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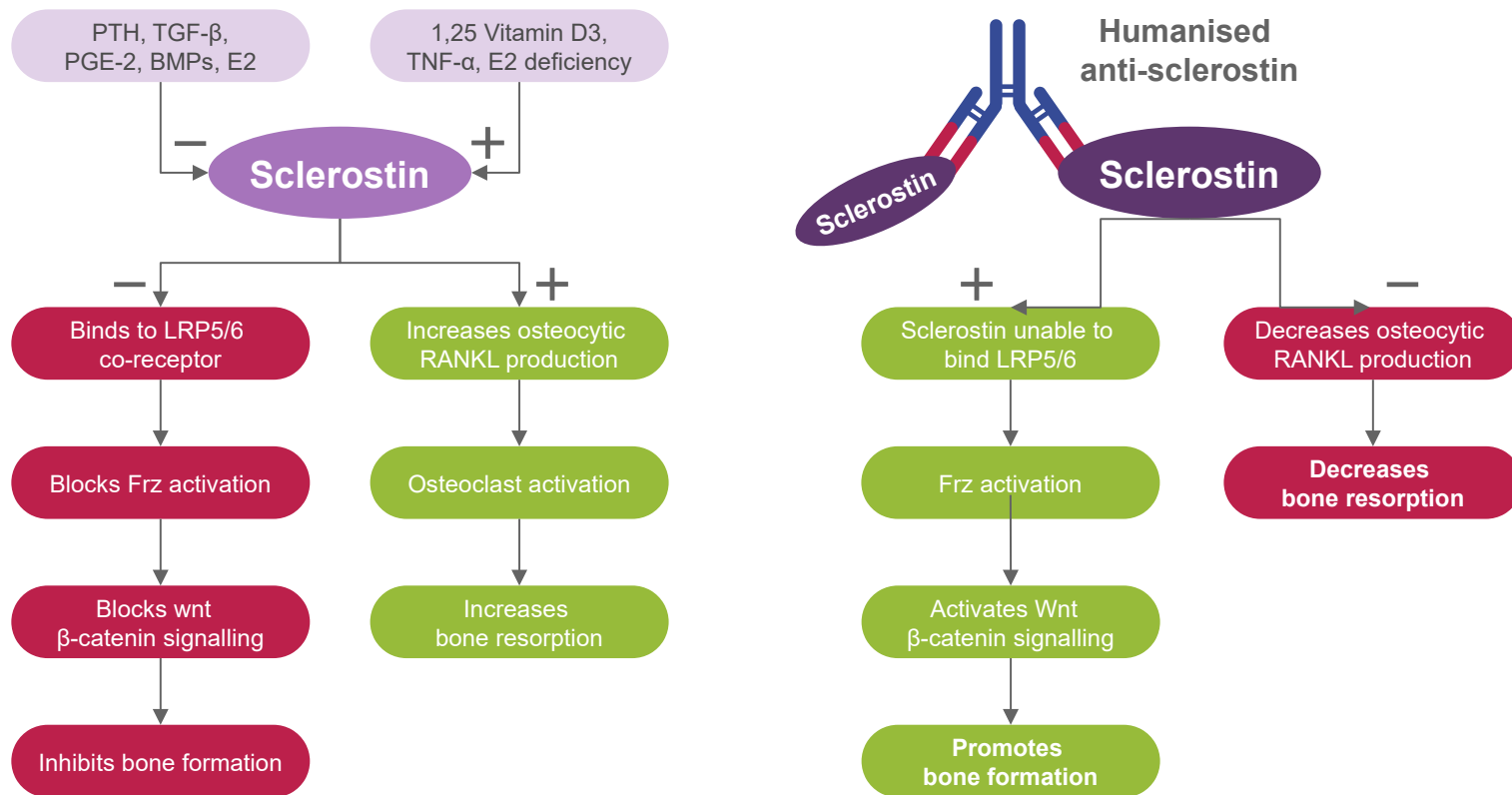
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Trattare Osteoporosi =

Ridurre la mortalità e la morbilità

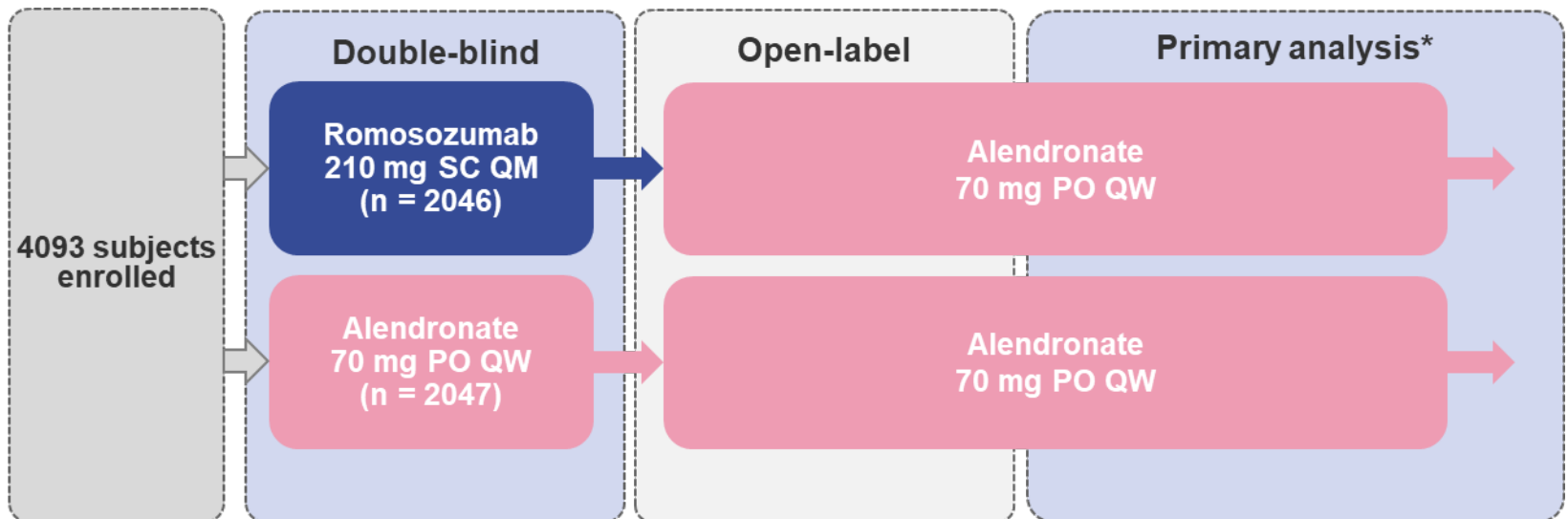
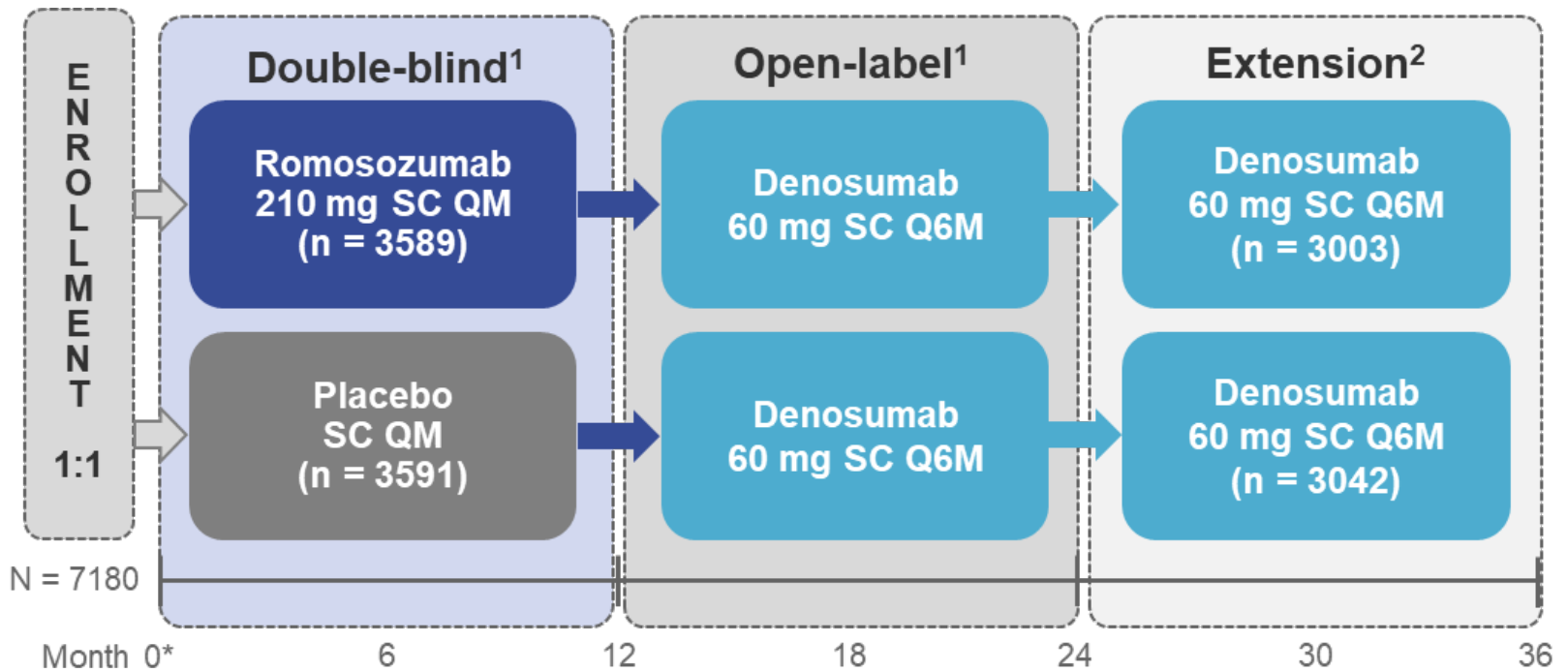
Romosozumab Exerts a Dual Effect on Bone Increasing Bone Formation and Decreasing Bone Resorption



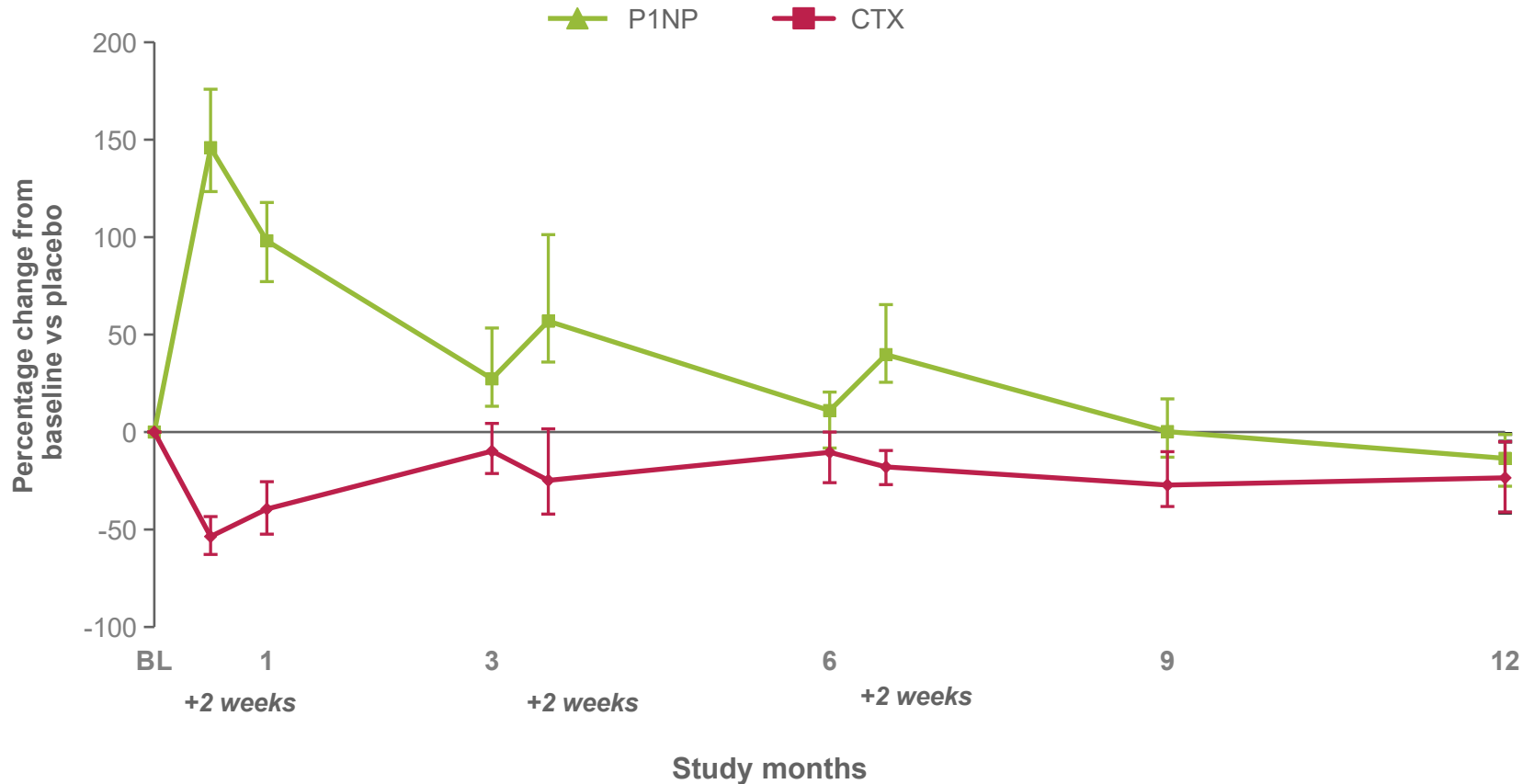
BMP = bone morphogenetic protein; E2 = oestrogen; Frz = Wnt-frizzled receptor complex; LRP = lipoprotein receptor-related protein; PGE2 = prostaglandin E2; PTH = parathyroid hormone; RANKL = receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B ligand; TGF- β = transforming growth factor β ; TNF- α = tumour necrosis factor α . Green = up regulated; red = down regulated.

Description of humanised anti-sclerostin monoclonal antibody: IgG2, human = blue, mouse = red.

Adapted from: Bhattacharyya S, *et al. Eur J Pharmacol* 2018;826:39–47.



Dual Effect with Romosozumab?



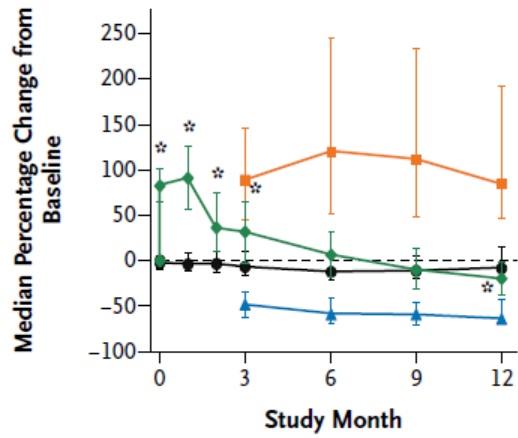
Data from the FRAME study in 7180 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. Patients received romosozumab 210 mg or placebo once monthly for 12 months followed by open-label denosumab 60 mg every 6 months for 12 months. Coprimary endpoints were the cumulative incidences of new vertebral fracture at 12 months and at 24 months. Serum concentrations of P1NP and CTX were measured in a substudy of 129 patients.¹ P1NP: romosozumab, n = 62; placebo, n = 62; CTX: romosozumab, n = 61; placebo, n = 62. Data presented as bootstrapped median treatment difference and 95% CI.

BL = baseline; CI = confidence interval; CTX = C-terminal telopeptide of type 1 collagen; P1NP = procollagen type 1 N-terminal propeptide.

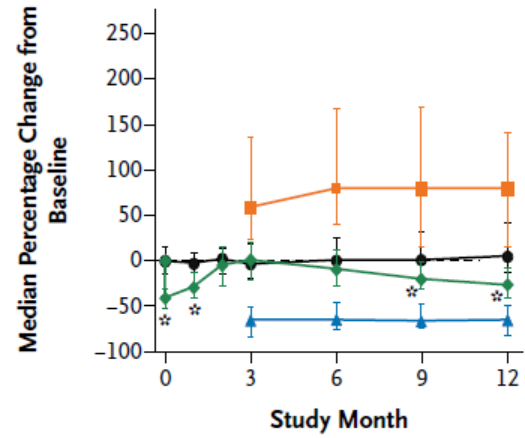
Adapted from: 1. Cosman F, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:1532–43.

● Placebo ▲ Alendronate ■ Teriparatide ◆ 210 mg of Romosozumab monthly

A P1NP

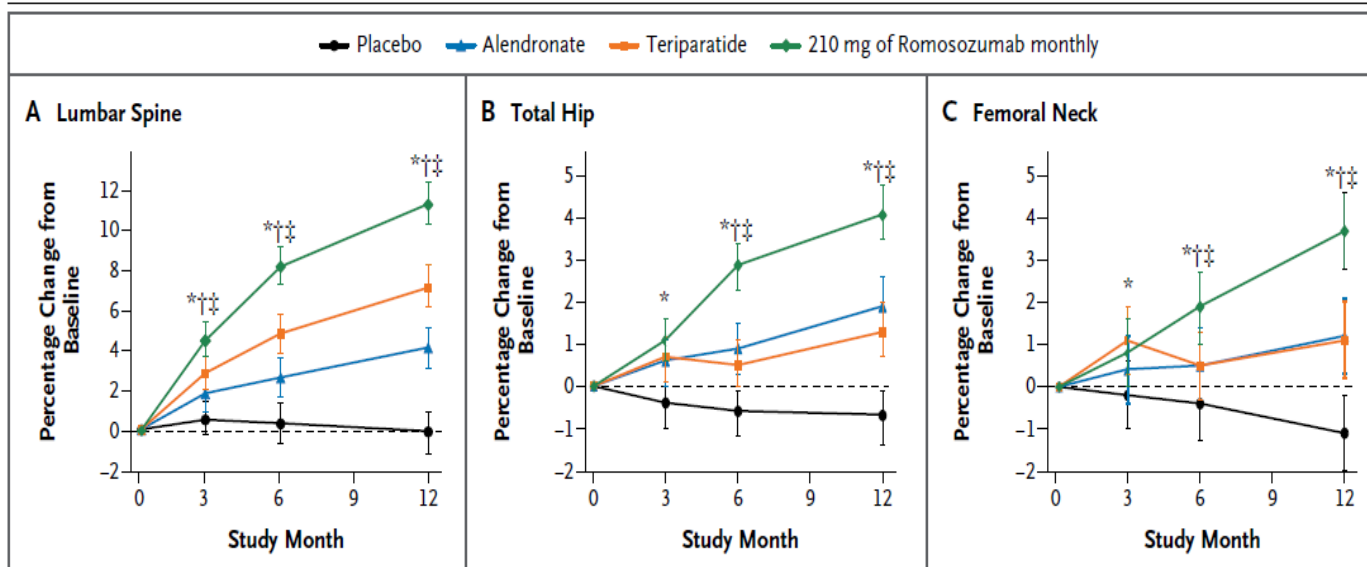


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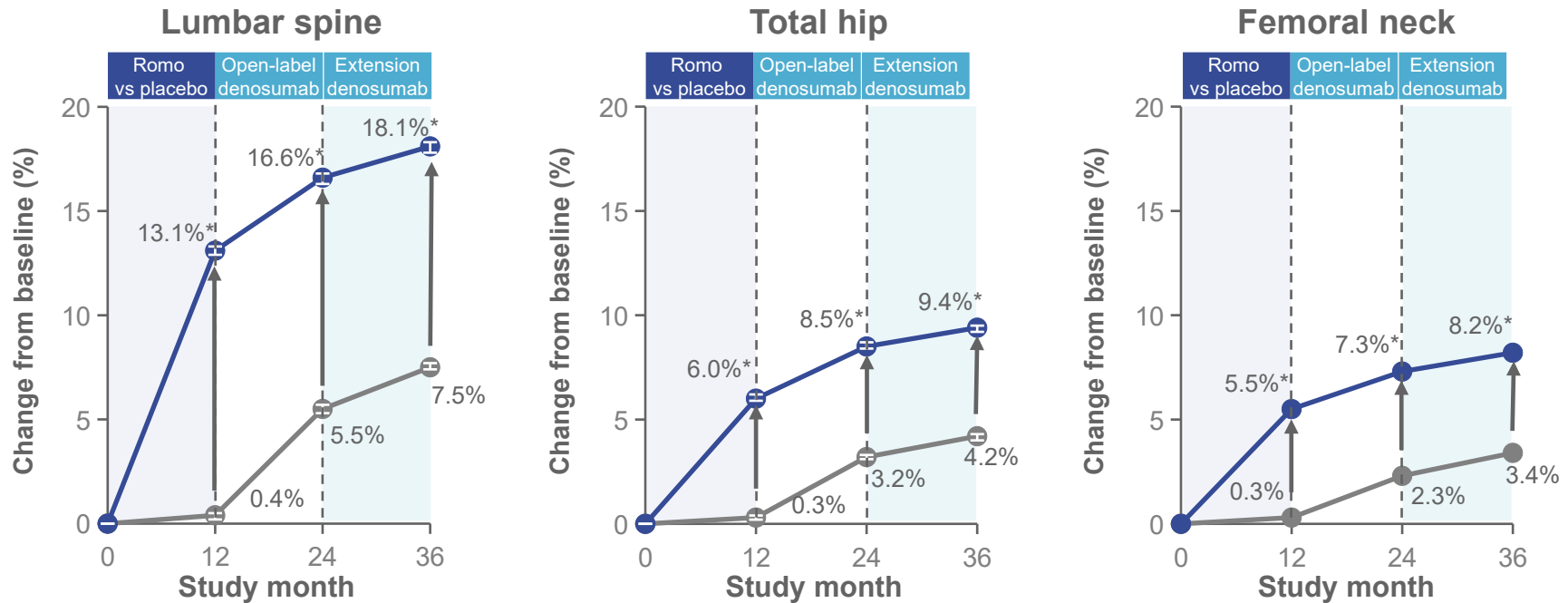
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Romozosumab in Postmenopausal Women with Low Bone Mineral Density



FRAME: Lumbar Spine, Total Hip and Femoral Neck BMD Through Month 36

- Romosozumab-to-denosumab (lumbar spine, n = 3169; total hip, femoral neck, n = 3237)
- Placebo-to-denosumab (lumbar spine, n = 3176; total hip, femoral neck, n = 3256)



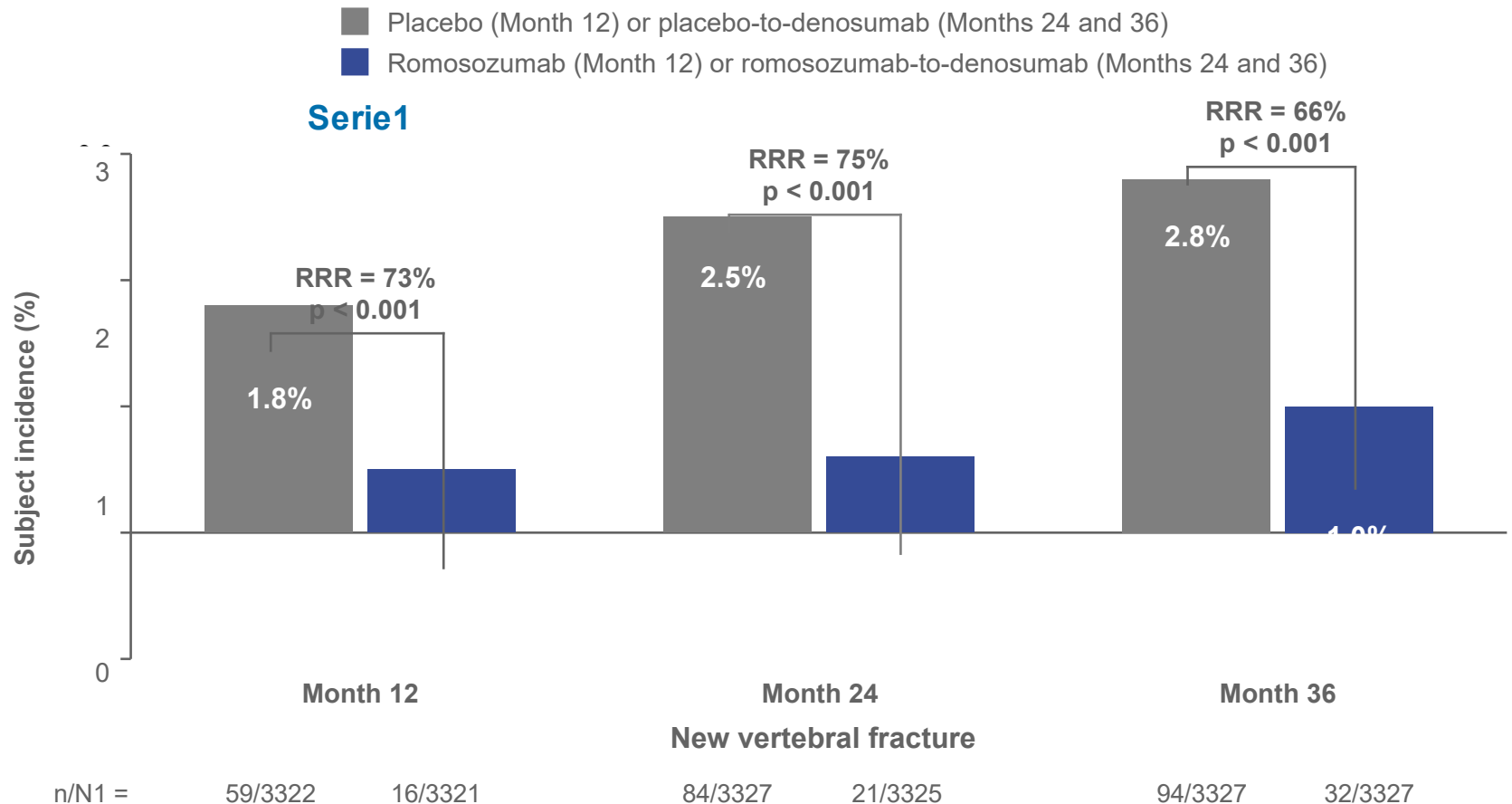
Least squares mean percentage change from baseline in BMD and p values were based on ANCOVA model adjusting for treatment, age and prevalent vertebral fracture stratification variables, baseline value, machine type and baseline value-by-machine type interaction, without multiplicity adjustment. Missing values were imputed by the last-observation-carried-forward method, and a sensitivity analysis with the use of a repeated measures model showed similar results.

*Nominal p < 0.001.

BMD = bone mineral density; n = number of subjects with a baseline and at least one post-baseline BMD assessment.

Adapted from: Lewiecki EM, et al. *J Bone Miner Res* 2019;34:419–28.

FRAME: New Vertebral Fracture Incidence Through Month 12, 24 and 36



The RRR was assessed among subjects in the romosozumab group as compared with those in the placebo group at 12 months (end of the double-blind period) and at 24 and 36 months (by which time subjects in both groups had received open-label denosumab for 12 and 24 months, respectively) based on the Mantel-Haenszel method adjusted for age and prevalent vertebral fracture stratification variables. p values were based on a logistic regression model adjusted for age and prevalent vertebral fracture stratification variables. p values for 12-month and 24-month periods are adjusted values based on a sequential testing procedure and nominal for 36 months, without multiplicity adjustment. Data displayed for 12-month and 24-month periods are as reported for the primary analysis.

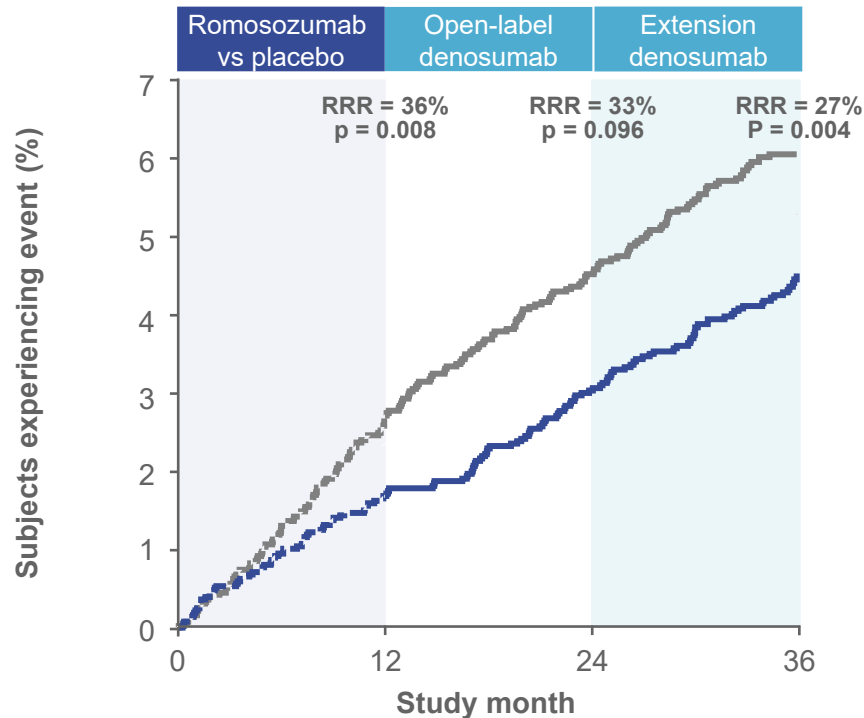
n = number of subjects with fractures; N1 = number of subjects in the analysis set; RRR = relative risk reduction.

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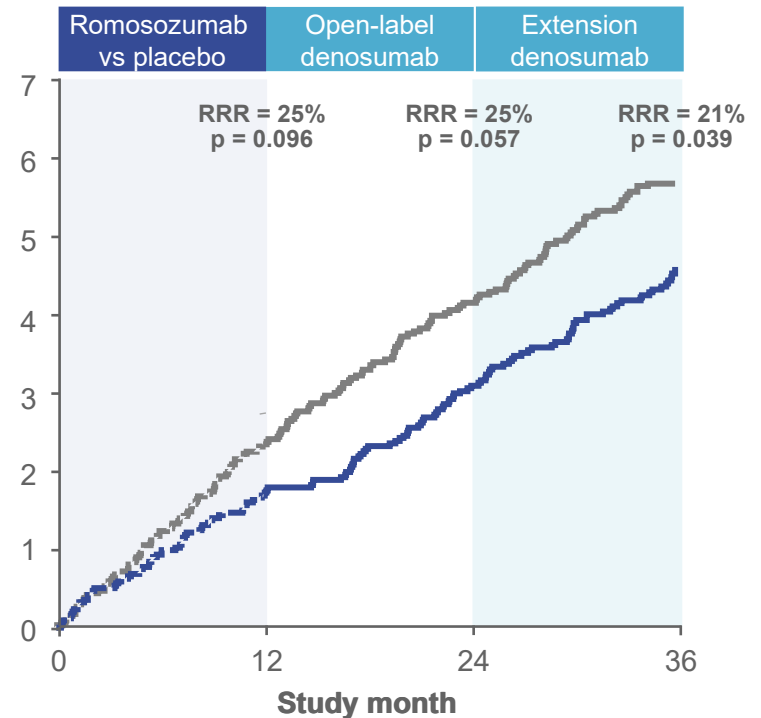
FRAME: Time to First Clinical and Nonvertebral Fracture Through Month 36

— Romosozumab (n = 3589) — Placebo (n = 3591)

Clinical fractures



Nonvertebral fractures



Romo/DMAb N1 = 3589	3148	2957	2737	3589	3149	2959	2738
Pbo/DMAb N1 = 3591	3132	2941	2738	3591	3144	2956	2750

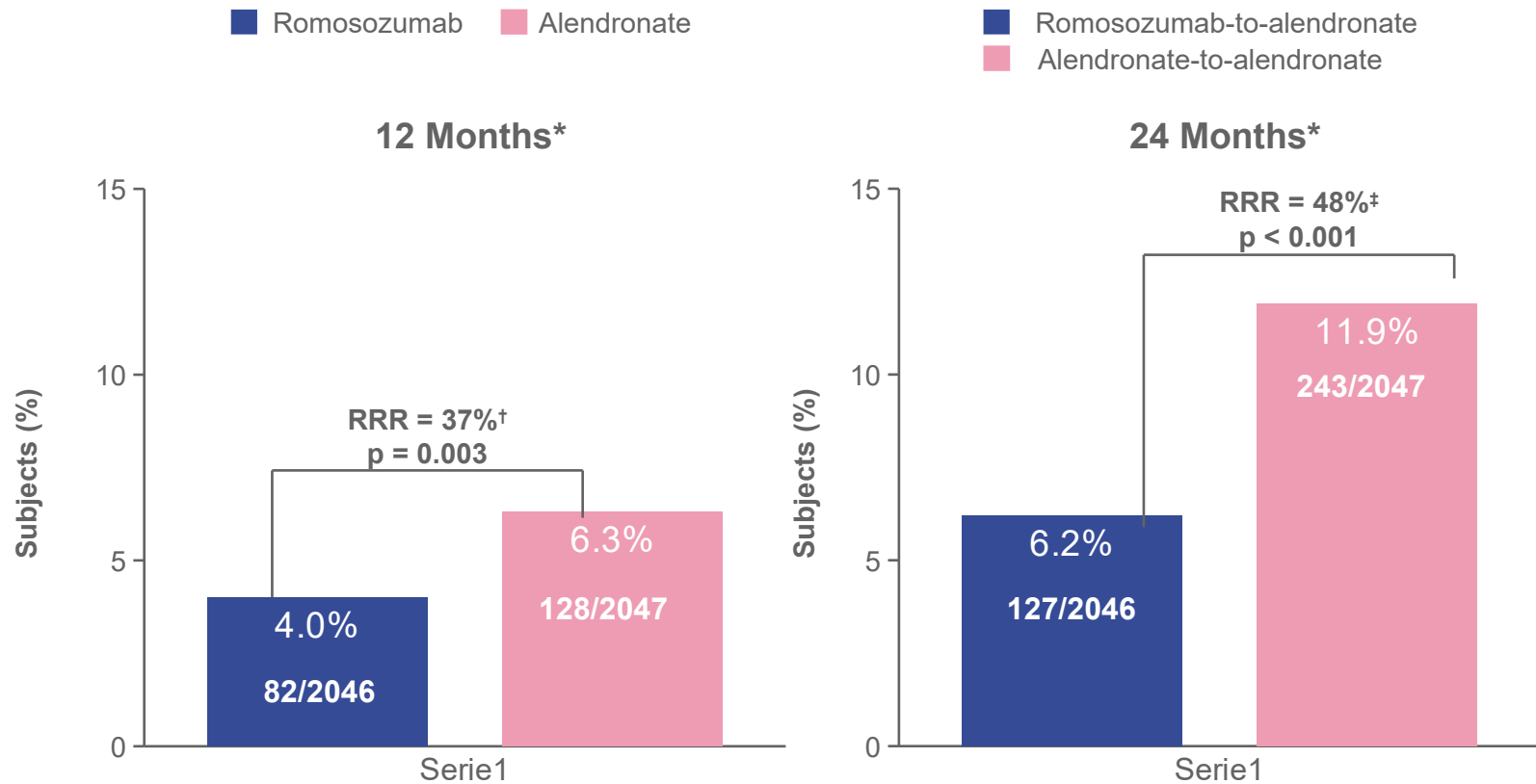
p values for 12-month and 24-month periods are adjusted values based on a sequential testing procedure and nominal for Month 36. Data displayed for 12-month and 24-month periods are as reported for the primary analysis.

DMAb = denosumab; N1 = number of subjects at risk at the specified time point; Pbo = placebo; Romo = romosozumab; RRR = relative risk reduction.

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Primary Endpoint

ARCH: Incidence of New Vertebral Fracture Through Month 24



n/N1 = number of subjects with fractures/number of subjects in the primary analysis set for vertebral fractures.

*Missing fracture status was imputed by multiple imputation for patients without observed fracture at an earlier time point. n and % are based on the average across five imputed datasets.

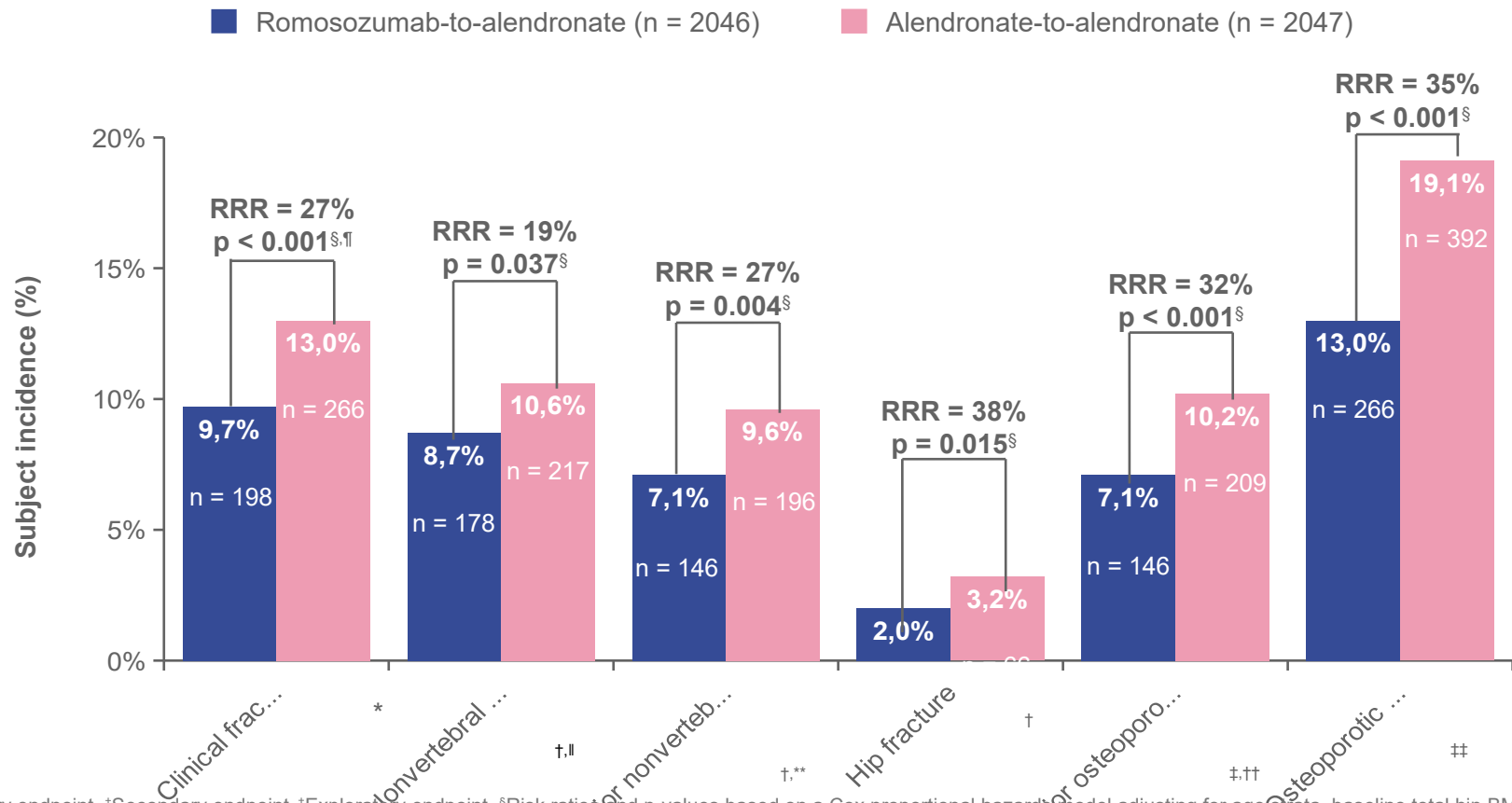
†RRR at 12 months by LOCF: 36% (nominal p = 0.008): Romosozumab: 3.2% (55/1696) vs alendronate: 5.0% (85/1703).

‡RRR at 24 months by LOCF: 50% (nominal p < 0.001): Romosozumab-to-alendronate: 4.1% (74/1825) vs alendronate-to-alendronate: 8.0% (147/1843).

LOCF = last observation carried forward; RRR = relative risk reduction.

Adapted from: Saag KG, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1417–27.

ARCH: Other Fracture Endpoints at Primary Analysis



*Primary endpoint. †Secondary endpoint. ‡Exploratory endpoint. §Risk ratios and p-values based on a Cox proportional hazards model adjusting for age, sex, baseline total hip BMD T-score and presence of severe vertebral fracture at baseline. ¶The nominal p-value for new vertebral fracture at month 24 using the logistic regression model was < 0.001 for clinical fracture at primary analysis using the Cox proportional hazards model described above. The larger of the two p-values is less than 0.05, thus both endpoints were statistically significant using the Hochberg procedure and the statistical testing continued to the secondary endpoints in the testing sequence described previously. ¶Nonvertebral fractures excluded fractures of the skull, facial bones, metacarpals, fingers and toes. Pathologic or high trauma fractures were also excluded. **Major nonvertebral fracture included fractures of the pelvis, distal femur, proximal tibia, ribs, proximal humerus, forearm and hip. ††Major osteoporotic fracture include fractures of the hip, forearm and humerus that are not associated with a pathologic fracture regardless of trauma severity, and clinical vertebral fractures. †††Osteoporotic fractures include any osteoporotic nonvertebral fractures that are not associated with high trauma severity or pathologic fractures and new or worsening vertebral fractures regardless of trauma severity or pathologic fractures.

Note: All fracture types, including nonvertebral fractures, excluded severe trauma (except major osteoporotic fractures) or pathologic fractures. Severe trauma was defined as a fall from higher than the height of a stool, chair, first rung on a ladder or equivalent (> 20 inches), or severe trauma other than a fall per investigator judgment.

RRR = relative risk reduction

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ARCH: Adverse Events and Events of Interest

Event	Month 12: Double-blind period		Primary Analysis: Double-blind and open-label period*	
	Romosozumab (n = 2040)	Alendronate (n = 2014)	Romosozumab-to- alendronate (n = 2040)	Alendronate-to- alendronate (n = 2014)
Adverse event during treatment	1544 (75.7%)	1584 (78.6%)	1766 (86.6%)	1784 (88.6%)
Back pain[†]	186 (9.1%)	228 (11.3%)	329 (16.1%)	393 (19.5%)
Nasopharyngitis[†]	213 (10.4%)	218 (10.8%)	363 (17.8%)	373 (18.5%)
Event leading to discontinuation of trial regimen	70 (3.4%)	64 (3.2%)	133 (6.5%)	146 (7.2%)
Event leading to discontinuation of trial participation	30 (1.5%)	27 (1.3%)	47 (2.3%)	43 (2.1%)
Event of interest[‡]				
Osteoarthritis[§]	138 (6.8%)	146 (7.2%)	247 (12.1%)	268 (13.3%)
Hypersensitivity	122 (6.0%)	118 (5.9%)	205 (10.0%)	185 (9.2%)
Injection-site reaction[¶]	90 (4.4%)	53 (2.6%)	90 (4.4%)	53 (2.6%)
Cancer	31 (1.5%)	28 (1.4%)	84 (4.1%)	85 (4.2%)
Hyperostosis	2 (<0.1%)	12 (0.6%)	23 (1.1%)	27 (1.3%)
Hypocalcaemia	1 (<0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)	4 (0.2%)	1 (<0.1%)
Atypical femoral fracture^{**}	0	0	2 (<0.1%)	4 (0.2%)
Osteonecrosis of the jaw^{**}	0	0	1 (<0.1%)	1 (<0.1%)

*Incidence rates at the time of the primary analysis were cumulative and included all events in the double-blind and open-label period (to February 27 2017) in patients who received at least one dose of open-label alendronate.

[†]Shown are events that occurred in 10% or more of the patients in either group during the double-blind period.

[‡]Events of interest were those that were identified by prespecified Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities search strategies.

[§]Prespecified events were osteoarthritis, spinal osteoarthritis, exostosis, arthritis, polyarthritis, arthropathy, monoarthritis and interspinous osteoarthritis.

[¶]The most frequent adverse events of injection-site reactions (occurring in > 0.1% of the patients) in the romosozumab group during the double-blind period included injection-site pain (1.6% of patients), erythema (1.3%), pruritus (0.8%), hemorrhage (0.5%), rash (0.4%) and swelling (0.3%).

^{||}Prespecified events were exostosis (mostly reported as heel spurs), lumbar spinal stenosis, spinal column stenosis, cervical spinal stenosis, enostosis, extraskeletal ossification and vertebral foraminal stenosis.

^{**}Potential cases of osteonecrosis of the jaw and atypical femoral fracture were adjudicated by independent committees.

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ARCH: Serious Adverse Events

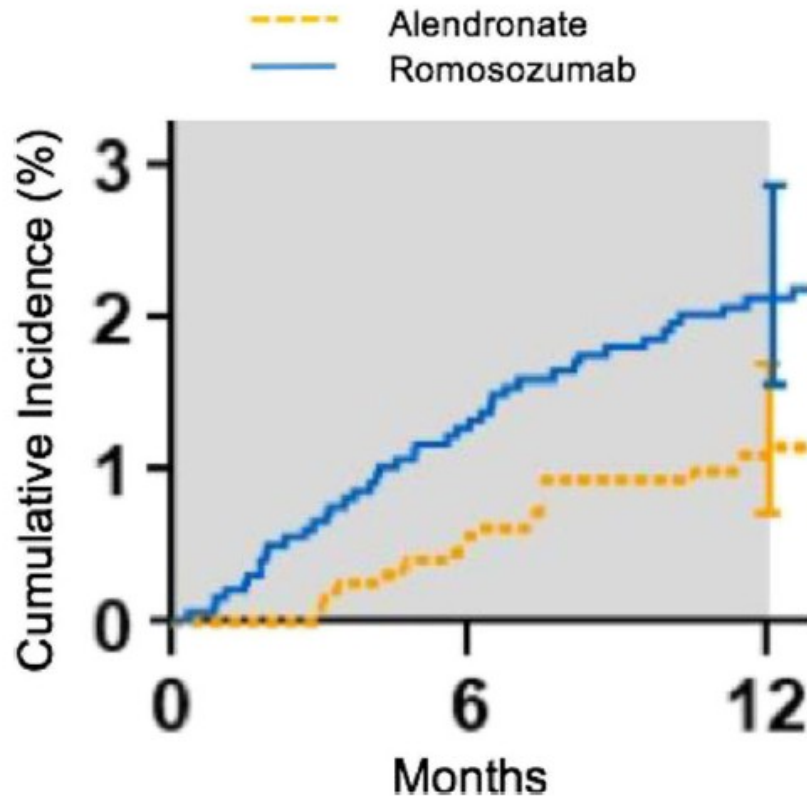
Event	Month 12: Double-blind period		Primary analysis: Double-blind and open-label period*	
	Romosozumab (n = 2040)	Alendronate (n = 2014)	Romosozumab to alendronate (n = 2040)	Alendronate to alendronate (n = 2014)
Serious adverse event	262 (12.8%)	278 (13.8%)	586 (28.7%)	605 (30.0%)
Adjudicated serious cardiovascular (CV) event†	50 (2.5%)	38 (1.9%)	133 (6.5%)	122 (6.1%)
Cardiac ischaemic event	16 (0.8%)	6 (0.3%)	30 (1.5%)	20 (1.0%)
Cerebrovascular event	16 (0.8%)	7 (0.3%)	45 (2.2%)	27 (1.3%)
Heart failure	4 (0.2%)	8 (0.4%)	12 (0.6%)	23 (1.1%)
Death	17 (0.8%)	12 (0.6%)	58 (2.8%)	55 (2.7%)
Noncoronary revascularisation	3 (0.1%)	5 (0.2%)	6 (0.3%)	10 (0.5%)
Peripheral vascular ischaemic event not requiring revascularisation	0	2 (<0.1%)	2 (<0.1%)	5 (0.2%)
Death	30 (1.5%)	21 (1.0%)‡	90 (4.4%)	90 (4.5%)‡

*Incidence rates at the time of the primary analysis were cumulative and included all events in the double-blind and open-label period (to February 27 2017) in patients who received at least one dose of open-label alendronate.

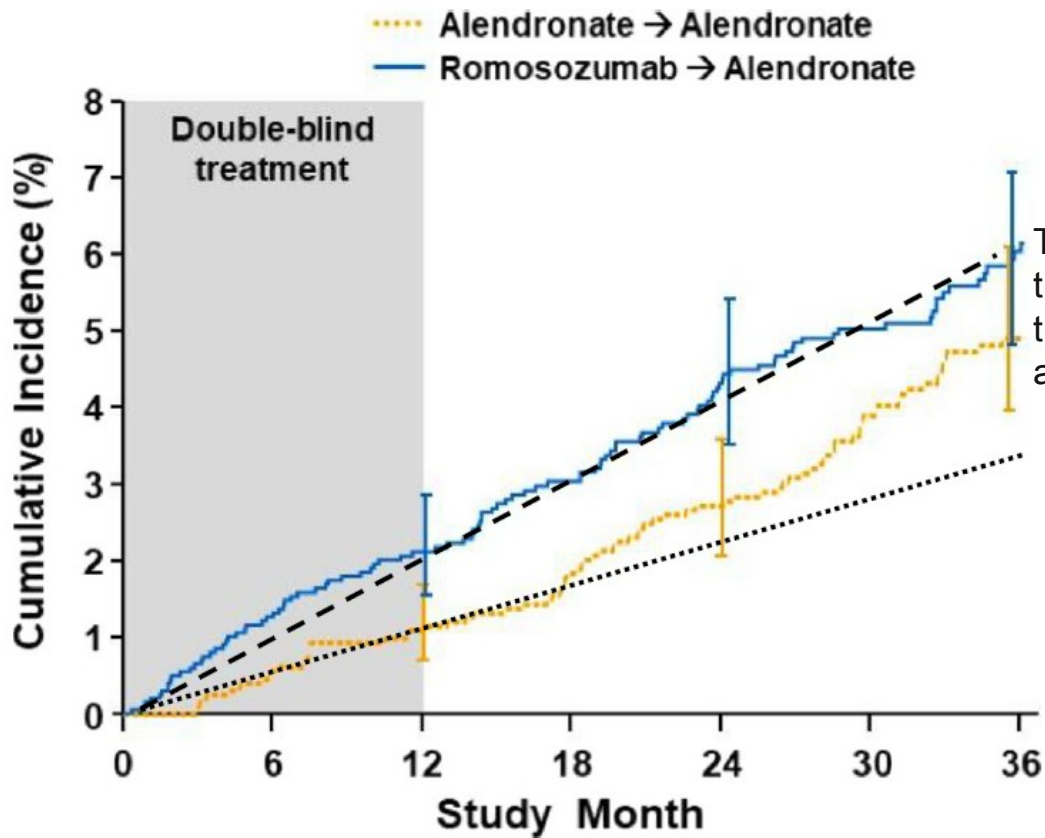
†Serious CV adverse events were adjudicated by the Duke Clinical Research Institute. CV deaths include fatal events that were adjudicated as being CV-related or undetermined (and, therefore, possibly CV-related).

‡One patient had a non-treatment-related serious adverse event of pneumonia that was incorrectly flagged as death in the primary analysis snapshot and was not included in the analysis of fatal events.

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The pattern of CVD events in ARCH would indicate that alendronate provided a potent immediate but transient reduction in CVD events during the first 3 months, with fewer events than in the romosozumab for the remainder of the 12 months



The rate of CVD events increases steadily thereafter roughly in parallel, or converging on, the rates in the group receiving alendronate after romosozumab

When participants in the romosozumab group were switched to alendronate, the rate of CVD events did not change

Interpretation of Cardiovascular Safety

Summary

- No excess events in Romo vs. placebo in FRAME 2016 trial
- Slight increase in ischemic and cerebrovascular events in Romo vs. ALN in ARCH 2017 trial (decrease in heart failure). None were statistically significant.

Potential Explanations

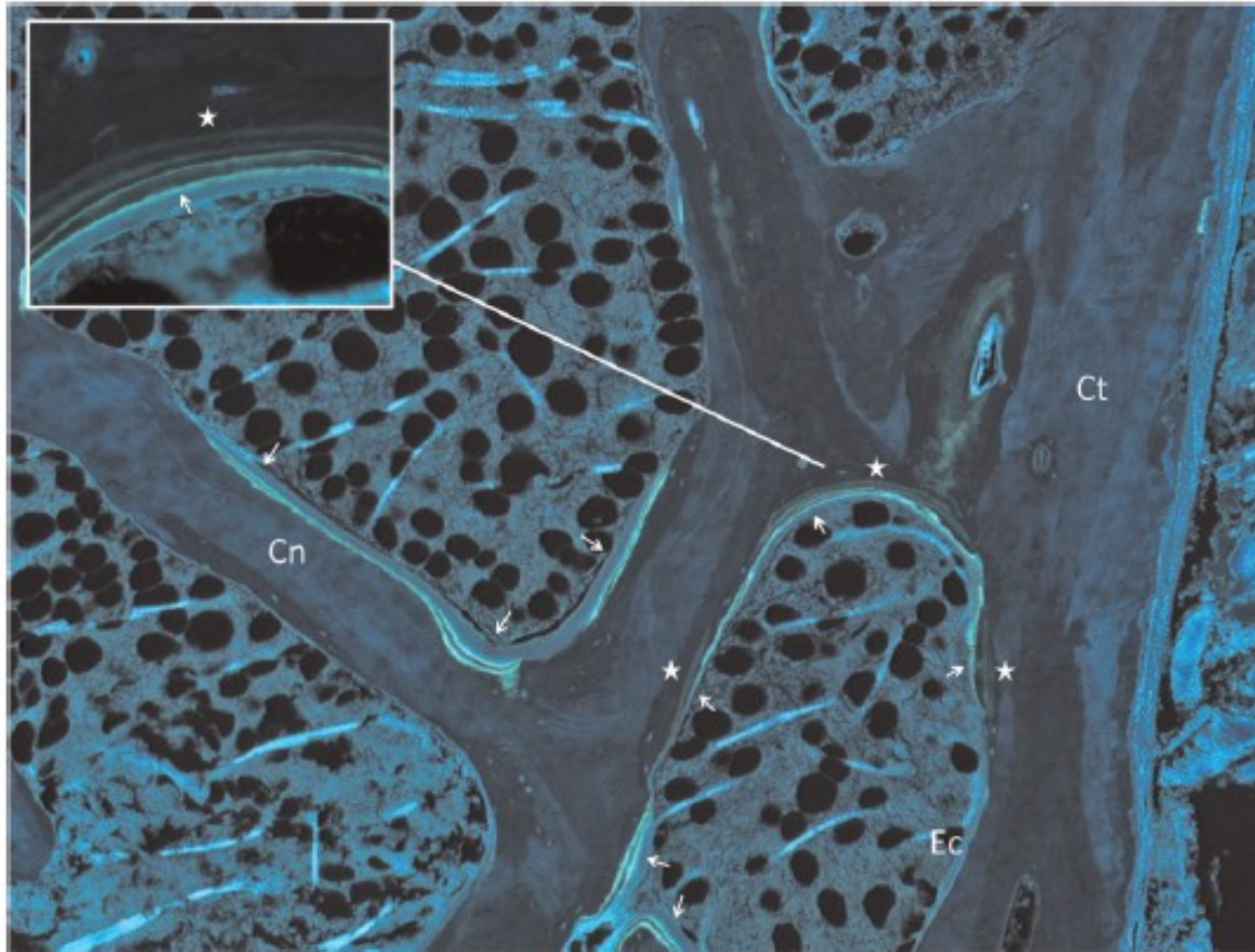
1. Random Difference
2. ALN (comparator to Romo) *decreases* cardiovascular events, especially cerebrovascular
 - Evidence varies in individual ALN studies or meta-analyses
3. Romo increases (slightly) cardiovascular event risk

Interpretation by Regulators

- FDA: after initial review, asked for more information on cardiovascular. Approved 2019, but with black box warning*
- European: exclude treatment in patients with previous cardiovascular events

**may increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and cardiovascular death and should not be used in patients who have had a heart attack or stroke within the previous year or very high risk.*

FRAME: Quantitative Bone Histomorphometry – Effects at 2 Months Versus Baseline



Effects of romosozumab on bone formation after 2 months. Unstained section of iliac bone biopsy after a quadruple fluorochrome labelling (star: Demeclocycline labels at baseline; arrow: Tetracycline labels at Month 2).

Cn = cancellous, Ct = cortical, Ec = endocortical. Original magnification: $\times 50$; box magnification: $\times 200$.

Chavassieux P, *et al.* *J Bone Miner Res* 2019;34:1597–608.

Romosozumab - histomorphometry

	Month 2			Month 12		
	Placebo N = 14	Romosozumab 210 mg QM N = 15	p value ^a	Placebo N = 31	Romosozumab 210 mg QM N = 39	p value ^a
<i>Cancellous bone</i>						
Cn-W.Th	31.7 ^b	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 ^c	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 ^d	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 ^c	5.175	12.075	0.004	6.755	1.577	0.014
µm ³ /µm ² /year	(2.919, 7.165)	(7.319, 16.132)		(2.691, 13.213)	(0.928, 6.452)	
Cn-BFR/BS ^d	5.175	12.075	0.004	6.923	3.395	0.046
µm ³ /µm ² /year	(2.919, 7.165)	(7.319, 16.132)		(2.736, 13.213)	(1.310, 7.332)	
Cn-BFR/BV	11.0	23.1	0.005	13.3	3.3	0.001
%/year	(6.6, 14.8)	(14.2, 31.5)		(4.4, 26.2)	(1.6, 8.9)	
Cn-Aj.AR	0.19	0.18	0.76	0.20	0.09	0.043
µm/day	(0.08, 1.07)	(0.14, 0.36)		(0.13, 0.26)	(0.06, 0.29)	
Cn-Ac.f	0.18	0.38	0.003	0.24	0.05	0.006
/year	(0.10, 0.21)	(0.23, 0.49)		(0.09, 0.46)	(0.03, 0.18)	
Cn-FP	166.5	176.4	0.76	150.0	369.8	0.018
days	(29.7, 379.2)	(84.2, 232.3)		(109.8, 228.7)	(130.3, 524.9)	
Cn-Mlt	48.5	62.7	0.62	56.3	101.3	0.038
days	(6.3, 115.7)	(26.7, 76.2)		(37.2, 90.4)	(44.6, 149.2)	

Chavassieux P et al. J Bone Miner Res 2019 34(9) 1597-1608

FRAME: Bone Resorption Parameters After 2 and 12 Months of Romosozumab

	Month 2			Month 12		
	Placebo n = 14	Romosozumab 210 mg QM n = 15	Paired p value*	Placebo n = 31	Romosozumab 210 mg QM n = 39	Paired p value*
Cancellous bone						
Cn-ES/BS, %	3.4 (1.9, 4.5)	1.8 (0.9, 3.2)	0.022	2.9 (2.0, 4.5)	1.1 (0.5, 1.7)	<0.001
Cn-Oc.S/BS, %	0.1 (0.04, 0.2)	0.0 (0.0, 0.1)	0.032	0.1 (0.0, 0.3)	0.0 (0.0, 0.03)	0.001
Cn-Oc.N/BS, /100 mm	2.4 (1.0, 5.6)	0.0 (0.0, 2.4)	0.024	2.0 (0.0, 6.5)	0.0 (0.0, 1.4)	<0.001
Endocortical bone						
Ec-ES/BS, %	6.3 (3.3, 7.7)	1.6 (0.6, 3.5)	0.003	4.1 (3.0, 6.5)	0.5 (0.2, 1.2)	<0.001
Ec-Oc.S/BS, %	0.2 (0.0, 0.3)	0.0 (0.0, 0.1)	0.12	0.0 [†] (0.0, 0.4)	0.0 [†] (0.0, 0.0)	<0.001
Ec-Oc.N/BS, /100 mm	4.4 (0.0, 7.7)	0.0 (0.0, 4.8)	0.14	0.0 [†] (0.0, 8.4)	0.0 [†] (0.0, 0.0)	0.001

Values are median (quartile 1 and quartile 3) unless otherwise specified.

*Wilcoxon rank sum test. [†]Mean ± SD: 0.3 ± 0.7 in placebo, 0.03 ± 0.09 in romosozumab. [‡]Mean ± SD: 8.1 ± 16.2 in placebo, 1.0 ± 2.9 in romosozumab.

Cn = cancellous; Ec = endocortical; ES/BS = eroded surface per unit of bone surface; Oc.N/BS = osteoclast number per unit of bone surface;

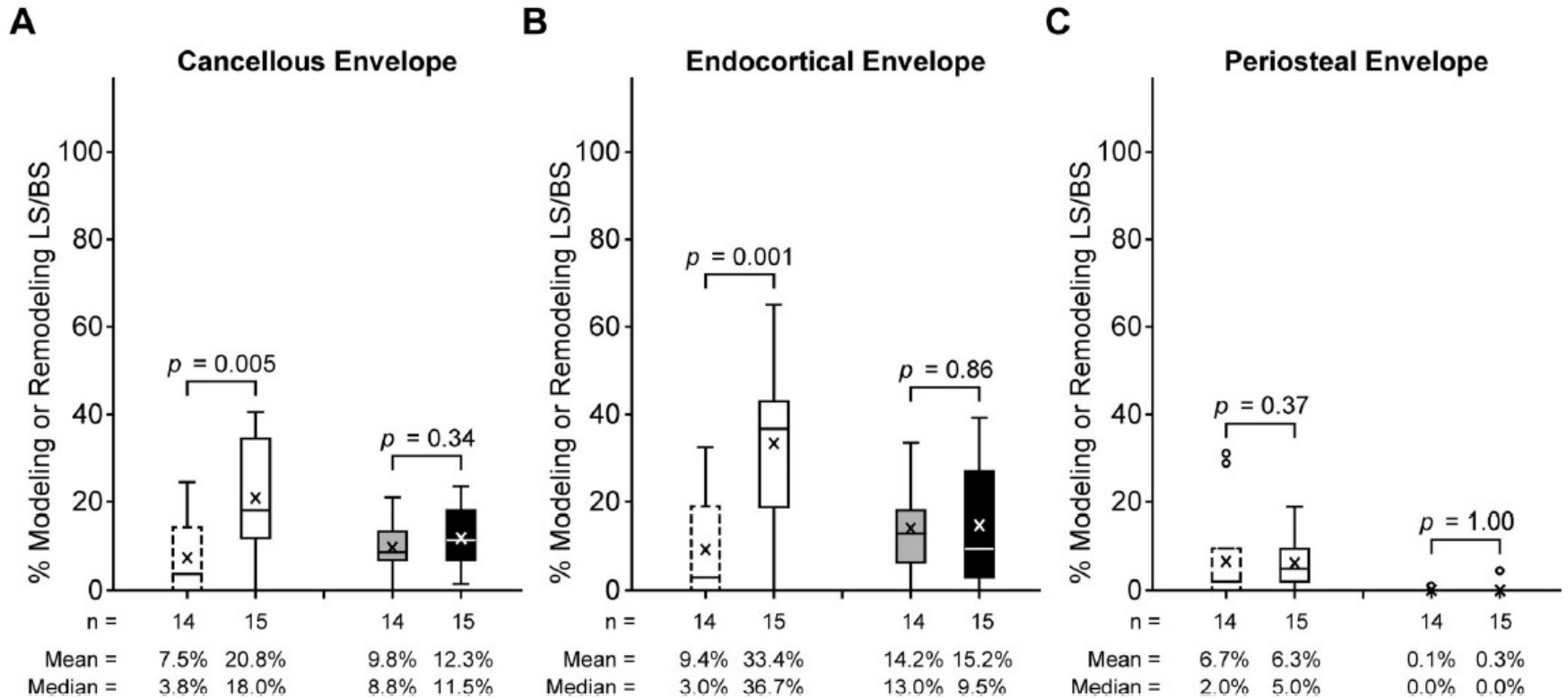
Oc.S/BS = osteoclast surface per unit of bone surface; QM = monthly.

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Romozozumab - histomorphometry

After 2 months
Referent to total bone surface

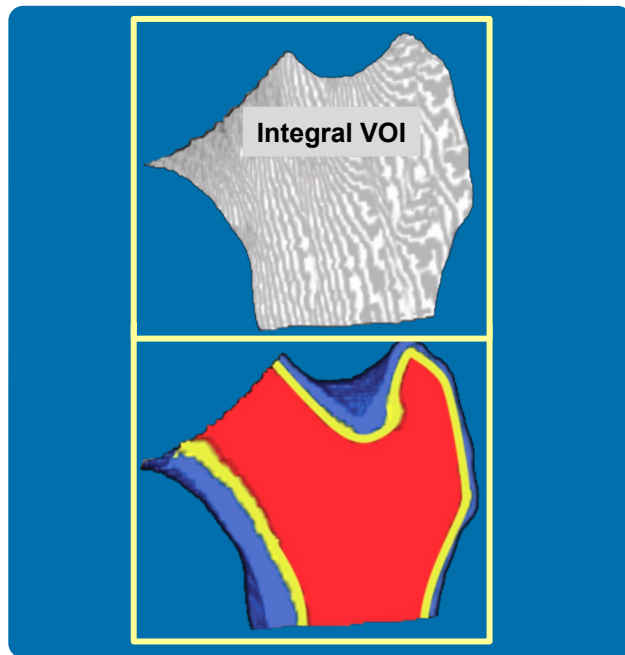
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STRUCTURE: QCT MIAF [Volume of Interest (VOI)] and QCT FEA

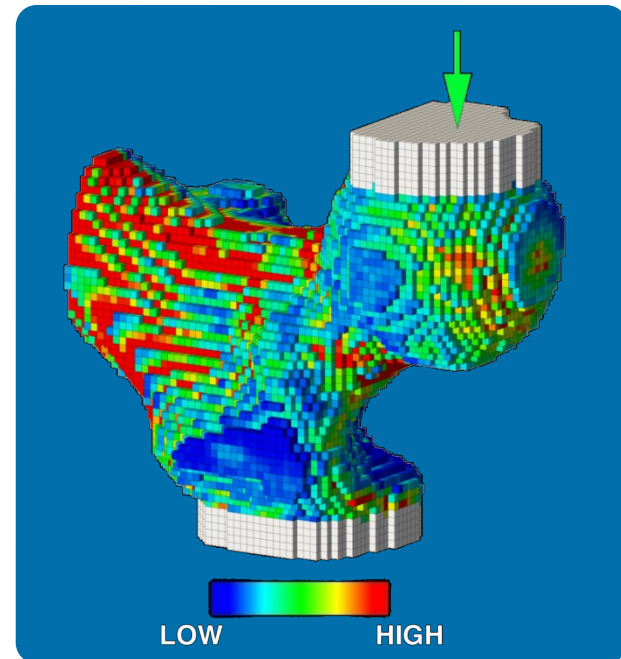
■ “Cortical” VOI (threshold) ■ Subcortical VOI (data not presented) ■ Trabecular VOI (peeled)

QCT MIAF Volumetric measurement



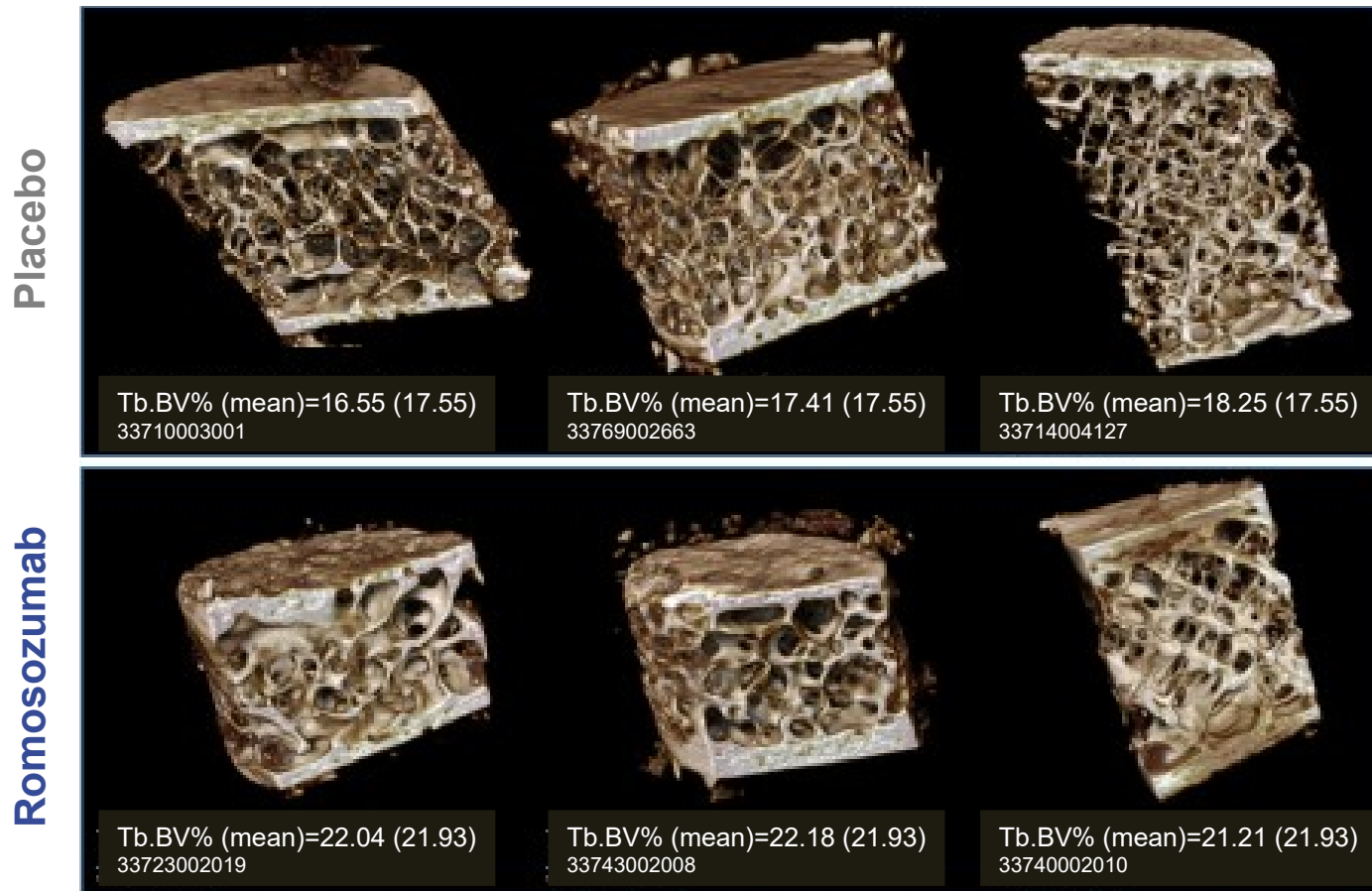
Total hip BMD/BMC

QCT FEA Biomechanical strength



Total hip strength in lateral fall
Incorporates geometry and BMD (material properties) to estimate strength

FRAME: Effects of Romosozumab at Month 12 on Bone Mass and Microarchitecture Assessed by μ CT



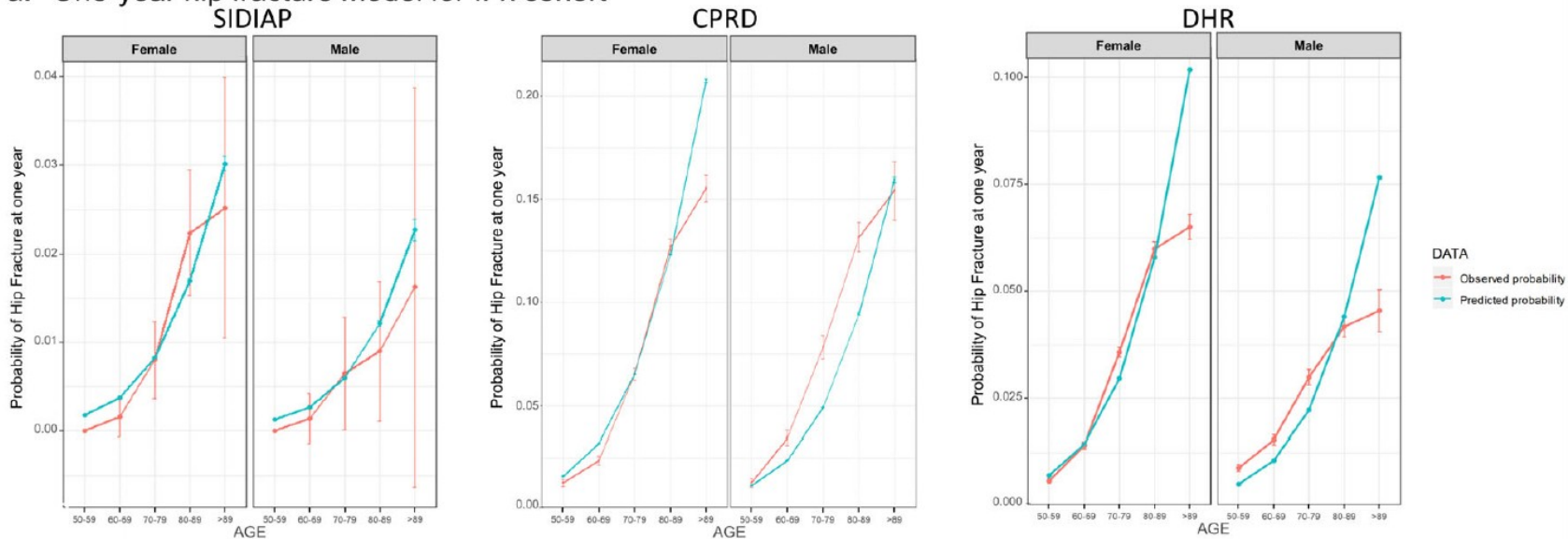
Images are selected from subjects who had Tb.BV% values close to the group mean.

μ CT = micro computed tomography; Tb.BV = trabecular bone volume.

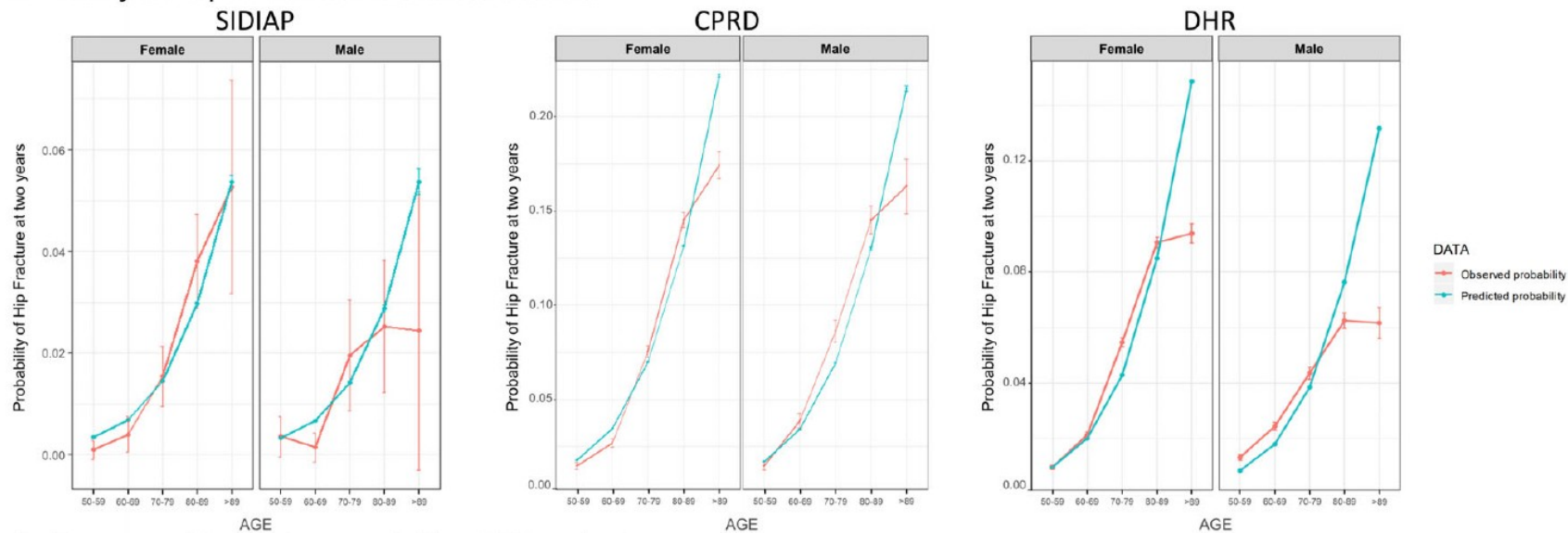
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Imminent fracture risk

a. One-year hip fracture model for IFx cohort



c. Two-year hip fracture model for IFx cohort



Risk factors for imminent fracture risk

Prior fracture timing

Prior fracture location (mostly vertebral fractures)

Falls Frailty and comorbidities

- advanced age
- poor health status (Charlson comorbidity index score ≥ 1)
- CNS diseases
- Alzheimer's disease
- MMSE < 23
- wheelchair, mobility impairment or low walking speed

Glucocorticoid initiation

Medications

- narcotics and sedatives (including benzodiazepines)
- antidepressants (except tricyclics)
- anti-Parkinson medications

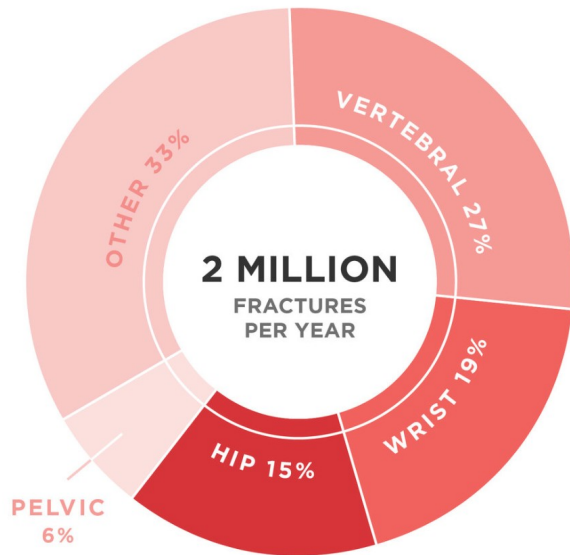
Female gender

Hip BMD T score *

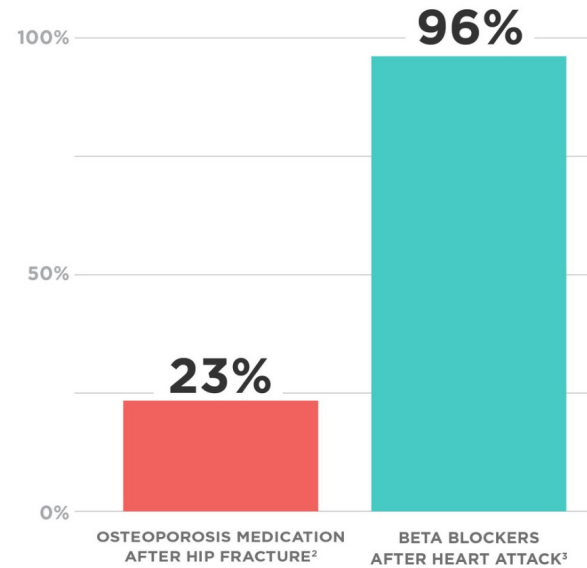
* Only for non-vertebral and hip fractures

Conclusions

- Treatment with romosozumab for 12 months was superior to alendronate alone with respect to the risks of a new vertebral, clinical, nonvertebral, and hip fracture
- Inhibition of sclerostin with romosozumab, increasing bone modeling and reducing bone resorption, causes rapid and large increase in bone mass without increasing remodeling space
- these actions likely contribute to the observed rapid reductions in fracture risk reported in the FRAME and ARCH clinical trials of romosozumab and underscore the clinical relevance of increasing bone formation while reducing bone resorption, a unique dual effect resulting from romosozumab
- These unique features make romosozuab an ideal treatment in patients with imminent / high risk of fracture



Osteoporotic Fractures by Type, per year¹



Only 23% of Patients Receive Osteoporosis Medication After a Hip Fracture²

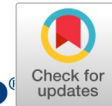
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