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# Chronic Kidney Disease in Patients with Hip Fracture: Prevalence and Outcomes

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**Objective.** Although the association between chronic kidney disease (CKD) and osteoporotic fractures is well established, data on CKD combined with hip fracture (HF) are scarce and controversial. We aimed to assess in patients with HF the prevalence of CKD, its impact on hospital mortality and length of stay (LOS) and to determine the prognostic value of CKD to predict hospital outcomes. **Methods.** Prospectively collected clinical data were analysed in 3623 consecutive HF patients aged  $\geq 65$  years (mean age  $83.4 \pm 7.50$  [standard deviation] years; 74.4% females). **Results.** CKD among older patients with HF is highly prevalent (39.9%), has different clinical characteristics, a 2.5-fold higher mortality rate, and 40% greater risk of prolonged LOS. The strongest risk for a poor outcome was advanced age ( $>80$  years). The risk of death substantially increases in combination with chronic disorders, especially coronary artery disease, anaemia, hyperparathyroidism, and atrial fibrillation; models based only on three variables—CKD stage, age  $>80$ , and presence of a specific chronic condition—predicted in-hospital death with good discrimination capability ( $AUC \geq 0.700$ ) and reasonable accuracy, the number needed to predict ranged between 5.7 and 14.5. Only 12% of HF patients received osteoporotic drugs prefracture. **Conclusion.** In HF patients with CKD, the risk of adverse outcomes largely increases in parallel with worsening kidney function and, especially, in combination with comorbidities; models based on three admission variables predict a fatal outcome. Assessment of renal function is essential to preventing osteoporotic fractures.

## 1. Introduction

Both chronic kidney disease (CKD) and osteoporotic hip fractures (HF) are major and steadily rising public health problems globally, affecting 843.6 [1, 2] and 14.2 [3] (4.5 million people with HF per year worldwide [4]) million individuals, respectively, and contributing to high morbidity, mortality, and excess health and social care costs [5–12]. Both pathologies are bidirectionally interrelated: CKD compromises bone-mineral status and predisposes to falls and vice versa [7, 13–16].

Although kidney-related mechanisms involved in maintenance of musculoskeletal health [14, 17–21] have been intensively researched for decades and the association between CKD and osteoporotic fractures (OF) is well established

[22, 23], studies on CKD combined with HF, the most devastating complication of osteoporosis (OP), are relatively rare [13, 24, 25]. The relationship between kidney function and postoperative outcomes in hip fracture (HF) patients has not been systematically investigated, and the few studies that evaluated the impact of CKD on HF outcomes have yielded conflicting results [25–29]. Despite the great interest in predicting the risk of fracture and identifying people who will benefit from therapeutic interventions, data on the use, effectiveness, and safety of anti-osteoporotic drugs in patients with different stages of CKD is also scarce and uncertain [9, 12, 30–36]. Therefore, in this study, we aimed to assess the prevalence of CKD among patients with HF (compared to the general population) and the impact of CKD on HF outcomes (hospital mortality and length of stay [LOS]) with the

inclusion of additional effects of age, gender, degree of renal dysfunction, and comorbidities. We hypothesised that higher CKD stages and specific clinical characteristics could be associated with increased post-operative mortality and LOS and may be used for prognostication of adverse outcomes.

## 2. Materials and Methods

**2.1. Patients.** In a total of 3623 consecutive patients aged 65 years or older admitted with a low-energy traumatic (i.e., related to an accidental fall while walking or standing) nonpathological HF except for osteoporosis (categorised as either cervical or trochanteric) to the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the Canberra Hospital (tertiary university centre) between 2000 and 2019 and had operative fracture treatment were included in the study. Patients with medium- or high-energy fractures (e.g., major trauma, car accident, fall from height, etc.), pathological fractures (due to bone malignant tumour or metastasis), subtrochanteric, multiple fractures, or polytrauma, and those who were under the age of 65 were excluded. The mean age of patients was  $83.4 \pm 7.50$  [SD] years (median age was 84 years [interquartile range 10]), 75.3% were women, and 52.6% had a femoral cervical fracture. All patients followed a similar postoperative protocol with mobilisation out of bed on day one and urinary catheter out on day two.

**2.2. Data Collection and Variables.** Prefracture hospital and general practitioners' medical case records were reviewed, data on fracture type (cervical or trochanteric), sociodemographic features (including residency in a permanent care facility (PRCF), use of walking aids), lifestyle factors (smoking status, alcohol use), chronic comorbidities (including hypertension, anaemia, history of coronary artery disease (CAD), history of acute myocardial infarction (MI), atrial fibrillation (AF), type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), cerebrovascular accident (CVA), transient ischaemic attack (TIA), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), dementia, Parkinson's disease (PD)), medication profile (including active osteoporosis therapy at the time of admission), routine laboratory parameters and hospital outcomes (death, LOS) were prospectively recorded and analysed.

### 2.3. Definitions

**2.3.1. Renal Function Evaluation and CKD Stratification.** CKD was defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (calculated by the CKD-EPI equation) [37]. CKD stages were defined according to eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) as follows: no CKD or G1 (eGFR  $> 90$ ), G2 (eGFR 60–89), G3a (eGFR 45–59), G3b (eGFR 30 to 44), G4 (eGFR 15–29), G5 (eGFR  $\leq 14$ ). The evaluation of the effect of CKD on mortality and LOS involved two steps. Initially, those with moderate or severe CKD (CKD G3–5; eGFR  $\leq 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) were collectively compared to patients with mild or no CKD (G1–2; eGFR  $> 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) as the reference. Subsequently, CKD G3, G4, and G5 were each compared separately to the CKD G1–2 group.

The prevalence of CKD among the HF patients was compared to that in the general population (matched by age and gender), using data obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian Health of Institute and Welfare [38–40]. The prevalences of morbidities, and the mortality rates in the CKD and non-CKD groups were compared.

Anaemia was defined as haemoglobin level  $< 130$  g/L in men and  $< 120$  g/L in women. Vitamin D deficiency was defined as 25 (OH) D  $\leq 25$  nmol/L and hypovitaminosis D/insufficiency as  $\leq 50$  nmol/L, hyperparathyroidism was defined as elevated serum PTH ( $> 6.8$  pmol/L, the upper limit of the laboratory reference range).

**2.4. Statistical Analyses.** Continuous variables were reported as median and interquartile range (IQR) or as mean  $\pm$  standard deviations (SD), based on their distribution, while categorical variables were reported as absolute numbers and percentages. Comparisons between groups for continuous variables were performed using Student's *t*-test (if data were normally distributed) or Mann–Whitney *U* test;  $\chi^2$  test (Yates corrected) was applied for categorical variables. Univariate and multivariate logistic regression analyses were used to determine the odds ratio (OR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) for associations between an outcome (dependent variable) and different clinical and laboratory variables; all potentially confounding variables with a statistical significance  $\leq 0.15$  on univariate analyses were included in the final multivariate analyses. CKD stages, defined by preoperative eGFR levels, and comorbidities were input into the models as categorical variables.

Poisson regression models were used to determine the specific influence of age ( $> 80$  years), gender and main comorbidities on the association between CKD and HF outcomes; results were reported as incidence rate ratios (IRR) with 95% CI.

To evaluate the ability of specific clinical parameters (single and combined) to predict postoperative outcomes receiver-operating characteristic (ROC) curve analyses (the area under the ROC curve, AUC) were performed. Sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), positive likelihood ratio (LP+), negative likelihood ratio (LP-) and number of patients needed to be examined for correct prediction (NNP- [41, 42]) were calculated to assess the discriminatory performance of each condition or model. The predictive performance of the tests was further assessed for calibration using the Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test [43]. All tests were two-tailed; *p* values  $< 0.05$  were considered statistically significant.

Analyses were conducted using Python (v3.8.10), the NumPy, SciPy and pandas packages [44–46]; as well as the R statistical software (v4.2.1) [47].

## 3. Results

**3.1. Patient Characteristics.** The main sociodemographic and clinical characteristics as well as hospital outcomes of the study population according to CKD presence or absence are

displayed in Table 1. Of 3623 HF patients in our cohort, 2179 (60.1%) had eGFR > 60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and were considered non-CKD, while 1444 (39.9%) individuals had CKD stages 3-5; in both groups about 3/4 were females. The more prevalent age group was >80 years. The CKD group was significantly older (80.1% were aged >80 years vs. 59.7% among the non-CKD), had a higher proportion of permanent residential care facilities (PRCF) residents (+6.5%) and walking aids users (+5.9%), but fewer current smokers (-3.4%) and alcohol over-users (>3 times a week, -2.3%). The trochanteric HF type was more common among CKD patients (+4.6%). The CKD group, compared to the non-CKD, demonstrated, unsurprisingly, a significantly greater prevalence of anaemia (+15.0%), CAD (+12.2%), hypertension (+9.5%), T2DM (+6.4%), AF (+6.2%), prior AMI (+4.0%), CVA/TIA (+2.8%), dementia (+3.8%), hyperparathyroidism (+21.0%), and a lower proportion of individuals with Parkinson's disease (PD, -3.3%). The prevalence of COPD, malignancy, and vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency did not differ between these two groups; preoperatively HF patients, especially those with CKD, were rarely diagnosed with osteoporosis (11.8% vs. 14.0%,  $p = 0.062$ ).

The proportion of patients with multiple chronic conditions (in addition to CKD) in the CKD group was significantly higher than in the rest of the cohort: no comorbid diseases were found in 1.9% vs. 3.3%, respectively ( $p < 0.019$ ), one comorbidity in 5.1% vs. 12.0% ( $p < 0.001$ ), two comorbidities in 13.6% vs. 22.8% ( $p < 0.001$ ), three or more comorbidities in 79.4% vs. 62.0% ( $p < 0.001$ ); in the CKD group the highest percentage of patients with multimorbidity ( $\geq 3$ ) was observed among patients aged >80 years (80.5% vs. 74.7%,  $p = 0.033$ ).

Stratifying by CKD stage (Table 2) showed that in the group with eGFR < 60 ml/min, half (716, 49.6%) had stage 3a, 465 (32.2%) had stage 3b, 217 (15.0%) had stage 4, and 46 (3.2%) had stage 5 disease. Compared to the group with eGFR > 60 ml/min, patients with CKD stages G3-G4 were significantly older (median age +3-4 years); about 3/4 of them were women, while those with CKD stage 5 were younger (-3 years); and more than half (52.2%) were men. Higher CKD stages were associated with increased proportion of subjects with a trochanteric fracture (statistically significant only in stage 4), walking aids users (except stage 5), PRCF residents (significant in stage 3), lower proportions of current smokers (in stages 3-4) and alcohol over-users (stage 3a and 3b). Unsurprisingly, with higher CKD stages there was a significantly increased proportion of patients with comorbidities including hypertension (52.6% in stages 1-2 vs. 78.3% in stage 5), anaemia (36.3% vs. 76.1%, respectively), CAD (24.7% vs. 63.0%, respectively), history of MI (6.3% vs. 23.9%, respectively), T2DM (10.7% vs. 34.8%, respectively), hyperparathyroidism (38.1% vs. 84.8%, respectively), and AF (16.9% vs. 28.1%, in stage 4), whereas there was a lower percentage of subjects with PD (6.1% vs. 1.4% in stage 4); in patients with CKD G3a a significantly higher proportion of patients had dementia (36.0% vs. 29.3%) and a history of CVA/TIA (21.4% vs. 17.6%). The prevalence of patients with COPD, history of malignant

disease, pre-HF diagnosis of OP (except in those with G4 disease) as well as with vitamin D deficiency in the CKD G3-5 groups was similar to that in subjects with CKD G1-2 (except higher prevalence of vitamin D insufficiency among the CKD G3b group).

Pre-HF, osteoporotic drugs in general were rarely prescribed, and even less frequently so to patients with CKD. The difference between the CKD and non-CKD groups was of borderline significance regarding bisphosphonates (8.9% and 10.9%, respectively,  $p = 0.059$ ); in CKD G4 and G5 groups only 6.0% ( $p = 0.032$ ) and 6.5% of patients, respectively, have been treated with a bisphosphonate; denosumab (1.6% and 2.0%, respectively), calcium supplements (17.2% and 17.1%, respectively), and cholecalciferol (31.2% and 28.9%) usage rates were similar (except for a higher prescription of cholecalciferol to CKD G5 (47.8%,  $p = 0.008$ ); among the minority of HF patients treated with calcitriol the proportion of subjects with CKD was higher (3.0% vs. 1.1%,  $p < 0.001$ ).

In summary, HF patients with a reduced eGFR, as compared with the group with an eGFR of  $\geq 60$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, were older and had a higher prevalence of anaemia, cardio- and cerebrovascular diseases (hypertension, CAD, AF, prior AMI, CVA/TIA), T2DM, dementia and hyperparathyroidism, with an increase of the prevalence of these comorbid conditions in parallel with CKD progression (from stage 3 to 5). Pre-HF the CKD patients were rarely diagnosed with and treated for OP.

**3.2. CKD Prevalence among HF Patients and in the General Population.** In the total Australian population, the prevalence of CKD (stages >3) was estimated to be 3.6% [38]—3.4% [39, 40] (similar rates in men and women) which increased with age: 2.4% for people aged 65–74 years and 4.6% for people aged 75 years and over [40]. The most recently available data on percentage of Australians with CKD (G3-5) in the total population is 4.6% (4.2% among non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) [48]. These data indicate that among HF patients aged  $\geq 65$  years, the prevalence of CKD (G3-5) is more than 9-times higher compared to the total Australian population of the same age (39.9% vs. 3.6%–4.6%).

### 3.3. CKD and Short-Term Hospital Outcomes

**3.3.1. Mortality.** In our HF cohort, the total all-cause in-hospital postoperative mortality rate was 5.2% (Table 1). Among the 189 HF patients who died in the hospital, 118 (62.4%) had CKD, making CKD the most prevalent comorbidity associated with a fatal outcome. Among the CKD patients with a lethal outcome 42 (35.6%) subjects were in stage 3a, 38 (32.2%) were in stage 3b, 29 (24.6%) were in stage 4 and 9 (7.6%) were in stage 5. In the total HF cohort, a decrease in eGFR of 1 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> increased mortality risk by 3% (OR 1.03, 95% CI 1.02–1.04,  $p < 0.001$ ). Patients with HF and CKD compared to subjects without CKD had a 2.6-times higher mortality rate (8.2% vs. 3.3%, OR 2.64, 95% CI 1.95–3.58,  $p < 0.001$ ). Among all fatalities 82.0%

TABLE 1: Sociodemographic and clinical characteristics and hospital outcomes in elderly (aged  $\geq 65$  years) patients with osteoporotic hip fracture with and without chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Variable	Total cohort ( $n = 3623$ )	With CKD ( $n = 1444, 39.9\%$ )	Without CKD ( $n = 2179, 60.1\%$ )	<i>p</i> value
Age, years, median (IQR)	84 (10)	86 (9)	83 (10)	<0.001
Aged 65–79 years, <i>n</i> (%)	1167 (32.2)	288 (19.9)	879 (40.3)	<0.001
Aged >80 years, <i>n</i> (%)	2456 (67.8)	1156 (80.1)	1300 (59.7)	<0.001
Females, <i>n</i> (%)	2728 (75.3)	1106 (76.6)	1622 (74.4)	0.152
PRCF resident, <i>n</i> (%)	1207 (33.3)	537 (37.2)	670 (30.7)	<0.001
Smoker (active), <i>n</i> (%)	180 (5.0)	42 (2.9)	138 (6.3)	<0.001
Ex-smoker (active), <i>n</i> (%)	450 (12.4)	180 (12.5)	270 (12.4)	0.982
Alcohol over-user*, <i>n</i> (%)	144 (4.0)	38 (2.6)	106 (4.9)	0.001
Walking aids user, <i>n</i> (%)	1299 (35.9)	568 (39.4)	731 (33.5)	<0.001
Fracture type [Tr], <i>n</i> (%)	1719 (47.4)	725 (50.2)	994 (45.6)	0.007
Hypertension, <i>n</i> (%)	2044 (56.4)	897 (62.1)	1147 (52.6)	<0.001
Anaemia, <i>n</i> (%)	1531 (42.2)	741 (51.3)	790 (36.3)	<0.001
CAD, <i>n</i> (%)	1072 (29.6)	533 (36.9)	539 (24.7)	<0.001
History of AMI, <i>n</i> (%)	286 (7.9)	149 (10.3)	137 (6.3)	<0.001
AF, <i>n</i> (%)	702 (19.4)	333 (23.1)	369 (16.9)	<0.001
T2DM, <i>n</i> (%)	481 (13.3)	247 (17.1)	234 (10.7)	<0.001
COPD, <i>n</i> (%)	560 (15.5)	217 (15.0)	343 (15.7)	0.599
Dementia, <i>n</i> (%)	1116 (30.8)	478 (33.1)	638 (29.3)	0.016
OP, <i>n</i> (%)	477 (13.2)	171 (11.8)	306 (14.0)	0.062
CVA/TIA, <i>n</i> (%)	678 (18.7)	294 (20.4)	384 (17.6)	0.043
PD, <i>n</i> (%)	172 (4.7)	40 (2.8)	132 (6.1)	<0.001
Malignancy, <i>n</i> (%)	82 (2.3)	34 (2.4)	48 (2.2)	0.852
PTH > 6.8 pmol/L	1684 (46.5)	854 (59.1)	830 (38.1)	<0.001
25 (OH) vitamin D $\leq 25$ nmol/L, <i>n</i> (%)	610 (16.8)	255 (17.7)	355 (16.3)	0.302
25 (OH) vitamin D $\leq 50$ nmol/L, <i>n</i> (%)	1659 (45.8)	675 (46.7)	984 (45.2)	0.366
<i>Usage of anti-osteoporotic medications</i>				
Bisphosphonate, <i>n</i> (%)	367 (10.1)	129 (8.9)	238 (10.9)	0.059
Denosumab, <i>n</i> (%)	66 (1.8)	23 (1.6)	43 (2.0)	0.477
Caltrate, <i>n</i> (%)	622 (17.2)	249 (17.2)	373 (17.1)	0.957
Cholecalciferol, <i>n</i> (%)	1080 (29.8)	451 (31.2)	629 (28.9)	0.137
Calcitriol, <i>n</i> (%)	66 (1.8)	43 (3.0)	23 (1.1)	<0.001
<i>Outcomes</i>				
<i>Died:</i>				
Total, <i>n</i> (%)	189 (5.2)	118 (8.2)	71 (3.3)	<0.001
Females, <i>n</i> (%)	130 (4.8)	83 (7.5)	47 (2.9)	<0.001
Males, <i>n</i> (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	59 (6.6)	35 (10.4)	24 (4.3)	0.003
Aged >80 years, <i>n</i> (%)	155 (6.3)	100 (8.7)	55 (4.2)	<0.001
Aged $\leq 80$ years, <i>n</i> (%)	34 (2.9)	18 (6.3)	16 (1.8)	0.165
<i>LOS, days</i>				
<i>Total cohort:</i>				
>10, <i>n</i> (%)	2053 (56.7)	871 (60.3)	1182 (54.2)	<0.001
10–20, <i>n</i> (%)	1214 (33.5)	488 (33.8)	726 (33.3)	0.793
>20, <i>n</i> (%)	839 (23.2)	383 (26.5)	456 (20.9)	<0.001
<i>Non-PRCF residents:</i>				
Total ( $n = 2416$ )		CKD ( $n = 907, 37.5\%$ )	No CKD ( $n = 1509, 62.5\%$ )	
>10, <i>n</i> (%)	1543 (63.9)	623 (68.7)	920 (61.0)	<0.001
10–20, <i>n</i> (%)	874 (36.2)	331 (36.5)	543 (36.0)	0.835
>20, <i>n</i> (%)	669 (27.7)	292 (32.2)	377 (25.0)	<0.001

*p* value: Mann-Whitney *U* test for continuous variables (age), Pearson's Chi-square test (Yates corrected) for categorical variables. Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; CKD, chronic kidney disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); CAD, coronary artery disease; AMI, acute myocardial infarction; AF, atrial fibrillation; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PD, Parkinson's disease; CVA, cerebrovascular accident (stroke); TIA, transient ischaemic attack; Tr, trochanteric fractures; PRCF, permanent residential care facility; PTH, parathyroid hormone; OP, osteoporosis; LOS, length of hospital stay; \* > 3 times a week.

were aged >80 years with a 2.2-times higher mortality rate (6.3% vs. 2.9%, Table 1). In the CKD group the corresponding figures were 84.7% and 1.4 (8.7% vs. 6.3%). In the non-CKD group, 77.5% of fatalities were also among the >80 years old, constituting 37.6% (71/189) of all deaths and

the mortality rate was 2.3-times higher than in the aged <80 years (4.2% vs. 1.8%, Table 1).

There were also gender differences in the fatal outcome incidence. Females represented 75.3% of the entire HF cohort and were also more prevalent across CKD stage 3–4.

TABLE 2: Characteristics of patients with hip fracture and chronic kidney disease (CKD) by CKD stage, age, gender, fracture type, comorbidities, and hospital outcomes.

Variable	Renal status (CKD)					p value				
	Stage G1-2 [1] (n = 2179, ~60.1%**)	Stage G3a [2] (n = 716, 19.8%/49.6%**)	Stage G3b [3] (n = 465, 12.8%/32.2%**)	Stage G4 [4] (n = 217, 6.0%/15.0%**)	Stage G5 [5] (n = 46, 1.3%/3.2%**)	P <sub>2-1</sub>	P <sub>3-1</sub>	P <sub>4-1</sub>	P <sub>5-1</sub>	P <sub>4-2</sub>
Age, years, median (IQR)	83 (10)	86 (8)	87 (8)	86 (9)	80 (15)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Aged 65-79 years, n (%)	879 (40.3)	150 (20.9)	74 (15.9)	39 (18.0)	25 (54.3)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.390
Aged >80, n (%)	1300 (59.7)	566 (79.1)	391 (84.1)	178 (82.0)	21 (45.7)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.390
Females, n (%)	1622 (74.4)	567 (79.2)	360 (77.4)	157 (72.4)	22 (47.8)	0.012	0.198	0.556	<0.001	0.043
Fracture type [Tr], n (%)	994 (45.6)	348 (48.6)	234 (50.3)	117 (53.9)	26 (56.5)	0.178	0.073	0.023	0.187	0.196
PRCF resident, n (%)	670 (30.7)	290 (40.5)	160 (34.4)	77 (35.5)	10 (21.7)	<0.001	0.136	0.174	0.250	0.213
Smoker (active), n (%)	138 (6.3)	23 (3.2)	15 (3.2)	3 (1.4)	1 (2.2)	0.002	0.013	0.005	0.398	0.230
Ex-smoker, n (%)	270 (12.4)	90 (12.6)	47 (10.1)	35 (16.1)	8 (17.4)	0.952	0.200	0.142	0.430	0.217
Alcohol over-use*, n (%) (4)	106 (4.9)	17 (2.4)	12 (2.6)	7 (3.2)	2 (4.3)	0.006	0.042	0.359	1.000	0.653
Walking aids user, n (%)	731 (33.5)	277 (38.7)	188 (40.5)	86 (39.6)	17 (37.0)	0.014	0.005	0.084	0.744	0.865
Hypertension, n (%)	1147 (52.6)	430 (60.1)	284 (61.1)	147 (67.7)	36 (78.3)	0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.050
Anaemia, n (%)	790 (36.3)	314 (43.9)	247 (53.1)	145 (66.8)	35 (76.1)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
CAD, n (%)	539 (24.7)	212 (29.6)	185 (39.9)	107 (49.3)	29 (63.0)	0.011	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
History of AMI, n (%)	137 (6.3)	63 (8.8)	37 (8.0)	38 (17.5)	11 (23.9)	0.027	0.220	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
AF, n (%)	369 (16.9)	156 (21.8)	104 (22.4)	61 (28.1)	12 (26.1)	0.004	0.007	<0.001	0.152	0.066
T2DM, n (%)	234 (10.7)	100 (14.0)	74 (15.9)	57 (26.3)	16 (34.8)	0.023	0.002	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
COPD, n (%)	343 (15.7)	96 (13.4)	75 (16.2)	38 (17.5)	8 (17.4)	0.147	0.876	0.560	0.921	0.162
Dementia, n (%)	638 (29.3)	258 (36.0)	147 (31.7)	66 (30.4)	7 (15.2)	0.001	0.331	0.786	0.055	0.149
OP, n (%)	306 (14.0)	97 (13.5)	53 (11.4)	18 (8.3)	3 (6.5)	0.787	0.151	0.024	0.213	0.052
CVA/TIA, n (%)	384 (17.6)	153 (21.4)	84 (18.1)	49 (22.6)	8 (17.4)	0.029	0.873	0.086	1.000	0.775
PD, n (%)	132 (6.1)	27 (3.8)	8 (1.7)	3 (1.4)	2 (4.3)	0.025	<0.001	0.007	0.866	0.127
Malignancy, n (%)	48 (2.2)	14 (2.0)	15 (3.2)	4 (1.8)	1 (2.2)	0.804	0.252	0.918	1.000	1.000
PTH > 6.8 pmol/L, n (%)	830 (38.1)	350 (48.9)	300 (64.5)	165 (76.0)	39 (84.8)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
25 (OH) vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L, n (%)	355 (16.3)	119 (16.6)	92 (19.8)	37 (17.1)	7 (15.2)	0.883	0.079	0.848	1.000	0.964
25 (OH) vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L, n (%)	984 (45.2)	307 (42.9)	237 (51.0)	111 (51.2)	20 (43.5)	0.307	0.026	0.105	0.939	0.039
<i>Usage of anti-osteoporotic medications</i>										
Bisphosphonate, n (%)	238 (10.9)	71 (9.9)	42 (9.0)	13 (6.0)	3 (6.5)	0.492	0.263	0.032	0.477	0.102
Denosumab, n (%)	43 (2.0)	14 (2.0)	8 (1.7)	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	1.000	0.862	0.188	0.674	0.220
Caltrate, n (%)	373 (17.1)	126 (17.6)	78 (16.8)	32 (14.7)	13 (28.3)	0.812	0.912	0.427	0.075	0.380
Cholecalciferol, n (%)	629 (28.9)	229 (32.0)	138 (29.7)	62 (28.6)	22 (47.8)	0.124	0.769	0.990	0.008	0.386
Calcitriol, n (%)	23 (1.1)	14 (2.0)	15 (3.2)	6 (2.8)	8 (17.4)	0.095	0.001	0.061	<0.001	0.650

TABLE 2: Continued.

Variable	Renal status (CKD)					<i>p</i> value				
	Stage G1-2 [1] ( <i>n</i> = 2179, -/60.1% <sup>**</sup> )	Stage G3a [2] ( <i>n</i> = 716, 19.8%/49.6% <sup>**</sup> )	Stage G3b [3] ( <i>n</i> = 465, 12.8%/32.2% <sup>**</sup> )	Stage G4 [4] ( <i>n</i> = 217, 6.0%/15.0% <sup>**</sup> )	Stage G5 [5] ( <i>n</i> = 46, 1.3%/3.2% <sup>**</sup> )	<i>P</i> <sub>2-1</sub>	<i>P</i> <sub>3-1</sub>	<i>P</i> <sub>4-1</sub>	<i>P</i> <sub>5-1</sub>	<i>P</i> <sub>4-2</sub>
<b>Outcomes</b>										
Died										
Total, <i>n</i> (%)	71 (3.3)	42 (5.9)	38 (8.2)	29 (13.4)	9 (19.6)	0.003	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Females, <i>n</i> (%)	47 (2.9)	29 (5.1)	28 (7.8)	21 (13.4)	5 (22.7)	0.009	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.002
Males, <i>n</i> (%)	24 (4.3)	13 (8.7)	10 (9.5)	8 (13.3)	4 (16.7)	0.199	0.110	0.004	<0.001	0.172
Aged >80 years, <i>n</i> (%)	55 (4.2)	38 (6.7)	31 (7.9)	25 (14.0)	6 (28.6)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.002
Aged ≤80 years, <i>n</i> (%)	16 (1.8)	4 (2.7)	7 (9.5)	4 (10.3)	3 (12.0)	0.816	0.177	0.186	0.001	0.168
<b>LOS, days</b>										
Total cohort:										
>10, <i>n</i> (%)	1182 (54.2)	416 (58.1)	288 (61.9)	132 (60.8)	35 (76.1)	0.079	0.003	0.074	0.005	0.524
>20, <i>n</i> (%)	456 (20.9)	166 (23.2)	136 (29.2)	61 (28.1)	20 (43.5)	0.221	<0.001	0.018	<0.001	0.164
Non-PRCF residents:										
>10, <i>n</i> (%)	920 (61.0)	287 (67.4)	218 (71.5)	91 (65.0)	27 (75.0)	0.019	0.001	0.397	0.125	0.679
>20, <i>n</i> (%)	377 (25.0)	120 (28.2)	112 (36.7)	43 (30.7)	17 (47.2)	0.205	<0.001	0.165	0.005	0.639

*p* value: Mann-Whitney *U* test for age (continuous), Pearson's Chi-square test *p* value (Yates corrected) for categorical variables; \* >3 times a week; \*\* percentage of patients among all HF subjects/among those with CKD. Abbreviations: IQR, interquartile range; CKD, chronic kidney disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); CAD, coronary artery disease; AMI, acute myocardial infarction; AF, atrial fibrillation; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; PD, Parkinson's disease; CVA, cerebrovascular accident (stroke); TIA, transient ischaemic attack; Fracture types [Tr], trochanteric fractures; PRCF, permanent residential care facility; PTH, parathyroid hormone; OP, osteoporosis; IOS, length of stay.

In the total HF cohort mortality rates were slightly but significantly higher among males than females (6.6% vs. 4.8%,  $p = 0.041$ ); although fatal events in the CKD group demonstrated also male prevalence, the difference did not achieve statistical significance (10.4% vs. 7.5%,  $p = 0.095$ ).

Stratification by CKD stage revealed, as would be expected, the mortality rate increased dramatically with higher stages: 3.3%, 5.9%, 8.2%, 13.4%, 19.6% in stages 1 and 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, respectively (Table 2); the effect was most pronounced for CKD G4–G5 (OR 5.01, 95% CI 3.30–7.61,  $p < 0.001$ ), CKD stage 5 accounted for the highest proportion of fatal outcomes in both females (22.7%) and males (16.7%) (Table 2). The mortality risk (adjusted for age and gender) was 1.50 (95% CI 1.00–2.24,  $p = 0.049$ ), 2.06 (95% CI 1.35–3.15,  $p = 0.001$ ), 3.47 (95% CI 2.16–5.57,  $p < 0.001$ ) and 6.92 (95% CI 3.10–15.40,  $p < 0.001$ ) fold higher for CKD stages 3a, 3b, 4, and 5, respectively, as compared to those with eGFR  $> 60$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.

**3.3.2. Length of Hospital Stay (LOS).** Prolonged LOS ( $>10$  days) occurred in 2053 (56.7%) HF patients, including 871 (60.3%) with CKD, of whom 416 (47.8%) had stage 3a, 288 (33.1%) had stage 3b, 132 (15.2%) had stage 4 and 35 (4.0%) had stage 5 (Tables 1 and 2). In the total HF cohort, a decrease in eGFR of 1 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> increased risk of prolonged LOS ( $>10$  days) by 1% (OR 1.01; 95% CI 1.00–1.01;  $p < 0.001$ ). The CKD group displayed a considerably higher proportion of patients with prolonged hospital stay, and this was more noticeable among the non-PRCF residents (LOS  $>10$  days: 68.7% vs. 61.0%, +7.7%,  $p < 0.001$ ; LOS  $>20$  days: 32.2% vs. 25.0%, +7.2%,  $p < 0.001$ ) (Table 1). CKD increased the proportion of patients with LOS  $>10$  days by 40% (OR 1.40; 1.18–1.67;  $p = 0.001$ ), and the effect tended to correlate with the CKD stage: the OR (age and sex adjusted) for stage 3b was 1.35 (95% CI 1.02–1.78,  $p = 0.036$ ), and the OR for stage 5 was 1.92 (95% CI 0.89–4.14,  $p = 0.097$ ); the percentage of individuals with LOS  $>20$  days was nearly 2-times higher among those in stage 5 compared to subjects in stage 3a (43.5% vs. 23.2%,  $p = 0.005$ ) (Table 2).

To summarize, in HF patients, a greater eGFR loss was associated with higher risk for both a fatal outcome (more pronounced in males) and prolonged LOS.

**3.3.3. Antiosteoporotic Drug Usage and Outcomes.** Pre-fracture treatment with antiresorptive medications (bisphosphonate or denosumab) was associated with a slight trend to lower mortality rates in the total HF cohort (3.5% vs. 5.5%,  $p = 0.079$ ), but in the CKD group the effect was statistically insignificant (7.2% vs. 8.3%,  $p = 0.656$ ; the lowest usage of antiresorptive drugs was observed in the fatal non-CKD group (7.0% vs. 9.3%). Active antiosteoporosis therapy prior to the HF did not affect the LOS in patients with or without CKD.

**3.4. Prognostic Significance of Renal Status in Patients with Hip Fracture.** In the total HF cohort, the multivariate logistic regression after adjustment for relevant chronic conditions

(all with  $p < 0.150$  on univariate analyses), including history of T2DM, CAD, AMI, AF, anaemia, COPD, dementia, HF type, PTH and vitamin D status, PRCF residency, and controlling for age and gender, revealed the following seven characteristics as independent and significant risk factors for a lethal outcome: CKD (OR 1.86, 95% CI 1.35–2.57,  $p < 0.001$ ), COPD (OR 1.70, 95% CI 1.18–2.45,  $p = 0.004$ ), AF (OR 1.53, 95% CI 1.09–2.14,  $p = 0.013$ ), 25 (OH) vitamin D  $\leq 25$  nmol/L (OR 1.68, 95% CI 1.18–2.38,  $p = 0.004$ ), PTH  $> 6.8$  pmol/L (OR 1.39, 95% CI 1.01–1.92,  $p = 0.041$ ), male sex (OR 1.46, 95% CI 1.04–2.05,  $p < 0.027$ ), and age (OR 1.05, 95% CI 1.03–1.08,  $p < 0.001$ ). When age as a continuous variable was substituted by age  $> 80$  years (OR 1.68, 95% CI 1.12–2.50,  $p = 0.012$ ). The OR for CKD (G3–5) was 2.00 (95% CI 1.45–2.75,  $p < 0.001$ ), for CKD G3 the OR was 1.70 (95% CI 1.20–2.39,  $p = 0.003$ ) and for CKD G4–5 the OR was 3.15 (95% CI 1.96–5.08,  $p < 0.001$ ), while all other risk factors remained practically unchanged.

Notably, the independent risk factors for a lethal outcome in HF patients with and without CKD demonstrated similarities and differences. CKD incorporates prognostic information of most chronic conditions which indicate a high risk of in-hospital mortality on univariate analysis such as CAD, anaemia, AF, COPD, dementia, hyperparathyroidism, vitamin D deficiency, PRCF residency, whereas in patients without CKD the independent prognostic indicators for hospital death include T2DM (OR 2.03, 95% CI 1.09–3.79,  $p = 0.025$ ), AF (OR 1.77, 95% CI 1.03–3.04,  $p = 0.040$ ), dementia (OR 1.77, 95% CI 0.99–3.15,  $p = 0.054$ ), vitamin D deficiency (OR 1.97, 95% CI 1.13–3.45,  $p = 0.017$ ), and elevated PTH levels (OR 1.68, 95% CI 1.03–2.73,  $p = 0.038$ ).

CKD was also an independent predictor for prolonged hospital stay ( $>10$  days) with an OR of 1.22 (95% CI 1.01–1.47,  $p = 0.040$ ); other independent predictors of LOS  $>10$  days were dementia (OR 1.73, 95% CI 1.32–2.28,  $p < 0.001$ ), 25 (OH) vitamin D  $\leq 25$  nmol/L (OR 1.27, 95% CI 1.00–1.62,  $p = 0.052$ ), and age (OR 1.03, 95% CI 1.01–1.04,  $p < 0.001$ ; for aged  $> 80$  years OR 1.41, 95% CI 1.18–1.69,  $p < 0.001$ ). The independent indicators of LOS  $>20$  days were the same. Advanced age, dementia, and vitamin D deficiency independently predicted prolonged LOS in patients with and without CKD; in the latter group CAD (OR 1.49, 95% CI 1.09–2.03,  $p = 0.013$ ) and AF (OR 1.38, 95% CI 1.01–1.89,  $p = 0.045$ ) were also independent indicators of LOS  $>20$  days.

Taken together, the presented data strongly suggest that in HF patients, CKD is an independent risk factor for both lethal outcome and prolonged hospital stay; the adverse effects parallel the severity of CKD and increase with age. Regarding the role of comorbid conditions in the development of an adverse outcome, patients with and without CKD demonstrated similarities and differences. In both groups advanced age and vitamin D deficiency were independent predictors of mortality as well as prolonged hospital stay. In contrast, only in non-CKD patients did the presence of T2DM, AF, COPD, dementia, and hyperparathyroidism independently predict hospital death, whereas CAD and AF predicted long hospital stay.

**3.5. Impact of Specific Characteristics on Outcomes in Hip Fracture Patients with CKD.** Both CKD and HF are strongly related with age, gender and many chronic diseases affecting morbidity and death. Understandably, multimorbidity may contribute to poor outcomes in HF, and CKD per se is not the only factor responsible for poor survival and longer LOS.

To determine the impact of specific diseases and conditions (which overlap, interact, or co-occur) on all-cause postoperative mortality and LOS in HF patients with CKD a Poisson regression analysis was performed (Table 3). The incidence rate ratio (IRR) for in-hospital death was 2.51 (crude), 2.06 (after adjustment for age as a continuous variable and gender), and 1.67 (after further adjustment for 12 main comorbidities, HF type, mobility, lifestyle factors and laboratory characteristics which influenced fatal outcome on univariate analyses with  $p \leq 0.150$ ). As shown in Table 3, in HF patients with CKD in comparison to the non-CKD group, the incidence of a lethal outcome (after multivariate adjustment for all the confounders listed in the footnotes to Table 3) was 106% higher among aged  $\geq 80$  years, 138% higher among walking aids users, 92% higher among PRCF residents and 88% higher in females. The risk of a lethal outcome increased significantly in CKD patients with hyperparathyroidism (+129%), hypertension (+106%), CAD (+79%), trochanteric fracture (+76%), and anaemia (+71%), it was nearly 8-fold higher in the small group of current smokers. On the other hand, in the fully adjusted Poisson models, no significant interaction with T2DM, previous MI, presence of AF, COPD, dementia, PD, CVA/TIA, vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency, higher alcohol consumption, history of smoking or administration of antiosteoporotic medications was observed, although in the unadjusted or adjusted only for age and gender models most of these characteristics demonstrated a significant influence on mortality indicating non-independent effects of these variables (Table 3). The significantly higher IRR for hospital mortality among patients who received anti-OP drugs (statistically significant only in the unadjusted model) reflects, likely, more frequent prescription of this treatment to individuals with more severe comorbid conditions, including OP.

Similar Poisson analyses with respect to LOS  $>10$  days showed that presence of CKD increased the incidence of prolonged stay by 13% (unadjusted model) but this effect was not significant after adjustments. However, further analyses revealed that CKD associated with specific factors substantially and independently prolonged LOS. Namely, the IRRs for LOS  $>10$  days among HF patients with CKD was significantly higher in subjects  $>80$  years of age (+50%), with T2DM (+64%), anaemia (+45%), CAD (+38%), hypertension (+22%), or hyperparathyroidism (+36%), and lower in individuals with PD (-48%); other characteristics, including history of AMI, AF, dementia and male gender, affected significantly the IRR only in unadjusted or partially (for age and gender) adjusted models (Table 3).

To summarize, in HF patients with CKD, compared to the non-CKD group, the IRRs for both in-hospital mortality and prolonged LOS were independently and significantly affected by the age ( $>80$  years), co-existing hypertension,

CAD, anaemia, and elevated PTH. In individuals with CKD, the IRRs for a lethal outcome were also 1.8–7.8-times higher when one of the following conditions occur: trochanteric fracture, using a walking aid, being a PRCF resident, active smoker, whereas presence of T2DM increased the IRR for prolonged LOS.

**3.6. Performance of CKD Grade and Related Characteristics as Predictors of Outcome in Patients with Hip Fracture.** Based on the abovementioned findings on outcome prognostic indicators we further evaluated the discriminative ability (performance parameters) of CKD to predict, at admission, in-hospital mortality, and prolonged LOS, considering CKD grade, advanced age ( $>80$  years), and presence of an additional specific comorbid condition (Table 4). In these analyses the CKD patients were divided into two subgroups: stage 3 (grades 3a and 3b were analysed together) and stages 4-5 (analysed together).

In all patients with CKD G3, the OR for mortality was 2.16, in the aged  $>80$  years 4.19. In this group the OR increased dramatically if CKD was accompanied by dementia (OR 5.43), AF (OR 5.61), vitamin D deficiency (OR 5.70), anaemia (OR 6.98), CAD (OR 7.63), history of AMI (OR 8.51), hyperparathyroidism (OR 9.75), or COPD (OR 10.48).

The risk of a lethal outcome in all HF patients with CKD stages 4-5, compared to the non-CKD group, was 5-fold higher (OR 5.01) and 10-times higher among aged  $>80$  years (OR 9.95); the highest OR demonstrated aged subjects with hyperparathyroidism (OR 20.97), vitamin D deficiency (OR 18.54), anaemia (OR 17.77), CAD (OR 17.14), COPD (OR 15.93), AF (OR 14.12), or history of AMI (OR 12.91), CVA/TIA (OR 12.67). The mortality risk in aged  $>80$  years with CKD G4-5 and each of these conditions was 2-3 times higher than in CKD G3 patients (Table 4; Figure 1).

Notably, although mentioned factors demonstrated a high OR for hospital mortality, not all of them had a reasonable predictive performance. The ROC analyses (area under the receiver operator characteristic curve (AUC)) indicated that presence of CKD G3, even in patients aged  $>80$  years, had a low-modest predictive value (AUC 0.593 for the total G3 group and 0.652 for the G3 aged  $>80$ ); however, the predictive performance was reasonable in the group CKD G3 aged  $>80$  years with COPD (AUC 0.744), CAD (AUC 0.733), hyperparathyroidism (AUC 0.715), anaemia (AUC 0.708), or dementia (AUC 0.700). Other clinical characteristics (including AF, T2DM, hypertension, PD, history of CVA/TIA, malignancy, vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency) did not significantly improve the prediction of postoperative mortality (the AUC was under 0.700).

The sensitivity, specificity, PPV, NPV, and other performance parameters of models based on different conditions associated with CKD G3 varied broadly (as expected with less sensitive variables being more specific). Sensitivity of 75% and above demonstrated only models which included hyperparathyroidism (89.4%), or anaemia (83.3%), or CAD (76.3%), or vitamin D insufficiency (75.7%). On the contrary, the specificity was above 75% in models with history of AMI (92.5%), COPD (86.3%), vitamin D deficiency (81.3%),



TABLE 3: Incidence rate ratios (IRRs) for all-cause in-hospital mortality and prolonged hospital stay (&gt;10 days) in patients with hip fracture and chronic kidney disease (CKD): effects of socio-demographic factors and comorbidities (Poisson regression analyses).

Variable	Model 1		Model 2		Model 3	
	IRR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> value	IRR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> value	IRR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> value
<i>In-hospital mortality</i>						
No CKD	Ref.	—	Ref.	—	Ref.	—
CKD	2.51 (1.87–3.37)	<0.001	2.06 (1.52–2.79)	<0.001	1.67 (1.19–2.32)	0.003
Age >80 years	2.74 (1.97–3.81)	<0.001	2.76 (1.99–3.84)	<0.001	2.06 (1.44–2.96)	<0.001
Female gender	2.66 (1.86–3.81)	<0.001	2.15 (1.49–3.11)	<0.001	1.88 (1.26–2.80)	0.002
Male gender	2.20 (1.31–3.70)	<0.001	1.88 (1.10–3.22)	0.021	1.31 (0.73–2.36)	0.359
Fracture types (T)	2.88 (1.89–4.39)	<0.001	2.26 (1.46–3.49)	<0.001	1.76 (1.10–2.82)	0.018
Anaemia	2.97 (1.97–4.49)	<0.001	2.34 (1.53–3.58)	<0.001	1.71 (1.09–2.70)	0.020
Hypertension	3.10 (2.07–4.65)	<0.001	2.55 (1.68–3.87)	<0.001	2.06 (1.31–3.23)	0.002
CAD	2.82 (1.81–4.39)	<0.001	2.37 (1.50–3.74)	<0.001	1.79 (1.07–2.99)	0.027
History of AMI	3.19 (1.44–7.04)	0.004	2.90 (1.28–6.58)	0.011	1.78 (0.73–4.35)	0.202
AF	2.47 (1.45–4.20)	0.001	2.04 (1.18–3.53)	0.011	1.68 (0.91–3.11)	0.096
COPD	2.10 (1.14–3.84)	0.017	1.83 (0.98–3.42)	0.059	1.71 (0.85–3.45)	0.132
Dementia	2.01 (1.28–3.16)	0.002	1.53 (0.96–2.43)	0.074	1.36 (0.81–2.31)	0.249
CVA/TIA	2.21 (1.15–4.27)	0.018	1.80 (0.91–3.53)	0.090	1.30 (0.62–2.75)	0.485
PRCF resident	2.64 (1.71–4.08)	<0.001	2.06 (1.32–3.23)	0.002	1.92 (1.17–3.14)	0.009
Smoker	5.28 (1.10–25.42)	0.038	7.38 (1.45–37.55)	0.016	7.77 (7.52–8.04)	<0.001
Ex-smoker	2.35 (1.02–5.42)	0.046	2.37 (0.99–5.65)	0.052	1.85 (0.73–4.70)	0.198
Walking aid user	3.48 (2.13–5.67)	<0.001	2.82 (1.70–4.67)	<0.001	2.38 (1.38–4.11)	0.002
PTH >6.8 pmol/L	3.06 (2.08–4.49)	<0.001	2.65 (1.78–3.94)	<0.001	2.29 (1.52–3.43)	<0.001
25 (OH) vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L	2.30 (1.29–4.11)	0.005	1.88 (1.04–3.42)	0.037	1.60 (0.83–3.09)	0.161
25 (OH) vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L	2.31 (1.51–3.51)	<0.001	1.92 (1.25–2.97)	0.003	1.46 (0.91–2.35)	0.116
Use of anti-OP drugs	3.32 (1.15–9.55)	0.026	2.89 (0.97–8.60)	0.057	1.95 (0.58–6.54)	0.280
<i>Length of stay &gt;10 days</i>						
No CKD	Ref.	—	Ref.	—	Ref.	—
CKD	1.13 (1.02–1.25)	0.022	1.08 (0.97–1.20)	0.157	1.10 (0.98–1.23)	0.095
Age >80 years	1.54 (1.36–1.75)	<0.001	1.54 (1.36–1.75)	<0.001	1.50 (1.31–1.72)	<0.001
Male gender	1.16 (0.96–1.41)	0.127	1.27 (1.03–1.55)	0.022	1.13 (0.91–1.41)	0.283
Anaemia	1.58 (1.35–1.84)	<0.001	1.53 (1.30–1.79)	<0.001	1.45 (1.22–1.72)	<0.001
Hypertension	1.35 (1.18–1.54)	<0.001	1.27 (1.11–1.46)	0.001	1.22 (1.05–1.41)	0.008
CAD	1.69 (1.41–2.04)	<0.001	1.58 (1.31–1.92)	<0.001	1.38 (1.12–1.70)	0.003
History of AMI	1.72 (1.21–2.44)	0.002	1.71 (1.19–2.46)	0.004	1.03 (0.65–1.63)	0.908
AF	1.47 (1.18–1.84)	0.001	1.29 (1.03–1.63)	0.029	1.16 (0.90–1.48)	0.254
T2DM	1.75 (1.33–2.29)	<0.001	2.06 (1.55–2.73)	<0.001	1.64 (1.20–2.23)	0.002
Dementia	1.49 (1.16–1.91)	0.002	1.20 (0.93–1.55)	0.159	1.22 (0.93–1.60)	0.154
PD	0.46 (0.26–0.80)	0.006	0.50 (0.28–0.89)	0.018	0.52 (0.28–0.96)	0.036
Smoker	0.44 (0.26–0.73)	0.001	0.56 (0.33–0.94)	0.029	0.65 (0.36–1.16)	0.146
Walking aid user	1.26 (1.06–1.50)	0.008	1.10 (0.92–1.31)	0.314	1.12 (0.93–1.35)	0.248
PTH > 6.8 pmol/L	1.81 (1.57–2.10)	<0.001	1.71 (1.47–1.98)	<0.001	1.36 (1.16–1.60)	<0.001

Model 1, not adjusted; Model 2, adjusted for age and gender (adjusted for age only adjusted for gender only for sex and aged >80 respectively); Model 3, adjusted for age, gender, hypertension, anaemia, CAD, history of MI, prior CVA/TIA, AF, COPD, type 2 diabetes mellitus, dementia, Parkinson's disease, malignancy, fracture type, residency, lifestyle characteristics (smoking status, alcohol consumption), mobility, PTH and vitamin levels as well as anti-resorptive medication use. Only statistically significant associations at least in one model are shown. Abbreviations: CKD, chronic kidney disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); CAD, coronary artery disease; AMI, acute myocardial infarction; AF, atrial fibrillation; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CVA, cerebrovascular accident (stroke); TIA, transient ischaemic attack; PRCF, permanent residential care facility; PTH, parathyroid hormone; Fracture types [T], trochanteric neck of femur fractures; OP, osteoporosis; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; PD, Parkinson's disease.

or AF (79.3%). Accordingly, the positive predictive values (PPV) of the tests were quite low (ranging from 7.2% to 11.6%) but the negative predictive values (NPV) were very good (98.2%–99.1%). The models showed appropriate calibration: Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test statistic ranged from 2.5 to 12.3 (with corresponding *p* value ranging between 0.139 and 0.963).

The AUC for predicting a fatal outcome in all patients with CKD stages 4–5 was 0.626, and for the aged >80 years 0.748; in the latter group, the AUC reached 0.821–0.805–0.781 among subjects with elevated PTH, anaemia, or CAD, respectively.

The models based on these characteristics showed reasonable sensitivity (82.1%, 76.7%, and 66.7%, respectively), high accuracy (82.0%, 84.1% and 88.8%, respectively), high NPV (98.0%–99.1%) and adequate calibration.

The number of patients with given condition needed to predict (NNP) a fatal outcome in HF patients based only on the presence of CKD G3 was 28.6, based on CKD G3 and age >80 years was 18.5; the NNP decreased greatly when one of the following conditions were added to the model: history of COPD (NNP = 9.6), MI (NNP = 9.6), CAD (NNP = 13.0), vitamin D deficiency (NNP = 13.3), elevated PTH (NNP = 14.5),

TABLE 4: Prognostic value and performance parameters of CKD severity, advanced age (>80 years) and comorbid conditions at admission to predict in-hospital mortality and prolonged length of stay (LOS >10 days) in patients with hip fracture.

Comorbidity	OR (95% CI)	AUC (95% CI)	P value	Sn (%)	Sp (%)	Acc (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)	LR (+)	LR (-)	NNP	HL, p value
<i>In-hospital mortality</i>												
CKD G3 (n = 1181)	2.16 (1.55-3.00)	0.593 (0.553-0.634)	<0.001	53.0	65.7	65.1	6.8	96.7	1.55	0.72	28.6	10.7, p = 0.218
+Aged >80 years (n = 957)	4.19 (2.41-7.28)	0.652 (0.609-0.696)	<0.001	81.2	49.3	50.8	7.2	98.2	1.60	0.38	18.5	10.2, p = 0.248
+COPD (n = 129)	10.48 (4.48-24.51)	0.744 (0.644-0.844)	<0.001	62.5	86.3	85.6	11.6	98.8	4.56	0.43	9.6	4.3, p = 0.826
or +CAD (n = 322)	7.63 (3.57-16.33)	0.733 (0.663-0.803)	<0.001	76.3	70.3	70.5	9.0	98.7	2.57	0.34	13.0	p = 0.963
or +PTH >6.8 pmol/L (n = 541)	9.75 (3.83-24.83)	0.715 (0.668-0.762)	<0.001	89.4	53.7	55.2	7.8	99.1	1.93	0.20	14.5	3.8, p = 0.876
or +anaemia (n = 461)	6.98 (3.07-15.88)	0.708 (0.649-0.767)	<0.001	83.3	58.3	59.3	7.6	98.8	2.00	0.29	15.6	7.0, p = 0.535
or +dementia (n = 358)	5.43 (2.75-10.75)	0.700 (0.629-0.770)	<0.001	71.4	68.5	68.6	8.4	98.3	2.27	0.42	14.9	6.3, p = 0.612
or +AF (n = 220)	5.61 (2.72-11.54)	0.693 (0.606-0.781)	<0.001	59.4	79.3	78.7	8.6	98.3	2.87	0.51	14.5	12.3, p = 0.139
or +vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L (n = 183)	5.70 (2.71-11.95)	0.690 (0.599-0.781)	<0.001	56.7	81.3	80.5	9.3	98.2	3.03	0.53	13.3	8.0, p = 0.430
or +AMI (n = 75)	8.51 (3.51-20.64)	0.667 (0.561-0.772)	<0.001	40.9	92.5	91.2	12.0	98.4	5.45	0.64	9.6	5.8, p = 0.666
or +vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L (n = 427)	3.43 (1.60-7.36)	0.641 (0.569-0.713)	0.001	75.7	52.4	53.4	6.6	98.0	1.59	0.46	21.7	4.4, p = 0.818
or +CVA/TIA (n = 196)	3.03 (1.31-7.01)	0.616 (0.512-0.720)	0.014	43.5	79.7	78.9	5.1	98.3	2.14	0.71	29.4	13.8, p = 0.086
or +T2DM (n = 123)	2.92 (1.00-8.54)	0.589 (0.471-0.707)	0.094	31.2	86.5	85.5	4.1	98.6	2.31	0.80	37.0	5.3, p = 0.729
CKD G4-5 (n = 263)	5.01 (3.30-7.61)	0.626 (0.581-0.671)	<0.001	34.9	90.4	87.9	14.4	96.7	3.64	0.72	9.0	7.1, p = 0.528
+Aged >80 years (n = 199)	9.95 (5.32-18.60)	0.748 (0.679-0.818)	<0.001	66.0	83.7	82.9	15.6	98.2	4.05	0.41	7.2	8.3, p = 0.407
+PTH >6.8 pmol/L (n = 150)	20.97 (7.82-56.20)	0.821 (0.747-0.894)	<0.001	82.1	82.0	82.0	15.3	99.1	4.56	0.22	6.9	6.7, p = 0.566
or +anaemia (n = 133)	17.77 (7.45-42.44)	0.805 (0.727-0.883)	<0.001	76.7	84.4	84.1	17.3	98.8	4.92	0.28	6.2	9.2, p = 0.325
or +CAD (n = 99)	17.14 (7.46-39.41)	0.781 (0.690-0.872)	<0.001	66.7	89.5	88.8	18.2	98.7	6.35	0.37	5.9	6.4, p = 0.607
or +vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L (n = 95)	10.66 (4.59-24.75)	0.752 (0.657-0.846)	<0.001	65.4	84.9	84.0	17.9	98.0	4.33	0.41	6.3	6.6, p = 0.581
or +hypertension (n = 137)	7.40 (3.37-16.25)	0.727 (0.639-0.814)	<0.001	66.7	78.7	78.1	14.6	97.7	3.13	0.42	8.1	2.8, p = 0.949
or +AF (n = 52)	14.12 (5.85-34.09)	0.692 (0.588-0.795)	<0.001	43.5	94.8	93.4	19.2	98.3	8.37	0.60	5.7	11.7, p = 0.163
or +vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L (n = 36)	18.54 (7.29-47.13)	0.687 (0.581-0.792)	<0.001	40.9	96.4	94.8	25.0	98.2	11.36	0.61	4.3	18.2, p = 0.040
or +CVA/TIA (n = 49)	12.67 (5.11-31.41)	0.679 (0.573-0.784)	<0.001	40.9	94.8	93.3	18.4	98.3	7.87	0.62	6.0	16.2, p = 0.040
or +dementia (n = 67)	8.06 (3.17-20.49)	0.662 (0.551-0.772)	<0.001	40.0	92.4	91.0	11.9	98.3	5.26	0.65	9.8	7.8, p = 0.454
or +COPD (n = 30)	15.93 (4.98-51.01)	0.662 (0.531-0.792)	<0.001	35.7	96.6	95.5	16.7	98.8	10.50	0.67	6.5	7.5, p = 0.486
or +T2DM (n = 44)	8.82 (2.92-26.63)	0.632 (0.514-0.749)	<0.001	31.2	95.1	93.8	11.4	98.6	6.37	0.72	10	18.3, p = 0.019

TABLE 4: Continued.

Comorbidity	OR (95% CI)	AUC (95% CI)	P value	Sn (%)	Sp (%)	Acc (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)	LR (+)	LR (-)	NNP	HL, P value
<i>Length of stay &gt; 10 days</i>												
CKD G3 (n = 731)	1.43 (1.19-1.73)	0.539 (0.519-0.558)	<0.001	35.4	72.3	48.8	69.1	39.0	1.28	0.89	12.35	21.0, p = 0.007
+Aged >80 years (n = 554)	2.15 (1.69-2.73)	0.591 (0.564-0.619)	<0.001	50.1	68.1	56.6	73.5	43.7	1.57	0.73	5.81	8.8, p = 0.356
+Vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L (n = 265)	2.55 (1.82-3.58)	0.610 (0.572-0.648)	<0.001	50.7	71.3	58.9	72.8	48.8	1.77	0.69	4.63	11.0, p = 0.203
or +hypertension (n = 361)	2.22 (1.63-3.03)	0.598 (0.561-0.635)	<0.001	57.2	62.4	59.1	72.3	46.0	1.52	0.69	5.46	9.5, p = 0.301
or +PTH >6.8 pmol/L (n = 324)	2.19 (1.62-2.97)	0.592 (0.558-0.626)	<0.001	47.8	70.6	56.4	72.8	45.0	1.63	0.74	5.62	9.9, p = 0.272
or +anaemia (n = 261)	2.23 (1.62-3.07)	0.587 (0.554-0.620)	<0.001	41.6	75.8	55.9	70.5	48.3	1.72	0.77	5.32	16.2, p = 0.040
or +CAD (n = 181)	2.51 (1.72-3.65)	0.577 (0.548-0.606)	<0.001	30.0	85.4	52.4	75.1	45.4	2.05	0.82	4.88	8.7, p = 0.367
or +dementia (n = 102)	4.08 (2.37-7.01)	0.567 (0.545-0.589)	<0.001	18.8	94.6	50.0	83.3	44.9	3.48	0.86	3.55	8.0, p = 0.432
or +AF (n = 131)	2.50 (1.63-3.81)	0.559 (0.534-0.584)	<0.001	21.8	89.9	50.6	74.8	45.7	2.16	0.87	4.88	12.9, p = 0.117
or +CVA/TIA (n = 97)	2.08 (1.30-3.31)	0.540 (0.516-0.563)	0.003	16.7	91.2	49.1	71.1	45.7	1.90	0.91	5.95	25.3, p = 0.001
or +osteoporosis (n = 65)	2.91 (1.58-5.37)	0.539 (0.519-0.559)	0.001	12.6	95.3	47.6	78.5	44.4	2.68	0.92	4.37	18.5, p = 0.018
or +COPD (n = 68)	2.08 (1.20-3.63)	0.532 (0.509-0.554)	0.012	13.0	93.3	47.5	72.1	44.7	1.94	0.93	5.95	17.9, p = 0.022
or +T2DM (n = 64)	2.02 (1.15-3.57)	0.528 (0.507-0.548)	0.019	11.6	93.9	46.7	71.9	44.2	1.90	0.94	6.20	11.4, p = 0.181
or +vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L (n = 97)	1.84 (1.16-2.90)	0.534 (0.509-0.559)	0.012	16.6	90.2	48.4	69.1	45.1	1.69	0.92	7.04	12, p = 0.152
CKD G4-5 (n = 176)	1.30 (0.94-1.81)	0.512 (0.497-0.527)	0.137	11.4	91.0	42.0	67.0	39.0	1.27	0.97	16.67	24.0, p = 0.002
+Aged >80 years (n = 120)	1.12 (0.76-1.66)	0.507 (0.483-0.531)	0.630	14.9	86.5	45.9	59.2	43.7	1.10	0.98	34.48	24.3, p = 0.002
+Vitamin D ≤50 nmol/L (n = 57)	1.90 (1.06-3.43)	0.536 (0.504-0.568)	0.042	16.8	90.4	51.2	66.7	48.8	1.75	0.92	6.45	8.9, p = 0.351
or +hypertension (n = 81)	1.45 (0.88-2.38)	0.527 (0.491-0.563)	0.180	20.7	84.7	49.1	63.0	46.0	1.35	0.94	11.11	14.8, p = 0.063
or +COPD (n = 16)	3.50 (0.99-12.42)	0.513 (0.501-0.525)	0.071	3.8	98.9	45.6	81.2	44.7	3.45	0.97	3.86	11.4, p = 0.181
or +AF (n = 31)	0.61 (0.29-1.26)	0.511 (0.495-0.527)	0.243	96.4	5.8	54.5	54.3	58.1	1.02	0.62	8.06	26.7, p = 0.001
or +CAD (n = 61)	0.80 (0.47-1.36)	0.509 (0.487-0.532)	0.497	91.4	10.5	54.3	54.6	50.8	1.02	0.82	18.52	18.7, p = 0.017
or +PTH >6.8 pmol/L (n = 93)	1.08 (0.69-1.70)	0.506 (0.475-0.536)	0.813	17.0	84.1	47.0	57.0	45.0	1.07	0.99	50.00	12.6, p = 0.127
or +anaemia (n = 78)	1.09 (0.68-1.76)	0.505 (0.477-0.533)	0.818	14.0	87.0	49.0	53.8	48.3	1.08	0.99	47.62	17.9, p = 0.022
or +dementia (n = 25)	1.22 (0.54-2.76)	0.503 (0.490-0.517)	0.625	3.9	96.8	45.5	60.0	44.9	1.22	0.99	20.41	13.7, p = 0.091
or +vitamin D ≤25 nmol/L (n = 20)	1.23 (0.50-3.06)	0.503 (0.490-0.517)	0.823	3.4	97.2	45.6	60.0	45.1	1.21	0.99	19.61	11.4, p = 0.182
or +CVA/TIA (n = 23)	1.10 (0.47-2.53)	0.502 (0.487-0.516)	1.000	3.7	96.7	46.1	56.5	45.7	1.21	1.00	45.45	6.4, p = 0.602
or +T2DM (n = 26)	1.08 (0.49-2.39)	0.501 (0.486-0.517)	1.000	4.1	96.2	44.7	57.7	44.2	1.08	1.00	52.63	6.8, p = 0.561

<sup>(1)</sup>McFadden pseudo-R-squared, <sup>(2)</sup>Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness of fit test; <sup>(3)</sup>Sn, sensitivity; Sp, specificity; NPV, negative predictive value; PPV, positive predictive value; (-) LR, negative likelihood ratio; (+) LR, positive likelihood ratio; Acc, accuracy; NNP, number needed to predict.

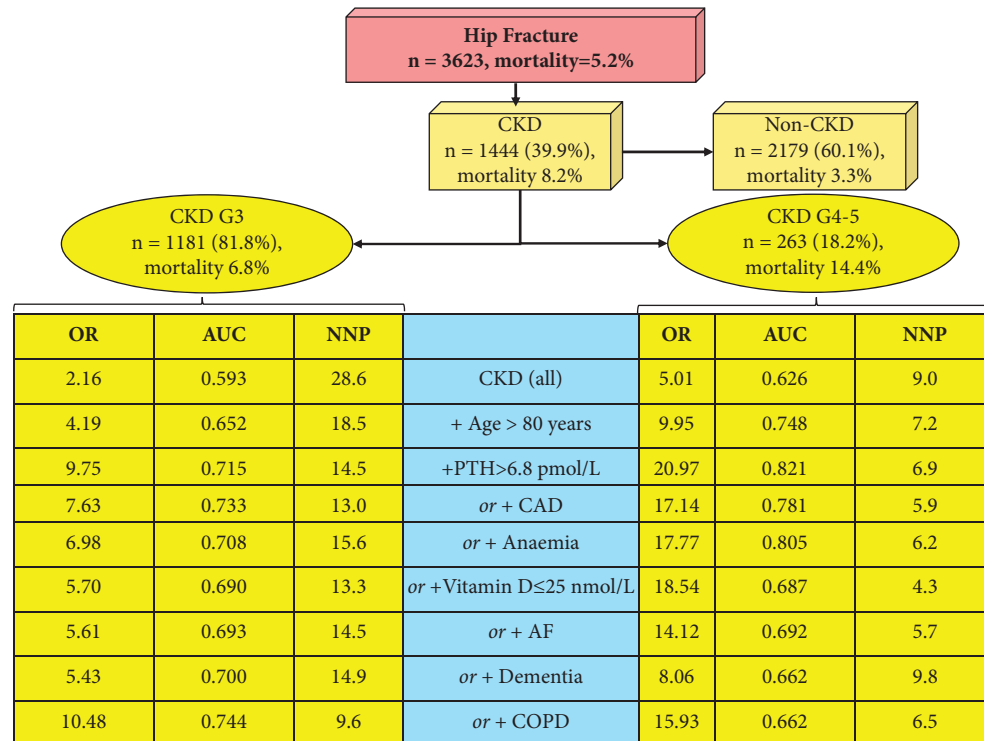


FIGURE 1: Prognostic value and performance of CKD stage, advance age (>80 years), and comorbidities for predicting in-hospital mortality in patients with hip fracture. Abbreviations: OR, odds ratio; AUC, area under curve (receiver operating characteristic); NNP, number needed to predict; CKD, chronic kidney disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); CKD G3, chronic kidney disease stage 3 (eGFR 30–59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); CKD G4-5, chronic kidney disease stage 4 and 5 (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>); PTH, parathyroid hormone; CAD, coronary artery disease; AF, atrial fibrillation; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

AF (NNP = 14.5), dementia (NNP = 14.9), or anaemia (NNP = 15.6).

In patients with CKD G 4-5, the NNP in-hospital mortality was significantly lower: 9.0 for the total group, 7.2 for the aged >80 years, and decreased further in cases with hypertension (3.1), vitamin D insufficiency (4.3), AF (5.7), CAD (5.9), CVA/TIA (6.0), anaemia (6.2), COPD (6.5), or hyperparathyroidism (6.9) (Table 4, Figure 1).

In aged CKD G3 patients, compared to the non-CKD group, presence of one of following 7 comorbidities—CAD, anaemia, COPD, AF and dementia, hyperparathyroidism, or vitamin D deficiency—increased the risk of a fatal outcome by 10.5–5.5-times and demonstrated a reasonable predictive value (AUC ranged between 0.744 and 0.693) with an NNP of 9.6–15.6. The same factors in subjects with CKD G4-5 indicated a 21.0–8.1-times higher mortality risk, with predictive power up to 82.1% (AUC ranged between 0.821 and 0.662) and NNP of 3.1–9.8 (Table 4, Figure 1).

Among the 118 HF patients with CKD and a lethal outcome, at least one of three strongest predictive comorbidities (CAD, anaemia, elevated PTH) was observed in 106 (89.8%) subjects (in 87.5% with CKD G3 and in 94.7% with CKD G4-5), and one of 7 predictive comorbidities (CAD, anaemia, AF,

dementia, COPD, elevated PTH or vitamin D deficiency) in 114 (96.6%) patients (96.2% and 97.4%, respectively).

In HF patients, presence of CKD G3 increased the risk of LOS >10 days by 43%, in subjects aged >80 years by 115%; the highest risk for prolonged LOS demonstrated individuals with dementia (OR 4.08), CAD (OR 2.51), AF (OR 2.50), anaemia (OR 2.23), vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency (OR 2.55), or elevated PTH (OR 2.19). However, none of the models based on these specific conditions achieved a valuable predictive level (the AUC ranged between 0.610 and 0.559). In CKD G4-5 subgroup aged >80 years, vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency nearly doubled risk of LOS >10 days (OR 1.90), while other studied factors did not demonstrate additional significant influence on LOS, although each was present in 87.5%–94.0% of these patients (Table 4). At least one of the 7 strongest indicators of poor outcome was found in 95.1% of patients with LOS >10 days (in 94.2% with G3 and in 98.8% with G4-5).

## 4. Discussion

**4.1. Main Findings.** (1) About 40% of elderly patients with an osteoporotic HF had CKD (9-times higher prevalence than in the total Australian population of the same age); (2) CKD

was independently associated with poor in-hospital outcomes with a 2.5-times (8.2% vs. 3.3%) higher mortality rate and a significantly higher number of patients with prolonged LOS; (3) in the CKD group, HF patients aged >80 years accounted for 85% of all in-hospital deaths, presence of comorbidities associated with CKD, especially CAD, anaemia, AF, dementia, COPD, elevated PTH and/or vitamin D deficiency, and substantially increased the risk of hospital death (by 2–3.5-fold) and prolonged LOS (by 22%–64%); (4) models based on three admission characteristics—CKD, age >80 years and one of abovementioned comorbid conditions—showed reasonable discriminative performance for predicting in-hospital death; (5) pre-HF CKD was rarely diagnosed and treated for OP.

**4.2. Prevalence of CKD among HF Patients and the General Population.** The reported prevalence of CKD throughout the world varied widely. The prevalence of CKD in the Australian general population of 3.6% [38–40]–4.6% [48] matches the previously reported incidence of 3.8% in Spain [49] but is lower than the globally estimated CKD (stages 3–5) prevalence of 6.3–10.2% [1, 5, 11, 50, 51]). In our HF cohort, CKD was diagnosed in 39.9% of all patients indicating that subjects with HF were about 3–9 times (based on global or Australian data, respectively) more likely to have kidney failure.

**4.3. CKD and HF.** It appears that CKD as a risk factor for HF remains largely underestimated. The association of CKD and fractures [22, 23, 49–55], including HF [24, 25, 51, 52, 55–62], was reported in many studies; patients with CKD have a two- to 100-fold higher incidence of fracture compared with age- and sex-matched individuals without CKD [22]. However, in some reports the inverse association between eGFR and fracture rates has not been observed [13, 63, 64]. Differences in the study designs (methods used to identify fractures and CKD, type and number of comorbidities, risk factors and confounding factors analysed, etc.) may at least partially explain the controversial results.

**4.4. CKD and Hospital Outcomes.** Relatively few studies have evaluated the eGFR and the risk of adverse outcomes in HF patients. In line with previous studies [29, 65], in our HF cohort CKD was associated with a higher number of comorbidities (in addition to CKD): three or more chronic conditions had 79.4% of those with CKD vs. 62.0% of those without CKD; the prevalence of comorbid conditions increased in parallel with CKD progression (from stage G3 to G5), which, in turn, dramatically magnified adverse outcomes.

CKD was associated with 62.4% of all in-hospital HF deaths and accounted for 42.4% of all cases with prolonged LOS (>10 days). Compared to non-CKD patients, the mortality rate in those with CKD G3 was 2-times higher (6.8%). in subjects with CKD G 4–5—4.4-times higher (14.4%), and for patients with an eGFR < 30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>—6-fold higher (19.6%); the effect on LOS also tended to correlate with higher CKD stage.

The observation that more severe CKD stage was associated with a higher risk of mortality is in line with most published reports [13, 26, 28, 60, 61, 65–74] on 30-day and 1-year mortality; a significantly higher LOS in HF patients with CKD was also reported [75]. Some authors, however, observed an increase of all-cause mortality only in patients with CKD stage G4 (but not with stages G3a, G3b, G5, G3–G5) [76] or stage G5 [75, 77], in one study of HF patients (>65-years of age) no significant association was observed between higher stages of impaired renal function and mortality [29], and in another study severity of CKD did not affect 1-year mortality rate and medical complications in patients with intertrochanteric fracture [77].

At the individual level, HF outcome is, understandably, dependant on the integrative effect of multiple factors (genetic, environmental, lifestyle, age, gender, comorbidities, medication used, perioperative complications), and the causal relationships include many interacting feedback loops. Kidney function is intimately interconnected with the performance of musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, endocrine, nervous, digestive, respiratory and immune systems; the communication between these organ systems that occurs through a myriad of bidirectional pathways (including the effects of calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, PTH, vitamin D, vitamin K, Klotho, a variety of osteokines [osteoprotegerin, osteocalcin, sclerostin, fibroblast growth factor 23, lipocalin-2, osteopontin; insulin-like growth factor-1, transforming growth factor], myokines [myostatin, irisin, follistatin, osteonectin, myonectin, FGF-21], proinflammatory cytokines [interleukins IL-6, IL-1, tumour necrosis factor alfa [TNF- $\alpha$ ], etc.], adipokines [leptin, adiponectin, resistin, ghrelin family peptides]) maintains optimal functioning (homeostasis/homeorhesis) of the human body. In disease states, abnormalities in any of these systems can initiate and perpetuate structural and functional dysfunction in other organs. Not surprisingly, renal impairment, abnormalities in mineral-bone metabolism, numerous diseases encompassing T2DM, CAD, hypertension, heart failure, anaemia, dementia, COPD, etc., activate each other (via the autocrine, paracrine and nervous systems), creating metabolic dysregulation and vicious cycles of damage [11, 27, 78, 79], leading to multimorbidity (i.e., renal osteodystrophy [80], cardiorenal syndrome [81], brain-kidney axis/cross-talk [82–87]; CKD—COPD interaction [78, 88]) which is strongly associated with falls and fractures (Figure 2). Clearly, in the elderly multiple chronic diseases, falls and fractures are competing events that cluster, and CKD is a risk factor for abovementioned conditions, death, and other adverse outcomes.

Therefore, we attempted to further delineate the relationship between CKD and the risk of adverse events with regard to sociodemographic and comorbid conditions at admission. Although the impact on mortality of CKD associated with different comorbidities including T2DM [89], CAD [5, 90–93], hypertension [94–96], COPD [97, 98], has been well described, the combined effect of CKD and specific comorbidities on HF outcome has not been systematically evaluated. We demonstrated that some coexisting factors (e.g., age, chronic conditions), as one might expect, may

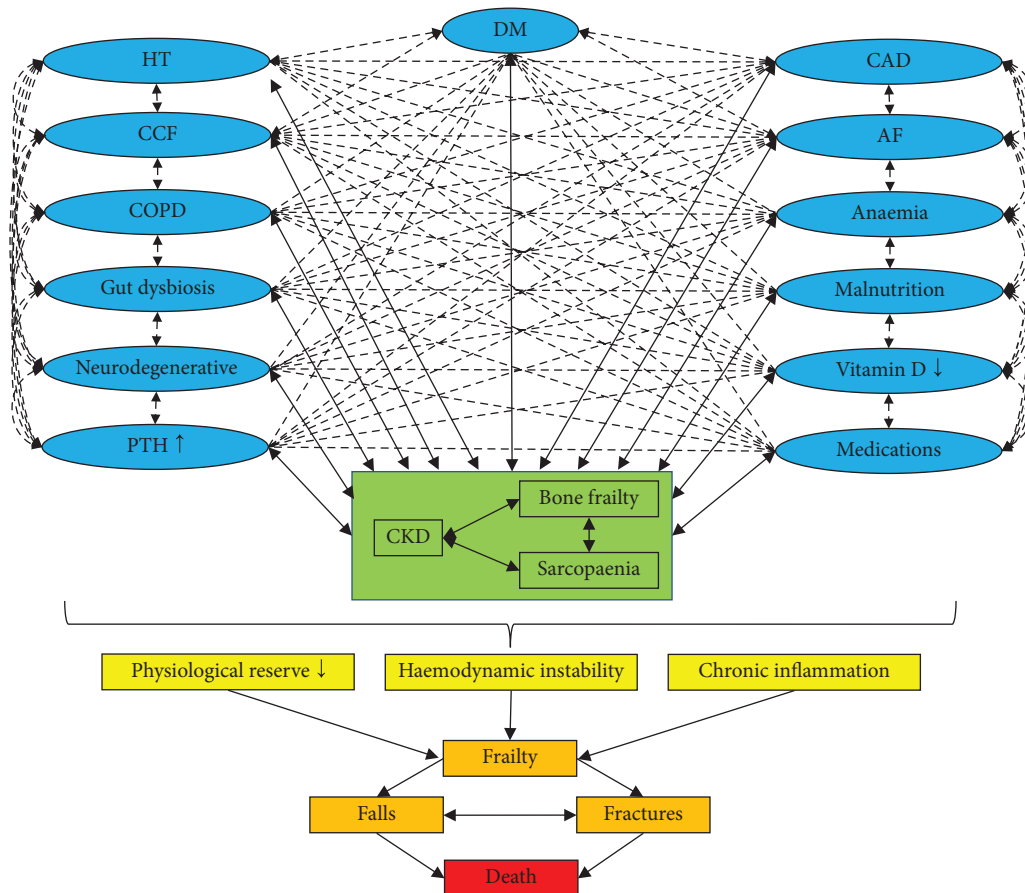


FIGURE 2: A simplified schematic illustrating the multidirectional interactions (direct and indirect) between CKD, musculoskeletal and other chronic systemic organ diseases contributing to falls, frailty, osteosarcopaenia, fractures, and poor outcomes. The centre of the figure depicts the bi-/multidirectional CKD–bone axis, CKD–skeletal muscle axis, and bone–muscle axis as pivotal determinants of musculoskeletal health; the components of the homeostatic kidney–bone–skeletal muscle axes are linked with and integrated in the structure and function of all other organ systems (cardiovascular, endocrine, nervous, immune, digestive, hematopoietic, respiratory, and adipose tissue), each of which, in turn, interacts one with another. A myriad of molecular mechanisms are involved in these network and feedback loops within and outside the CKD–musculoskeletal axes; the most extensively investigated include calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, PTH, vitamin D, vitamin K, Klotho, osteokines (osteoprotegerin; osteocalcin, sclerostin, fibroblast growth factor 23, lipocalin-2, osteopontin; insulin-like growth factor-1, transforming growth factor), myokines (myostatin, irisin, follistatin, osteonectin, myonectin, FGF-21), proinflammatory cytokines (interleukins IL-6, IL-1, tumour necrosis factor alpha [TNF- $\alpha$ ], etc.), and a variety of adipokines (leptin, adiponectin, resistin, ghrelin family peptides, etc.). The pathophysiology of osteosarcopaenia and poor outcome in CKD includes genetic susceptibility, and is linked with age, environmental, lifestyle (physical activity, malnutrition, smoking, alcohol overuse, etc.), and disease related (CKD and associated disorders) changes, as well as the effects of numerous medications (drugs used to treat each of abovementioned conditions can have effects that impact the musculoskeletal and other organ system, and vice versa). All these factors interact and participate in the regulation networks integrating the multi-organ interactions in health and disease. Hip fracture patients with CKD have more comorbidities, more severe clinical complications, and a significantly higher risk of poor outcome (in-hospital death, prolonged length of stay) compared with individuals without CKD. The tight relationships between the CKD–musculoskeletal axes and diseases of other organ systems (shown in blue ovals) are indicated by thick solid bidirectional arrows, the interconnections between the different organ system disorders are shown by thin dashed lines. Abbreviations: AF, atrial fibrillation; CCF, congestive heart failure; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CAD, coronary artery disease; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; DM, diabetes mellitus; HI, haemodynamic instability; HT, hypertension; PTH, parathyroid hormone.

have a profound aggravating effect on hospital mortality and LOS, but not all comorbidities are the same with regards to their impact on poorer outcome; the magnitude of their effects were different. In HF patients with CKD, compared to the non-CKD group, the IRRs for both in-hospital death and prolonged LOS were independently and significantly affected by the age (>80 years), co-existing hypertension, CAD, anaemia, and elevated PTH. In individuals with CKD, the IRRs for a lethal outcome were also 1.8–7.8-times higher

when one of the following signs occurred (combined effect): trochanteric fracture, walking aid use, being a PRCF resident or being an active smoker, whereas presence of T2DM increased the IRR for prolonged LOS. Our findings are in accordance with the literature showing a significantly higher mortality rate in HF patients with CKD of advanced age [26, 27, 29, 70, 75, 99]. Male gender was also reported as a significant risk factor for a fatal outcome [26, 29, 99], although females who represent nearly 3/4 among HF

patients are more susceptible to CKD [5, 11]. Our data, in agreement with many reports [100–103], showed that male gender was an independent predictor of hospital death when the total HF cohort was analysed; gender, however, did not independently affect the outcome in HF patients with CKD, despite male prevalence among the CKD G5 group (52.2%). CKD progression is thought to be faster in men [104], possibly due to sex-related differences in biological, lifestyle and socioeconomic factors [105]. Contrary to some reports that the anatomic type of HF does not affect mortality [29], we found (in multivariate regression analysis) that the risk of hospital death is 76% higher in patients with trochanteric compared to a cervical fracture (Table 3).

A number of studies (but not all [106]) concluded that use of antiresorptive medications improved survival [30, 107–116]. Our study does not have sufficient statistical power to reach the same conclusions. In our HF cohort, the vast majority of patients were not investigated or treated for OP, antiresorptive medications were rarely used in the months preceding the fracture, with no difference between patients with and without CKD. In many countries a wide therapeutic gap in OP/OF management (underdiagnosis and undertreatment) in the general population as well as in patients with CKD has been reported [36, 117–124].

**4.5. Prognostic Value of CKD and Related Factors for Predicting In-Hospital Outcome.** We estimated separately the prognostic value of CKD G3 and CKD G4-5 in association with advanced age (>80 years) and each of 12 different chronic comorbid conditions to predict in-hospital all-cause mortality and LOS (Table 4 and Figure 1). To our knowledge, this is the first study investigating the topic of HF outcome prediction in such a way. We showed that in HF patients aged >80 years (individuals most vulnerable or at risk of in-hospital death and/or prolonged LOS), the presence of CKD and at least one common chronic comorbidity acted as a suitable indicator of poorer outcomes; the predicting performance of models based on any comorbidity (CAD, anaemia, dementia, AF, COPD, hyperparathyroidism, or vitamin D deficiency) was of acceptable validity. The models based only on three variables (CKD stage, age, and a comorbid condition) were able to predict fatal outcomes with good discrimination capability ( $AUC \geq 0.700$ ) and accuracy (70.5%–95.5%). Notably, patients with the same CKD stage but different comorbidities were not at equal risk for an adverse outcome.

The impressive data was that HF patients aged >80 years with CKD G3 had a 5.4–10.5-fold higher risk of a fatal outcome if hyperparathyroidism, vitamin D insufficiency, CAD, anaemia, AF, COPD, or dementia coexisted, whereas in subjects with CKD G4-5 and one of the mentioned comorbidities the risk was 8.1–21.0-fold higher compared to patients without these characteristics (Figure 1). Moreover, the number of patients needed to be examined for correct prediction decreased among CKD G3 patients from 28.6 (based only on CKD stage) to 9.6–14.5 when only age and one of the comorbidities were taken into account, and for patients with CKD G4-5 from 9.0 to 4.3–7.2, respectively.

An example supporting the clinical relevance of this novel approach, as shown in Table 4 and illustrated in Figure 1 follows: Compared to a HF patient without renal impairment, the risk of a lethal outcome in a HF person >80 years old with GFR of 59–45 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (CKD G3a) is 4.2-times higher (AUC 0.652) and with GFR <45 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> is 9.9-times higher (AUC 0.748); if CKD is associated with CAD the risk is 7.6 (AUC 0.733) and 17.1 (AUC 0.781)-times higher, respectively; and if hyperparathyroidism is present the risk is 9.8 (AUC 0.715)- and 20.97 (AUC 0.821) higher, respectively; and if the subject is diagnosed with COPD the risk is 10.5 (AUC 0.744)- and 15.9 (AUC 0.662)-times higher.

Our results and the literature indicate that increased mortality after HF surgery is not caused by the fracture itself but rather reflects reduced physiologic capacities pre-HF and deteriorating health status due to different chronic diseases, among which CKD and related comorbid conditions play a leading role. Notably, fatal outcomes are the result of multiple influences, and the causal relationships include many interacting feedback loops affected pre-, intra-, and post-operatively.

**4.6. Practical Considerations.** Our results are of considerable practical importance regarding HF management in the perioperative period and may help to optimise current OP/OP prevention strategies in general.

The usefulness of preoperative assessment and optimisation of renal function and CKD-related conditions in HF patients is at least threefold: (1) proper risk stratification, decision-making and prediction of post-fracture surveillance, (2) prevention of potentially dangerous perioperative interventions (i.e. use of nephrotoxic iodinated radio-contrast) and medications (aminoglycosides, cyclosporin A, cisplatin, amphotericin B, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)-inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers, diuretics etc.), as well as drugs which may negatively affect bone and muscle metabolism, cause haemodynamic instability and predispose to falls, and (3) early identification and monitoring patients at-risk to prevent short- and long-term complications by individualising therapy, focussing on modifiable risk factors (i.e., anaemia, hypertension, arrhythmias, electrolyte disturbance, vitamin D deficiency, hyperparathyroidism, smoking, malnutrition, emotional distress, high-dose narcotic use, etc.), reducing the effects of specific comorbid diseases (i.e., T2DM, CAD, AF, COPD) and timely introduction of appropriate preventative and therapeutic treatments. The outcomes, particularly survival, after HF surgery seemed to be affected more by chronic comorbidities than by other factors. The predictive models presented here are simple to apply at admission and may help identify patients in whom relevant preventative measures can reduce adverse outcomes.

Our results provide also additional data supporting the need of a conceptual change in the view of OP/OF as a musculoskeletal disease to that of a systemic disorder emphasising the significance for holistic strategies for

evaluation, prediction, prevention, and long-term management of individuals at risk of both CKD and OP/OF.

Worldwide, the absolute number of patients with CKD as well as with OP/OFs, including HF, is increasing, especially with advancing age, and the high burden of morbidity and mortality over the past decades remains unchanged or is increasing [125, 126]. Both CKD and OP/OFs are heterogeneous (e.g. in T2DM the heterogeneous spectrum of CKD and associated osteosarcopaenia includes diabetic and various non-diabetic kidney disease [127–129]), share common risk factors and complex multifactorial pathophysiological mechanisms, and are multi-directionally interlinked (with progress of one usually causing deterioration of the other). Both diseases are usually clinically silent, slowly progressive, often associated with multimorbidity, prevalent in women and the elderly, and have a strong impact on morbidity, mortality, and public health costs. Musculoskeletal and renal structure and function usually decline in parallel with ageing [11, 15, 23] and the incidence of fractures increases with deterioration of kidney function. However, both diseases are still underdiagnosed or diagnosed at advanced/irreversible stages and are undertreated [6, 8, 23, 76, 130].

Concerning medical therapy, both CKD and OP/OF are associated with polypharmacy [131–137]. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the kidney, the main organ that eliminates xenobiotics, is vulnerable and predisposed to the toxic effects of drugs and their metabolites. The literature on the effects of different drugs on the renal and musculoskeletal systems is contradictory. The medications used may have opposing effects on kidney function, musculoskeletal status, CKD-related diseases, and falls (especially in the management of “discordant and unrelated conditions”-[131, 138]).

Multiple (but not all) studies and meta-analyses found that usage of antipsychotics (typical and atypical), antidepressants (tricyclic and serotonin reuptake inhibitors), antiparkinsonian drugs or anticonvulsants was associated with a negative effect on BMD, higher falls and fracture risk including HF [139–142], as well as increased risk of acute kidney injury, CKD, hypertension, cardiovascular events, etc. [143–146]. NSAIDs may increase risk of acute kidney injury and/or worsening hypertension [138], the glucocorticoid induced OP/OF is common [147]. An increased fall and fracture risk was observed in users of glucocorticoids, benzodiazepines, vasodilators, antihypertensive drugs (alpha- and beta-adrenergic receptor blockers, calcium channel blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme [ACE] inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor blockers), loop diuretics (in contrast to thiazide diuretics [148], proton pump inhibitors and coumarin anticoagulants [139, 140, 149–151], however, according to a recent systematic review, deprescribing drugs that increased fall-risk did not change the rate of falls [152]. Treatment of dyslipidaemia, the mainstay of CVD prevention (and decreasing the main cause of mortality), also may contribute to bone and muscle health. Data on association between lipid status and the effects of hypolipidemic therapy on bone metabolism is mixed. Both a negative relationship between total cholesterol and low-density

lipoprotein cholesterol concentrations and BMD [153–158] and a positive association between high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and BMD [159] have been reported. Other studies, however, found that higher serum high-density lipoprotein cholesterol and apolipoprotein B levels (traditionally viewed as a protective for CVD factor) reduced BMD and may increase the risk of osteoporotic fracture (including HF) independently of traditional risk factors for fractures [160–166]. This may possibly occur by reduction of osteoblast numbers [167] or function via rare adverse genetic variants [168]. In general, statins may slightly increase BMD and reduce fracture risk [154, 169]. The effects of ezetimibe, fibrates, and niacin remain unknown, whereas bone resorption inhibitors (nitrogen-containing bisphosphonates and selective estrogen receptor modulators) reduce serum cholesterol levels [170].

Management of “concordant” conditions is also complex. For example, in T2DM, the most common cause of CKD and a significant risk factor for OFs, the association between fracture risk and the use of different antidiabetic drugs (even of the same class with similar pharmacological mechanism) varied significantly [171]. Some dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors (linagliptin, alogliptin) reduced fracture risk, while others (omarigliptin, sitagliptin, vildagliptin, saxagliptin, and trelagliptin) demonstrated an opposite effect; glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (albiglutide, dulaglutide, exenatide, liraglutide, semaglutide, and lixisenatide), sulfonyleureas (glipizide, gliclazide, glibenclamide, and glimepiride), metformin, insulin and alpha-glucosidase inhibitors (voglibose) possibly decrease the risk of fracture and protect against sarcopaenia [171, 172], while use of thiazolidinediones (rosiglitazone, pioglitazone) may elevate fracture risk, but protect against dementia [173], markedly in persons with T2DM, who have a history of CAD or stroke [174].

During the last decade, sodium-glucose cotransporter inhibitors (SGLT2i), drugs initially developed as insulin independent hypoglycaemic agents, demonstrated useful cardio- and reno-protective properties and became the therapeutic cornerstone in patients having T2DM, especially complicated with CKD and heart failure [175–177]; SGLT2i have also been enthusiastically introduced for widespread utilisation as a standard-of-care treatment for patients without T2DM [178]. Some studies concluded that canagliflozin and dapagliflozin decreased the risk of fracture, whereas empagliflozin and erugliflozin may increase the fracture risk [171]. The mechanism of the latter outcome, which increased over time medication used, was explained by negative effects on bone metabolism (rises of both serum phosphate and PTH levels, decreases in 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D levels) [176, 179–181]. Other studies, however, did not confirm a SGLT2i-fracture association [182, 183]; the question whether these agents should be prescribed or withheld in individuals at high risk for OP/OFs requires careful consideration of the risk/benefit balance. The complexity and uncertainties regarding pharmacotherapy underscore the need for appropriate individualisation and highlights the importance for further investigation. Meanwhile, the abovementioned controversies and examples offer



a glimpse into the decision-making that might be used to personalize (by balancing the benefits and harms of the therapy) and more effectively target treatment of CKD/OP/OF.

The high prevalence of CKD among HF patients, its negative effects on outcomes, the close (patho-) physiological coupling between kidney and the musculoskeletal system in health and disease (the bi/multidirectional influences), associations with a number of comorbid conditions which negatively affect musculoskeletal metabolism and mass, predisposing to osteosarcopaenia, falls and fractures—all these factors strongly indicate the importance to accurately identify and treat people with renal impairment early as subjects at high risk of OP/OF and *vice versa*. Even early stages of renal dysfunction should be recognised and interpreted as risk predictors of future OFs.

Importantly, kidney function may be significantly impaired before OP or other related CKD-related comorbidities are diagnosed or OF occurred. For example, in a national cohort of 36,764 US veterans CKD was evident in 31.6% of veterans prior to being diagnosed with T2DM [184].

Most (if not all) of current OP/OF management strategies (screening and prevention) focus only on bone status; therapeutic interventions directly target the balance between bone production and bone resorption and rarely include even falls prevention. Little attention is given to the possibility of modulating bone and muscle health through early detection and appropriate progression-delaying treatment of extra-skeletal diseases, especially impaired renal function (CKD), which in combination with associated disorders in other organ system affects musculoskeletal health, predisposes to falls and, consequently, fractures. However, recent clinical guidelines are not consistent in their incorporation of CKD measures for OP/OF risk prediction, CKD is not mentioned in the list of secondary causes of osteoporosis [23], and in patients with CKD stage 3a-5 BMD testing is recommended only when there is evidence of, or risk factors for, OP and if “a low or declining BMD will lead to additional interventions to reduce falls or use osteoporosis medications” [55, 185].

Moreover, although early identification of patients who may have underlying risk for CKD/OP/OF is paramount for effective interventions aimed to slow the disease’s progression, current fracture risk assessment tools (The Fracture Risk Assessment Tool [FRAX]; Garvan Fracture Risk Calculator) do not account for CKD [23, 186–188] or falls [36]. On the other hand, it has been shown that FRAX predicts (modestly) major osteoporotic fractures and HF risk in patients with non-dialysis CKD [189–192], in haemodialysis patients [193, 194] and kidney transplant recipients [195, 196] but performs no better than BMD alone [190].

It is time to integrate CKD in management of OP/OF: a high index of suspicion for OP/OF is essential when treating individuals with renal dysfunction and CKD-related diseases. Screening for bone-mineral status, reviewing for specific comorbidities (in particular, CAD, AF, T2DM, anaemia, COPD, dementia, frailty) and medications used (e.g., glucocorticoids, psychotropics, antidiabetics, etc.)

should be performed routinely in all adults. On an individual and population levels risk factors for OP/OF in CKD could be modified by lifestyle and dietary changes and reducing to a minimum drugs affecting bone/muscle metabolism and renal function. As an example, in the vulnerable aged population correcting vitamin D deficiency may reduce its pleotropic negative effects including falls and fractures [92, 197–200]. Similarly, statin treatment may reduce risk of fractures, especially HF [154, 157, 201] alongside with beneficial effects on cardiovascular and CKD-related multimorbidity [202–204].

Treatment of coexisting and dynamically interrelated impaired renal function, musculoskeletal and other systemic diseases is complicated and challenging, especially in the advanced stages of CKD. The therapeutic role of anti-resorptive medications in these patients remains is still debated [6, 23, 36, 62, 123, 185, 205–207]. In non-CKD populations, aminobisphosphonates, denosumab (a fully human monoclonal antibody that, by binding to receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B ligand (RANKL), prevents receptor activation of RANK and resulting in potent antiresorptive activity) and romosozumab (a humanized monoclonal antibody (IgG2) that binds to sclerostin and acts as an inhibitor), the major (first and second line) therapy in OP, have been shown to reduce OFs (HF—approximately by 40%, vertebral fracture by 45–70%, non-vertebral by 20–30%) [113, 121, 122, 208–215]), although the possible beneficial effects of anti-OP treatment among individuals with high fracture risk but limited life expectancy (e.g., the oldest nursing home residents) is controversial [216, 217]; in patients aged >75 years, anti-OP treatment did not reduce significantly the occurrence of HF [218, 219]. In patients with CKD, these medications are also effective in improving BMD and reducing OFs, but there are uncertainties regarding their safety and efficacy in CKD G4-G5 [30, 31, 33–36, 206]. Anti-OP drugs slightly improve the BMD at the lumbar spine but not at the femoral neck; bisphosphonates may increase CKD progression (contraindicated if  $eGFR < 30 \text{ ml/min/1.73 m}^2$ ), whereas denosumab/romosozumab (not renally cleared drugs—[220, 221]) may induce hypocalcaemia. The osteoanabolic agents (PTH analogues—teriparatide and abaloparatide), currently restricted to a subpopulation at extremely high risk, are effective and safe in treatment of OP, including patients with CKD G1–G3 [with high risk for OP/OF] and normal endogenous PTH levels. In patients with CKD G4-G5 and adynamic bone disease such treatment is recommended to be considered on an individual basis [15, 36]. In general, antiresorptive agents should be administered in patients with a high bone turnover status and anabolic therapy (PTH analogues)—in those with low bone turnover disease. Some researchers propose early (in CKD stage (2) administration of PTH analogues to prevent hyperphosphatemia and FGF-23 level elevation, and, consequently, progression of CKD, bone-mineral disturbances, CVDs, and other related conditions [15].

On the other hand, it should be recognised that the ability of antiresorptive medications to control bone metabolism is not effective enough to prevent fractures,

especially non-vertebral fractures [205, 222, 223]. About 12% of patients in our HF cohort had been receiving anti-resorptive medications months pre-fracture. Clearly, current OP/OF management is suboptimal and there is an urgent need for new prevention and treatment options. The challenging interplay between renal function, CKD-related diseases (comorbidities), OP/OFs, advanced age (the greatest risk factor for all chronic diseases and poor outcomes), and medication used need to be addressed in each patient and the benefit/risk balance of any intervention assessed individually. A detailed discussion of the topic is beyond the scope of this paper and should be explored in future studies.

With ageing kidney, bone and muscle mass and function decline synchronically (in parallel with abnormalities in other organ systems) predisposing older persons to CKD, CVDs, and other chronic diseases, osteosarcopenia, falls, and fractures. Not surprisingly, the absolute CKD and HF burden is rising with population growth and ageing. A unified conceptual approach based on understanding and integrating the tight relations between CKD, OP, OF and comorbidities will help to choose and timely optimise individualised diagnostic, preventive and therapeutic actions, thus avoiding the devastating consequences of these diseases. Understandably, to alleviate the risk of OP and OF and to reduce the incidence of postoperative complications and deaths patients require holistic multidisciplinary care. Because CKD is both a result and driver of many diseases, most of which are known as risk factors for OP/OF, all physicians (geriatricians, nephrologists, endocrinologists, cardiologists, gastroenterologists, orthopaedic surgeons) and allied healthcare professionals should consider the CKD-musculoskeletal health interactions as an important clinical issue, to timely recognise and properly address patients with worsening kidney function.

On examination of an elderly person the following questions should be included and addressed: (1) what the renal function is, (2) which comorbidities may increase falls and fracture risk, (3) which diagnostic procedures should be used to stratify OP and OF risk, (4) what the adverse effects of prescribed medications are, and (5) what the optimal preventive and treatment strategy is. Considering that bone and muscle mass, renal and other organ systems synchronically decline with ageing predisposing older people to falls and OFs, optimising the treatment should include evidence-based personalised combined therapeutic approaches (physical activity, nutritional supplementation, and medications) addressing simultaneously and synergistically the individuals' constellation of diseases.

**4.7. Limitations and Strengths.** The study has several limitations that should be acknowledged. First, this was a single-centre observational cohort study and thus causality cannot be determined. Second, we did not analyse the confounding factors that can occur during surgery or postoperatively (e.g., bleeding, anaemia, infectious and thromboembolic complications, myocardial injury, etc.) and affect the outcomes. Third, our study population was mainly Caucasian (>97%)

and limited to patients aged 65 years or older, therefore, the application of the described results and predictive models to other racial, ethnic, and age groups must be done with caution.

The strengths of this study include analysis of prospectively collected data on a relatively large cohort of consecutive HF patients treated in a tertiary academic university, assessment of a range of socio-demographic and clinical characteristics (40 variables) and use for prognostication of short-term outcomes only three simple and easily available at admission variables (CKD stage, age and one specific comorbidity), which enhance their utility and applicability.

## 5. Conclusions

Among older patients with HF, CKD is highly prevalent (39.9%). The CKD group (CKD stages G3–G5) has different clinical characteristics and outcomes, including a 2.5-fold higher mortality rate and 40% greater percentage of patients with prolonged LOS, but is rarely treated for OP. The strongest risk for an adverse outcome is advanced age (>80 years); the risk of a fatal event substantially increases in parallel with worsening kidney function, and especially in combination with CAD, or anaemia, or COPD, or AF, or dementia, or hyperparathyroidism, or vitamin D deficiency. Models based only on three variables at admission (CKD stage, age and one comorbid condition) predict in-hospital death with a reasonable degree of discrimination and accuracy. Assessment for renal function should be implemented in the standard clinical management of OP/OFs in all elderly patients.

## Data Availability

The original contributions presented in the study are included in the article, and further inquiries can be directed to the corresponding author.

## Ethical Approval

The study was conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki (1964) and the Council for International Organisations of Medical Sciences International Ethic Guidelines and approved by the Australian Capital Territory Human Research Ethics Committee (reference number: 2023.LRE.00063). Because the analysis was based on a digital anonymized database, the patients' written informed consent was waived.

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## Conflicts of Interest

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