

# Inflammation and oxidative stress in diabetic kidney disease

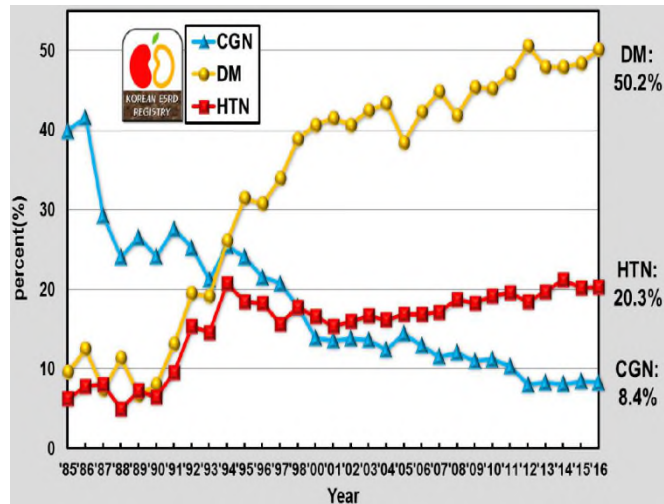
Choon Hee Chung



Department of Internal Medicine Wonju College of Medicine  
Research Center for the Drug Development of Metabolic Disorders based on Natural Resources  
Yonsei Institute of Convergence Science (ICONS)  
Yonsei University, Korea



# Epidemiology

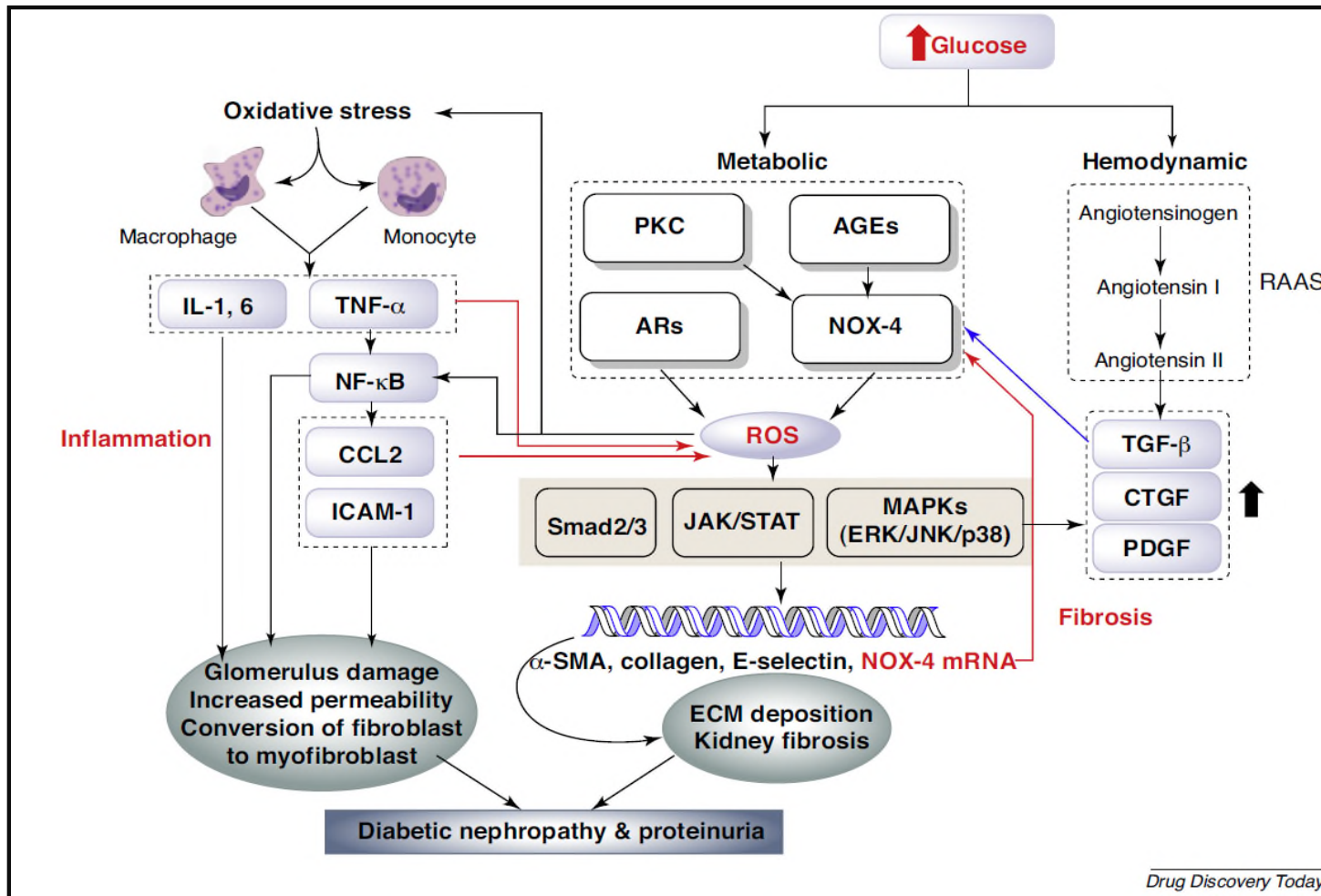


- One of the major **complications** associated with **type 2 diabetes** and a leading cause of **end stage renal disease**.
- Mortality in type 1 diabetes **with normoalbuminuria**: **2 times** greater than normal controls
- Mortality in type 1 diabetes **with overt proteinuria**: **20-40 times** greater than normal controls

## Risk factors of DN

- Hypertension
- HbA1C > 8%
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Family history: diabetic nephropathy, dyslipidemia, hypertension
- Duration of diabetes > 5 years

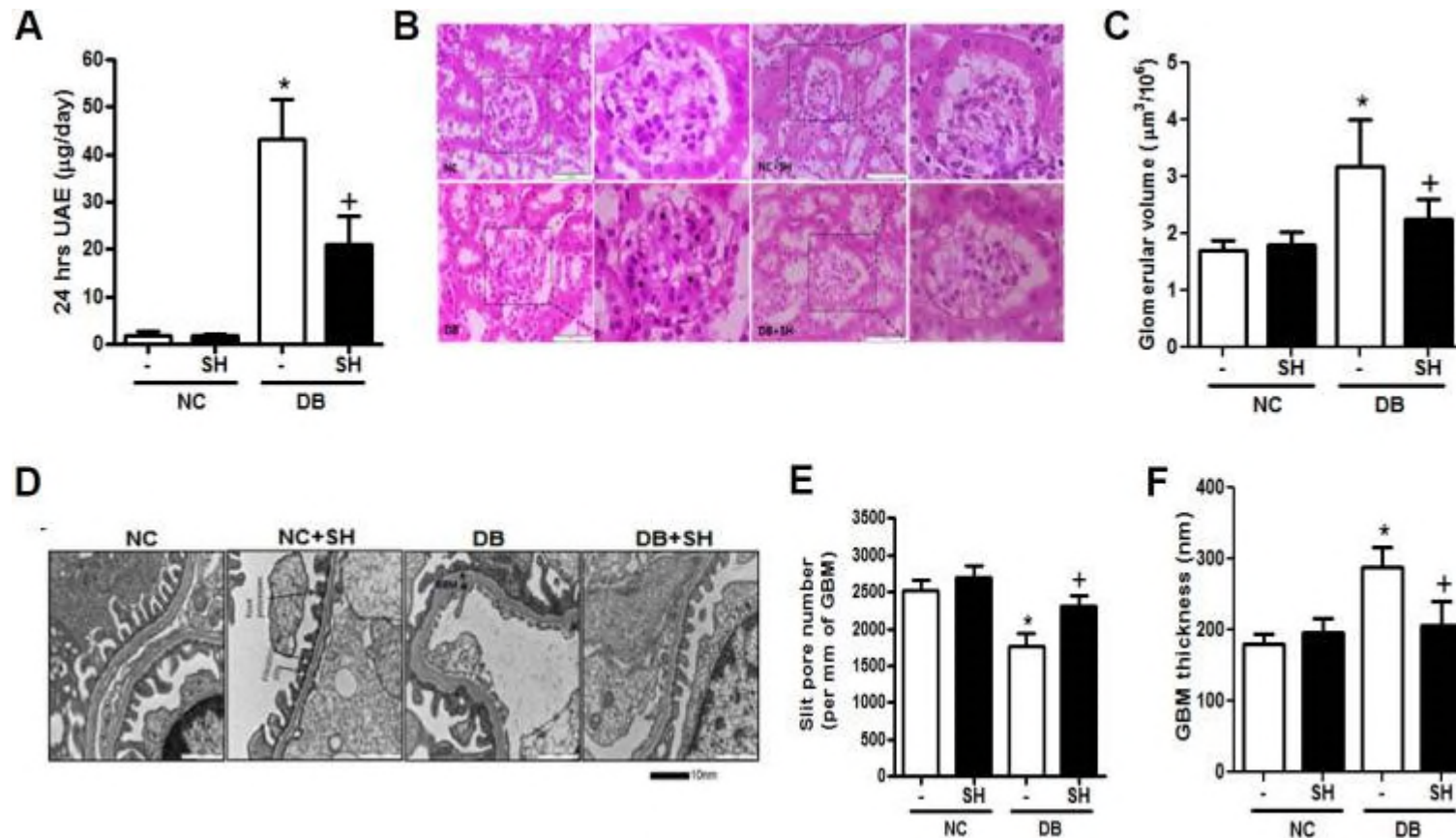
# Pathogenesis

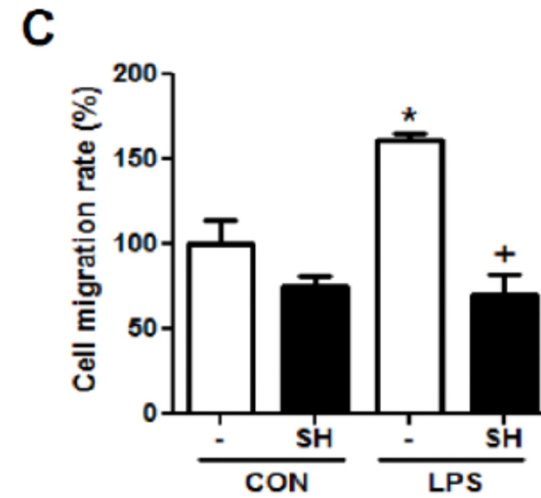
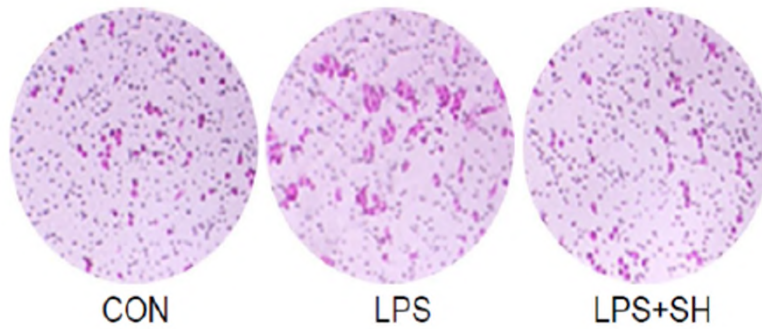
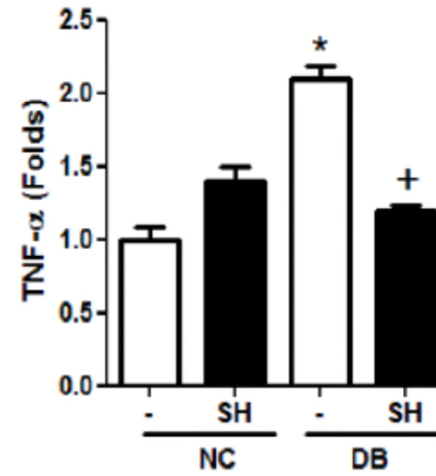
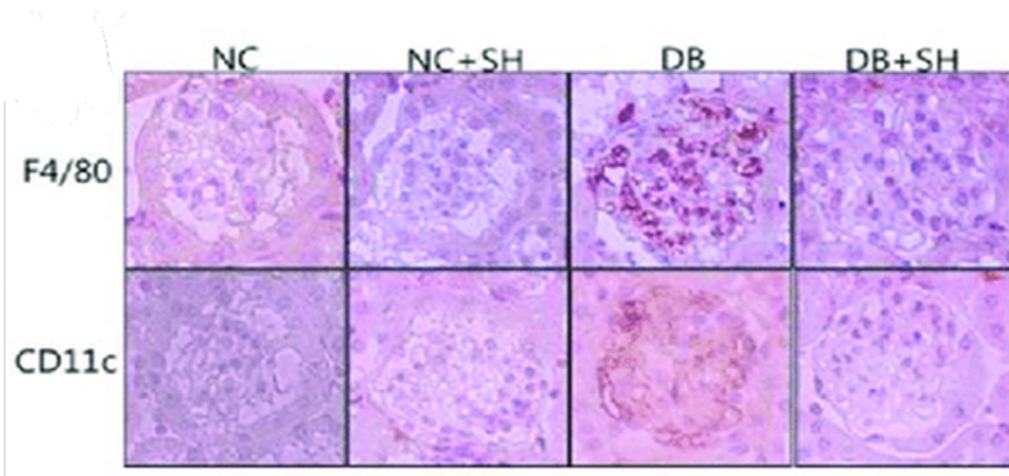


## Therapeutic strategies

1. Glycemic control: Complete reversal of renal lesion in type 1 DM patients after pancreas transplantation
2. BP control: ACE inhibitors, ARB, renin inhibitor: aliskiren, aldosterone blockers: spironolactone and eplerenone
3. Aldose reductase inhibitors: fidarestat (Sung JK, et al, YMJ, 2010)
4. AGE inhibitors: aminoguanidine
5. PKC inhibitors: ruboxistaurin (improve retinopathy and macular edema; in case of nephropathy, effective in vitro but not effective in vivo)
6. VEGF inhibitors: pegaptanib, ranizumab, bevacizumab; effective in diabetic eye

## 7. Serotonin 2A receptor antagonist: sarpogrelate hydrochloride





## 8. MCP-1/CCR2

- TGF- $\beta$  type 1 receptor inhibitor: SB431542
- MCP-1 receptor (CCR2) antagonist: RS102895
- PI3 kinase inhibitor: LY294002
- TGF- $\beta$  signaling inhibitor (ALK-5 inhibitor): EW-7197

# Inflammation

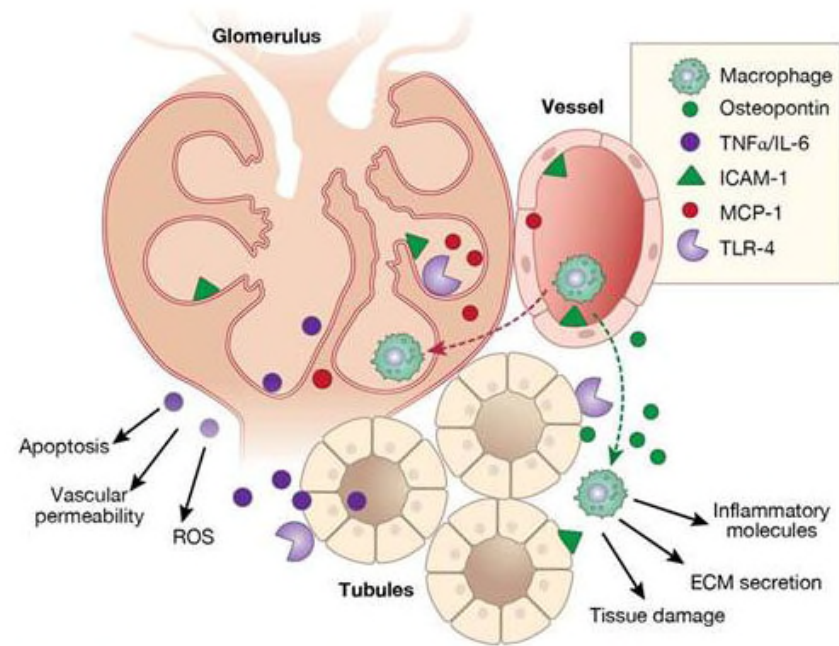
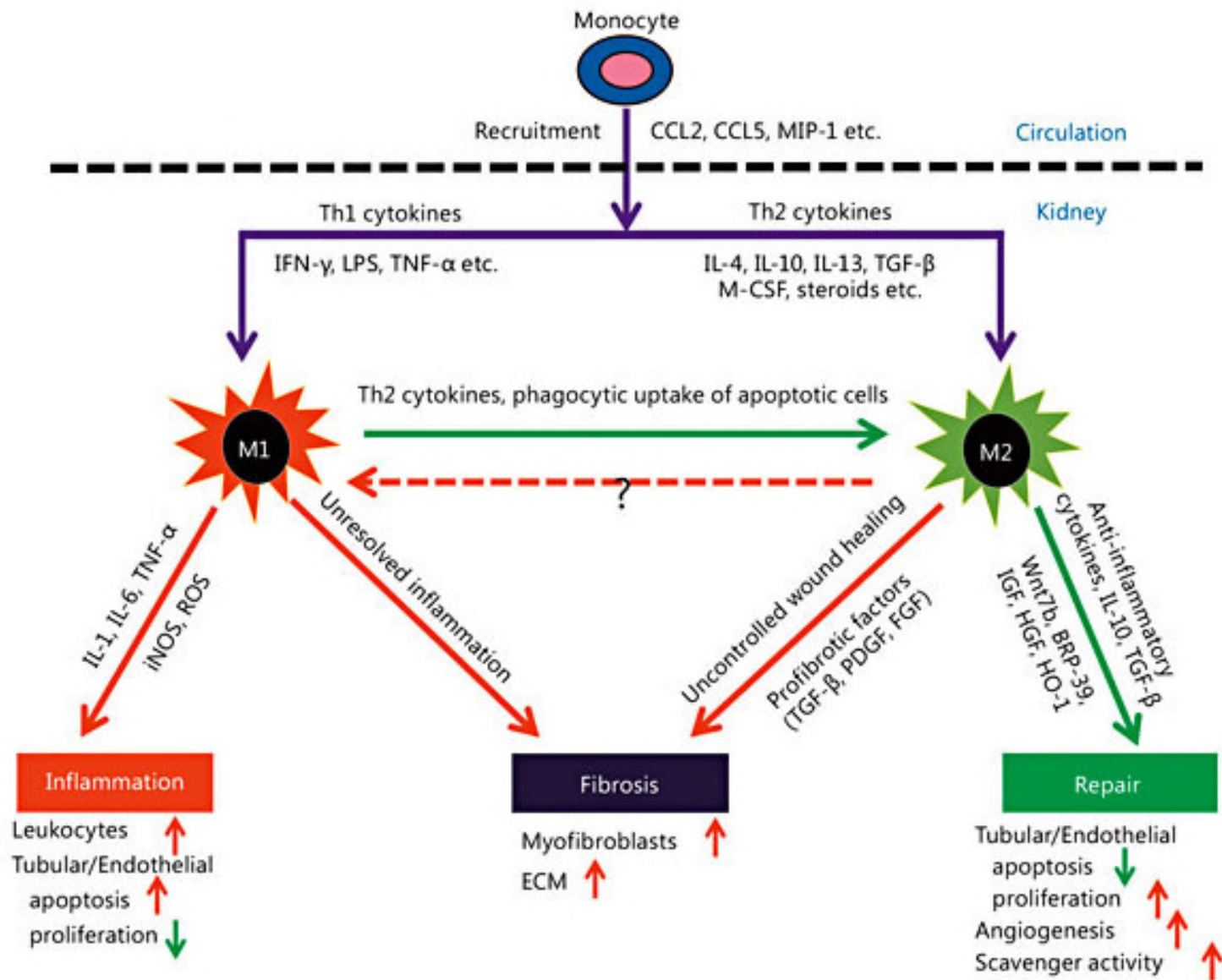


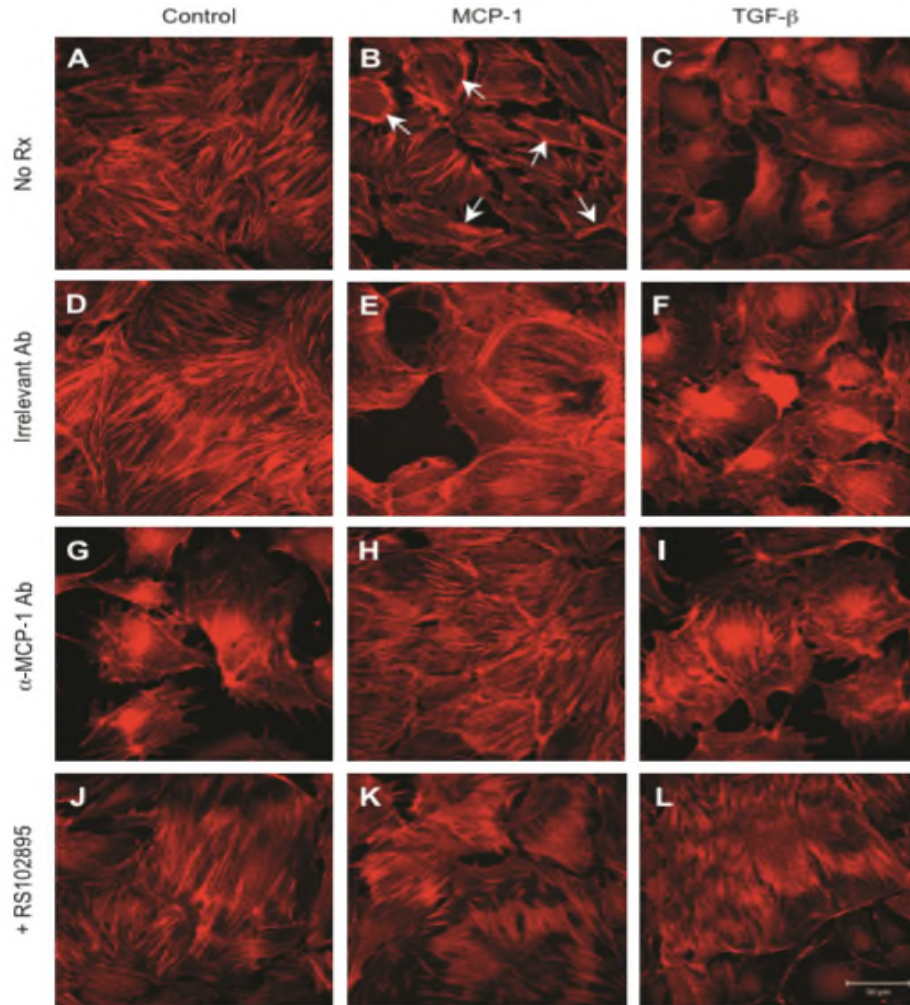
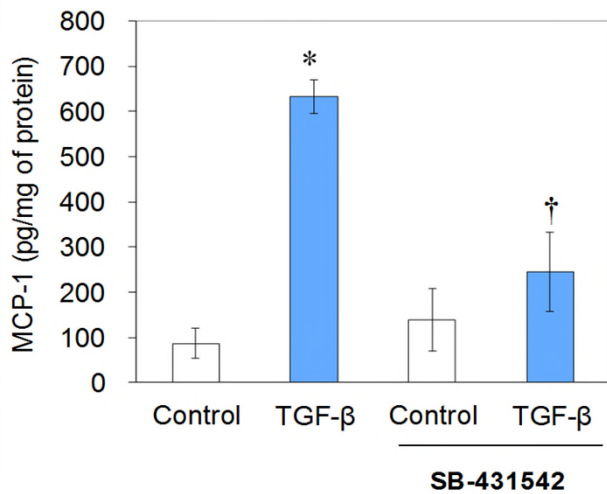
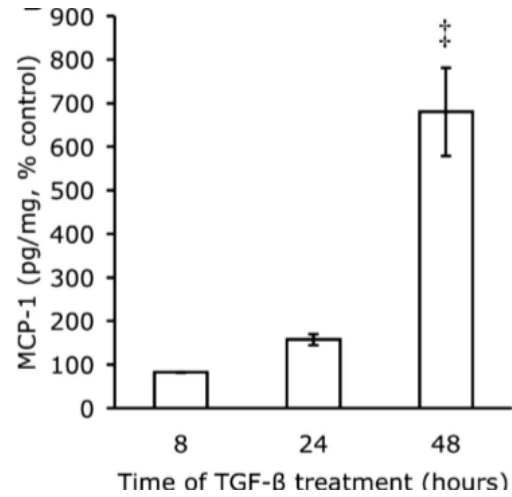
Figure 1: Key pathways of macrophage induced kidney damage.

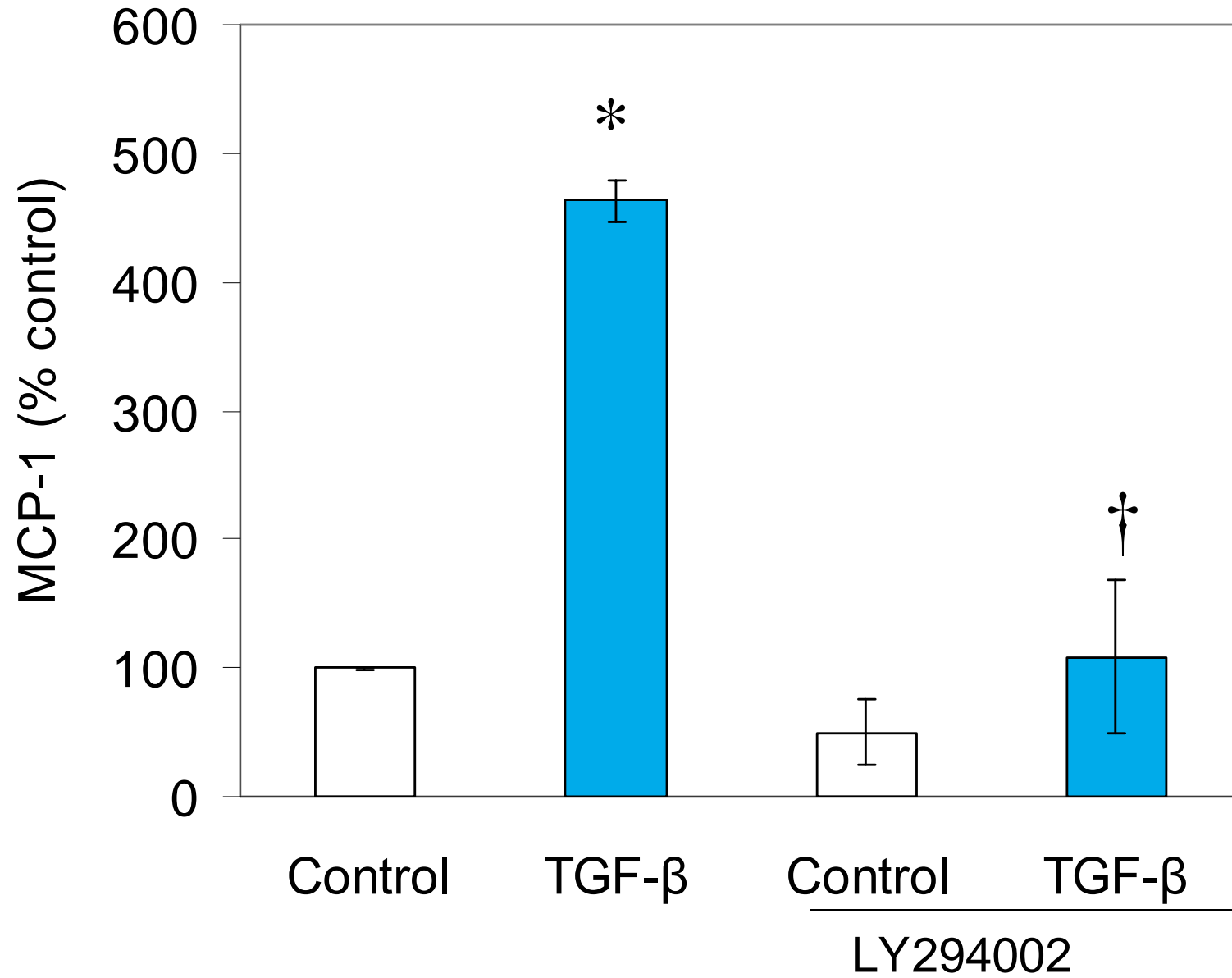
- Monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1/CCL2) is one of the key chemokines that regulate migration and infiltration of monocytes/macrophages.

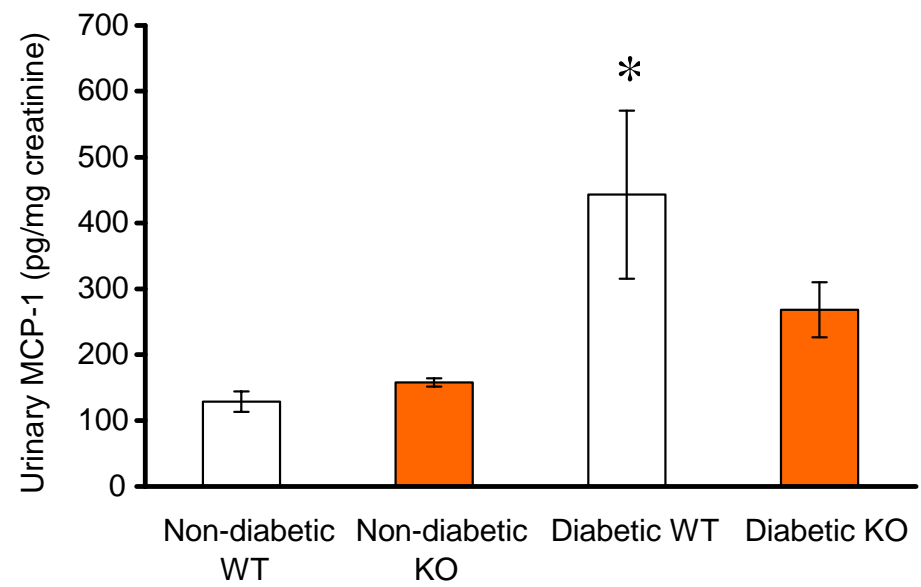
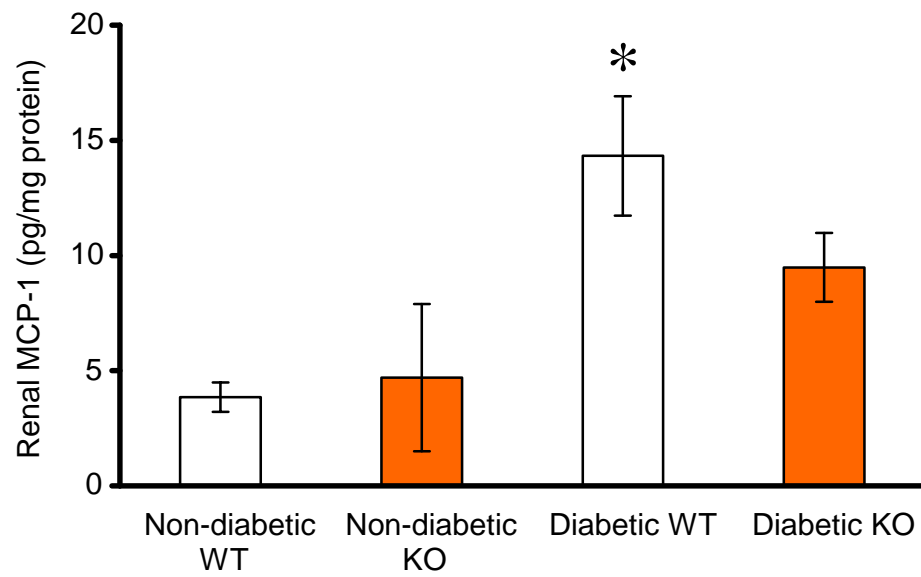




# 8-1) MCP-1/CCR2 loop, inducible by TGF- $\beta$ , increases podocyte motility and albumin permeability

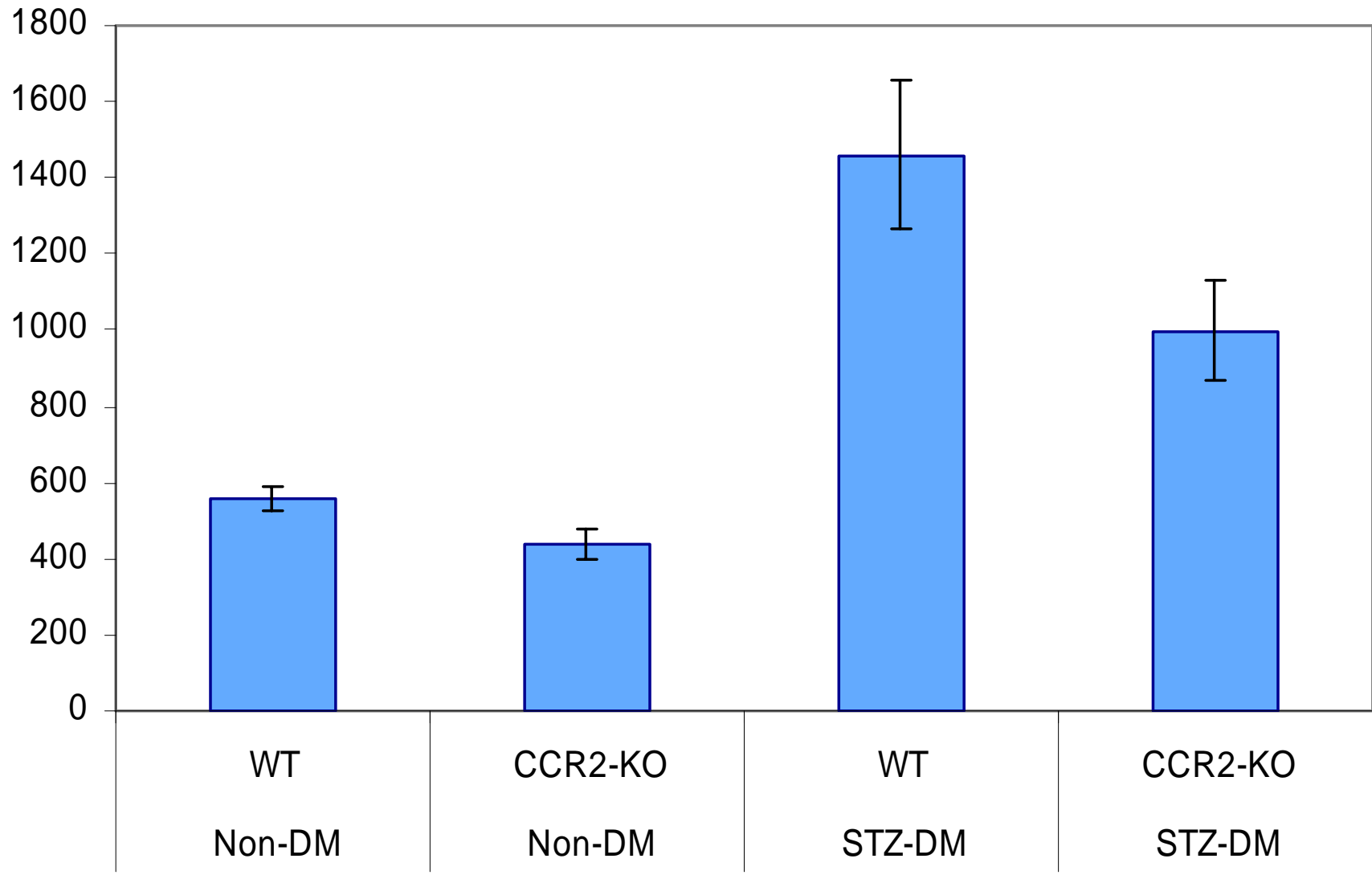






\* KO: smad3 KO mice

ACR (ug/mg)



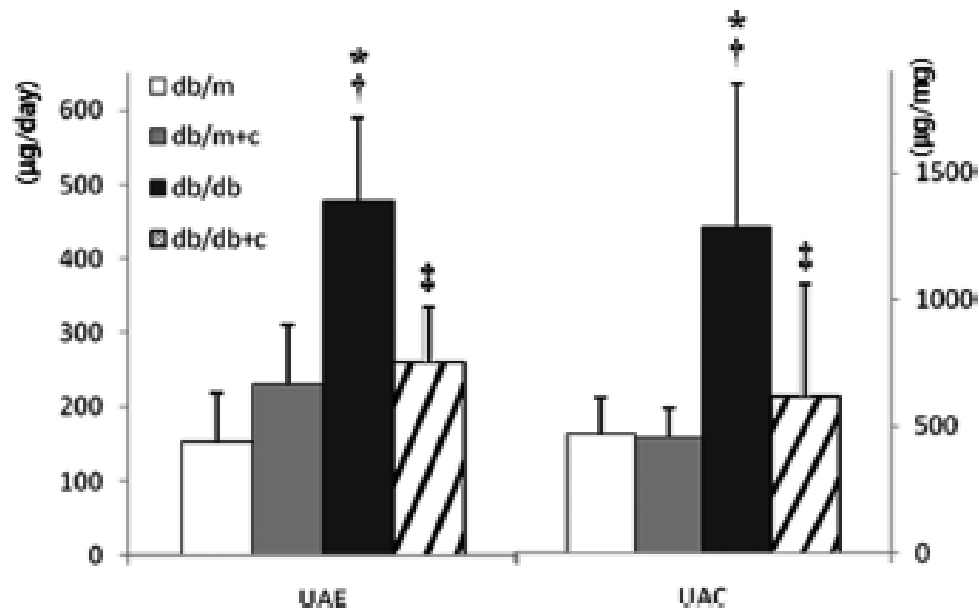
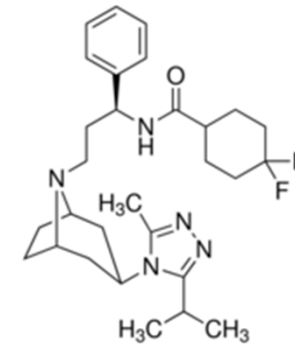
Original Articles

Blockade of CCL2/CCR2 signalling ameliorates diabetic nephropathy in *db/db* mice

Su Jin Seok<sup>1</sup>,  
Eun Soo Lee<sup>2</sup>,  
Geun Tae Kim<sup>1</sup>,  
Miri Hyun<sup>1</sup>,  
Ji-Hye Lee<sup>3</sup>,  
Sheldon Chen<sup>4</sup>,  
Ran Choi<sup>2</sup>,  
Hong Min Kim<sup>2</sup>,  
Eun Young Lee<sup>1</sup>  
and Choon Hee Chung<sup>2</sup>

Correspondence and offprint requests to: Eun Young Lee;  
E-mail: eylee@sch.ac.kr

<sup>1</sup>Department of Internal Medicine, Soon Chun Hyang University Cheonan Hospital, Cheonan, Korea,  
<sup>2</sup>Department of Internal Medicine, Yonsei University Wonju College of Medicine, Wonju, Korea,  
<sup>3</sup>Pathology, Soon Chun Hyang University Cheonan Hospital, Cheonan, Korea and  
<sup>4</sup>Division of Nephrology/Hypertension, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, USA



# CCR2 inhibitor has anti-inflammatory effect on diabetic nephropathy

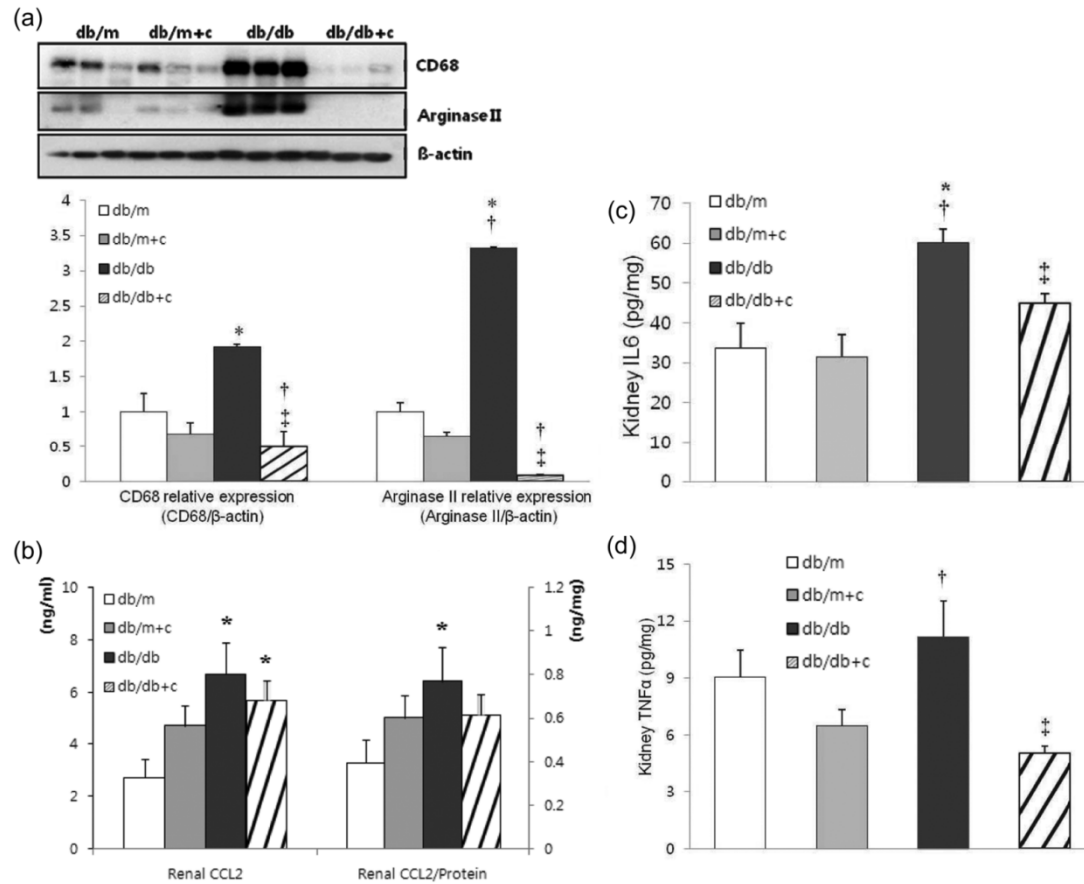
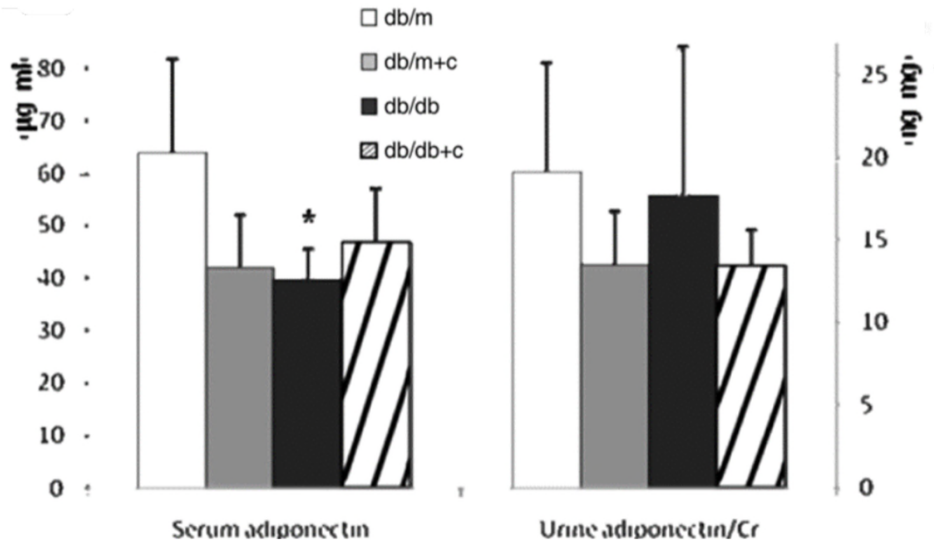
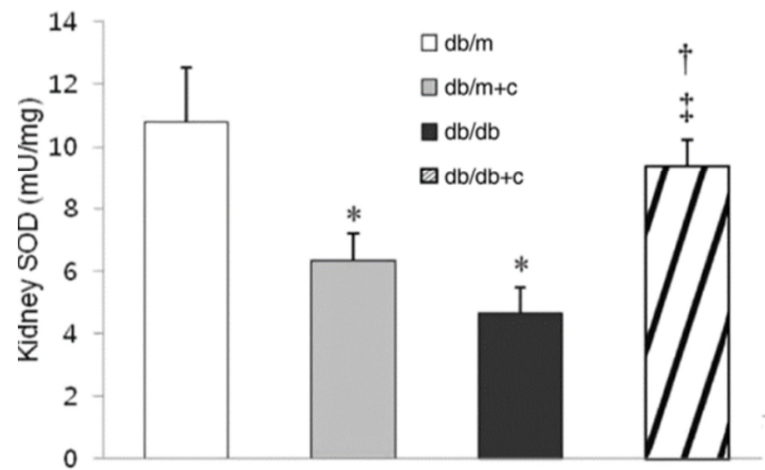
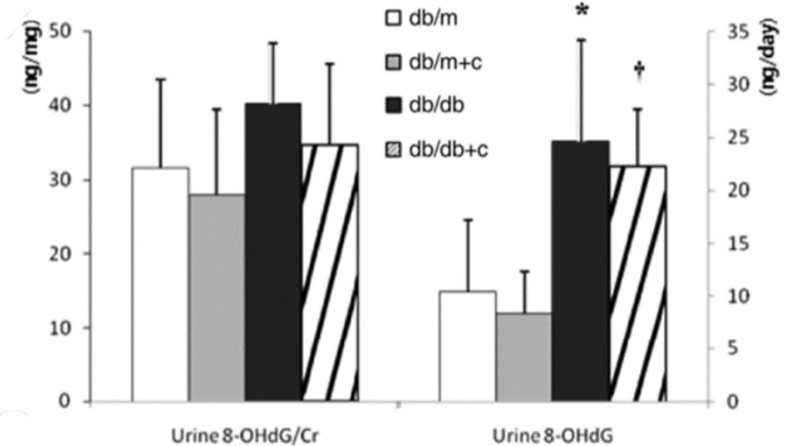
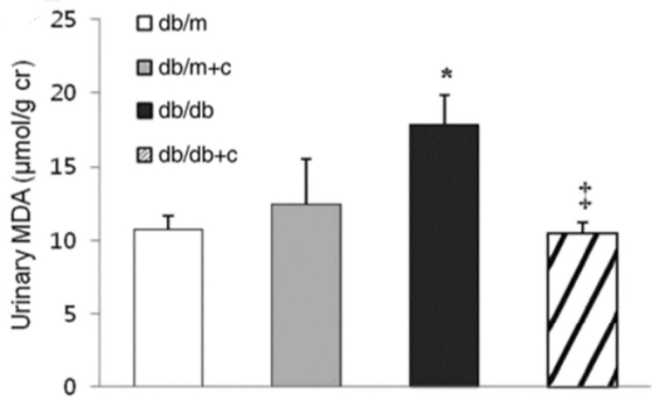
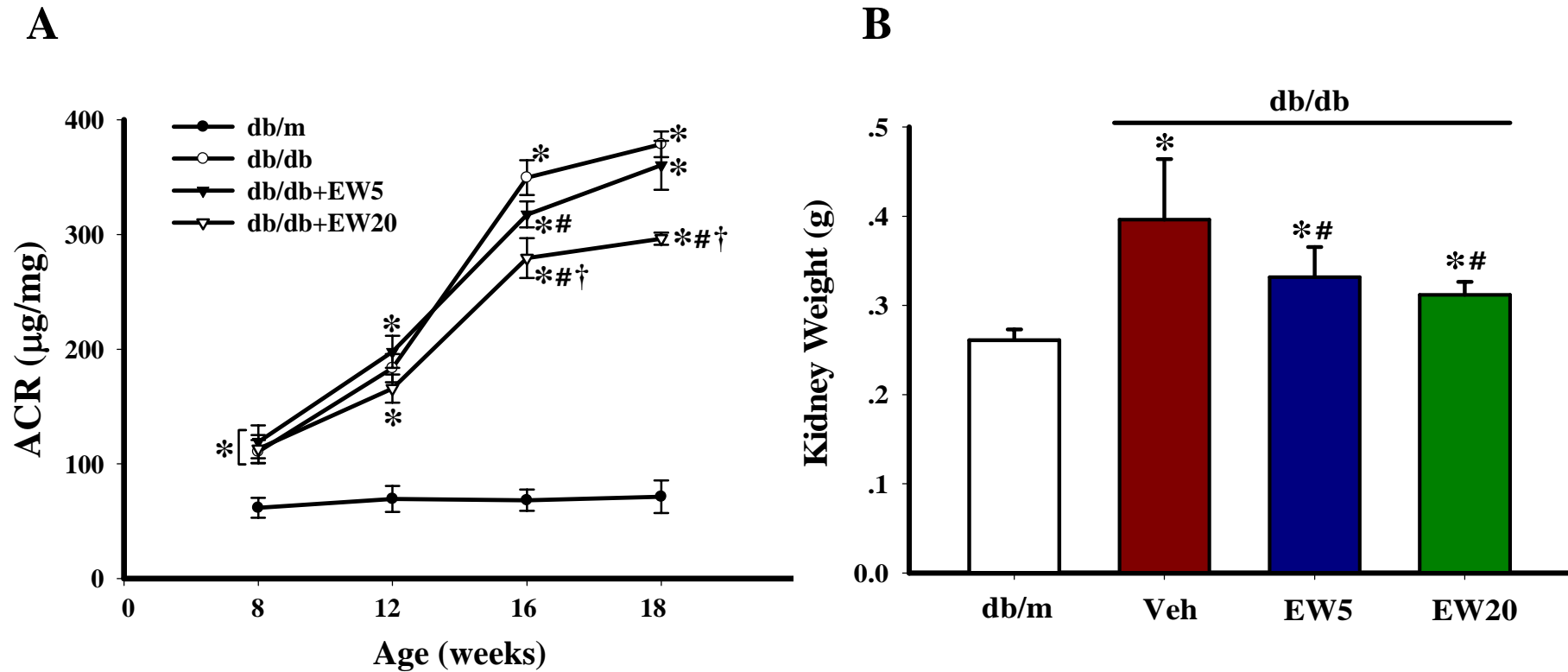


FIGURE 10. The effect of CCR2 blockade on renal macrophage accumulation and inflammatory cytokines.



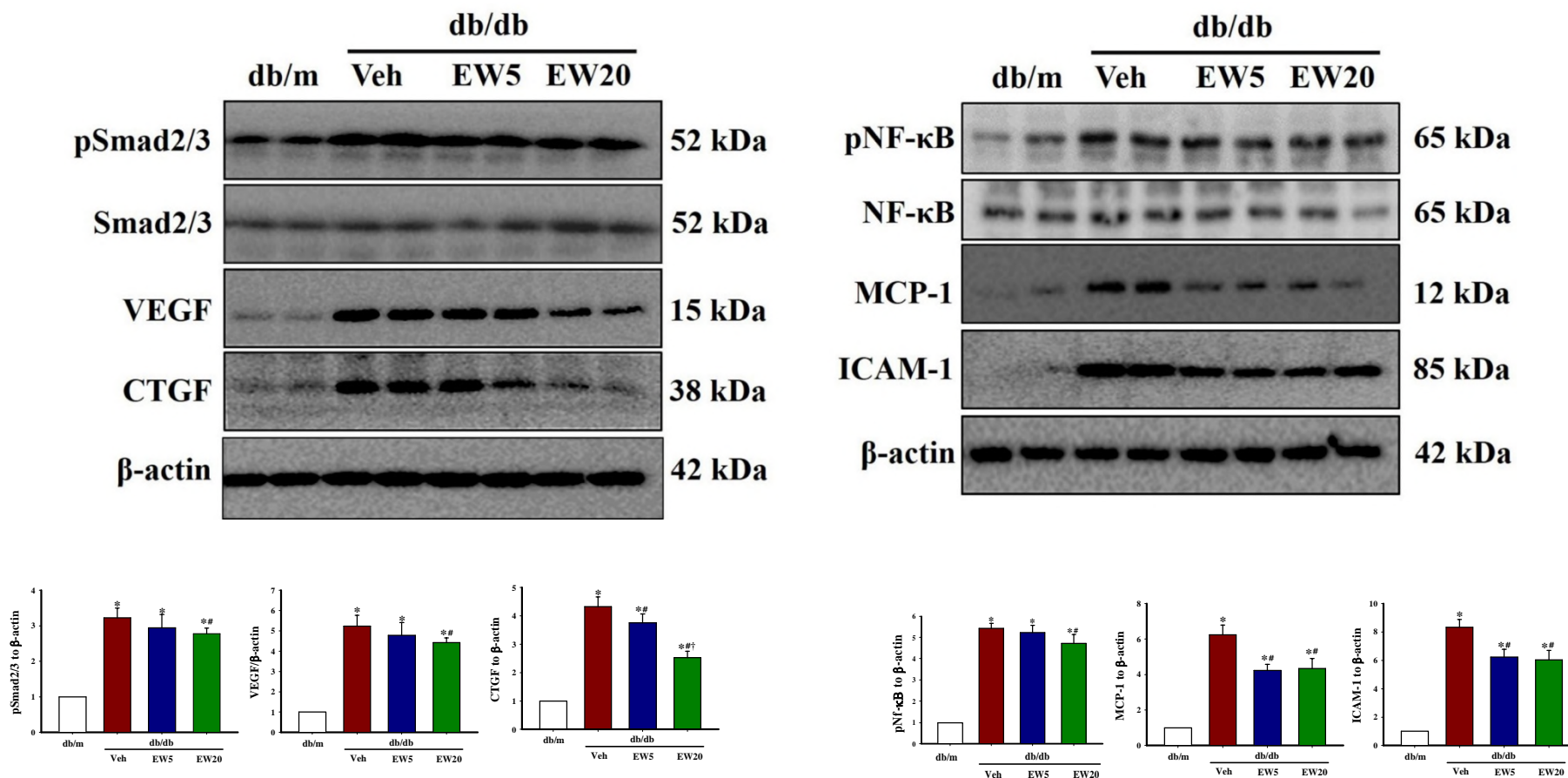


## 8-3) EW-7197 (ALK-5 inhibitor)



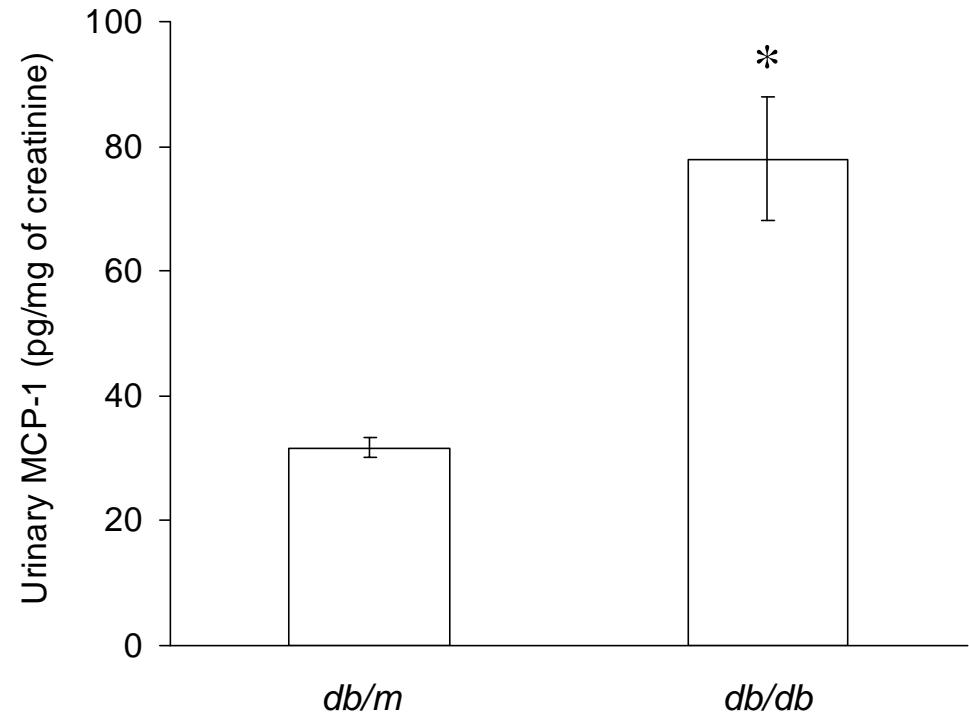
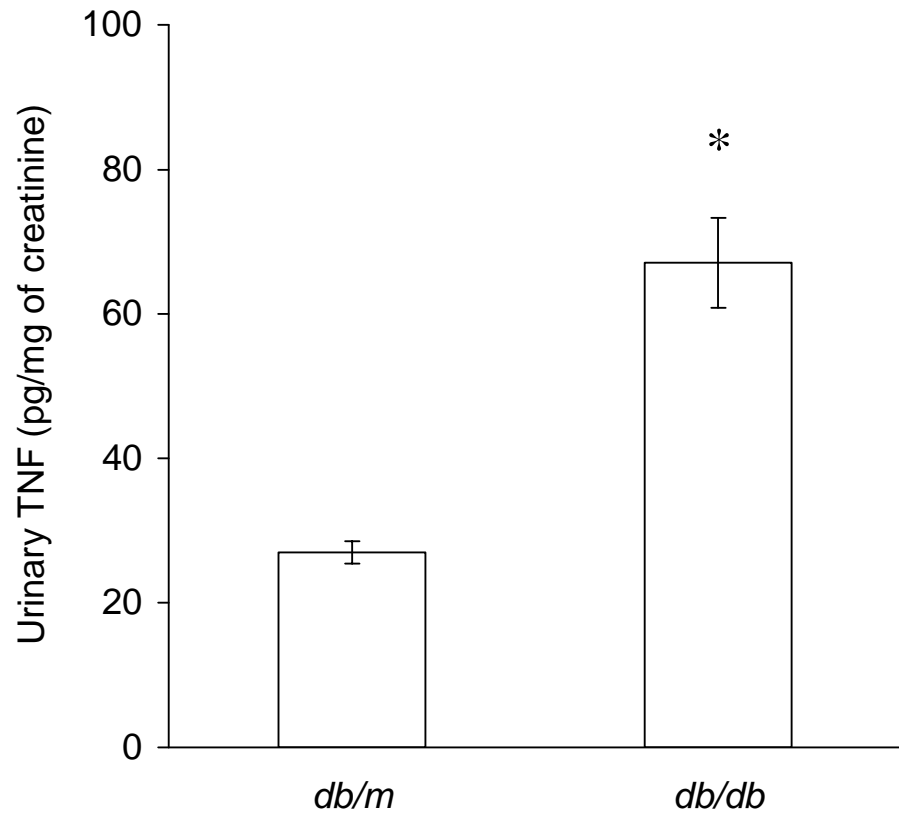
**Fig 1.** Urinary albumin/creatinine (ACR) ratios were monitored throughout experimental period (A). Kidney weight in all experimental groups (B). Each group  $n=6-8$ , \* $p<0.01$  vs. db/m controls; # $p<0.01$  vs. db/db controls; † $p<0.01$  vs. db/db+EW5 mg/kg/day

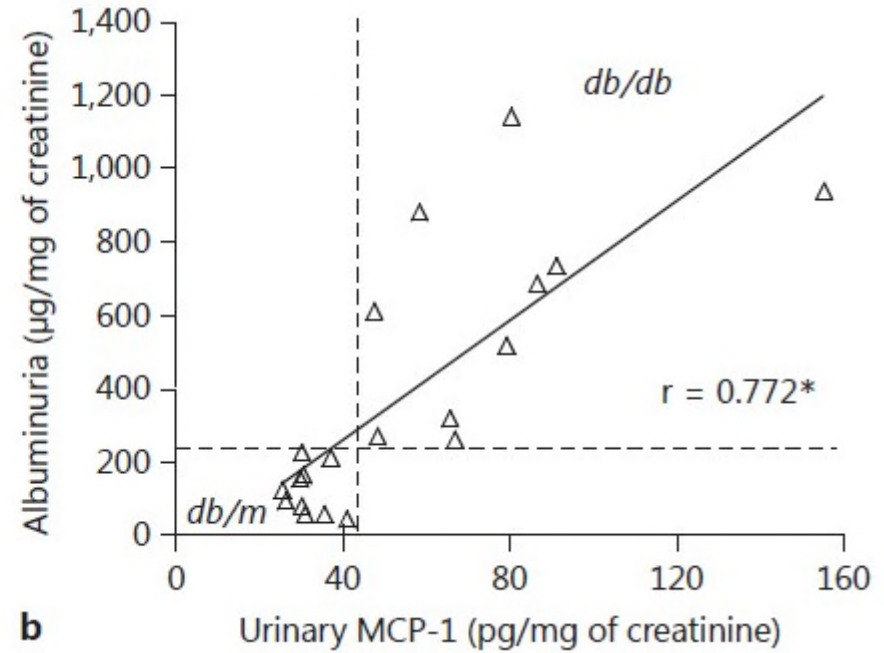
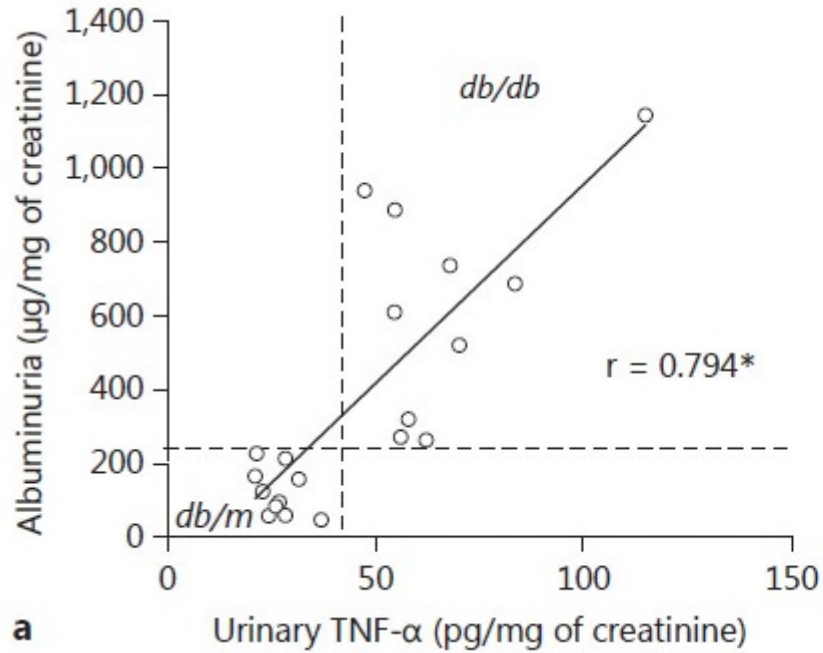
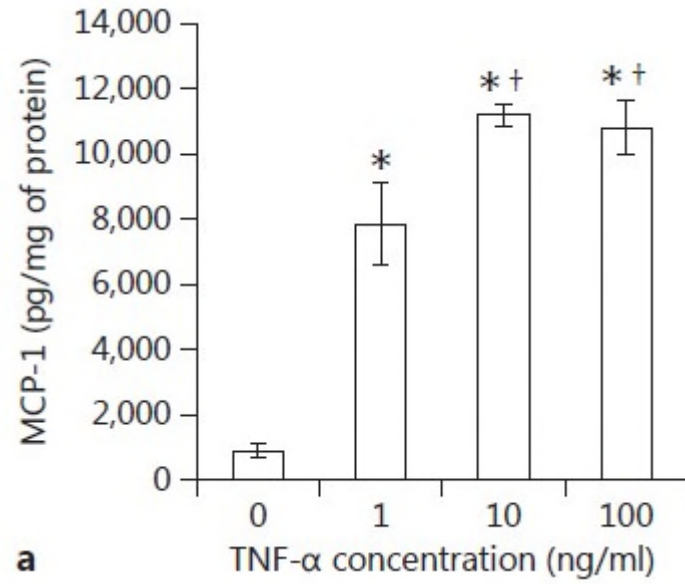
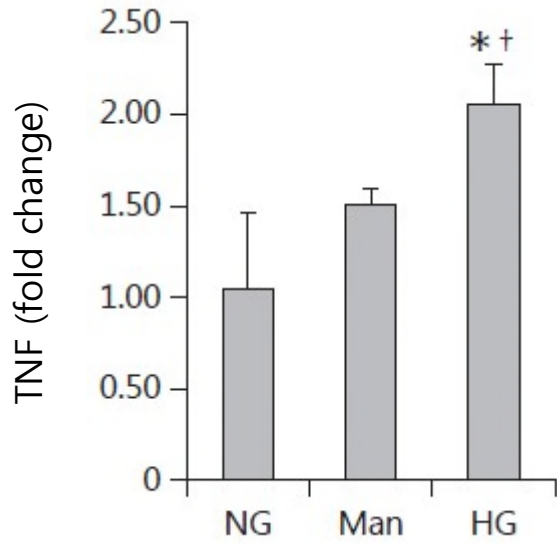
## EW-7197 down-regulates fibrotic mediators and inflammatory markers in diabetic kidneys

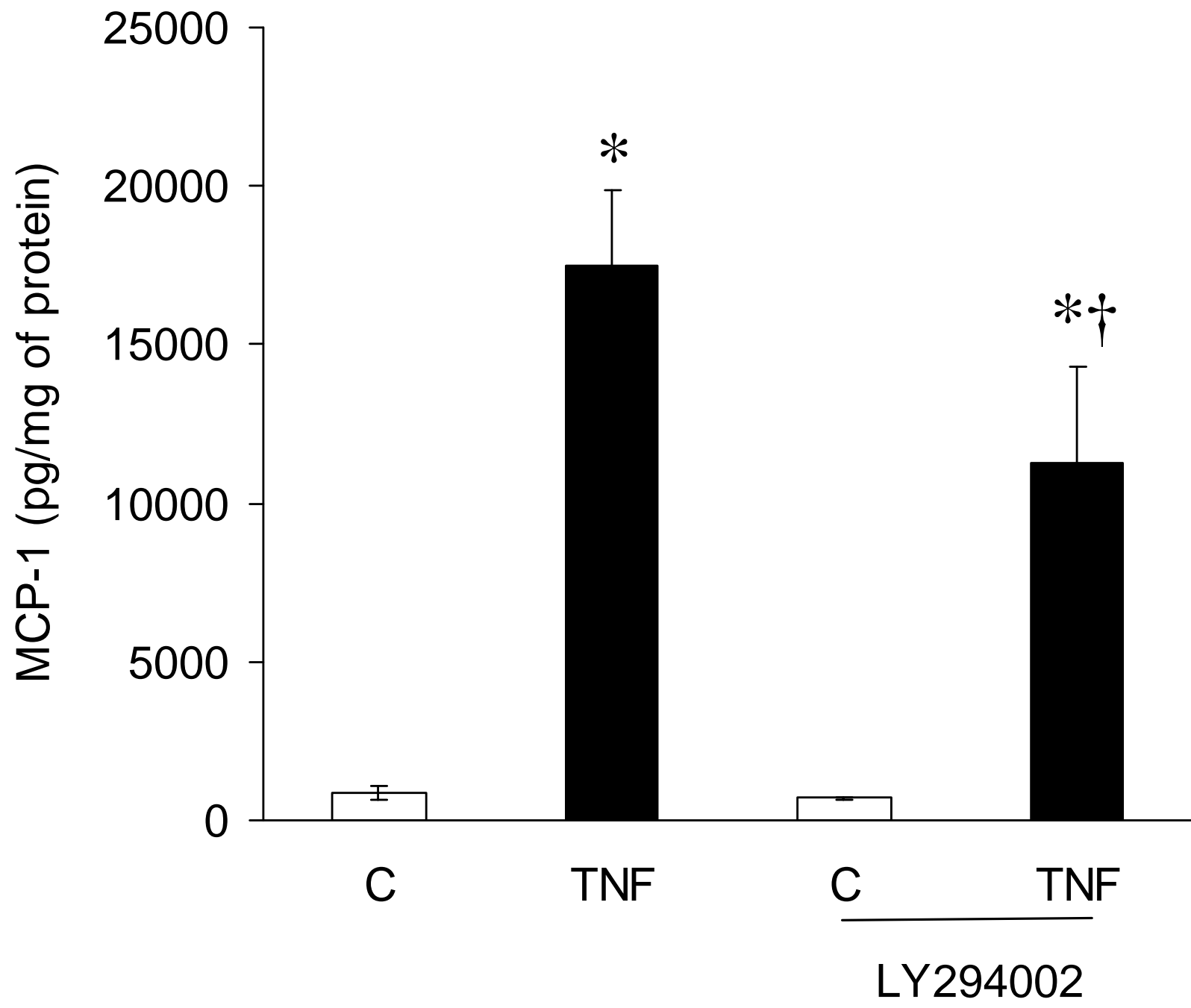


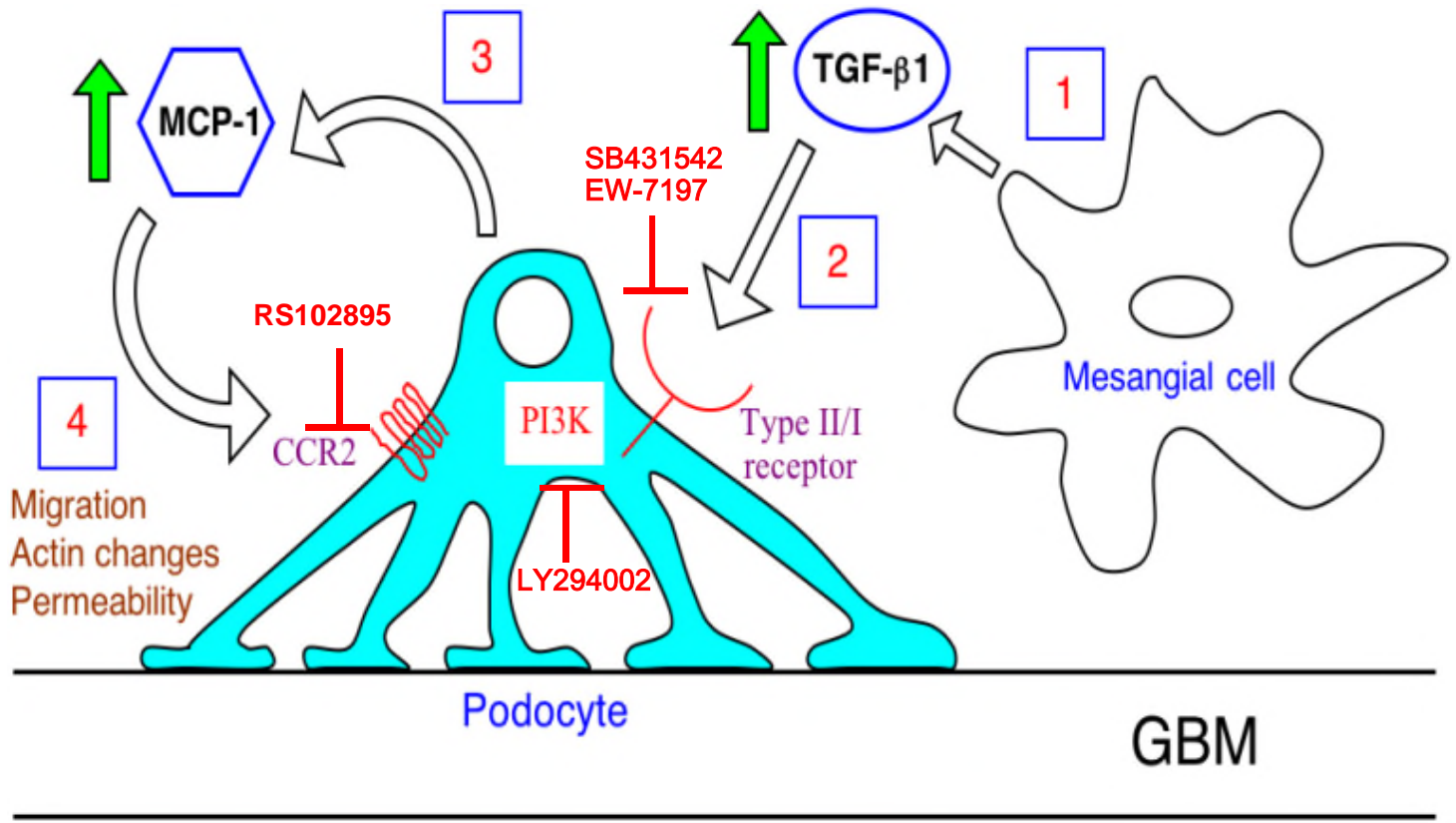
**Fig 6.** Protein expression related fibrosis and inflammation. Each group  $n=5$ , \* $p<0.05$  vs. db/m controls; # $p<0.05$  vs. db/db controls, † $p<0.05$  vs. db/db+EW5 mg/kg/day.

**8-4) TNF- $\alpha$  induced MCP-1 via PI3 kinase may aggravate diabetic nephropathy**



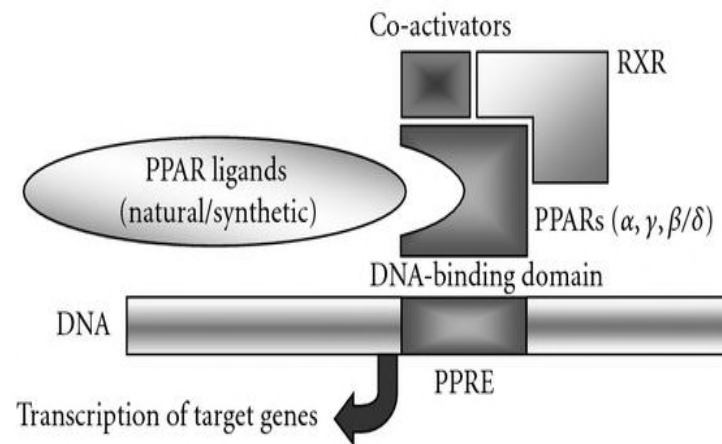






## 9. Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPARs)

- It is generally known that peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors (PPARs) heterodimerize with the retinoid X-receptor (RXR) and bind to a specific DNA sequence [a sequence termed peroxisome proliferators response element (PPRE), that is found in a variety of genes involved in lipid and carbohydrate metabolism, inflammation, and cell proliferation and differentiation].



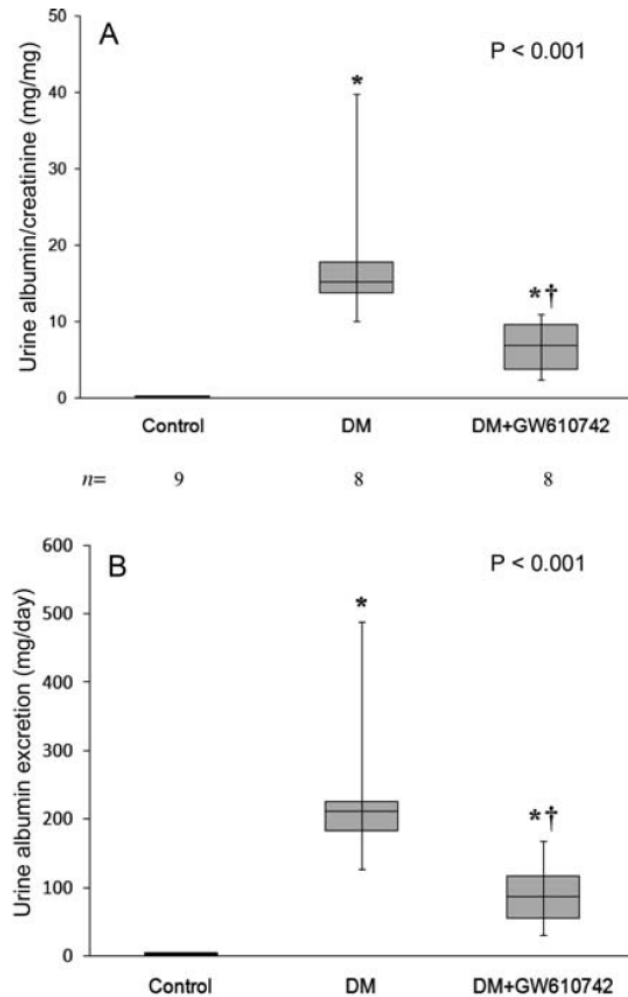


## 9-1) Thiazolidinediones: 24hrs urine protein

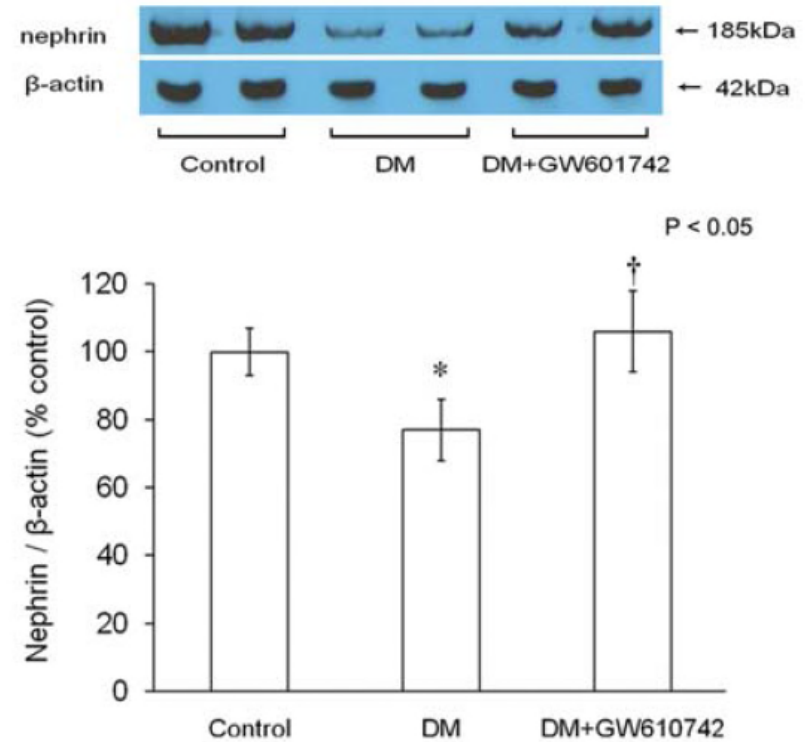
Protein (mg/day)	22nd	30th	40th	50th
Control LETO	12.50±3.6	9.38±0.73	12.70±5.18*	12.56±16.56*
Control OLETF	19.23±5.53	30.16±21.35	108.26±75.54	108.37±28.09
Pioglitazone	17.44±8.29	24.84±12.93	29.98±11.74*	63.15±24.57*
Rosiglitazone	16.86±5.29	21.34±9.39	27.78±13.93*	56.08±38.14*

Data express mean ± SD \*:  $p < 0.05$  compared with control OLETF

## 9-2) PPAR-delta



**Fig. 1. Albuminuria.** The albumin excretion rate, measured using ELISA on 24-h urine samples



### PPAR-δ agonist: GW610742

**Fig. 4. Nephrin mRNA and protein expression.**

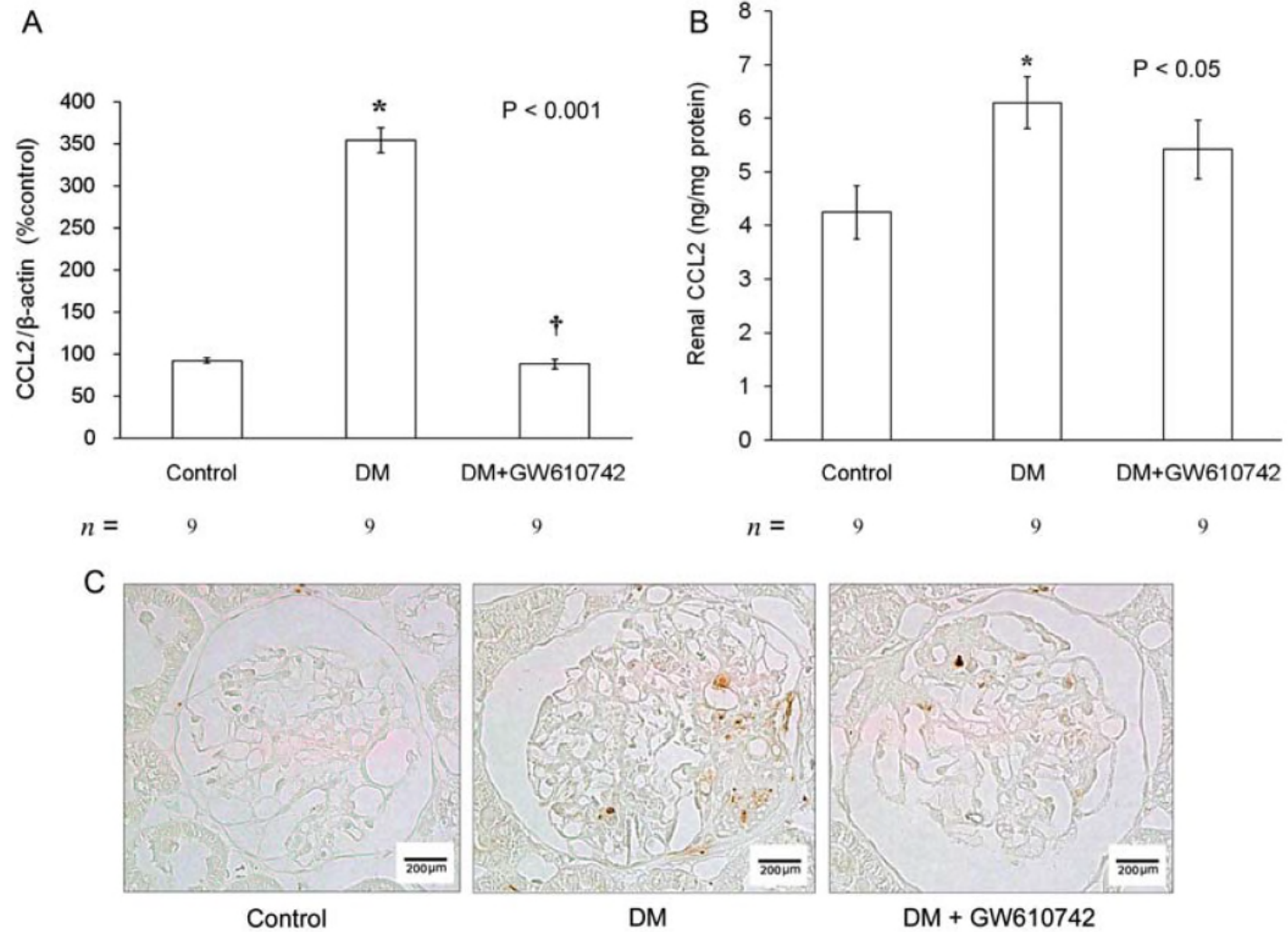
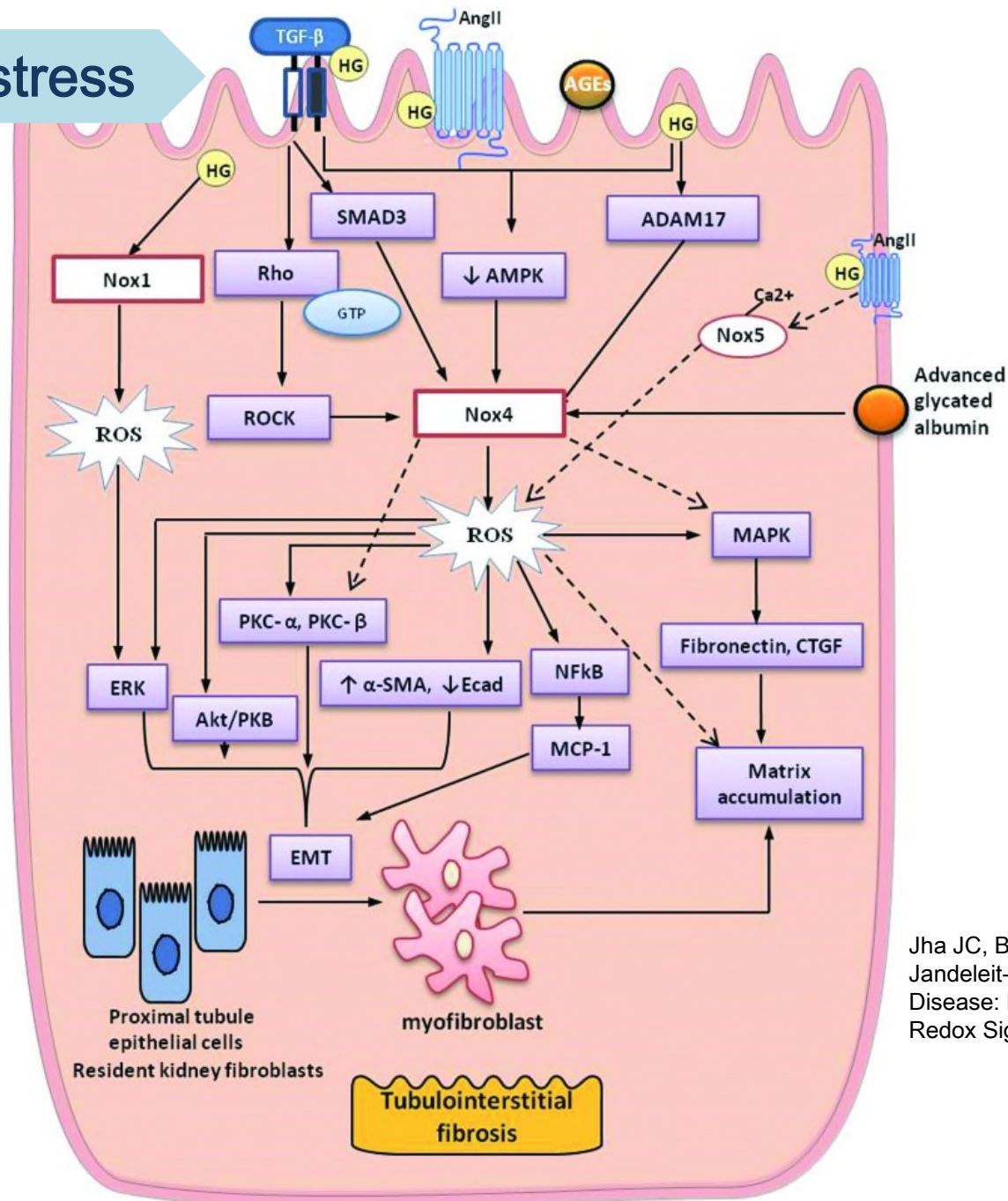


Fig. 5. Renal CCL2 expression and macrophage accumulation

# Oxidative stress



Jha JC, Banal C, Chow BS, Cooper ME, Jandeleit-Dahm K. Diabetes and Kidney Disease: Role of Oxidative Stress. *Antioxid Redox Signal.* 2016 Oct 20;25(12):657-684.

## 10. Antioxidants

- Vitamin C & E: decrease ROS, **but does not prevent or improve microvascular complications in clinical studies**
- ACE inhibitors, ARBs, statins
- $\alpha$ -lipoic acid: Thioctacid<sup>®</sup>
- NADPH oxidase inhibitor: apocynin
- Taurine, oleanolic acid, ferulic acid, curcumin, dibenzoylmethane (DBM), dehydrozingerone (DHZ)

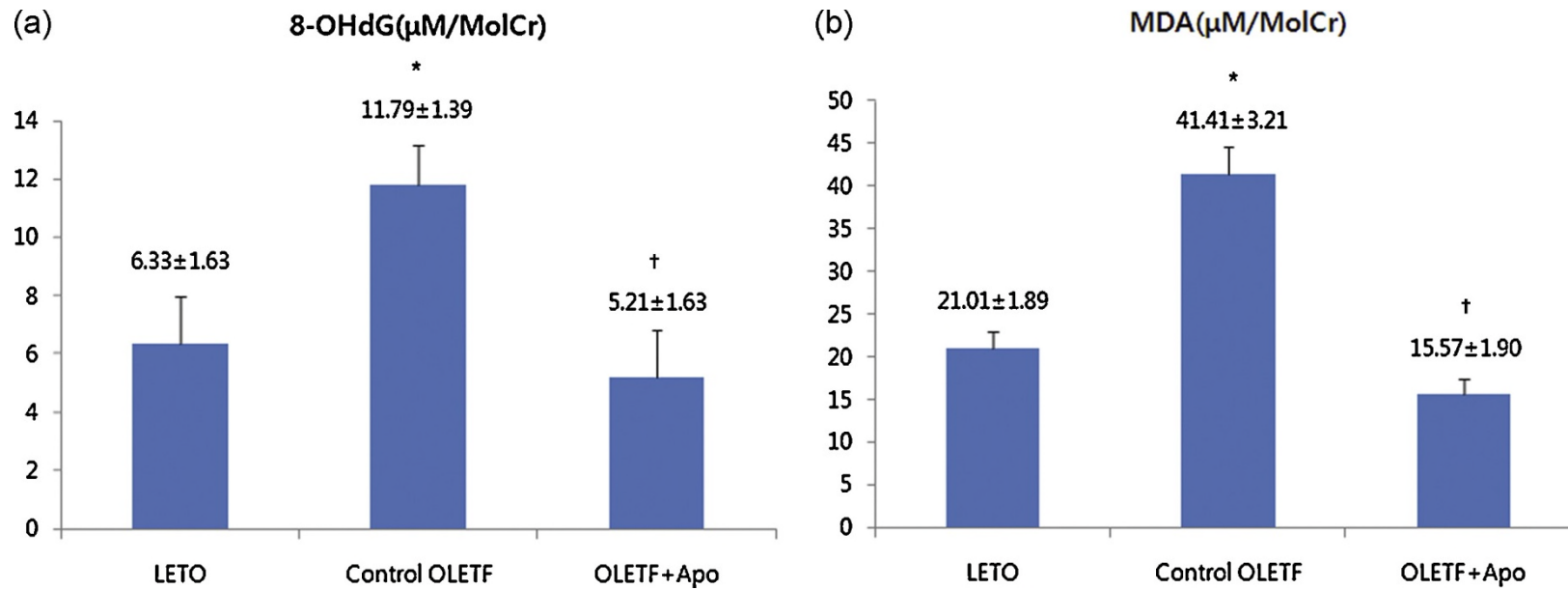
# 1) Apocynin

## Changes in 24 hrs urine ACR and protein levels

	Albumin-creatinine ratio (mg/mgCr)		Protein-creatinine ratio (mg/mgCr)	
	25wk	50wk	25wk	50wk
LETO	0.004±0.001	0.014±0.025 <sup>†</sup>	0.10±0.03	0.07±0.06 <sup>†</sup>
OETF	0.093±0.091	2.519±3.311	0.37±0.28	3.15±4.30
OETF+Apo	0.189±0.204 <sup>*</sup>	<b>0.285±0.245<sup>†</sup></b>	0.40±0.24	<b>0.67±0.48<sup>†</sup></b>

The values are mean±S.D. <sup>\*</sup>;p<0.01 vs. LETO group, <sup>†</sup>;p<0.05 vs. OETF group, ACR; albumin-creatinine ratio

## 24hrs urine 8-OHdG & MDA at 50 weeks



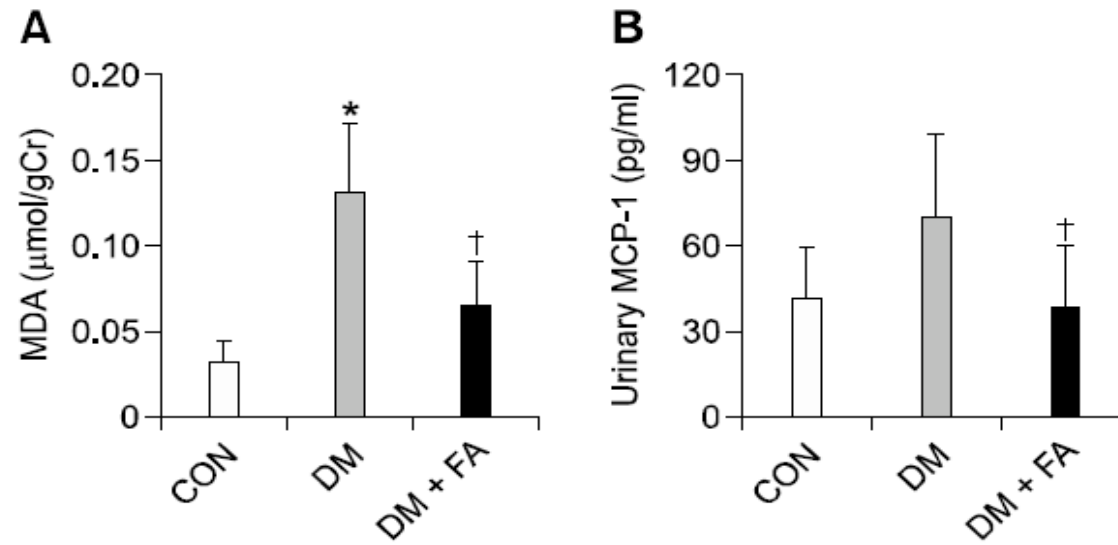
## 2) Ferulic acid

**Table 2.** Changes of 24 h urinary albumin (mg/day) and ACR (mg/mgCr)

	24 h urinary albumin (mg/day)		
	25 week	37 week	45 week
CON	1.05 ± 0.57	1.92 ± 1.08	0.85 ± 0.40
DM	12.35 ± 6.97*	24.11 ± 5.98*	26.76 ± 9.46*
DM + FA	11.98 ± 12.35*	21.14 ± 14.15*	16.39 ± 9.69* <sup>†</sup>
	ACR (mg/mgCr)		
	25 week	37 week	45 week
CON	0.09 ± 0.05	0.13 ± 0.07	0.07 ± 0.04
DM	0.92 ± 0.59*	1.79 ± 0.66*	2.51 ± 1.04*
DM + FA	0.88 ± 0.67*	1.64 ± 1.04*	1.49 ± 0.90* <sup>†</sup>

CON, control; DM, diabetes; FA, ferulic acid; ACR, albumin creatinine ratio. The values are mean ± S.D. \**P* < 0.05 compared with CON, <sup>†</sup>*P* < 0.05 compared with DM.

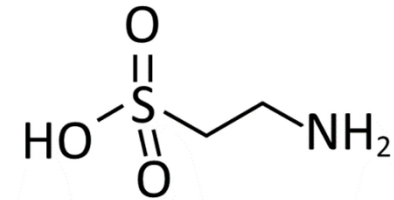




**Figure 2.** Changes of 24 h urinary malondialdehyde (MDA) and monocyte chemoattractant protein-1 (MCP-1) levels.

# 3) Taurine

Hindawi Publishing Corporation  
International Journal of Endocrinology  
Volume 2014, Article ID 397307, 11 pages  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/397307>



Research Article

## Taurine Alleviates the Progression of Diabetic Nephropathy in Type 2 Diabetic Rat Model

Jang Hyun Koh,<sup>1</sup> Eun Soo Lee,<sup>2</sup> Miri Hyun,<sup>3</sup> Hong Min Kim,<sup>2</sup> Yoon Jung Choi,<sup>4</sup>  
Eun Young Lee,<sup>3</sup> Dhananjay Yadav,<sup>2</sup> and Choon Hee Chung<sup>2</sup>

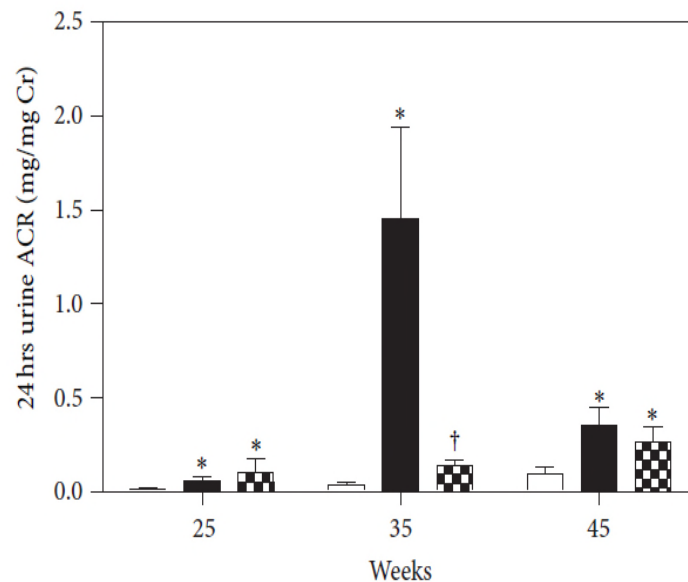


Figure 1: Changes of 24 hours urine albumin in control, OLETF and taurine treated groups

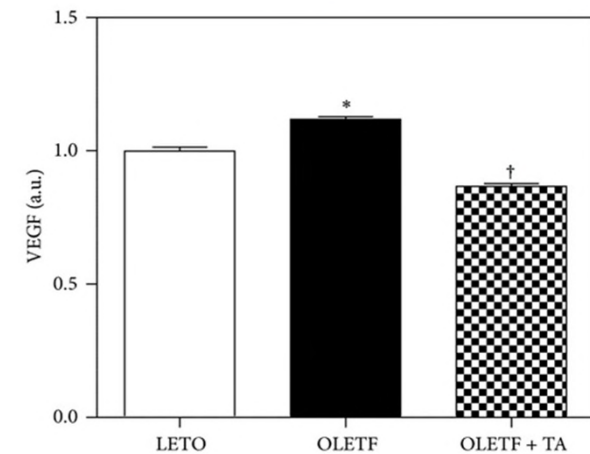
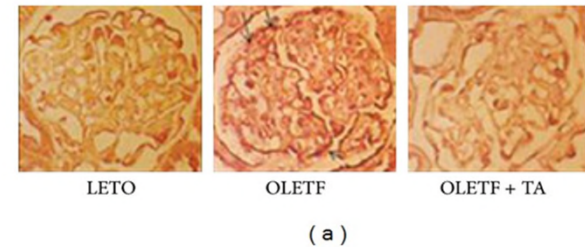


Figure 5: Effects of taurine on the expression of VEGF and nephrin in renal cortex.

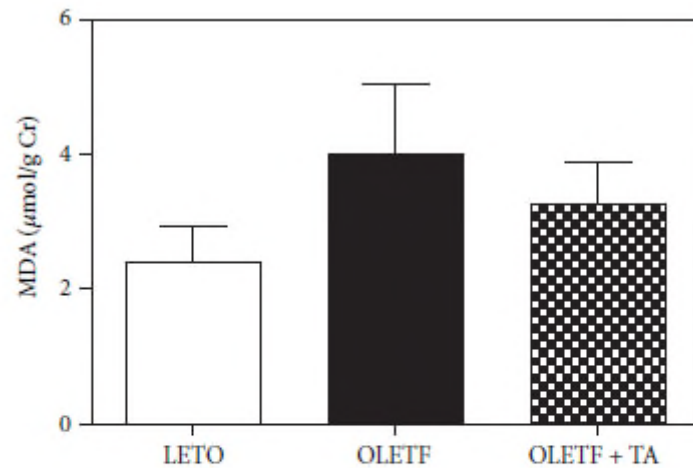


FIGURE 6: Changes in 24 hours urinary MDA levels at 45 weeks of age. In the diabetic control group, MDA increased compared to the normal control group. MDA decreased in the taurine-treatment group compared to the diabetic control group. However, there was no statistical significance in this difference. MDA, malondialdehyde; LETO, normal control group; OLETF, diabetic control group; OLETF + TA, taurine-treated diabetic group.

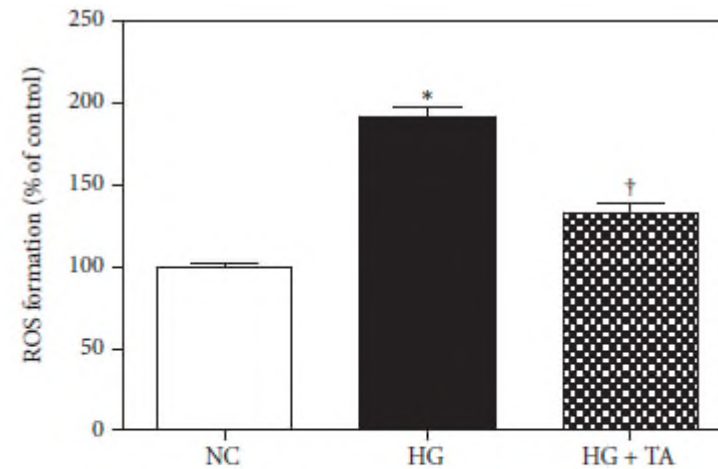
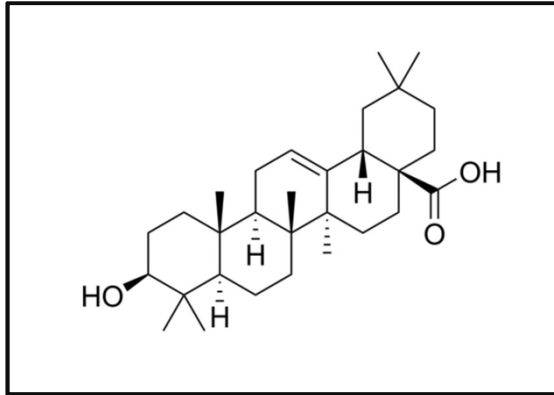


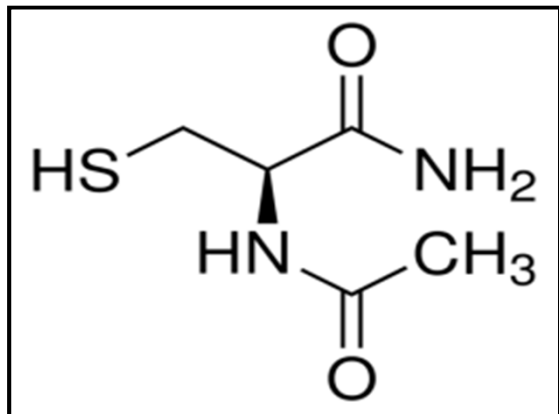
FIGURE 7: Changes in ROS formation in podocytes among the three groups. The taurine-treated high glucose group demonstrated a significantly decreased ROS production. NC, normal glucose; HG, high glucose; HG + TA, taurine-treated high glucose. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM. \* $P < 0.05$  compared with NG; † $P < 0.05$  compared with HG.

## 4) Oleanolic acid



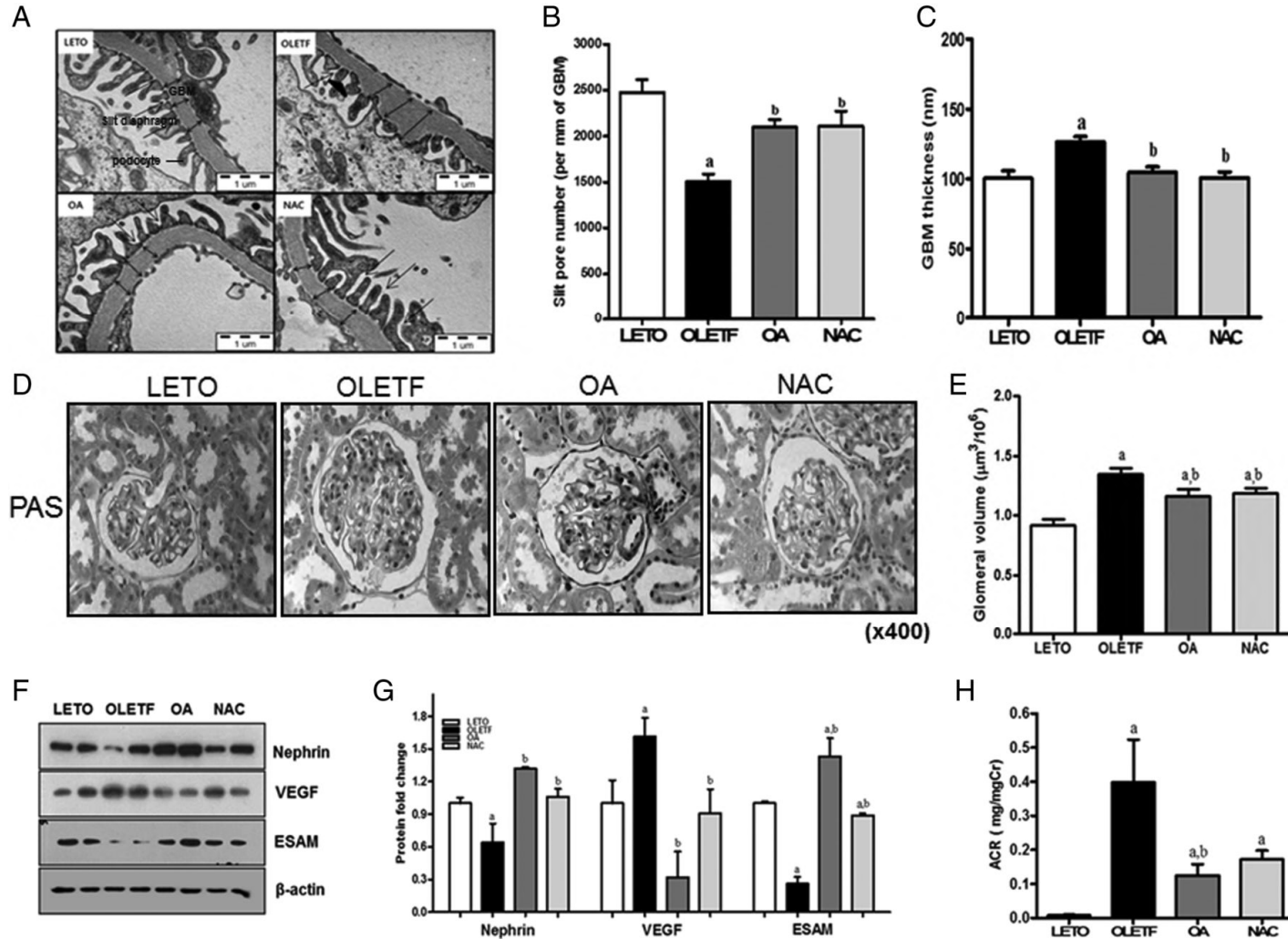
- Naturally occurring triterpenoid
- Anti-inflammation, anti-oxidant, anti-tumor and anti-viral properties
- Hypoglycemic, hypolipidemic efficacy in diabetic rats

## N-acetylcysteine



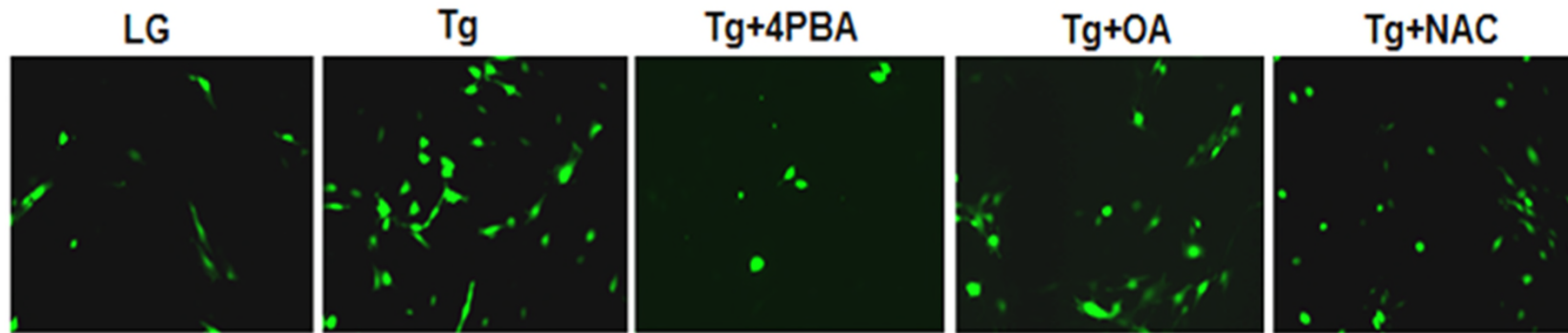
- N-acetyl cysteine comes from the amino acid L-cysteine
- Pharmacologic antioxidant
- Protective effect on the  $\beta$ -cells of diabetic mouse model
- Improve endothelial function

# OA & NAC repaired damaged renal structures and urinary ACR



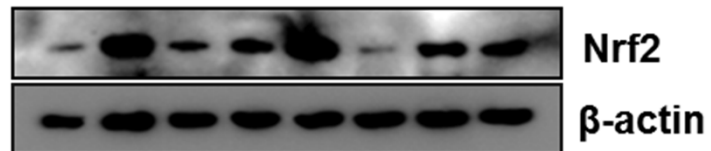
# OA & NAC suppress ROS formation induced by ER stress activator

**A**



**B**

	LG (5.5 mM)				HG (30 mM)			
ER act (Tg, 100 nM)	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
ER inh (4PBA, 1mM)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
OA (5 $\mu$ M)	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-
NAC (2.5mM)	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+

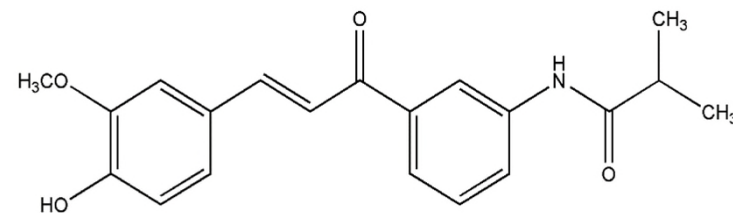
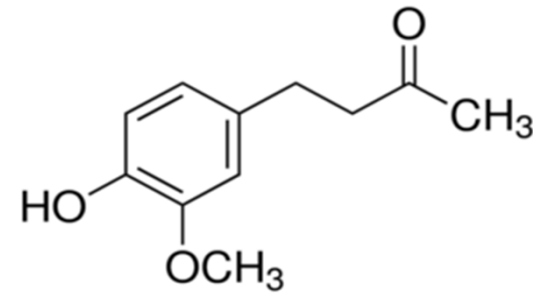
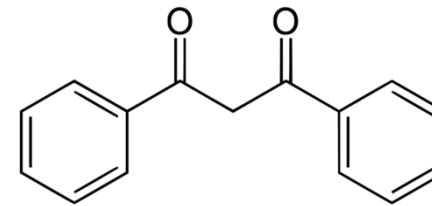
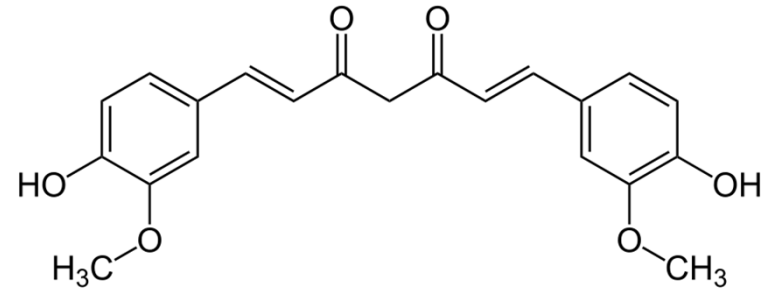


## 5) CURCUMIN

Debenzoylmethane (DBM)

Dihydrozingerone (DHZ)

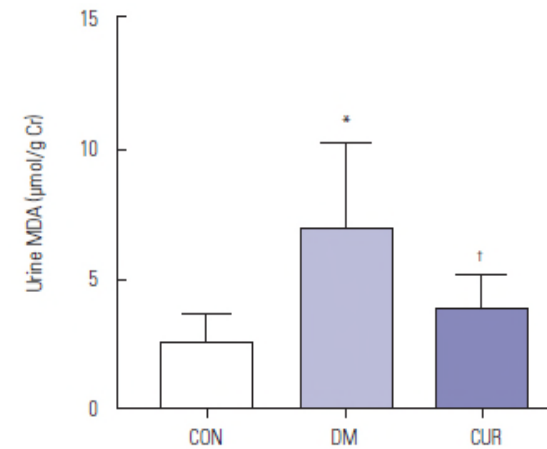
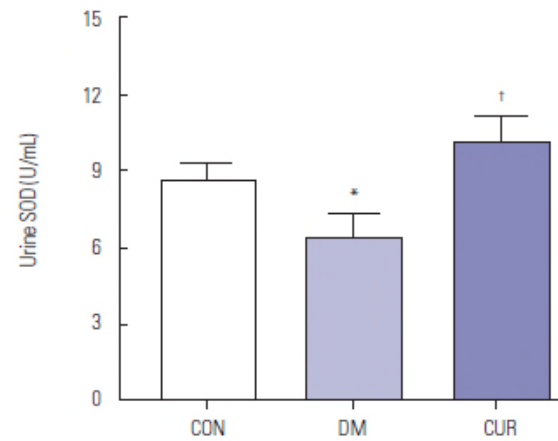
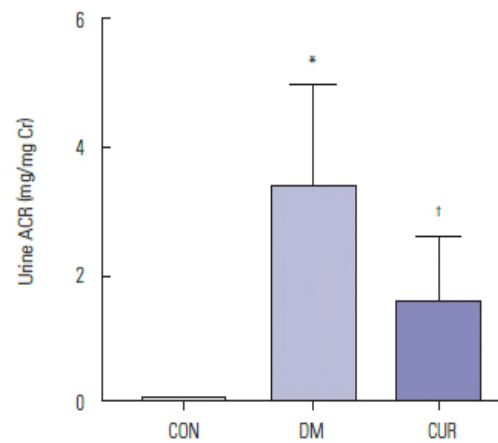
Curcumin 2004-8



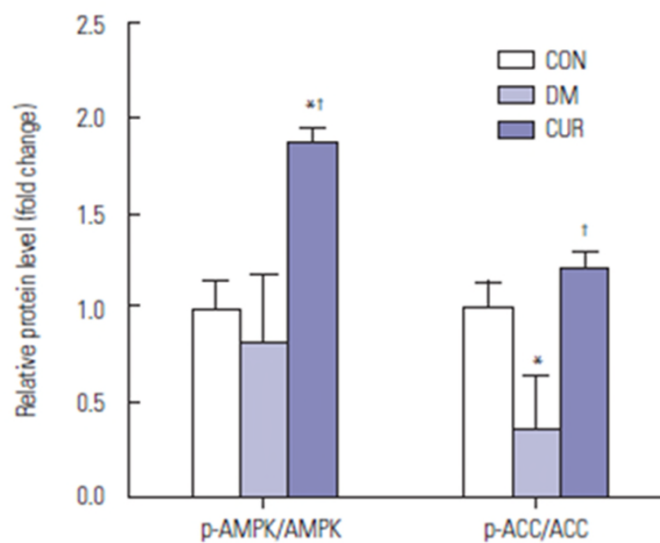
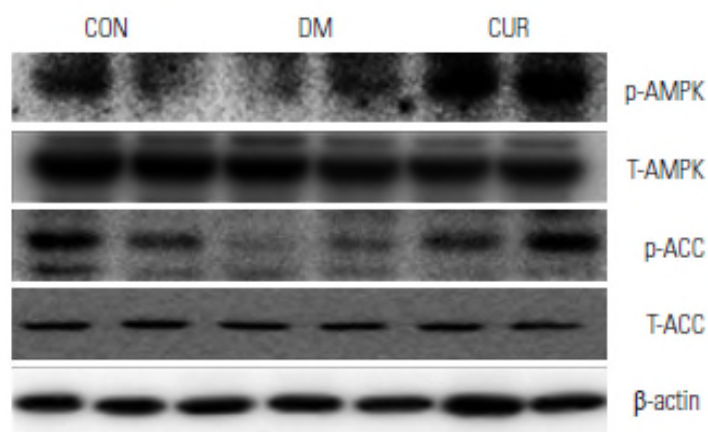
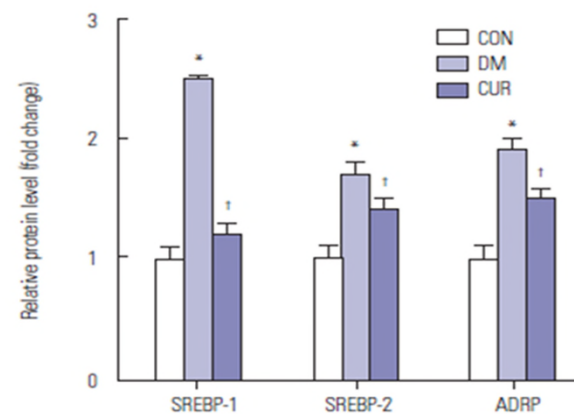
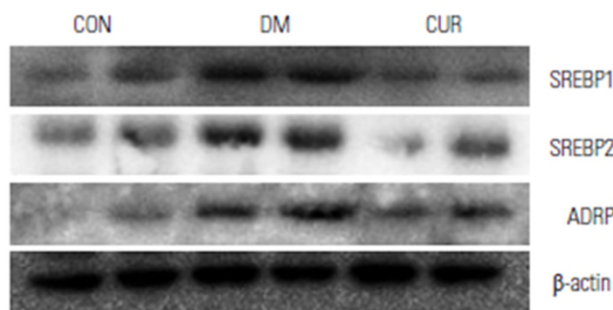
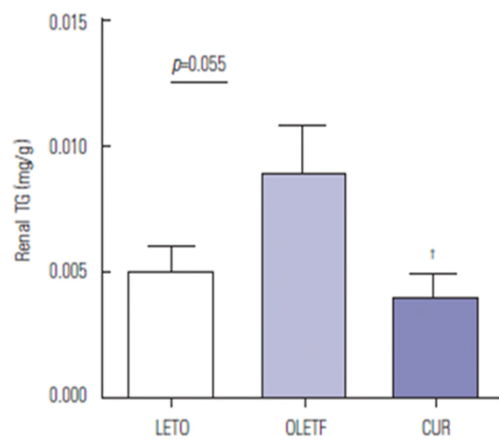
# Curcumin

## Protective Effects of Curcumin on Renal Oxidative Stress and Lipid Metabolism in a Rat Model of Type 2 Diabetic Nephropathy.

Yonsei Med J. 2016 May;57(3):664-73.







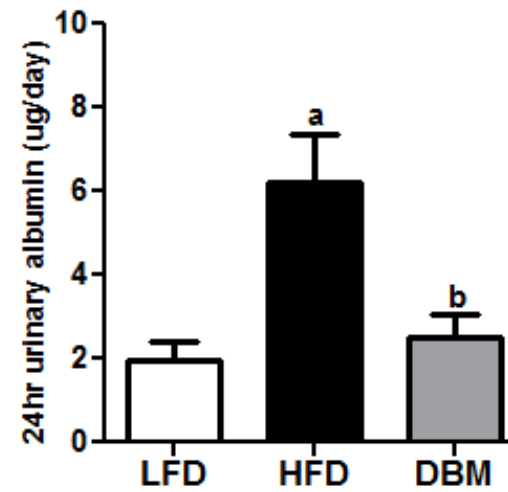
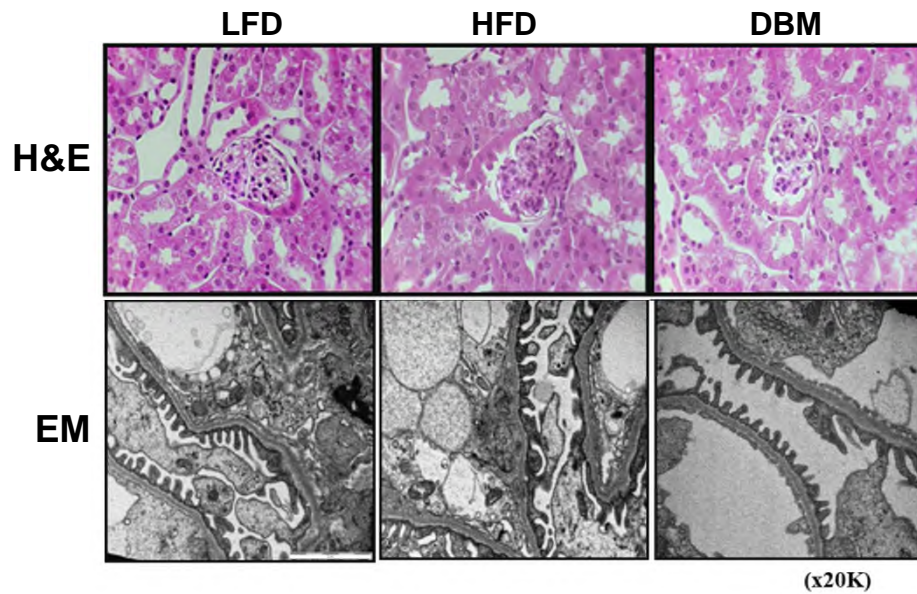
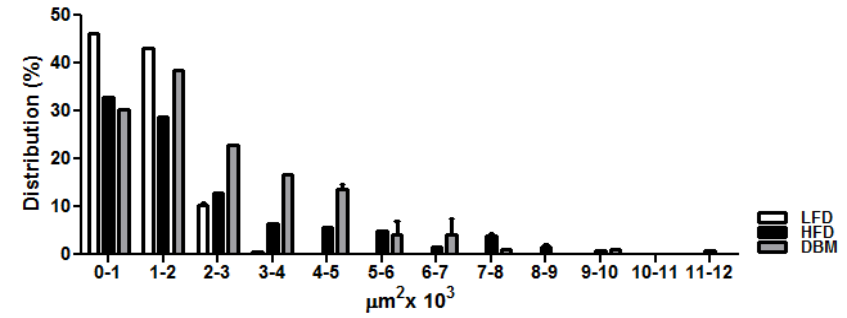
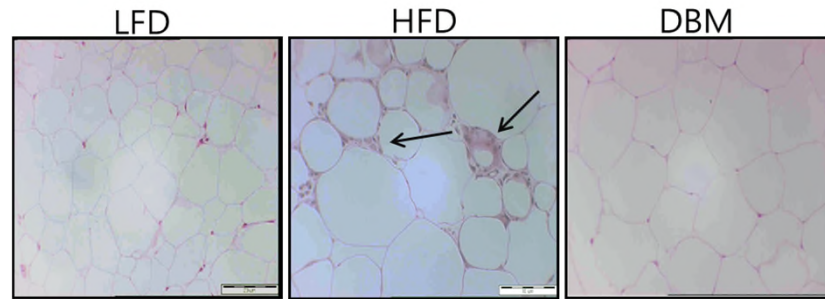
# CURCUMIN

Dibenzoylmethane (DBM)

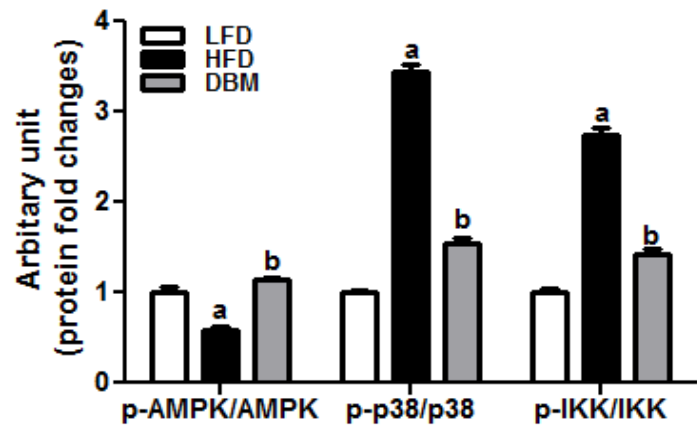
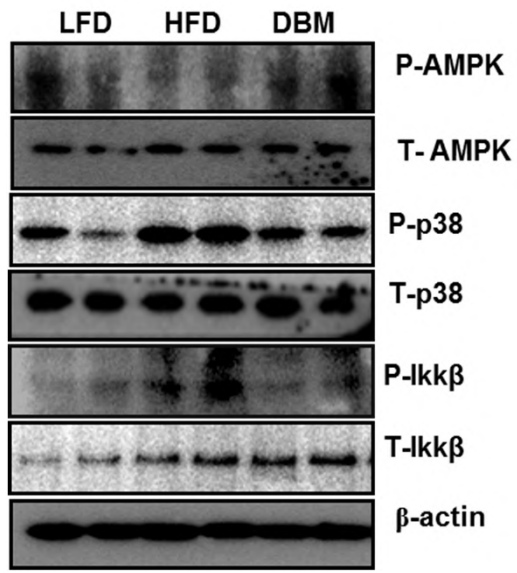
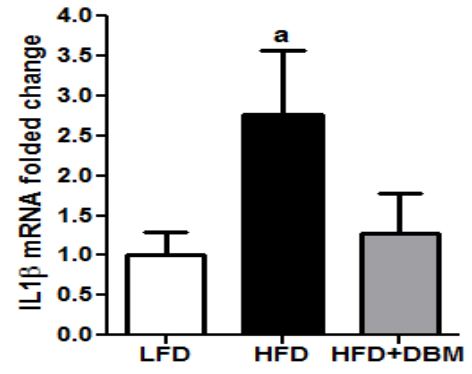
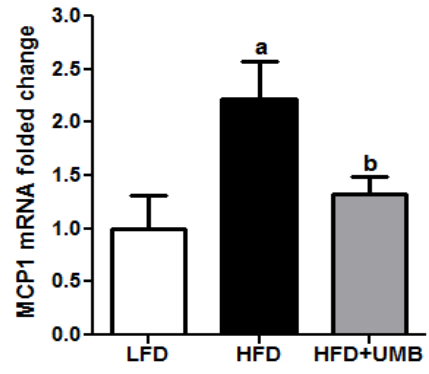
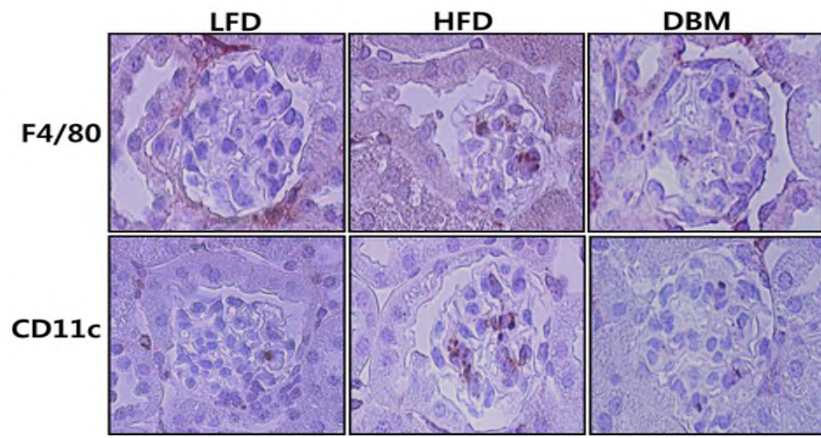
Dehydrozingerone (DHZ)

- Hydrophobic polyphenol derived from the rhizome of the herb *Curcuma longa*
- anti-inflammatory, anti-tumor, anti-diabetic, neuroprotective, cell cycle regulation
- anti-oxidant
- anti-tumor
- inhibition of lipid peroxidation activity

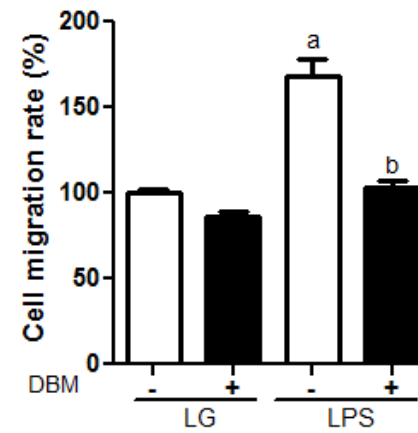
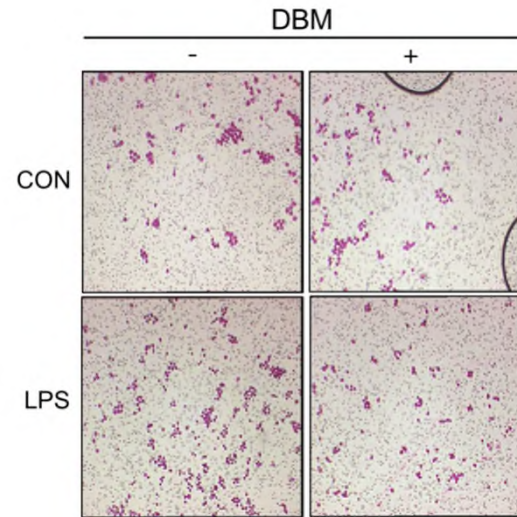
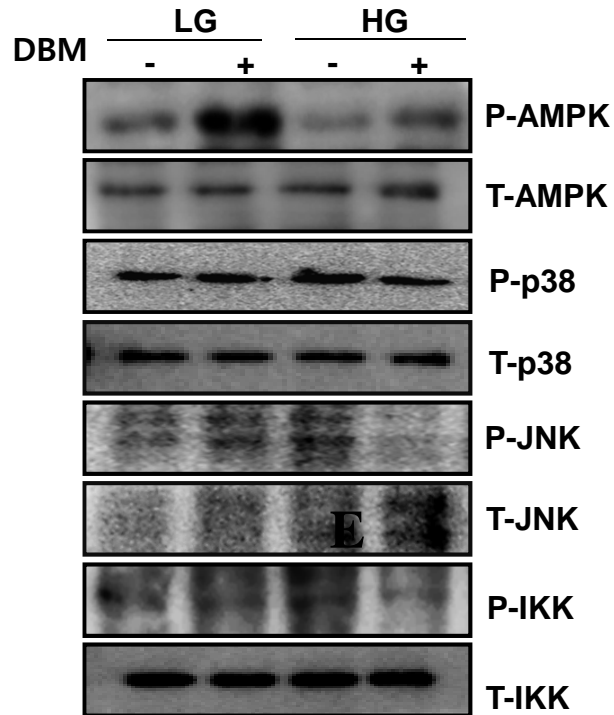
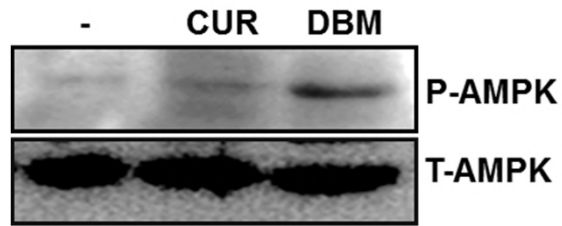
# Diabenzoylmethane



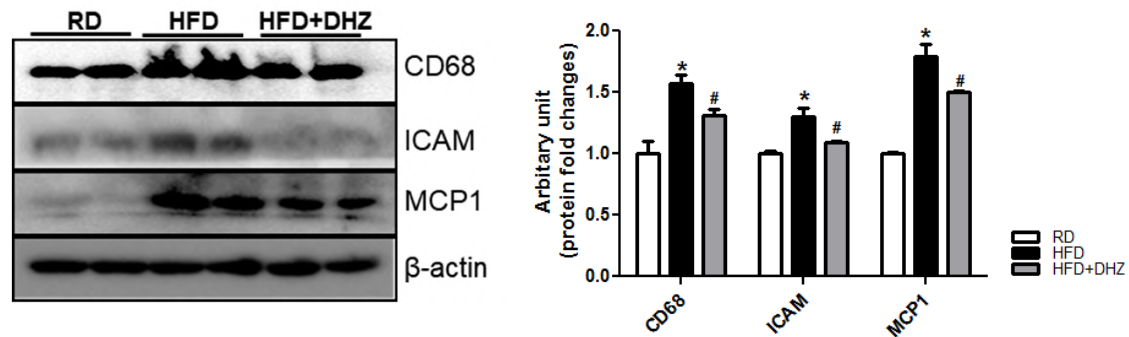
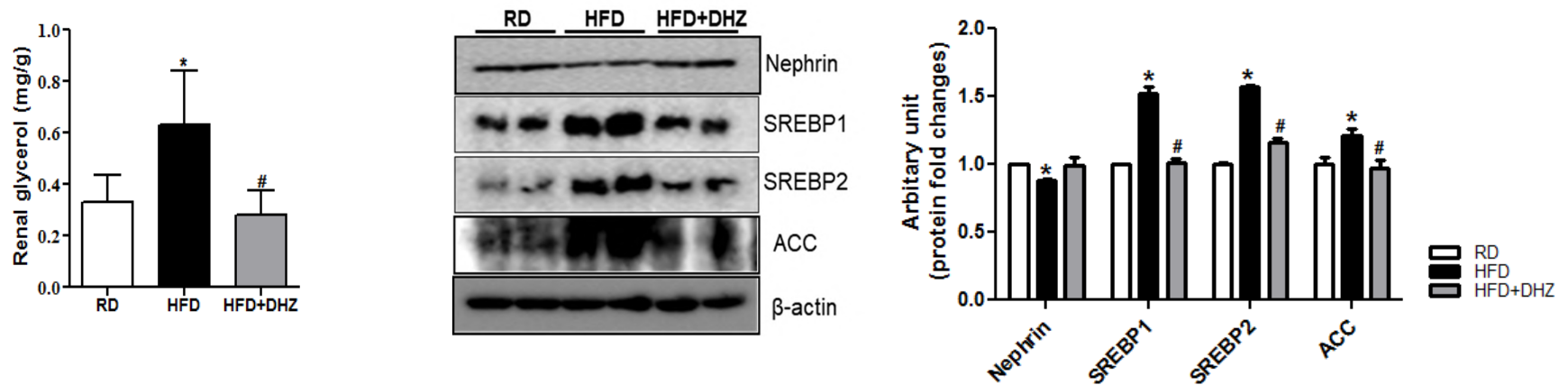
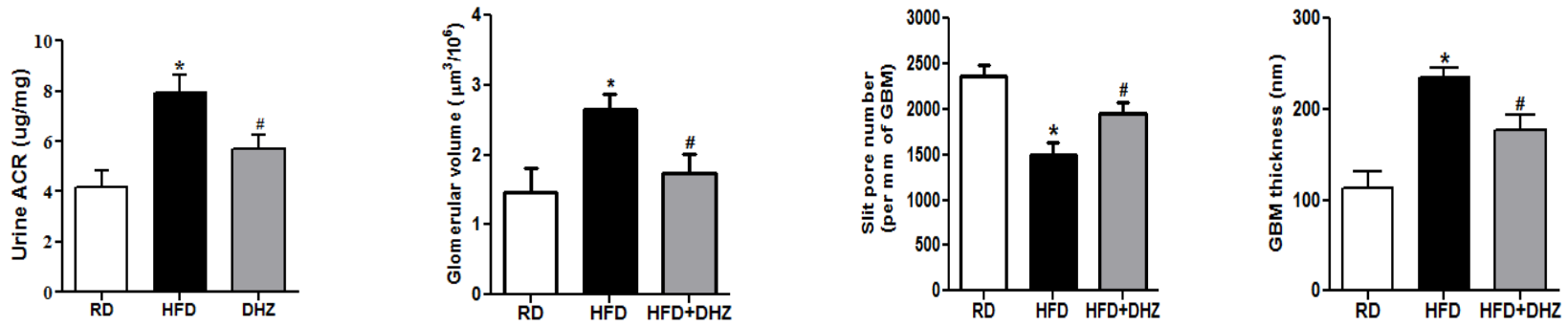
Unpublished data



Unpublished data

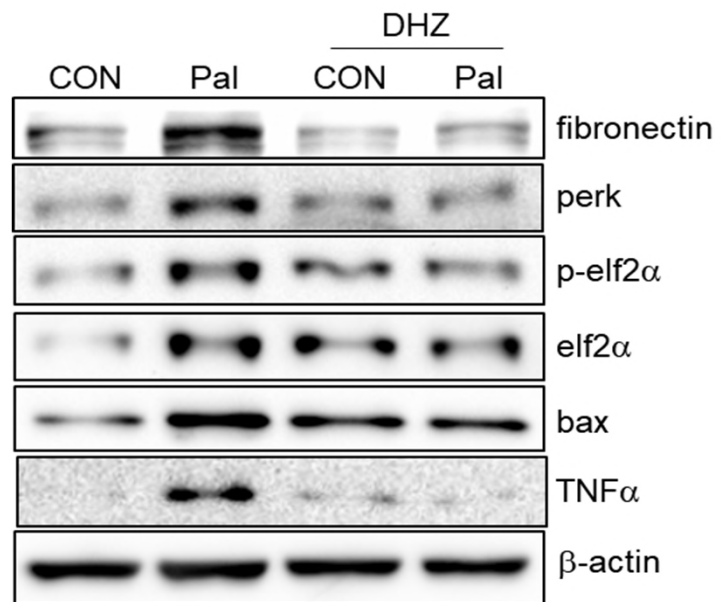
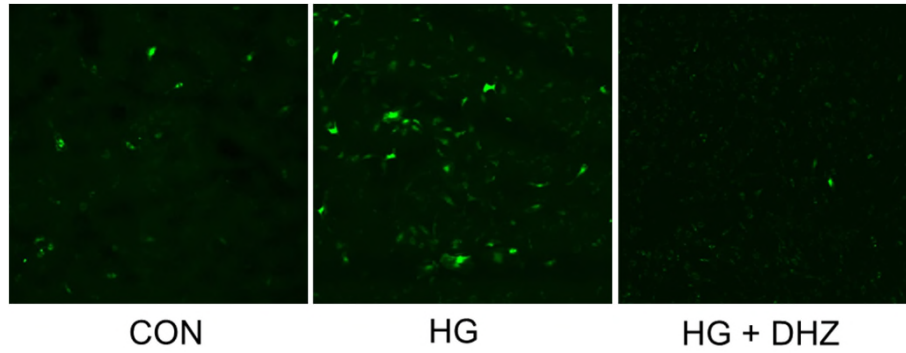


# Dehydrozingerone



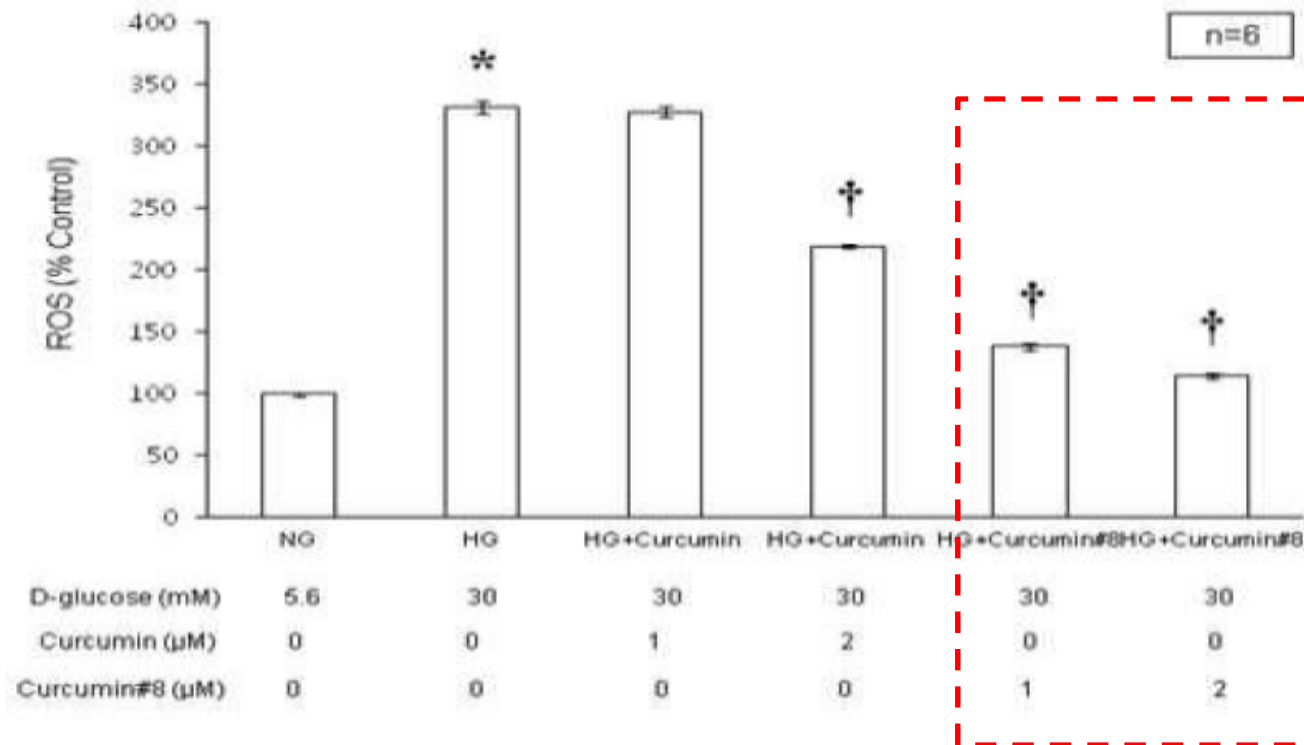
Unpublished data

## Mouse podocytes



Unpublished data

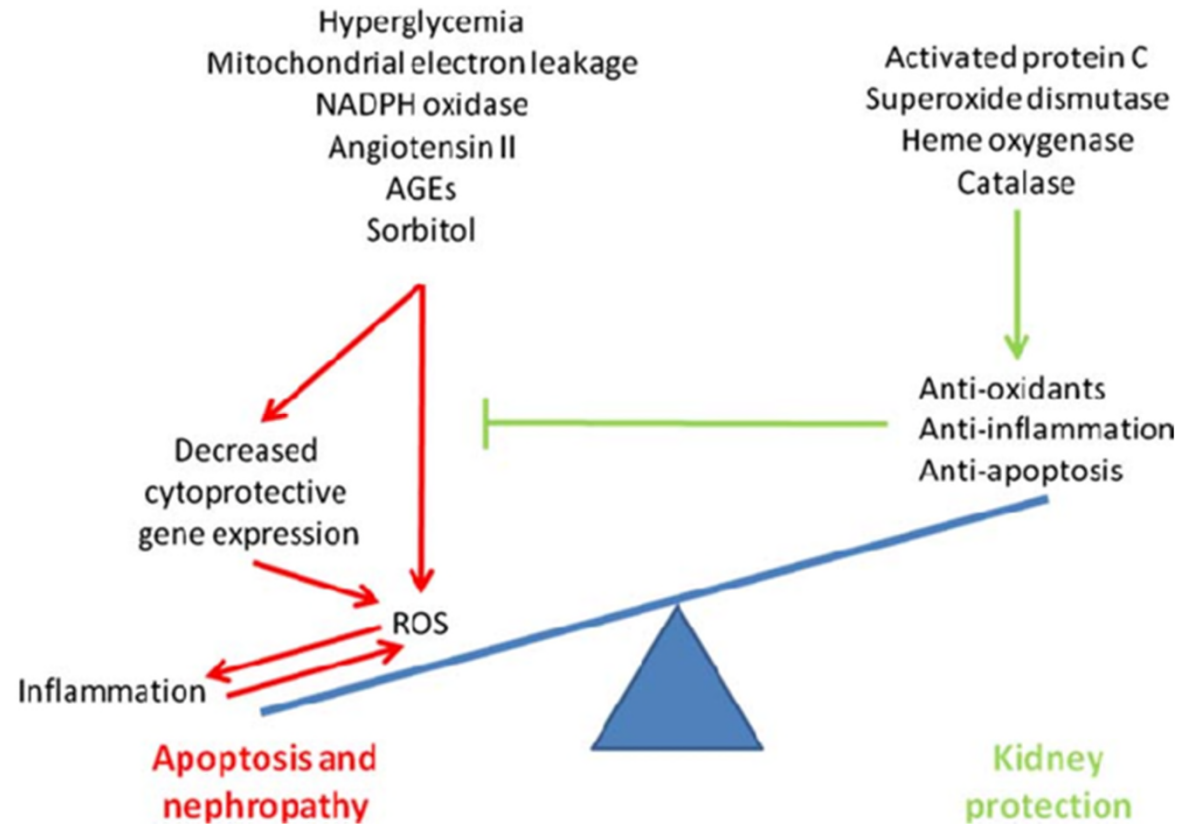
# Curcumin 8



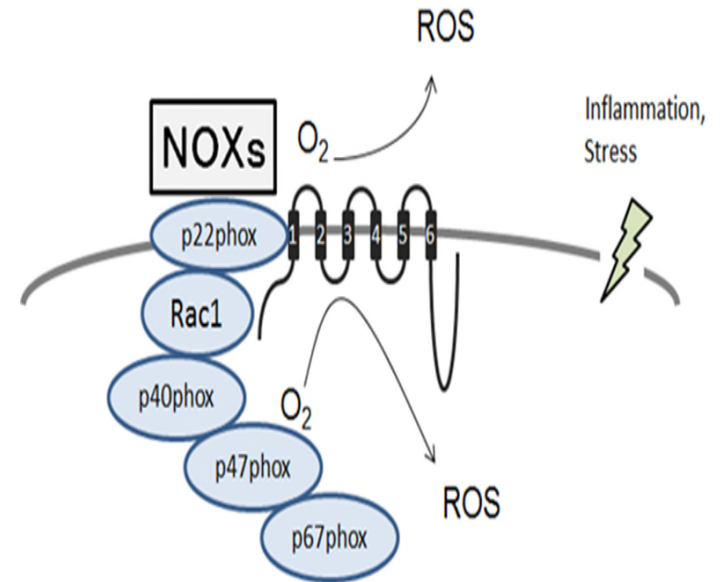
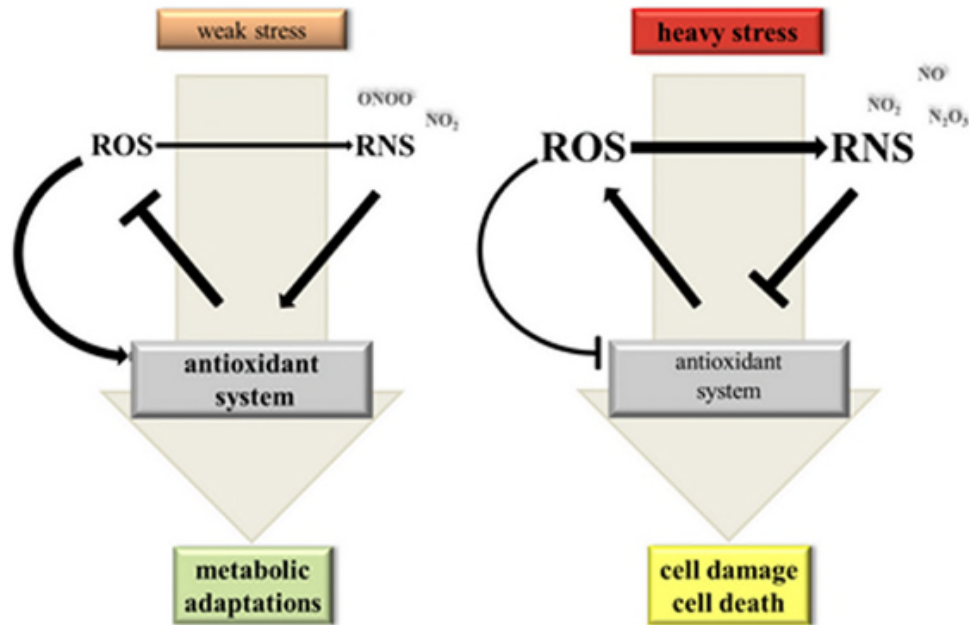


# The Importance of ROS Regulation

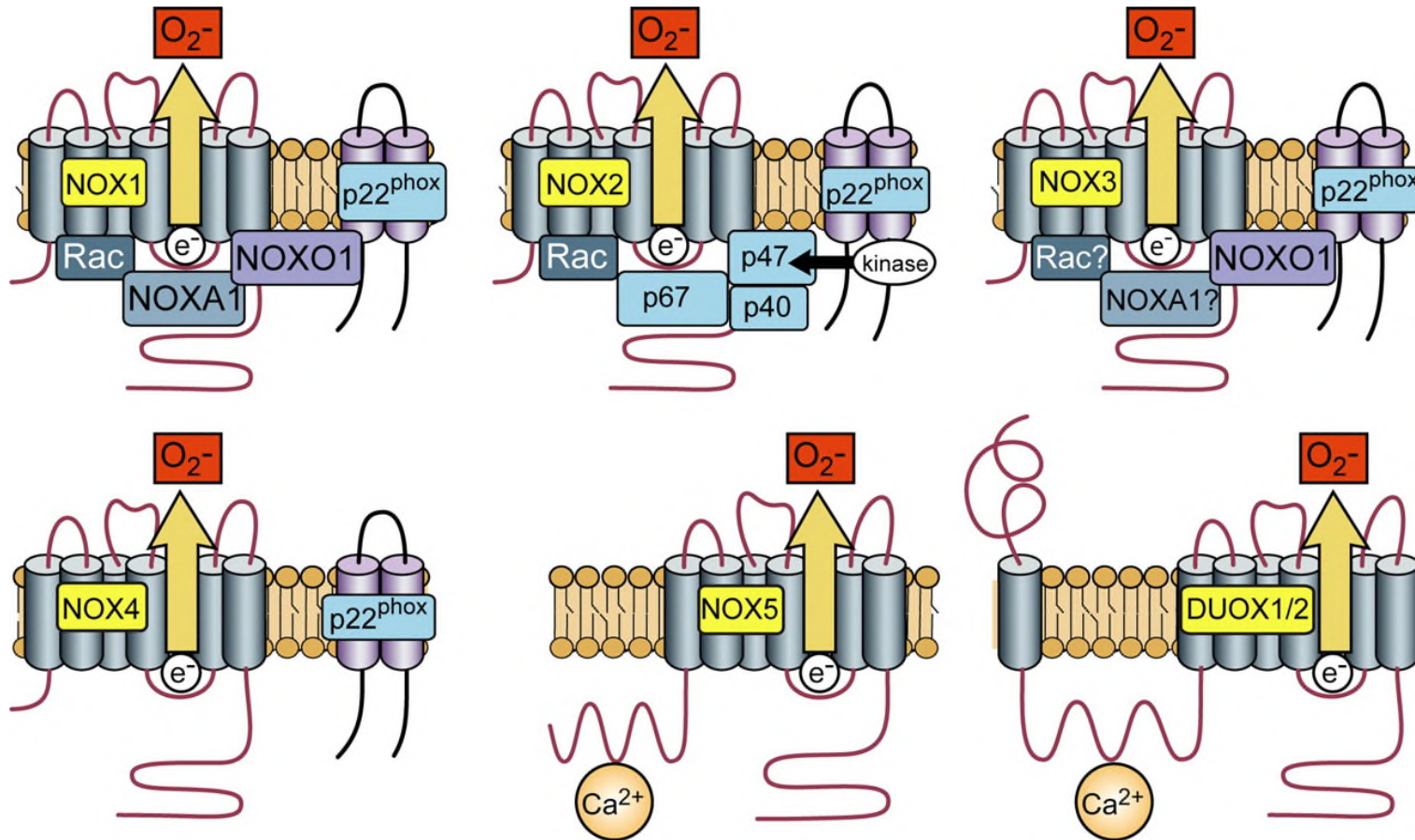
**Fig. 1** Excess ROS leads to apoptosis and diabetic nephropathy. Model demonstrating the different causes of ROS formation that result in the induction of inflammation by pro-inflammatory genes, leukocyte infiltration, and aggravation of ROS formation. Ultimately, this may lead to apoptosis and kidney dysfunction. We postulate that in humans induction of cytoprotective proteins, such as HO-1, SOD or catalase, will restore this ROS-mediated skewing of the redox balance by generating products that protect against oxidative stress, and/or inflammation and apoptosis, or a combination

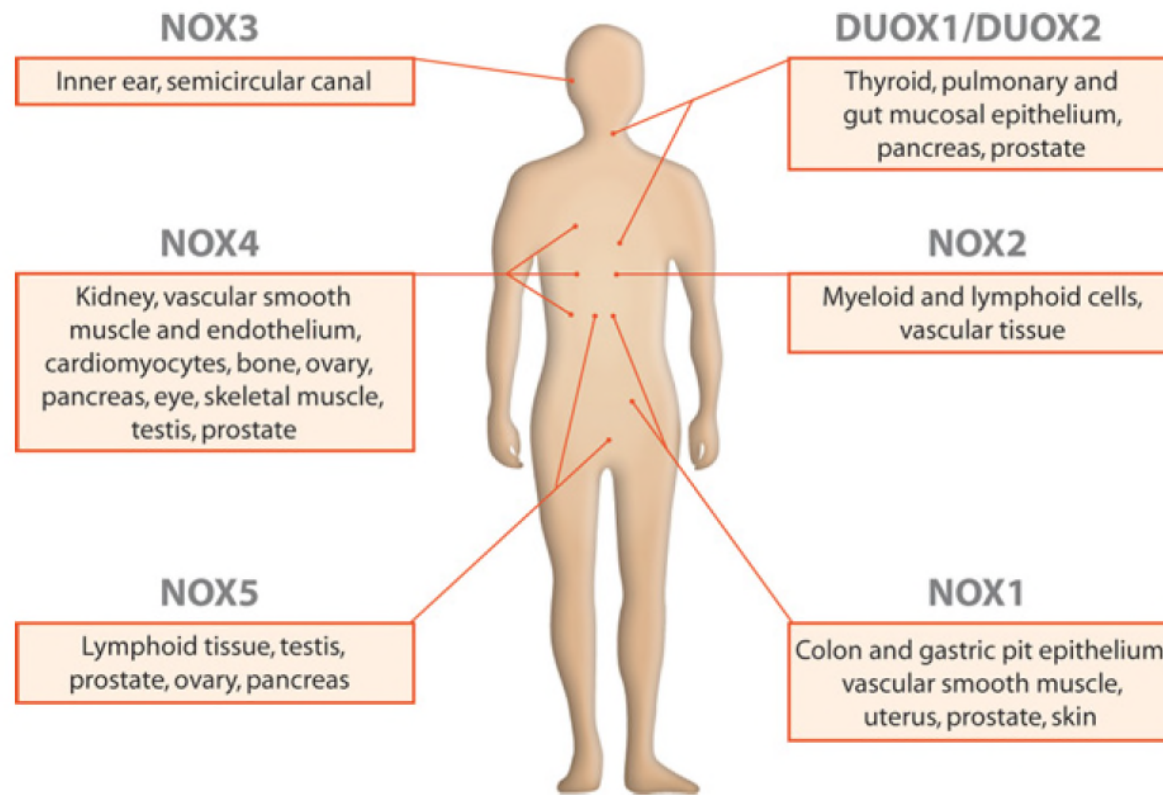


# Discovery of new therapeutic target for DKD



## Activation of NADPH oxidase isoforms





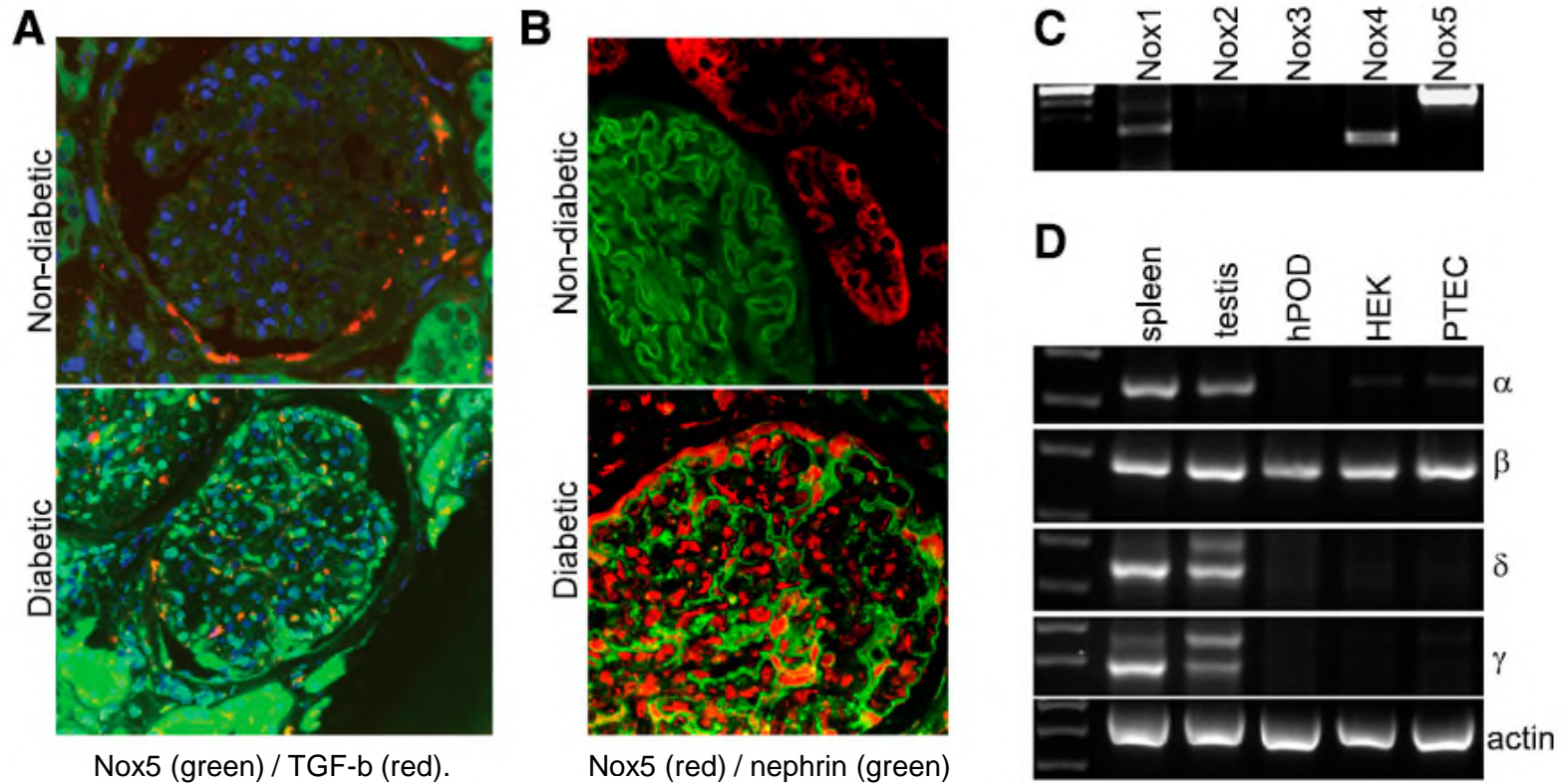
**Figure 2** Locations of NOX proteins in the body

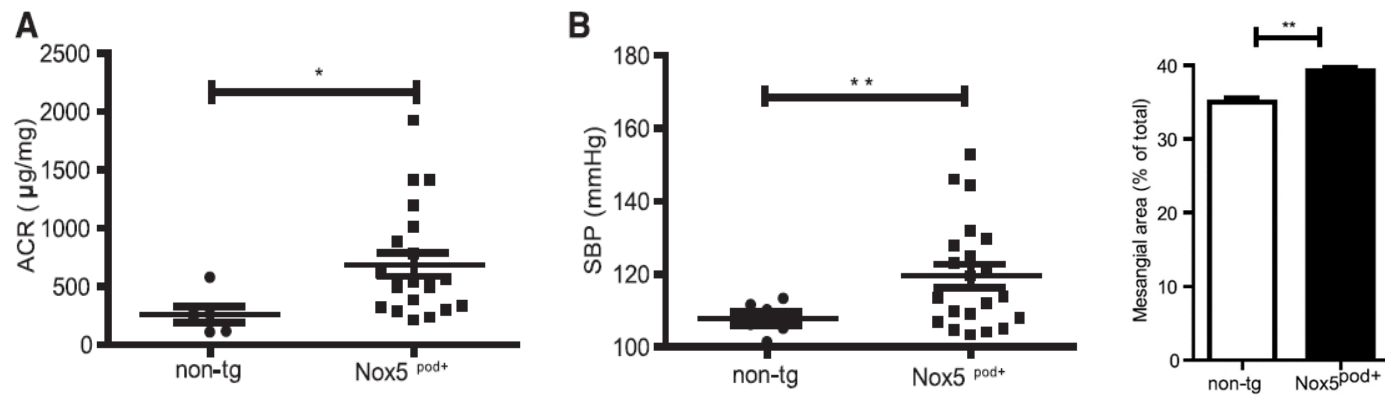
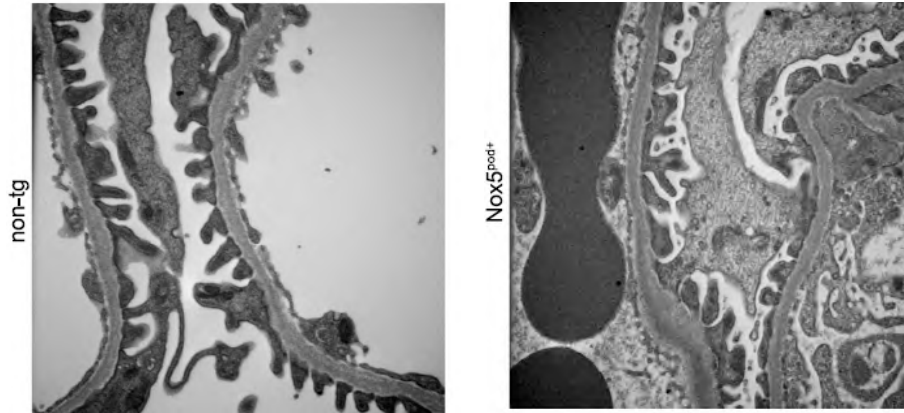
Tissues reported to express NOX homologues throughout the human body are indicated. See text for further details.

## NOX inhibitors

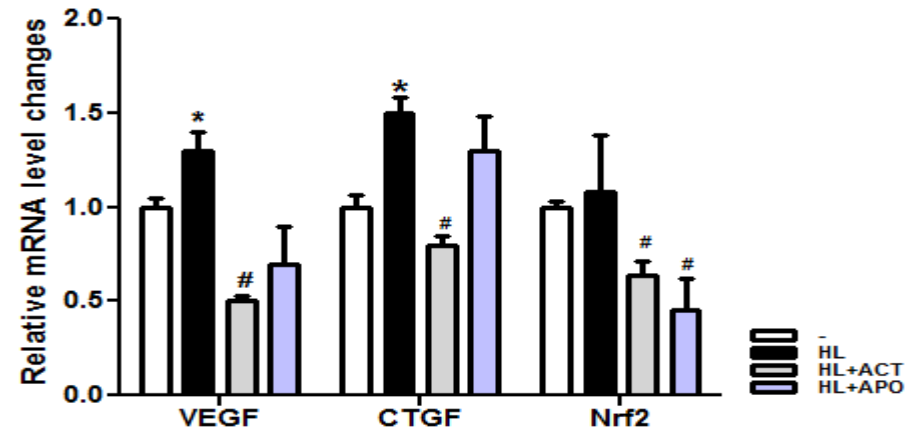
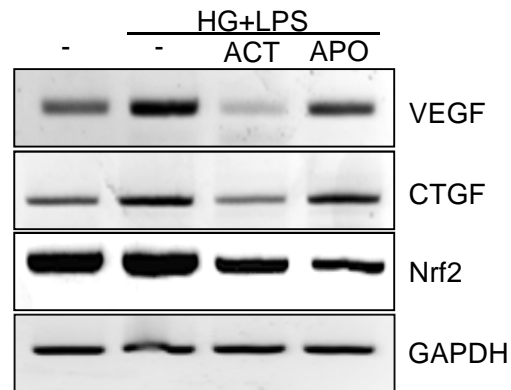
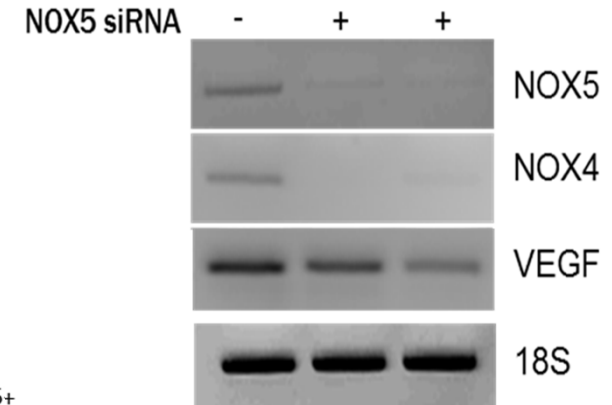
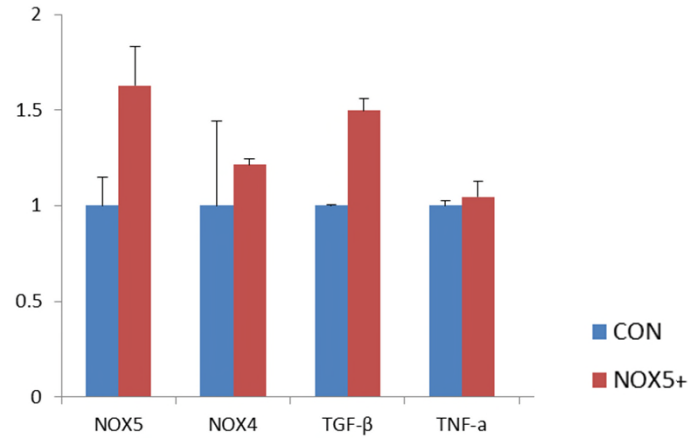
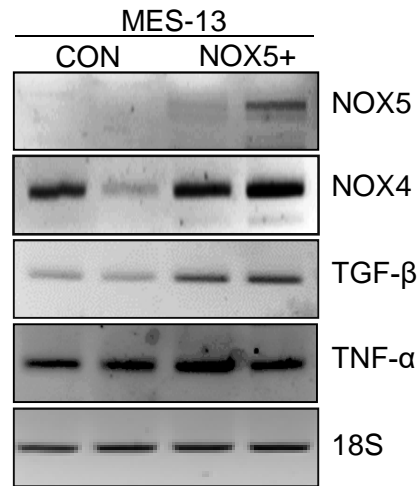
- Small molecule inhibitors: Diphenylene iodonium (DPI), Apopcynin, ML171
- Triazolo purimidine derivatives: VAS2870, VAS3947
- Pyrazolopyridine derivatives: GKT136901, GKT137831

## Nox5 is expressed in human diabetic kidney biopsies and podocytes





On going study



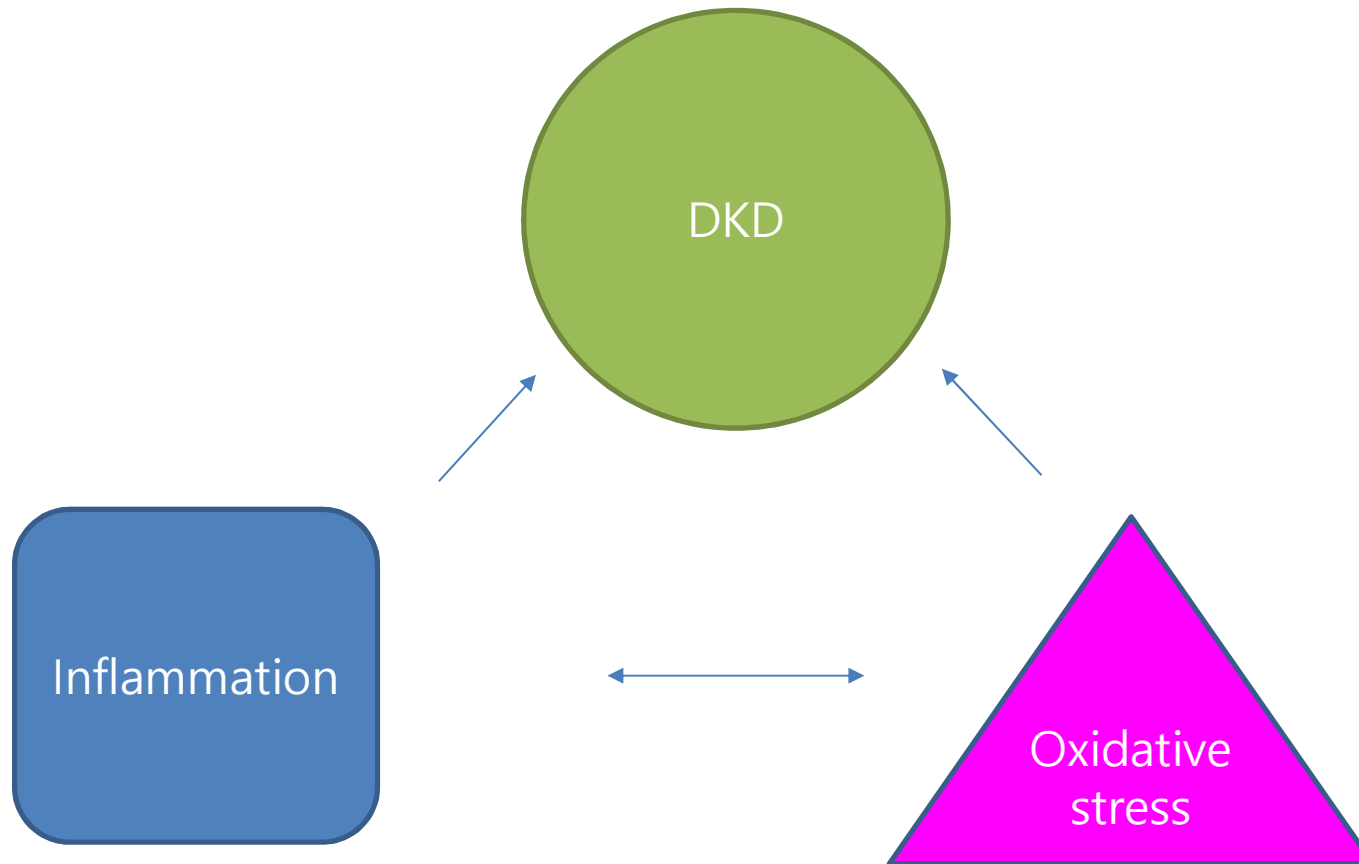
ACT, NOX1/4 inhibitor  
APO, Apocynin



## Take Home Message

In the pathogenesis of DKD, inflammation and oxidative stress are very important. We suggest that the blockade of MCP-1 and ROS in the progression of DKD would be important therapeutic strategies.

# Oxidative stress and inflammation in DKD



# Acknowledgements

Yonsei Univ. Wonju Coll. of Med.

Current members

PhD course

- Hui Jo Lee
- Kyung Bong Ha
- Hong Min Kim

Postdoctoral research fellows

- Weerapon Sangartit (Thailand)
- Sun Hee Lee
- Eun Soo Lee

Collaborators

- Eun Young Lee  
(SoonChunHyang Univ.)
- Hyun Soo Kim (Korea University)
- Veerapol and Upa Kukongviriyapan  
(Khon Kaen Univ., Thailand)

Research Center for the Drug  
Development of Metabolic Disorders  
based on Natural Resources of Yonsei  
Institute of Convergence Science  
(ICONS)

Past members

Master

- Ran Choi
- Joong Kyung Sung, MD
- Soo Min Nam, MD

MD, PhD

- Ji Hye Huh
- Jang Hyun Koh
- Mi Young Lee
- Myung Sook Shim

Scholar

- Kampeebhorn Boonloh (Thailand)

Postdoctoral fellows

- Mi Hye Kwon
- Dhananjay Yadav (India)
- Jarinyaporn Naowaboot (Thailand)
- Bo Hwan Kim

Mentor

- Kap Bum Huh





50 Years of Challenge,  
Hope for Diabetes Cure

**KDA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**