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# Vascular imaging – the renal arteries

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# Clinical rationale

renovascular hypertension

renal denervation

renal transplantation



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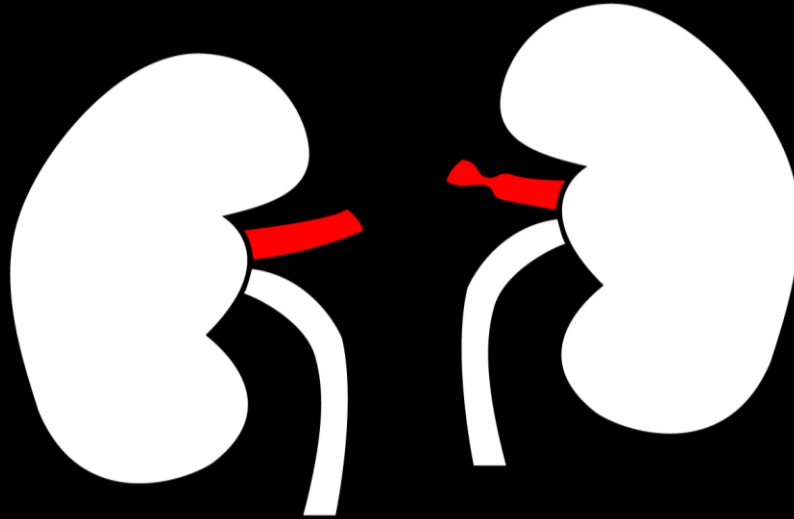
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# Goldblatt phenomenon

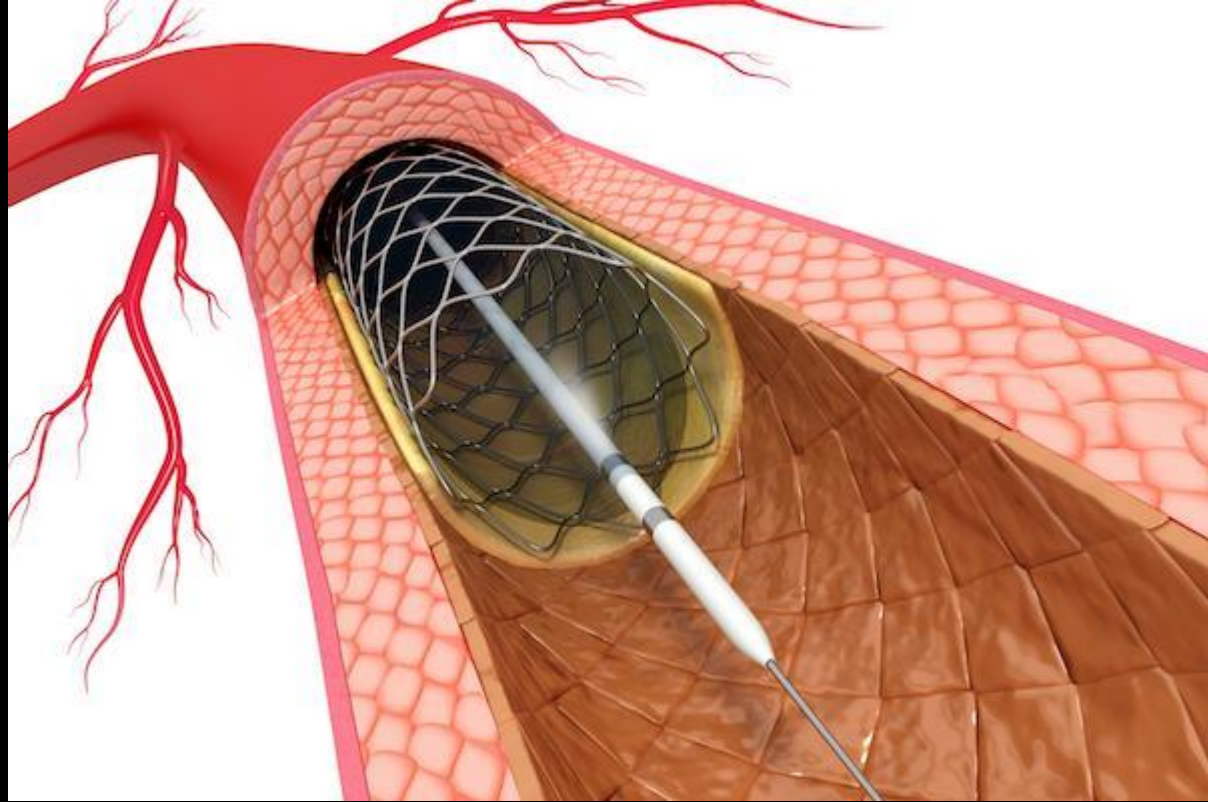


renal blood flow ↑  
GFR (↑)

RAAS activation

sodium retention  
**blood pressure ↑**





# Fibromuscular dysplasia



## Stent Placement in Patients With Atherosclerotic Renal Artery Stenosis and Impaired Renal Function

A Randomized Trial

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Revascularization versus Medical Therapy for Renal-Artery Stenosis

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## Future

treat earlier?\*

identify “salvageable” kidneys<sup>†</sup>  
only treatment for functional  
relevant stenosis

treat microvasculature<sup>‡</sup>

*References:* \*: de Leeuw PW et al. Curr Hypertens Rep. 2018 Apr 10;20(4):35.

†: Abumoawad A et al. Kidney Int. 2019 Apr;95(4):948-957.

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# Why imaging the renal arteries?

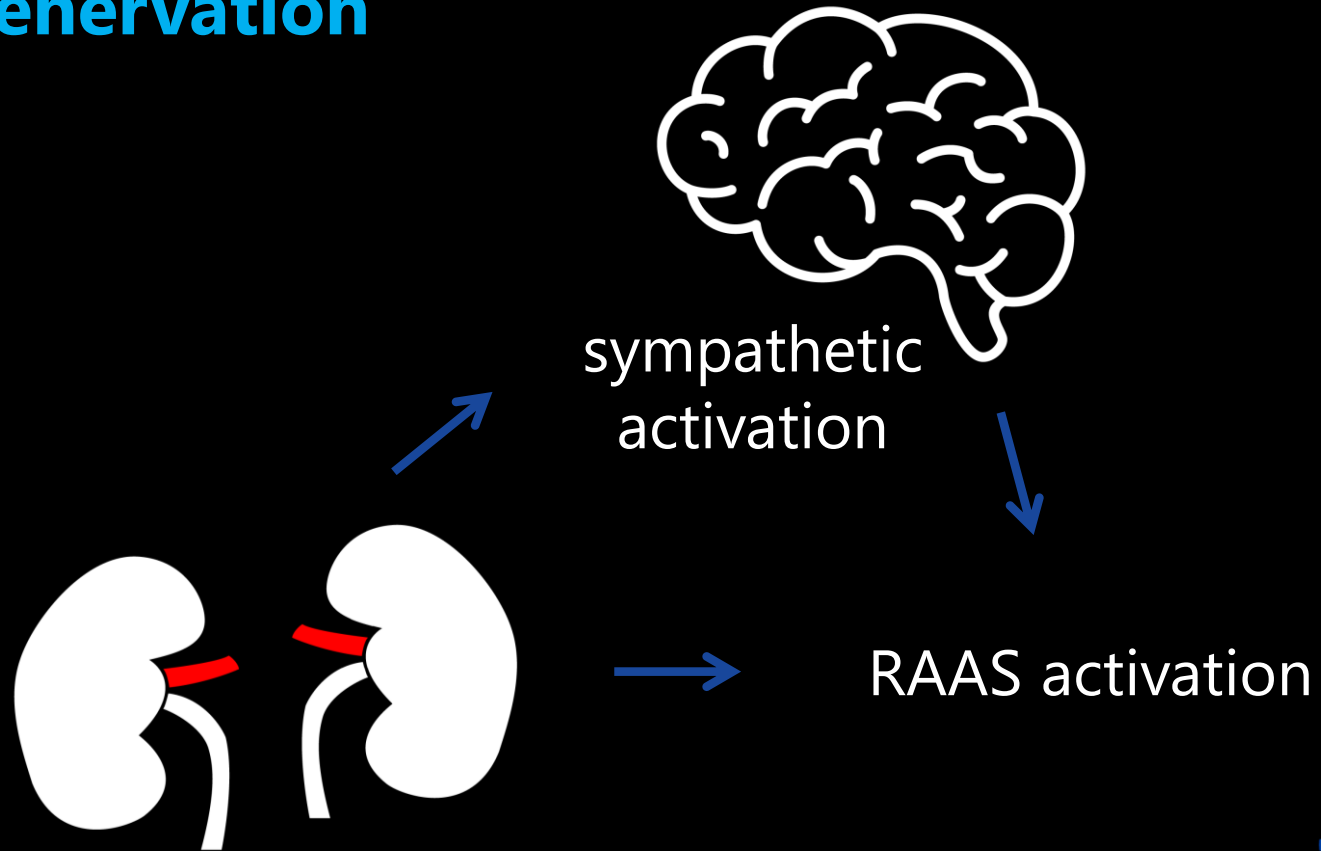
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# Renal denervation



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US



CT



TOF MRA

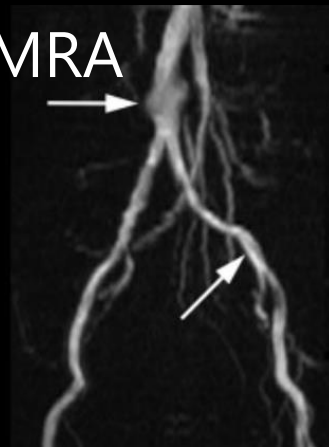


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preoperative planning

receiver\*

donor†

postoperative evaluation‡

References: \*: Blankholm AD et al. Acta Radiol. 2015 Dec;56(12):1527-33.

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# Imaging techniques

MRA vs other techniques

contrast enhanced MRA

non-contrast enhanced MRA



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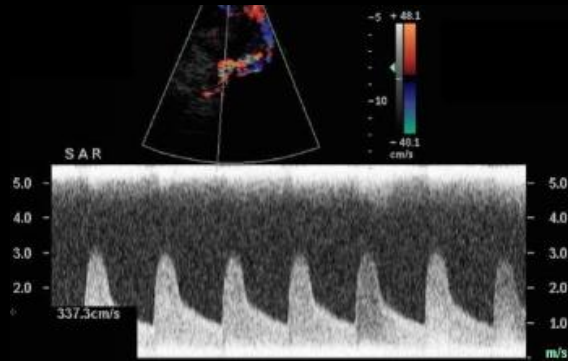
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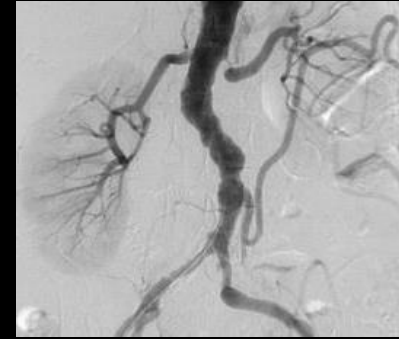
non-contrast enhanced MRA



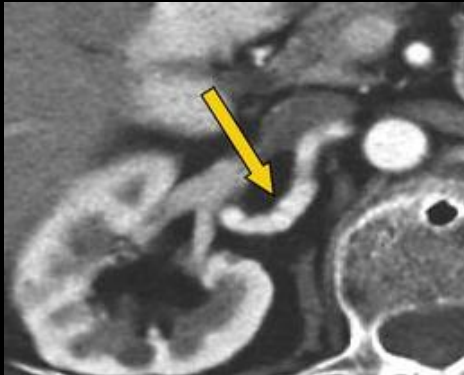
## hand-held ultrasound



## digital subtraction angiography



## computed tomography angiography



## magnetic resonance angiography



# How to image the renal arteries?

MRA vs CT vs DSA vs ultrasound

contrast enhanced MRA

non-contrast enhanced MRA





# CE MRA vs CTA in native kidneys

atherosclerotic stenosis

fibromuscular dysplasia



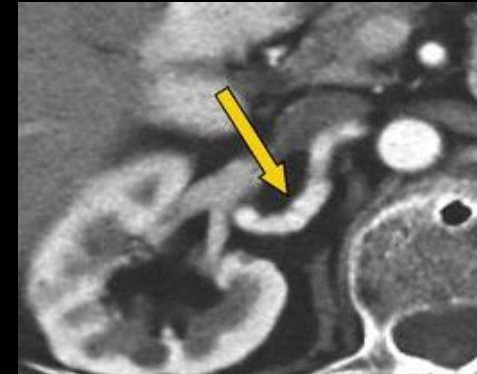
CE MRA



DSA



CE MRA



CTA

# CE MRA vs CTA in renal transplants

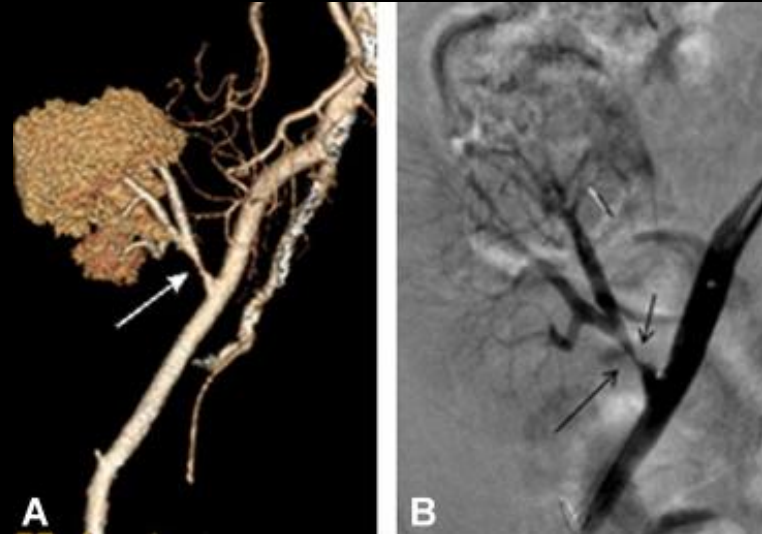
CE MRA

DSA



CTA

DSA



# Ferumoxytol as MR contrast agent

Fananapazir G et al. J  
Magn Reson Imaging.  
2017 Mar;45(3):779-785.



# Ferumoxytol as MR contrast agent

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review

## Current and potential imaging applications of ferumoxytol for magnetic resonance imaging



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# How to image the renal arteries?

MRA vs CT vs DSA vs ultrasound

contrast enhanced MRA

non-contrast enhanced MRA



# Why non-contrast?

REVIEW ARTICLE

## Noncontrast MR Angiography: An Update

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# Why non-contrast MRA?

no risk of NSF or gadolinium retention

reduce risk of mistiming

no background contamination

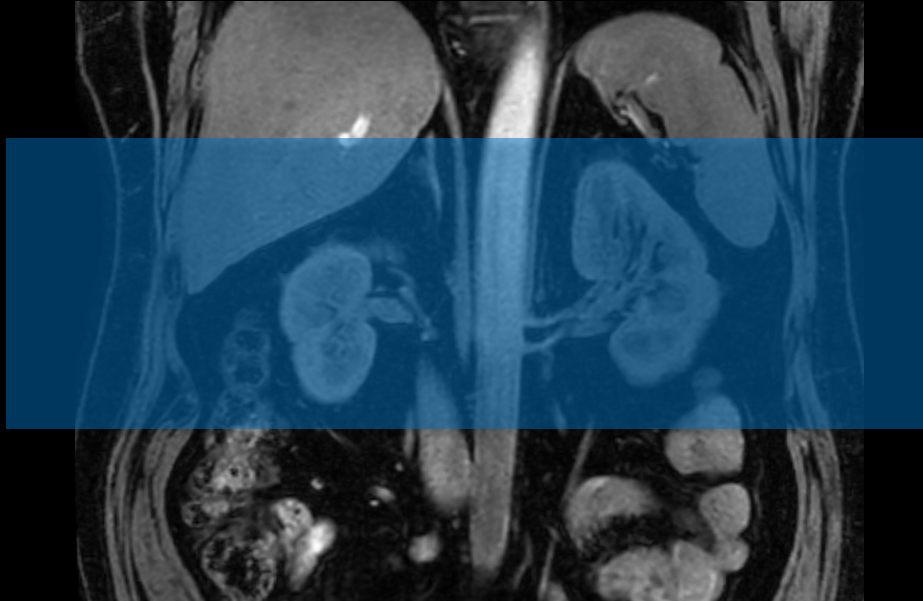
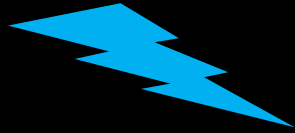
shorter patient preparation

avoid added costs of GBCA administration



# Time-of-flight MRA

repeated RF  
pulses



tissue within slab  
becomes  
saturated

tissue outside  
slab remains fully  
magnetized



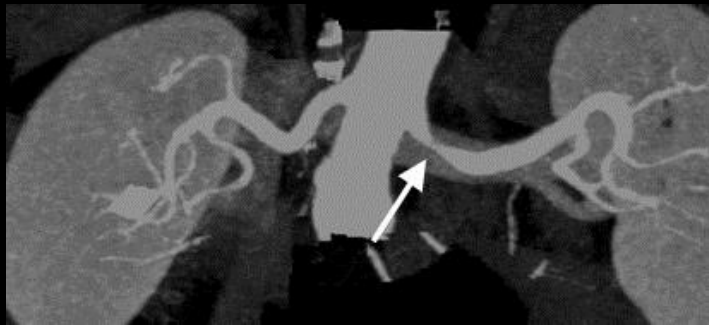


# Time-of-flight MRA

CTA

TOF MRA

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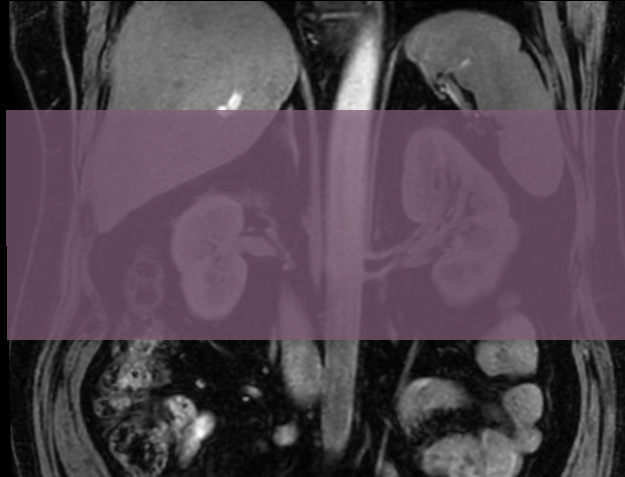


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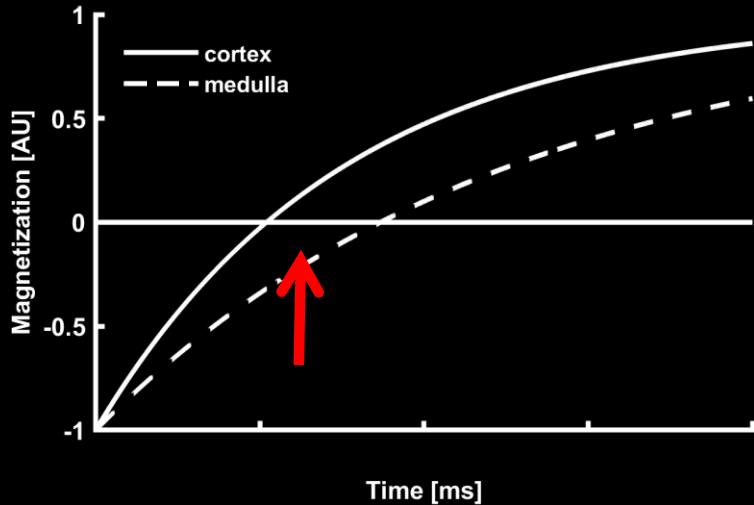
# Inflow dependent inversion recovery

180° inversion pulse



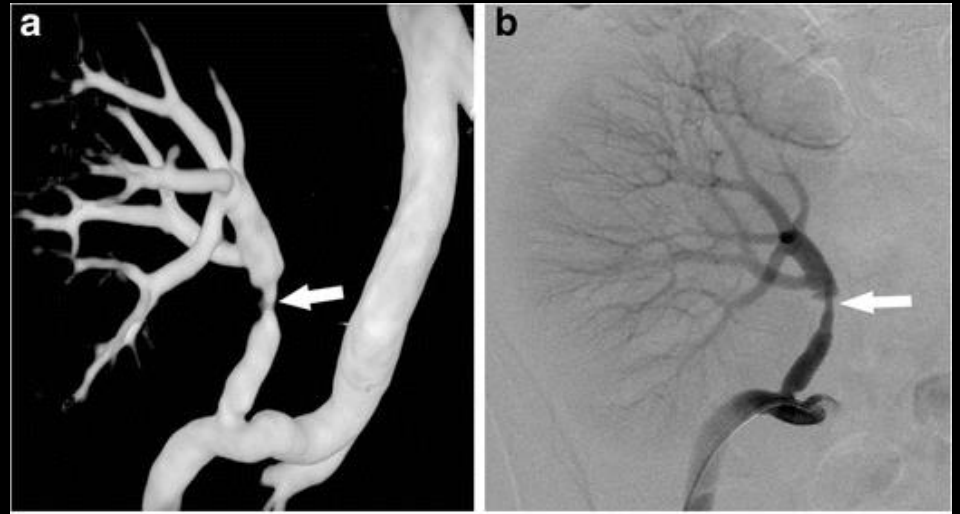
invert magnetization within slab

tissue outside slab remains fully magnetized



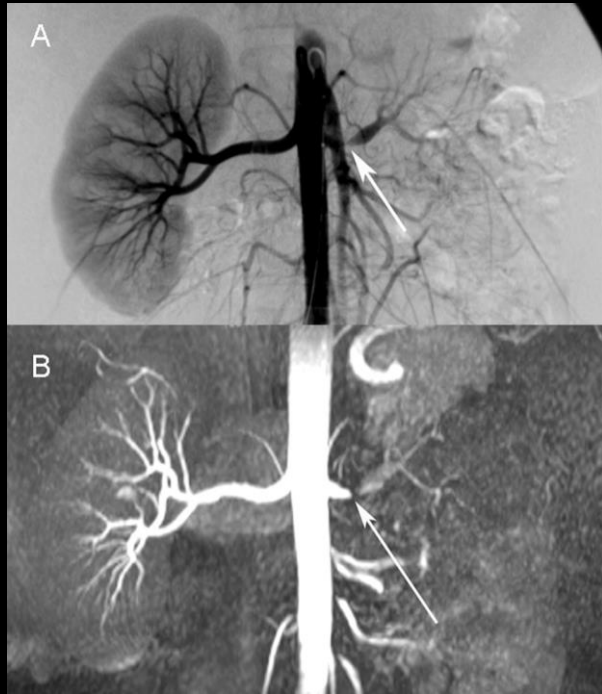
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# Inflow dependent inversion recovery

## recovery

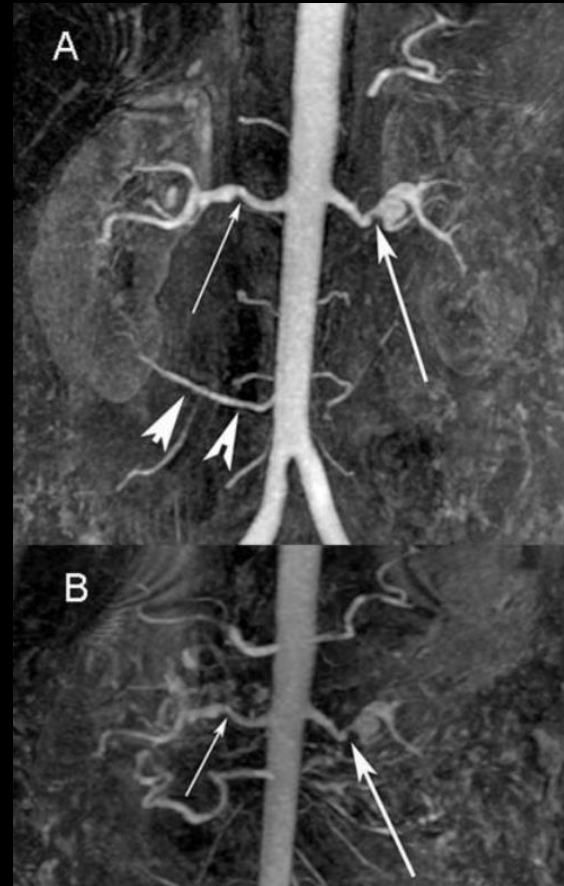


DSA

IFDIR

CE MRA

IFDIR



# Inflow dependent inversion recovery

compared to DSA

sensitivity 93-100%\*

specificity 86-94%\*

less accurate in fibromuscular dysplasia†

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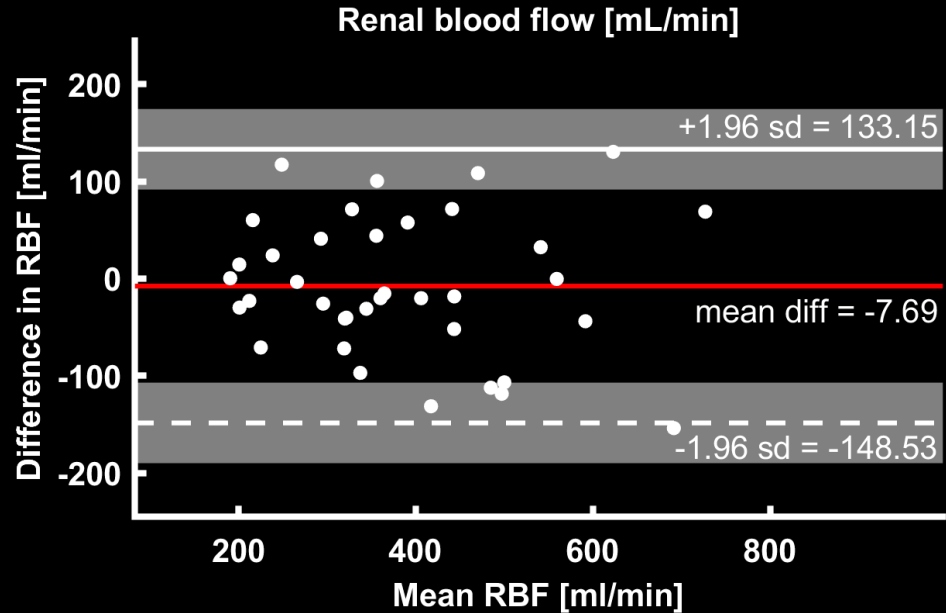
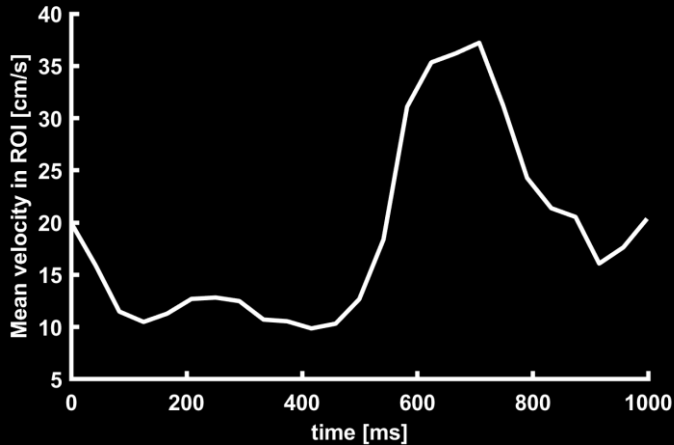
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# 2D phase contrast

Coefficient of variation 13%



# 4D flow MRI

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Four-Dimensional Phase-Contrast Vastly Undersampled Isotropic Projection Reconstruction (4D PC-VIPR) MR Evaluation of the Renal Arteries in Transplant Recipients: Preliminary Results



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# 4D flow MRI

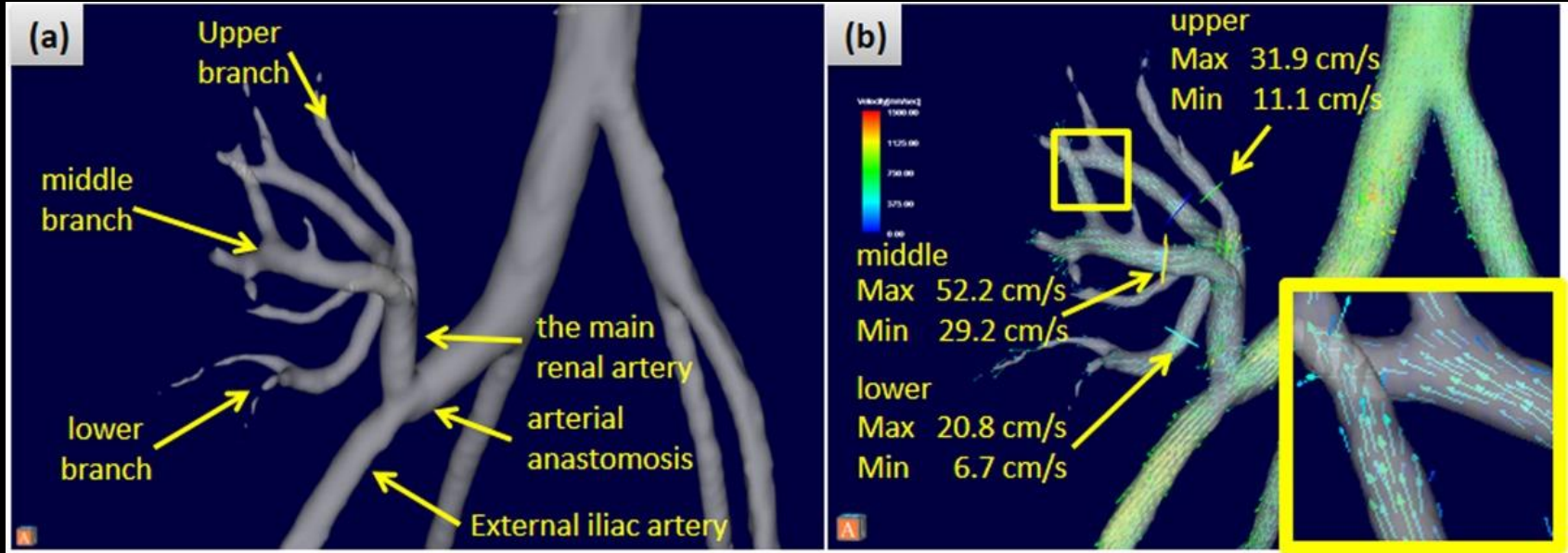


Image: Motoyama D et al. J Magn Reson Imaging. 2017 Aug;46(2):595-603.





# Conclusion

contrast free MRA can provide the same information as contrast-enhanced alternatives

exciting new techniques offer improved anatomical but also functional evaluation of renal artery pathologies



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