

Osteoporosis

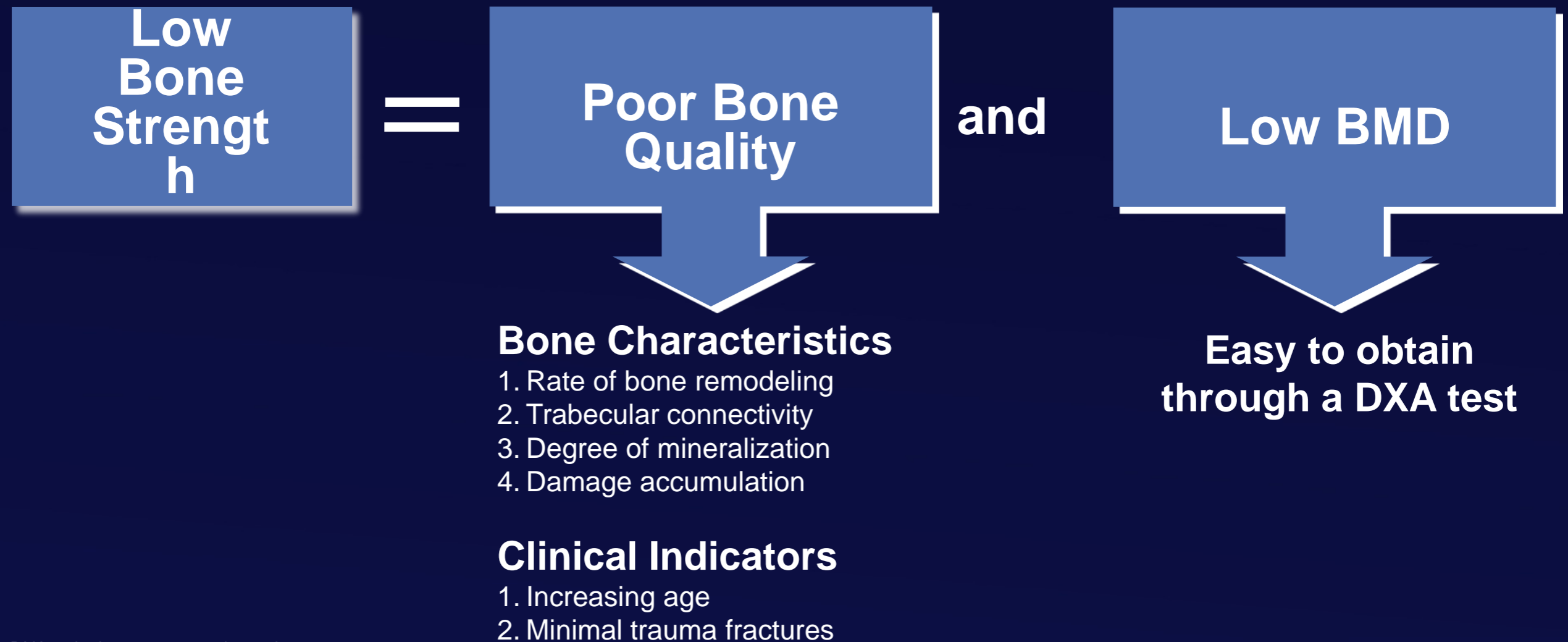
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Identifying Patients with Low Bone Strength

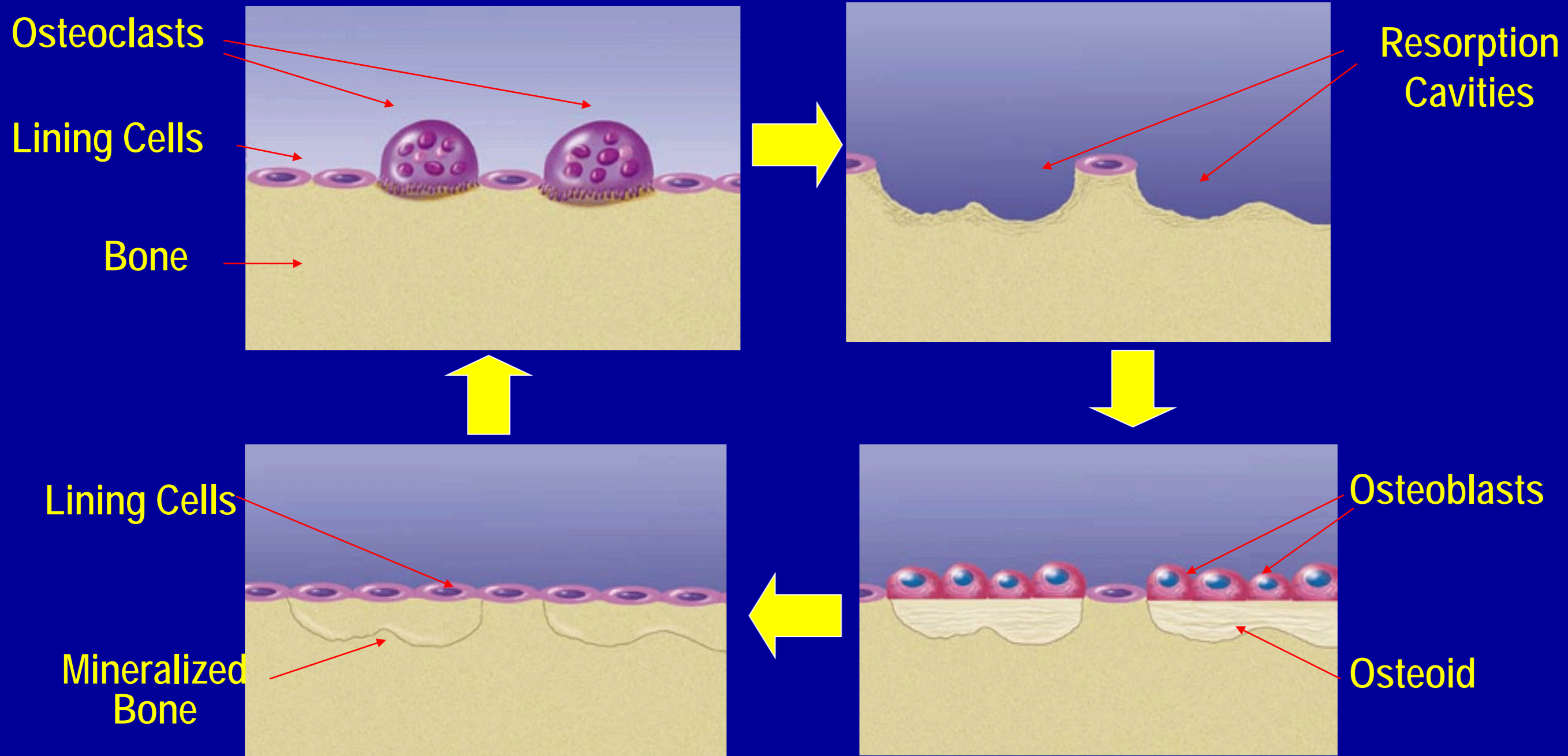
Bone strength primarily reflects the integration of bone quality and bone mineral density.¹



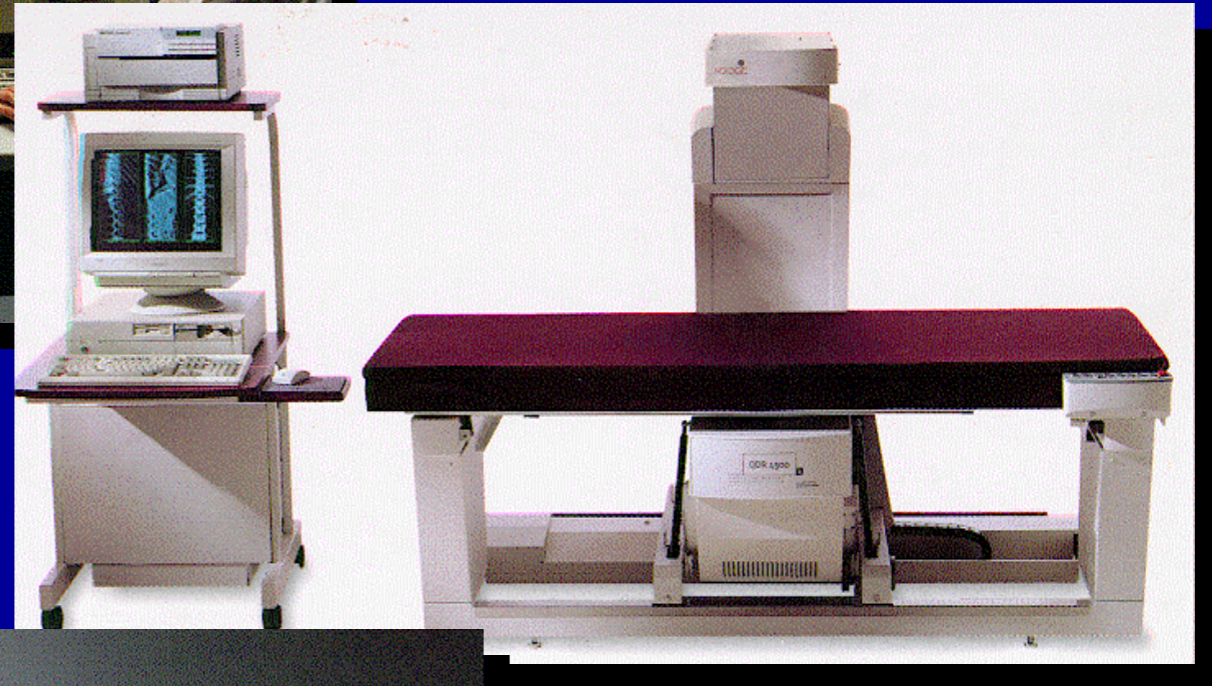
DXA = dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry.

1. NIH Consensus Development Panel on Osteoporosis Prevention, Diagnosis, and Therapy. *JAMA*. 2001;285:785-795.

Bone Remodeling Process



Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry



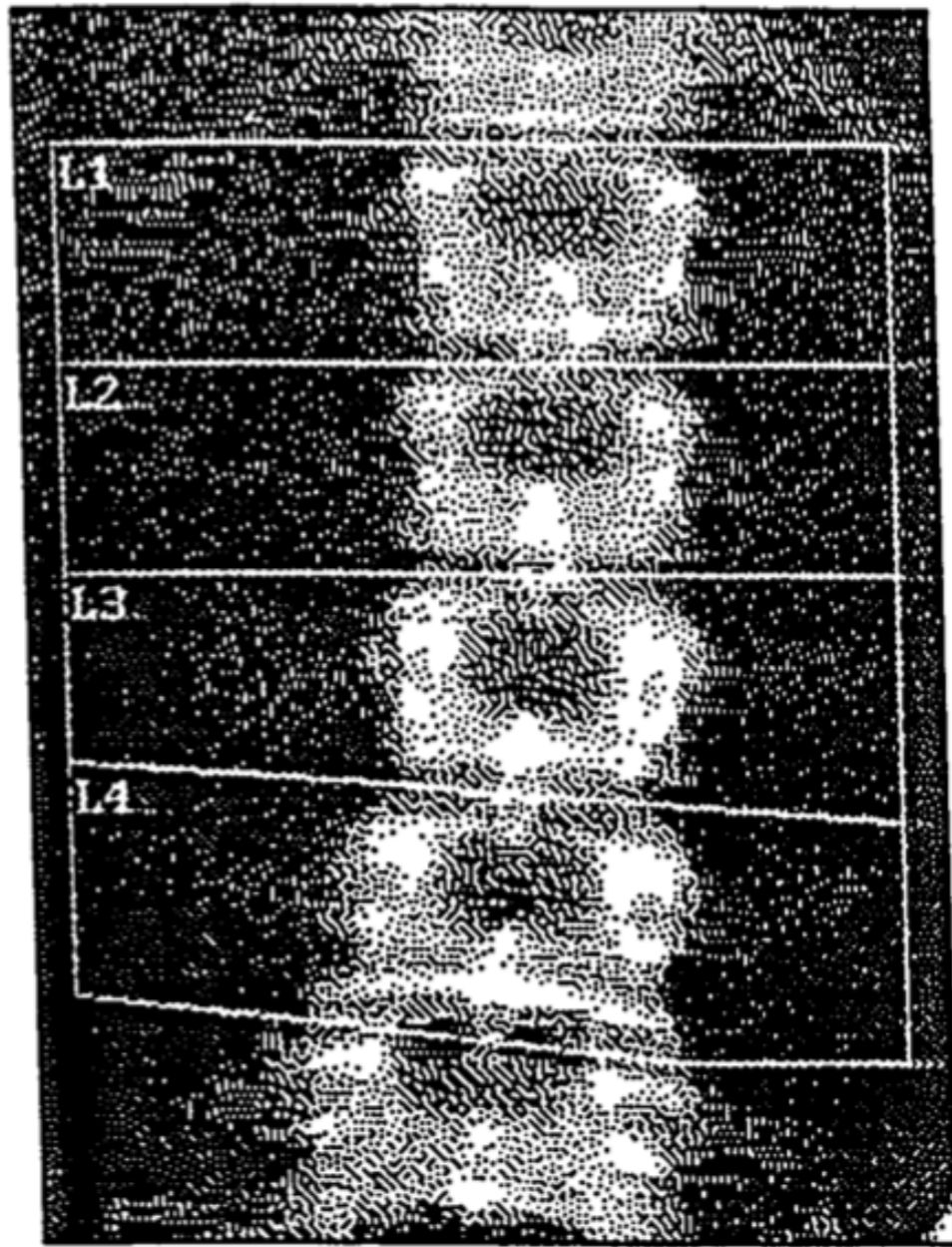
WHO Classification of Postmenopausal Osteoporosis, T-scores can only be used for postmenopausal women and men over 50

	T- Score (SD)
Normal	Equal to -1.0 or higher
Low Bone Mass (Osteopenia)	Between -1.0 and -2.5
Osteoporosis	Equal to -2.5 or lower
Severe Osteoporosis	Equal to -2.5 or lower with fracture

Derivation of WHO Classification

- Only postmenopausal Caucasian women
 - Not men, premenopausal women, children
 - No other racial or ethnic groups
- Only PA spine, hip and forearm DXA
 - Not lateral spine, heel, finger, etc
- Only for central DXA and forearm
 - Not peripheral DXA (other than forearm)
 - Not for QCT, QUS, RA, etc

k = 1.138 d0 = 44.2(1.000H) 6.402



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† (S/N 45316)
Lumbar Spine V8.16a:3

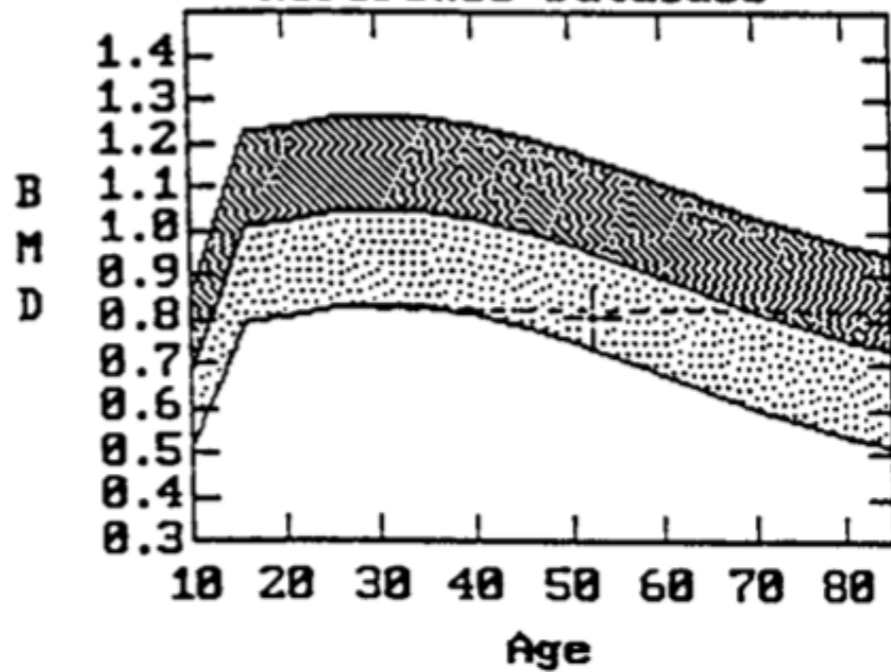
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Operator: UJL Weight: 115
BirthDate: Age:
Physician:
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TOTAL BMD CU FOR L1 - L4 1.8%

C.F. 1.028 1.020 1.000

Region	Est.Area (cm ²)	Est.BMC (grams)	BMD (gms/cm ²)
L1	10.70	7.40	0.692
L2	10.94	8.28	0.757
L3	12.54	10.67	0.851
L4	15.37	13.20	0.859
TOTAL	49.55	39.55	0.798

a Lumbar Spine
Reference Database •



BMD(L1-L4) = 0.798 g/cm²

Region	BMD	T(30.0)	Z
L1	0.692	-2.12 75%	-1.33 83%
L2	0.757	-2.47 74%	-1.58 81%
L3	0.851	-2.12 79%	-1.18 87%
L4	0.859	-2.34 77%	-1.38 85%
L1-L4	0.798	-2.26 76%	-1.35 84%

• Age and sex matched

T = peak bone mass

Z = age matched

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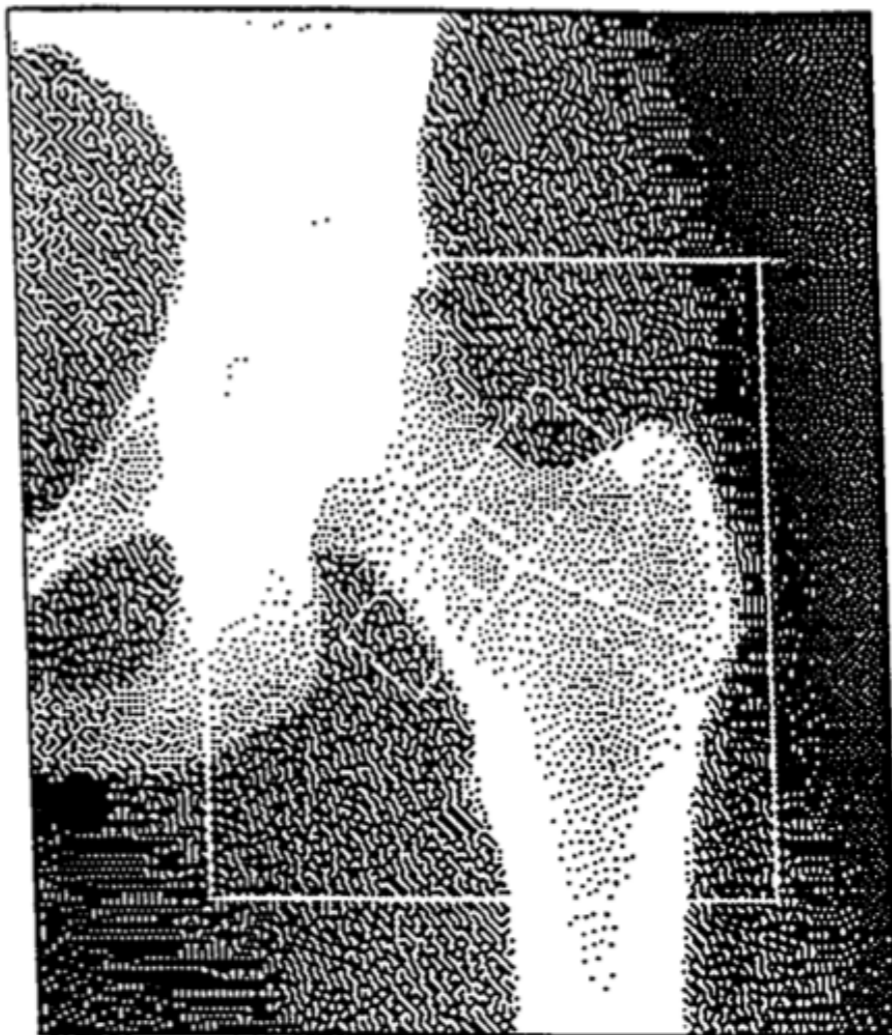
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TOTAL BMD CV 1.0%

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Region	Est.Area (cm ²)	Est.BMC (grams)	BMD (gms/cm ²)
Neck	4.60	2.68	0.583
Troch	7.37	4.99	0.676
Inter	14.09	12.81	0.909
TOTAL	26.06	20.48	0.786
Ward's	1.15	0.60	0.521

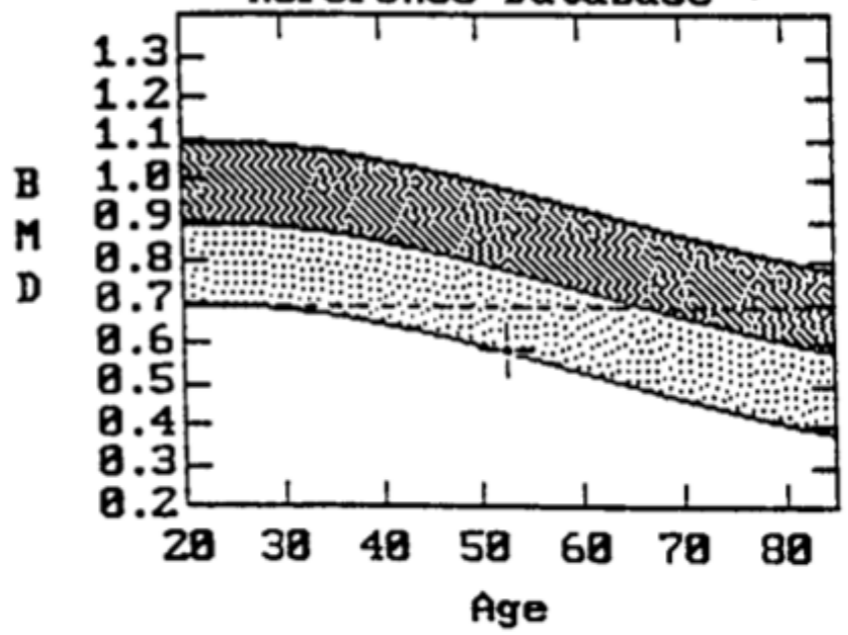
Midline (88,102)-(148, 54)

Neck -49 x 15 at [24, 10]

Troch 11 x 36 at [0, 0]

Ward's -11 x 11 at [4, 6]

a Left Hip
Reference Database •



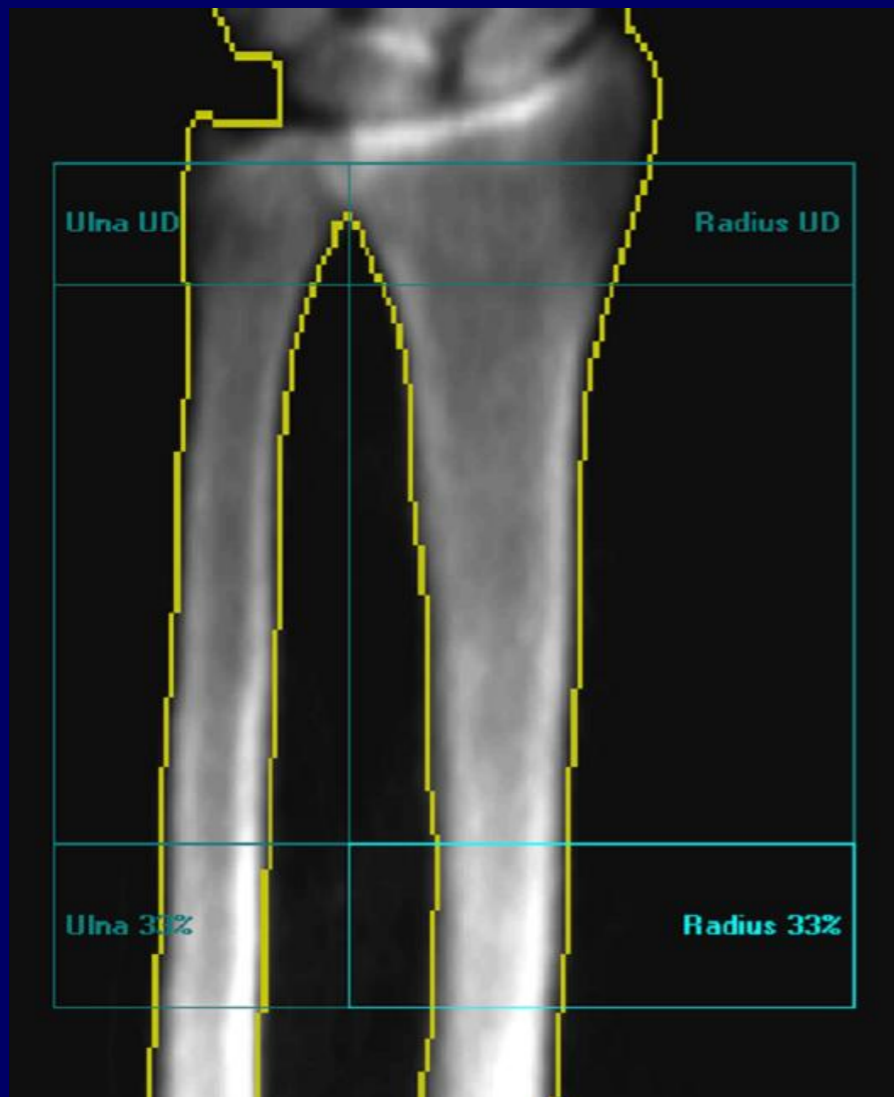
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BMD(Neck[L]) = 0.583 g/cm²

Region	BMD	T	Z
Neck	0.583	-3.12 65% (22.0)	-1.97 75%
Troch	0.676	-0.51 94% (30.0)	+0.13 102%
Inter	0.909	-1.70 79% (29.0)	-1.09 86%
TOTAL	0.786	-1.58 81% (28.0)	-0.91 88%
Ward's	0.521	-2.50 65% (20.0)	-0.65 88%

• Age and sex matched
 T = peak bone mass
 Z = age matched

Forearm: Optimal Positioning



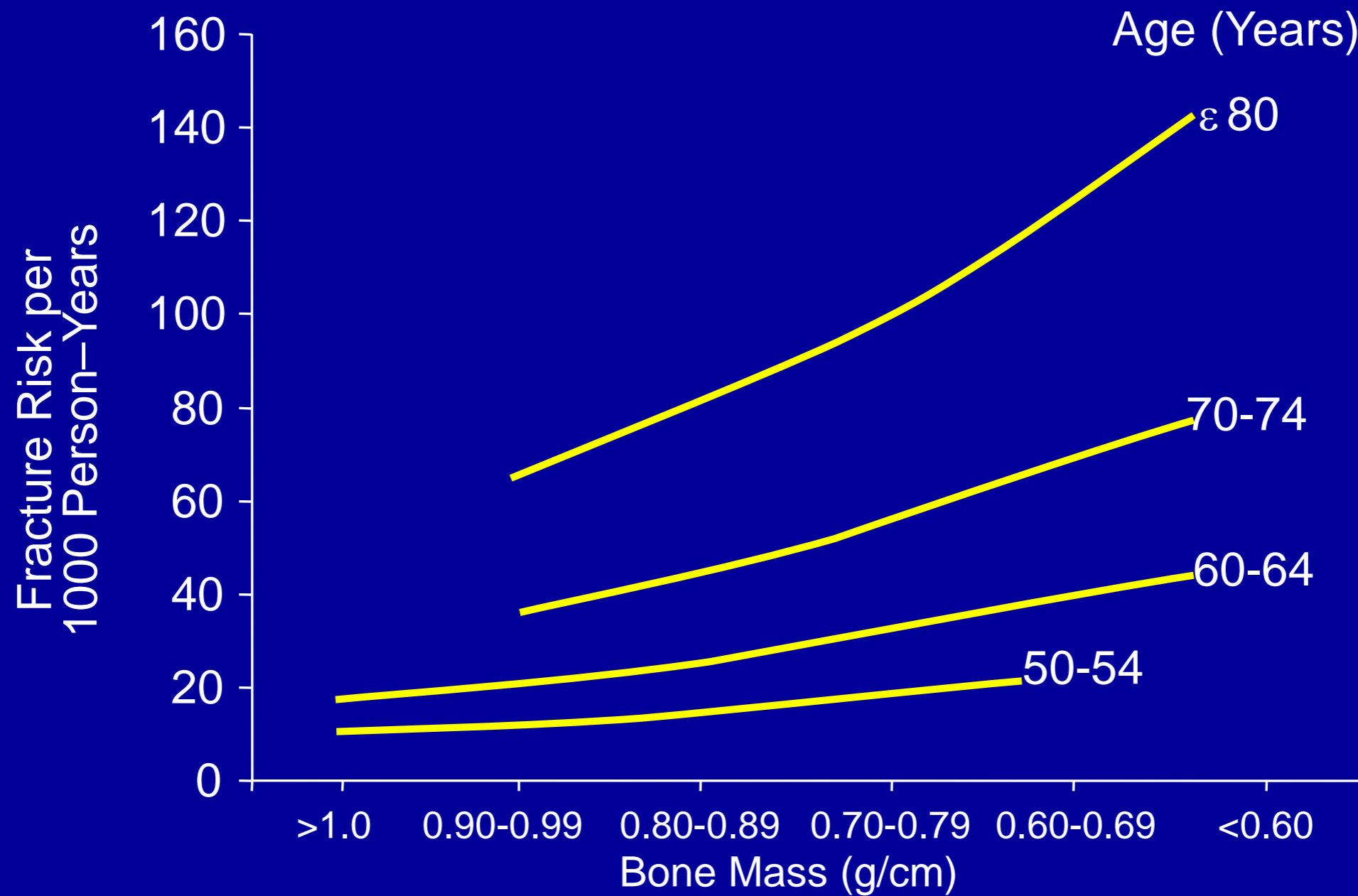
- Forearm is centered
- Radius and ulna straight
 - Aligned with long axis of table
- Distal cortex of radius and ulna visible
- No avoidable artifacts

BMD Is a Strong Predictor of Fracture



Data available on request from Merck & Co., Inc. Please specify 20350477(3)-FOS.


Age and Bone Mass as Predictors of Osteoporotic Fracture



Adapted from Hui SL, et al. *J Clin Invest.* 1988;81:1804-1809.

FRAX[®]: Gauging 10-Year Fracture Probability

- ▶ FRAX is a WHO algorithm to determine 10-year fracture risk
- ▶ Takes into account BMD and specific risk factors
- ▶ Determines patient's absolute fracture risk as opposed to relative risk
- ▶ Identifies the high-risk patients who could benefit from treatment
- ▶ FRAX web site at: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/>

Country : **US(Caucasian)** Name / ID : Patient 1 About the risk factors 

Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40-90 years) or Date of birth
Age: Date of birth: Y: M: D:

2. Sex Male Female

3. Weight (kg)

4. Height (cm)

5. Previous fracture No Yes

6. Parent fractured hip No Yes

7. Current smoking No Yes


8. Glucocorticoids No Yes

9. Rheumatoid arthritis No Yes

10. Secondary osteoporosis No Yes

11. Alcohol 3 more units per day No Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD
T-score

BMI 26.7 

The ten year probability of fracture (%)

with BMD

Major osteoporotic	29
Hip fracture	6.0

NOF Guidelines

- www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/
- Treatment is recommended for:
 - Pts with hip or vertebral fractures
 - Pts with osteoporosis T-score ≤ -2.5
 - Postmenopausal men or women with low bone mass -1 to -2.5 at the FN, total hip or total spine and a ten year hip fracture probability of $>3\%$ or a ten year all major osteoporosis related fracture of 20% based on the US adapted WHO absolute risk model

Precision

- Expresses reproducibility or consistency of repeat measurements
- Precision error helps determine how much of a change in BMD is required to know that the difference is real

Impact of Vertebral Fractures

- Pain
- Possible permanent disfigurement
- Loss of height
- Loss of self-esteem
- Increased risk of hip fracture
- Increased morbidity



250,000 Hip Fractures Each Year



- Up to 24% excess mortality within 1 year¹
- Nearly 65,000 American women die from complications of hip fracture each year.²
- 50% of hip fracture survivors are permanently incapacitated³
- 20% of hip fracture survivors require long-term nursing home care⁴

Distal Forearm Fractures

- Third most common osteoporotic fracture
- Most are caused by fall on outstretched hand
- Diagnosis
 - Most are diagnosed clinically
 - Often confirmed with radiography

Does Calcium Increase Vascular Risk?

Calcium Supplements and Heart Events

- Calcium subcommittee of the Professional Practice Committee of ASBMR, “Commentary on Calcium Supplements and Cardiovascular Events”, JCD, vol 15, no 2, 130 – 134, 2012
- Data reviewed from randomized Controlled trials and 3 meta-analyses
 - Maintenance of target levels for the supplement and placebo group are difficult – compliance in the supplement group must be 80%
 - Clear, definable and fully adjudicated endpoints must be used
 - The most appropriate and stringent methods of data evaluation must be applied

Does Calcium Increase Vascular Risk?

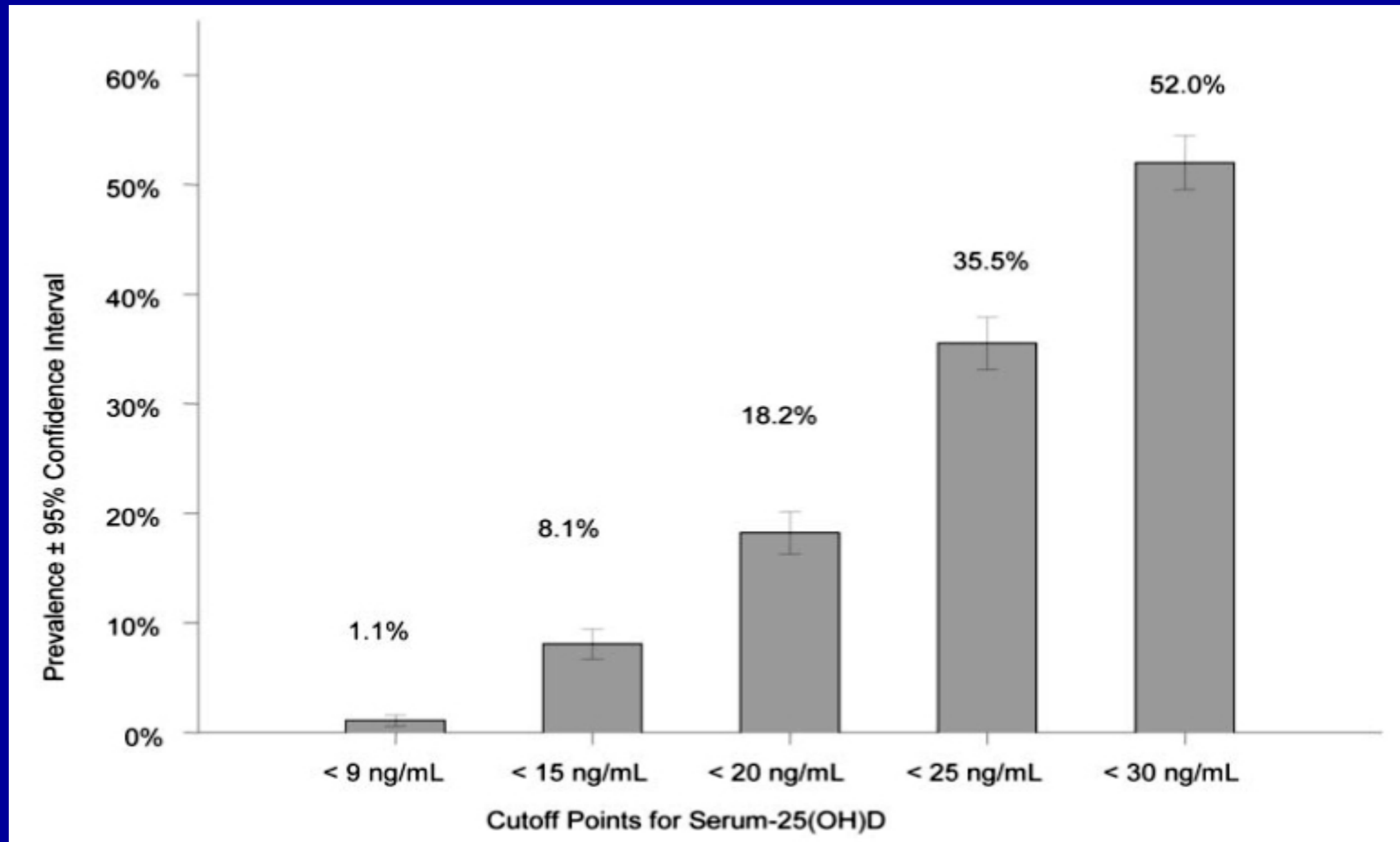
Calcium Supplements and Heart Events

- Tang meta-analysis was noted for benefit of calcium intake, NNT was 63 patients for 3 – 5 years to prevent one fracture, in elderly individuals with low calcium intake, NNT was 30
- Bolland :
 - 12 RCT of calcium supplementation vs placebo
 - Large clinical trials of subjects receiving or not receiving calcium
 - Adverse cardiovascular events were not the primary outcome
 - Cardiovascular outcomes were obtained from self reports, hospital admissions and death certificated
 - Data was only available for 63% of the patients
 - Data did not reach statistical significance for stroke or the composite of MI, stroke or sudden death

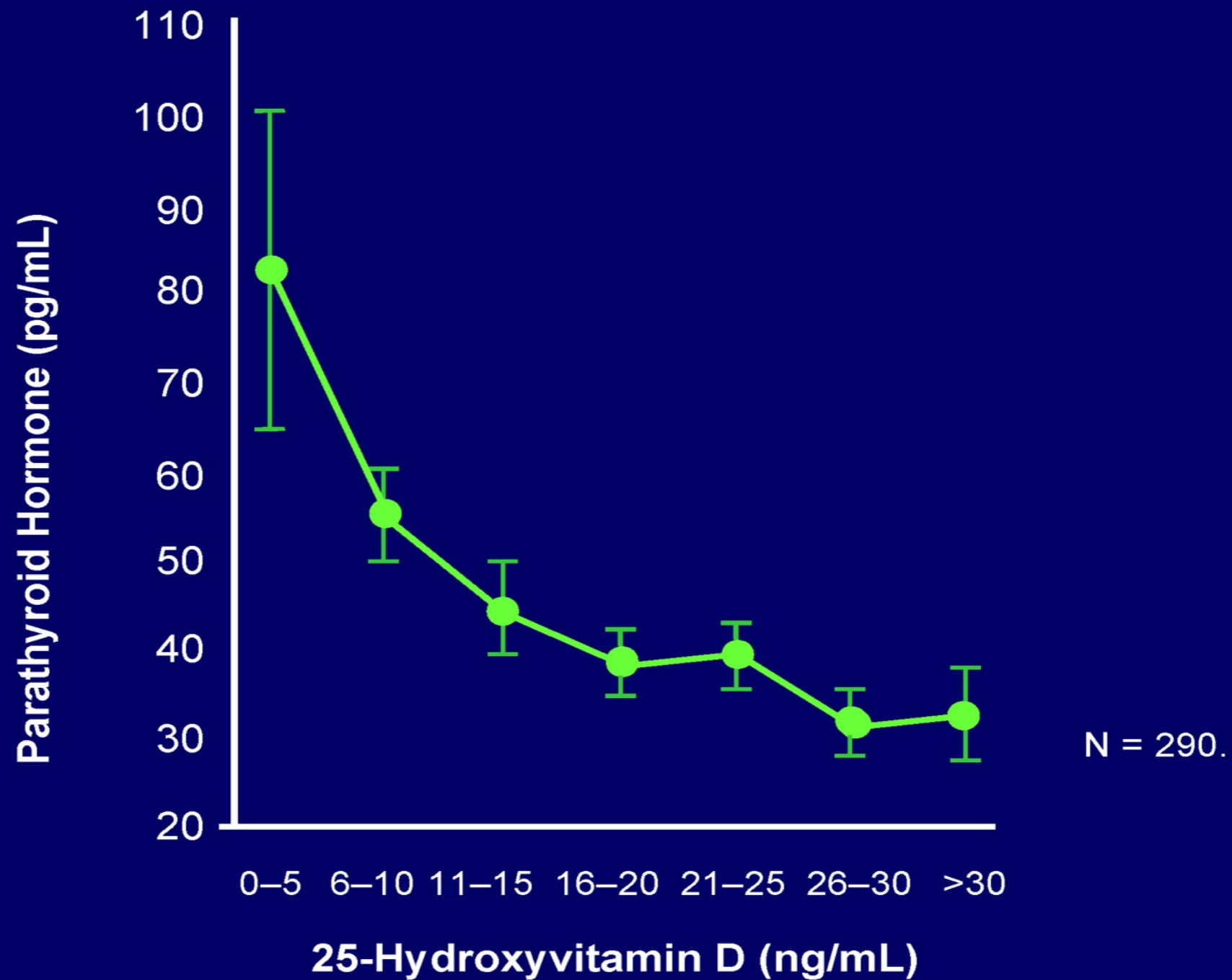
Calcium and Vitamin D Intake and Mortality

- Canadian Multocentre Osteoporosis Study (JCEM, May 24, 2012, doi:10.1210/jc.2013-1516)
- Population based longitudinal cohort 1950-2007
- 9033 participants
- Among women (over age 25), calcium supplement users had a lower risk of mortality than non users HR .78 (95%CI .66-.92)
- No dose response effect noted among users, there was attenuation of the association, showing statistically significant lower mortality only for supplement users with a daily dose of <1000mg

Prevalence of Vitamin D Deficiency in Postmenopausal Women Receiving Osteoporosis Therapy



Relationship Between Serum 25-(OH)D and PTH in Medical Inpatients



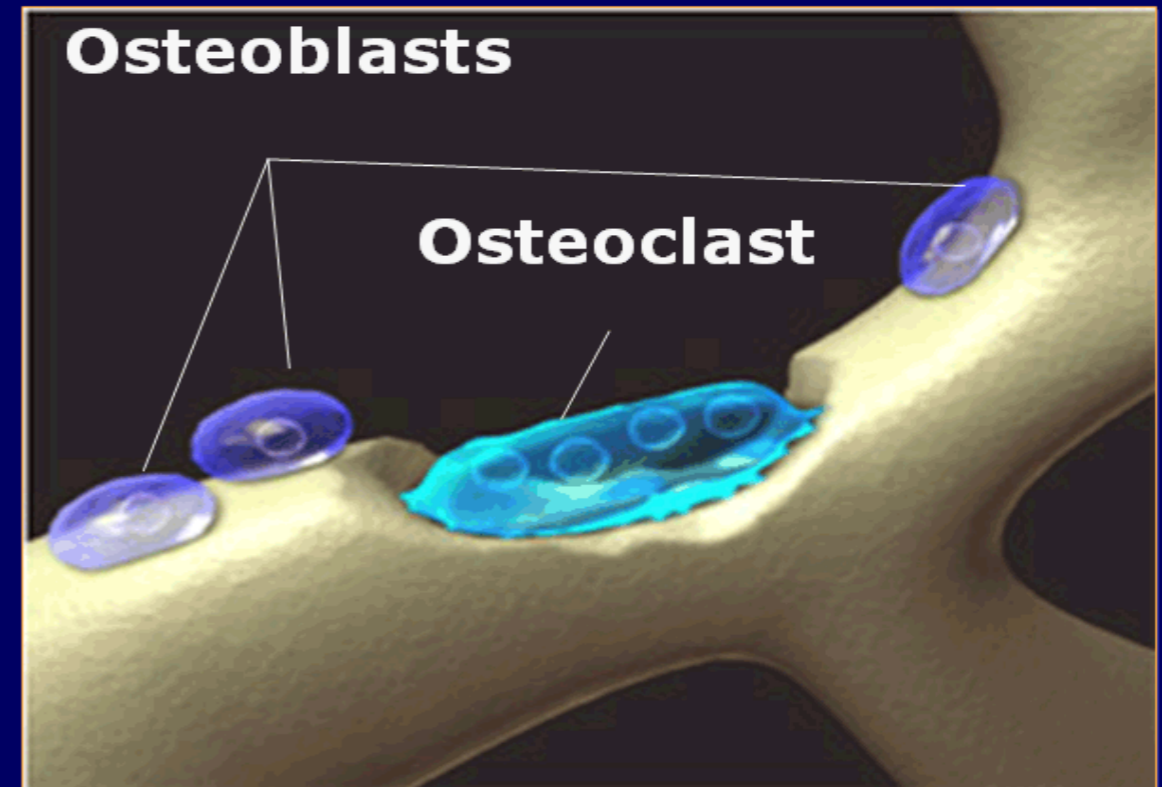
Commonly Used Biochemical Markers of Bone Turnover

▶ Formation

- Bone-specific alkaline phosphatase (BSAP)
- Osteocalcin (OC)
- Propeptide of type I collagen (P1NP)

▶ Resorption

- N-telopeptide of type I collagen (NTX)
- C-telopeptide of type I collagen (CTX)



Active Bone Resorption Site

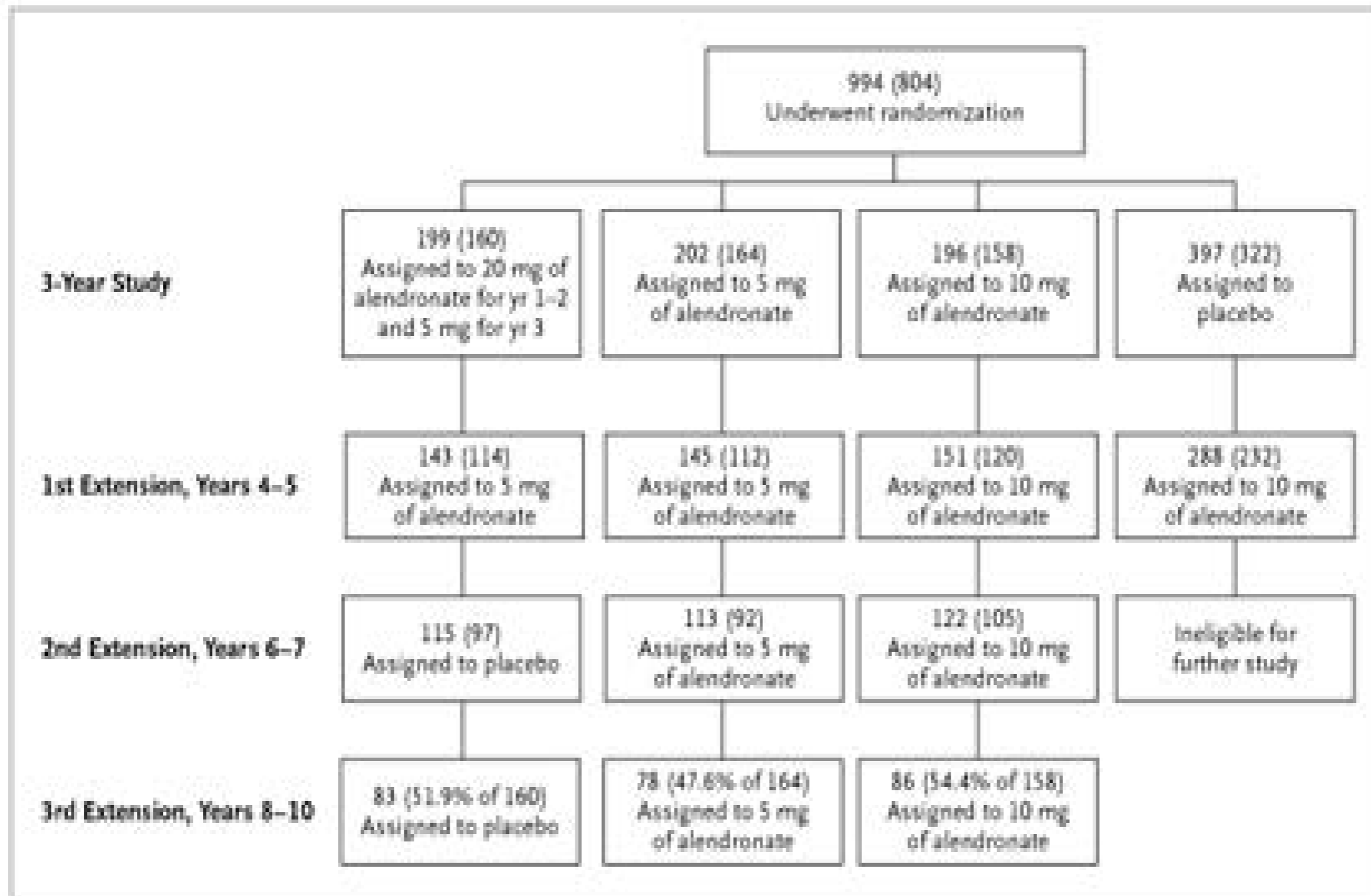
Vertebral Fracture Reduction Trials

FIT VFA

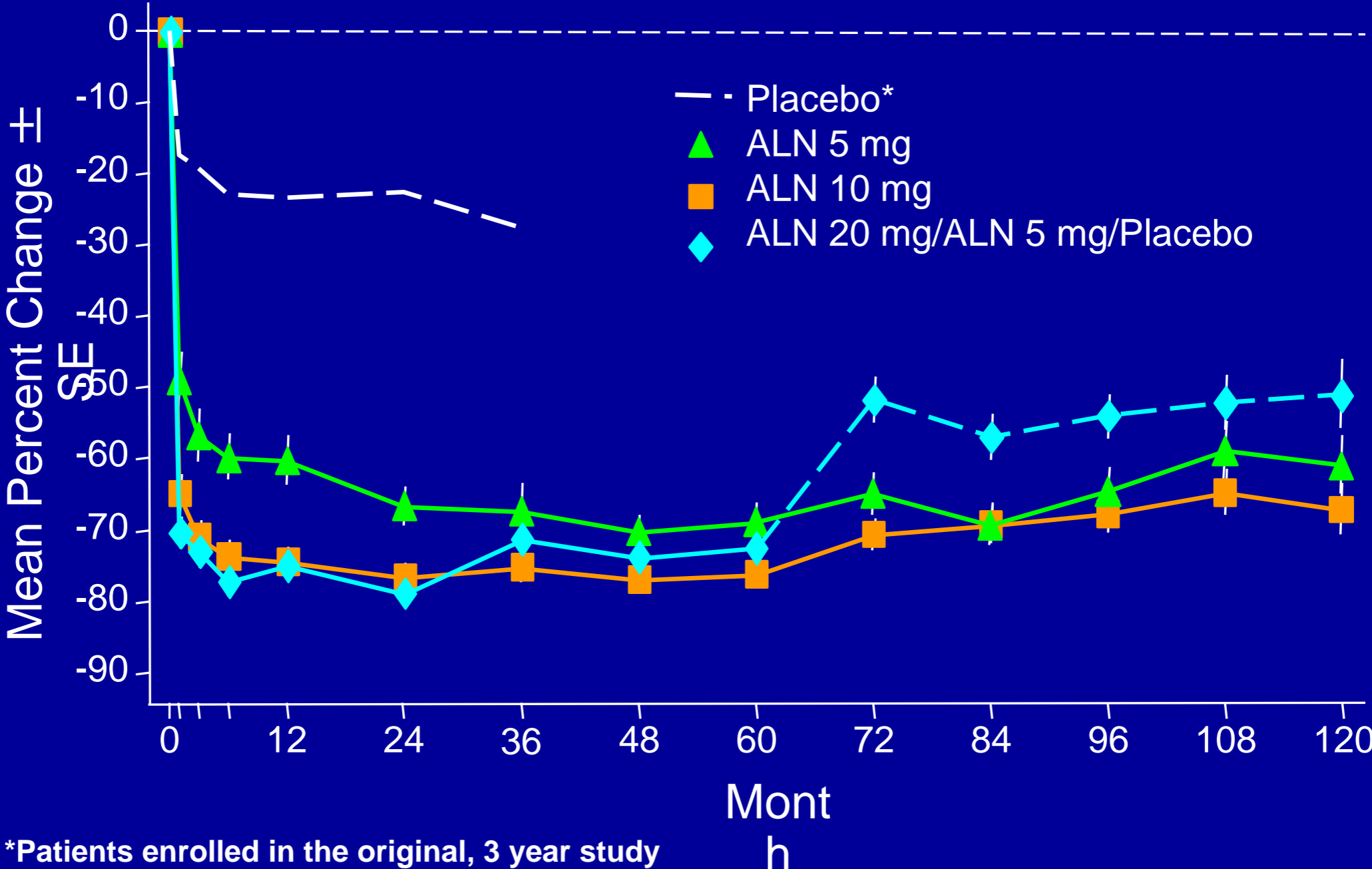
Alendronate

Number of patients	2027
Baseline LS-BMD	-2.3
Mean age	71 (post menopausal)
Drug	5 or 10 mg daily
Calcium intake	1000 mg daily
Design	randomized, double-blind placebo controlled
% with prevalent VFx	100%
Mean prevalent VFxs	1 VFx
Study duration	3 yrs.
Primary endpoint	VFx
Secondary endpoint	NonVFx

NEJM 3/04 Ten year data

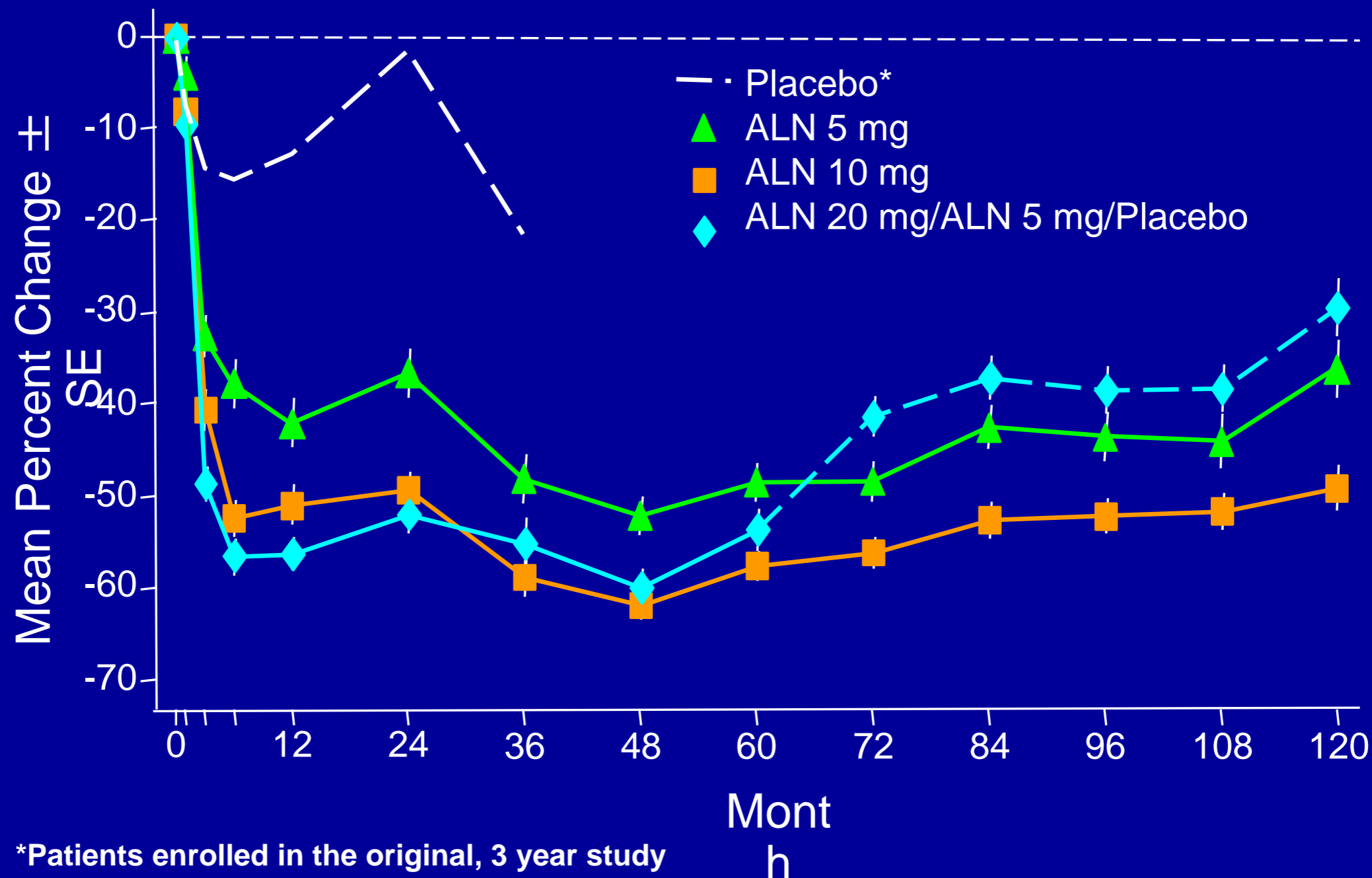


Alendronate 10 Year Efficacy Data Urinary NTx

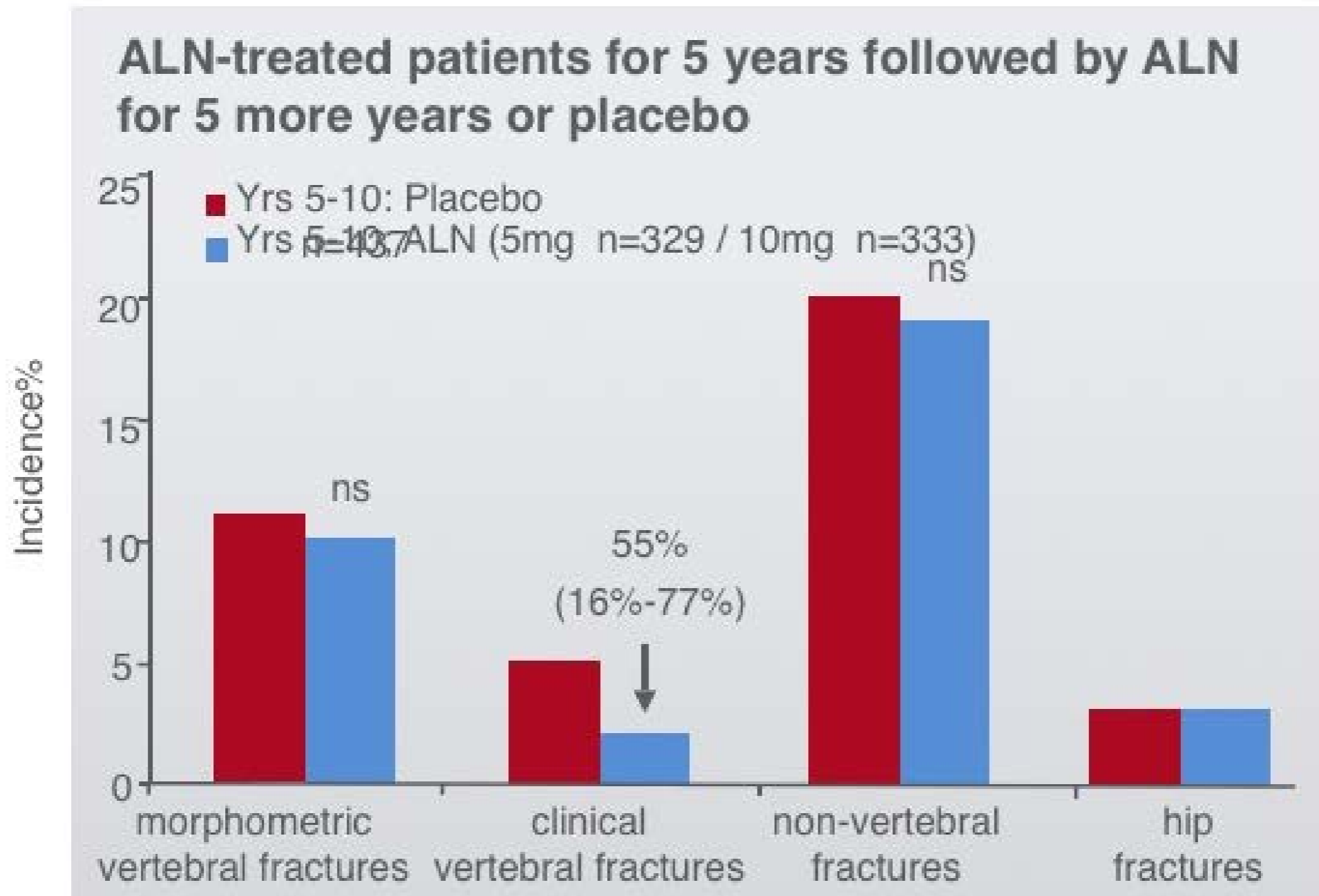


*Patients enrolled in the original, 3 year study

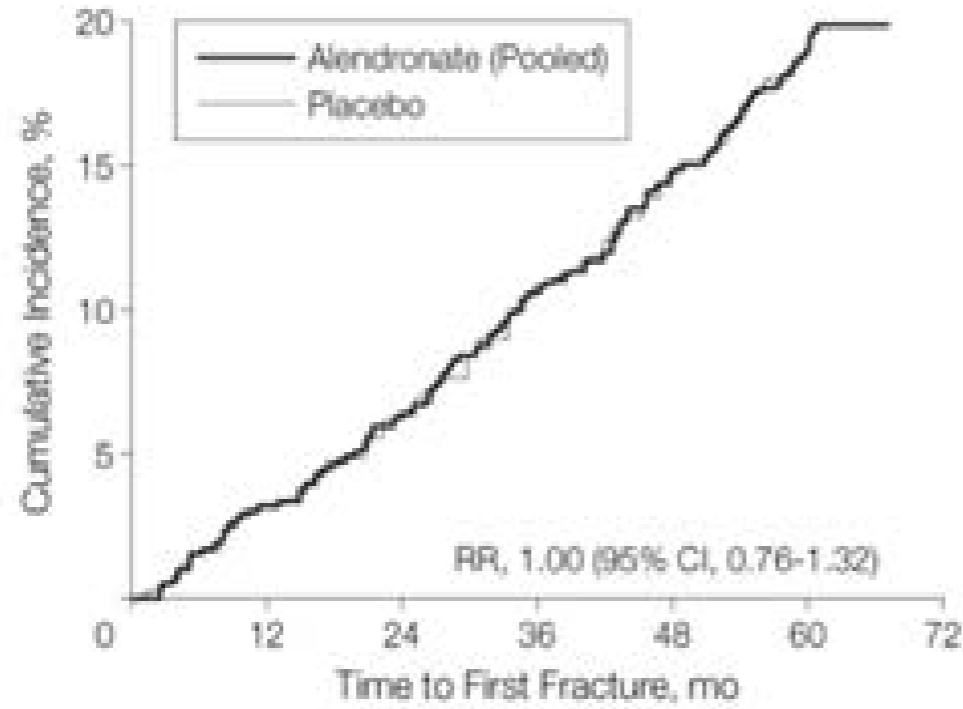
Alendronate 10 Year Efficacy Data Bone Specific Alkaline Phosphatase



FLEX Trial: Fracture Assessment

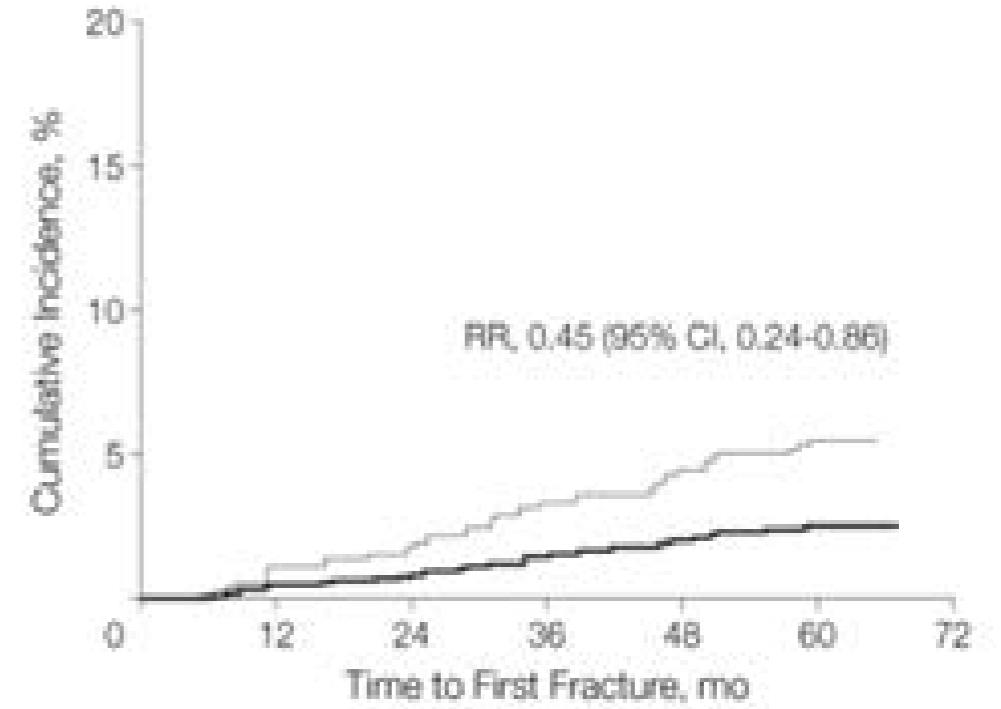


Nonvertebral Fractures



No. at Risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72
Placebo		437	421	410	396	373	355	
Alendronate		662	642	619	585	565	537	

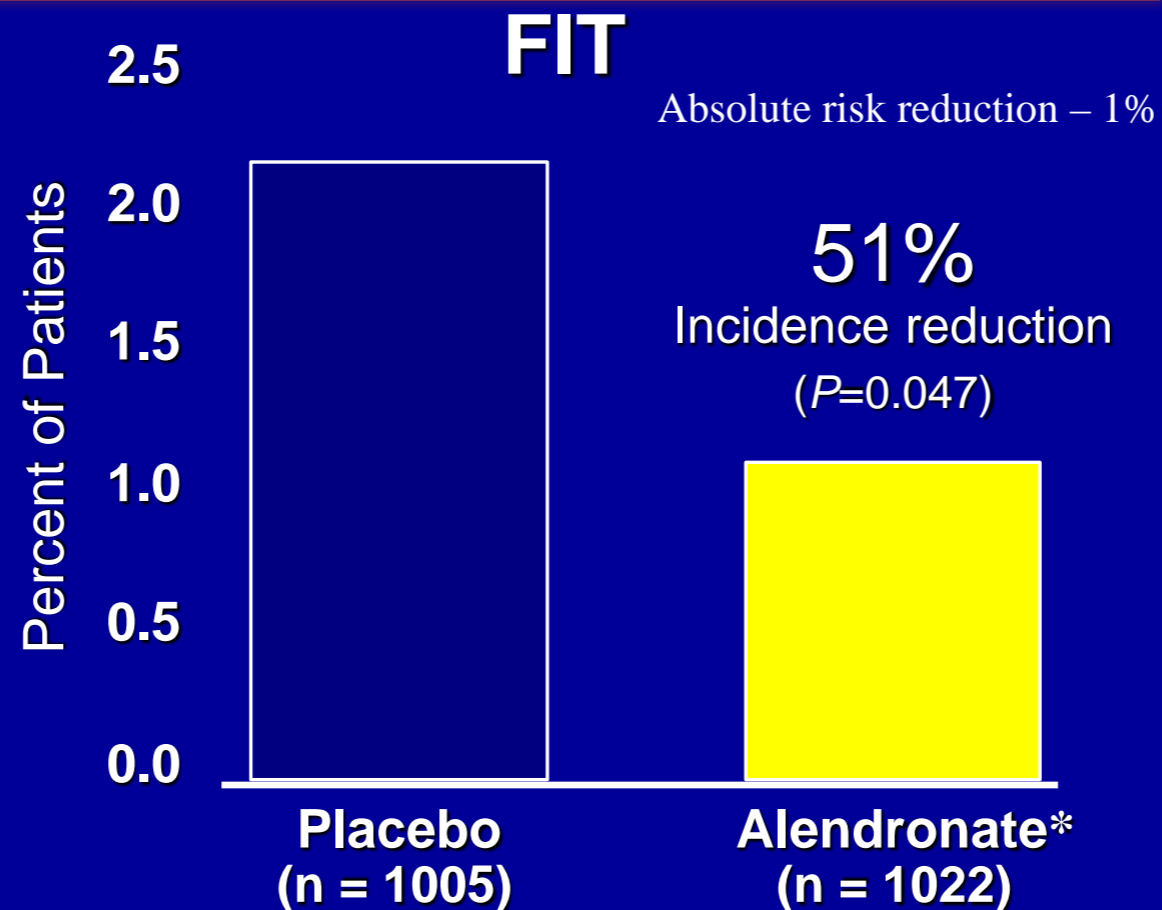
Clinical Vertebral Fractures



No. at Risk		0	12	24	36	48	60	72
Placebo		437	428	429	421	417	414	
Alendronate		662	659	657	654	650	646	

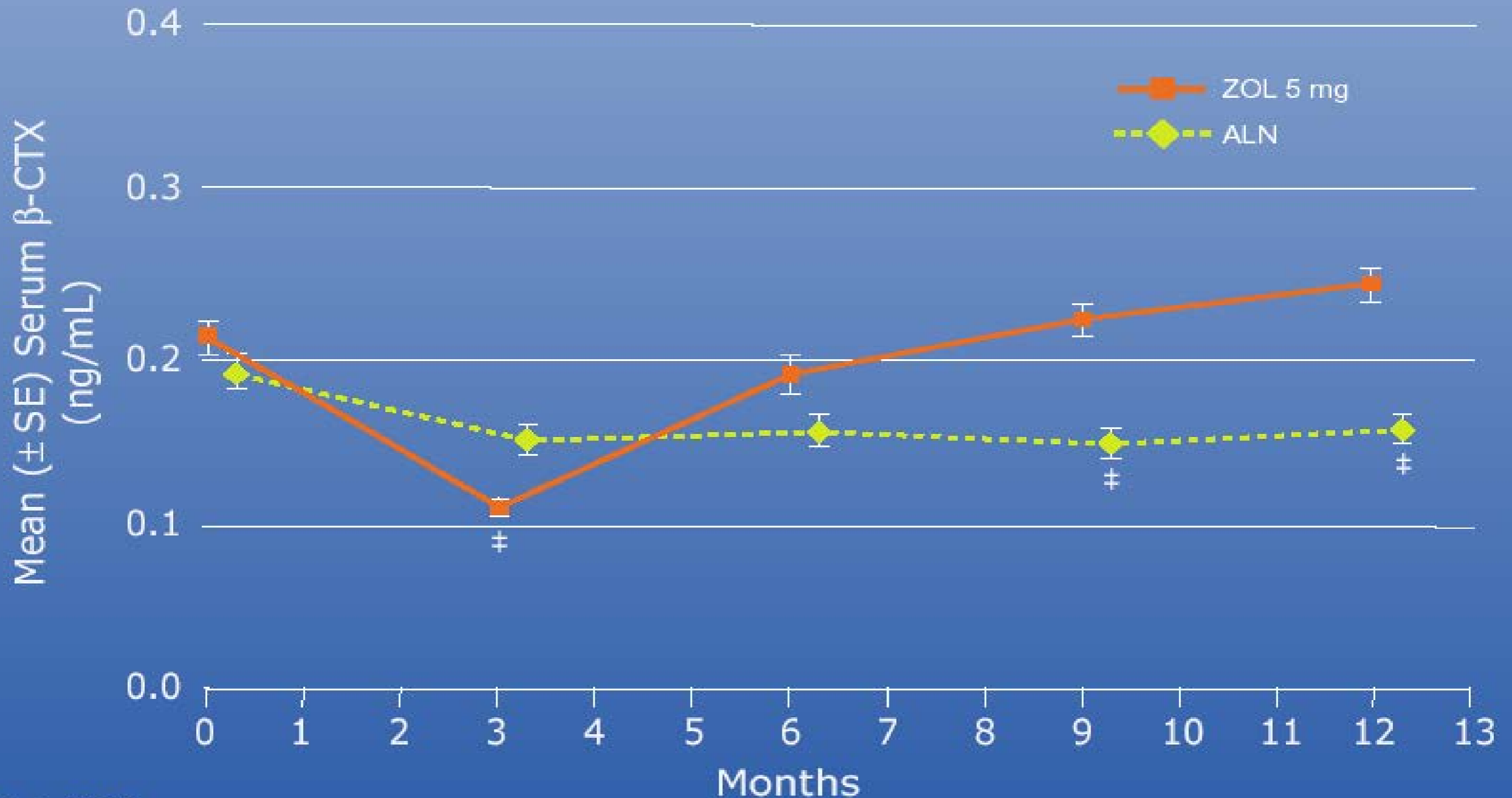
Efficacy of Alendronate FIT Vertebral Fracture Data

Reduction in Hip Fracture Vertebral Fracture Arm of



*Patients received either placebo or alendronate 5 mg once daily for the first two years and either placebo or alendronate 10 mg once daily for the 3rd year with maintenance of double-blind. Black, D.M. et al. Randomized trial of alendronate on the risk of fracture in women with existing vertebral fractures. *Lancet*. 1996; 348: 1535–1541.

ZOL 2313 – ZOL 5mg x1 vs ALN 70mg weekly - βCTX levels

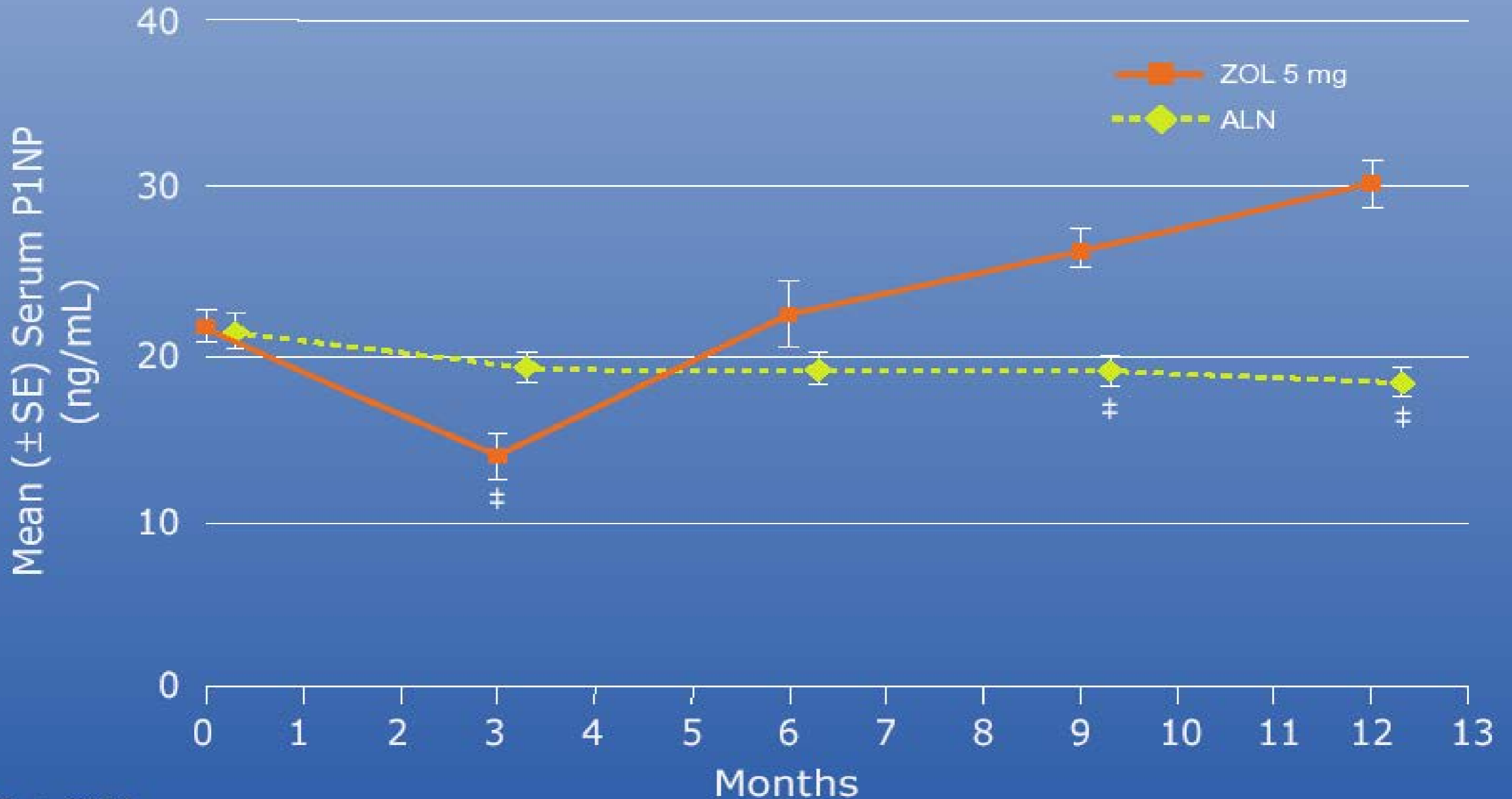


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ZOL 2313 – ZOL 5mg x1 vs ALN 70mg weekly - P1NP

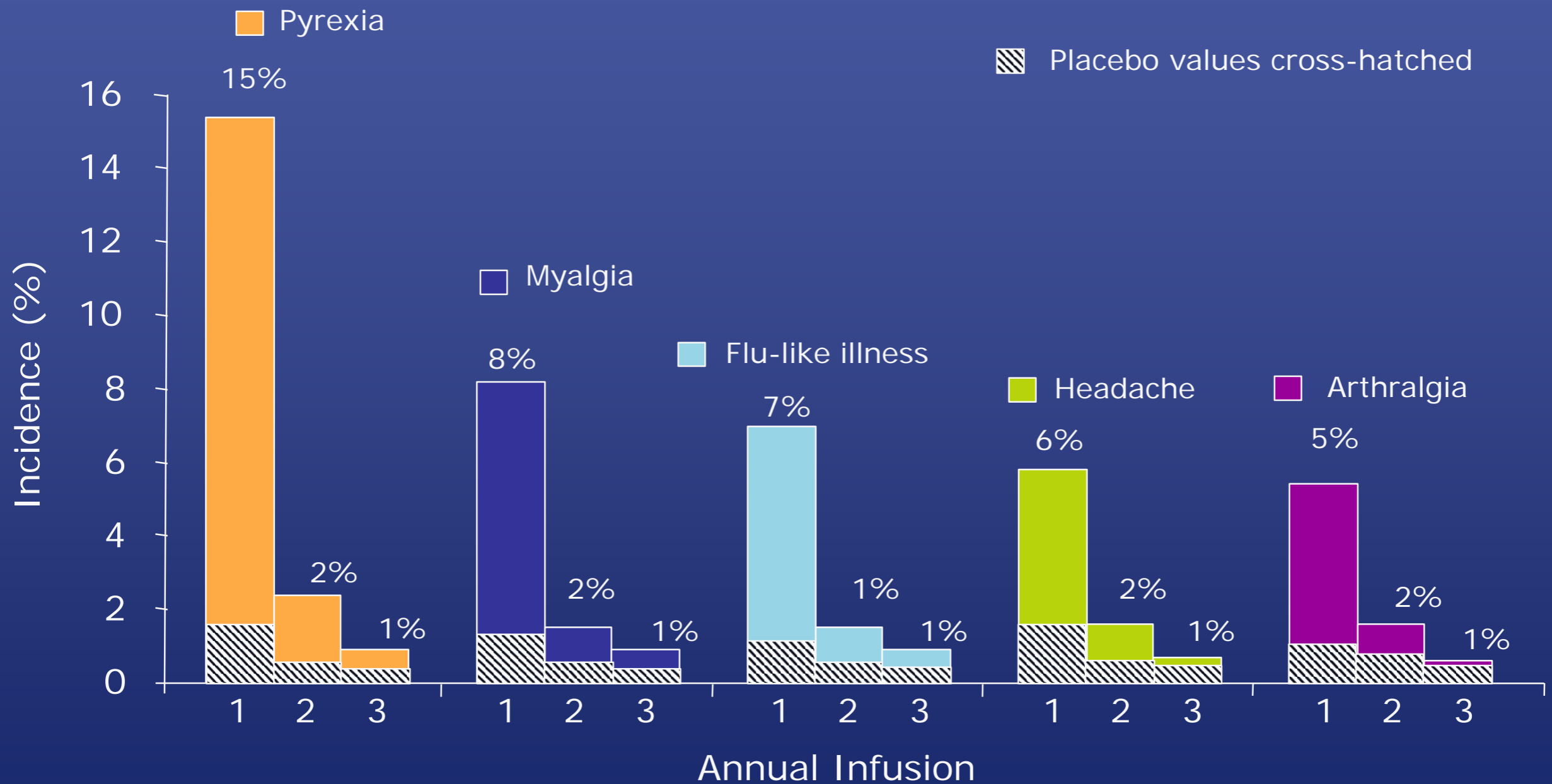


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Common ($\geq 5\%$ in ZOL) Post-Dose Symptoms Occurring Within 3 Days After Infusion

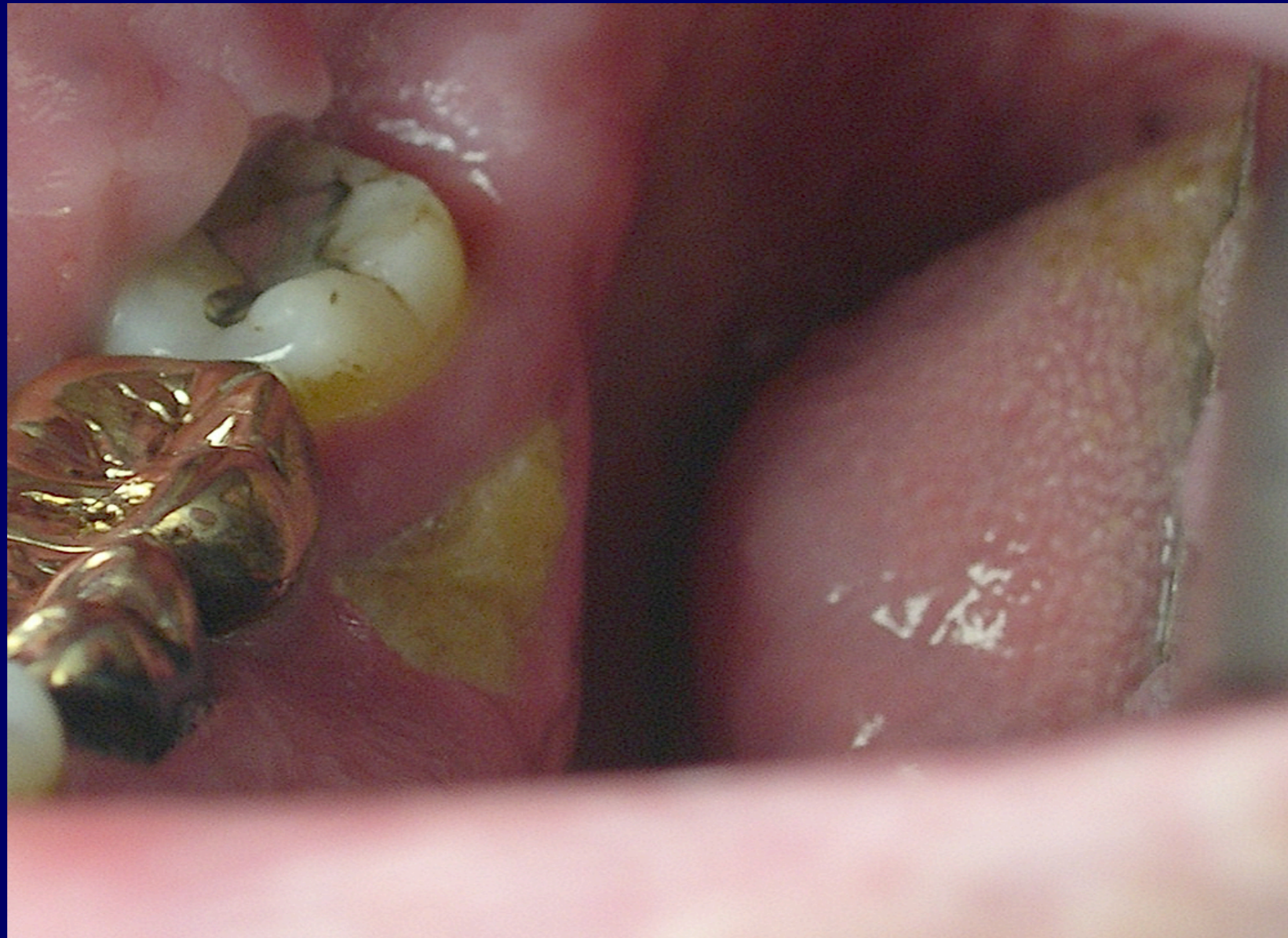


Osteonecrosis of the Jaw

- Although there is no universally accepted definition of ONJ, several authors have observed that ONJ is an oral cavity lesion characterized by 1 or more spots of bare maxillary or mandibular bone, in the absence of local malignancy or radiation therapy to the head or neck.^{1–6}
- Known risk factors for ONJ include:
 - Diagnosis of cancer
 - Concomitant therapies (eg, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and corticosteroids)
 - Poor oral hygiene
 - Smoking
 - Comorbid disorders (eg, pre-existing dental disease, anemia, coagulopathy, and infection)
- The mechanism by which ONJ occurs is currently uncertain.¹

1. Migliorati CA et al. *J Am Dent Assoc.* 2005;136:1658–1668.
2. Ruggiero SL et al. *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 2004;62:527–534.
3. Marx RE et al. *J Oral Maxillofac Surg.* 2005;63:1567–1575.
4. Bamias A et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2005;23:8580–8587.
5. Lenz JH et al. *J Craniomaxillofac Surg.* 2005;33:395–403.
6. Farrugia MC et al. *Laryngoscope.* 2006;116:115–120.

Exposed Bone in ONJ: Internal Oblique Ridge



Photograph courtesy of Leon Assael, DMD.

Stage 3

- Exposed bone
- Pathologic fracture
- Soft tissue inflammation or infection not responsive to antibiotics
- Large amount of bone involved
- Extraoral fistula
- osteolysis



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- Definition of Medication Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw:**
 - Current or previous treatment with anti-resorptive or antiangiogenic medications**
 - Exposed bone or bone that can be probed through an intraoral or extraoral fistula in the maxillofacial region that has persisted for more than eight weeks and**
 - No history of radiation therapy to the jaws or obvious metastatic disease to the jaws**

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- Commonly misdiagnosed conditions include:
 - Alveolar osteitis
 - Sinusitis
 - Gingivitis
 - Caries
 - Periapical pathology
 - Fibro-osseous lesion
 - Sarcoma
 - Sclerosing osteomyelitis
 - TMJ disorders

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Recommendations for patients taking bisphosphonates for osteoporosis:

- **1. The efficacy of utilizing a systemic marker of bone turnover to assess the risk of developing jaw necrosis in patients at risk has not been validated. Therefore, the use of markers of bone turnover is not recommended.**
- **2. For individuals who have taken an oral BSP for less than four years and have no clinical risk factors no alteration or delay in the planned surgery is necessary. This includes any and all procedures common to oral and maxillofacial surgeons, periodontists and other dental providers.**

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- **3. For those patients who have taken an oral BSP for less than four years and have also taken corticosteroids or antiangiogenic medications concomitantly, the prescribing provider should be contacted to consider discontinuation for two months prior to the procedure.**
- **4. For those who have taken or BSP for more than four years with or without concomitant therapy, the prescribing provider should be contacted to consider discontinuation for the antiresorptive medication for two months prior to the procedure.**

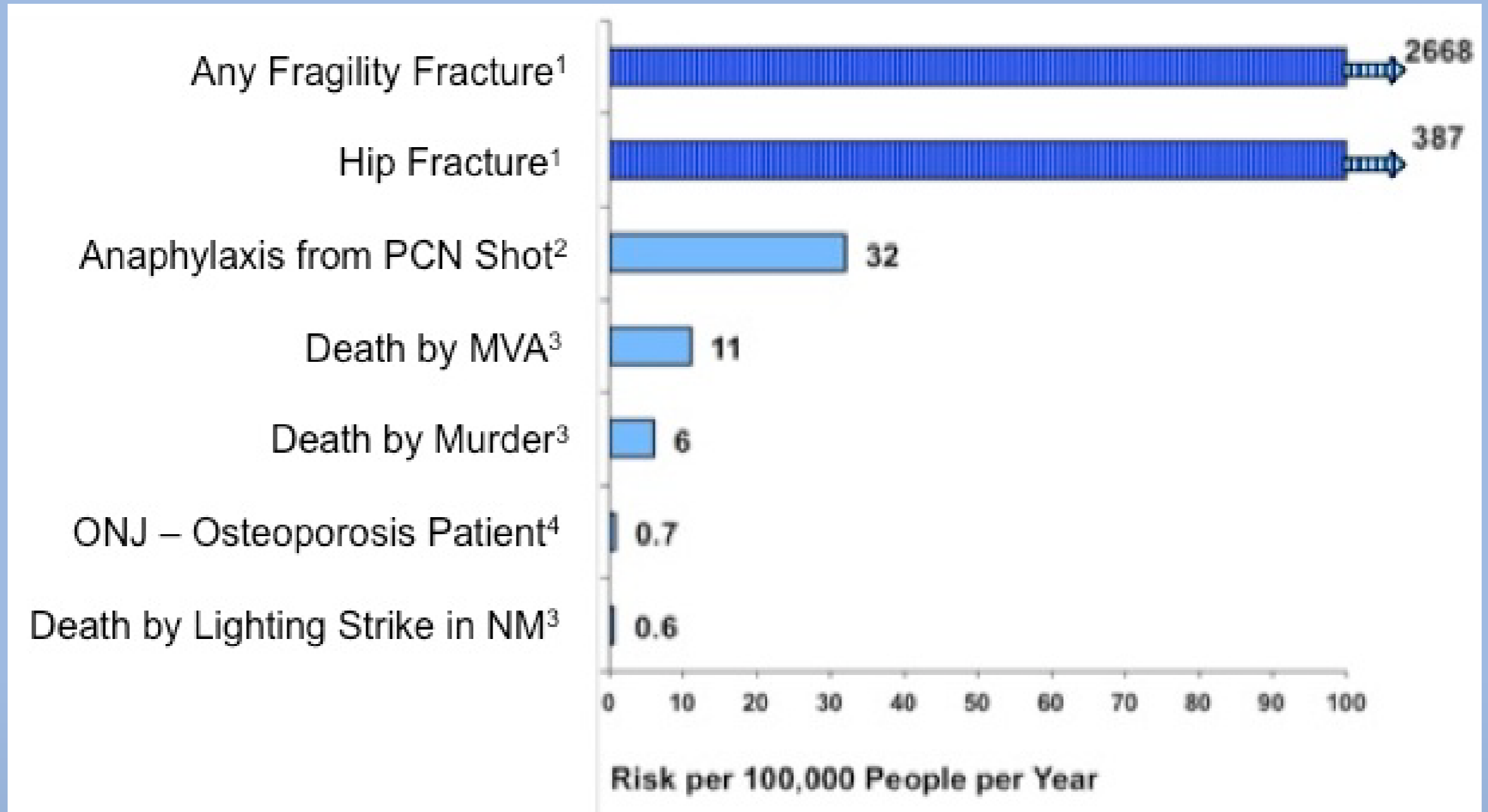
ONJ in the Reclast trials

- HORIZON PFT – Reclast Arm: 3,862 women, placebo: 3,852, three years of treatment, one ONJ in each arm.
- HORIZON #2 – post hip fracture trial: Reclast: 1,065, placebo 1,062 – no ONJ reported
- HORIZON #3 – Glucocorticoid induced osteoporosis: two year study: Reclast: 416, alendronate 417, no ONJ reported
- HORIZON #4 Male Osteoporosis: Reclast: 154, placebo: 148, no ONJ reported
- HORIZON #5 Osteopenia, every two year infusion: Reclast: 198, placebo: 202, no ONJ reported

ONJ with denosumab

- FREEDOM trial – three year pivotal fracture trial – no cases seen in either arm.
- FREEDOM extension 10 years- no placebo arm, patients were given questionnaires to fill out every six months. ONJ cases were reported from 3,536 patients. 7/8 had oral procedures, the one who did not had dentures. 4.2/10,000 patient years.

Balancing Risks vs. Benefits



Slide courtesy of E Michael Lewiecki

¹Kanis JA et al. Osteoporos Int. 2001;12:417-427

²Pharmacoepidemiol Drug Saf, 2003; 12:195-202

³National Center for Health Statistics

⁴JADA, 2006; 137:1144-1150

Femur Fractures

- **Case reports of atypical femur fractures have been published since 2005**
- **An increasing number of case reports occurred 2008 – 2010**
- **The low trauma fractures are described as horizontal with cortical thickening, bilateral fractures have been reported.**
- **Often, a “prodrome” of leg pain with a cortical stress reaction is seen on prefracture radiographs**

Femoral Fracture - spontaneous



Bisphosphonates and Fractures of the Subtrochanteric or Diaphyseal Femur

- NEJM March 24,2010
- Analysis of Fracture Intervention Trial, Fit Extension (FLEX), and HORIZON (Reclast) Trial
- 14,195 women in these trial
- 12 fractures were classified as subtrochanteric or diaphyseal (rate 2.3 per 10,000 patient-years)
- Relative hazard rate was 1.03 (CI .06 – 16.46)

Bone Turnover in Bone Biopsies of Patients with Low Energy Cortical Fractures

- All available radiographs of hip fractures were reviewed
- Exclusions: pathological fractures, periprosthetic fractures, and high trauma fractures.
- In all three trials, there were 283 hip or femur fractures.
- After the above exclusions there were 134 fractures.
- There were 12 subtrochanteric fractures.
- In the FIT trial, there were two fractures that met criteria – rate .8 per 10,000 fracture-years
- In FLEX, there were 4 fractures that met criteria: rate 6.3 per 10,000 patient years
- HORIZON: 5 women had six fractures that met criteria – rate: 2.8 per 10,000 patient years.

Atypical Femur Fractures Increased After 5 Years of Bisphosphonate Use

Adjusted OR and 95% CI

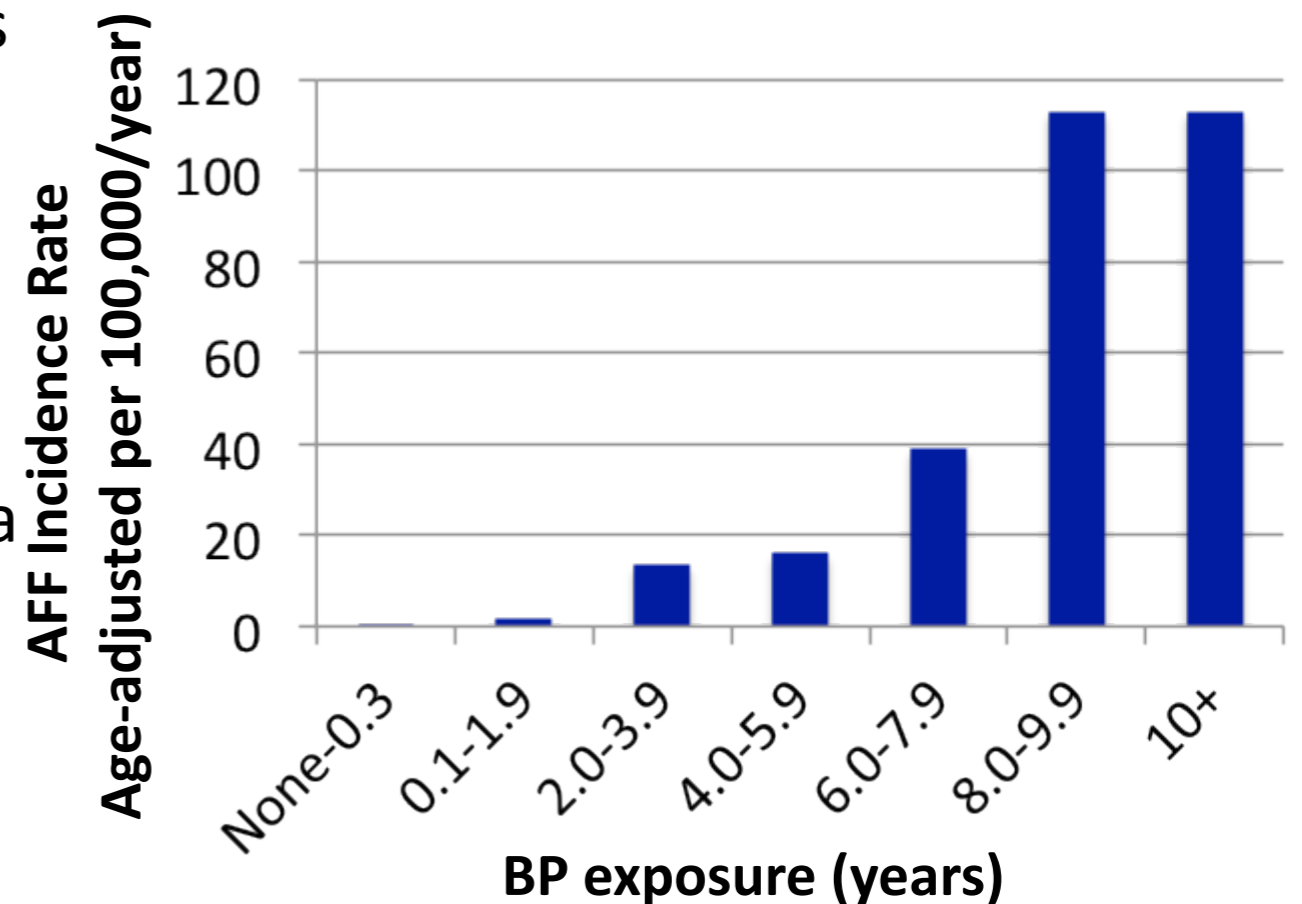
- Atypical hip fractures
 - Cases (n = 716) versus Controls (n = 3580)
 - Zero to 5 years of treatment NS
 - Long term (5 years or more) 2.74 (1.25-6.02)
- Typical hip fractures
 - Cases (n = 9723) versus Controls (n = 48564)
 - Intermediate (3-5 years) 0.86 (0.73-1.00)
 - Long term (5 years or more) 0.76 (0.63-0.93)

Park-Wyllie LY et al *JAMA* 2011;305:783-789

If you treat 1000 women with bisphosphonates for 5 years prevent 35-50 non-vertebral fractures, 50-115 vertebral fractures. You might cause 5 atypical femur fractures

Atypical Femoral Fracture Incidence Increases With Duration of Bisphosphonate Exposure

- 1.8 million Kaiser Permanente enrollees ≥ 45 years of age
- Potential AFF identified by ICD-9 diagnosis and CPT procedure codes
 - All radiographs reviewed
- 142 femur fractures met ASBMR criteria for AFF
 - 128 (90%) had previous BP exposure
 - 14 (10%) no prior BP exposure
 - Age adjusted incidence rose with increasing duration of BP exposure



~ 1 per 1000 pt-yrs after 10 years

To Defend Against Bone Loss, the Body Produces a Protein Called Osteoprotegerin (OPG)

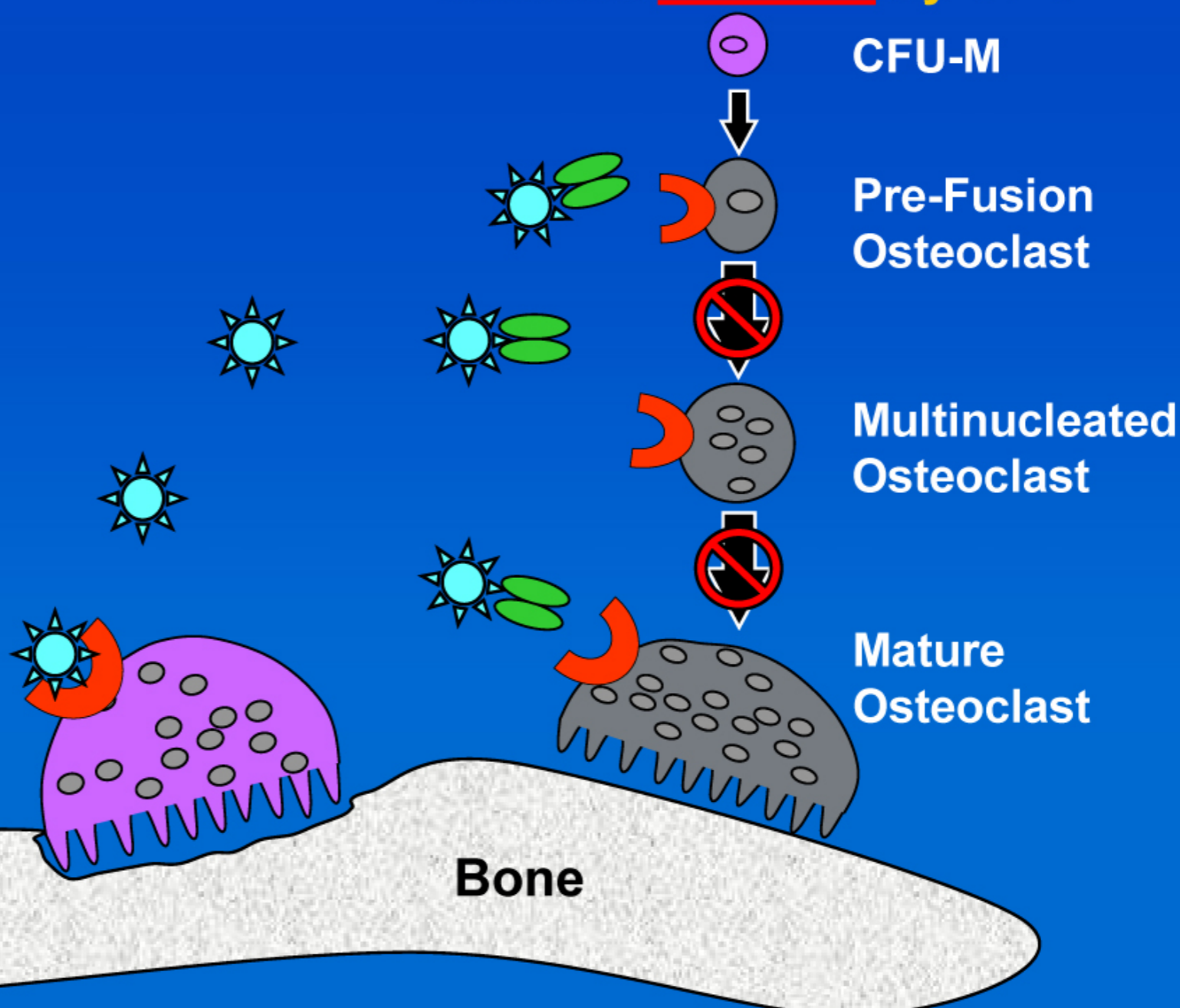
Osteoclast Activation



Growth Factors
Hormones
Cytokines

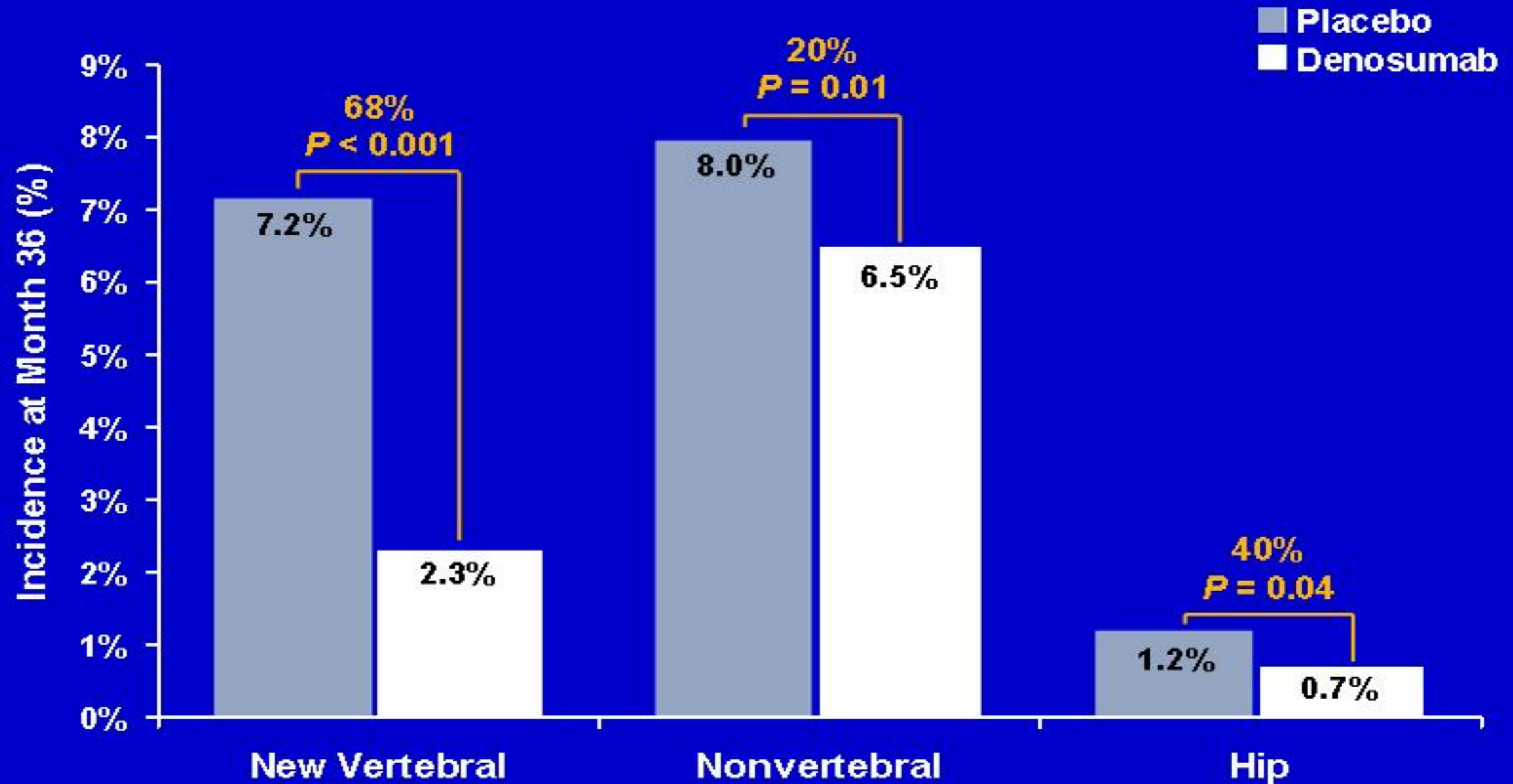


Osteoclast Formation, Function, and Survival Inhibited by OPG



The Effect of Denosumab on Fracture Risks at 36 Months

Phase 3: The FREEDOM Trial



The Percent Change in Bone Mineral Density Over 36 Months With Denosumab

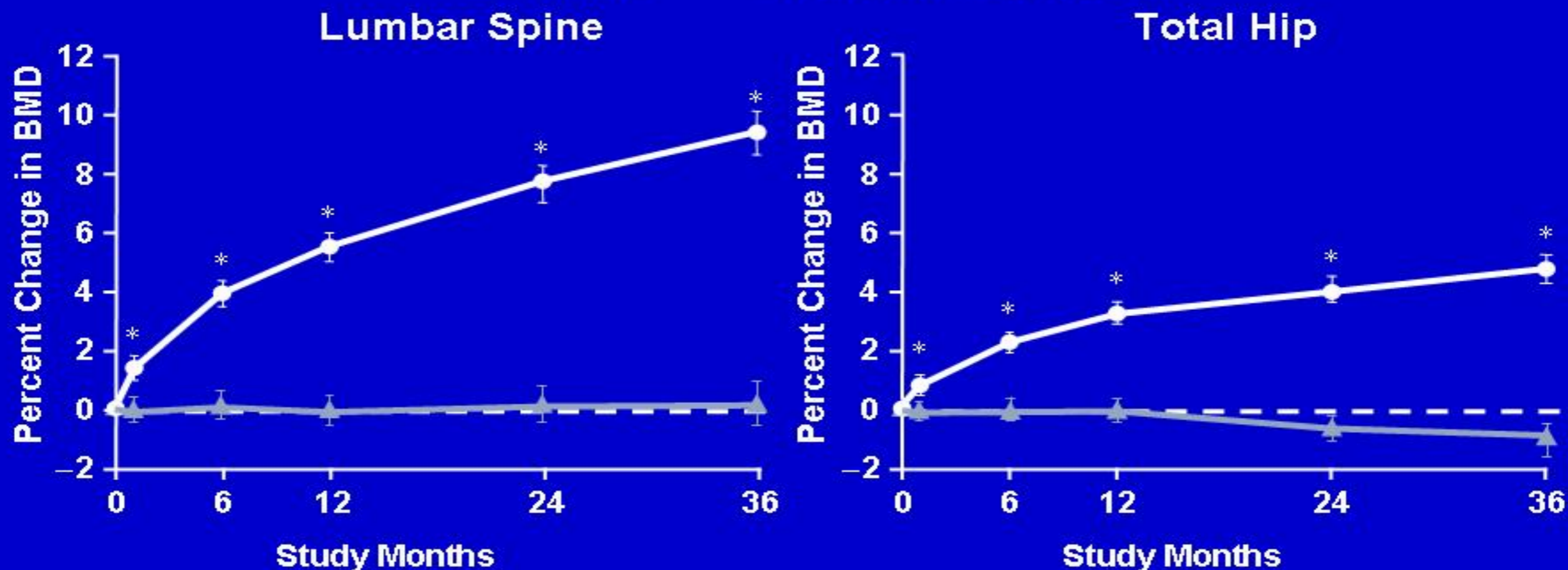
Phase 3: The FREEDOM Trial

Bone Mineral Density Substudy

n = 441

▲ Placebo

● Denosumab 60 mg Q6M



Intent-to-treat, last observation carried forward analysis

* $P < 0.001$ for denosumab vs placebo

Cummings SR, et al. [Published online ahead of print August 11, 2009]. *N Engl J Med*. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa0809493. Copyright © 2009 Massachusetts Medical Society. All rights reserved.

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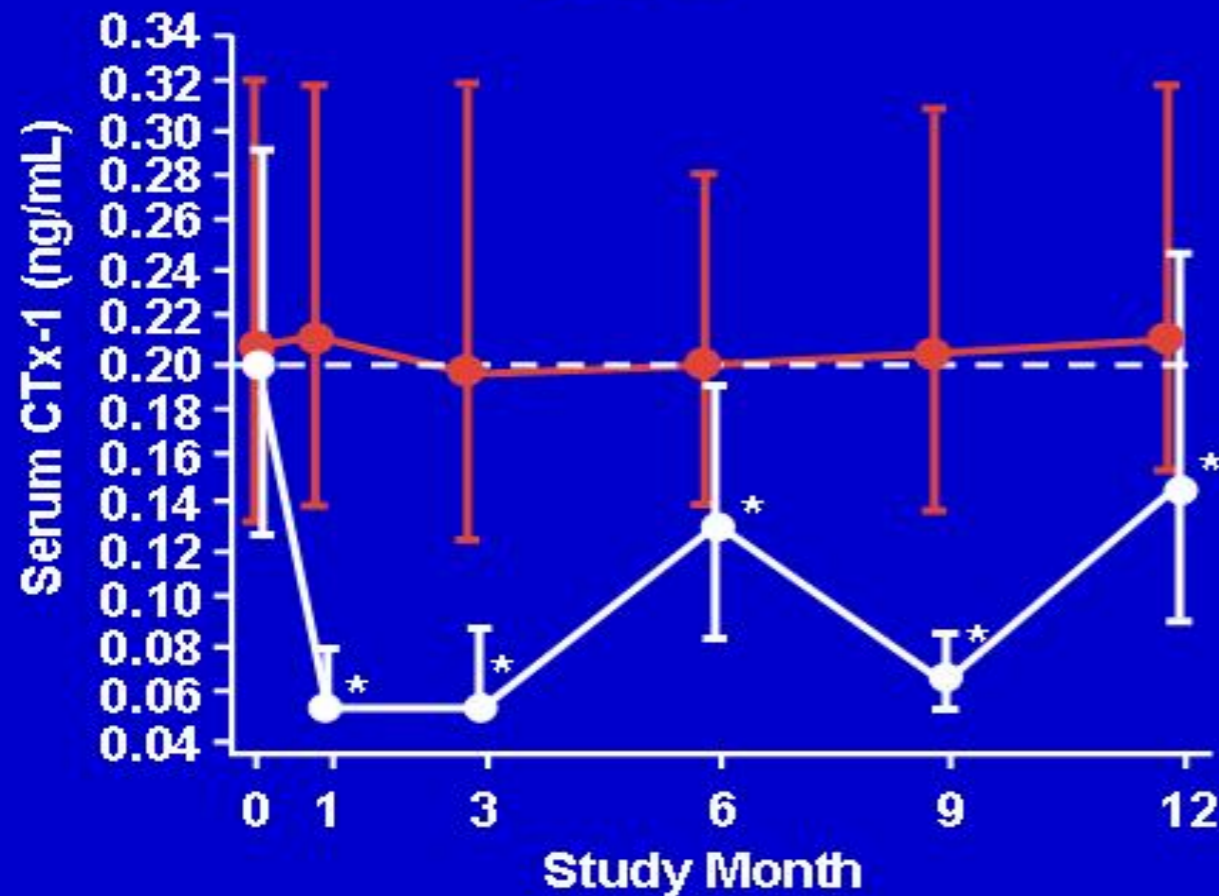
Effects of Treatment on Biochemical Markers of Bone Turnover Over 12 Months

Phase 3: The STAND Trial

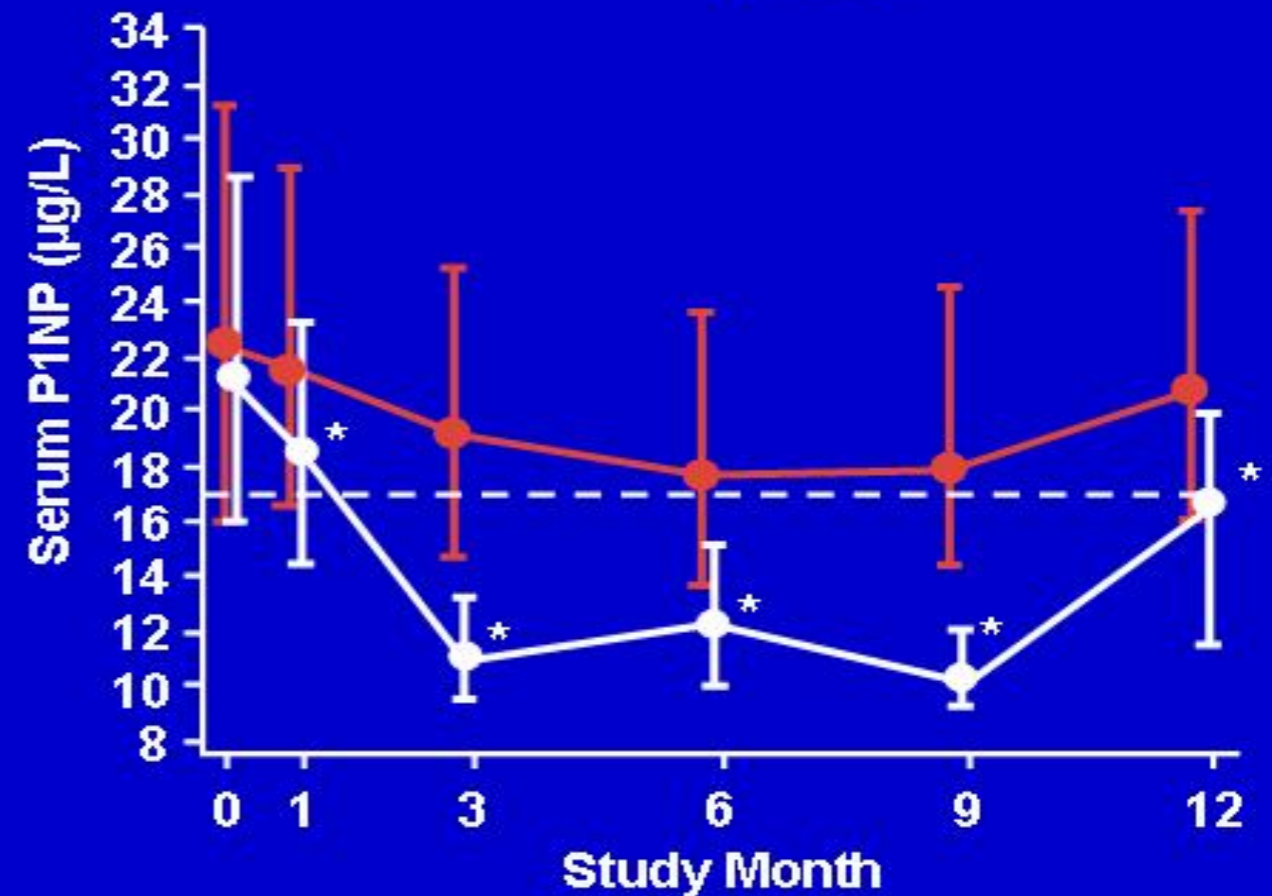
● Alendronate 70 mg QW

● Denosumab 60 mg Q6M

CTx-1



P1NP



Dotted line is lower limit of premenopausal reference range.

Values are medians; error bars represent the interquartile range.

Analysis carried out in the observed data set; missing values were not imputed.

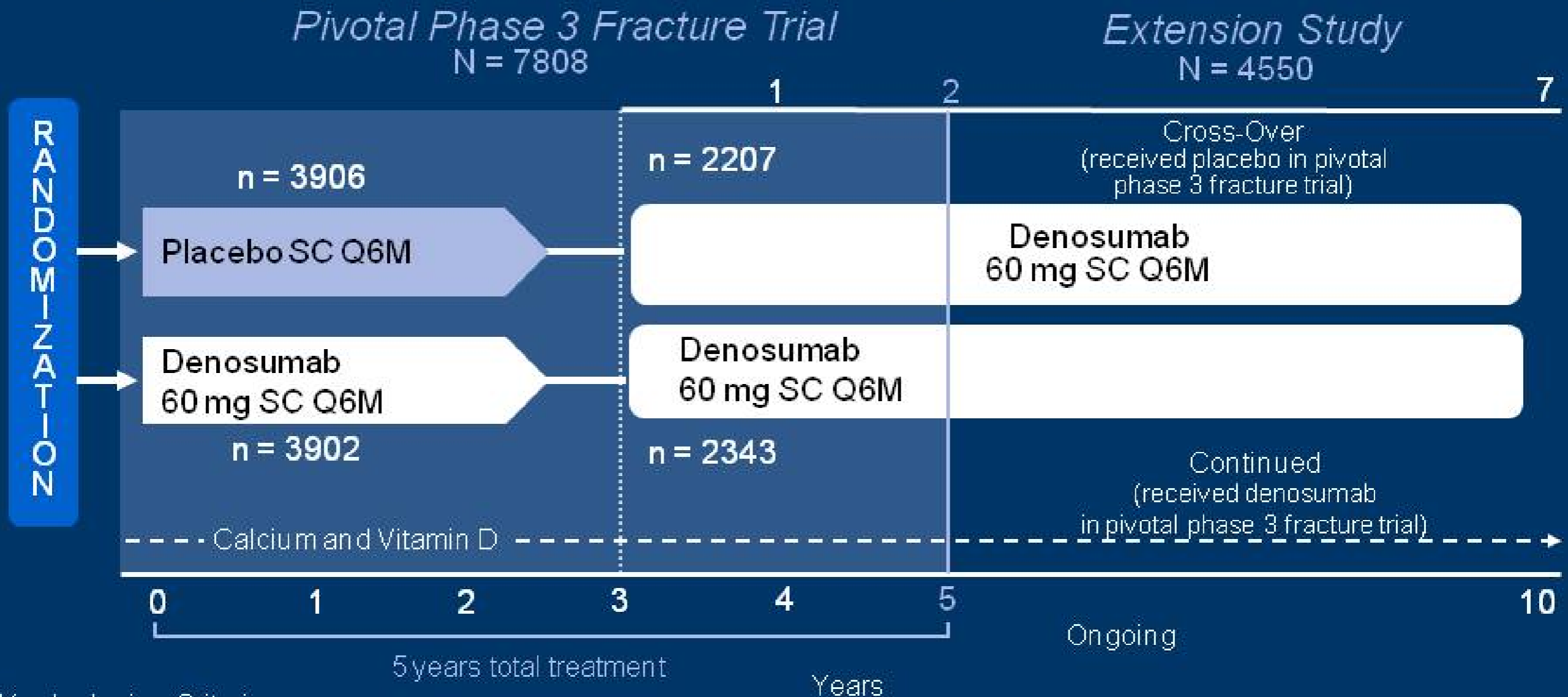
* $P < 0.0001$.

Adapted from: Kendler DL, et al. [Published online ahead of print July 13, 2009]. *J Bone Miner Res*. doi:10.1359/JBMR.090716.

Study Design

The Pivotal Phase 3 Study – Extension

- 7-year, international, multicenter, open-label, single-arm extension study
- Primary endpoint: safety and tolerability of up to 10 years of Prolia® administration

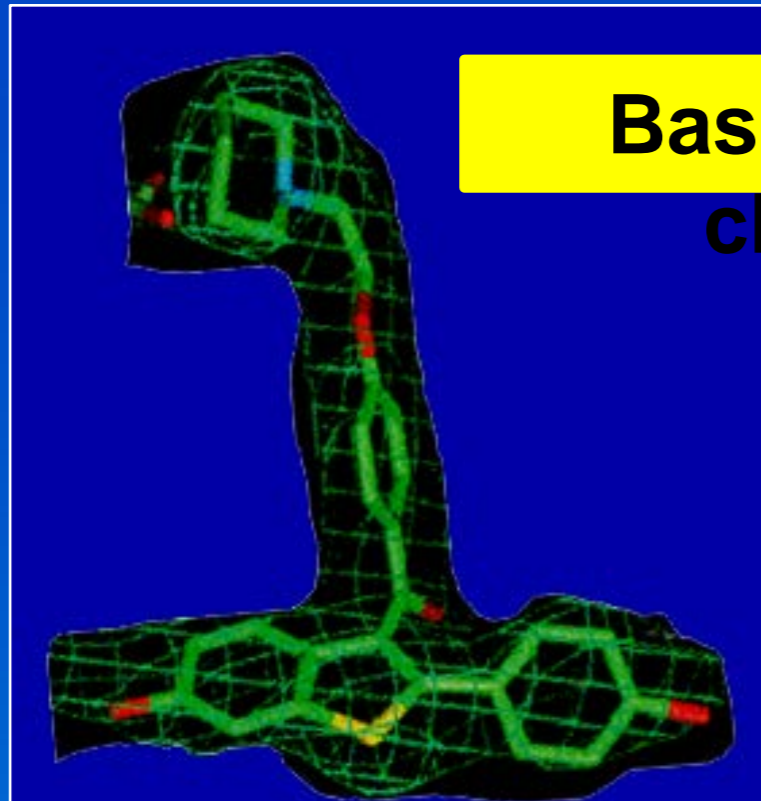


Key Inclusion Criteria

- Must have completed the pivotal phase 3 fracture trial (received denosumab or placebo)
- Not receiving any other osteoporosis medications

raloxifene HCl as a SERM

3-Dimensional Model of Raloxifene



Basic side chain

→ **Estrogen antagonist**

- Uterus
- Breast

Benzothiophene moiety

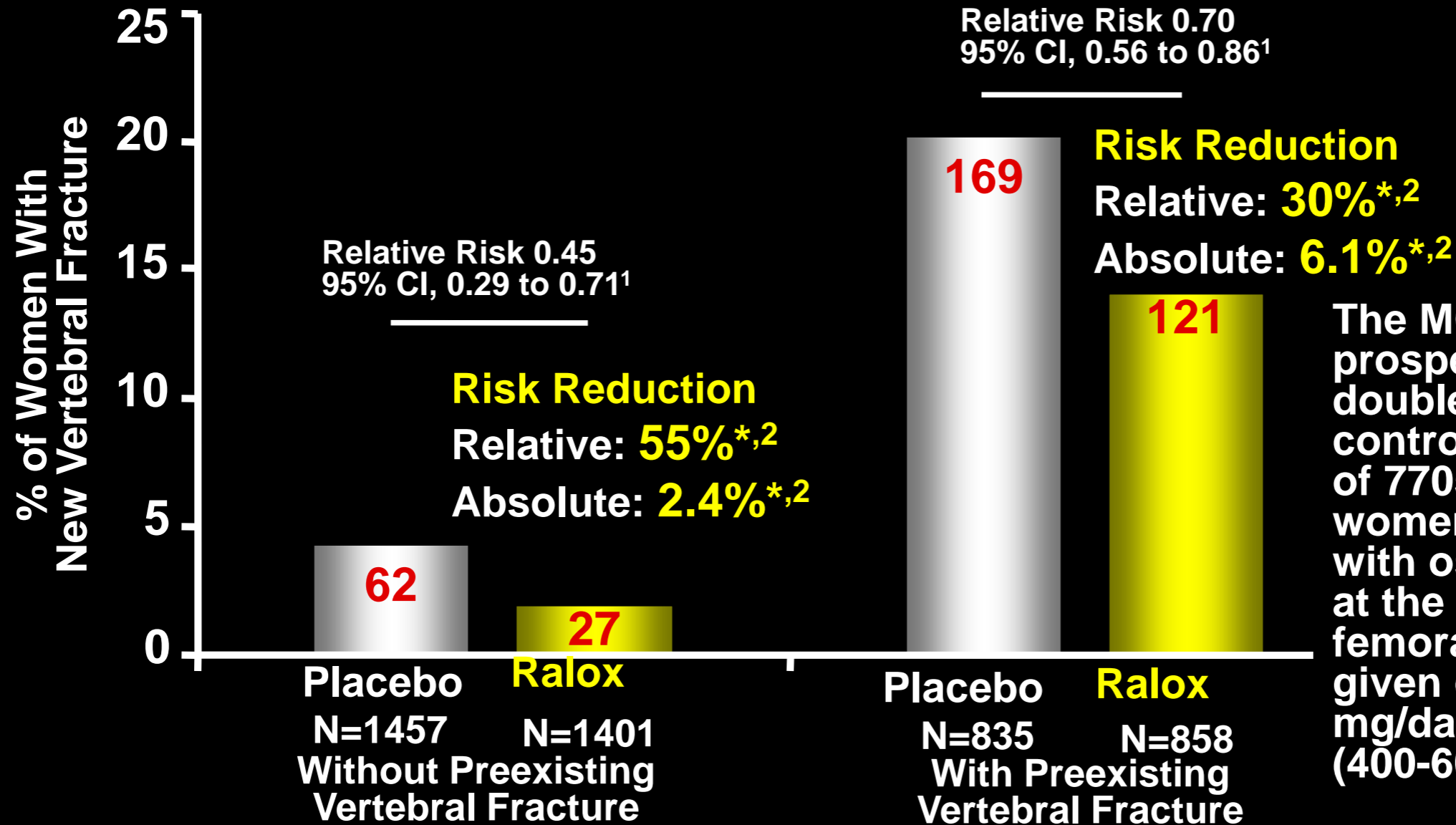
→ **Estrogen agonist**

- Bone
- Serum lipids

Raloxifene is not an estrogen, progestin, or hormone

Effect of raloxifene HCL in Postmenopausal Women With or Without Preexisting Vertebral Fractures

MORE Trial - 3 Years



The MORE trial was a prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, clinical trial of 7705 postmenopausal women (mean age 67) with osteoporosis (-2.6 at the spine; -3.2 at the femoral neck²). All were given calcium (500 mg/day) and vitamin D (400-600 IU/day).³

1. *Rheum Dis Clin N Am.* 2001;27:163-185.
 2. Data on file, Lilly Research Laboratories (199910005).
 3. *JAMA.*1999;282:637-645.

*p<.001

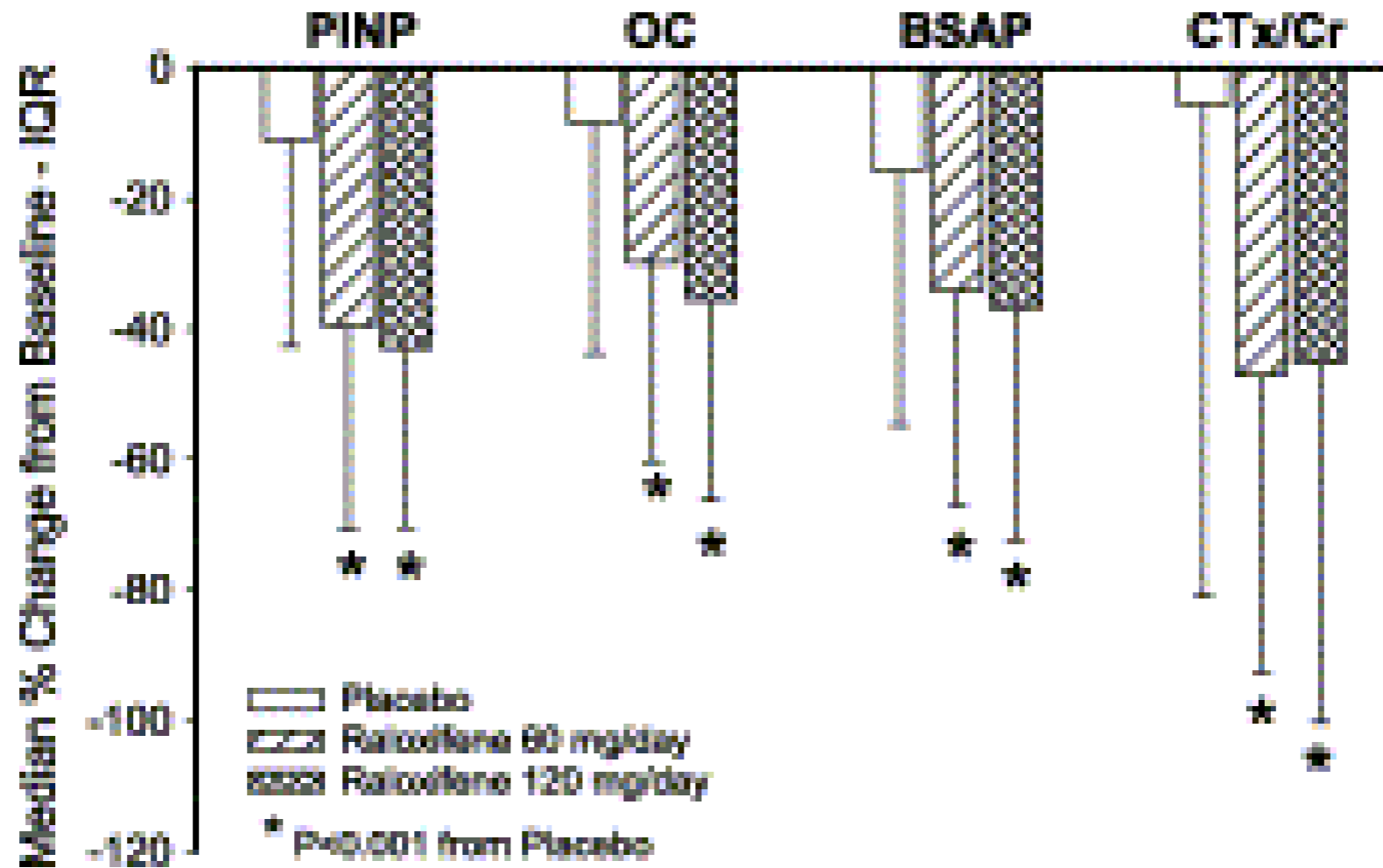


Fig. 1 The median percentage change from baseline to 1 year in the biochemical markers of bone metabolism, type I procollagen N-terminal propeptide (PINP), serum osteocalcin (OC), bone-specific alkaline phosphatase (BSAP), and urinary type I collagen C-telopept...

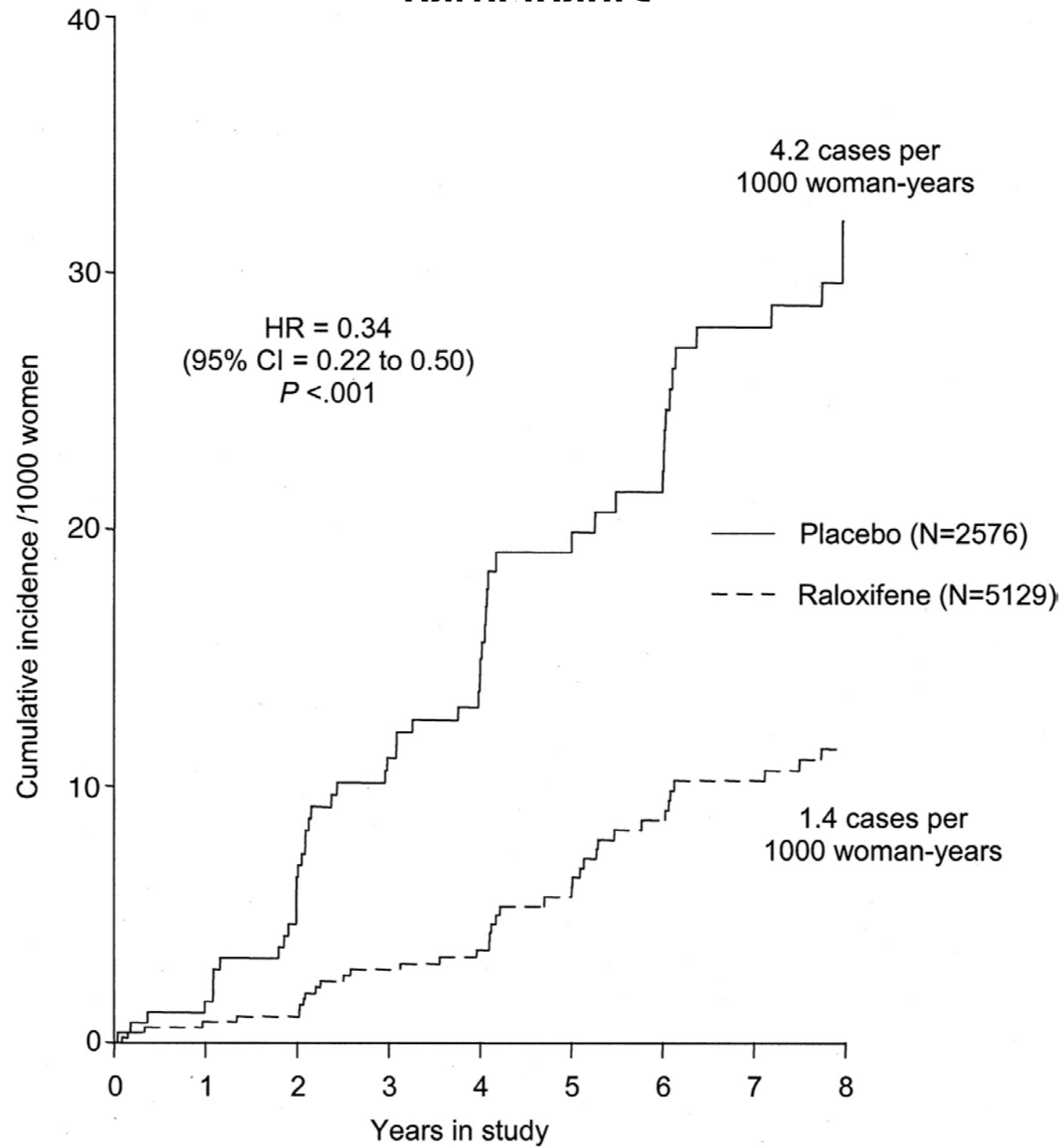
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Reduction in PINP, a marker of bone metabolism, with raloxifene treatment and its relationship with vertebral fracture risk

Bone, Volume 34, Issue 2, 2004, 344 - 351

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.bone.2003.10.004>

Cumulative incidence of adjudicated invasive breast cancers per 1000 women over the 8 years from randomization in the MORE trial to the end of the CORE trial for the 7705 MORE participants

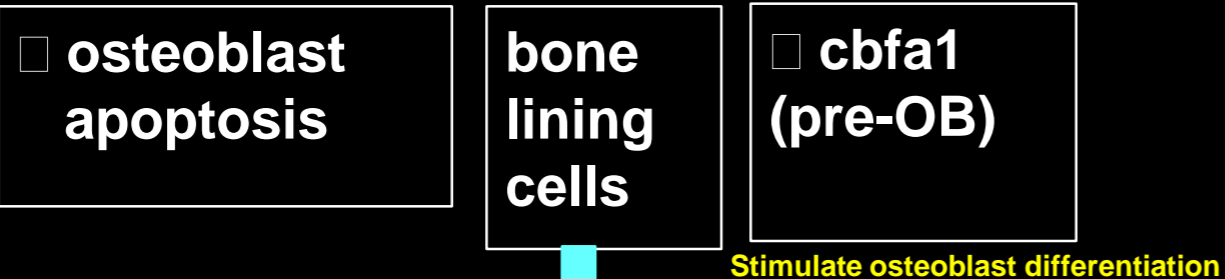


Silvana Martino et al. JNCI J Natl Cancer Inst 2004;96:1751-1761

Mode of delivery determines skeletal response to PTH

PTH

once-daily



continuous



□ osteoblast number/function

□ osteoclast

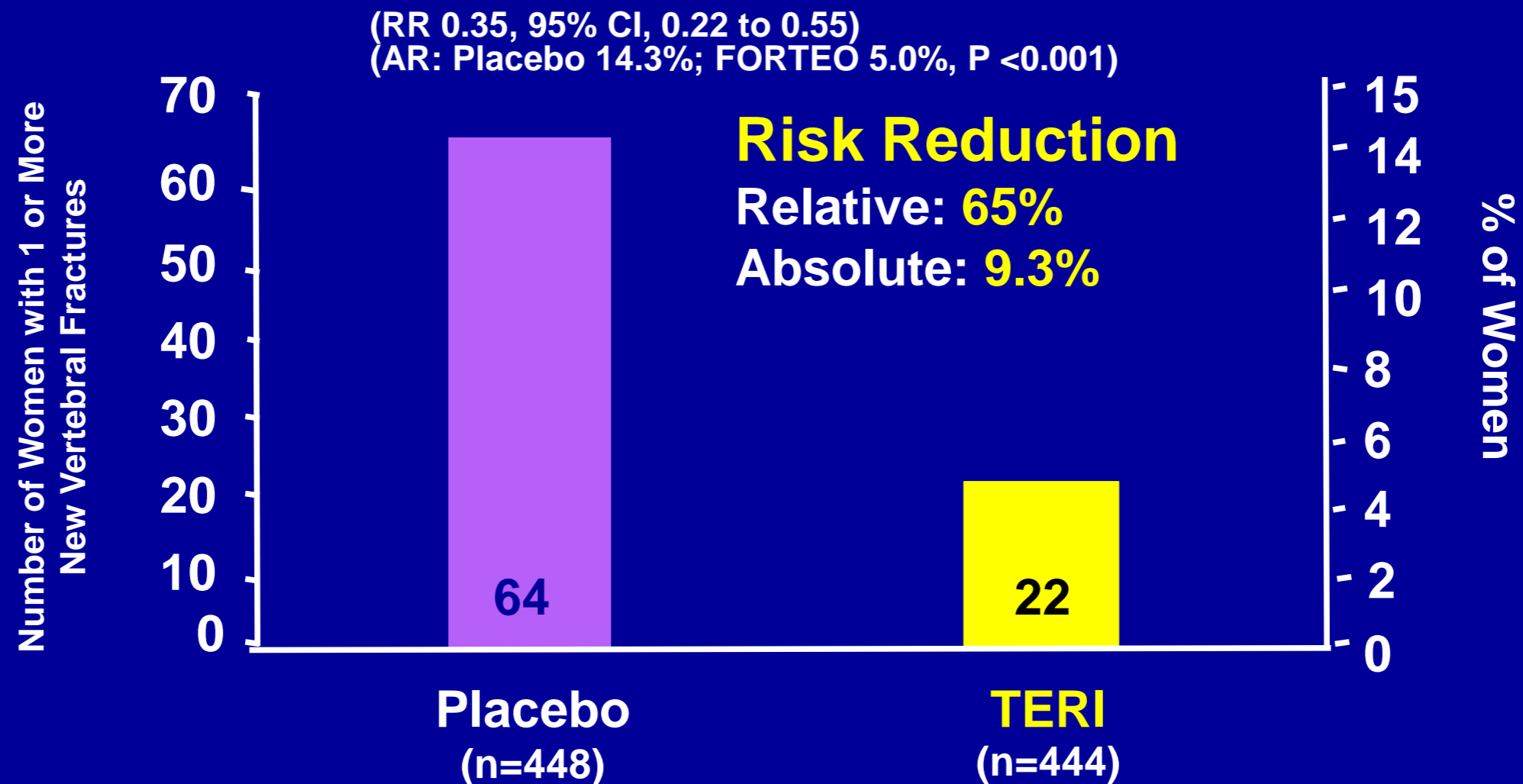
□ bone formation

□ bone resorption

□ bone mass/strength

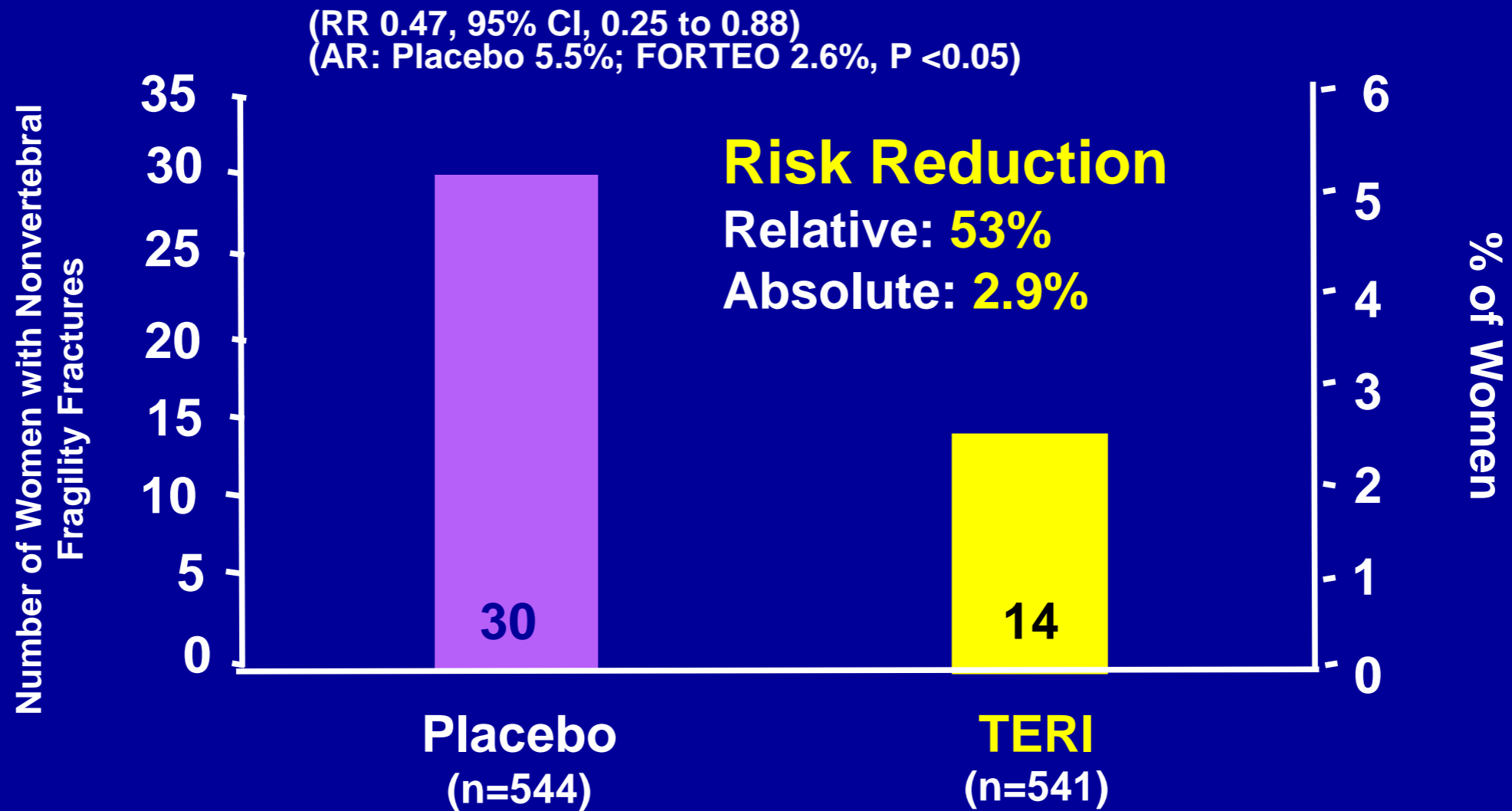
□ serum Ca⁺⁺

Teriparatide (rDNA origin) injection Reduces the Risk of ≥ 1 New Vertebral Fractures



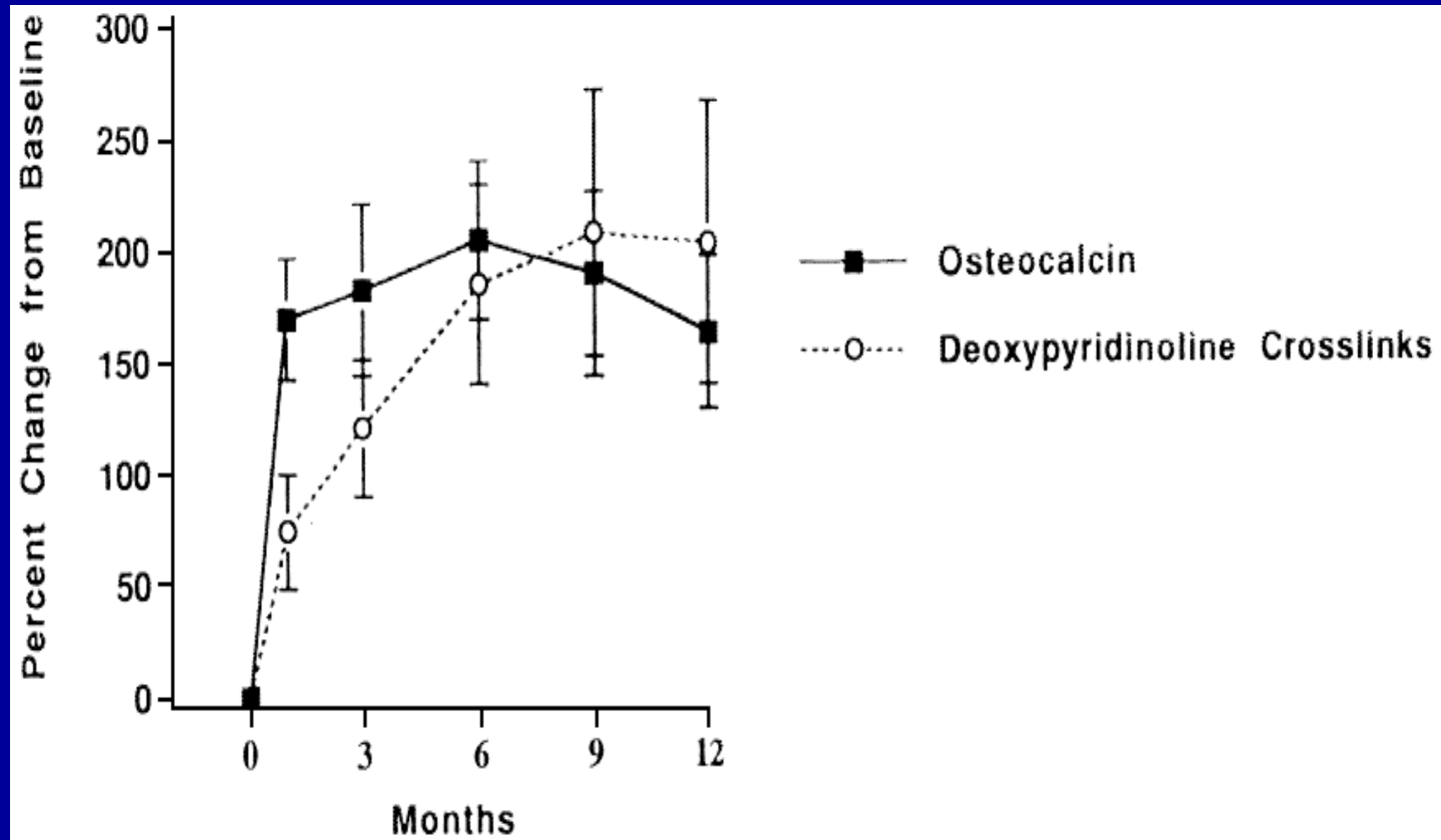
Neer RM, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2001;344:1434-1441

Teriparatide (rDNA origin) injection Reduces the Risk of Nonvertebral Fragility Fractures¹



¹ defined as occurring with minimal trauma
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Biochemical Markers

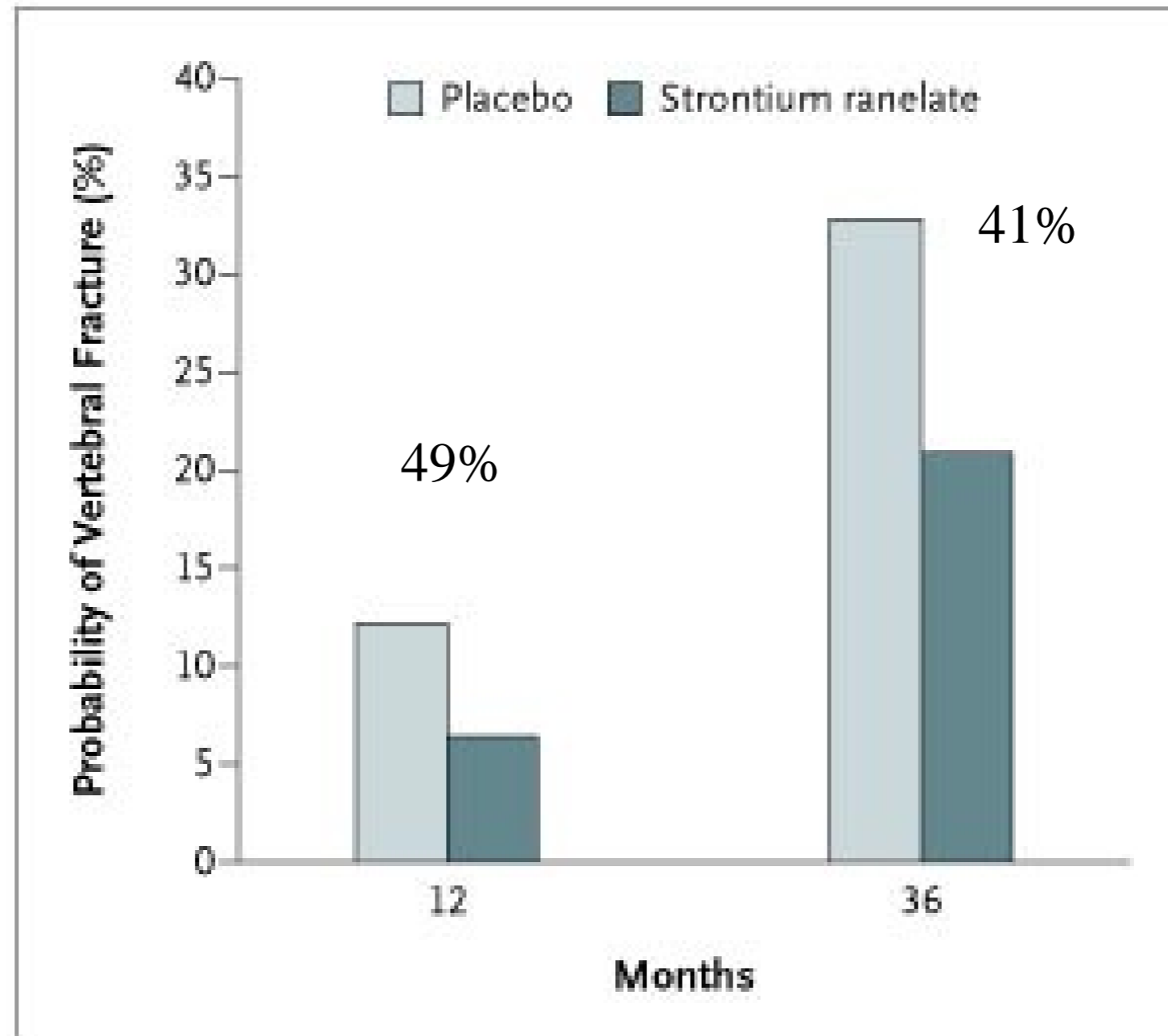


JCI Vol 102 (8) Oct 1998 PTH in Steroid induced Osteoporosis

Warning

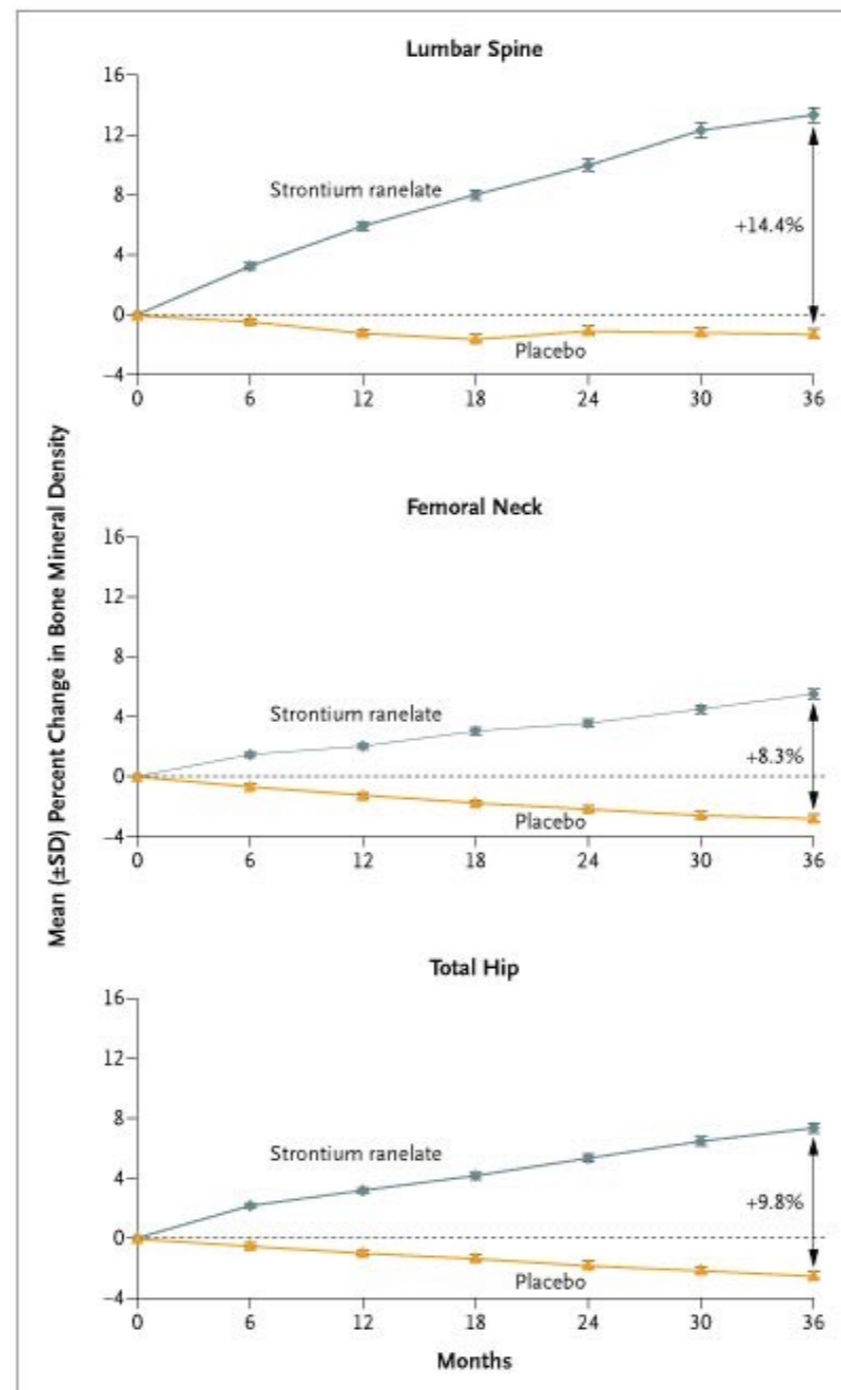
In male and female rats, teriparatide caused an increase in the incidence of osteosarcoma (a malignant bone tumor), that was dependent on dose and treatment duration. The effect was observed at systemic exposures to teriparatide ranging from 3 to 60 times the exposure in humans given a 20-mcg dose. Because of the uncertain relevance of the rat osteosarcoma finding to humans, teriparatide should be prescribed only to patients for whom the potential benefits are considered to outweigh the potential risk. Teriparatide should not be prescribed for patients who are at increased baseline risk for osteosarcoma (including those with Paget's disease of bone or unexplained elevations of alkaline phosphatase, open epiphyses, or prior radiation therapy involving the skeleton) (see WARNINGS *and* PRECAUTIONS, Carcinogenesis).

Proportion of Patients in the Intention-to-Treat Population Who Had One or More New Vertebral Fractures, Assessed According to the Semiquantitative Method



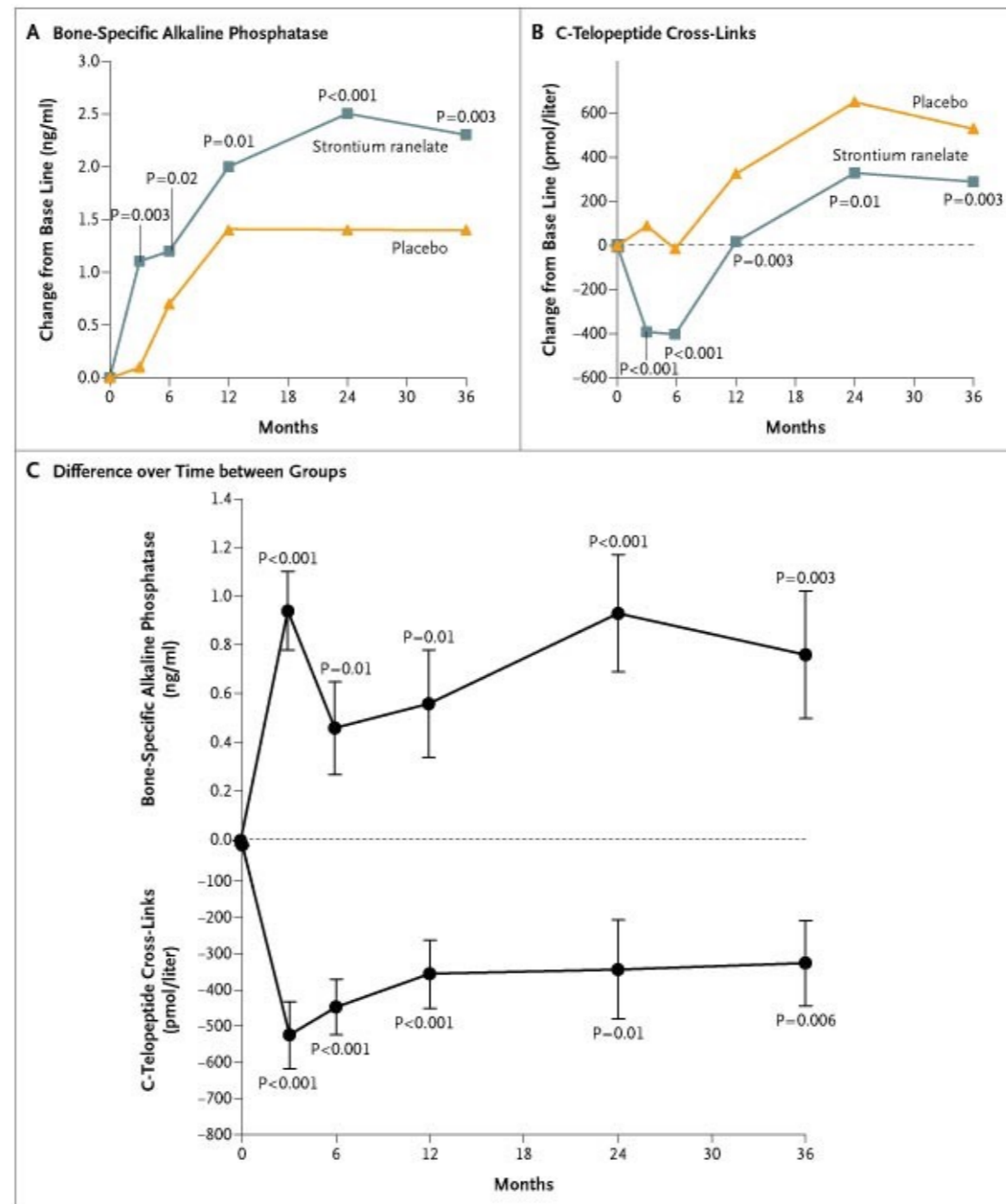
Meunier, P. et al. N Engl J Med
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Effects of Strontium Ranelate on Bone Mineral Density in All Patients Receiving 2 g a Day of Oral Strontium Ranelate



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Strontium Ranelate-Induced Changes in Serum Biochemical Markers of Bone Metabolism



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Summary

- Osteoporosis is a disease with significant consequences
- Fractures can be prevented with multiple FDA approved agents that are proven to be very safe
- Bone densitometry is the best predictor of fractures in women without previous fractures
- Calcium and Vitamin D is part of every treatment regimen
- The goal of treatment is fracture reduction – this should be the primary marker of treatment efficacy.
- Understanding bone turnover can help us direct our treatment choices