

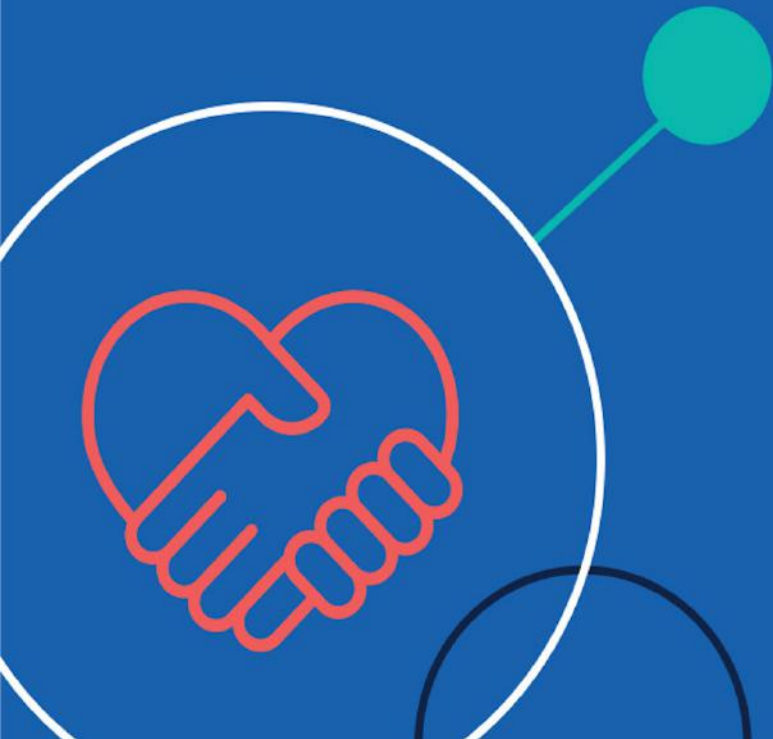


# Update on Bone Health

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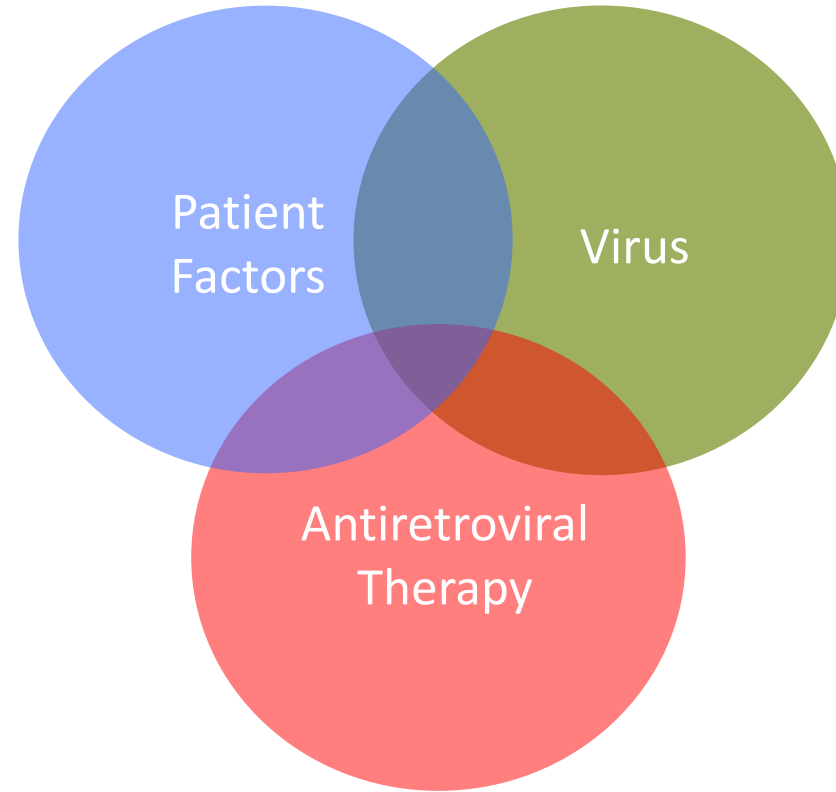
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# Contributors to the Risk of Osteoporosis in HIV



- Relative contributions of each of these factors to the pathogenesis of osteoporosis: key to developing strategies for prevention and treatment
- Same applies to other comorbid conditions

# Bone Loss – Risk Factors for the General Population – 1

- Age > 65 years
- Female
- Family history of osteoporosis and fractures
- Body mass index < 20 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Alcohol consumption > 2 standard drinks per day\*
- Smoking\*
- Substance abuse\*
- Previous low-trauma fracture
- Corticosteroid use (eg. prednisolone > 7.5 mg/day for ≥ 3 months)

## Bone Loss – Risk Factors for the General Population – 2

- Systemic inflammation (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis)
- Chronic kidney or liver disease
- Post-menopausal
- Hypogonadism in men
- Vitamin D deficiency - inadequate exposure to sunlight (taking into account factors such as geographical location, season and skin pigmentation)
- Sedentary lifestyle

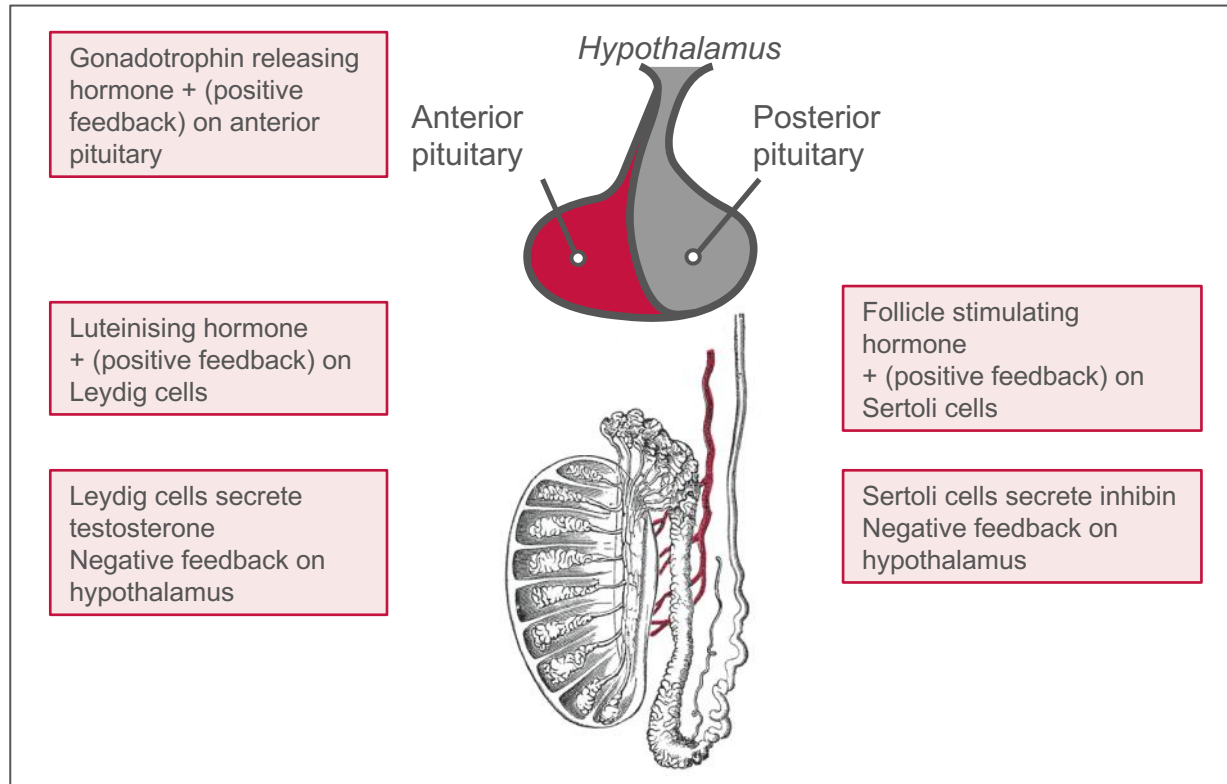
# Risk Factors for Osteoporosis in PLWHIV

- Duration of HIV
- Low CD4 cell count
- Lipoatrophy
- Increased lactic acid levels
- Vitamin D deficiency, co-infection with hepatitis C, substance abuse, tobacco, alcohol use
- ART\* – tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF), stavudine, efavirenz, protease inhibitors, ritonavir (increases corticosteroid exposure in those taking oral or inhaled corticosteroids)

\*The association of specific antiretroviral agents and bone loss has varies depending on the specific study, the risk factors evaluated and the skeletal site

\*Initiation of ART may lead to bone loss, particularly over first 1-2 years' therapy

# Male hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis



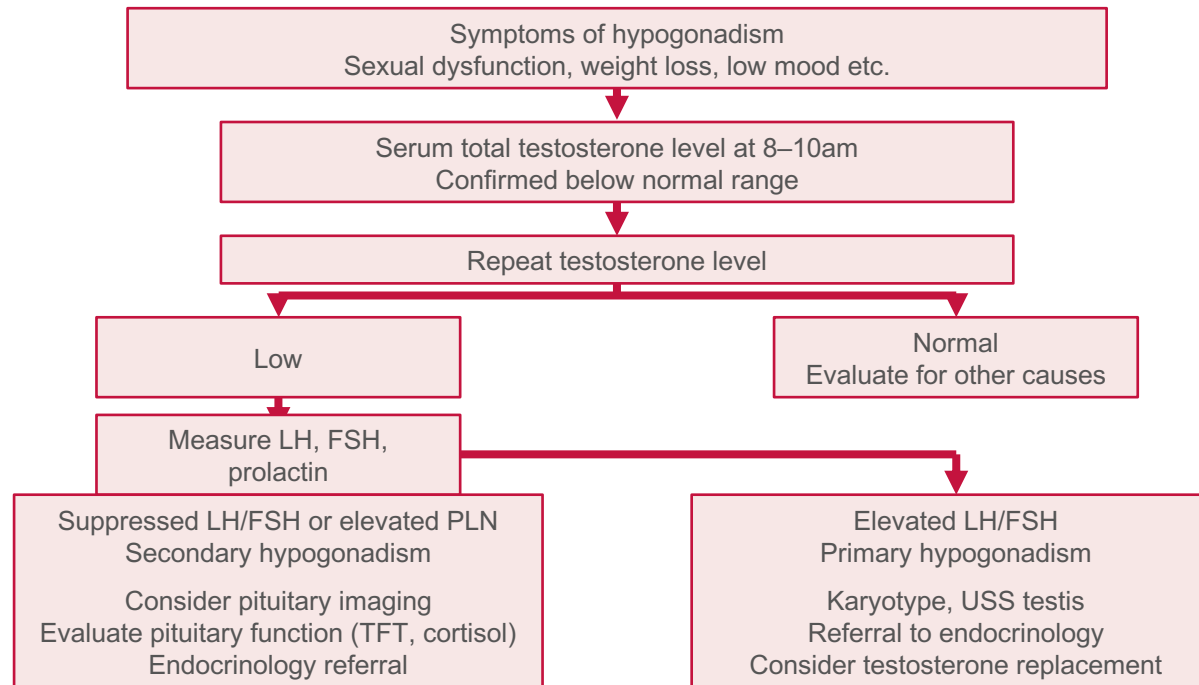
- 57% of cases (N=245) of testosterone deficiency in men with HIV on combination ART are secondary hypogonadism<sup>2</sup>

# Causes of secondary hypogonadism in men with HIV

- HIV duration
- Low BMI and muscle wasting
- Hypothalamic or pituitary disease, including high prolactin levels
- Cancer (Kaposi sarcoma) or lymphoma
- Pituitary apoplexy (lymphoma, syphilis)
- Infection (M tuberculosis, toxoplasmosis, pneumocystis jiroveci, CMV, candidiasis, hepatitis B and C)
- Infiltration (sarcoidosis, histiocytosis, haemochromatosis) ± DI
- Obesity, T2DM, hypertension, increased CVD risk, age
- Anabolic steroids
- Glucocorticoids
- Opioids, methadone, psychotropic drugs
- ART and its duration



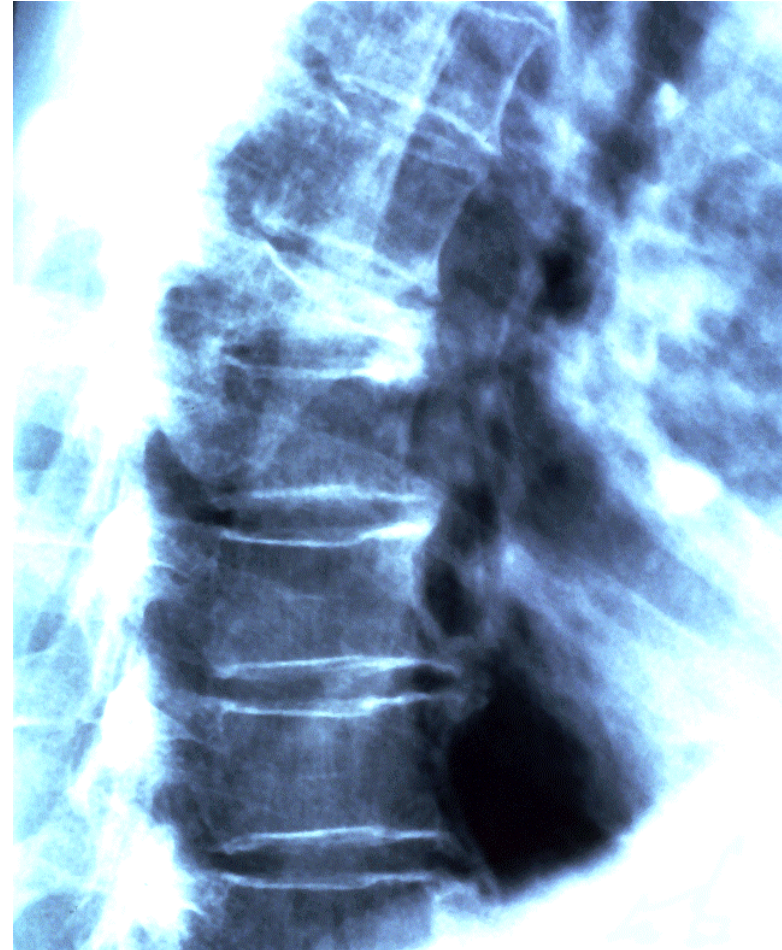
# Evaluation of male hypogonadism



- Testosterone treatment will increase lean and muscle mass, and improve QoL and BMD

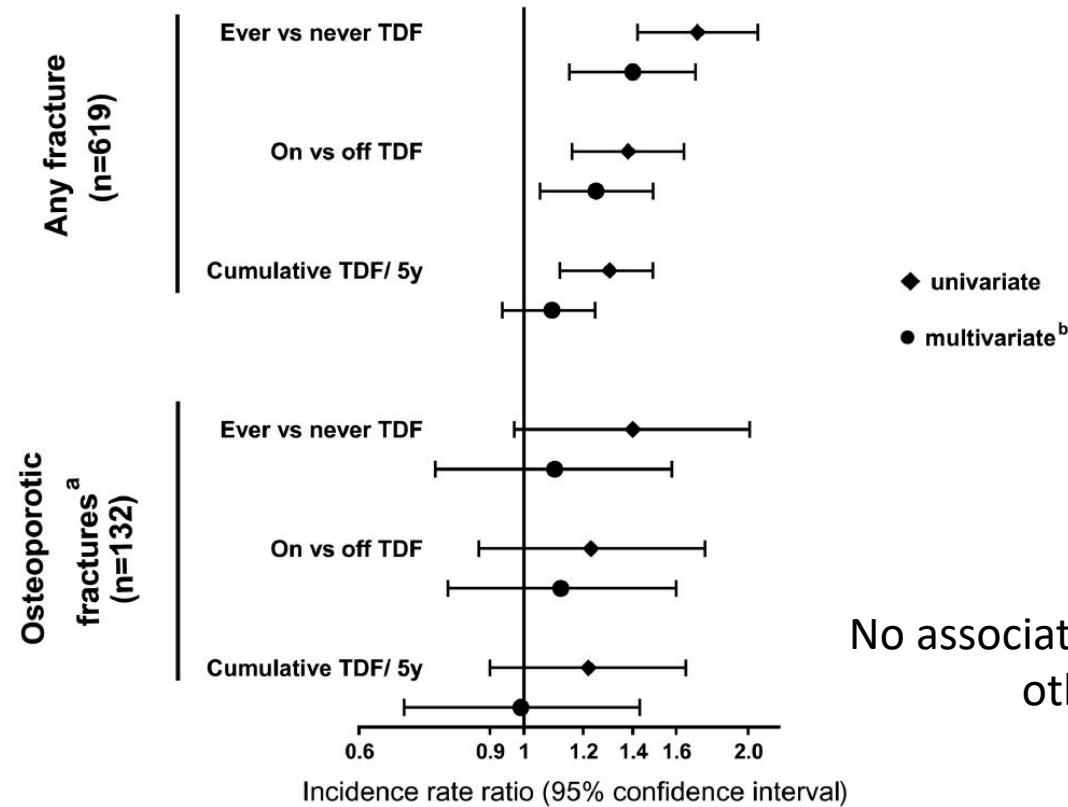
# Vertebral Fractures

- Majority are asymptomatic
- Associated with increased risk of subsequent fractures
- Diagnosis requires lateral thoracic and lumbar spine X-rays (or DXA imaging)
- Associated with chronic pain, height loss, kyphosis, disability
- Common in patients with HIV with a prevalence of 11.1% and a RR of 2.30



# Effect of Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate Exposure on Fractures

Effect of TDF exposure on risk of any fracture and of osteoporotic fractures<sup>a</sup>



No association seen for fractures and other individual ARV

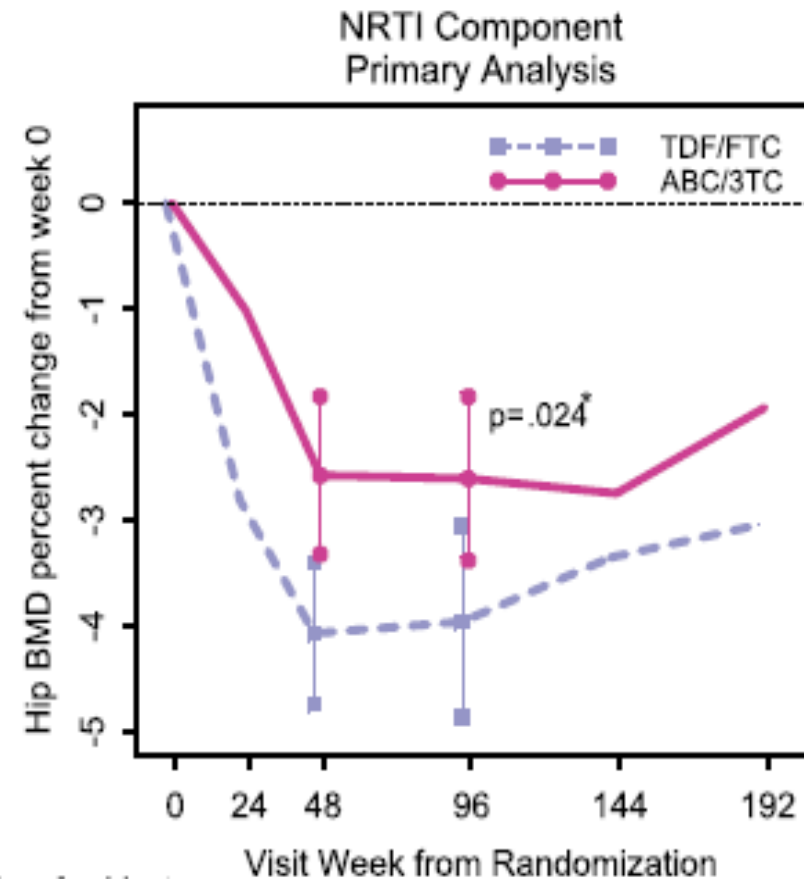
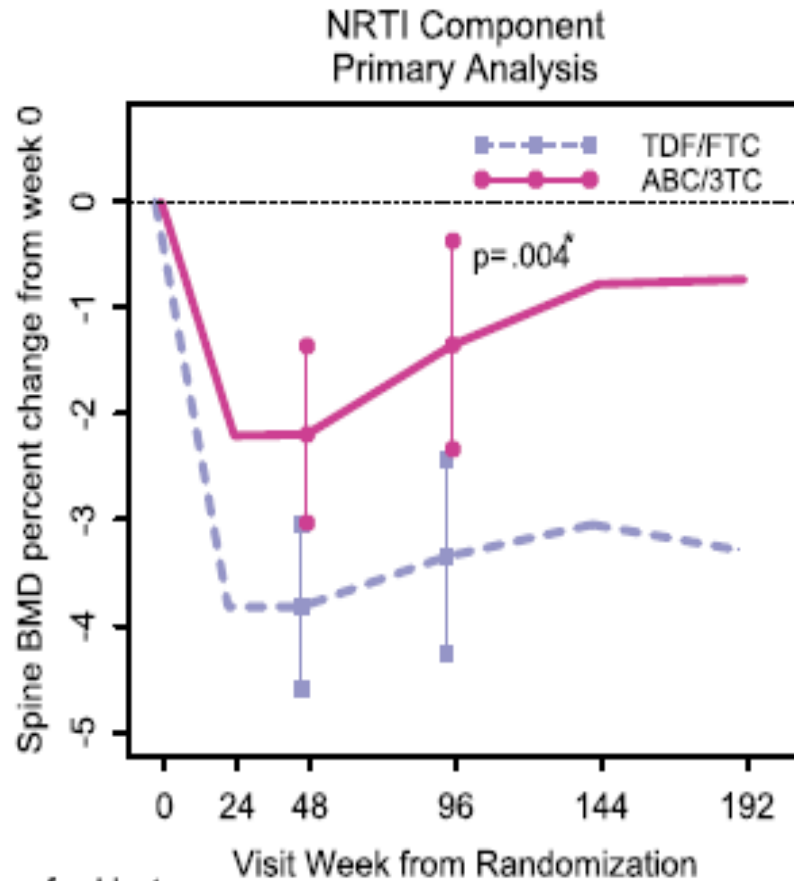
<sup>a</sup> grouped as fractures of the spine, arm, wrist and hip  
<sup>b</sup> adjusted for demographics, HIV-specific variables and co-morbidities

# Antiretroviral Therapy and Bone Loss

- Data indicate bone loss in HAART-naïve patients starting therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Bone loss appears to be transient and occurs mainly during the first year<sup>2,3</sup>
- Bone loss is associated with increased levels of bone turnover markers<sup>4</sup>
- Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF) and protease inhibitors are associated with greater loss<sup>1,3</sup>
- Specific association between NRTIs, especially TDF, and Fanconi syndrome causing hypophosphataemic osteomalacia (rare)<sup>5</sup>

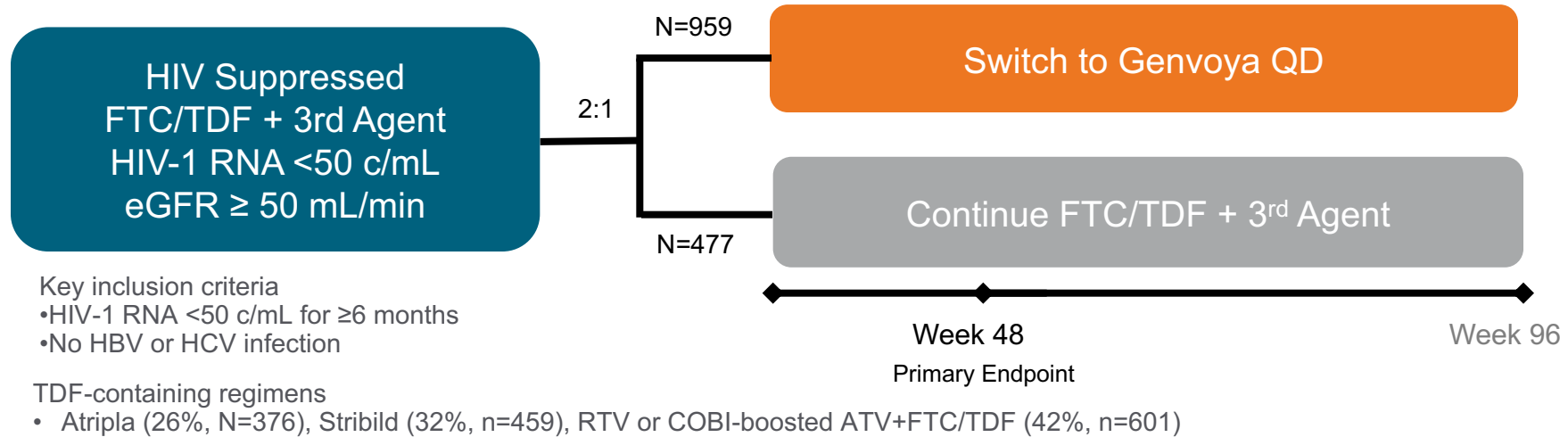
HAART, highly active antiretroviral therapy; NRTI, nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, TDF, tenofovir  
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# TDF-containing Regimens Cause Greater Initial Bone Loss at the Spine and Hip



# Suppressed Adults Switched from a TDF-containing regimen to Genvoya<sup>1-4</sup>

- ◆ Phase 3, 96-week, multi-centered, randomized, open label, active-controlled



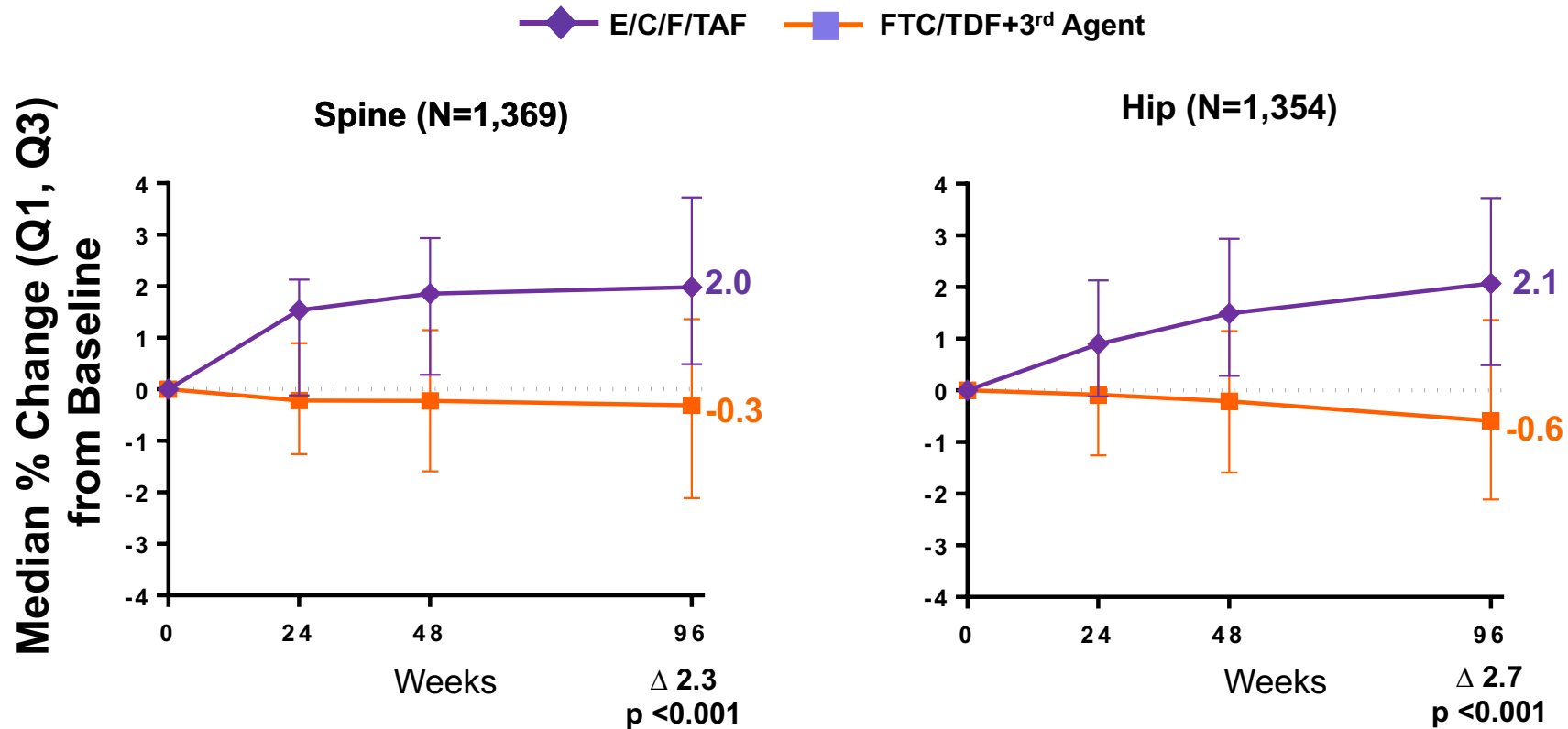
- ◆ **Primary endpoint:** proportion of patients with undetectable viral load (HIV-1 RNA < 50 copies per mL) at week 48
- ◆ **Secondary outcomes:**
  - Hip bone mineral density
  - Spine bone mineral density
  - Change in serum creatinine
  - Change in efavirenz-related symptom score

Genvoya: single-tablet regimen elvitegravir 150mg/ cobicistat 150mg/ emtricitabine 200mg/ tenofovir alafenamide 10mg  
 STB = Stribild = single-tablet regimen elvitegravir 150mg/ cobicistat 150mg/ emtricitabine 200mg/ tenofovir DF 300mg  
 ATR = Atripla = single-tablet regimen efavirenz 600mg/ emtricitabine 200mg/ tenofovir DF 300mg  
 ATV = atazanavir, COBI = cobicistat, RTV = ritonavir

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# Changes in Spine and Hip BMD through Week 96

- Suppressed Adults Switched from a TDF-containing regimen to E/C/F/TAF



Switching to E/C/F/TAF from a regimen containing FTC/TDF + 3<sup>rd</sup> agent resulted in progressive increase in spine and hip BMD over 96 weeks

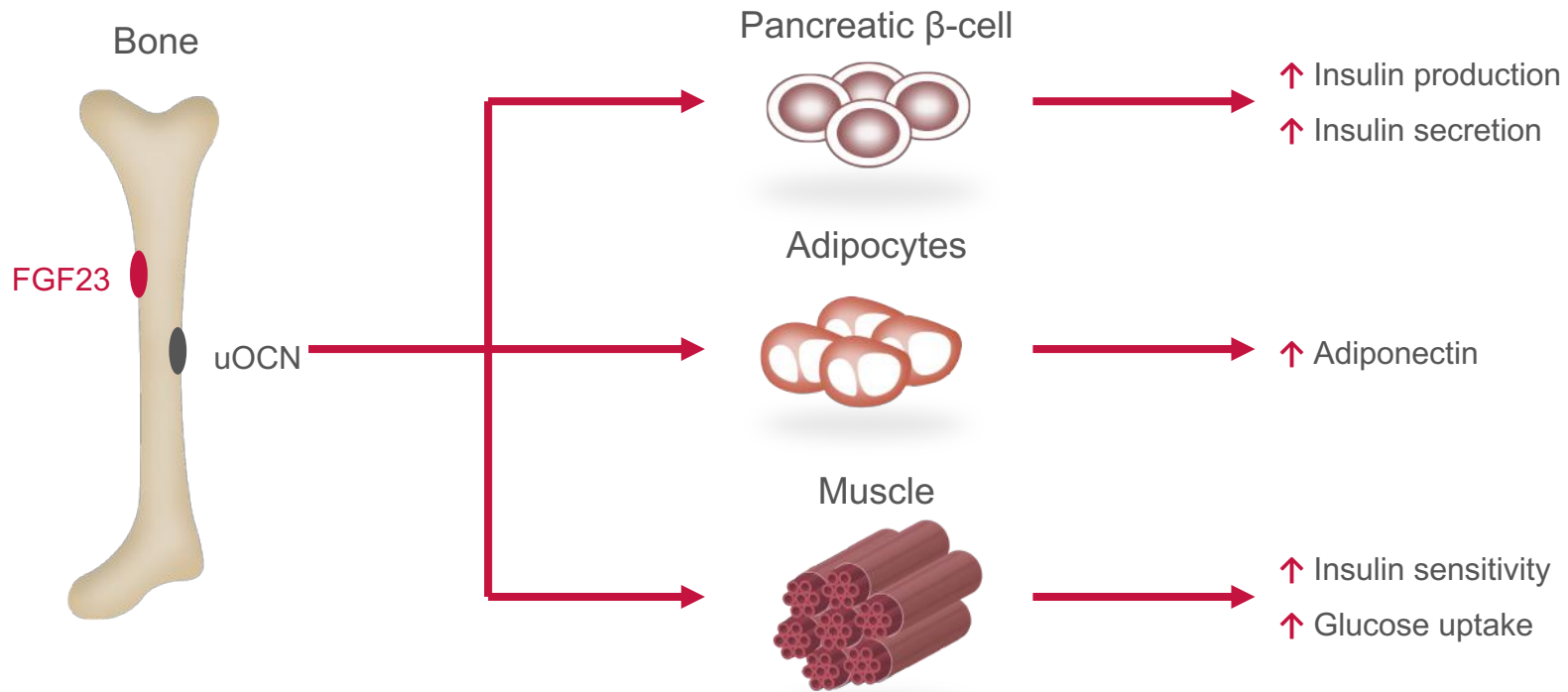
# Effects on BMD over 48 Weeks in Virologically Suppressed Patients

	<b>GENVOYA N=799</b>	<b>Continued FTC/TDF + Third Agent* N=397</b>
Subjects who experienced BMD declines, %		
≥5% at the lumbar spine	1	6
≥7% at the femoral neck	1	4

\*Third Agent Regimens include ATRIPLA, FTC/TDF + ATV + (COBI or RTV), and EVG/COBI/FTC/TDF.  
1. GENVOYA US Prescribing Information, March 2016.



# Bone as an endocrine organ

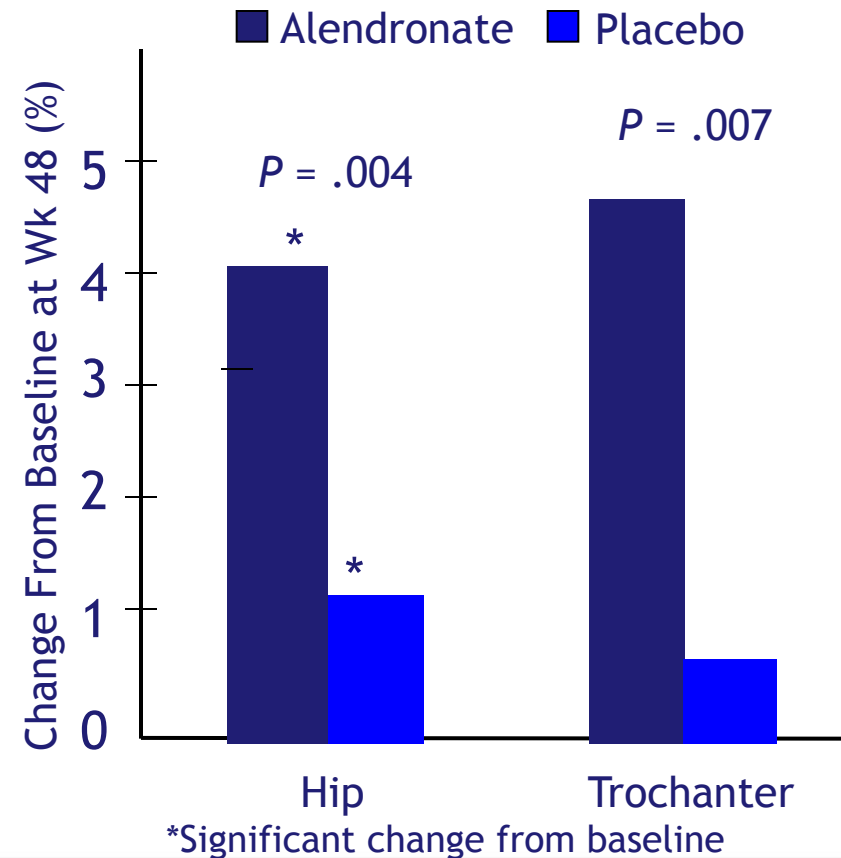


# Effect of TDF on bone metabolism in adolescents and young men on PrEP

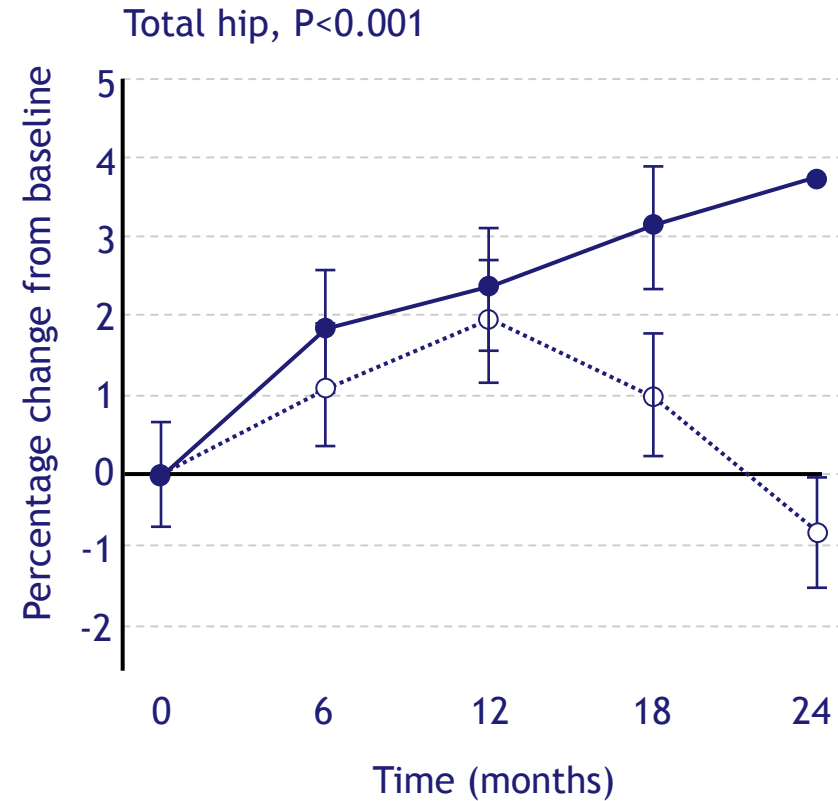
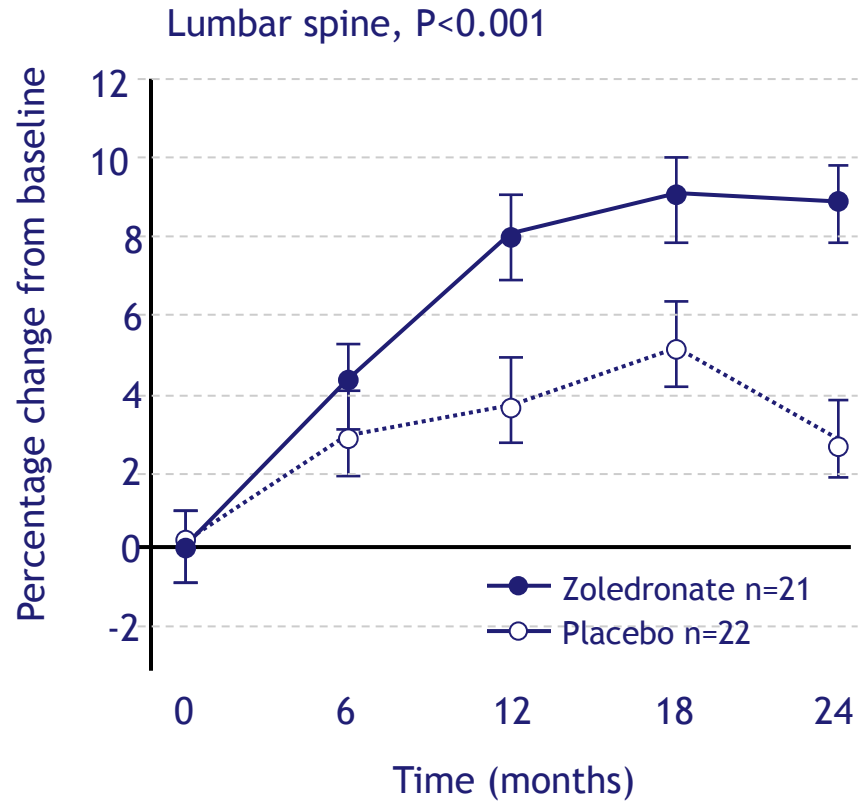
- High exposure to TDF as PrEP was associated with >3% decrease in hip BMD at 48 weeks compared to low exposure
- A decrease in FGF-23 was associated with increases in PTH and bone turnover markers
- It is likely endocrine disruption (PTH-FGF23) is a primary contributor to TDF-associated BMD decline in this age group (mean±SD age, 19.6±1.8 years)
- Bone loss and fractures are of potential concern in men starting TDF as PrEP
- Adverse effects will be greatest for those with the highest baseline absolute fracture risk, based on BMD and clinical risks

# Effect of Alendronate on BMD in HIV-infected Patients

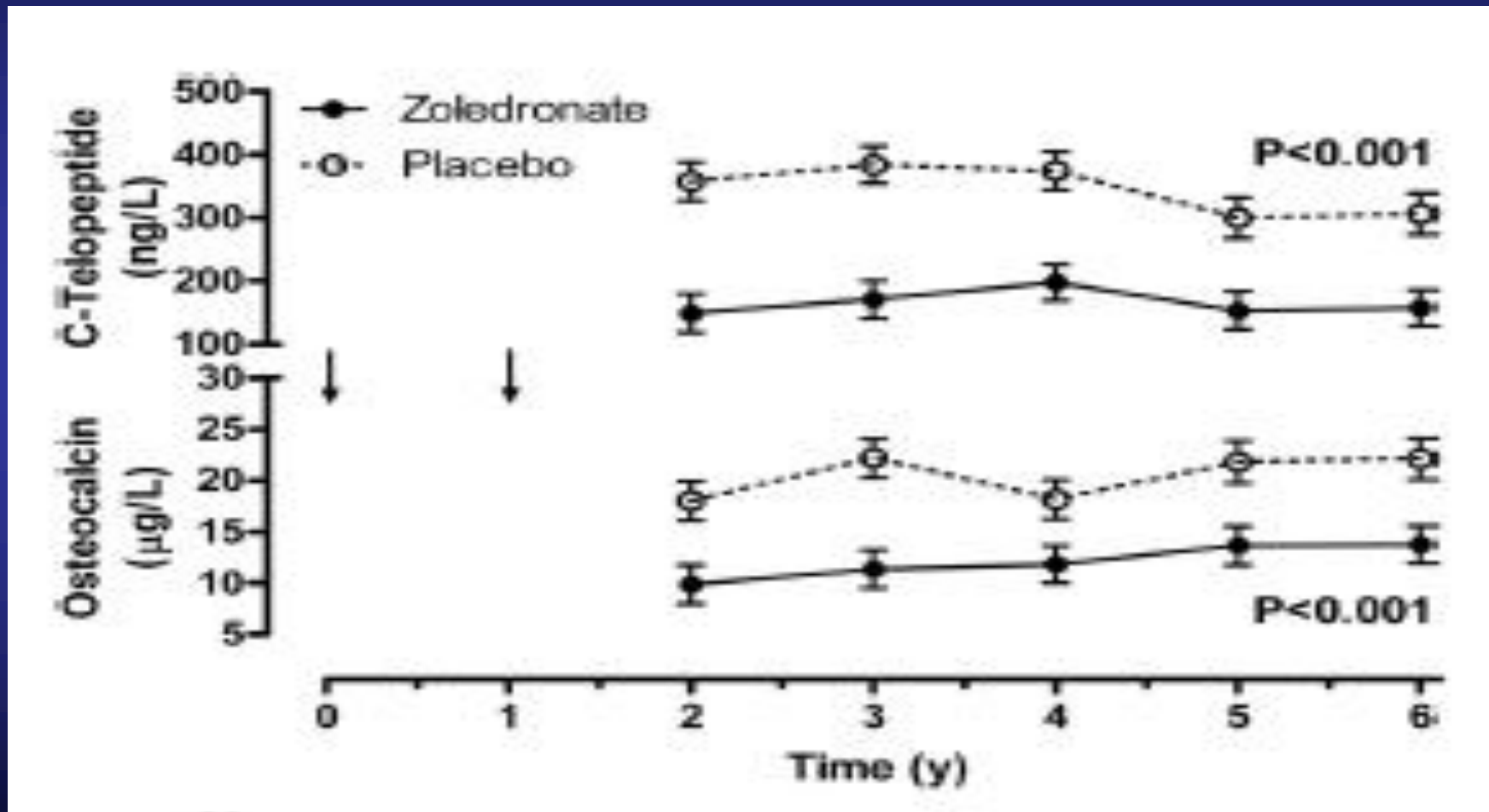
- Randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blinded phase II trial in osteopenic (lumbar T-score < -1.5) HIV-infected patients (71% men)
- Alendronate 70 mg QW + vitamin D + calcium (500 mg/200 IU BID) (n = 42)
- Placebo + vitamin D + calcium (n = 40)
- No significant AEs
- Black race associated with smaller change from baseline with alendronate (P = .003)



# Effect of iv Zoledronate on BMD in HIV Infected Men

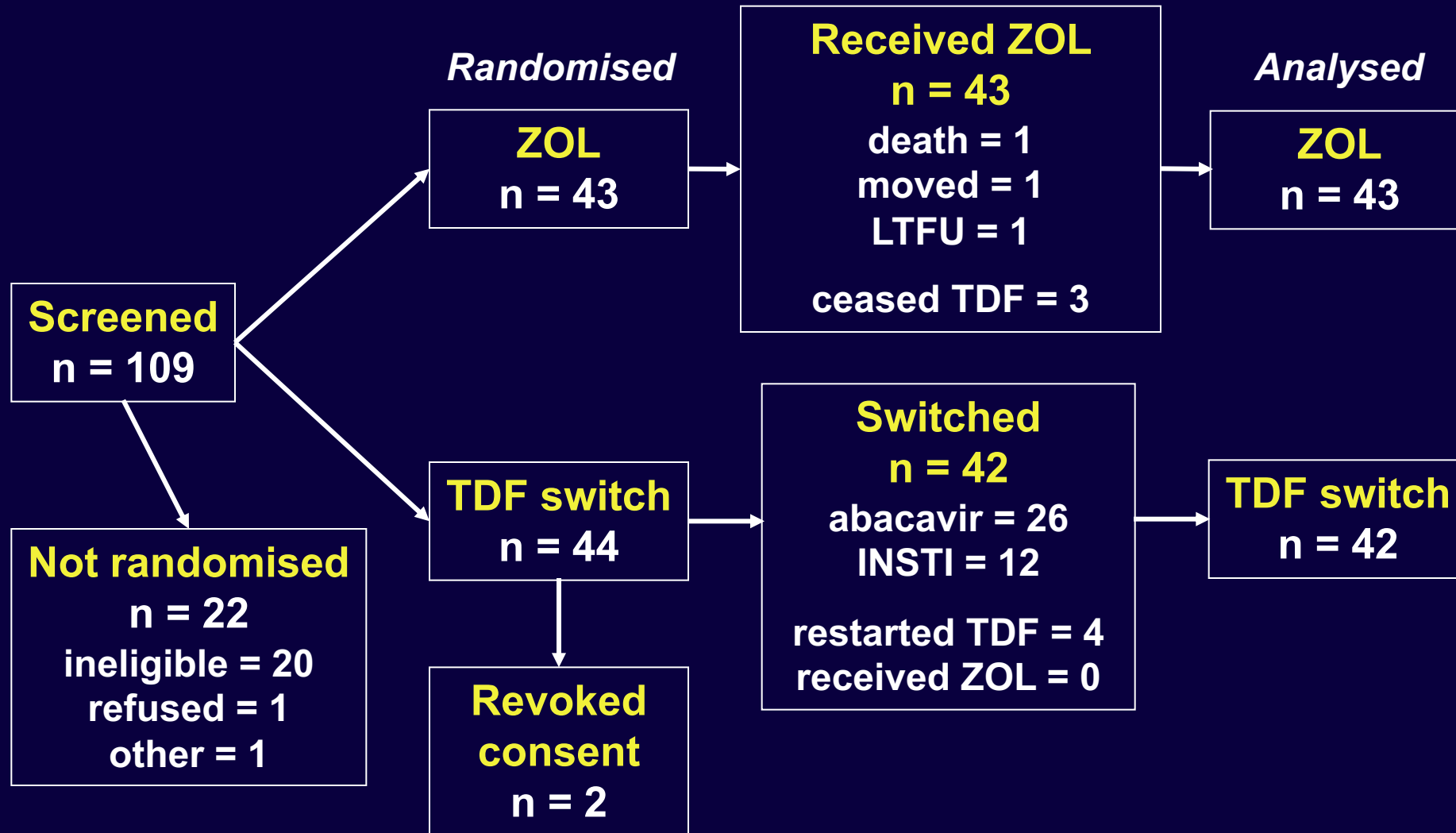


# Zoledronic Acid Reduces BTMs for 5 Yrs in Men with HIV



# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## CONSORT chart



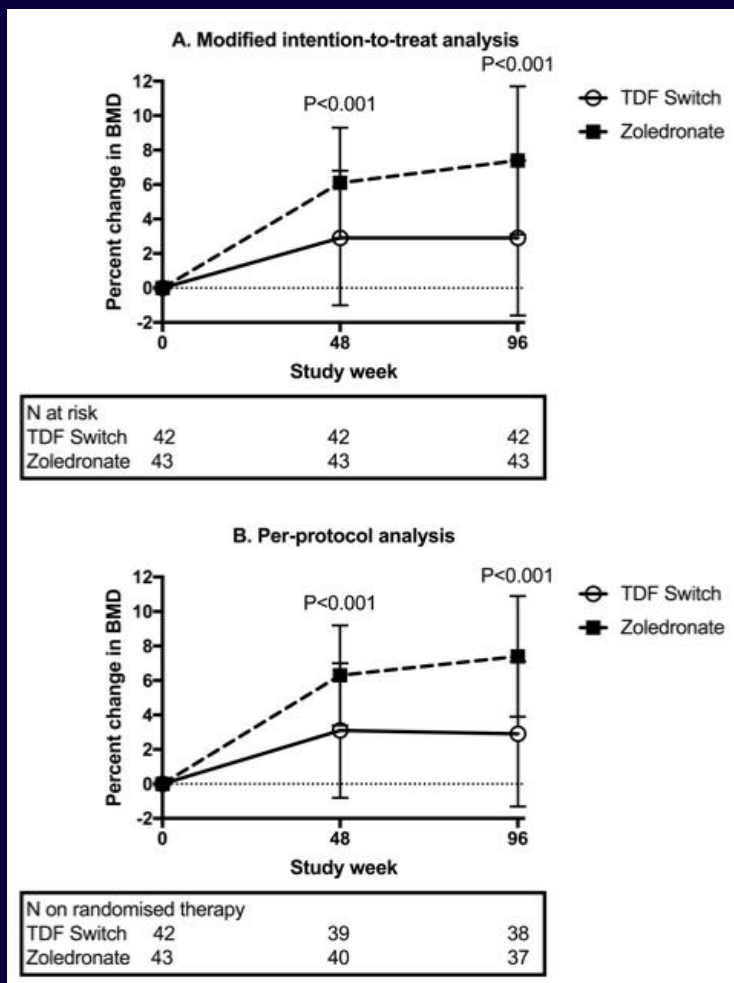
# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Screening / baseline characteristics

<b>Variable</b>	<b>ZOL n=43</b>	<b>TDF switch n=42</b>
<b>Age (yrs)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Sex (male %)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Ethnicity (white, %)</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>CD4 count (cells/mm<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>609</b>
<b>TDF duration (yrs)</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Boosted PI (%)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Weight (kg)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>T-scores (median)</b>		
<b>spine</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.6</b>
<b>left total hip</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>eGFR (mL/min)</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>91</b>

# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## BMD and fractures over 2 years



### • ZOL vs TDF-switch arms

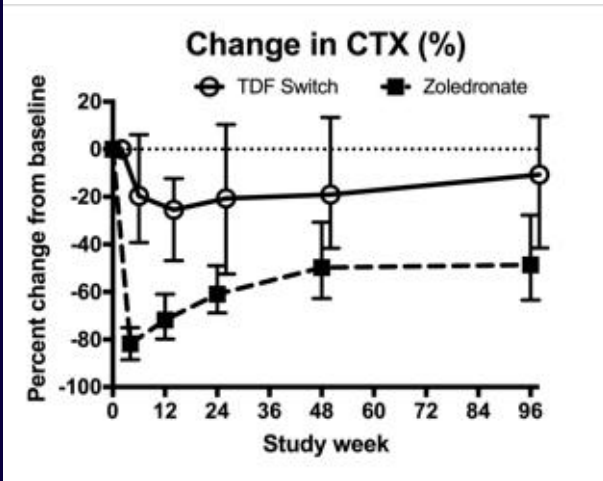
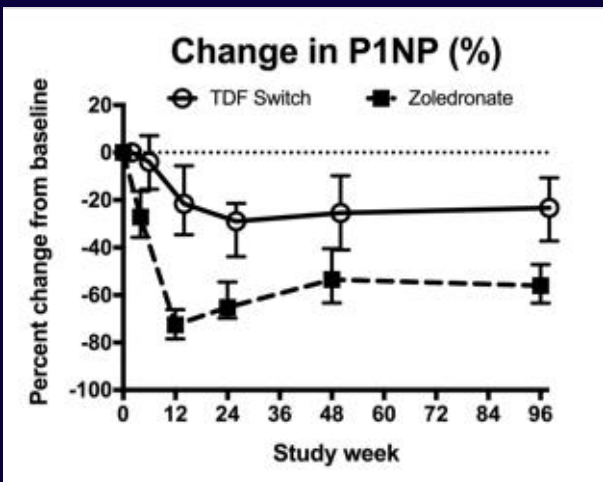
- Wk 48 3.2% (95%CI 1.7-4.7)
- Wk 96 4.4% (95%CI 2.6-6.3)
- both p-values <0.001

	ZOL n=43	TDF switch n=42
<b>Fractures</b>		
<b>Events</b>	1	7
<b>Patients</b>	1 (2%)	4 (10%)



# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Bone turnover markers over 2 years

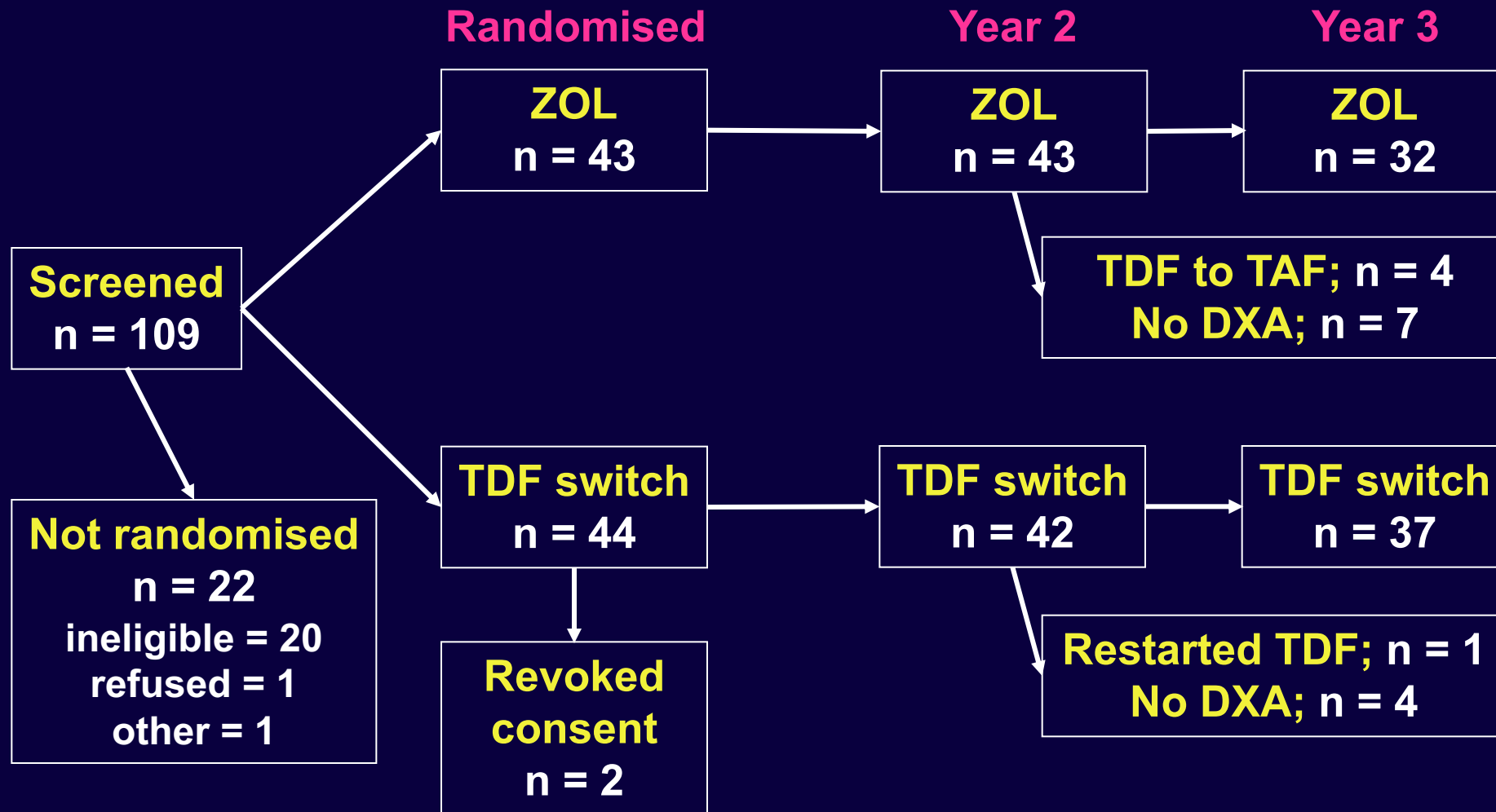


- $p < 0.001$  at each time point and overall
- TDF switch group, decrease at **Week 4** in
  - CTX: -20% vs
  - P1NP: -4%

Region	P1NP		CTX	
	$r^2$	P	$r^2$	P
Spine	-0.44	<0.001	-0.36	0.001
Hip	-0.45	<0.001	-0.23	0.051

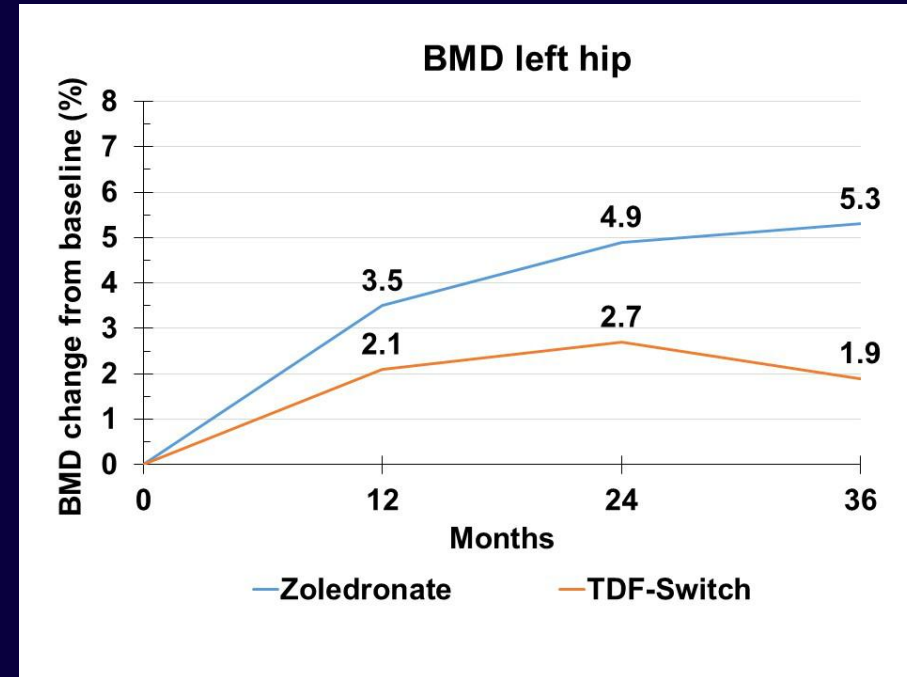
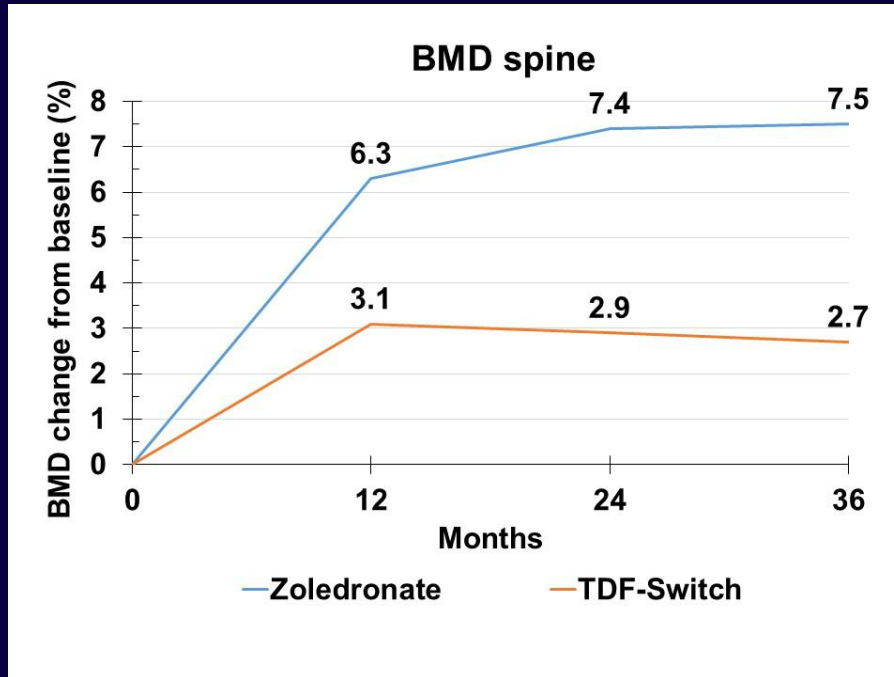
# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## CONSORT chart (per protocol)



# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Changes in BMD



ZOL	40	40	37	32	ZOL	39	39	36	30
TDF-S	40	39	38	37	TDF-S	40	39	38	37

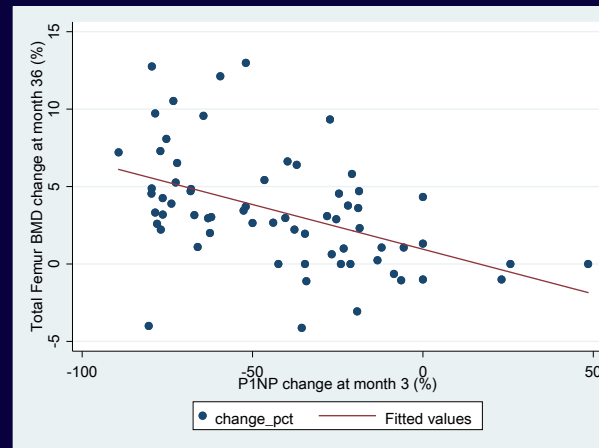
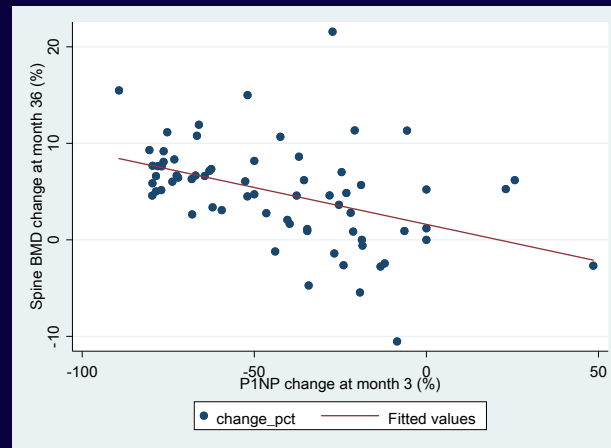
# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Changes in BTMs M3 vs changes in BMD M36

Spine

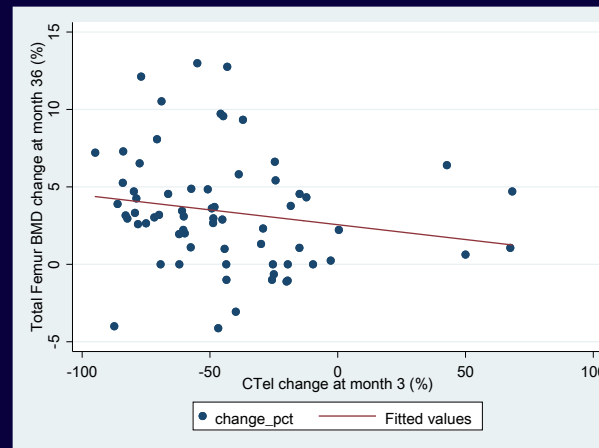
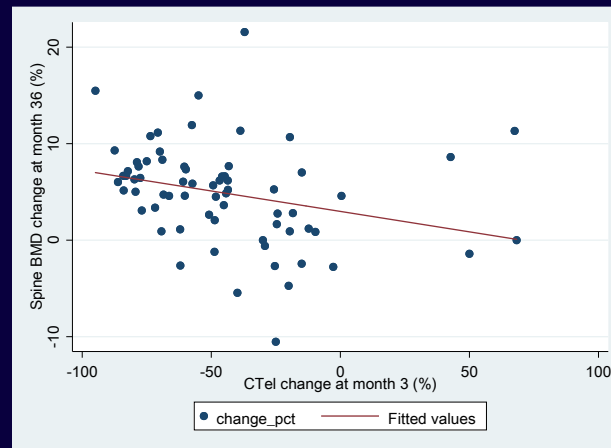
Left hip

**P1NP**  
(rho -0.442,  
P<0.001)



**P1NP**  
(rho -0.472,  
P<0.001)

**CTX**  
(rho -0.285,  
P<0.001)



**CTX**  
(rho -0.181,  
P=0.15)

# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Fractures

Fractures		ZOL n=43	TDF switch n=42	P-value
Month 24	events	1	7	0.03
	patients	1 (2%)	4 (10%)	0.20
Month 36	events	3	10	0.04
	humerus	1	0	
	wrist	0	3	
	spine	1	1	
	ribs	1	3	
	hand / foot	0	3	
	patients	2 (5%)	6 (14%)	0.16

# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Limitations

- **Almost all white, adult men**
- **Pre-TAF, but switch to TAF unlikely to be superior to switch to ABC or INSTI**
- **Not powered for fracture events**

# ZOL vs TDF switch for low BMD

## Conclusions

- Superiority of ZOL relative to TDF switching persisted at Month 36
- BMD increase with ZOL persisted through Month 36, even though the last dose of ZOL was at Month 12
- Early changes in P1NP better predicted BMD changes at 36 months than early changes in CTX


# Bone Health – Screening

- Serum calcium, phosphate, magnesium, 25-OH vitamin D and testosterone levels
  - Frequency: annually
  - Replacement therapy as required
  - If mild or moderate vitamin D deficiency, check serum phosphate, ALP and parathyroid hormone
- Calculation of absolute fracture risk
  - FRAX<sup>®</sup> fracture risk calculator available online
  - Only useful if patient is > 40 years old
  - May underestimate risk in patients with HIV
    - Add HIV as a ‘secondary cause’ of osteoporosis



# Absolute Fracture Risk Assessment Tools

## FRAX<sup>®</sup>



### FRAX<sup>®</sup> WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool

Home Calculation Tool Paper Charts FAQ References English

## Calculation Tool

Please answer the questions below to calculate the ten year probability of fracture with BMD.

Country: **Australia** Name/ID:  [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 or more units per day  No  Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm<sup>2</sup>)  
Select DXA

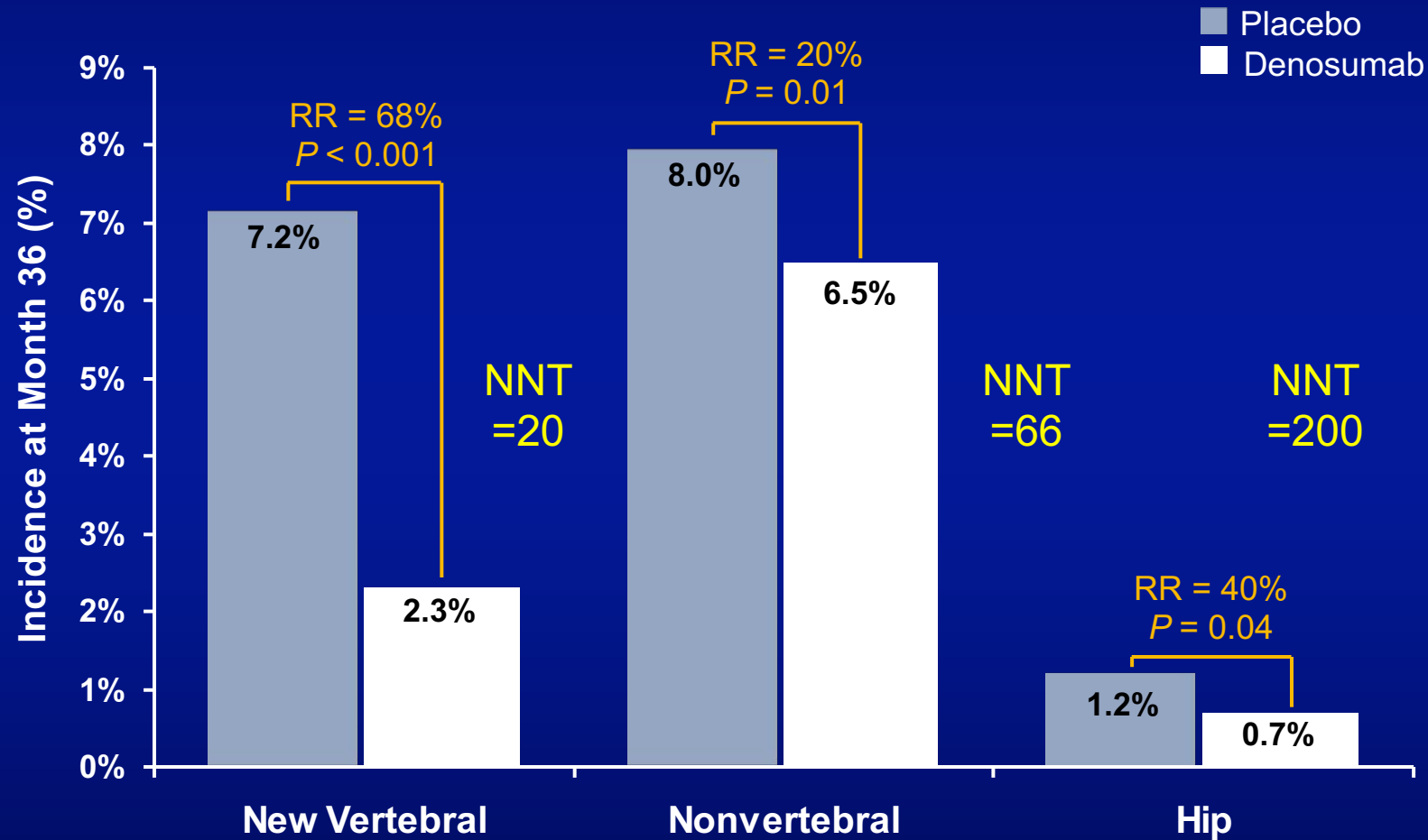


**Weight Conversion**  
Pounds  Kgs

**Height Conversion**  
Inches  Cms

# Effect of Denosumab on Fracture Risks at 36 Mths

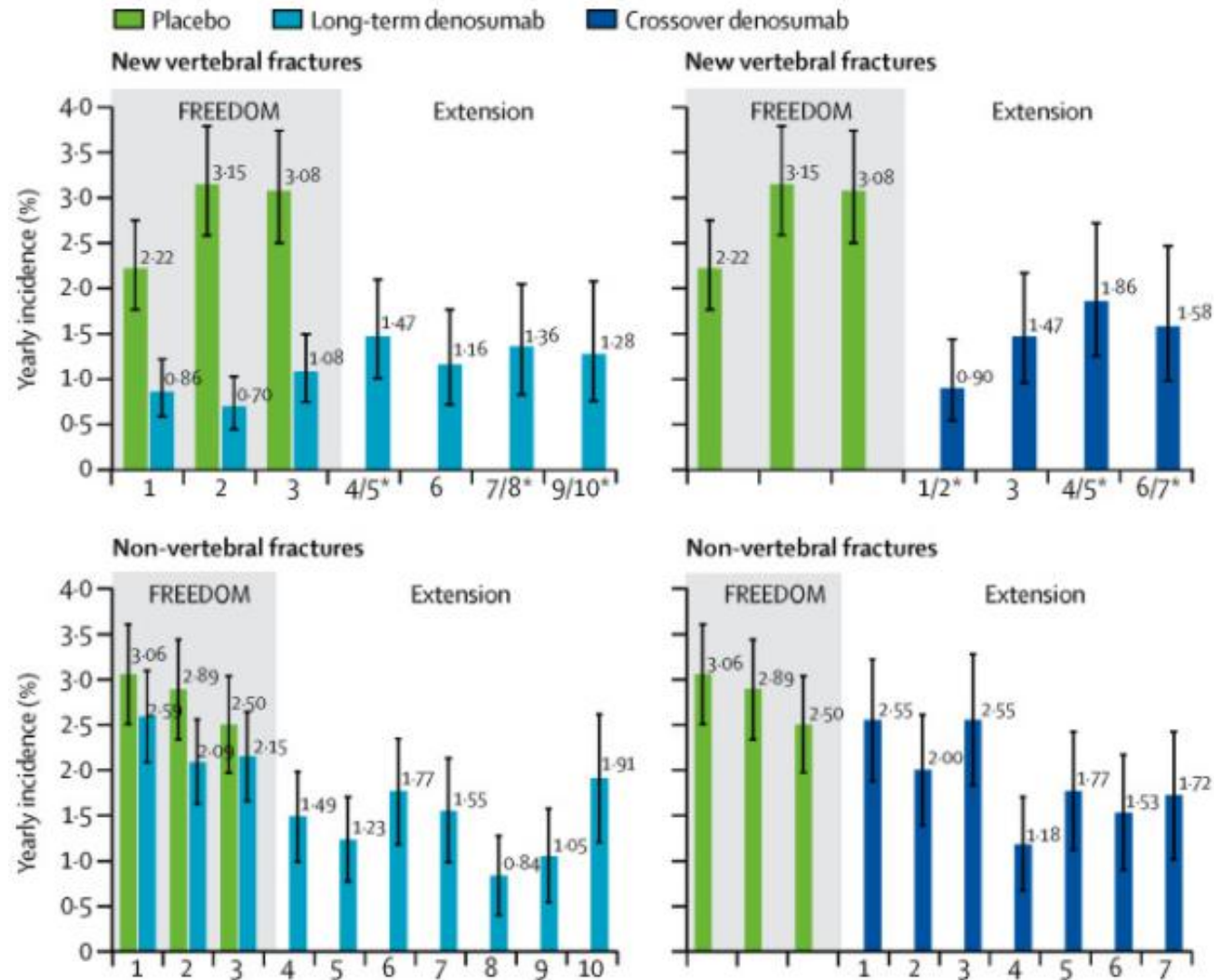
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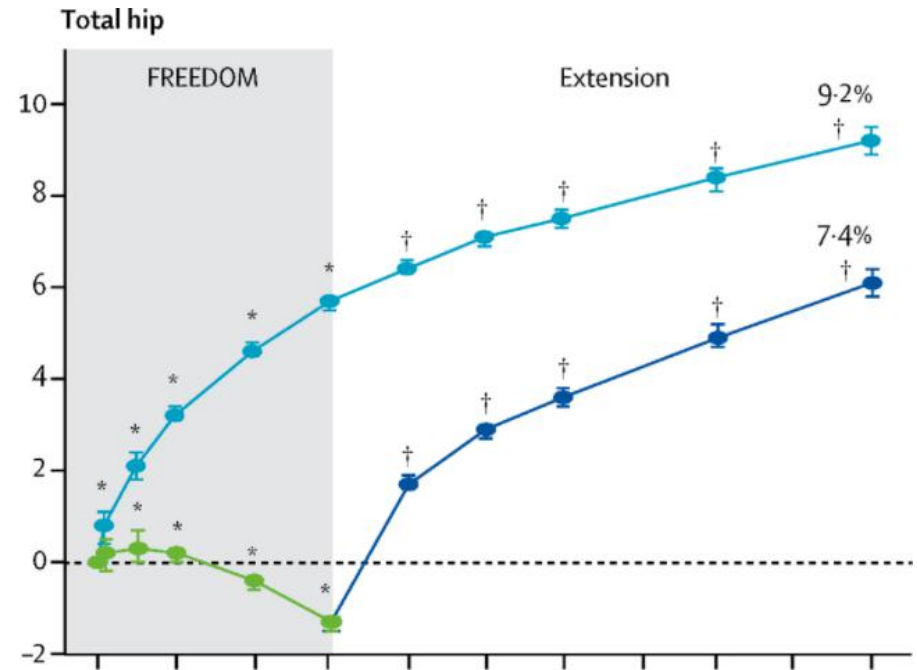
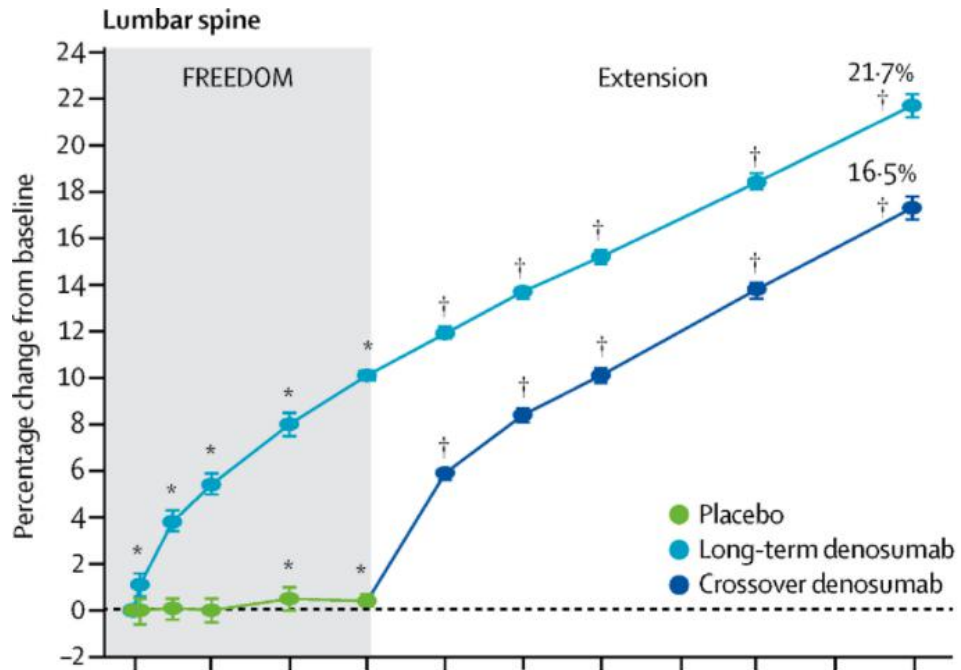
RR = risk reduction

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# Effect of 7 or 10 Years Treatment with Denosumab on Vertebral and Non-vertebral Fractures – FREEDOM Extension Trial



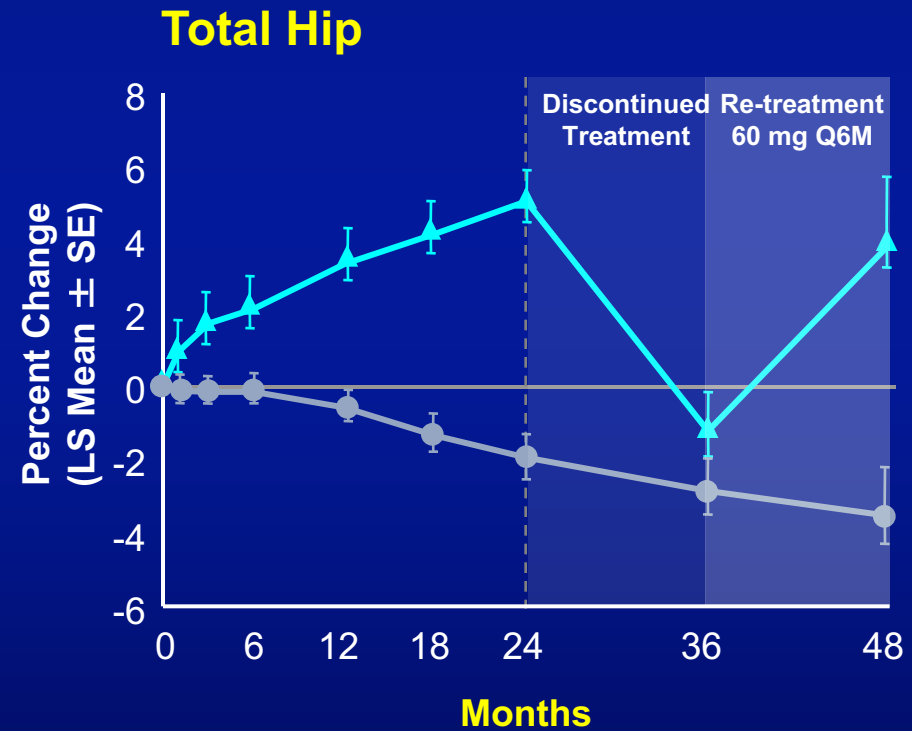
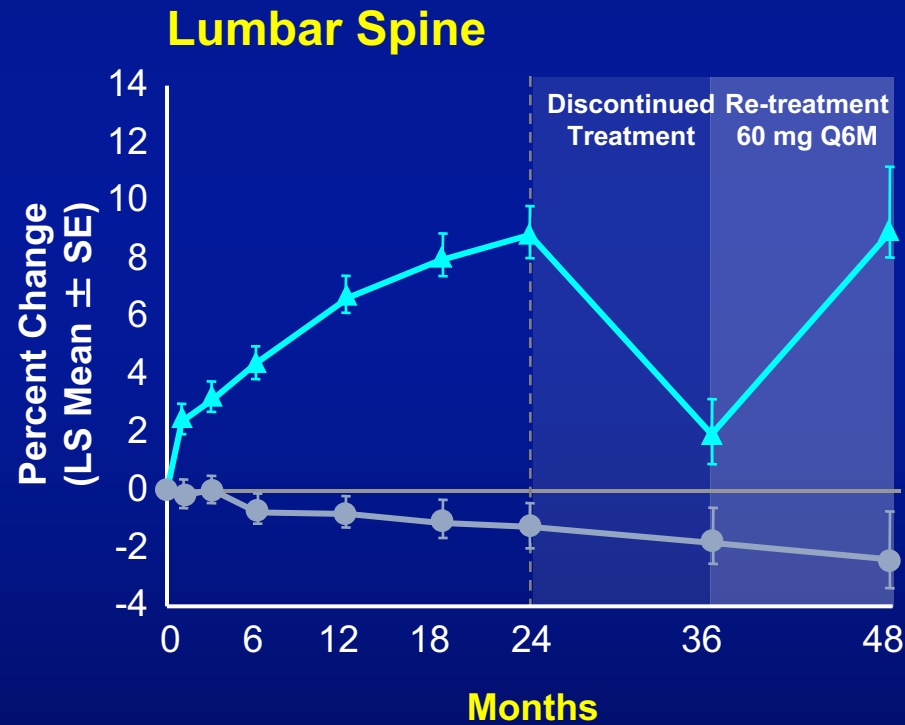
# Effect of 7 or 10 Years Treatment with Denosumab on Spinal and Total Hip BMD FREEDOM Extension Trail



# Denosumab Re-treatment and Changes in Lumbar Spine and Total Hip BMD

## Phase 2 Study in Women With Low BMD

● Placebo  
▲ 30 mg Q3M

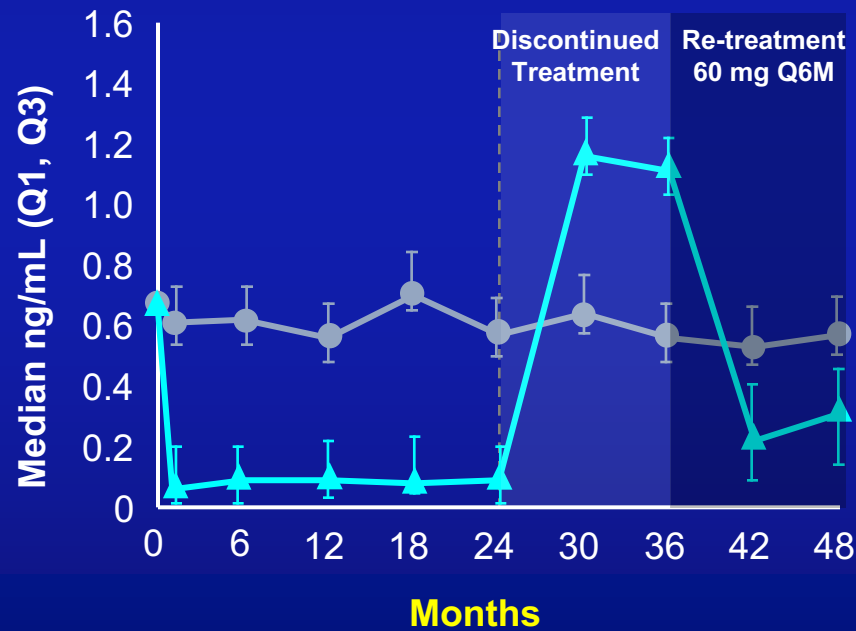


# Denosumab Re-treatment and Changes to Serum CTx and BSAP Levels

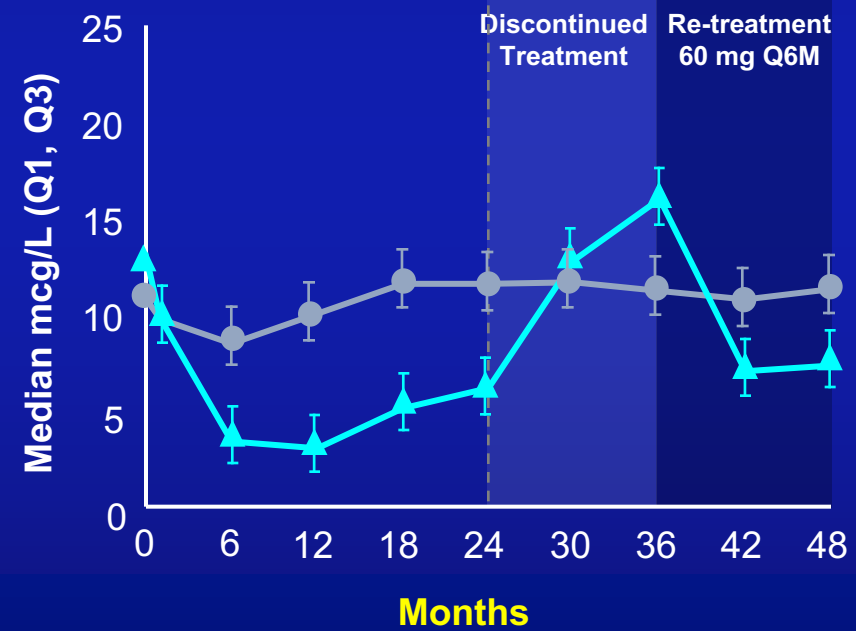
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### Serum CTx

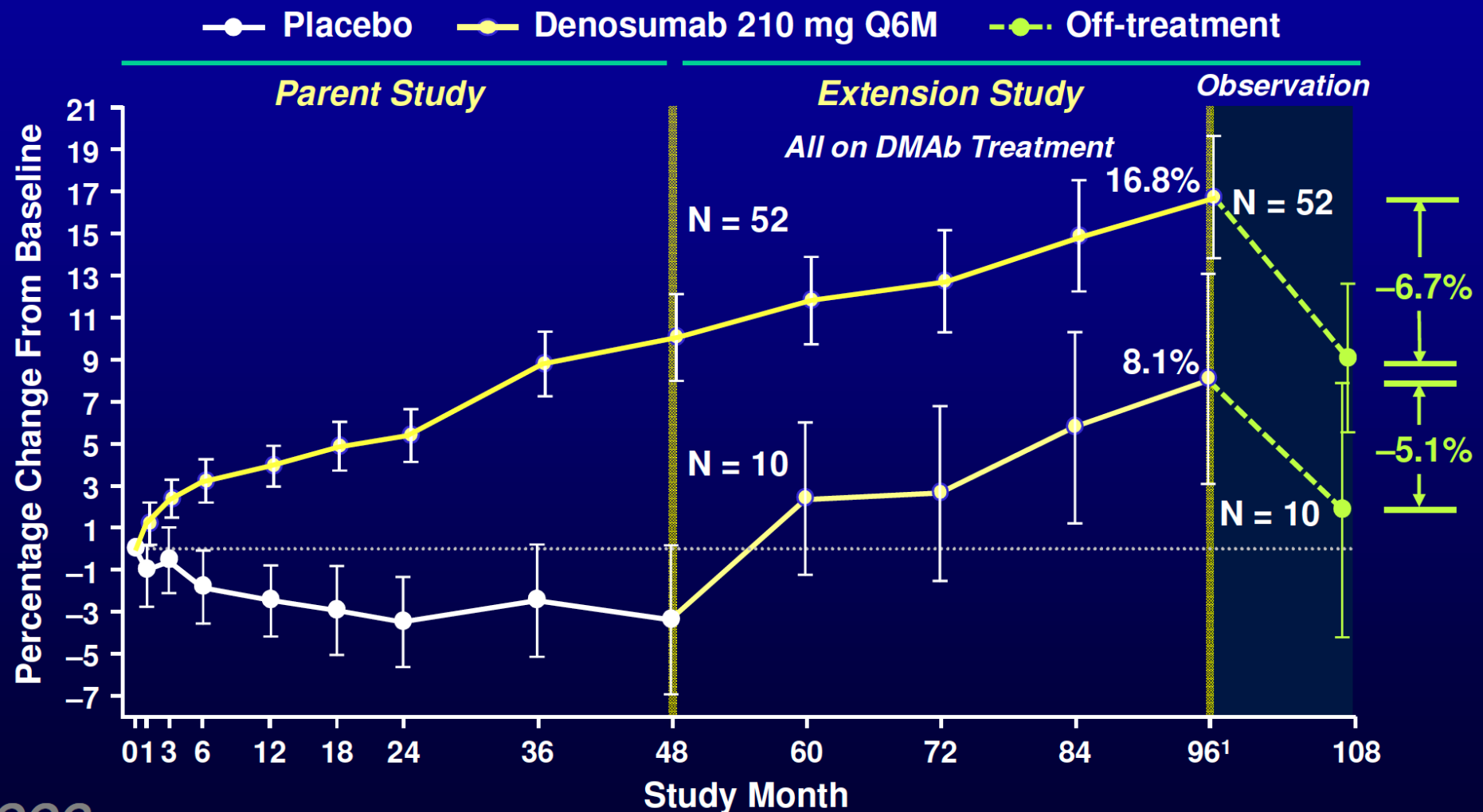


### BSAP



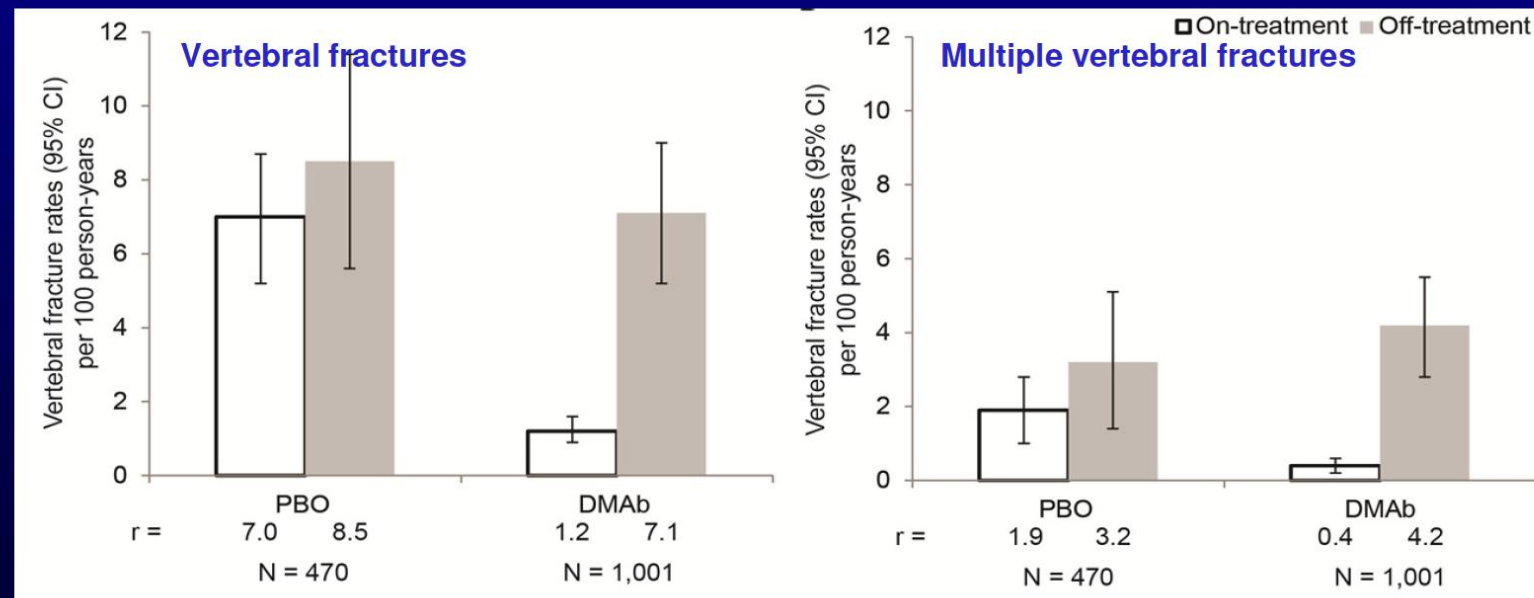
# Discontinuing Denosumab After 8 Years

## Lumbar Spine BMD



# Vertebral Fractures After Discontinuing Denosumab or Placebo in FREEDOM Study

- Vertebral fracture risk was assessed in patients who discontinued either placebo or denosumab in the FREEDOM study or who stopped denosumab in the FREEDOM Extension study and who had a follow-up at least 7 months after their last dose
- Fracture risk increased upon stopping denosumab but not to levels greater than seen in those who stopped placebo





# Significant Predictors of Off-treatment MVF

- Prior vertebral fracture is the strongest predictor of off-treatment vertebral fractures
- Other predictors of MVF were time off-treatment and rate of off-treatment total hip BMD loss

	772 patients included <sup>†</sup>	1,471 patients included*
Significant covariates	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
Prior vertebral fracture <sup>‡</sup> (yes vs no)	3.6 (1.8–7.1)	3.9 (2.1–7.2)
Off-treatment duration (per year)	1.4 (1.1–1.7)	1.6 (1.3–1.9)
Annualised off-treatment total hip BMD loss <sup>§</sup> (per 1%)	1.2 (1.1–1.3)	NA

\*1,471 patients included 470 patients who discontinued placebo and 1,001 patients who discontinued denosumab; <sup>†</sup>772 patients included 307 patients who discontinued placebo and 465 patients who discontinued denosumab, and had available off-treatment annualised total hip BMD change assessments; <sup>‡</sup>“Prior VFx” includes any VFx sustained before or during treatment; <sup>§</sup>“Off-treatment annualized total hip BMD loss” was defined as annualised percent change in total hip BMD after treatment discontinuation, ie, between the last on- and off-treatment BMD assessments. BMD = bone mineral density; CI = confidence interval; NA = not applicable; OR = odds ratio;

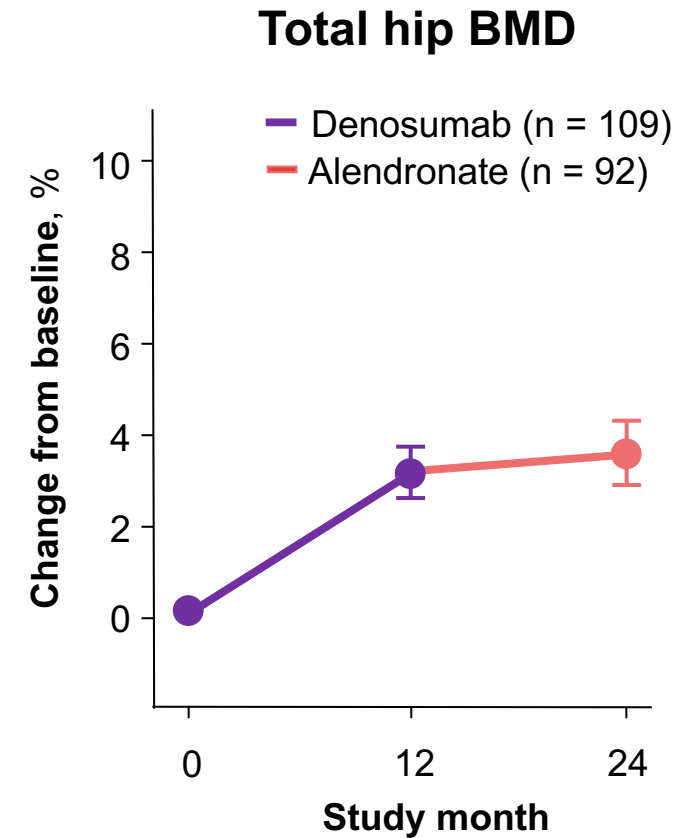
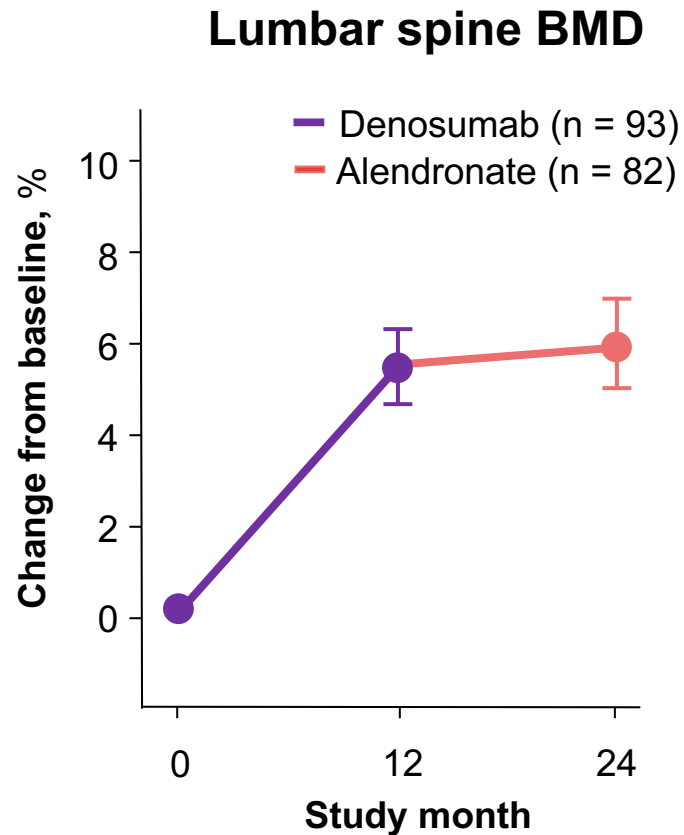
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*The effects of denosumab are reversible when discontinued without follow-on therapy, and overall risk of fracture, including vertebral fracture returns to that of untreated patients. Some patients might be at high risk of developing multiple vertebral fractures<sup>1-3</sup>*

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# Follow-on alendronate therapy prevented reductions in spine and hip BMD in subjects who discontinued denosumab

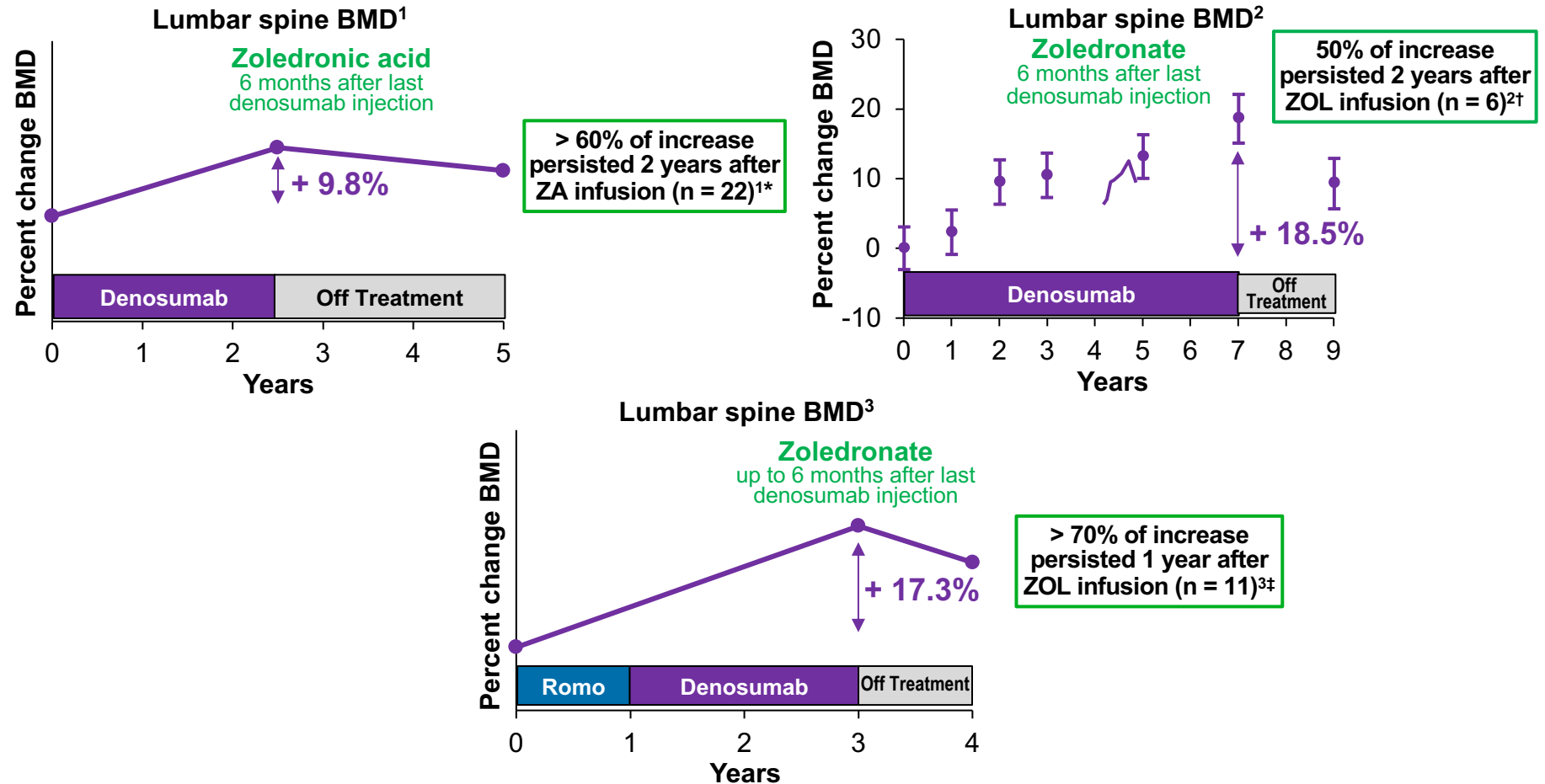


BMD=bone mineral density

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# Follow-on therapy with zoledronic acid mitigates bone loss at the lumbar spine after discontinuing denosumab

## Percent change lumbar spine BMD after discontinuation based on case series



\*56% of hip BMD increase was retained at 2 years. †10% of hip BMD increase was retained at 2 years. ‡87% of hip BMD increase was retained at 1 year. BMD=bone mineral density; Romo=romosozumab; ZA=zoledronic acid; ZOL=zoledronate

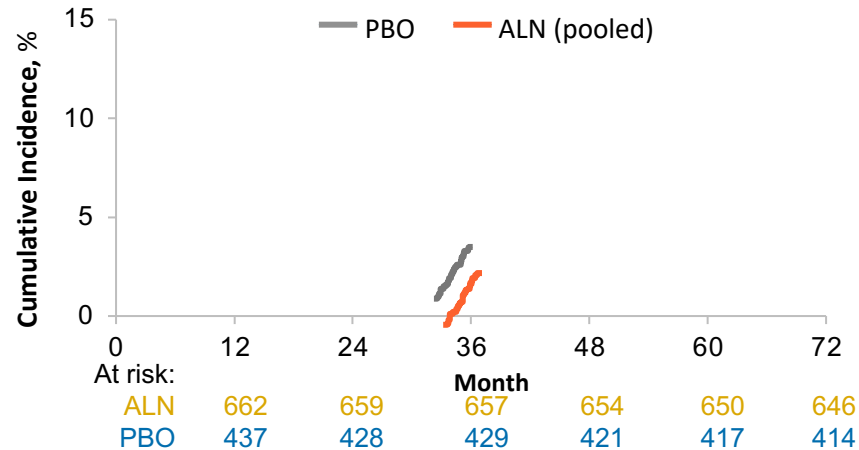
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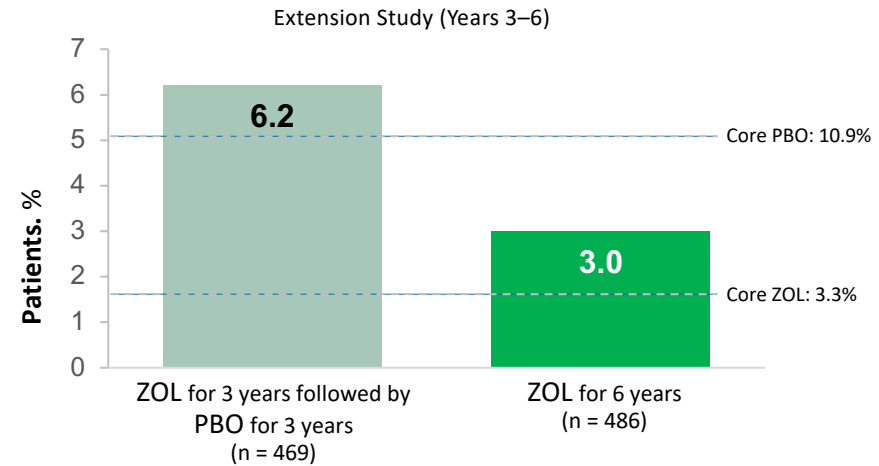
# Vertebral Fractures Are the First Fractures to Manifest After Bisphosphonate Discontinuation

- After discontinuing ALN or ZOL, vertebral fractures increase over 3–5 year follow-up periods<sup>1,2</sup>

Clinical vertebral fractures begin to increase ~12 months after discontinuing ALN<sup>1\*</sup>



3 years after discontinuing ZOL, morphometric vertebral fractures were 2-fold higher in PBO group vs ZOL<sup>2</sup>



\*Morphometric vertebral fractures were not increased. †Subjects previously received ALN for an average of 5 years during (and after) FIT enrolled in FLEX and re-randomized to either PBO or ALN. ‡Other fracture types included non-vertebral, hip, forearm, and all clinical fractures.

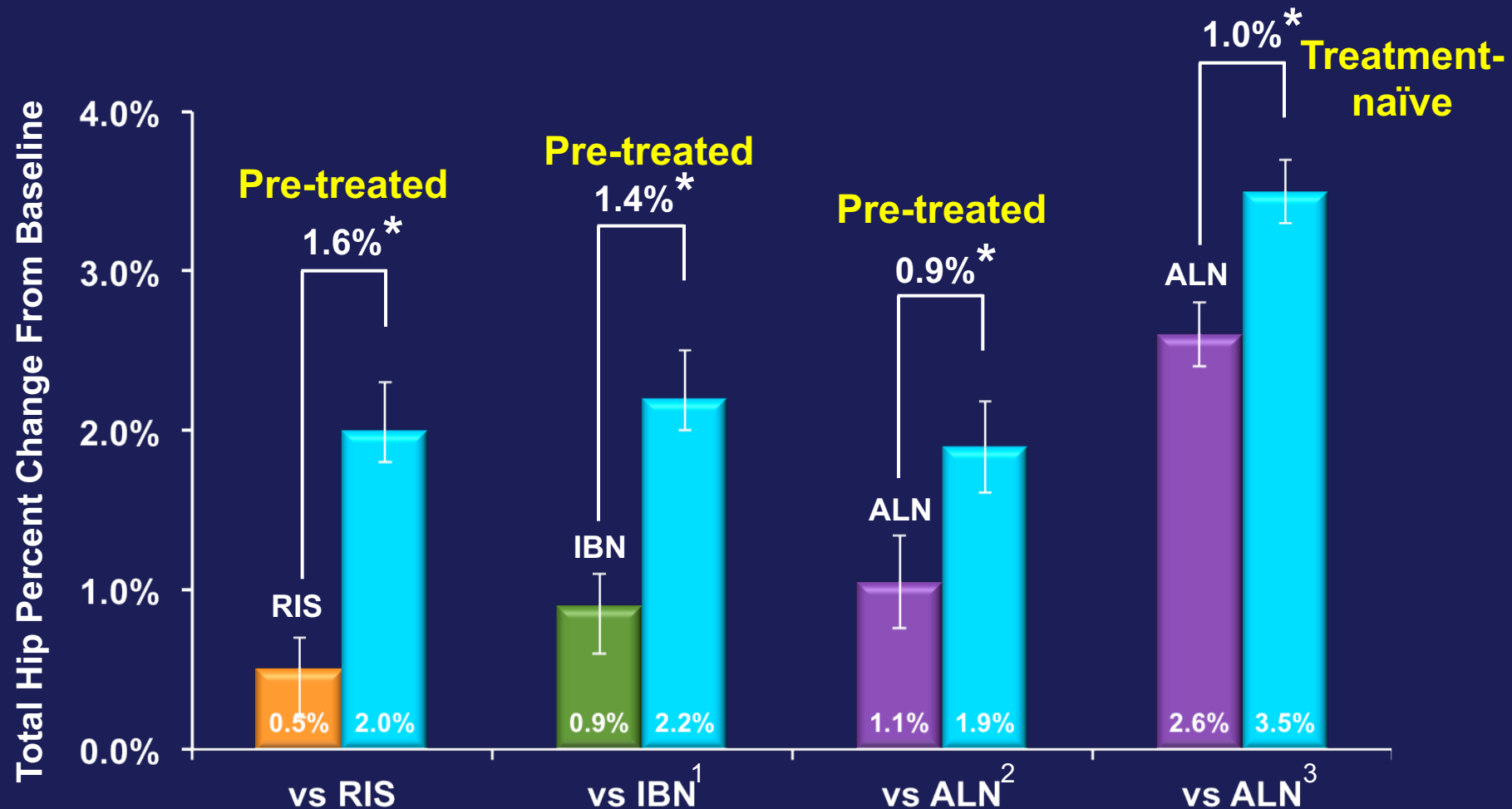
ALN=alendronate; FIT=Fracture Intervention Trial; FLEX=Fracture Intervention Trial Long-term Extension; PBO=placebo; ZOL=zoledronic acid

1. Adapted from: Black DM, et al. *JAMA*. 2006;296:2927-2938. 2. Adapted from: Black DM, et al. *J Bone Miner Res*. 2012;27:243-254.

# Why Change Therapy?

- Sequential therapy for osteoporosis may be considered
  - When there has been significant bone loss or a fracture on antiresorptive therapy for >12 months
  - In the presence of adverse events
  - Insufficient adherence, e.g. the elderly
  - Dosing inconvenience or intolerance with oral bisphosphonate therapy
  - Patients with CKD where bisphosphonates are contraindicated
  - To consolidate increases in BMD following anabolic therapy

# Head-to-head Studies of Denosumab vs Bisphosphonates in Both Pre-treated or Treatment-naïve Subjects



Data are least-squares means and 95% confidence intervals. \* $p < 0.0001$  denosumab vs BP.

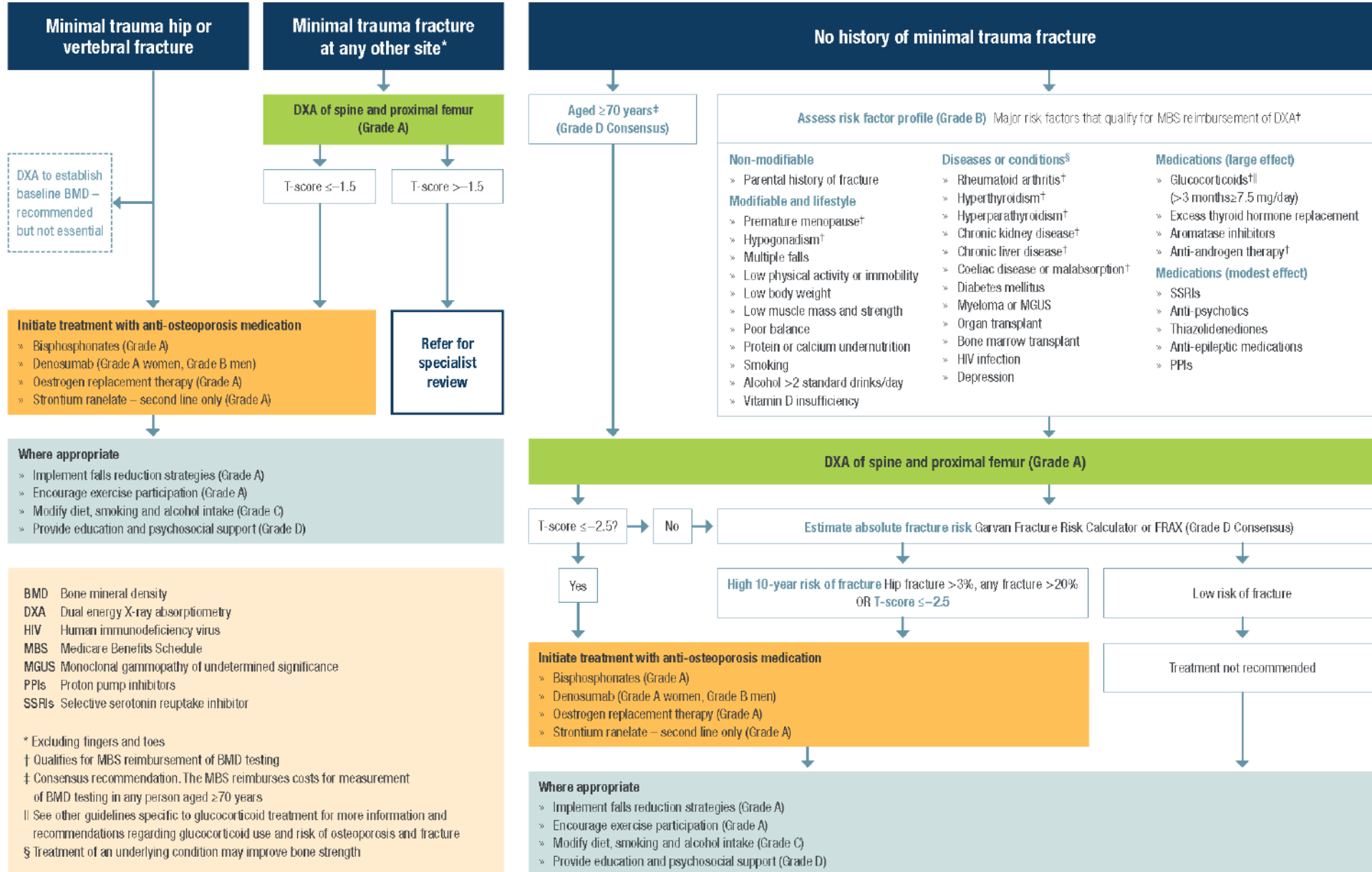
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# Osteoporosis risk assessment, diagnosis and management

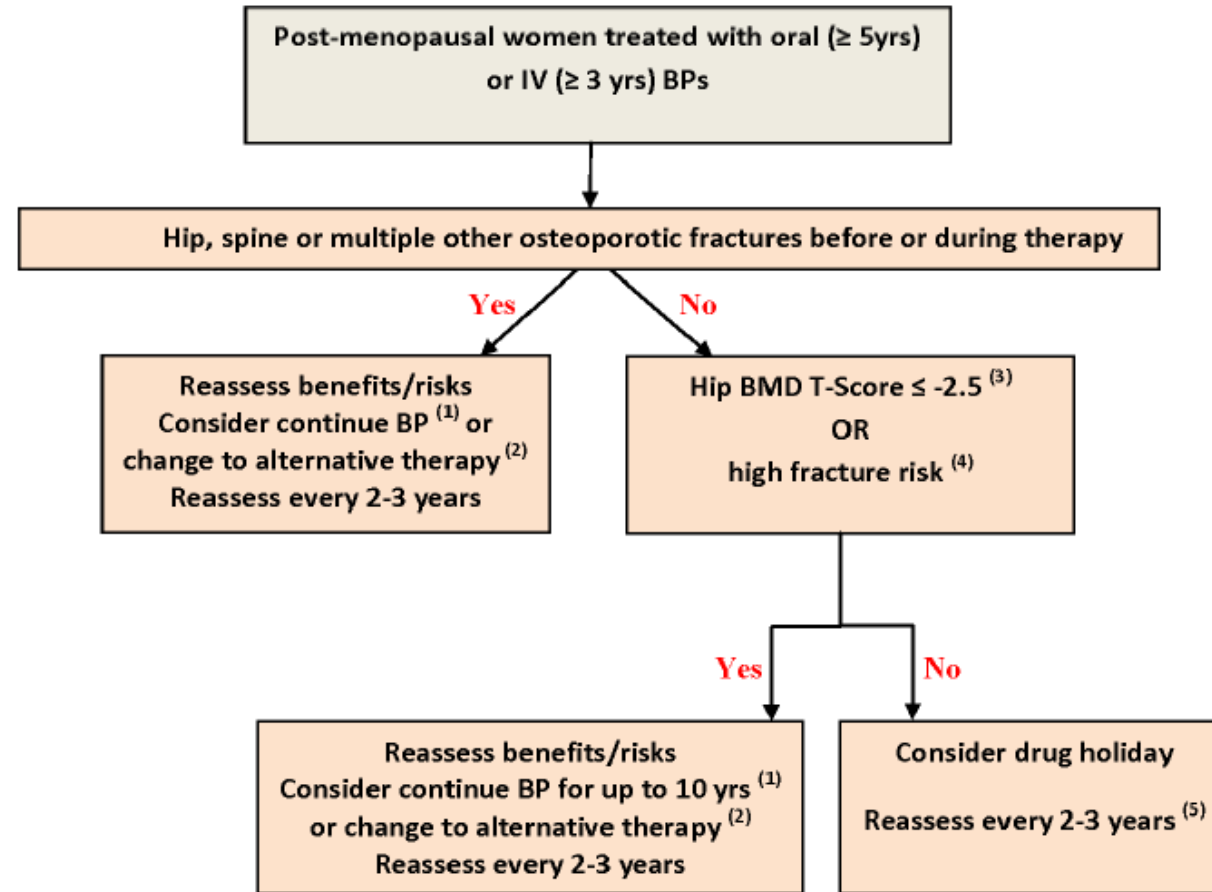
Recommendations restricted to postmenopausal women and men aged >50 years





# Managing Osteoporosis in Patients on Long-Term Bisphosphonate Treatment: Report of a Task Force of ASBMR

Approach for Management of Postmenopausal Women on Long Term Bisphosphonate Therapy



# Recommendations for Management of Bone Disease in HIV

- Guidelines for ART should be followed; adjustment should avoid TDF or boosted protease inhibitors in at-risk patients
- Dietary and lifestyle management strategies for high-risk patients should be employed and anti-osteoporosis treatment initiated – the best evidence is for zoledronic acid which avoids issues with poor compliance

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## Reducing risk of fractures

- Aim to decrease falls by addressing fall risks<sup>(i)</sup>
- Ensure sufficient dietary calcium (1-1.2 g daily) and vitamin D (800-2,000 IU daily) intake<sup>(ii)</sup>
- Where appropriate, screen for osteoporosis<sup>(iii)</sup> and refer to national/regional guidelines on treatment of osteoporosis
  - If no guidelines available, consider bisphosphonate<sup>(iv)</sup> treatment in all osteoporotic postmenopausal women and men > 50 years old (BMD T-score  $\leq -2.5$ ) and those with a history of fragility fracture. Consider treatment based on BMD alongside consideration of other risk factors for fracture, especially age.
  - Use bisphosphonate and ensure adequate calcium and vitamin D intake
  - No significant interactions between bisphosphonates and antiretrovirals
  - If antiretroviral naïve, consider options for ART that preserve BMD<sup>(v)</sup>
  - If diagnosed with osteoporosis and requiring therapy, consider optimising ART to preserve or improve BMD
- In complicated cases (e.g. young men, premenopausal women, recurrent fracture despite bone protective therapy), refer to osteoporosis specialist
- If on bisphosphonate treatment, repeat DXA after 2 years and reassess need for continued treatment after 3-5 years

# British HIV Association Bone Health Guidelines 2016

Tenofovir-AF may therefore be used in individuals with bone-related contraindication to tenofovir-DF

## 8.10.3.1 Recommendations

- We recommend against the use of **tenofovir-DF** in individuals aged >40 years with osteoporosis, a history of fragility fracture, or a FRAX score consistent with high risk of a major osteoporotic fracture, if acceptable alternative ARV agents are available (1B).

## 8.10.4 Switching treatment

### 8.10.4.1 Recommendations

- We recommend against continued use of **tenofovir-DF** in individuals >40 years who are diagnosed with osteoporosis, have sustained a fragility fracture, or have a FRAX score of >20% (major osteoporotic fracture) if acceptable alternative ARV agents are available (1C).

**Tenofovir-AF as part of initial therapy is associated with significantly less decline in BMD compared with tenofovir-DF, consistent with other first-line ARV regimens [21]; in addition, switching from tenofovir-DF to tenofovir-AF containing therapy is associated with improvements in BMD [22]. Tenofovir-AF may therefore be used in individuals with bone-related contra-indication to tenofovir-DF.**

# Conclusions

- HIV infection is associated with an increased risk of vitamin D deficiency, osteoporosis and fracture
- The pathogenesis of osteoporosis associated with HIV infection is multifactorial and several risk factors are modifiable
- Bone health should be assessed in all HIV-infected individuals
- Treatment with bone protective therapy should be considered in patients with a fracture, after exclusion of osteomalacia, and in others with a high fracture probability

Thank You!

