



Cardiovascular disease during pregnancy

- Preeclampsia -



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Hypertensive disorders in Pregnancy

Gestational Hypertension

- SBP \geq 140 or DBP \geq 90 mmHg for first time during pregnancy
- No proteinuria

Preeclampsia

- Hypertension; BP \geq 140/90 mmHg after 20 weeks' gestation
- Proteinuria; \geq 300 mg/24 hrs or \geq 1+dipstick

Eclampsia

- Seizures in a woman with preeclampsia without other causes

Superimposed Preeclampsia on chronic hypertension

- New-onset proteinuria \geq 300mg/24hrs in hypertensive women but no proteinuria before 20 weeks of gestation
- A sudden increase in proteinuria or blood pressure in women with hypertension

Chronic hypertension

- BP \geq 140/90 mmHg before pregnancy or diagnosed before 20 weeks gestation
- Hypertension first diagnosed after 20 weeks gestation and persist after 12 week postpartum

Preeclampsia

“ a *pregnancy-specific syndrome* that can affect virtually every organ system”

secondary to vasospasm and endothelial activation

- **Diagnosis**

- Minimum criteria

- Hypertension**; BP \geq 140/90 mmHg after 20 weeks' gestation

- Proteinuria**; \geq 300 mg/24 hrs or persistent \geq 1+dipstick





Preeclampsia

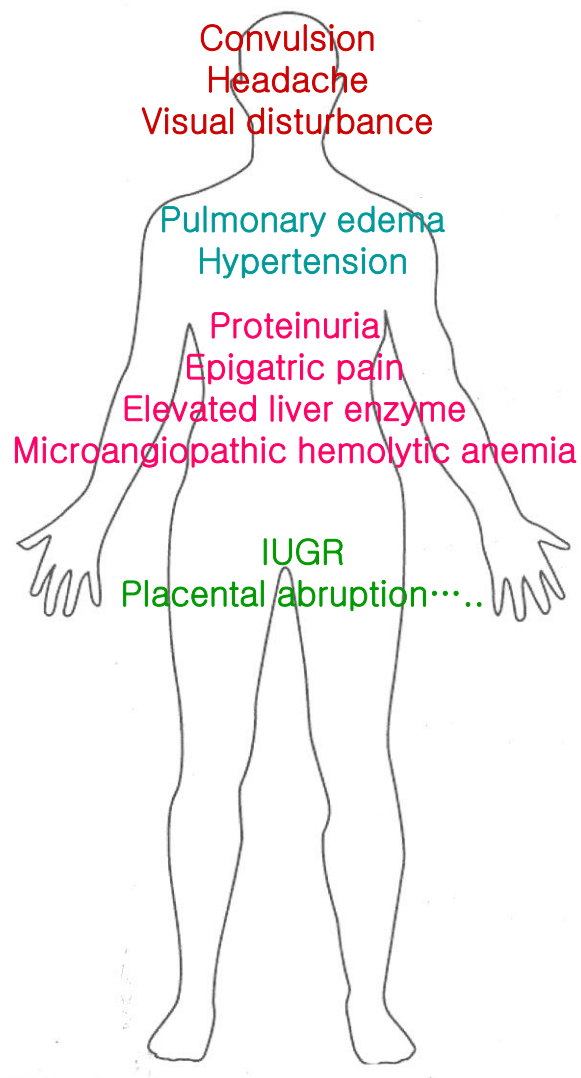
- **Incidence**; 3-5% of all pregnancies
- **Risk factors**
 - Young & nulliparous women
 - Cf. Older women – risk factor for chronic hypertension with superimposed preeclampsia
 - Race / ethnicity – genetic predisposition
 - Environmental, socioeconomic, seasonal influences
 - Obesity, multifetal gestation

Cf. Smoking / Placental previa – reducing the risk



Preeclampsia

Clinical Manifestation ; multiorgan disorders / failure



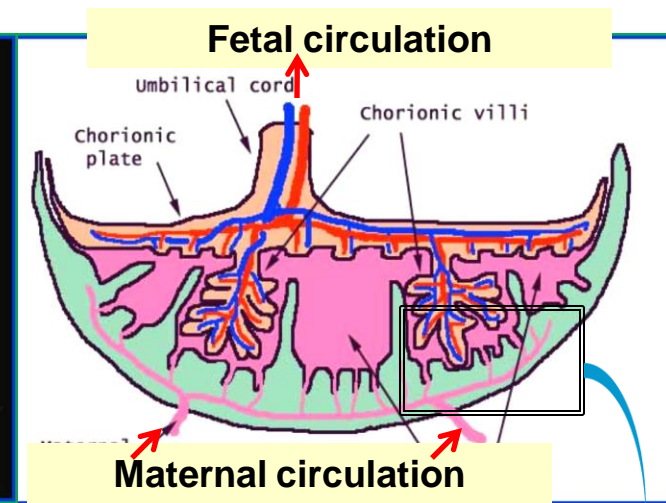
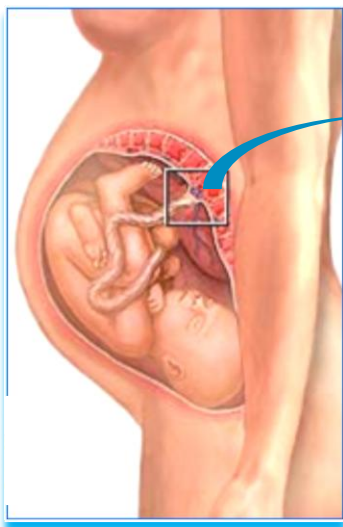


Preeclampsia

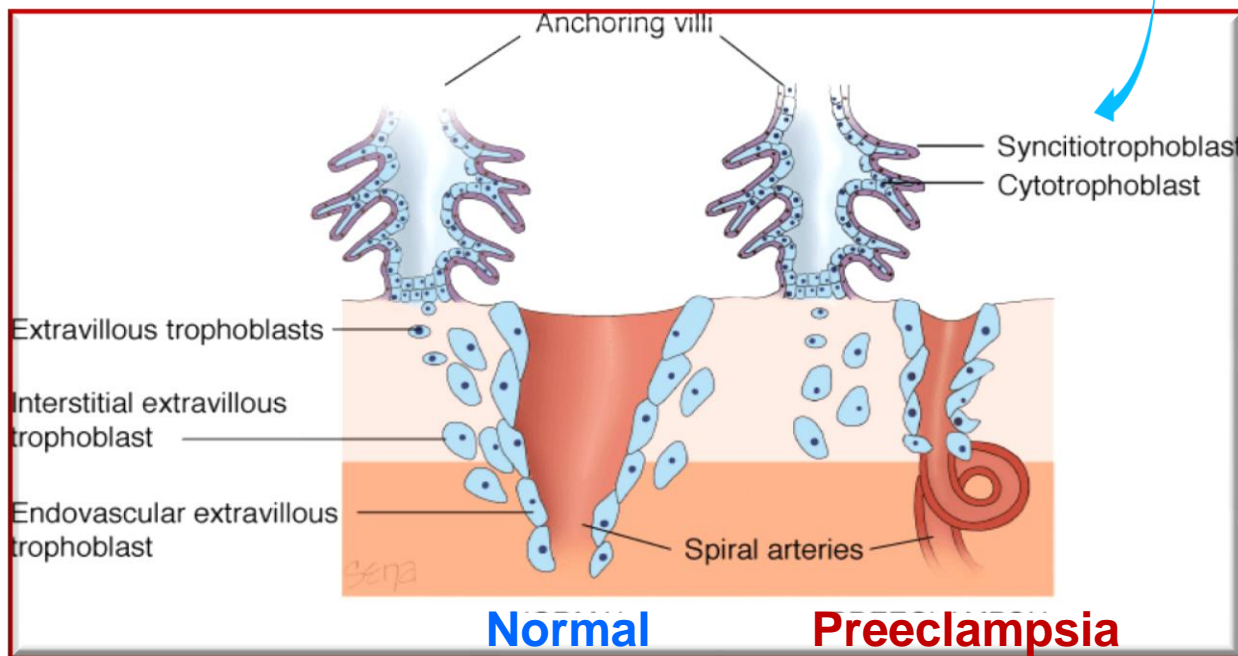
- **Clinical significances of preeclampsia**
 - **High maternal mortality & morbidity**
 - Hypertension, renal failure, hepatic failure, coagulopathy, cardiac failure, HELLP syndrome, seizure etc.
 - **High perinatal mortality & morbidity**
 - Fetal Death in Uterus (FDIU), Fetal growth restriction, Prematurity, Fetal distress etc.



Etiology & Pathogenesis of Preeclampsia ?



Placenta ;
essential source of
preeclampsia





Theories about the pathophysiology or causes of PE

STAGE 1
First half of pregnancy

Poor Placentation



- Immunologic
- Genetic
- Dietary
- Inflammatory

Placental Perfusion ↓



STAGE 2
Second half of pregnancy

Oxidatively Stressed Placenta



Syncytiotrophoblast debris/other factors



- Inflammatory factors
- Prostaglandins
- Nitric oxide
- Endothelins
- sFlt-1
- Neurokinin-B

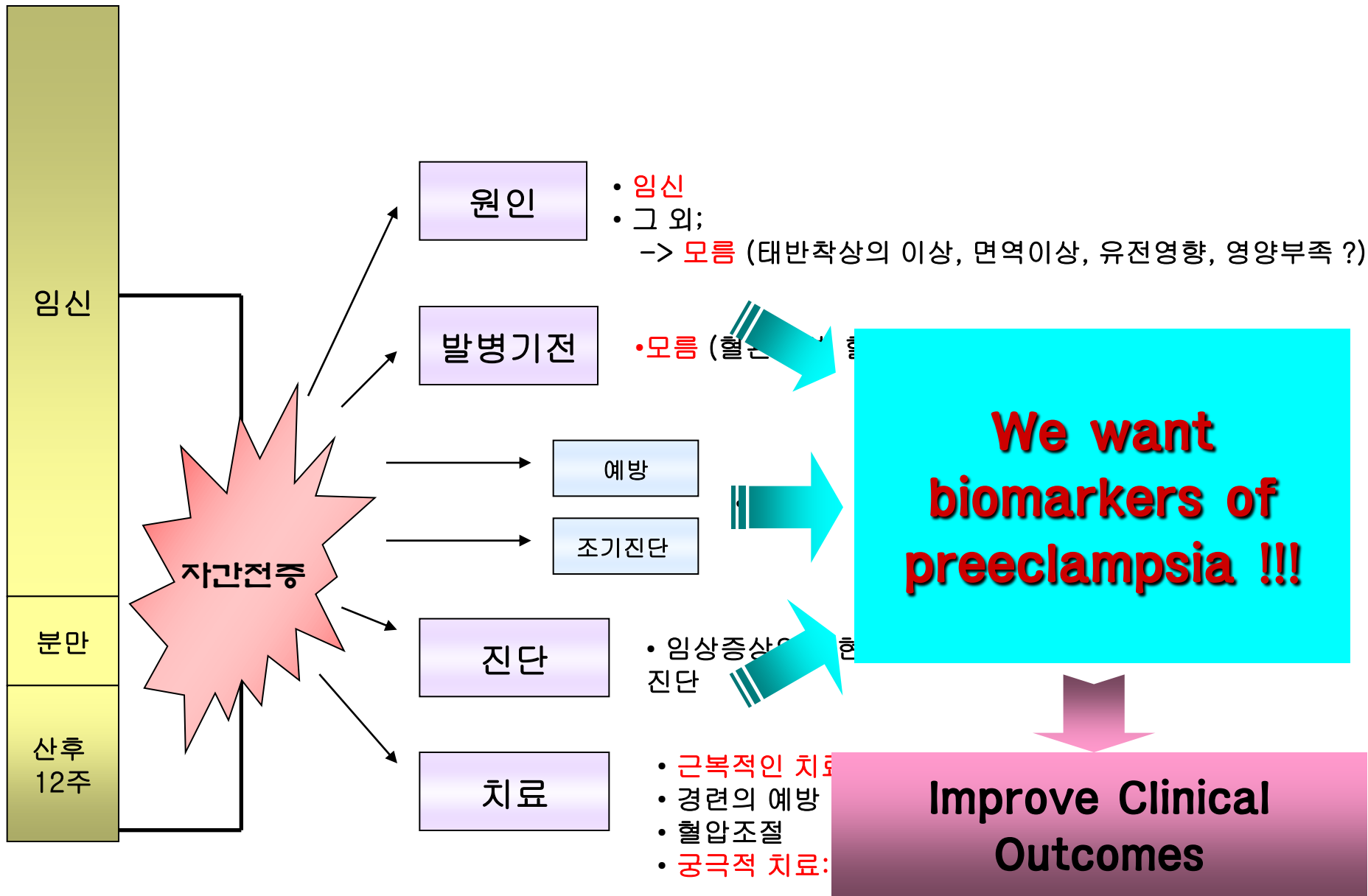
- **Dysfunctional maternal endothelium**
- **Maternal systemic inflammatory response**



Clinical Signs of Preeclampsia



The actual states of Clinical Preeclampsia

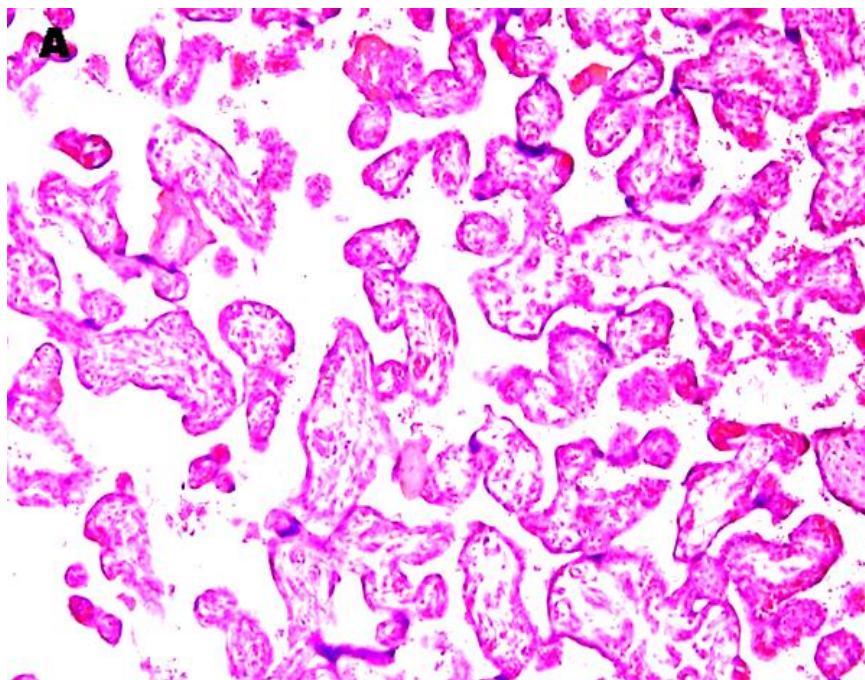




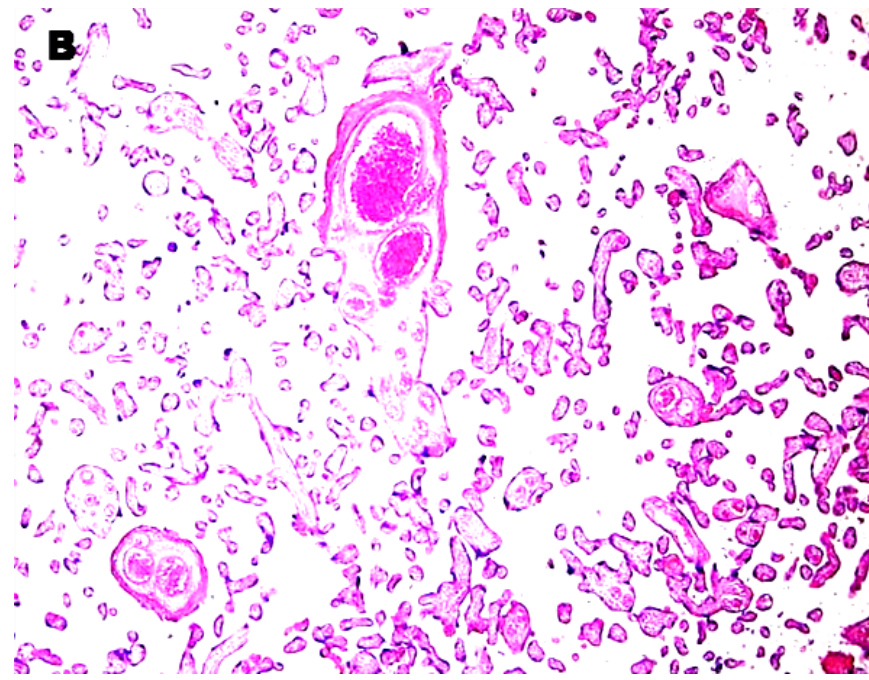
Studies for further understanding of Preeclampsia !!

Morphology of Preeclamptic placentas

LM (H&E stain, x100)



Normal

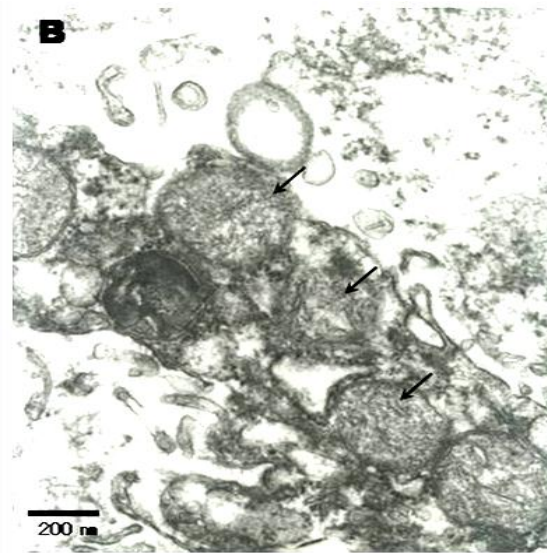
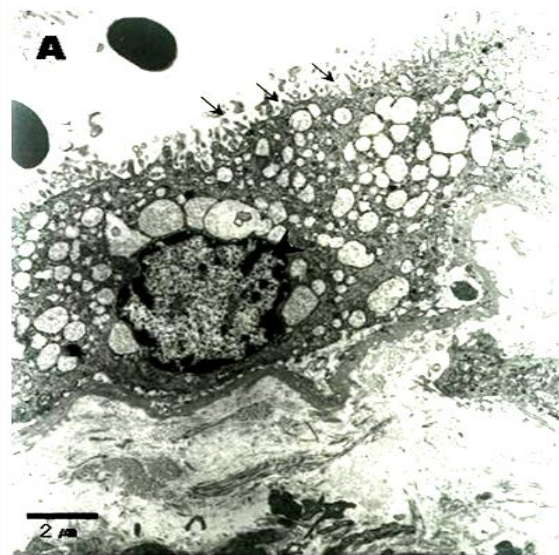


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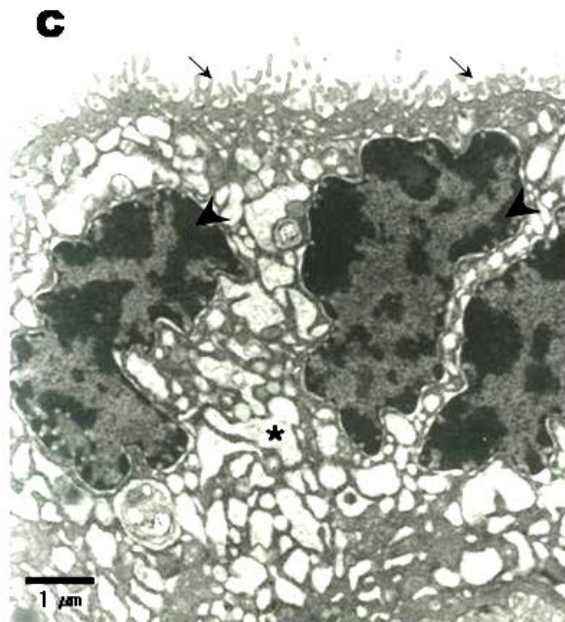


Morphology of Preeclamptic placentas

EM



A,B;
Normal



C,D;
Preeclampsia



Maternal serum markers

- *Inhibin A/ Activin A*
- *Fibronectin*
- *Corticotrophin-releasing hormone (CRH)*
- *Homocysteine*
- *Neurokinin B (NKB)*
- *Placental growth factor*
- *Soluble Flt-1*
- *Soluble Endoglin*

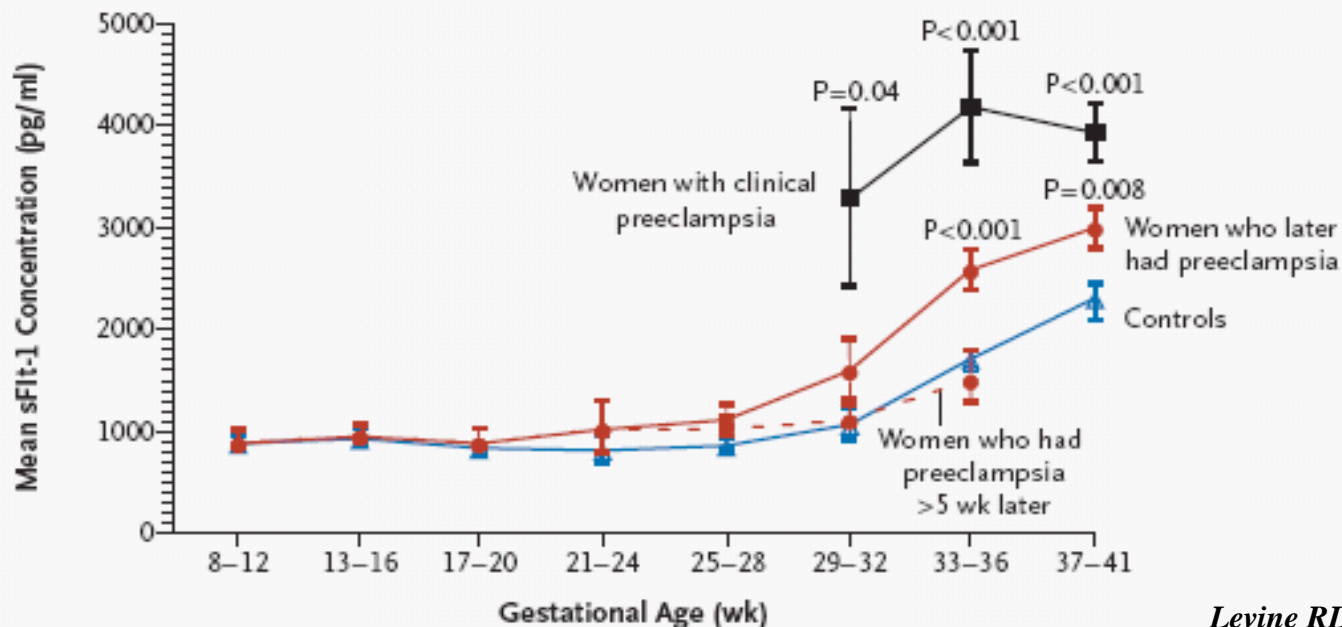


Maternal serum markers

Soluble Fms-like tyrosine kinase (sFlt-1)

- Splice variant of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor receptor-1 (VEGFR-1)
- Bind VEGF and inhibits biologic activities of VEGF
- **Anti-angiogenesis**

✓ The sFlt-1 level is increased beginning approximately five weeks before the onset of preeclampsia



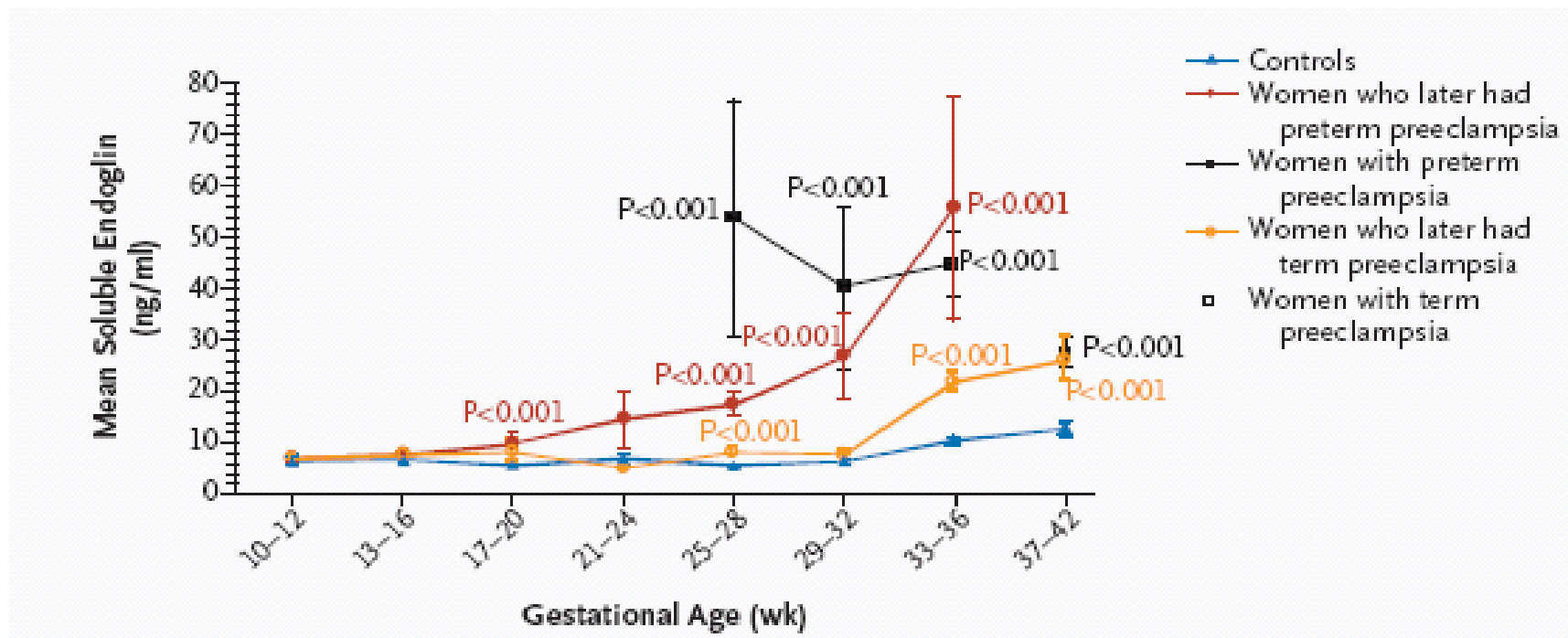


Maternal serum markers

Soluble Endoglin

- Coreceptor for Transforming Growth Factor- β 1 and β 3 (TGF- β 1, β 3)
- Inhibit TGF- β 1 signaling in vasculature.
- **Anti-angiogenesis**

✓ Circulating soluble endoglin levels increased markedly before the onset of preeclampsia





Maternal serum markers

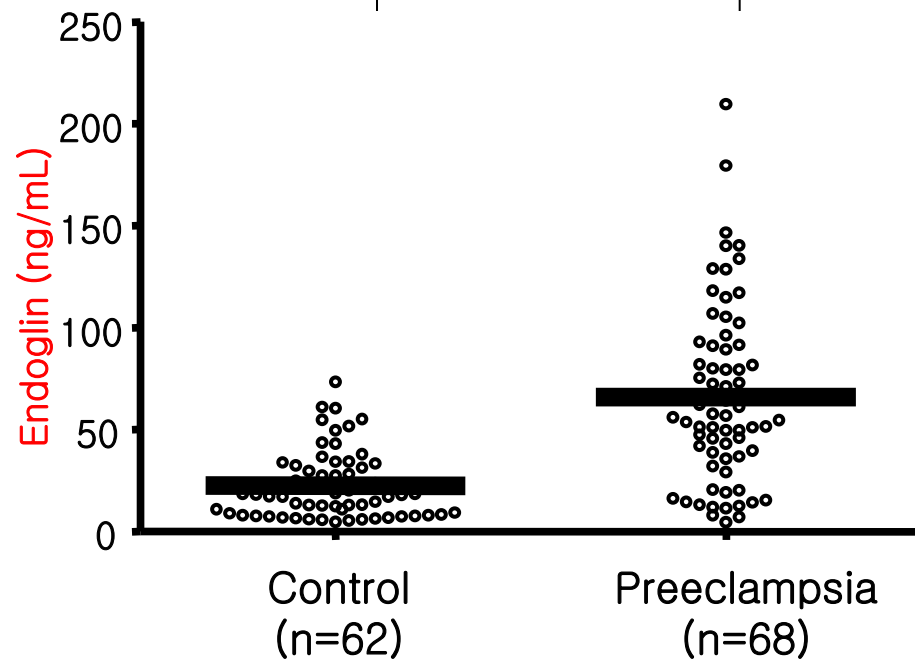
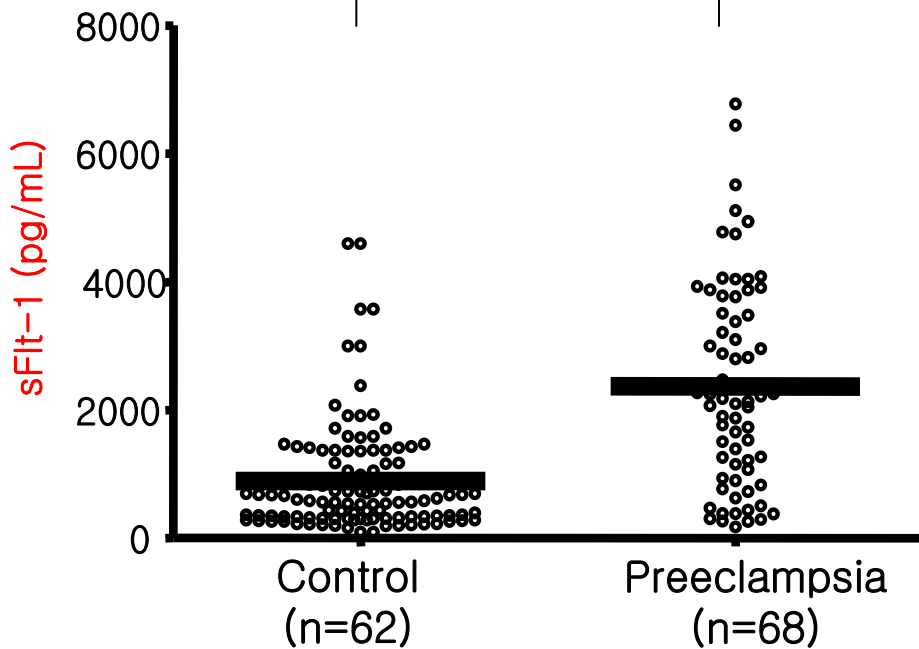
Maternal levels of sFlt-1 / Endoglin between Control and Preeclampsia

sFlt-1

Soluble endoglin

$p < 0.0001$

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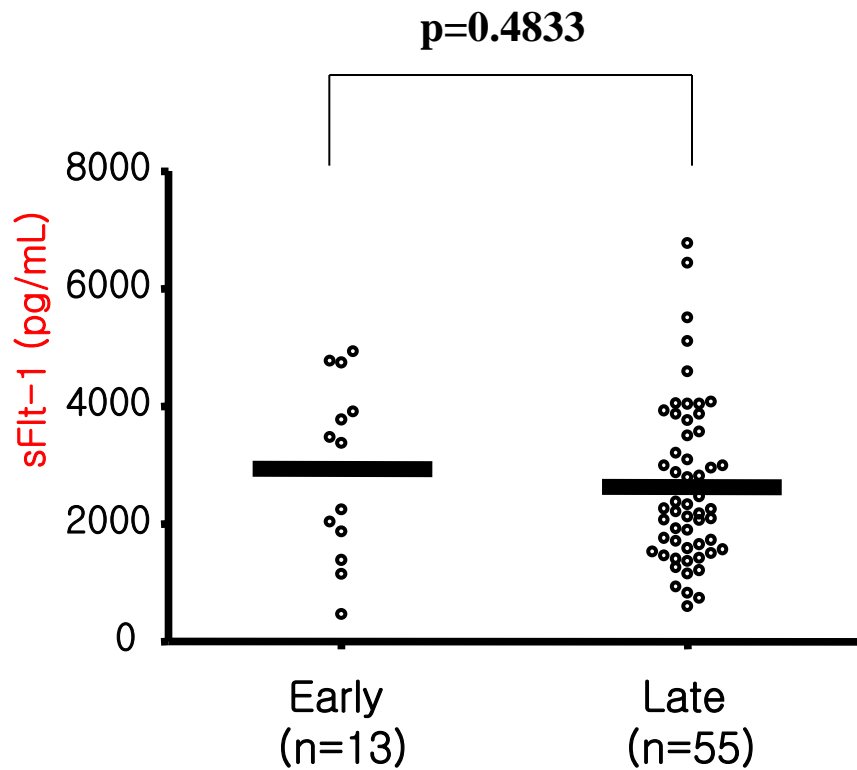




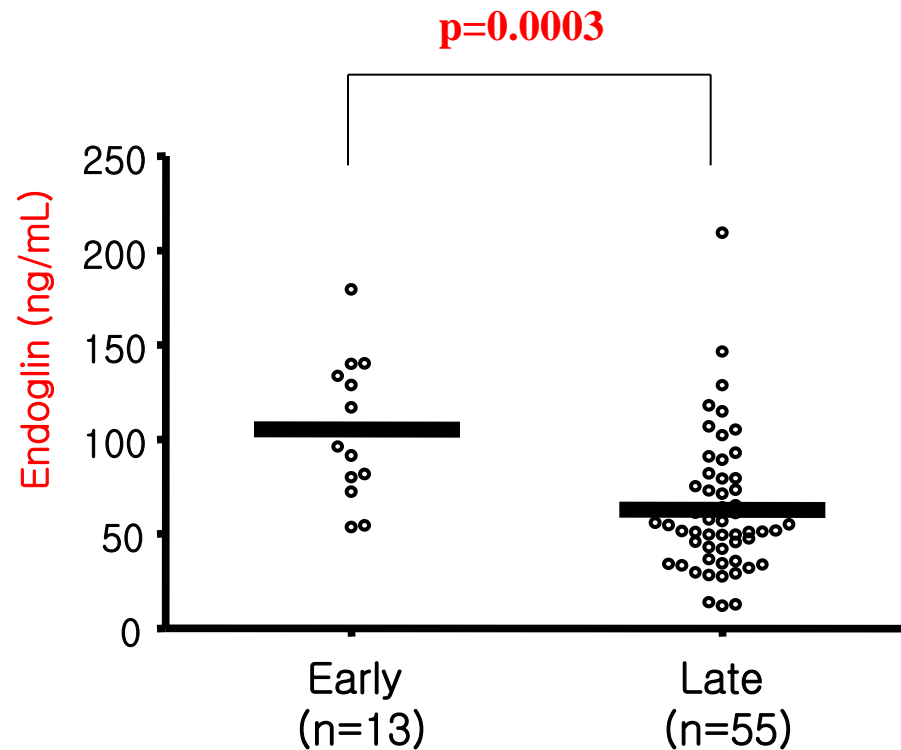
Maternal serum markers

sFlt-1 / Endoglin levels Between Early- and Late-onset preeclampsia

sFlt-1



Soluble endoglin



* Early-onset; Clinical manifestation occur before 32 weeks of gestation

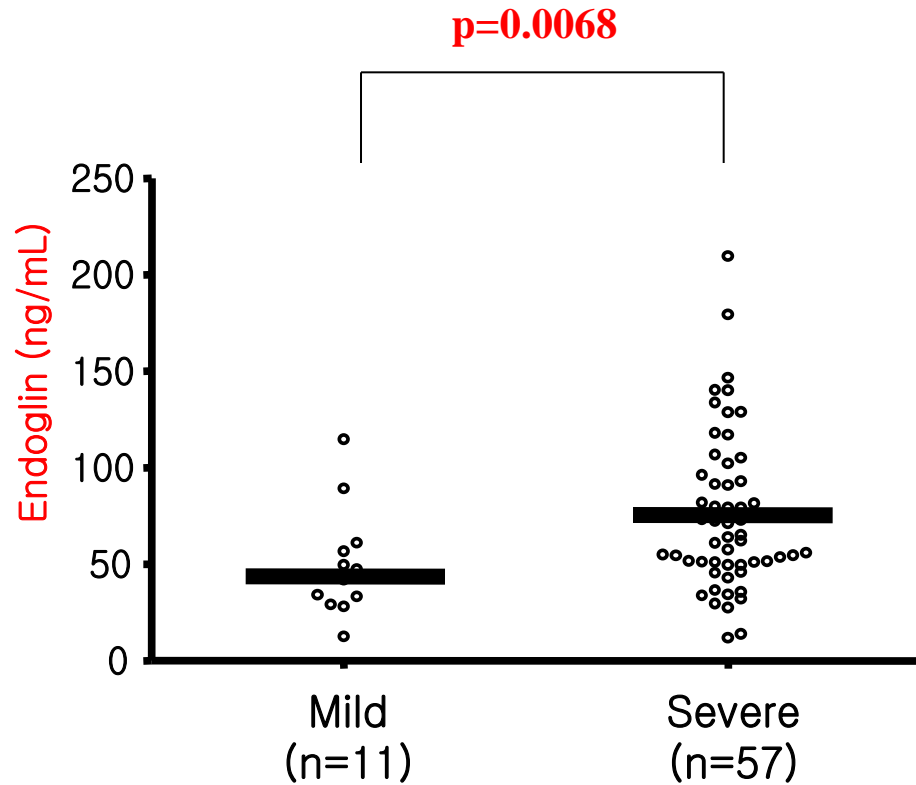
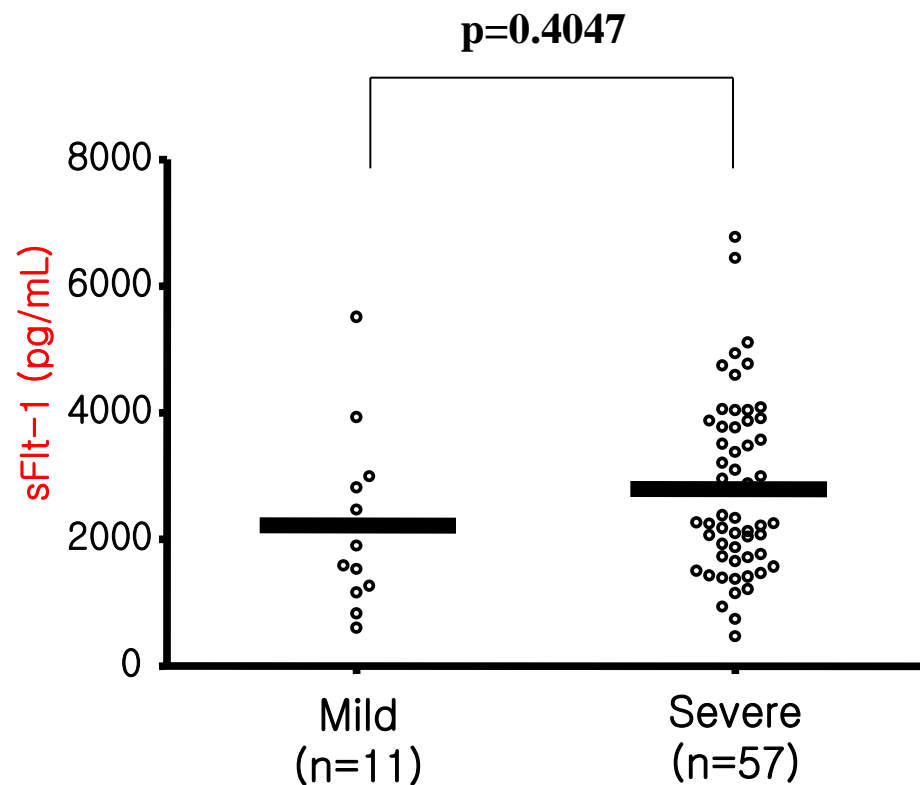


Maternal serum markers

Comparison of sFlt-1 / Endoglin between Mild and Severe Preeclampsia

sFlt-1

Soluble endoglin



* Severe Criteria ; Adopted by Working group of the NHBPEP (2000)



Proteomic approach to Preeclampsia

Proteome
in Preeclamptic placentas

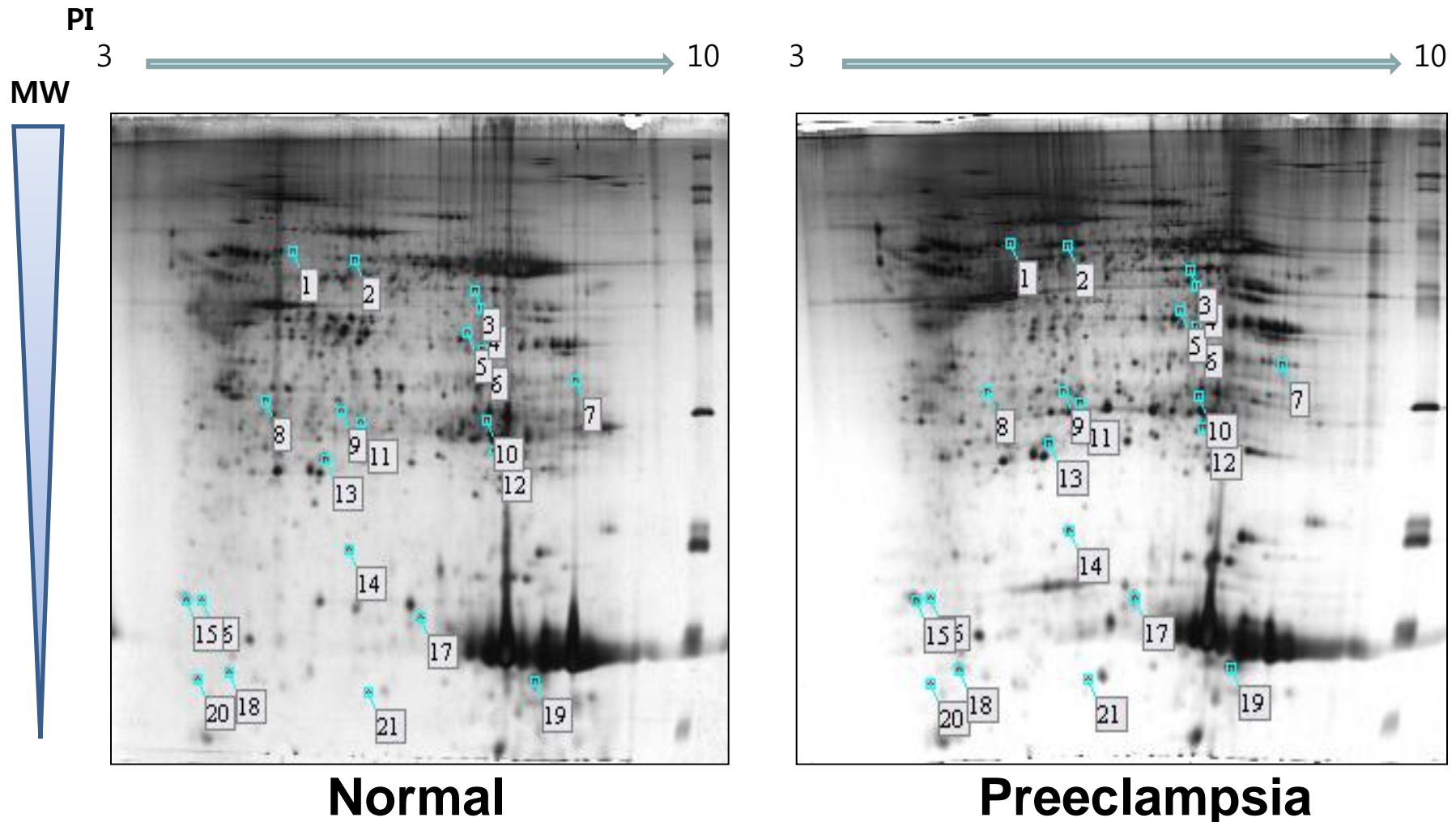
By PCR, Northern blot, Western blot, ELISA
By Proteomics

Pathophysiologic factor ?

or

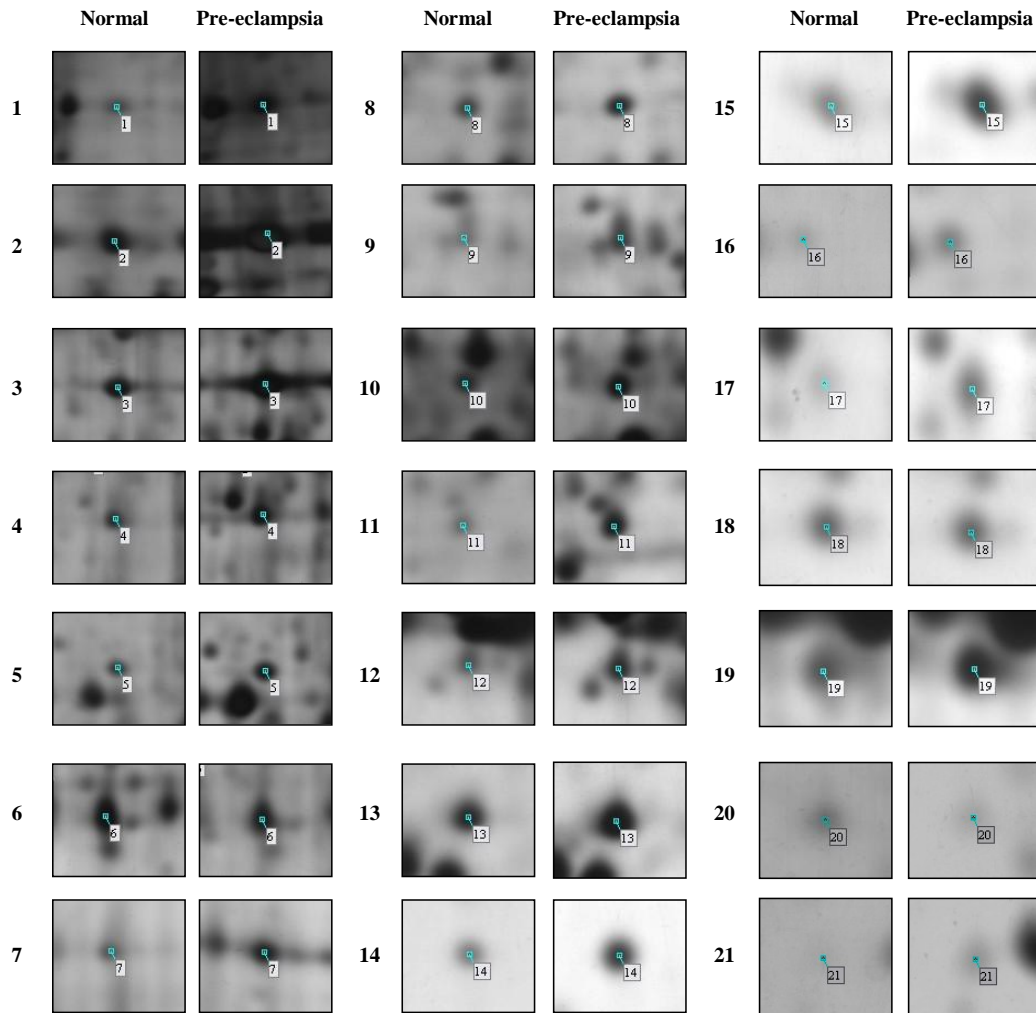
Cause ?

Comparative proteomics of placental proteins - 2DE gel image

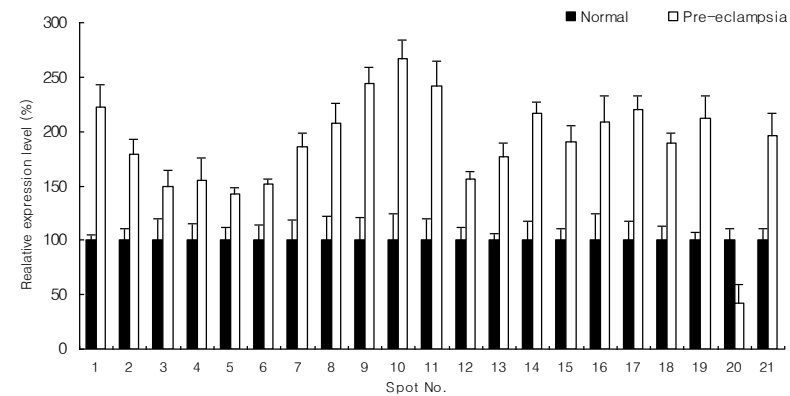


Proteomics of Preeclampsia

A



B



< Differentially expressed proteins

between normal and preeclamptic placenta >



Protein Identification of Differentially Expressed proteins

Spot #	NCBI acc#	protein identification	MS score	Mr	pI	#pep	seq. (%)
1	49522865	chaperonin	83	61016	5.7	15	32
2	1208427	ER-60protease	184	56761	5.98	27	49
3	1167843	alpha-enolase	114	47139	7.01	19	55
4	28178825	Isocitrate dehydrogenase 1	120	46630	6.53	19	46
5	1633300	Aldehyde reductase	81	36419	6.34	13	47
6	493797	Chain B, Fidarestat Bound to human Aldose reductase	120	35699	6.56	17	66
7	14250132	Voltage-depentant anion channel 1	100	30754	8.62	13	63
8	4588526	Nuclear chloride channel	121	26907	5.02	15	65
9	5822091	Chain H, Cathepsin D	86	26229	5.31	15	53
10	56081766	Phosphoglycerate mutase 1	148	28786	6.67	19	74
11	5803013	Endoplasmic reticulum protein	81	28975	6.77	13	43
12	50881968	PSMA2 protein	57	24854	7.08	9	47
13	2204207	Glutathione S-transferase	81	23367	5.43	13	57
14	8249777	Ig heavy chain v region	43	12561	5.47	5	65
15	16924329	Smooth muscle myosin alkali light chain	79	16919	4.56	10	62
17	4557581	Fatty acid binding protein	88	15155	6.6	16	77

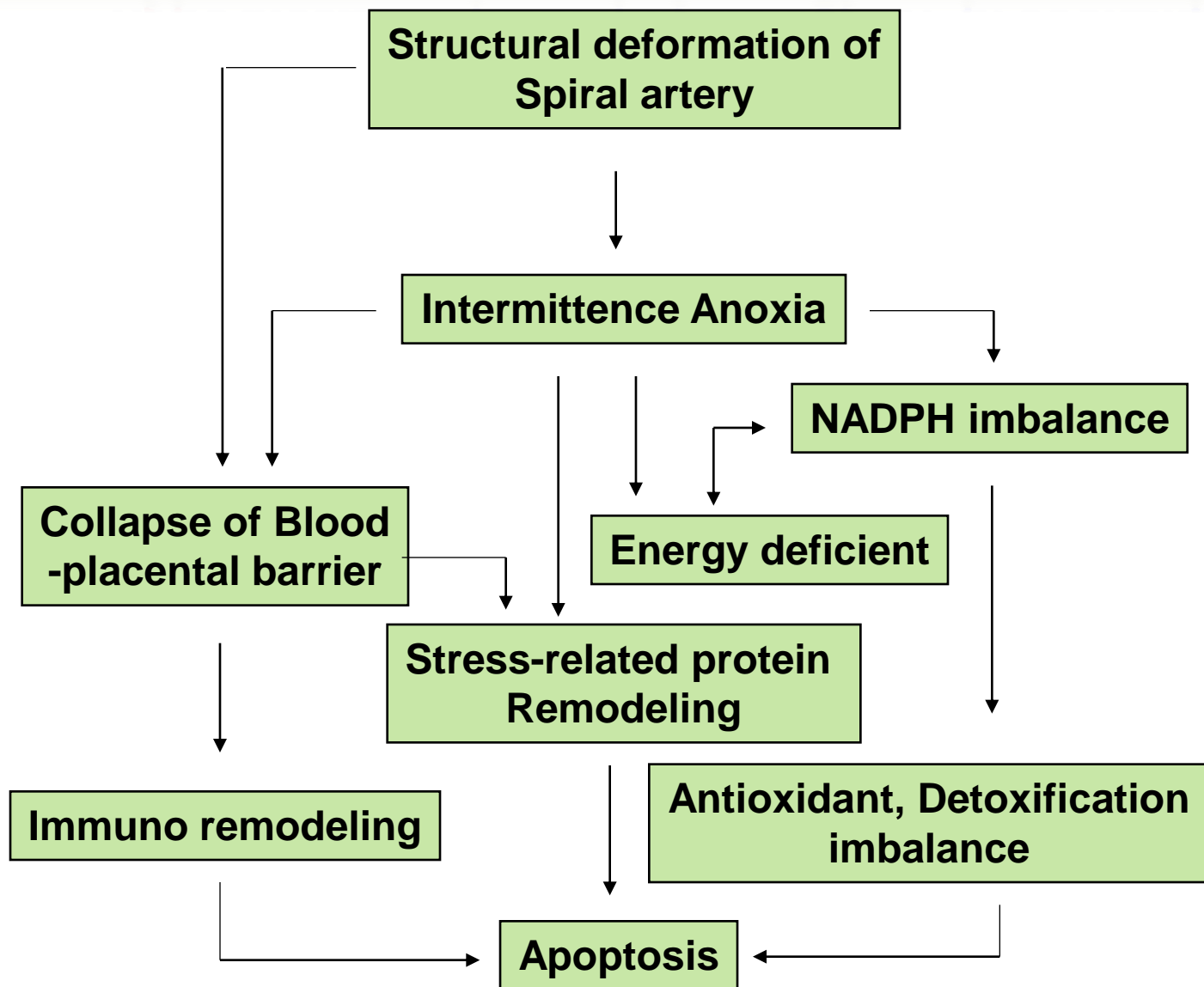


Categorization of identified proteins

Category	Protein	Relative change (%)
Structural		
	Smooth muscle myosin alkali light chain	191
Antioxidant and detoxicant		
	Glutathione S-transferase	177
	Isocitrate dehydrogenase	155
Stress-related protein remodeling		
	Chaperonin (heat shock protein 60)	223
Apoptosis		
	Voltage-dependent anion channel	185
	Nuclear chloride channel	208
	Chain H, Cathepsin D at pH 7.5	245
Reduced NADP⁺-regeneration		
	Aldehyde reductase	142
	Chain B, Fidarestat bound to human aldose reductase	151
Glycolysis		
	Phosphoglycerate mutase	267
	Alpha enolase	149
Immunoremodeling		
	ER-60 protease	179
Others		



Hypothesis of pathophysiology of preeclampsia





Genome profiling using high density oligo-nucleotide microarray

Microarray analyses with 55,000 human gene targets

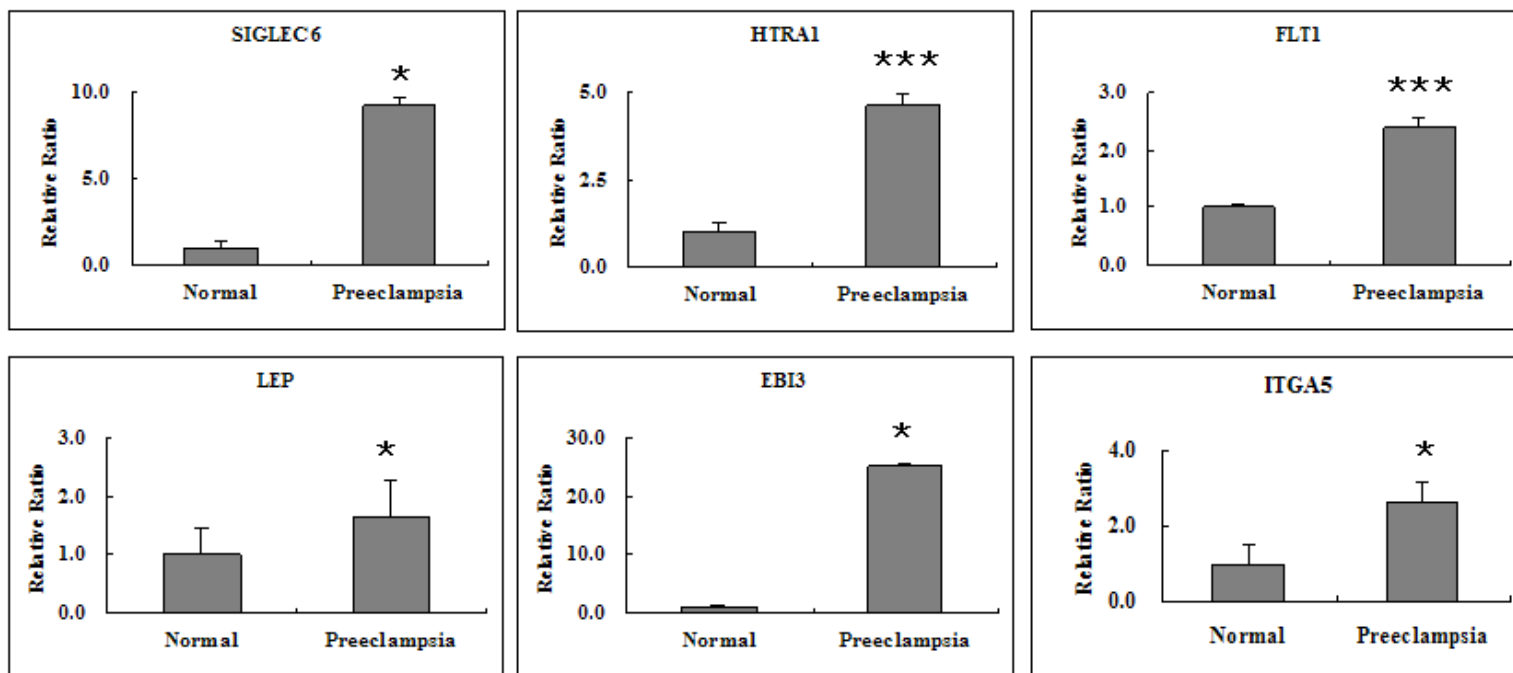
Selected differentially expressed genes in preeclamptic placenta

Function	Systematic name	Fold change	Gene symbol	Function	Systematic name	Fold change	Gene symbol
cell proliferation and differentiation	GE58298	2.053	SUV39H1	transcription and translation regulation	GE58207	2.637	ENG
	GE79387	3.961	HTRA1		GE61139	2.027	FHL2
	GE83202	2.171	TRIM27		GE87986	2.285	DDX54
	GE81269	2.08	UMOD		GE86465	2.116	TGFB111
	GE59757	2.092	FLT1		GE81172	2.113	PITX1
	GE57275	2.692	DGKD		GE79242	2.306	FABP4
immune regulation	GE81553	2.033	EB13	others	GE81173	2.459	PKM2
	GE80988	2.714	ANXA11		GE83622	11.52	PIGS
lipid biosynthesis and transport	GE57393	2.789	LPIN2		GE60423	3.022	PPP1R7
	GE60473	4.341	SLCO2A1		GE53189	2.029	AUTS2
	GE57831	2.051	CYP11A1		GE54586	2.368	SMTN
protein biosynthesis and transport	GE79201	2.42	MARS		GE61751	2.485	HCCS
	GE82893	2.554	IPO4		GE59110	2.392	CPSF1
signal transduction	GE57358	2.974	SIGLEC6		GE58106	2.025	CA4
	GE81036	2.05	PRMT2		GE80892	2.291	EPB42
	GE87262	7.973	LEP		GE61924	2.27	PPAN
	GE59678	2.616	ITGA5		GE81505	0.383	SEPP1
	GE80129	2.313	GPR30				
	GE59865	2.199	TIE1				



Genome profiling using microarray

qRT-PCR confirmation of differentially expressed genes





Conclusion

- **Preeclampsia** is a **potential cardiovascular disorder** in pregnancy
- It needs **more studies for etiologies and pathophysiologies** to understand preeclampsia
- **Proteomic & Genomic analysis**
 - will give a chance to clarify pathophysiologic mechanisms of preeclampsia
 - will give a change to identify diagnostic or prognostic markers for preeclampsia.



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