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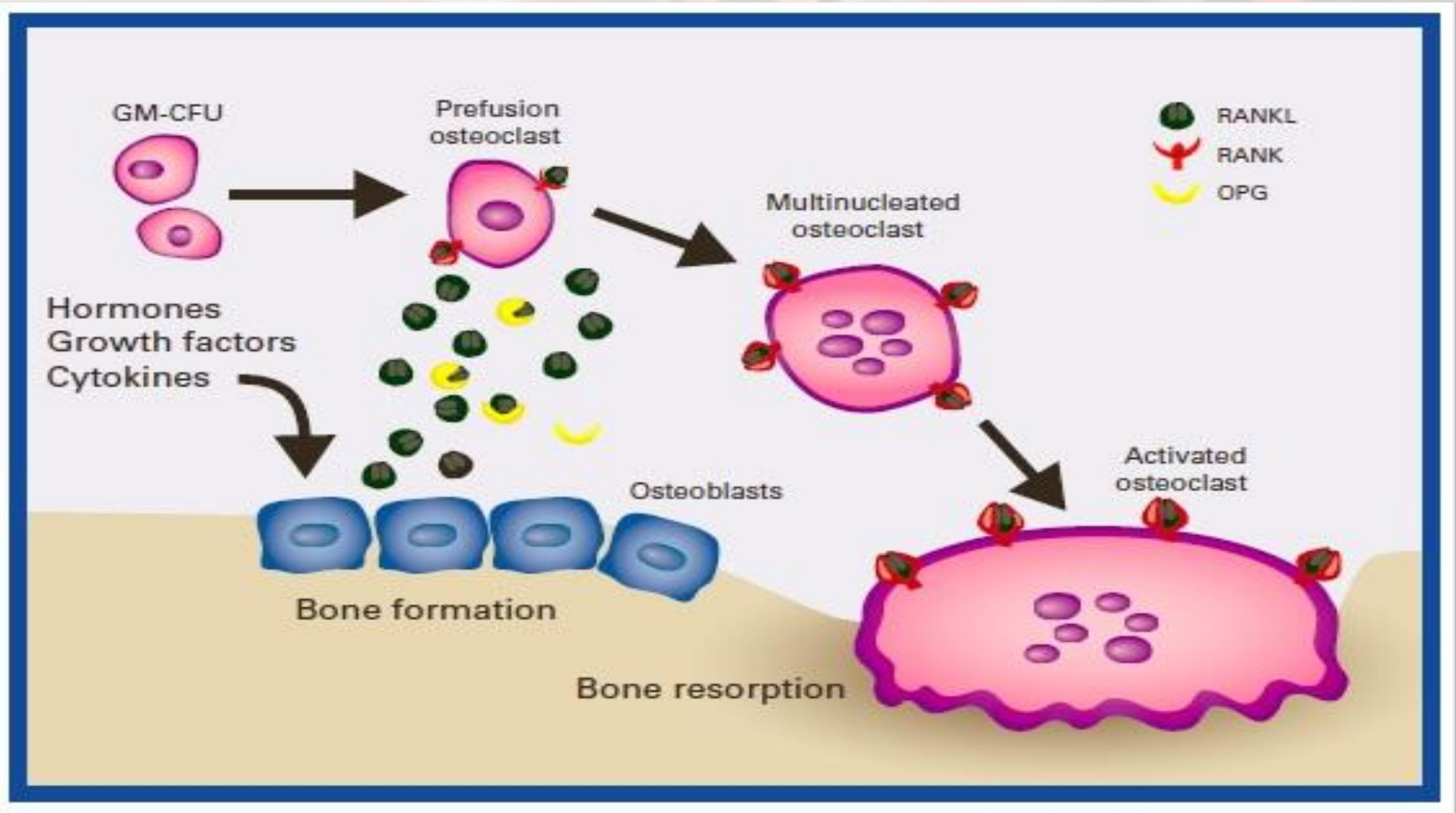
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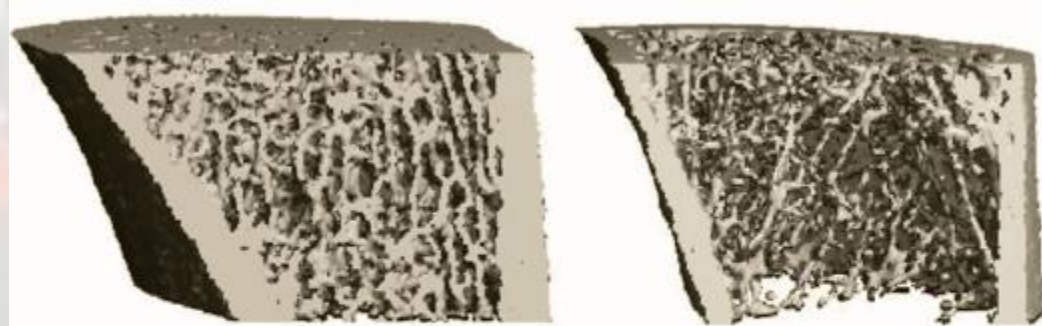
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RANKL: Receptor Activator of Nuclear factor Kappa B Ligand

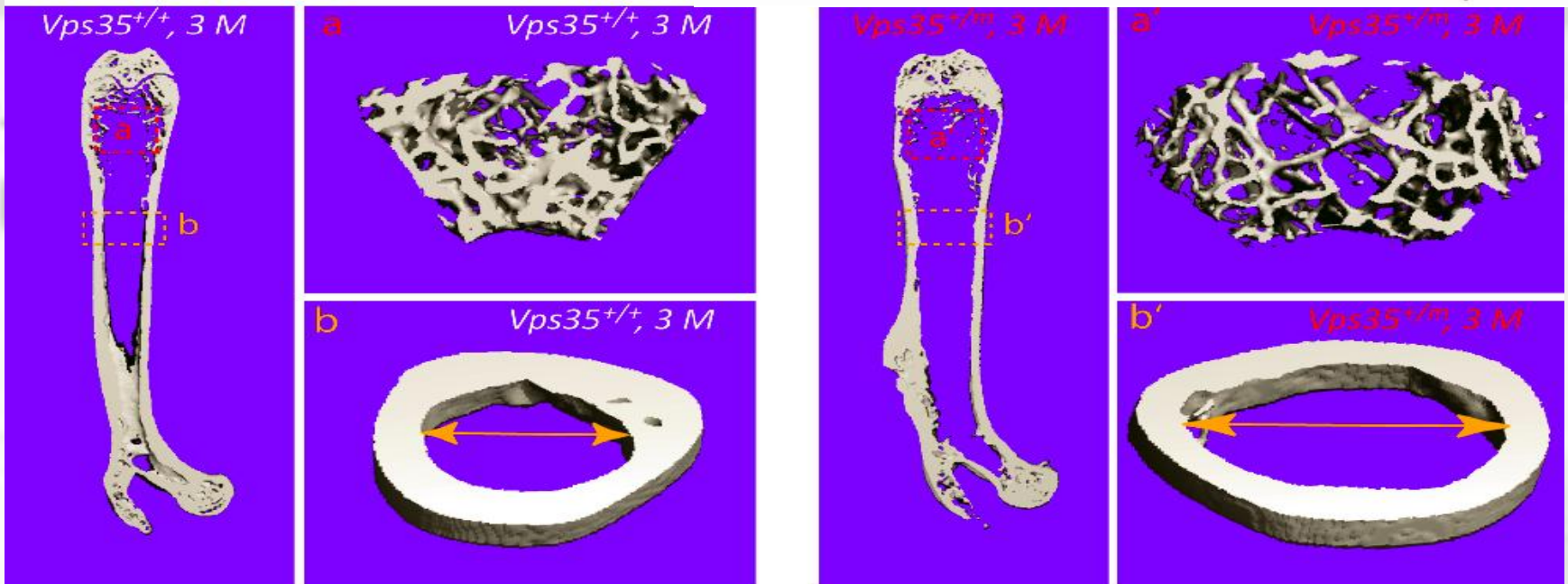


Osteoporosis



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Osteoporosis

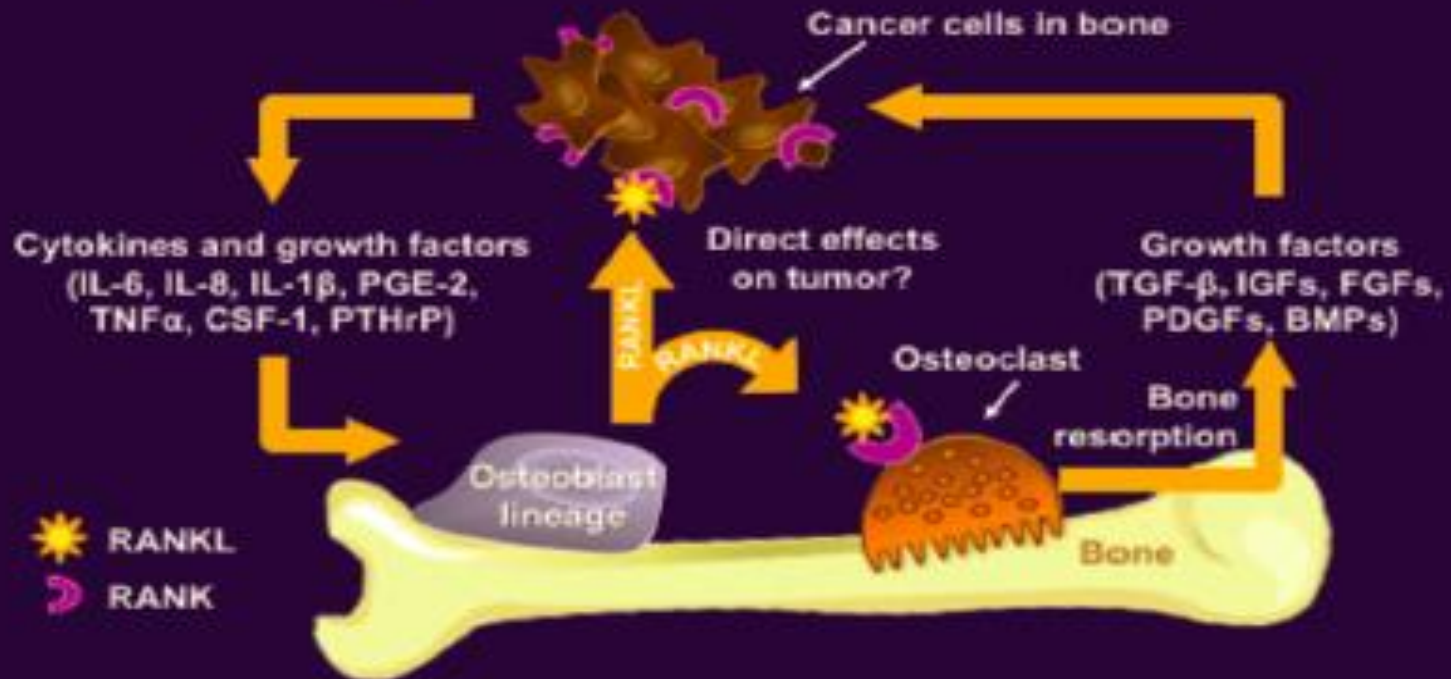


Tumors

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RANK Ligand: Key Mediator in “Vicious Cycle” of Bone Destruction



Adapted from Roodman GD. N Engl J Med. 2004;350:1655-1664.

Further roles

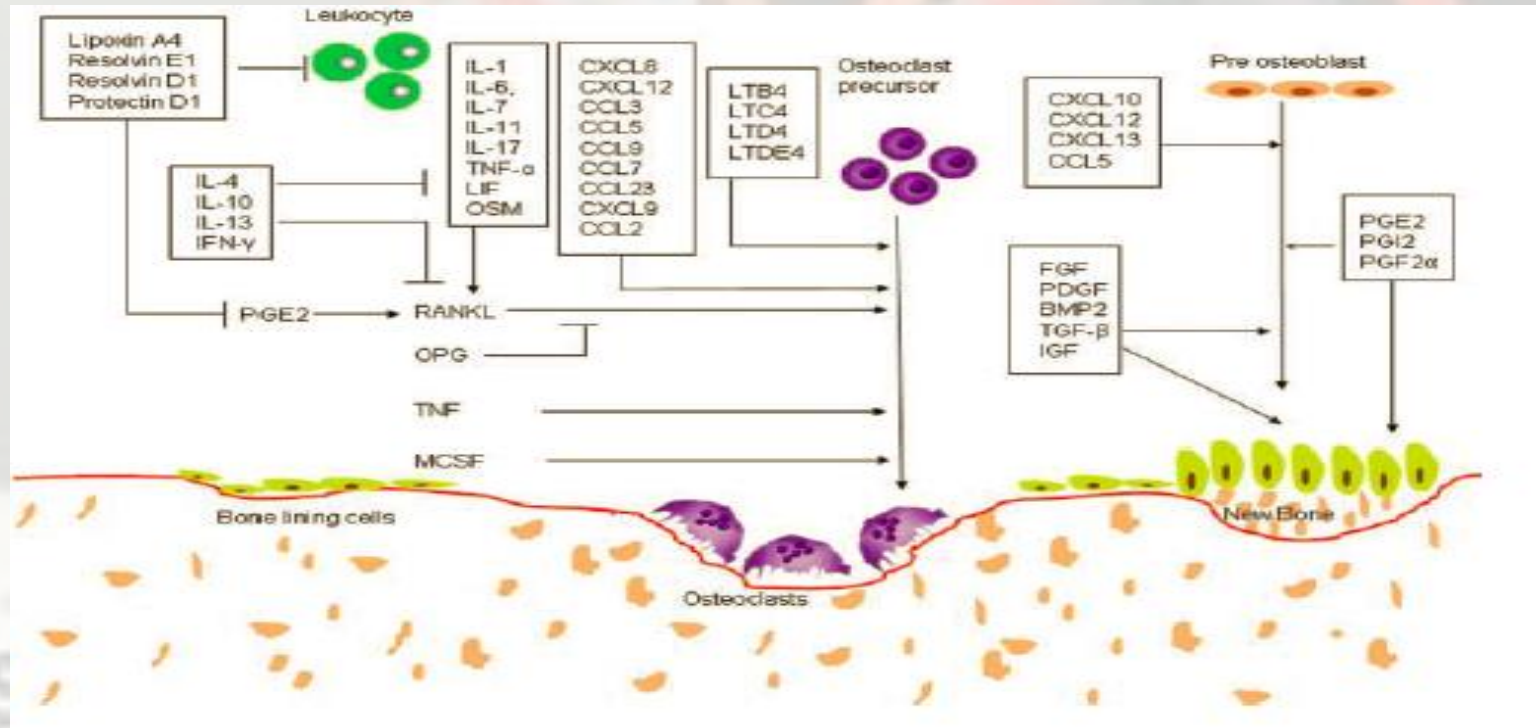


Figure 1. Stimulation of osteoclastogenesis, bone resorption, and coupled bone formation. RANKL, M-CSF, and TNF directly stimulate the formation of osteoclasts, other cytokines or lipid-based mediators such as prostaglandins or leukotrienes indirectly stimulate osteoclastogenesis by effects on RANKL, M-CSF, or TNF- α , and chemokines affect resorption by stimulating recruitment of osteoclast precursors or osteoclast activity. In periodontitis, inflammatory cytokines IL-1, IL-6, IL-7, IL-11, IL-17, TNF- α , LIF, OSM, and RANKL are thought to be primarily produced by leukocytes. Growth factors such as FGF, PDGF, BMP-2, TGF- β , and IGF are released from bone matrix or synthesized locally by various cell types after bone resorption and stimulate proliferation of osteoblast precursors, osteoblast differentiation, or synthesis of bone matrix. Some chemokines, such as CXCL10, CXCL12, CXCL13, and CCL5, may affect bone formation by effects on osteoblast precursors or osteoblasts.

Regulation of hair follicle

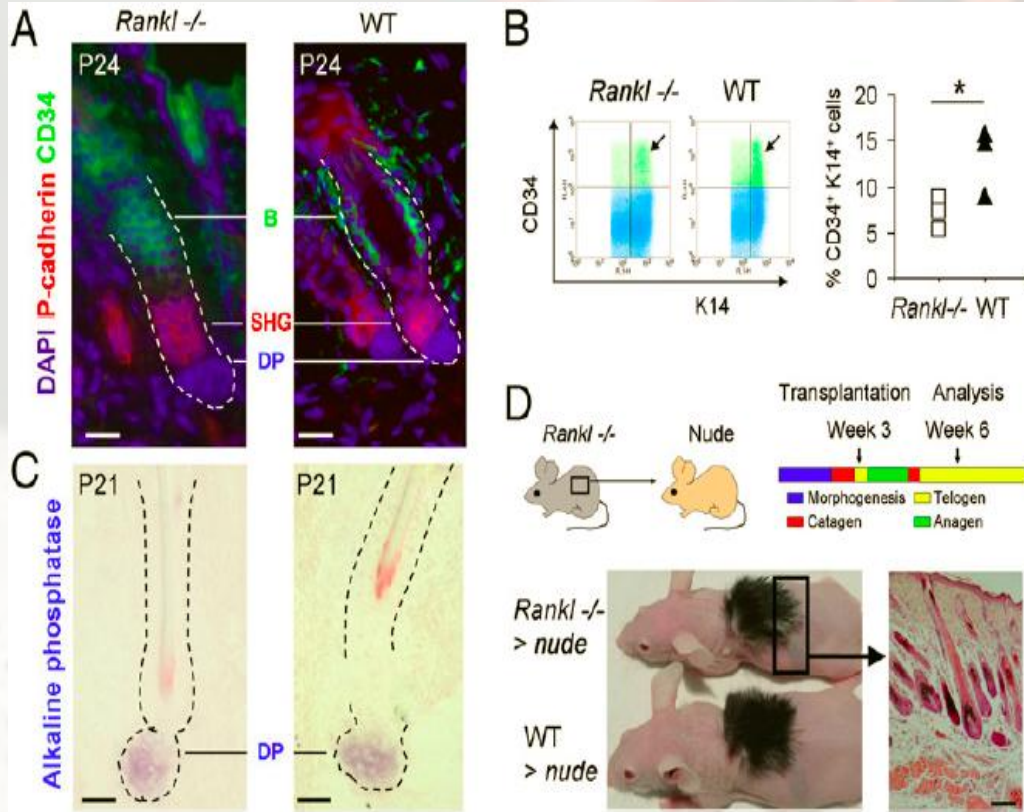


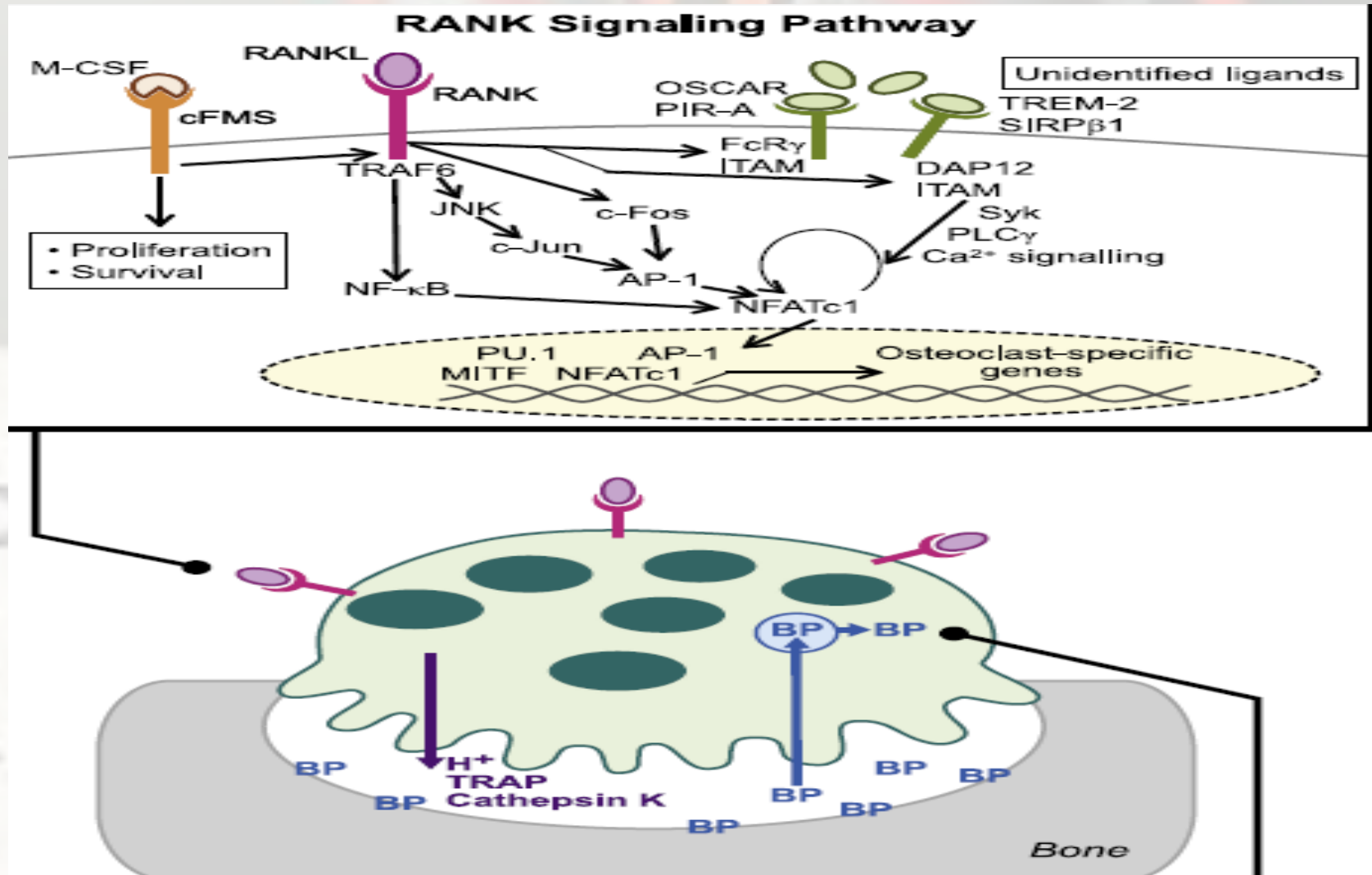
Fig. 2. The HF stem cell and the mesenchymal cell compartment is RANK-signaling independent. (A) Identification of CD34⁺ bulge (B) and P-cadherin⁺ SHG cells in *Rankl*^{-/-} and control telogen HF by immunofluorescence. Nuclei were colored with DAPI. (Scale bars, 20 μ m.) (B Left) Flow cytometry of CD34⁺ bulge cells among keratin 14⁺ keratinocytes in *Rankl*^{-/-} and WT telogen HF. Arrows point to CD34⁺ keratin 14⁺ cells. (Right) Graph depicts the percentage of CD34⁺ and keratin 14⁺ cells in three KO mice and littermate controls (**P* < 0.05). (C) Identification of follicular DP by their alkaline phosphatase activity. (Scale bars, 20 μ m.) (D) Restored *Rankl*^{-/-} hair renewal after transplantation onto *nude* mice at week 3 and analysis at week 6. A *Rankl*^{-/-} skin section shows HF in anagen. Image is representative for five transplantation experiments. (Scale bar, 100 μ m.) The paraffin-embedded section was stained with hematoxylin/eosin.

Treatment of osteoporosis

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The image contains three circular microscopic views of osteoclasts. Each view is overlaid with a large, semi-transparent red prohibition symbol (a circle with a diagonal slash). The background is a light gray gradient, and the text 'OSTEOCLAST' is visible on the left side of the lower half of the image.

Bisphosphonates



Denosumab

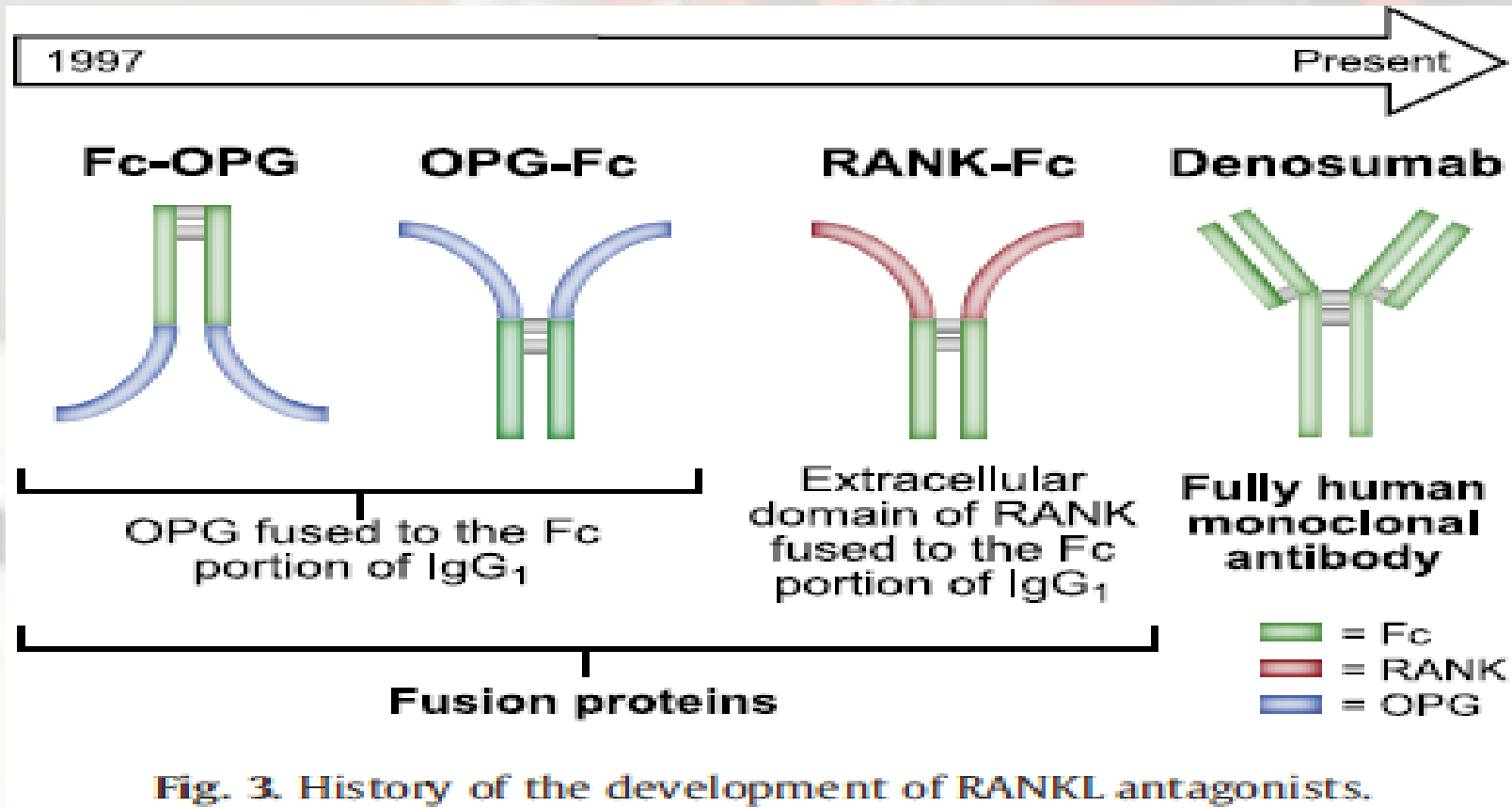
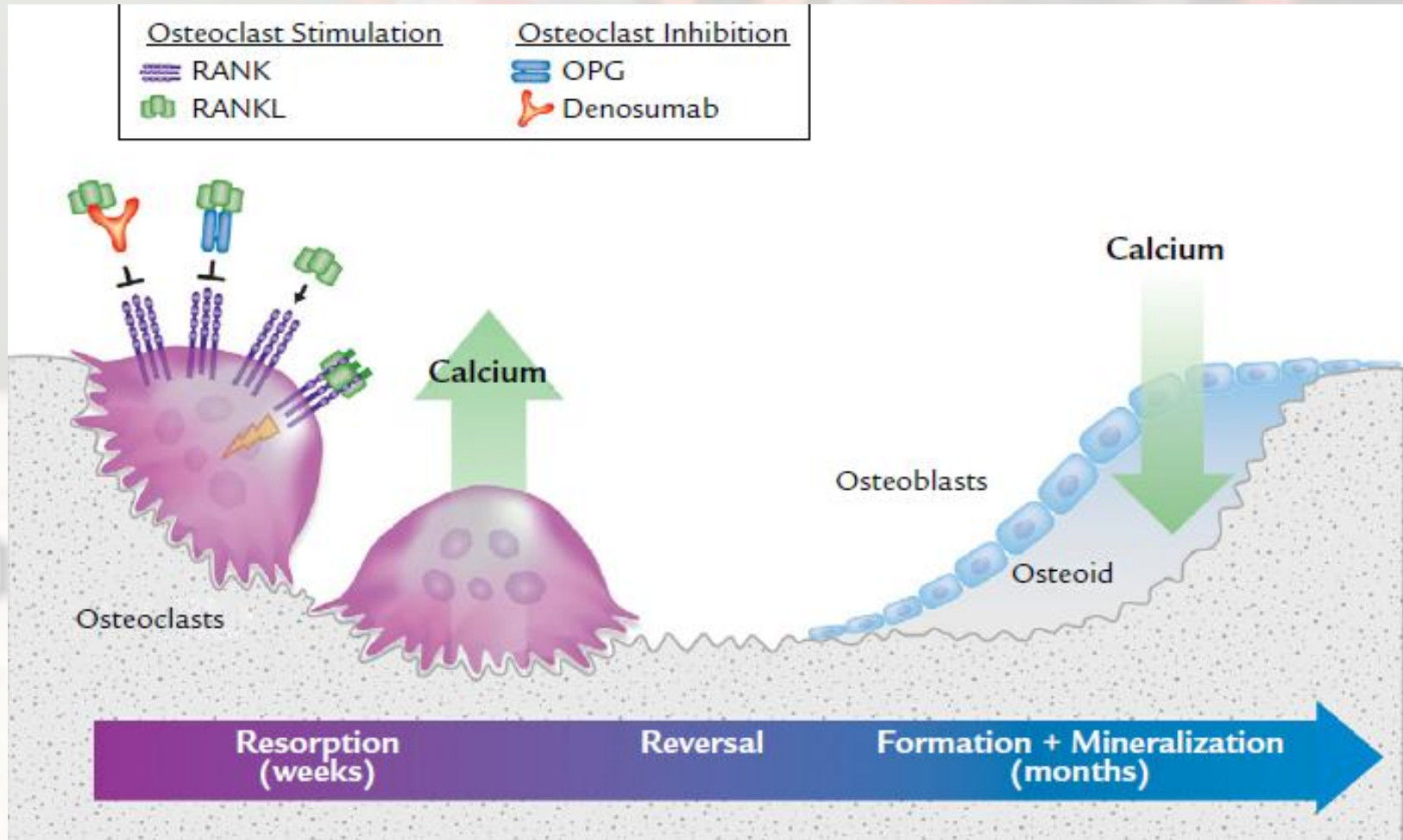


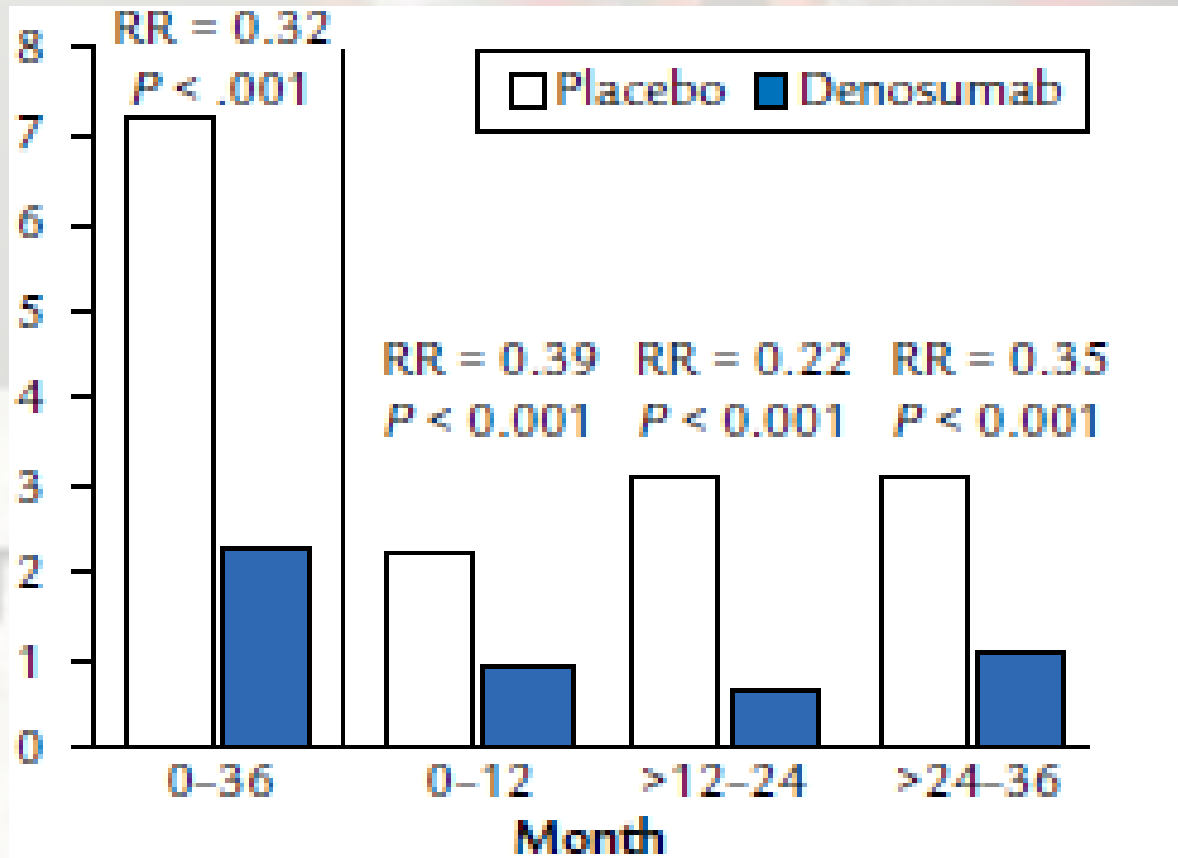
Fig. 3. History of the development of RANKL antagonists.

The mechanism of action of denosumab



Dempster, D.W., et al., *Role of RANK ligand and denosumab, a targeted RANK ligand inhibitor, in bone health and osteoporosis: a review of preclinical and clinical data.* Clin Ther, 2012. **34**(3): p. 521-36.

The effectiveness of denosumab



Denosumab vs bisphosphonate

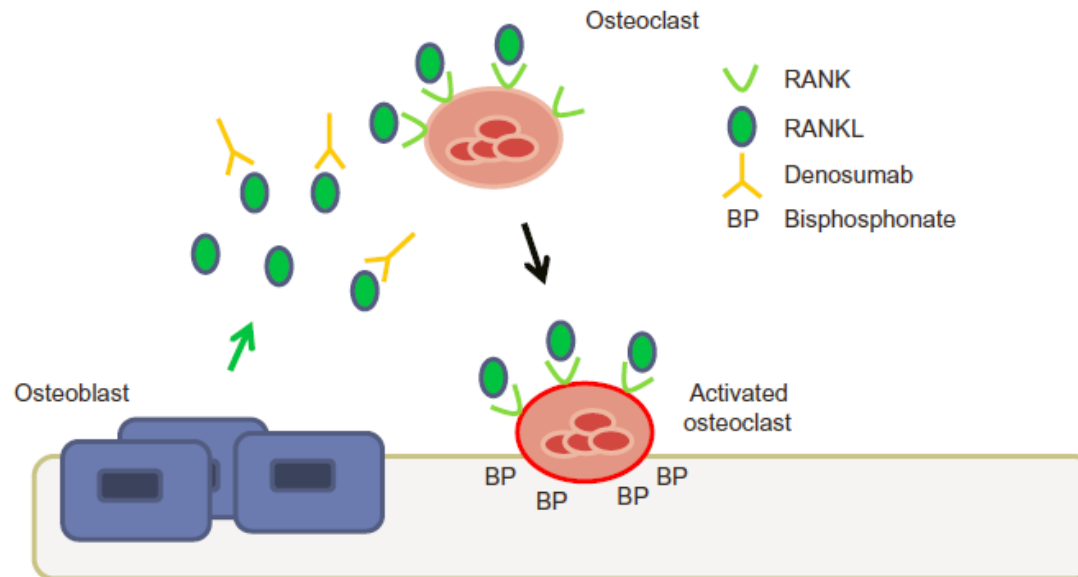


Figure 1 Mechanism of action of denosumab compared to zoledronic acid.

Notes: RANKL is secreted by bone marrow stromal cells and osteoblasts. RANKL binds to the RANK receptor on osteoclasts and promotes osteoclast differentiation and activity. Denosumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody that binds to RANKL and thereby inhibits the activation of osteoclasts by RANKL. Bisphosphonates (for example, zoledronic acid) bind to bone, enter, and inhibit bone resorption by osteoclasts.

See review by Baron et al¹⁷ for details.

Abbreviations: RANK, receptor activator of nuclear factor κ B; RANKL, RANK ligand.

Comparison of their effectiveness

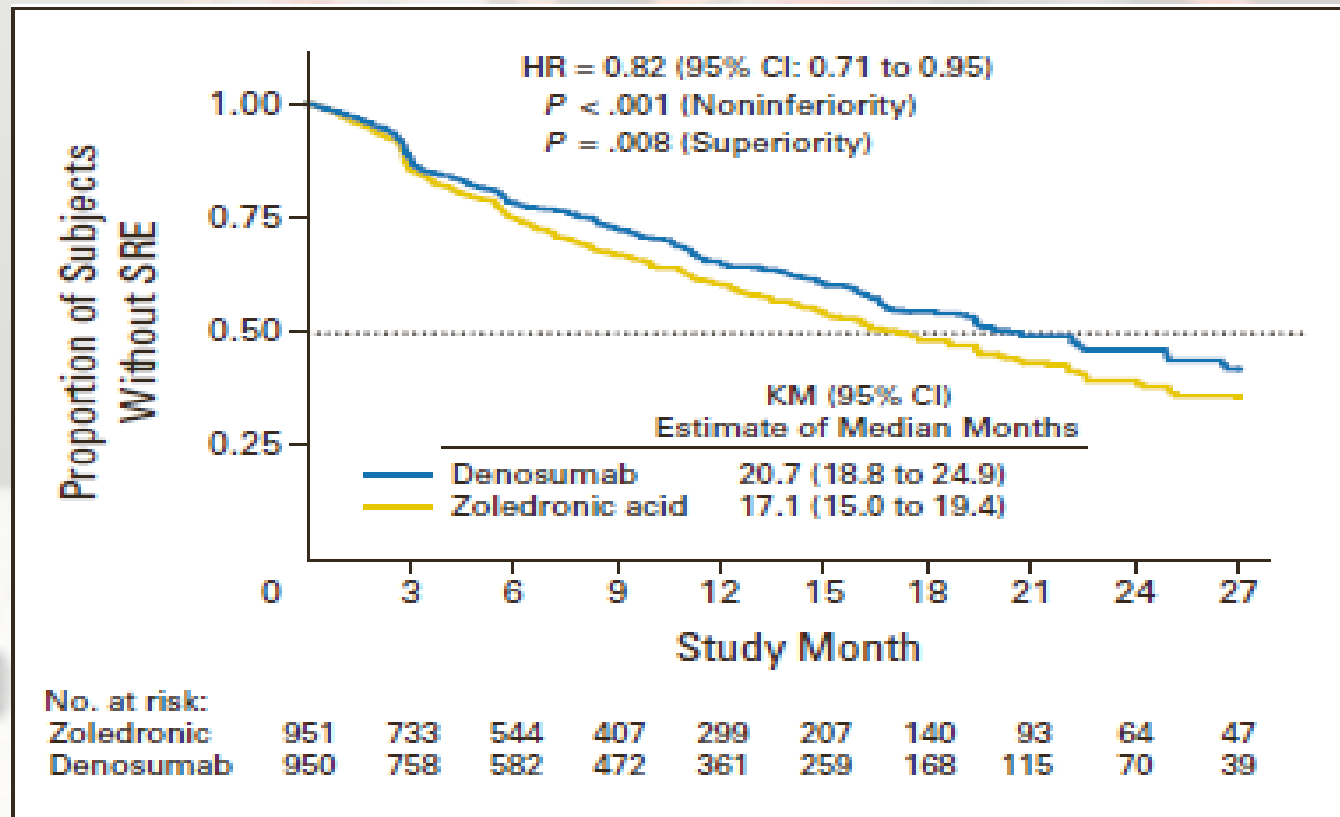


Fig 3. Primary analysis of the Denosumab 103 trial. Denosumab (120 mg subcutaneously every 4 weeks) was compared with zoledronic acid (4 mg intravenously every 4 weeks) in men with castration-resistant prostate cancer metastatic to bone. Median time to first skeletal-related event (SRE) was significantly longer in the denosumab arm (20.7 v 17.1 months). Analyses for noninferiority and for superiority were both significant.³³ HR, hazard ratio; KM, Kaplan-Meier.

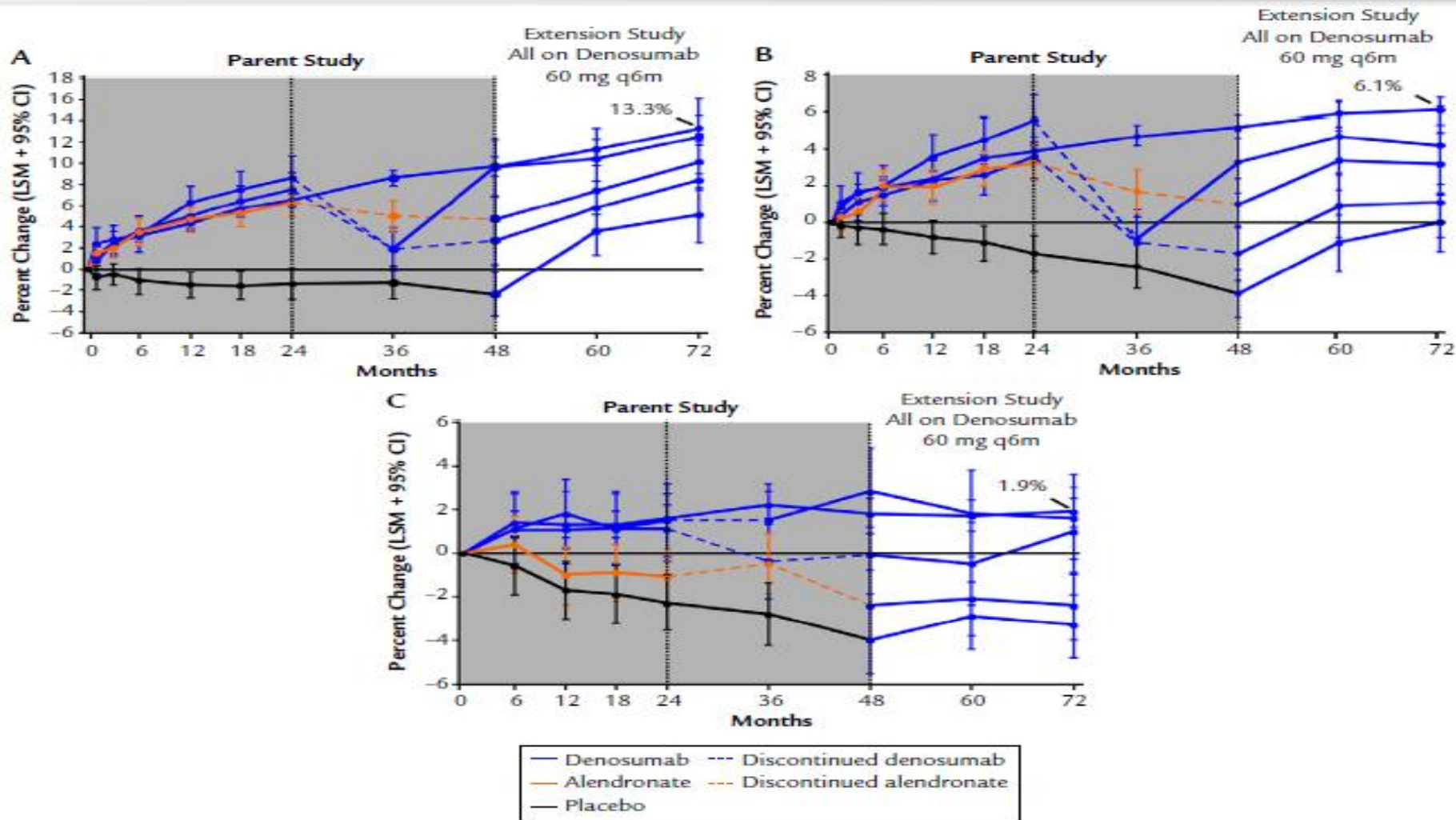


Figure 2. Effect of 6 years of treatment with denosumab on bone mineral density (BMD) at the (A) lumbar spine, (B) total hip, and (C) one-third radius in postmenopausal women with low bone mass. BMD values are shown as percentage change from parent study baseline (least squares mean [LSM] + 95% CI). q6m = every 6 months. Reproduced with permission from Miller PD, Wagman RB, Peacock M, et al. Effect of denosumab on bone mineral density and biochemical markers of bone turnover: six-year results of a phase 2 clinical trial. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2011;96:394–402. Copyright 2011, The Endocrine Society.

Adverse effects

Table. Adverse events reported in the FREEDOM (Fracture Reduction Evaluation of Denosumab in Osteoporosis Every 6 Months) study.

Event	Events (n [%])		P
	Denosumab (n = 3886)	Placebo (n = 3876)	
All	3605 (92.8)	3607 (93.1)	0.91
Serious	1004 (25.8)	972 (25.1)	0.61
Fatal	70 (1.8)	90 (2.3)	0.08
Leading to study discontinuation	93 (2.4)	81 (2.1)	0.39
Leading to discontinuation of study drug	192 (4.9)	202 (5.2)	0.55
Adverse events			
Infection	2055 (52.9)	2108 (54.4)	0.17
Cancer	187 (4.8)	166 (4.3)	0.31
Hypocalcemia	0 (0)	3 (<0.1)	0.08
Osteonecrosis of the jaw	0 (0)	0 (0)	NA
Serious adverse events			
Cancer	144 (3.7)	125 (3.2)	0.28
Infection	159 (4.1)	133 (3.4)	0.14
Cardiovascular event	186 (4.8)	178 (4.6)	0.74
Stroke	56 (1.4)	54 (1.4)	0.89
Coronary heart disease	47 (1.2)	39 (1.0)	0.41
Peripheral vascular disease	31 (0.8)	30 (0.8)	0.93
Atrial fibrillation	29 (0.7)	29 (0.7)	0.98
Adverse events occurring in $\geq 2\%$ of subjects*			
Eczema	118 (3.0)	65 (1.7)	<0.001
Falling [†]	175 (4.5)	219 (5.7)	0.02
Flatulence	84 (2.2)	53 (1.4)	0.008
Serious adverse events occurring in $\geq 0.1\%$ of subjects [‡]			
Cellulitis (including erysipelas)	12 (0.3)	1 (<0.1)	0.002
Concussion	1 (<0.1)	11 (0.3)	0.004

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*P \leq 0.05 for the between-group comparison.

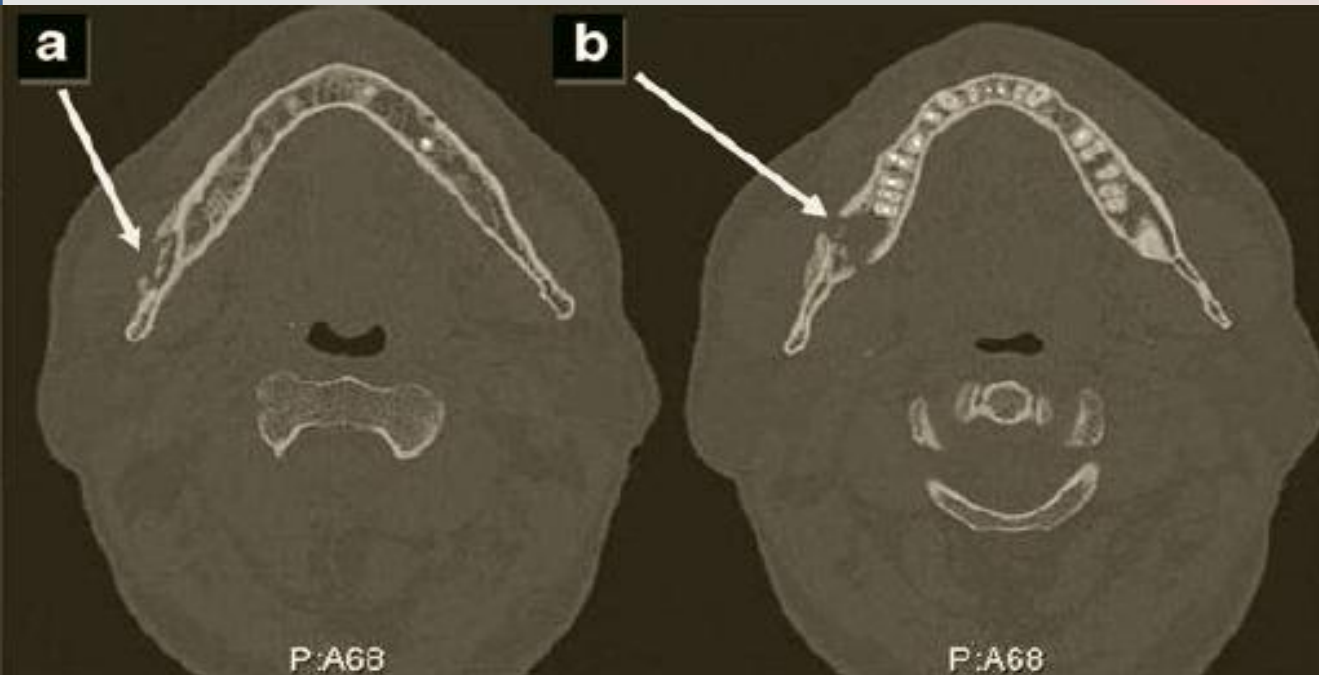
[†]Excludes falls that occurred on the same day as fracture.

[‡]P \leq 0.01 for the between-group comparison.



Osteonecrosis of the jaw

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Neuprez, A., et al., *Osteonecrosis of the jaw in a male osteoporotic patient treated with denosumab*. *Osteoporos Int*, 2013.

Management of osteonecrosis of the jaw

- Conservative method



- Fluorescence guided surgery



Conclusion

- Denosumab did not solve the problem of ONJ
- Denosumab is more superior than bisphosphonates

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