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The authors assess in a large South-Korean CKD cohort the association between soluble klotho and cardiac parameters adjusted for renal function and mineral homeostasis markers. Their findings suggest that left ventricular hypertrophy is associated with sklotho but not arterial stiffness.

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