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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Sir, The article "Are there ways to attenuate arterial calcification and improve cardiovascular outcomes in chronic kidney disease?" is a good review article. Even though this article is similar to previously published article such as Cardiovascular risk and mineral bone disorder in patients with chronic kidney disease by Staude H, Jeske S, Schmitz K, Warncke G, Fischer DC. *Kidney Blood Press Res.* 2013;37(1):68-83 or Use of phosphate binders in chronic kidney disease by Ketteler M, Biggar PH. *Curr Opin Nephrol Hypertens.* 2013 Jul;22(4):413-2 and Hyperphosphataemia: treatment options by Malberti F. *Drugs.* 2013 May;73(7):673-88 but this article is more complete with more detail. However, authors should give more comparison on each treatment (maybe in table format) and give more specific treatment option for patients in each condition.



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Some new insights into mineral metabolism and the pathogenesis of arterial calcifications in chronic kidney disease patients could be presented in more detail and the relevant references could be quoted. Specifically: 1. Mineral metabolism in CKD. It has been shown that Klotho expression is reduced in the parathyroid glands and it is associated with resistance to FGF23 action (to reduce PTH secretion) (Komaba H, et al. *Kidney Int* 77: 232, 2010; Galitzer H et al. *Kidney Int* 77: 211, 2010). Moreover, FGF23 levels were shown to predict the development of secondary hyperparathyroidism refractory to treatment (Nakanishi S et al. *Kidney Int* 67: 1171, 2005). 2. Pathogenesis of arterial calcifications. The role of FGF23/Klotho axis in the development of arterial calcifications is complex and the results of the relevant studies are inconsistent (Sciolla JJ et al. *Kidney Int* 83: 1159, 2013).