

Supplementary data for the following article:

**The impact of iron supplementation for treating anemia in patients with Chronic Kidney Disease:  
Results from pairwise and network meta-analyses**

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Figure S1. Inconsistency plots on random effects for the SUCRA assessable iron supplements values in the subgroups of (a) patients in the KDIGO GFR categories 3A to 5, and (b) dialysis patients.

Panel S1. Search strategy formulae and search results.

**Table S1.** Participants, interventions, comparators, and outcomes in  
 (a) The trials that provided numerical data for the meta-analysis.<sup>&</sup>

Trial Details	Design	Follow-up (in wks)	Participants/population Characteristics	Interventions (n)	Comparators (n)	Outcomes	Co-interventions
<b>FACT</b> NCT01227616 USA, Canada and UK [1].	RCT	55	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 58.8 (14.0), 58.4, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Ferumoxytol IV 2 x 510 mg during 1 wk repeatable at the end of eleven 5-wk TPs (196).	Iron sucrose IV 10 x 100 mg in 10 HD sessions repeatable at the end of eleven 5-wk TPs (97).	Changes in Hgb and TSAT. ≥1.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. Intensification of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> TEAE. Oxidative stress parameters. MRI-based iron load.	Fixed ESA dosing during each 5-wk TP, but adjustable dosing inter 5-wk TPs. Blood transfusions.
<b>PIVOTAL</b> EudraCT 2013-002267-25 UK [2].	RCT STR	168	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 62.8 (15.0), 65.3, 44.4. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): DM (33.5), TIN/HTN (27.4), GN/AID (18.6), unknown/other (15.0), ADPKD (5.5).	Iron sucrose IV 400 mg/4 wks (1093).	Iron sucrose IV 100–200 mg/4 wks (1048).	MACE, HF, death. Intensification of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> TEAE. Quality of life.	Adjustable ESA dosing. Blood transfusions.
<b>COSMOS study 2015</b> NCT01222884 India, UK, Russia, EU, Switzerland,	RCT STR	8	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 59.9 (15.9), 65.8, 33.9. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron isomaltoside IV 500 mg during the 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (117). Iron isomaltoside IV	Iron sucrose IV 100 + 100 + 200 mg during 4 wks (117).	Hgb 9.5 to 12.5 g/dL. Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, Fe, and Ret. TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing.

and USA [3].				100 + 200 + 200 mg during 4 wks (117).		Quality of life.	
<b>Princess Alexandra Hospital study</b> ACTRN1260800 0186358 Australia [4].	RCT	12	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>@</sup> 46.4 (12.7), 73.0, 3.0. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): GN/AID (45.0), unknown/other (34.0), ADPKD (14.0), TIN/HTN (4.0), DM (3.0).	Iron polymaltose IV 500 mg during the 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (51).	Iron sulphate PO 2 x 100 mg/d (51).	Hgb ≥11.0 g/dL. Initiation of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> TEAE. Acute graft rejection.	Initiation of ESA if required (not all participants on ESA therapy). Blood transfusions. CNI-based immunosuppressive therapy.
<b>Ferumoxytol authorization studies</b> NCT00233597 USA [5, 6].	RCT	5	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 60.2 (13.7), 56.5, 42.6. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): DM (42.6), TIN/HTN (34.3), unknown/other (15.2), GN/AID (7.9).	Ferumoxytol IV 2 x 510 mg during the 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (114).	Iron fumarate PO 4 x 50 mg/day for 3 wks (116).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, Fe, TIBC, and CChr. ≥1.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>DRIVE &amp; DRIVE II</b> NCT00224081 USA [7, 8].	RCT STR	12	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 59.2 (14.7), 50.4, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron gluconate IV 8 x 125 mg in 8 HD sessions (68).	Non-iron (66).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and CChr. ≥2.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. Change in CRP.	25% increase in ESA dosing at randomization.
<b>Beijing Chaoyang Hospital study</b> China [9–11].	RCT	12	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 55.8 (14.2), 43.8, 14.7. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): DM (47.8), TIN/HTN (32.6), unknown/other (17.4), ADPKD (2.2).	Iron sucrose IV 200 mg/wk for 4 wks followed by 100 mg/wk for 8 wks (102).	Iron succinate PO 3 x 200 mg/d for 12 wks (92).	Changes in Hb, Hct, SF, TSAT, and Ret. ≥1.5 to 3.0 g/dL increase in Hgb or ≥5% to 10% in Hct.	Fixed ESA dosing.

<b>US Venofer CT study 2006</b> USA [12].	RCT STR	8	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%):\$ 54.0 (15.1), 56.6, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron sucrose IV 300 + 300 + 400 mg during 4 wks (80).	Non-iron (46).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and Fe. ≥0.75-1.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. Intensification of ESA therapy, increase of iron supplement dosing and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> TEAE.	Adjustable ESA dosing. Blood transfusions.
<b>KfH Dialysis Centre study</b> Germany [13].	RCT	24	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%):\$ 59.0 (15.0), 44.0, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron sucrose IV 250 mg/4 wks (27).	Iron gluconate IV 62.5 mg/wk (28).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and Fe. Intensification of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup> TEAE.	Adjustable ESA dosing. Stop of iron supplement if Hgb ≥12.5 g/dL or SF ≥1000 µg/L.
<b>Barts study</b> UK [14].	RCT	16	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%):\$ 53.0 (13.7), 56.8, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron dextran IV 250 mg/2 wks (12).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 200 mg/d (13). Non-iron (12).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, Fe, and TIBC. Intensification of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup>	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>Winthrop University Hospital study</b> USA [15].	RCT	16	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%):\$ 49.5 (9.3), 59.6, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron dextran IV 2 x 100 mg/wk (20).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d or iron polysaccharide PO 2 x 150 mg/d (36).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. Intensification of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup>	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>KCH/RAH studies</b> NCT01052779 NCT01114204 Global [16–18].	RCT	5	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%):€ 51.1 (15.9), 56.8, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 15.4/10.4 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Ferumoxytol IV 2 x 510 mg during the 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (486).	Iron sucrose IV 10 x 100 mg in 10 HD sessions or 5 x 200 mg during 2 wks	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. ≥1.0 to 2.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. Hgb ≥12.0 g/dL.	Adjustable ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy). Blood

					(281).	Intensification of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup> TEAE.	transfusions.
<b>Luitpold Pharma study</b> NCT00548691 USA [19].	RCT	4	Mean age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>¶</sup> 60.2 (12.6), 39.2, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 18.9/81.1 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	FCM IV 750 to 1000 mg during the 1 <sup>st</sup> wk or 200 mg into 1 HD session (258).	Various iron supplements therapy options (IV and PO) including non-iron option (259).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. ≥1.0 g/dL increase in Hgb. Hgb ≥12.0 g/dL. TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>COSMOS study 2016</b> NCT01102413 India, UK, EU, and USA [20].	RCT	8	Mean age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>£</sup> 57.7 (15.8), 44.4, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron isomaltoside IV 1000 mg (single dose or two split doses of 500 mg) during 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (233).	Iron sulphate PO 2 × 100 mg/d (118).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, Fe, and TIBC. TEAE. Quality of life.	None.
<b>REVOKE</b> USA [21].	RCT	96	Mean age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>£</sup> 65.5 (11.3), 76.5, 43.4. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron sucrose IV 200 mg/2 wks for 8 wks (67).	Iron sulphate PO 3 × 325 mg/d for 8 wks (69).	Change in Hgb. Intensification of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> Change in eGFR and proteinuria. Quality of life.	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy). Blood transfusions.
<b>CCF-II study</b> Italy [22].	RCT	12	Mean age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>£</sup> 50.4 (15.5), 56.8, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): GN/AID (30.0), DM (27.5), unknown/other (24.5), ADPKD (18.0).	Iron gluconate IV 125 mg/wk (37).	Liposomal iron PO 30/70 mg/d (69).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. ≥0.6 g/dL increase in Hgb.	Fixed ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).

<b>FIND-CKD</b> NCT00994318 Global [23].	RCT	56	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>f</sup> 69.3 (13.4), 63.0, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	FCM IV 1000 + 500–1000 mg/4 wks for 48 wks (155). FCM IV 2000 + 2000 mg/4 wks for 48 wks (154).	Iron sulphate PO 2 x 100 mg/d for 52 wks (317).	≥1 g/dL increase in Hgb. Hgb ≥10.0 g/dL. Initiation of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> Change in eGFR. TEAE. Quality of life.	Initiation of ESA if required after 8 wks post-randomization (not all participants on ESA therapy). Blood transfusions.
<b>REPAIR-IDA</b> NCT00981045 USA [24].	RCT STR	14	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>¶</sup> 67.3 (13.0), 76.5, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 94.3/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	FCM IV 2 x 750 mg during 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (1290).	Iron sucrose IV 5 x 200 mg during 2 wks (1294).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. ≥1 g/dL increase in Hgb. TEAE.	Adjustable ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>Ferumoxytol authorization studies</b> NCT00255424 USA [5, 25–27].	RCT	5	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>¶</sup> 65.6 (13.2), 46.2, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 98.3/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Ferumoxytol IV 2 x 510 mg during 1 <sup>st</sup> wk (454).	Iron fumarate PO 4 x 50 mg/d for 3 wks (153).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, Fe, TIBC, and CHr. ≥1 g/dL increase in Hgb. TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>Qunibi et al., 2011</b> USA [28].	RCT	8	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>e</sup> 66.1 (13.1), 32.6, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	FCM IV 1000 + 500 + 500 mg during 4 wks (152).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d (103).	≥1 g/dL increase in Hb. Changes in Hgb and SF. Initiation of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup> TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>McMahon et al., 2010</b> Australia [29].	RCT	48	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>f</sup> 69.5 (10.0), 73.0, 47.0. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT	Iron sucrose IV 100–200 mg/8 wks (52).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d (48).	Change in Hgb. Change in eGFR and time of	Initiation of ESA if required.

			(%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.			commencing dialysis. Initiation of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup> Quality of life.	
<b>US Venofer CT study 2005</b> USA [30].	RCT STR	8	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>f</sup> 63.1 (13.5), 32.3, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA	Iron sucrose IV 2 x 500 mg or 5 x 200 mg during 2 wks (95).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d (93).	≥1 g/dL increase in Hb. Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and CHr. TEAE.	Adjustable ESA dosing (not all participants on ESA therapy).
<b>Venofer CS study</b> USA [31].	RCT	6	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>f</sup> 61.0 (14.2), 65.6, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron sucrose IV 5 x 200 mg during 4 wks (48).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d for 4 wks (48).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. Hgb >11.0 g/dL. TEAE.	Fixed ESA dosing.
<b>St James's University Hospital study</b> UK [32].	RCT	24	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>f</sup> 59.3 (13.7), 55.6, 11.1. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): unknown/other (33.4), GN/AID (22.2), TIN/HTN (20.0), ADPKD (13.3), DM (11.1).	Iron sucrose IV 300 mg/4 wks (22).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 200 mg/d (23).	Changes in Hgb and SF. Hgb ≥12.0 g/dL. Intensification of ESA therapy. <sup>§</sup>	Fixed ESA dosing.

(b) The trials that did not provide numerical data for the meta-analysis.&

Trial Details	Design	Follow-up (in wks)	Participants/population Characteristics	Interventions (n)	Comparators (n)	Outcomes	Co-interventions
<b>Second Xiangya Hospital study China [33].</b>	RCT	8	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 50.5 (1.6), 70.7, 19.0. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): TIN/HTN (58.6), DM (19.0), unknown/other (15.5), ADPKD (6.9).	Iron sucrose IV 2 x 25 mg/wk (19). Iron sucrose IV 100 mg/2 wks (20).	Non-iron (20). Healthy controls (20).	Changes in Hb, Hct, SF, TSAT, and oxidative stress parameters.	Adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>Mackay Memorial Hospital study Taiwan [34].</b>	RCT	24	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 60.8 (13.6), 49.0, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron sucrose IV 100 mg/wk for 8 wks (51).	Iron chloride PO 100 mg/wk for 8 wks (47).	Changes in Hgb, SF and TSAT. Intensification of ESA therapy and/or need of blood transfusions. <sup>§</sup>	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing. Blood transfusions.
<b>Sheashaa et al., 2005 Egypt [35].</b>	RCT	24	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 39.5 (13.6), 68.8, 0.0. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): TIN/HTN (41.7), GN/AID (27.1), unknown/other (22.9), ADPKD (8.3).	Iron saccharate IV 2 x 100 mg/wk for 8 wks followed by 100 mg/wk for 16 wks (22).	Iron gluconate IV 2 x 62.5 mg/wk for 8 wks followed by 62.5 mg/wk for 16 wks (26).	Changes in Hb, Hct, SF, TSAT, and Fe. TEAE.	None.
<b>Aggarwal et al., 2003 India [36].</b>	RCT	12	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 46.0 (17.0), 72.5, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%): 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron dextran IV 100 mg/2 wks (20).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 200 mg/d (20).	Changes in Hb, SF, TSAT, Fe, TIBC, and BMIS.	Fixed ESA dosing.
<b>Nissenson et al., 1999</b>	RCT	7	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 54.8 (17.3), 41.6, NA.	Iron gluconate IV 8 x 62.5 mg in	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d	Changes in Hb, Hct, SF, and TSAT.	Fixed ESA dosing.

USA [37].			KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	8 HD sessions (47). Iron gluconate IV 8 x 125 mg in 8 HD sessions (41).	or iron gluconate PO 3 x 650 mg/d (25).	TEAE.	
<b>Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center study</b> USA [38].	RCT	20	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 55.5 (11.0), 32.4, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron dextran IV 100 mg/wk (18).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d (19).	Changes in Hb, SF and TSAT.	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>Svára et al., 1996</b> Czech Republic [39].	RCT	6	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> 61.0 (6.0), 62.0, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron saccharate IV 100 mg/wk (30).	Iron sulphate PO 3 x 325 mg/d (31).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and Fe.	Adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>Royal London Hospital study</b> UK [40].	RCT CO	52	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>\$</sup> NA, NA, NA. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 0.0/100.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron dextran IV 100 mg/2 wks (15).	Iron sulphate PO 325 mg/d (15).	Changes in Hgb, MCH, MCHC, TSAT, Fe, TIBC, and BMIS.	None.
<b>Ottawa Hospital study</b> NCT00318812 Canada [41].	RCT	24	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>c</sup> 71.0 (10.0), 62.5, 37.5. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): DM (37.5), TIN/HTN (32.5), Unknown/other (30.0)	Iron sucrose IV 200 mg/4 wks (22).	HIP PO 3 x 11 mg/d (18)	Changes in Hb, SF, TSAT.	Scheduled adjustable ESA dosing.
<b>RMC study</b> USA [42].	RCT	6	M age in yrs (SD), males (%), DM (%): <sup>e</sup> 63.9 (14.1), 62.5, 37.5. KDIGO GFR G3a–G5/KRT (%) : 100.0/0.0 Causes of CKD (%): NA.	Iron gluconate IV 250 mg/wk for 4 wks (44).	Iron sulphate PO 2 x 325 mg/d (45).	Changes in Hgb, SF, TSAT, and CChr. TEAE. Quality of life.	None.

<sup>&</sup>Regardless of their inclusion in the meta-analysis, all the studies eligible were included in the systematic review.

<sup>\$</sup>Study participants were ESKD patients, who had yet started KRT (only HD and PD modalities).

<sup>€</sup>Study participants were individuals with NKF/CKD KDIGO GFR categories G1–G2, patients with CKD KDIGO GFR categories G3a–G5, and patients treated with chronic dialysis.

<sup>£</sup>Study participants were individuals with CKD KDIGO GFR categories G3a–G5.

<sup>¥</sup>Study participants were individuals with CKD KDIGO GFR categories G3a–G5 and dialysis patients.

<sup>¶</sup>Study participants were individuals with NKF/CKD KDIGO GFR categories G1–G2 and patients with CKD KDIGO GFR categories G3a–G5 but not dialysis patients.

<sup>¤</sup>Study participants were kidney transplant recipients in their early post-transplant period.

<sup>§</sup>Changes in anemia management included: initiation/intensification of ESA therapy, increase/change of iron supplement and need of blood transfusions.

Abbreviations: ADPKD, autosomal-dominant polycystic kidney disease; AID, autoimmune disease; Barts, St Bartholomew's Hospital; BMIS, bone marrow iron store; CCF-II, CKD Clinic of the University Federico II of Naples, Italy; CHr, reticulocyte hemoglobin content; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CNI, calcineurin inhibitor; CO, cross over trial design; COSMOS, Pharmacosmos A/S; CRP, C-reactive protein; DM, diabetes mellitus; DRIVE, Dialysis patients' Response to IV iron with Elevated ferritin; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESA, erythropoiesis-stimulating agent; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; GN, glomerulonephritis; HD, hemodialysis; HF, heart failure; HTN, hypertension; KCH, King's College Hospital; KDIGO; Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; KfH, Kuratorium für Dialyse und Nierentransplantation e.V.; KRT, kidney replacement therapy; FACT, Ferumoxytol for Anemia of CKD Trial; FCM, ferric carboxymaltose; Fe, serum iron; FIND-CKD, Ferinject® assessment in patients with Iron Deficiency anaemia and non-dialysis-dependent Chronic Kidney Disease; Hgb, hemoglobin; Hct, hematocrit; HIP, Heme iron polypeptide; MCH, mean corpuscular hemoglobin; MCHC, mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging; NA, non-available; NKF, normal kidney function; PD, peritoneal dialysis; RAH, Royal Adelaide Hospital; Ret, reticulocyte count; REVOKE, Randomized trial to Evaluate intraVenous and Oral iron in chronic Kidney disease; RMC, Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center; SF, serum ferritin; STR, stratified trial design; TIBC, total iron binding capacity; TIN, tubulo-interstitial nephritis; TP, treatment period; TSAT, transferrin saturation; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; Venofer CS, Venofer Clinical Studies group; US Venofer CT, United States Iron Sucrose (Venofer) Clinical Trials group.

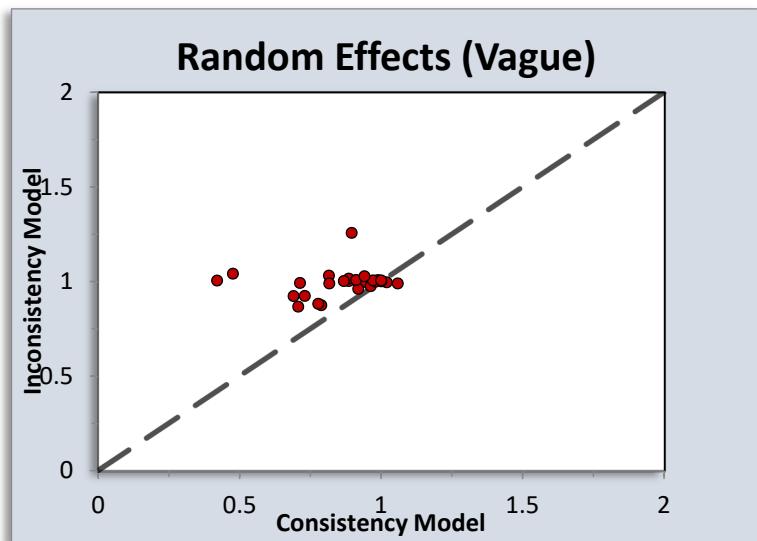
**Table 3.** Risk of bias in the eligible studies.

Trials	Random sequence generation	Allocation concealment	Blinding of participants and personnel	Blinding of outcome assessment	Incomplete outcome data	Selective reporting	Other bias
FACT [1]	L	L	U	U	U	L	U
PIVOTAL [2]	L	L	U	L	U	U	U
COSMOS study 2015 [3]	L	L	U	U	L	L	U
Princess Alexandra Hospital study [4]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
Ferumoxytol authorization studies (dialysis) [5, 6]	L	L	U	L	U	U	U
DRIVE & DRIVE II [7, 8]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
Beijing Chaoyang Hospital study [9–11]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
US Venofer CT study 2006 [12]	L	L	U	U	U	L	U
KfH Dialysis Centre study [13]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
Barts study [14]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
Winthrop University Hospital study [15].	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
KCH/RAH studies [16–18]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
Luitpold Pharma study [19]	L	L	U	U	U	L	U
COSMOS study 2016 [20]	L	L	U	U	L	L	U
REVOKE [21]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
CCF-II study [22]	L	L	U	U	U	L	U
FIND-CKD [23]	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
REPAIR-IDA [24]	L	L	U	L	L	U	U
Ferumoxytol authorization studies (CKD 3A-5) [5, 25–27]	L	L	U	L	U	U	U
Qunibi et al., 2011 [28]	L	L	U	U	L	L	U

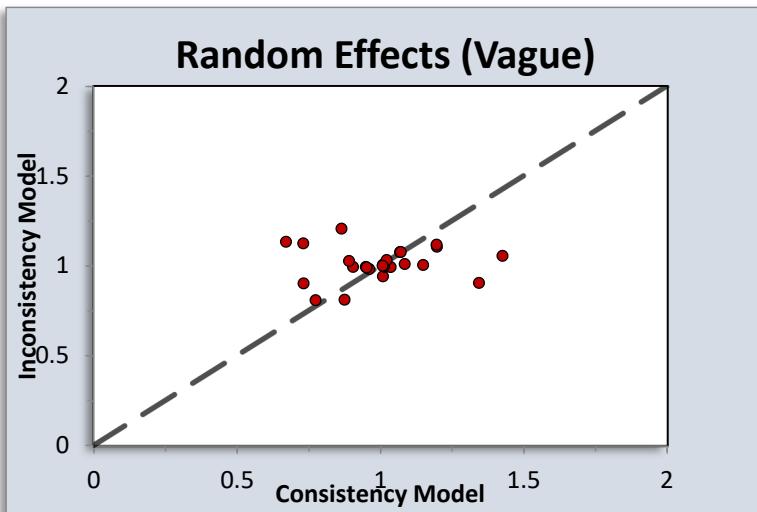
<b>McMahon et al., 2010 [29]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>US Venofer CT study 2005 [30]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Venofer CS study [31]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>St James's University Hospital study [32].</b>	L	L	U	U	L	U	U
<b>Second Xiangya Hospital study [33]</b>	L	U	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Mackay Memorial Hospital study [34]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Sheashaa et al., 2005 [35]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Aggarwal et al., 2003 [36]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Nissenson et al., 1999 [37]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center study [38]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Svára et al., 1996 [39]</b>	L	U	U	U	U	U	U
<b>Royal London Hospital study [40]</b>	L	L	L	U	L	U	U
<b>Ottawa Hospital study [41]</b>	L	L	L	U	L	L	U
<b>RMC study [42]</b>	L	L	U	U	U	U	U

The judgement for each of risk of bias domain is presented as (L), (U) or (H) to indicate low, unclear, or high risk of bias, respectively.

a



b



**Figure S1.** Inconsistency plot on random effects for the SUCRA assessable iron supplements values in the subgroups of (a) patients in the KDIGO GFR categories 3A to 5, and (b) dialysis patients. GFR, Glomerular filtration rate; KDIGO, Kidney Disease—Improving Global Outcomes.

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**Panel S1.** Search strategy formulae and search results.

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"Renal Replacement Therapy"[Mesh]	208388
"Renal Dialysis"[Mesh]	112509
"Hemodiafiltration"[Mesh]	2317
"Hemodialysis, Home"[Mesh]	1915
"Peritoneal Dialysis"[Mesh]	25989
"Peritoneal Dialysis, Continuous Ambulatory"[Mesh]	9911
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