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**RESULTS:** Hypomagnesaemia was associated with low high density lipoproteins ( $p < 0.05$ ) and raised triglycerides level ( $p < 0.05$ ) as compared to type 2 DM group with normal magnesium level.

**CONCLUSION:** Hypomagnesaemia was found to be associated with dyslipidaemia so there may have a beneficial effect of consumption of magnesium rich foods like whole grains, legumes, fruits and vegetables (especially dark-green, leafy vegetables) on lipid profile.

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### OP 006

**TITLE:** Comparative cytotoxicity of selected cyanotoxins on Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK-293) and Human Kidney Adenocarcinoma (ACHN) Cells.  
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**INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES:** Freshwater resources are now threatened by the presence and increase of toxic cyanobacterial blooms all over the world. This is typically a direct result of anthropogenic pollution of water bodies, such as partially treated nutrient-rich effluents and the leaching of fertilizers and animal wastes. Approximately 75% of water samples containing cyanobacteria consist of cyanobacterial secondary metabolites which can produce toxic effects to livestock, wildlife and human. There is a wide spectrum of cyanotoxins, predominantly causing neurotoxic, hepatotoxic and dermatotoxic effects on contaminated individuals. In diverse aquatic systems, cyclic peptide toxins, microcystins (MCs) and nodularin are the most abundant and most noxious cyanotoxins present causing highest impact on hepatocytes. Though these toxins are reputed as potent hepatotoxins, recent evidence suggests that these peptides could cause kidney injuries. Present study was carried out to evaluate cytotoxic effects of some selected MCs (MC-LR, MC-RR, MC-LF and MC-LW) and Nodularin on human embryonic kidney cells (HEK-293) and

**METHOD:** Human kidney adenocarcinoma cells (ACHN), HEK-293 and ACHN cells were treated with different concentrations of MC-LR, MC-RR, MC-LF, MC-LW and Nodularin (1.0–200  $\mu$ M) for 24 h and cytotoxicity was evaluated by Sulphorhodamine B (SRB) assay.

**RESULTS:** A significant cytotoxicity was induced in both types of cells by the toxins tested. All the toxins had a significantly higher cytotoxicity on normal kidney cells

than on the kidney adenocarcinoma cells. Further MC-LR had the lowest IC<sub>50</sub> values ( $16.57 \pm 0.038$  for HEK-293 and  $62.36 \pm 0.037$  for ACHN cells) while Nodularin had the highest IC<sub>50</sub> values ( $1158.16 \pm 9.025$  for HEK-293 and  $1589.78 \pm 3.206$  for ACHN cells).

**CONCLUSION:** Overall findings of the present study demonstrate that cyanotoxins could cause cytotoxic effects on kidney cells. MC-LR was the most toxic cyanotoxin, while MC-LW was least toxic cyanotoxin on both cells tested. MC-RR, MC-LF and Nodularin had moderate cytotoxicity on human renal cells.

**Key words:** Microcystins, Nodularin, ACHN cells, HEK-293 cells, cytotoxicity

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### OP 007

**TITLE:** Reducing inappropriate prescribing in older adults: A set of systematic Reviews (PRIMA-eOS)  
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**INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES:** Inappropriate polypharmacy of older patients poses a serious threat to health and wellbeing. PRIMA-eOS is an EU funded project across 5 European countries aiming to trial an electronic decision support tool for practitioners to help reduce polypharmacy in older adults. Objective was to carry out a series of systematic reviews of the literature, evaluating and defining best evidence regarding the treatment of older adults with polypharmacy.

**METHODS:** Preparation of study protocols for systematic reviews (SRs); standard operating procedure (SOP) of 17 researchers. Staged literature search: existing meta-analyses, controlled interventions (CIs) and observational studies (OS). Databases searched: Database of Systematic Reviews; DARE; MEDLINE; BASE; HTA and IPA. Inclusion criteria: age  $\geq 65$  years, relevant endpoints. Selection of studies, data extraction