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Incidence, risk factors, and outcomes of the transition of HIPEC-induced acute kidney injury to acute kidney disease: a retrospective study

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ABSTRACT

Background: Acute kidney injury (AKI) is recognized as a common complication following cytoreductive surgery combined with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (CRS-HIPEC). Characterized by prolonged renal function impairment, acute kidney disease (AKD) is associated with a higher risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and mortality.

Methods: From January 2018 to December 2021, 158 patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC were retrospectively reviewed. Patients were separated into non-AKI, AKI, and AKD cohorts. Laboratory parameters and perioperative features were gathered to evaluate risk factors for both HIPEC-induced AKI and AKD, with the 90-day prognosis of AKD patients.

Results: AKI developed in 21.5% of patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC, while 13.3% progressed to AKD. The multivariate analysis identified that ascites, GRAN%, estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), and intraoperative (IO) hypotension duration were associated with the development of HIPEC-induced AKI. Higher uric acid, lessened eGFR, and prolonged IO hypotension duration were more predominant in patients proceeding with AKD. The AKD cohort presented a higher risk of 30 days of in-hospital mortality (14.3%) and CKD progression (42.8%).

Conclusions: Our study reveals a high incidence of AKI and AKI-to-AKD transition. Early identification of risk factors for HIPEC-induced AKD would assist clinicians in taking measures to mitigate the incidence.

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Introduction

Acute kidney injury (AKI) has been increasingly identified as an intractable postoperative complication [1]. It has been reported that postoperative AKI accounts for one-third of all hospital-acquired cases of AKI [2] and is associated with potentially serious consequences, including proceeding to chronic kidney disease (CKD) [3], end-stage renal disease (ESRD) [4], and increased mortality [5]. Persistent AKI stage 1 status or greater beyond seven days but for less than 90 days is considered an occurrence of acute kidney disease (AKD) [6]. Indeed, AKD showed lower chances of renal function recovery at 90 days and accelerated progression of further renal function deterioration, reflecting the association with short-term and long-term mortality outcomes [7]. Therefore, this group of patients may require more exhaustive monitoring and follow-up care.

Cytoreductive surgery (CRS) and hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (HIPEC) have transformed from palliative therapy into curative therapy [8]. Through this operation, the macroscopic lesions are treated by careful total resection, and the residual microscopic tumors are treated with HIPEC [9]. The research shows that, compared with simple CRS, CRS combined with HIPEC can improve the overall survival and recurrence-free survival time of patients with gastric cancer peritoneal tumor without increasing complications and mortality, especially for patients with limited peritoneal metastasis and satisfactory tumor reduction [10]. HIPEC has a unique therapeutic effect on PC and its complicated malignant ascites caused by peritoneal metastasis of gastric cancer [11], colorectal cancer [12], ovarian cancer [13], pseudomyxoma peritoneum [14], malignant peritoneal mesothelioma, pancreatic cancer [15], cholangiocarcinoma [16], and liver cancer. Nevertheless, the incidence of postoperative complications

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remains high, significantly influencing the survival of patients [9,17]. To date, only a handful of studies have revealed the morbidity of perioperative complications such as AKI, ranging from 1% to 48% [18,19]. Independent risk factors for HIPEC-associated AKI have been revealed, consisting of age, body mass index (BMI), baseline serum creatinine (SCr), estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), preoperative albumin (ALB), intraoperative (IO) bleeding loss, and nephrotoxicity of intraperitoneal cisplatin therapy [20–24]. Along with the highlighted concepts of the AKI-to-AKD-to-CKD transition, many researchers have paid attention to AKD prevention and management. However, there is a paucity of the prevalence of HIPEC-associated AKD, and it is not clear what risk parameters are associated with AKD.

The first aim of this study was to reveal the incidence and risk factors for AKI in patients undergoing CRS combined with hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy (CRS-HIPEC). The second purpose was to investigate the prevalence of AKI-to-AKD transition, identify possible factors contributing to its development, and evaluate its impact on short-term and long-term outcomes. Given that early recognition of patients at high risk of progression AKD may assist clinicians in providing timely implementation of interventions to facilitate recovery to mitigate poorer outcomes.

Patients and methods

Study population

Between January 2018 and December 2021, we retrospectively studied a series of patients who underwent CRS-HIPEC for various primary malignancies with peritoneal dissemination at our institution. Patients were excluded from this study if they had incomplete perioperative data, had severe liver and kidney dysfunction, were identified as having CKD, or underwent only diagnostic laparoscopy. Patients on dialysis were also excluded. Patients were first distinguished into two cohorts according to the occurrence (AKI) or nonoccurrence of postoperative AKI (non-AKI). We further identified AKD group members according to the AKI duration. The study was approved by our Institutional Review Board (7222199).

Variables

Clinicopathologic variables, laboratory parameters, and perioperative and HIPEC details were collected from the electronic clinical records. Preoperative characteristics collected included age, gender, BMI, comorbidities (hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, and hepatitis), use of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEI) or angiotensin receptor blockers (ARB), ascites, neoadjuvant therapy, Peritoneal Carcinomatosis Index (PCI), completeness of cytoreduction (CC), American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) score, primary tumor, hemoglobin (Hb), red blood cell (RBC), hematocrit (HCT%), white blood cell (WBC), platelet (PLT), neutrophil ratio (GRAN%), neutrophil (GRAN), lymphocyte ratio (LYM%), lymphocyte (LYM), SCr, urea, uric acid,

eGFR, ALB, C-reactive protein (CRP), procalcitonin (PCT), and urine microalbumin.

Included in the IO variables were ureteral catheter implementation, operative duration, blood loss, fluid volume, urine output volume, hypotension duration (defined as episodes of systolic blood pressure (SBP) < 100 mmHg), RBC transfusion, plasma transfusion, use of vasopressors, and use of furosemide. HIPEC-related features included regimens (5-fluorouracil (5-FU), cisplatin, paclitaxel (TAX), and raltitrexed), cycles, and intervals between neoadjuvant chemotherapy and HIPEC.

Primary postoperative outcomes were assessed as the development of AKI, AKD, in-hospital mortality (at 30 days), length of intensive care unit (ICU) stay, and length of hospital stay. We followed up on all patients in the AKD group 90 days after the diagnosis of AKD to identify whether they developed CKD.

Definition of AKI and AKD

Baseline SCr was defined as the first record after patient admission. The AKI diagnosis of an abrupt decrease in renal function that occurs ≤ 7 days was based on the Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) criteria. Accordingly, AKI stage I was defined as an increase in SCr >0.3 mg/dL within 48 h; stage II was described as an increase in creatinine 2–2.9 times baseline; stage III was described as an increase in SCr >4 mg/dL or three times baseline, or the need for renal replacement therapy [25]. According to the ADQI 16 Workgroup, diagnosis of AKD was determined by the persistence of stage I or greater AKI (KDIGO criteria) beyond 7–90 days after the initial recognized AKI. CKD is renal structure or function abnormalities that persist for >90 days [6]. Stage 1 AKD was described as an increase of SCr level to 1.5–1.9 times the baseline level, stage 2 AKD was defined as an increase of SCr level to 2.0–2.9 times the baseline level, and stage 3 AKD was described as an increase of SCr level ≥ 3.0 times the baseline level. Patients with a rise of SCr level to less than 1.5 times the baseline level and evidence of persistent renal damage, repair or regeneration, or decreased glomerular and tubular reserve function were defined as stage 0 AKD [26].

Cytoreductive surgery and HIPEC

All patients underwent CRS, which included primary tumor resection, involved regional viscera dissection, lymphadenectomy, and peritoneal resection [27]. Intraoperative or postoperative HIPEC followed the completion of CRS. Closed-abdomen HIPEC was performed, and the chemotherapy agent was delivered by two inflow catheters drained via two outflow probes. For perfusion, the temperature was administered at 43°C for 60 min. The perfusate volume and chemotherapy dose varied according to the abdominal cavity volume and body surface area (BSA) (mg/m²) area-based dosing protocol [28], respectively.

Statistical analyses

Continuous variables were expressed as mean $\pm$ standard deviation (SD), and categorical variables were reported as the frequency and percentage (n , %). Differences in categorical variables were compared using Pearson's Chi-squared test or Fisher's exact test, while the nonparametric Mann-Whitney test was used to assess continuous variables. Associations between risk factors and the occurrence of AKI and AKD were tested using univariate logistic regression. Variables with $p < .05$ on univariate analysis were included in multivariate logistic regression analysis. Adjusted odd ratios (ORs) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were calculated. We considered a p value $< .05$ (two-tailed) statistically significant. Statistical analyses were performed using IBM SPSS Statistics for Windows, version 26.0 (IBM Corp. Released 2019, Armonk, NY).

Results

A total of 158 patients who underwent CRS-HIPEC between January 2018 and December 2021 were identified (Figure 1). The characteristics of all patients are presented in Table 1. The mean age was 60, and the majority were female (60.1%). Hypertension (21.5%) and diabetes mellitus (12.0%) were the most common comorbidities. Half of the patients presented ascites, and over 60% had an ASA score of 2. A minor percentage of patients (19.6%) underwent neoadjuvant therapy.

One-third of patients were treated with CRS-HIPEC for colorectal cancer (32.3%). Other primary tumors included gastric

(26.6%), appendiceal (20.9%), ovarian (12.7%), and other cancers (7.6%). The duration of CRS was 242.8 ± 111.0 min, and the majority of patients underwent three cycles (43.0%) of HIPEC. The mean ICU length of stay was 1.1 ± 2.7 days, and the hospital length of stay was 19.4 ± 11.1 days.

Comparisons of clinical features between AKI and non-AKI cohorts

Patients with ascites before surgery were more likely to develop AKI compared to those without (27 [79.4%] vs. 52 [41.9%], $p < .001$). Before CRS-HIPEC therapy, the functions of vital organs such as the blood, liver, and kidney were evaluated. As compared with the non-AKI cohort, the counts of WBC (5.7 ± 2.4 vs. 6.9 ± 3.3 , $p < .05$), GRAN% (60.2 ± 13.3 vs. 70.2 ± 11.8 , $p < .001$), CRP (18.6 ± 40.2 vs. 41.4 ± 44.6 , $p < .05$), PCT (0.1 ± 0.2 vs. 0.5 ± 1.1 , $p < .01$), and urea (4.8 ± 1.7 vs. 6.1 ± 3.6 , $p < .05$) were significantly higher in the AKI cohort, while the LYM% was lower (26.4 ± 9.5 vs. 19.8 ± 10.0 , $p < .001$). In contrast, the serum levels of eGFR in the non-AKI group were notably higher than those in the AKI group (96.4 ± 14.0 vs. 84.2 ± 25.9 , $p < .05$). The percentage of patients who encountered IO hypotension duration was significantly longer in the AKI cohort than in the non-AKI cohort (31.7 ± 28.0 vs. 18.7 ± 16.5 min, $p < .05$). In addition, AKI patients (32.4%) received more IO plasma transfusions than non-AKI patients (16.9%) ($p < .05$). The mean ICU length of stay was significantly prolonged in AKI patients compared with non-AKI patients (2.4 ± 4.3 vs. 0.6 ± 1.7 , $p < .01$) (Table 1).

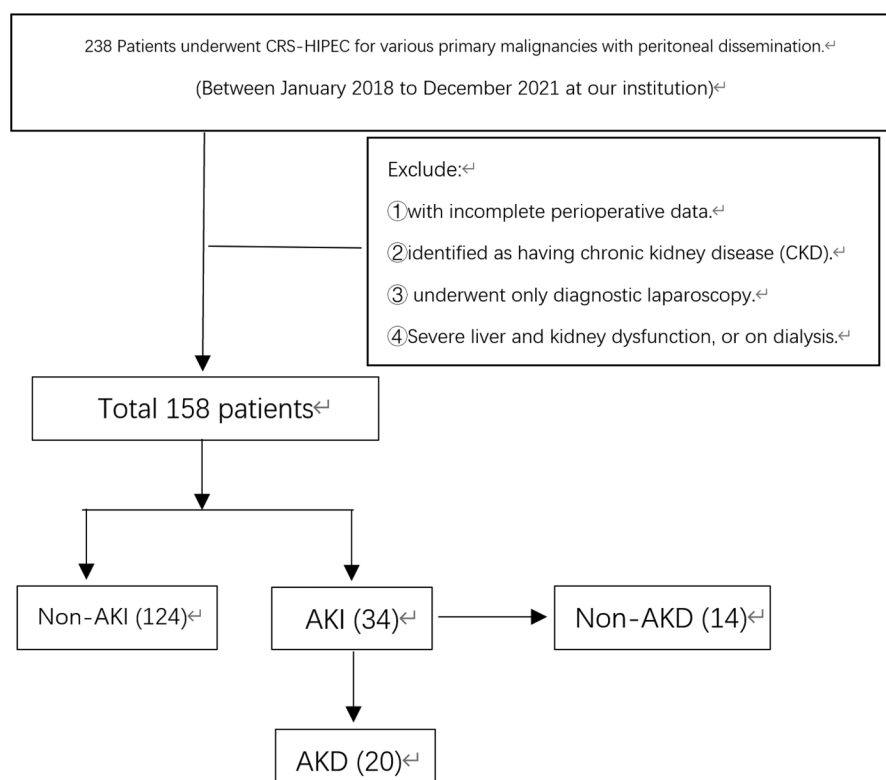


Figure 1. Flowchart of inpatients with AKI patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC progression to AKD.

Table 1. Patient demographics and clinical characteristics.

Characteristics	Total 158 (100)	Non-AKI 124 (78.5)	AKI 34 (21.5)	AKD 20 (13.3)	<i>p</i> Value ¹	<i>p</i> Value ²
Gender					.538	.500
Male	63 (39.9)	51 (41.1)	12 (35.3)	7 (33.3)		
Female	95 (60.1)	73 (58.9)	22 (64.7)	14 (66.7)		
Age (years)	59.5 ± 11.9	59.3 ± 11.7	60.2 ± 12.9	62.0 ± 13.8	.864	.468
BMI (kg/m ²)	22.7 ± 3.2	22.8 ± 3.1	22.2 ± 3.2	22.5 ± 3.7	.278	.759
Comorbidities						
Hypertension	34 (21.5)	24 (19.4)	10 (29.4)	5 (23.8)	.206	.637
Diabetes mellitus	19 (12.0)	14 (11.3)	5 (14.7)	3 (14.3)	.588	.693
Heart disease	7 (4.4)	5 (4.0)	2 (5.9)	2 (9.5)	.642	.278
Hepatitis	10 (6.3)	8 (6.5)	2 (5.9)	0 (0.0)	.904	.231
ACEI/ARB	11 (7.0)	8 (6.5)	3 (8.8)	3 (14.3)	.630	.210
Neoadjuvant therapy	31 (19.6)	25 (20.2)	6 (17.6)	5 (23.8)	.744	.703
Intervals between NAC and HIPEC	27.1 ± 4.8	27.5 ± 4.9	25.7 ± 4.6	25.0 ± 4.8	.427	.327
Ascites	79 (50.0)	52 (41.9)	27 (79.4)	16 (76.2)	.000	.004
Preoperative laboratory parameters						
Hb (g/L)	117.6 ± 20.8	119.0 ± 21.0	112.9 ± 19.7	113.0 ± 14.8	.107	.071
RBC (×10 ¹² /L)	4.0 ± 0.5	4.0 ± 0.5	3.9 ± 0.6	3.9 ± 0.5	.272	.212
HCT (%)	35.5 ± 5.3	35.9 ± 5.2	33.9 ± 5.6	34.0 ± 4.5	.080	.078
WBC (×10 ⁹ /L)	6.0 ± 2.6	5.7 ± 2.4	6.9 ± 3.3	6.6 ± 3.0	.037	.205
PLT (×10 ⁹ /L)	246.0 ± 110.1	238.2 ± 107.1	274.2 ± 117.9	271.6 ± 101.0	.081	.095
GRAN (%)	62.4 ± 13.6	60.2 ± 13.3	70.2 ± 11.8	69.4 ± 11.6	.000	.005
GRAN (×10 ⁹ /L)	3.86 ± 2.28	3.68 ± 2.22	4.54 ± 2.44	4.75 ± 2.72	.065	.056
LYM (%)	25.0 ± 9.9	26.4 ± 9.5	19.8 ± 10.0	20.3 ± 9.9	.001	.016
LYM (×10 ⁹ /L)	1.52 ± 2.33	1.60 ± 2.63	1.24 ± 0.61	1.15 ± 0.45	.426	.443
Baseline SCr (μmol/L)	65.0 ± 20.2	62.9 ± 15.0	72.6 ± 32.0	76.7 ± 35.7	.307	.281
Urea (mmol/L)	5.1 ± 2.3	4.8 ± 1.7	6.1 ± 3.6	6.0 ± 2.8	.041	.041
Uric acid (μmol/L)	305.1 ± 103.7	295.1 ± 79.2	341.6 ± 161.3	381.9 ± 181.0	.112	.018
eGFR (mL/ min/1.73 m ²)	93.7 ± 17.9	96.4 ± 14.0	84.2 ± 25.9	80.3 ± 27.8	.020	.010
ALB (g/L)	37.8 ± 4.5	38.1 ± 4.3	36.8 ± 5.2	36.0 ± 5.3	.216	.076
CRP (mg/L)	22.0 ± 41.4	18.6 ± 40.2	41.4 ± 44.6	48.8 ± 48.5	.015	.021
PCT (pg/mL)	0.2 ± 0.5	0.1 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 1.1	0.2 ± 0.3	.009	.035
Urine microalbumin	29 (18.4)	21 (17.4)	8 (25.8)	5 (23.8)	.285	.350
Primary tumor					.000	.006
Colorectal	51 (32.3)	44 (35.5)	7 (20.6)	3 (14.3)		
Appendiceal	33 (20.9)	27 (21.8)	6 (17.6)	5 (23.8)		
Gastric	42 (26.6)	37 (29.8)	5 (14.7)	4 (19.0)		
Ovarian	20 (12.7)	12 (9.7)	8 (23.5)	5 (23.8)		
Others	12 (7.6)	4 (3.2)	8 (23.5)	4 (19.0)		
ASA					.042	.144
I	16 (10.1)	14 (11.3)	2 (5.9)	1 (4.8)		
II	110 (69.6)	90 (72.6)	20 (58.8)	13 (61.9)		
III	32 (20.3)	20 (16.1)	12 (35.3)	7 (33.3)		
Intraoperative parameters						
Operative duration (min)	242.8 ± 111.0	244.1 ± 93.7	238.1 ± 160.9	224.8 ± 131.8	.068	.127
Blood loss (ml)	278.9 ± 377.8	236.6 ± 298.3	432.9 ± 562.3	401.9 ± 541.0	.513	.756
Fluid (ml)	3203.2 ± 1290.1	3121.8 ± 1134.7	3500.0 ± 1733.1	3369.1 ± 1527.3	.505	.690
Urine output (ml)	746.3 ± 499.9	744.8 ± 493.2	751.8 ± 531.7	727.6 ± 492.5	.980	.964
SBP < 100 mmHg duration (min)	21.5 ± 20.2	18.7 ± 16.5	31.7 ± 28.0	32.2 ± 27.3	.029	.044
RBC transfusion	27 (17.1)	20 (16.1)	7 (20.6)	4 (19.0)	.541	.739
Plasma transfusion	32 (20.3)	21 (16.9)	11 (32.4)	7 (33.3)	.048	.078
Vasopressors	97 (61.4)	75 (60.5)	22 (64.7)	16 (76.2)	.654	.169
Furosemide	18 (11.4)	15 (12.1)	3 (8.8)	3 (14.3)	.595	.778
Ureteral catheters	18 (11.4)	13 (10.5)	5 (14.7)	2 (9.5)	.492	.894
PCI	17.0 ± 7.8	16 ± 7	19.5 ± 9.1	14.3 ± 5.5	.366	.857
CCR	1.8 ± 1.6	3 ± 0	1.5 ± 1.7	2.0 ± 1.7	.800	.564
HIPEC regimens						
5-FU	75 (47.5)	64 (51.6)	11 (32.4)	5 (23.8)	.046	.018
Cisplatin	114 (72.2)	90 (72.6)	24 (70.6)	16 (76.2)	.818	.730
TAX	36 (22.8)	29 (23.4)	7 (20.6)	5 (23.8)	.730	.966
Raltitrexed	15 (9.5)	14 (11.3)	1 (2.9)	1 (4.8)	.141	.364
Cycles of HIPEC					.204	.224
1	24 (15.2)	15 (12.1)	9 (26.5)	6 (28.6)		
2	35 (22.2)	29 (23.4)	6 (17.6)	5 (23.8)		
3	68 (43.0)	54 (43.5)	14 (41.2)	6 (28.6)		
4	31 (19.6)	26 (21.0)	5 (14.7)	4 (19.0)		

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Table 1. Continued.

Characteristics	Total	Non-AKI	AKI	AKD	p Value ¹	p Value ²
AKI stage						
1	21 (13.3)		21 (61.8)	9 (47.6)		
2	6 (3.8)		6 (17.6)	4 (19.0)		
3	7.0 (4.4)		7 (20.6)	7 (33.3)		

ACEI: angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB: angiotensin receptor blockers; AKD: acute kidney disease; AKI: acute kidney injury; ALB: albumin; ASA: American Society of Anesthesiologists score; BMI: body mass index; CC: completeness of cytoreduction; CRP: C-reactive protein; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; GRAN: neutrophil ratio; Hb: hemoglobin; HCT: hematocrit; LYM: lymphocyte ratio; NAC: neoadjuvant chemotherapy; PCI: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis Index; PLT: platelet; PCT: procalcitonin; RBC: red blood cell; SBP: systolic blood pressure; SCr: serum creatinine; TAX: paclitaxel; WBC: white blood cell; 5-FU: 5-fluorouracil.

Data are *n* (%) or mean $\pm$ standard deviation (SD).

¹*p* Value for AKI compared with non-AKI groups.

²*p* Value for AKD compared with non-AKI cohorts.

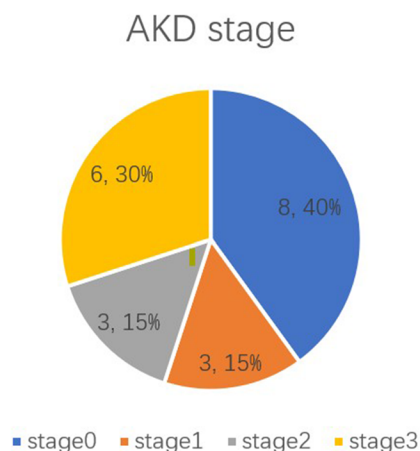


Figure 2. AKI patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC progression to AKD and the stage of AKD.

Features of patients in the AKD cohort

According to AKD grade, grade 0 AKD accounted for the majority of AKD patients (38%) (Figure 2). Patients with AKD had the highest incidence of ascites manifestation (76.2%). Higher GRAN% (69.4 ± 11.6 vs. 60.2 ± 13.3 , $p < .01$), urea (6.0 ± 2.8 vs.

4.8 ± 1.7 , $p < .05$), and uric acid (381.9 ± 181.0 vs. 295.1 ± 79.2 , $p < .05$), but lower LYM% (20.3 ± 9.9 vs. 26.4 ± 9.5 , $p < .05$) and eGFR (80.3 ± 27.8 vs. 96.4 ± 14.0 , $p < .05$) were present in patients diagnosed with postoperative AKD than those in the non-AKI group. Intraoperative hypotension duration was notably longer in the AKD cohort than in the non-AKI cohort (32.2 ± 27.3 vs. 18.7 ± 16.5 min, $p < .05$) (Table 1).

Postoperative outcomes and follow-up results

Overall, 34 (21.5%) patients developed postoperative AKI. According to the KDIGO classification, 20 (13.3%) patients suffered from stage I, 6 (3.8%) developed stage II, and 7 (4.4%) occurred from stage III (Figure 3). Additionally, 20 (61.8%) of these AKI patients coincided with the AKD diagnosis. During the 90-day follow-up for the AKD group, 42.8% of patients were diagnosed with CKD (Table 2).

The recorded 30-day mortality was 3.2% ($n = 5$) of the total patients, while all these adverse events occurred in the AKI group (14.7%) (Table 2). In-hospital mortality was owing to suffering acute kidney failure, infectious shock, and multiple organ dysfunction syndromes (MODS) in all three patients who belonged to the AKD cohort. In addition, one patient

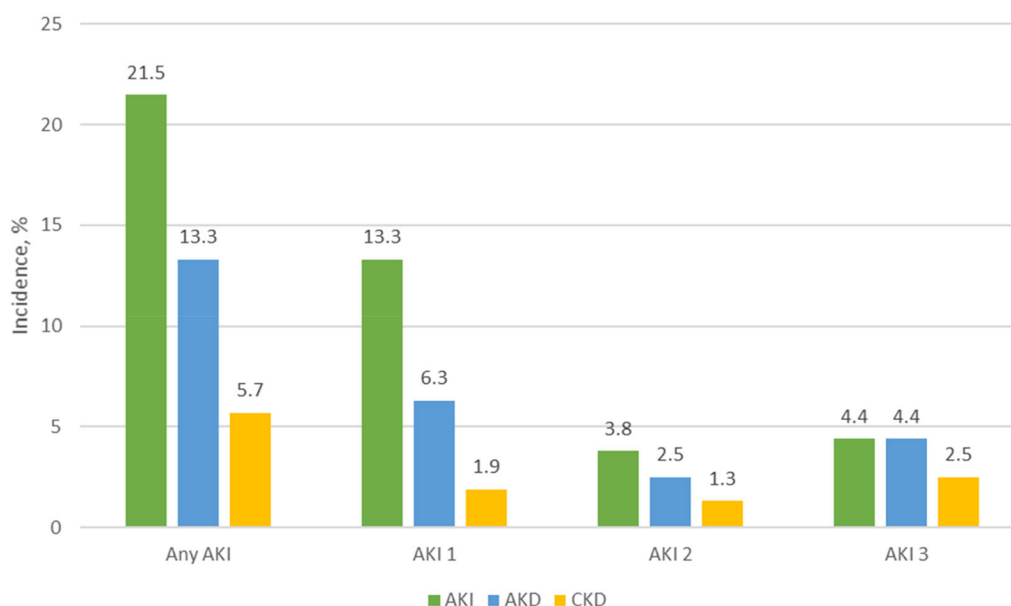


Figure 3. Incidence of acute kidney injury, acute kidney disease, and chronic kidney disease.

Table 2. Postoperative outcomes of patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC.

Outcomes	Total (n = 158)	Non-AKI (n = 124)	AKI (n = 34)	AKD (n = 20)	p Value ¹	p Value ²
AKD	20 (13.3)		20 (61.8)			
CKD	9 (5.7)		9 (26.5)	9 (42.8)		
30-Day mortality	5 (3.2)	0 (0)	5 (14.7)	3 (14.3)	.000	.000
ICU length of stay (days)	1.1 ± 2.7	0.6 ± 1.7	2.4 ± 4.3	2.0 ± 3.5	.004	.117
Length of stay (days)	19.4 ± 11.1	18.6 ± 7.6	22.0 ± 19.1	22.0 ± 22.0	.963	.481

AKD: acute kidney disease; AKI: acute kidney injury; CKD: chronic kidney disease; ICU: intensive care unit.

Data are n (%) or mean ± standard deviation (SD).

¹p Value for AKI compared with non-AKI groups.

²p Value for AKD compared with non-AKI cohorts.

Table 3. Characteristics and causes for patients occurred in-hospital death.

	Age	Gender	Ascites	Primary tumor	AKI stage	GRAN%	eGFR	Uric acid	Intraoperative hypotension duration (min)	Death causes
Case 1	71	F	Y	Colorectal	II	87.4	119.42	43	100	Acute renal failure, infectious shock, MODS
Case 2	64	M	Y	Gastric	I	88.2	56.02	378	50	MODS, cerebral infarction
Case 3	63	M	Y	Liver	I	75.7	61.63	608	50	Lower gastrointestinal hemorrhage
Case 4	83	F	Y	Colorectal	III	78.1	20.97	986	60	Acute renal failure, infectious shock, MODS
Case 5	56	M	N	Gastric	III	60.4	96.95	337	20	Acute renal failure, infectious shock, MODS

F: female; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; GRAN: neutrophil ratio; M: male; MODS: multiple organ dysfunction syndromes.

developed cerebral infarction and MODS, while hemorrhagic shock was due to a lower gastrointestinal hemorrhage in another (Table 3).

Factors associated with AKI

We performed univariate and multivariate logistic regression to identify the risk factors for AKI development in this patient population. By the former, the univariate model identified HCT, WBC, GRAN%, LYM%, baseline SCr, urea, uric acid, eGFR, ASA status, IO blood loss, duration of IO hypotension, and use of 5-FU as associated factors of the occurrence of post-operative AKI. After multivariable analysis, patients with AKI were more likely to have ascites (adjusted OR, 3.501; 95% CI, 1.149–10.663; $p < .05$), present with higher GRAN% (adjusted OR, 1.195; 95% CI, 1.022–1.399; $p < .05$), show lower eGFR (adjusted OR, 0.949; 95% CI, 0.905–0.995; $p < .05$), and experience the prolonged duration of IO hypotension (adjusted OR, 1.030; 95% CI, 1.005–1.054; $p < .05$) (Table 4).

Risk factors for AKD

Univariate analysis for predictors associated with AKD is shown in Table 5. After multivariate regression analysis, uric acid (adjusted OR, 1.012; 95% CI, 1.001–1.023; $p < .05$), eGFR (adjusted OR, 0.942; 95% CI, 0.889–0.998; $p < .05$), and duration of IO hypotension (adjusted OR, 1.036; 95% CI, 1.003–1.070; $p < .05$) remained independent predictors of AKD. According to the receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC) (Figure 4) analysis, uric acid specificity was 0.815,

sensitivity was 0.550, and the area under the curve was 0.686 (eGFR specificity of 0.815, the sensitivity 0.550, and the area under the curve 0.664). The hypotension duration specificity is 0.927, but the sensitivity is only 0.400, and the area under the curve is 0.629.

Discussion

Our study found a significant increase in the incidence of AKI after CRS-HIPEC. The multivariate analysis identified that ascites, GRAN%, eGFR, and IO hypotension duration were associated with the development of HIPEC-induced AKI. AKI patients who progress to AKD, most of which are accompanied by high uric acid, low eGFR, and longer IO hypotension duration. The AKD cohort outcomes presented a higher risk of 30 days of in-hospital mortality and CKD progression.

The incidences of HIPEC-induced AKI varied widely between 1% and 48% [18,19]. This paper detected that 21.5% of patients experienced AKI after the CRS-HIPEC procedure. Hakeam et al. found that 3.7% of patients in their study developed AKI after CRS-HIPEC [22]. In another study, Sin et al. reported that AKI occurred in 40.4% of ovarian cancer patients undergoing the CRS-HIPEC procedure [23]. Additionally, with the larger sample size ($n = 475$) and the AKIN criteria, Cata et al. presented an AKI rate similar to ours. They found that 21.3% of patients had HIPEC-induced AKI [21].

Prior studies have noted several risk factors for HIPEC-associated AKI. In our study, we demonstrated that ascites was significantly associated with the development of

Table 4. Univariate and multivariate analyses of risk factors for AKI after CRS-HIPEC procedure.

Characteristics	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p Value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p Value
Gender				
Male	Reference			
Female	1.281 (0.582–2.820)	.539		
Age	1.006 (0.974–1.039)	.706		
BMI	0.938 (0.829–1.061)	.308		
Comorbidities				
Hypertension	1.736 (0.733–4.110)	.210		
Diabetes mellitus	1.355 (0.451–4.070)	.589		
Heart disease	1.487 (0.276–8.026)	.644		
Hepatitis	0.906 (0.183–4.480)	.904		
ACEI/ARB	1.403 (0.351–5.605)	.632		
Neoadjuvant therapy	0.849 (0.317–2.272)	.744		
Intervals between NAC and HIPEC	0.917 (0.746–1.126)	.407		
Ascites	5.341 (2.161–13.196)	.000	3.501 (1.149–10.663)	.027
Preoperative laboratory parameters				
Hb	0.987 (0.970–1.004)	.138		
RBC	0.594 (0.296–1.192)	.143		
HCT	0.932 (0.869–1.000)	.050	0.956 (0.870–1.051)	.354
WBC	1.165 (1.019–1.333)	.026	0.861 (0.672–1.104)	.239
PLT	1.003 (1.000–1.006)	.096		
GRAN (%)	1.069 (1.032–1.108)	.000	1.195 (1.022–1.399)	.026
LYM (%)	0.931 (0.892–0.971)	.001	1.104 (0.924–1.318)	.276
Baseline SCr	1.022 (1.003–1.041)	.023	0.974 (0.925–1.025)	.305
Urea	1.278 (1.069–1.528)	.007	1.009 (0.773–1.317)	.948
Uric acid	1.004 (1.000–1.008)	.035	1.007 (0.999–1.016)	.084
eGFR	0.964 (0.943–0.985)	.001	0.949 (0.905–0.995)	.030
ALB	0.939 (0.865–1.021)	.140		
CRP	1.010 (0.999–1.021)	.073		
PCT	5.861 (0.959–35.819)	.056		
Urine microalbumin	1.656 (0.652–4.206)	.289		
ASA		.050		
I	Reference			
II	1.556 (0.327–7.394)	.579		
III	4.200 (0.810–21.769)	.087		
Intraoperative parameters				
Operative duration	0.999 (0.996–1.003)	.779		
Blood loss	1.001 (1.000–1.002)	.012	1.001 (1.000–1.003)	.075
Fluid	1.000 (1.000–1.000)	.134		
Urine output	1.000 (0.999–1.001)	.942		
SBP < 100 mmHg duration	1.030 (1.011–1.049)	.002	1.030 (1.005–1.054)	.016
RBC transfusion	1.348 (0.517–3.518)	.542		
Plasma transfusion	2.346 (0.994–5.533)	.052		
Vasopressors	1.198 (0.544–2.640)	.654		
Furosemide	0.703 (0.191–2.586)	.596		
Ureteral catheters	1.472 (0.485–4.465)	.494		
PCI	1.056 (0.938–1.189)	.367		
CC		.999		
HIPEC regimens				
5-FU	0.448 (0.201–0.998)	.049	0.659 (0.223–1.950)	.452
Cisplatin	0.907 (0.393–2.093)	.818		
TAX	0.849 (0.335–2.151)	.731		
Raltitrexed	0.238 (0.030–1.879)	.173		
Cycles of HIPEC		.224		
1	Reference			
2	3.120 (0.881–11.049)	.078		
3	1.076 (0.293–3.946)	.912		
4	1.348 (0.438–4.145)	.602		

ACEI: angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB: angiotensin receptor blockers; ALB: albumin; ASA: American Society of Anesthesiologists score; BMI: body mass index; CC: completeness of cytoreduction; CI: confidence interval; CRP: C-reactive protein; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; GRAN: neutrophil ratio; Hb: hemoglobin; HCT: hematocrit; NAC: neoadjuvant chemotherapy; PCI: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis Index; LYM: lymphocyte ratio; PLT: platelet; PCT: procalcitonin; RBC: red blood cell; SBP: systolic blood pressure; SCr: serum creatinine; TAX: paclitaxel; WBC: white blood cell; 5-FU: 5-fluorouracil.

AKI. This may be explained by the fact that ascites can increase intra-abdominal pressure, which negatively affects renal function [29]. For those patients who suffered from advanced carcinoma, peritoneal carcinomatosis increased the incidence of ascites, leading to higher intra-abdominal pressure. In addition, patients with higher preoperative GRAN% and LYM%, but not high GRAN and LYM, were

confirmed at an incremental risk for HIPEC-induced AKI. Indeed, inflammatory processes mediated by the immune system are pivotal in mediating renal injury [30]. Based on the individual differences of patients, there may be individual differences in the values of GRAN and LYM, while GRAN% and LYM% are relatively comparative. High GRAN% and LYM% presented the pre-disposing risk factor status,

Table 5. Univariate and multivariate analyses for predictors of HIPEC-induced AKD.

Characteristics	Unadjusted OR (95% CI)	p Value	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	p Value
Gender				
Male	Reference			
Female	1.397 (0.527–3.705)	.501		
Age	1.020 (0.979–1.061)	.346		
BMI	0.972 (0.841–1.125)	.705		
Comorbidities				
Hypertension	1.302 (0.434–3.906)	.638		
Diabetes mellitus	1.310 (0.342–5.015)	.694		
Heart disease	2.505 (0.453–13.849)	.292		
ACEI/ARB	2.417 (0.586–9.966)	.222		
Neoadjuvant therapy	1.237 (0.414–3.702)	.703		
Intervals between NAC and HIPEC	0.884 (0.699–1.119)	.306		
Ascites	4.431 (1.526–12.861)	.006	3.441 (0.911–12.991)	.068
Preoperative laboratory parameters				
Hb	0.987 (0.966–1.008)	.215		
RBC	0.567 (0.238–1.350)	.200		
HCT	0.933 (0.855–1.018)	.119		
WBC	1.135 (0.960–1.342)	.137		
PLT	1.003 (0.999–1.007)	.189		
GRAN (%)	1.064 (1.020–1.111)	.004	1.180 (0.980–1.421)	.081
LYM (%)	0.935 (0.888–0.984)	.010	1.141 (0.912–1.427)	.250
Baseline SCr	1.029 (1.006–1.052)	.012	0.976 (0.916–1.039)	.444
Urea	1.351 (1.084–1.683)	.007	0.910 (0.626–1.321)	.619
Uric acid	1.007 (1.002–1.012)	.005	1.012 (1.001–1.023)	.030
eGFR	0.954 (0.929–0.980)	.001	0.942 (0.889–0.998)	.043
ALB	0.903 (0.818–0.998)	.045	0.973 (0.837–1.130)	.716
CRP	1.011 (0.999–1.023)	.067		
PCT	5.598 (0.488–64.283)	.167		
Urine microalbumin	1.701 (0.553–5.235)	.355		
ASA		.162		
I	Reference			
II	2.022 (0.245–16.687)	.513		
III	4.900 (0.541–44.391)	.158		
Intraoperative parameters				
Operative duration	0.998 (0.993–1.003)	.411		
Blood loss	1.001 (1.000–1.002)	.054		
Fluid	1.000 (1.000–1.001)	.382		
Urine output	1.000 (0.999–1.001)	.882		
SBP < 100 mmHg duration	1.033 (1.010–1.057)	.005	1.036 (1.003–1.070)	.032
RBC transfusion	1.224 (0.372–4.021)	.740		
Plasma transfusion	2.452 (0.883–6.811)	.085		
Vasopressors	2.091 (0.719–6.075)	.175		
Furosemide	1.211 (0.318–4.607)	.779		
Ureteral catheters	0.899 (0.188–4.304)	.894		
PCI	0.959 (0.794–1.159)	.665		
CC		1.000		
HIPEC regimens				
5-FU	0.293 (0.101–0.849)	.024	0.265 (0.070–1.003)	.051
Cisplatin	1.209 (0.411–3.556)	.730		
TAX	1.024 (0.345–3.035)	.966		
Raltitrexed	0.393 (0.049–3.157)	.380		
Cycles of HIPEC		.253		
1	Reference			
2	0.431 (0.113–1.647)	.219		
3	0.278 (0.078–0.987)	.048		
4	0.385 (0.093–1.585)	.186		

ACEI: angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB: angiotensin receptor blockers; ALB: albumin; ASA: American Society of Anesthesiologists score; BMI: body mass index; CC: completeness of cytoreduction; CI: confidence interval; CRP: C-reactive protein; eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate; GRAN: neutrophil ratio; Hb: hemoglobin; HCT: hematocrit; NAC: neoadjuvant chemotherapy; PCI: Peritoneal Carcinomatosis Index; LYM: lymphocyte ratio; PLT: platelet; PCT: procalcitonin; RBC: red blood cell; SBP: systolic blood pressure; SCr: serum creatinine; TAX: paclitaxel; WBC: white blood cell; 5-FU: 5-fluorouracil.

and the preoperative levels of inflammatory factors such as WBC and CRP in CKD patients are obviously higher, suggesting that the increase of inflammatory factors may be a sign of the aggravation of the secondary inflammatory process of kidney disease [31]. MODS and septic shock have also appeared many times in the etiology of CKD patients, and the immune inflammatory system plays an essential role in the progress of the disease.

Our results proved that those with lower preoperative eGFR were more likely to experience HIPEC-induced renal impairment, and this finding was similar to what has been described in previous studies [23]. Identifying patients at risk preoperatively, especially those with lower eGFR, would assist us in adopting suitable preventive measures. Furthermore, our study found that IO blood loss and duration of hypotension were significantly higher in patients suffering from

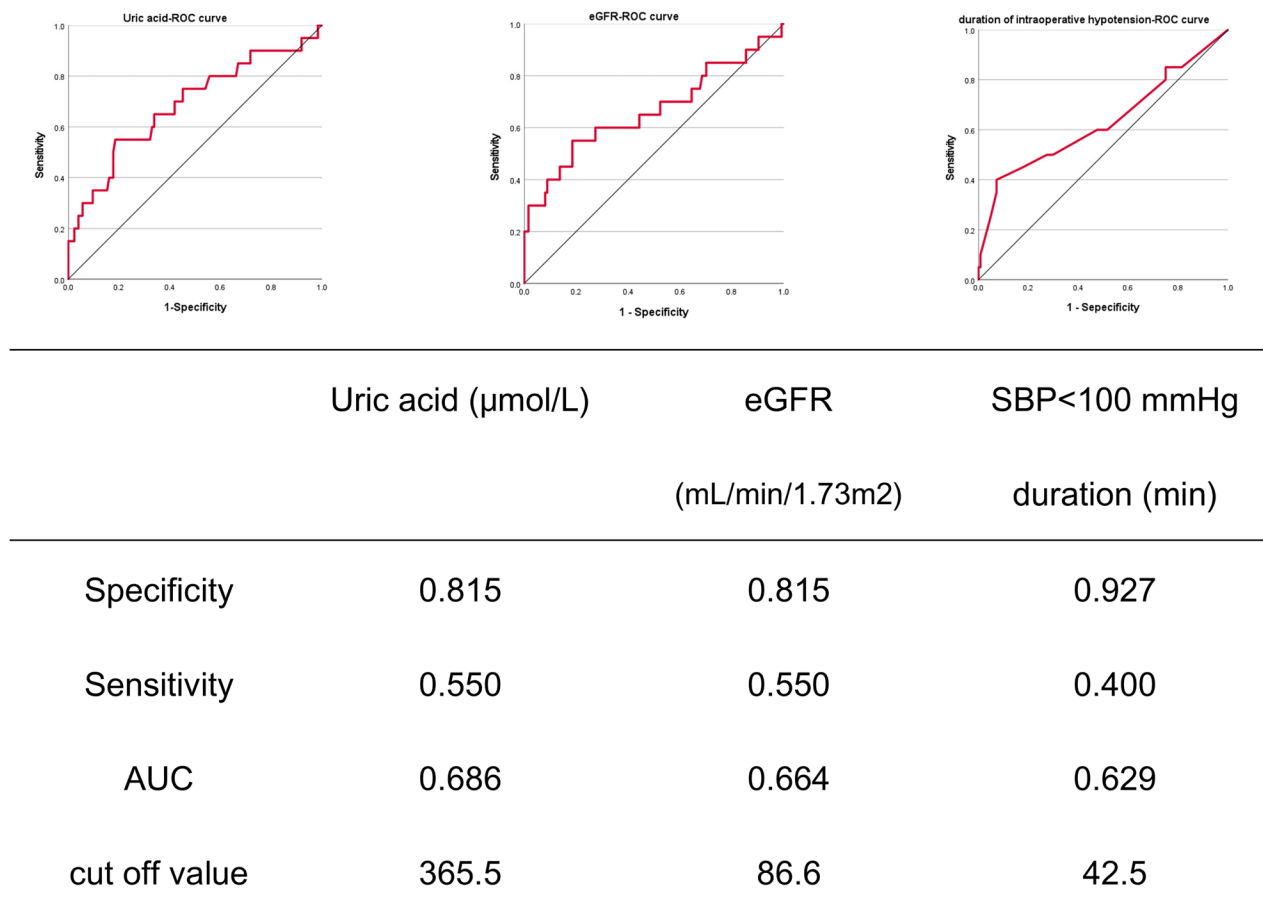


Figure 4. Receiver operating characteristic curve of the risk factors for AKD.

HIPEC-induced AKI, suggesting that hypotension substantially contributes to causing ischemia-reperfusion injury, which may manifest as postoperative AKI [32]. It is recommended that keeping blood pressure stable during operation and avoiding hypotension may reduce the risk of postoperative AKI [33].

Unlike previous research results that cisplatin can increase the incidence of AKI in patients [34], our statistical results show that the relationship between cisplatin and AKI is insignificant. It may be related to the administration of cisplatin. In previous studies, cisplatin was administered intravenously [35], while ours was administered intraperitoneally. Different administration methods may result in different results. In the future, we plan to expand the sample size and continue to explore the differences between intraperitoneal administration and intravenous administration of cisplatin.

Among those who developed HIPEC-associated AKI, 61.8% of patients occurred AKI-to-AKD transition. Nonetheless, a previous study by Kellum et al. found that 36% of patients diagnosed with AKI have proceeded to AKD [36]. Although this figure is lower than in our study, the authors only included critically ill patients with stage 2 or 3 AKI. Based on a retrospective study including 1341 patients, Peerapornratana et al. reported the association of AKD with deficient kidney recovery at hospital discharge among

critically ill septic patients [37]. Indeed, a recent meta-analysis demonstrated that prolonged AKI duration was independently associated with cardiovascular adverse events, development of incident CKD, and long-term mortality [38]. Taken together, these findings punctuate the clinical influence of persistently reduced kidney function from AKI-to-AKD. Therefore, we drew attention to examining the prevalence and independently associated factors of AKD in patients with CRS-HIPEC procedures. In our population, 42.8% of patients with AKD propagated the transition to CKD, while 14.3% of in-hospital mortality occurred in the AKD cohort.

Our study also demonstrated that the development of AKD was significantly associated with preoperative eGFR, uric acid level, and IO hypotension duration. Patients with lower preoperative eGFR were more prone to beget AKI and proceed with AKD than those with normal parameters. Consistent with our present findings, previous studies have shown that lower eGFR was a risk factor for hospitalization, which was a risk factor for renal function impairment [39–41]. The uric acid level was affirmed as a possible determinant of transient and persistent kidney dysfunction [42]. Furthermore, baseline uric acid was presented to increase the incidence rate of both CKD and ESRD, with accelerated CKD progression. Our patient collective recognized preoperative uric acid as the leading risk factor for

AKD after HIPEC. It is well known that hyperuricemia is closely associated with AKI/CKD and is a risk factor for renal insufficiency in the general population [43]. However, there are few studies on AKD and high uric acid. This study found that preoperative hyperuricemia is one of the independent risk factors for AKD in patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC, which may be because long-term high uric acid level keeps the kidney in a damaged state, renal overload is likely to occur after CRS-HIPEC, resulting in AKD. ROC curve analysis showed that although uric acid and eGFR had low sensitivity (0.55) in predicting the occurrence of AKD, they had high specificity (0.815), suggesting that under the premise of maintaining the patient's physical condition stable, reducing the preoperative uric acid as much as possible may reduce the incidence of postoperative AKD. It is generally believed that the average arterial pressure of the injury threshold for organ damage is about 60–70 mmHg, and the systolic pressure is about 90–100 mmHg [44]. Patients with hypertension may be less able to tolerate hypotension than those with normal blood pressure and may require higher perioperative blood pressure [45]. Prolonged episodes of hypotension during the IO period may decrease renal perfusion, resulting in renal function injury in patients with impaired autoregulation [46]. However, the ROC curve indicates only high specificity (0.927) and a sensitivity of only 0.4. Overall, it is rational to recommend that the duration of the IO hypotensive episode should be kept as short as possible [47].

CRS-HIPEC has become a standard treatment for peritoneal metastasis in selected patients, delivering more prolonged survival [27,48]. Nevertheless, several relevant morbidities were identified after this procedure [49,50]. Among these complications, AKI has been recognized as the most common complication following CRS-HIPEC [51]. Compared to other studies investigating the incidence of AKD after AKI in hospitalized patients, this is the first study explicitly examining the epidemiology and risk factors of HIPEC-associated AKI and AKD. With the popular concepts of the AKI-to-AKD-to-CKD interplay and the association between AKD and incremental future mortality risk, many researchers have drawn attention to AKD prevention and management. However, little is known about the incidence of HIPEC-associated AKD, and it is unclear what parameters are associated with AKD. The study may provide a reference for reducing the incidence of postoperative AKI or AKI progression to AKD in patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC.

The shortcomings of the current study include our data from a single medical center, which limits generalizability. Additionally, this is a retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data, and as a result, there is an inherent selection bias. We attempted to select patients by two investigators using narrow inclusion criteria to mitigate this, and all records were reviewed. Finally, we only used SCr concentration to define AKI, while urine output was not included in diagnosing postoperative AKI due to incomplete data on urine output. And in the future, we intend to expand the sample size to continue our research. There is abundant room for further progress in designing prospective randomized trials regarding the sample size necessary to detect the long-term renal function difference in AKI and AKD cohorts.

Conclusions

Our present study implies that the incidence of AKI in patients undergoing CRS-HIPEC is high, and the transition to AKD is a common outcome following AKI, which confirms the association with more risk for both in-hospital mortality consulting from renal function failure and CKD progression. Patients at higher risk of AKI after the CRS-HIPEC procedure include ascites, incremental GRAN%, lower eGFR, and prolonged IO hypotension duration. Further independent risk factors for developing AKD are higher preoperative uric acid levels, lower eGFR, and longer IO hypotension duration. The indispensability of early recognition of HIPEC-induced AKD is beyond diagnostic purposes because it provides the opportunity for timely interventions to mitigate detrimental post-AKI complications.

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