

Tables and figures for online appendix.

Table 5 appendix. Additional characteristics of participants at baseline		
Variable	On-line HDF (n=358)	Low flux HD (n=356)
Primary renal diagnosis – no (%)		
Renal vascular disease	104 (29)	96 (27)
Diabetes mellitus	76 (21)	60 (17)
Glomerulonephritis	36 (10)	53 (15)
Interstitial nephropathy	35 (10)	31 (9)
Cystic kidney disease	27 (7)	26 (7)
Multisystem disease	15 (4)	11 (3)
Other	39 (11)	45 (13)
Unknown	26 (7)	34 (9)
History of cardiovascular disease – no. (%)		
Previous myocardial infarction	42 (12)	56 (16)
Previous PTCA or CABG	58 (16)	58 (16)
Previous stroke or TIA	50 (14)	59 (16)
Previous peripheral artery disease	62 (17)	50 (14)
Previous amputation	17 (5)	13 (4)
Medication (see also table 1) – no. (%)		
Calcium antagonist	109 (30)	112 (31)
Insulin	70 (20)	52 (15)
Calcium containing phosphate binder	142 (40)	154 (43)
Sevelamer	225 (63)	221 (62)
Lanthanum carbonate	20 (6)	20 (6)

HDF denotes hemodiafiltration and HD hemodialysis. PTCA means percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty, CABG = coronary artery bypass graft, TIA = transient ischemic attack

Table 6 appendix. Dialyser characteristics

dialyser	Membrane material	Membrane surface area (m ²)	KUF (ml/mmHg/hr)
High flux dialysers			
FX80	polysulfone	1.8	59
FX100	polysulfone	2.2	73
Optiflux F200NR	polysulfone	2.0	62
Polyflux 170H	PES, PVP, PA blend*	1.7	70
Polyflux 210H	PES, PVP, PA blend*	2.1	85
Low flux dialysers			
F6HPS	polysulfone	1.3	13
F8HPS	polysulfone	1.8	18
Optiflux 18NR	polysulfone	1.8	12
Polyflux 14L	PES, PVP, PA blend*	1.4	10
Polyflux 17L	PES, PVP, PA blend*	1.7	13

*polyarylethersulfone, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyamide blend

Figure 4 appendix: Sequential analysis. Boundaries for double triangular test with $\alpha = 0.05$, power 0.80 and hazard ratio 0.75. Z is the observed number of events in the control group minus the expected number of events given treatment equivalence. V is approximately equal to a quarter of the number of events observed.

