

# Assessment of kidney function and diagnosis of chronic kidney disease

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# Learning outcomes

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If you attend this lecture, at the end you will know/understand/learn:

1. How to measure glomerular filtration rate
2. How to estimate glomerular filtration rate
3. How to diagnose chronic kidney disease

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The Glomerular Filtration Rate is usually the best parameter to assess the global kidney function.

So, how to measure (or estimate GFR)?



# Measuring GFR

## How? Why?

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# Renal function: concept of clearance

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Clearance of a solute (ml/min):

volume of plasma cleared (« purified ») of this substance per time

$$Cl = [U] \times [V] / [P]$$

Ideal marker for GFR:

- Constant production
- No effect on GFR, non toxic
- Not bound to protein, freely filtrated through glomerulus
- No secretion, no absorption by the tubules
- No extra renal clearance
- Easy to measure

# Available on the market...

Markers	Strengths	Limitations
<i>Inulin</i>	Gold standard (or historic) Safe	Costly, Dosage neither easy nor standardized Doubt with plasma clearance and bolus
<i>Iothalamate</i>	The most popular in USA Isotopic or “cold” method	Tubular secretion Cannot be used if allergy to iodine
<i>Iohexol</i>	External quality control Relatively easy to measure	Cannot be used if allergy to iodine
<i><sup>51</sup>Cr-EDTA</i>	Easy to measure	Only isotopic Not available in USA
<i><sup>99m</sup>Tc-DTPA</i>	Easy to measure	Only isotopic Binding to proteins Short half-time

*Stevens LA, J Am Soc Nephrol, 2009, 20, 2305*



# We have biomarkers Now, how to proceed?

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Urinary clearance

Plasma clearance

# Urinary clearance

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Constant infusion, marker at equilibrium

Plasma measurement of the marker

Collect Urine (every half or every hour) and measurement of urine flow, urine measurement of the marker

Repeated 3 or 4 times

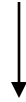
$Cl = [U] \times [V] / [P]$  (mean of three collections)

# Plasmatic Clearance = Dose / AUC

Theoretically,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  must be calculated



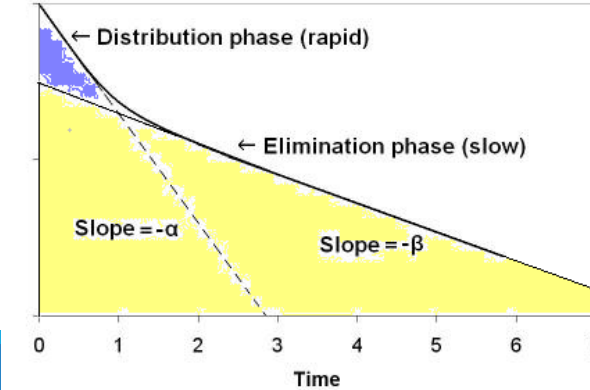
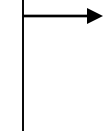
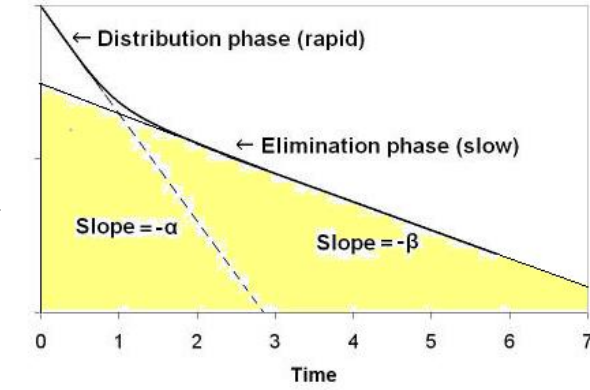
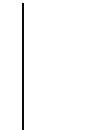
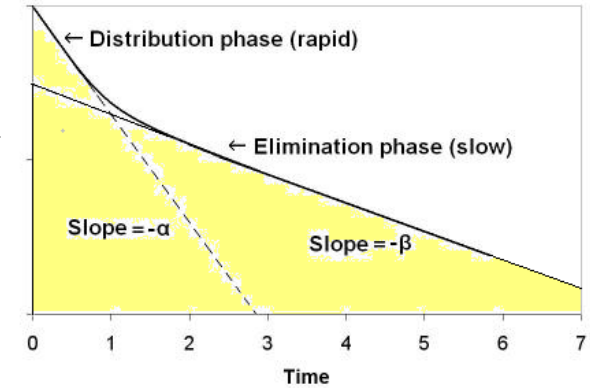
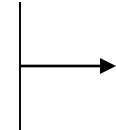
Not easy in practice (many samples)



Only slope  $\beta$  after equilibrium is calculated



Brochner-Mortensen  
mathematical correction for  
estimation of distribution phase

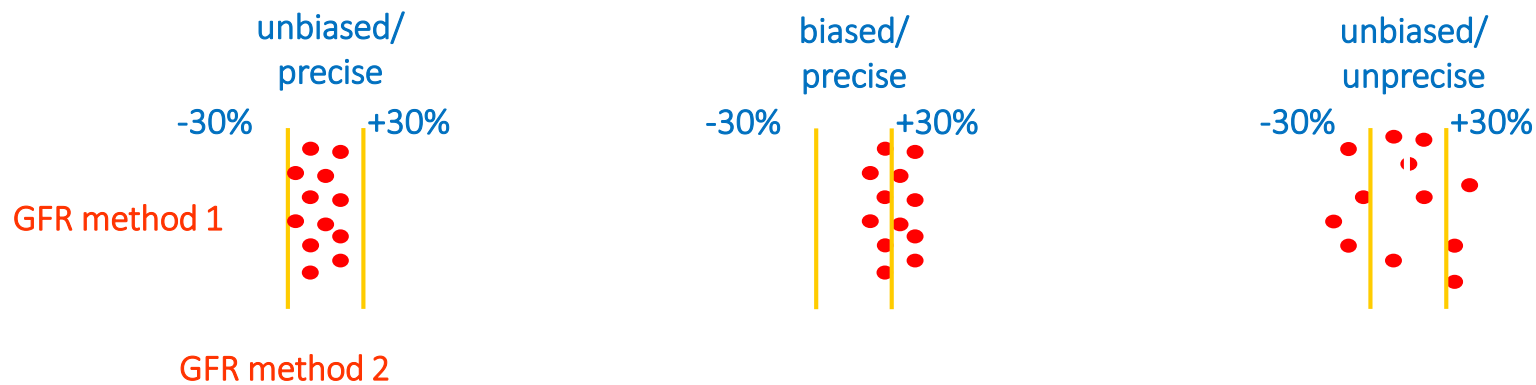


# Are they equivalent?

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# Statistics

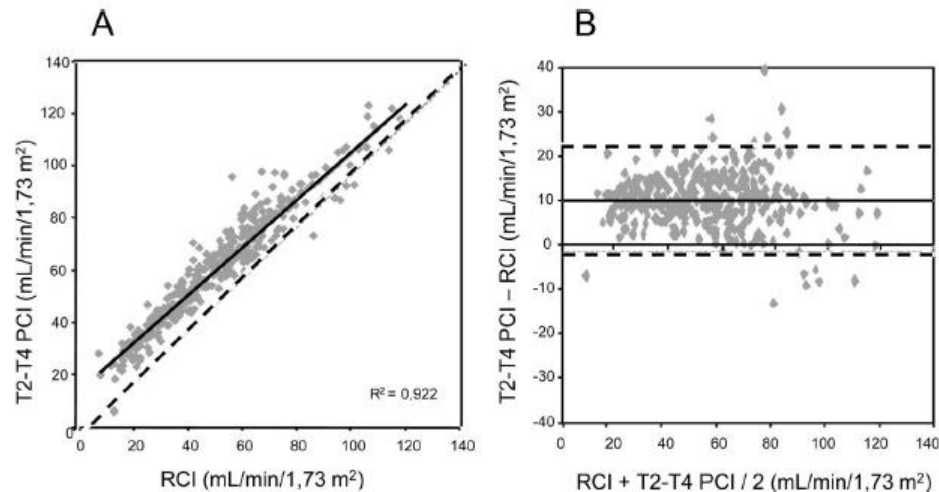
- Good correlation: a “*sine qua non*” condition but insufficient
- Bias: mean difference between two values = the systematic error
- Precision: SD around the bias = the random error
- Accuracy 30% = % of eGFR between  $\pm 30\%$  of measured GFR



# Plasma versus Urinary clearances

## Evaluation of Sample Bias for Measuring Plasma Iohexol Clearance in Kidney Transplantation

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	n	Bias ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> (%)	Precision (SD) (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )
T2-T4	342	+10 (+27%)	±6
T2-T6	342	+8 (+21%)	±6
T2-T24	215	+3 (+8.8%)	±5

Stolz A, Transplantation, 2010, 89, 440

# Urinary and plasma methods: pro-con

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More physiological

More costly

More cumbersome

Less precision (urine recolt!)

# Plasma clearance: single- or multiple samples

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## Single- versus multiple-sample method to measure glomerular filtration rate

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<i>EDTA</i>	Easy to measure	Isotopic Not available anymore
<i>DTPA</i>	Easy to measure	Isotopic Binding to proteins?

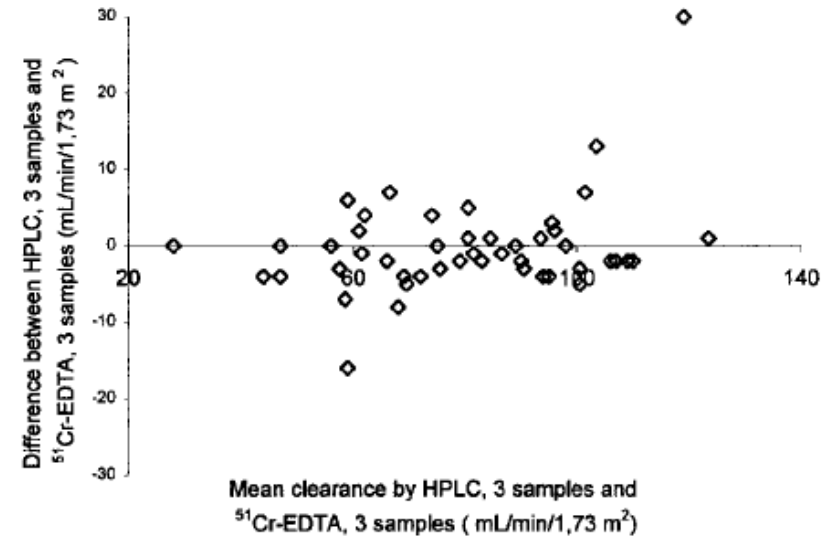
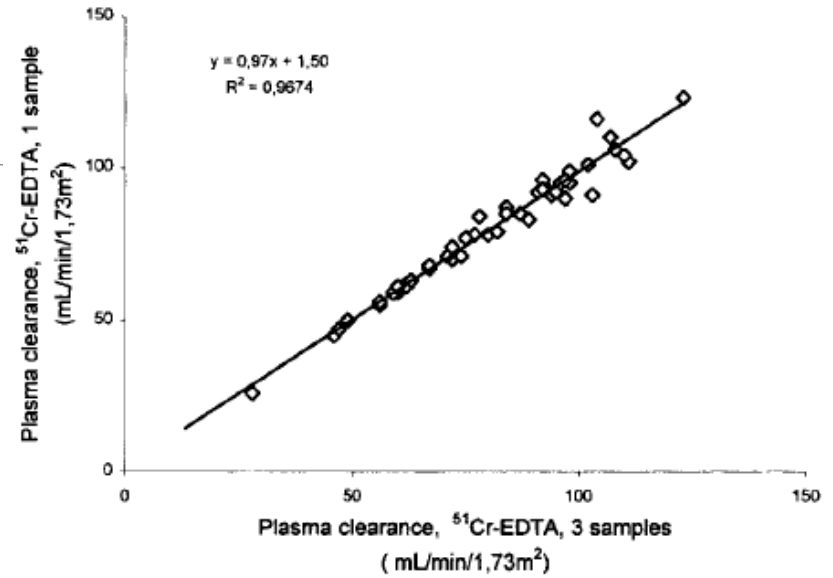
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# Are they equivalent?

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# EDTA versus iohexol

N=49



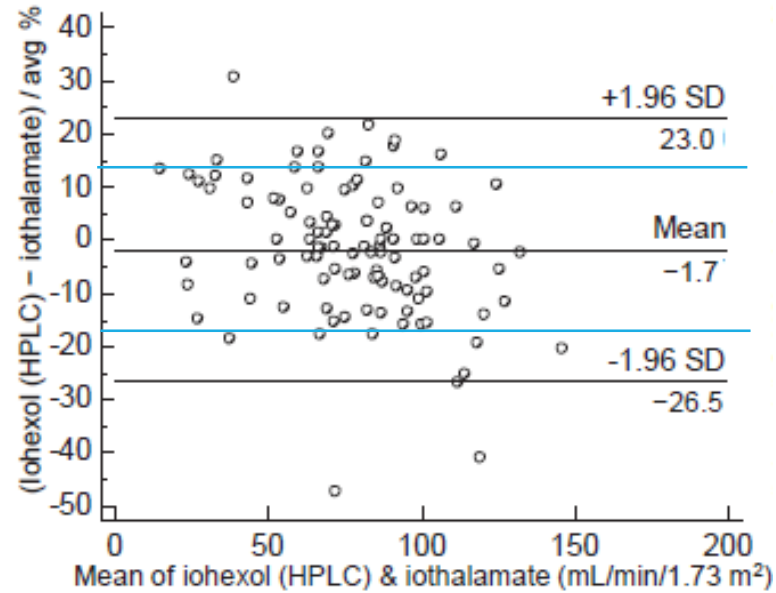
**Table 3.** Clearance range, mean of differences and standard deviation for multiple-point clearance and single-point clearance measurements

	Clearance range (ml/min)	Difference (ml/min)	
		Mean	SD
Multiple-point clearance: 3 samples $^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs 3 samples iohexol			
$^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs HPLC	28–134	-0.16	6.17
$^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs X-ray fluorescence	29–134	0.58	4.95
Single-point clearance: 3 samples $^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs 1 sample			
$^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs $^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$	26–123	-0.7	3.59
$^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs HPLC	27–125	-1.7	5.94
$^{51}\text{Cr-EDTA}$ vs X-ray fluorescence	32–116	-1.32	5.78

Brandstrom, NDT, 1998, 13, 1176

# Iothalamate versus iohexol

N=102



Accuracy (concordance):

Within 30%: 98%

Within 15%: 80%

*Delanaye P, AJKD, 2016, 68, 329*

## Measuring GFR: A Systematic Review

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**Table 1.** Bias and Accuracy of Index Methods Compared to Reference Method When Measuring Glomerular Filtration Rate

	No. of Pts/ Studies	Median Bias <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)	Mean Bias (95% CI)	P <sub>30</sub> (95% CI)	P <sub>10</sub> (95% CI)	Sufficient Accuracy	Scientific Evidence	Comments <sup>b</sup>
Criteria for sufficient precision		≤±5%	≤±10%	≥80%	≥50%			
Index method								
DTPA								
Renal clearance	126/5	-2 (-4 to 2)	-1 (-6 to 5)	87 (81 to 93)	53 (45 to 62)	Yes	⊕⊕○○	Inconsistency, -1; imprecision, -1
Plasma clearance	89/2	20 (18 to 35)	13 (5 to 22)	56 (47 to 68)	19 (13 to 29)	No	⊕○○○	Study limitations -1; imprecision -1
<sup>51</sup> Cr-EDTA								
Renal clearance	198/9	-5 (-7 to -3)	-2 (-8 to 4)	95 (92 to 98)	56 (50 to 64)	Yes	⊕⊕⊕○	Imprecision, -1
Plasma clearance	126/5	3 (-1 to 8)	8 (1 to 15)	86 (80 to 92)	50 (42 to 59)	Yes	⊕⊕⊕○	Imprecision -1
Iohexol								
Renal clearance	47/2	-7 (-10 to 0)	-7 (-16 to 2)	100 <sup>c</sup>	53 (41 to 70)	Yes	⊕⊕○○	Imprecision, -2
Plasma clearance	172/5	3 (0 to 6)	2 (-4 to 9)	86 (81 to 91)	50 (43 to 58)	Yes	⊕⊕⊕○	Imprecision, -1
Iothalamate								
Renal clearance	548/13	-1 (-2 to 0)	6 (1 to 11)	97 (95 to 98)	66 (62 to 70)	Yes	⊕⊕⊕⊕	
Plasma clearance	61/1	9 (0 to 15)	11 (-6 to 29)	82 (73 to 92)	33 (23 to 47)	—	⊕○○○	Study limitations, -1; imprecision, -2
Inulin								
Plasma clearance	39/2	2 (-3 to 6)	1 (-9 to 11)	100 <sup>c</sup>	72 (59 to 87)	Yes	⊕⊕○○	Imprecision, -1; indirectness, -1

*Note:* Modified with permission of the Swedish Council on Health Technology Assessment.<sup>3</sup> Accuracy and bias expressed as percentage. Renal inulin clearance served as reference method. Mean bias, P<sub>10</sub>, and P<sub>30</sub> were estimated using generalized linear mixed models based on normal distribution (mean bias) or Poisson distribution (P<sub>10</sub>, P<sub>30</sub>; log-transformed outcome and robust variance estimation), with a random intercept for each study and a fixed effect for each index method ("unadjusted model results"; see Statistical Methods section). All analyses were weighed with respect to number of participants in each study. Estimates were obtained as marginal means.

Abbreviations and definitions: ⊕⊕⊕⊕, strong evidence; ⊕⊕⊕○, moderately strong evidence; ⊕⊕○○, limited evidence; ⊕○○○, insufficient evidence; <sup>51</sup>Cr-EDTA, chromium 51-labeled ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid; DTPA, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid; CI, confidence interval; Imprecision, N < 100 in meta-analysis (-1), P<sub>30</sub> lower 95% CI ≤ 80%, P<sub>10</sub> lower 95% CI ≤ 50%, or median bias 95% CI ≥ ±5% (-1); Inconsistency, inconsistency in study outcomes that cannot be explained by differences in study design (-1); Indirectness, limited generalizability (-1); P<sub>10</sub>, percentage of measurements by index method that differed no more than 10% from reference method; P<sub>30</sub>, percentage of measurements by index method that differed no more than 30% from reference method; pts, patients; Study limitations, risk of bias due to shortcomings in individual studies (-1).

<sup>a</sup>Median bias was calculated directly (using the weights) for each index method together with nonparametric CIs.

<sup>b</sup>Strength of scientific evidence.

<sup>c</sup>The generalized linear mixed model does not yield valid estimates of confidence limits when estimated proportion (eg, P<sub>30</sub>) is 100%.

Soveri I, Am J Kidney Dis, 2014, 64, 411



# We still need for a better standardization

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# Standardization for procedure

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Urinary versus plasma

Number of samples and timing of samples

(Whatever the marker...)

**Table 4.** Available procedures to perform iohexol clearance

Methodology	Indication in clinical practice	Indication in clinical research	Bibliographic examples where the procedure is described into details
<i>Urinary clearance</i>	Increased extracellular volume (oedema, ascites, intensive care units, etc.)	Basic (physiologic) studies Specific populations (cirrhotic, intensive care, nephrotic syndrome, oedema, etc.)	[36, 77, 125, 170]
<i>Plasma clearance</i>			
Multiple samples (first or fast, second or slow exponential curves and calculation of area under the curve)	High GFR values ('hyperfiltrating') subjects	Development of equations to estimate GFR Studies in hyperfiltrating patients	[52, 93, 171]
Multiple samples only for second and slow component (2 h after injection, 4 samples over 5 or 6 h, 1 sample/h) + BM correction	High precision determination (see text)	Development of equations to estimate GFR Clinical research with GFR as main endpoint	[126, 172]
Idem + late sample (8 h or 24 h)	Pre-dialysis subjects	Research in pre-dialysis subjects	[52, 77]
Simplified two or three sample method (2 samples: first at 2 or 3 h and second at 4 or 5 h) + BM correction	CKD or healthy population	Development of equations to estimate GFR Clinical research with GFR as a secondary endpoint	[69, 116]
Simplified single-sample method + Jacobsson correction [110]	CKD or healthy population	Development of equations to estimate GFR Clinical research with GFR as a secondary endpoint Epidemiological research	[14, 173]

Suggestions (expert opinion-based) according to the clinical or experimental context.  
GFR, glomerular filtration rate; CKD, chronic kidney disease; BM, Brochner-Mortensen correction [116].

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## Comparability of Plasma Iohexol Clearance Across Population-Based Cohorts

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**Rationale & Objective:** Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) estimation based on creatinine or cystatin C level is currently the standard method for assessing GFR in epidemiologic research and clinical trials despite several important and well-known limitations. Plasma iohexol clearance has been proposed as an inexpensive method for measuring GFR that could replace estimated GFR in many research projects. However, lack of standardization for iohexol assays and the use of different protocols such as single- and multiple-sample methods could potentially hamper comparisons across studies. We compared iohexol assays and GFR measurement protocols in 3 population-based European cohorts.

**Study Design:** Cross-sectional investigation.

**Setting & Participants:** Participants in the Age, Gene/Environment Susceptibility-Kidney Study (AGES-Kidney; n = 805), the Berlin Initiative Study

**Results:** Frozen samples from the 3 studies were obtained and iohexol concentrations were remeasured in the laboratory at the University Hospital of North Norway. Lin's concordance correlation coefficient  $\rho$  was  $>0.96$  and  $C_b$  (accuracy) was  $>0.99$  for remeasured versus original serum iohexol concentrations in all 3 cohorts, and Passing-Bablok regression did not find differences between measurements, except for a slope of 1.025 (95% CI, 1.006-1.046) for the log-transformed AGES-Kidney measurements. The multiple-sample iohexol clearance measurements in AGES-Kidney and BIS were compared with single-sample GFRs derived from the same iohexol measurements. Mean bias for multiple-sample relative to single-sample GFRs in AGES-Kidney and BIS were  $-0.25$  and  $-0.15$  mL/min, and 99% and 97% of absolute differences were within 10% of the multiple-sample result, respectively.

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## Comparison of Early-Compartment Correction Equations for GFR Measurements



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# Choice of the marker (personal opinion)

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Only « cold », non-isotopic methods are easy to implement worldwide

Iohexol is available worldwide, easy to measure

Perfect stability (central laboratory)

EQUAS (Equalis, Sweden) is available

Cr-EDTA, inulin, iothalamate not (or no more or not easily) available in Europe...

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# Accuracy of determination of the glomerular filtration marker iohexol by European laboratories as monitored by external quality assessment

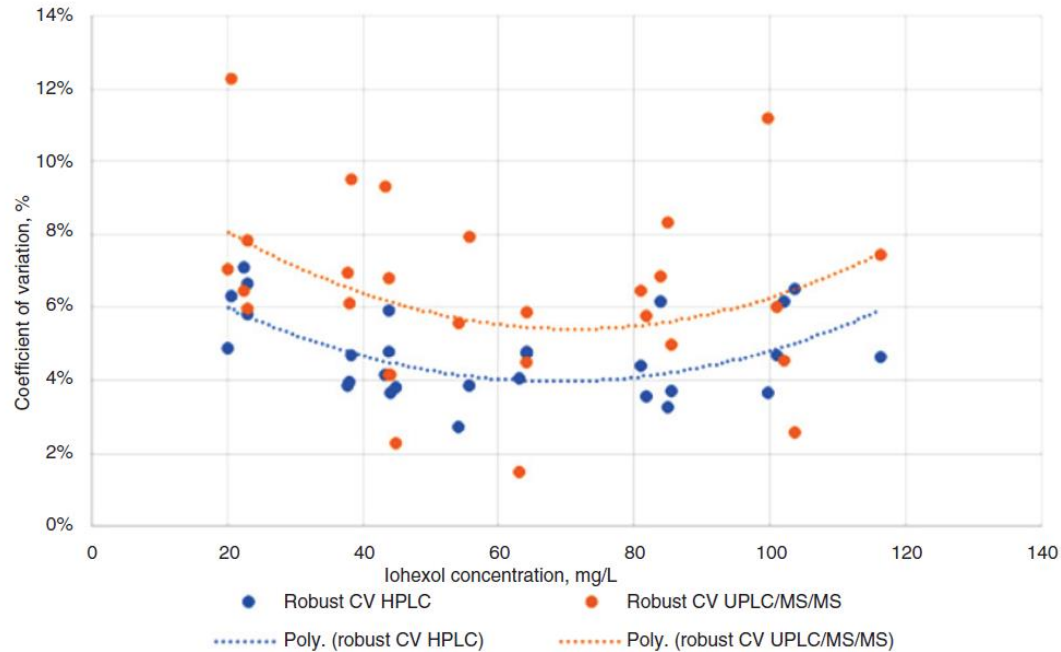


Figure 1: Mean interlaboratory CV (y-axis) vs. measured concentration of iohexol (x-axis) for laboratories using either HPLC or UPLC/MS/MS.

14 EQA rounds  
N=27 to 34

HPLC: 4,1%  
MS/MS: 6,4%

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## **Safety of Iohexol Administration to Measure Glomerular Filtration Rate in Different Patient Populations: A 25-Year Experience**

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15,147 GFR measurements in 2891 patients  
only one treatment-related event of moderate intensity was identified  
flushing, urticaria, and itching, without sequelae after IV methylprednisolone

# Iohexol in CHU Liège

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Iohexol (plasma clearance), 5 mL bolus

5 hours

Samples at 2, 3, 4 et 5 hours (longer if very low eGFR)

Brochner-Mortensen

50 to 100 euros



# Conclusions

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Measuring GFR is not so cumbersome

Standardization (marker, procedure and measurement) might still be improved

Iohexol is the best balance between physiology and feasibility

Iohexol is safe

Iohexol is the only chance for a worldwide standardized mGFR

Role of laboratory is central

# Measuring GFR: Why?

## A question of precision!

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Starting dialysis

Sarcopenia

Extreme body size

Cirrhosis, USI

Fibrates, cimetidine, trimethoprim (and other therapies)

Hyperfiltration

Dosing potential nephrotoxic drug (especially if abnormal BMI)

Living Kidney Donor selection

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# Impact of estimation versus direct measurement of predonation glomerular filtration rate on the eligibility of potential living kidney donors

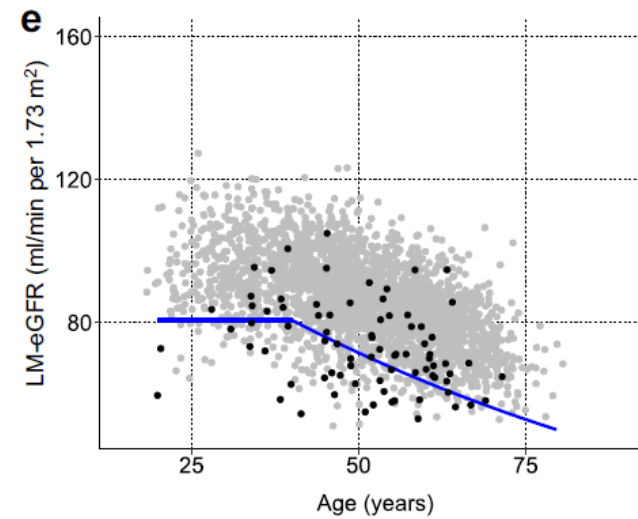
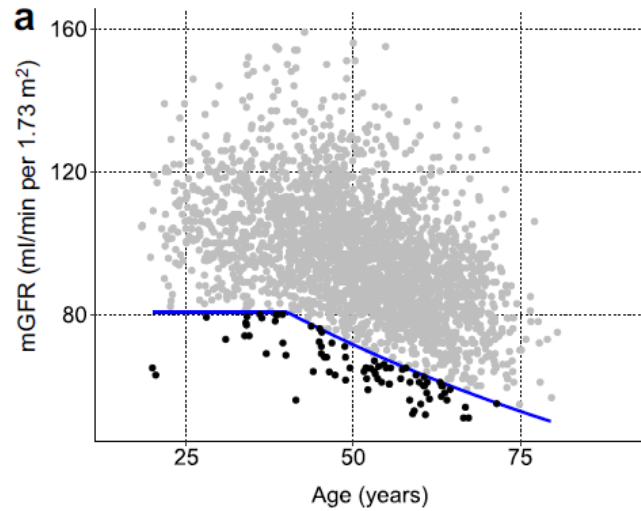
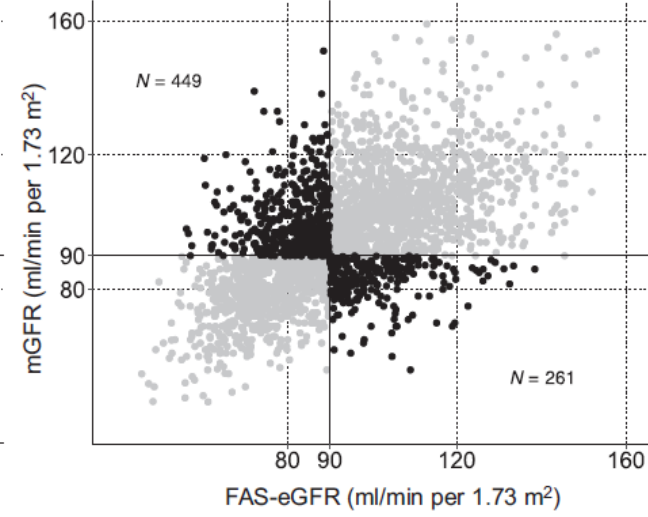
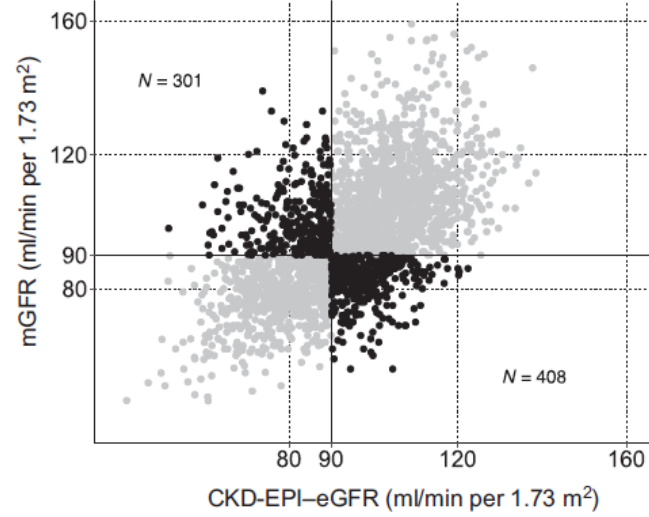


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*Kidney International* (2019) **95**, 896–904;

N=2,733 candidates for living kidney donation

Measured GFR and standardized creatinine



# Estimating GFR

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# Serum creatinine

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One of the most prescribed analyte in clinical chemistry

...but the most important is to know its limitations

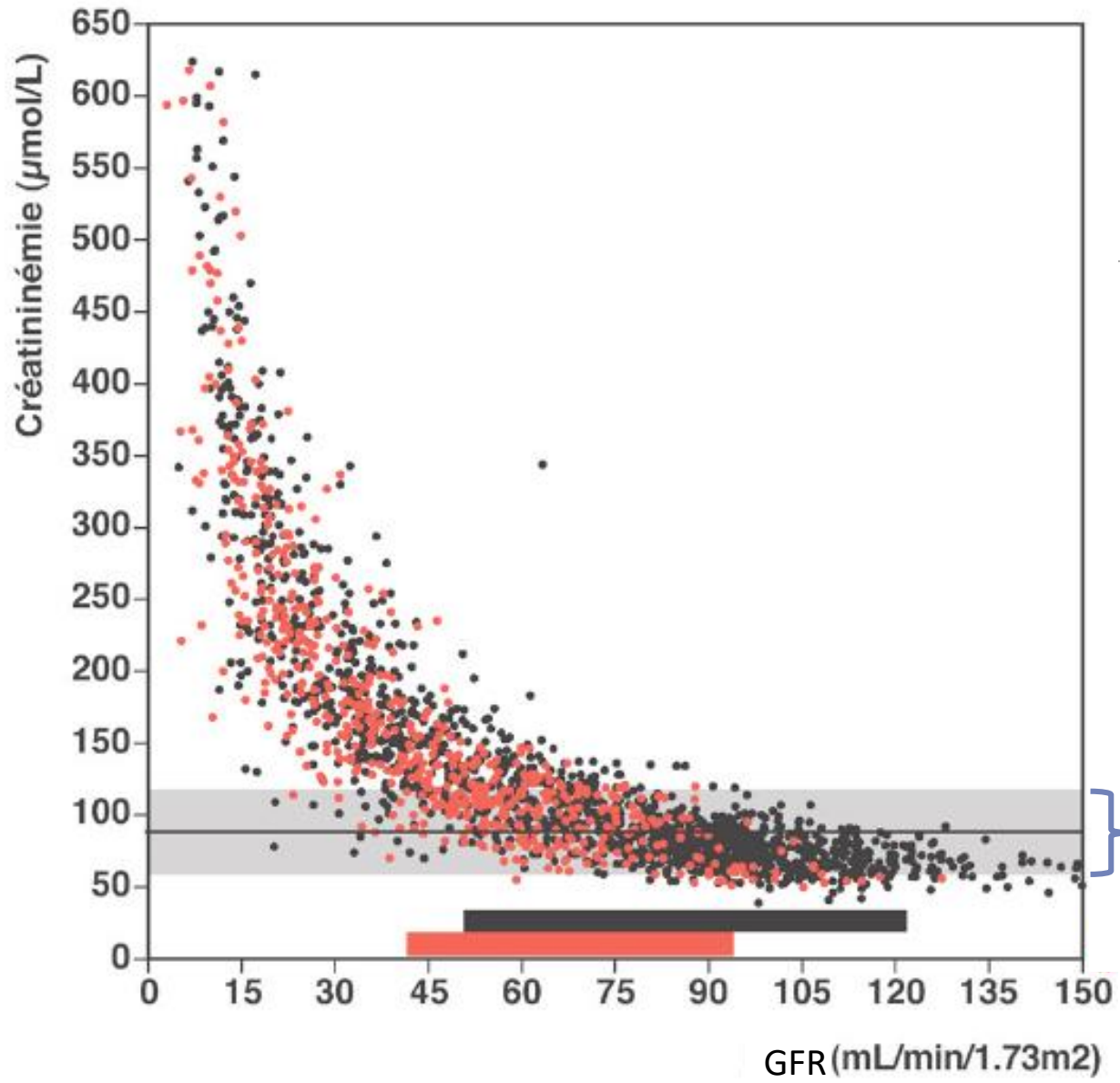
Physiological limitations

Analytical limitations

“Mathematical” limitations

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NephroTest Cohort (France)  
 Which GFR for patients with  
 serum creatinine measured  
 at  $80 \mu\text{mol/L}$  ( $0.9 \text{ mg/dL}$ )?

IC 95% for subjects <65 years old  
 IC 95% for subjects >65 years old

S. Creatinine lab  
 normality range

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# Serum Creatinine

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Exponential relationship between serum creatinine and GFR!!!

In a given patient,

if serum creatinine increased from 0.6 to 1.2 mg/dl

=> decrease in GFR of 50%

if serum creatinine increased from 2.0 to 3.0 mg/dl

=> decrease in GFR of 25%

# Analytical limitations

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## Jaffe

Pseudochromogen: glucose, fructose, ascorbate, proteins, urate, acetoacetate, acetone, pyruvate => false positive

Bilirubins: false negative

# Analytical limitations

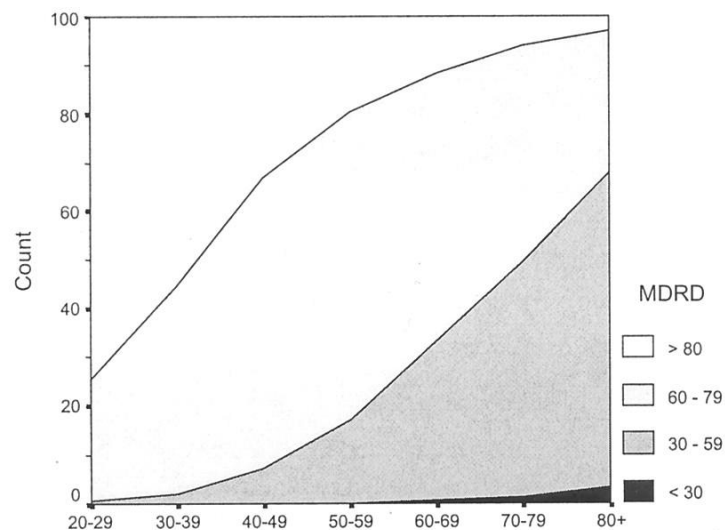
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Different Jaffe-Enzymatic methods, different calibration by different manufacturers

Few (fewer) interferences with enzymatic methods

# Analytical limitations: impact

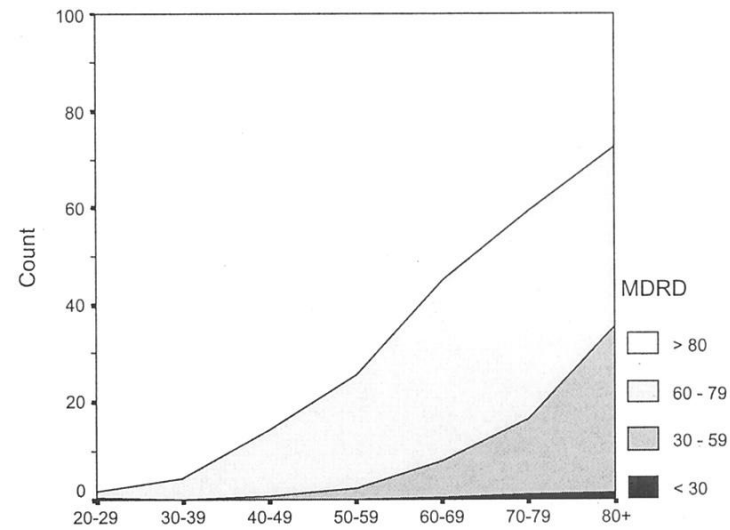
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Age by decade

N	3037	2827	2138	1422	1670	1241	916	Total 13251
≥ 80	74.6%	55.2%	33.0%	19.5%	11.7%	6.1%	2.8%	41.8%
60-79	24.8%	42.7%	59.7%	63.3%	54.9%	44.2%	29.4%	45.4%
30-59	0.6%	2.0%	7.2%	17.2%	32.7%	48.5%	64.6%	12.5%
< 30	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	0.7%	1.2%	3.2%	0.3%

CALIBRATED



Age by decade

3037	2827	2138	1422	1670	1241	916	Total 13251
98.3%	95.7%	85.7%	74.4%	55.1%	40.7%	27.5%	82.1%
1.5%	4.2%	13.5%	23.3%	36.9%	42.7%	37.0%	14.5%
0.2%	<0.1%	0.8%	2.4%	7.6%	15.7%	34.3%	3.2%
<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	0.5%	0.9%	1.2%	0.2%

Coresh, J. et al. *J Am Soc Nephrol* 2002;13:2811-2816

# Improvements in the last years...

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## A multicentric evaluation of IDMS-traceable creatinine enzymatic assays

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## Results of GC-IDMS from LNE

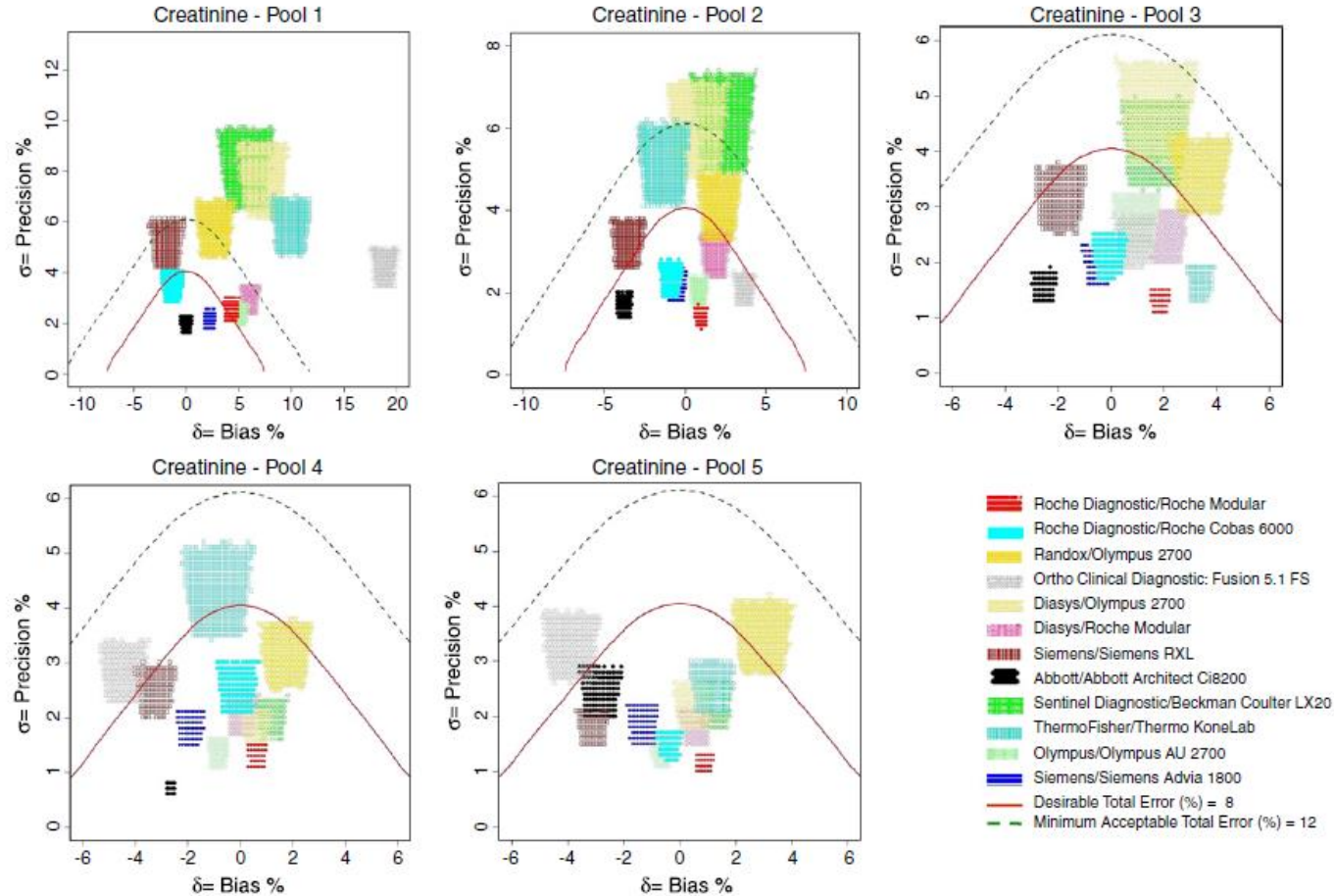
Pool 5: 174.5 +/-3.1  $\mu\text{mol/L}$

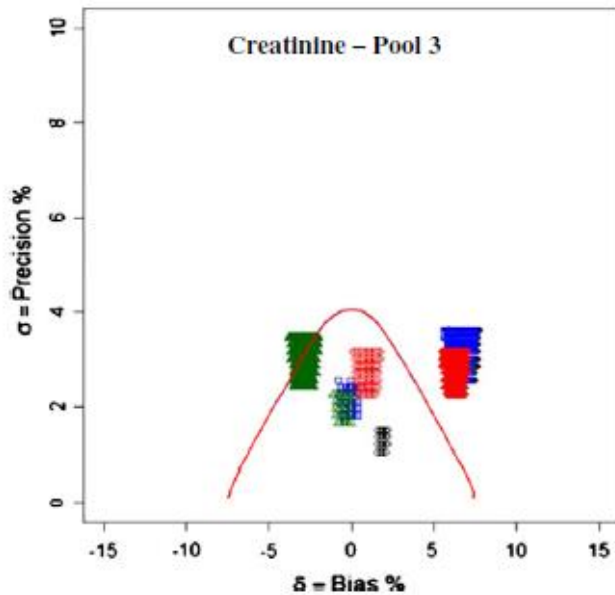
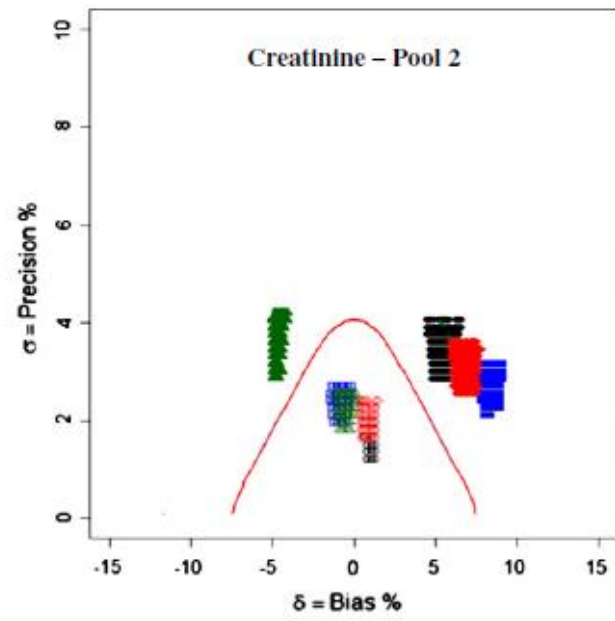
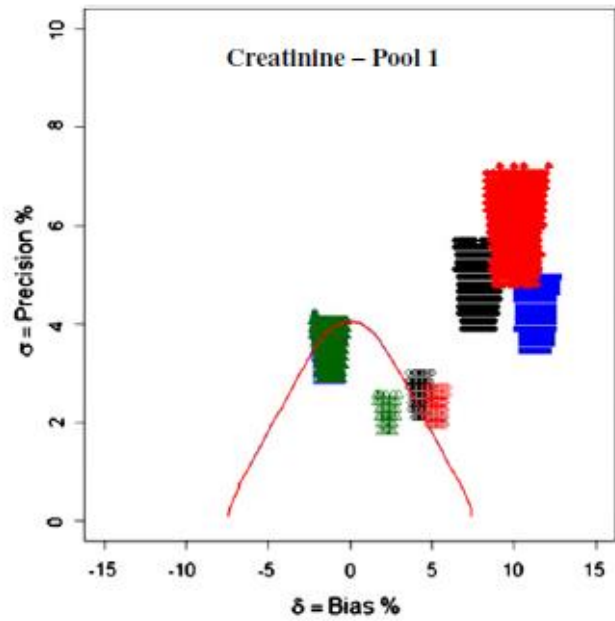
Pool 4: 149.7 +/-2.9  $\mu\text{mol/L}$

Pool 3: 97.9 +/-1.7  $\mu\text{mol/L}$

Pool 2: 74.4 +/-1.4  $\mu\text{mol/L}$

Pool 1 : 35.9 +/-0.9  $\mu\text{mol/L}$





- Roche Modular Enzymatic
- ◆ Roche Modular Compensated Jaffe
- Roche Cobas 6000 Enzymatic
- Roche Cobas 6000 Compensated Jaffe
- ◇ Olympus AU 2700 Enzymatic
- ▲ Olympus AU 2700 Compensated Jaffe
- △ Siemens Advia 1800 Enzymatic
- Siemens Advia 1800 Compensated Jaffe
- Desirable Total Error (%) = 7.6

*Boutten A, Clin Chim Acta, 2013, 419, p132*

# Physiological limitations

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Production (relatively) constant but muscular production => serum creatinine is dependent of muscular mass, not only GFR

- gender
- age
- ethnicity
- Muscular mass(creatine)

Extra-renal production (bacterial)

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# Physiological limitations

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Tubular secretion of creatinine

10 to 40%

Increase with decreased GFR

Unpredictable at the individual level !

# Drugs interaction with creatinine

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- Tubular secretion inhibition  
cimetidine, trimethoprim, dolutegravir
- fibrates
- « high concentrations » interactions  
acetylcystein, dobutamin, lidocain, ascorbate

# Creatinine: to the trash?

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Very cheap (0.04€ /Jaffe)

Good specificity

Good analytical CV

Important to favor for enzymatic methods

# Creatinine clearance

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Not recommended by any guidelines

Creatinine tubular secretion

Lack of precision:

errors in urine collection

22 to 27% for « trained » patients

50 to 70 % for others

large intra-individual variability for  
creatinine excretion

*KDIGO, Kidney Int, 2012, 3*

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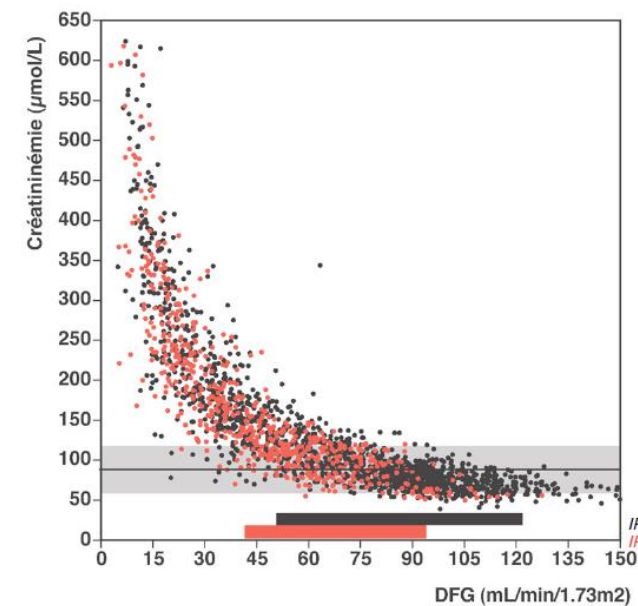
# Creatinine-based equations

## Why such equations?

Conceptualize the hyperbolic association between creatinine and GFR?

Interpreting the result of creatinine by gender, age, ethnicity?

Decrease the IC (?)



Bjornsson	men : $(27-0.173 \times \text{age}) \times \text{weight} \times 0.7 / \text{Cr}$ women : $(25-0.175 \times \text{age}) \times \text{weight} \times 0.7 / \text{Cr}$
Davis	$(140-\text{age}) / \text{Cr} \times (0.85 \text{ if woman})$
Edwards	men : $94.3 / \text{Cr} - 1.8$ women : $69.9 / \text{Cr} + 2.2$
Gates	men : $89.4 \times \text{Cr}^{-1.2} + (55-\text{age}) \times 0.447 \times \text{Cr}^{-1.1}$ women : $60 \times \text{Cr}^{-1.1} + (56-\text{age}) \times 0.3 \times \text{Cr}^{-1.1}$
Hull	$(145-\text{age}-3) / \text{Cr} \times (0.85 \text{ if woman})$
Jelliffe	$98 - (0.8 \times (\text{age}-20)) / \text{Cr} \times (0.9 \text{ if woman})$
Mawer	men : $\text{weight} \times (29.3 - (0.203 \times \text{age})) \times (1 - 0.03 \times \text{Cr}) / (14.4 \times \text{Cr}) \times (70 / \text{weight})$ women : $\text{weight} \times (25.3 - (0.175 \times \text{age})) \times (1 - 0.03 \times \text{Cr}) / (14.4 \times \text{Cr}) \times (70 / \text{weight})$
Nankivell	$6700 / (\text{Cr} \times 88.4) + \text{weight} / 4 - \text{urea} / 2 - (100 / \text{height}^2) + 35$ $6700 / (\text{Cr} \times 88.4) + \text{weight} / 4 - \text{urea} / 2 - (100 / \text{height}^2) + 25$
Walser	men : $7.57 / (\text{Cr} \times 0.0884)^{-1} - 0.103 \times \text{age} + 0.096 \times \text{weight} - 6.66$ women : $6.05 / (\text{Cr} \times 0.0884)^{-1} - 0.08 \times \text{age} + 0.08 \times \text{weight} - 4.81$
Mayo	$\exp(1.911 + 5.249 / \text{Cr} - 2.114 / \text{Cr}^2 - 0.00686 \times \text{age} - 0.205 \text{ if woman})$
Salazar	men : $((137-\text{age}) \times 0.285 \times \text{weight} + (12.1 \times \text{height}^2)) / (51 \times \text{Cr})$ women : $((140-\text{age}) \times 0.285 \times \text{weight} + (12.1 \times \text{height}^2)) / (60 \times \text{Cr})$

# Which one?

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Cockcroft

MDRD

CKD-EPI

Others

**Table 1.** MDRD study equations and Cockcroft equation commonly used for GFR estimation

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Cockcroft and Gault

$$\text{GFR (ml/min)} = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{weight (kg)}}{7.2 \times \text{SCr (mg/dl)}} \times 0.85 \text{ if woman}$$

4-Variable MDRD study equation (IDMS traceable)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GFR (ml/min/1.73 m}^2\text{)} = \\ 175 \times \text{SCr (mg/dl)}^{-1.154} \times \text{age}^{-0.203} \times 0.742 \text{ (if woman)} \\ \times 1.21 \text{ for Black-American} \end{aligned}$$

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# Cockcroft Vs MDRD Vs CKD-EPI

	Cockcroft	MDRD	CKD-EPI
<b>Population</b>	Canada 1976	USA 1999	« International » 2009
<b>N</b>	249	1628	5504+2750+3896
<b>Mean GFR</b>	73	40	68
<b>GFR</b>	Creatinine clearance	Iothalamate	Diverse
<b>Assay</b>	« Jaffe »	Jaffe calibrated	Jaffe calibrated
<b>% women</b>	4	40	43-45%
<b>% black</b>	0 (?)	12	10-32%
<b>Mean age</b>	18-92	51	47-50
<b>Mean weight</b>	72	79.6	79-82
<b>BSA indexation</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Internal Validation</b>	No	Yes	Yes

Cockcroft DW, Nephron, 1976, 16, p31  
 Levey AS, Ann Intern Med, 1999, 130, p461  
 Levey AS, Ann Intern Med, 2009, p604

# Predictive Performance of the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease and Cockcroft-Gault Equations for Estimating Renal Function

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Recent recommendations emphasize the need to assess kidney function using creatinine-based predictive equations to optimize the care of patients with chronic kidney disease. The most widely used equations are the Cockcroft-Gault (CG) and the simplified Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) formulas. However, they still need to be validated in large samples of subjects, including large non-U.S. cohorts. Renal clearance of <sup>51</sup>Cr-EDTA was compared with GFR estimated using either the CG equation or the MDRD formula in a cohort of 2095 adult Europeans (863 female and 1232 male; median age, 53.2 yr; median measured GFR, 59.8 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>). When the entire study population was considered, the CG and MDRD equations showed very limited bias. They overestimated measured GFR by 1.94 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and underestimated it by 0.99 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. However, analysis of subgroups defined by age, gender, body mass index, and GFR level showed that the biases of the two formulas could be much larger in selected populations. Furthermore, analysis of the SD of the mean difference between estimated and measured GFR showed that both formulas lacked precision; the CG formula was less precise than the MDRD one in most cases. In the whole study population, the SD was 15.1 and 13.5 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> for the CG and MDRD formulas, respectively. Finally, 29.2 and 32.4% of subjects were misclassified when the CG and MDRD formulas were used to categorize subjects according to the Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative chronic kidney disease classification, respectively.

*J Am Soc Nephrol* 16: 763–773, 2005. doi: 10.1681/ASN.2004070549

Table 3. Bias, precision, and accuracy of the MDRD and CG formulas<sup>a</sup>

	N	Bland and Altman (ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )		Accuracy within (% of Subjects)			CRMSE (ml/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
		Bias	Precision	15%	30%	50%	
MDRD formula							
high GFR <sup>b</sup>	1044	-3.3	17.2	61.3	92.4	98.8	17.5
low GFR <sup>c</sup>	1051	1.3	8.5	54.8	82.9	93.3	8.6
overall	2095	-1.0	13.7	58.0	87.2	96.0	13.8
CG formula							
high GFR <sup>b</sup>	1044	0.4	19.4	56.1	88.0	97.4	19.4
low GFR <sup>c</sup>	1051	3.5	9.7	41.2	69.0	85.2	10.3
overall	2095	1.9	15.4	48.7	78.5	91.3	15.5

<sup>a</sup>Results obtained with these formulas were compared with GFR values obtained by measuring the renal clearance of <sup>51</sup>Cr EDTA. Bias is defined as the mean difference between estimated and measured GFR. Precision is 1 SD of bias. Accuracy was assessed by determining the percentage of subjects who did not deviate >15, 30, and 50% from measured GFR and by calculating the combined root mean square error (CRMSE).

<sup>b</sup>Measured GFR ≥60 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>c</sup>Measured GFR <60 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.

## Evaluation of the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease Study Equation in a Large Diverse Population

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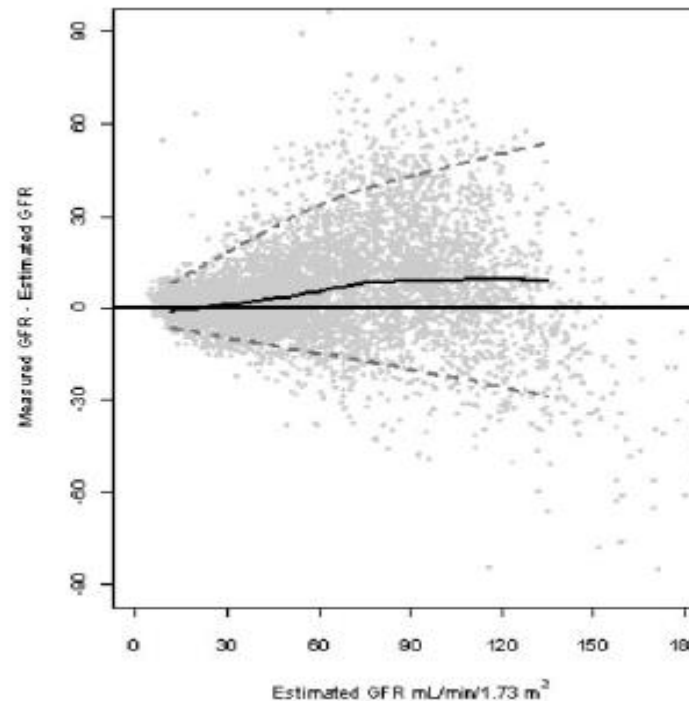
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- CKD-EPI
- Urinary clearance of iothalamate in at least 250 subjects
- 5504 subjects (2874 with GFR<60)
- Creatinine calibrated (different ways)

Table 2. Comparison of performance of MDRD Study equation by level of eGFR<sup>a</sup>

eGFR	N	Difference		% Difference		P <sub>30</sub> (CI)
		Median (CI)	IQR	Median (CI)	IQR	
Overall	5504	2.7 (2.4 to 3.1)	16.4	5.8 (5.1 to 6.4)	27.6	83 (83 to 84)
>120	325	-9.0 (-12.3 to -5.9)	31.2	-7.1 (-10.1 to -4.6)	26.6	82 (80 to 84)
90 to 119	941	11.1 (9.7 to 12.6)	25.6	9.9 (8.6 to 11)	20.8	89 (88 to 90)
60 to 89	1364	9.5 (8.3 to 10.7)	25.4	11.7 (10.2 to 12.7)	28.0	82 (81 to 83)
30 to 59	1782	1.7 (1.1 to 2.3)	13.0	3.5 (2.4 to 4.9)	27.4	84 (83 to 85)
16 to 29	793	0.0 (-0.4 to 0.5)	6.7	0.0 (-1.8 to 2.4)	31.4	81 (80 to 82)
<15	299	0.8 (0.3 to 1.4)	5.0	6.3 (2.5 to 11.1)	34.5	72 (69 to 75)

<sup>a</sup>Units of GFR are in ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. Difference is calculated as mGFR - eGFR. Percentage difference is calculated as (mGFR - eGFR)/mGFR. Median values measure bias, and IQR measure precision. mGFR ranges in the rows correspond to GFR cutoffs for CKD stages: Stage 1, GFR >90; stage 2, GFR 60 to 89; stage 3, GFR 30 to 59; stage 4, GFR 15 to 29; stage 5, GFR <15. CI, confidence interval.



# MDRD: the strengths

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Excellent accuracy, bias, precision in stage 3-4 CKD

Best accuracy observed: 80-85%

Better than Cockcroft especially in precision

# MDRD: the limitations

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- MDRD more bias (absolute) and less precision in high GFR
- Non negligible proportion of subjects with stage 2 classified as stage 3 CKD


# MDRD: limitations = creatinine analytical limitations


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$$\text{CRITICAL DIFFERENCE} = f(\text{CV}_a, \text{CV}_i)$$
$$= 19\% (\text{Jaffe})$$

**Male, Caucasian, 60 y:**

$$\text{Creat} = 1.00 \text{ mg/dL}$$
$$\approx \text{GFR}_{\text{MDRD}} = 76 \text{ ml/min/1.73m}^2$$


$$\text{Creatinine} = 0.81 \text{ mg/dL}$$
$$\text{GFR}_{\text{MDRD}} = 97 \text{ ml/min/1,73m}^2$$


$$\text{Creatinine} = 1.19 \text{ mg/dL}$$
$$\text{GFR}_{\text{MDRD}} = 62 \text{ ml/min/1,73m}^2$$

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# The new CKD-EPI equation

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## A New Equation to Estimate Glomerular Filtration Rate

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Table 2. The CKD-EPI Equation for Estimating GFR on the Natural Scale\*

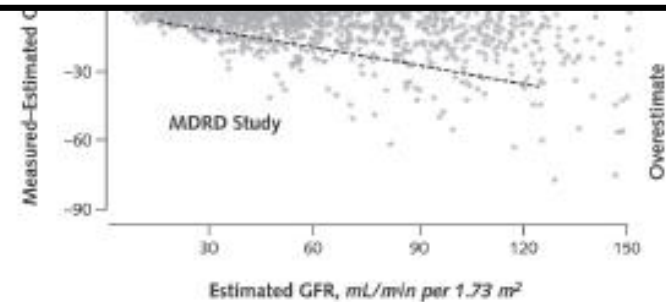
Race and Sex	Serum Creatinine Level, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (mg/dL)	Equation
<b>Black</b>		
Female	$\leq 62$ ( $\leq 0.7$ )	$\text{GFR} = 166 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.329} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
	$> 62$ ( $> 0.7$ )	$\text{GFR} = 166 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-1.209} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
Male	$\leq 80$ ( $\leq 0.9$ )	$\text{GFR} = 163 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-0.411} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
	$> 80$ ( $> 0.9$ )	$\text{GFR} = 163 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-1.209} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
<b>White or other</b>		
Female	$\leq 62$ ( $\leq 0.7$ )	$\text{GFR} = 144 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.329} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
	$> 62$ ( $> 0.7$ )	$\text{GFR} = 144 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-1.209} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
Male	$\leq 80$ ( $\leq 0.9$ )	$\text{GFR} = 141 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-0.411} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$
	$> 80$ ( $> 0.9$ )	$\text{GFR} = 141 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-1.209} \times (0.993)^{\text{Age}}$

- CKD-EPI
- Development dataset: n=5504
- Internal validation: n=2750
- External validation: n=3896
- Creatinine calibrated (less impact)
- Median GFR in the development = 68 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

Figure. Performance of the CKD-EPI and MDRD Study equations in estimating measured GFR in the external validation data set.

Table 3. Comparison of the CKD-EPI and MDRD Study Equations in Estimating Measured GFR in the Validation Data Set\*

Variable and Equation	All Patients	Patients With Estimated GFR <60 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Patients With Estimated GFR ≥60 mL/min per 1.73 m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Median difference (95% CI), mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>†</b>			
CKD-EPI	2.5 (2.1–2.9)	2.1 (1.7–2.4)	3.5 (2.6–4.5)
MDRD Study	5.5 (5.0–5.9)	3.4 (2.9–4.0)	10.6 (9.8–11.3)
<b>Interquartile range for differences (95% CI), mL/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>‡</b>			
CKD-EPI	16.6 (15.9–17.3)	11.3 (10.7–12.1)	24.2 (22.8–25.3)
MDRD Study	18.3 (17.4–19.3)	12.9 (12.0–13.6)	25.7 (24.4–27.1)
<b>P<sub>20</sub> (95% CI), %§</b>			
CKD-EPI	84.1 (83.0–85.3)	79.9 (78.1–81.7)	88.3 (86.9–89.7)
MDRD Study	80.6 (79.5–82.0)	77.2 (75.5–79.0)	84.7 (83.0–86.3)
<b>Root mean square error (95% CI)</b>			
CKD-EPI	0.250 (0.241–0.259)	0.284 (0.270–0.298)	0.213 (0.203–0.223)
MDRD Study	0.274 (0.265–0.283)	0.294 (0.280–0.308)	0.248 (0.238–0.258)



# Discussion: MDRD or CKD-EPI ?

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Lower CKD prevalence in epidemiological studies

Better prediction of CVD => better at the population level

Better bias in GFR >60 (90?) ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> but not better precision

=> not better at the individual level

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# Limitations of eGFR = creatinine

Specific population: eGFR is not  
magic!!  
Keep our clinical feeling!!

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## Chronic kidney disease staging with cystatin C or creatinine-based formulas: flipping the coin

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N=882

Clairance plasmatique d'iohexol

4-174 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

Table 2. Classification of patients in CKD stages by a representative group of nine creatinine and/or cystatin C-based formulas

Creatinine	Stage	Cockcroft-Gault					aMDRD					CKD-EPI				
		GFR	N	True positive	False positive	Missing	GFR	N	True positive	False positive	Missing	GFR	N	True positive	False positive	Missing
Creatinine	1	178	242	142 (80%)	100 (41%) <sup>a</sup>	36 (20%)	178	175	115 (65%)	60 (34%)	63 (35%)	178	222	136 (76%)	86 (39%)	42 (24%)
	2	252	254	136 (54%)	118 (46%)	116 (46%)	252	259	145 (58%)	114 (44%)	107 (42%)	252	241	138 (55%)	103 (43%)	114 (45%)
	3	251	248	151 (60%)	97 (39%)	100 (40%)	251	257	166 (66%)	91 (35%)	85 (34%)	251	226	155 (62%)	71 (31%)	96 (38%)
	4	176	124	99 (56%)	25 (20%)	77 (44%)	176	157	121 (69%)	36 (23%)	55 (31%)	176	156	121 (69%)	35 (22%)	55 (31%)
	5	25	14	6 (24%)	8 (57%)	19 (76%)	25	34	13 (52%)	21 (62%)	12 (48%)	25	37	13 (52%)	24 (65%)	12 (48%)
Cystatin-C	1	178	259	162 (91%)	97 (37%)	16 (9%)	178	146	114 (64%)	32 (22%)	64 (36%)	178	229	155 (87%)	74 (32%)	23 (13%)
	2	252	243	148 (59%)	95 (39%)	104 (41%)	252	205	127 (50%)	78 (38%)	125 (50%)	252	182	128 (51%)	54 (30%)	124 (49%)
	3	251	329	170 (68%)	159 (48%)	81 (32%)	251	274	166 (66%)	108 (39%)	85 (34%)	251	246	177 (71%)	69 (28%)	74 (29%)
	4	176	50	32 (18%)	14 (8%)	11 (6%)	176	50	32 (18%)	14 (8%)	11 (6%)	176	50	32 (18%)	14 (8%)	11 (6%)
	5	25	1	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25	1	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25	1	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Creatinine + Cystatin-C	1	178	288	168 (94%)	100 (35%)	16 (9%)	178	288	168 (94%)	100 (35%)	16 (9%)	178	288	168 (94%)	100 (35%)	16 (9%)
	2	252	207	127 (50%)	95 (39%)	104 (41%)	252	207	127 (50%)	95 (39%)	104 (41%)	252	207	127 (50%)	95 (39%)	104 (41%)
	3	251	227	172 (69%)	159 (48%)	81 (32%)	251	227	172 (69%)	159 (48%)	81 (32%)	251	227	172 (69%)	159 (48%)	81 (32%)
	4	176	149	130 (74%)	25 (20%)	77 (44%)	176	149	130 (74%)	25 (20%)	77 (44%)	176	149	130 (74%)	25 (20%)	77 (44%)
	5	25	11	8 (32%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25	11	8 (32%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	25	11	8 (32%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

**Results.** Misclassification was a constant for all 61 formulas evaluated and averaged 50% for creatinine-based and 35% for cystatin C-based equations. Most of the cases were misclassified as one stage higher or lower. However, in 10% of the subjects, one stage was skipped and patients were classified two stages above or below their real stage. No clinically relevant improvement was observed with cystatin C-based formulas compared with those based on creatinine.

<sup>a</sup>‘True positives cases’ represent the subjects that were correctly classified in each CKD stage by eGFR. ‘False positives cases’ represent the patients who were classified in one CKD stage based on eGFR when actually belonging to a different stage. ‘Missing cases’ represent the cases that were not classified in the corresponding CKD stage.

<sup>a</sup>The percentage of false positive cases refers to the number of cases defined in each CKD stage by mGFR (grey column). The percentage of true positive and missing cases refers to the number of cases defined in each CKD stage by eGFR.

## The applicability of eGFR equations to different populations

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Performance of equations in specific populations



# Performance of Creatinine-Based Estimates of GFR in Kidney Transplant Recipients: A Systematic Review

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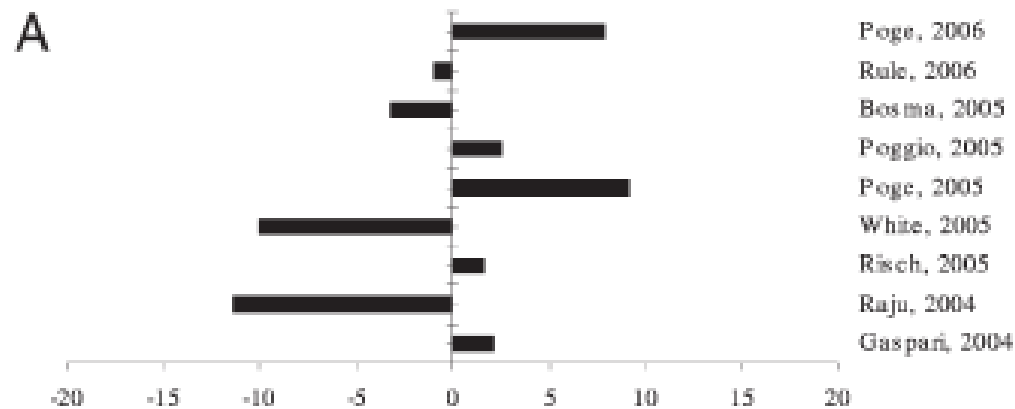


Table 3. Accuracy of Prediction Equations

Equations and Studies	Percent of Estimates Within		
	10%	20%	30%
<b>4-Variable MDRD Study equation</b>			
Poge et al, <sup>32</sup> 2006	25		67
Gera et al, <sup>16</sup> 2006			69
Bosma et al, <sup>12</sup> 2005	38		88
Poggio et al, <sup>23</sup> 2005		53	
Poge et al, <sup>22</sup> 2005	25		60
White et al, <sup>30</sup> 2005	24		74
Risch & Huber, <sup>26</sup> 2005			66
Raju et al, <sup>25</sup> 2005			66
Gaspari et al, <sup>14</sup> 2004	44	76	
<b>Pooled estimate (95% CI)</b>			
All studies	35 (32-38)	59 (54-65)	76 (74-78)
High quality*	34 (32-37)	53 (46-60)	77 (75-79)

# MDRD – CKD-EPI: nothing else?

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The Bis Equation

The Lund-Malmö equation

The FAS equation

Other biomarkers: cystatin C

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# The revised Lund-Malmö GFR estimating equation outperforms MDRD and CKD-EPI across GFR, age and BMI intervals in a large Swedish population

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*Revised Lund-Malmö Study equation (LM Revised) [34]*

$e^{X-0.0158 \times \text{Age} + 0.438 \times \ln(\text{Age})}$

Female pCr < 150  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ :  $X = 2.50 + 0.0121 \times (150 - \text{pCr})$

Female pCr  $\geq 150$   $\mu\text{mol/L}$ :  $X = 2.50 - 0.926 \times \ln(\text{pCr}/150)$

Male pCr < 180  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ :  $X = 2.56 + 0.00968 \times (180 - \text{pCr})$

Male pCr  $\geq 180$   $\mu\text{mol/L}$ :  $X = 2.56 - 0.926 \times \ln(\text{pCr}/180)$

Lund-Malmö

n=3495 (by 2847 subjects), iohexol, IDMS serum creatinine

Mean GFR = 60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

# Development and Validation of a Modified Full Age Spectrum Creatinine-Based Equation to Estimate Glomerular Filtration Rate

## A Cross-sectional Analysis of Pooled Data

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Measured GFR and calibrated creatinine

n=11,251 development and internal validation

n=8,378 external validation

n=1,254 children (2 et 18 years)

7 + 6 cohorts

« Caucasians »

**Figure 1.** The new EKFC equation.

Age	SCr/Q	Equation
2–40 y	<1	$107.3 \times (\text{SCr}/\text{Q})^{-0.322}$
	$\geq 1$	$107.3 \times (\text{SCr}/\text{Q})^{-1.132}$
>40 y	<1	$107.3 \times (\text{SCr}/\text{Q})^{-0.322} \times 0.990^{(\text{Age} - 40)}$
	$\geq 1$	$107.3 \times (\text{SCr}/\text{Q})^{-1.132} \times 0.990^{(\text{Age} - 40)}$

#### Q Values

For ages 2–25 y:

Males:

$$\ln(\text{Q}) = 3.200 + 0.259 \times \text{Age} - 0.543 \times \ln(\text{Age}) - 0.00763 \times \text{Age}^2 + 0.0000790 \times \text{Age}^3$$

Females:

$$\ln(\text{Q}) = 3.080 + 0.177 \times \text{Age} - 0.223 \times \ln(\text{Age}) - 0.00596 \times \text{Age}^2 + 0.0000686 \times \text{Age}^3$$

For ages >25 y:

Males:

$$\text{Q} = 80 \mu\text{mol}/\text{L} \text{ (0.90 mg/dL)}$$

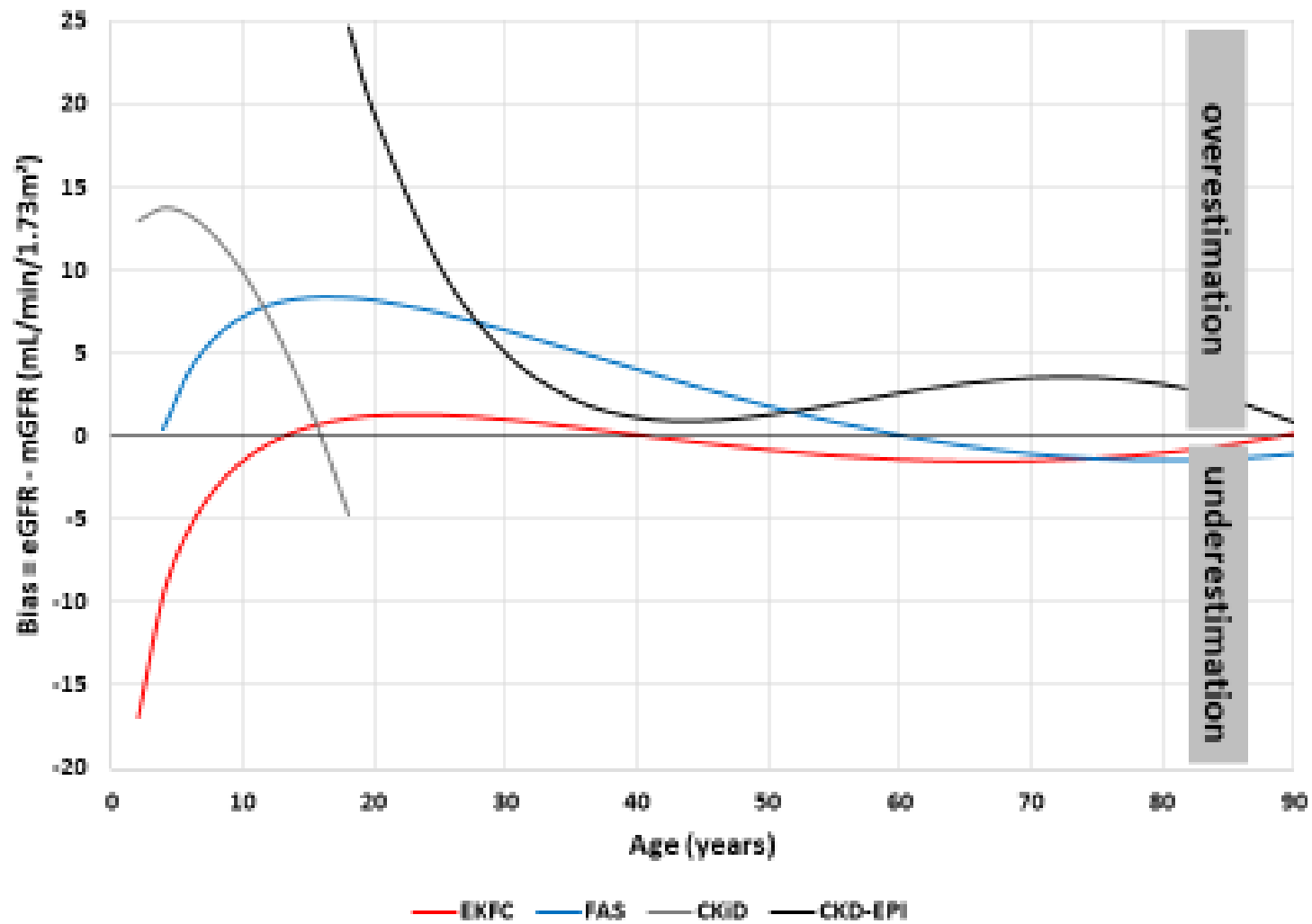
Females:

$$\text{Q} = 62 \mu\text{mol}/\text{L} \text{ (0.70 mg/dL)}$$

SCr and Q in  $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$  (to convert to mg/dL, divide by 88.4)

Q values (in  $\mu\text{mol}/\text{L}$  or mg/dL) correspond to the median SCr values for the age- and sex-specific populations. EKFC = European Kidney Function Consortium; SCr = serum creatinine.

Age Group	Equation		
	EKFC	FAS	CKiD
<b>Children (2 to &lt;18 y)</b>			
Median bias (95% CI), mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>			
All (n = 1254)	-1.2 (-2.7 to 0.0)	6.7 (4.8 to 8.1)	6.2 (4.6 to 7.7)
eGFR <75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 324)	-5.7 (-7.0 to -3.9)	-0.8 (-2.6 to 0.8)	-1.8 (-2.9 to -0.1)
eGFR ≥75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 930)	1.1 (-0.4 to 3.0)	10.8 (9.0 to 13.1)	11.2 (9.2 to 13.4)
Imprecision, SD (P25-P75)			
All (n = 1254)	27.8 (-14.9 to 11.0)	70.6 (-7.4 to 22.8)	56.6 (-7.7 to 23.6)
eGFR <75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 324)	20.3 (-18.1 to 2.3)	20.0 (-12.2 to 7.6)	18.2 (-10.2 to 7.2)
eGFR ≥75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 930)	29.6 (-14.4 to 14.3)	80.1 (-5.3 to 29.1)	63.7 (-6.5 to 30.9)
Accuracy P30 (95% CI), %			
All (n = 1254)	79.7 (77.4 to 81.9)	74.2 (71.7 to 76.6)	73.2 (70.8 to 75.7)
eGFR <75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 324)	73.8 (68.9 to 78.6)	77.8 (73.2 to 82.3)	80.2 (75.9 to 84.6)
eGFR ≥75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> (n = 930)	81.7 (79.2 to 84.2)	72.9 (70.0 to 75.8)	70.8 (67.8 to 73.7)



## Estimating glomerular filtration rate at the transition from pediatric to adult care

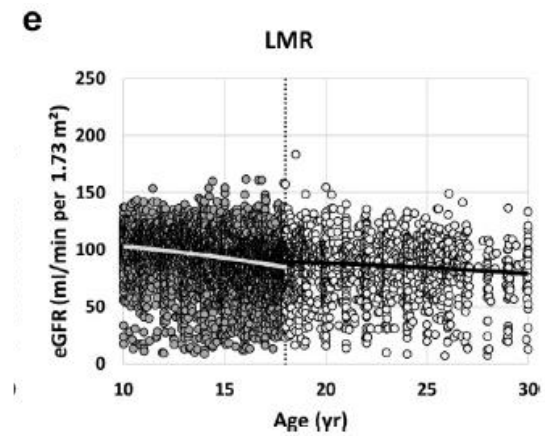
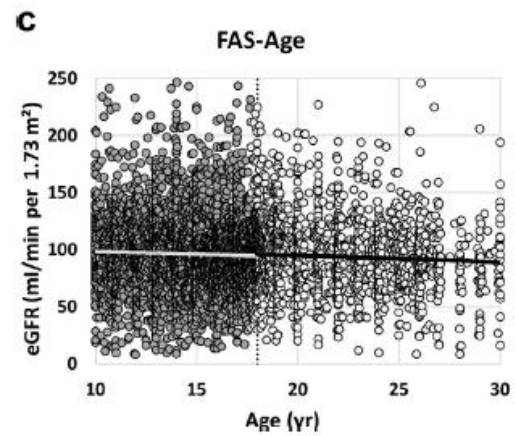
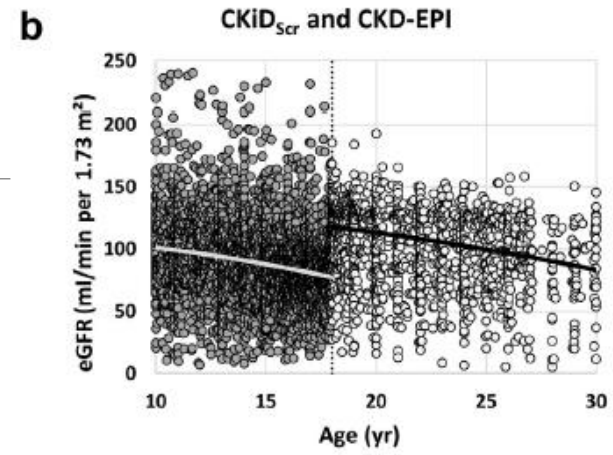
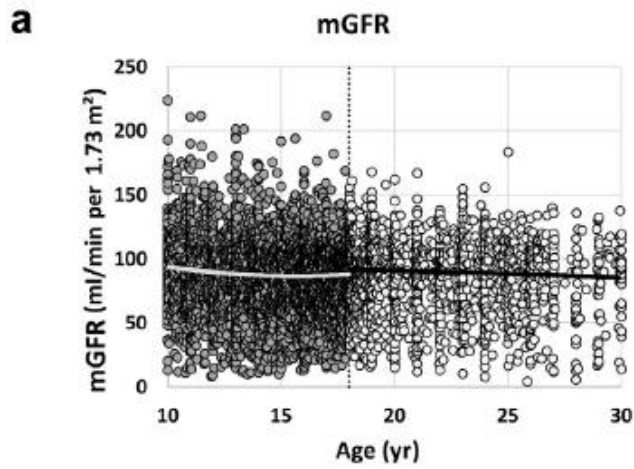
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5764 children, adolescents and young adults

Median results





# Ethnic, race factors in Africa and Europe

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### Performance of GFR Estimating Equations in African Europeans: Basis for a Lower Race-Ethnicity Factor Than in African Americans

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#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Performance of glomerular filtration rate estimation equations in Congolese healthy adults: The inopportunity of the ethnic correction

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Inadéquation du facteur ethnique pour l'estimation du débit de filtration glomérulaire en population générale noire-africaine : résultats en Côte d'Ivoire



*Inadequacy of the African-American ethnic factor to estimate glomerular filtration rate in an African general population: Results from Côte d'Ivoire*

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## Performance of creatinine- or cystatin C–based equations to estimate glomerular filtration rate in sub-Saharan African populations

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Standardized creatinine

**Table 3 | Performance of equations in the whole cohort (N = 494)**

Equation	Absolute bias (95% CI)	Absolute SD	Accuracy within 30% (95% CI)	Lin's CCC (95% CI)
MDRD	-7.8 (-9.5 to -6.1)	19.4	76.1 (72.3 to 79.9)	0.73 (0.67 to 0.78)
MDRD ef	8.2 (6.1 to 10.2)	23.3	73.3 (69.4 to 77.2)	0.70 (0.61 to 0.77)
CKD-EPI	0.0 (-1.6 to 1.6)	18.1	77.7 (74.1 to 81.4)	0.81 (0.76 to 0.84)
CKD-EPI ef	13.3 (11.4 to 15.2)	21.3	64.6 (60.3 to 68.8)	0.71 (0.66 to 0.76)

# The « racial » factor in creatinine-based equations

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Is « race » the good word?

Is it clinical science or sociology?

It is highly debated in US...





## Removal of Race From Estimates of Kidney Function First, Do No Harm

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## Separate and Unequal: Race-Based Algorithms and Implications for Nephrology

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## Systemic Kidney Transplant Inequities for Black Individuals: Examining the Contribution of Racialized Kidney Function Estimating Equations

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## Uncertainty in Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate Is Much Larger than the Race Adjustment Term

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# Association of the Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate With vs Without a Coefficient for Race With Time to Eligibility for Kidney Transplant

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## Letters

### RESEARCH LETTER

#### Clinical Implications of Removing Race From Estimates of Kidney Function

Over the past year, medical centers across the US have removed race adjustment from estimated glomerular filtration rate from serum creatinine (eGFR<sub>cr</sub>), with many now reporting the “White/Other” value for all patients. These



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changes follow calls to reconsider the use of race in estimating kidney function<sup>1</sup> and in medicine broadly.<sup>2</sup> We analyzed potential changes in recommended care using eGFR<sub>cr</sub> with and without race among Black individuals in the US (individuals who are not Black would not be affected).

### VIEWPOINT

#### Reconsidering the Consequences of Using Race to Estimate Kidney Function

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Estimated GFR equations are distinct because they assert that existing organ function is different between individuals who are identical except for race.



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# The « race » correction in estimating glomerular filtration rate: an European point of view

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# Cystatin C

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## Estimating Glomerular Filtration Rate from Serum Creatinine and Cystatin C

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**Table 1. Characteristics of Study Participants, According to Data Set.\***

Characteristic	Development and Internal Validation (N = 5352)	External Validation (N = 1119)	P Value
Age — yr	47±15	50±17	<0.001
Age group — no. (%)			
<40 yr	2008 (38)	357 (32)	<0.001
40–65 yr	2625 (49)	530 (47)	
>65 yr	719 (13)	232 (21)	
Male sex — no. (%)	3107 (58)	663 (59)	0.46
Black race — no. (%)†	2123 (40)	30 (3)	<0.001
Diabetes — no. (%)	1726 (32)	594 (53)	<0.001
Body-mass index‡			
Mean	28±6	25±4	<0.001
<20 — no. (%)	214 (4)	81 (7)	<0.001
20–24 — no. (%)	1585 (30)	503 (45)	
25–30 — no. (%)	1881 (35)	386 (35)	
>30 — no. (%)	1671 (31)	149 (13)	
Mean weight — kg	83±20	74±15	<0.001
Mean height — cm	171±10	170±9	0.017
Mean body-surface area — m <sup>2</sup>	1.94±0.24	1.85±0.21	<0.001
Mean serum cystatin C — ml/liter	1.4±0.7	1.5±0.8	0.01
Mean serum creatinine — mg/dl§	1.6±0.9	1.6±1.1	0.15
Mean measured GFR — ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> of body-surface area	68±39	70±41	0.13
Measured GFR — no. (%)			
<15 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	160 (3)	51 (5)	<0.001
15–29 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	785 (15)	166 (15)	
30–59 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1765 (33)	316 (28)	
60–89 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1105 (21)	215 (19)	
90–119 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	862 (16)	199 (18)	
>120 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	675 (13)	172 (15)	

**Table 2.** Creatinine Equation (CKD-EPI 2009), Cystatin C Equation (CKD-EPI 2012), and Creatinine–Cystatin C Equation (CKD-EPI 2012) for Estimating GFR, Expressed for Specified Sex, Serum Creatinine Level, and Serum Cystatin C Level.\*

Basis of Equation and Sex	Serum Creatinine†	Serum Cystatin C	Equation for Estimating GFR
	mg/dl	mg/liter	
CKD-EPI creatinine equation‡			
Female	≤0.7		$144 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.329} \times 0.993^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.159 \text{ if black}]$
Female	>0.7		$144 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-1.209} \times 0.993^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.159 \text{ if black}]$
Male	≤0.9		$141 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-0.411} \times 0.993^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.159 \text{ if black}]$
Male	>0.9		$141 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-1.209} \times 0.993^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.159 \text{ if black}]$
CKD-EPI cystatin C equation§			
Female or male		≤0.8	$133 \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-0.499} \times 0.996^{\text{Age}} [\times 0.932 \text{ if female}]$
Female or male		>0.8	$133 \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-1.328} \times 0.996^{\text{Age}} [\times 0.932 \text{ if female}]$
CKD-EPI creatinine–cystatin C equation¶			
Female	≤0.7	≤0.8	$130 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.248} \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-0.375} \times 0.995^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.08 \text{ if black}]$
		>0.8	$130 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.248} \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-0.711} \times 0.995^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.08 \text{ if black}]$
Female	>0.7	≤0.8	$130 \times (\text{Scr}/0.7)^{-0.601} \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-0.375} \times 0.995^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.08 \text{ if black}]$
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Male	≤0.9	≤0.8	$135 \times (\text{Scr}/0.9)^{-0.207} \times (\text{Scys}/0.8)^{-0.375} \times 0.995^{\text{Age}} [\times 1.08 \text{ if black}]$
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**Table 3.** Use of the CKD-EPI Creatinine Equation (2009), CKD-EPI Cystatin C Equation (2012), and CKD-EPI Creatinine–Cystatin C Equations (2012) in the External-Validation Data Set Comprising 1119 Participants.\*

Variable	Estimated GFR			
	Overall	<60	60–89	≥90
	<i>ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> of body-surface area</i>			
Bias — median difference (95% CI)				
Creatinine equation	3.7 (2.8 to 4.6)	1.8 (1.1 to 2.5)	6.6 (3.5 to 9.2)	11.1 (8.0 to 12.5)
Cystatin C equation	3.4 (2.3 to 4.4)	0.4 (–0.5 to 1.4)	6.0 (4.6 to 8.5)	8.5 (6.5 to 11.2)
Creatinine–cystatin C equation	3.9 (3.2 to 4.5)	1.3 (0.5 to 1.8)	6.9 (5.0 to 8.9)	10.6 (9.5 to 12.7)
Average of creatinine and cystatin C†	3.5 (2.8 to 4.1)	0.4 (–0.3 to 0.8)	6.5 (4.6 to 8.4)	11.9 (9.9 to 13.9)
Precision — IQR of the difference (95% CI)				
Creatinine equation	15.4 (14.3 to 16.5)	10.0 (8.9 to 11.0)	19.6 (17.3 to 23.2)	25.0 (21.6 to 28.1)
Cystatin C equation	16.4 (14.8 to 17.8)	11.0 (10.0 to 12.4)	19.6 (16.1 to 23.1)	22.6 (18.8 to 26.3)
Creatinine–cystatin C equation	13.4 (12.3 to 14.5)	8.1 (7.3 to 9.1)	15.9 (13.9 to 18.1)	18.8 (16.8 to 22.5)
Average of creatinine and cystatin C equations†	13.9 (12.9 to 14.7)	7.9 (7.1 to 9.0)	15.8 (13.9 to 17.7)	18.6 (16.1 to 22.2)
Accuracy — % (95% CI)‡				
1–P <sub>30</sub>				
Creatinine equation	12.8 (10.9 to 14.7)	16.6 (13.6 to 19.7)	10.2 (6.4 to 14.2)	7.8 (5.1 to 11.0)
Cystatin C equation	14.1 (12.2 to 16.2)	21.4 (18.2 to 24.9)	12.7 (8.5 to 17.4)	2.2 (0.6 to 3.9)
Creatinine–cystatin C equation	8.5 (7.0 to 10.2)	13.3 (10.7 to 16.1)	5.3 (2.7 to 8.2)	2.3 (0.9 to 4.2)
Average of creatinine and cystatin C equations†	8.2 (6.7 to 9.9)	12.1 (9.5 to 14.8)	6.4 (3.6 to 9.7)	2.9 (1.3 to 4.9)
1–P <sub>20</sub>				
Creatinine equation	32.9 (30.1 to 35.7)	37.2 (33.1 to 41.2)	31.1 (25.1 to 37.4)	26.5 (21.7 to 31.4)
Cystatin C equation	33.0 (30.3 to 35.7)	42.1 (38.2 to 46.1)	29.3 (23.6 to 35.4)	19.4 (15.4 to 23.7)
Creatinine–cystatin C equation	22.8 (20.4 to 25.2)	28.6 (25.1 to 32.4)	17.8 (13.3 to 22.9)	16.2 (12.4 to 20.5)
Average of creatinine and cystatin C equations†	23.7 (21.3 to 26.1)	29.1 (25.7 to 32.8)	17.6 (13.2 to 22.4)	18.8 (14.6 to 23.2)

BIS2:  $767 \times \text{cystatin C}^{-0.61} \times \text{creatinine}^{-0.40} \times \text{age}^{-0.57} \times$   
 $0.87$  (if female)  
 CKD-EPI:

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$$\text{eGFR} = 130 \times \text{cystatin C}^{-1.069} \times \text{age}^{-0.117} - 7,$$

$$\text{FAS}_{\text{cysC}} = \frac{107.3}{\frac{\text{ScysC}}{Q_{\text{cysC}}}} \times \left[ 0.988^{(\text{Age}-40)} \text{ when age} > 40 \text{ years} \right].$$

$$\text{FAS}_{\text{combi}} = \frac{107.3}{\alpha \times \frac{\text{Scr}}{Q_{\text{crea}}} + (1 - \alpha) \times \frac{\text{ScysC}}{Q_{\text{cysC}}}} \times \left[ 0.988^{(\text{Age}-40)} \text{ when age} > 40 \text{ years} \right].$$

# Cystatin C

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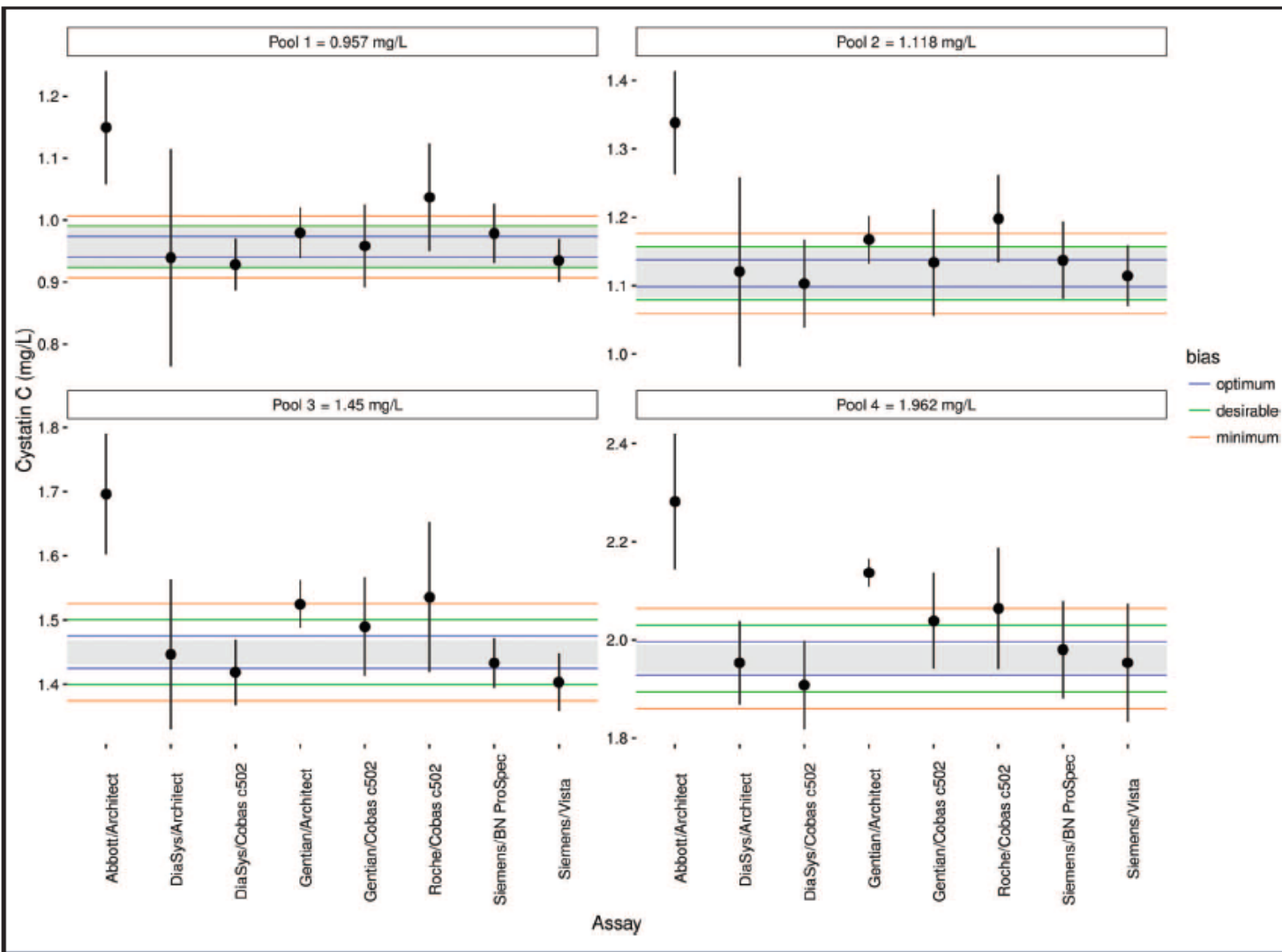
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No race coefficient

“Cost-effectiveness?”

Some imprecision still persists at the individual level

Standardization is possible but still not fully achieved



**Fig. 1. Biases between the commercial assays and the IDMS target value for CysC.**

The figure shows the reference material values and the areas of their uncertainty (grey zone), the mean (SD) of the results from the evaluated systems, and lines depicting the bias specifications (red, green, and blue lines correspond to the optimal, desirable, and minimum quality levels, respectively).

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# Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate From a Panel of Filtration Markers—Hope for Increased Accuracy Beyond Measured Glomerular Filtration Rate?

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The recent Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes 2012 CKD guidelines recommend estimating GFR from serum creatinine (eGFR<sub>cr</sub>) as a first-line test to assess kidney function and using cystatin C or measured glomerular filtration rate (GFR) as confirmatory tests. eGFR<sub>cr</sub> may be inaccurate in people with variation in muscle mass or diet, and eGFR<sub>cys</sub> is not more accurate than eGFR<sub>cr</sub>. eGFR<sub>crcys</sub> is more accurate than either, but it is not independent of eGFR<sub>cr</sub>. Measured GFR is not practical and is susceptible to error due to variation in clearance methods and in the behavior of exogenous filtration markers. Over the past few years, we have hypothesized, and begun to test the hypothesis, that a panel of filtration markers (panel eGFR) from a single blood draw would require fewer demographic or clinical variables and could estimate GFR as accurately as measured GFR. In this article, we describe the conceptual background and rationale for this hypothesis and summarize our work thus far including evaluation of novel low-molecular-weight proteins and metabolites and then outline how we envision that such a panel could be used in clinical practice, research, and public health.

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## A New Panel-Estimated GFR, Including $\beta_2$ -Microglobulin and $\beta$ -Trace Protein and Not Including Race, Developed in a Diverse Population

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Biomarkers Panel:  $\beta$ -trace protein,  $\beta_2$ -microglobulin, Cystatin C

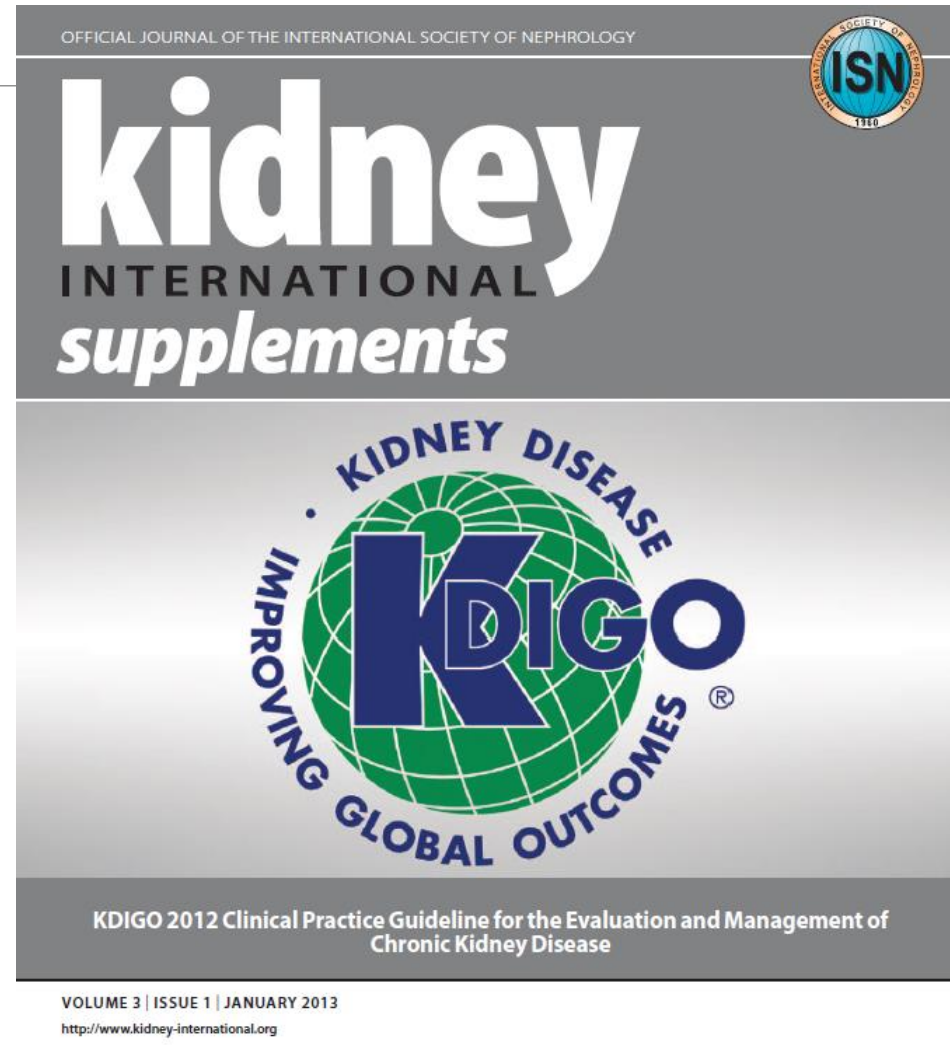
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Simple? Cost-effectiveness?

# CKD diagnosis

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# International guidelines in Nephrology



Prognosis of CKD by GFR  
and Albuminuria Categories:  
KDIGO 2012

				Persistent albuminuria categories Description and range		
				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased
				<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-300 mg/g 3-30 mg/mmol	>300 mg/g >30 mg/mmol
GFR categories (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> ) Description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90	Green	Yellow	Orange
	G2	Mildly decreased	60-89	Green	Yellow	Orange
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	Yellow	Orange	Red
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44	Orange	Red	Red
	G4	Severely decreased	15-29	Red	Red	Red
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	Red	Red	Red

**Figure 9 | Prognosis of CKD by GFR and albuminuria category.** Green, low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD); Yellow, moderately increased risk; Orange, high risk; Red, very high risk. CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes. Modified with permission from Macmillan Publishers Ltd: *Kidney International*. Levey AS, de Jong PE, Coresh J, et al.<sup>30</sup> The definition, classification, and prognosis of chronic kidney disease: a KDIGO controversies conference report. *Kidney Int* 2011; 80: 17-28; accessed <http://www.nature.com/ki/journal/v80/n1/full/ki2010483a.html>

## GFR categories in CKD Chronic Kidney Disease

GFR category	GFR (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Terms
G1	≥ 90	Normal or high
G2	60-89	Mildly decreased*
G3a	45-59	Mildly to moderately decreased
G3b	30-44	Moderately to severely decreased
G4	15-29	Severely decreased
G5	< 15	Kidney failure

Abbreviations: CKD, chronic kidney disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

\*Relative to young adult level

In the absence of evidence of kidney damage, neither GFR category G1 nor G2 fulfill the criteria for CKD.

**Must be confirmed at 3 months...**

**60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**

# Justification of this cut-off

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Simplicity

Half of normal measured GFR but arbitrary (and maybe not correct)

Because  $\text{GFR} < 60 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$  is associated with a higher mortality risk

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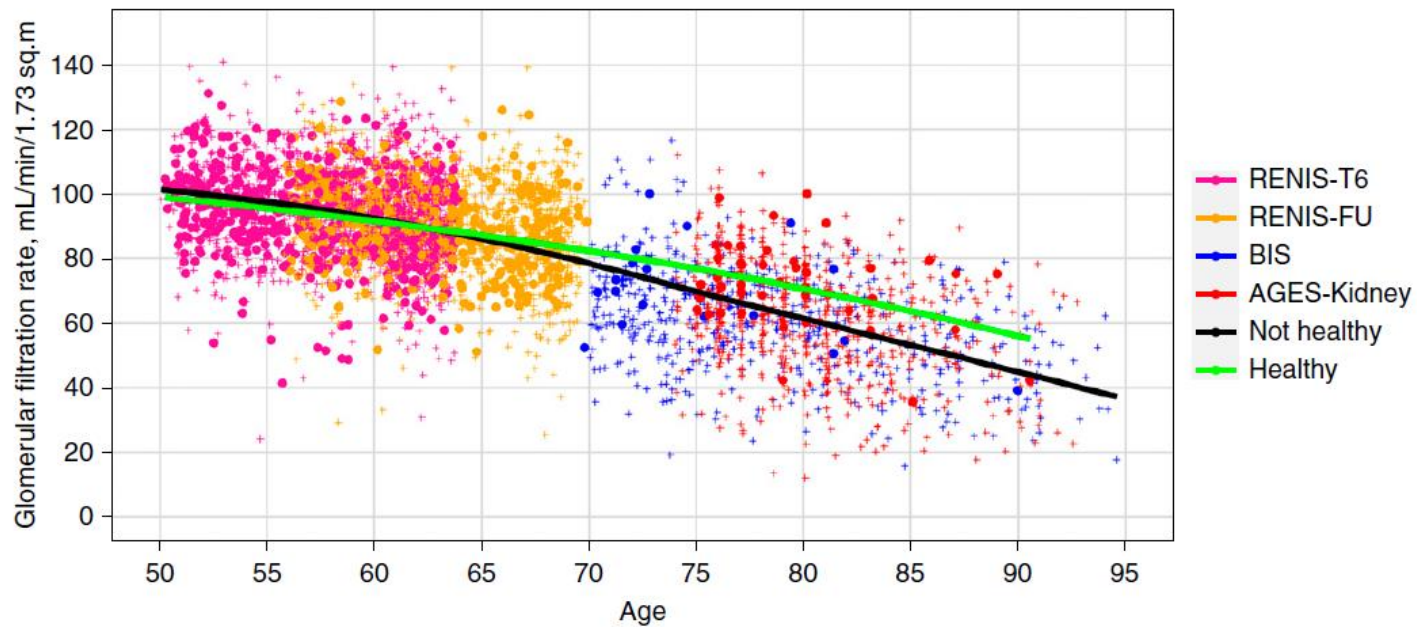
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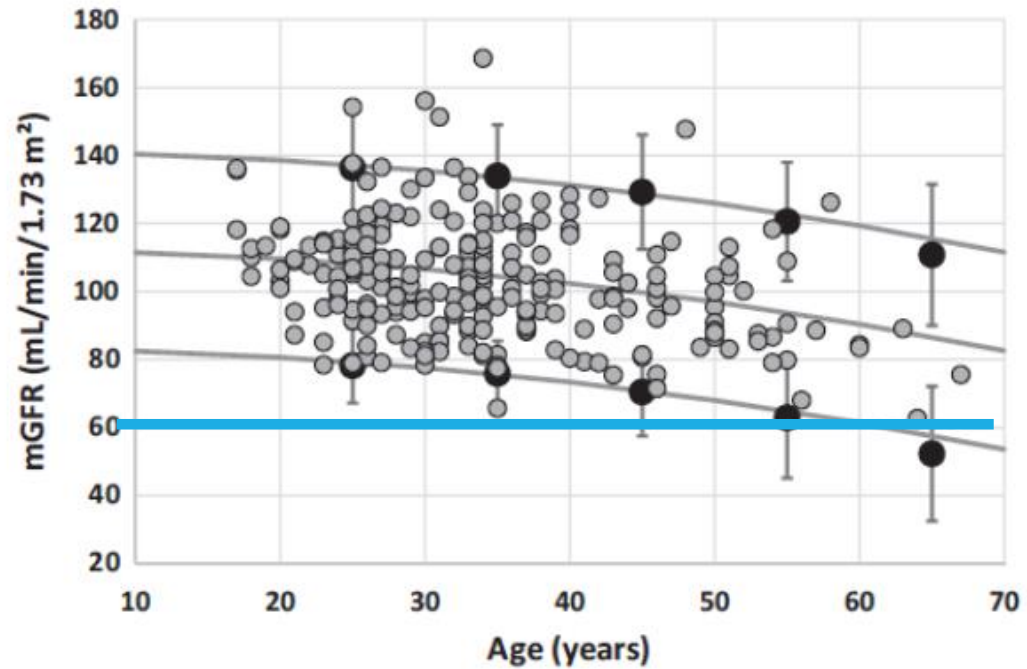
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- RENIS, BIS, AGES
- 50-97 years
- Iohexol clearance
- N=3274 and 987 healthy



**Figure 2.** Unadjusted GFR according to cohort and health status. Body surface area-indexed GFR measured as plasma iohexol clearance and plotted against age in the RENIS, BIS, and AGES-Kidney cohorts ( $n=4209$ ). The marker colors indicate cohort membership. Filled circles indicate measurements in persons who were healthy and crosses in persons who were unhealthy. Measurements for both the baseline (RENIS-T6) and the follow-up examinations (RENIS-FU) of the same persons in the RENIS cohort are shown. The red and green curves represent unadjusted locally estimated scatterplot smoothing fits to measurements in people who were unhealthy and healthy, respectively.



**FIGURE 2:** mGFR percentiles according to age. The solid grey circles are mGFR results and solid grey lines are 2.5th, 50th and 97.5th percentiles for mGFR in the current African population. The solid black circles with error bars are upper and lower reference limits obtained from the meta-analysis study including 633 Caucasian potential living kidney donors.

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# What about « prognostic » argument

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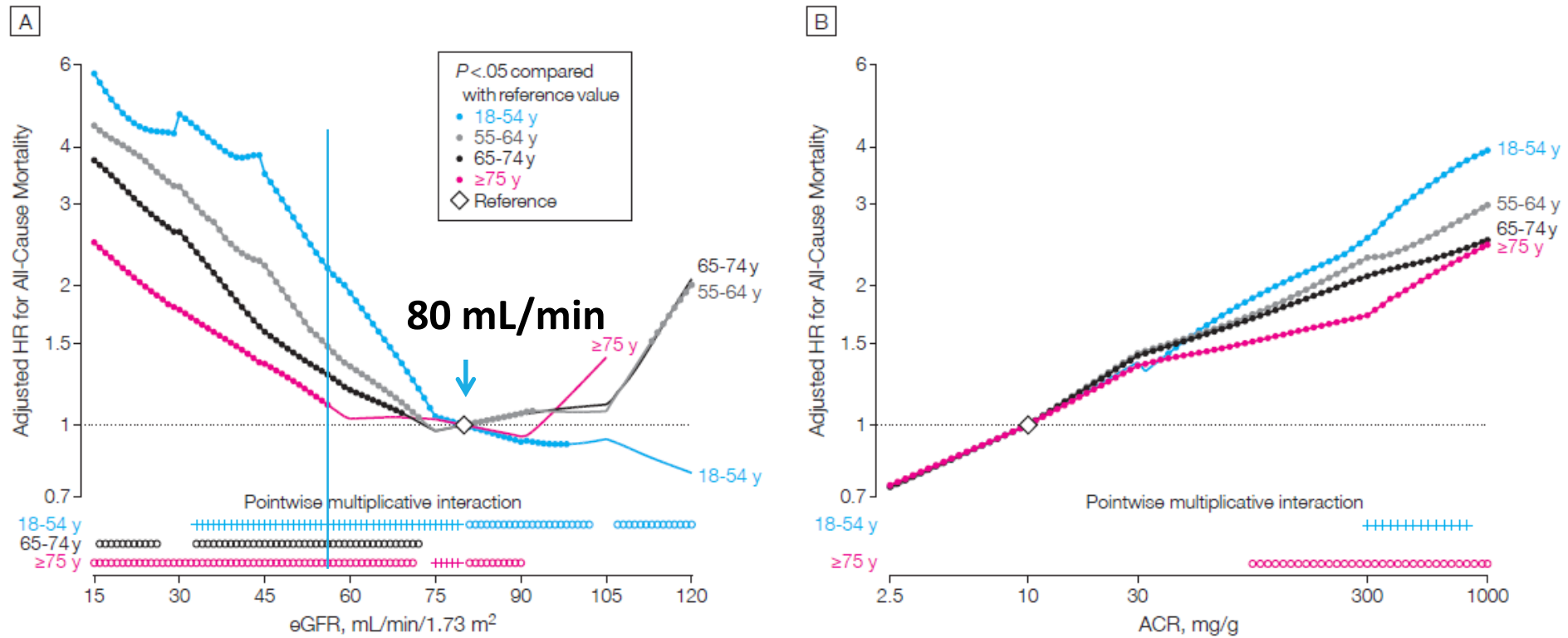
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33 general or high risk cohorts

13 CKD cohorts

Mean follow-up: 5.3 years

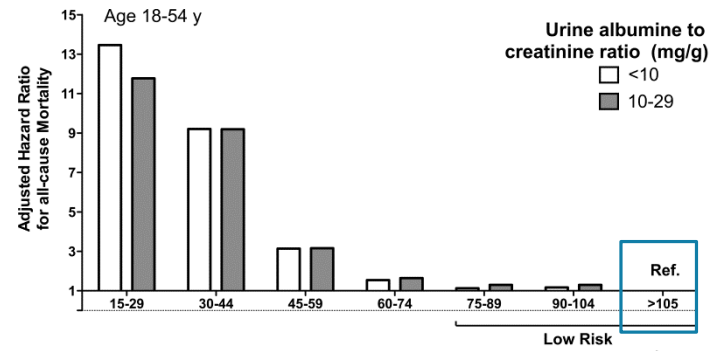
**Figure 1.** Adjusted Hazard Ratios (HRs) for All-Cause Mortality and Mean Mortality Rates According to eGFR and ACR Within Each Age Category



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The same GFR reference group is considered for all age  
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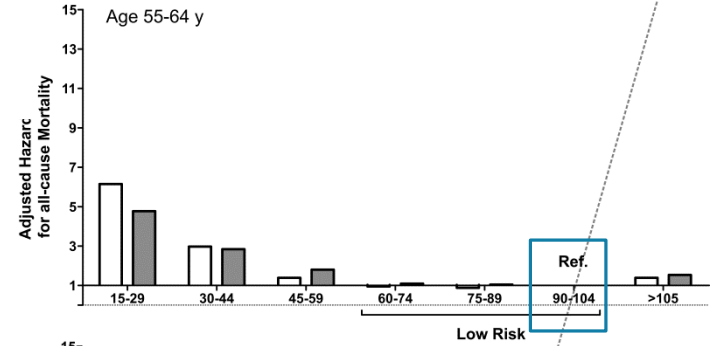
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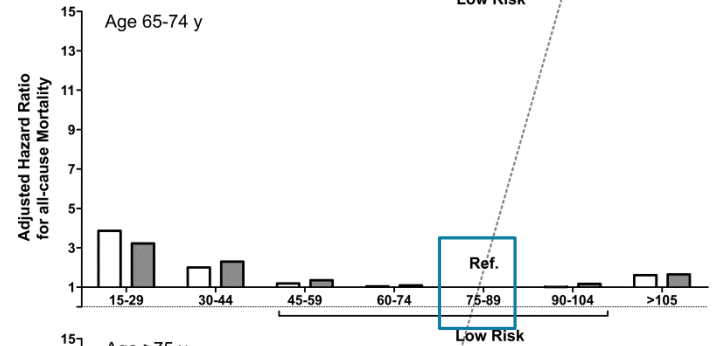
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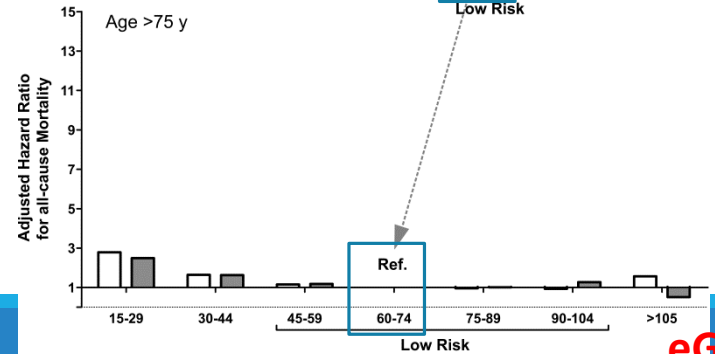
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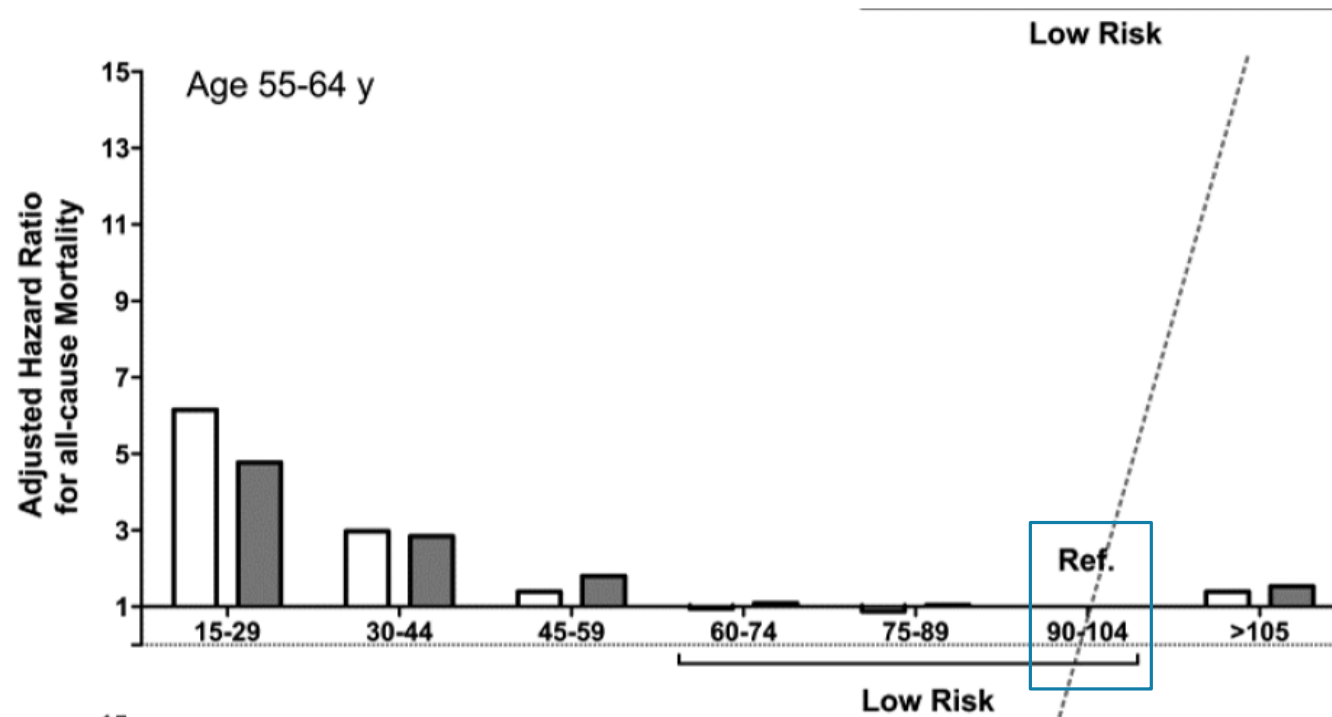


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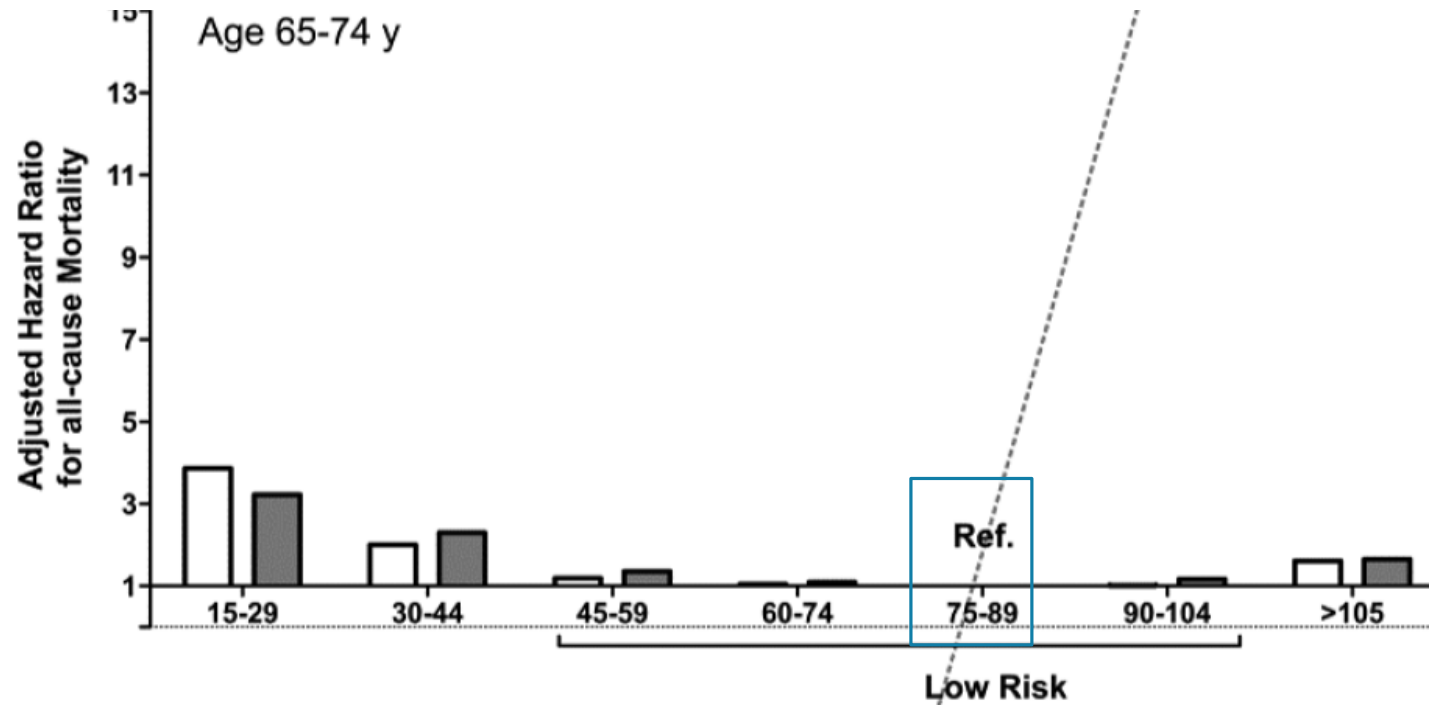
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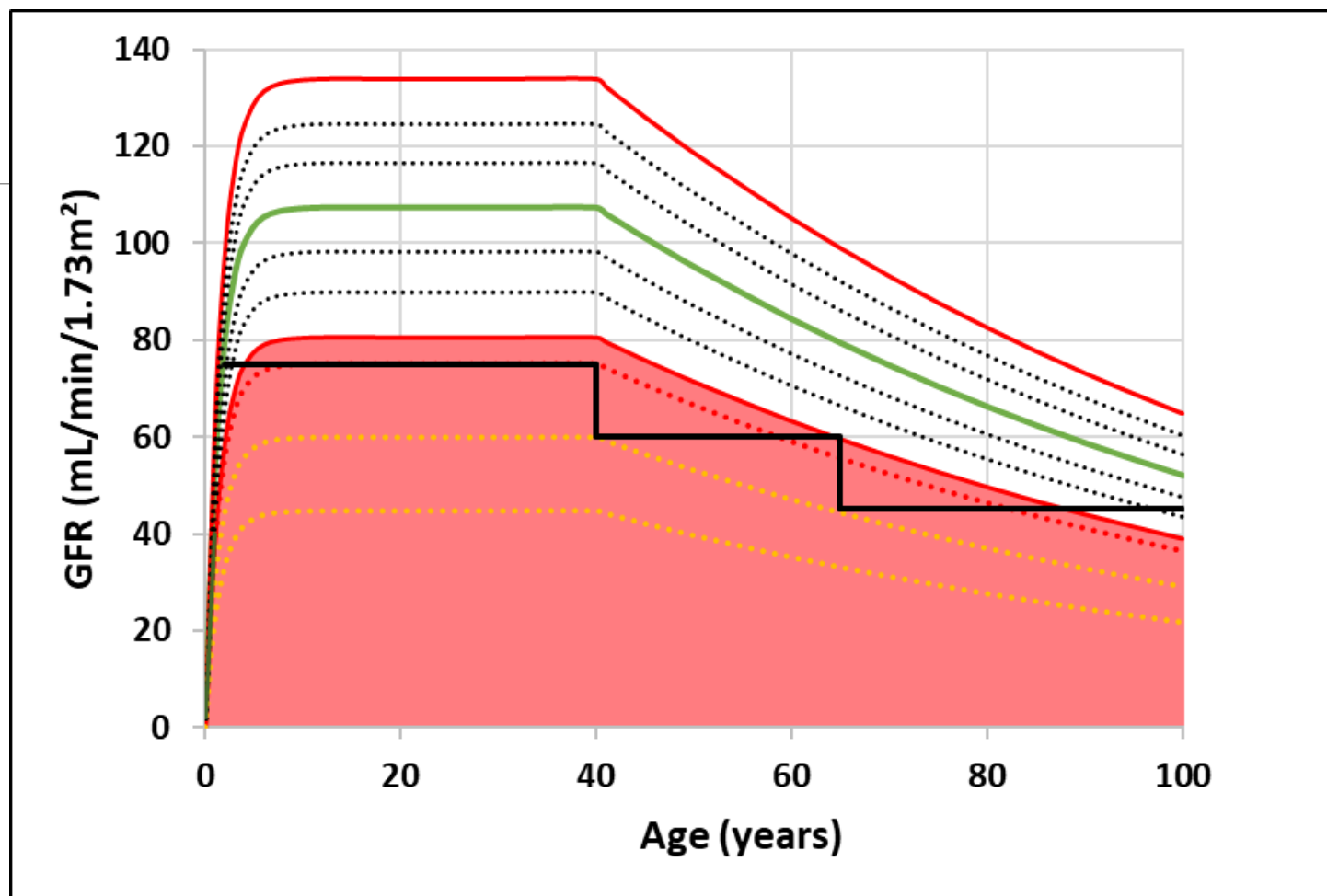
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# The prevalence of chronic kidney disease in Iceland according to KDIGO criteria and age-adapted estimated glomerular filtration rate thresholds [see commentary on page 1090](#)

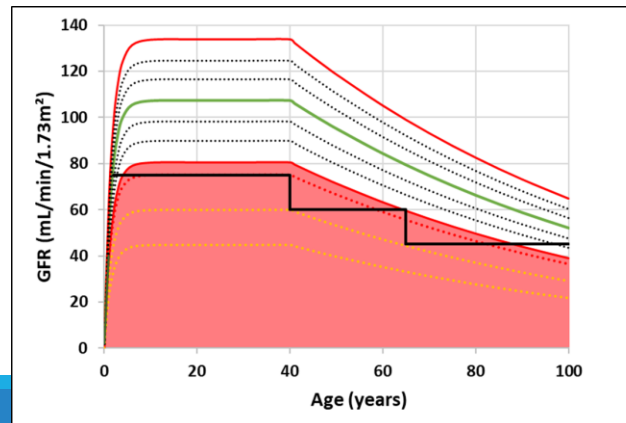


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2,120,147 creatinine values for 218,437 individuals, 306,531 proteinuria measurements for 86,364 individuals and 6973 individuals carrying a kidney disease diagnosis. Median age was 63 years (range, 18–106) and 47% were male.



**Table 4 | Mean annual prevalence of chronic kidney disease defined by the KDIGO criteria or age-adapted eGFR thresholds**

Criteria for CKD	KDIGO criteria			Age-adapted eGFR thresholds		
	eGFR	eGFR and proteinuria	eGFR, proteinuria, and kidney disease diagnosis	eGFR	eGFR and proteinuria	eGFR, proteinuria, and kidney disease diagnosis
<b>All</b>						
Single-value criterion <sup>a</sup>	6.41 (6.36–6.49)	11.60 (11.54–11.65)	12.14 (12.08–12.20)	3.98 (3.94–4.01)	9.66 (9.61–9.71)	10.34 (10.29–10.40)
KDIGO criteria	4.72 (4.68–4.76)	5.35 (5.31–5.38)	5.94 (5.90–5.98)	2.20 (2.18–2.22)	2.93 (2.90–2.96)	3.64 (3.61–3.67)
<b>Men</b>						
Single-value criterion <sup>a</sup>	5.32 (5.26–5.37)	10.63 (10.55–10.71)	11.10 (11.02–11.18)	3.26 (3.21–3.30)	9.16 (9.09–9.23)	9.80 (9.72–9.87)
KDIGO criteria	3.92 (3.89–3.97)	4.66 (4.61–4.71)	5.13 (5.08–5.19)	1.93 (1.90–1.96)	2.67 (2.63–2.71)	3.27 (3.23–3.32)
<b>Women</b>						
Single-value criterion <sup>a</sup>	7.50 (7.44–7.57)	12.57 (12.49–12.65)	13.19 (13.10–13.27)	4.70 (4.65–4.75)	10.16 (10.08–10.23)	10.90 (10.82–10.98)
KDIGO criteria	5.52 (5.47–5.58)	6.04 (5.98–6.09)	6.75 (6.69–6.81)	2.76 (2.72–2.80)	3.19 (3.15–3.24)	4.01 (3.96–4.06)

CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes.

<sup>a</sup>Single-value criterion: single eGFR and proteinuria measurements were randomly chosen from available measurements each year.

Data are presented as percentage (95% confidence interval).

## CKD: A Call for an Age-Adapted Definition

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# Clinical case #1:

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Candidate to living kidney donation

Women, 45 years old

Serum Creatinine at 0,90 mg/dL

Would you recommend to measure GFR?

# Clinical case #2:

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Seminoma in young obese patient (BMI at 41 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Chemotherapy with carboplatin

Creatinine at 1,2 mg/dL

How do you estimate GFR for drug dosage adaptation?

# Test your knowledge

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If you have carefully followed this lecture, you will know the answers to these questions:

Question 1: Which method of measuring GFR is the best balance between physiology and feasibility ?

Question 2: What are the main limitations of serum creatinine?

Question 3: What are the main limitations of estimating GFR?

Question 4: Which are the advantages of cystatin C?

Question 5: Which are the current definitions of CKD? Which is its main limitation?