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CARDIORENAL SYNDROME: AN INTEGRATIVE FRAMEWORK FROM MOLECULAR PATHOGENESIS TO CLINICAL OUTCOMES AND PROGNOSIS

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Annotation

Cardiorenal syndrome (CRS) represents a spectrum of clinical conditions in which acute or chronic dysfunction of the heart or kidneys induces dysfunction in the other organ, ultimately leading to worsening morbidity and mortality. This article reviews the classification and clinical manifestations of CRS, its major pathogenetic mechanisms—including neurohormonal activation, venous congestion, inflammation, oxidative stress, and endothelial dysfunction—as well as current insights from genetic and multi-omics research. The prognostic implications of these mechanisms and their role in guiding therapeutic strategies are also critically evaluated.

Key words

Cardiorenal Syndrome, Heart failure, endothelial dysfunction

1. Introduction and Classification

Cardiorenal syndrome refers to a bidirectional pathophysiological interaction in which primary or secondary dysfunction of the heart contributes to renal impairment, or conversely, renal pathology worsens cardiac function. According to the widely used classification, five subtypes of CRS are recognized:

Type I: Acute cardiac dysfunction leading to acute kidney injury (AKI);

Type II: Chronic heart failure causing progressive chronic kidney disease (CKD);

Type III: Acute kidney injury resulting in acute cardiac dysfunction;

Type IV: Chronic kidney disease promoting chronic cardiac disease;

Type V: Systemic conditions (e.g., sepsis, systemic inflammatory disorders) simultaneously causing cardiac and renal dysfunction.

This classification serves as a practical framework for understanding disease mechanisms and selecting management strategies.

2. Clinical Characteristics and Epidemiology

CRS is common among patients with heart failure (HF) and chronic systemic diseases. Co-occurrence of HF and AKI significantly increases disease severity,

length of hospital stay, and mortality risk. Observational registries demonstrate that renal dysfunction in HF patients predicts higher rates of hospitalization and readmission, while CKD patients are at increased risk of cardiac events, arrhythmias, and heart failure progression.

3. Pathogenetic Mechanisms: How the Heart and Kidneys Harm Each Other

CRS pathogenesis is multifactorial and involves several interacting mechanisms:

Venous Congestion and Hemodynamic Changes

Elevated central venous pressure in acute or chronic HF reduces glomerular perfusion pressure, leading to renal hypoxia and functional decline. Clinical data show a direct correlation between venous congestion severity and worse renal outcomes.

Neurohormonal Activation (RAAS, SNS, AVP)

Both cardiac and renal dysfunction trigger activation of the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system (RAAS), sympathetic nervous system (SNS), and vasopressin pathways. These promote sodium retention, vasoconstriction, fibrosis, and maladaptive remodeling, exacerbating organ injury.

Inflammation and Oxidative Stress

Increased levels of inflammatory mediators (TNF-α, IL-6, others) and reactive oxygen species contribute to structural injury, fibrosis, and microvascular dysfunction in both organs. This creates a self-perpetuating inflammatory cycle.

Microvascular, Endothelial, and Mitochondrial Dysfunction

Endothelial injury impairs microcirculatory flow, while mitochondrial dysfunction reduces cellular energy production, accelerating organ failure.

Collectively, these mechanisms drive the progression of AKI, CKD, cardiac remodeling, and ultimately poor clinical outcomes.

4. Genetic and Multi-Omics Aspects: Current Knowledge and Limitations

Recent genetic and omics-based studies (GWAS, transcriptomics, epigenomics, proteomics) have provided insights into molecular pathways implicated in CRS:

Genetic Polymorphisms and Disease Susceptibility

Polymorphisms in genes related to RAAS (e.g., ACE, AGT) and inflammatory pathways have been associated with increased susceptibility to CKD or AKI. However, findings are inconsistent across populations, and meta-analyses characterize the evidence as modest.

Insights from Multi-Omics Research

Integrative genomics and transcriptomics have identified metabolic, fibrotic, and immunomodulatory gene clusters activated in CRS. Although promising for

personalized medicine, these findings require larger and replicated population-based studies before clinical application.

Pharmacogenomics

Early studies suggest that genetic variants, such as polymorphisms in SLC5A2, may influence responsiveness to SGLT2 inhibitors. However, evidence remains insufficient for routine clinical use.

Overall, genetic factors likely contribute to CRS pathogenesis, but their prognostic and therapeutic relevance remains limited pending further research.

5. Biomarkers and Prognostic Value

Traditional markers such as serum creatinine and estimated GFR are useful but lack sensitivity for early CRS detection. Therefore, attention has shifted toward novel biomarkers:

NGAL and KIM-1

Both are early markers of AKI, helpful in predicting renal dysfunction following acute cardiac events or cardiac surgery.

Cystatin C, NT-proBNP, and Cardiac Troponins

These reflect renal filtration efficiency and cardiac structural damage. Combined biomarker panels (e.g., cystatin C + BNP) enhance diagnostic and prognostic accuracy.

Prognostic Implications

Novel biomarkers may predict mortality, rehospitalization, AKI progression, and the need for renal replacement therapy, thus guiding individualized treatment decisions.

6. Prognostic Implications for Management and Therapeutic Strategies

Hemodynamic Optimization

Diuretics, vasodilators, and careful fluid management reduce venous congestion, improving renal perfusion. However, diuretic resistance requires special attention.

Neurohormonal Blockade

RAAS inhibitors, beta-blockers, and mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists are established therapies for HF and provide renal protection with careful monitoring. SGLT2 inhibitors have emerged as key agents improving both cardiac and renal outcomes across several clinical trials.

Targeting Inflammation and Mitochondrial Dysfunction

Experimental therapies addressing inflammatory cascades and mitochondrial dysfunction show potential but lack robust clinical evidence.

7. Practical Recommendations and Future Directions

Integrative risk assessment combining clinical parameters, biomarkers, and—eventually—multi-omics data.

Use of biomarker panels for early detection and risk stratification instead of relying solely on creatinine.

Expanded genetic research with large-scale, multiethnic cohorts to validate candidate pathways and pharmacogenomic predictors.

Development of targeted therapies addressing inflammation, mitochondrial dysfunction, and microvascular injury through randomized clinical trials.

8. Conclusion

Cardiorenal syndrome is a complex, bidirectional clinical condition driven by intertwined hemodynamic, neurohormonal, inflammatory, oxidative, and endothelial mechanisms. While biomarkers and omics technologies offer promising tools for diagnosis and prognostic assessment, genetic findings are not yet strong enough for routine clinical application. Early detection, mechanism-based therapy, and personalized management remain essential to improving outcomes in CRS patients.

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