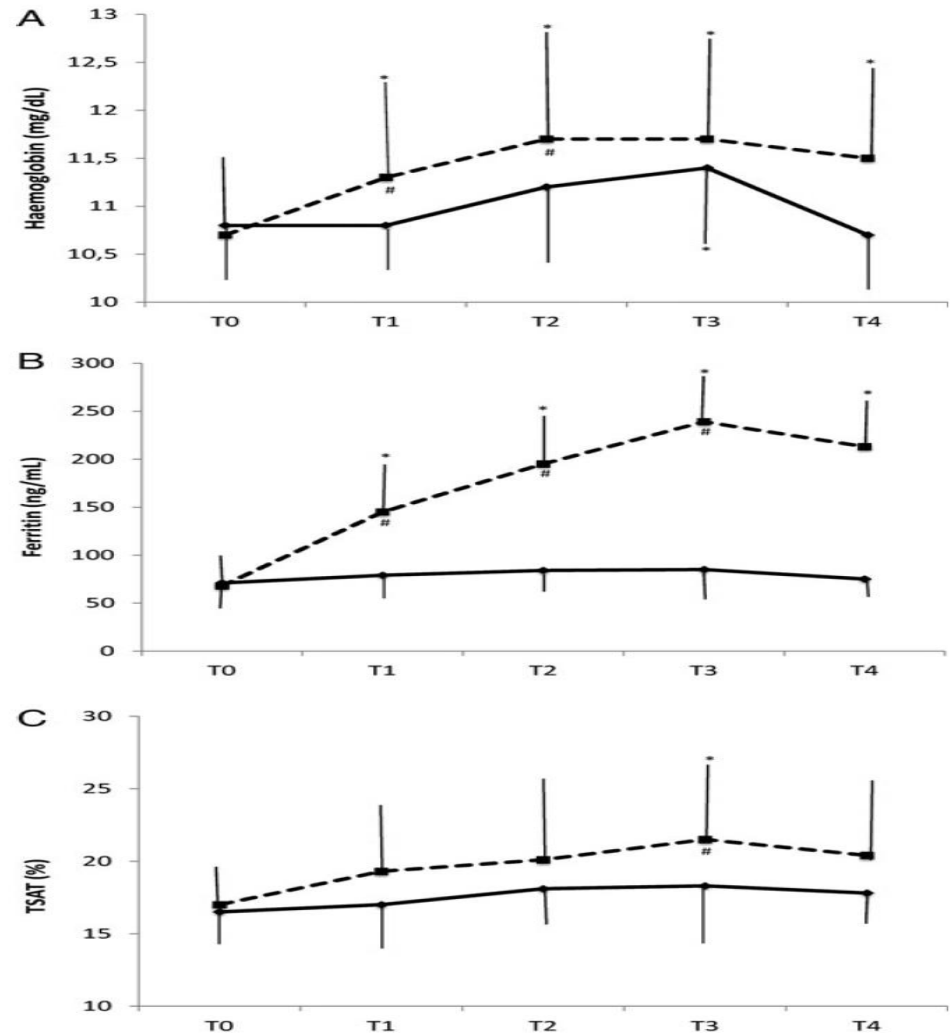


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# Σουκροσωμικός σίδηρος έναντι ενδοφλέβιου σιδήρου σε ασθενείς με ΧΝΝ (I)

- Ο iv σίδηρος παρουσίασε ταχύτερη αύξηση της Hb
- Μετά από 3 μήνες θεραπεία παρατηρήθηκε παρόμοια
  - αύξηση της Hb
  - Συμμόρφωση στη θεραπεία (96,2% iv vs 95,8% po)

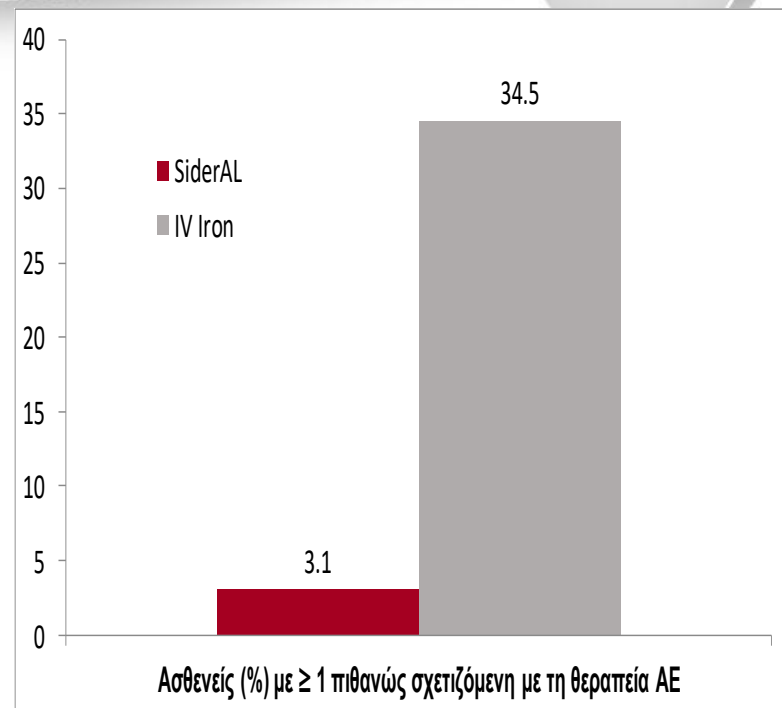
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Οι ασθενείς που έλαβαν σουκροσωμικό σίδηρο παρουσίασαν σημαντικά λιγότερες ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες (3,1 και 34,5% αντίστοιχα,  $p < 0,001$ )

Adverse event, n (%)	Group OS	Group IV
Constipation	3 (4.5)	1 (3)
Diarrhoea	3 (4.5)	3 (9.1)
Nausea	2 (3)	2 (6.1)
Infusion site reaction	0 (0)	4 (12.1)
Oedema peripheral	0 (0)	2 (6.1)
Headache	2 (3)	6 (18.2)
Hypotension	0 (0)	4 (12.1)



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## Σχεδιασμός μελέτης

Προοπτική, τυχαιοποιημένη μελέτη φάσης IV – 1 ερευνητικό κέντρο

Ασθενείς με ΧΝΝ\*  
(n=21)



Sideral Forte® 30 mg /ημέρα  
(n=14)

IV Γλυκονικός σίδηρος 1000 mg (125 mg/250 mL)  
(n=7)

8 εβδομάδες

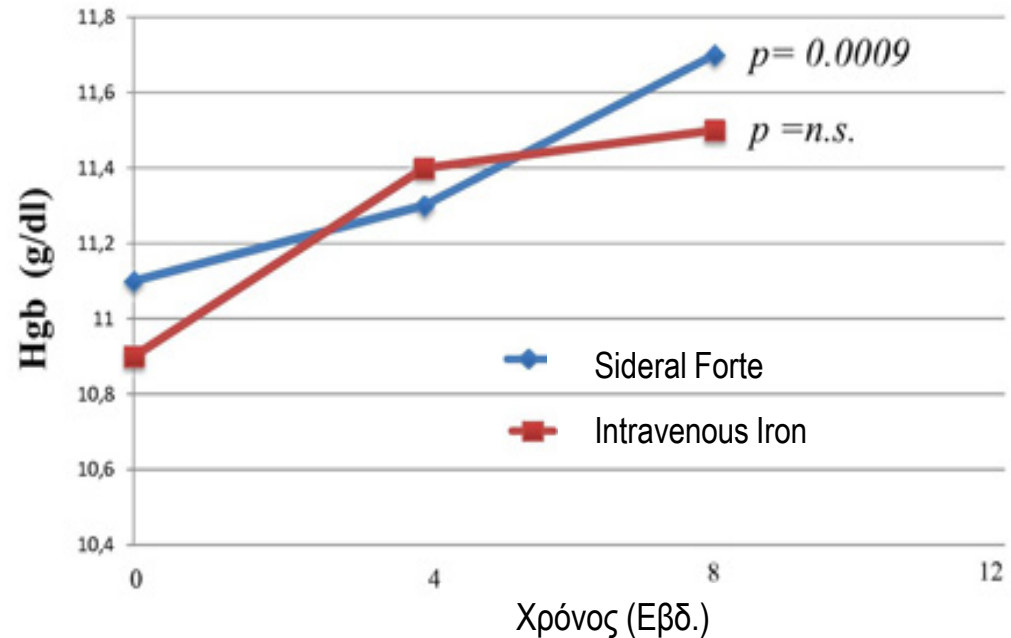
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- **Κύριο καταληκτικό σημείο:** αύξηση Hb από τα αρχικά επίπεδα
- **Δευτερεύοντα καταληκτικά σημεία :** μείωση της δόσης της EPO κατά  $\geq 25\%$  (ασθενείς υπό αγωγή με EPO) – αύξηση φερριτίνης ορού από αρχικά επίπεδα ( $> 100$  ng/mL )

Visciano B. et al, G Ital Nephrol 2013;30 (5) ISSN 1724-5590

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- Στατιστικά σημαντική αύξηση της Hb έναντι των αρχικών
- Συγκρίσιμη αποτελεσματικότητα στην αύξηση της Hb με αυτήν του ενδοφλεβίως χορηγούμενου γλυκονικού σιδήρου



## CONCLUSIONS



In anemic patients suffering from CKF, not on dialysis and with iron deficiency, **the treatment with Liposomal iron produces a significant increase of Hb levels after 8 weeks compared to iv iron**, but not iron repletion.



# USE OF LIPOSOMAL IRON IN CKD (CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE) PATIENTS NOT TOLERATING FERROUS SULFATE IN CONSERVATIVE THERAPY

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in Genova (Italy)**



# Σουκρωσικός σίδηρος έναντι θειικού σιδήρου σε ασθενείς με ΧΝΝ

Σχεδιασμός μελέτης

17 ασθενείς με χρόνια νεφρική νόσο,  
σιδηροπενική αναιμία και δυσανεξία  
στο θειϊκό σίδηρο



Ερωτηματολόγιο σχετικά με την  
ανεκτικότητα του σιδήρου από το  
πεπτικό



Διακοπή θεραπείας (15 ημέρες  
wash-out)

Αξιολόγηση αιματολογικών  
παραμέτρων (Χρόνος 0)



Έλαβαν Sideral® Forte 30mg  
ημερησίως

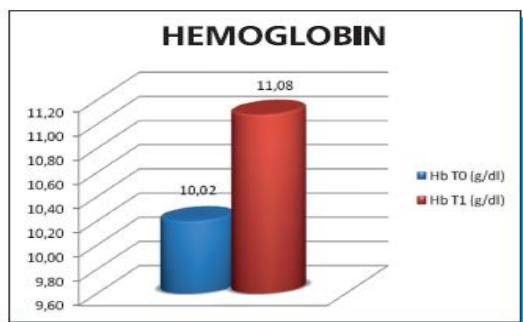


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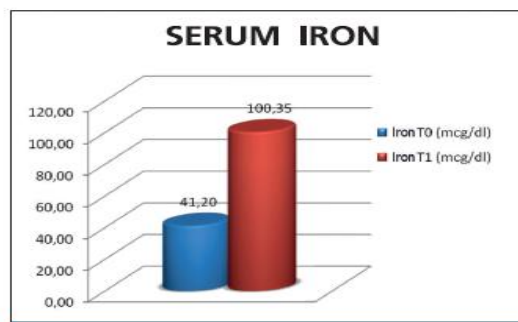
- Ερωτηματολόγιο σχετικά με την ανεκτικότητα του σιδήρου από το πεπτικό
- Αξιολόγηση αιματολογικών παραμέτρων (Χρόνος 1)

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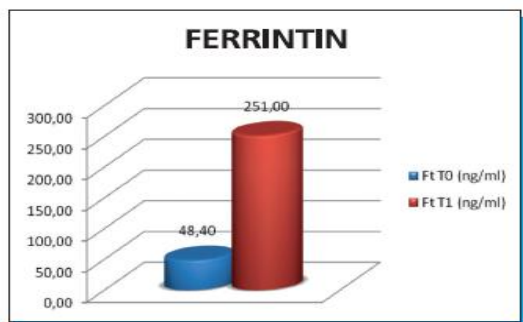
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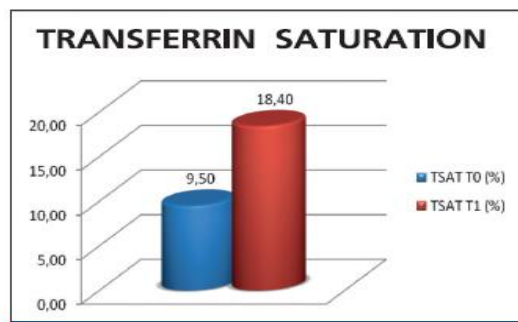
Average increase in Hemoglobin:  
**+ 1,06 g/dl**



Average Increase in Serum Iron  
**+ 59,15 mcg/dl**



Average Increase in Ferritin:  
**+ 202,6 ng/ml**



Average Increase in Transferrin Saturation:  
**+ 8,9 %**

Κανείς ασθενής δεν ανέφερε ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες από το γαστρεντερικό σύστημα





Completed Studies

15

Published Studies

14

Total n. patients treated:

719



## **Comparative study between Sideral® Forte and intravenous Iron in chronic kidney disease.**

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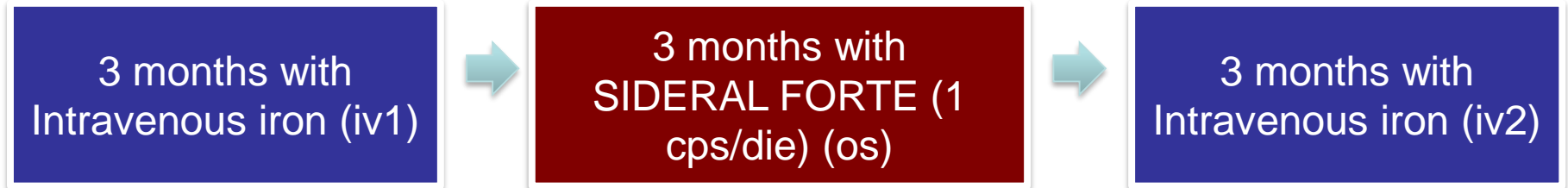
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# STUDY PROCEDURE



10 anemic patients in HD treated 3 times for 9 months:



## AIM

To evaluate the effectiveness of treatment with liposomal iron compared to intravenous iron.



# RESULTS



Period	TSAT (%)						
	Hb (g/dl)	Sat Fe (%)	Ferritina (mcg/L)	PCR (mg/dl)	Albumina (g/dl)	Epo (UI/sett)	Fe (mg/sett)
IV1							
OS	10,6 ±1,4	13±6,9	108±103	0,7 ±0,6	4±0,3	10200±8000	81,2±50
IV2	11,4±1.1	15±8	102±90	0,4±0,3	4,2±0,2	8750±7100	210±0
(Periodo iv2)	10,1±1.3	18±12,6	153±198	0,9±1,2	3,8±0,3	12200±7200	106±56



# RESULTS



**SIDERAL FORTE** showed a significant increase in terms of Hb concentration and TSAT and a significant decrease regarding CRP values and a weekly dose savings of **Erythropoietin (reduction of at least 2000 U/week/PCs)** respect to Intravenous iron

# CONCLUSIONS

**SIDERAL FORTE** seems to be a valid alternative to intravenous iron therapy.



## EFFECT OF ORAL SUCROSOMIAL IRON IN CKD PATIENTS WITH ANEMIA

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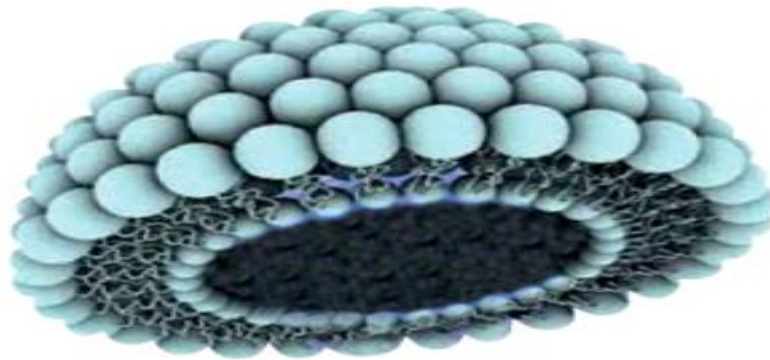
**Background:** Anemia is a common manifestation in patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and is linked with iron deficiency. The optimum route of administration of iron is controversial in this group of patients since oral administration is easier, safer and less expensive but may be linked to gastrointestinal side effects and suboptimal iron absorption. Sucrosomial iron is a new iron formulation in a phospholipid membrane with reported high bioavailability, low incidence of side effects and satisfactory tolerated.

**Objectives:** The purpose of this study was to investigate the efficacy and tolerability of oral sucrosomial iron in CKD patients with anemia.

**Methods:** 10 patients with CKD stage 3-5 (e GFR <60 ml/min, range: 12-48) and anemia (Hb<12 gr/dl, ferritin<200 ng/ml) were enrolled in our study. During the 6 months study period, all of the patients had stable renal function, did not need to be transfused or admitted to the hospital for any reason and received oral sucrosomial iron (sideral) once daily. Hematological profile and renal function were recorded at the beginning of the study, 3 months later and in the end of the study protocol. The primary efficacy end points of the study included the change in Hb values from baseline to end of treatment. Adverse effects and compliance data were reported from the day of initial treatment to the end of treatment. Data were analysed using t-test (SPSS).

**Results:** Hemoglobin levels were 9.82±2 g/dl at the beginning of the study and ended to be 10.36±0.97 which represented a 5,5% increase (p=NS). At the same time Hct levels increased from 31.4±4.92% at the beginning of the protocol to 32.28±3.05 in the end (increase 3.12%, p=NS). Ferritin levels which is one index of iron stores also increased from 91.9±75.74 to 129.28±177.05 (increase 40,67%, p=NS). Oral iron was well tolerated and no significant adverse effects were recorded.

**Conclusions:** Oral sucrosomial iron seems to be a safe and efficacious alternative in managing CKD patients with anemia. Despite the small amount of patients in our study protocol, the low rate of adverse events with sucrosomial iron and its practicality suggest that this formulation has all the potential to be the first step to correct anemia in stable CKD patients. Further larger studies are needed to investigate iron sucrosomial effects in complicated CKD patients and help scientific community to reach solid conclusions.



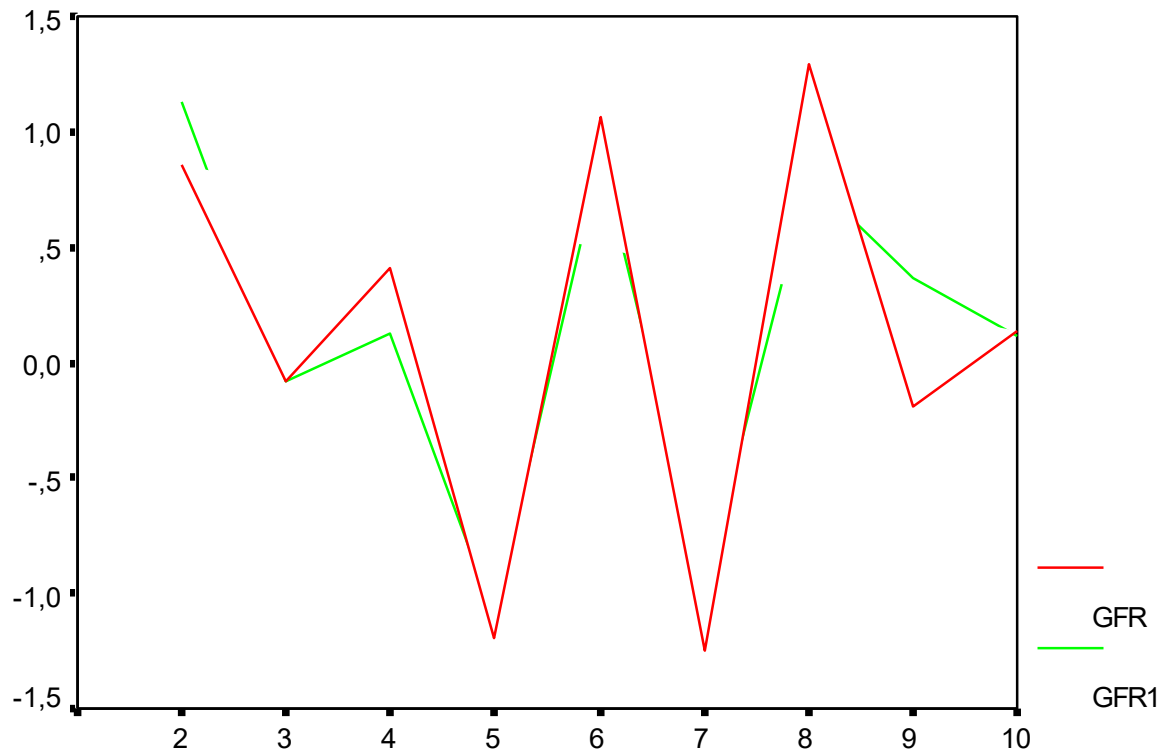
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# Methods

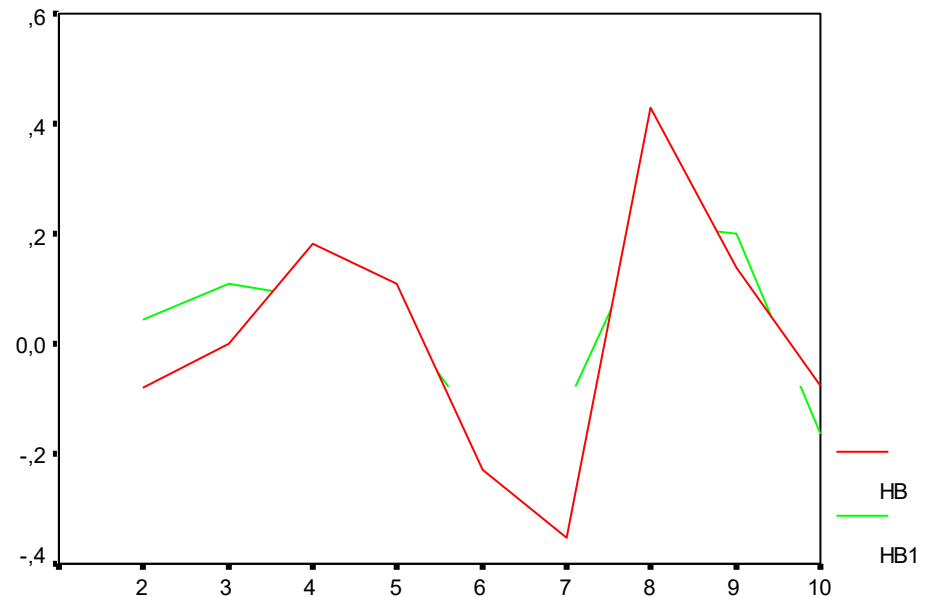
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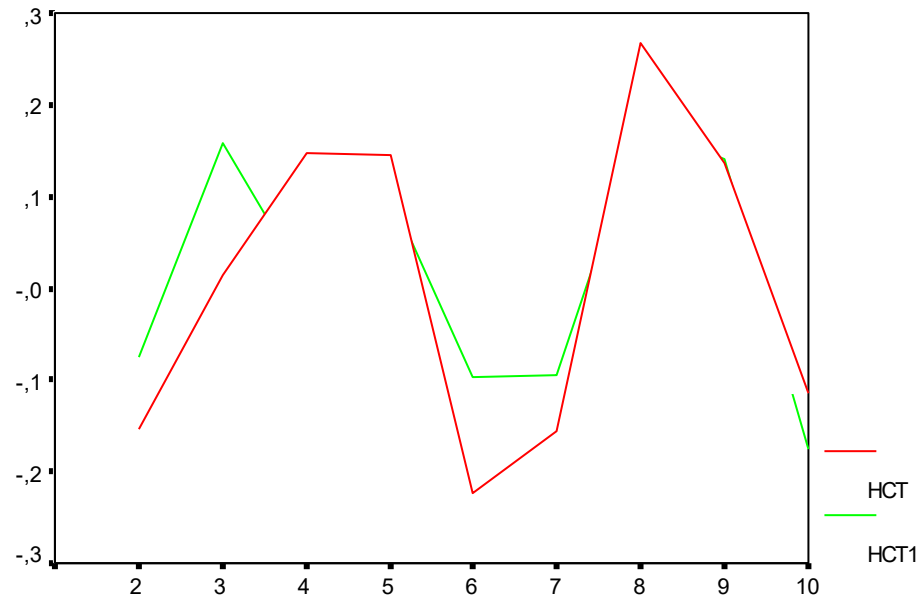
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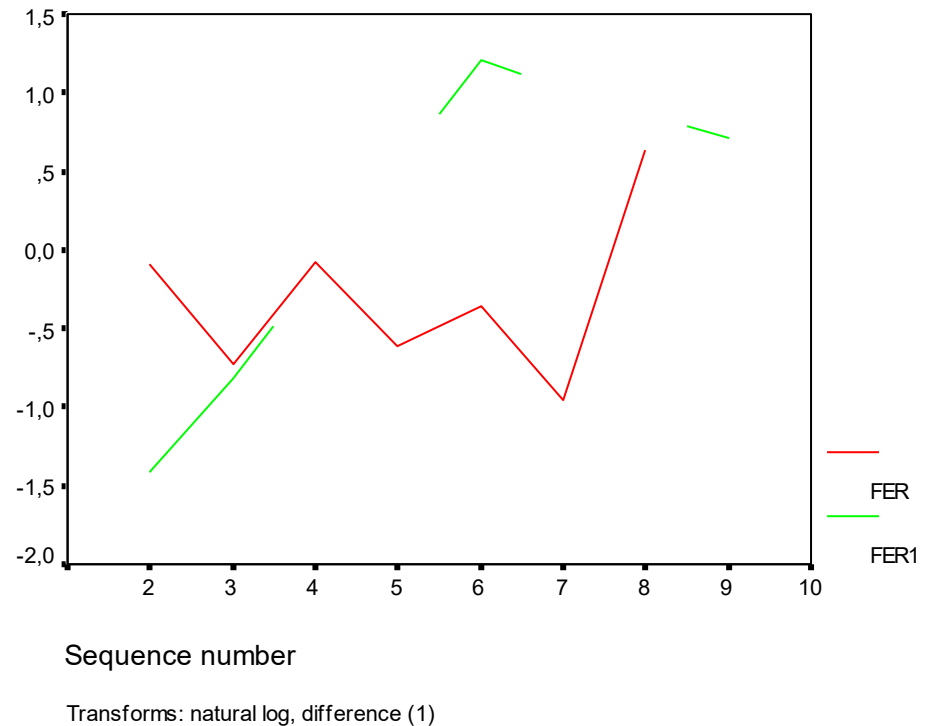
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Oral iron was well tolerated and no significant adverse effects were recorded.



## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE WITH ORAL SUCROSOMIAL IRON IN A SEVERE ANEMIC PATIENT WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE

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**Back round:** Iron deficiency is common in patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Factors predisposing to the above fact include, among others, increased blood losses, decreased duodenal iron absorption or impaired iron release from tissue stores. Gastrointestinal (GI) causes of increased blood losses are quite common and in many cases difficult to manipulate due to the location of GI tract that bleeds.

**Objective:** We present the case of a woman with CKD and recurrent GI bleeding with severe and refractory anemia that against all odds remained stable receiving oral sucrosomial iron.

**Case history:** An 83 year old woman with CKD (e GFR: 35 ml/min) presented with severe anemia (Hb 8.1 gr/dl, Hct 25) and low levels of ferritin (10) despite long stand therapy with oral ferrous iron preparations. Further investigation of anemia and intention to treat attitude guided her to admission at hospital. During her stay she underwent GI endoscopy that revealed gastritis, tubular adenoma of rectum, polypectomy at stomach dome was taken place along with cautery of angiodysplasia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of duodenum. Patient was transfused and discharged from the hospital with Hct 30.5 and Hb 9.7 gr/dl. Three months later the above patient had Hct 28.7, Hb 9.5 gr/dl with ferritin levels of 177 and started to receive oral sucrosomial iron.

**Results:** For the next following months patient appeared to have Hct 28, Hb 9.4 gr/dl (3 months with oral sucrosomial iron therapy) and Hct 29.3, Hb 9.8 gr/dl (6 months with oral sucrosomial iron therapy) with ferritin levels 144. During the above period, our patient did not receive i.v Fe infusions, erythropoietin (EPO) or transfusions. Using oral iron treatment had good gastric tolerability. Her clinical condition remained stable, no side effects were reported, she felt well by herself and did not need to be admitted again.

**Conclusions:** For those of us we have experience of treating old CKD patients with anemia and GI angiodysplasia, it is clear that “achieving” to hold the patients’ anaemia without admissions to hospital, transfusions or EPO administration is a major accomplishment. Angiodysplasia may cause slow releasing bleeding in a permanent basis. We showed that using oral sucrosomial iron in a CKD patient with severe anemia that had also other contributing factors as causes of that anemia, may be an effective and reliable option.

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## EFFICACY, TOLERANCE AND ADHERENCE TO TREATMENT WITH SUCROSOMIAL® IRON IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE STAGES 3-4 AND IRON DEFICIENCY



### OBJECTIVE:

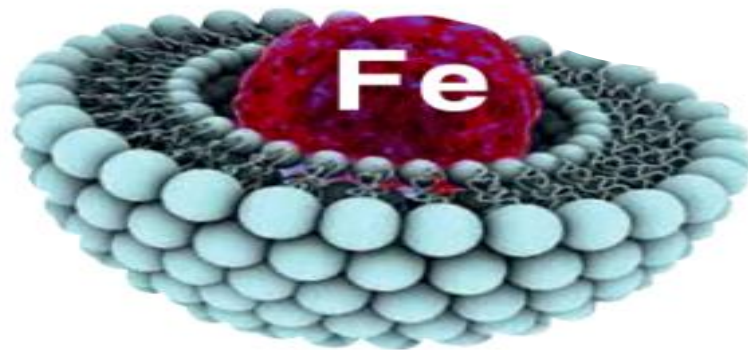
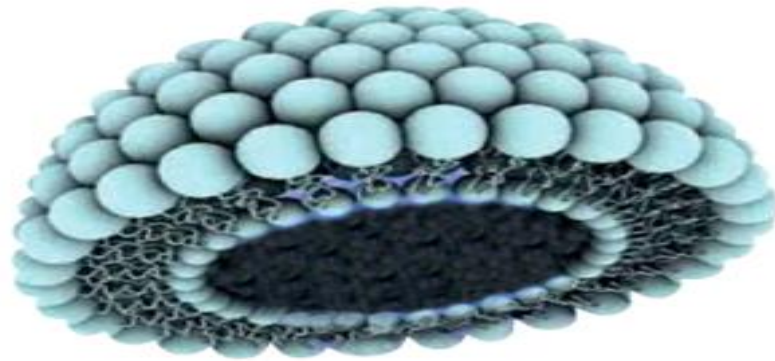
To evaluate the efficacy, tolerance and adherence to treatment with Sucrosomial® Iron in CKD stages 3-4 patients with iron deficiency associated with gastrointestinal tract diseases.

### METHOD:

Open-label, single-arm, single-center, prospective, 6 months study, in 24 patients with ND-CKD and iron deficiency treated with Sucrosomial® Iron (Fisiogen Ferro Forte®: 30 mg/day). All patients included in the study had been treated previously, for at least 3 months, with other oral iron preparations and had shown lack of response or bad tolerance. 2 patients left the study since they requested to be treated with medication financed by the National Health Insurance. Therapeutic adherence was estimated by the SMAQ questionnaire. Values are expressed as means (SD: standard deviation) or percentages.

Variables	Baseline	3 months	6 months	p
Ferritin mcg/l	34,0 (22,6)	62,4 (33,6)	75,1 (51,2)	<0,01
Transferrin saturation (%)	13,8 (3,8)	21,5 (3,4)	26,1 (7,3)	<0,05
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	11,1 (0,8)	12,2 (0,9)	12,8 (1,2)	<0,01
Creatinine (mg/dl)	1,9 (0,9)	1,7 (0,6)	1,7 (0,6)	NS
GFR (MDRD IV) ml/min	38,1 (12,1)	39,7 (9,7)	39,2 (8,7)	NS





Oral sucrosomal iron seems to be a safe and efficacious alternative in managing CKD patients with anemia.

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