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Association Between Differences in Creatinine- and Cystatin C-Based Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate and Osteoporotic Fractures in older Korean adults.

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Objectives : Osteoporotic fractures in the elderly are linked to increased mortality and reduced quality of life, emphasizing the need for effective prediction and prevention. Cystatin C is a more sensitive biomarker of renal function than creatinine, as it is less affected by muscle mass. This study examines the difference between eGFR based on cystatin C (eGFR_{cys}) and creatinine (eGFR_{cr}) and its association with osteoporotic fractures in Korean elderly.

Methods : This cross-sectional study included patients aged 65 years or older who visited CHA Bundang Medical Center between April 2005 and May 2022. Serum creatinine and cystatin C levels were simultaneously measured, and osteoporotic fractures were identified via medical chart review. Patients who had undergone kidney replacement therapy (KRT) were excluded, leaving 2,605 patients for analysis. The difference in eGFR (eGFR_{diff}) was calculated as eGFR_{cys} - eGFR_{cr} (mL/min/1.73m²).

Results : The mean age of participants was 74.2 ± 6.4 years, with 50.2% female. The mean eGFR_{cr} and eGFR_{cys} were 62.8 ± 26.1 and 59.0 ± 27.4 mL/min/1.73m², respectively. In 59.8% of participants, eGFR_{cys} was lower than eGFR_{cr}, indicating a negative eGFR_{diff}. (Figure 1) The negative eGFR_{diff} group was 2 years older than the positive eGFR_{diff} group with a mean age of 75.1 years (p < 0.05) and had a higher prevalence of CKD with 28.7% diagnosed with CKD compared to 22.8% in the other group (p < 0.05). Multivariable logistic regression, adjusted for age, sex, and comorbidities, showed an odds ratio of 1.60 for osteoporotic fractures in the most negative eGFR_{diff} group (Quartile1). (95% Confidence Interval: 1.03–2.51; p < 0.05) (Figure 2)

Conclusions : In elderly individuals, eGFR_{cys} is often lower than eGFR_{cr}, and a greater discrepancy between eGFR_{cys} and eGFR_{cr} was associated with higher osteoporotic fracture risk. This suggests that eGFR_{diff} could be a useful marker for assessing fracture risk in clinical practice.

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	Quartile 1 eGFR _{reys} << eGFR _{rcr}	Quartile 2 eGFR _{reys} < eGFR _{rcr}	Quartile 3 eGFR _{reys} ≈ eGFR _{rcr}	Quartile 4 eGFR _{reys} > eGFR _{rcr}
eGFRdiff range (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	-78.9 to -13.6	-13.6 to -3.82	-3.82 to 5.70	5.70 to 88.7
Odd ratio (95% CI)				
Hip fracture	1.65 (0.67-4.24)	1.13 (0.50-2.64)	Ref	1.06 (0.40-2.74)
Radius fracture	1.67 (0.57-5.39)	0.92 (0.29-3.01)	Ref	1.22 (0.40-3.95)
Spine fracture	1.42 (0.85-2.42)	0.96 (0.56-1.65)	Ref	1.20 (0.71-2.07)
Osteoporotic fracture	1.60 (1.03-2.51)	1.01 (0.65-1.60)	Ref	1.18 (0.74-1.88)