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# Biological half-life of cadmium in the urine of inhabitants after cessation of cadmium exposure

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## Abstract

We investigated the biological half-life of the urinary cadmium concentration (U-Cd) based on a 24-year follow-up study after cessation of cadmium exposure in a cadmium-polluted area. Spot urine samples were obtained from all inhabitants in this area in 1979, 1986, 1991, 1999 and 2003. Biological half-life was calculated in the inhabitants whose U-Cd was more than  $5 \mu\text{g l}^{-1}$  (9 men and 12 women) or  $5 \mu\text{g g}^{-1}$  creatinine (9 men and 19 women) using a one-compartment model. The estimated half-life and 95% confidence intervals were 13.6 years (9.0–28.2 years) and 13.9 years (9.6–25.6 years) for unadjusted U-Cd in men and women, respectively. For creatinine-adjusted U-Cd, they were 14.2 years (11.2–19.4 years) and 23.5 years (17.7–35.0 years) in men and

women, respectively. The biological half-lives of U-Cd obtained in this study were identical with the values of total body burden determined by a different method.

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- biological half-life
- long-term follow-up study
- risk assessment
- human

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