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## **Advanced Glycation and Inflammatory Phenomena in Renal Transplantation**

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1. Measurement of advanced glycation adds to assessment of the risk for mortality in renal transplant recipients (this thesis).
2. Interaction of kidney function with circulating AGEs is an important factor for the risk assessment in renal transplant recipients (this thesis)
3. The AGE-related risk for mortality is largely independent from inflammation (this thesis)
4. The AGE-related risk for mortality is more likely determined by direct interactions of AGEs than by receptor-mediated pathways (this thesis)
5. The serum albumin-dependent risk for graft failure in renal transplant recipients depends on urinary protein excretion but not on inflammation (this thesis)
6. Serum levels of sRAGE may represent RAGE activity as well as an anti-RAGE potential (this thesis)
7. Low levels of CML being a risk factor for mortality and high levels of CML being protective in renal transplant recipients is a paradoxal finding (this thesis)
8. Even if all good quality research resulted in a high impact factor, a high impact factor still would not always represent good quality research.
9. It's no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society (Krishnamurti)
10. Pride is pleasure arising from a man's thinking too highly of himself. (Spinoza)