Title: The value of maintaining normokalaemia and enabling RAASi therapy in chronic kidney disease

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An interesting effort to describe the impact of RAASi optimization in a hypothetical cohort of patients aged 60 years with CKD 3a.

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