

Pharmacokinetics of regorafenib in the phase 3 CONCUR and CORRECT trials in patients with metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC)

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BACKGROUND

- Regorafenib is an oral multikinase inhibitor that blocks the activity of multiple protein kinases involved in the regulation of angiogenesis, oncogenesis, and the tumor microenvironment¹
- The randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter phase 3 CORRECT and CONCUR trials showed that regorafenib 160 mg once daily (3 weeks on/1 week off) improves overall survival in patients with treatment-refractory mCRC^{2,3}
- The CORRECT trial (NCT01103323) included 760 patients from North America, Europe, Israel, Australia, and Asia (China, n=4; Japan, n=100)²
- The CONCUR trial (NCT01584830) included Asian patients (n=204) mostly from mainland China (n=129), but also included patients from Hong Kong (n=23), South Korea (n=20), Taiwan (n=20), and Vietnam (n=12)³

OBJECTIVE

- The aim of this analysis was to estimate and compare the exposure (AUC) of regorafenib and its two pharmacologically active metabolites (M-2 and M-5) in the CONCUR and CORRECT patient populations, including in a subset of CONCUR patients from mainland China

METHODS

- In CONCUR and CORRECT, patients with treatment-refractory mCRC received regorafenib 160 mg once daily (3 weeks on/1 week off); sparse pharmacokinetic (PK) sampling for population PK (pop-PK) analysis was included for a subset of these patients (N=479):

- CORRECT, n=381
 - White, n=310
 - Asian, n=45 (41 from Japan, none from mainland China)
 - Other, n=26
- CONCUR, n=98 (all Asian)
 - Mainland China, n=54
 - South Korea, n=14
 - Taiwan, n=13
 - Hong Kong, n=8
 - Vietnam, n=9

- The AUC_{(0-24),ss} values for regorafenib M-2 and M-5 were estimated using a pop-PK analysis based on sparse samples (2–5 samples per patient in CORRECT and 4 samples per patient in CONCUR) determined by a previously developed pop-PK model for regorafenib

- The pop-PK model was developed to describe the PK of regorafenib, M-2, and M-5⁴
 - The model was based on 617 patients who were enrolled in 2 phase 1 and 2 phase 3 studies and who received oral regorafenib 10–220 mg QD (3 weeks on/1 week off)
 - The pop-PK model accurately described the individual PK observations; covariate analysis identified a number of patient demographics and clinical characteristics with significant impact on exposure to regorafenib and its metabolites; however, these covariates accounted for only a small portion of the overall variability in regorafenib exposure

RESULTS

Regorafenib

- The range of individual AUC_{(0-24),ss} values for regorafenib was similar between patients in CONCUR (20.7–184 mg·h/L) in comparison to patients in CORRECT (19.2–311 mg·h/L) (Figure 1)
- Regorafenib exposure in mainland Chinese patients from CONCUR was similar to the values in patients (Asian and non-Asian) from either CONCUR or CORRECT (Figure 1)
- The geometric mean AUC_{(0-24),ss} was 64.4 mg·h/L in all CONCUR patients and 69.5 mg·h/L in the CONCUR patients from mainland China; 72.9 mg·h/L in all CORRECT patients and 69.5 mg·h/L in CORRECT patients from Asia (Table 1)
- Variability in regorafenib exposure was characterized by coefficient of variation (CV) ranging from 41% to 48%

Figure 1: Individual patient AUC_{(0-24),ss} estimates for regorafenib from patients in CORRECT, CONCUR, and from the subset of patients from mainland China in CONCUR

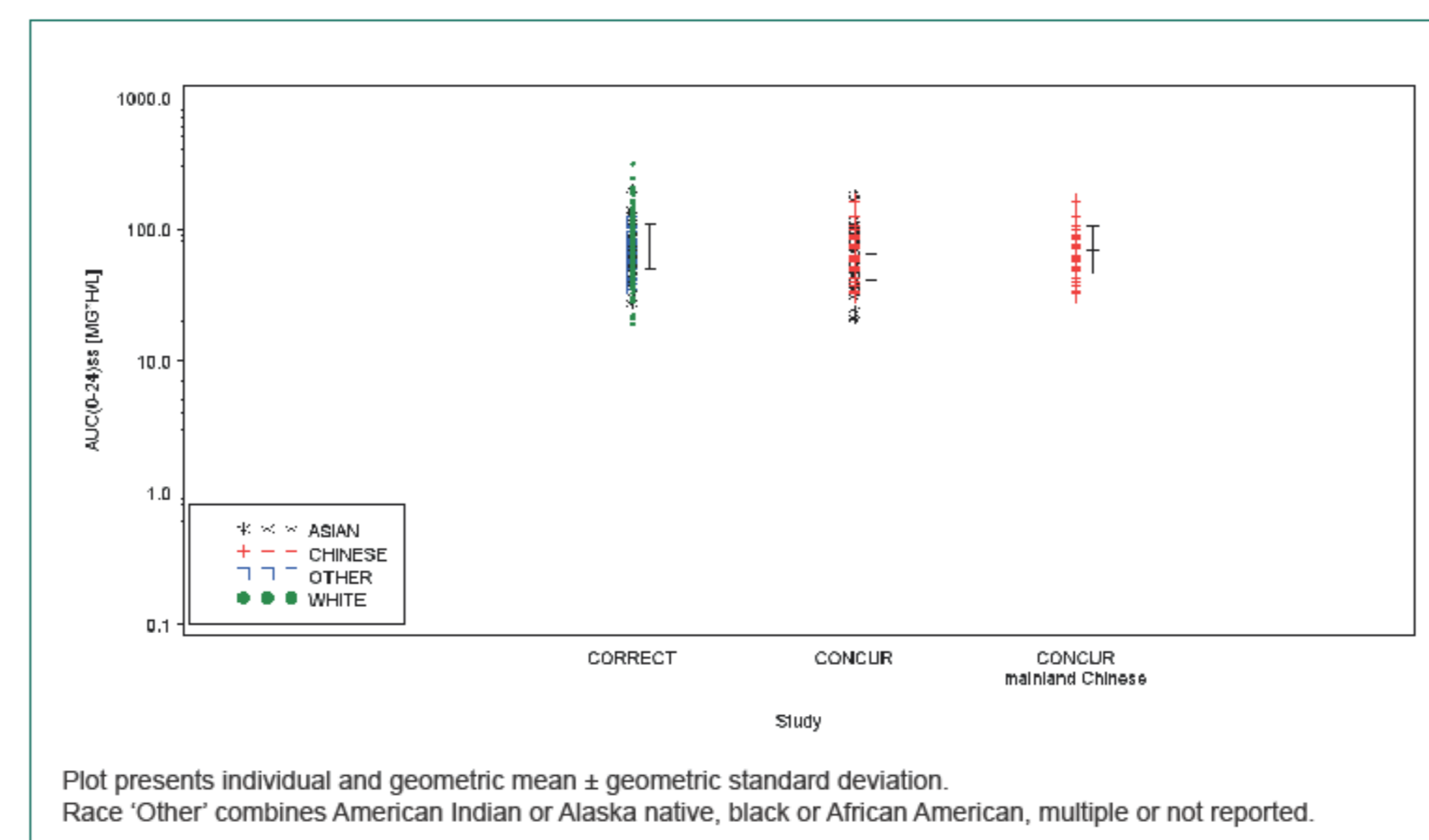


Table 1: Summary statistics for regorafenib AUC_{(0-24),ss} in all patients and patient subsets from CORRECT and CONCUR

Study	n	Population	Geometric mean, mg·h/L	CV, %	Range, mg·h/L
CORRECT	381	All*	72.9	41	(19.2–311)
CORRECT	45	Asian	68.1	43	(27.4–200)
CONCUR	98	All (Asian) [†]	64.4	48	(20.7–184)
CONCUR	54	Mainland Chinese	69.5	42	(30.0–172)

*Includes white, Asian, and black patients.
[†]Includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, and mainland China.
 CV, coefficient of variation.

M-2

- The M-2 metabolite exposure was similar in the CONCUR (2.2–233 mg·h/L) and CORRECT (3.5–295 mg·h/L) patient populations (Figure 2)
- Geometric mean AUC_{(0-24),ss} estimate for M-2 in CONCUR patients from mainland China (47.8 mg·h/L) was similar to that observed in all CONCUR patients (42.4 mg·h/L), as well as similar to the values in Asian patients and overall patient population from CORRECT (49.7 mg·h/L and 56.7 mg·h/L, respectively) (Table 2)
- Variability in M-2 was higher than for regorafenib, as evidenced by CVs ranging from 71% to 108% for M-2 AUC_{(0-24),ss}

Figure 2: Individual patient AUC_{(0-24),ss} estimates for regorafenib metabolite M-2 from patients in CORRECT, CONCUR, and from the subset of patients from mainland China in CONCUR

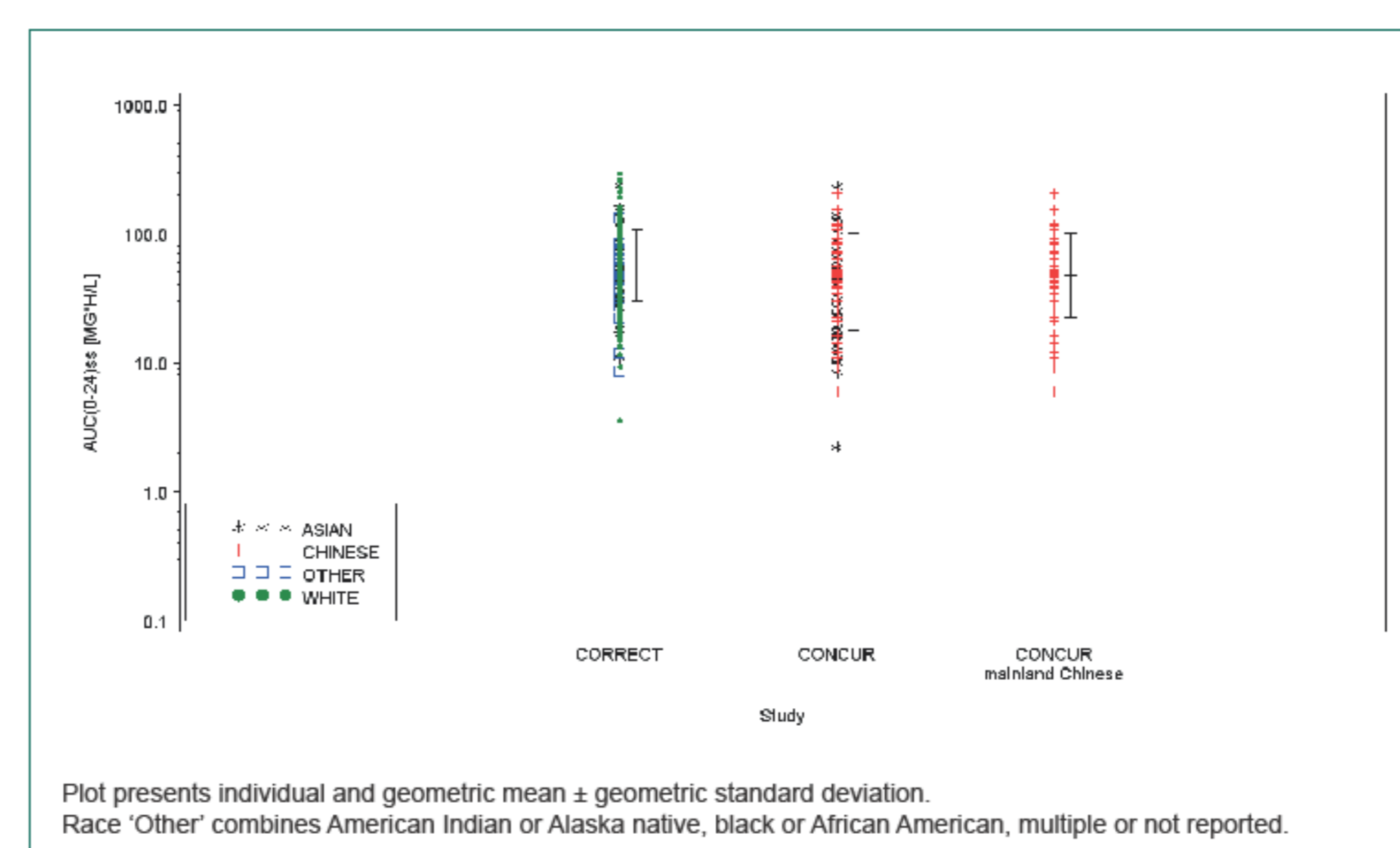


Table 2: Summary statistics for regorafenib metabolite M-2 AUC_{(0-24),ss} in all patients and patient subsets from CORRECT and CONCUR

Study	n	Population	Geometric mean, mg·h/L	CV, %	Range, mg·h/L
CORRECT	381	All*	56.7	71	(3.5–295)
CORRECT	45	Asian	49.7	73	(10.9–237)
CONCUR	98	All (Asian) [†]	42.4	108	(2.2–233)
CONCUR	54	Mainland Chinese	47.8	88	(6.0–206)

*Includes white, Asian, and black patients.
[†]Includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, and mainland China.
 CV, coefficient of variation.

M-5

- The M-5 metabolite exposure was highly variable in both studies, with CVs ranging from 166% to 197% (Figure 3; Table 3)
- A slightly lower mean exposure of M-5 was observed in CONCUR compared with CORRECT; however, owing to the high intersubject variability, results should be interpreted with caution
- Geometric mean AUC_{(0-24),ss} estimates for M-5 were 33.1 mg·h/L in the 98 CONCUR patients from Asia, 36.4 mg·h/L in the 54 CONCUR patients from mainland China, 44.9 mg·h/L in the 45 CORRECT patients from Asia, and 54.7 mg·h/L in the overall CORRECT population (Table 3)

Figure 3: Individual patient AUC_{(0-24),ss} estimates for regorafenib metabolite M-5 from patients in CORRECT, CONCUR, and from the subset of patients from mainland China in CONCUR

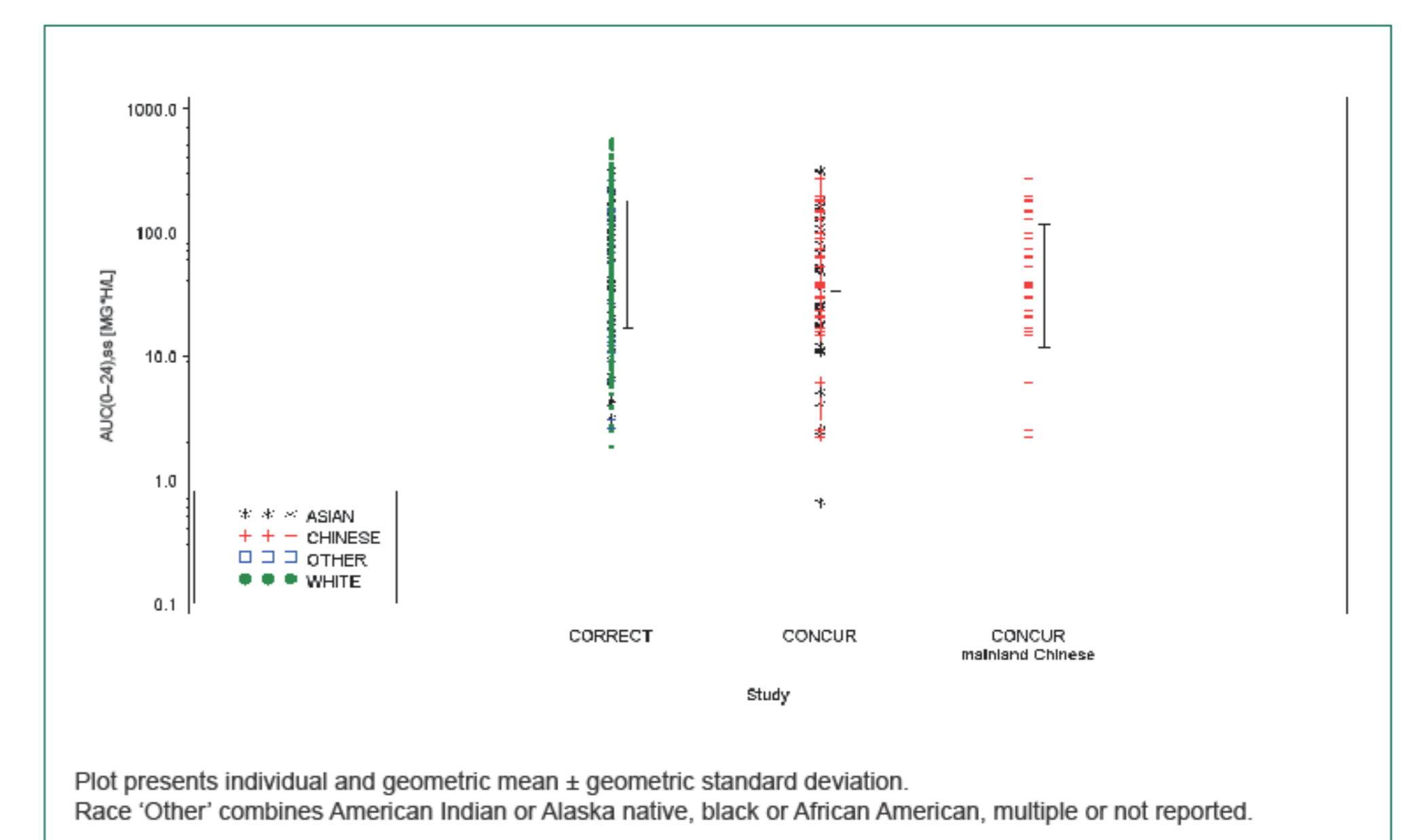


Table 3: Summary statistics for regorafenib metabolite M-5 AUC_{(0-24),ss} in all patients and patient subsets from CORRECT and CONCUR

Study	n	Population	Geometric mean, mg·h/L	CV, %	Range, mg·h/L
CORRECT	381	All*	54.7	174	(1.9–555)
CORRECT	45	Asian	44.9	186	(3.1–315)
CONCUR	98	All (Asian) [†]	33.1	197	(0.7–312)
CONCUR	54	Mainland Chinese	36.4	166	(2.2–266)

*Includes white, Asian, and black patients.
[†]Includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, Vietnam, and mainland China.
 CV, coefficient of variation.

CONCLUSIONS

- Similar exposure values of regorafenib and its pharmacologically active metabolites M-2 and M-5 were observed in Asian patients with mCRC enrolled in CONCUR when compared with both Asian and overall mCRC patient populations from CORRECT
- No notable differences in regorafenib and M-2 and M-5 exposures were observed between patients with mCRC from mainland China and patients from other geographical areas and of different ethnicities
- These data suggest that regorafenib exposure in mCRC patients is not influenced by ethnicity

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