

# Altered metabolism of serum Manganese is associated with Low levels of Hemoglobin in the patients with Chronic Kidney Disease

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## Background

Manganese (Mn) is associated with iron deficiency or anemia. Although anemia is a common manifestation of CKD, it has barely been established whether blood Mn level have some effect on anemia in CKD patients or not. The purpose of this study is to analyze the relationship between blood Mn level and anemia in the patients with CKD

## Method

This study was a cross-sectional study based on the patients with CKD. Total 426 patients with CKD were included in single center from March 2014 to January 2016. We excluded patients with missing values and evidence of acute illness like pneumonia, urinary tract infection or bleeding. They were divided into two groups by blood manganese level, 8.0 ug/L, according to the reference range of the hospital laboratory policy.

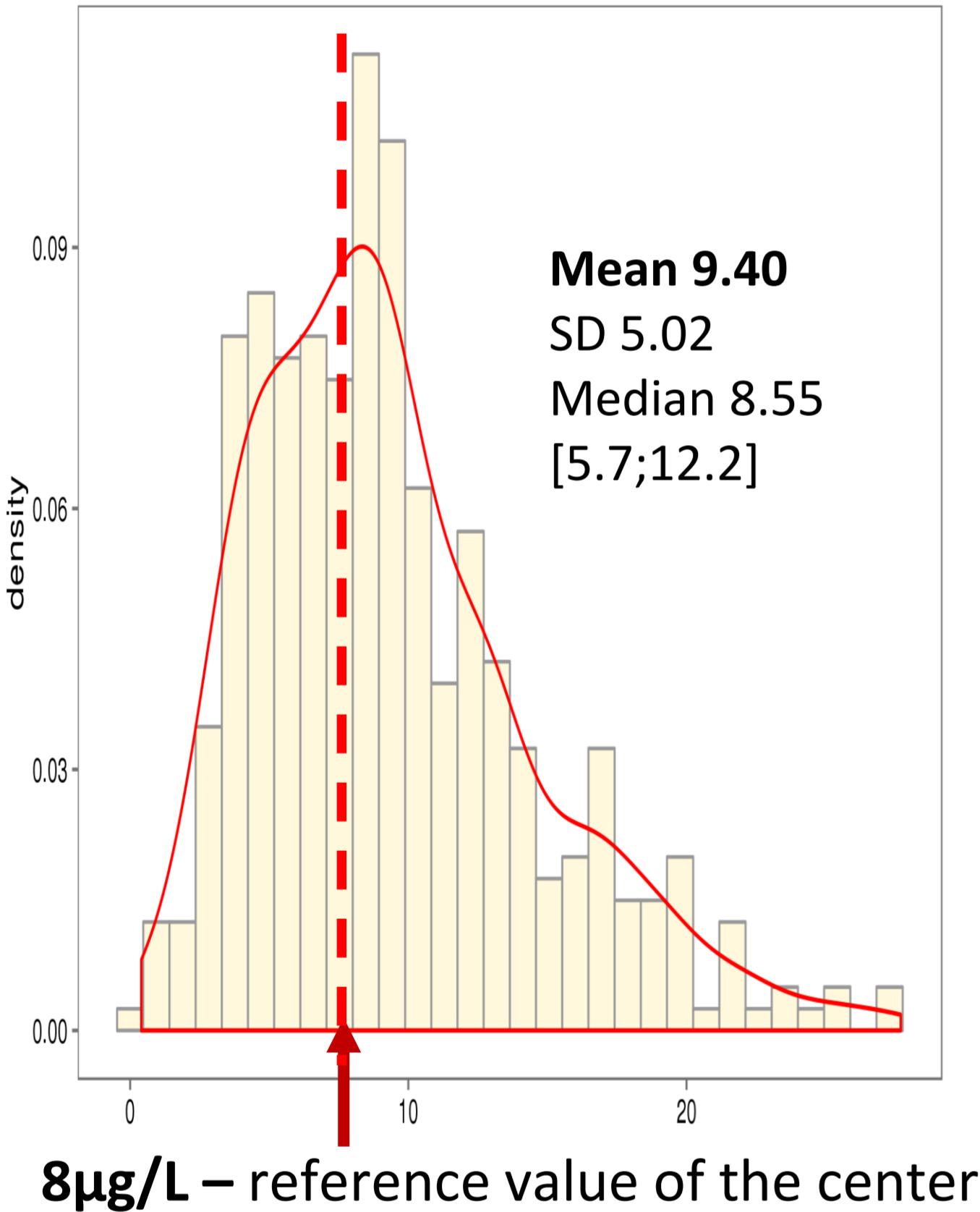


Figure 1. Distribution of blood Mn

## Result

Table 1. Basal characteristics and comparison between Mn groups

Total number	Total (n=426)	Low Mn (<8 ug/L) (n=182)	High Mn (≥8ug/L) (n=244)	P value
<b>Male, n(%)</b>	199 (46.7)	99 (54.4)	100 (41.0)	0.008
<b>Age</b>	61.3 ± 18.2	64.4 ± 17.9	59.0 ± 18.2	0.002
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	23.9 ± 4.4	23.8 ± 4.6	24.0 ± 4.3	0.760
<b>Smoking, n(%)</b>	95 (22.3)	52 (28.6)	43 (17.6)	0.010
<b>Hypertension, n(%)</b>	292 (68.5)	137 (75.3)	155 (63.5)	0.013
<b>Diabetes, n(%)</b>	194 (45.5)	99 (54.4)	95 (38.9)	0.002
<b>Cardiovasc. Dz, n(%)</b>	49 (11.5)	23 (12.6)	26 (10.7)	0.642
<b>PAD, n(%)</b>	7 (1.6)	4 (2.2)	3 (1.2)	0.695
<b>Chronic HF, n(%)</b>	27 (6.3)	11 (6.0)	16 (6.6)	0.989
<b>CVD, n(%)</b>	61 (14.3)	32 (17.6)	29 (11.9)	0.128
<b>Malignancy, n(%)</b>	46 (10.8)	25 (13.7)	21 (8.6)	0.130
<b>Hypothyroidism, n(%)</b>	30 (7.0)	14 (7.7)	16 (6.6)	0.794
<b>Medication</b>				
<b>ACEi or ARB, n(%)</b>	192 (46.4)	85 (48.6)	107 (44.8)	0.505
<b>CCB, n(%)</b>	172 (41.5)	88 (50.3)	84 (35.1)	0.003
<b>Beta blocker, n(%)</b>	129 (31.2)	68 (38.9)	61 (25.5)	0.005
<b>Diuretics, n(%)</b>	175 (42.3)	93 (53.1)	82 (34.3)	<0.001
<b>Aspirin, n(%)</b>	68 (16.5)	29 (16.7)	39 (16.3)	1.000
<b>Statin, n(%)</b>	88 (21.3)	45 (25.6)	43 (18.1)	0.085
<b>Omega-3 agent, n(%)</b>	10 (2.4)	4 (2.3)	6 (2.5)	1.000
<b>Fenofibrate, n(%)</b>	5 (1.2)	2 (1.1)	3 (1.3)	1.000
<b>Laboratory findings</b>				
<b>Anemia, n(%)</b>	192 (46.4)	155 (85.2)	146 (59.8)	<0.001
<b>Hemoglobin (g/dL)</b>	11.1 ± 2.3	10.0 ± 2.2	11.8 ± 2.1	<0.001
<b>Hematocrit (%)</b>	32.3 ± 6.8	29.0 ± 6.5	34.7 ± 5.9	<0.001
<b>RDW (%)</b>	13.7 ± 2.3	13.8 ± 1.8	13.6 ± 2.7	0.246
<b>BUN (mg/dL)</b>	45.1 ± 34.8	59.0 ± 38.5	34.7 ± 27.6	<0.001
<b>Cr (mg/dL)</b>	3.8 ± 3.4	4.8 ± 3.8	3.0 ± 2.9	<0.001
<b>eGFR (ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	42.6 ± 41.9	30.6 ± 36.9	51.5 ± 43.2	<0.001
<b>RRT, n(%)</b>				0.001
<b>No</b>	327 (76.7)	151 (83.0)	176 (72.1)	
<b>HD</b>	66 (15.5)	14 (7.7)	52 (21.3)	
<b>PD</b>	18 (4.2)	12 (6.6)	6 (2.5)	
<b>KT</b>	15 (3.5)	5 (2.7)	10 (4.1)	
<b>Serum total protein(g/dl)</b>	6.4 ± 0.9	6.2 ± 1.0	6.6 ± 0.9	<0.001
<b>Serum albumin (g/d)</b>	3.5 ± 0.7	3.4 ± 0.7	3.7 ± 0.7	<0.001
<b>Serum Manganese(ug/L)</b>	8.6 [5.7; 12.2]	5.1 ± 1.7	12.6 ± 4.2	<0.001
<b>Serum Zinc (ug/dL)</b>	68.3 [56.9; 78.9]	62.6 ± 18.0	73.3 ± 30.1	<0.001
<b>fT4 (ng/dL)</b>	1.4 ± 5.0	1.1 ± 0.3	1.6 ± 6.6	0.261
<b>TSH (uIU/mL)</b>	7.3 ± 87.2	3.5 ± 8.0	10.2 ± 114.8	0.374
<b>TC (mg/dL)</b>	166.8 ± 60.1	162.9 ± 61.7	169.9 ± 58.8	0.238
<b>TG (mg/dL)</b>	146.0 ± 112.7	141.3 ± 100.1	149.5 ± 121.5	0.450
<b>HDL (mg/dL)</b>	39.6 ± 23.6	35.7 ± 15.9	42.6 ± 27.8	0.002
<b>LDL (mg/dL)</b>	94.3 ± 45.9	94.6 ± 50.7	94.1 ± 42.0	0.913
<b>Fe (ug/dL)</b>	59.4 ± 43.3	59.5 ± 36.1	59.3 ± 48.0	0.958
<b>Ferritin (ng/ml)</b>	300.5 ± 591.5	338.8 ± 608.9	271.3 ± 577.5	0.247
<b>High ferritin (&gt; 100)</b>	298 (70.0)	147 (80.8)	151 (61.9)	<0.001
<b>TIBC (ug/dL)</b>	235.8 ± 67.0	216.8 ± 58.5	250.1 ± 69.5	<0.001
<b>Transferrin (mg/dL)</b>	193.7 ± 53.9	179.9 ± 49.9	204.1 ± 54.7	<0.001
<b>TSAT</b>	26.0 ± 17.0	28.4 ± 18.2	24.1 ± 15.9	0.010
<b>High TSAT (&gt; 20 %)</b>	243 (57.0)	117 (64.3)	126 (51.6)	0.012
<b>CRP (mg/L)</b>	36.5 ± 74.3	38.6 ± 75.4	35.0 ± 73.6	0.624
<b>HbA1c (%)</b>	6.2 ± 1.5	6.2 ± 1.4	6.2 ± 1.5	0.833
<b>ALP (IU/L)</b>	263.8 ± 146.1	238.8 ± 103.4	282.5 ± 169.0	0.001
<b>iPTH (pg/mL)</b>	92.1 ± 165.9	109.4 ± 125.9	79.0 ± 190.0	0.050
<b>1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub> Vit.D (pg/mL)</b>	19.6 ± 9.1	17.4 ± 7.6	21.3 ± 9.7	<0.001
<b>25(OH)Vit.D (ng/mL)</b>	12.8 ± 19.9	12.7 ± 28.8	12.8 ± 8.6	0.957

Table 2. Factors associated with Anemia

Risk factor	Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	OR (95% CI)	P value	OR (95% CI)	P value
<b>Higher Mn level (≥8μg/L)</b>	0.260 (0.160 – 0.420)	0.000	0.396 (0.221 – 0.710)	<b>&lt;0.002</b>
<b>Smoking</b>	0.872 (0.532 – 1.429)	0.587	0.565 (0.305 – 1.048)	0.070
<b>Hypertension</b>	3.130 (2.017 – 4.857)	0.000	1.337 (0.736 – 2.429)	0.341
<b>Diabetes</b>	3.582 (2.250 – 5.702)	0.000	1.723 (0.946 – 3.138)	0.075
<b>Renal replacement therapy</b>	0.876 (0.531 – 1.447)	0.606	3.753 (1.818 – 7.747)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>CKD stage</b>				
- CKD grade 1 (eGFR > 90)	Reference		Reference	
- CKD grade 2 (60 < eGFR ≤ 90)	1.994 (0.967 – 4.111)	0.062	1.846 (0.854 – 3.988)	0.119
- CKD grade 3 (30 < eGFR ≤ 60)	3.404 (1.670 – 6.936)	0.001	2.789 (1.225 – 6.347)	<b>0.015</b>
- CKD grade 4 (15 < eGFR ≤ 30)	8.800 (3.995 – 19.384)	0.000	6.953 (2.736 – 17.668)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
- CKD grade 5 (eGFR ≤ 15)	17.506 (8.728 – 35.112)	0.000	20.586 (8.258 – 51.321)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
<b>TSAT (&gt;20%)</b>	0.664 (0.432 – 1.021)	0.062	0.492 (0.291 – 0.832)	<b>0.008</b>
<b>Ferritin (&gt;100)</b>	2.218 (1.428 – 3.446)	0.000	1.146 (0.649 – 2.023)	0.638

Table 3. Clinical data of RRT and non-RRT group analyzed by blood Mn level

(A) Patients who without receiving RRT

No RRT (n=327)	Low Mn (N=151)	High Mn (N=176)	P value
<b>Male</b>	80 (53.0%)	79 (44.9%)	0.177
<b>Age</b>	65.0 ± 18.4	56.8 ± 19.0	<0.001
<b>Zn</b>	61.9 ± 18.1	72.6 ± 21.1	<0.001
<b>Smoking</b>	44 (29.1%)	34 (19.3%)	0.052
<b>HbP</b>	110 (72.8%)	97 (55.1%)	0.001
<b>DM</b>	74 (49.0%)	60 (34.1%)	0.009
<b>Anemia, yes</b>	129 (85.4%)	100 (56.8%)	<0.001
<b>Hb</b>	9.9 ± 2.2	12.0 ± 2.2	<0.001
<b>Cr</b>	4.3 ± 3.3	2.1 ± 2.1	<0.001
<b>eGFR</b>	33.8 ± 38.3	64.5 ± 42.9	<0.001
<b>CKDGr5</b>			<0.001
- 1	17 (11.3%)	55 (31.2%)	
- 2	14 (9.3%)	36 (20.5%)	
- 3	19 (12.6%)	31 (17.6%)	
- 4	26 (17.2%)	25 (14.2%)	
- 5	75 (49.7%)	29 (16.5%)	
<b>Total Protein</b>	6.2 ± 1.0	6.6 ± 0.9	<0.