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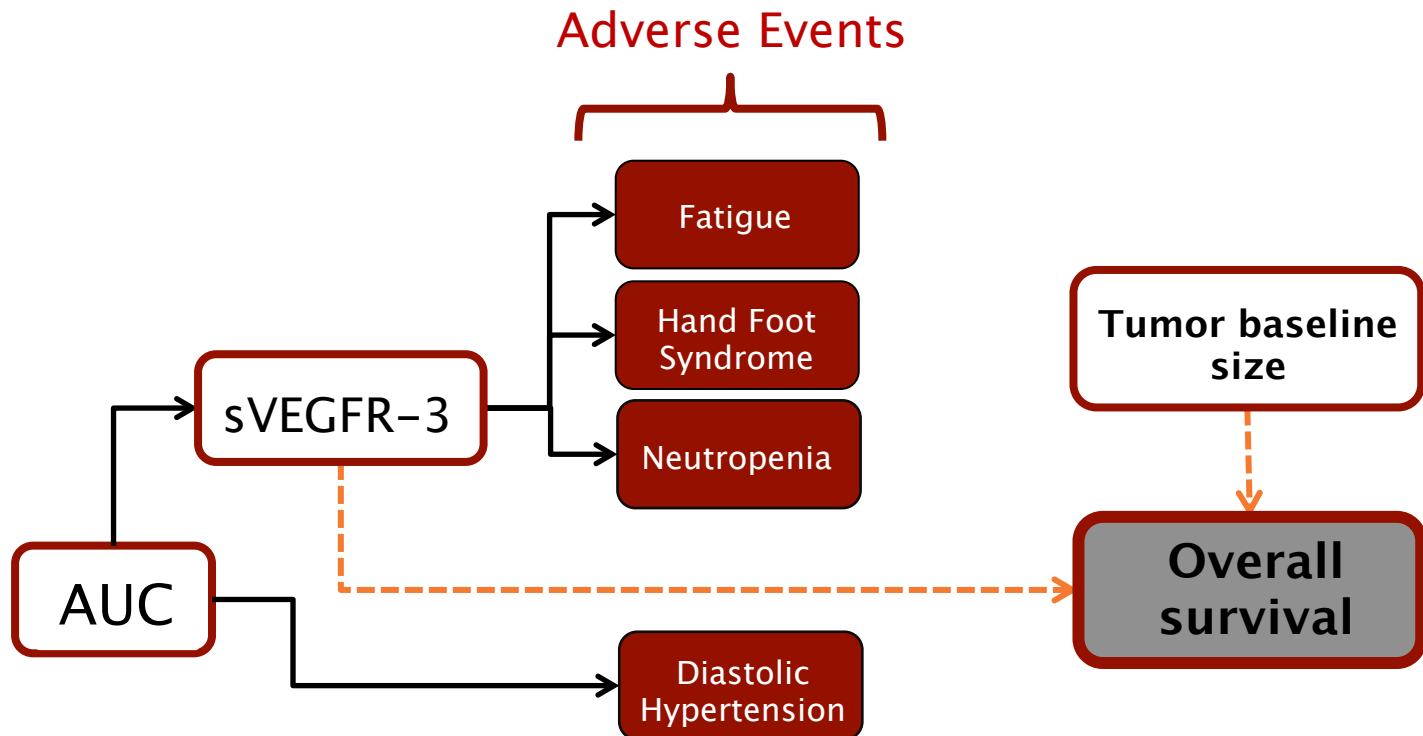
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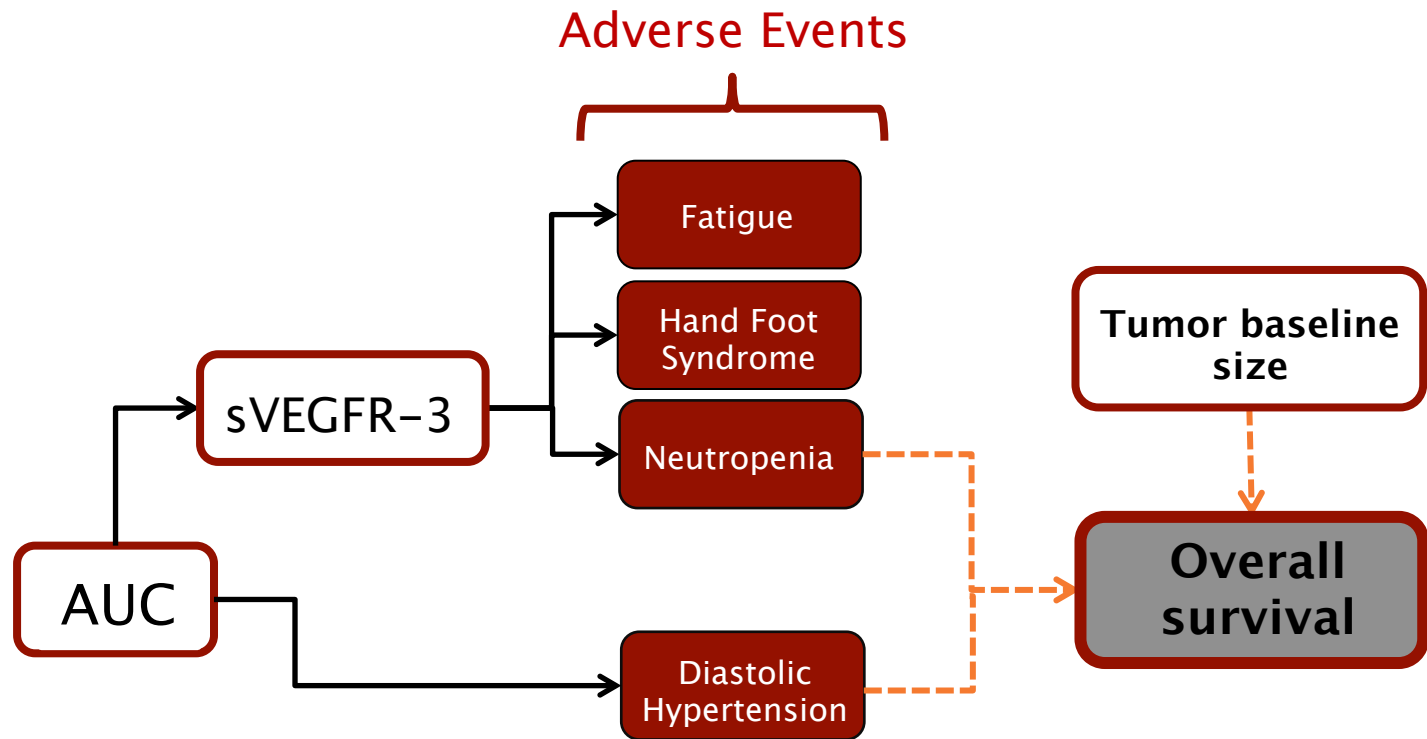
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# Why use a pharmacometric framework?

## Modeling

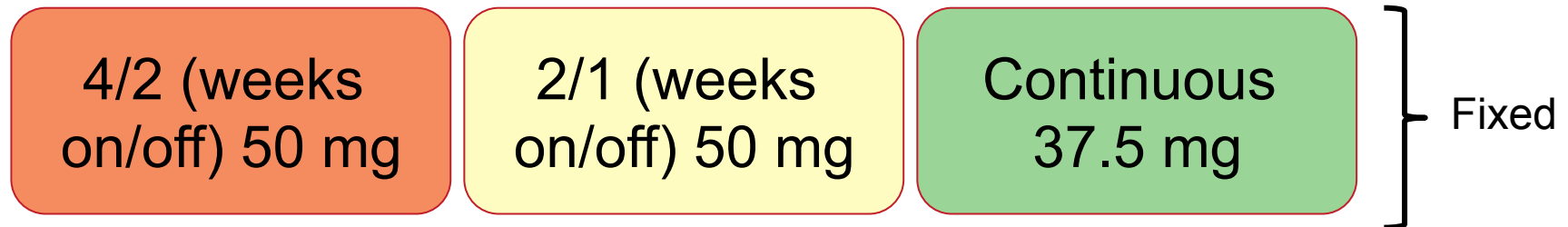
- Integrated understanding of the relationships between drug exposure, plasma biomarkers, adverse events, disease state, and long-term clinical outcome.  
→ Valuable for identifying robust pharmacodynamic (PD) biomarkers and guide treatment decisions.

## Simulations

- Allows for an interaction between treatment outcomes (e.g. toxicity-induced dose reductions may potentially impact efficacy).  
→ Realistic predictions of treatment outcomes under various dosing algorithms.

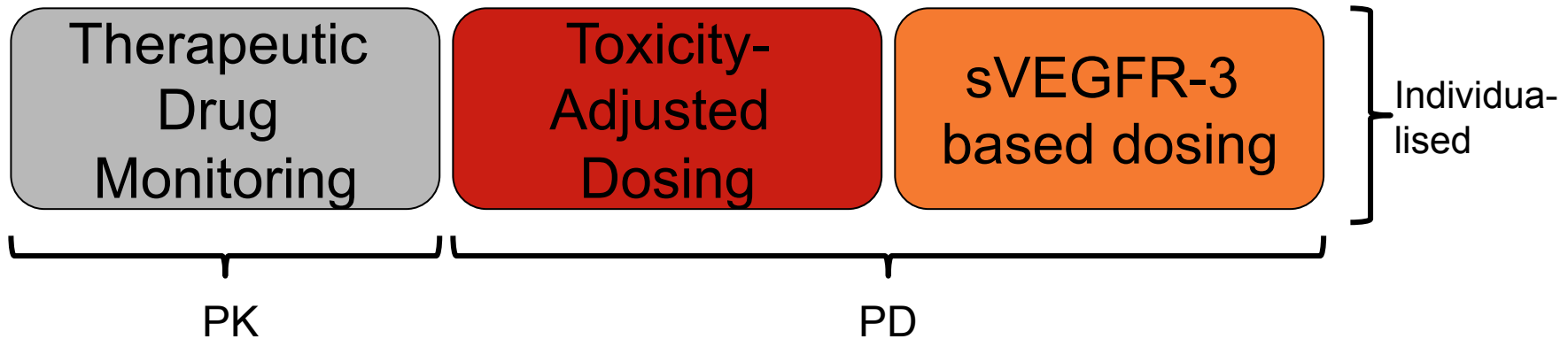
# Sunitinib therapy in Gastro-Intestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST)

- **Sunitinib** is a Tyrosine-kinase inhibitor
- Various fixed dosing regimens are followed for GIST:





- **Various biomarkers have been suggested for dose-individualisation:**

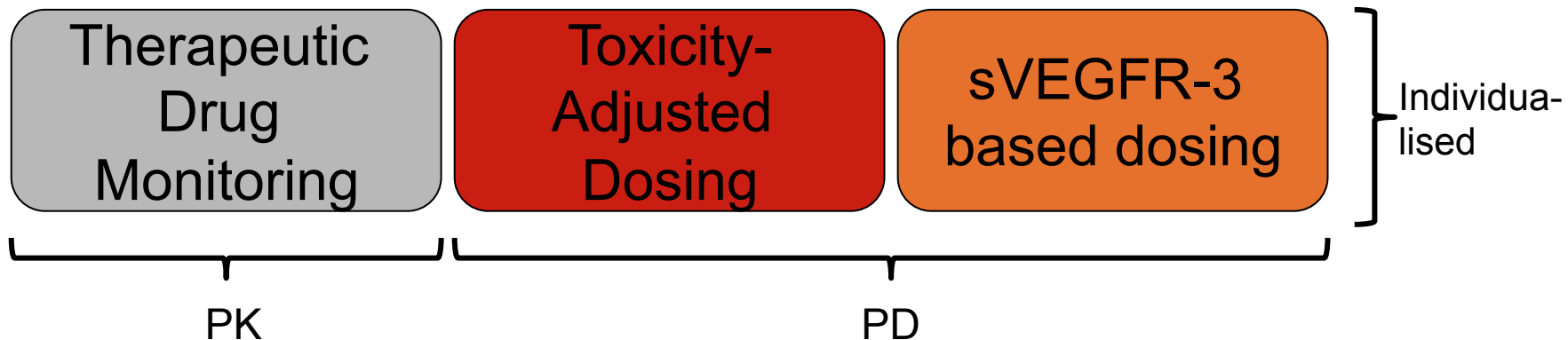


- C<sub>ss,min</sub> Sunitinib + SU12662

- Neutropenia
- Hypertension

- sVEGFR-3 changes

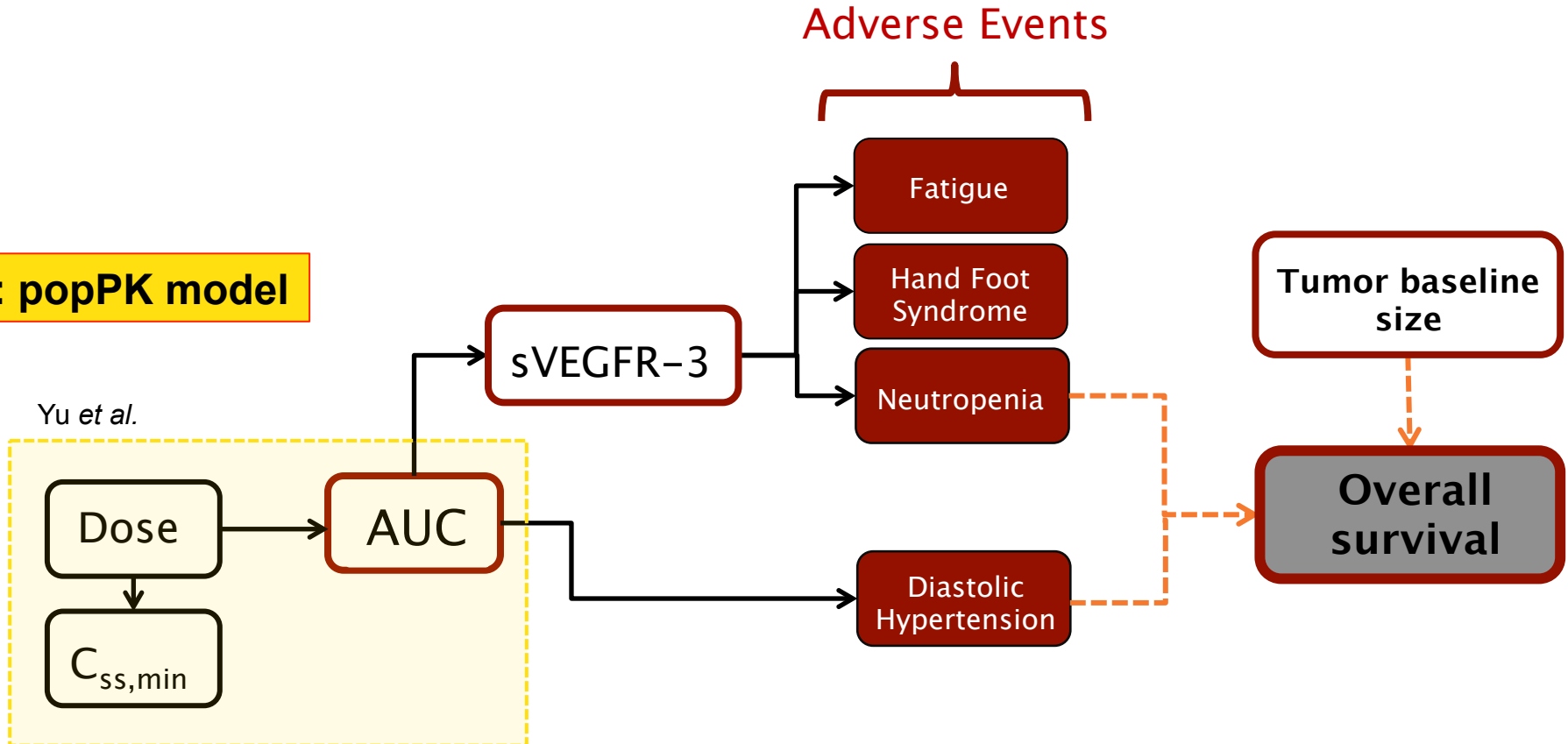
Identify which biomarker could best be utilised for dose individualisation of sunitinib in GIST, to optimize the benefit/risk ratio.





# Expansion of the framework

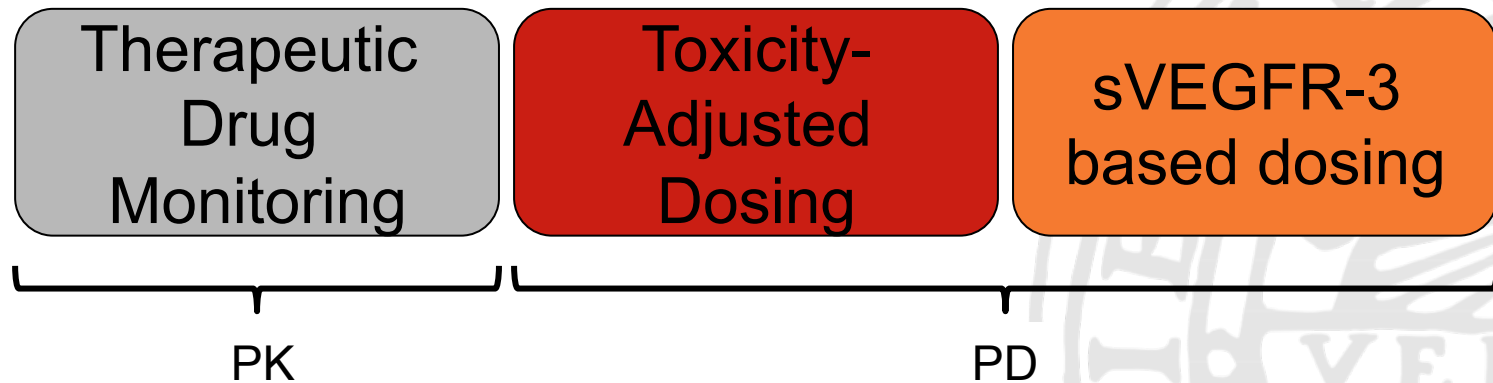
## 1: popPK model





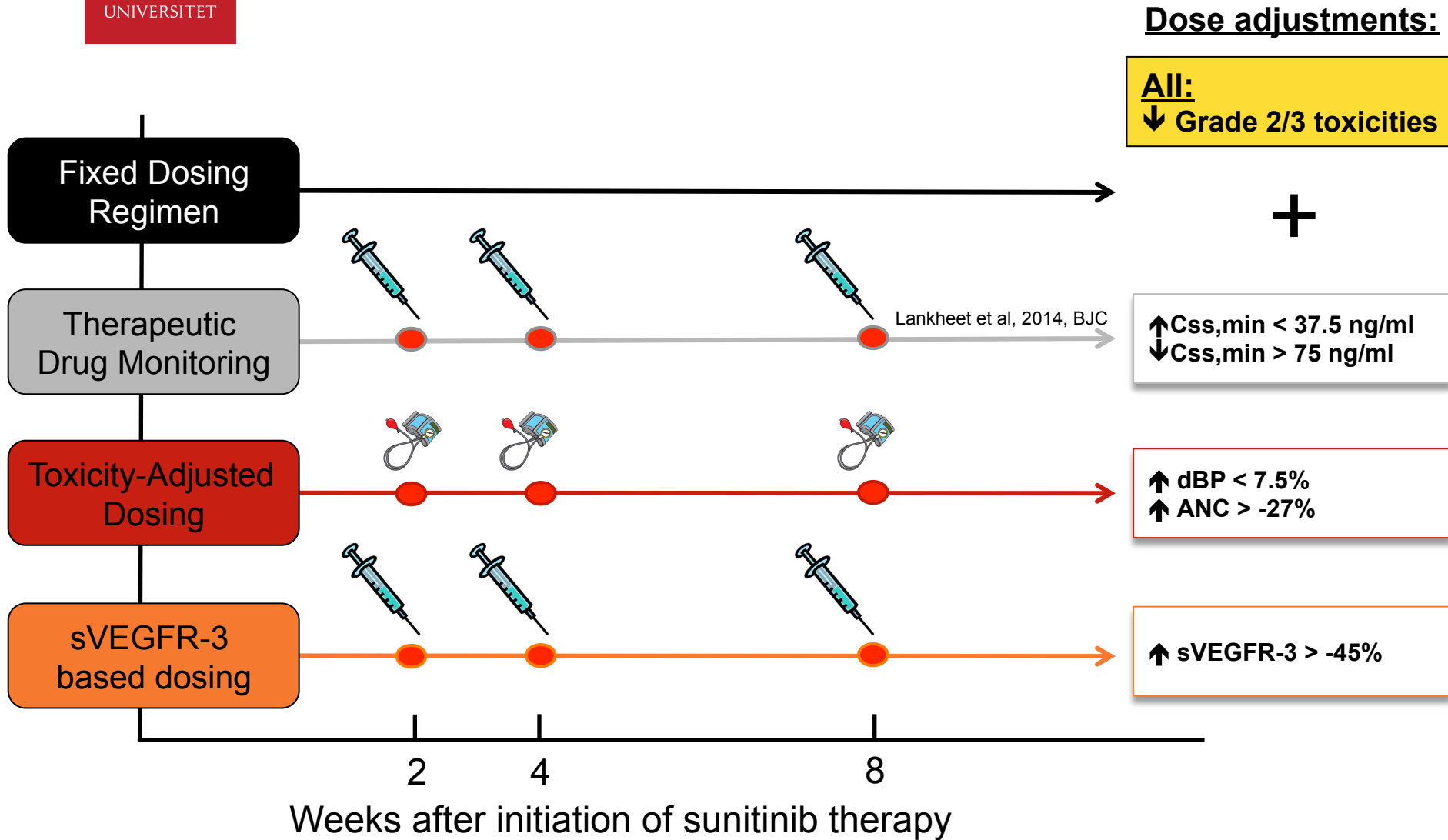


# Biomarker-based dose adaptations

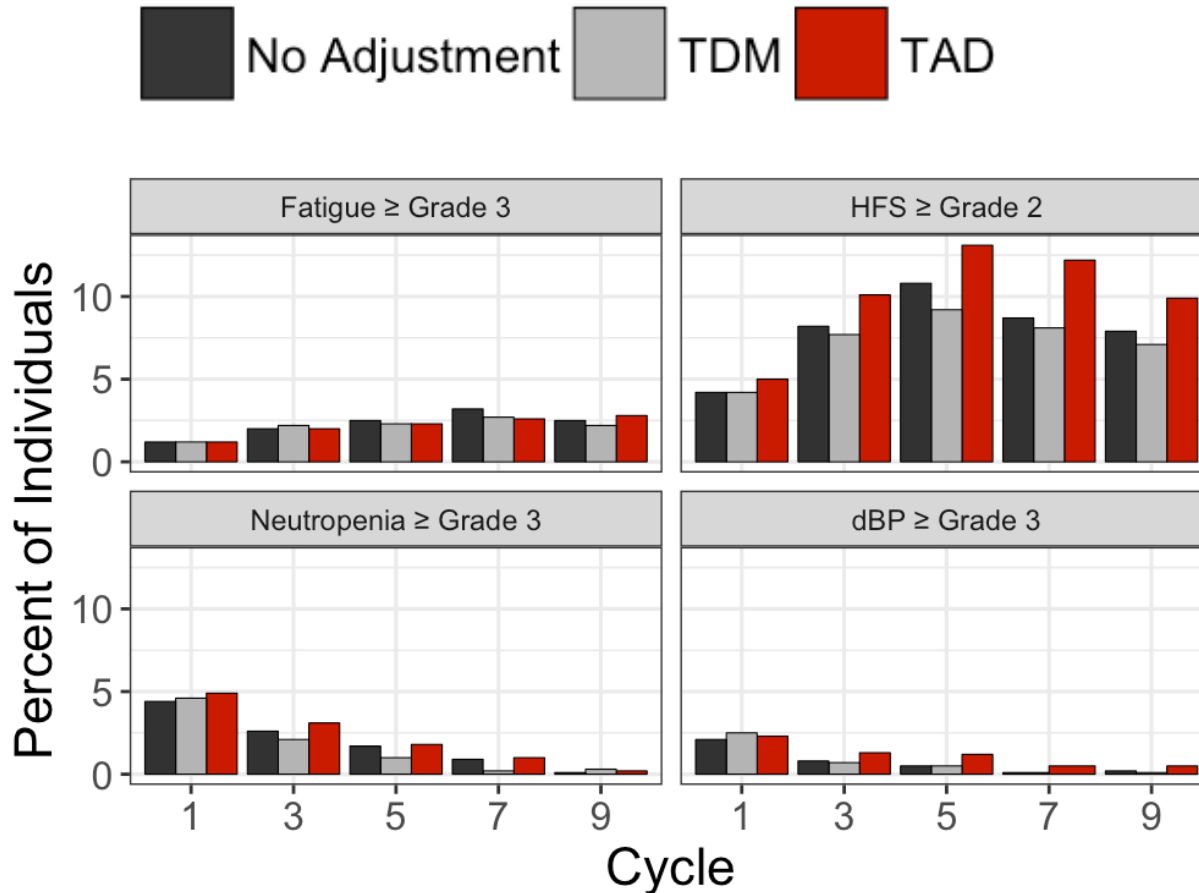




# Schedule for dose individualisation



# Comparison of biomarkers: adverse events



Daily observations of adverse events

Simulation with 1000 individuals

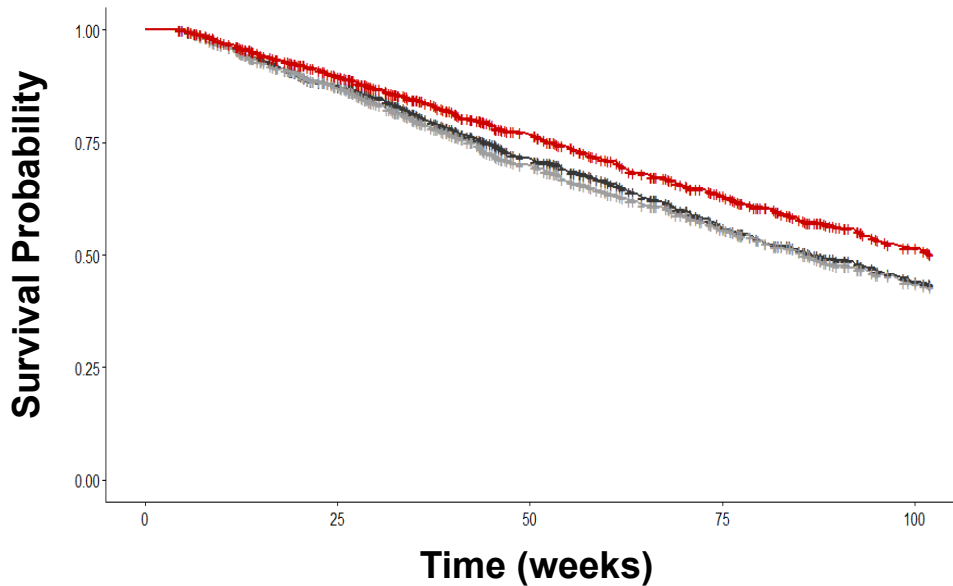
1 cycle = 6 weeks of sunitinib therapy



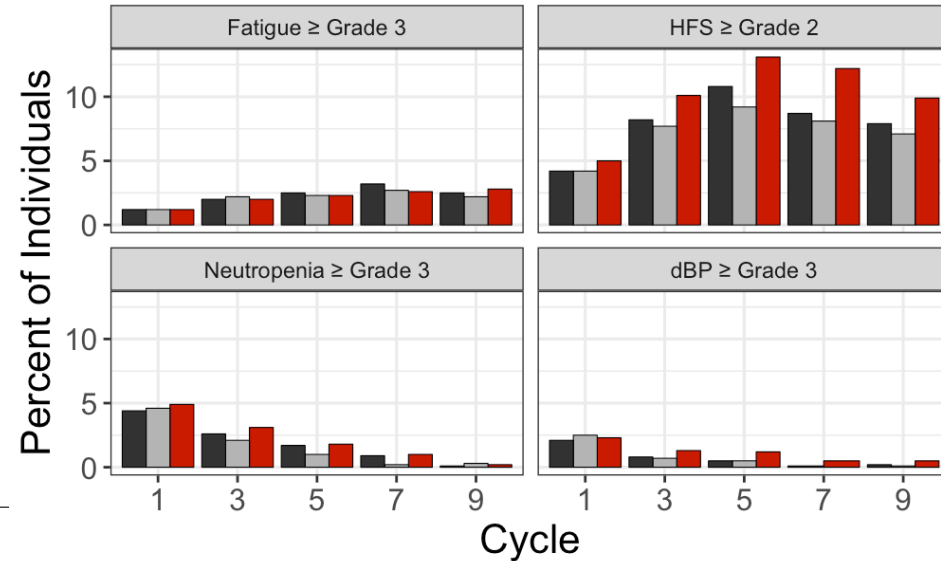
# Comparison of biomarkers



### Overall Survival



### Adverse Events

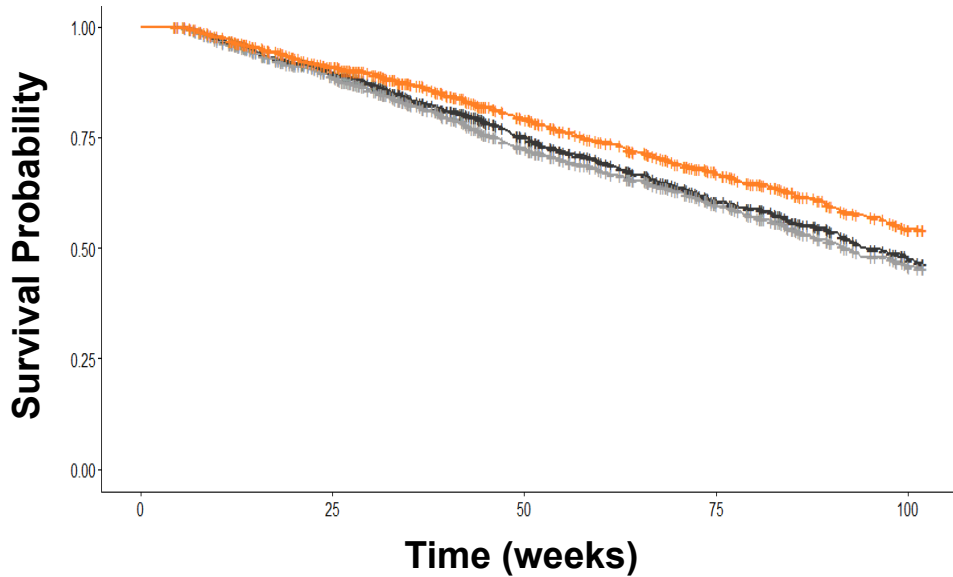




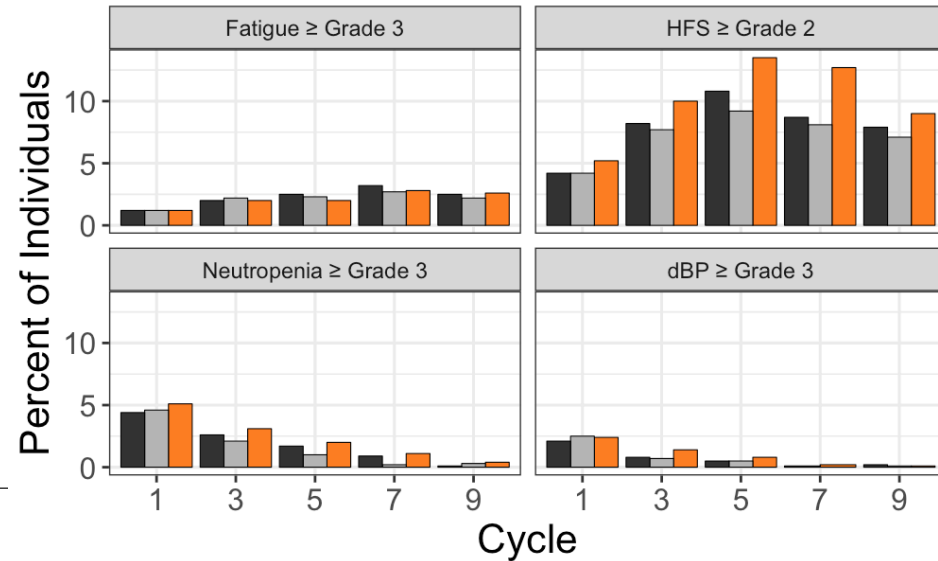
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# Model-based dose individualisation

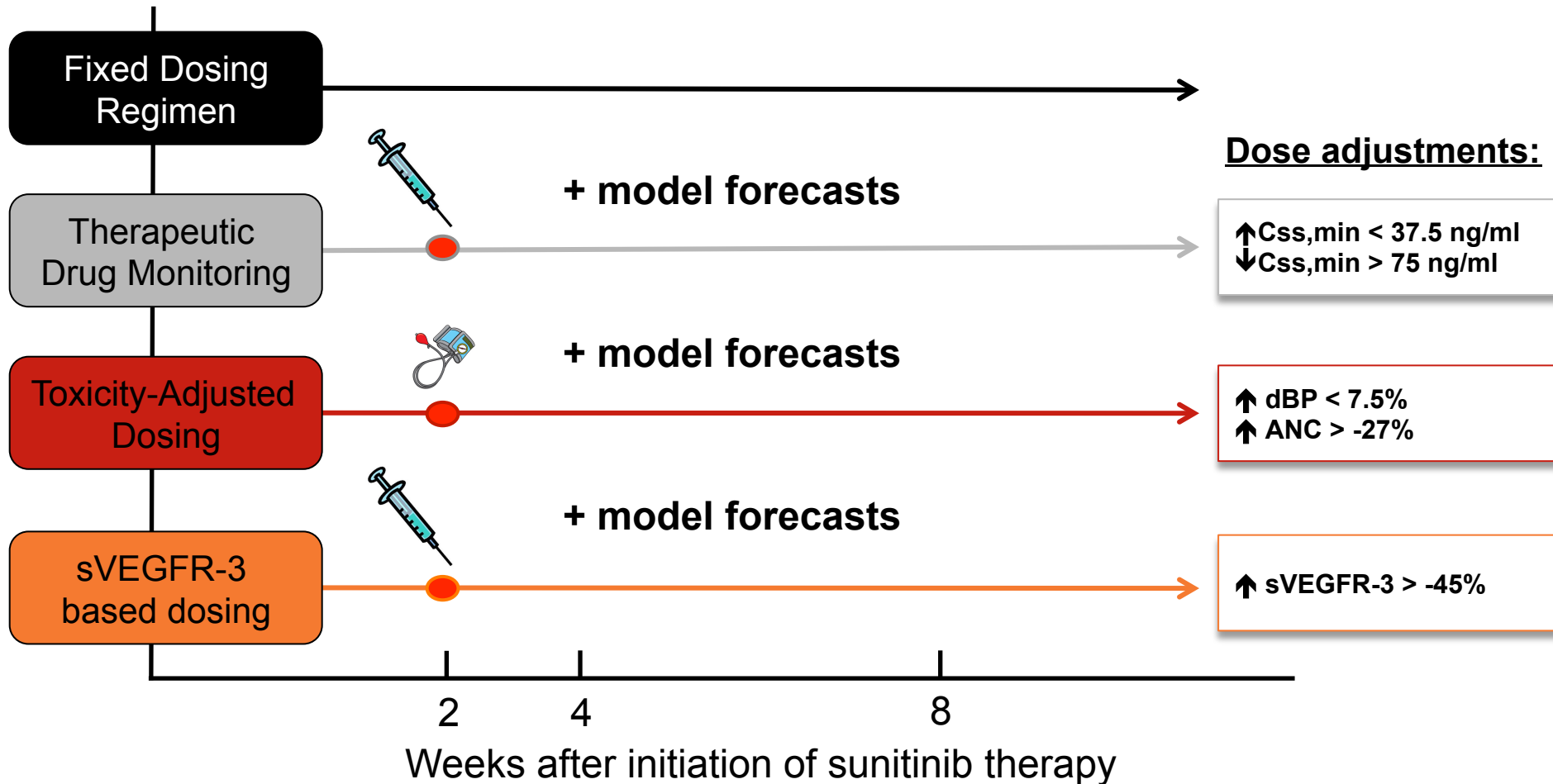
Neutropenia

Diastolic Blood  
Pressure

sVEGFR-3

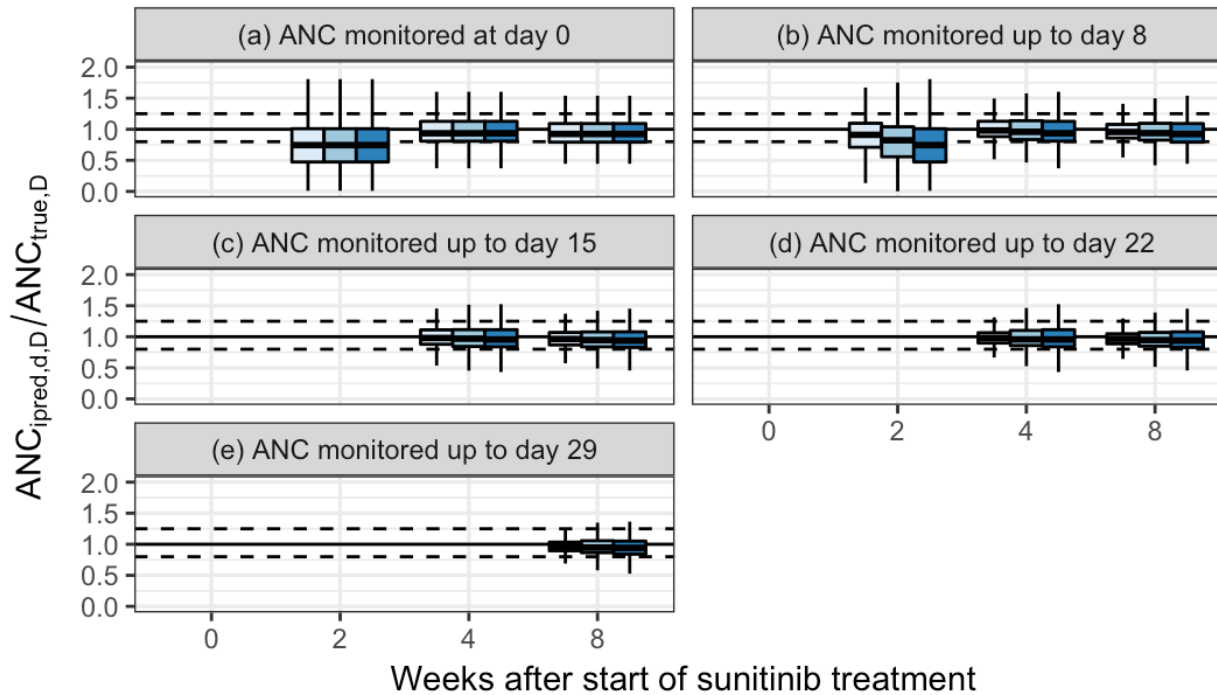


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# Accuracy of neutropenia forecasts

Monitoring frequency  Daily  Weekly  Biweekly



Accuracy at **Week 4:**

Daily: **86%**  
Weekly: **78%**  
Biweekly: **74%**

$$ANC = \frac{ANC(t) - 5}{5}$$

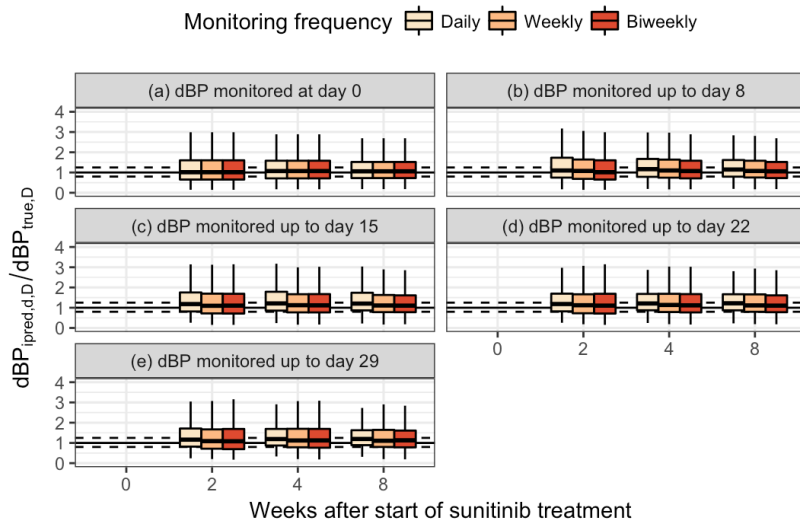
Results are based upon the CD schedule (37.5 mg)

Accuracy = 80-125% true value

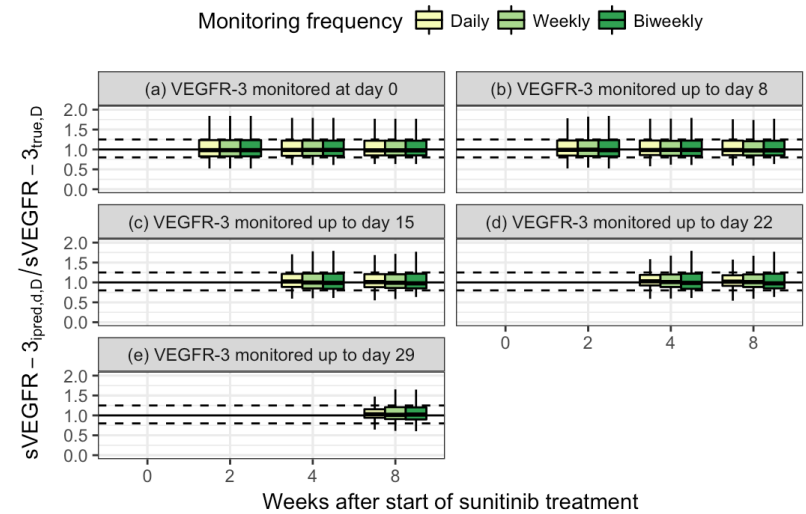
\* ANC = absolute neutrophil count



# Accuracy of dBP and sVEGFR-3 forecasts



dBP = diastolic blood pressure



sVEGFR-3 = soluble VEGFR-3

**Daily:** 35%  
**Weekly:** 28%  
**Biweekly:** 28%

Accuracy  
at  
**Week 4:**

Based on the  
CD schedule  
(37.5 mg)

$$dBP = \frac{dBP(t) - BASE_{dBP}}{BASE_{dBP}}$$

**Daily:** 75%  
**Weekly:** 67%  
**Biweekly:** 65%

$$sVEGFR-3 = \frac{sVEGFR-3(t) - BASE_{sVEGFR-3}}{BASE_{sVEGFR-3}}$$

1. A pharmacometric framework including both clinical outcomes and adverse effects provides an integrated approach to answer clinically relevant questions:
  - Provides an overview of the consequences of a dose change on multiple relevant outcomes
  - Enables consideration of interaction between variables
2. For sunitinib in GIST:
  - The suggested algorithm for TDM (concentration) was not predicted to improve OS
  - The suggested algorithm for Toxicity adjusted dosing (TAD) was predicted to improve OS
  - A sVEGFR-3 target was defined which resulted in similar OS and AEs as TAD
  - Next step: Optimize the biomarker cut-off points as well as the sampling schedules

3. Neutrophil counts and sVEGFR-3 appear reliable for forecasting:
  - Early measurements shown to predict later measurements
  - Next step: The predictive performance of early measurements to predict individual hazard of death

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