

Table 1: Basic demographic, anthropometric and clinical characteristics of the 194 patients on hemodialysis that were prospectively monitored for a 3-year-period.

Parameters	Total number of patients
	n = 194
Age [(months), (mean \pm SD)]	59 \pm 11.2
Gender (M/F)	130/64
Duration of HD [(months), (mean \pm SD)]	94 \pm 64
BMI (kg/m ²)	21 \pm 5
Smoking history (yes/no)	139/55
Statin therapy (yes/no)	34/160
Type of HD (bicarbonate/hemodiafiltration)	116/78
IM thickness (mean \pm SD)	
IMT0	0.89 \pm 0.19
IMT1	0.93 \pm 0.20
IMT2	1.06 \pm 0.17
IMT3	1.12 \pm 0.21
Exitus letalis (n/%)	117/60.3
Cause of death (n/%)	
Cardiovascular diseases	67/57.2
Infectious disease (sepsis)	19/16.3
Diabetes mellitus complication	13/11.1
Malignant diseases	18/15.4

SD: standard deviation, M: male, F: female, n: number, BMI: body mass index, IM: intima media, IM₀: baseline value for IM thickness, IM₁: IM at the end of the first year of study, IM₂: IM thickness in the middle of the study, IM₃: final IM thickness, HD: hemodialysis.