# Bone fragility as a new complication of diabetes

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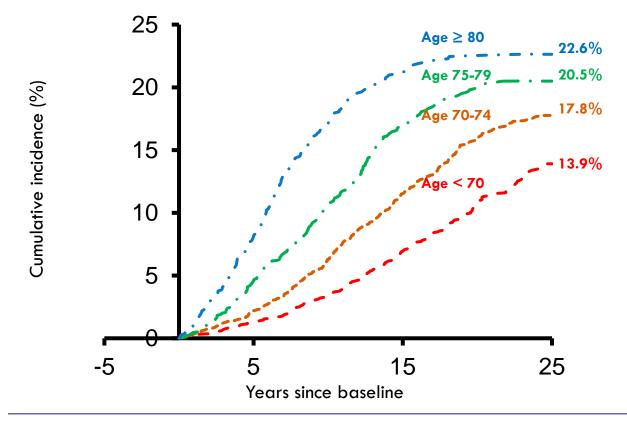




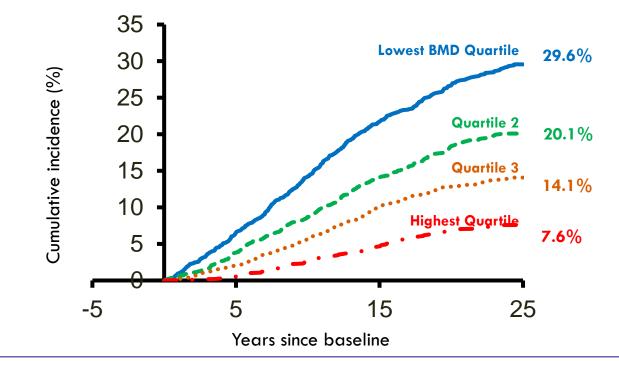


- Eli Lilly
- Novo Nordisk

#### Hip Fracture Incidence increases with Age



## Hip Fracture Incidence increases with lower bone mineral density (BMD)

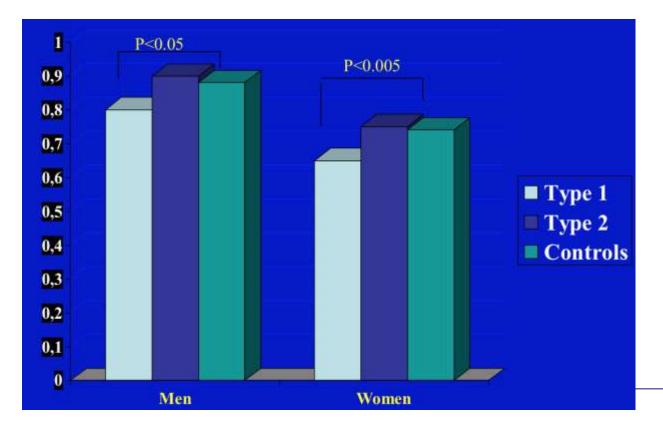


#### **Diabetes: a different story**

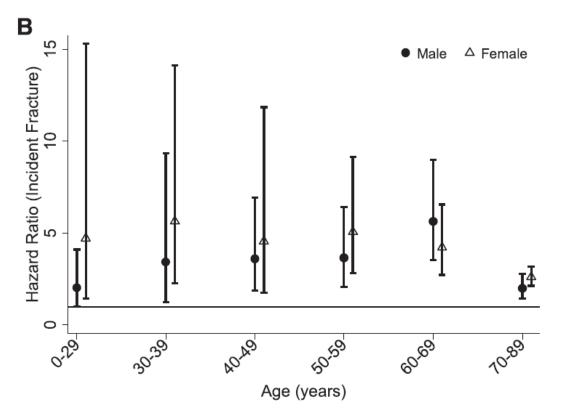


## WHAT WE KNOW

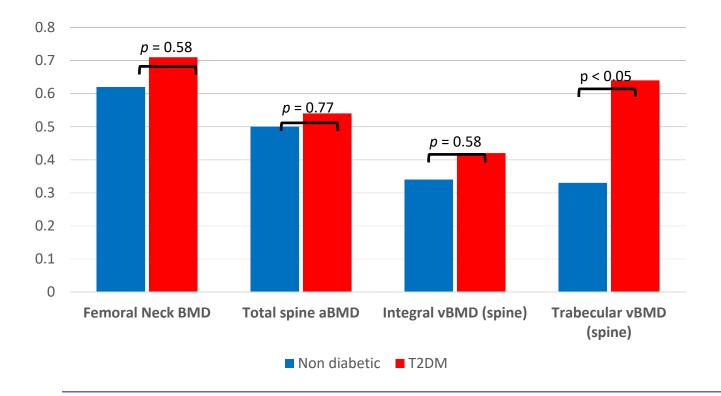
# Bone Mineral Density (BMD) at the hip in subjects with T1D, T2D and without diabetes



#### Association between T1DM and risk of hip fracture

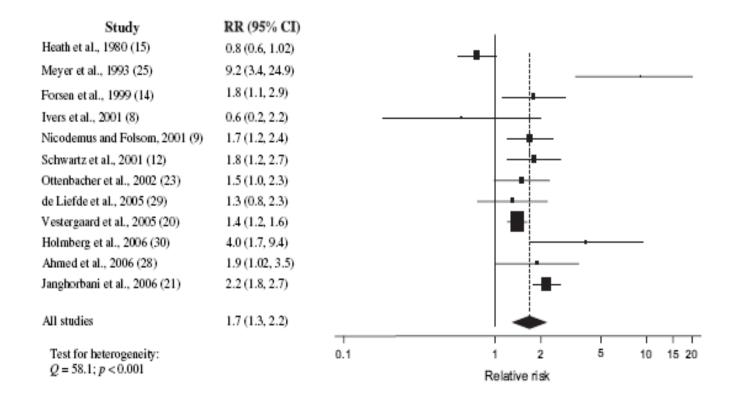


#### Association of BMD at Baseline With Incident Vertebral Fractures in Men With or Without T2DM



Napoli N. et al., J Bone Miner Res, 2018

## Association between type 2 diabetes mellitus and risk of hip fracture



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Endocrine Care

#### Risk Factors for Subtrochanteric and Diaphyseal Fractures: The Study of Osteoporotic Fractures

Nicola Napoli, Ann V. Schwartz, Lisa Palermo, Jenny J. Jin, Rosanna Wustrack, Jane A. Cauley, Kristine E. Ensrud, Michael Kelly, and Dennis M. Black



Older women (N=9704) in the Study of Osteoporotic Fractures

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Full Length Article

Increased prevalence of self-reported fractures in Asian Indians with diabetes: Results from the ICMR-INDIAB population based cross-sectional study



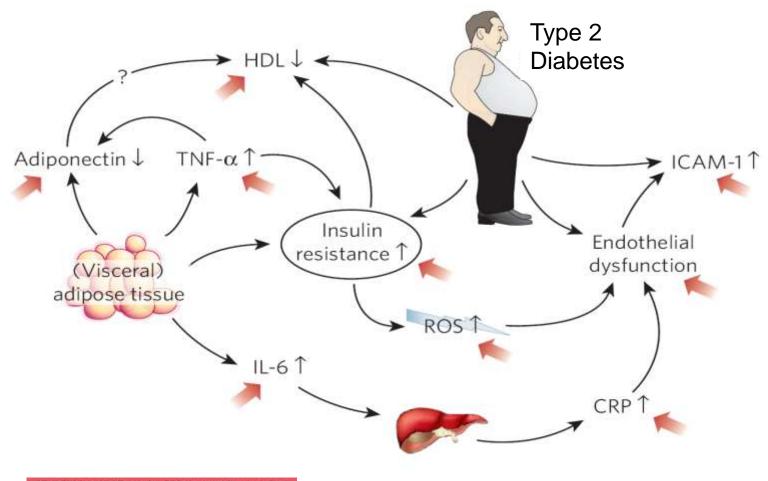
Parjeet Kaur<sup>a,</sup>, Ranjit Mohan Anjana<sup>b</sup>, Nikhil Tandon<sup>c</sup>, Manish Kumar Singh<sup>d</sup>, Viswanathan Mohan<sup>b</sup>, Ambrish Mithal<sup>a</sup>

|  | Total population               |  | Females                  |                     | Males                     |                     |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
|  | No Diabetes<br>N = 50,245      | Diabetes $N = 3848$                                    | No Diabetes $N = 27,848$ | Diabetes $N = 1909$ | No diabetes<br>N = 22,397 | Diabetes $N = 1939$ |
| Age (years)<br>Mean (SD)   | 40.6 (14.3)<br>(range: 20-105) | 51.8(13.04) <sup>*</sup><br>(range: 20-95)             | 39.7(13.9)               | 51.0(13.1)*         | 41.6(14.8)                | 52.6(12.8)          |
| Fractures  | 1256 (2.5%)                    | 154 (4.0%)   | 501 (1.8%)               | 66 (3.5%)*          | 761 (3.4%)                | 87 (4.5%)           |
| Obesity(BMI > 25 kg/m*)  | 17,736 (35.3%)                 | 2432 (63.2%)*  | 10,053 (36.1%)           | 1260 (66.0%)        | 7704 (34.4%)              | 1173 (60.5%)*       |
| Waist circumference women > 80 cm<br>Waist circumference men > 90 cm | 6883 (13.7%)<br>10,953 (21.8%) | 1604 (41.7%) <sup>*</sup><br>2008 (52.2%) <sup>*</sup> | 3815 (13.7%)             | 796 (41.7%)*        | 4053 (18.1%)              | 942 (48.6%)         |
| Alcohol consumption  | 7938 (15.8%)                   | 550 (14.3%)*   | 986 (3.5%)               | 33 (1.7%)*          | 6965 (31.1%)              | 518 (26.7%)-        |
| Smoking  | 8642 (17.2%)                   | 638 (16.6%)  | 1225 (4.4%)              | 64 (3.4%)*          | 7413 (33.1%)              | 576 (29.7%)*        |
| Urban population   | 14,169 (28.2%)                 | 1758 (45.7%)*  | 8062 (29%)               | 862 (45.2%)*        | 6105 (27.3%)              | 895 (46.2%)*        |
| Physically active  | 23,715 (47.2%)                 | 1450 (37.7%)*  | 10,888 (39.1%)           | 578 (30.3%)*        | 12,811 (57.2%)            | 874 (45.1%)         |

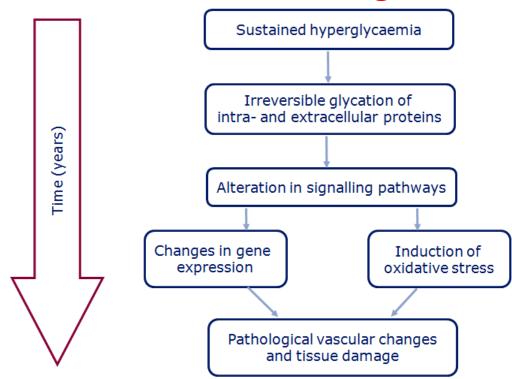
n < 0.05 vs no diabetes

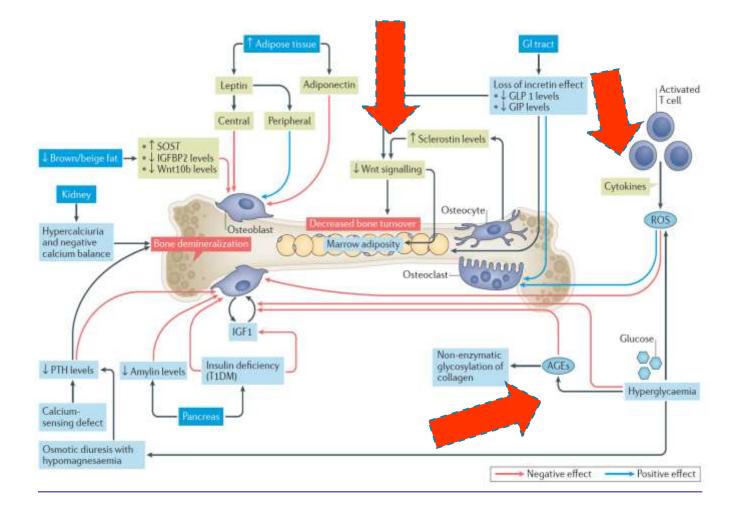
# Why a sweet bone is more brittle?





#### Type 2 diabetes progression: vascular changes and tissue damage

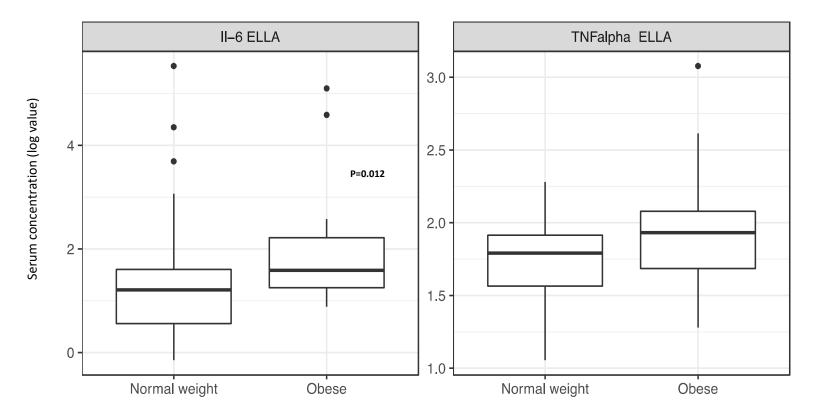




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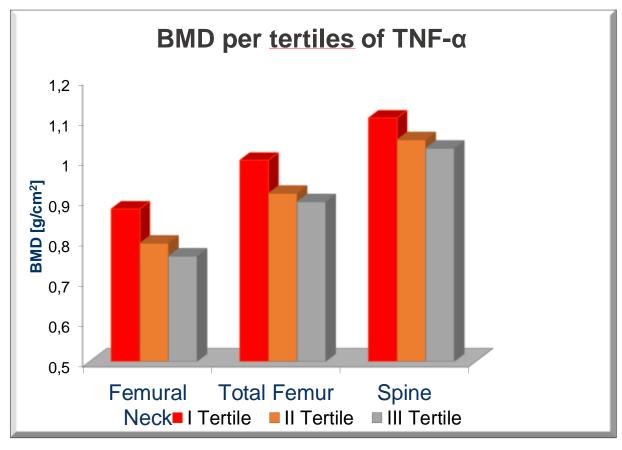
## **Role of inflammation**

#### Serum cytokines are increased in the T2D-obese



Napoli, unpublished

#### Inflammation is associated to bone loss



Napoli, unpublished <sup>20</sup>

#### Increased adiposity is associated to lower BMD

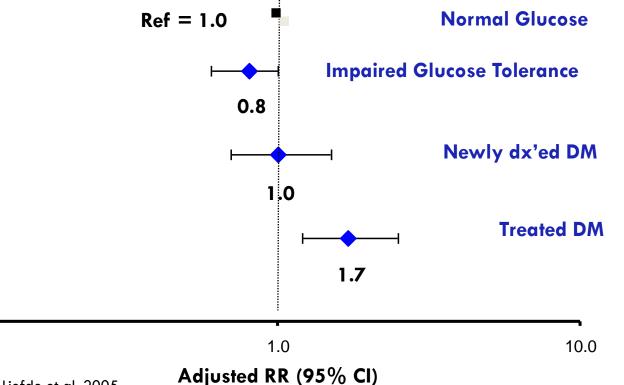
|                           | Females (n = 92)          |                            |                             |                  |  |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Clinical Variable         | First Tertile<br>(n = 30) | Second Tertile<br>(n = 31) | Third Tertile<br>(n = 31)   | P Value          |  |  |
| Age, y                    | 69.6 ± 3.0                | 69.8 ± 3.5                 | 69.3 ± 4.7                  | .94              |  |  |
| Median (IQR) <sup>a</sup> | 69.6 (67.0, 71.5)         | 68.0 (67.0, 73.0)          | 68.0 (66.0, 72.0)           |                  |  |  |
| Weight, kg                | $101.0 \pm 11.7$          | 90.0 ± 13.0                | $102.7 \pm 15.6$            | <.001            |  |  |
| Height, cm                | $172.5 \pm 10.5$          | $162.4 \pm 6.6$            | $160.6 \pm 7.1$             | <.001            |  |  |
| BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>    | $34.0 \pm 3.3$            | $35.8 \pm 4.4$             | 39.0 ± 5.8 <sup>b,c</sup>   | <.001            |  |  |
| PPT                       | $29.4 \pm 1.5$            | 28.3 ± 3.4                 | 26.2 ± 3.9 <sup>b,c</sup>   | .001             |  |  |
| BMD                       |                           |                            |                             |                  |  |  |
| Spine                     | 1.190 ± 0.16              | 1.060 ± 0.14               | 1.063 ± 0.12                | <u>&lt;.</u> 001 |  |  |
| Total femur               | 1.049 ± 0.14              | 0.939 ± 0.11               | 0.947 ± 0.14                | < 0.001          |  |  |
| hs-CRP, mg/L              | 1.5 (1.0, 2.0)            | 4.1 (2.3, 5.8)             | 5.5 (3.5, 7.5) <sup>a</sup> | .002             |  |  |

Aguirre, Napoli et al, JCEM 2014

Is diabetic bone different? Or, what is the evidence that diabetes, especially with longer duration, affects bone

- > Disease progression
- > Disease duration
- > Glycaemic control
- > Complications and falls

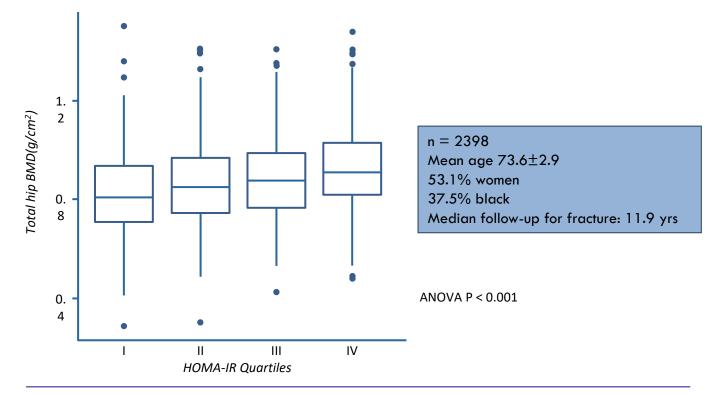
## Impaired Glucose Tolerance (Pre-Diabetes) and Non-Spine Fracture Risk - Rotterdam Study



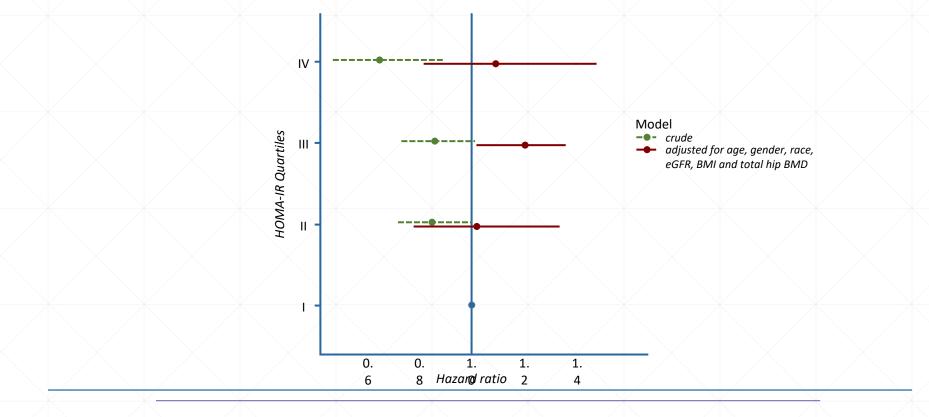
De Liefde et al. 2005

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## Total hip bone mineral density is increased by quartiles of HOMA-IR index



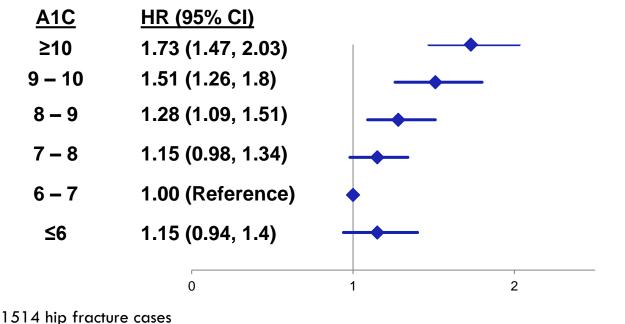
# Non-spine fractures are increased according to quartiles of HOMA-IR index



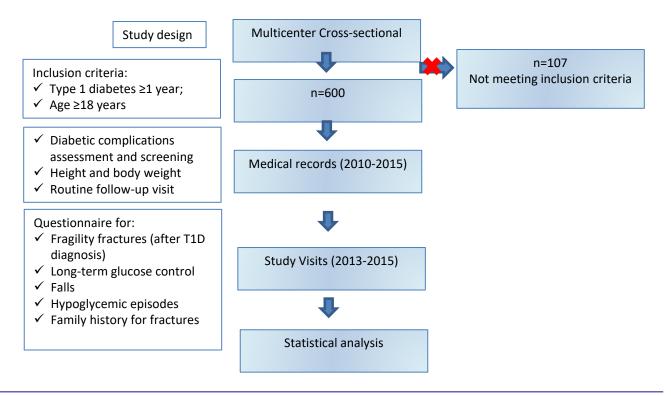
Napoli N and Conte C, JCEM 2019

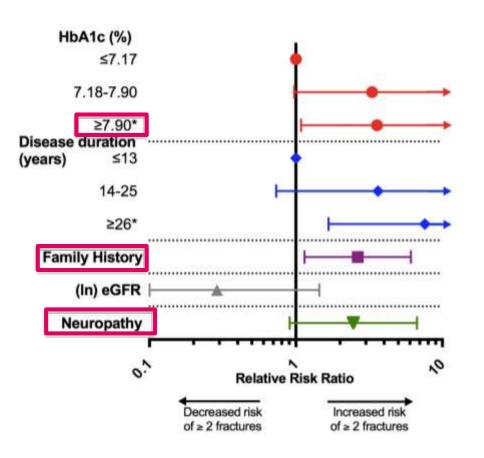
#### Poor glycemic control increases hip fracture risk

Taiwan Diabetes Cohort Study. N= 20,025. 65+ y.o.



#### To determine clinical risk factors for any and multiple fragility fractures in type 1 diabetes



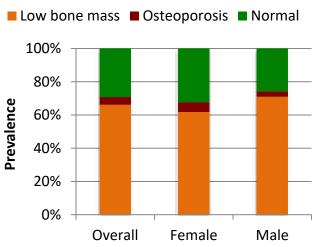


| RRR [95% CI]      | P-Value |
|-------------------|---------|
| Reference         |         |
| 3.31 [0.97-11.30] | 0.06    |
| 3.57 [1.08-11.78] | 0.04    |
| Reference         |         |
| 3.63 [0.73-18.00] | 0.11    |
| 7.60 [1.67-34.63] | <0.01   |
| 2.64 [1.15-6.09]  | 0.02    |
| 0.29 [0.06-1.44]  | 0.13    |
| 2.46 [0.91-6.70]  | 0.08    |
|                   |         |

#### Bone health in subjects with T1D for ≥50 years

**40% free from CV complications** despite long-term T1D<sup>1,2</sup>

✓ Only 1.2% of the 985 Medalists had history of non-vertebral fragility fractures<sup>3</sup>

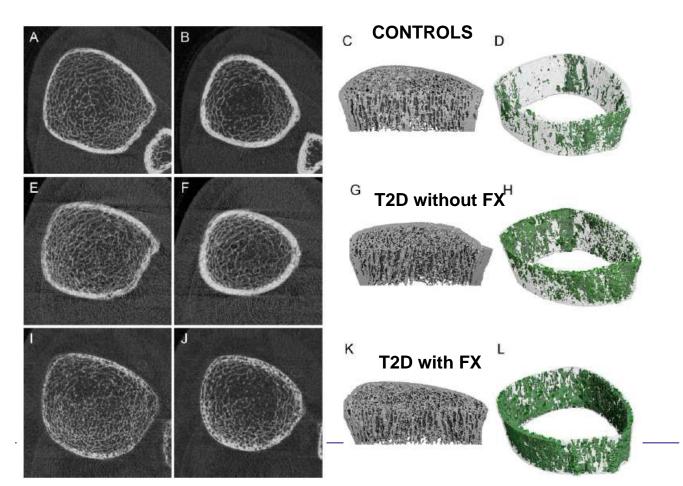




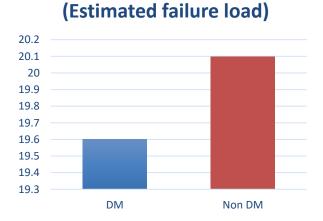
<sup>1</sup>Keenan HA, et al., Diabetes 2007,

<sup>2</sup>Sun et al. Diabetes Care 2011; <sup>3</sup>Maddaloni E. et al., Acta Diabetol 2017

#### Alterations in bone microarchitecture

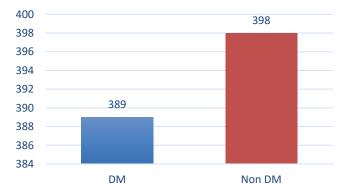


## Micro-architecture is impaired in T2D



**Diaphyseal Tibia** 

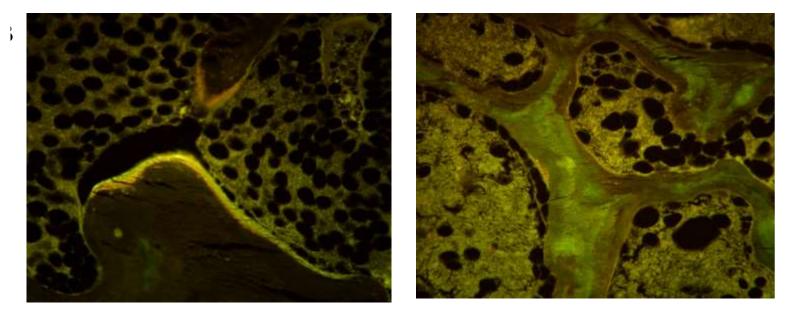
#### Distal Radius (total area)

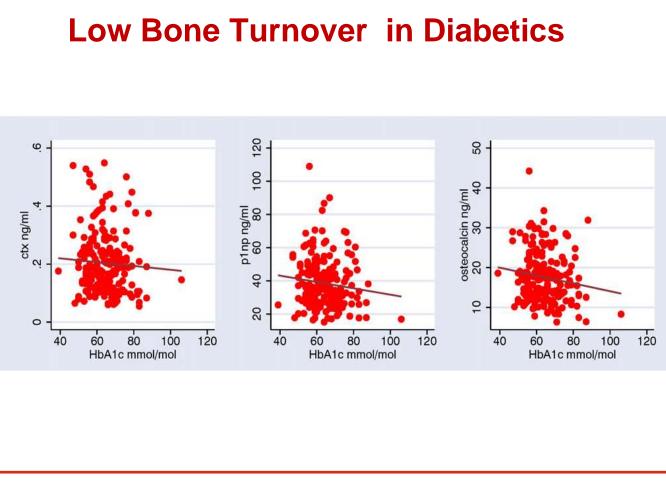


Napoli, Schwartz, ASBMR 2019

Wnt pathway

Bone Formation, by dynamic bone histomorphometry, is low in T2DM





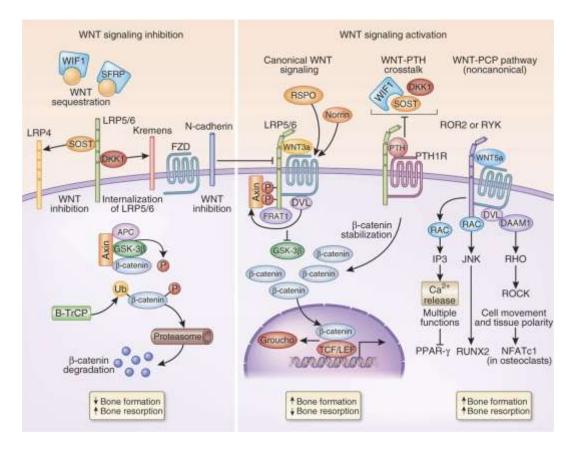
Vestergaard, oi 2014 and Bone 2016

#### Low Bone turnover in T2DM

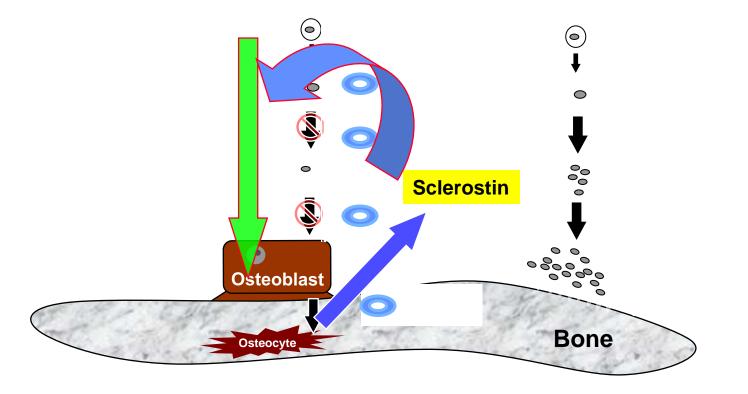
|                    | Normo  | oglycemia                  | Pre-diabetes      | Diabetes          | P for trend          |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
|                    | Ν  | =167                       | N = 172           | N = 169           |                      |
| Bone turnove       | er   |                            |                   |                   |                      |
| marker             |  |                            |                   |                   |                      |
| CTX, ng/ml         | 0.49 (0                                      | 0.45, 0.53)                | 0.48 (0.45, 0.52) | 0.43 (0.40, 0.47) | 0.0404               |
| OC, ng/ml          | 8.3 (  | 7.7, 8.8)                  | 8.1 (7.6, 8.7)    | 7.0 (6.5, 7.4)    | 0.0007               |
| P1NP, ng/ml        | 44.1 (4                                      | 1.1, 47.4)                 | 41.2 (38.5, 44.2) | 40.3 (37.6, 43.2) | 0.0850               |
|                    |  |                            |                   |                   |                      |
|                    |  |                            |                   |                   |                      |
|                    | Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI)                      | No Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI) | Hazard Ratio      | (95% CI)          | P for<br>interaction |
| Risk of incident c | Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI)                      | No Diabetes                | Hazard Ratio      | (95% CI)          |                      |
|                    | Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI)                      | No Diabetes                | Hazard Ratio      | (95% CI)          |                      |
| Risk of incident c | Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI)<br>dinical fracture* | No Diabetes<br>HR (95% CI) | Hazard Ratio      | (95% CI)          | interaction          |

## WNT PATHWAY

- During the past decade, secreted signaling molecules of the Wnt family have been widely investigated and found to play a central role in in the regulation of bone mass.
- Recent published data reveal that Wnt signaling pathway is activated during postnatal bone regenerative events
- Dysregulation of this pathway greatly inhibits bone formation and healing process.



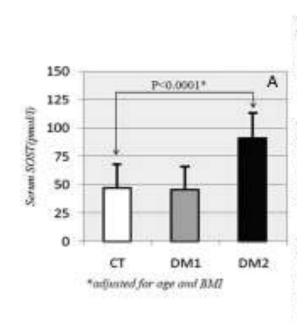
More evidence for reduced bone formation in T2DM: abnormalities in Sclerostin



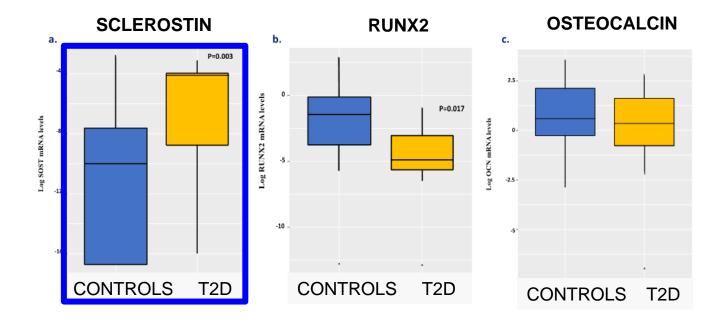
Endocrine Research

#### Circulating Sclerostin Levels and Bone Turnover in Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes

Luigi Gennari, Daniela Merlotti, Roberto Valenti, Elena Ceccarelli, Martina Ruvio, Maria G. Pietrini, Cosimo Capodarca, Maria Beatrice Franci, Maria Stella Campagna, Anna Calabrò, Dorica Cataldo, Konstantinos Stolakis, Francesco Dotta, and Ranuccio Nuti

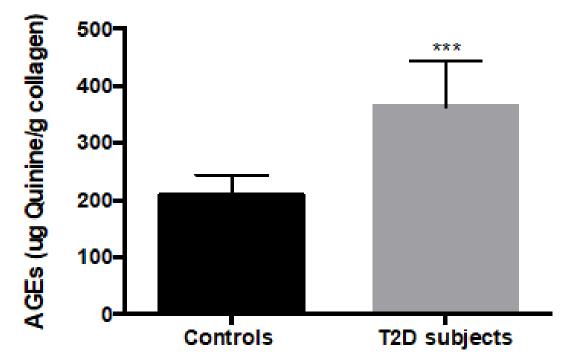


### Bone formation is downregulated in bone in T2DM

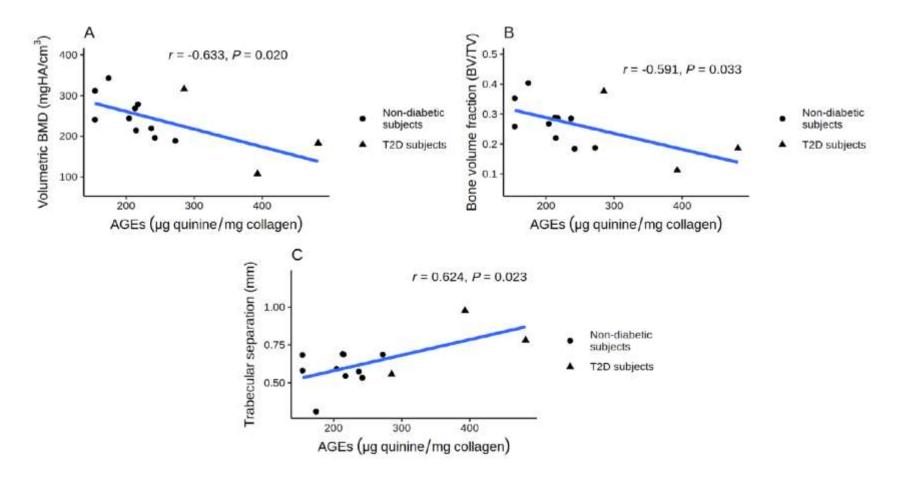


## AGEs are doubled in T2D

#### AGEs content in bone samples

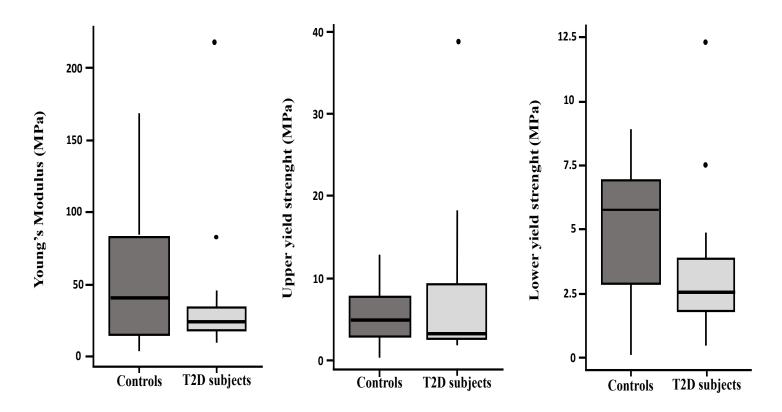


Napoli N, JBMR 2020



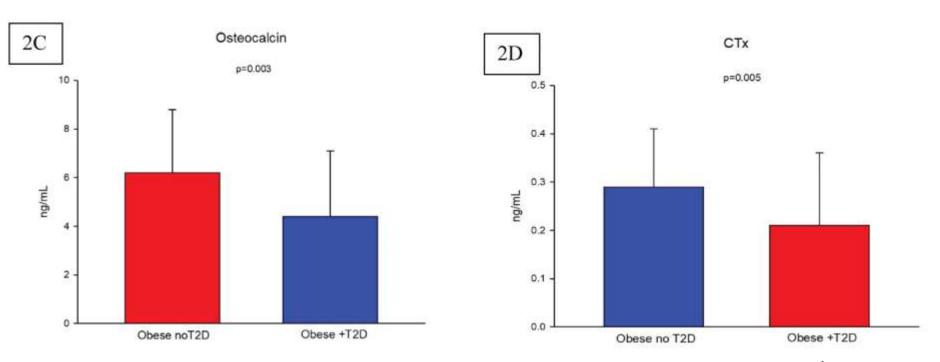
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## Bone strength is reduced in T2D



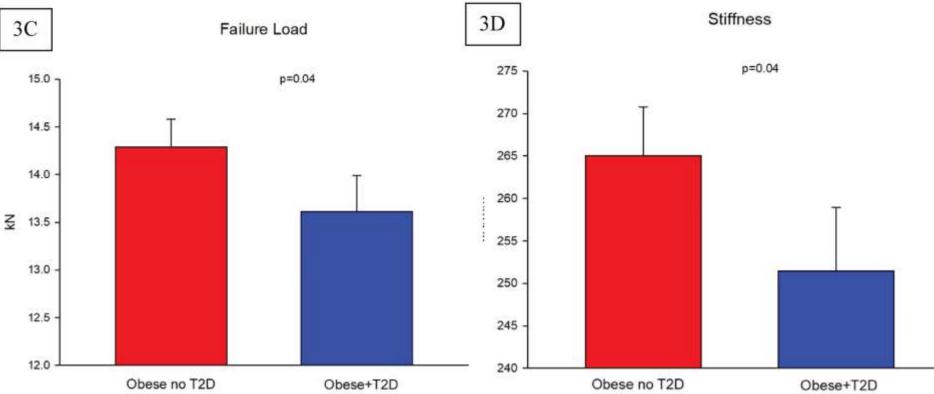
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## Obese T2D have lower bone turnover vs obese no-T2D



#### Vigevano, Napoli JCEM 2021

# Obese T2D have lower bone strength vs obese no-T2D



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## Summary



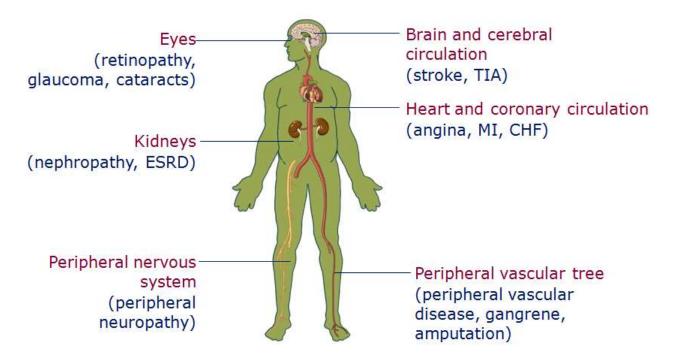


RUNX2 gene expression



Impaired WNT signaling Low bone formation Low bone quality and strength

## Late stage of the disease



Risk of falls in diabetes: OR 2.25, (CI 1.21–4.15)
OR 2.76 (1.52–5.01)

CHF, congestive heart failure; ESRD, end-stage renal disease; MI, myocardial infarction; TIA, transient ischaemic attack Adapted from *Diabetes Atlas* 4th edn. International Diabetes Federation. 2009

## Diabetes complications further increased the risk for hip fractures

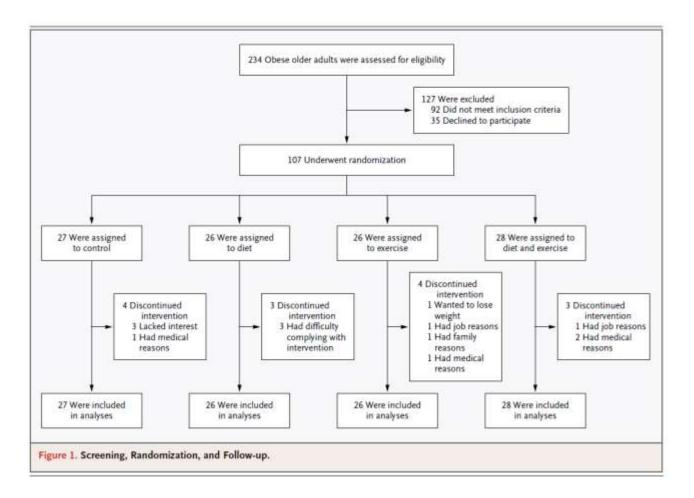
Risk for hip fracture among women hospitalized at least once for type 1 diabetes. Populationbased cohort of 24,605 patients (12,551 men and 12,054 women)

|                              | All hip fractures† |     |                  | Femoral neck fracture |     |                  |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----|------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------|
|                              | Exp                | Obs | SHR (95% Cl)     | Exp                   | Obs | SHR (95% CI)     |
| Total                        | 5.2                | 51  | 9.8 (7.3–12.9)   | 3.4                   | 29  | 8.5 (5.7-12.3)   |
| Ophthalmic complications     |                    |     |                  |                       |     |                  |
| No                           | 3.4                | 14  | 4.1 (2.3-6.9)    | 2.2                   | 9   | 4.1(1.9-7.8)     |
| Yes                          | 1.8                | 37  | 20.5 (14.5-28.3) | 1.2                   | 20  | 16.8 (10.3-25.9) |
| Nephropathic complications   |                    |     |                  |                       |     |                  |
| No                           | 4.5                | 29  | 6.4 (4.3-9.2)    | 3.0                   | 17  | 5.8 (3.4-9.2)    |
| Yes                          | 0.7                | 22  | 32.6 (20.4-49.4) | 0.4                   | 12  | 26.9 (13.9-47.1) |
| Neurologic complications     |                    |     |                  |                       |     |                  |
| No                           | 4.6                | 26  | 5.7 (3.7-8.3)    | 3.0                   | 14  | 4.7 (2.6-7.8)    |
| Yes                          | 0.6                | 25  | 41.6 (26.9-61.4) | 0.4                   | 15  | 37.3 (20.9-61.5) |
| Cardiovascular complications |                    |     | 50               |                       |     |                  |
| No                           | 4.8                | 39  | 8.1 (5.8-11.0)   | 3.1                   | 22  | 7.1 (4.4-10.7)   |
| Yes                          | 0.4                | 12  | 29.2 (15.1-51.1) | 0.2                   | 7   | 25.3 (10.2-52.2) |

#### Miao et al. Diabetes Care 2005

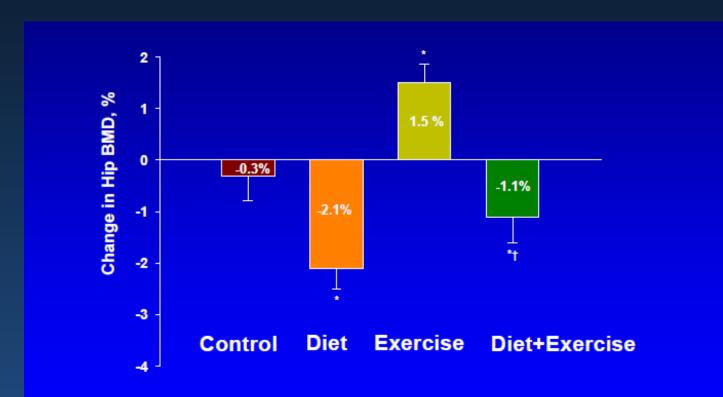


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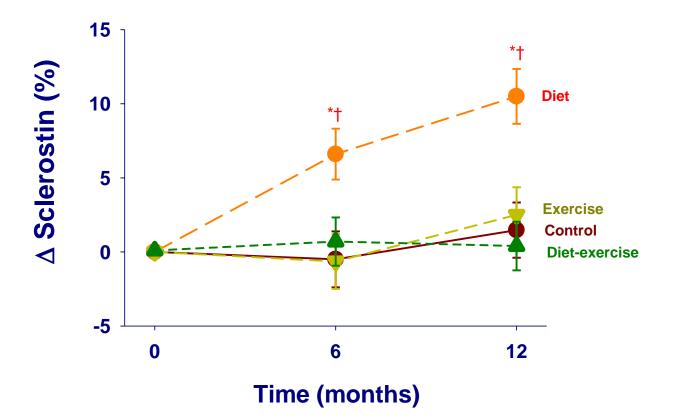


Villareal--- Napoli et al, NEJM 2011

# Changes from baseline in bone mineral density

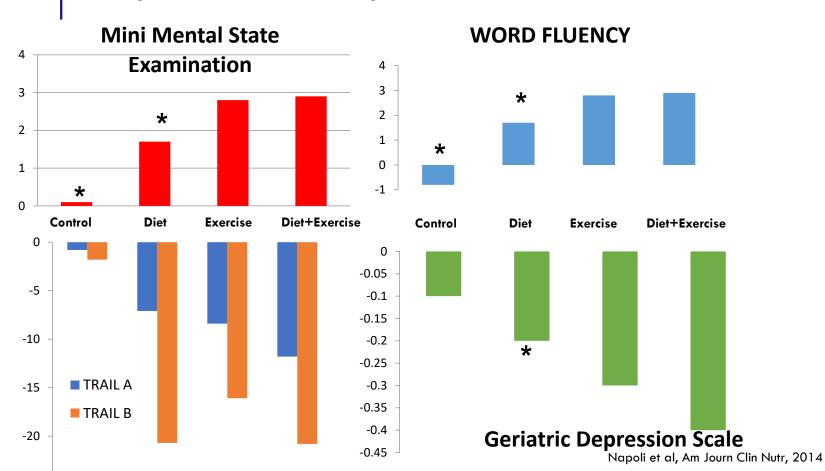


## Changes in Sclerostin with lifestyle therapy

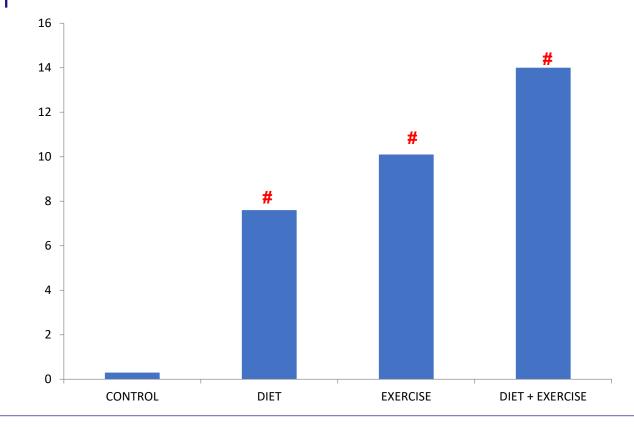


Villareal, Napoli et al, JBMR 2012

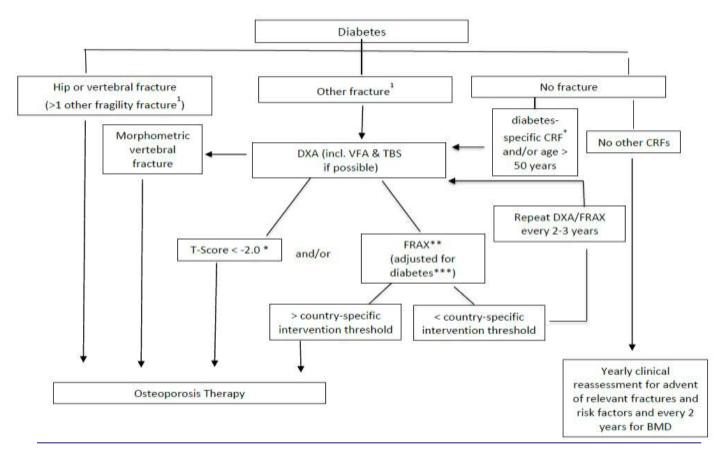
#### % Change from baseline for both cognition and mood



#### % Change in IW QUALITY OF LIFE



#### FRACTURE RISK PREVENTION IN DIABETIC SUBJECTS



#### Ferrari & Napoli, International Osteoporosis Foundation 2018 guidelines

# Men using insulin had a higher risk of all non-vertebral fractures

|   | Diabetes, all <sup>a</sup> | IFG <sup>b</sup> | Diabetes,    |  |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|
| Model                                     |                            |                  | insulin use  |  |
|   | HR (95% CI)                | HR (95% CI)      | HR (95% CI)  |  |
| Unadjusted model                          | 1.08                       | 0.93 (0.79,      | 1.94         |  |
|   | (0.91, 1.28)               | 1.08)            | (1.35, 2.80) |  |
| 2. Adjusted for age, race,                | 1.12                       | 0.95             | 2.24         |  |
| clinic                                    | (0.94, 1.34)               | (0.81, 1.10)     | (1.53, 3.27) |  |
| 3. Adjusted for Model 1                   | 1.30 (1.09,                | 1.04             | 2.46 (1.69,  |  |
| plus total hip BMD                        | 1.54)                      | (0.89, 1.21)     | 3.59)        |  |
| 4. Adjusted for Model 1                   | 1.08                       | 0.95 (0.82,      | 1.98         |  |
| plus falls in the year<br>before baseline | (0.91, 1.29)               | 1.11)            | (1.34, 2.15) |  |
| 5. Multivariable model <sup>c</sup>       | _                          | 1.00 (0.85,      | 1.74         |  |
|   |                            | 1.18)            | (1.13, 2.69) |  |

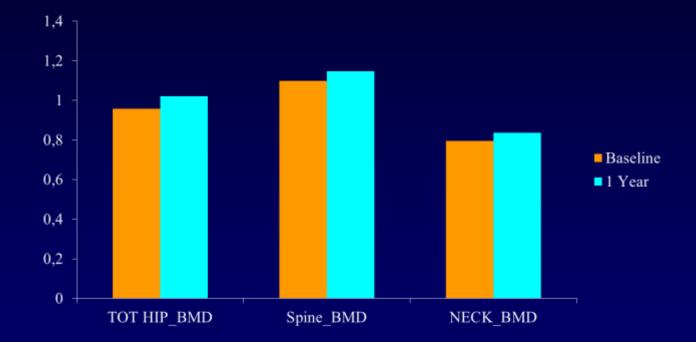
Napoli, Diabetologia, 2014

#### Risk factors for non-vertebral fracture in older men with diabetes

| Variable  | HR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI) |
|---|--------------------------|
| Age (per 5-year increase)                         | 1.07 (0.88, 1.29)        |
| Race/ethnicity                                    |                          |
| White   | 1.00 (reference)         |
| Black   | 0.90 (0.35, 2.29)        |
| Hispanic  | 3.57 (1.44, 8.87)        |
| Asian   | 1.44 (0.56, 3.77)        |
| Total hip BMD (per 1 SD decreaseb)                | 1.69 (1.38, 2.06)        |
| Fell in year before baseline (yes/no)             | 1.61 (1.06, 2.44)        |
| Fasting glucose (per 1 SD increase <sup>c</sup> ) | 1.02 (0.91, 1.11)        |
| Insulin use (yes/no)                              | 1.62 (0.78, 3.37)        |
| Metformin use (yes/no)                            | 0.96 (0.60, 1.54)        |
| Sulfonylurea use (yes/no)                         | 1.66 (1.09, 2.51)        |
| TZD use (yes/no)                                  | 1.18 (0.64, 2.16)        |

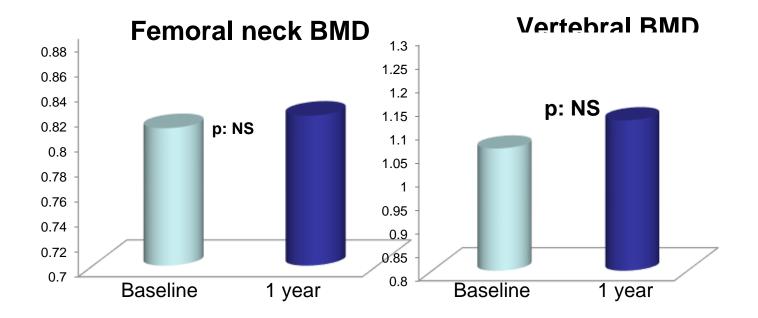
Napoli & Schwartz, Diabetologia, 2014

## **EFFECT OF LIRAGLUTIDE ON BMD**



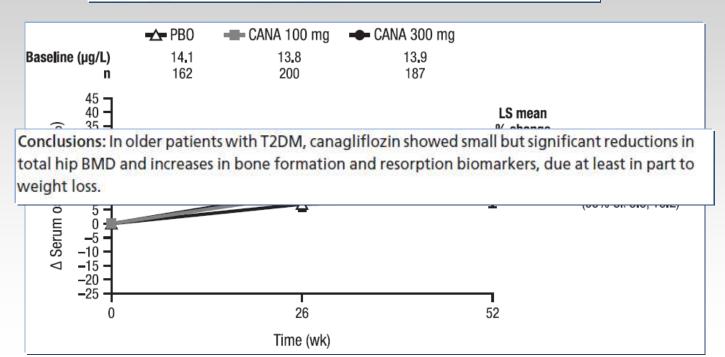
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## **BMD changes: Sitagliptin**

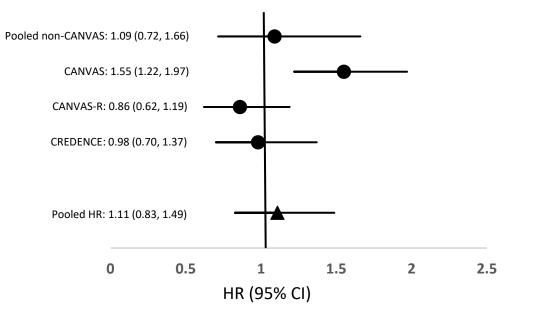


#### Evaluation of Bone Mineral Density and Bone Biomarkers in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Treated With Canagliflozin

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### Canagliflozin and fracture risk



Napoli and Schwartz, 2020

### SGLT2 Inhibitors



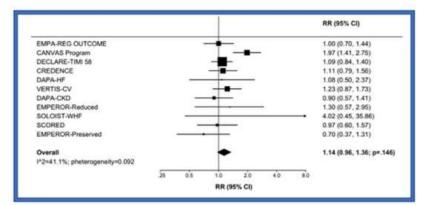
Broad cardiovascular and renal benefits in those with T2D, CKD and heart failure



#### Amputation

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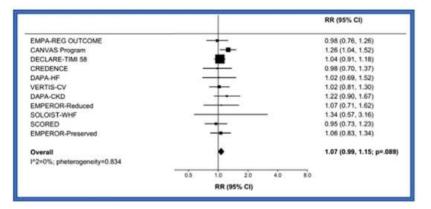
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#### Fracture

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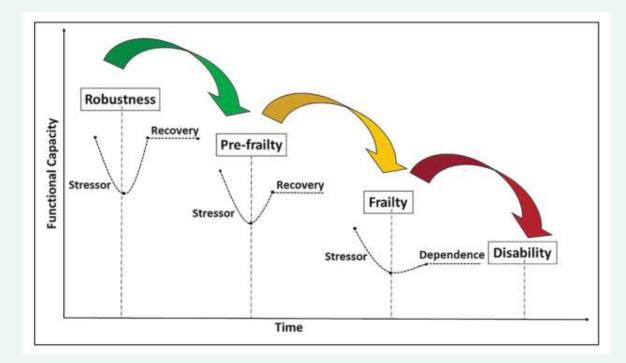
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|                    |                    | Bone bioma                        | urkers                   |                          | Fracture             |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                    |                    | Bone<br>formation                 | Bone<br>resorption       | BMD                      |                      |
| Metformin          |                    | ↓/=                               | ↓/=                      | =/↑                      | ↓/=                  |
| Sulfonylureas      |                    | <u>↑/</u> =                       | ↓/=                      |                          | ↓/=                  |
| Thiazolidinediones |                    | $\downarrow\downarrow/=/\uparrow$ | <b>↑</b> ↑/=             | $\downarrow\downarrow/=$ | $\uparrow\uparrow/=$ |
| Incretin           | GLP-1<br>analogue  | =                                 | $\downarrow\downarrow$ * | ↑/=                      | =                    |
|                    | DPP-4<br>inhibitor | ↓/=                               | =                        |                          | ↓/=                  |
| SGLT2              |                    | =                                 | =/↑                      | =                        | =/↑                  |
| Insulin            |                    | =                                 | =                        | =                        | 1                    |

Palermo, Napoli, Ost Inter 2015

# Prevention of falls and frailty



# Anti-osteoporosis treatment

#### **POSITION PAPER**



#### The Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ISBMR) position statement for the diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis in adults

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- A vertebral fracture (clinically apparent or found on vertebral imaging) or non-vertebral fracture (hip, wrist, and humerus)
- In individuals > 50 years of age with T-score ≤ -2.5 at femoral neck or total hip or lumbar spine measured by DXA
- In individuals with osteopenia (T-score between 1.0 and 2.5 at the femoral neck or lumbar spine) with clinical risk factors or a 10-year probability of a hip fracture ≥ 3.5% or a 10-year probability of a major osteoporosis-related fracture ≥ 10.5% based on the FRAX tool (based on limited data in Indians)

 In individuals with type 2 diabetes mellitus, the intervention threshold should be increased to T-score ≤ -2.0 at femoral neck or total hip or lumbar spine measured by DXA [76] Archives of Osteoporosis (2021) 16: 102 https://doi.org/10.1007/s11657-021-00954-1

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- Maintain serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25[OH] D)≥20 ng/mL in all patients with osteoporosis. However, we feel that a level of 30–40 ng/mL would be ideal.
- Supplement with vitamin D3 if needed; 1000 to 2000 international units (IU) of daily maintenance therapy is typically required to maintain an optimal serum 25(OH)D level in Indians.
- Higher doses of vitamin D may be necessary in the presence of certain factors (e.g., obesity, malabsorption, older individuals)
- Counsel patients to maintain adequate dietary intake of <u>calcium with a total intake (incl</u>uding diet plus supplement, if needed) of at least 1000 mg/day for women > 50 years [3]
- Approved agents with efficacy to reduce hip, non-vertebral, and spine fractures include alendronate, risedronate, zoledronic acid, and denosumab, and these are appropriate as initial therapy for most patients at risk of fracture. Often, oral bisphosphonates are preferred in low and moderate risk cases.

#### Recommendations for initial first-line therapy for individuals with prevalent vertebral fractures

- Teriparatide is an effective anabolic agent to initiate therapy in these cases, which to be continued for 24 months and followed by antiresorptives.
- Intravenous zoledronic acid or denosumab are also effective options. Since the protocol for discontinuing denosumab is still not firmly established, zoledronic acid is usually preferred as initial therapy for 3–5 years.
- Oral bisphosphonates can be used if the patient wants to avoid injectable therapies.

**Original Article** 

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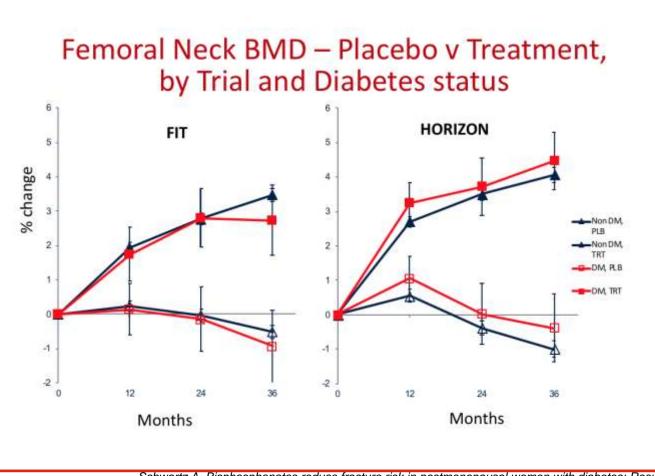
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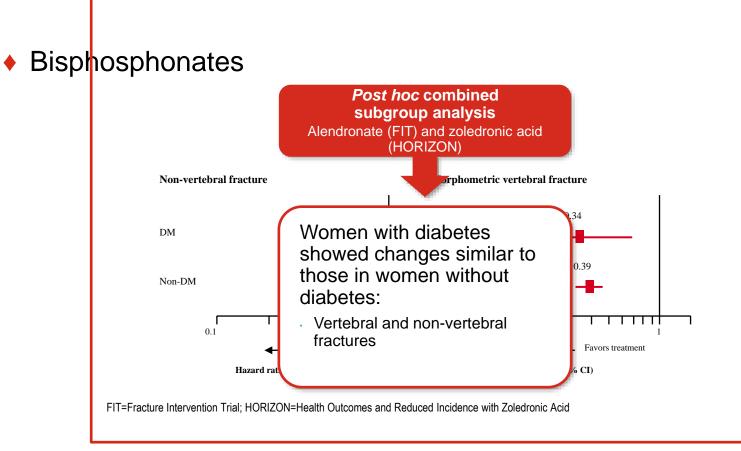
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#### Falls, Fractures, and Mortality: The Role of Calcium and Vitamin D Replacement in Rural India



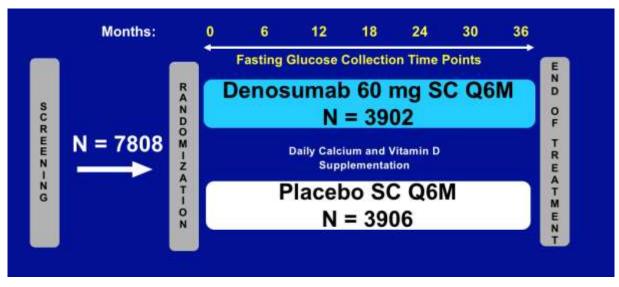


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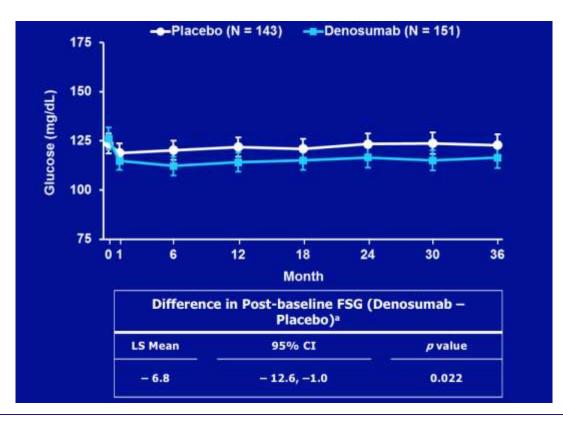


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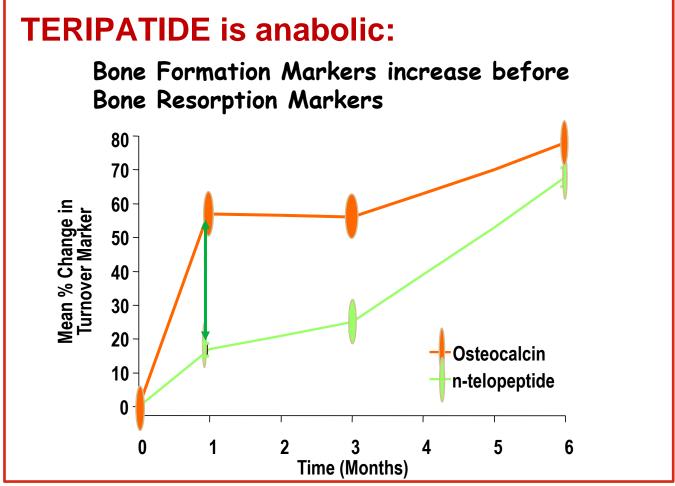
- Postmenopausal women age 60 to 90 years
- T-score < -2.5 at the lumbar spine or total hip, but not < -4.0 at either site
- No severe and  $\leq 2$  moderate vertebral fractures
- Vitamin D level  $\geq 12$  ng/mL and calcium within normal range

Cummings SR, et al. N Engl J Med 2009;361:756-765.

# Subjects With Diabetes treated with denosumab have lower fasting glucose than those treated with placebo

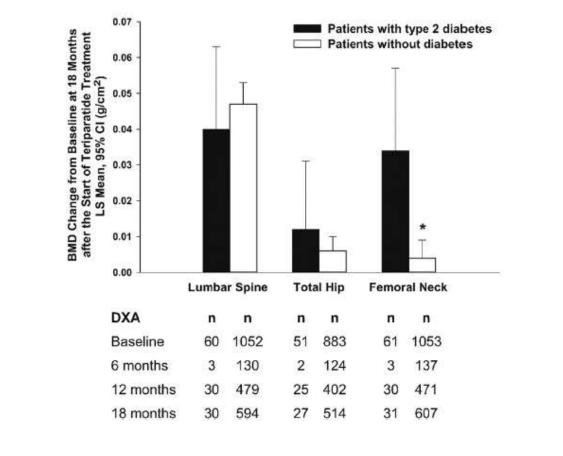


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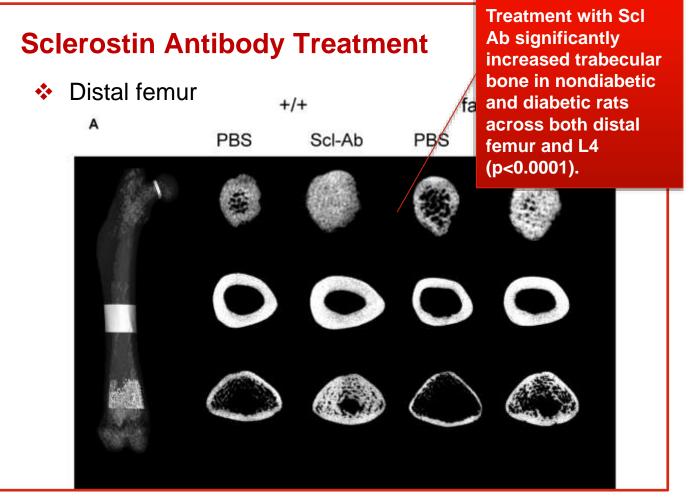


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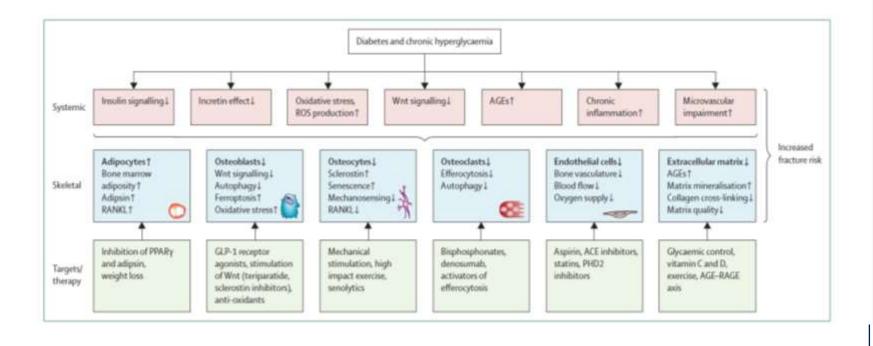
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# The impact of diabetes



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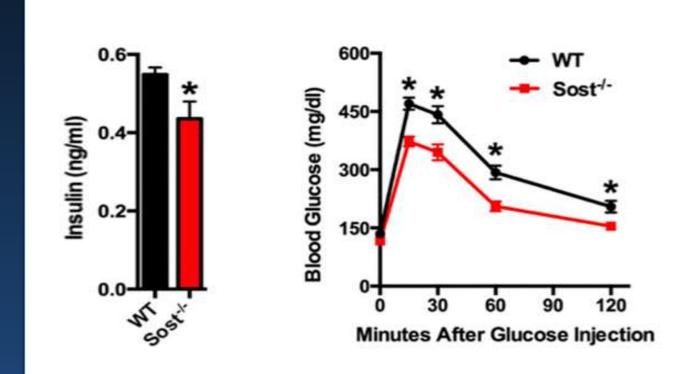


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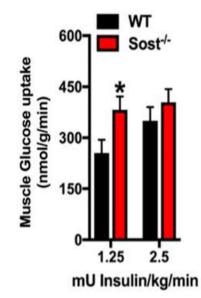
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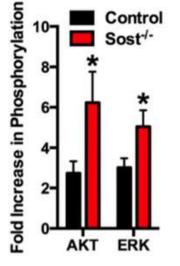


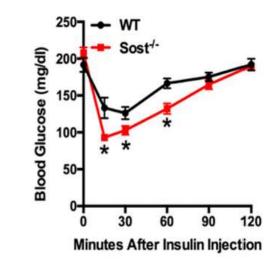
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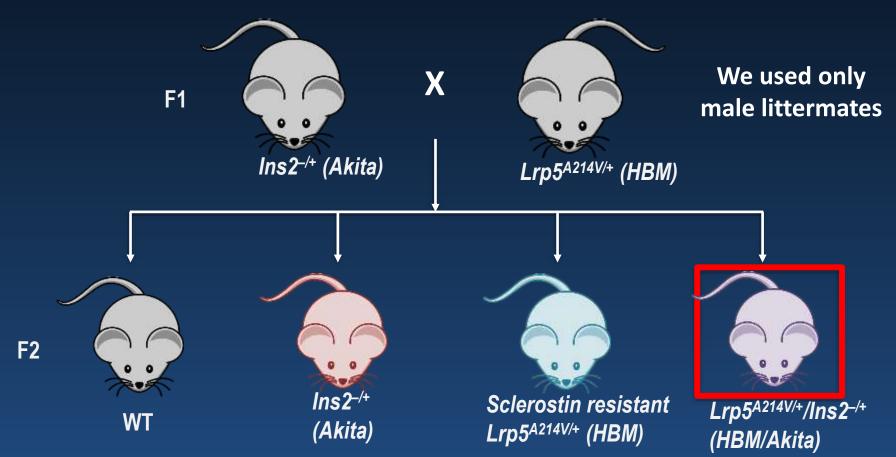
# **Premise**

Wnt signaling inhibition (by higher sclerostin production) contributes to reduced bone mass and strength in T1D

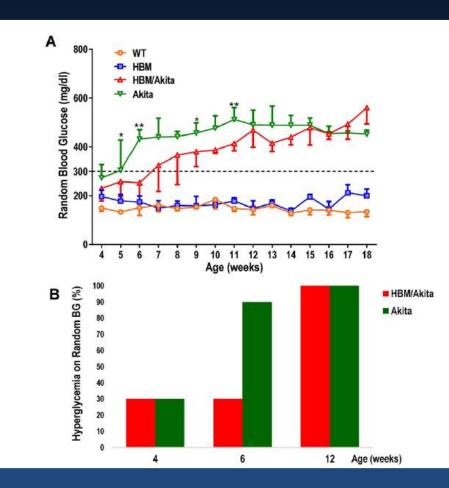
# **Hypothesis**

Wnt signaling hyperactivation by a sclerostininsensitive Lrp5 mutation protects bone mass, architecture and strength in T1D

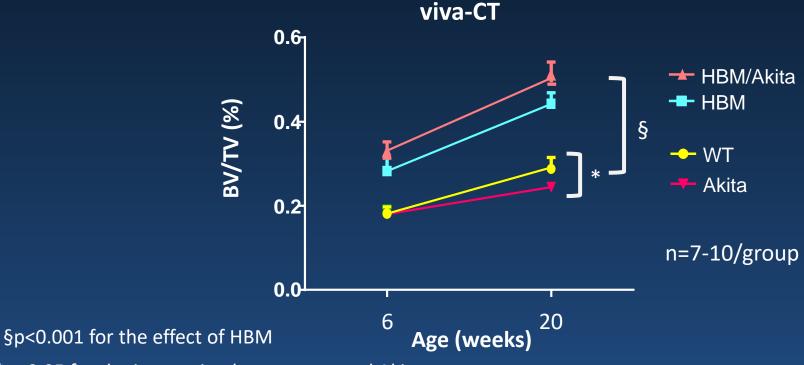
#### **Experimental Approach**



#### HBM Mutation delays onset of hyperglycaemia

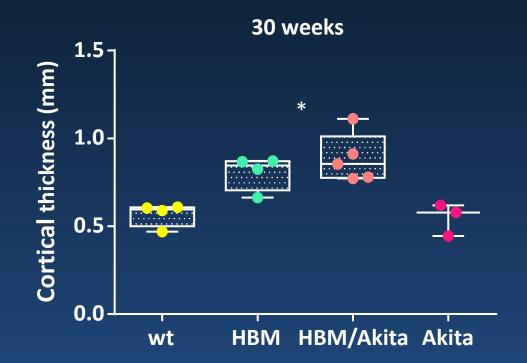


### HBM/Akita Maintain High Volumetric Trabecular Bone Mass Despite Diabetes



\*p<0.05 for the interaction between wt and Akita

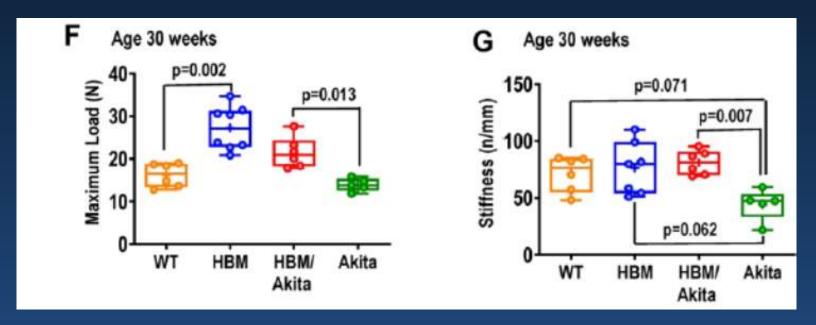
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30 weeks



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### Summary

Genetic Wnt signaling activation

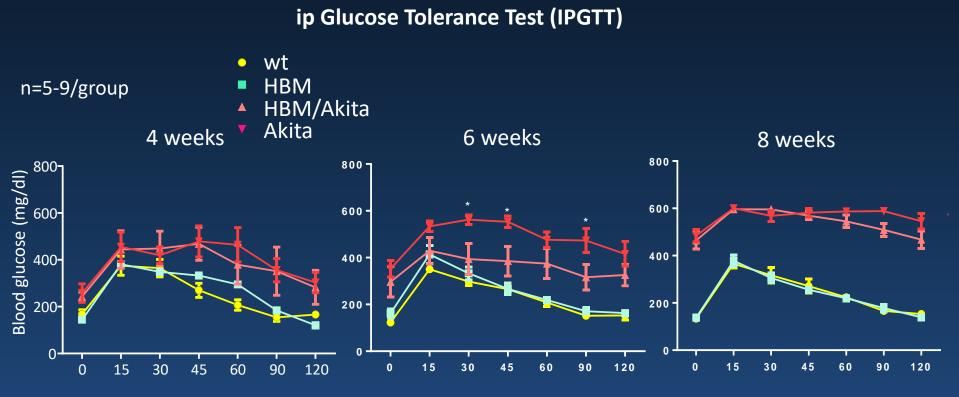
- Overrides the effect of T1D on bone mass and bone strength
- Retards the onset of glucose abnormalities, despite lack of insulin

# Conclusions

- Wnt signaling may provide a common thread between bone and energy metabolism.
- Activated Wnt signaling improves bone mass, microarchitecture and strength in insulin-deficient diabetes and has positive effects on glucose homeostasis.

#### Does Wnt signaling hyperactivation through sclerostininsensitive Lrp5 mutation improve glucose metabolism in T1D?

#### **HBM Mutation Improves Glucose Tolerance in Diabetic Mice**

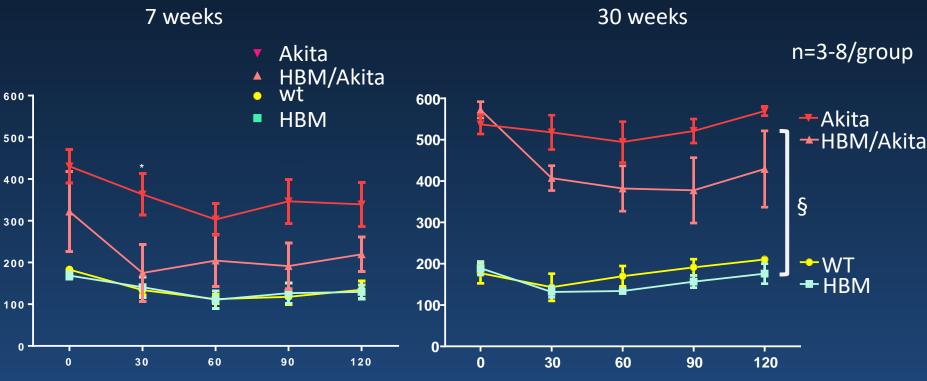


Time (minutes)

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#### HBM Mutation Improves Insulin Sensitivity In Diabetic Mice

ip insulin tolerance test (ipITT)



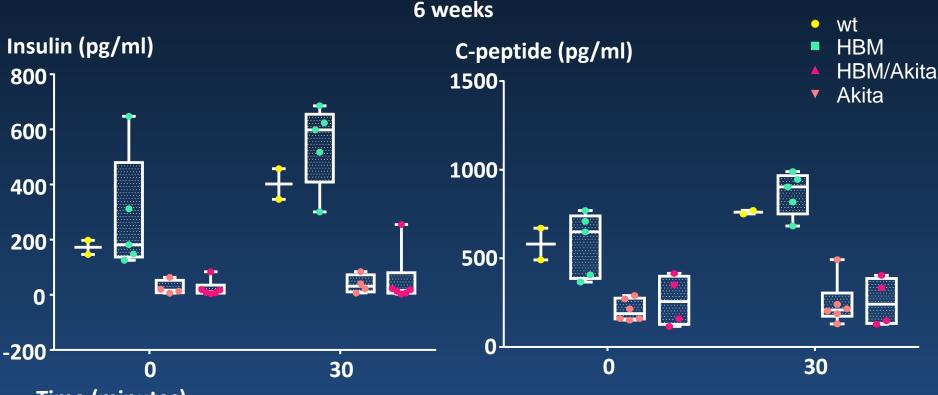
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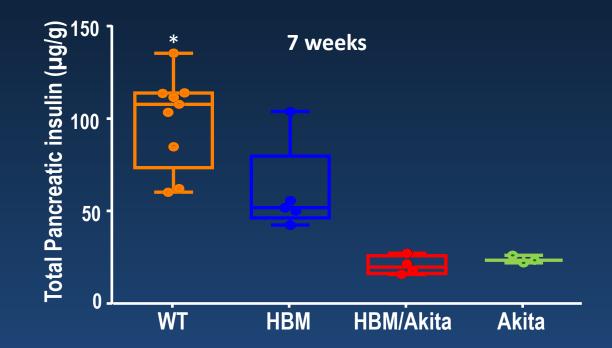
#### **HBM Mutation Does Not Improve Insulin Secretion in Akita Mice**

Serum hormones assay after a glucose load



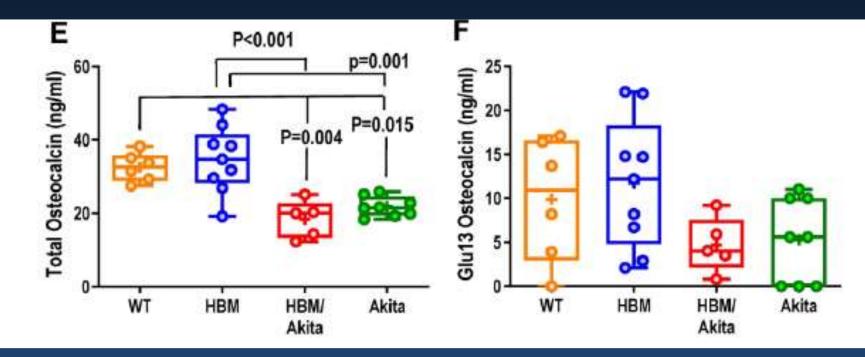
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# HBM Mutation Reduces Pancreatic Insulin Content

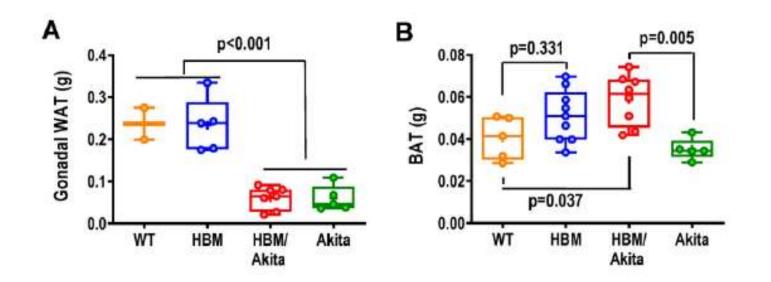


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# Role of osteocalcin

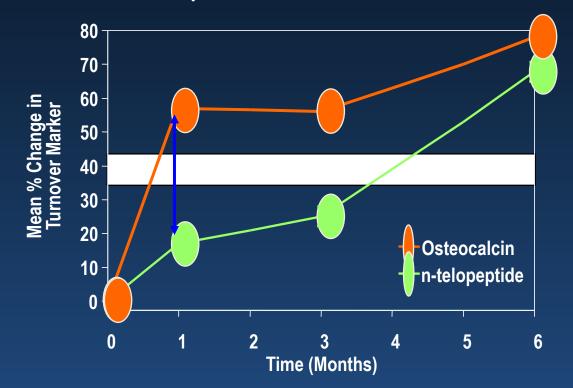


#### **HBM Mutation Increases Brown Adipose Tissue**



#### **TERIPATIDE** is anabolic:

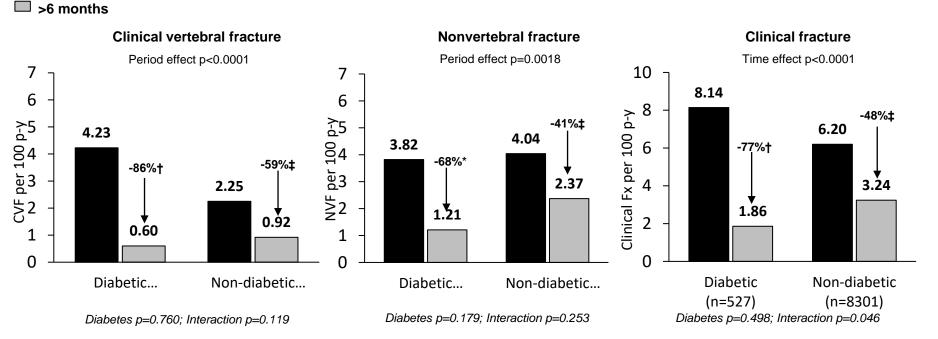
Bone Formation Markers increase before Bone Resorption Markers



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### Fracture Rates by Diabetes Mellitus with Teriparatide

\*p<0.05; †p<0.005; ‡p<0.0001 between periods

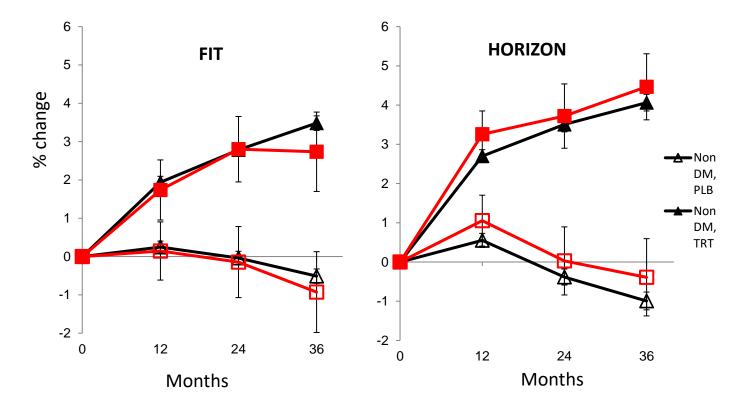


CVF, clinical vertebral fracture; Fx, fractures; NVF, nonvertebral fracture; p-y, patient-years of treatment.

0-6 months

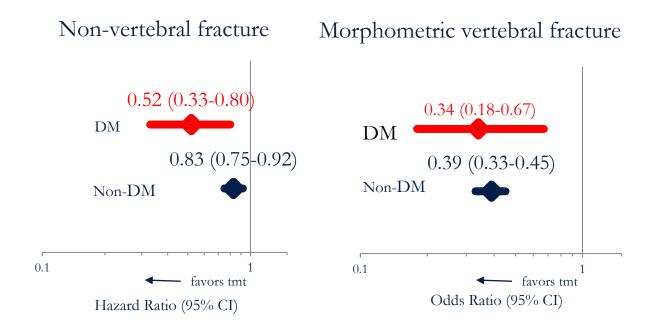
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#### Femoral Neck BMD – Placebo v Treatment with Alendronate or Zoledronate



Schwartz and Napoli, ASBMR 2018

Relative risk of fracture, comparing bisphosphonates with placebo, in DM and non-DM women



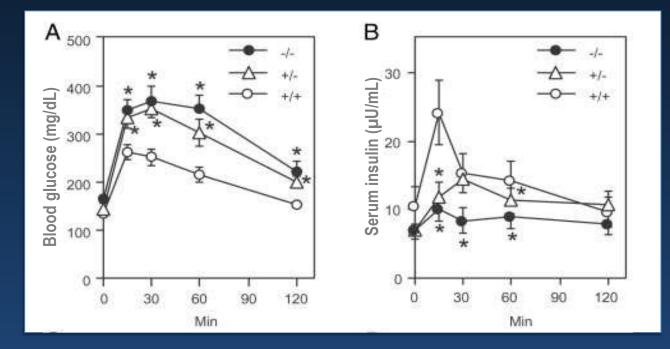
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# Conclusions

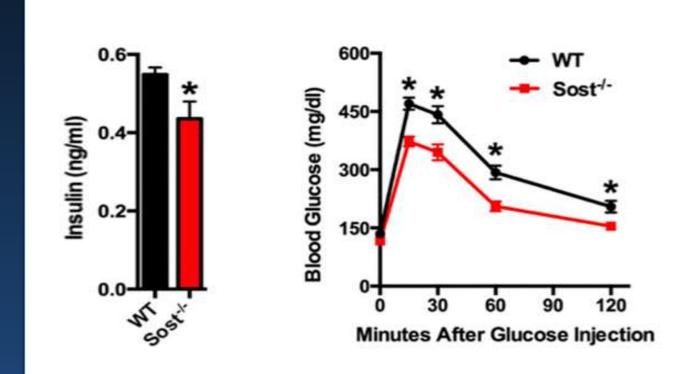
- Anabolic agents may be a first choice treatment in diabetic patients with fragility fractures
- Alendronate and zoledronic acid preserved bone density and reduced fracture risk.
- Anti-fracture efficacy of these bisphosphonates is not inferior to their efficacy in women without diabetes.

### Loss-of-Function Lrp5<sup>-/-</sup> Reduces Glucose Tolerance and Insulin Production



N= 4/group 6-month-old mice

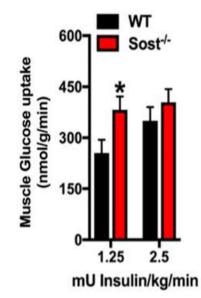
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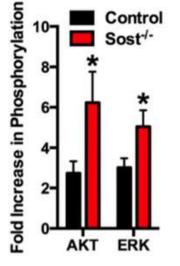


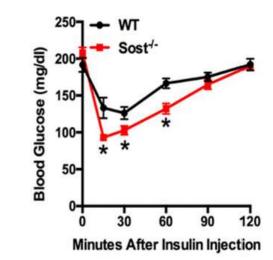
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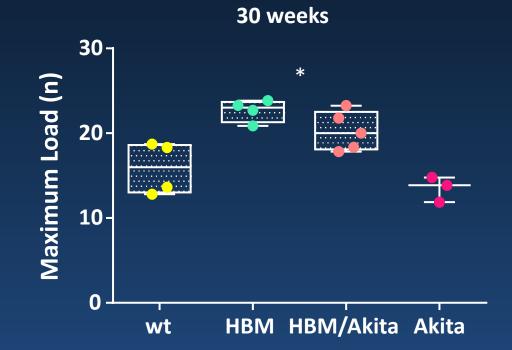






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### Akita/HBM Develop Hyperglycemia with Different Onset Timing

