



# Model Ensembling and Machine Learning Approaches to Predict the First Dose of Amoxicillin in Intensive Care

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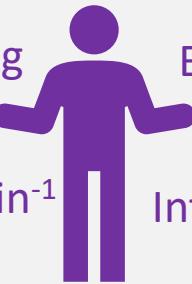
# *A priori* precision dosing

Body weight → 72 kg

Burn patient

Renal function → 67 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>

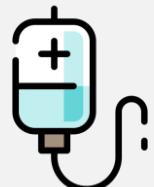
Intensive care patient



Ensembling of model predictions  
based on patient characteristics



Administer predicted 1<sup>st</sup> dose



Measure drug concentration



- ✓ Faster target attainment
- ✓ Fewer concentration measurements

In target interval

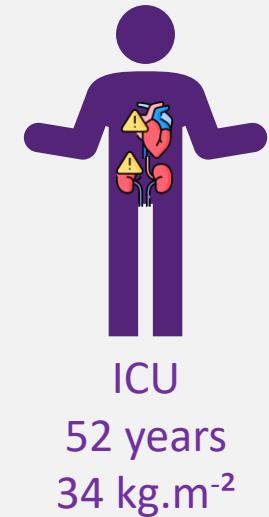
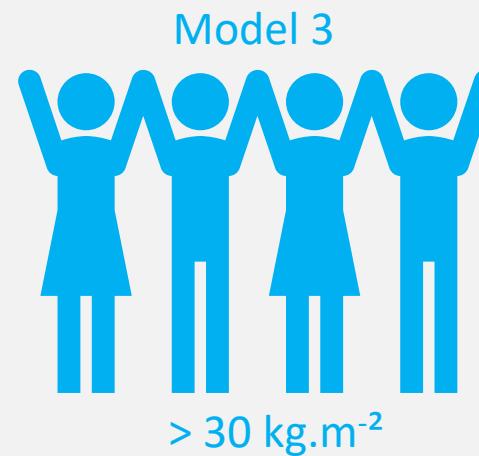
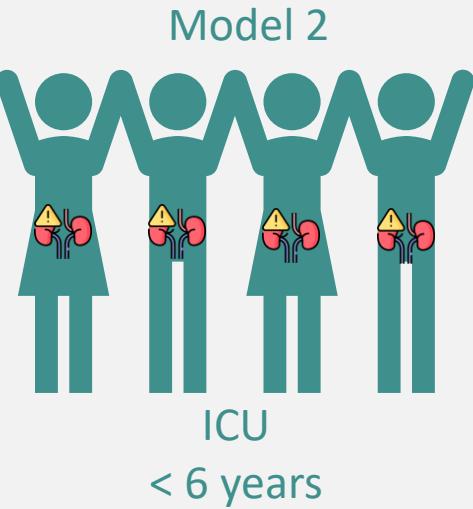
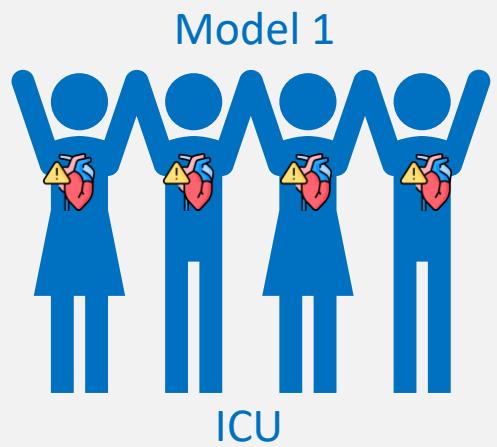
Precision dosing done

Not in target interval

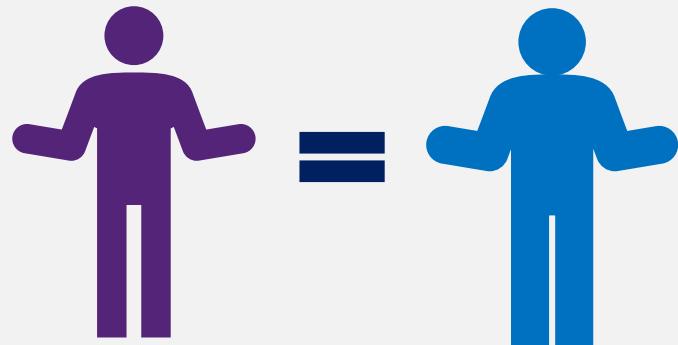
Continue with *a posteriori*  
precision dosing



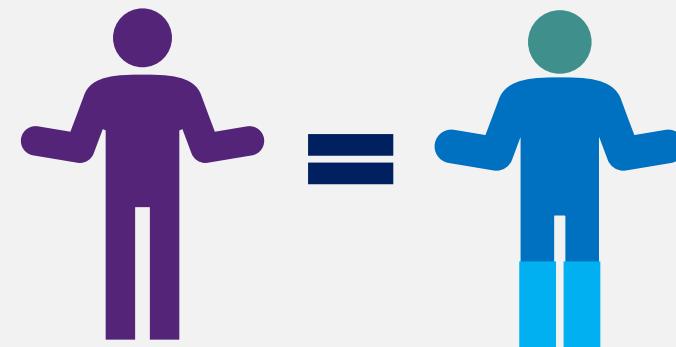
# PopPK model ensembling



## Model selection

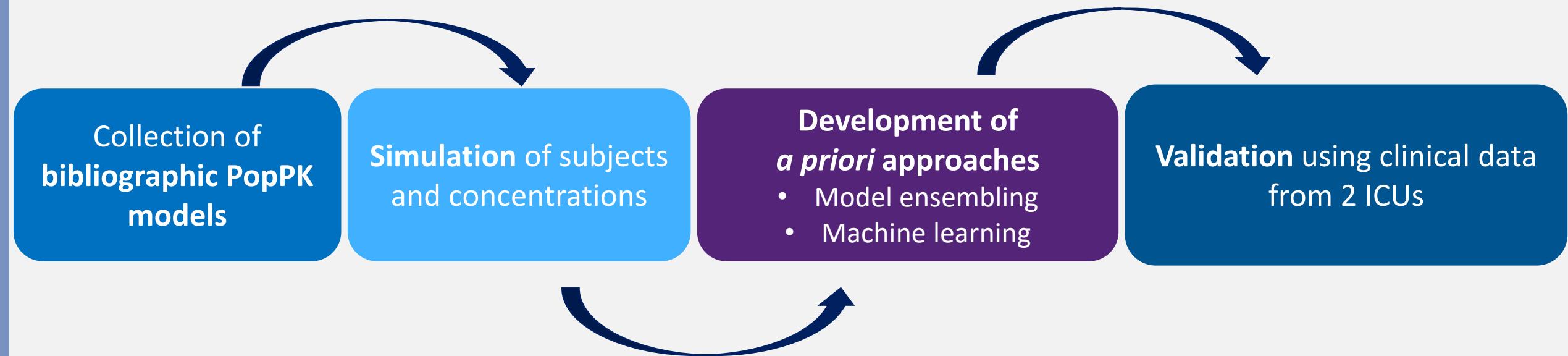


## Model ensembling

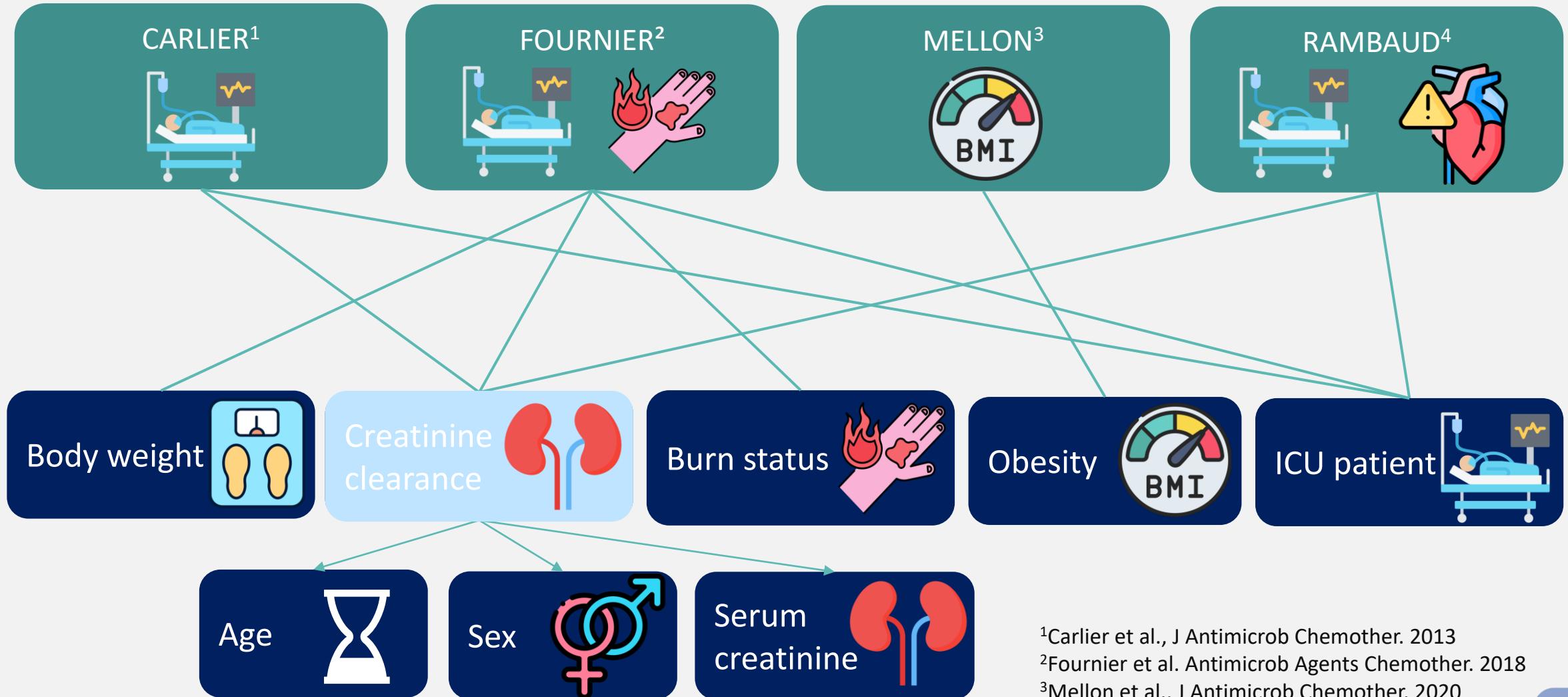


# Objective & workflow

Predict a personnalized **amoxicillin dose** based on plasmatic trough concentrations to reach the concentration range of **40-80 mg.L<sup>-1</sup>\***.



# Models and covariates



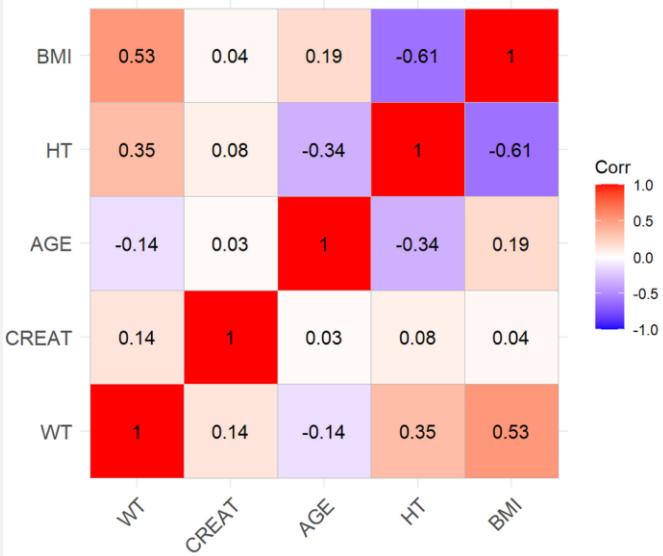
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<sup>2</sup>Fournier et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 2018

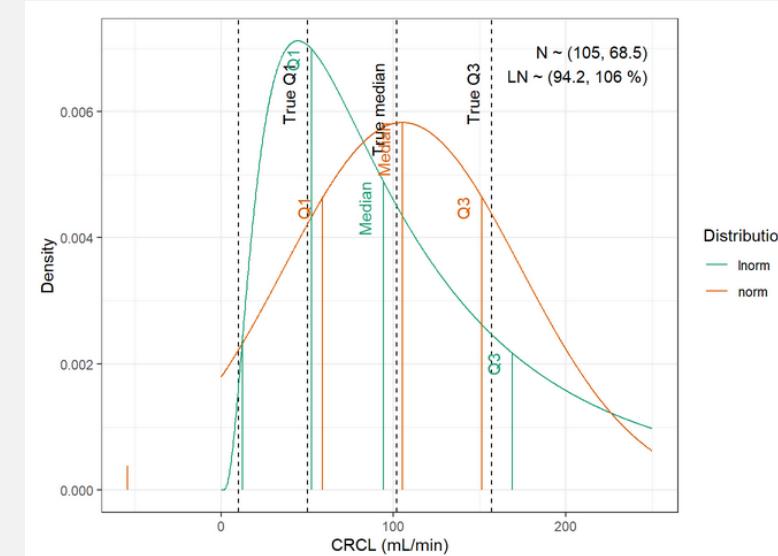
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# Simulation of virtual subjects & concentrations

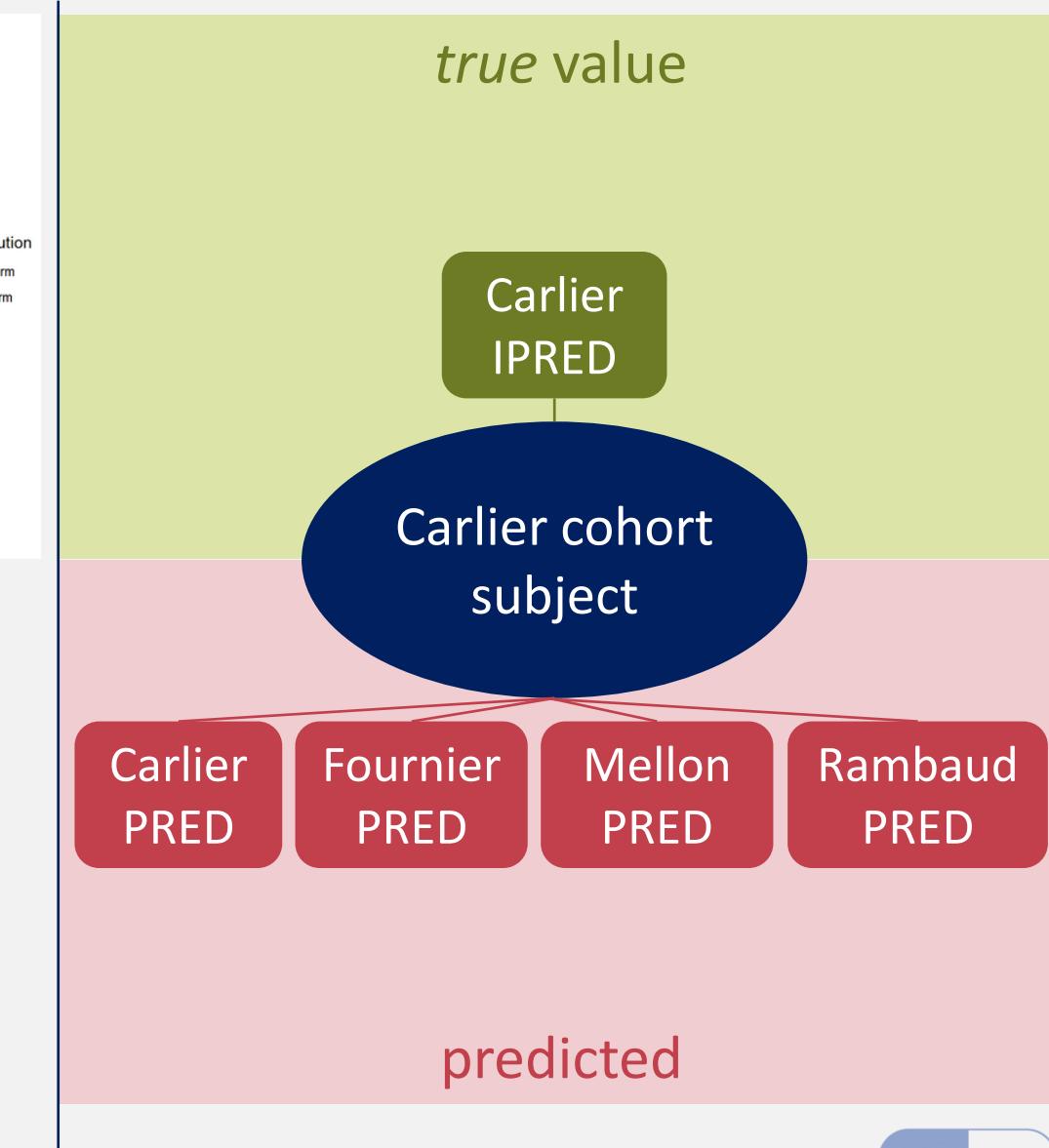


Correlations from MIMIC-IV\*  
(database of ~16000 ICU patients)



Best fitting distribution to the median & IQR

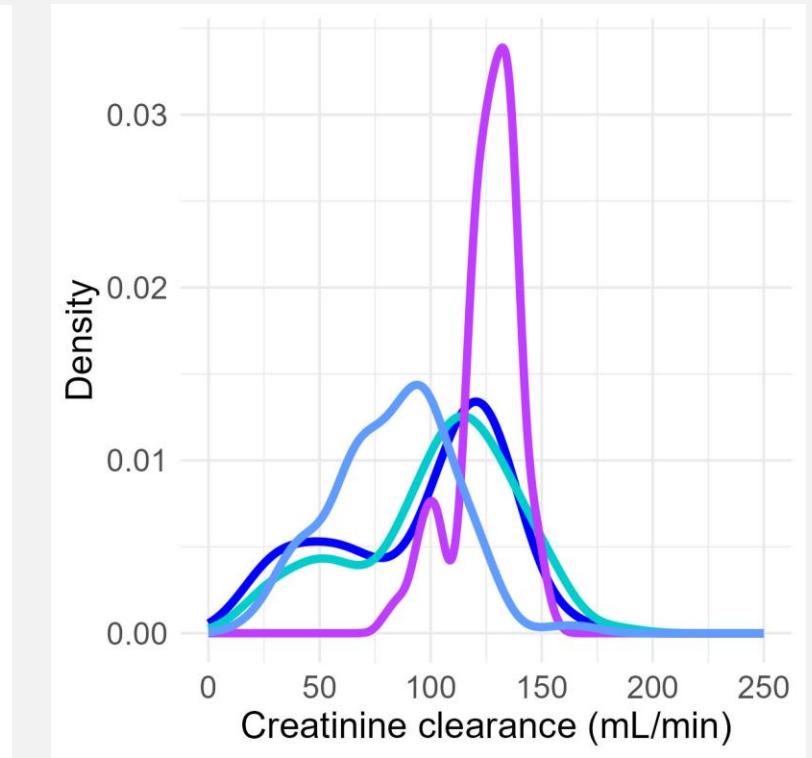
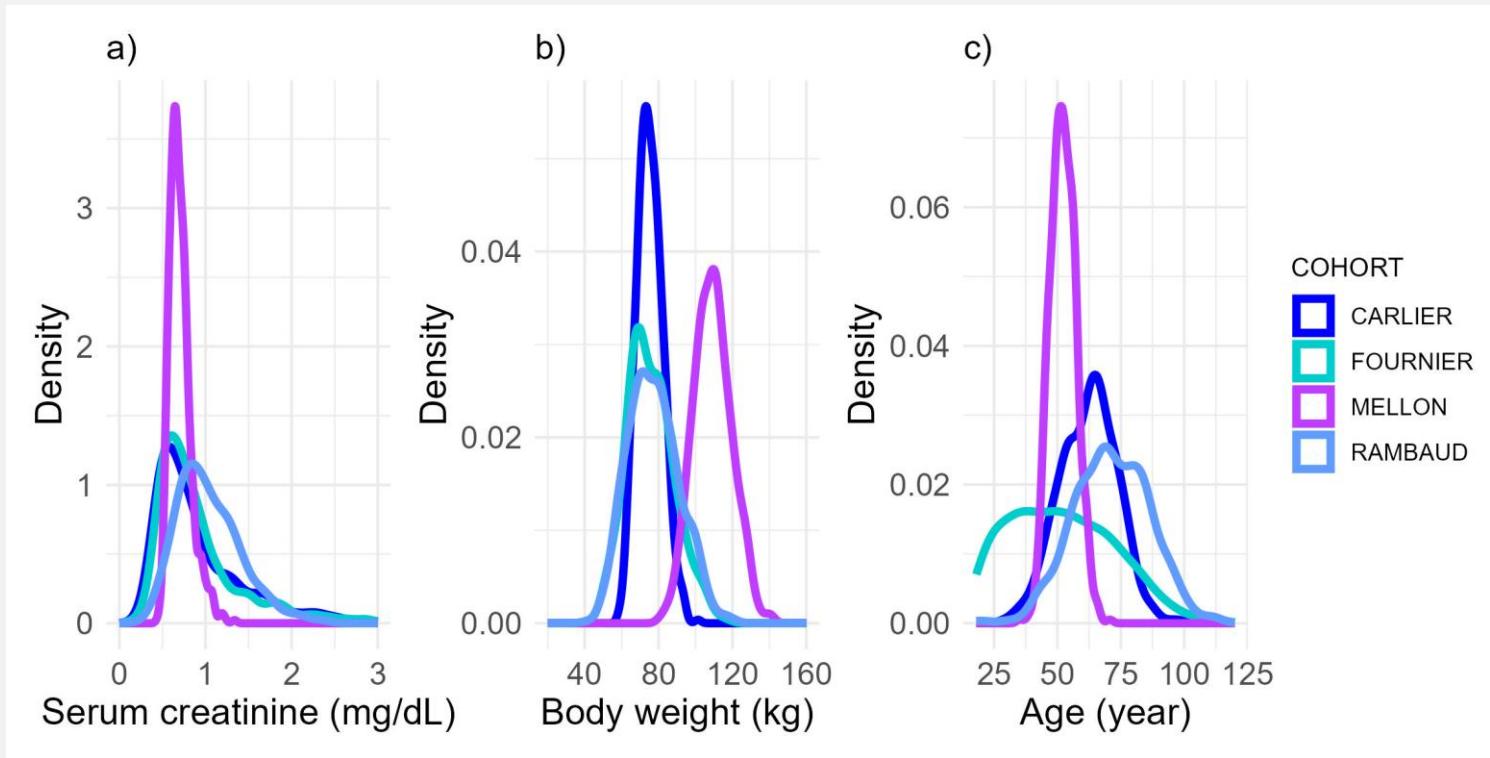
Covariate sampling from the multivariate distribution



# Models and covariates – simulated data

*Distribution of continuous covariates*

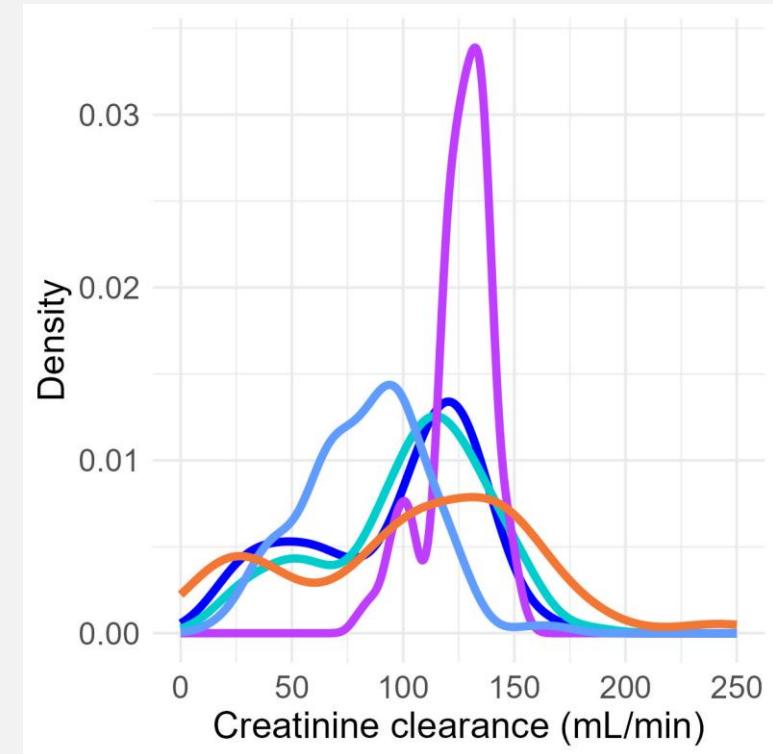
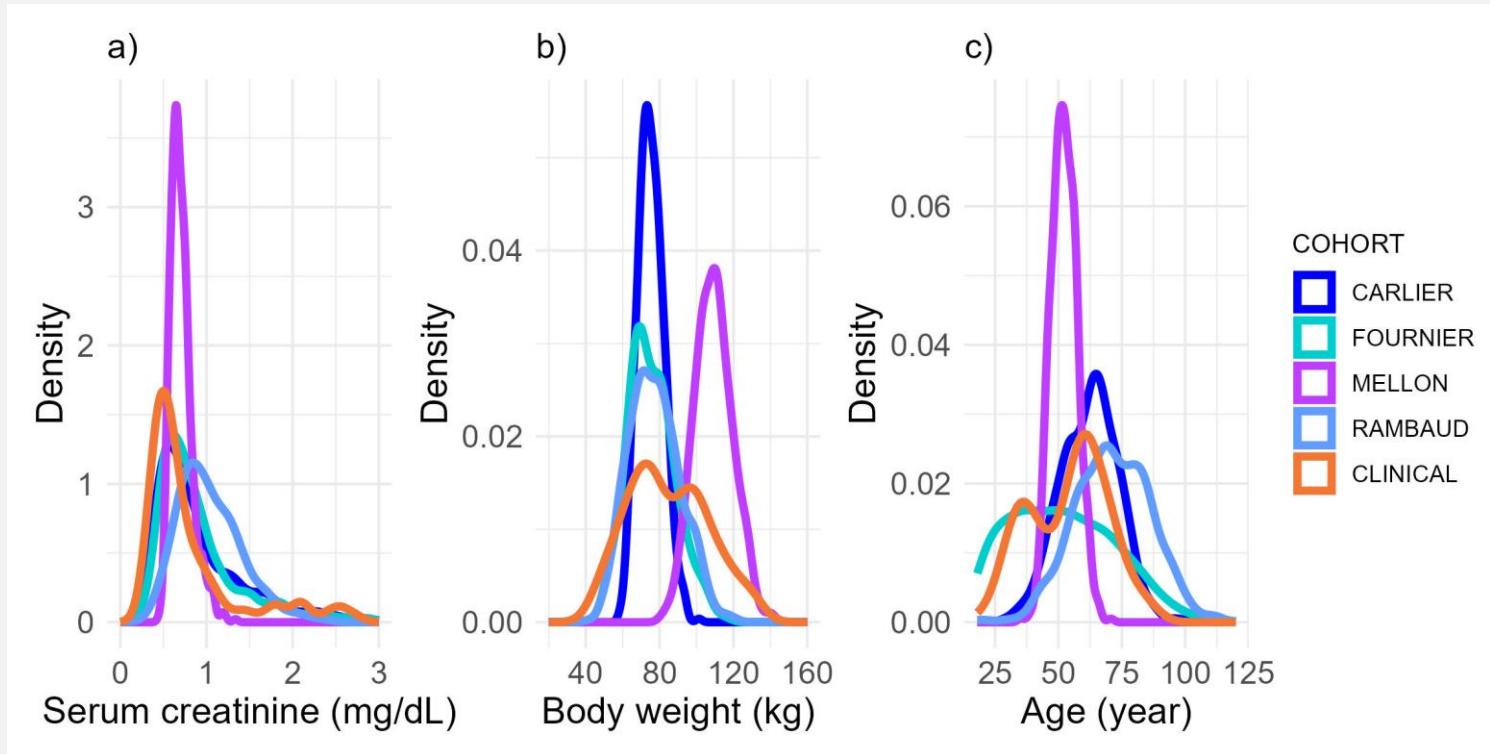
2500 virtual subjects



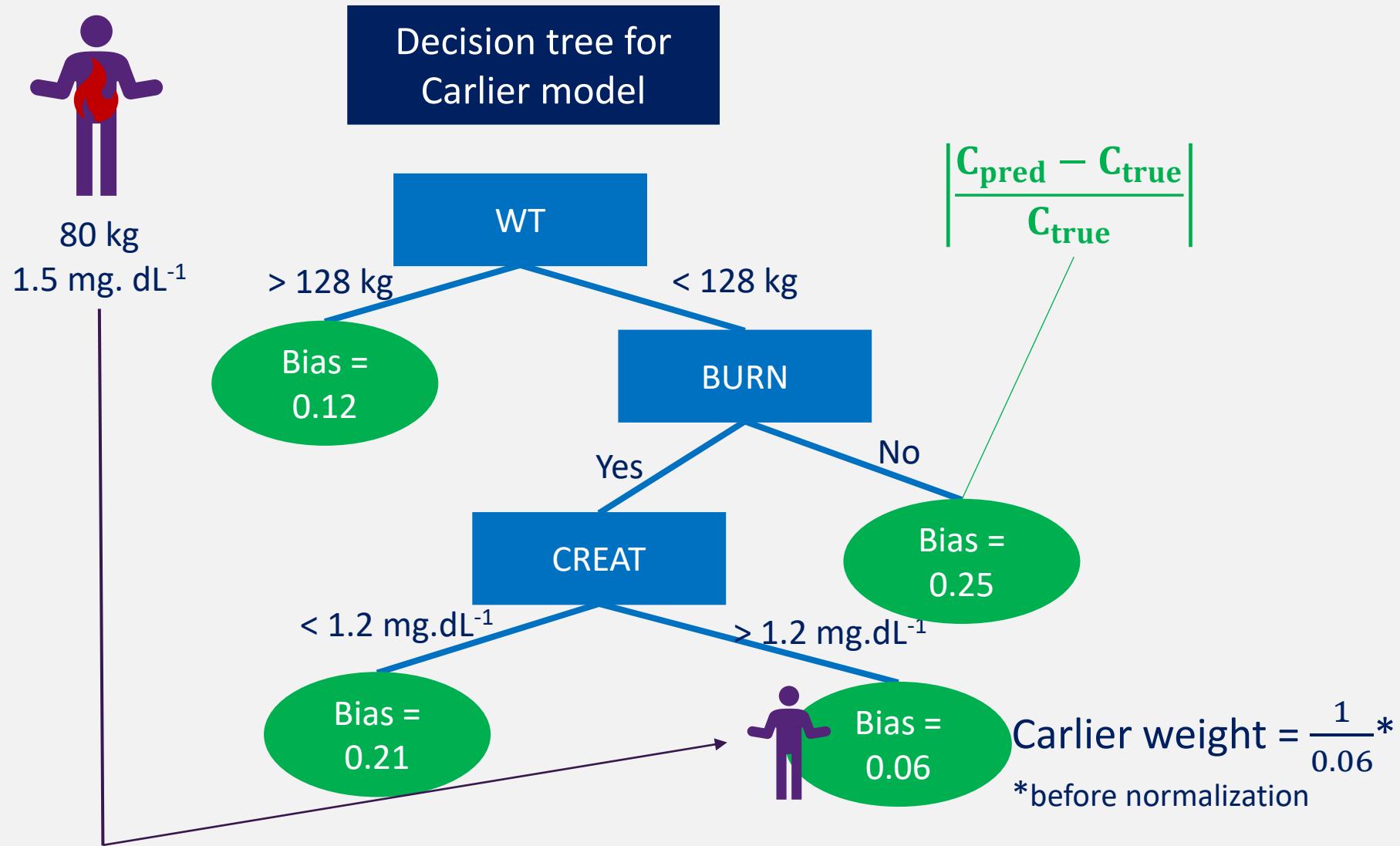
# Models and covariates – clinical data

## *Distribution of continuous covariates*

121 patients  
from Jean-Verdier  
Hospital (Bondy) &  
Poitiers

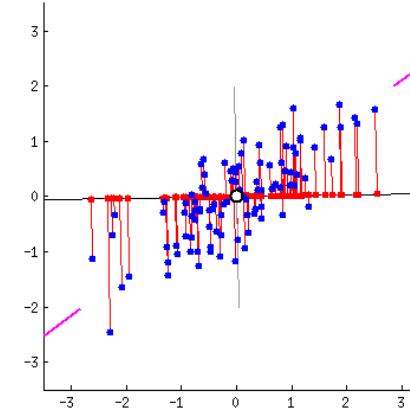
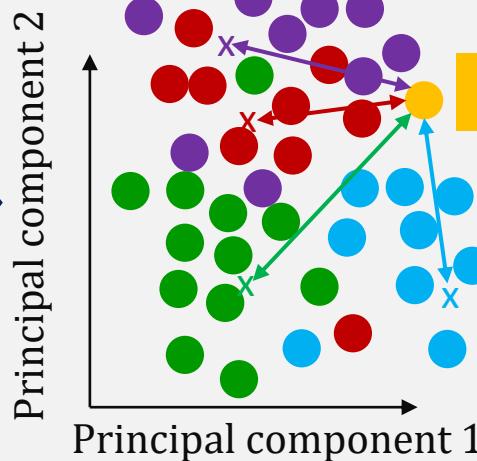
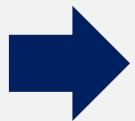
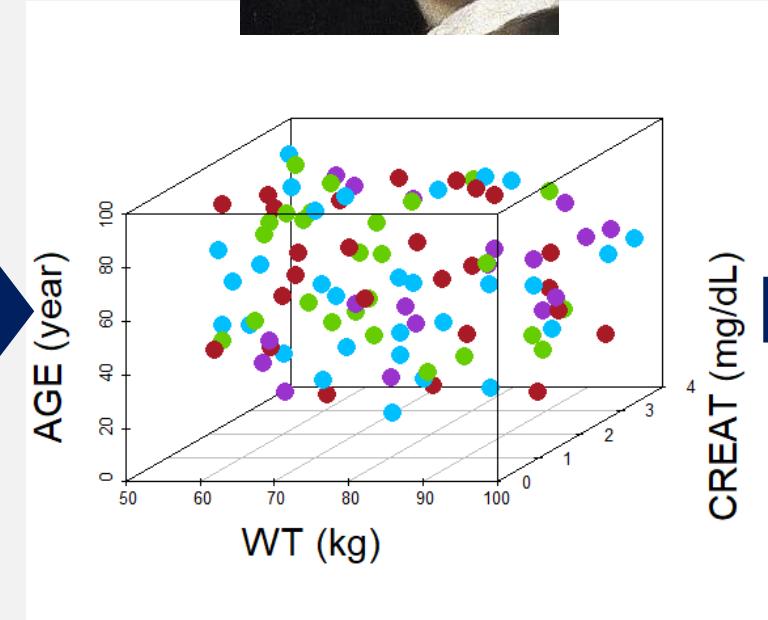


# Regression tree (RT)-informed ensembling



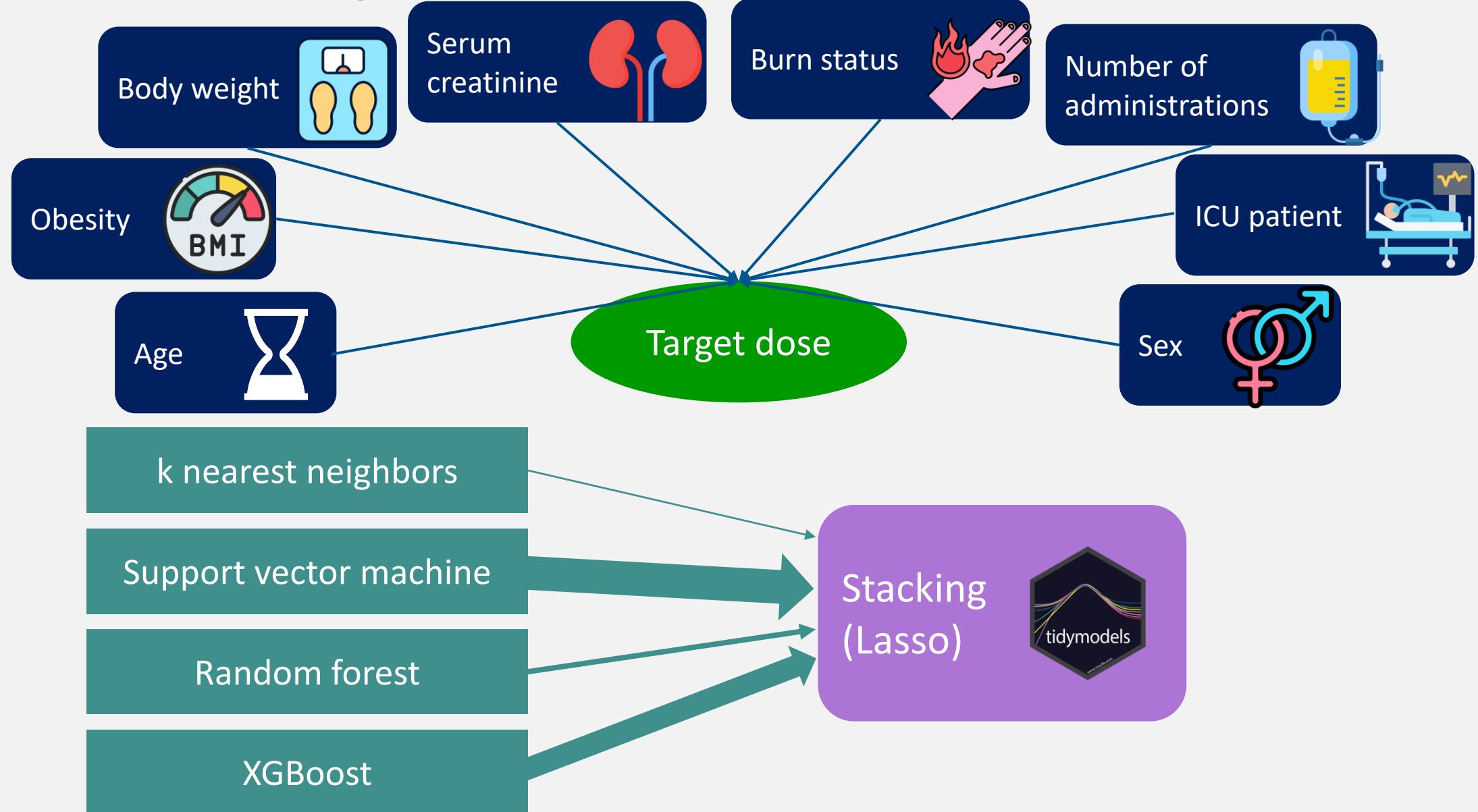
# Factor Analysis of Mixed Data (FAMD)

Carlier  
Fournier  
Mellon  
Rambaud

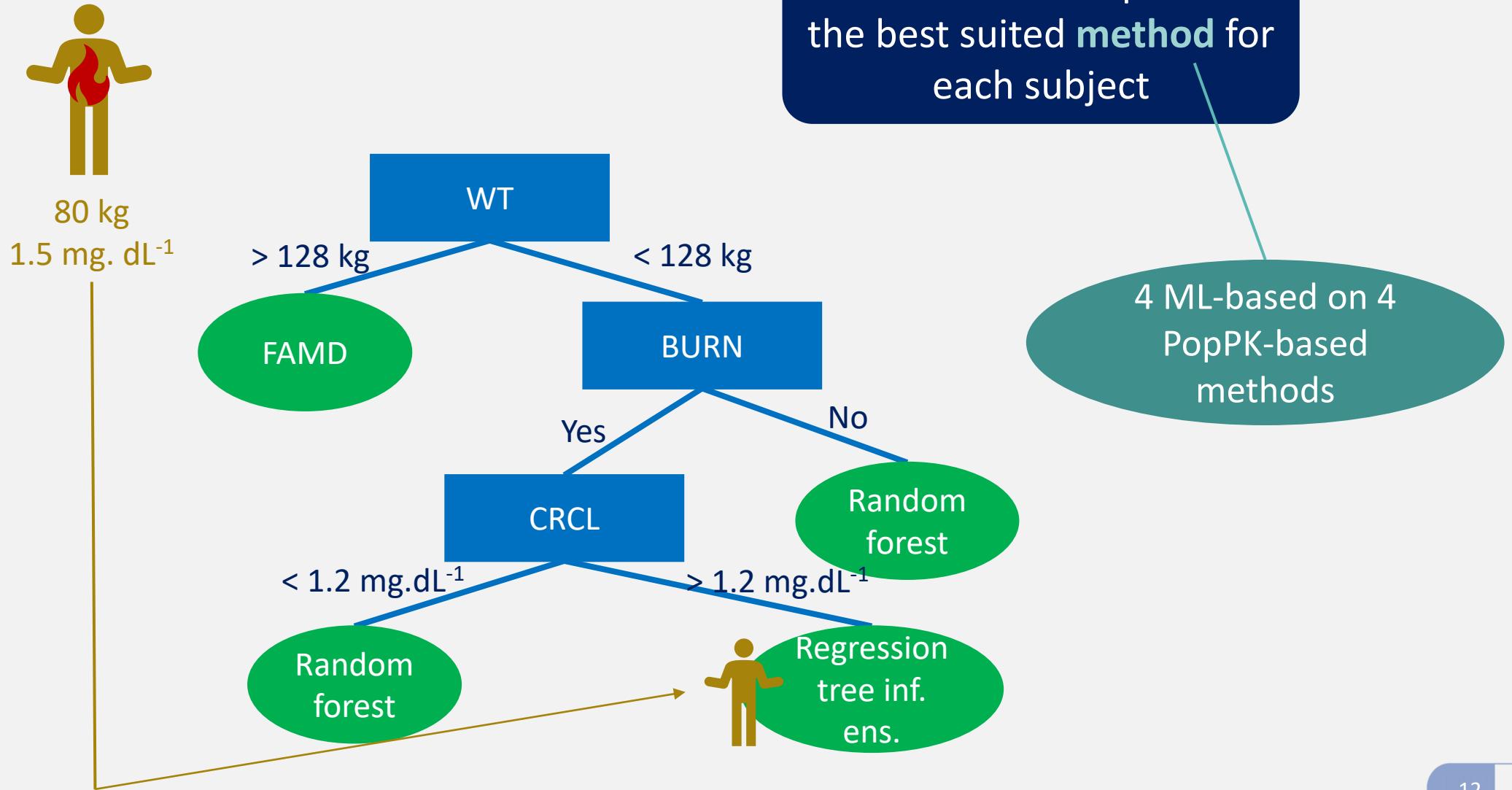


Model weight =  
$$\frac{1}{\text{Mahalanobis distance}}$$

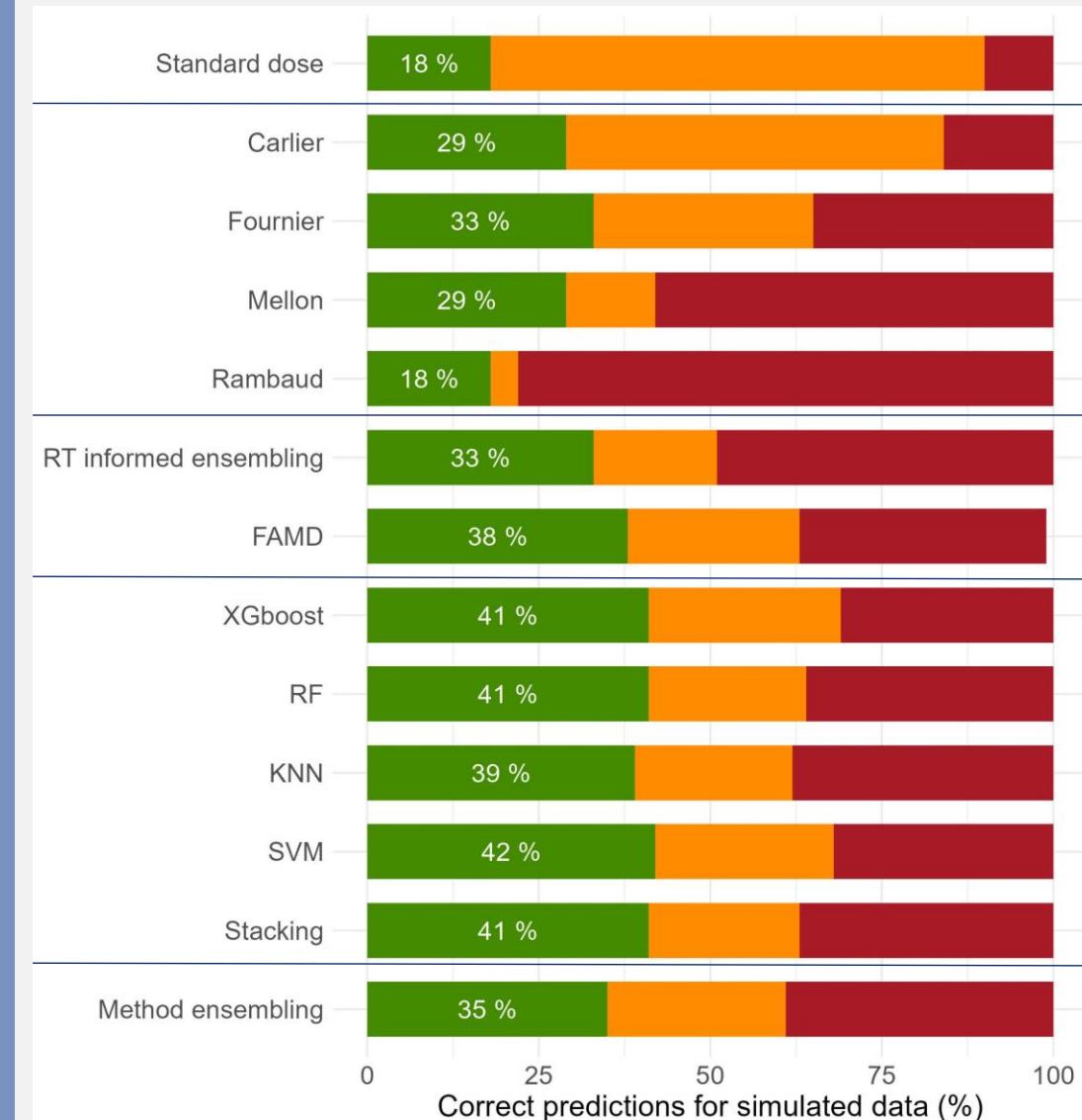
# Machine learning



# Method ensembling

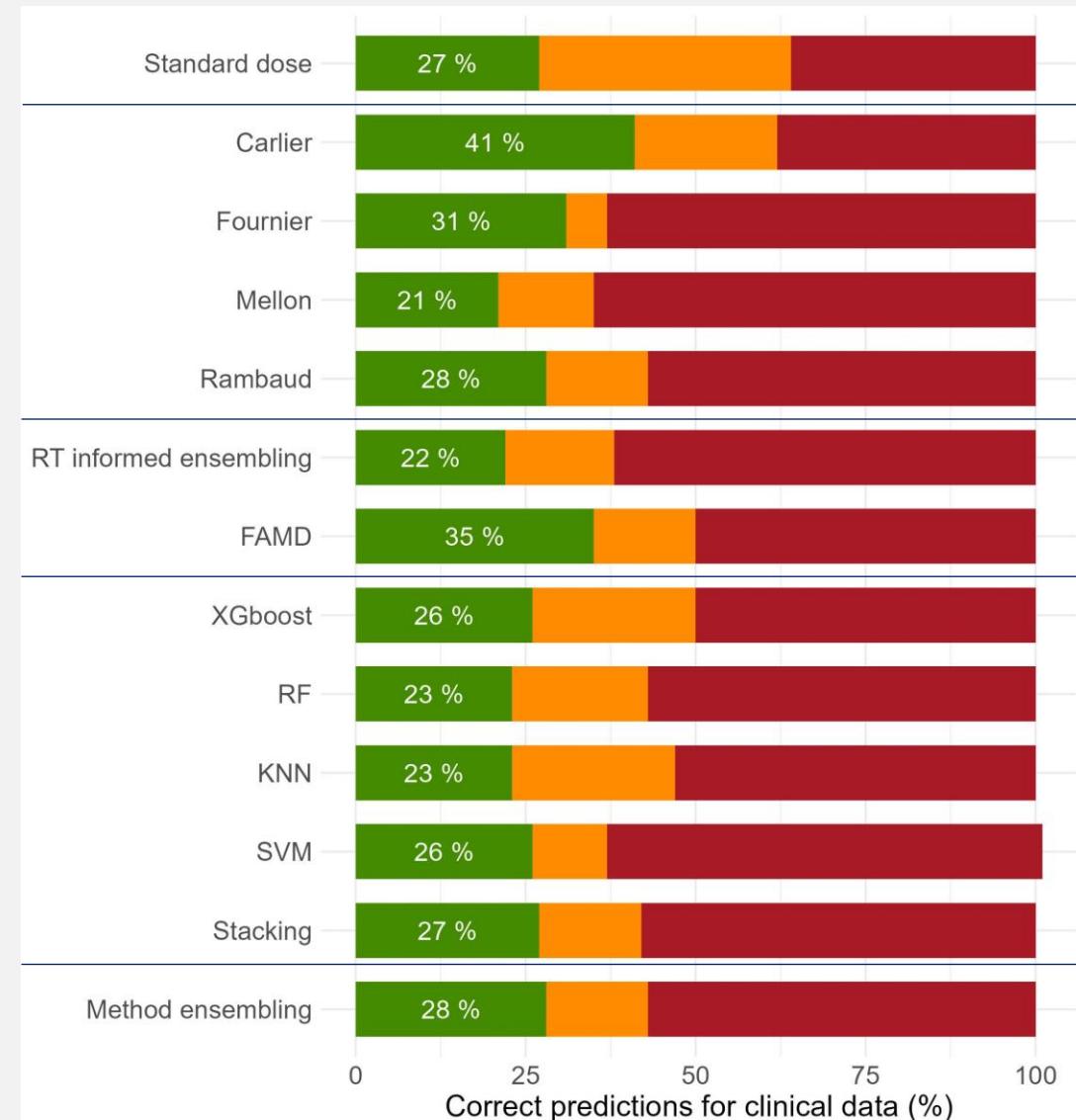


# Results



Simulated data

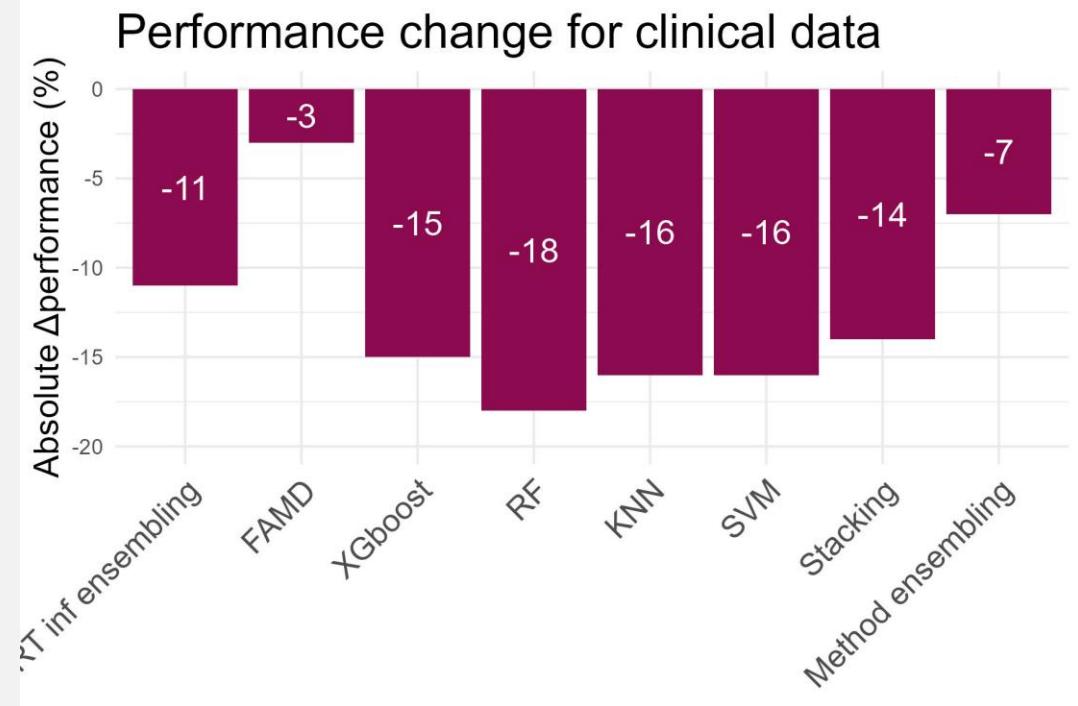
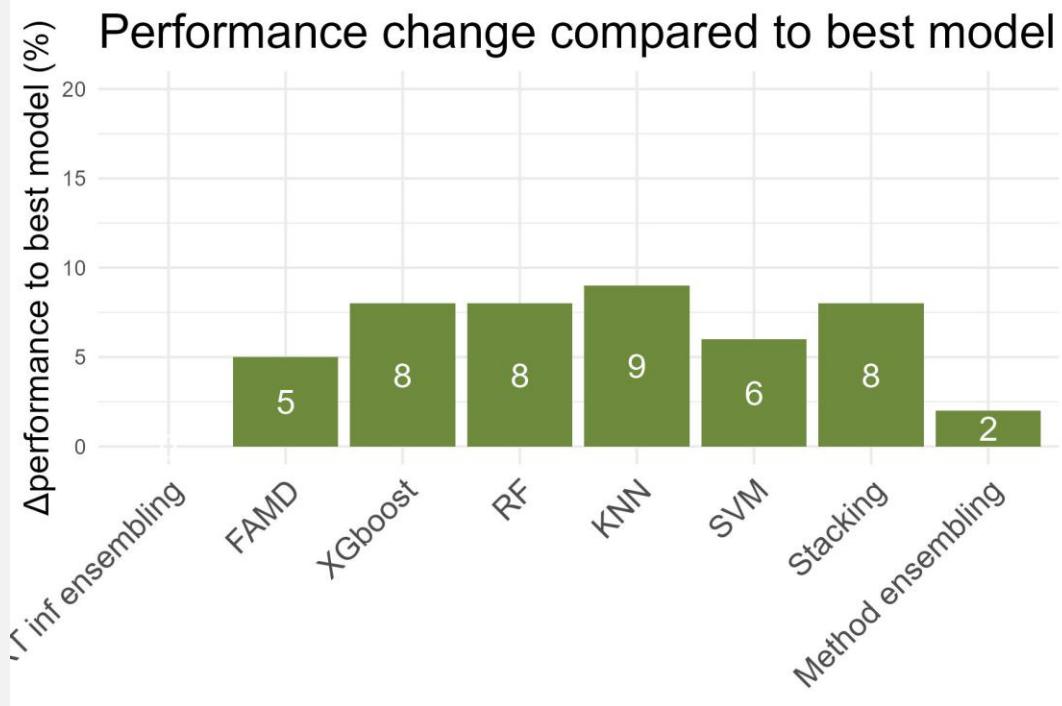
■ Overdosed ■ Underdosed ■ On target



Clinical data

■ Overdosed ■ Underdosed ■ On target

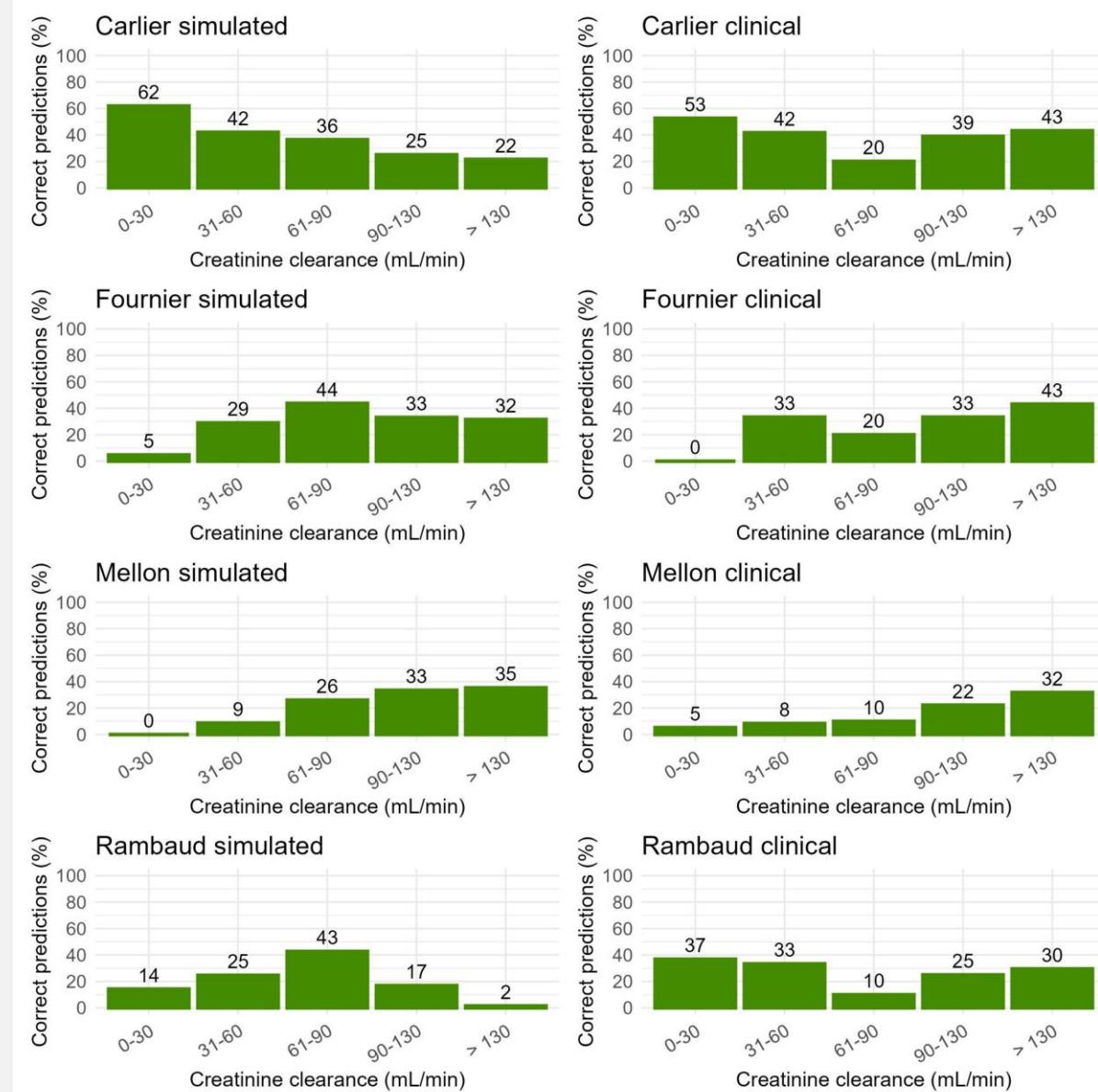
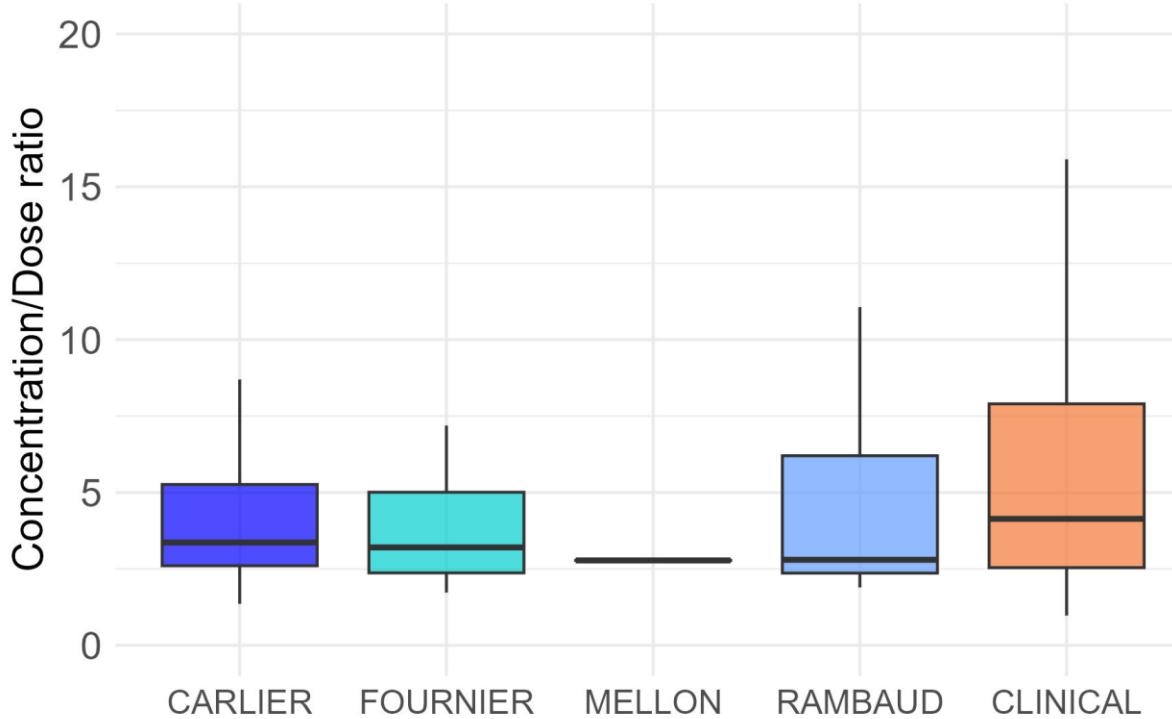
# Results



# Discussion

Kidney failure patients  
Simulated: 3.5 %  
Clinical: 16 %

## Predictions stratified by dose - non obese subjects



# Conclusion

No need for model selection

Methods sensitive to overfitting →  
retraining with local clinical data

FAMD: reliable & extrapolable, but sensitive to  
models with lower performance in their own cohort

Better applicable to a molecule with a larger  
number & more diverse models

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# *A priori* precision dosing method repertoire

## Empirical

- Standard dose
- Nomogram

## Single model approach

- Carlier
- Fournier
- Mellon
- Rambaud
- Meta model

## PopPK model ensembling

- Uninformed
- Weighed
- Classification tree informed
- Regression tree informed
- FAMD

## Machine learning

- Support Vector Machine
- k nearest neighbors
- Random forest
- XGBoost

## ML ensembling

- Stacking
- ML ensembling (decision tree)

## ML + PopPK ensembling ensembling

- Method ensembling (decision tree)