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# Mechanism of Action of Osteoanabolic Agents at the Tissue Level

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# Learning Objectives

1. Understand the differences in the mechanism of action of anabolic versus antiresorptive agents.
2. Differentiate the mechanism of action of PTH1-receptor agonists and sclerostin antibodies.
3. Understand the difference between remodeling- and modeling-based bone formation.

# Anabolic vs Antiresorptive

Anabolic and Antiresorptive drugs both increase BMD and lower fracture risk, *but they do so by fundamentally different mechanisms*

Anabolic Drugs...	Antiresorptive Drugs...
Improve bone microarchitecture	Maintain bone microarchitecture
Increase bone formation; increase or reduce bone resorption	Reduce bone resorption and formation
Reduce mineralization density by shortening secondary mineralization	Increase mineralization density by prolonging secondary mineralization
Increase stress risers (resorption cavities)	Reduce stress risers (resorption cavities)
Stimulate modeling-based bone formation (MBBF)	Preserve modeling-based bone formation (MBBF)
Maintain osteocyte viability and add new osteocytes and/or replace old osteocytes	Maintain osteocyte viability

## Remodeling- and Modeling-Based Bone Formation With Teriparatide Versus Denosumab: A Longitudinal Analysis From Baseline to 3 Months in the AVA Study

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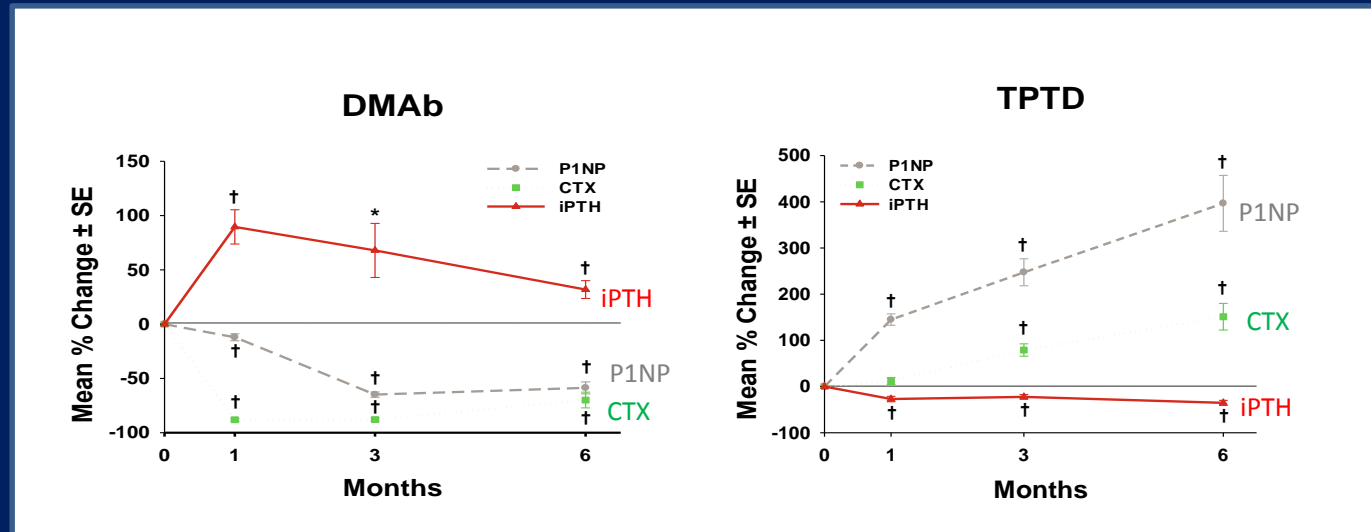
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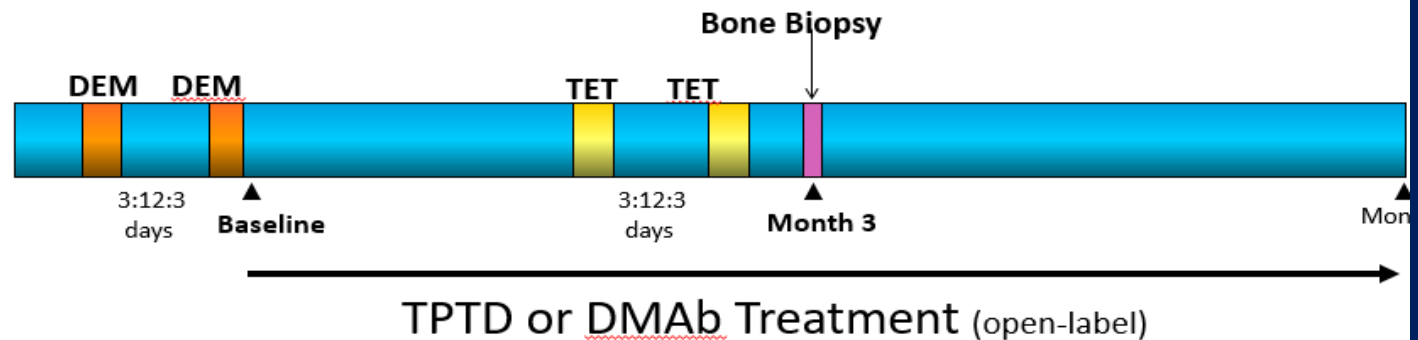
## Intact PTH and Bone Turnover Markers



Dempster et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2016;101(4):1353-1363

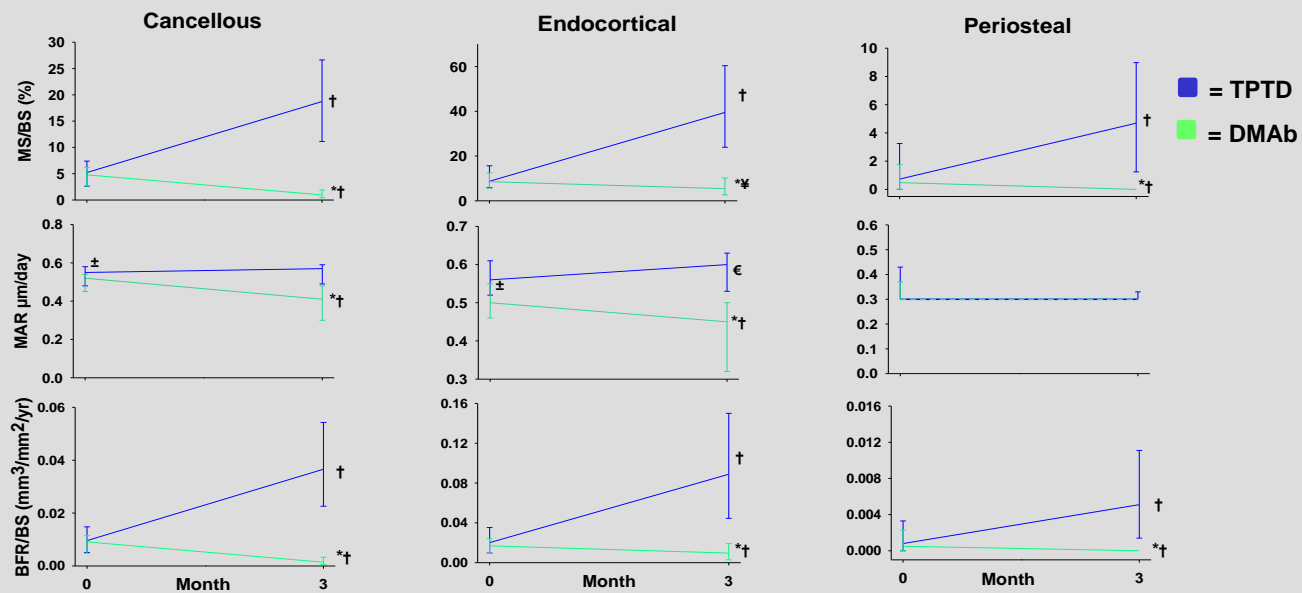
# AVA – Quadruple Labeling

66 biopsies were collected; TPTD=31, DMAb=35



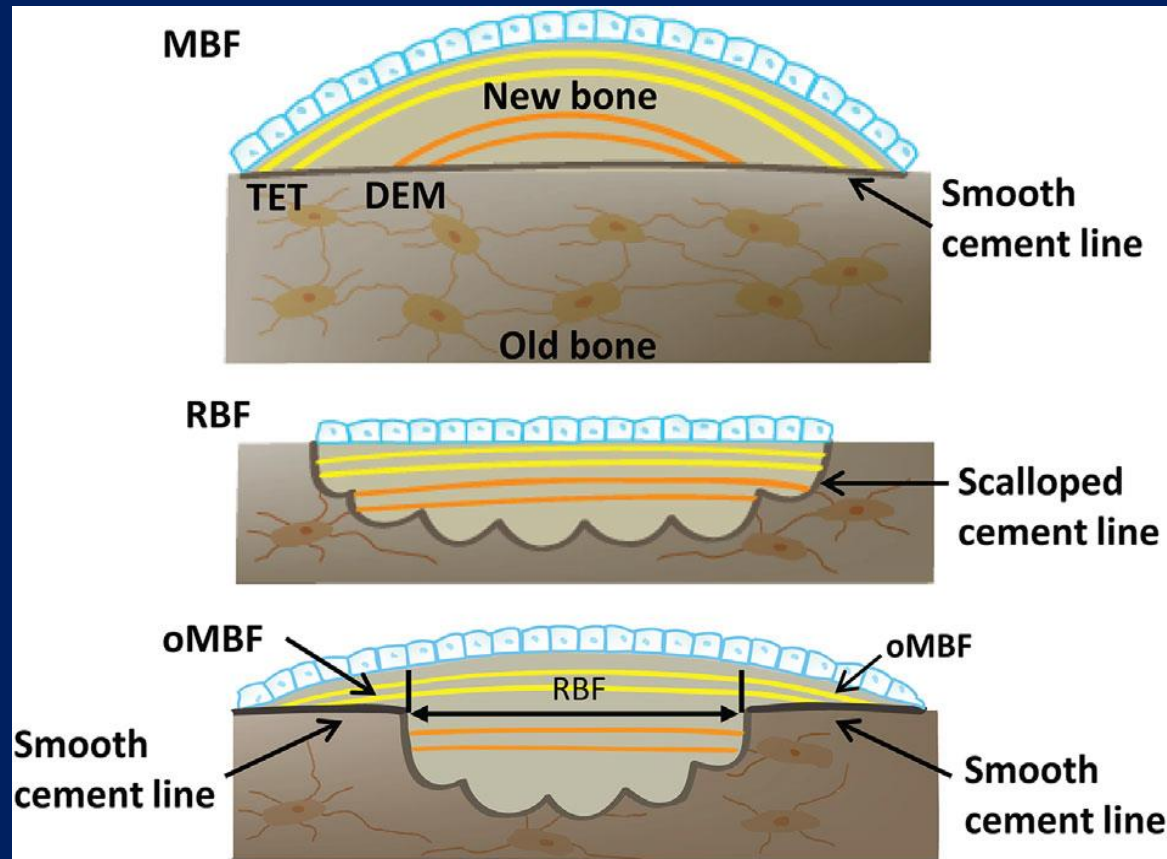
Abbreviations: DEM = demeclocycline; TET = tetracycline

# AVA – Histomorphometry



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## Cartoon Illustrating Three Types of Bone Formation

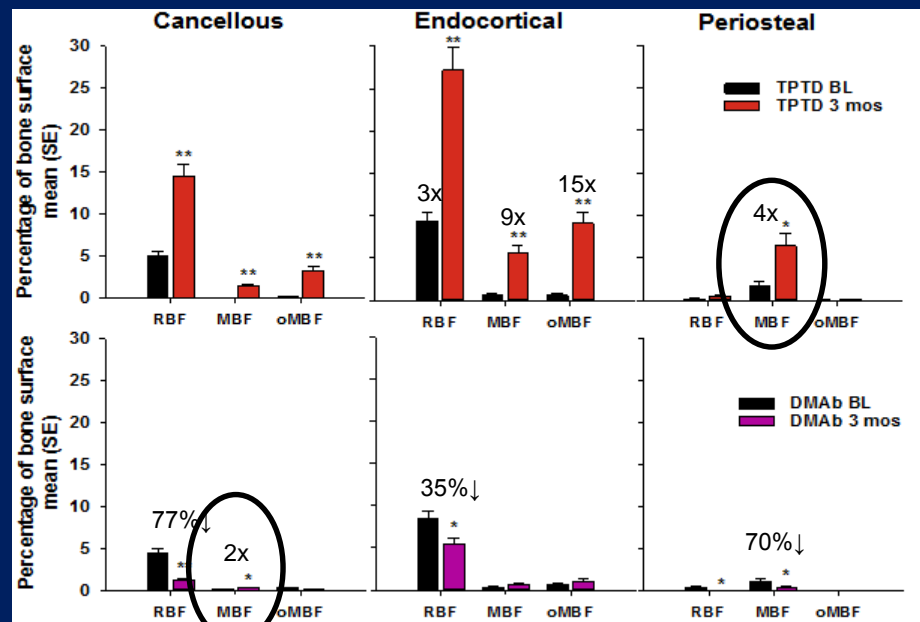


MBF: Modeling-based formation

RBF: Remodeling-based formation

oMBF: Overflow modeling based formation

# Results – Bone Formation from Baseline to 3 Months Within Groups



\* <0.05; \*\* <0.0001 for within group p-value by paired t-test

# ABALOPARATIDE

## Research

JAMA | Original Investigation

## Effect of Abaloparatide vs Placebo on New Vertebral Fractures in Postmenopausal Women With Osteoporosis: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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**IMPORTANCE** Additional therapies are needed for prevention of osteoporotic fractures. Abaloparatide is a selective activator of the parathyroid hormone type 1 receptor.

**OBJECTIVE** To determine the efficacy and safety of abaloparatide, 80 µg, vs placebo for prevention of new vertebral fracture in postmenopausal women at risk of osteoporotic fracture.

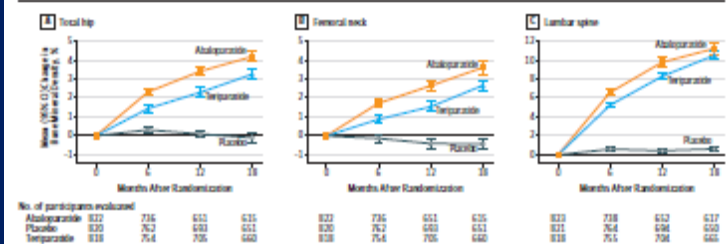
**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** The Abaloparatide Comparator Trial in Vertebral Endpoints (ACTIVE) was a phase 3, double-blind, RCT (March 2011–October 2014) at 28 sites in 10 countries. Postmenopausal women with bone mineral density (BMD) T score  $\leq -2.5$  and  $\geq -5.0$  at the lumbar spine or femoral neck and radiological evidence  $\geq 2$  mild or  $\geq 1$  moderate lumbar or thoracic vertebral fracture or history of low-trauma nonvertebral fracture within the past 5 years were eligible. Postmenopausal women ( $\geq 65$  y) with fracture criteria and a T score  $\leq -2.0$  and  $\geq -5.0$  or without fracture criteria and a T score  $\leq -3.0$  and  $\geq -5.0$  could enroll.

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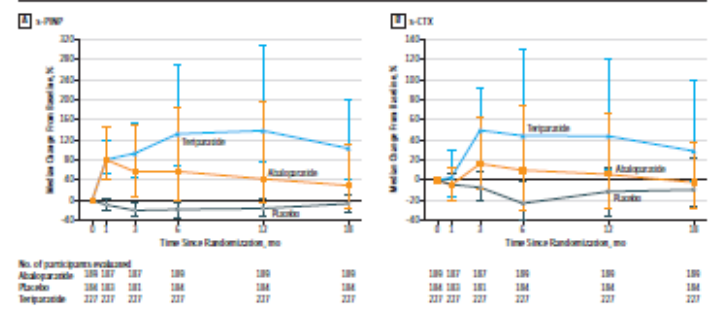
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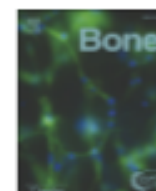
Figure 2. Change From Baseline in Bone Mineral Density



Mean (SD) change in bone mineral density of the total hip, femoral neck, and lumbar spine over 24 months after randomization. Abaloparatide was significantly superior to placebo at all 3 sites at all time points.

Figure 4. Median Change From Baseline in Serum Bone Metabolite Markers Over Time by Treatment Group





## Full Length Article

## Effects of abaloparatide-SC (BA058) on bone histology and histomorphometry: The ACTIVE phase 3 trial☆

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## ABSTRACT

There are a number of effective treatments for osteoporosis but most are in the antiresorptive class of compounds. Abaloparatide-SC is a new osteoanabolic agent, which increased bone mineral density and lowered the risk of osteoporosis-related fractures in the phase 3 ACTIVE trial. The objective of this report is to describe the effects of abaloparatide-SC 80 µg on bone histology and histomorphometry in iliac crest bone biopsies from this trial in which participants were randomized to receive blinded daily subcutaneous injections of placebo or abaloparatide-SC 80 µg/d or open-label teriparatide 20 µg/d for 18 months. Iliac crest bone biopsies were obtained between 12 and 18 months. Qualitative histological analysis of biopsies from abaloparatide-SC-treated patients revealed normal bone microarchitecture without evidence of adverse effects on mineralization or on the formation of normal lamellar bone. There were no bone marrow abnormalities, marrow fibrosis nor was there presence of excess osteoid or woven bone. There were few significant differences among the three treatment groups in a standard panel of static and dynamic histomorphometric indices. The mineral apposition rate was higher in the teriparatide-treated group than in the placebo-treated group. The eroded surface was lower in the abaloparatide-SC-treated group than in the placebo-treated group. Cortical porosity was higher in both the abaloparatide-SC- and the teriparatide-treated groups than in the placebo-treated group. We conclude that histological and histomorphometric analysis of iliac crest bone biopsies from subjects who were treated for up to 18 months with abaloparatide-SC showed no evidence of concern for bone safety.

Trial registration: ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT01343004.

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# ABALOPARATIDE: Bone Histomorphometry

**Table 2**

Histomorphometric variables in the 3 treatment groups.

Variable	Placebo (n = 28)	Abaloparatide-SC (n = 27)	Teriparatide (n = 23)
Cancellous-bone volume/ total volume, %	17.26 (14.40, 22.03)	18.69 (15.88, 23.91)	19.83 (15.93, 25.52)
Trabecular thickness, $\mu\text{m}$	137.0 (108.0, 158.0)	138.0 (119.0, 152.0)	145.0 (126.0, 163.0)
Trabecular number, #/mm	1.34 (1.21, 1.53)	1.31 (1.18, 1.60)	1.37 (1.26, 1.71)
Trabecular separation, $\mu\text{m}$	735.5 (641.0, 816.0)	752.0 (614.0, 826.0)	715.0 (570.0, 782.0)
Wall thickness, $\mu\text{m}$	26.20 (24.00, 28.65)	27.60 (25.40, 29.60)	26.4 (25.00, 28.50)
Eroded surface/ bone surface, %	2.16 (1.25, 3.04)	1.06 <sup>b</sup> (0.76, 2.19)	1.78 (1.07, 2.42)
Osteoid thickness, $\mu\text{m}$	5.70 (4.90, 6.35)	5.10 (4.30, 5.90)	5.40 (4.80, 6.20)
Osteoid volume, %	1.05 (0.39, 1.63)	0.59 (0.30, 1.35)	0.96 (0.44, 1.34)
Osteoid surface, %	8.03 (3.94, 12.38)	6.89 (3.58, 11.58)	10.55 (5.15, 14.06)
Mineralizing surface/ bone surface, %	5.43 (1.40, 8.77)	3.76 (0.75, 6.58)	3.23 (0.86, 9.89)
Mineral apposition rate, $\mu\text{m}/\text{d}^{\text{a}}$	0.45 (0.39, 0.47)	0.49 (0.41, 0.54)	0.50 <sup>b</sup> (0.44, 0.57)
Bone formation rate/ total volume, %/yr <sup>c</sup>	13.64 (6.90, 19.55)	10.93 (2.90, 19.29)	13.47 (6.65, 24.59)
Bone formation rate/ bone surface, $\mu\text{m}^3/\mu\text{m}^2/\text{d}^{\text{a}}$	0.027 (0.014, 0.037)	0.020 (0.005, 0.036)	0.021 (0.013, 0.049)
Activation frequency, /yr <sup>a</sup>	0.390 (0.160, 0.540)	0.260 (0.070, 0.480)	0.270 (0.190, 0.650)
Adjusted apposition rate, $\mu\text{m}/\text{d}^{\text{a}}$	0.240 (0.190, 0.390)	0.260 (0.120, 0.390)	0.250 (0.170, 0.500)
Formation period, d <sup>a</sup>	108.0 (63.0, 141.0)	111.5 (73.0, 176.0)	93.0 (51.0, 142.0)
Mineralization lag time, d <sup>a</sup>	23.40 (18.90, 26.70)	18.10 (14.60, 35.60)	20.10 (11.70, 44.00)
Cortical thickness, $\mu\text{m}^{\text{c}}$	620.0 (405.0, 830.0)	681.0 (542.0, 839.0)	713.0 (433.0, 777.0)
Cortical porosity, % <sup>c</sup>	4.70 (4.10, 6.10)	5.80 <sup>b</sup> (4.70, 7.50)	6.10 <sup>b</sup> (4.70, 7.90)

# BMD Change in the Biopsy Cohort

**Table 3**

Bone mineral density at lumbar spine, femoral neck, and total hip at 18 months in the bone biopsy cohort.

	Placebo (n=35)		Abaloparatide-SC (n=36)		Teriparatide (n=34)	
	Value (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	% change from BL	Value (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	% change from BL	Value(g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	% change from BL
LS-BMD	0.855 (0.136)	0.49 (4.72)	0.960 (0.139)	12.45 (7.95) <sup>a,b</sup>	0.943 (0.126)	9.70 (5.05) <sup>a</sup>
FN-BMD	0.747 (0.101)	-0.49 (3.63)	0.760 (0.108)	4.75 (4.44) <sup>a</sup>	0.788 (0.086)	3.02 (3.64) <sup>a</sup>
TH-BMD	0.785 (0.096)	-0.42 (2.41)	0.802 (0.093)	4.40 (3.98) <sup>a</sup>	0.826 (0.087)	3.10 (3.95) <sup>a</sup>

BL=baseline; BMD=bone mineral density; LS=lumbar spine; FN=femoral neck; TH=total hip. Values are expressed as the mean (SD); <sup>a</sup> p<0.0001 vs placebo. <sup>b</sup> p=0.0054 vs teriparatide.

## Potential Reasons for Lack of Differences

- Approximately 25% of the biopsies were not suitable for analysis (incomplete or fragmented cores)
- Biopsies performed at an average of 15 months on treatment – bone formation effect waning.
- Dr. Recker did not include biopsies with single labels in calculation of BFR (n=12)
- Apart from cortical thickness and porosity, no further analysis was performed on cortical bone. Teriparatide has larger effect on endocortex than in cancellous envelope
- However, the study served its purpose in demonstrating normal bone quality with abaloparatide treatment



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## EFFECTS OF ABALOPARATIDE ON MODELING AND REMODELING BASED BONE FORMATION

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# ROMOSOZUMAB

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Romosozumab Treatment in Postmenopausal Women with Osteoporosis

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## ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Romosozumab, a monoclonal antibody that binds sclerostin, increases bone formation and decreases bone resorption.

Adapted from Cosman F, et al. *NEJM*. 2016;375:1532–1543.

# Romozosumab - Histomorphometry



Fig. 1. Schema of the bone biopsy substudy. (↓) one set of double fluorochrome labeling, (■) transiliac bone biopsy)

Table 3. Static and Dynamic Bone Formation Parameters After 2 and 12 Months of Romozosumab

	Month 2			Month 12		
	Placebo N = 14	Romozosumab 210 mg QM N = 15	p value <sup>a</sup>	Placebo N = 31	Romozosumab 210 mg QM N = 39	p value <sup>a</sup>
<i>Cancellous bone</i>						
Cn-W.Th	31.7 <sup>b</sup>	31.6	0.91	29.5	31.8	0.014
μm	(30.4, 33.9)	(30.7, 33.6)		(27.8, 32.3)	(30.8, 34.1)	
Cn-OS/BS	7.2	14.2	0.058	7.8	4.4	0.16
%	(1.7, 15.5)	(9.4, 24.3)		(3.7, 15.4)	(2.8, 9.0)	
Cn-OV/BV	1.3	3.0	0.007	1.7	0.8	0.016
%	(0.2, 1.9)	(1.4, 5.4)		(0.8, 4.5)	(0.4, 1.7)	
Cn-O.Th	8.6	9.7	0.029	9.9	9.7	0.57
μm	(6.9, 9.5)	(9.0, 12.6)		(8.5, 12.5)	(8.6, 11.0)	
Cn-MAR <sup>c</sup>	0.65	0.57	0.097	0.54	0.48	0.015
μm/day	(0.54, 0.70)	(0.50, 0.59)		(0.50, 0.61)	(0.36, 0.55)	
Cn-MAR <sup>d</sup>	0.65	0.57	0.097	0.55	0.49	0.047
μm/day	(0.54, 0.70)	(0.50, 0.59)		(0.50, 0.61)	(0.41, 0.58)	
Cn-MS/BS	2.3	5.6	0.002	3.0	0.6	0.004
%	(0.7, 3.1)	(3.7, 8.4)		(0.9, 5.4)	(0.0, 2.2)	
Cn-BFR/BS <sup>c</sup>	5.175	12.075	0.004	6.755	1.577	0.014
μm <sup>3</sup> /μm <sup>2</sup> /year	(2.919, 7.165)	(7.319, 16.132)		(2.691, 13.213)	(0.928, 6.452)	

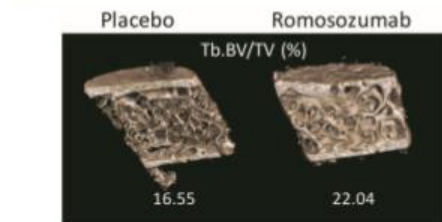
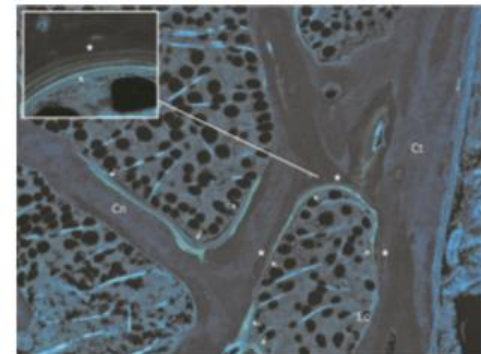
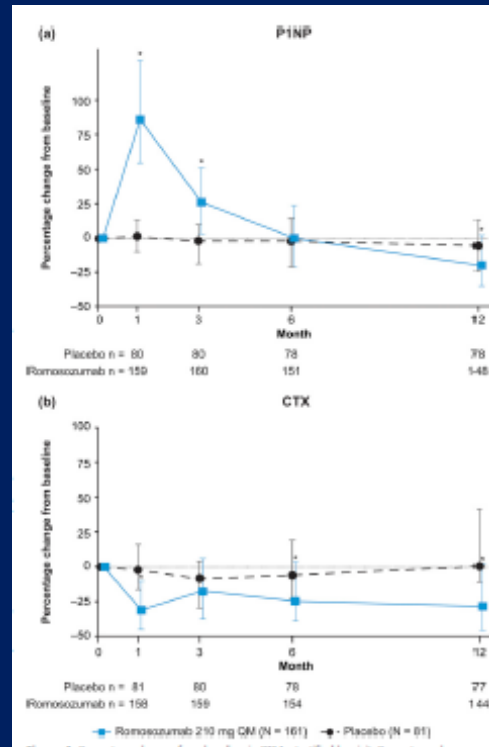


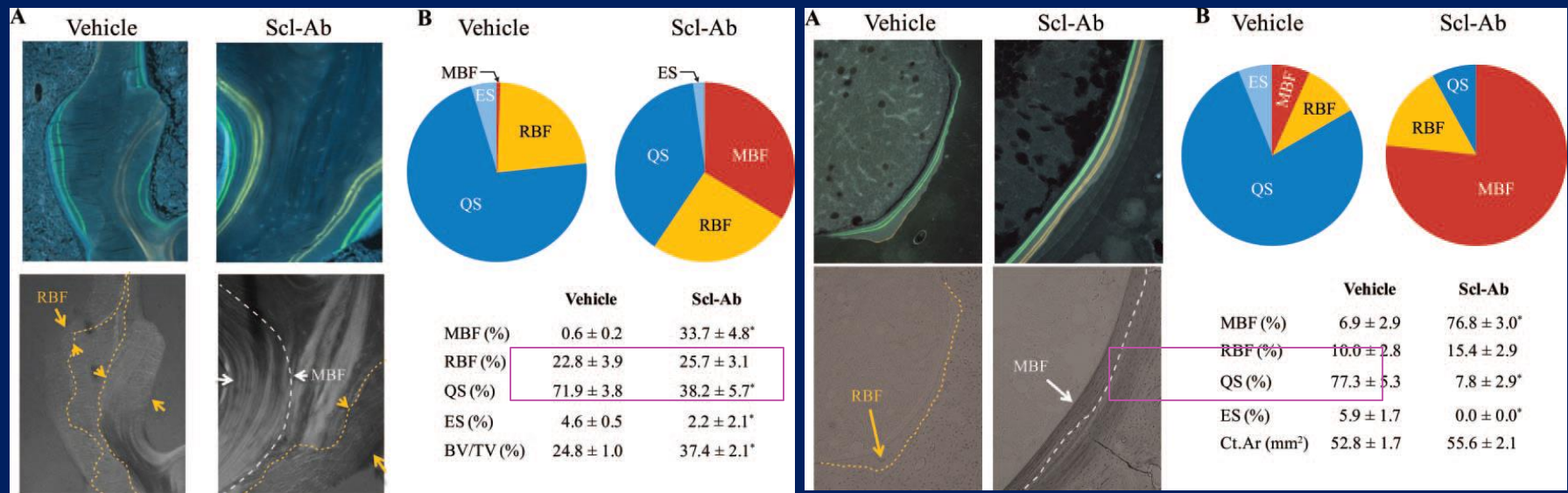
Fig. 3. Effects of romozosumab at month 12 on bone mass and microarchitecture assessed by μCT. Tb.BV/TV = trabecular bone volume per tissue volume

# Romosozumab – Biochemical Markers



Lewiecki EM, et al J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2018 Sep 1;103(9):3183-3193.

# Modeling in Monkeys Treated with Sclerostin Antibody



Trabecular Envelope

Endocortical Envelope

Ominsky et al, J Bone Miner Res. 2014 Jun;29(6):1424-30.

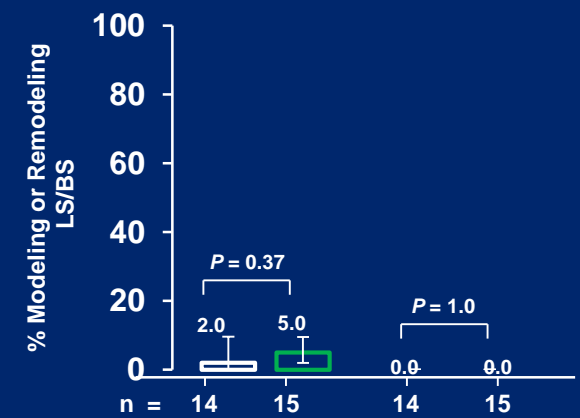
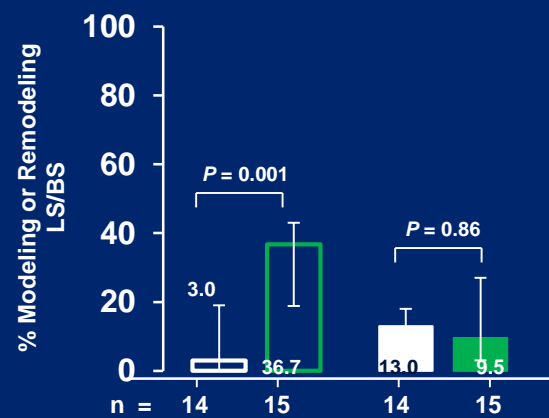
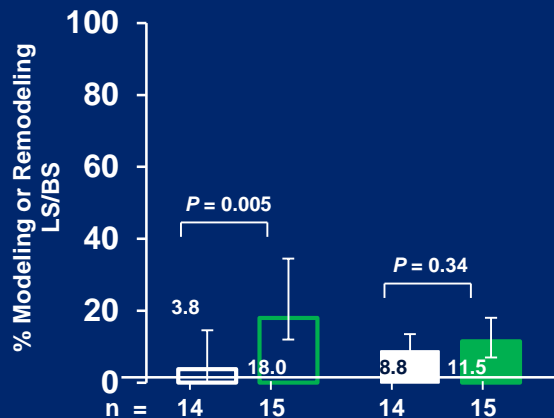
# Bone Modeling and Remodeling After 2 Months of Romosozumab vs Placebo

Modeling: Placebo
  Modeling: Romosozumab
  Remodeling: Placebo
  Remodeling: Romosozumab

Cancellous Envelope

Endocortical Envelope

Periosteal Envelope



Data are median (Q1, Q3). n = Number of subjects with evaluable histomorphometry data at the timepoint of interest. Nominal *P*-values are the treatment difference (romosozumab vs placebo) and are based on the Wilcoxon rank-sum test without multiplicity adjustment. BS, bone surface; LS, labeled surface.

Eriksen et al, ASBMR, Orlando, FL, 2019

# Summary

Anabolic agents improve cancellous and cortical bone microarchitecture.

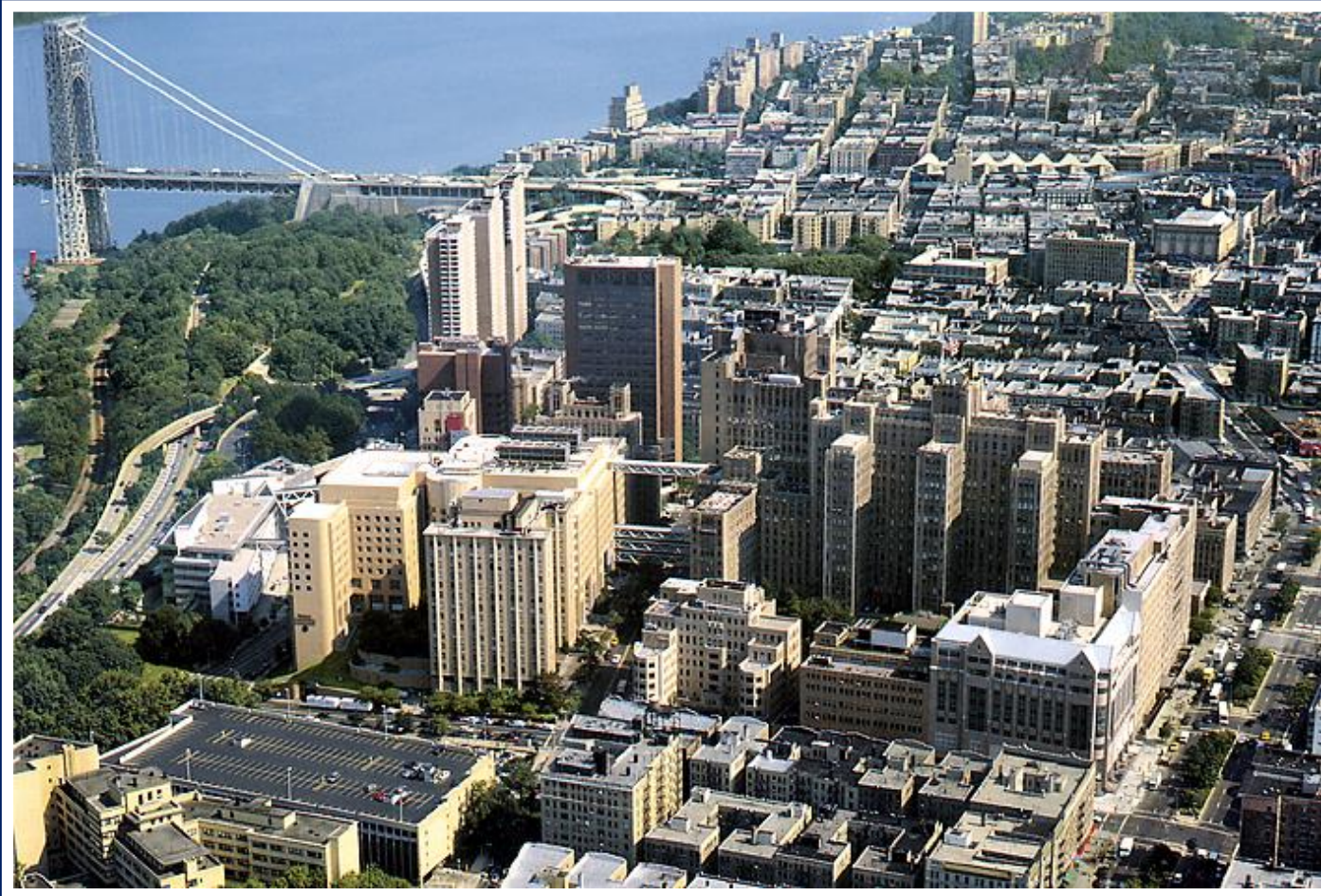
PTH-1 receptor agonists (teriparatide and abaloparatide) stimulate resorption and formation (formation > resorption). New bone formation occurs primarily by remodeling-based bone formation, but there is also some stimulation of modeling-based bone formation.

Sclerostin antibodies (romosozumab) stimulate bone formation and simultaneously inhibit bone resorption. New bone formation occurs primarily by modeling-based bone formation.

Recent head-to-head fracture trials (teriparatide vs. risidronate; romosozumab vs. alendronate indicate that anabolic drugs offer superior fracture protections than antiresorptive drugs.

The fundamentally different mechanisms of action and recent fracture trials support the sequential use of anabolic and antiresorptive drugs.

# Thank You!



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