

Application of a Categorical Classification for Assessment of Kidneys Undergoing Intervention with Obstructive Feature

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Introduction

A semi-quantitative method is applied to describe the findings of Tc-99m DTPA renogram in terms of pelvicalyceal dilatation, obstruction and parenchymal functional status in categorical scales, with a view to generate reports that are more comparable, comprehensible and reproducible.

Material & method

The study included 30 patients who underwent two-point dynamic radionuclide renogram using Tc-99m-DTPA before and after an intervention with the indication of obstructive feature in kidney. Findings were stated using this categorical classification instead of conventional reporting.

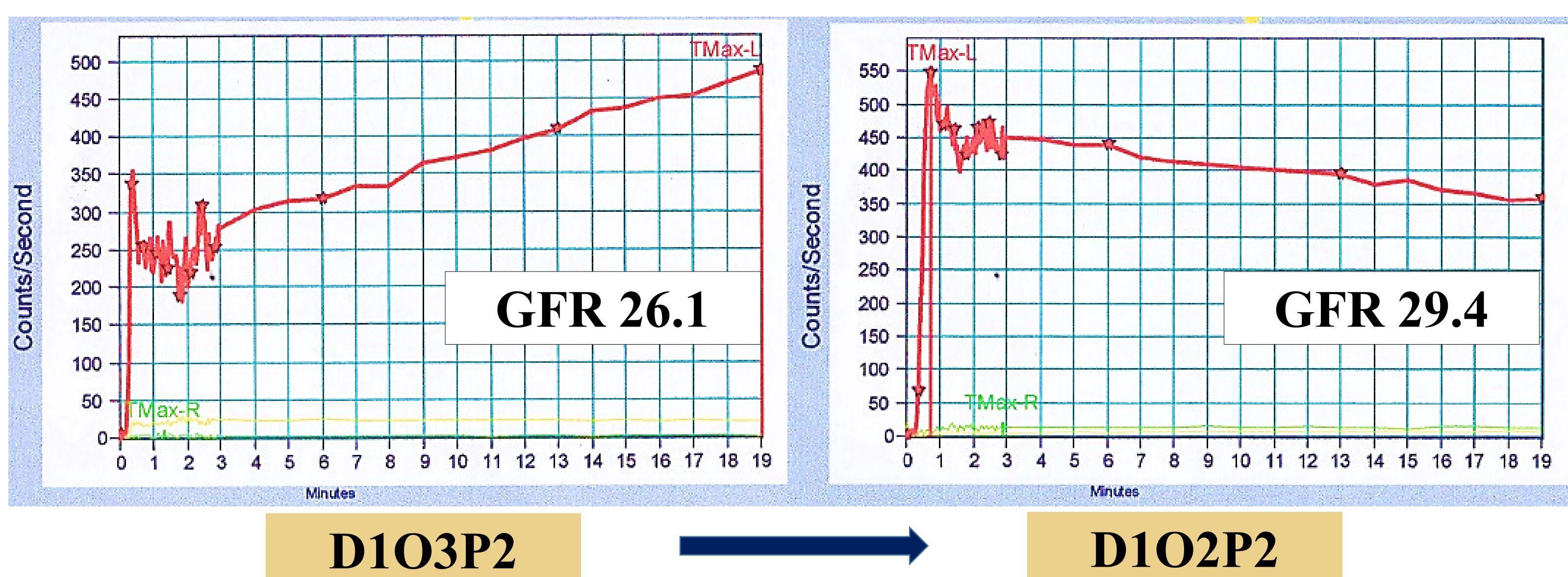
Table: Categorical classification used for kidneys with obstructive feature undergoing intervention

Dilation (D category)	Obstruction (O category)	Parenchymal function (P category)
D0 Absent	O0 Absent	P0 GFR (SK) > 40 ml/min
D1 Present	O1a FO + T-max ≤ 5	P1 GFR (SK) 30 - 40 ml/min
	O1b FO + T-max > 5	P2 GFR (SK) 20 - 30 ml/min
	O2 Partial	P3 GFR (SK) < 20 ml/min
	O3 Complete	Px Indeterminate
	Ox Indeterminate	

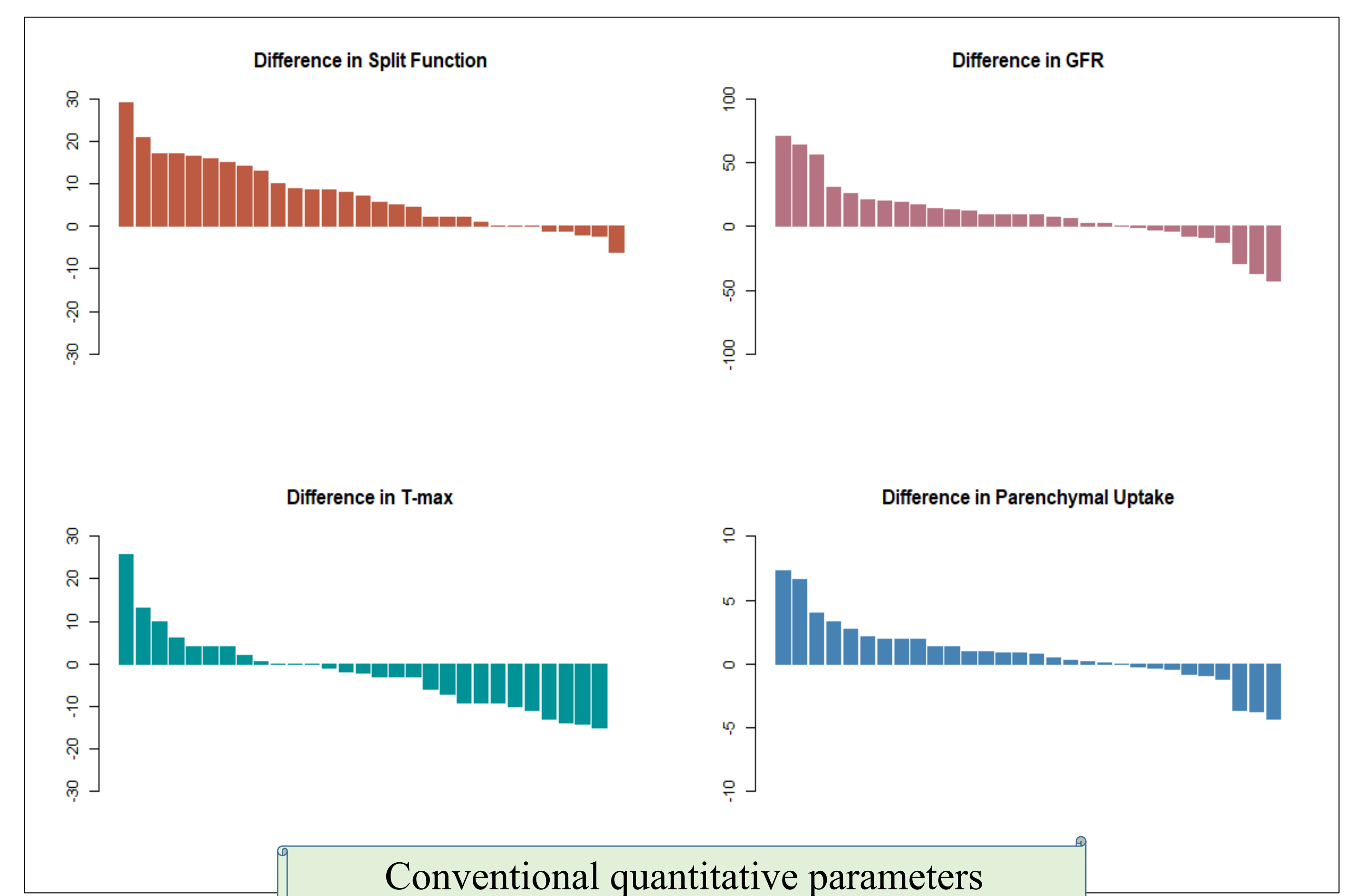
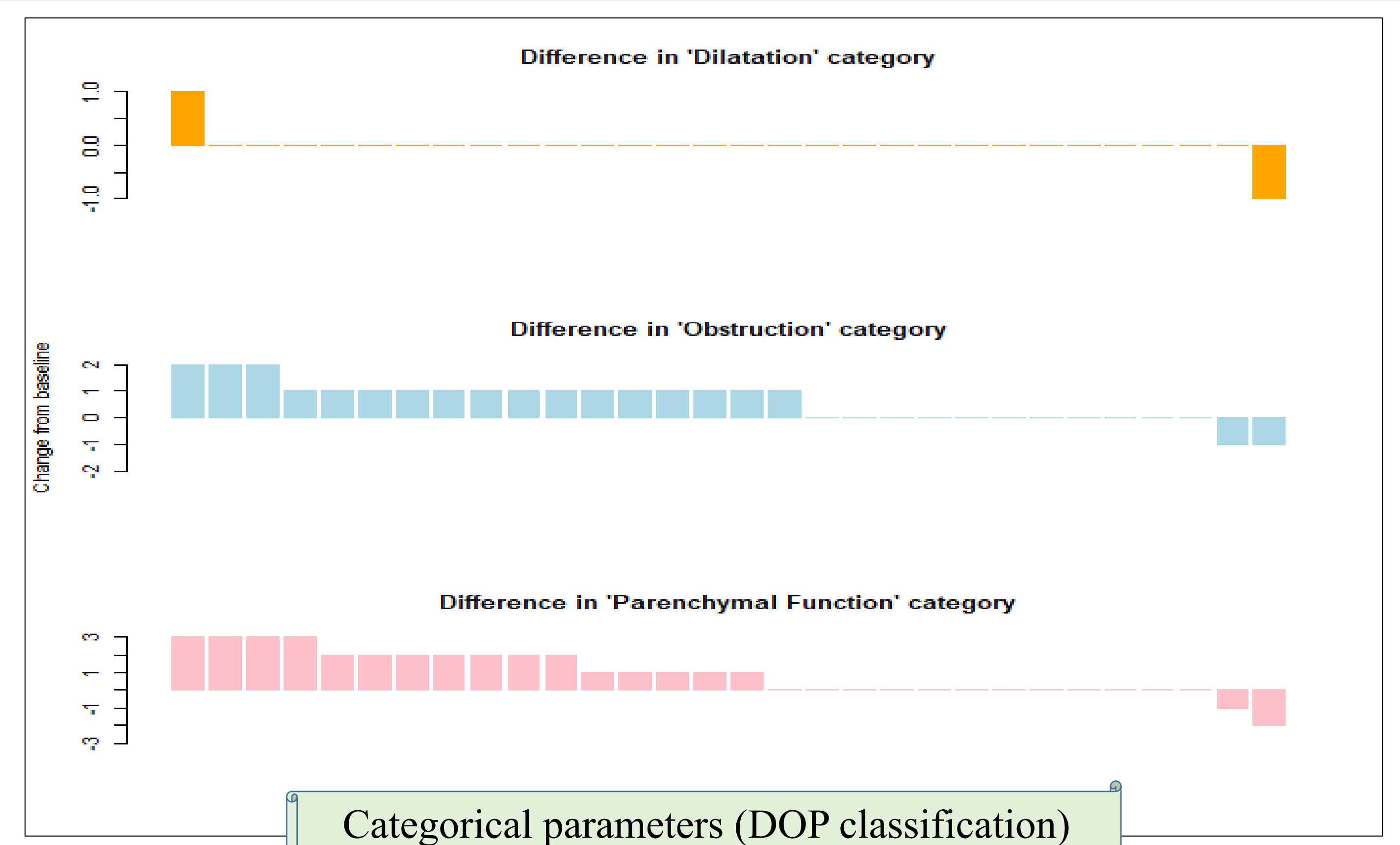
Example: Big photon deficient area throughout study period – D1OxPx
FO- Functional obstruction, SK- Single kidney

Result

- Total 30 kidneys from 30 patients aged 21.6 ± 14 years
- Male 22 (23.4±10.4 years), Female 7 (21.1±15.1 years)
- Left kidney (n=19), right kidney (n=10)
- Baseline → intervention: median one month
- Intervention → follow up: median 10 months



Changes in the parameters derived from dynamic radionuclide renogram between the baseline and follow up



Conclusion

- Significant improvement across D, O and P categories (the kappa values show significant disagreement).
- No difference of outcome across the methods of intervention.
- May aid easy and fast comparison between pre and post intervention renal functional status.

