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Inclusion criteria

- 1. Signed informed consent
- 2. Patients on maintenance hemodialysis for 90 days or longer
- 3. Men or women aged ≥ 20 and ≤ 80 years old
- 4. No treatment with VDRAs for more than 4 weeks prior to this study
- 5. Serum calcium level $\leq 10.0 \text{ mg/dL}$
- 6. Serum phosphate level $\leq 6.0 \text{ mg/dL}$
- 7. Serum intact PTH level \leq 180 pg/mL

Exclusion criteria

- 1. History within 12 weeks of myocardial infarction, stroke, aortic dissection/rupture, amputation of a lower limb, coronary revascularization or bypass surgery, lower limb revascularization or bypass surgery
- 2. Heart failure of NYHA grade III or IV
- 3. Respiratory failure with PaO₂ <60 mmHg or SpO₂<90%
- 4. Life expectancy shorter than 1 year due to known malignant, infectious, or other diseases
- 5. Abnormal liver function tests exceeding x3 upper normal limits
- 6. Pregnant or lactating females or females planning to be pregnant
- 7. History of an allergic reaction to alfacalcidol
- 8. Participation to other interventional studies within 12 weeks prior to this study
- 9. Inappropriate for this study as judged by an attending investigator

Abbreviations: VDRAs, vitamin D receptor activators; PTH, parathyroid hormone; NYHA, New York Heart Association; PaO₂, arterial oxygen pressure; SpO₂, oxygen saturation measured by pulse oxymeter.

eTable 2. Definitions of cardiovascular events

Acute myocardial infarction:

Clinical signs and symptoms such as chest pain or cardiogenic shock, associated with abnormalities in biomarkers (creatine kinase, troponin, etc.) and/or electric cardiogram (new abnormal Q-wave, ST elevation, etc.) for myocardial infarction.

Congestive heart failure:

Congestive heart failure (NYHA grade III or IV) requiring hospitalization, excluding dyspnea due to non-cardiac causes (bronchial asthma, etc.)

Stroke:

Rapidly developing clinical signs of neurological deficit attributable to a focal and/or total brain functions, without clear causes than vascular origin, lasting for more than 24 hours or leading to death (if not interrupted by surgical operations or death). Stroke includes subarachnoidal hemorrhage, intracranial hemorrhage, and cerebral infarction, but excludes transient ischemic attack, cerebrovascular disease due to hematological disorders (leukemia, polycytemia vera, etc.), primary brain tumors, and metastatic brain tumors.

Stroke secondary to trauma is also excluded.

Aortic dissection/rupture:

Clinical symptom of chest pain and/or abdominal pain, and diagnosed with imaging test such as contrast enhanced computed tomography.

Amputation of ischemic limb:

Major amputations at ankle joint or proximal as treatment for patients with symptom and/or signs of lower extremity ischemia.

Cardiac sudden death:

Unexpected death from a cardiac cause that occurs within one hour of symptom onset (witnessed) or within 24 hours of last being observed in normal health (unwitnessed).

eTable 3. Sample size calculation

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The equation we used	$n \doteq \left(\frac{Z_{\alpha/2}\sqrt{2PQ} + Z_{\beta}\sqrt{P_1Q_1 + P_2Q_2}}{P_2 - P_1}\right)^2$
	 where P1 and P2 are proportion of patients with outcome in group 1 and group 2,
	respectively. - $P = (P1 + P2)/2$
	 Q1 = 1 - P1, Q2 =1-P2, Q=1-P Zα/2 and Zβ are percent points of normal distribution
	- Zα/2=Z0.05/25=1.9600, Zß=Z0.20=0.8416
Initial calculation	Assumptions: - P1 = 0.32 for 4-year follow-up
	- $P2 = 0.32 \times 0.8$ (20% reduction by treatment)
	- $\alpha = 0.05$, $\beta = 0.20$ Then, n = 785 in one group, 1570 in two groups.
	30 of loss to follow up were considered.
Second calculation	Finally, the target sample size of 1600 in total was determined. Assumptions;
	- $P1 = 0.28$ for 4-year follow-up
	- $P2 = 0.28 \times 0.7$ (30% reduction by treatment) - $\alpha = 0.05, \beta = 0.20$
	Then, $n = 461$ in one group, 922 in two groups.
	Loss to follow-up was assumed to be 5%. Then, 971 participants in total will be needed.
	Finally, the target sample size of 972 in total (486 for each group) was
Estimation of CVD	determined. Estimation based on statistics of mortality;
risk in the control group	- The proportion of patients who die in one year is approximately 9% in Japan (Ref #1).
	- The number of composite cardiovascular events is larger than the number of all-cause mortality in cohorts of Japanese hemodialysis patients (Ref
	 #2). Then, the number of patients who experience cardiovascular events can be estimated approximately 9% per year or 36% in 4 years.
	Estimation based on statistics of incident cardiovascular disease;
	- Incidence of a composite of acute myocardial infarction and stroke was approximately 4.2% per year in Japan in patients undergoing hemodialysis without prior cardiovascular disease (Ref #3). This number does not
	include the numbers of coronary interventions before myocardial
	infarction, amputation of lower limbs, aortic dissection, or congestive heart failure requiring hospitalization.
	- The risk should be higher in those with prior cardiovascular disease.
	 We estimated the proportion of patients who experience a composite of cardiovascular disease to be in the range of 7 – 9% in a year, or 28 – 36% in 4 years.
Estimation of treatment	In cohort studies of patients undergoing hemodialysis, use of VDRA was
effect	associated with; lower risk of all-cause mortality with hazard ratios in the range of 0.55–0.75 (References #4, 5); CVD death with hazard ratio in the range of 0.38–0.58 (References #6); and incident CVD with odds ratio in the range of
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Measurement	Group	Abnormalities	0M	3M	6M	12M	18M	24M	30M	36M	42M	48M
Number of participants	Intervention			472	466	444	428	408	387	370	349	334
	Control		476	469	462	442	426	407	390	369	356	336
Corrected	Intervention	Number of reported values	488	471	464	443	422	407	386	369	349	334
Calcium		> 10.0 mg/dL	17 (3.5%)	136 (28.9%)	105 (22.6%)	72 (16.3%)	52 (12.3%)	45 (11.1%)	46 (11.9%)	37 (10.0%)	39 (11.2%)	33 (9.9%)
		> 11.0 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	25 (5.3%)	17 (3.7%)	9 (2.0%)	8 (1.9%)	3 (0.7%)	2 (0.5%)	6 (1.6%)	5 (1.4%)	2 (0.6%)
	Control	Number of reported values	476	467	459	439	422	403	389	367	356	332
		> 10.0 mg/dL	21 (4.4%)	30 (6.4%)	25 (5.4%)	36 (8.2%)	41 (9.7%)	29 (7.2%)	40 (10.3%)	29 (7.9%)	34 (9.6%)	22 (6.6%)
		> 11.0 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	4 (0.9%)	4 (0.9%)	2 (0.5%)	3 (0.7%)	4 (1.0%)	2 (0.5%)	2 (0.5%)	3 (0.8%)	2 (0.6%)
Phosphate	Intervention	Number of reported values	488	471	464	443	422	407	386	369	349	334
		> 6 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	88 (18.7%)	91 (19.6%)	101 (22.8%)	84 (19.9%)	73 (17.9%)	85 (22.0%)	65 (17.6%)	62 (17.8%)	64 (19.2%)
		> 7 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	32 (6.8%)	28 (6.0%)	25 (5.6%)	28 (6.6%)	20 (4.9%)	22 (5.7%)	20 (5.4%)	15 (4.3%)	22 (6.6%)
	Control	Number of reported values	476	467	459	439	422	403	389	367	356	332
		> 6 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	67 (14.3%)	57 (12.4%)	69 (15.7%)	5 (14.0%)	70 (17.4%)	64 (16.5%)	74 (20.2%)	63 (17.7%)	68 (20.5%)
		> 7 mg/dL	0 (0.0%)	14 (3.0%)	11 (2.4%)	27 (6.2%)	20 (4.7%)	20 (5.0%)	19 (4.9%)	20 (5.4%)	15 (4.2%)	19 (5.7%)
Intact PTH	Intervention	Number of reported values	488	427	421	402	386	377	356	337	323	314
		> 240 pg/mL	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.7%)	7 (1.7%)	8 (2.0%)	17 (4.4%)	16 (4.2%)	23 (6.5%)	34 (10.1%)	35 (10.8%)	45 (14.3%)
		> 500 pg/mL	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	3 (1.0%)
	Control	Number of reported values	476	432	422	404	391	381	366	344	336	313
		> 240 pg/mL	0 (0.0%)	19 (4.4%)	19 (4.5%)	33 (8.2%)	37 (9.5%)	46 (12.1%)	46 (12.6%)	4 (12.5%)	41 (12.2%)	43 (13.7%)
		> 500 pg/mL	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (0.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)

eTable 4. Predefined laboratory abnormalities

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Visit			0M	3M	6M	12M	18M	24M	30M	36M	42M	48M
Intervention	tion Number of participants		495	488	471	465	443	427	407	387	370	349
group	SBP	N of measured values	488	469	462	440	422	403	384	365	347	332
		25th percentile (mmHg)	130	134	131	134	132	133	131	132	130	133
		Median (mmHg)	145	149	146	148	147	146	147	148	146	147
		75th percentile (mmHg)	160	164	160	162	160	160	161	164	163	160
	DBP	N of measured	486	467	460	437	421	402	383	364	347	332
		25th percentile (mmHg)	67	70	67	70	67	68	66	67	66	67
		Median (mmHg)	74	76	75	78	74	76	76	77	75	76
		75th percentile (mmHg)	82	84	84	84	83	86	85	85	85	84
Control	Number of participants		481	476	469	462	442	426	407	390	369	356
group	SBP	N of measured values	476	467	459	435	415	397	384	363	349	326
		25th percentile (mmHg)	134	132	131	132	130	132	130	132	132	132
		Median (mmHg)	148	147	144	148	144	147	146	147	145	148
		75th percentile (mmHg)	160	162	159	164	159	160	160	161	160	165
	DBP	N of measured values	475	466	458	433	415	397	383	363	349	325
		25th percentile (mmHg)	68	68	66	68	66	66	66	67	66	68
		Median (mmHg)	74	75	74	76	73	74	73	75	75	75
		75th percentile (mmHg)	83	84	81	84	82	84	83	84	83	85

eTable 5. Blood pressure measurements during follow-up

This table gives the numbers of participants, the number of participants with measured values, and the median, 25th and 75th percentiles levels of SBP and DBP at each visit for each group.

Abbreviations: N, number; SBP, systolic blood pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure.

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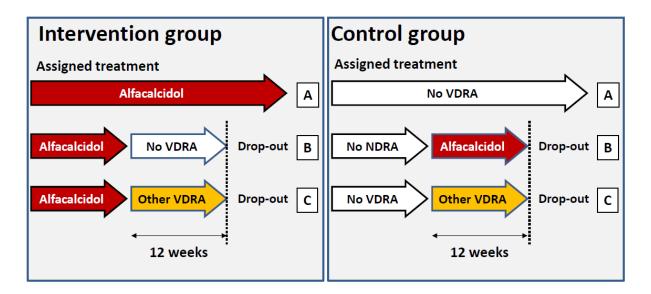
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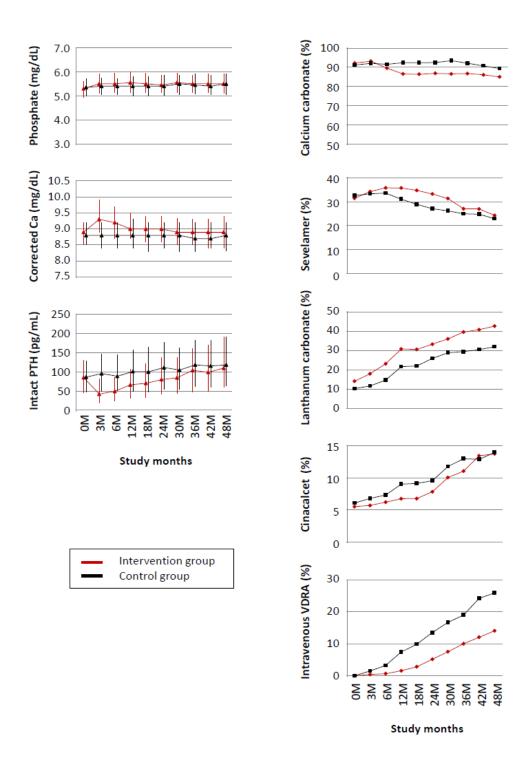


eFigure 1. Definitions of three populations for analysis

1) The full analysis set (FAS) consists of all participants who were randomized, and participants who 'dropped-out' from the assigned treatment are not censored at the time of 'drop-out'.

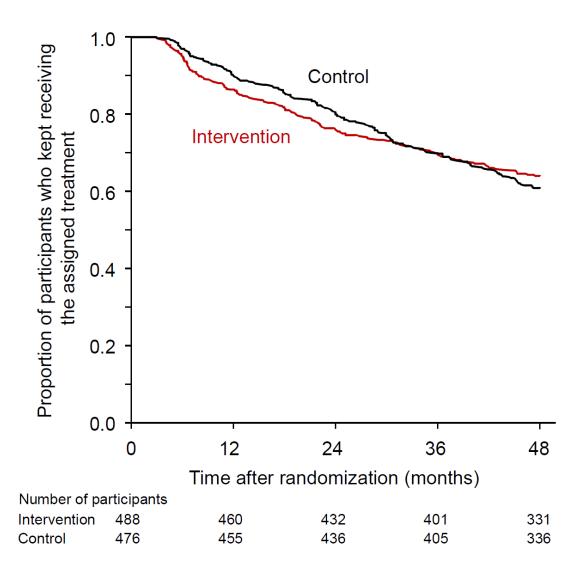
2) The per-protocol set (PPS) consists of all participants who were randomized, but participants (B and C in both arms) are censored at the time of 'drop-out' from the assigned treatment.

3) The modified PPS consists of all participants who were randomized. In the control arm, participants (\mathbb{B} and \mathbb{C}) are censored at the time of 'drop-out' from the assigned treatment. In the intervention arm, participants who are censored at the time of 'drop-out' from the assigned treatment with oral alfacalcidol, if no VDRA was given in place of alfacalcidol (\mathbb{B}). Participants in the intervention arm are not censored at the time of 'drop-out' from the assigned treatment with oral alfacalcidol, if the participants were kept treated with an oral or intravenous VDRA other than alfacalcidol (\mathbb{C}); Such patients are censored at the time when any VDRA was not given continuously for more than 12 weeks.



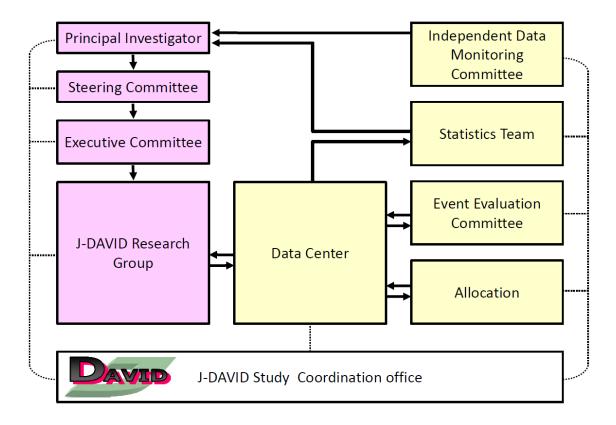
eFigure 2. Changes in laboratory data and medications

Graphs indicate medians (interquartile ranges) for laboratory data and percentages for medication uses in each group. Please see **eTable 4** for the number of participants and the number of reported laboratory values at each visit by treatment group. Data on use of the five medications was obtained for all participants. The numbers of participants at 0M, 3M, 6M, 12M, 18M, 24M, 30M, 36M, 42M, and 48M were 488, 471, 465, 443, 427, 407, 387, 370, 349, and 334 for the intervention group; and 476, 469, 462, 442, 426, 407, 390, 369, 356, and 336 for the control group, respectively. These numbers are based on the visits, and different from number at risk after randomization.



eFigure 3. Adherence to the assigned treatments

The proportions of participants who kept receiving the assigned treatment in the two arms were plotted as a function of time after randomization by the Kaplan-Meier method. Drop-out from the assigned treatment was defined in the text.



eFigure 4. Study organization of this trial