

# Renal function: A determinant of many problems

Special Session: Geriatric oncology  
Issues that also relate to cancer in younger patients

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# How to evaluate renal function

- In non-cancer patients: aMDRD equation is recommended.
- In cancer patients: confounding evidence
  - Example from the most recent literature:

Ann Oncol. 2012 Jul;23(7):1845-53. Epub 2011 Nov 21.

## **Evaluation of glomerular filtration rate estimation by Cockcroft-Gault, Jelliffe, Wright and Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) formulae in oncology patients.**

Ainsworth NL, Marshall A, Hatcher H, Whitehead L, Whitfield GA, Earl HM.

- Authors' conclusion:  
aMDRD underestimates GFR in cancer patients...

What should we do in clinical practice ?

# How to evaluate renal function

- ▣ Pay attention to the methodology used in studies:
  - ▣ Ainsworth's study<sup>1</sup>:
    - \*the raw results of aMDRD calculation in **mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>** were compared to measures of the actual GFR in mL/min and other formulae estimates in **mL/min**.

**Table 1.** Patient characteristics for the 660 patients

Characteristic	Median (IQR)	Range
Age (in years)	56 (45–65)	16–88
Sex, <i>n</i> (%)		
Male	352 (53)	
Female	308 (47)	
Weight (kg)	75 (64–86)	40–151
Height (cm)	171 (163–178)	125–199
BSA	1.88 (1.71–2.03)	1.24–2.50
BMI	25.3 (22.7–28.8)	14.9–56.8
Serum creatinine	79 (67–93)	31–374
Chromium 51 EDTA GFR (mL/min)	90 (71–111)	23–176

50% of the patients had a BSA > 1.88 m<sup>2</sup>

BMI, body mass index; BSA, body surface area; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; IQR, interquartile range.

<sup>1</sup>Ainsworth NL et al. Ann Oncol 2012; \*Not mentioned in the article. Personal communication from Nicola Ainsworth.

# How to evaluate renal function

- Comparisons with appropriate units: aMDRD is more precise
- Faluyi's study: authors converted aMDRD raw result into mL/min using the actual BSA of the patients and then compared to CG and isotopic GFR.  
*"the MDRD equation was observed to provide more accurate GFR estimates than the C&G equation"*

**Table 5** Comparison of fractional differences from isotopic GFR of estimates by various equations

Patients	Fractional difference (%)			
	C&G	MDRD (absolute)	MDRD (per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Wright
Total (n = 62)	20.5 (14.3–26.8)	18.7 (13.0–24.4)	23.3 (16.1–30.6)	26.2 (18.8–33.6)
Monodentate platinum (n = 29)	20.1 (14.4–25.8)	16.8 (11.4–22.3)	21.1 (12.7–28.7)	25.3 (17.6–32.9)
No monodentate platinum (n = 33)	20.9 (9.9–31.9)	20.3 (10.5–30.2)	25.7 (13.6–37.7)	27.0 (14.4–39.6)

Fractional differences are presented as means with 95% confidence intervals of the mean in parenthesis

# How to evaluate renal function

## □ In elderly cancer patients, and in the younger ones:

Follow SIOG guidelines<sup>1</sup>:



- Assess and optimize hydration status
- Evaluate renal function in every patient
- **SCr alone is NOT sufficient**
- Calculation of renal function is mandatory using:
  - Cockcroft-Gault formula
  - aMDRD formula
  - In obesity: aMDRD or measure GFR
  - In cachexia: measure GFR

# International definition and stratification of CKD



Stage	Description	eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )
At Increased Risk	Risk factors for kidney disease (e.g., diabetes, high blood pressure, family history, older age, ethnic group)	More than 90
1	Kidney damage (protein in the urine) and Normal GFR	More than 90
2	Kidney damage and Mild decrease in GFR	60 to 89
3	Moderate decrease in GFR	30 to 59
4	Severe decrease in GFR	15 to 29
5	Kidney failure (dialysis or kidney transplant needed)	Less than 15

For acute kidney injury: NCI-CTCAE

# Why evaluate renal function ?

## □ Because kidney disease is frequent in cancer:

- France: IRMA-1 and IRMA-2 studies<sup>1,2</sup>:
  - 4684 and 4945 patients (all cancers)
  - eGFR<60: **12.0%** and **11.8%**
- Belgium: B-IRMA study<sup>3</sup>:
  - 1218 patients (all cancers)
  - eGFR<60: **16.1%**
- United-States<sup>4</sup>:
  - 1114 patients (kidney cancer)
  - eGFR<60: **22%**
- Japan<sup>5</sup>:
  - 231 patients (all cancers)
  - eGFR<60: **25%**
- In elderly cancer patients<sup>6</sup>:
  - French study<sup>1</sup>: 1553 patients ≥ 65
    - 65.2% have a eGFR < 90
    - 19.5% have a eGFR < 60

Prevalence ranges  
from 12 to 25%

<sup>1</sup>Launay-Vacher V et al. Cancer 2007; <sup>2</sup>Launay-Vacher V et al. Semin Nephrol 2010; <sup>3</sup>Janus N et al. Br J Cancer 2010; <sup>4</sup>Canter D et al. Urology. 2011;

<sup>5</sup>Nakamura Y et al. Nihon Jinzo Gakkai Shi. 2011; <sup>6</sup>Launay-Vacher V et al. Crit Rev Oncol Hematol 2009



# Why evaluate renal function ?

## □ Because kidney disease impacts survival in cancer patients:

### ■ France: IRMA-2 study<sup>1</sup>:

■ HR = 1.27 for patients with eGFR<60 (p=0.0002)

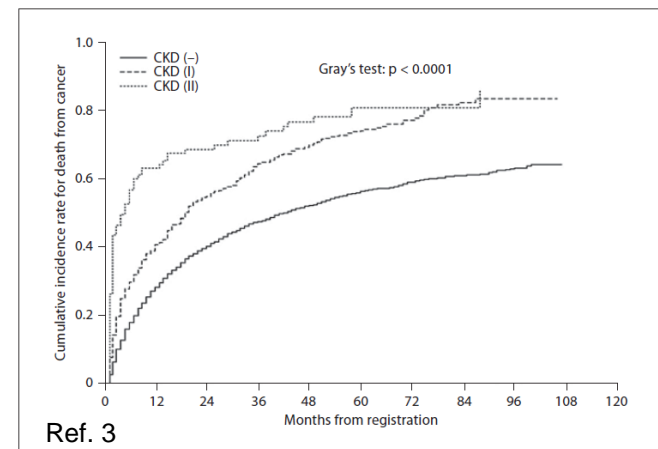
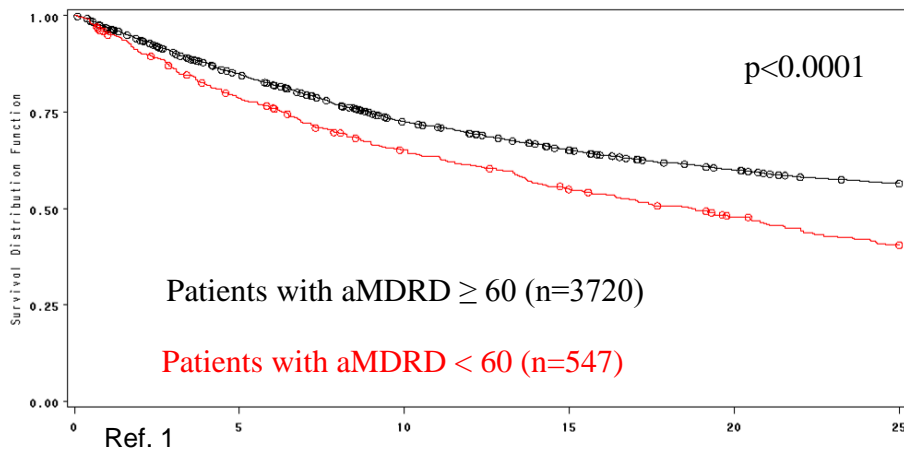
### ■ Japan<sup>2</sup>:

■ eGFR<60 = independent risk factor for death at 1 year

### ■ Korea<sup>3</sup>:

■ HR = 1.12 for patients with 30<eGFR<60 (p=0.04)

■ HR = 1.75 for patients with eGFR<30 (p<0.001)

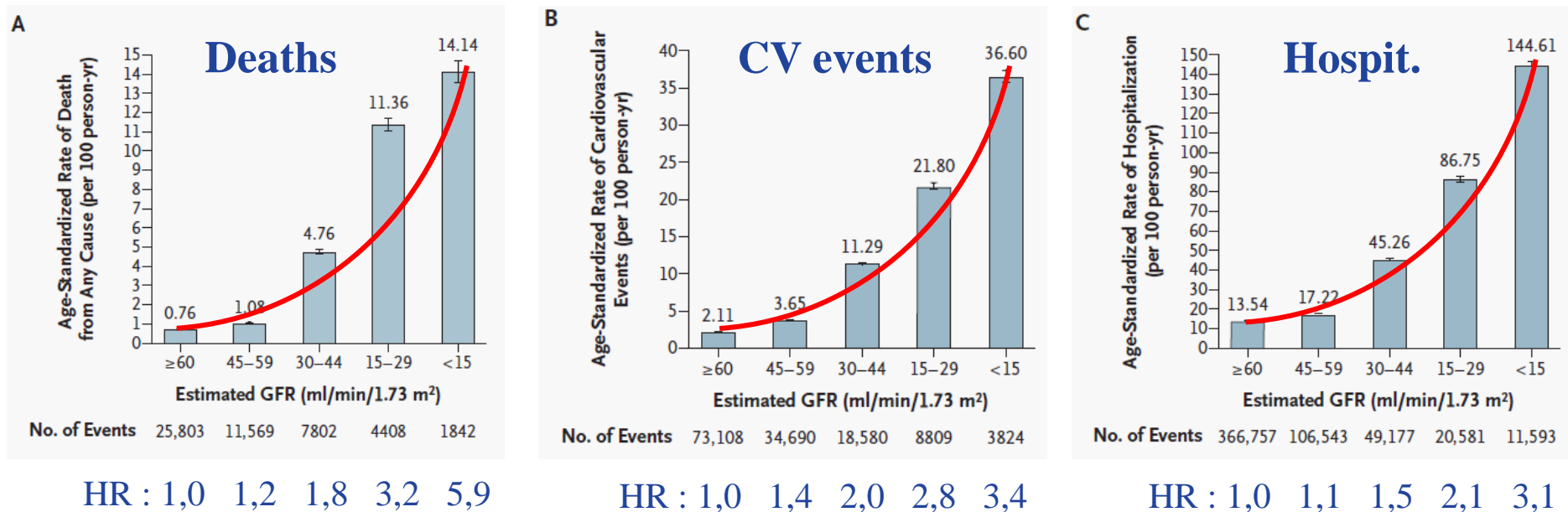


# CKD impact on survival is common

- CKD is a risk factor for mortality in a number of chronic diseases or acute conditions:
  - Type 1 diabetes<sup>1</sup>
  - HIV infection<sup>2</sup>
  - Patients hospitalized for upper GI bleeding<sup>3</sup>
  - Atrial fibrillation<sup>4</sup>
  - Non-cardiac surgery<sup>5</sup>
  - Coronary heart disease and mortality<sup>6</sup>
  - Type 2 diabetes mellitus, especially in the elderly<sup>7</sup>
  - .../...

# CKD increases CV mortality

- CKD is a risk factor for cardiovascular morbi-mortality



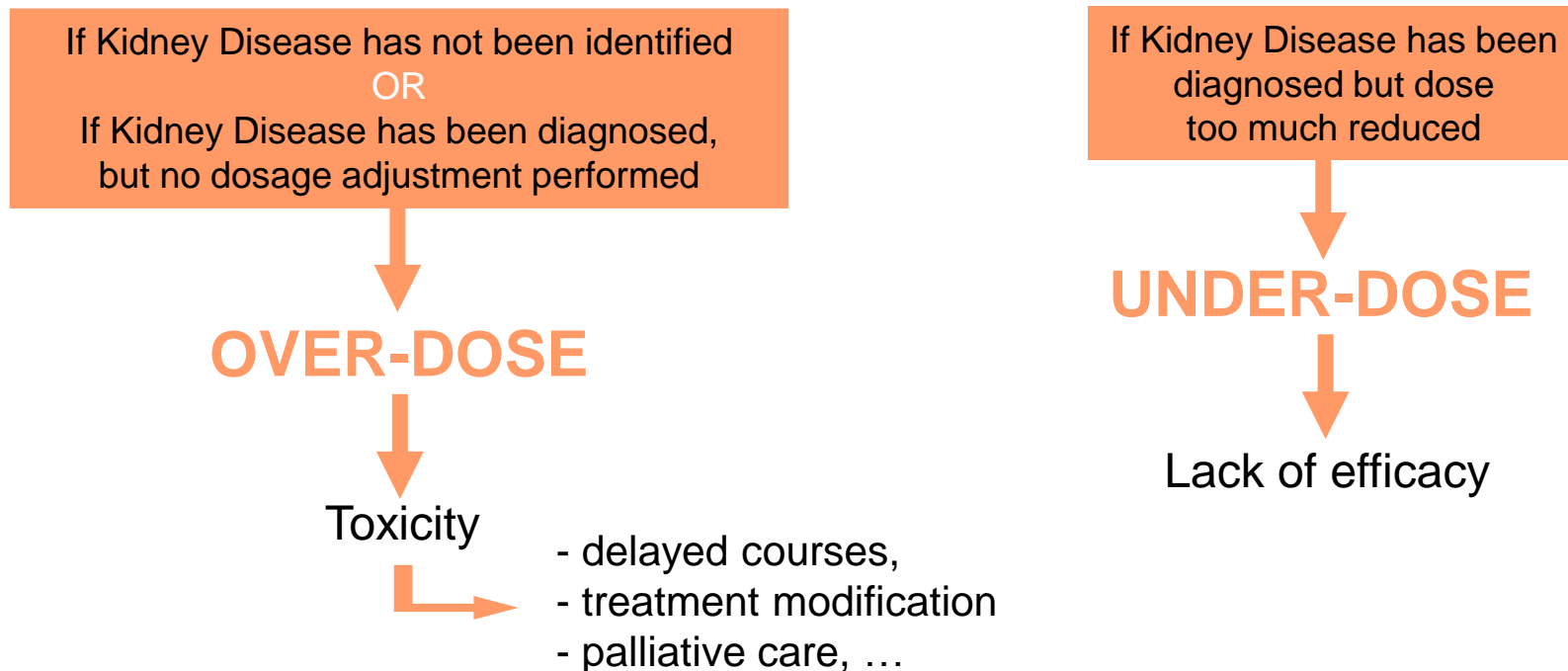
1,120,295 subjects included...

No dialysis

No renal transplantation

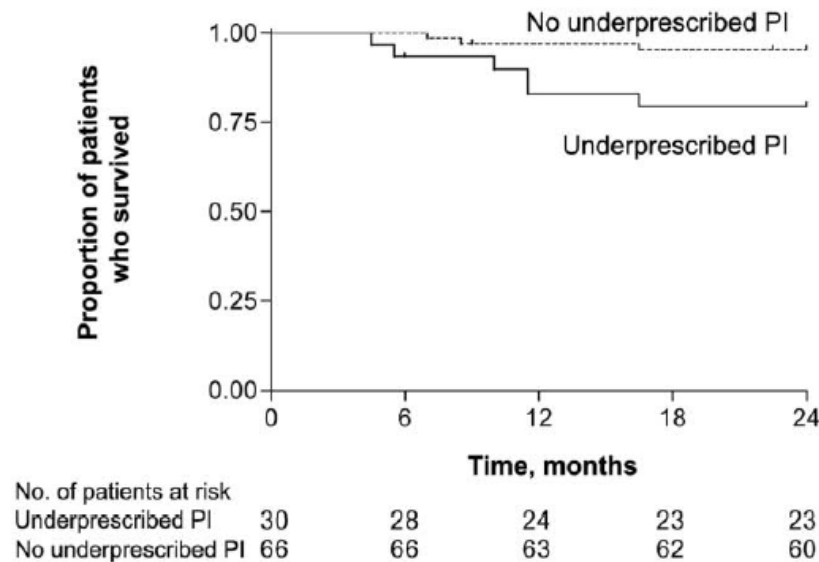
# Hypotheses for increased mortality in cancer patients with CKD

- Increased CV mortality
  - Cancer does not protect from CV disease...
- Non-optimal use of anticancer drugs in CKD patients



# Protease inhibitors in HIV

- 58% of HIV patients with CKD under PI treatment were treated at a reduced dose
- PIs do not require dosage modification in CKD  
=> under-dosage
- Reduced survival



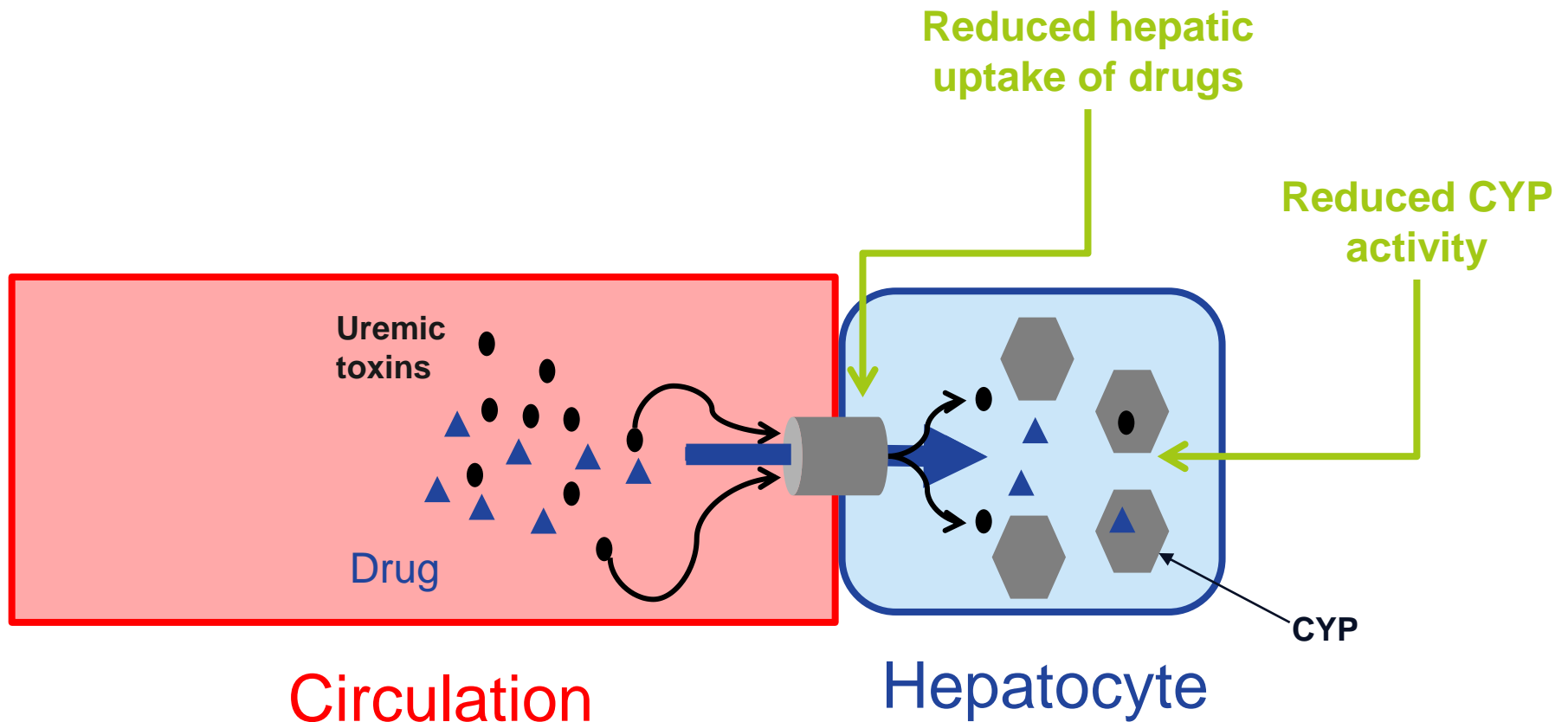
**Figure 4.** Kaplan-Meier survival curves for patients who received HAART with or without underprescription of a protease inhibitor (PI;  $P < .02$ ).

# Anticancer drugs in CKD

- Approximately 50% of anticancer drugs are excreted through the kidneys:
  - Either as unchanged drug
  - Or as metabolites resulting from a previous metabolism
- What about the other 50% ?
  - Hepatic metabolism may be reduced in CKD
  - Uremic toxins may alter:
    - The hepatic uptake of drugs
    - CYP activity



# Hepatic metabolism in CKD



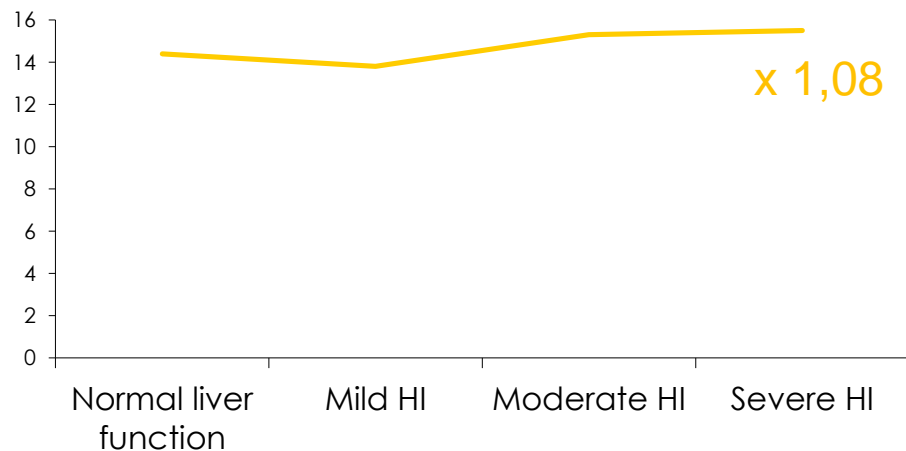
# Pharmacokinetics of vandetanib in hepatic / renal impairment

- Vandetanib:
  - Oral tyrosine kinase inhibitor
  - Targets VEGFR-2, EGFR, and RET
  
- Renal excretion accounts for less than 25% of the administered drug
  - Hepatic metabolism / biliary excretion are the main routes of elimination
  
- However, vandetanib PKs are altered in renal impairment:
  - Clearance reduced by 30% and AUC increased by 40%<sup>1</sup>
  - AUC increased from 1.5 to 2-fold in mild to severe renal impairment<sup>2</sup>
  - Dosage adjustment is required

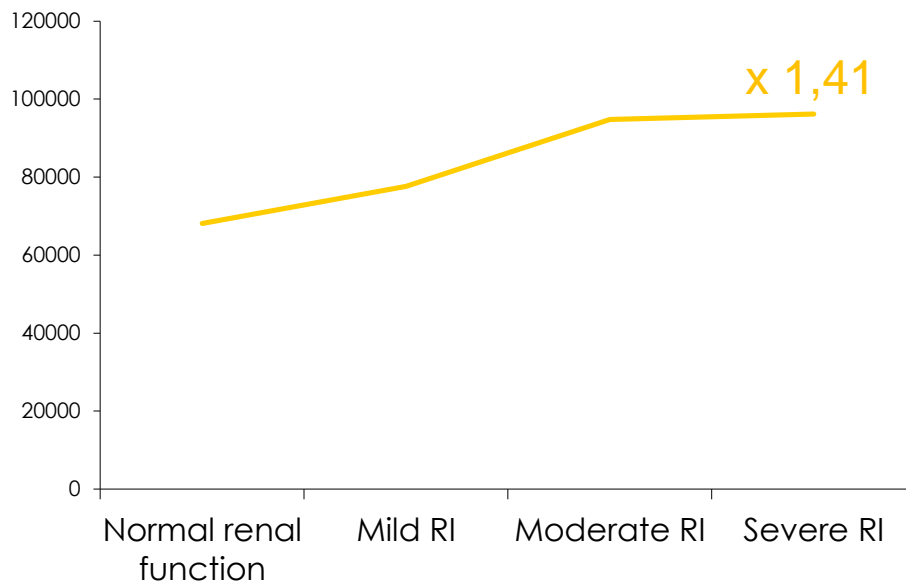
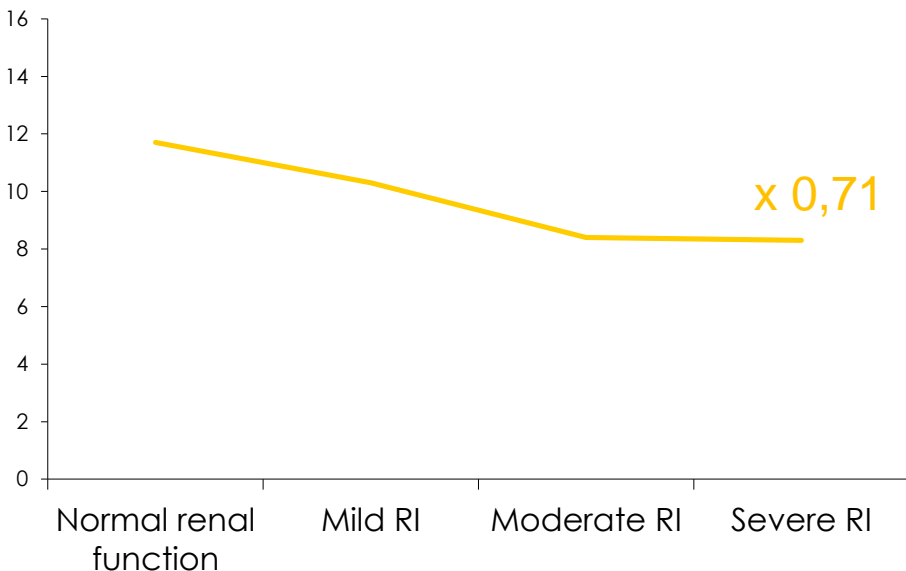
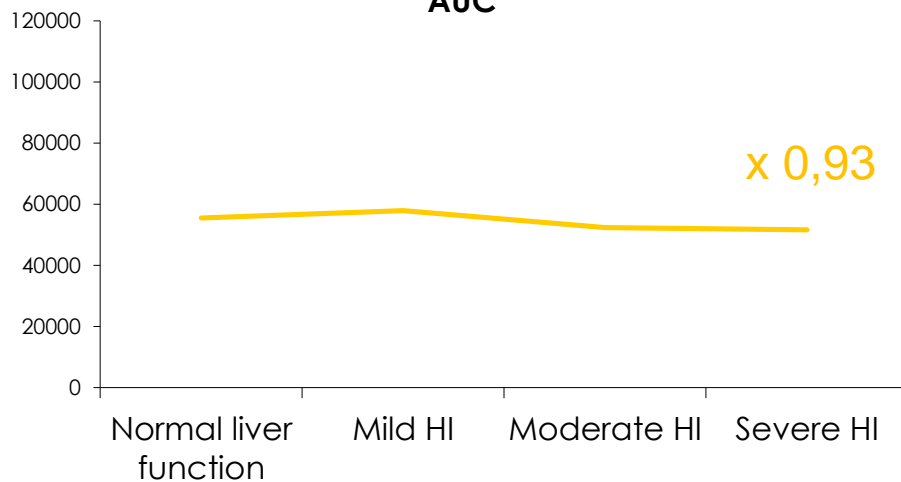


# Pharmacokinetics of vandetanib in hepatic / renal impairment

Clearance



AUC



# Anticancer drugs in CKD

- In a patient with CKD, whatever their age:
  - the CHOICE of the drug to be used should always be made according to the expected EFFICACY.
  - the question of the dose to be used is crucial
    - Neither too high
    - Not too low
- We need clear-cut recommendations on dosage adjustments for all drugs

# Some practical **answers**

## ■ Targeted therapies: Monoclonal Antibodies

MAB	Dosage adjustment in CKD
Bevacizumab	Not required => usual dose may be used
Denosumab	
Cetuximab	
Panitumumab	
Pertuzumab	
Trastuzumab	

# Some practical questions

## ■ Targeted therapies: Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors

TKI	Pharmacokinetic modifications in CKD ?	Risk	Dosage adjustment in CKD
Axitinib	No data	?	?
Erlotinib	None	-	Not required
Lapatinib	No data	?	?
Sorafenib	None	↗ Toxicity has been reported	?
Sunitinib	YES: exposition ↘	Under-Dosage	Theoretically yes, but how ?
Vandetanib	YES: exposition ↗	Over-Dosage	200 mg in moderate RI Not recommended in severe RI

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*International Society of Geriatric Oncology (SIOG) recommendations for the adjustment of dosing in elderly cancer patients with renal insufficiency<sup>1</sup>*



*Website developed by Service ICAR where evidence-based dosage adjustment recommendations are published and updated<sup>2</sup>*

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**CALCULATE RENAL FUNCTION**

## Calcul

Age : \*

55

Gender : \*

☐ Male ☒ Female

Ethnic origin : \*

☐ African ☒ None african

Creatinine : \*

85

☒  $\mu\text{mol/l}$  ☐ mg/l

Weight (kg) :

51

Height (cm) :

162

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CALCULATE

\* required fields

## Results

### COCKCROFT & GAULT FORMULA

**Creatinine Clearance :**  
53.04 ml/min

### aMDRD FORMULA

**Glomerular Filtration Rate :**  
64.09 ml/min/1,73m<sup>2</sup>  
**Stage of kidney disease :**  
Stage 2 if the reduced GFR is associated with any  
marker of organic renal damage

### CORRECTED aMDRD FORMULA

**Glomerular Filtration Rate :**  
56.59 ml/min  
**Body Surface Area (m<sup>2</sup>) :**  
1.53 m<sup>2</sup>

### BMI

19.4 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

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<b>Renal Function (eGFR or CrCl) (ml/mn)</b>	<b>Dosage</b>		
	<b>Prevention of bone complications in cancer</b>	<b>Hypercalcemia</b>	<b>Paget Disease</b>
90-60	4 mg every 3 to 4 weeks	4 mg	5 mg
60-50	3.5 mg every 3 to 4 weeks	3.5 mg	ND
50-40	3.3 mg every 3 to 4 weeks	3.3 mg	ND
40-30	3.0 mg every 3 to 4 weeks	3,0 mg	ND
30-15	Not advised		
<15 et HD			
CAPD	Not advised		
CVVHD			

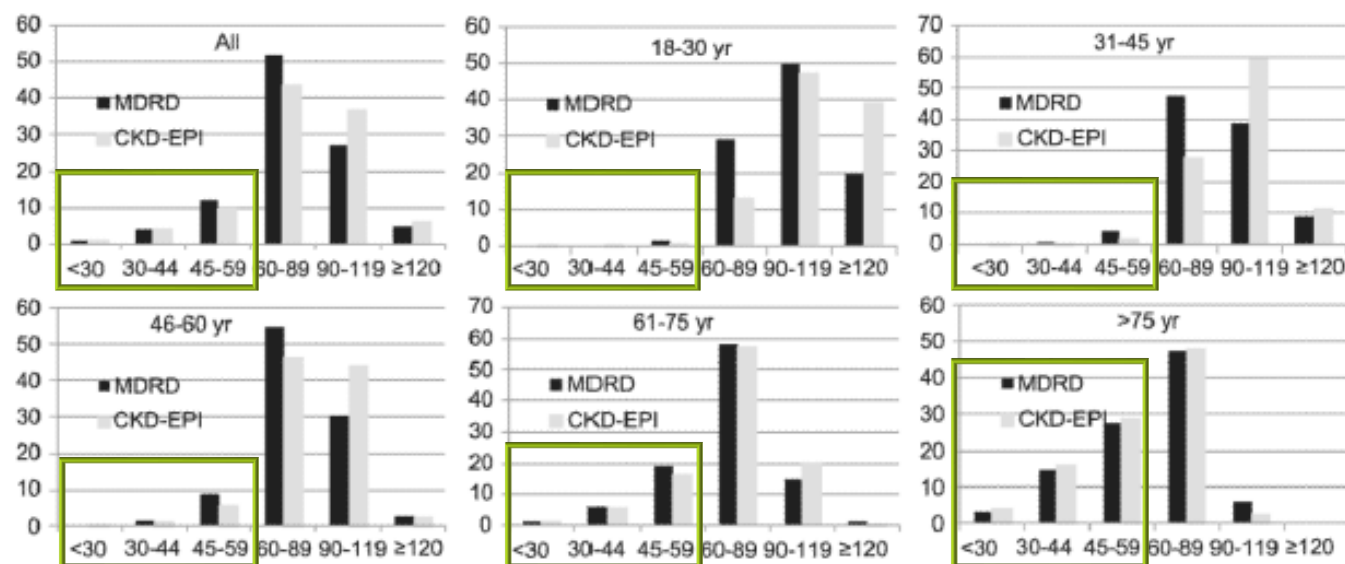
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# aMDRD vs. CKD-EPI

- 116 321 subjects - General population
  - aMDRD < 60 = 16.8%
  - CKD-EPI < 60 = 14.3%



**Figure 1.**

Distribution of estimated glomerular filtration rate categories determined using the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) Study and Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI) equations by age category.