

# **Monitoring Osteoporosis treatment**

## **Patient Follow-up**

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# Aim of monitoring

reduction of future fracture risk



stabilize or increase bone mass



preserve or improve bone quality



increase treatment adherence

# Treatment option

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Antiresorptive (Bisphosphonate)

Oral 5 years  
IV 3 years

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Antiresorptive (denosumab)  
Anabolic (teriparatide)

Denosumab 5  
years  
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Romosozumab

One year

# How to monitor

## BMD Measurement

every 1-3 years after initiation of therapy

Central DXA of the spine or hip

Patient follow-up ideally with the same facility using the same machine

# The History of the "Serial BMD While on Therapy" Debate: full circle in 20 years

1. Cummings reports serial BMD from major RCTs show a regression to the mean phenomenon which questions relevance of serial BMD monitoring to individual patient care  
JAMA 2000;283:1318

3. Raloxifene reduces fractures irrespective of BMD change  
JBMR 2002;17:1

5. ACP Guidelines recommend against BMD testing while on therapy  
Ann Int Med 2008;149:404

7. Rapid response criticizing use of RCT data; claims that real-world effectiveness is much less and thus BMD monitoring still needed  
JBMR 2009;10:1643

9. Real-world data shows that patients who get BMD on therapy have less fractures  
JBMR 2019;34:1808

2000

2005

2010

2015

2020

2. Bonnick responds immediately that "regression to the mean" is a spurious statistical "illusion" demonstrable in any population undergoing serial testing  
JCEM 2000;85:3493

4. Fracture risk does not vary according to most BMD changes on alendronate  
Osteo Int 2005;16:842

6. Within-person BMD variations are large while on treatment due to background measurement variation  
BMJ 2009;338:b2216

8. Real-world data shows that BMD loss on therapy predicts higher fracture rate  
Ann Int Med 2016;165:465

10. Present study: large-scale, real-world, long-term data to show that there is less than 1% reproducibility of apparent BMD loss in individuals on treatment. Confirms Cumming's original hypothesis re: lack of useful information in multiple serial BMD

## Bone Turnover Markers



Bone resorption markers (CTX) may be measured before starting therapy and 3 or 6 months later



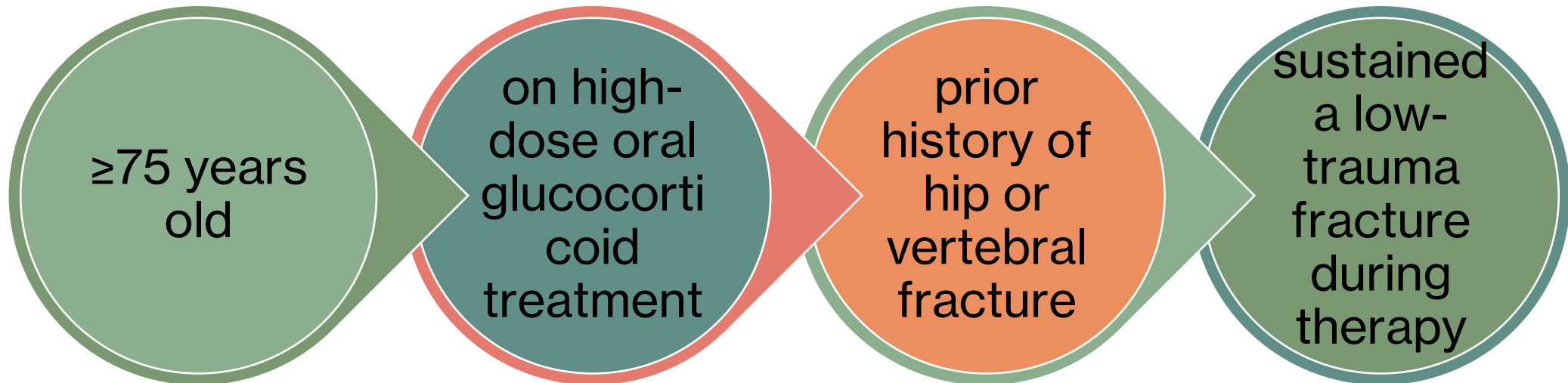
Bone formation markers (P1NP) may be measured before starting therapy and 6 months later



Resorption markers may be used for assessing fracture risk in selected patients when **BMD and clinical risk factors are not sufficient** to make treatment decisions

# Duration of treatment

Bisphosphonate therapy can be continued beyond 3-5 years



BMD  $> -2.5$

withholding treatment and advise patient to follow-up every 2-3 years

BMD  $< -2.5$   
high FX risk

consider continuing bisphosphonate therapy or may change into other agents

FX  
happened

Use the second line treatment



## Treatment failure

≥2 incident fragility fractures

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graph TD; A[≥2 incident fragility fractures] --> B[one incident fracture and elevated serum CTX or P1NP at baseline with no significant reduction during treatment]; B --> C[no significant decrease in serum CTX or P1NP but a significant decrease in BMD];
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one incident fracture and elevated serum CTX or P1NP at baseline with no significant reduction during treatment

no significant decrease in serum CTX or P1NP but a significant decrease in BMD

# Significant decrease in BMD

Scan Date	Age	BMD (g/cm <sup>2</sup> )	T - score	BMD Change	
				vs Baseline	vs Previous
24.11.2020	58	0.634	-0.9	-3.3%	-3.3%
13.05.2018	56	0.656	-0.7		

\* Denotes significance at 95% confidence level, LSC is 0.045 g/cm<sup>2</sup>

# What should we do in treatment failure?

- Change of treatment

- another anti-resorptive treatment
- bone-forming or dual-action treatment



2 years oral  
bisphosphonate

Subjects randomized in the study  
N=643

ZOL 5 mg IV Q12M  
N=322

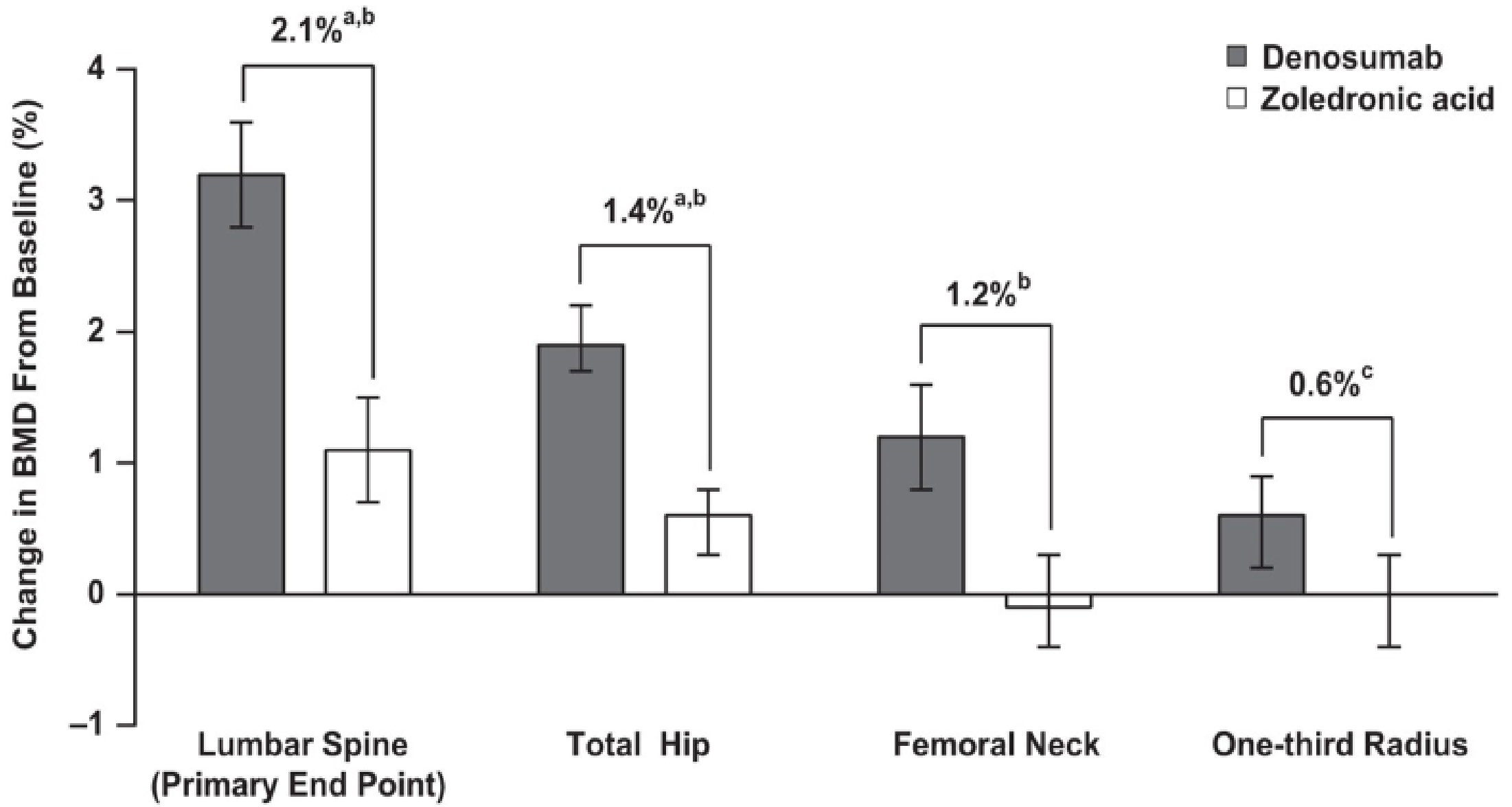
DMAb 60 mg SC Q6M  
N=321

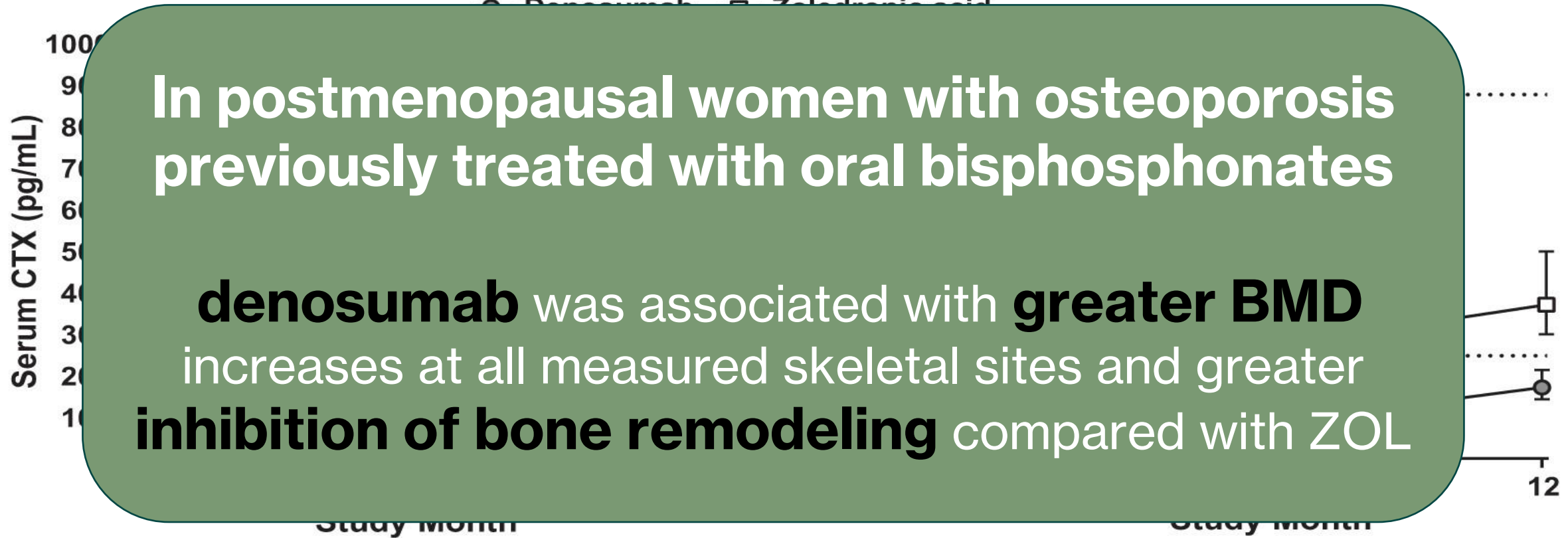
Consent withdrawn, n=5  
Lost to follow-up, n=2  
Other, n=2  
Death, n=1

Consent withdrawn, n=3  
Lost to follow-up, n=3  
Other, n=2

Completed study  
n=312

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n=313





DMAb (n)	60	56	57	58	44	55	56	56	49	DMAb (n)	54	56	57	58	44	56	56	56	49
ZOL (n)	55	52	53	53	37	50	53	52	41	ZOL (n)	50	52	53	53	37	51	53	52	41

# Anabolic and Antiresorptive Therapy for Osteoporosis

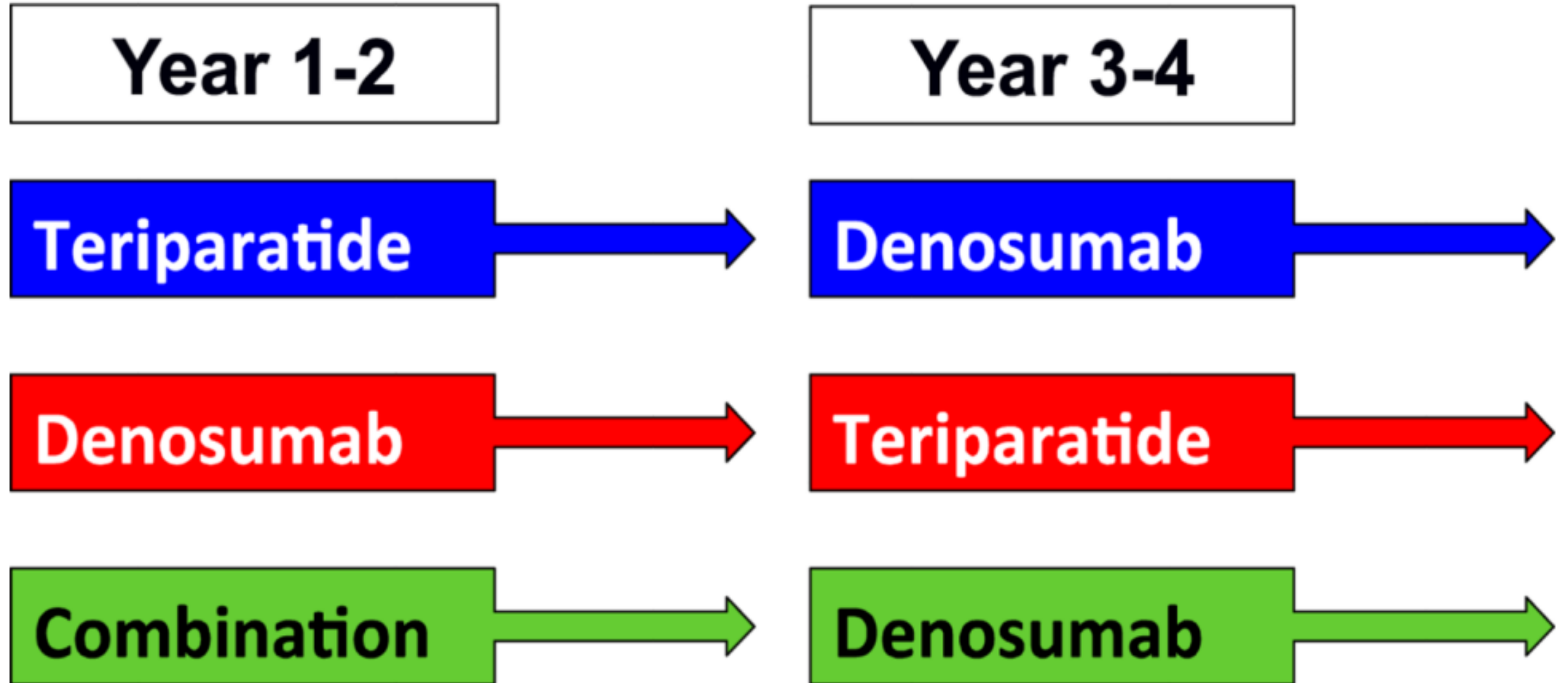
## Hip BMD Effect of Switching From Potent Antiresorptive Therapy to TPTD

Study	Sample size	Treatment paradigm	% Change in total hip BMD during TPTD/PTH treatment			
			6 mo	12 mo	18 mo	24 mo
Ettinger et al. <sup>(27)</sup>	33	Alendronate (mean 29.3 mo) → TPTD (18 mo)	-1.8%	-1.0%	+0.3%	-
Boonen et al. <sup>(24)</sup>	107	Alendronate (median 29.2 mo) → TPTD (24 mo)	-1.2%	-0.6%	+0.6%	+2.1%
Boonen et al. <sup>(24)</sup>	59	Risedronate (median 23.4 mo) → TPTD (24 mo)	-1.6%	-0.4%	+0.9%	+2.9%
Miller et al. <sup>(30)</sup>	158	Risedronate (mean 37.2 mo) → TPTD (12 mo)	-1.2%	-0.3%	-	-
Miller et al. <sup>(30)</sup>	166	Alendronate (mean 38.0 mo) → TPTD (12 mo)	-1.9%	-1.7%	-	-
Cosman et al. <sup>(26)</sup>	50	Alendronate (mean 45.7 mo) → TPTD (18 mo)	-0.8%	-	+0.9%	-
Leder et al. <sup>(28)</sup>	27	Denosumab (24 mo) → TPTD (24 mo)	-1.7%	-2.7%	-1.7%	-0.7%

mo = months.

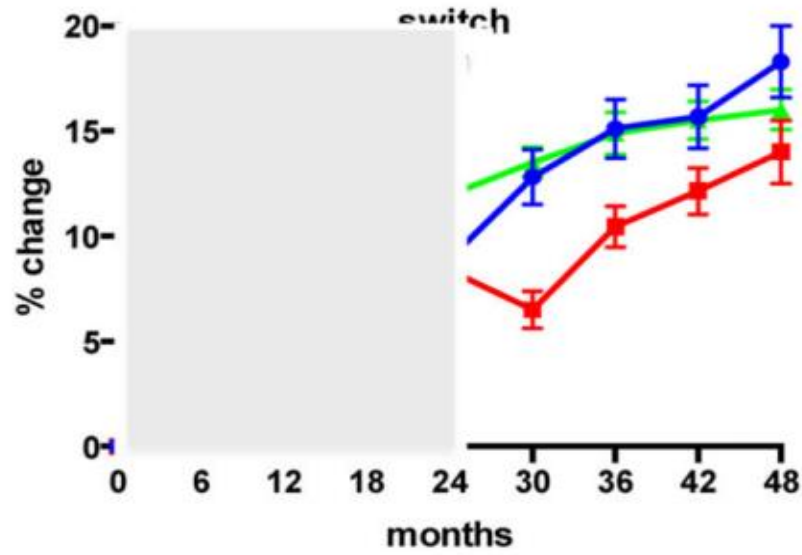
In some cases, numbers are estimated by extrapolation from graph in article.

## DATA-Switch Study Design

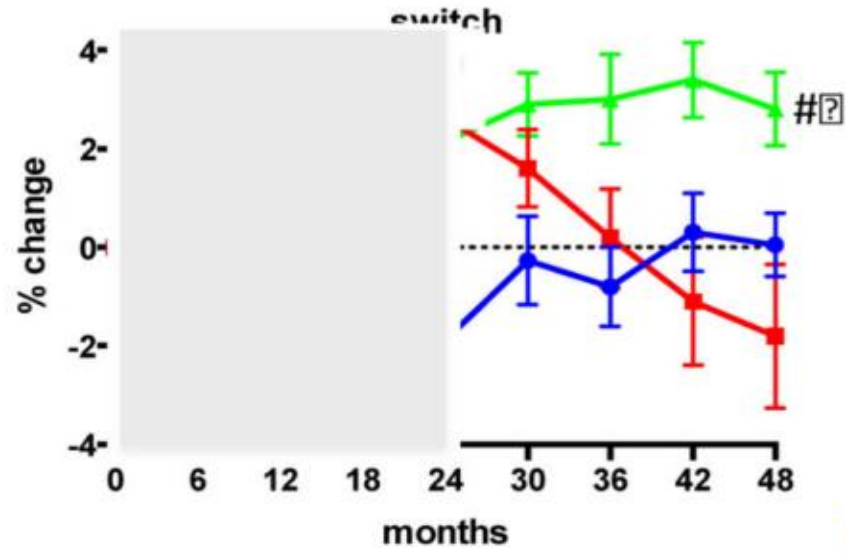




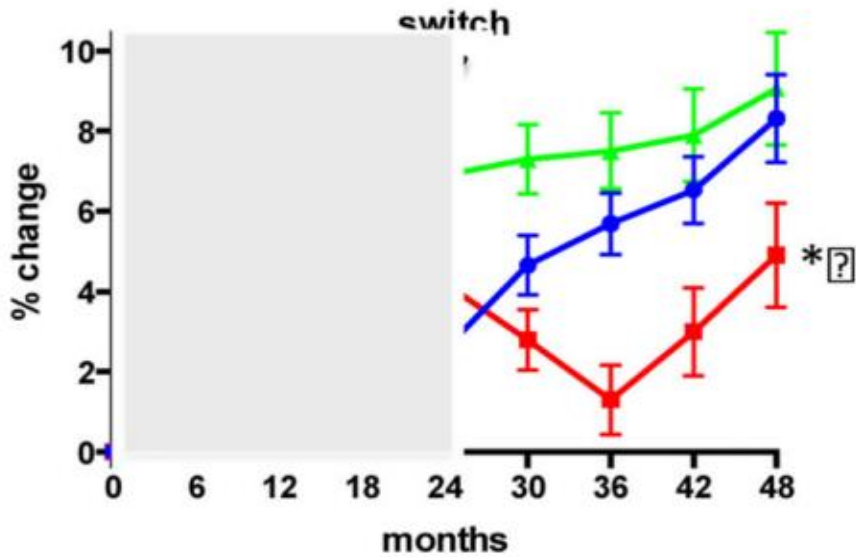
Lumbar Spine



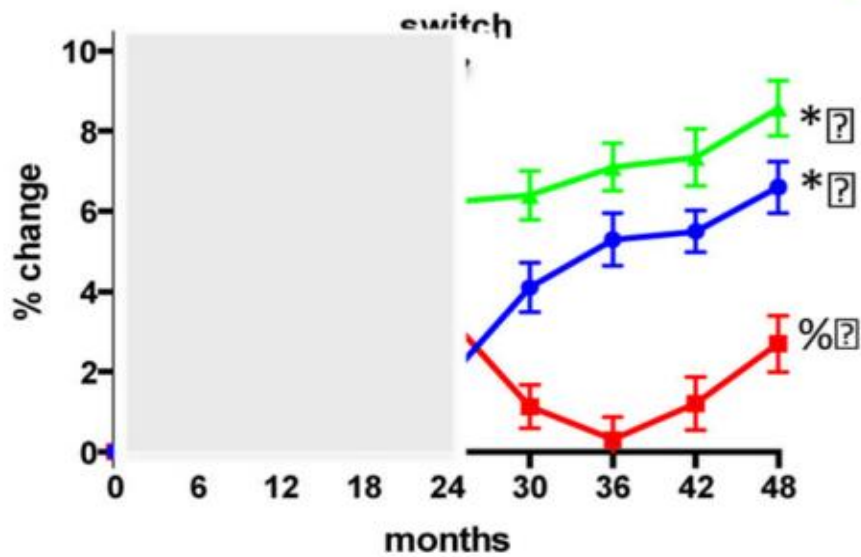
Distal Radius



Femoral Neck



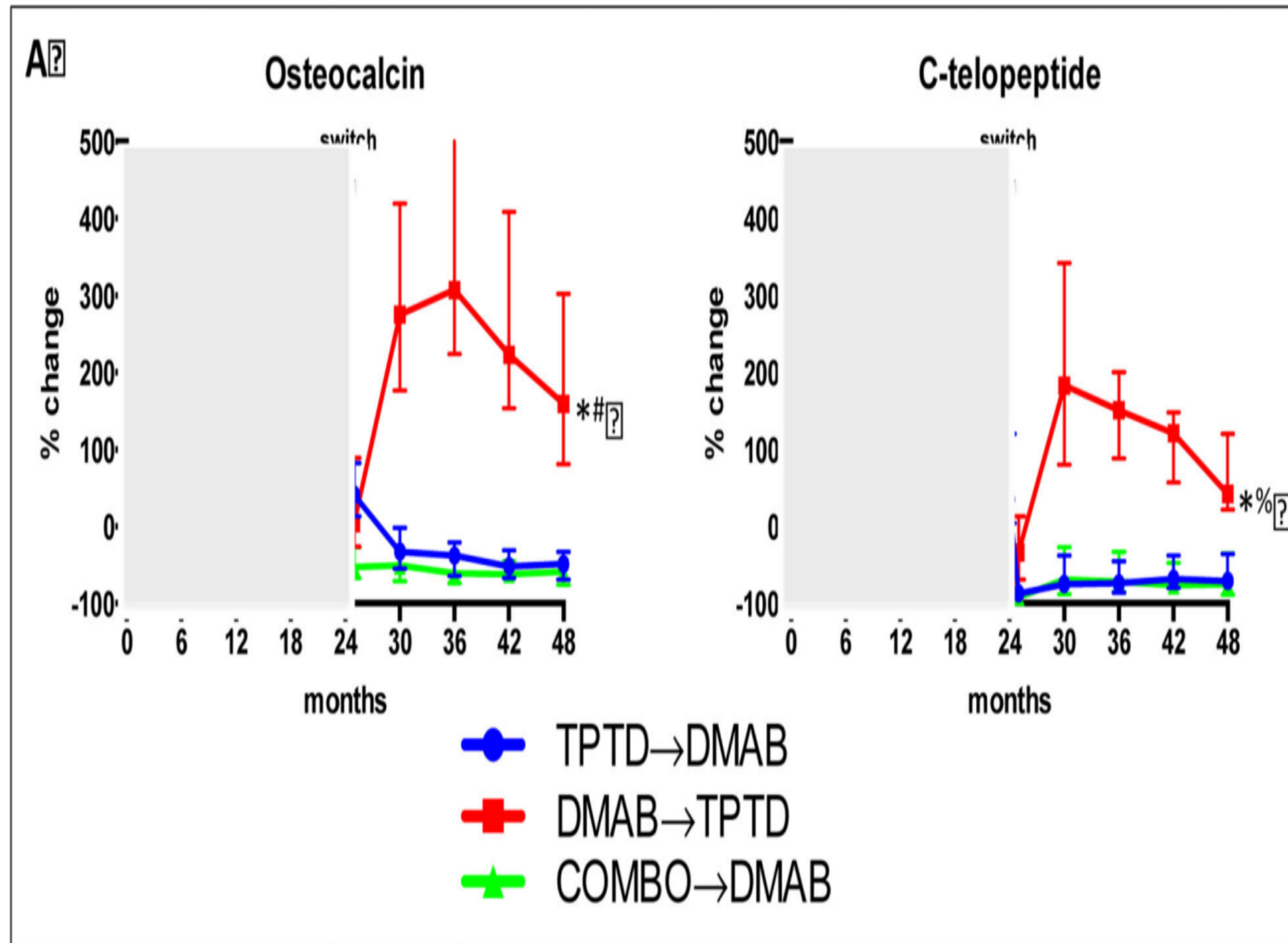
Total Hip



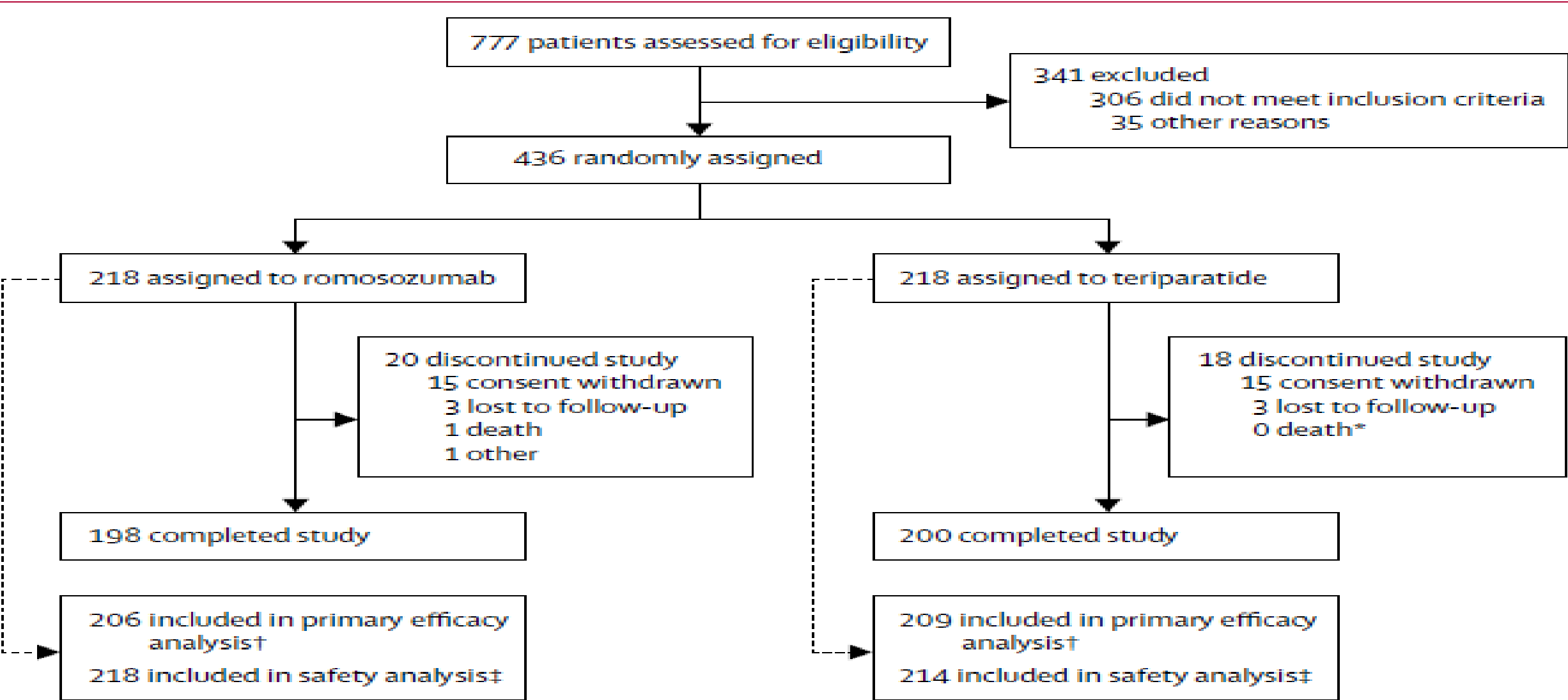
- TPTD→DMAB
- DMAB→TPTD
- ▲ COMBO→DMAB

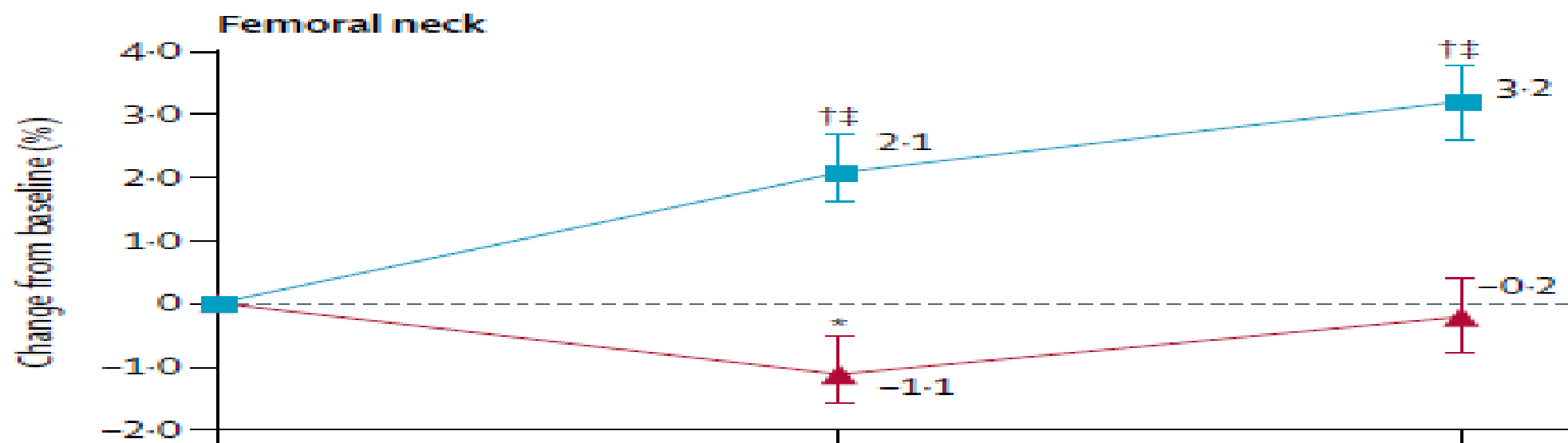
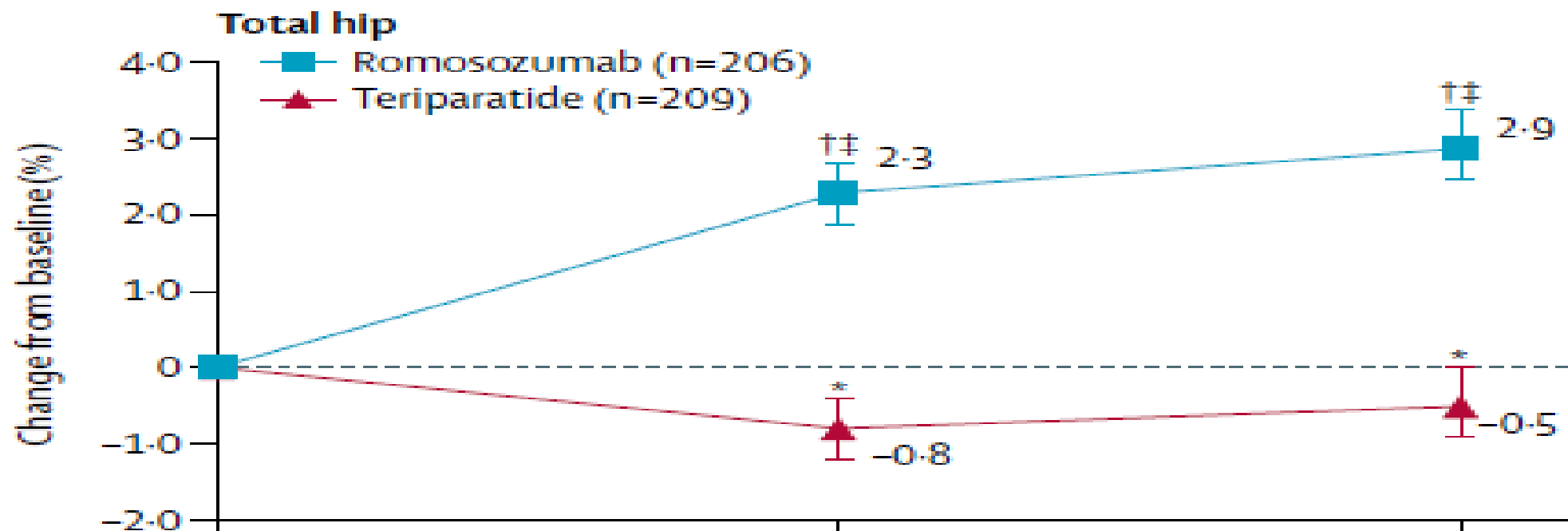
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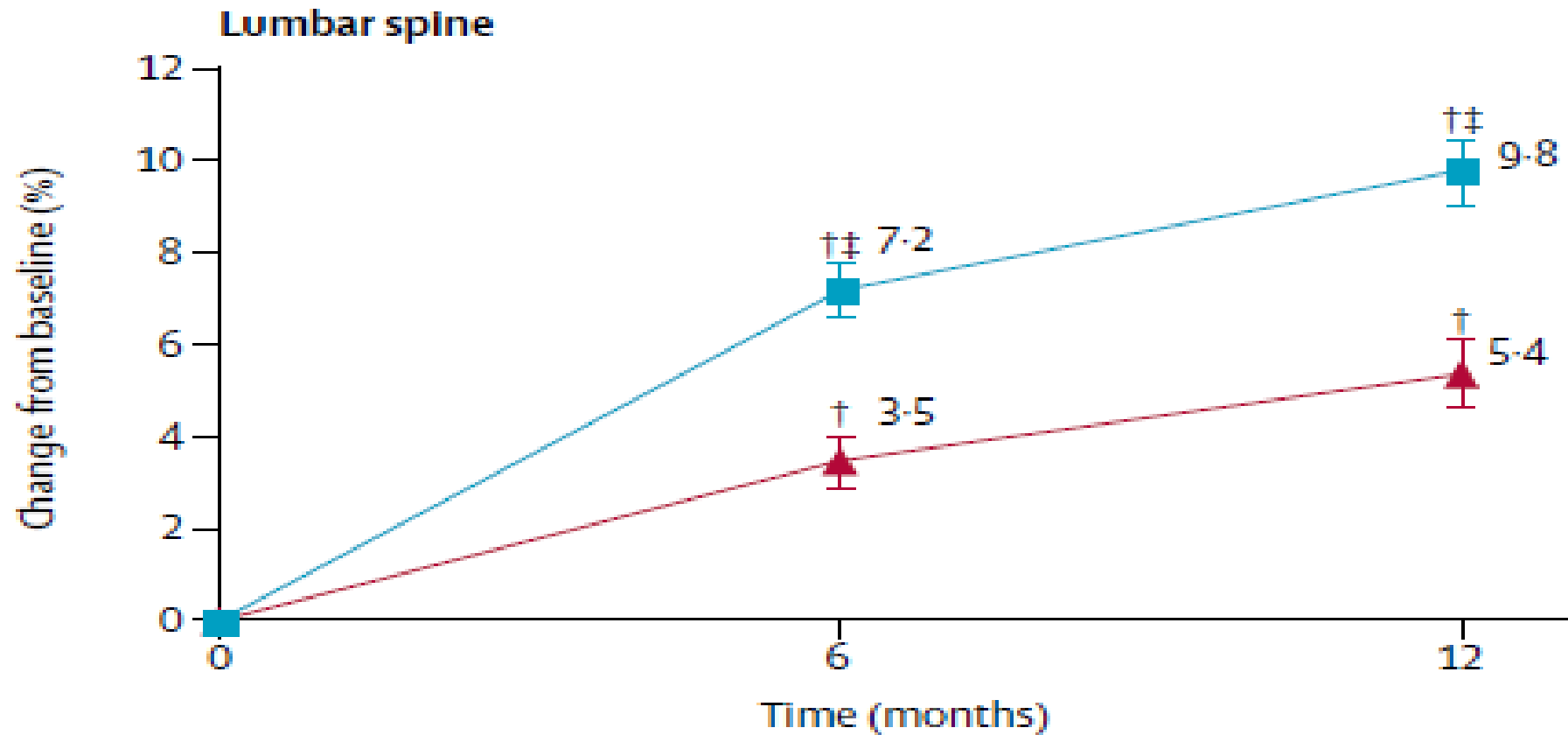
continue denosumab concomitantly with teriparatide either for part of or the full duration of teriparatide



# Romosozumab (sclerostin monoclonal antibody) versus teriparatide in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis transitioning from oral bisphosphonate therapy 6 years: a randomised, open-label, phase 3 trial







In both treatment groups **BMD** increases **were blunted** compared to increase in treatment-naïve women.

# Treatment option in severe cases

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Antiresorptive (Bisphosphonate)

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Antiresorptive (denosumab)

**Anabolic (teriparatide)**

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Romosozumab

**Followed by  
antiresorptive  
treatment**

# What should we do after discontinuation of treatment?



Some recommend discontinuation for fixed duration of 2 years



some recommend monitoring with **bone turnover markers** and restart treatment when the markers are no longer suppressed.



While others recommend following **bone mineral density** and when a significant bone mineral density loss occurs treatment is restarted



**Finally, most agree that a new major osteoporotic fracture would be an indication for restarting treatment**

# conclusion

Monitoring with BMD in 2 years interval may recommended and after treatment



Complete the duration of disease and start holiday



Extended duration of treatment in treatment failure or  $T < -2,5$  is recommended



In severe cases starting treatment with anabolic is preferred



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