

**Supplementary Table 1. Characteristics of 47 diabetic patients without albuminuria (normoalbuminuria) or with early kidney involvement (microalbuminuria and macroalbuminuria).**

	<b>Normoalbuminuria</b>	<b>Microalbuminuria</b>	<b>Macroalbuminuria</b>
<b>Age (year)</b>	58 (43-72)	71 (51-81)	65.5 (49-75)
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	38.7 (32.5-49.1)	41.4 (37.5-51.9)	42.4 (37.2-46.3)
<b>SBP (mmHg)</b>	130 (120-150)	140 (118-160)	144 (120-170)
<b>DBP (mmHg)</b>	80 (70-92)	82 (70-92)	85 (70-100)
<b>HbA1c (%)</b>	7.1 (5.6-11.6)	7.5 (5.5-10.4)	8.45 (7.2-11.4)
<b>Total cholesterol (mmol/L)</b>	206.5 (144-300)	179 (142-284)	164.5 (149-213)
<b>Triglyceride (mmol/L)</b>	116 (61-508)	140.5 (71-494)	152.5 (82-270)
<b>GPT (U/L)</b>	31 (12-62)	20 (11-62)	20.5 (12-92)
<b>Serum creatinine (mg/dL)</b>	0.8 (0.6-1.2)	0.9 (0.6-1.3)	0.75 (0.7-1.1)
<b>UACR</b>	12.60 (3.4-19.97)	60.33 (24.01-291.67)	436.70 (312.82-1459.77)

Data are median (interquartile range).