reached the level of statistical significance (Wilcoxon’s P = 0.055). No reciprocal relations between the above HGF values, their per-dialytic change, enoxaparin dose or HD session duration were found.

In conclusion, we saw that salivary HGF concentration normalized during HD sessions. Our working hypothesis turned out to be apparently incorrect. The specific and important quest for the cause behind periodontal disease epidemics in maintenance HD patients has just begun and should be pursued.

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