Zinc(II)-induced Neuroimmunological Renal Chronic Kidney Disease Prevention and Suppressive Progression

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Abstract
Zinc(II) supplementation with 30 mg/day should become likely therapeutic chronic kidney disease (CKD) prevention implications with immense importance of CKD-associated immunological and neurological complications. Zinc induced neuroimmunological suppressive CKD progression with Stage 2 ～ 3A, 3B, zinc supplementation (30 mg/day) may be beneficial for nutritional status in CKD children and adolescents, and zinc could reduce urinary protein excretion composed of albumin and/or minimize proteinuria excretion in proteinuric CKD. In CKD 4-5 stage, risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) become higher that zinc supplementation of 25 mg/day in zinc homeostasis has a beneficial effect for CVD in vascular dysfunction. Thus, zinc intake of 30 mg/day and serum zinc level of 60～76 µg/dL could slow down CKD Stage 4 progression. Zinc induced CKD Stage 5 (eGFR < 15) is involved that zinc is actively bound to several proteins that the decrease of circulating zinc levels in CKD is partly caused by renal losses of zinc, becoming zinc-deficiency with advanced stage CKD and ESRD in CKD. Serum zinc and serum albumin levels are 37.4 ± 5.4 and 2.6 ± 0.6 µg/dL, respectively, for as eGFR 6.6 (5.2～8.3). Zn intake of 45-75 mg/day and serum zinc level of ≤78.3 µg/dL are beneficial for HD and maintenance hemodialysis (MIHD) patients, in which Zinc 15 mg/day and Selenium 50～70 µg/day that are recommended may be thought to prevent ESRD stage. Zinc induced NAD(P)H oxidase (Nox) activation occurring ROS generation in CKD cell involves assembly that ROS include the superoxide anion (O₂•⁻), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), and hydroxyl radicals (OH•), and in the kidney.

Zinc(II) ions-binding protein molecular mechanism is involved that Zn²⁺ ions-several protein complexes coordinated binding model of ligands of such as albumin, a-macroglobulin and transferrin in several proteins had been found on the binding specificity by Zn²⁺ ions-centered tetrahedral geometric coordination, in which causing zinc-activated serine, histidine and aspartate hydrogen residues enhance renal function activity and resulting inhibition of CKD progression proceeds.

Keywords: Zinc(II); CKD prevention; Serum zinc and creatinine levels; Egfr; urinary protein excretion; Stage 5 ESRD; Zn²⁺ ions-centered coordinated pattern

Introduction
COVID-19 pandemic affects high mortality rate among older adults and individuals suffering from chronic kidney diseases (CKD) [1]. Neuroimmune interaction in acute kidney injury (AKI) is closely associated with various disorders, inflammatory CKD in neuroimmunology propose, neuremodulation that center on the cholinergic anti-inflammatory pathway (CAP) [2]. Immunological roles and nervous systems are directly related to homeostasis of renal physiology [3].

CKD is typically identified with serum chemistry profile and urine studies or as an incidental finding that having therapeutic patients clinical symptoms such as gross hematuria, a sign of albuminuria, nocturia, flank pain, or decreased urine output and CKD steps as GFR less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m², albuminuria (ie, urine albumin ≥30 mg per 24 hours or urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio [ACR] ≥30 mg/g), abnormalities in urine sediment, histology, or imaging suggestive of kidney damage, renal tubular disorders; or kidney transplantation [4]. The CKD Practice Guide of Nephrology recommendation referral meets any of the following 3 criteria: 0.5 g/g creatinine or higher, or proteinuria (≥2+), an estimated glomerular filtration rate of less than 50 ml/min/1.73 m², or positive results (≥1+) for both proteinuria and hematuria tests [5].

While, zinc element is important essential for human body that zinc homeostasis and zinc deficiency, the recommended dietary allowance (RDA) for zinc is of 11 mg/day for men and 8 mg/day for women, lower zinc intake
The efficacy of zinc supplementation for adequate zinc nutrition on the immune integrity of young pregnant women, the aged or those with any of the many diseases is just applicable, in which zinc supplementation significantly reduces infectious disease and other many severe diseases and may well reduce the impact of many severe diseases by preventing the dismantling of the immune system [8]. Due to the fact that zinc is liable to be bound to proteins in the plasma [9], glomerular filtration and consecutive urinary excretion are limited [10] that the zinc-protein binding complexes function as Zn-protein enzymes in the human body.

In this semi-review article, zinc(II) induced neuroimmunological renal functional activities for CKD prevention and regulatory CKD development with CKD Stage 2, Stage 3A,3B, Stage 4, and Stage 5, ESRD are investigated, and subsequently, zinc-induced binding renal CKD suppressive progression molecular mechanism is clarified.

2. CKD (chronic kidney disease) development

CKD was defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m², that the classification of CKD depending on GFR value consists of Stage 1 — normal GFR (above 90 mL/min/1.73 m²) with persistent microalbumin, Stage 2 — GFR 60–89 mL/min/1.73 m² with persistent microalbumin, Stage 3 — GFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m², Stage 4 — GFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m², and Stage 5 — GFR below 15 mL/min/1.73 m² or end-stage renal disease (ESRD) [11].

The other, CKD stages have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 stages / First stage, middle stage, final stage / Mild stage, moderate stage, severe stage / Zinc induced CKD stages of mild stage, moderate stage, and severe stage have the probability of CKD regression and mortality far exceeded the risk of progression or kidney failure that CKD regression may be at least as common as CKD progression or kidney failure for mild to severe CKD [12]. Thus, low dietary zinc intake for normal renal function may increase the risk of CKD development.

Accordingly, CKD was defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m². Stage 1 CKD; eGFR 90 or greater, Stage 2 CKD; eGFR between 60 and 89, Stage 3 CKD; eGFR between 30 and 59, Stage 4; eGFR between 15 and 29, and Stage 5 CKD; eGFR less than 15.

3. Zinc induced immunological and neurological CKD prevention

Zinc induced immunological CKD that reduced renal function resulting from CKD causes marked alterations in the immune system, including inflammation and acquired immunosuppression. The immunosuppressed state accounts determine the morbidity and the mortality that is associated with CKD that the immune dysregulation was previously attributed to the effects of hemodialysis of the loss of kidney functions on immune responses may affect general immunity [13]. The kidney disease has important immune-mediated concepts of systemic immune and autoimmune disorders, including systemic autoimmunity and vasculitis, immune complex-related serum sickness and complement disorders with normal Zn 40-90 μg/dL immunity status.

CKD patients suffer from several neurological complications, including dementia, cognitive impairment, motor abnormalities, depression, and mood and sleep disturbances. Further, peripheral nervous system, have been suggested to impair neurotransmission, and thereby contribute to the neurological complications in CKD that are warranted for investigating the role of individual uremic toxins in causing the neurological complications [14]. In addition, elemental toxic zinc status in CKD development is under without Zn deficiency and Zn excess that plasma zinc levels and serum zinc levels are 0.82 ±0.04μg/mL, 43.4 mg/dL. (lower serum zinc levels), respectively, in which low plasma zinc levels in CKD patients and abnormal blood-zinc level are the result of anemia [15].

Zinc(II) has many effective actions for its antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, immunomodulatory, and antiviral activities that health human body is maintained by having neuroimmunology with immune system and neurological pathlogy, in which zinc ions promote immune system responses, neurogenesis, and antioxidant effects. Zinc(II) ions could prevent to CKD that zinc can prevent the oxidative stress and the inflammatory response, the intensification of the immune response [16]. Zinc deficiency (ZnD) is a risk factor for CKD progression with the recommended zinc dose ranges from 1.5 to 7.7 mmol/day or 1 mg/kg/day in which 30 mg/day of zinc supplementation may benefit in the medication and prevention of the CKD [17]. Renal effect of zinc-activated metallothionein is involved in a significant positive correlation between metallothionen and eGFR, which is possibly influenced by Zn [18]. As low zinc intake has a significantly increased risk of incident CKD, the mean daily zinc intake and zinc intake density are assumed to be adapted to 8.6 ± 3.4 mg and 4.4 ± 0.9 mg/1000 kcal, respectively [19].

Thus, CKD prevention research should become therapeutic implications in the CKD prevention with immense importance of CKD-associated immunological and neurological complications.

4. Zinc induced neuroimmunological suppressive CKD progression with Stage 2～3A, 3B at 80～60～39 eGFR

All stages of CKD are correlated with increased risks of cardiovascular morbidity, premature mortality, have multiple atherosclerosis risk factors of inflammation, oxidative stress, in which Zn supplementation is benefited the nutritional status of HD patients providing anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects and the Cholinergic Anti-inflammatory Pathway (CAP) is a neuroimmune pathway, containing the neuroimmune circuit and kidney disease for treating kidney disease [20].

Zinc induced reduced plasma zinc level, serum creatinine concentration in stage 2, 3 of CKD progressing have an anti-fibrotic effect in the liver and lungs that zinc may reduce the risk of fibrosis in patients with CKD and delay CKD progression, in which fibrosis in CKD is a progressive process that worsens not only the kidneys but also the heart, leading to zinc deficiency caused necrosis of kidney cells and exacerbated fibrosis by increasing kidney inflammation [21].

Serum zinc is 52.8 μg/dL at eGFR 30-44 that the serum zinc level is shown to be at CKD 2～3A, 3B Stage [22]. Low dietary zinc intake may increase the risk of CKD development in individuals with normal renal function that the mean serum Zn concentration in patients on maintenance HD was significantly with the cut-off point of 70 μg/dL [23]. In the patients, plasma zinc and serum creatinine concentrations are reduced in patients with chronic renal failure and zinc deficiency may be related to the degree of renal insufficiency [24].

The effect of zinc intake on serum zinc level 76 mg/dL, eGFR 30-59 and serum creatinine concentration at CKD mild stage becomes that Zinc intake <11 mg/Day and ≥11 mg/Day are Serum creatine 0.99 and 0.97 mg/dL, respectively [25]. The protective effect of zinc is an effective clinical approach to reduce progression of vascular calcification (VC) and cardiovascular disease (CVD) in patients with CKD that zinc supplement (ZnSO₄) ameliorated the osteoinductive effects of uremic serum in VC and vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) with CKD patients [26].

Patients excreting large amounts of urinary protein should be considered at high risk for renal disease progression, in which
the upper limit of normal for total urinary protein excretion is 150 mg/24 h and the normal amount of albumin excretion is <30 mg/day (<20 g/min). Persistent albumin excretion between 30 and 300 mg/day (20–200 g/min) is considered microalbuminuria. Values >300 mg/day are considered overt proteinuria or macroalbuminuria. Zinc could reduce urinary protein excretion and/or minimize proteinuria excretion in an important proteinuric CKD [27].

Zinc may reduce proteinuria in CKD that zinc levels are lower in CKD and account for zinc imbalance in CKD, in which this factor of urinary zinc excretion may be involved that an increase in zinc’s binding to alpha2-macroglobulin may reduce the amount of ultra-filterable zinc [28, 29]. Thus, zinc-deficiency at Stage 2-3 is that urinary zinc excretion was significantly higher in CKD patients and zinc fractional excretion was stable in the early stage of CKD, then a sudden and strong increase was seen in stage 3 patients [30].

Accordingly, at Stage 2–3, zinc supplementation (30 mg/day) may be beneficial for nutritional status in CKD children and adolescents, in which zinc could reduce urinary protein excretion composed of albumin and/or minimize proteinuria excretion in a proteinuric CKD.

5. Zinc induced suppressive CKD progressing of Stage 4 at eGFR=29~15.

In CKD 4-5 stage, risk of CVD become higher that Zn supplementation in the process of recovery from CVDs would be most beneficial primarily for the prevention and appropriate dietary recommendations can attain sufficient levels of dietary Zn in daily diets and potentially diminish the risk of developing CVDs [31]. Zinc supplementation of 25 mg/day in zinc homeostasis has a beneficial effect for CVD in vascular dysfunction [32].

Zinc induced neuroimmunological suppressive CKD progression may be accomplished that CKD is slowly progressive and leads neph loss, end-stage renal disease and pre-dialysis. Zinc intake has been shown to occur increased urinary excretion that the effect of zinc supplementation on kidney function in advanced stage CKD and pre-dialysis CKD is needed to determine [33]. Plasma zinc and urine zinc contents decrease with CKD progressing that urine zinc-deficiency with urinary zinc excretion in CKD can be reduced and stopped in renal activity.

Zinc balance in uremic animals is primarily determined by nutritional zinc, in which the inverse association between urinary zinc excretion and uromodulin possibly points to an impaired tubular activity, which could partly account for zinc imbalance in CKD and zinc levels are lower in CKD by reduced renal zinc excretion [34].

Thus, zinc supplementation greater than 45 mg/day may be necessary to increase the serum zinc level in hemodialysis patients.

As zinc levels are lower in CKD, and not compensated by reduced renal zinc excretion and uromodulin possibly points which could partly account for zinc imbalance in CKD [28].

Accordingly, at CKD Stage 4, zinc intake of 30 mg/day and serum zinc level of 60–76 μg/dL could slow down CKD progression.

6. Zinc induced nutritional CKD Stage 5 (eGFR < 15) and ESRD

At ESRD Stage, in order to optimize care for neurological and renal improved outcomes, considering with brain-kidney interactions may be necessary for renal function and outcomes after neurological injury [35]. Zinc supplementation benefits the nutritional status of maintenance hemodialysis (MHD), leads to an anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidative effect in MHD [36].

CKD on cerebrovascular and neurological complications has been identified to the factor the uraemic toxins accumulated in the blood in ESRD [37]. The causes of PEW in dialysis patient with nutritional problems in CKD Stage 5 are involved that morbidity and mortality in HD patients can be reduced, early administration of nutritional support and a rationalized timing of Oral Nutritional Supplement (ONS) consumption may improve the efficacy of nutritional support. The main perspectives for the treatment of PEW during dialysis may be the development of specific ONS for dialysis patients, a multimodal therapy including nutritional support, exercise, anabolic agents and the use of daily dialysis in selected HD patients [38].

Serum zinc (Zn) levels tend to be low in CKD patients that Zinc induced end-stage renal disease (ESRD) is involved in eGFR below 15 ml/min/1.73 m² or ESRD that the mean Zn level was 59.6 μg/dl and the median eGFR was 20.3 ml/min/ 1.73 m² [39].

Moreover, zinc supplementation reduces urinary albumin excretion and zinc supplementation may protect against the exacerbation of renal dysfunction, in which CKD is a significant risk factor for end-stage renal disease (ESRD) and cardiovascular disease (CVD) and prevention of CKD progression [39].

In addition, elemental toxic zinc plays a role for hemodialysis in CKD renal failure that serum zinc levels are 86.83 μg/dl before HD, 82.70 after HD, serum creatinine levels 12.46 before HD, 5.90 mg/dl after HD, in which reduction of serum zinc levels in CKD patients, increase of serum zinc levels in uremic patients after HD, and average blood concentrations of important trace elements like copper and zinc are recognized in hemodialysis patients [40].

Zinc induced ESRD functional activity is involved that Serum zinc concentration is baseline serum zinc levels: tertile, <45, 45–59, and ≥60 μg/dl, Zn level was 59.6 μg/dl and the median eGFR was 20.3 ml/min/ 1.73 m², serum zinc and serum albumin levels are 37.4 ± 5.4 and 2.6 ± 0.6 μg/dL, respectively, in which Zinc 15 mg/day and Selenium 50–70 μg/day are recommended such as micronutrient supply in adult patients on hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis and in children with hemodialysis patients aged between 5 and 18 years old, given daily zinc supplementation of 50–100 mg for 90 days found that serum zinc was significantly increased from 53.2 ± 8.15 to 90.75 ± 12.2 μg/dL (p<0.001). In addition, serum zinc level in HD patient has been recommended as a serum zinc range (≤78.3 μg/dL) [22]. Thus, zinc can prevent ESRD, in which serum zinc range (≤78.3 μg/dL) and daily zinc supplementation of 50–100 mg for 90 days found that serum zinc was significantly increased from 53.2 ± 8.15 to 90.75 ± 12.2 μg/dL (p=0.001), and Zinc 15 mg/day and Selenium 50–70 μg/day are recommended as micronutrient supply.

Accordingly, zinc intake of 45-75 mg/day and serum zinc level of ≤78.3 μg/dL are beneficial for HD and MHD patients, in which Zinc 15 mg/day and Selenium 50–70 μg/day that are recommended may be thought to prevent ESRD stage.

7. Zinc induced ROS generation in CKD progression

Zinc induced NAD(P)H oxidase activation occurring ROS generation in CKD cell involves assembly of enzyme’s membrane-associated subunits with cytosolic subunits that ROS are by-products of aerobic metabolism and include the superoxide anion (O₂⁻), hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), and hydroxyl radicals (OH•), and in the kidney, mitochondria and the NOX family are the major sources of endogenous ROS. For NADPH Oxidases, seven different NOX homologues have been characterized (NOX1–NOX5, DUOX1, and DUOX2) with different activation mechanisms, heterogeneous tissue distribution and subcellular localizations. NOX4 is the principal NOX isoform in the kidney [41]. NAD(P)H Oxidase is activated by ROS production in endothelial vascular smooth muscle and renal parenchymal cells that zinc induced NADPH oxidase activation can reduce chronic
inflammation and oxidative stress in CKD [42]. The other, NADPH oxidases play a critical role in kidney damage and Nox2-containing NADPH oxidase plays a role in cyclosporine induced kidney damage, while Nox4-containing NADPH oxidase is involved in diabetes-induced kidney damage [43].

8. Zinc ions-proteins binding molecular mechanism with CKD suppressive development

Zinc induced zinc ions-proteins interaction complexes are formed that Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions tend to bind many proteins by zinc ions-protein interaction in CKD blood. The zinc ions complexes may play important role that Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions-protein complexes are liable to form for this Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions-centered coordination pattern that the zinc-coordinating inhibitor of tetrahedral zine sites is tetrahedrally coordinated binding to such as the catalytic triad of zinc-activated Serine, Histidine and Aspartate Hydrogen Residues.

Thus, Zinc(II) ions-binding protein molecular mechanism is involved that Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions-several protein complexes coordinated binding model of ligands of such as albumin, a-macroglobulin and transferrin in several proteins had been found on the binding specificity by Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions-centered tetrahedral geometric coordination for this Zn\textsuperscript{2+} ions-centered coordination pattern that the decrease of circulating zinc levels in CKD is partly caused by renal losses of zinc, becoming zinc-deficiency in CKD, and possibly due to impairment in tubular reabsorption.

Accordingly, as mentioned above, zinc induced nutritional and neuroimmunological renal effects on CKD prevention and CKD suppressive development with CKD Stage 2~3, CKD Stage 4, and CKD Stage 5 ESRD, respectively, are represented in Table 1, including the zinc ions-binding molecular mechanism.

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9. Conclusions

Zinc(II) induced nutritional, neuroimmunological renal activities for CKD prevention and suppressive CKD progression with CKD Stage 2, Stage 3A and 3B, Stage 4, and Stage 5, ESRD are elucidated, subsequently the zinc induced binding protein molecular mechanism has been clarified.

Zinc induced nutritional, immunological, and neurological CKD prevention is involved that zinc supplementation with 30 mg/day may benefit a metabolic improvement, a decrease in CVD, the neurologic function, and prevention of the CKD. The role of zinc in neurological diseases CKD prevention research should become likely therapeutic CKD prevention implications with immense importance of CKD-associated immunological and neurological complications.

Zinc induced nutritional, neuroimmunological suppressive CKD progression with Stage 2~3A,3B is involved that Zn supplementation is benefited the nutritional status of hemodialysis (HD) patients providing anti-inflammatory and antioxidant effects, containing the neuroimmune circuit with kidney disease. Zinc supplementation (30 mg/day) may be beneficial for nutritional status in CKD children and adolescents, in which at the level of urinary protein excretion, zinc could reduce kidney protein excretion composed of albumin and/or minimize proteinuria excretion in an important therapeutic management of proteinuria CKD.

Zinc induced neuroimmunological CKD suppressive progressing of Stage 4 is involved that CKD is slowly progressive and leads irreversible nephrosis, end-stage renal disease and pre-dialysis. In CKD 4-5 stage, risk of CVD become higher that Zn supplementation in the process of recovery from CVDs would be most beneficial primarily for the prevention and appropriate dietary recommendations can attain sufficient levels of dietary Zn in daily diets and potentially diminish the risk of developing CVDs and zinc supplementation of 25 mg/day in zinc homeostasis has a beneficial effect for CVD in vascular dysfunction. Thus, zinc intake of 30 mg/day and serum zinc level of 60~76 μg/dL could slow down CKD progression.

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In addition, elemental toxic zinc plays a role for hemodialysis in CKD renal failure.

Thus, zinc intake of 45-75 mg/day and serum zinc level of ≤78.3 μg/dL are beneficial for HD and MHD patients, in which Zinc 15 mg/day and Selenium 50–70 μg/day that are recommended may be thought to be able to prevent ESRD stage, and elemental toxic zinc plays specially for HD in CKD renal failure.

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Abbreviations:
ACR=albumin-to-creatinine ratio, AKI=acute kidney injury, BMI=body mass index, BP= blood pressure, CAP=Cholinergic Anti-Inflammatory Pathway, CKD=chronic kidney disease, CAPD=chronic ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, CFR=chronic renal failure, CRP=C-reactive protein, CVD=cardiovascular disease, DM=diabetes mellitus, DN=diabetic nephropathy, GFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate, ESRD=end-stage renal disease, FE=fractional excretion, HD= hemodialysis, MHD=maintenance hemodialysis, NADPH= nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate, Nox=NAPDH oxidase, O2=oxidative stress, PEW=Protein-Energy Wasting, PSD=postsynaptic density, RCTs=randomized controlled trials, RDA=recommended dietary allowance, ROS=reactive oxygen species, VC=vascular calcification, VSMCs=vascular smooth muscle cells, ZnD=zinc deficiency.

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