

(15.5) Ten mg ^{238}U has been collected in the kidneys. Considering the biological half-life of uranium and assuming only one α -emission in ^{238}U decay, calculate the dose (in Sv) received by the organs if the uranium is evenly distributed. The weight of a kidney is 150 g.

$$N_A := 6.022137 \cdot 10^{23} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} \quad M_U := 238 \cdot \text{gm} \cdot \text{mole}^{-1} \quad \text{MeV} := 1.6021773 \cdot 10^{-13} \cdot \text{joule}$$

$$m_{\text{kidney}} := 2 \cdot 150 \cdot \text{gm} \quad 2 \text{ kidneys} \quad m_U := 10 \cdot \text{mg} \quad \text{Sv} := \text{joule} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

$$E_\alpha := 4.197 \cdot \text{MeV} \quad t_{\text{biol}} := 15 \cdot \text{day} \quad \text{Gy} := \text{joule} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{biol}} := \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{\text{biol}}} \quad t_{\text{mean}} := \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{biol}}}$$

$$t_{\text{half}} := 4.468 \cdot 10^9 \cdot \text{yr} \quad \lambda_{\text{phys}} := \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{\text{half}}}$$

$$N_{0U} := \frac{m_U}{M_U} \cdot N_A \quad R_{0U} := \lambda_{\text{phys}} \cdot N_{0U}$$

$$D_{\text{kidney}} := \frac{t_{\text{mean}} \cdot R_{0U} \cdot E_\alpha}{m_{\text{kidney}}} \quad D_{\text{kidney}} = 5.213 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \text{Gy}$$

$$w_r := 20$$

$$H_{\text{kidney}} := D_{\text{kidney}} \cdot w_r$$

$$H_{\text{kidney}} = 0.0104 \cdot \text{Sv} \quad = 10 \text{ mSv}$$