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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to means and methods suitable for risk prediction of chronic kidney disease (CKD) using Pro-Enkephalin or fragments thereof as biomarker. The risk prediction methods of the invention are intended for healthy subjects and for subjects suffering from diseases such as hypertension, cardiovascular diseases and events, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, obesity, or autoimmune diseases. Subject matter of the invention is also a method of predicting the worsening or improvement of kidney function or dysfunction in healthy and diseased individuals.