

Preventie en behandeling van door glucocorticoiden geïnduceerde osteoporose en fractures

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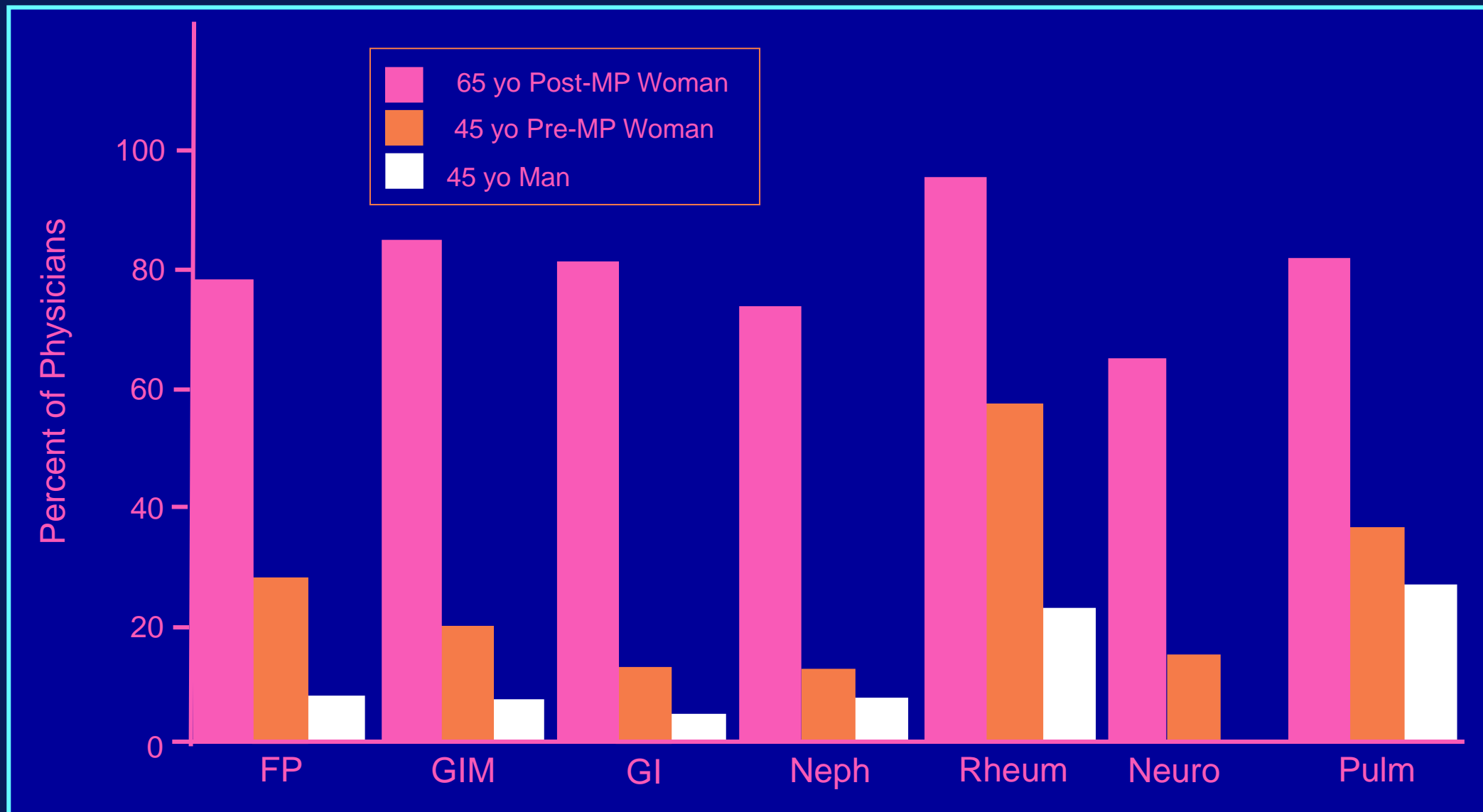
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List of Side Effects of Chronic & Systemic Glucocorticoid Use

- n Increased risk for **infections**
- n Thinning of the skin (striae)
- n Echymoses
- n Decrease wound healing
- n Fluid retention
- n Weight gain (mainly abdominal trunk)
- n Face swelling and buffalo neck
- n Increase hair growth and acne
- n Stomach ulcer
- n Muscle weakness
- n Onset or uncontrolled **diabetes**
- n **Osteoporosis**
- n Ocular cataract
- n Amenorrhoe
- n Mood swings or psychoses
- n Growth retardation in children



Percentage of physicians of different specialties rating osteoporosis as one of the 3 most significant side effects of one year of high dose corticosteroid treatment for 3 different types of patients

Introductory remarks

- n Glucocorticoid induced Osteoporosis (GIOP) is a major complication of glucocorticoid therapy known from the beginning of its use in the 1950s.
- n The available literature is difficult to interpret because the effects of GC are dependent on :
 - dose and duration GC
 - disease
 - patient population (which is often small and heterogenous)

CORTICOSTEROÏDEN

Farmacologische eigenschappen

DRIE GROTE EIGENSCHAPPEN

**ANTI-
INFLAMMATOIRE**

**IMMUNO-
SUPPRESSIEVE**

**ANTI-
ALLERGISCHE**

Uitsluitend symptomatische werking

CORTICOSTEROÏDEN

Omzettingsfactor

	equivalent prednisone (mg)	1/x
Prednisone	1	1,000
Prednisolone	1	1,000
Betamethasone	6,67	0,150
Cortisone	0,2	5,000
Dexamethasone	6,58	0,152
Methylprednisolone	1,25	0,800
Triamcinolone	1,25	0,800

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The scope of the problem

Sex and age distribution of chronic GC use

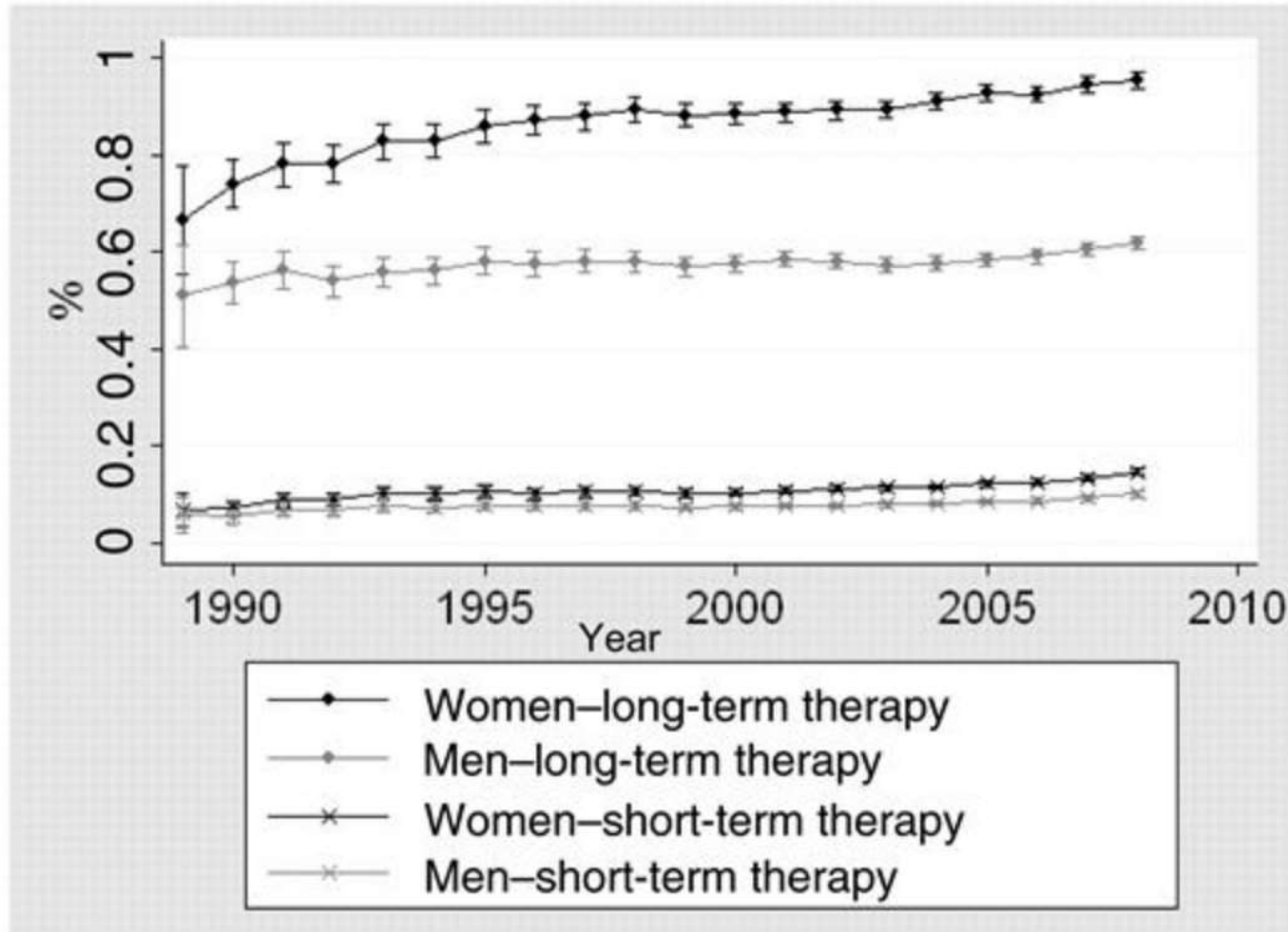
- n 0.5 % of the population
- n 1.4 % of the population of > 55 y
- n 1.7% of the female population of > 55y

Corticosteroid requiring diseases in in a population based survey (303 cases)

Rheumatoid arthritis	70
Polymyalgia rheumatica	66
COPD	59
Arteritis temporalis	17
Colitis ulcerosa	10
Other*	79

*Transplants, SLE, Alveolitis, Myasthenia, Crohn, Chronic hepatitis, Pemphigus, Neoplastic, Glomerulonephritis, ...

Prevalence of long-term oral glucocorticoids in UK over the 20 years

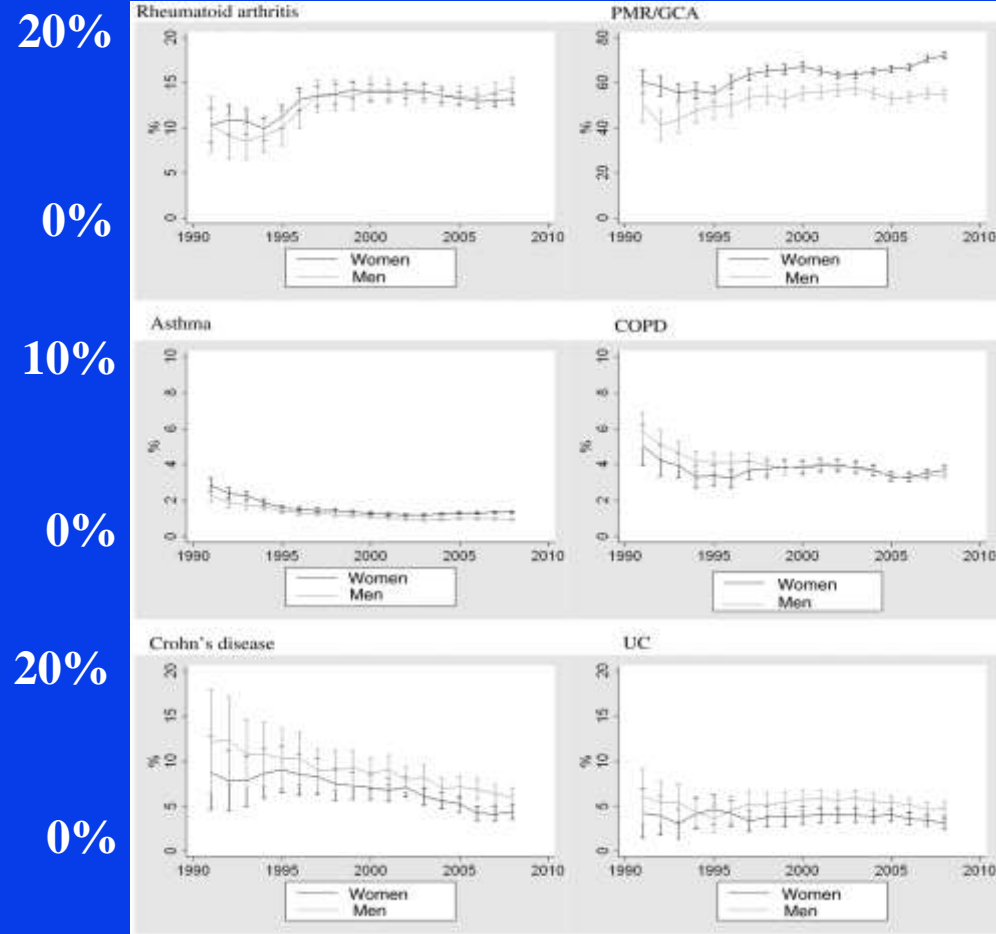


Over the 20 years long-term oral GC increased by **34%**.

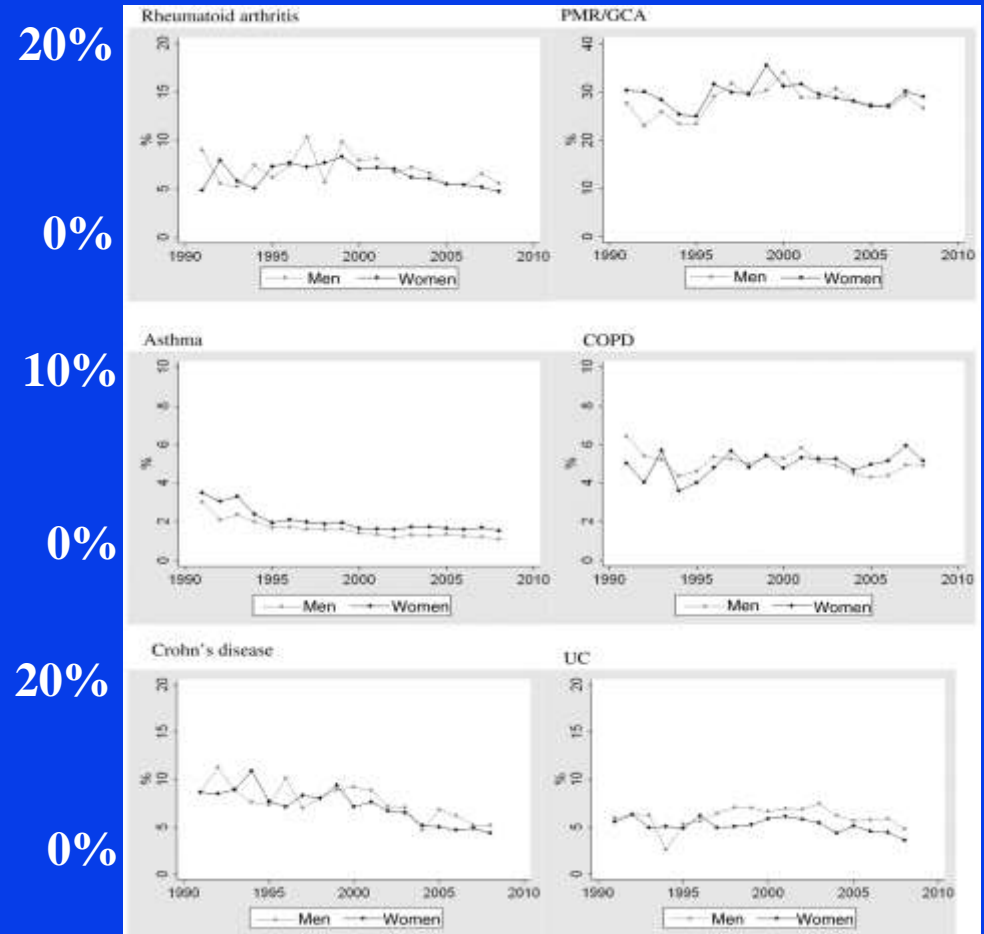
L. Fardet, I. Petersone, I. Nazareth

Rheumatology, 2011 (1): 1982–1990, <https://doi.org/10.1093/rheumatology/ker017>

Prevalence of long-term oral GC according to underlying disease/sex.



Percentage of patients starting long-term GC therapy by calendar year.



Rheumatology, 2011 (1): 1982–1990,
[/doi.org/10.1093/rheumatology/ker017](https://doi.org/10.1093/rheumatology/ker017)

Patients newly diagnosed with RA, Crohn's disease or UC less likely to receive long-term GC suggesting changes in physicians' practice.

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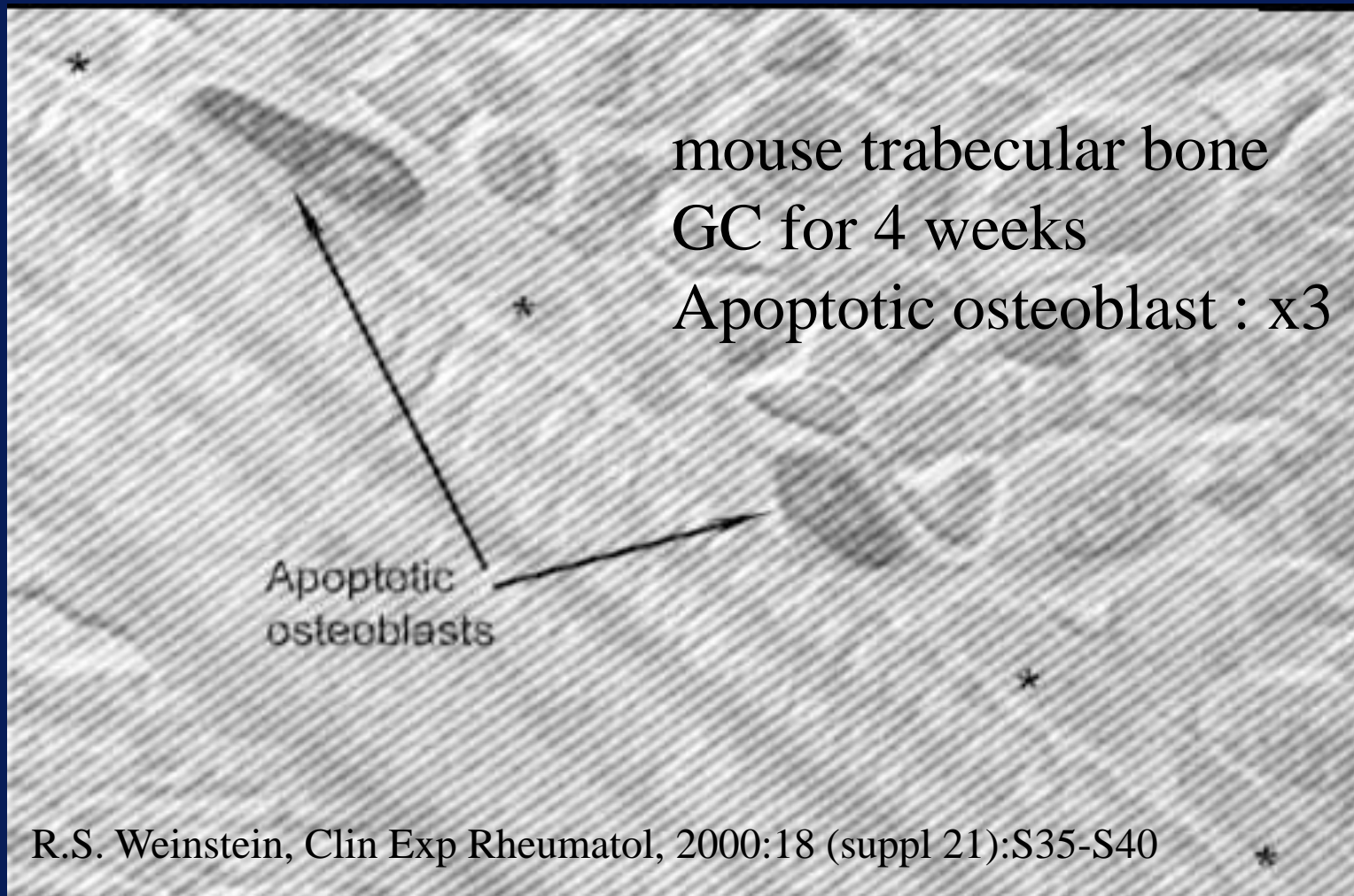
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Pathophysiology of GIOP

Cellular changes in glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

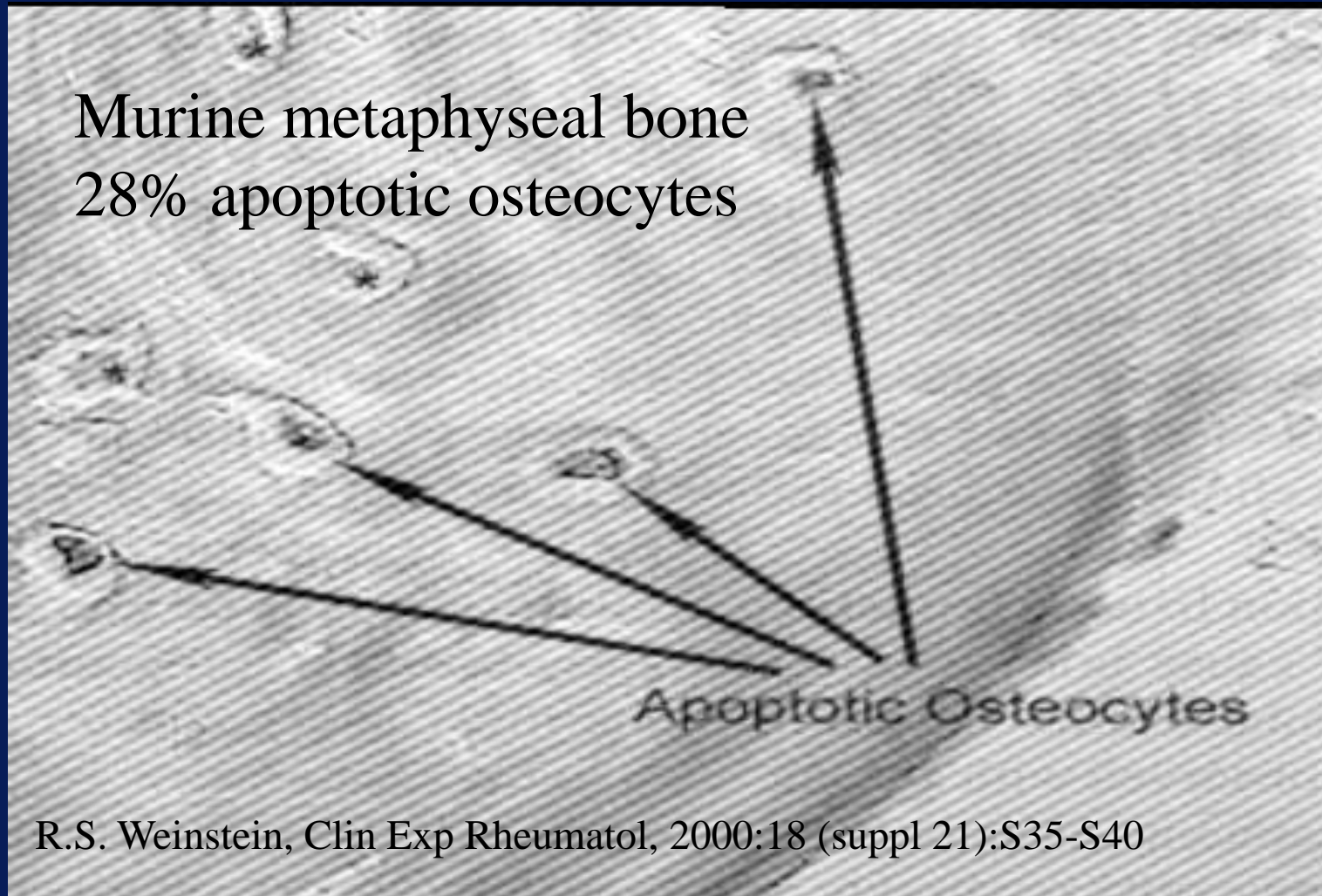
Cellular changes	Explanation
↓ Osteoblastogenesis	Decreased Cbfa1, TGF- β Rec, BMP2, IGF1
Osteoclast numbers	
↑ Early	Transient increase RANK ligand/OPG
↓ Late	Decrease osteoblast osteoprogenitors
↓ Lifespan osteoblasts	
↓ Lifespan osteocytes	

Osteoblastic apoptosis after glucocorticoid treatment



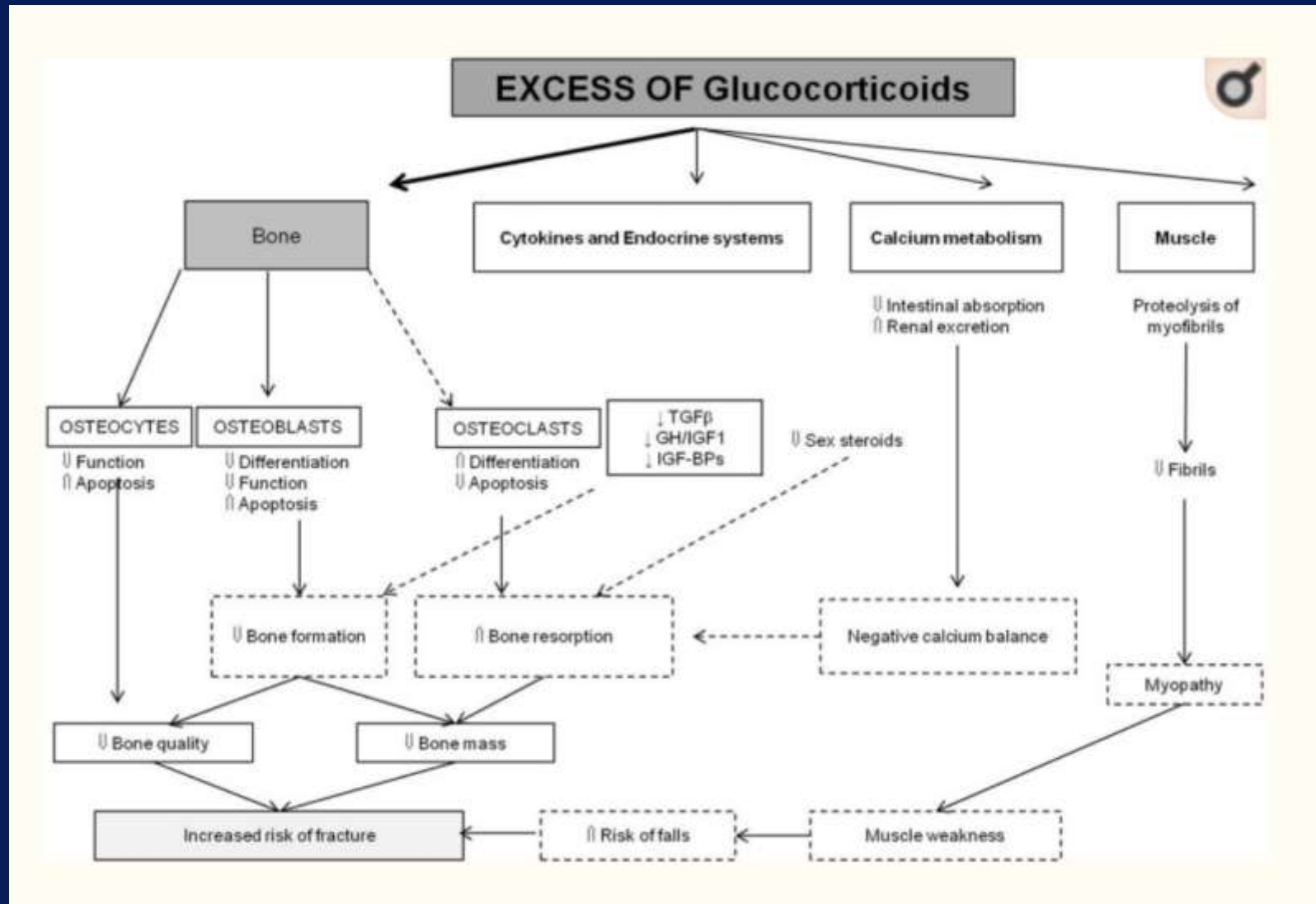
Weinstein, R. S., Jilka, R. L., Parfitt, A. M. & Manolagas, S. C. ; J. Clin. Invest. 102, 274–282 (1998).
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Osteocytic apoptosis after glucocorticoid treatment



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Pathophysiology of GIOP



Canalis E, Mazziotti G, Giustina A et al. Osteoporos Int 2007;18:1319–28. 10.1007/s00198-007-0394-0
 Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: pathophysiology and therapy.

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Pattern of GC-induced bone loss

- n At both lumbar spine and hip (Trab. > Cort.)
- n Dose related
- n Most rapid in first months and year
- n 10 to 15 % decrease (2x fracture rate)
- n Continues at an increased rate (2 to 3x) on longterm GC-therapy
- n Individual variability (genetic, pharmacokinetic, disease)

Risk factors for GC-induced bone loss

n Major

- high total cumulative dose
- age (< 15 y or > 50 y)
- postmenopausal status

n Secondary

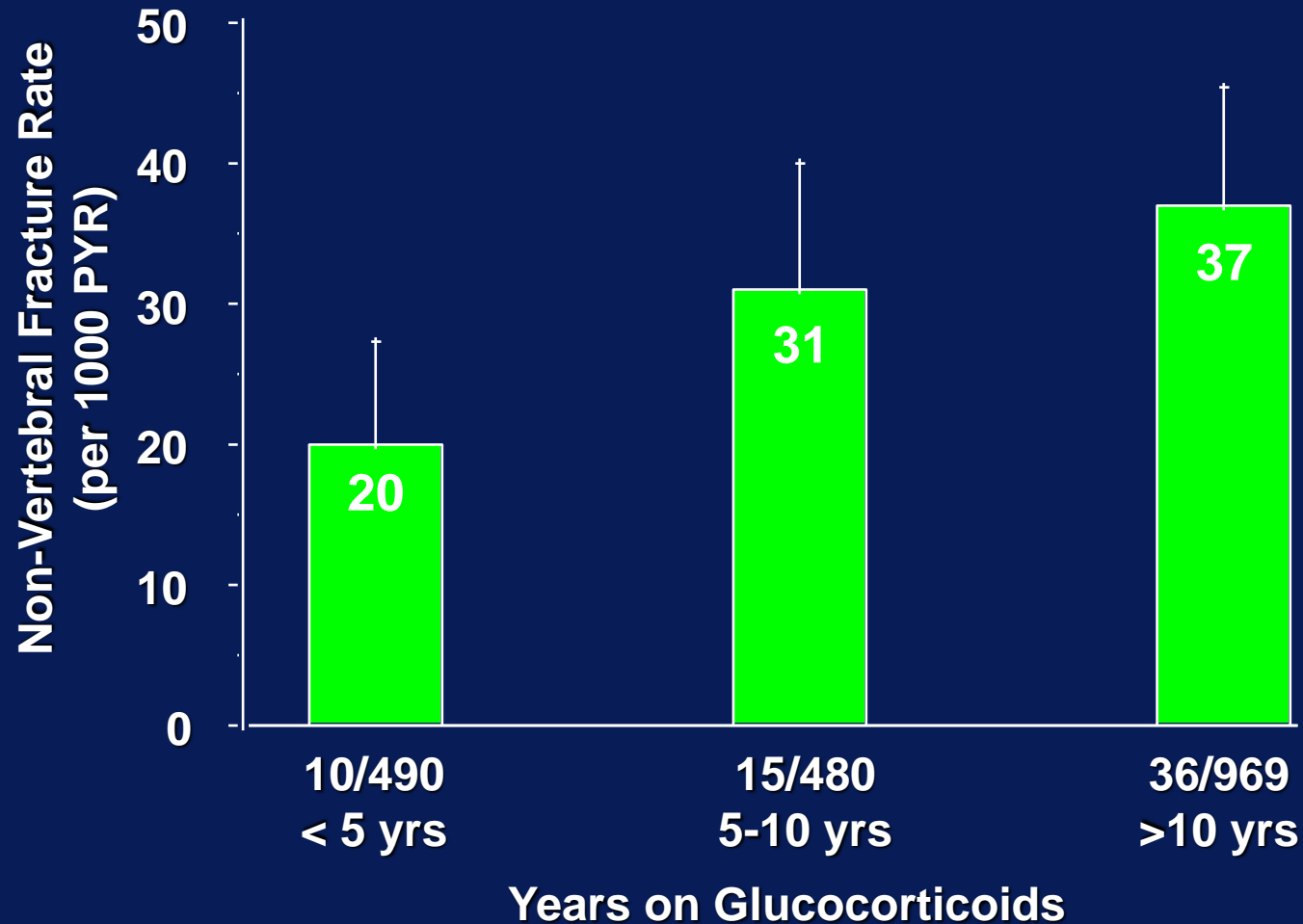
- Long duration, disease severity (with increased IL-1), small body build, caucasian or asian race

Recovery of GC-induced bone loss after glucocorticoid treatment

- Incomplete recovery:
 - Pocock ('87): treatment of cushing
 - Identical twin case with treated cushing
 - Longitudinal study of RA
 - Persistent increase of non-VF fracture rates
 - » < 2 year: RR= 1.8
 - » < 5 year: + 20%

Non-VF Rate by Time Spent on GC

Retrospective analysis of baseline data in GIOS trial



Goemaere et al, 2003 . J Clin Rheumatol 9:170-175

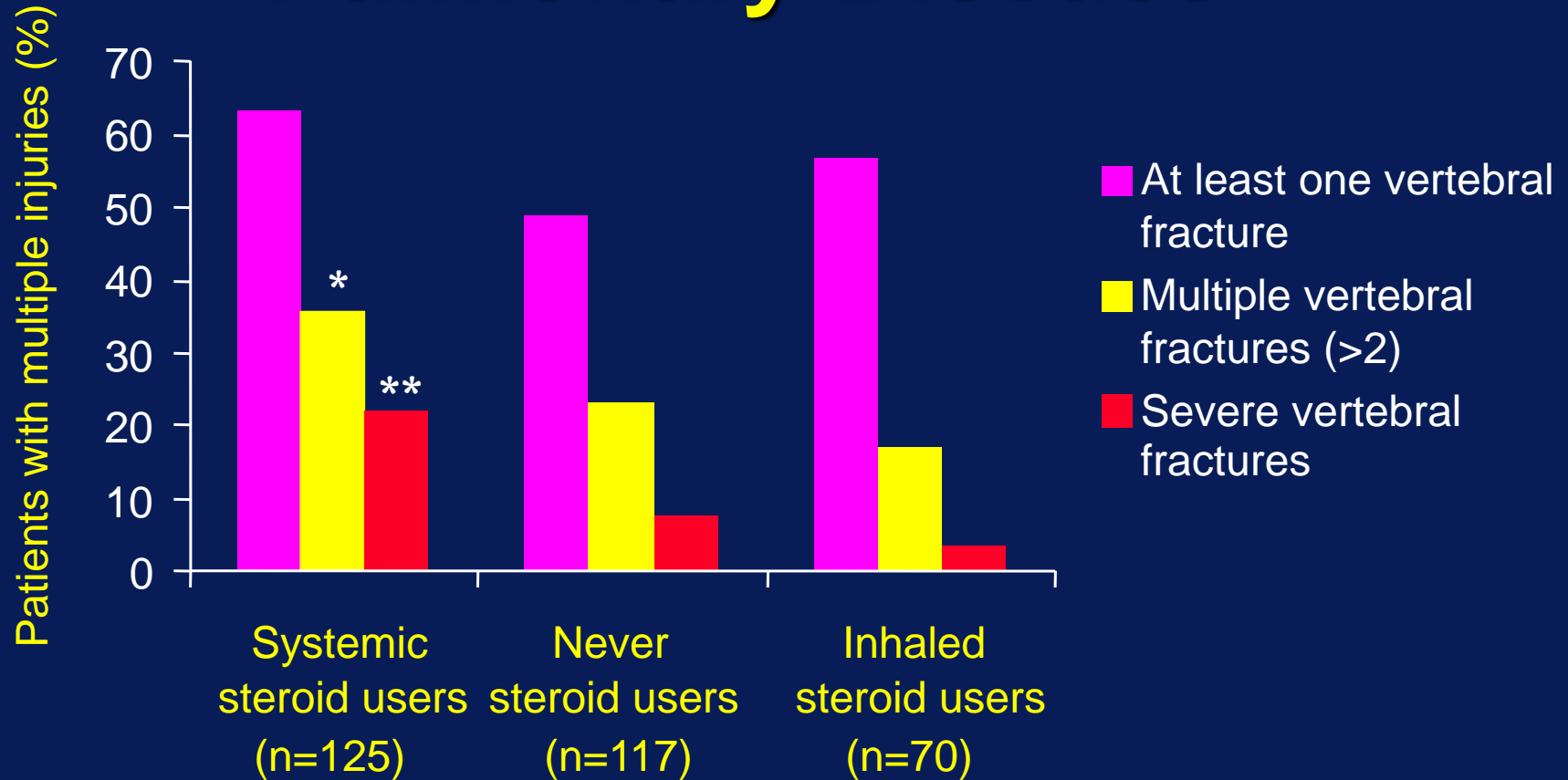
Incidence of nonvertebral fractures in relation to time on treatment and bone density in glucocorticoid-treated patients

Rheumatoid Arthritis, Corticosteroid Use, and Increased Risk of Hip Fracture

Risk factor	Odds ratio unadjusted	Odds ratio adjusted for other variables
Rheumatoid arthritis	2:1 ($P=0.06$)	BMI, smoking, alcohol: 1:9 BMI, smoking, alcohol, ADL: 1:3
Corticosteroid use	2:7 ($P=0.01$)	BMI, smoking, alcohol: 2:5 BMI, smoking, alcohol, ADL: 2:1

BMI=Body mass index; ADL=activities of daily living.
Cooper C, et al, 1995.

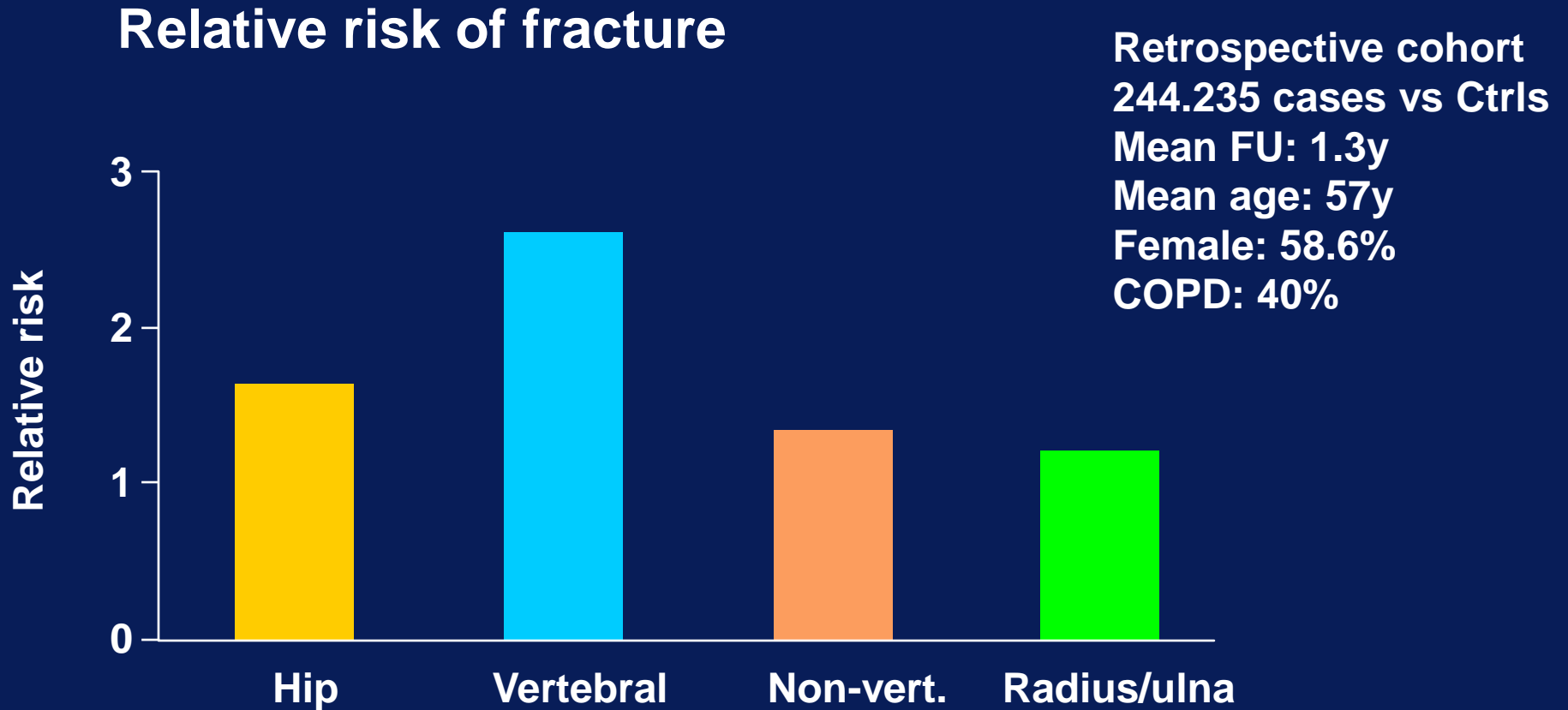
CIO and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease



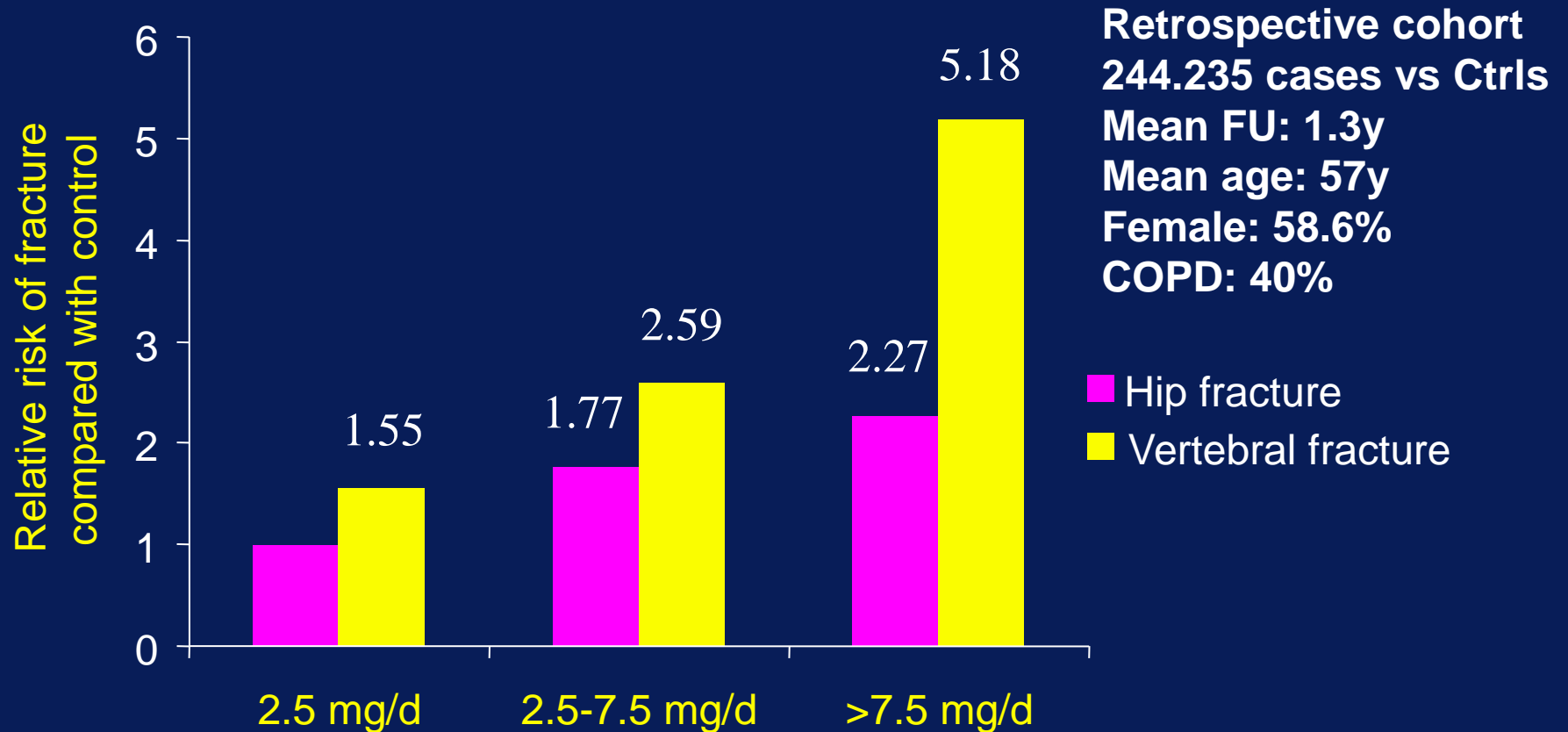
* $P < 0.05$ vs. ISU or NSU; ** $P < 0.005$ vs ISU.
McEvoy CE, et al, 1998.

GPRD (General Practitioners Research Database)

Effect of CS on Fracture Risk

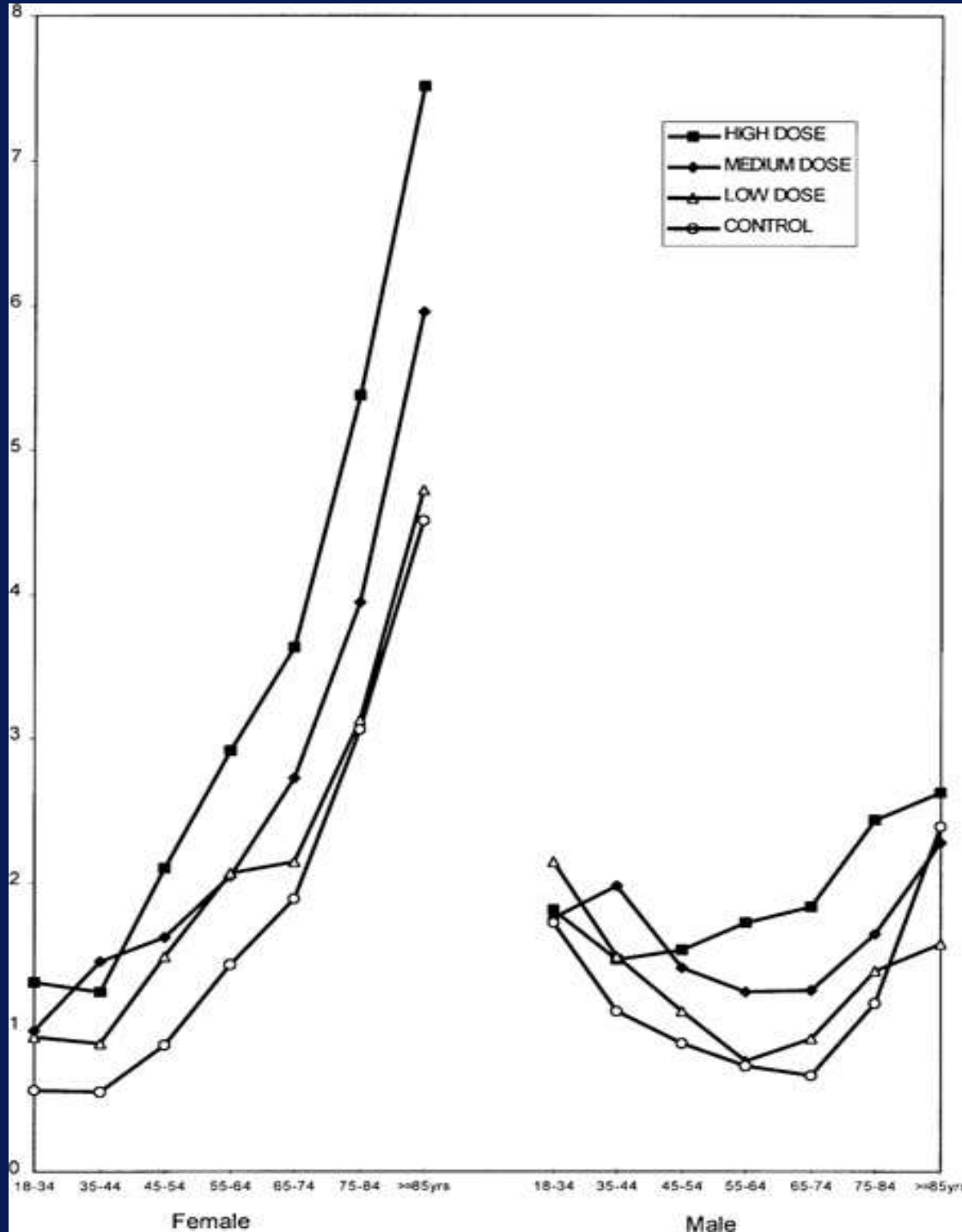


Fracture Risk & Dose of Corticosteroids



Relative risk of fracture by dosages of prednisolone.
van Staa TP, et al, 1998.

Incidence of non-VF fractures (#/100 py)



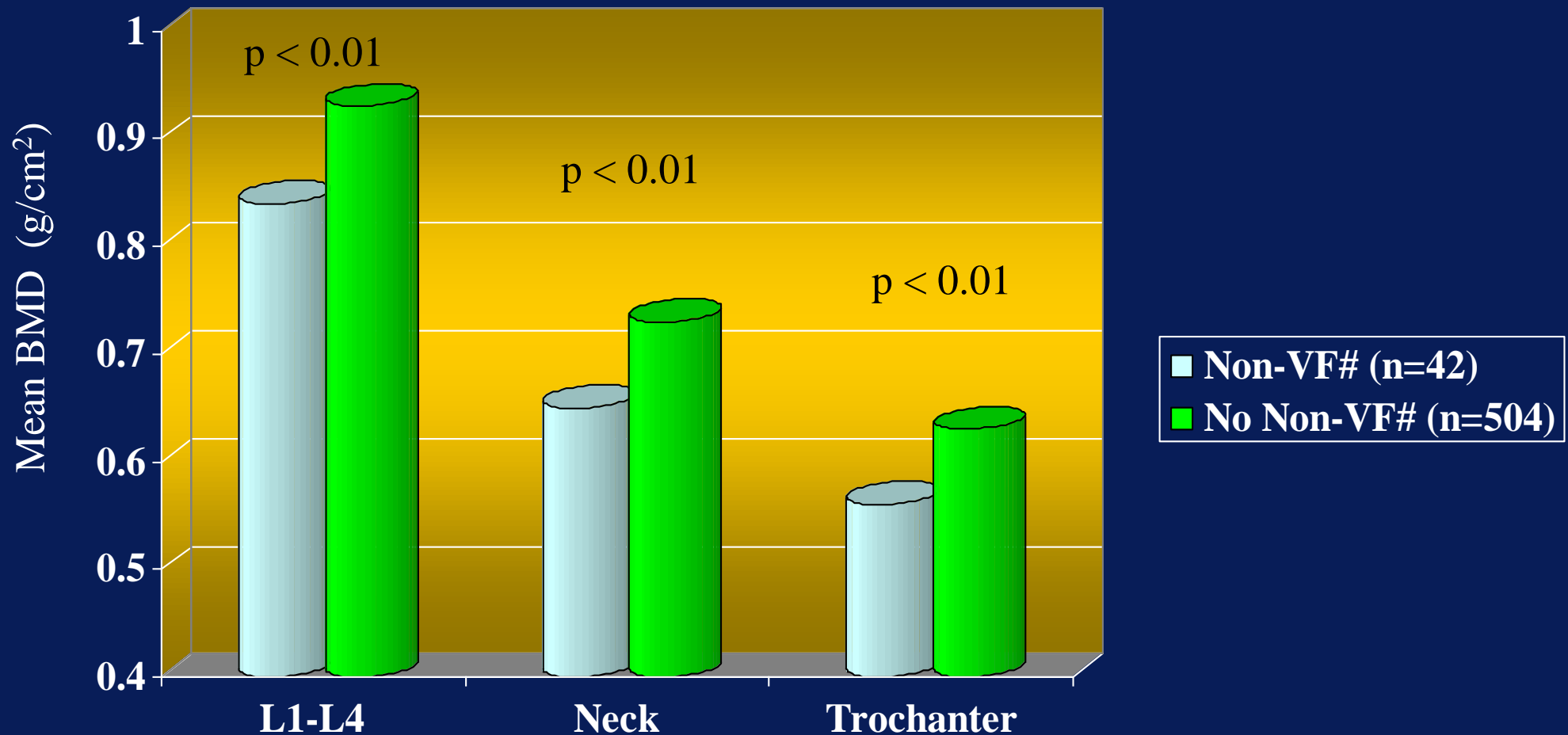
Use of Oral Corticosteroids and Risk of non-VF

Dose relationship in non-VF

GPRD - retrospective
 244.235 Case vs Crtls
 Mean FU: 1.3y
 Mean age: 57y
 Female: 58.6%
 COPD: 40%

Non-VF# in relation to BMD

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BMD - fracture relationship in GIOP

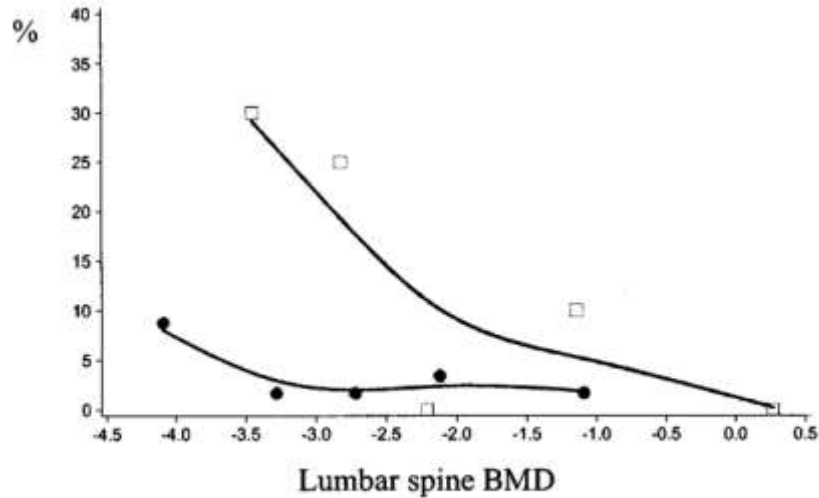
n Fracture threshold ?

- Higher in asthma/COPD
- Pre-treatment BMD cutoff : T-score = -1 or -1.5
(Luengo et al, Thorax 1991;46:803-6)

n Relationship BMD - fracture underestimated ?

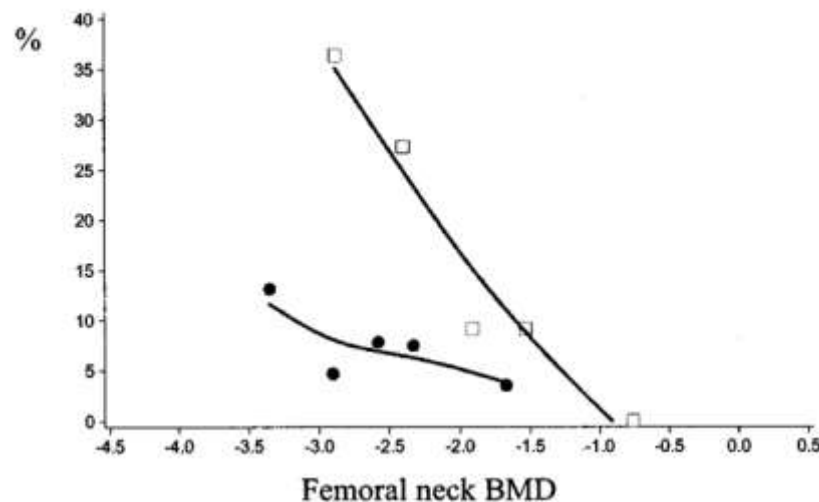
- RR / SD is higher : x5 in RA
(Peel et al, Ann Rheum Dis 1995;54:801-6)

Incidence of vertebral fracture in PM women receiving GCs compared with nonusers



1 year prospective data from placebo controlled clinical trials with risedronate in PMO and GIOP

- The individual data points correspond to the incidence in subgroups of the GC user and nonuser populations, as based on quintiles of baseline BMD.
- The solid line is a curve representing smoothing of these individual estimates.

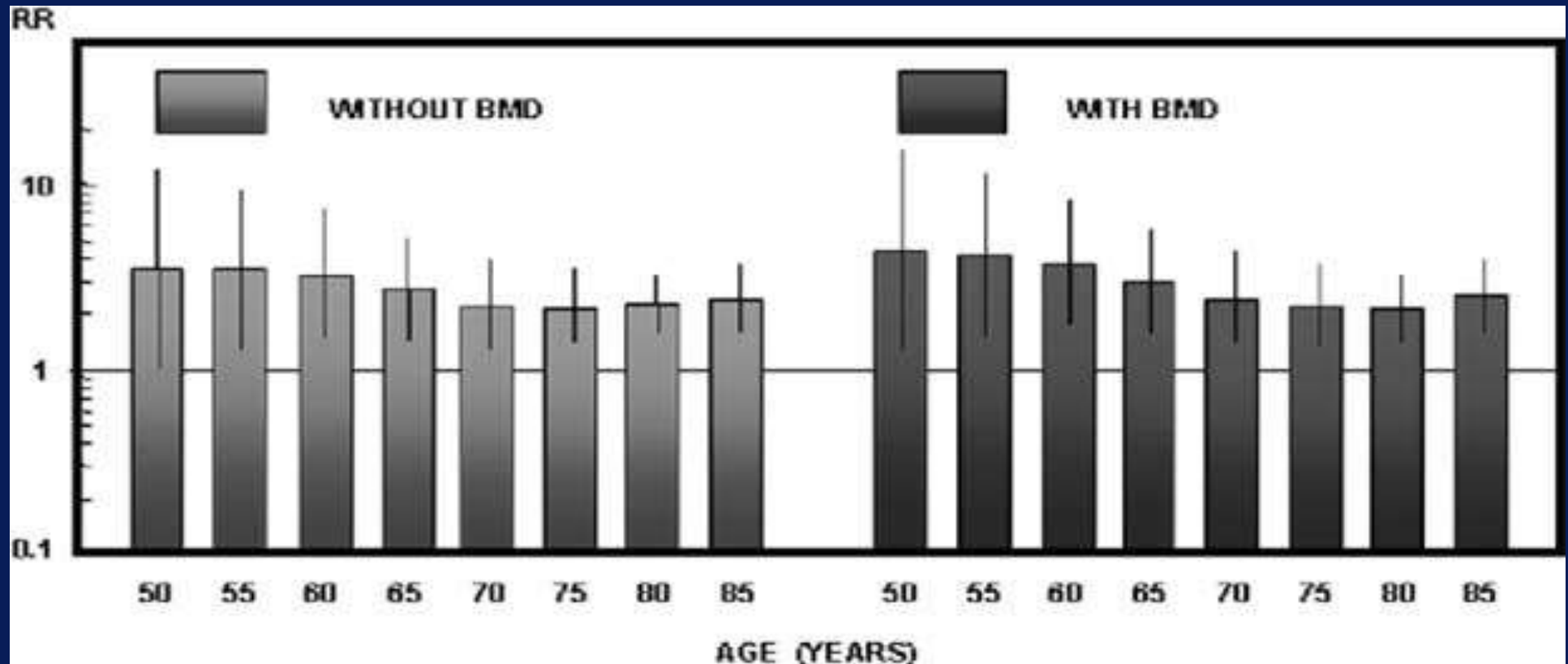


Van Staa et al, 2003

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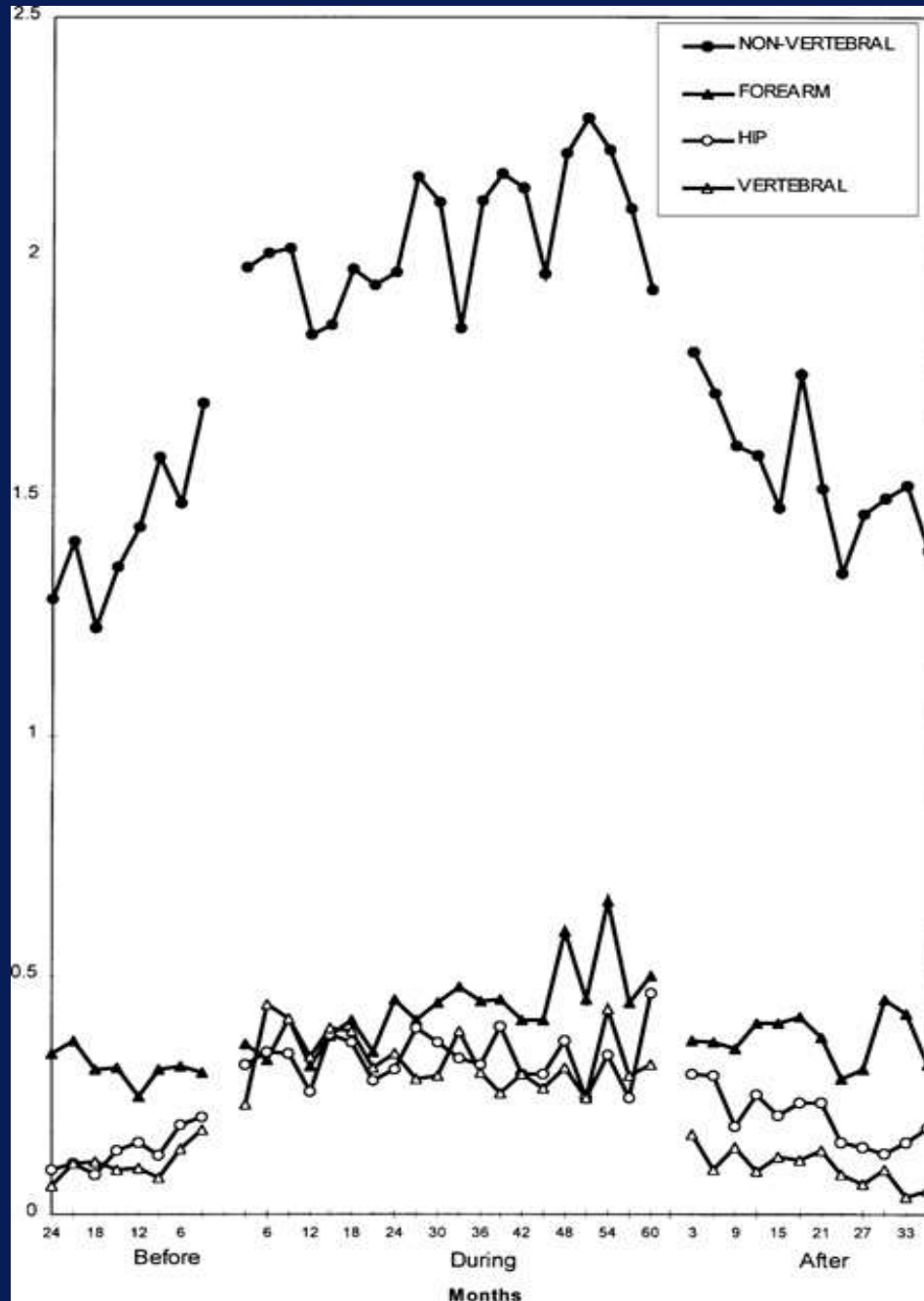
A Meta-Analysis of Prior Corticosteroid Use and Hip Fracture Risk Prospective Cohort Studies



Kanis J et al, JBMR 2004 (19): 893-899, DOI: (10.1359/JBMR.040134)

Onset / Offset of fracture risk in oral glucocorticotherapy

Incidence of fractures (#/100 py)



GPRD - retrospective
244.235 Case vs Ctrls
Mean FU: 1.3y
Mean age: 57y
Female: 58.6%
COPD: 40%

← **Non-vertebral**
(RR = 1.33)

← **Forearm (RR = 1.09)**

← **Hip (RR = 1.61)**

← **Vertebral (RR = 2.60)**

GC and fracture incidence: conclusion

- Increased VF# (x2-5) and non-VF# (eg hip x2)
- Dose related increase # risk : no save dose !
- Early onset / offset of increase of fractures rates
- Type of fracture dependent on disease
- BMD - fracture relationship is different from PMO

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Prevention and Treatment of GC-induced bone loss

- n Observational data
- n Randomized, controlled clinical trials
- n Systematic Review and Meta-analysis
(for guideline development)

Strategies of preventing bone loss/fractures

If dose $> 5-7.5$ mg/d for more than 3-6 months :

1. General measures (in all GC patients)

2. Bone specific intervention

- a/ Bone resorption : Ca/D, Hormonal replacement, bisphosphonate, denosumab

- b/ Bone formation : rhPTH (teriparatide)

Strategies of preventing bone loss/fractures

□ Primary prevention

- at onset of GC therapy (< 3-6 months)

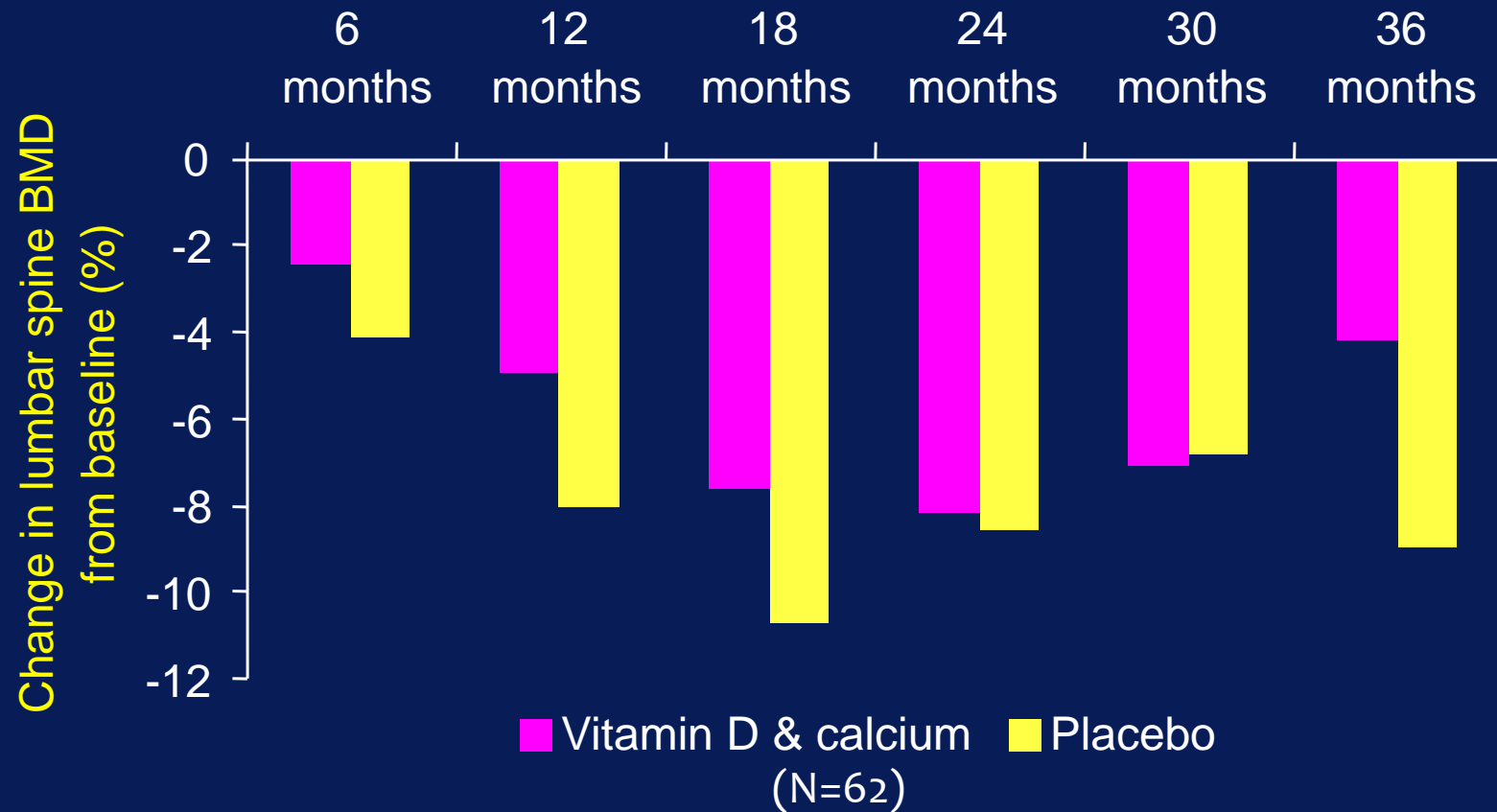
□ Secondary prevention or treatment

- after longterm GC therapy (> 6 months)
- after low bone mass with or without fracture

General measures for preventing bone loss

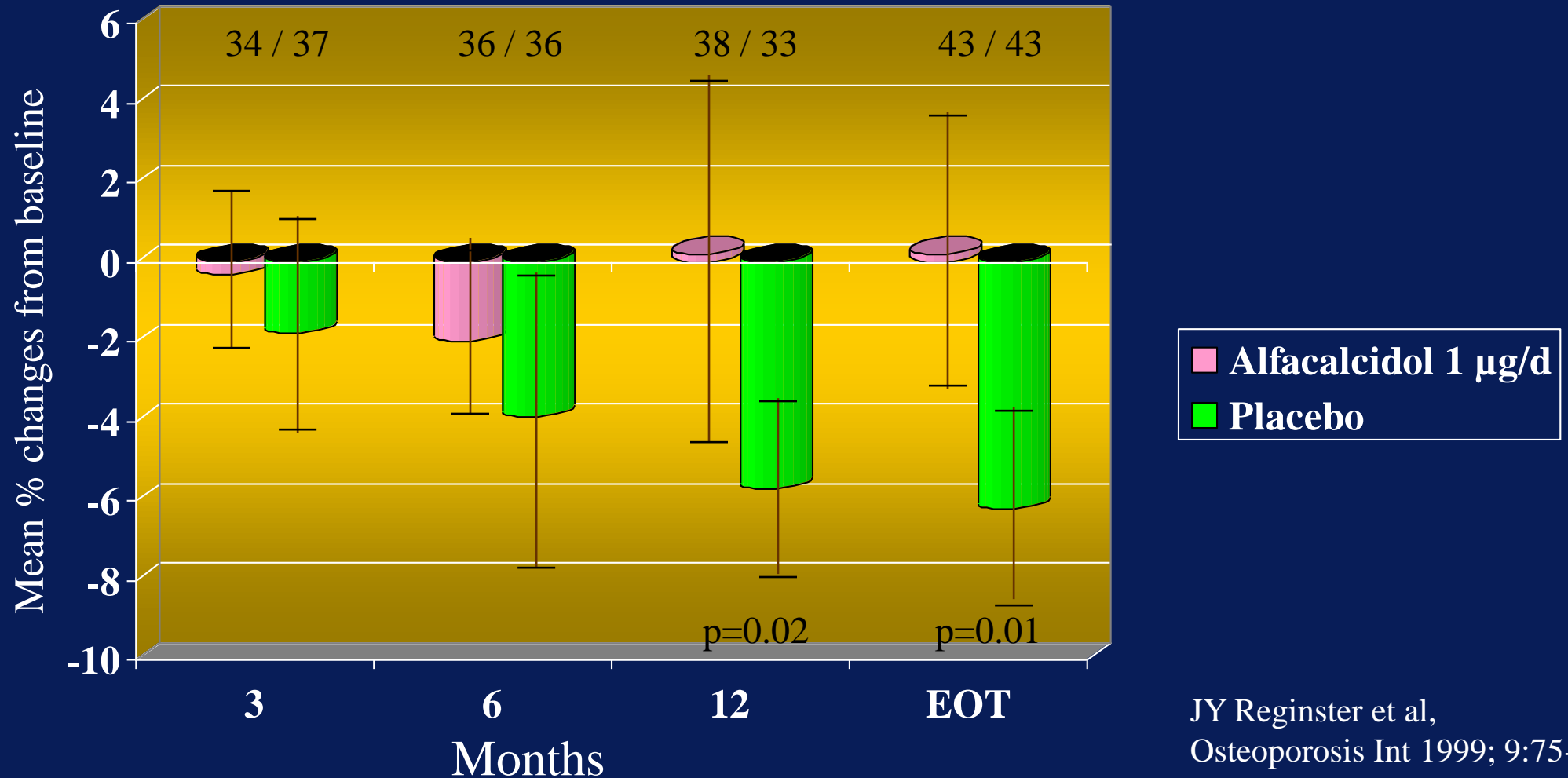
- ❑ Reduction of GC dose to minimum for disease control
- ❑ Nutritional measures:
 - calcium, vitamin D, protein
- ❑ Modification of lifestyle factors
 - smoking, alcohol, mobilisation & extension exercise of back
- ❑ Alternative route (oral vs inhaled)
- ❑ Alternative GC (budesonide)
- ❑ Alternate day (no proven preventive effect)

Vitamin D and Calcium in prevention of GIOP: a longitudinal study of 3 years



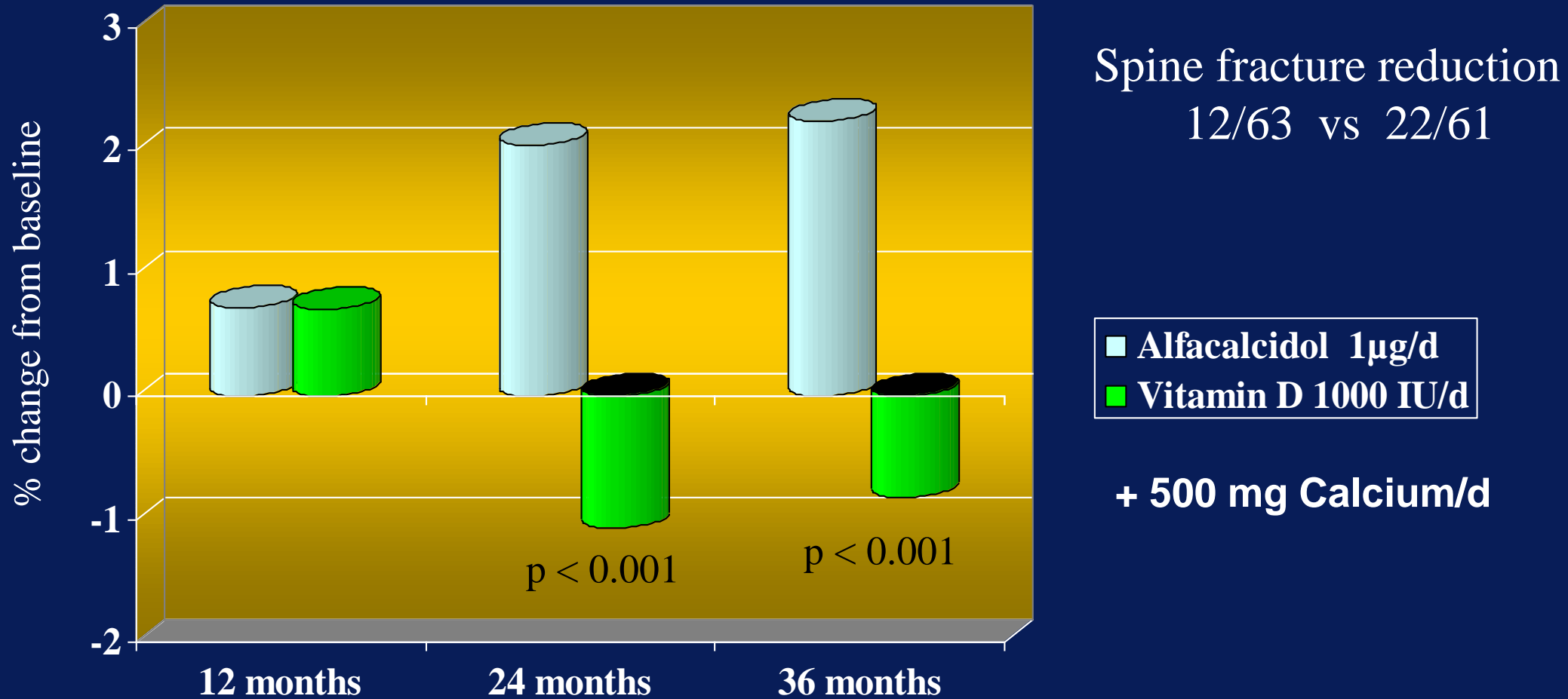
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Alfacalcidol in prevention of glucocorticoid-induced bone loss

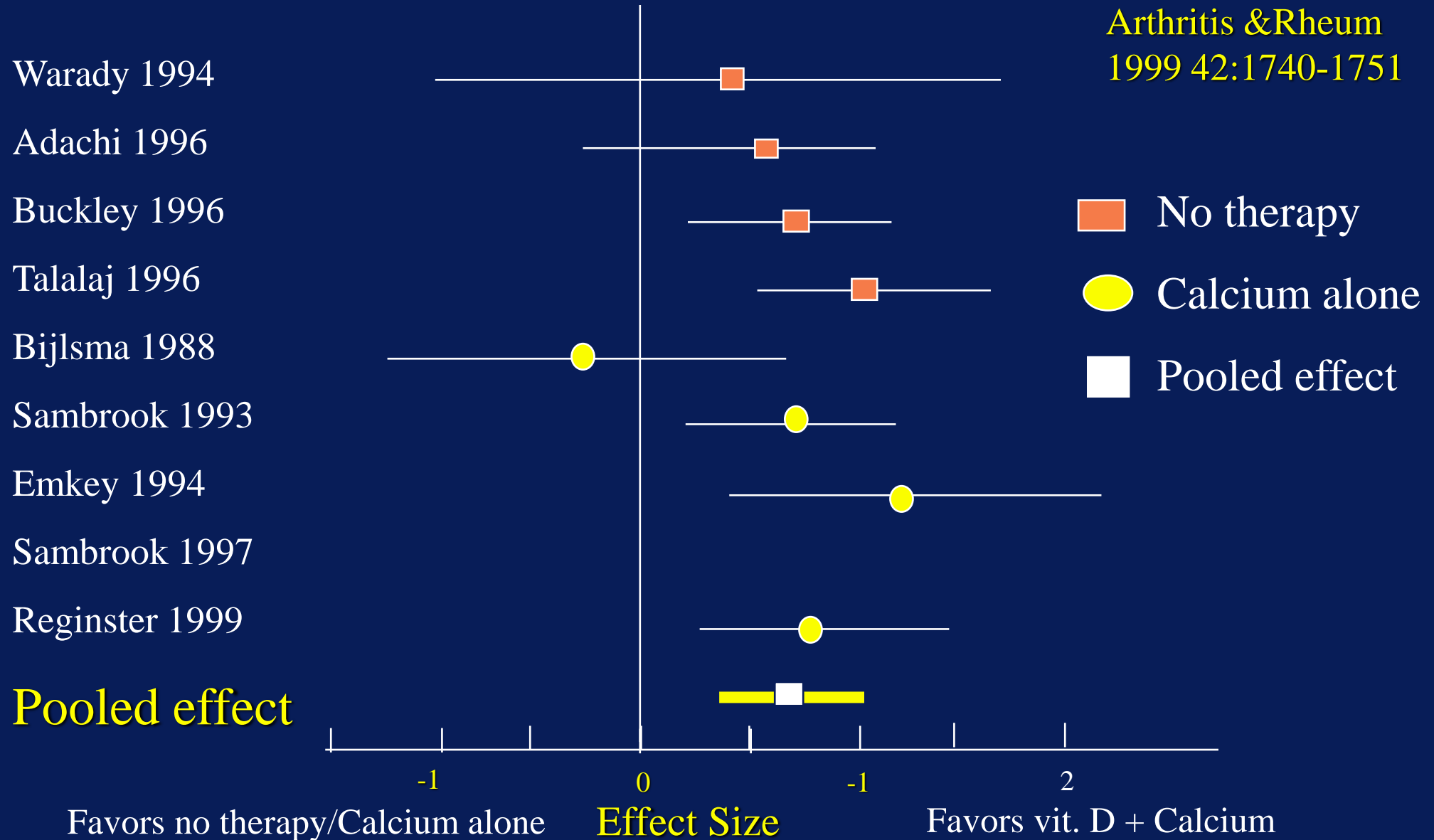


JY Reginster et al,
Osteoporosis Int 1999; 9:75-81.

Plain vit D vs active metabolites in treatment of GIOP



Meta-analysis of effects on spine BMD in GC-treated patients



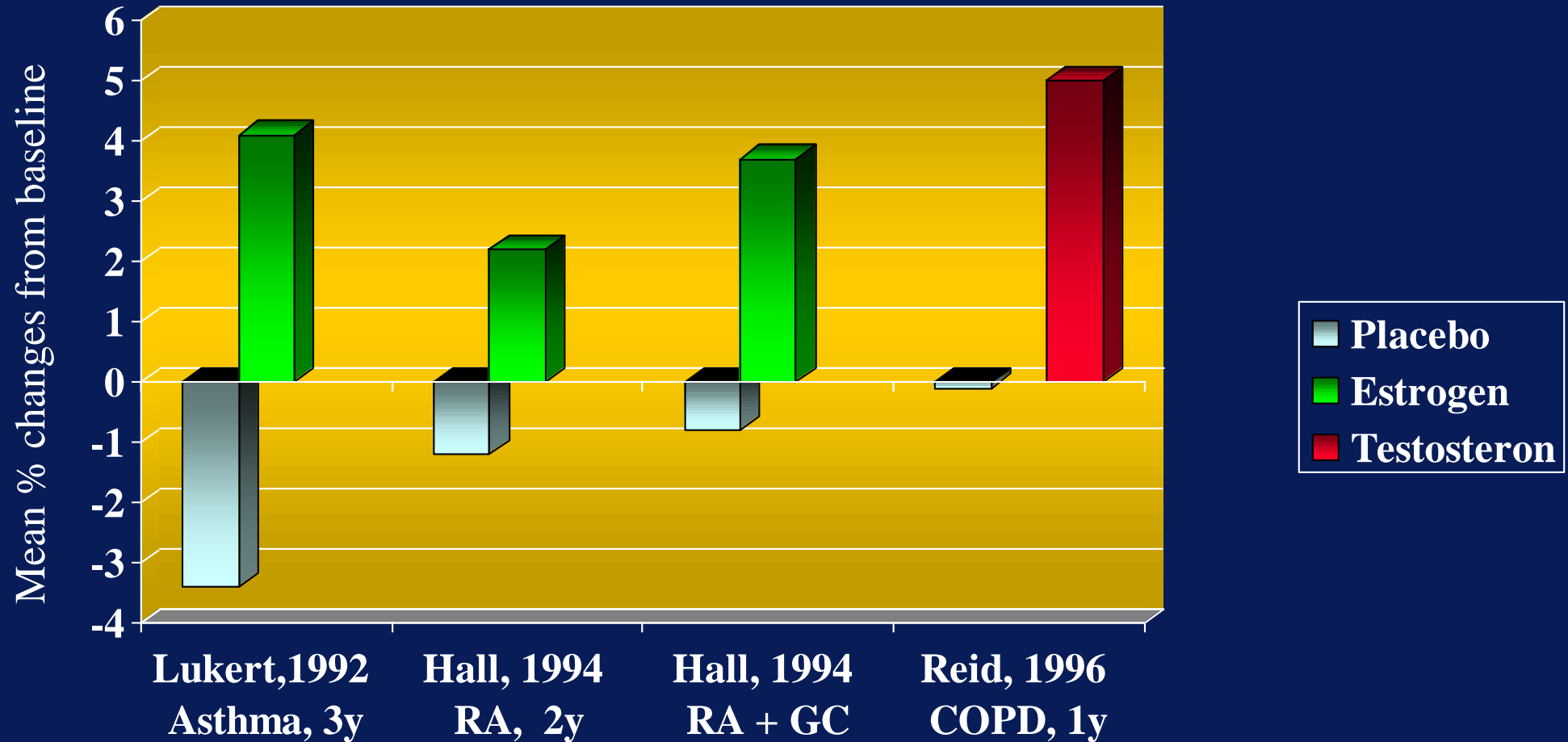
Homik J, Suarez-Almazor ME, Shea B, et al.: Calcium and vitamin D for corticosteroid-induced osteoporosis. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2002, (2):CD000952.

Confirmation of the efficacy of Ca/D supplementation
Compared to placebo or Calcium alone

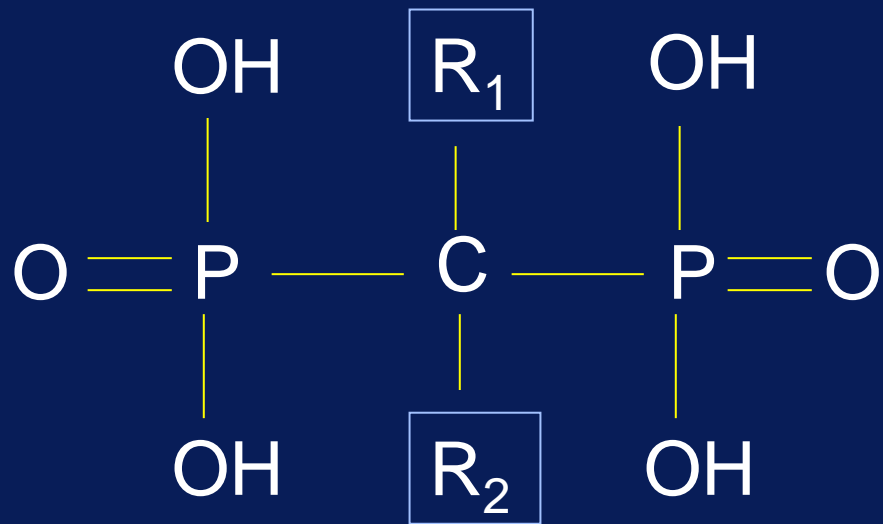
Role of calcium, vitamin D and metabolites in the management of GIOP: conclusions

- Calcium supplementation (500 - 1000 mg/) is not sufficient to stop bone loss (- 2 to 3% /year)
- Vitamin D plus calcium may moderately reduce bone loss (>> in first year and in Vit D depleted patients)
- Active metabolites calcitriol (0.5 μ g/d) and alfacalcidol (1 μ g/d) are effective in prevention & treatment of GIOP

Treatment of GC-induced spinal bone loss by Hormonal Replacement Treatment (HRT)



Bisphosphonates in GIOP

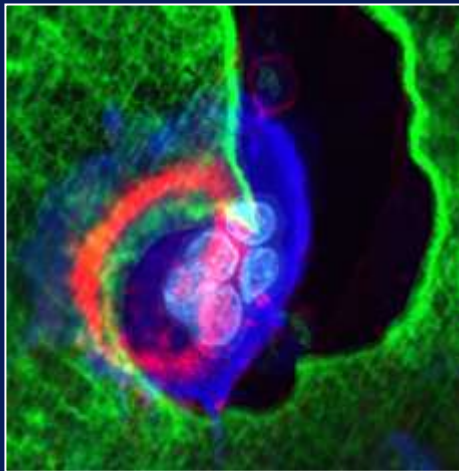


(Etidronate)
Pamidronate
Alendronate
Risedronate
Ibandronate
Zoledronate

Bisphosphonates

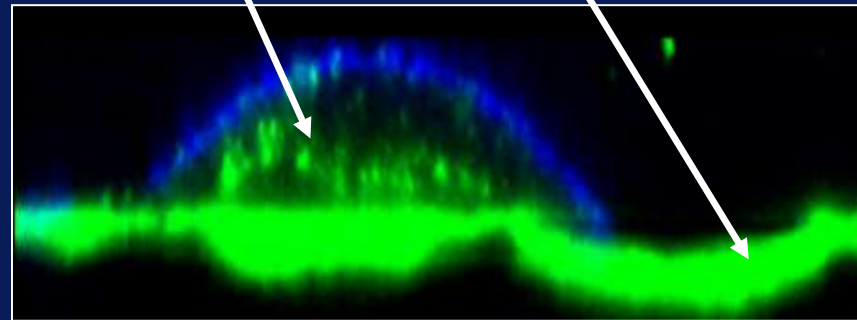
Mode of Action




BP binding to the bone surfaces

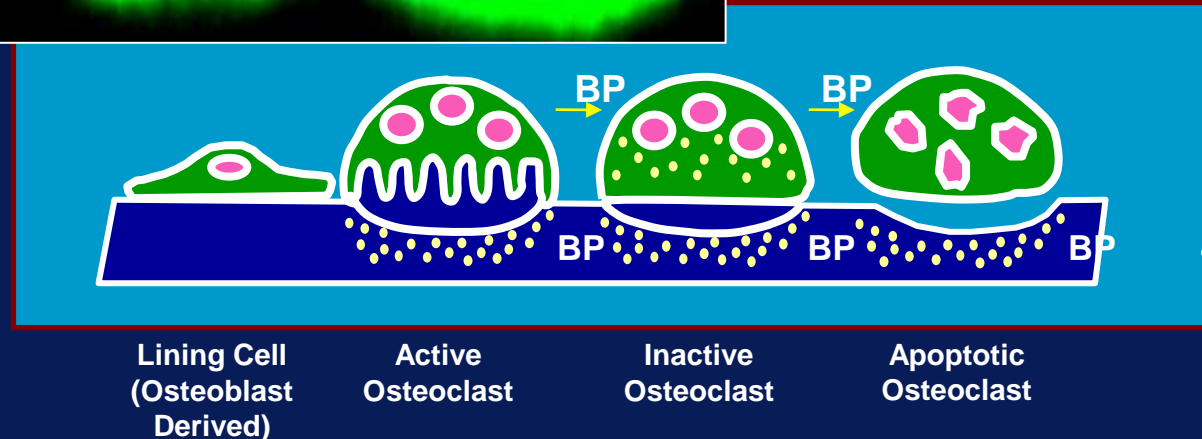


BP are internalized in the osteoclasts during the bone resorption

Intracellular BP
Resorption lacune



-  Bisphosphonate (bone surface)
-  Osteoclast membrane/nucleus
-  Cytoskeleton



Mode of action of aminobisphosphonates

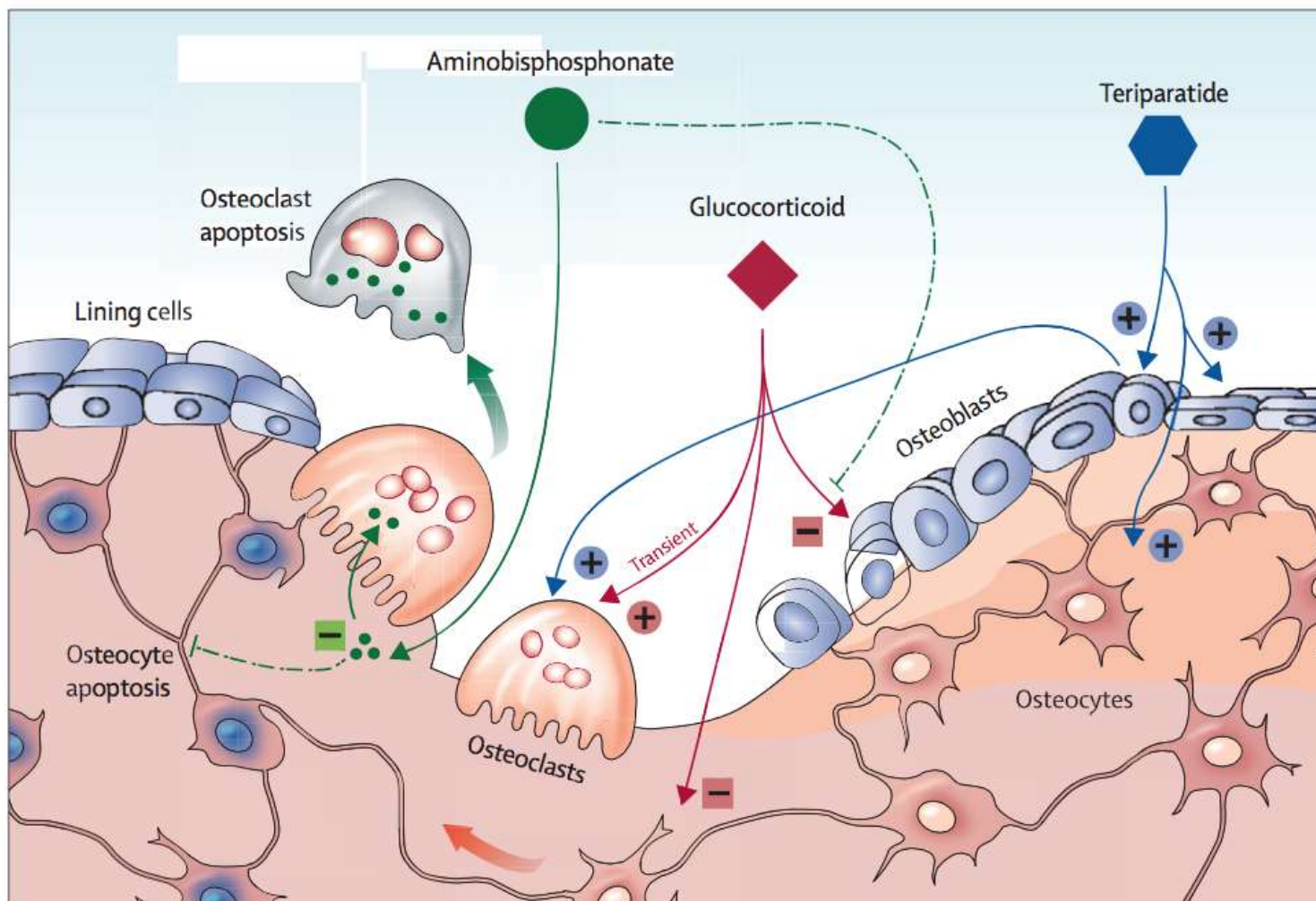
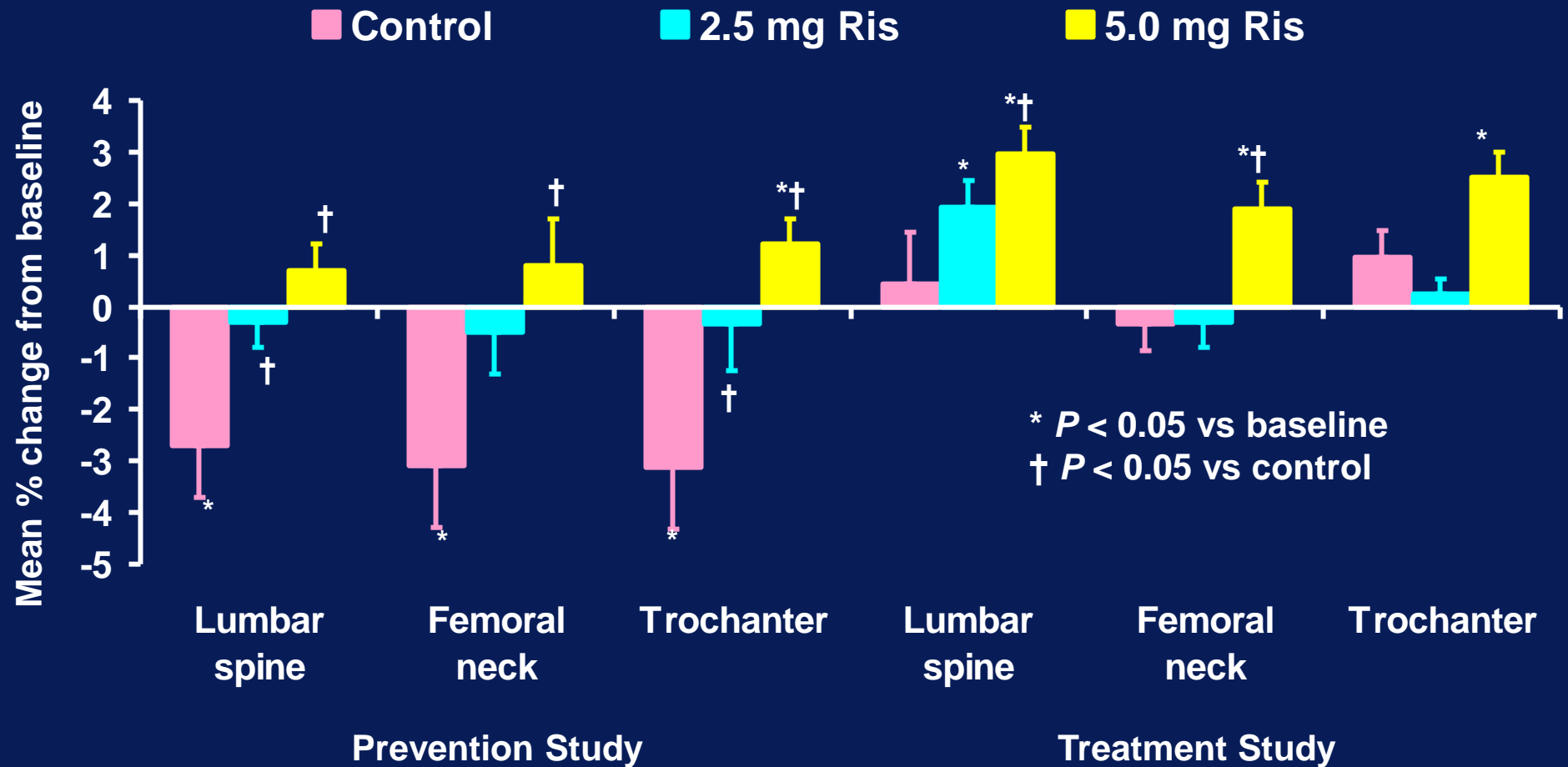


Figure: Effects of glucocorticoids, bisphosphonates, and teriparatide on bone cells
Dotted lines indicate potential effects of bisphosphonates.

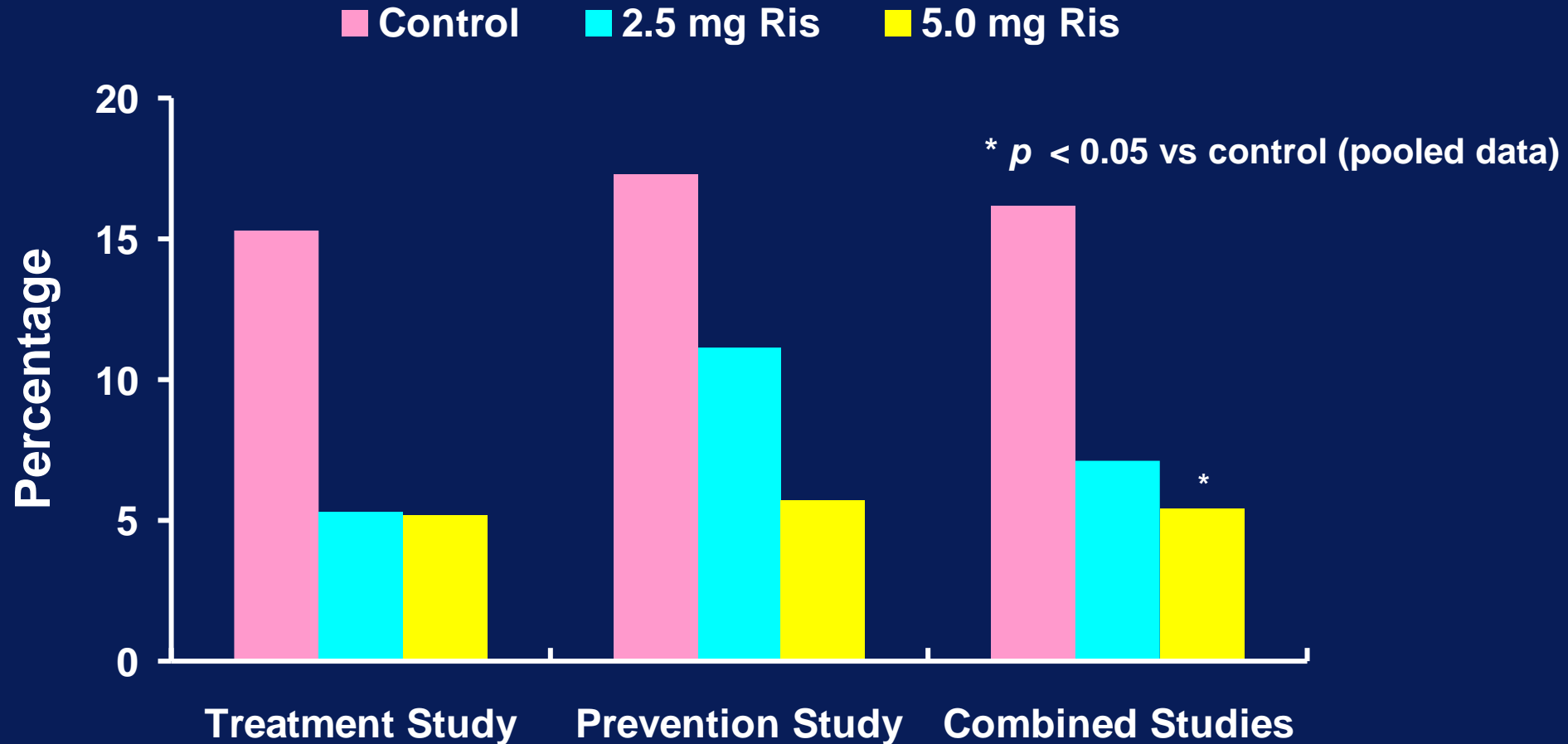
Luigi Gennari
John P Bilezikian
Lancet (373); 2009
p: 1225-6

Risedronate prevention/treatment in GIOP: BMD Change from Baseline at Month 12



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Risedronate therapy prevents corticosteroid-induced bone loss – a twelve-month placebo-controlled trial

Risedronate in treatment of GIOP: Vertebral Fractures at Month 12



Wallach S, Cohen S, Reid DM, Hughes, RA, Hosking DJ, Laan RF, et al. y. Calcif Tissue Int 2000;67:277–85.
Effects of risedronate treatment on bone density and vertebral fracture in patients on corticosteroid therapy

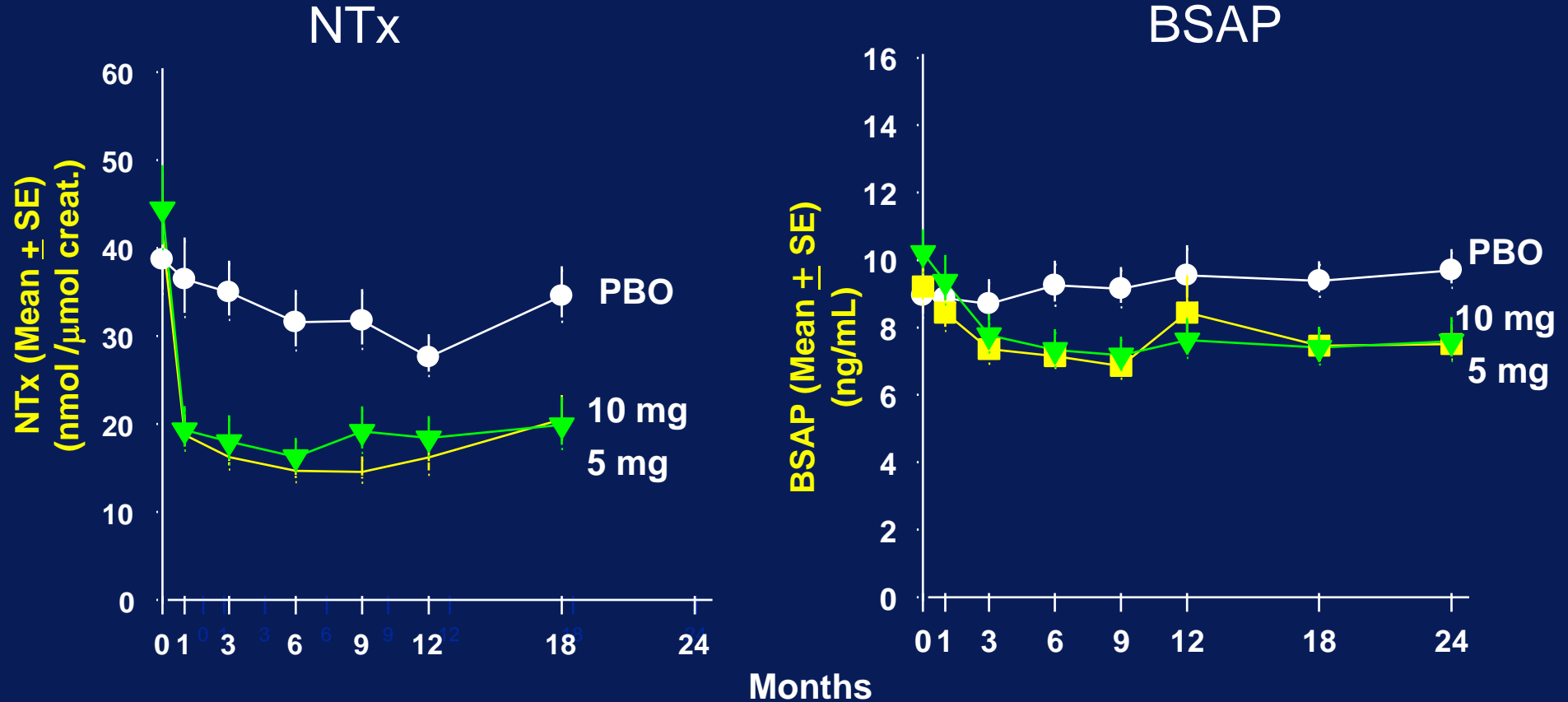
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Risedronate reduces the incidence of vertebral fractures in patients on chronic corticosteroid therapy.

GIOS-Alendronate study: Treatment Groups

Year 1 (N=560)		Year 2 (N=208)	
PBO	(N=159)	PBO	(N=61)
ALN 5 mg	(N=161)	ALN 5 mg	(N=63)
ALN 10 mg	(N=157)	ALN 10 mg	(N=55)
ALN 2.5 mg	(N=83)	ALN 10 mg	(N=29)

All patients continued on calcium and vitamin D

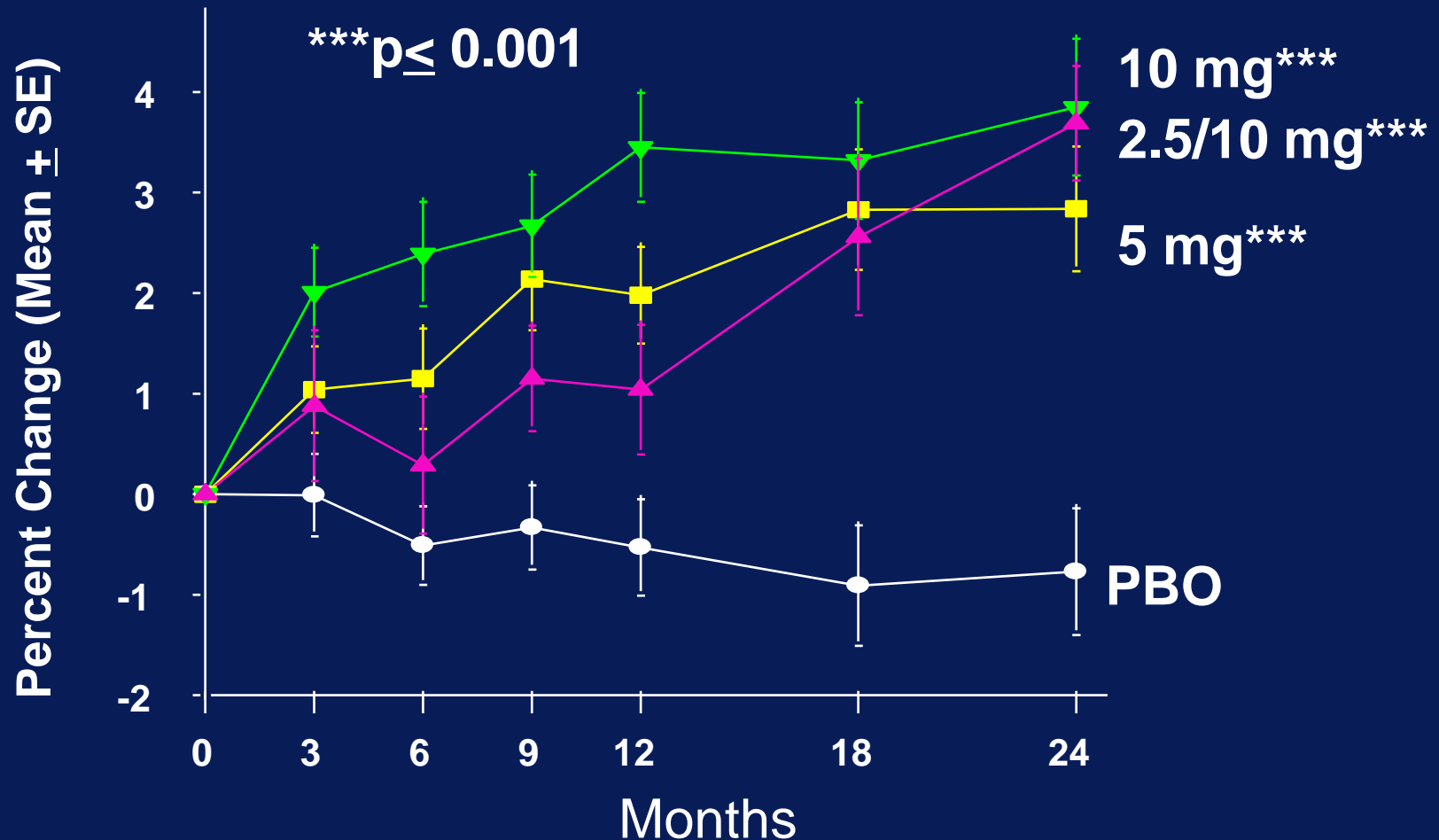
Alendronate effects on bone turnover in GIOP



Adachi JD et al, 2001. Arthritis Rheum 2001;44:202–11.

Two-year effects of alendronate on bone mineral density and vertebral fracture in patients receiving glucocorticoids..

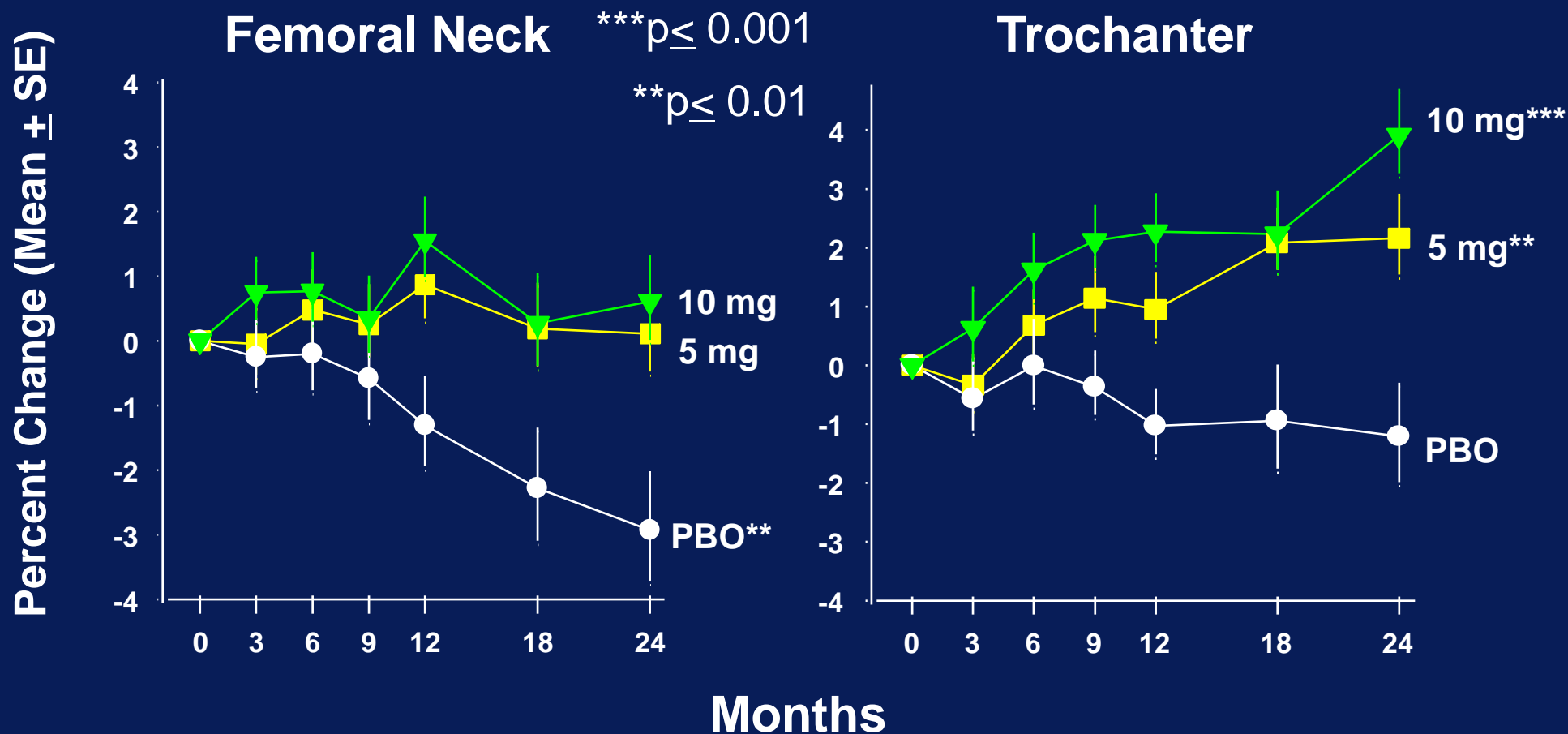
Lumbar Spine BMD in GIOP Extension Cohort



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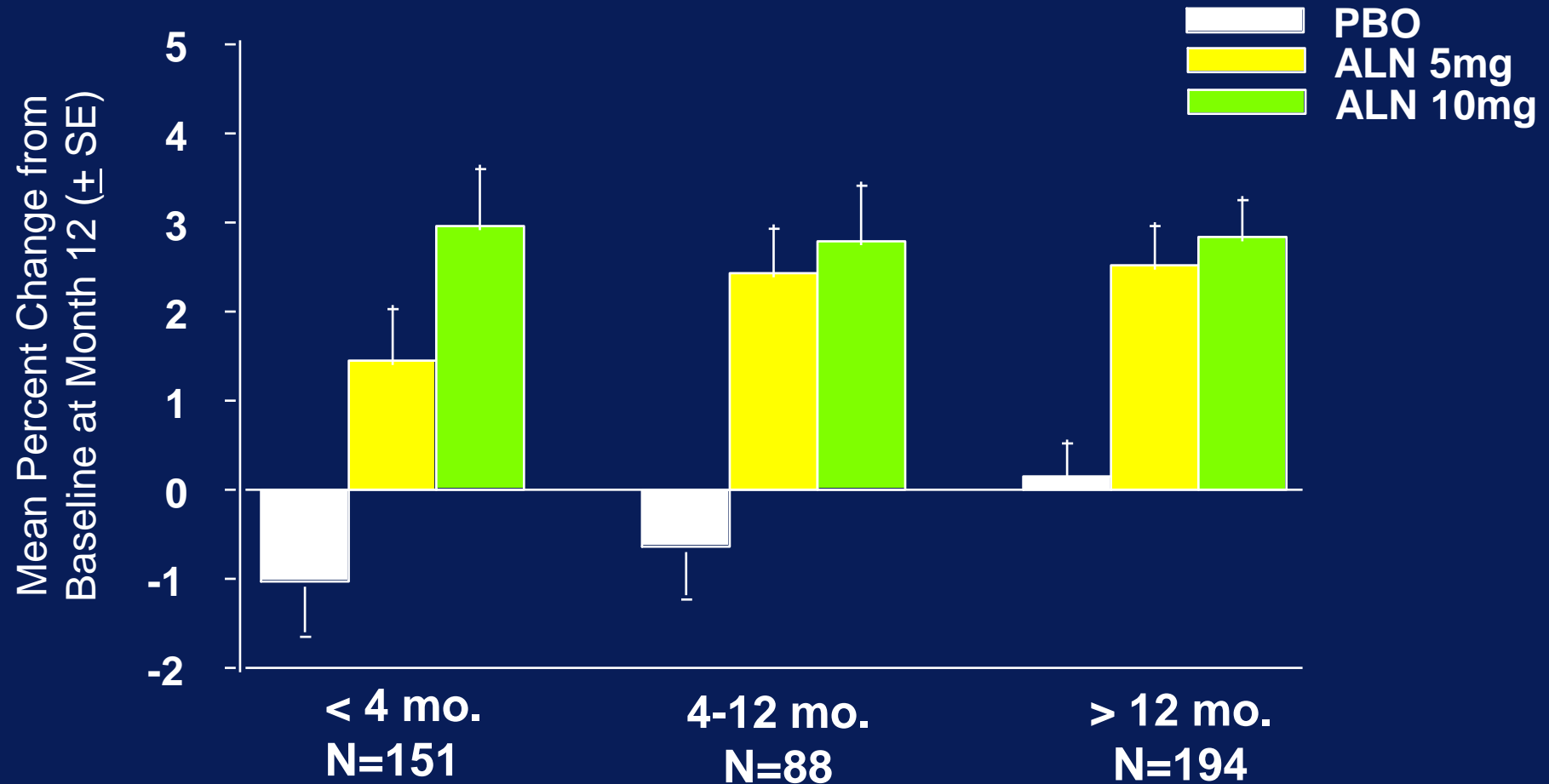
Alendronate effects on Hip BMD in GIOP Extension Cohort



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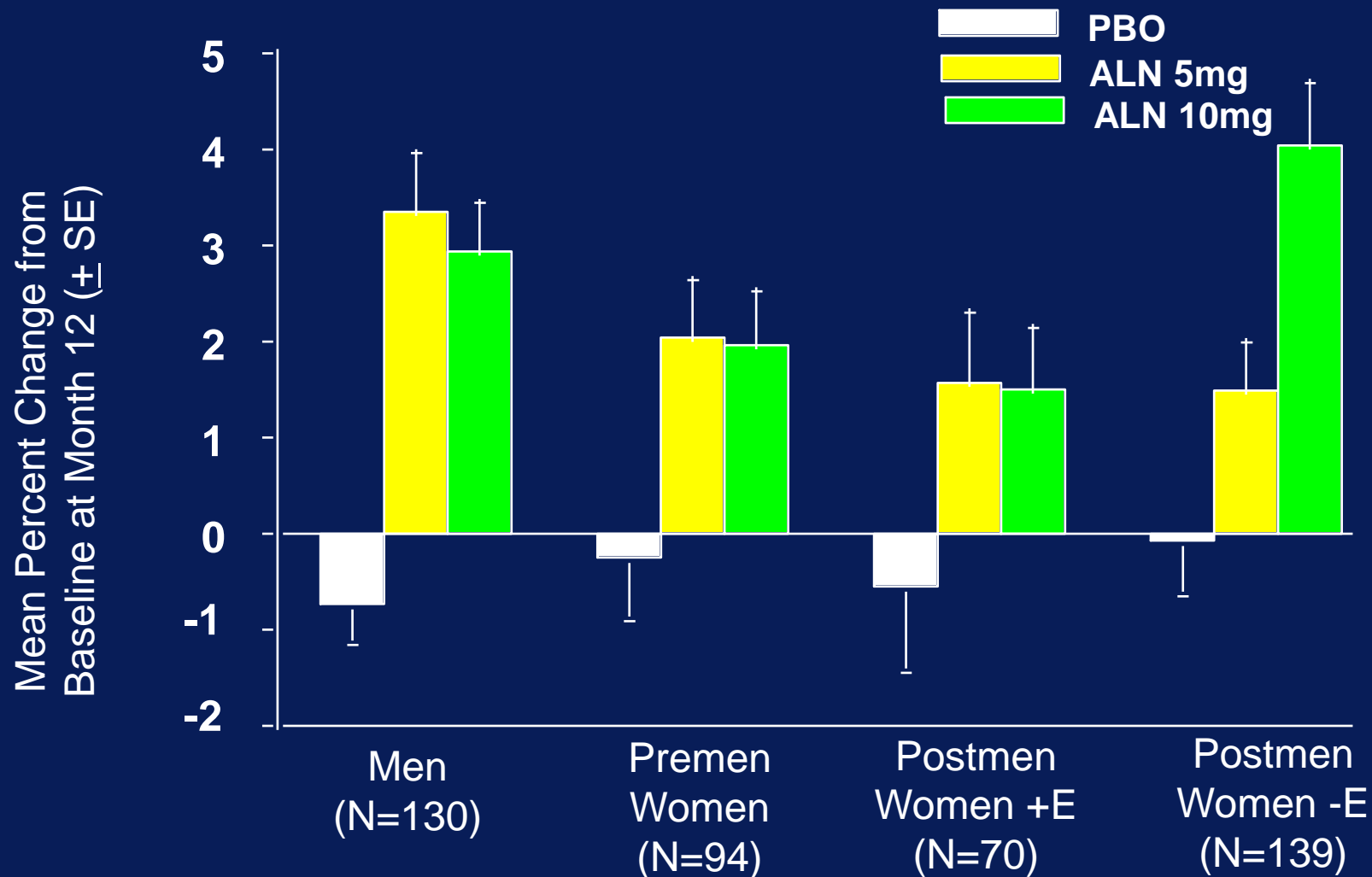
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Effect of Duration of Prior Glucocorticoid Use on Lumbar Spine BMD



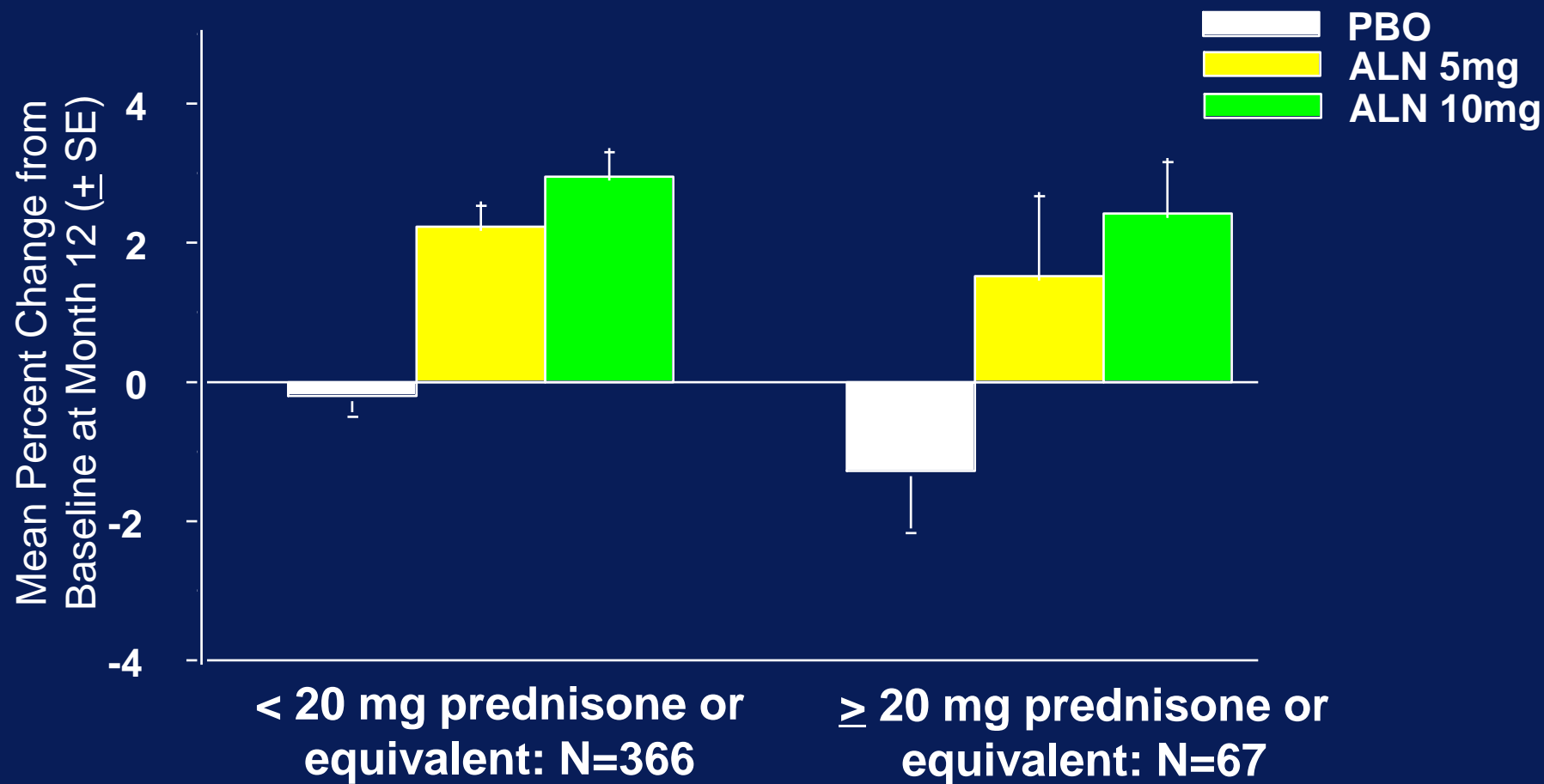
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Effect of Alendronate on Lumbar Spine BMD by Gender/Menopause/ Estrogen Use



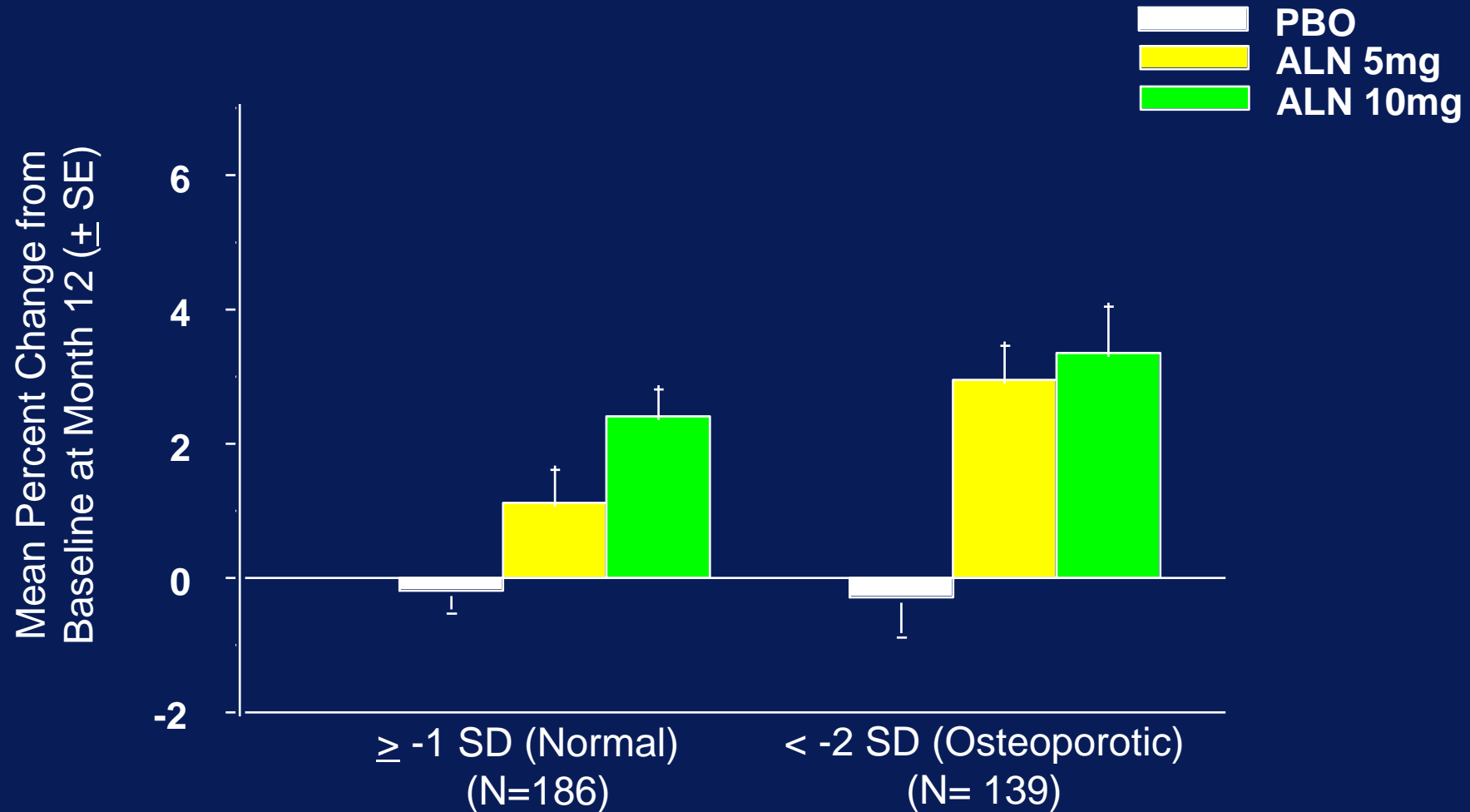
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Effect of Alendronate on Spine BMD by Glucocorticoid Dose at 12 Months



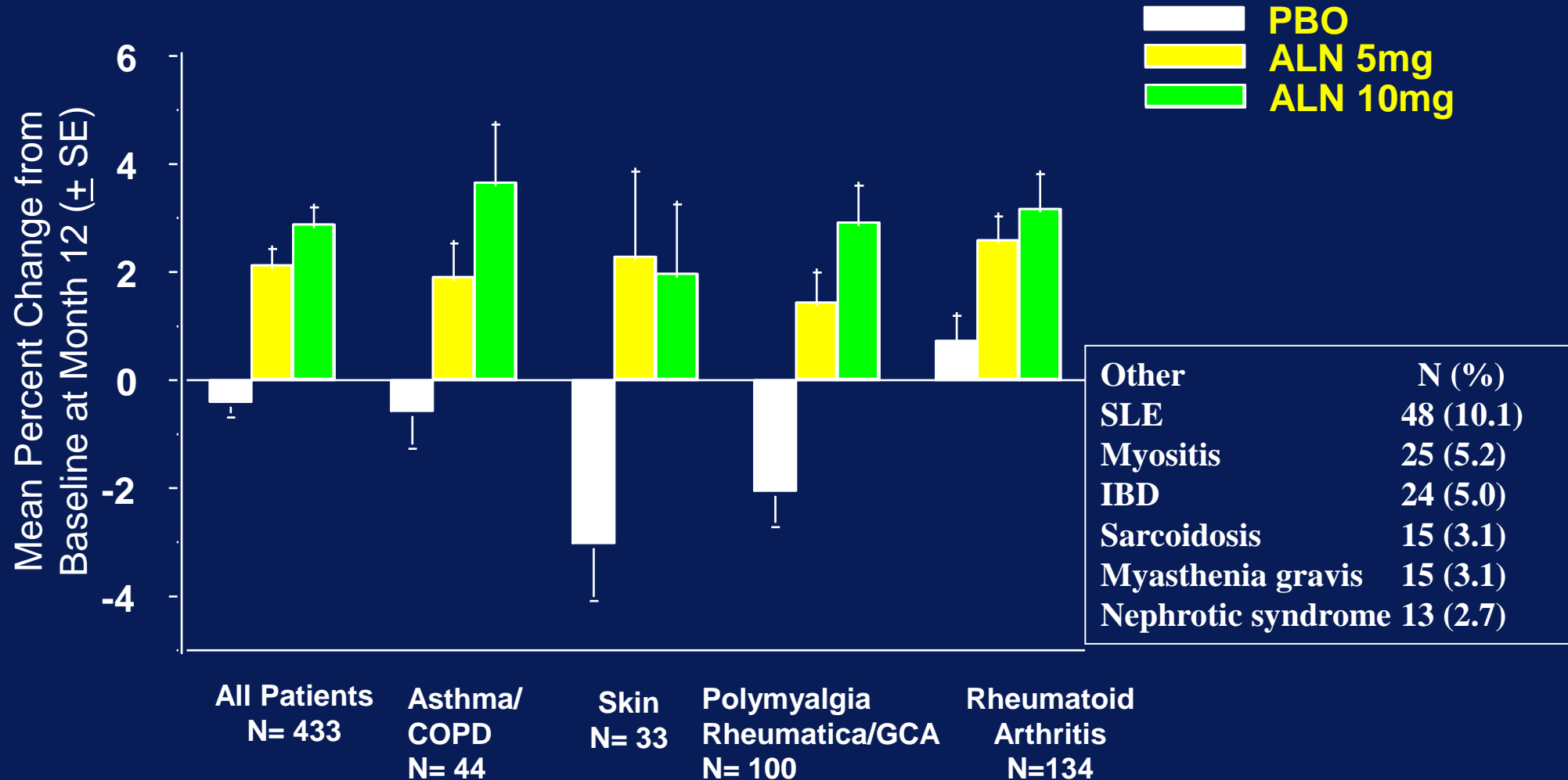
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Spine BMD by Baseline BMD



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Effect of Alendronate on Lumbar Spine BMD by Disease



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Pooled analysis on oral BP: new vertebral fracture in GIOP

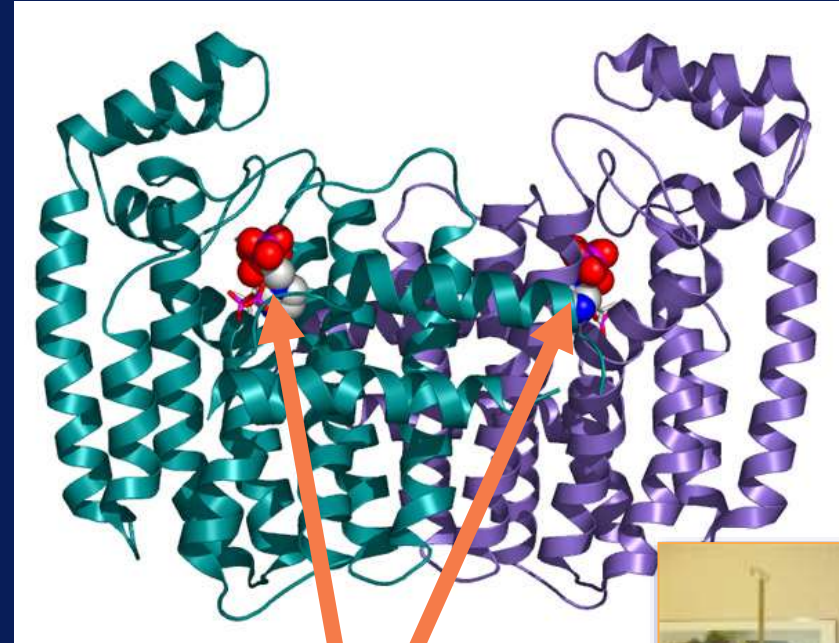
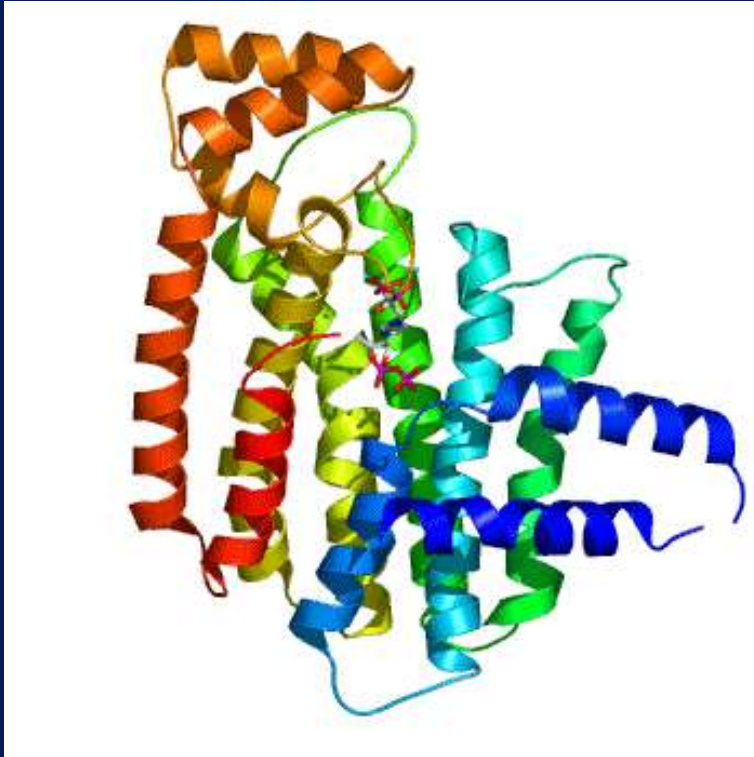
	Placebo n of VF/n of RX	Active R/ n of VF/n of RX	Statistics
Et*	15/131 11.4%	7/122 5.7%	RR= 0.50 (CI: 0.21-1.19)
Aln* 1y	8/135 5.9%	8/268 3.0%	RR=0.51 p=0.180
Aln** 2y	4/59 6.8%	1/143 0.7%	RR=0.10 p=0.026
Ris*	18/170 10.5%	6/174 3.4%	RR=0.32 p=0.016

* Semi-quantitative analysis

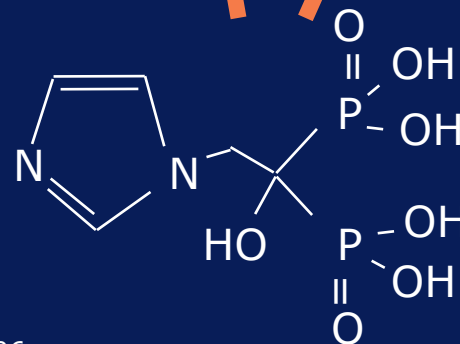
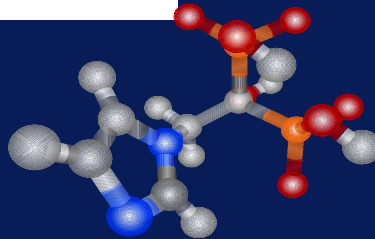
** Morphometric analysis

Zoledronate : Mode of Action

Crystal Structure of Human Farnesyl Pyrophosphate Synthase:
Site of Action of Nitrogen-containing Bisphosphonate



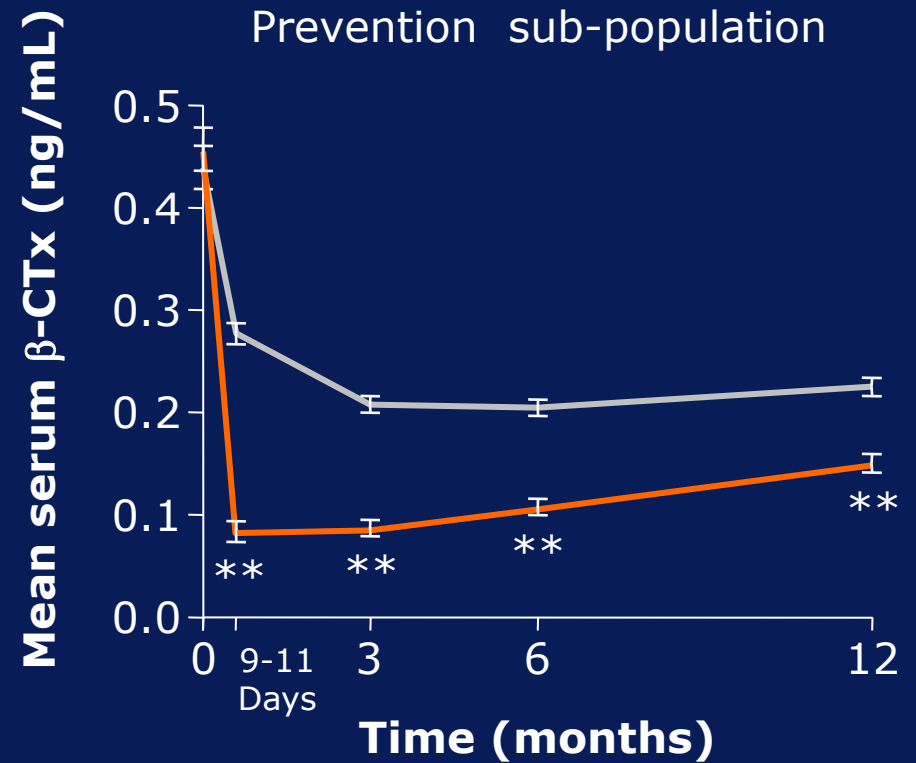
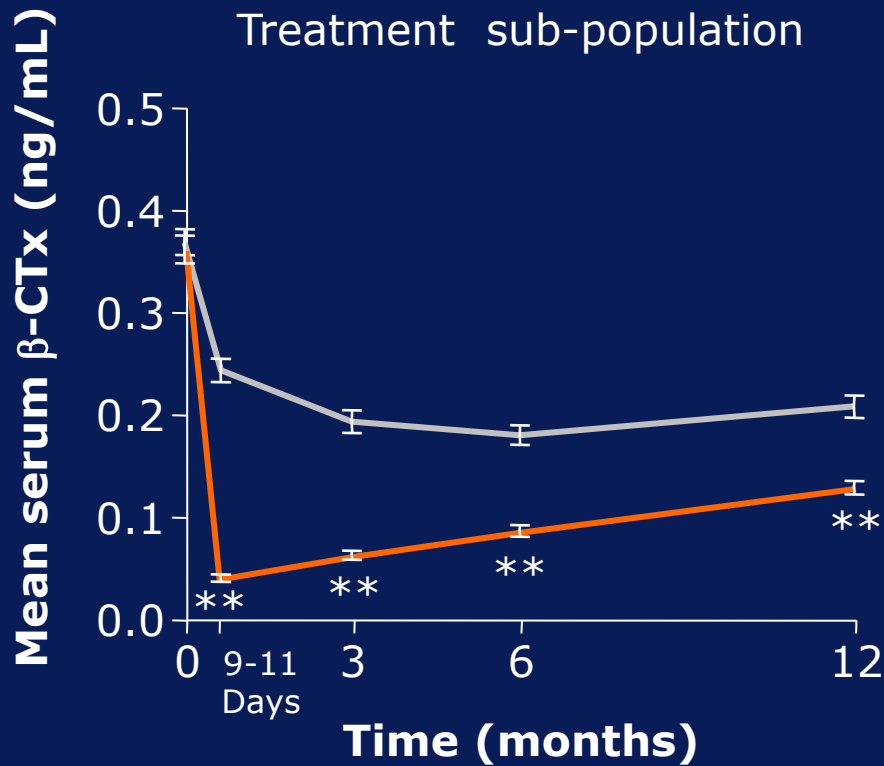
Zoledronate



Mean Serum β -CTX Over Time

Treatment & Prevention Sub-population

— Risedronate — Zoledronic acid



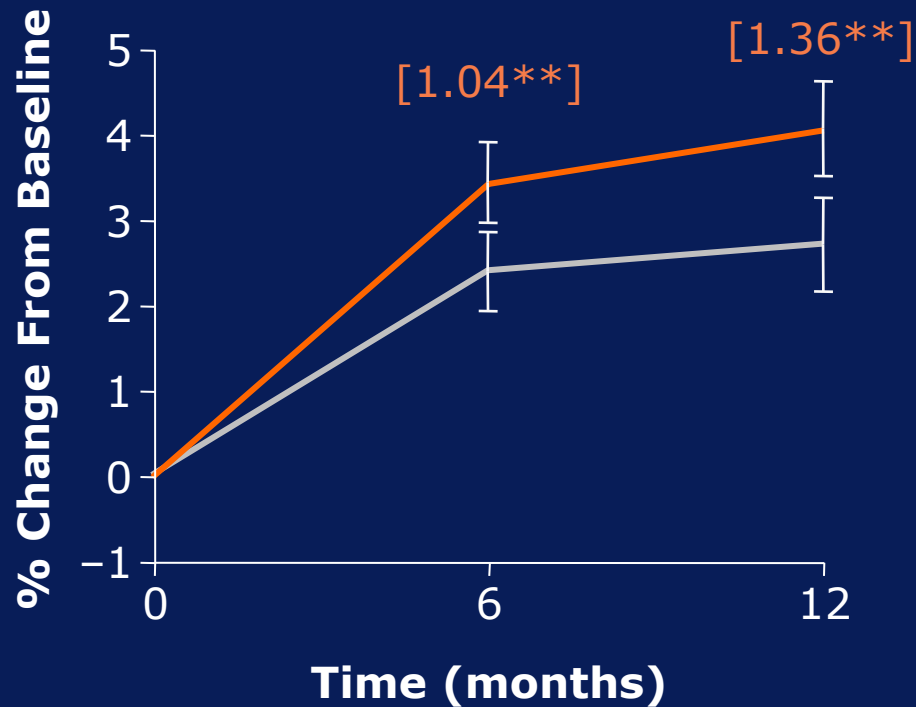
Graphs present unadjusted mean \pm SEM; ** p-value<0.01

Mean % Change in BMD at Lumbar Spine Relative to Baseline

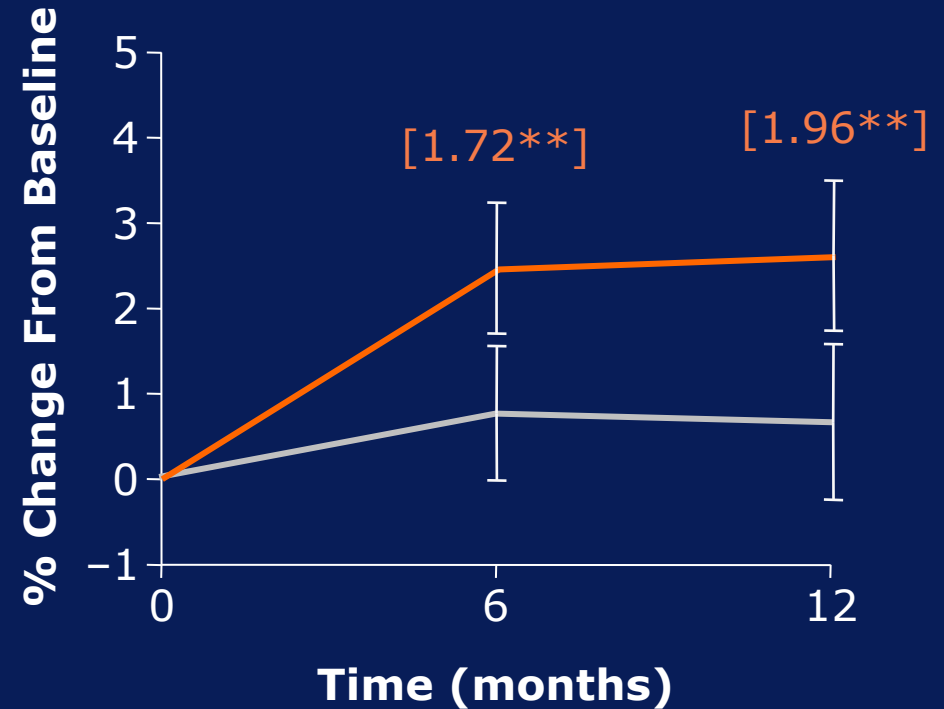
Treatment & Prevention Sub-populations

— Risedronate — Zoledronic acid

Treatment sub-population



Prevention sub-population



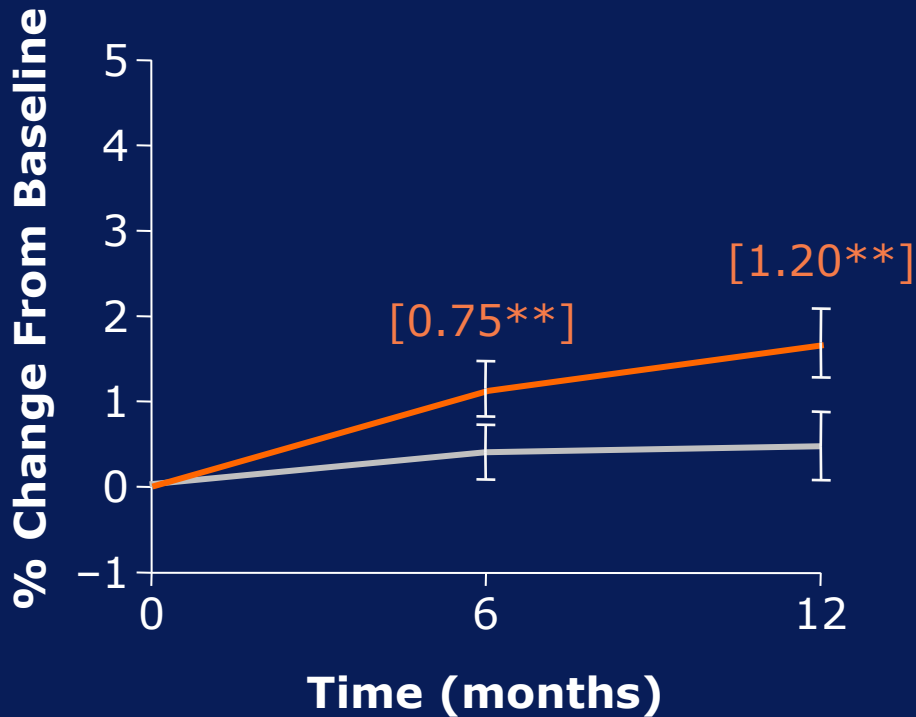
Graphs present LS means and 95% confidence intervals; ** p-value<0.01

Reid D et al, Lancet 2009 Apr 11;373(9671):1253-63. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(09)60250-6.

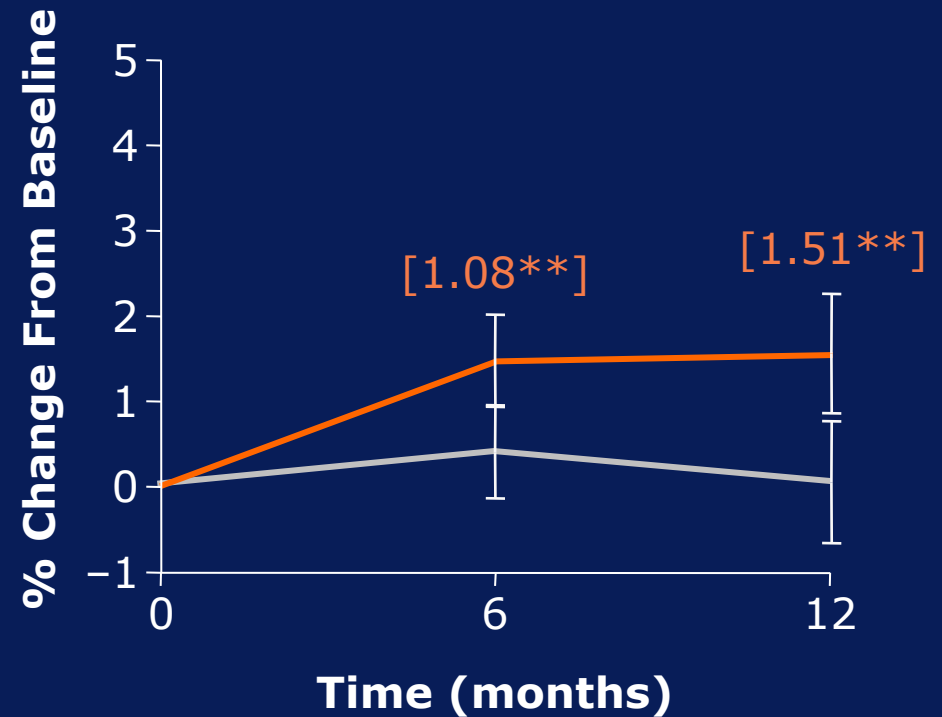
Mean % Change in BMD at Total Hip Relative to Baseline *Treatment & Prevention Sub-population*

— Risedronate — Zoledronic acid

Treatment sub-population



Prevention sub-population



Graphs present LS means and 95% confidence intervals; ** p-value<0.01

Fracture Incidence

Treatment & Prevention Sub-population

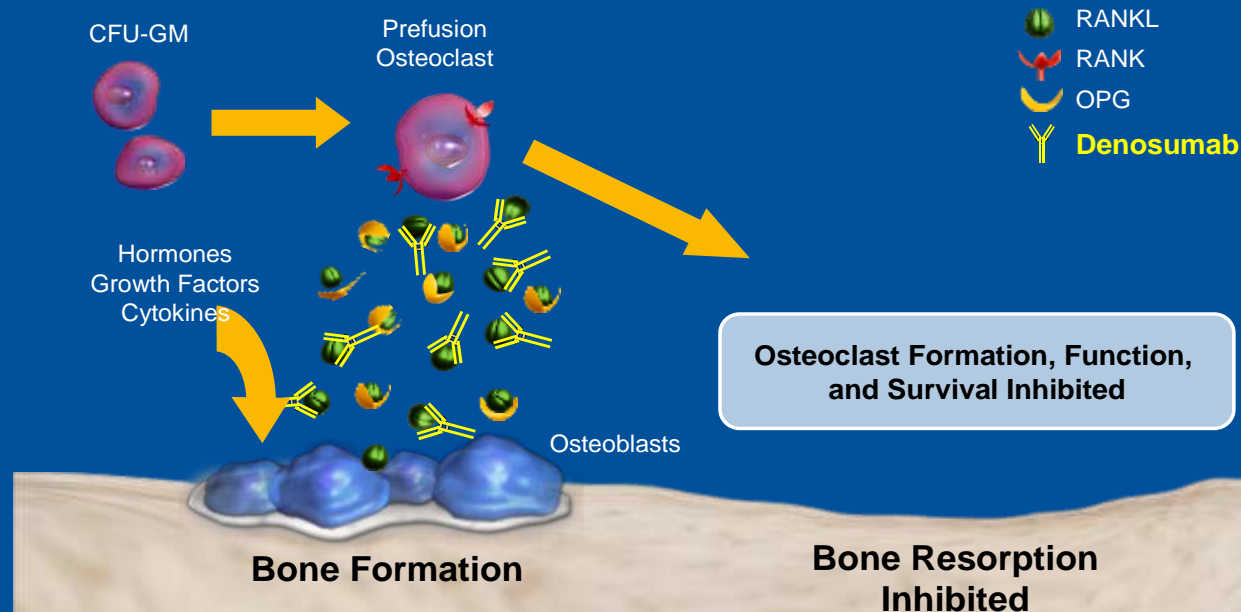
- ▶ New Morphometric **Vertebral fractures**
 - 5/379 in Zoledronic acid group
 - 3/381 in Risedronate group
- ▶ New **Clinical fractures**
 - 8/416 in Zoledronic acid group
 - 7/417 in Risedronate group
- ▶ The number of fractures observed was too small to draw any meaningful conclusions

Bisphosphonate treatment in GIOP: Conclusions

- Consistently maintains or increases BMD at spine and hip
- Significant effects in almost all subgroups
- Trend & significant vertebral fracture reduction vs placebo
 - (in postmenopausal women)
- Too small studies for non-vertebral fractures evaluation
- Generally well tolerated

Denosumab : Mode of Action

Denosumab Binds RANK Ligand and Inhibits Osteoclast Formation, Function, and Survival



Prolia 60 mg SC
1x 6 maand

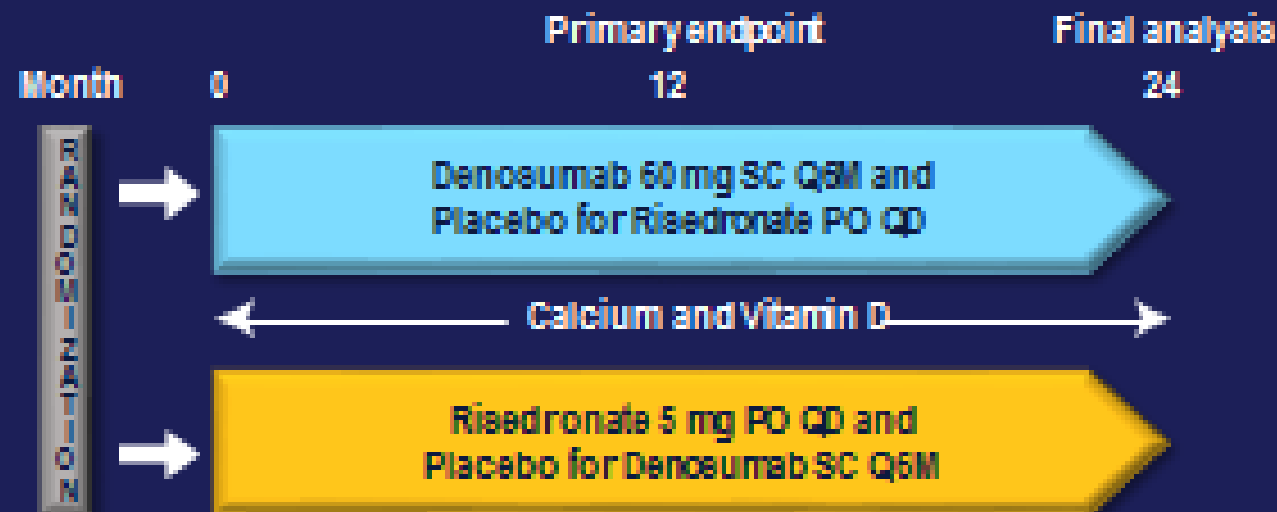


Adapted from: Boyle WJ, et al. *Nature*. 2003;423:337-342.

Denosumab vs Risedronate in GLOP Study Design

- Randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, active-controlled Study (NCT01575873)^{1,2}
- Women and men aged ≥ 18 , receiving ≥ 7.5 mg prednisone or its equivalent daily prior to screening; stratified for:
 - < 3 months (GC-Initiating [GC-I])
 - ≥ 3 months (GC-continuing [GC-C])

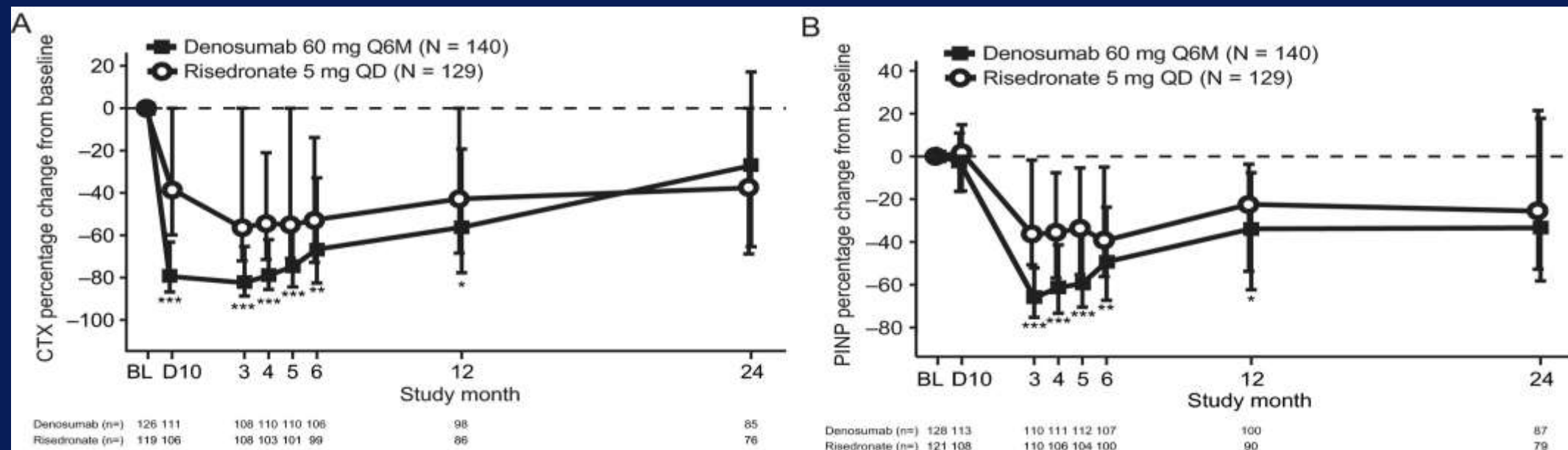
- All subjects aged < 50 years required to have a history of OP-related fracture
- GC-C subjects aged ≥ 50 years required to have
 - lumbar spine (LS), total hip (TH), or femoral neck (FN) BMD T-score ≤ -2.0 ; or
 - T-score ≤ -1.0 with history of osteoporosis-related fracture



Denosumab Versus Risedronate in GIOP

Results of a 24 Month Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy Trial

Effects on bone turnover



Saag K et al, 2019 Arthritis & Rheumatology, 71 (7) : 1174-1184,
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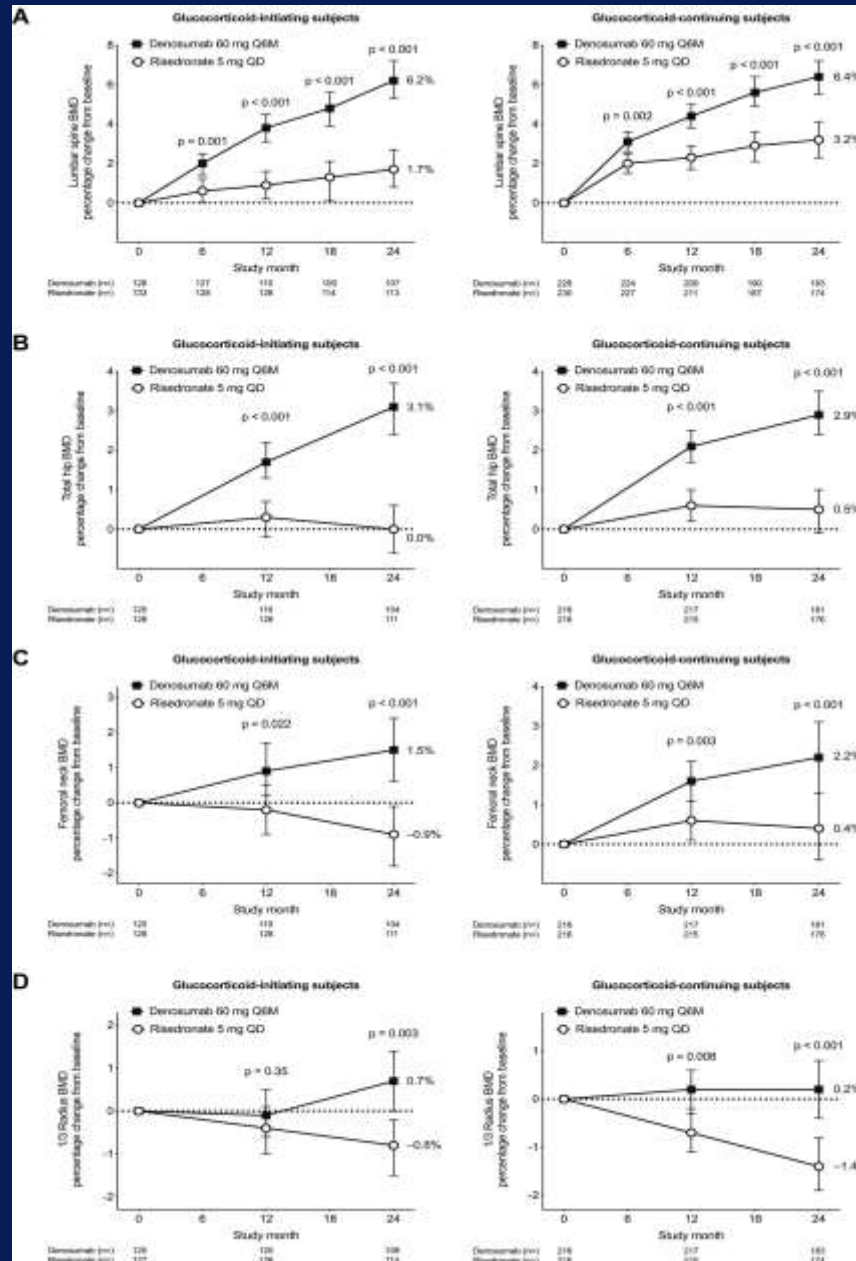
Prevention Study Treatment Study

Spine

Total Hip

Femoral Neck

Radius 1/3



Dmab Vs Ris in GIOP Results of a 24 Month Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy Trial

% change in BMD

Saag K et al, 2019
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Bone forming agents in GIOP

□ Teriparatide (rhPTH1-34 : Forsteo)

Remark :

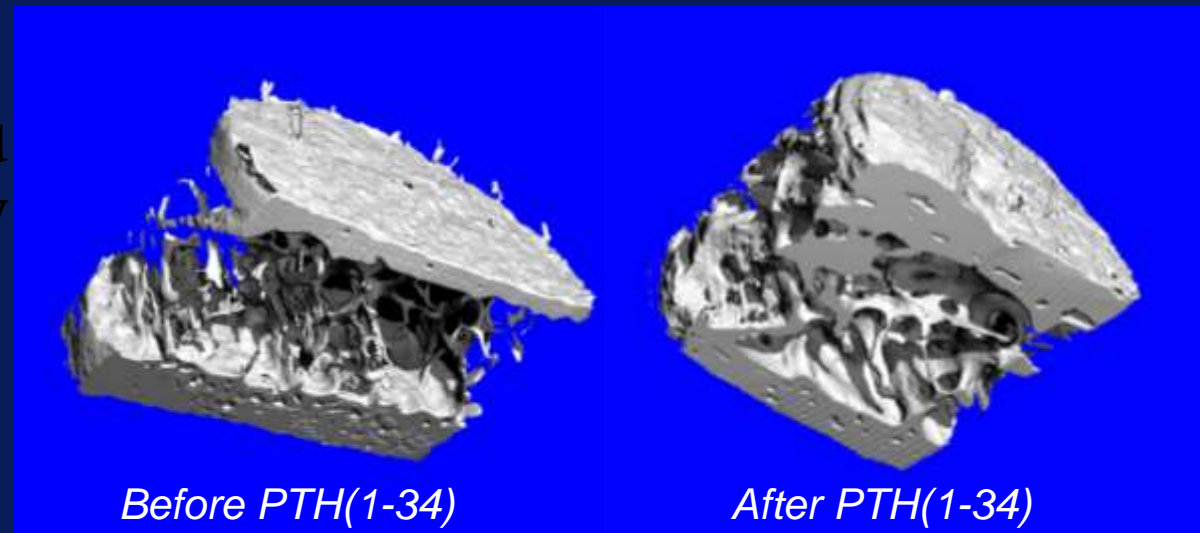
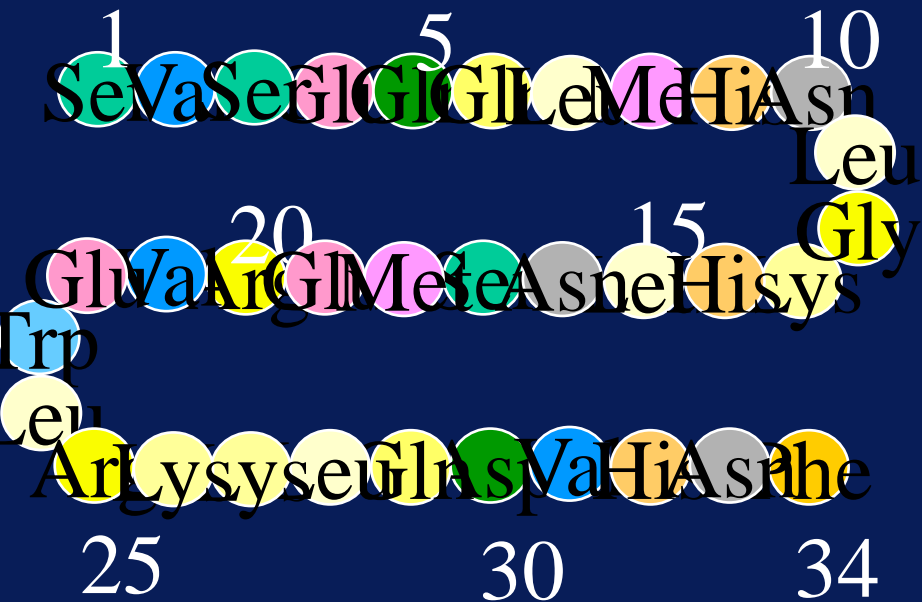
Strontium ranelate : not available anymore and not investigated in GIOP

Aboloparatide (SC hrPTHrp); not investigated in GIOP

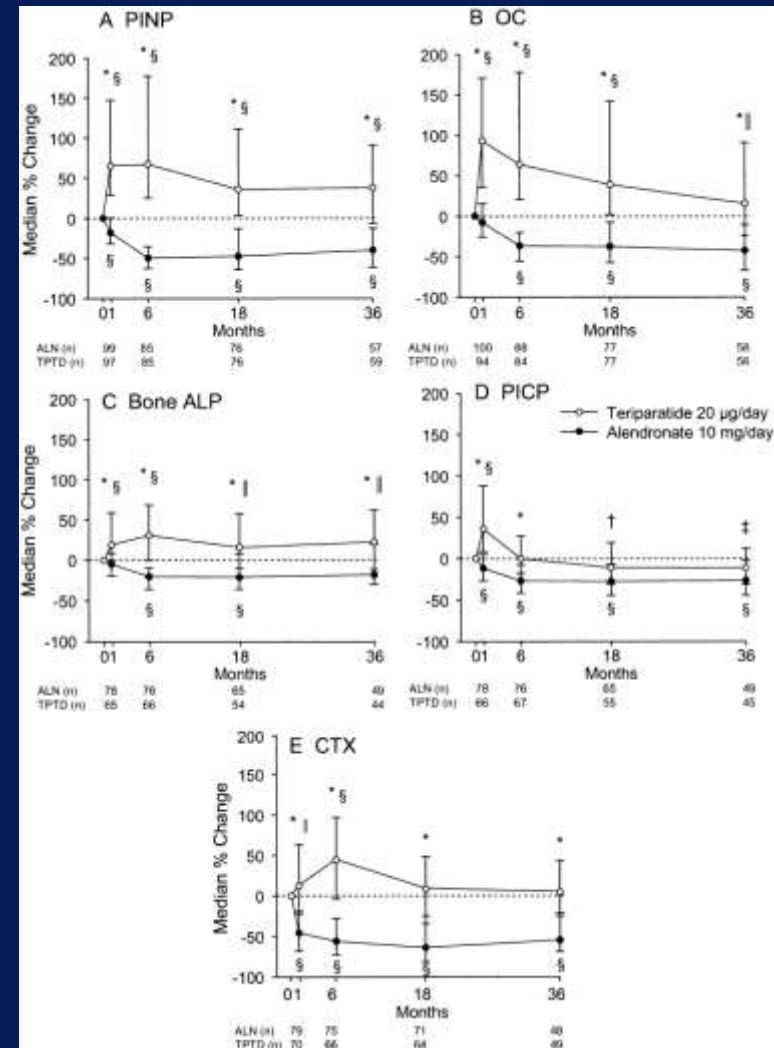
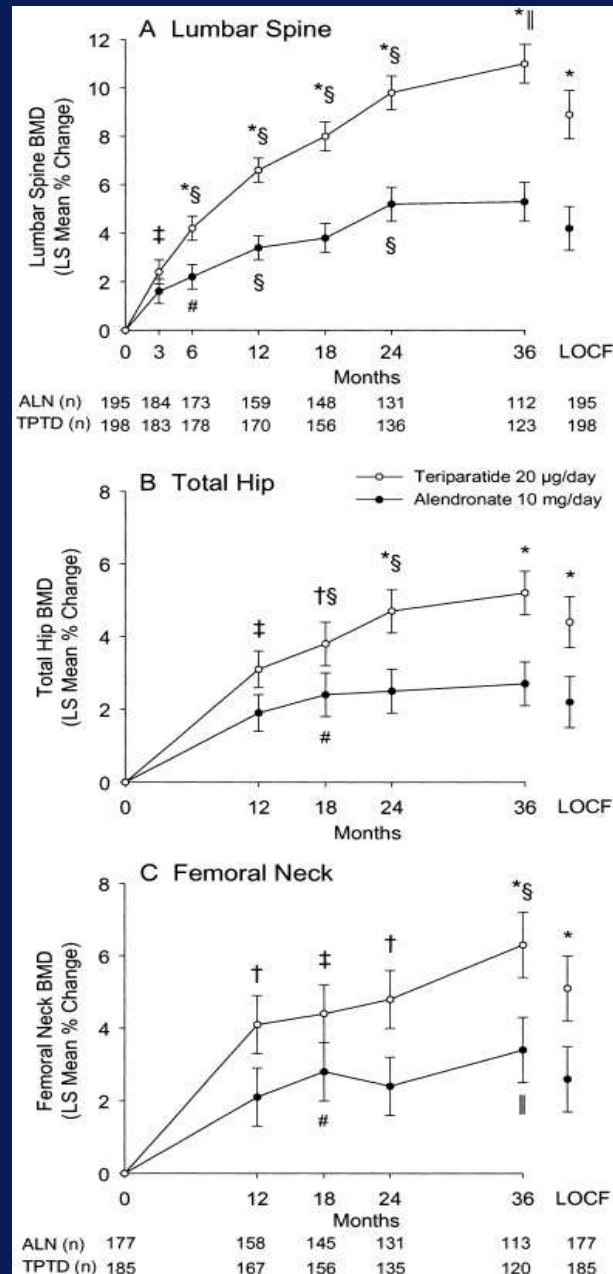
Romosozumab (SC aSclerostine Ab): not investigated in GIOP

Daily SC Teriparatide injection

rhPTH(1-34)



Effects of teriparatide versus alendronate for treating glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: Thirty-six-month results of a randomized, double-blind, controlled trial



Saag K et al, 2009

Arthritis & Rheum 11: 3346–3355

DOI 10.1002/art.24879

Effects of teriparatide vs alendronate for treating glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: Thirty-six-month results of a randomized, double-blind, controlled trial

Table 2. Incident vertebral and nonvertebral fractures in subjects with glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis ^{*}

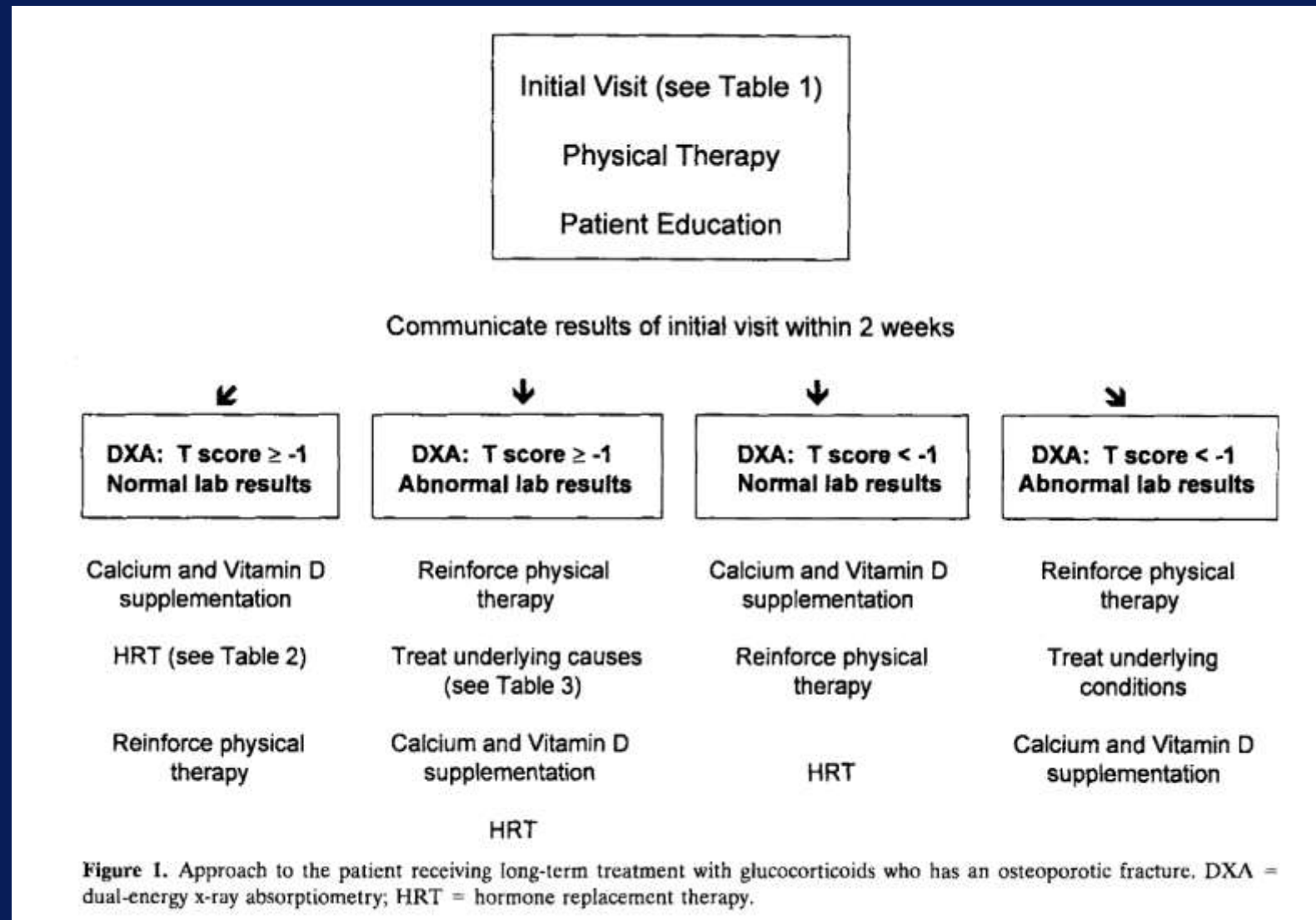
Fracture type	Subjects taking alendronate (n = 214)	Subjects taking teriparatide (n = 214)	<i>P</i>
≥1 radiographic vertebral [†]	13 (7.7)	3 (1.7)	0.007
≥1 clinical vertebral [‡]	4 (2.4)	0	0.037
≥1 nonvertebral	15 (7.0)	16 (7.5)	0.843
≥1 nonvertebral fragility	5 (2.3)	9 (4.2)	0.256

* Values are the number (%).

Contents of the presentation

- Introduction and general remarks
- Epidemiology of use of GCs
- Pathogenesis of GC-induced bone loss
- Consequence of GCs: bone loss and fractures
- Literature review on GIOP prevention and treatment clinical studies/trials
- *Guidelines for management of the individual patients treated with oral GCs*

1996 American College of Rheumatology guidelines for GIOP



Eastell R, Reid DM, Compston J, Cooper C, Fogelman I, Francis RM, Hosking DJ, Purdie DW, Ralston SH, Reeve J, Russell RG, Stevenson JC, Torgerson DJ (1998) A UK Consensus Group on management of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: an update. J Intern Med 244:271–292

Bone and Tooth Society of Great Britain, National Osteoporosis Society and Royal College of Physicians (1999) Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis. Guidelines on prevention and treatment. Royal College of Physicians, London. www.rcplondon.ac.uk

Guidelines for management of the individual patients with GC-use

	ACR 1996	UK 1998
Work up	Lab BMD	Lab ± BMD - Risk factors
BMD Cutoff	T-score -1	T-score -1.5
Categorie	Fract/Sec/Prim	Prim = Sec
Menopause	HRT	HRT

Guidelines for management of the individual patients with GC-use

	ACR 1996	UK 1998
Additional R/	Bisphosph or Calcitonin	1/ Bisphosph 2/ Calcitriol 3/ Fluor/Calcitonin
Follow up 1month	Ca/Vit D adj ± thiazide	-
6-12 months	BMD : - 5%	BMD-L : -4% BMD-H : -7%

Table 2. Recommendations for the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

Patient beginning therapy with glucocorticoid (prednisone equivalent of ≥ 5 mg/day) with plans for treatment duration of ≥ 3 months:

Modify lifestyle risk factors for osteoporosis.

Smoking cessation or avoidance

Reduction of alcohol consumption if excessive

Instruct in weight-bearing physical exercise.

Initiate calcium supplementation.

Initiate supplementation with vitamin D (plain or activated form).

Prescribe bisphosphonate (use with caution in premenopausal women).

Patient receiving long-term glucocorticoid therapy (prednisone equivalent of ≥ 5 mg/day):

Modify lifestyle risk factors for osteoporosis.

Smoking cessation or avoidance

Reduction of alcohol consumption if excessive

Instruct in weight-bearing physical exercise.

Initiate calcium supplementation.

Initiate supplementation with vitamin D (plain or activated form).

Prescribe treatment to replace gonadal sex hormones if deficient or otherwise clinically indicated.

Measure bone mineral density (BMD) at lumbar spine and/or hip.

If BMD is not normal (i.e., T-score below -1), then

Prescribe bisphosphonate (use with caution in premenopausal women).

Consider calcitonin as second-line agent if patient has contraindication to or does not tolerate bisphosphonate therapy.

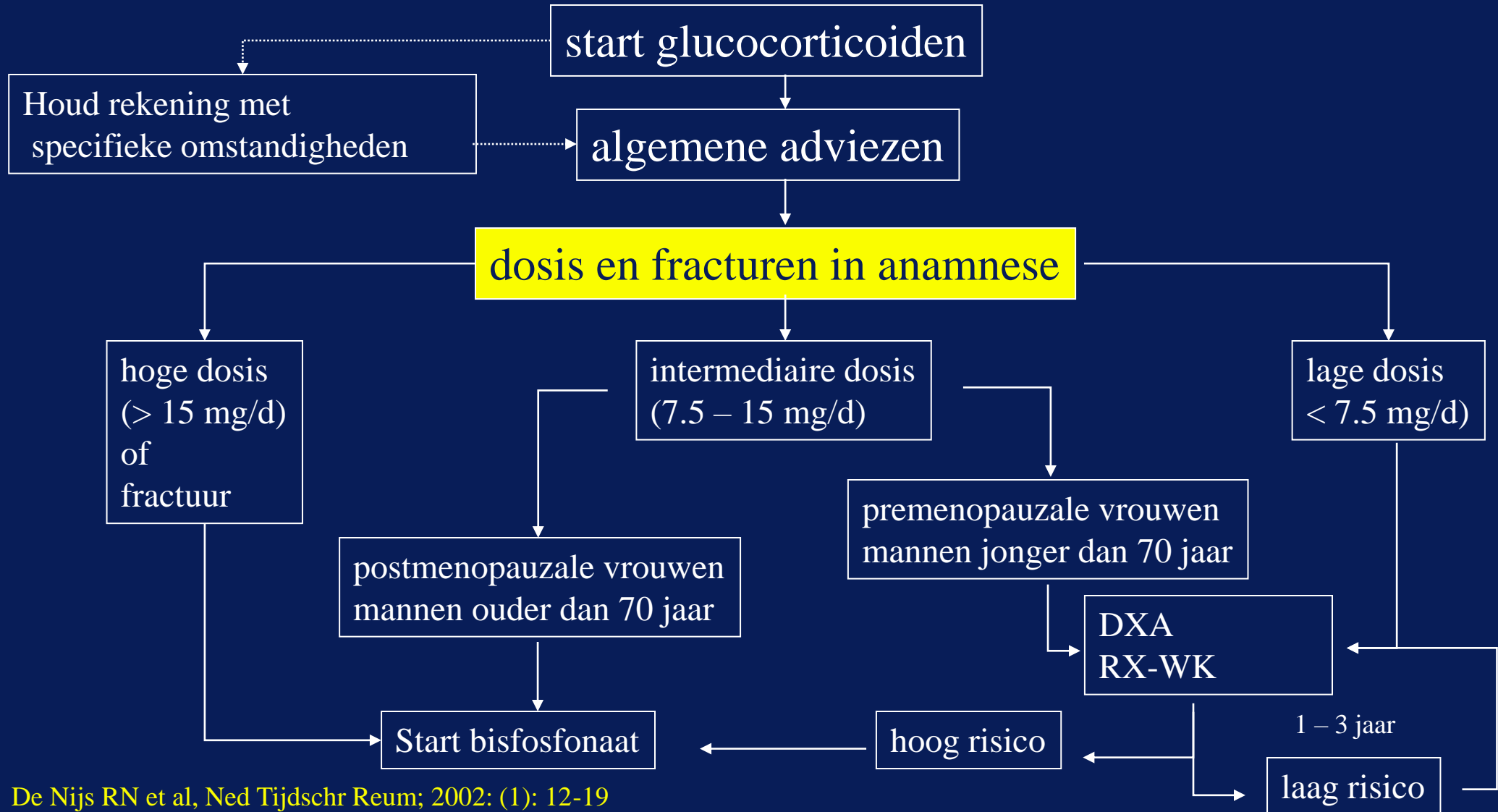
If BMD is normal, follow up and repeat BMD measurement either annually or biannually.

2001 ACR Guideline Prev/Treatment of GIOP Update

Introduction of BP if BMD T-score < -1

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM 2001 (44): 1496–1503

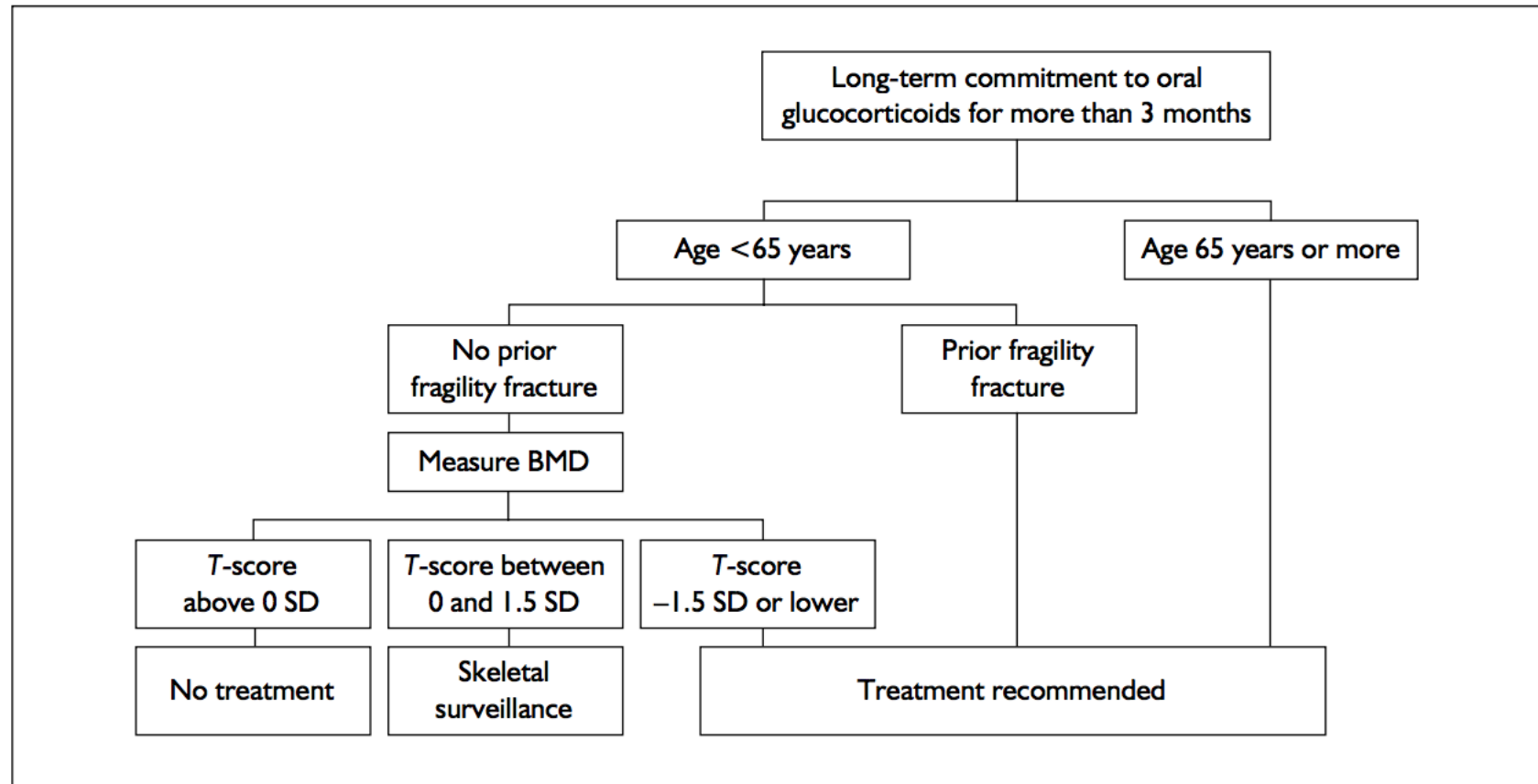
CBO GIOP Experts – Ronde tafel bijeenkomst 2002



De Nijs RN et al, Ned Tijdschr Reum; 2002; (1): 12-19

Pols HA, Wittenberg J. CBO guideline 'Osteoporosis' (second revision). Ned Tijdschr Geneesk 2002;146:1359–63.

2002 UK Management algorithm for longterm GC treatment



Bone and Tooth Society, National Osteoporosis Society and Royal College of Physicians.
Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis. A concise guide to prevention and treatment.
London: Royal College of Physicians; 2002.

Evidence-based guidelines for the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: a consensus of the Belgian Bone Club (2006)

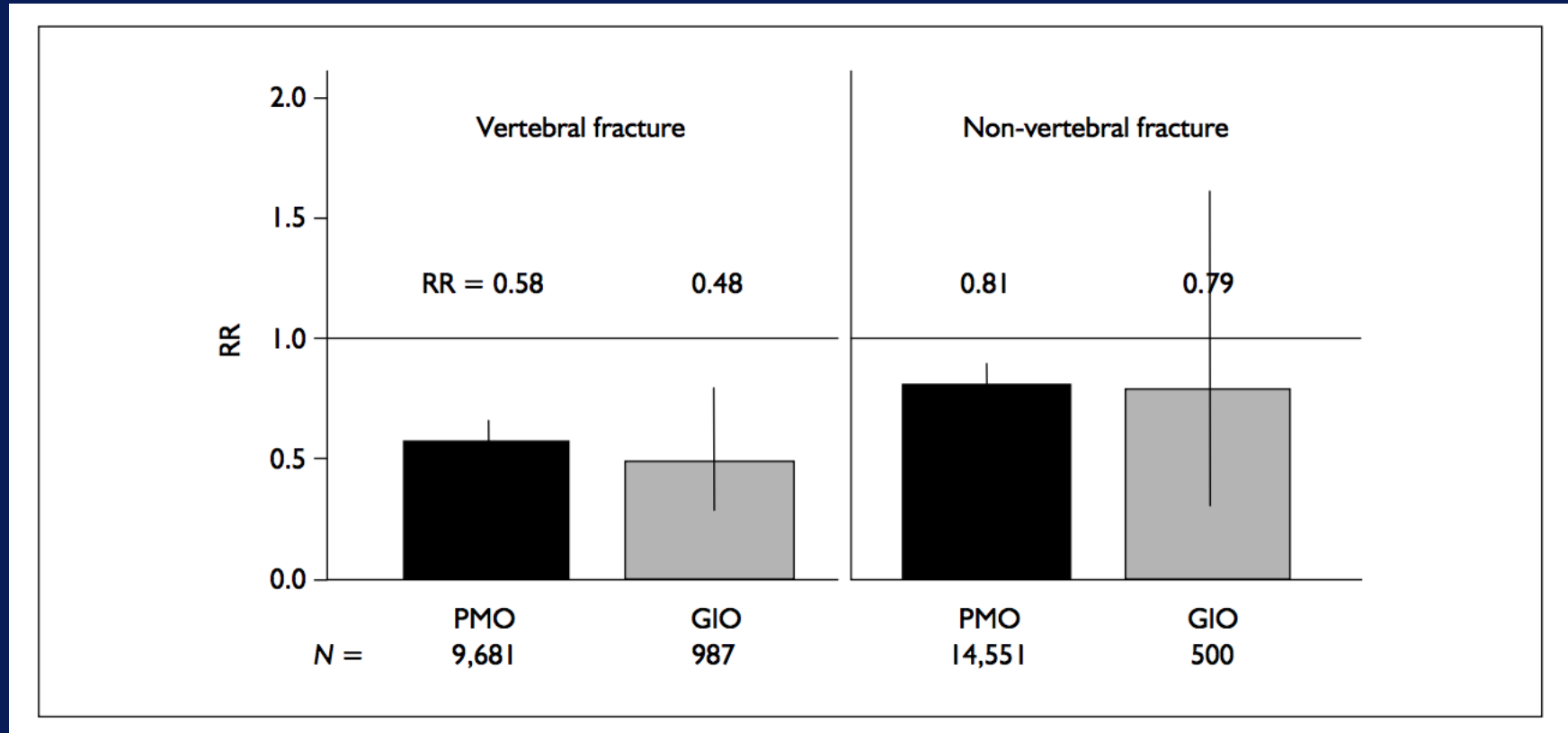
- ◆ Prevention and treatment of GC-OP should be considered in post-menopausal females and in osteopenic premenopausal females and males put on a daily dose of at least **7.5 mg** equivalent predniso(lo)ne, expected to be maintained at least 3 months.

Pharmaco-economy of OP treatments



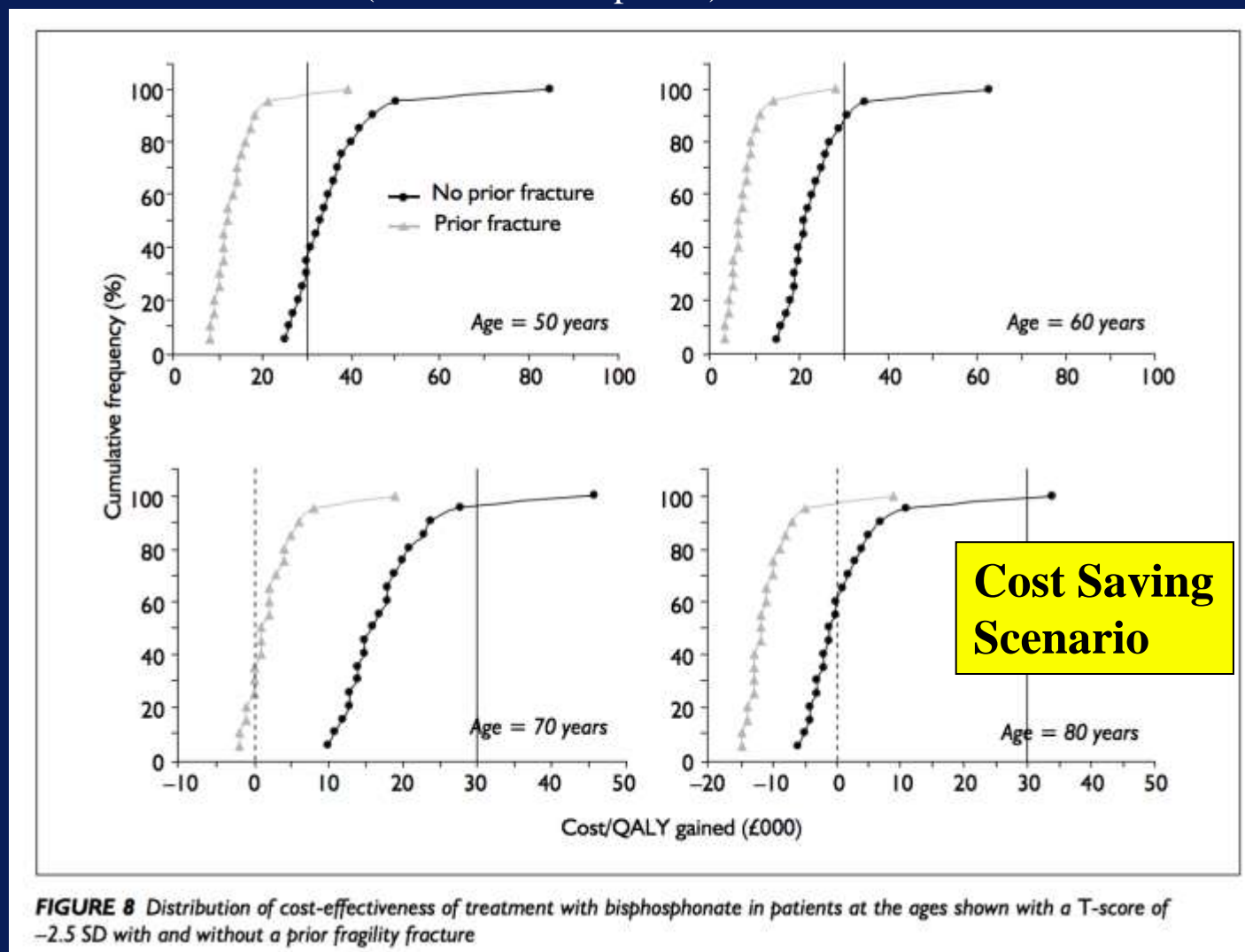
Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: systematic review & cost-utility analysis

Effects on fracture risk



Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: systematic review & cost-utility analysis

Cost-effectiveness (ICER < 30,000 pound) scenarios of oral BP in GIOP



Kanis J et al, Health Technol Assess 2007;11(7); doi.org/10.3310/hta11070

Glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis: systematic review & cost-utility analysis

Cost-effectiveness (ICER < 30.000 pound) of BP in GIOP

- Cost-effectiveness was shown in patients with a prior fracture.
- In patients with no prior fracture, cost-effectiveness was observed in individuals aged 75 years or more.
- In younger patients without a prior fracture, costeffective scenarios were found upon a T-score for BMD that was ≤ 2.0 SD.

The proposed assessment algorithm derived from these analyses is shown in the next Figure.

2007 Proposed Algorithm based on Cost-effectiveness of oral BP in GIOP

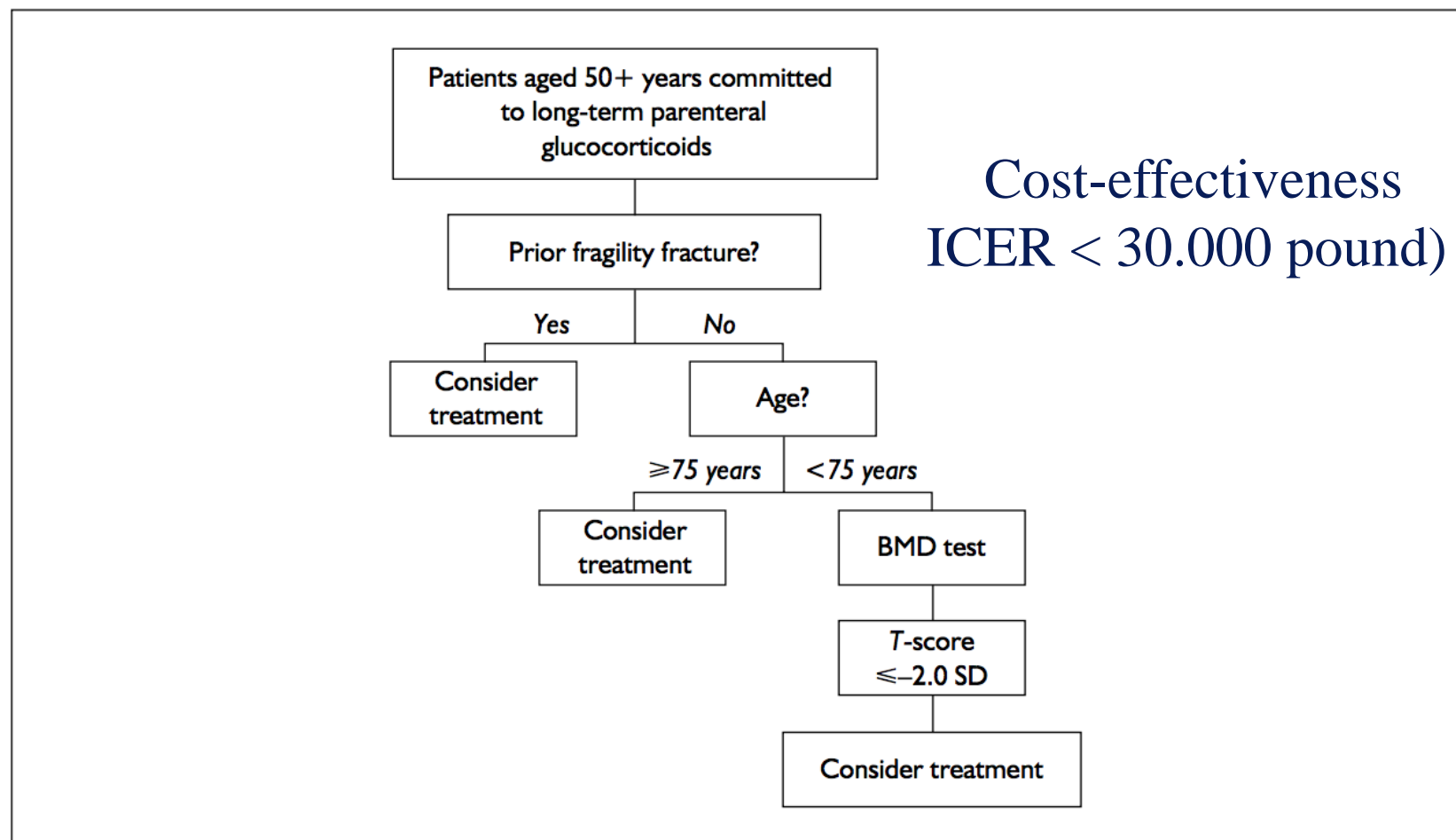


FIGURE 10 Assessment algorithm for patients committed to long-term treatment with oral glucocorticoids

Emerging Consensus on Prevention and Treatment of Glucocorticoid-induced Osteoporosis

Table 2. Comparison of ACR and RCP guidelines for the management of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

	ACR	RCP
Minimum dose/duration	5 mg/d for \geq 6 months	Any dose for \geq 3 months
Calcium and vitamin D	All patients	As adjunct to bisphosphonates and in individuals with evidence of deficiency
Primary prevention	All patients	Men and women \geq 65 years old or older; previous fragility fracture
BMD measurement	All patients	Those not offered primary prevention
T-score threshold for intervention	-1	-1.5

ACR—American College of Rheumatology; RCP—Royal College of Physicians of London.

FRAX™ WHO Fracture Risk Assessment Tool

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Calculation Tool

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/cm²)

Hologic



T-score: -1.3

Clear

Calculate

BMI 24.3

The ten year probability of fracture (%)



with BMD



Major osteoporotic

22



Hip fracture

4.2

Every
GC Use

2010 ACR recommendations for the prevention and treatment of GIOP

Risk stratification : Expert Panel recommended :

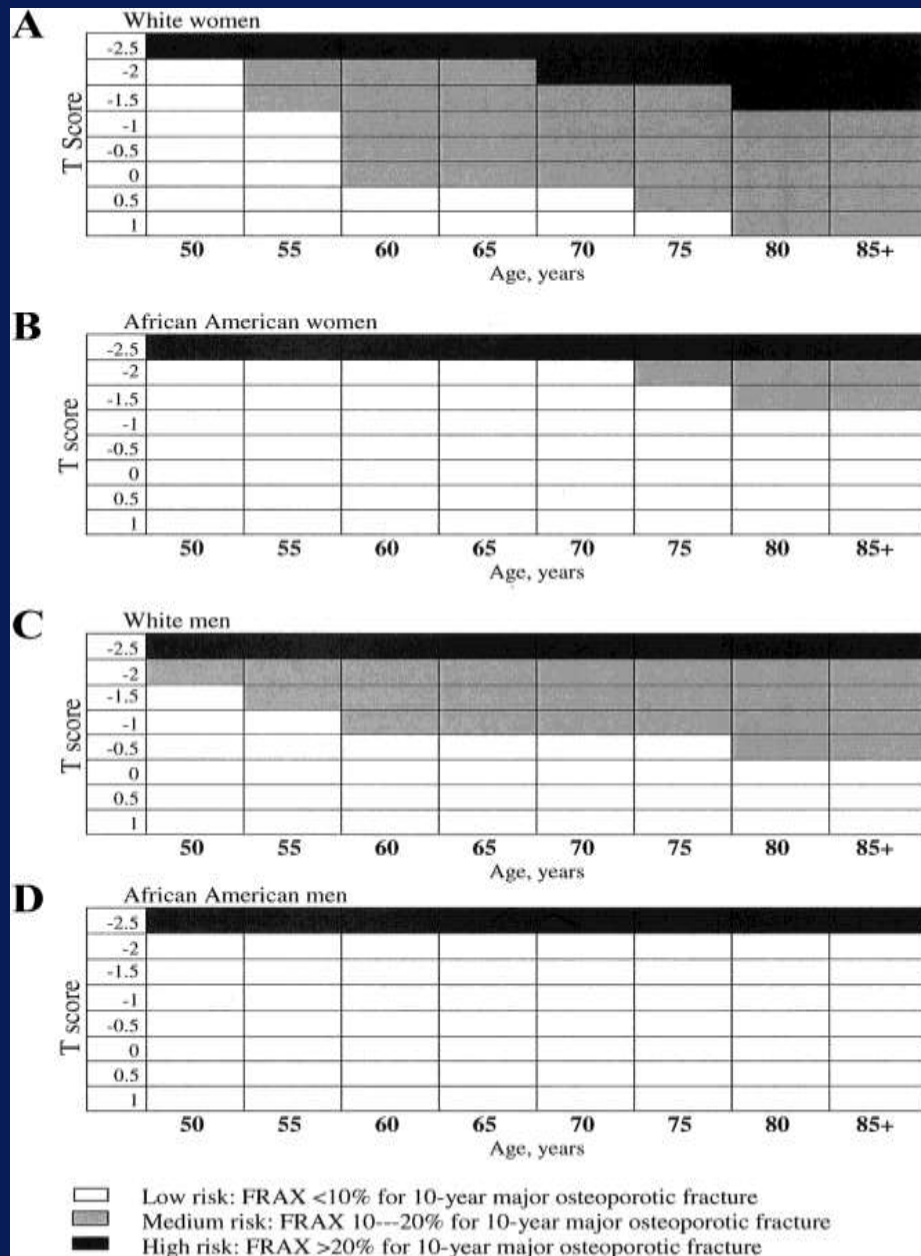
A/ Use of either the actual FRAX tool

1. Low risk : 10-yr risk of MOF 10% or less
2. Medium risk : 10-yr risk of MOF 10–20%
3. High risk

- 10-yr risk of MOF greater than 20%
- or T score of less than or equal to -2.5
- or a history of a fragility fracture

B/ Reliance by clinicians upon examples of patients (as shown in the Figure + Table 1):

Typical examples of postmenopausal women and men age ≥ 50 years with a history of glucocorticoid use at high, medium, and low risk of fracture in the absence of other risk factors.



2010 ACR recommendations for the prevention and treatment of GIOP

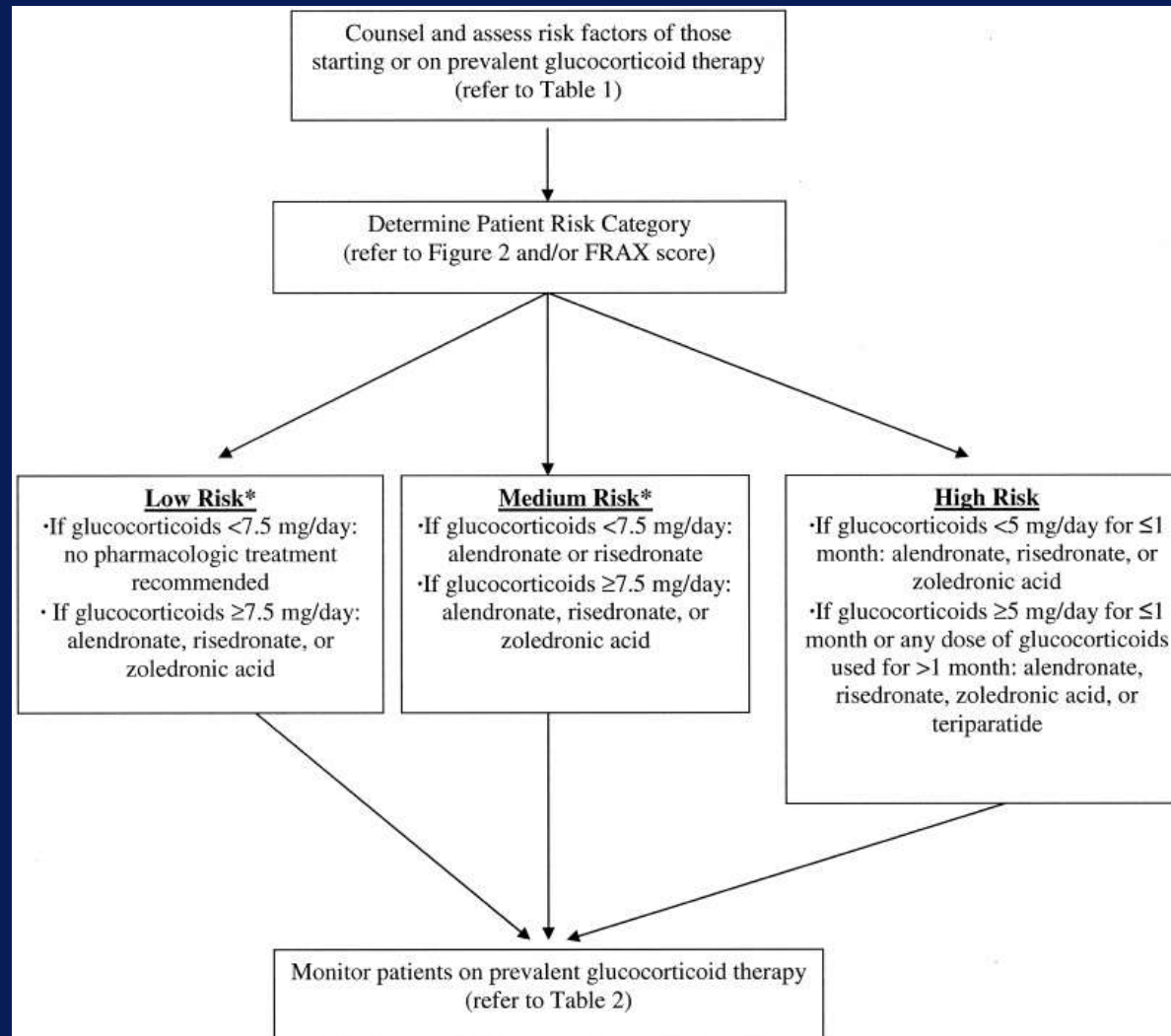
Risk stratification by the Expert Panel

Table 1. Clinical factors that may shift an individual to a greater risk category for glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

Low body mass index
Parental history of hip fracture
Current smoking
 ≥ 3 alcoholic drinks per day
Higher daily glucocorticoid dose
Higher cumulative glucocorticoid dose
Intravenous pulse glucocorticoid usage
Declining central bone mineral density measurement that exceeds the least significant change

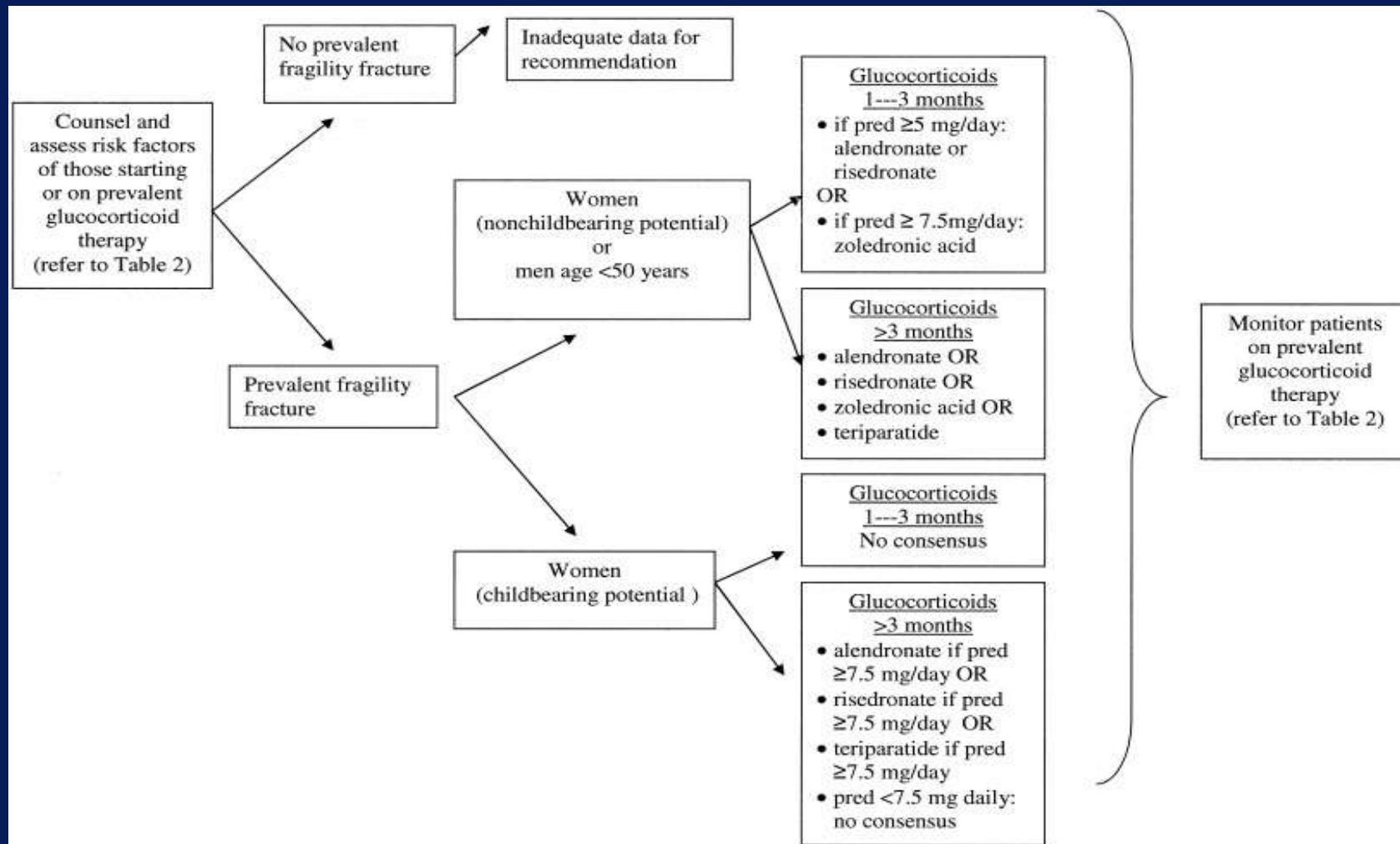
2010 American College of Rheumatology recommendations for the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

Approach to postmenopausal women and men age >50 years initiating or receiving GC



2010 American College of Rheumatology recommendations for the prevention and treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis

Approach to premenopausal women and men age <50 years initiating or receiving GC



Guidance for the adjustment of FRAX according to the dose of glucocorticoids.

10yr fracture probability by FRAX for MOF & Hip fracture

- For low-dose GCs (< 2.5 mg/d prednisolone) :
decreased by about 20% depending on age.
- For medium doses GCs (2.5-7.5 mg daily)
unadjusted FRAX value can be used.
- For high doses (> 7.5 mg daily)
upward revised by about 15% for MOF and 20% for Hip.

2017 American College of Rheumatology Guideline for the Prevention and Treatment of Glucocorticoid-Induced Osteoporosis

Arthritis Care & Research, Volume: 69, Issue: 8, Pages: 1095-1110, First published: 06 June 2017, DOI: (10.1002/acr.23279)

Table 1. Fracture risk categories in GC-treated patients

	Adults ≥ 40 years of age	Adults < 40 years of age
High fracture risk	<p>Prior osteoporotic fracture(s)</p> <p>Hip or spine bone mineral density T score ≤ -2.5 in men age ≥ 50 years and postmenopausal women</p> <p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of major osteoporotic fracture‡ $\geq 20\%$</p> <p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of hip fracture $\geq 3\%$</p>	<p>Prior osteoporotic fracture(s)</p>
Moderate fracture risk	<p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of major osteoporotic fracture‡ 10–19%</p> <p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of hip fracture $> 1\%$ and $< 3\%$</p>	<p>Hip or spine bone mineral density Z score < -3</p> <p>or</p> <p>rapid bone loss ($\geq 10\%$ at the hip or spine over 1 year)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Continuing GC treatment at ≥ 7.5 mg/day for ≥ 6 months</p>
Low fracture risk	<p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of major osteoporotic fracture‡ $< 10\%$</p> <p>FRAX* (GC-adjusted†) 10-year risk of hip fracture $\leq 1\%$</p>	<p>None of above risk factors other than GC treatment</p>

* <https://www.shcf.ac.uk/FRAX/tool.jsp>.

† Increase the risk generated with FRAX by 1.15 for major osteoporotic fracture and 1.2 for hip fracture if glucocorticoid (GC) treatment is > 7.5 mg/day (e.g., if hip fracture risk is 2.0%, increase to 2.4%).

‡ Major osteoporotic fracture includes fractures of the spine (clinical), hip, wrist, or humerus.

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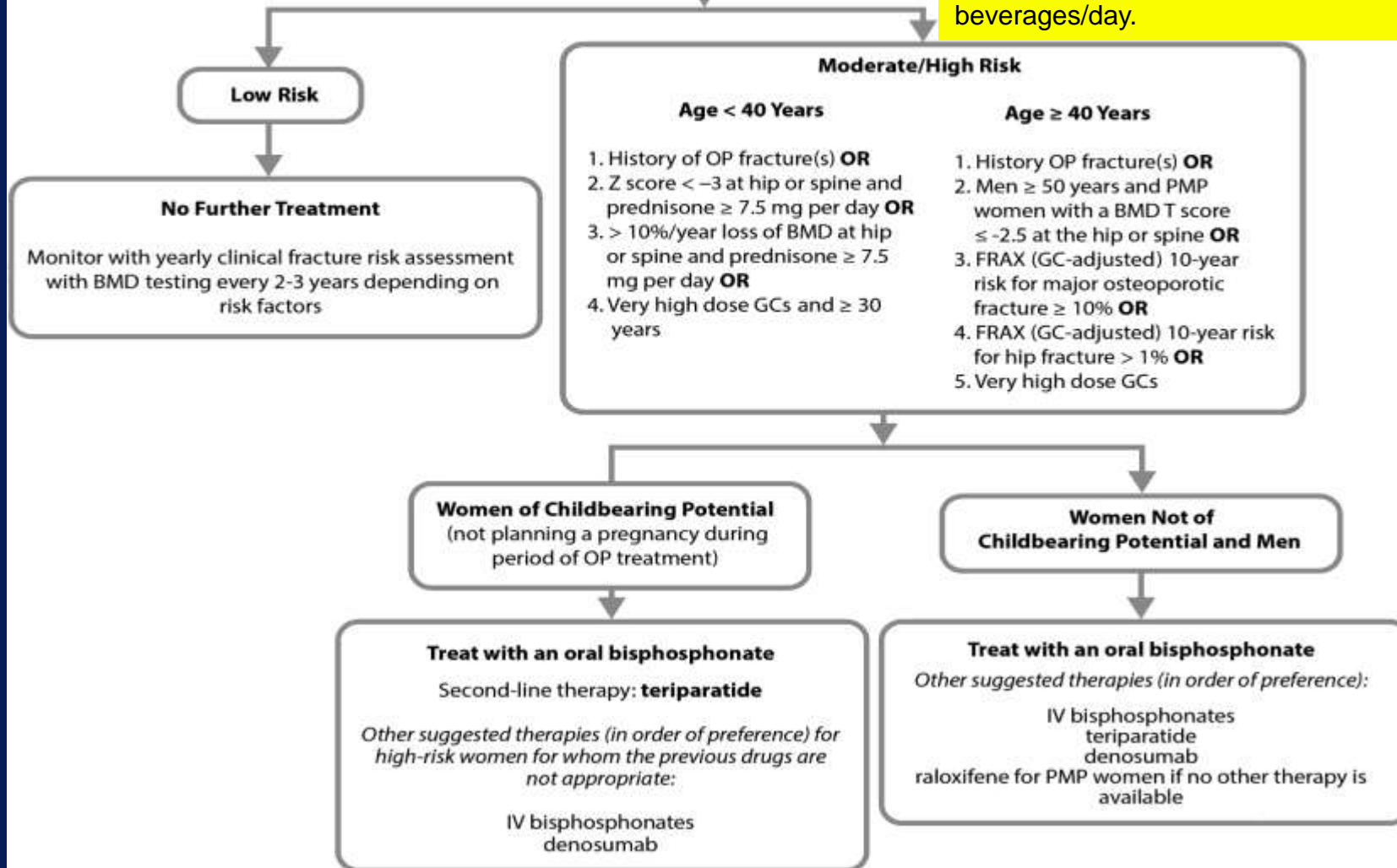
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Initial pharmacologic treatment for adults

Dose of calcium: 1,000–1,200 mg/d
Vit D : 600–800 IU/d (level ≥ 20 ng/ml)

Calcium and Vitamin D and Lifestyle
Modifications

Lifestyle modifications: balanced diet, weight in the recommended range, smoking cessation, weight-bearing and resistance exercise, and limiting alcohol intake to 1–2 alcoholic beverages/day.





That's all Folks!