

Osteoporosis in HIV+ adults

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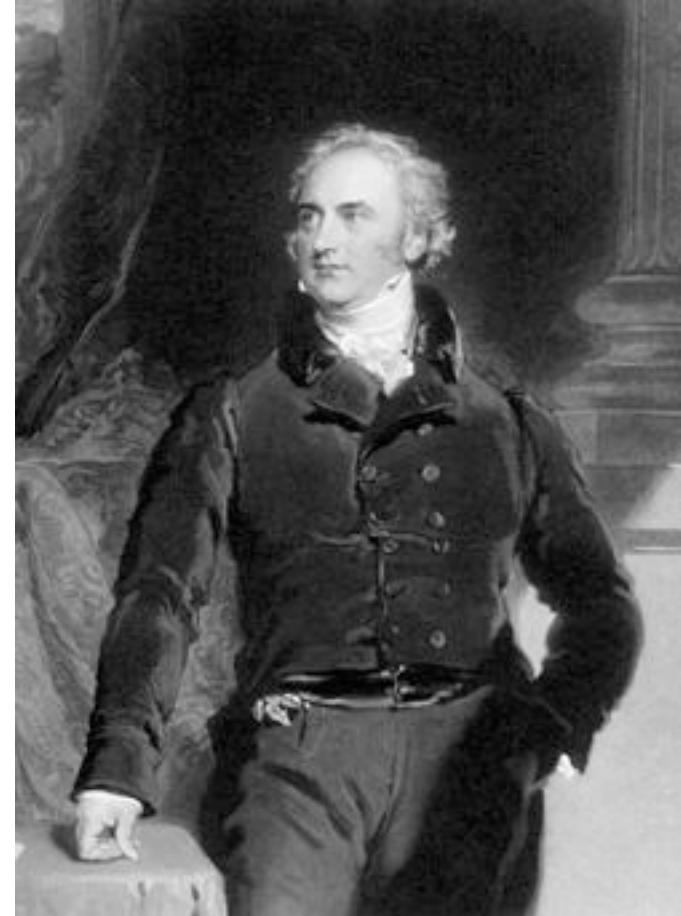
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Overview

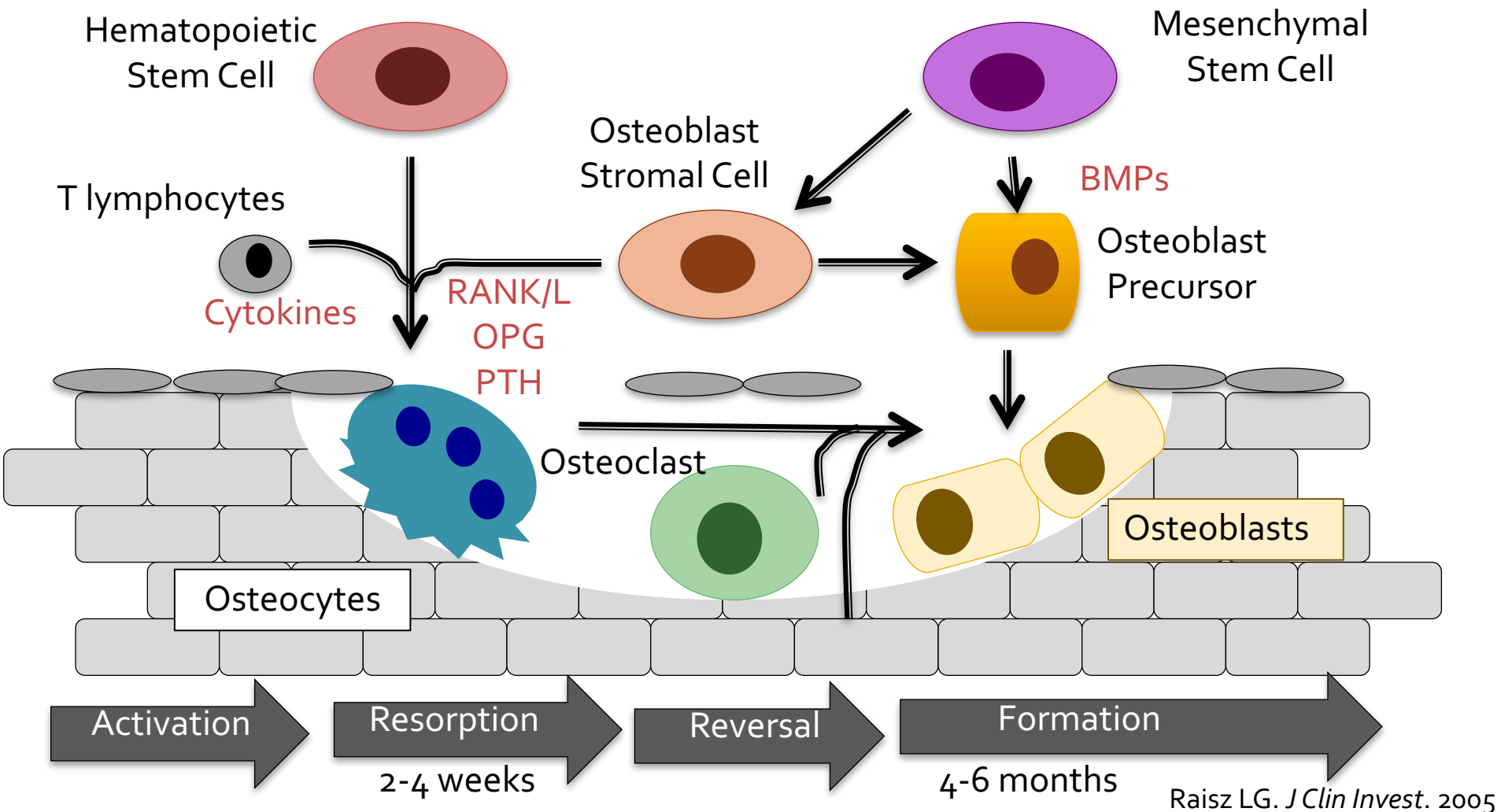
- Review of bone metabolism
- Pathogenesis of osteoporosis in HIV+ adults
- Epidemiology of osteoporosis and fractures in HIV+ populations
- Clinical considerations:
 - Screening & Diagnosis
 - Treatment
 - Prevention

Osteoporosis in History

- 19th c. – English surgeon Sir Astley Cooper noted “the lightness and softness that (bones) acquire in the later stages of life”
- 1940 – Dr. Fuller Albright (USA) linked it to postmenopausal state
- Current definition – continuum in which “multiple pathogenic processes converge to cause a loss of bone mass and deterioration of skeletal microarchitecture”



Bone remodeling overview



Osteoporosis: tipping the balance

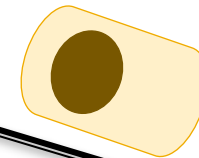
Promotion of Activation & Bone Resorption

Suppression (or delay) of Bone Formation



Osteoclast

- ↓ Sex hormones
- ↓ Proliferation (senescence)
- ↓ IGF-1 & TNF- β (steroids)



Osteoblasts

- ↑ Cytokines (IL-1, IL-6, TNF, others)
- ↑ PTH
- ↑ 1,25-dihydroxy vitamin D₃



Estrogen, androgen, glucocorticoids, and thyroid hormone

Risk factors for Osteoporosis

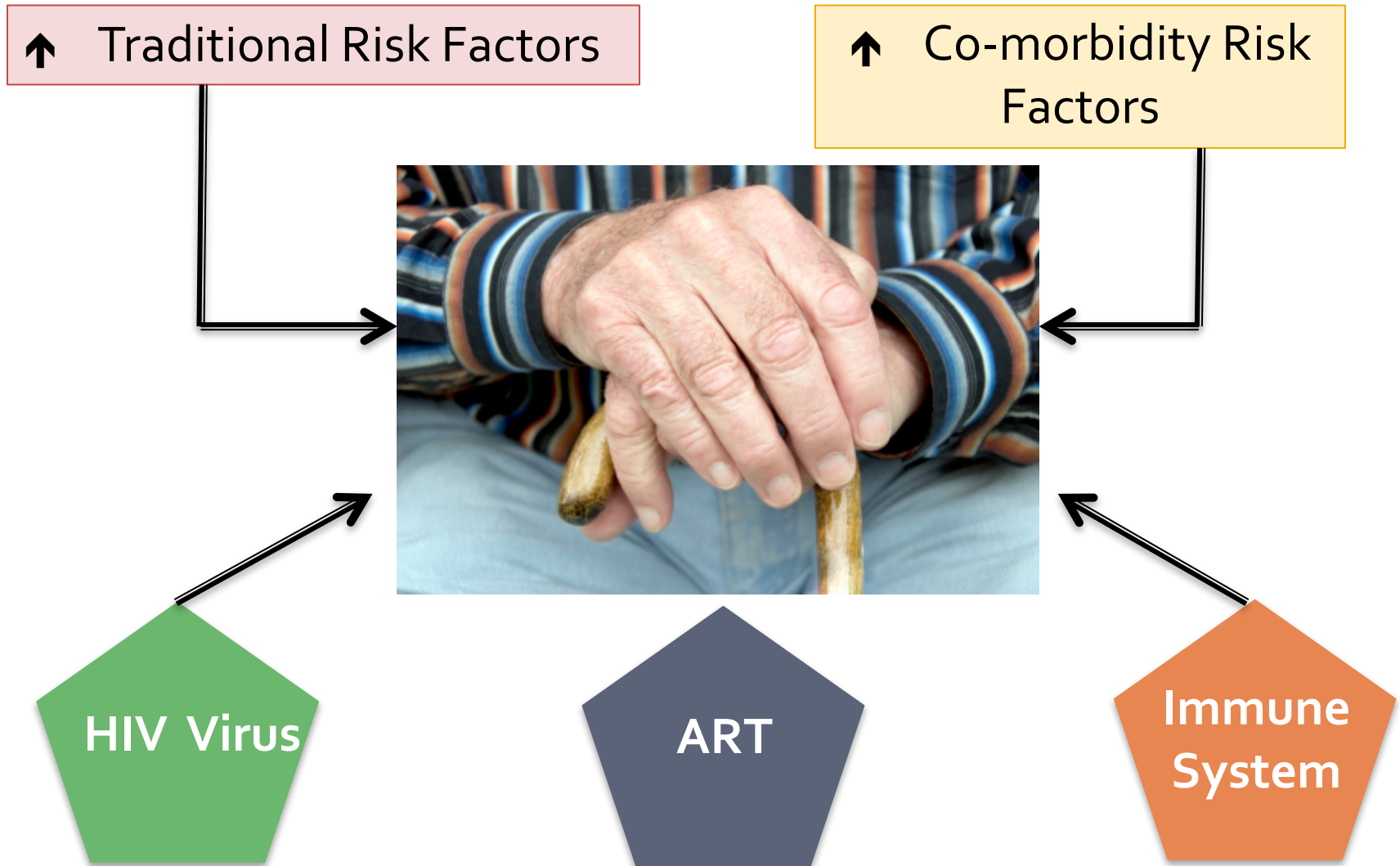
TRADITIONAL

- Age
- Non-black or white race
- Latitude furthest from equator
- Family history
- Low BMI
- Prior fragility fracture
- Alcohol abuse
- Tobacco use
- Glucocorticoids
- Proton pump inhibitors
- Anticonvulsants
- Falls

CO-MORBIDITY RELATED

- Hepatitis C & B viruses
- Male hypogonadism, premature menopause
- Substance abuse
- Growth hormone deficiency
- Diabetes
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic renal disease
- COPD
- HIV

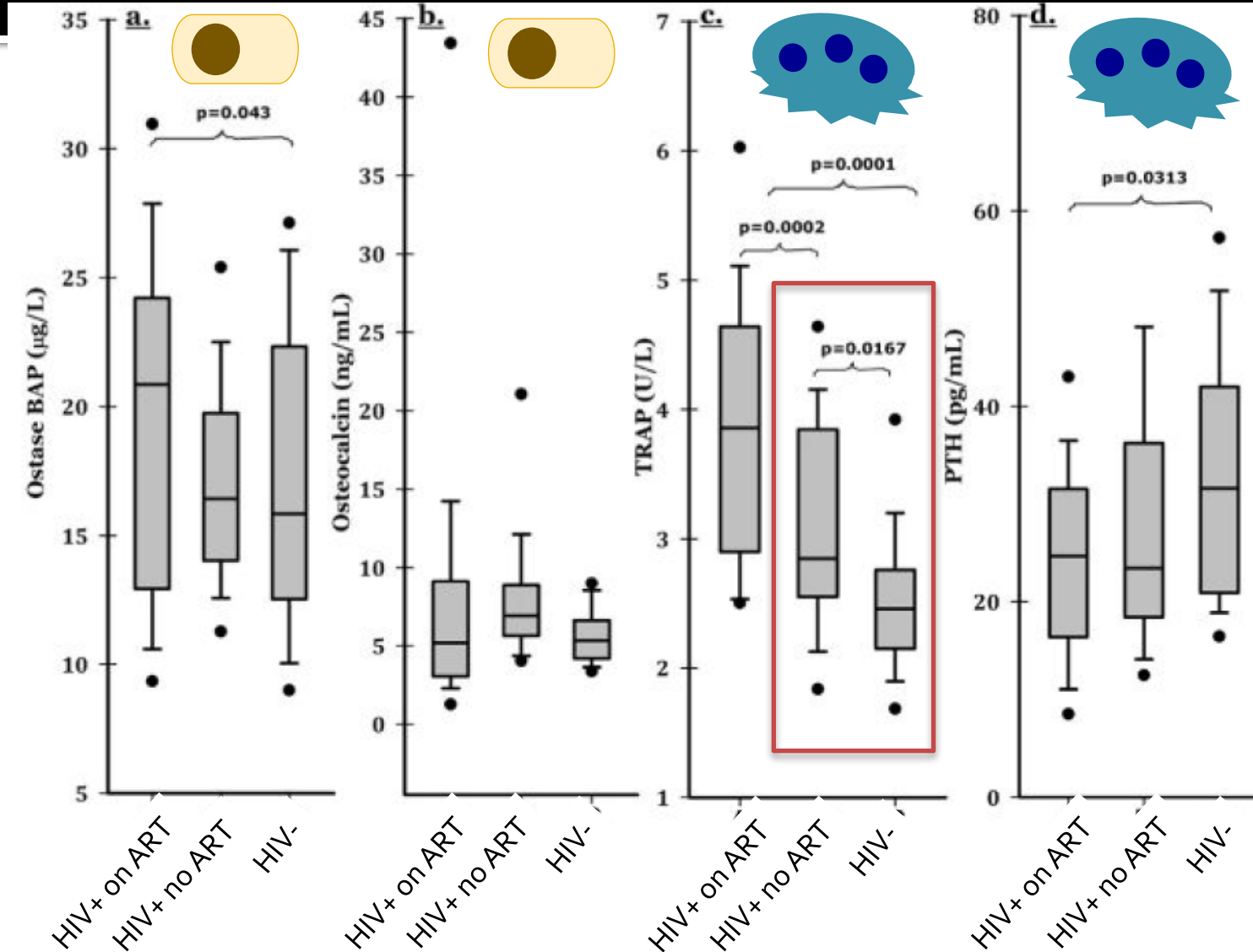
Why HIV+ adults are at increased risk for osteoporosis






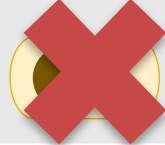
HIV viremia & bone mineral density

- HIV viremia → stimulates bone turnover
- Increased markers of bone resorption and formation in the setting of HIV viremia

Differences in blood biomarkers



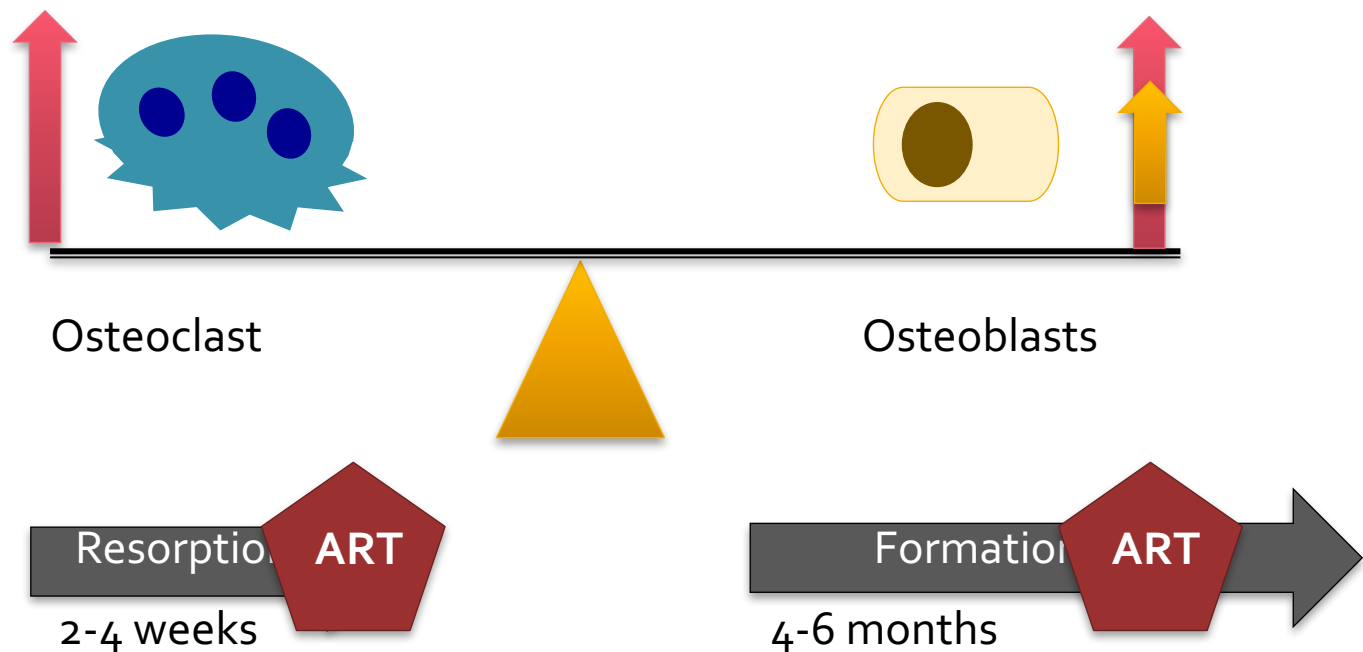
Before & After HIV Infection

Parameter (median)	Activity	Pre-HIV infection	Pre-ART initiation	P value
C-telopeptide		0.300	0.265	0.31
P1NP ^a		47.37	43.40	0.21
Osteocalcin		7.02	4.60	0.04
Sclerostin		0.031	0.031	0.93
25-OH vitD ₃	Deficiency linked with resorption	36.58	33.10	0.06

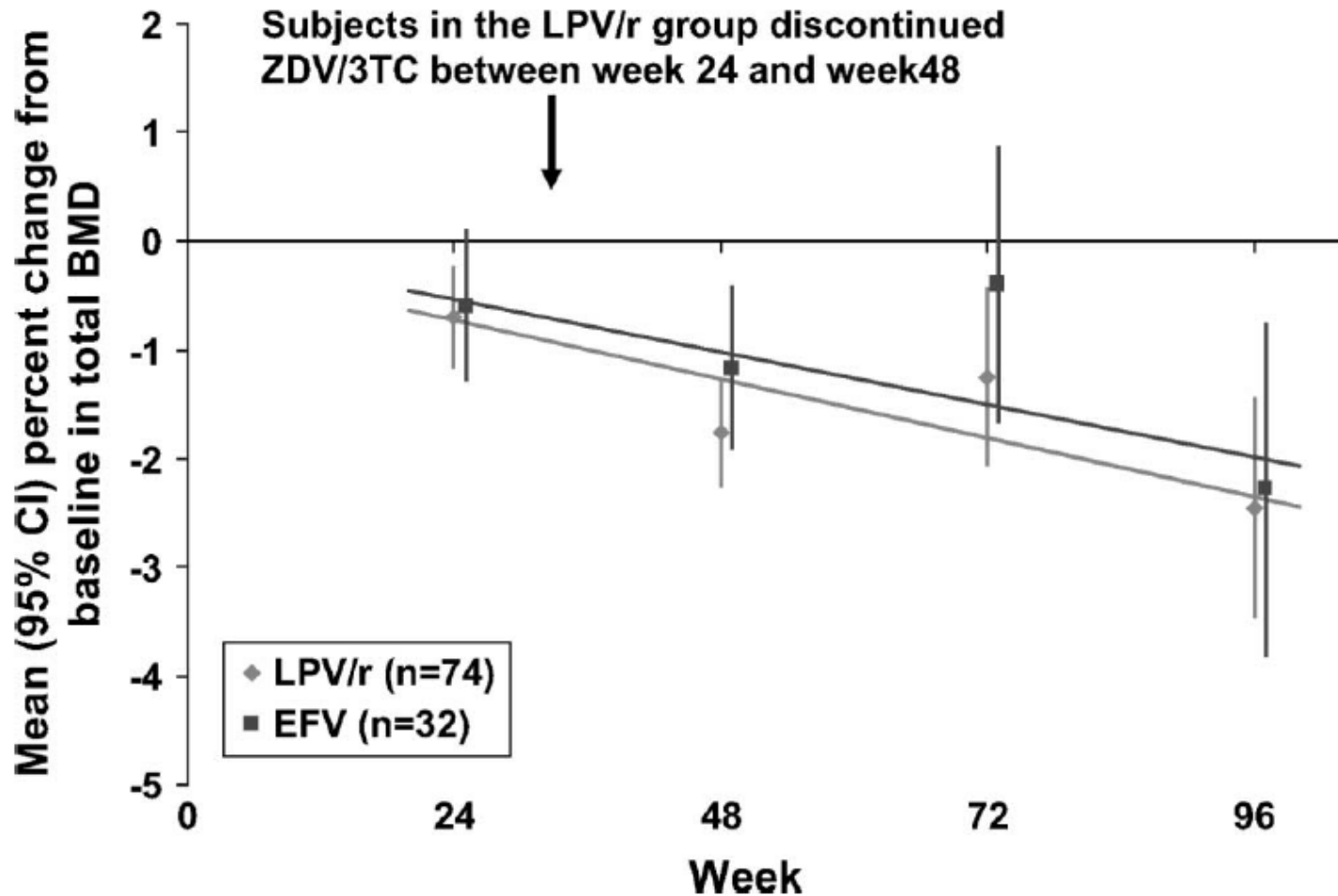
^a Procollagen type-1N terminal propeptide

So what happens with ART?

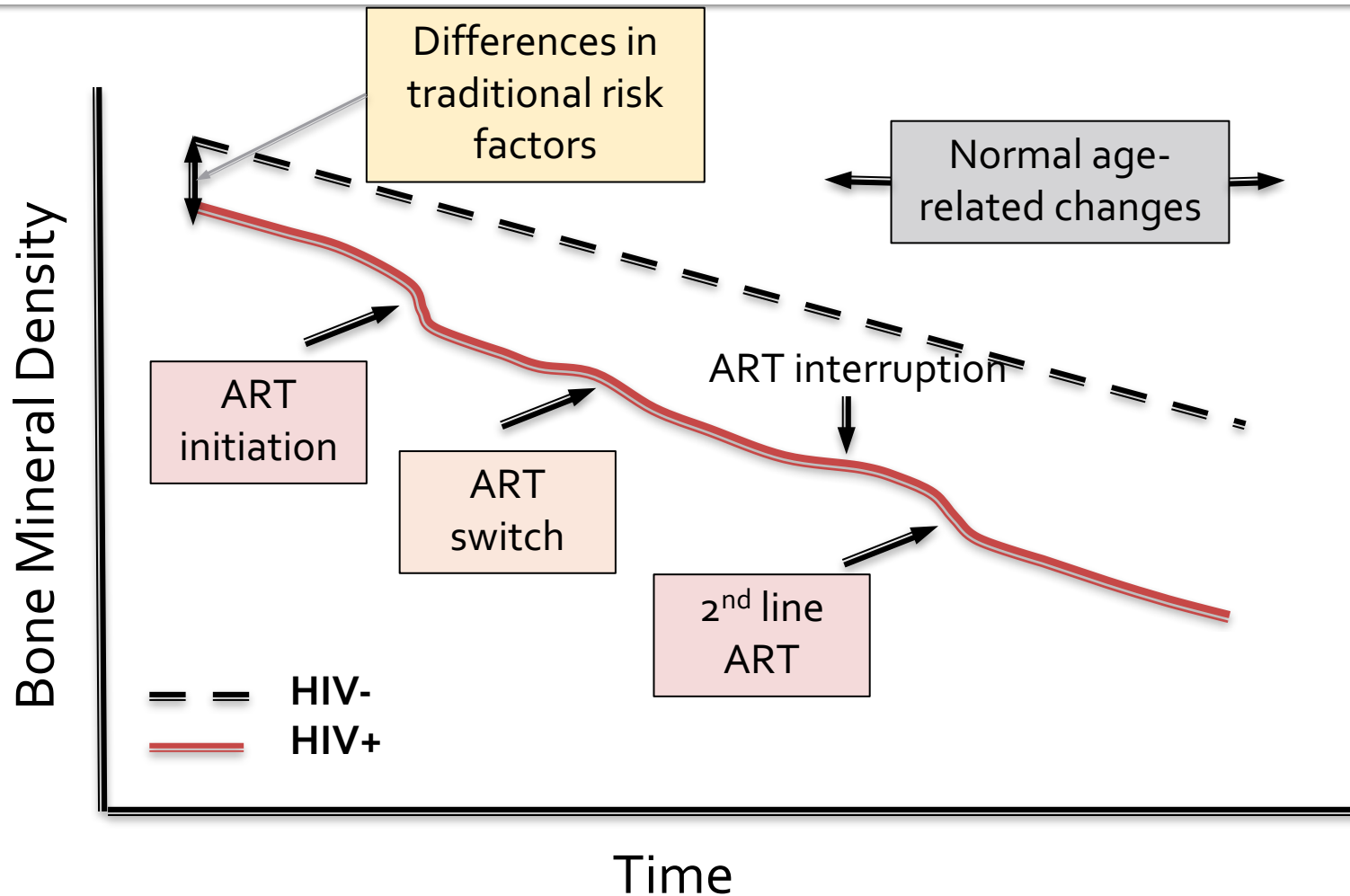
ART initiation (in viremic patients) is associated with a 2-6% loss of bone mineral density in the first year.



LPVr/AZT/3TC vs. EFV/AZT/3TC



Working hypothesis/paradigm



Not all ART is created equal...

- **Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (TDF)** has been associated with BMD loss
 - In HIV+ initiating ART
 - In ART therapy switches
 - In HIV- adults on PrEP

Stellbrink HJ et al. *Clin Inf Dis*. 2010

McComsey GA et al. *J Infect Dis*. 2011

Cotter AG et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab*. 2013

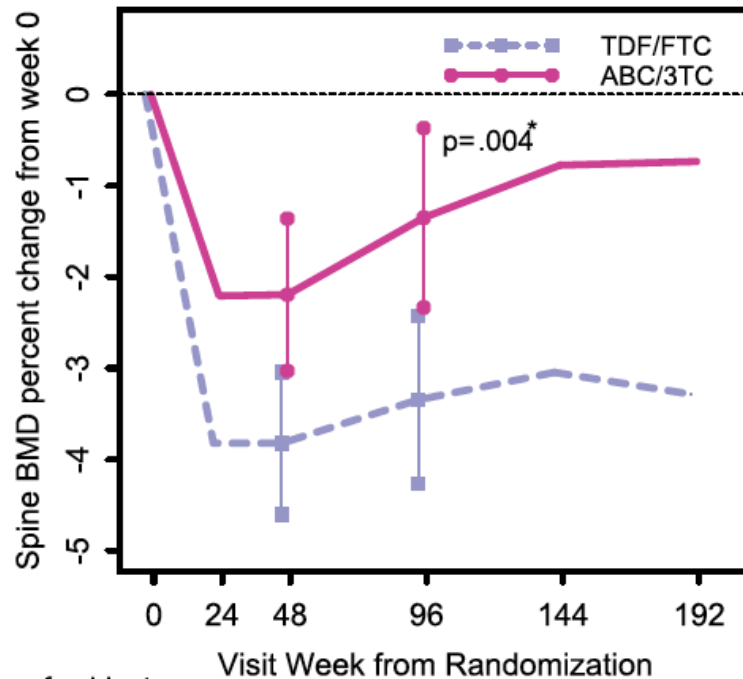
Glidden DV et al. *JAIDS*. 2017

And many more...

ACTG 5224s (substudy of A5202): TDF/FTC+(ATVr or EFV) vs. ABC/3TC+(ATVr or EFV)

Spine BMD

NRTI Component
Primary Analysis

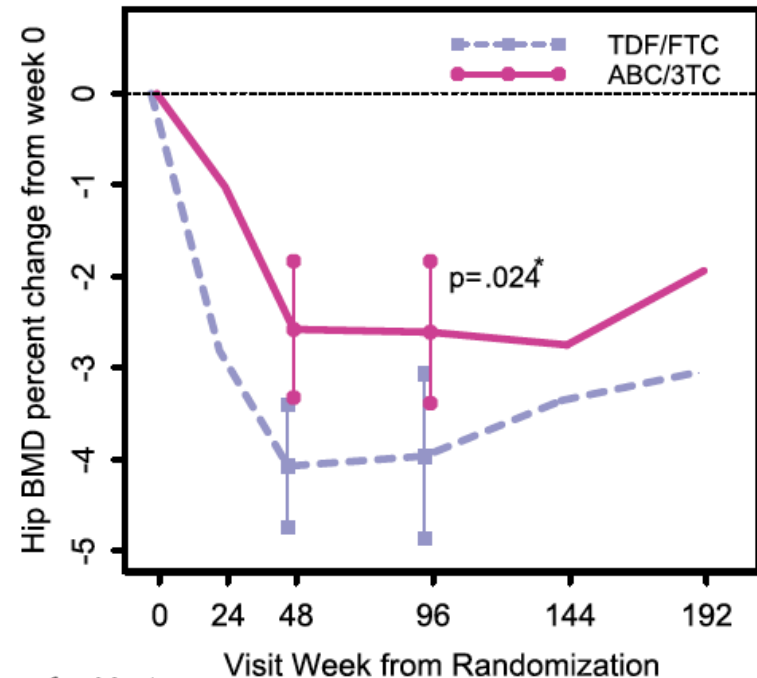


No. of subjects	0	24	48	96	144	192
TDF/FTC	128	111	105	97	87	53
ABC/3TC	130	122	106	101	80	53

* - two-sample t-test

Hip BMD

NRTI Component
Primary Analysis



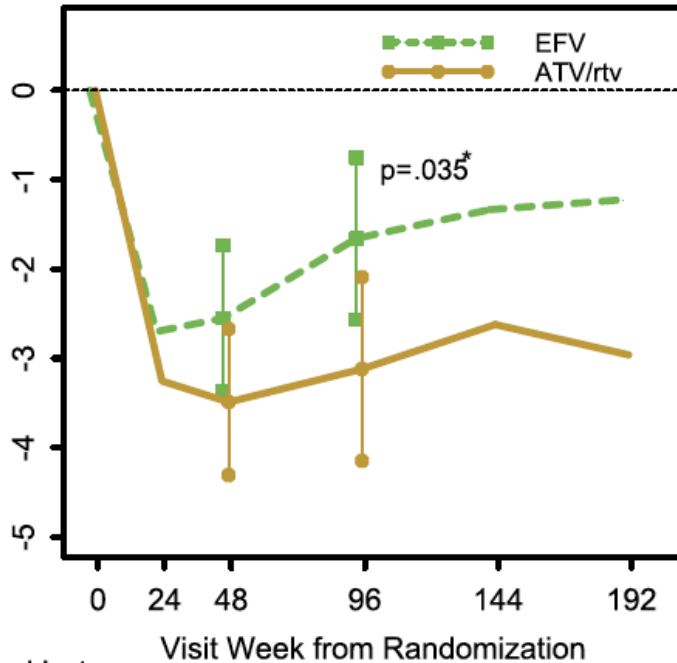
No. of subjects	0	24	48	96	144	192
TDF/FTC	126	109	104	96	85	53
ABC/3TC	128	119	104	99	79	54

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Also noted...

Spine BMD

NNRTI/PI Component
Secondary Analysis

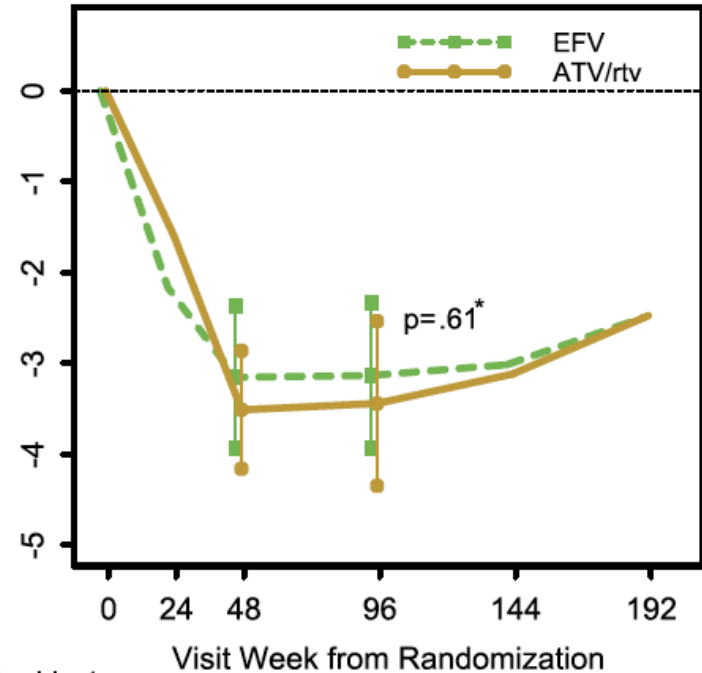


No. of subjects

EFV	133	117	109	107	86	58
ATV/r	125	116	102	91	81	48

Hip BMD

NNRTI/PI Component
Secondary Analysis

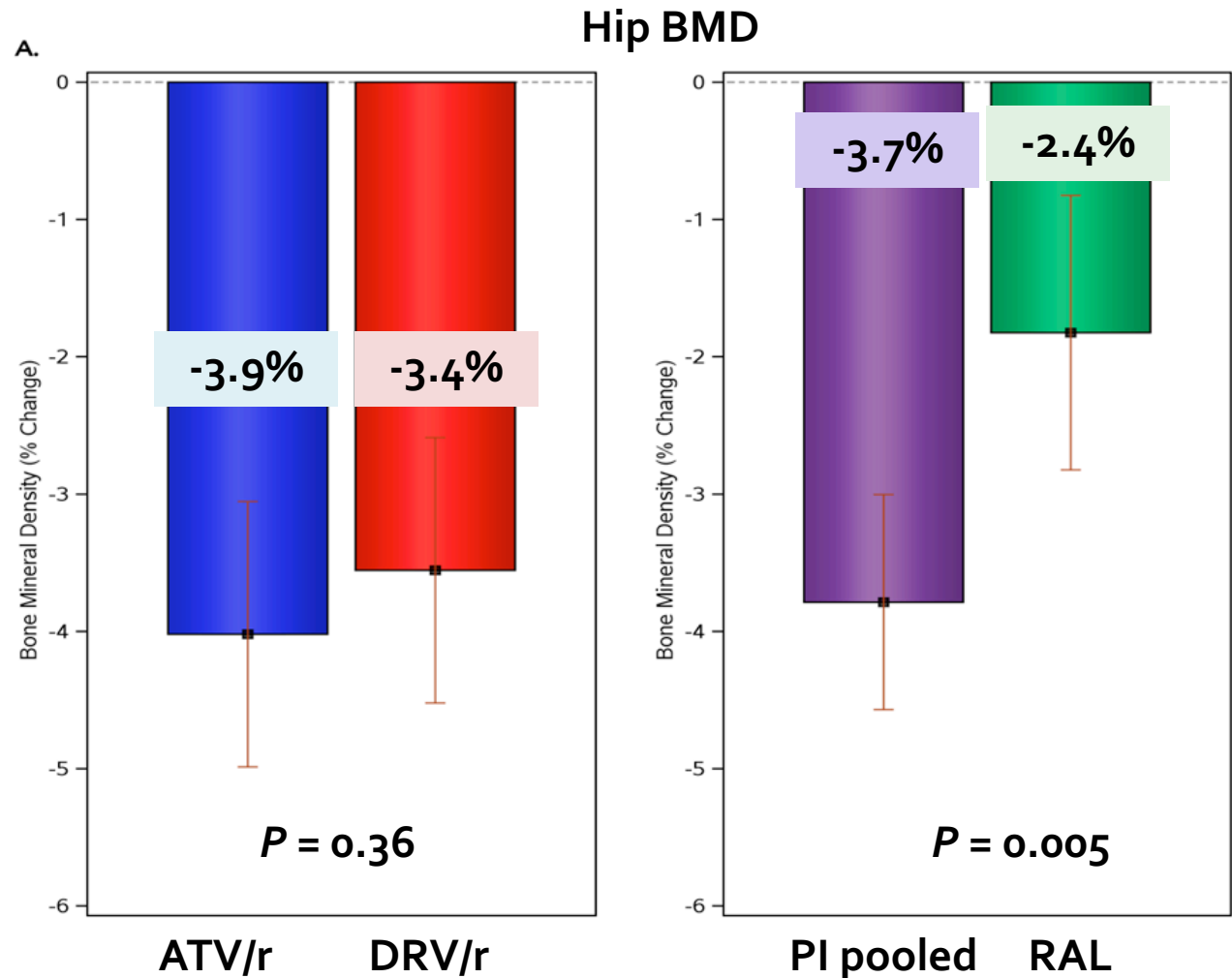


No. of subjects

EFV	131	114	107	105	84	59
ATV/r	123	114	101	90	80	48

Protease inhibitors & BMD

- A5257
- ATV/r vs. DRV/r vs. RAL, all paired with TDF/FTC
- BMD results at 96 wks
- L-spine results similar



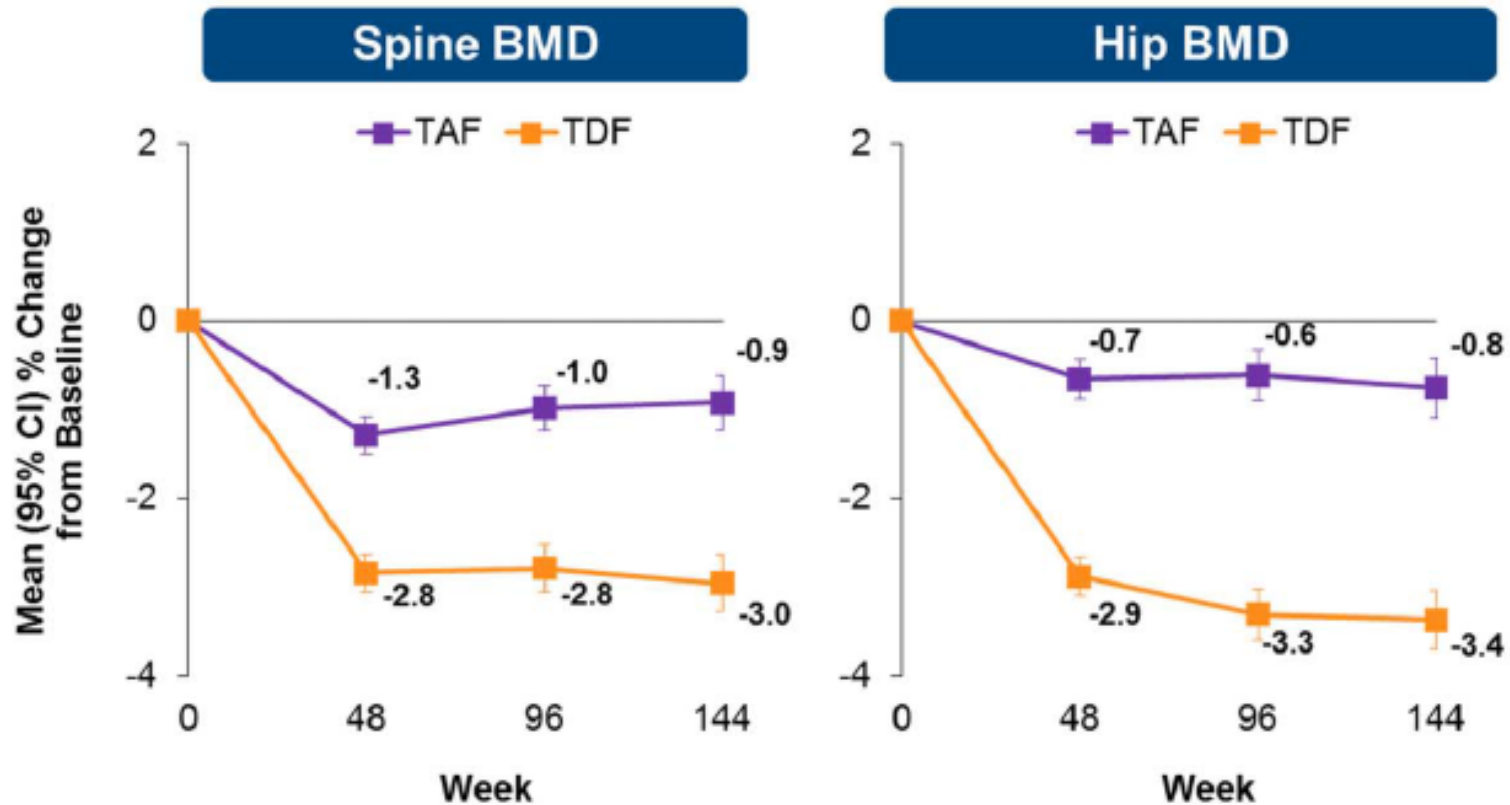
Proposed mechanisms of ART & bone changes

- Poorly defined mechanisms for how ARVs cause differential bone effects

ARV	Proposed mechanism
PIs	↑ osteoclastogenesis, inhibition of osteoblasts
AZT	↑ osteoclastogenesis
TDF	Renal tubular dysfunction (hypophosphatemia)
EFV	↓ Vitamin D due to CYP P ₄₅₀ inhibition

Tenofovir alafenamide (TAF)

EVG/c/TDF/FTC vs. EVG/c/TAF/FTC @ 144 weeks



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(n=)	845	795	744	702	836	791	735	690
(n=)	850	790	745	686	848	784	742	683

Reversible ART effects: Switch studies

Design	Original ARV	Switched to	Results of switch
Open-label, randomized trial (n=86)	PI/r	RAL vs. no switch	Statistically significant ↑ in femoral neck BMD after 48 wks
Open-label, non-randomized trial of pts with low BMD (n=37)	TDF + PI/r	RAL + PI/r	Statistically significant ↑ in femoral neck BMD after 24 and 48 wks
Pooled data from 2 clinical trials (n=214 pts with low BMD)	TDF-containing regimen	EVG/c/F/TAF	Statistically significant ↑ in L-spine and hip BMD after 96 wks

Curran A et al. *AIDS*. 2012

Bloch M et al. *HIV Med*. 2014

Brown TT et al. *CROI poster 683*. 2017

To review so far...

- Bone metabolism is driven by an interacting balance of resorption and formation
- HIV+ adults have many traditional risk factors for low BMD
- HIV infection independently alters bone metabolism
- ART initiation leads to drop in BMD
 - TDF and PIs are associated with greatest effects
 - ART switch from these can reverse BMD loss

Epidemiology & Clinical Considerations

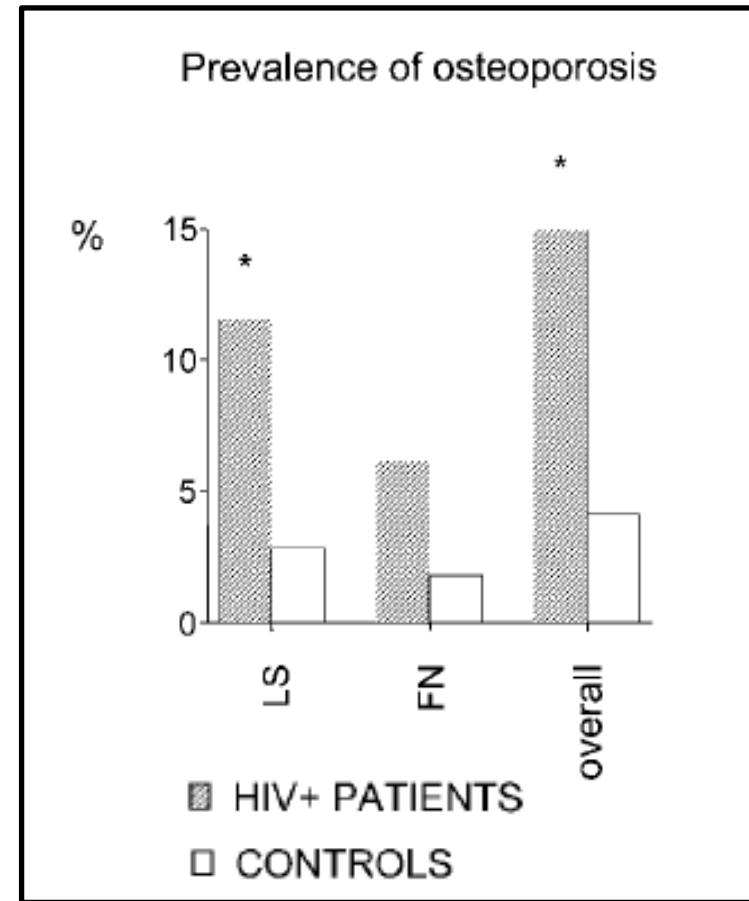


Clinical Definitions

- **Osteopenia:** mild thinning of the bone. DXA T-score (compared to young healthy adult) between -1 and -2.5 standard deviations
- **Osteoporosis:** severe thinning of bone. DXA T-score ≤ -2.5
- **Fragility Fracture:** any fall from a standing height or less, that results in a fracture. Most common sites: hips spine, and wrist.

Epidemiology

- HIV+ men and women have consistently been found to have high rates of low BMD
- Similarly, they also have been found to have higher rates of osteoporosis



Arnsten JH et al. *Clin Inf Dis*. 2006

Anastos K et al. *Antivir Ther*. 2007

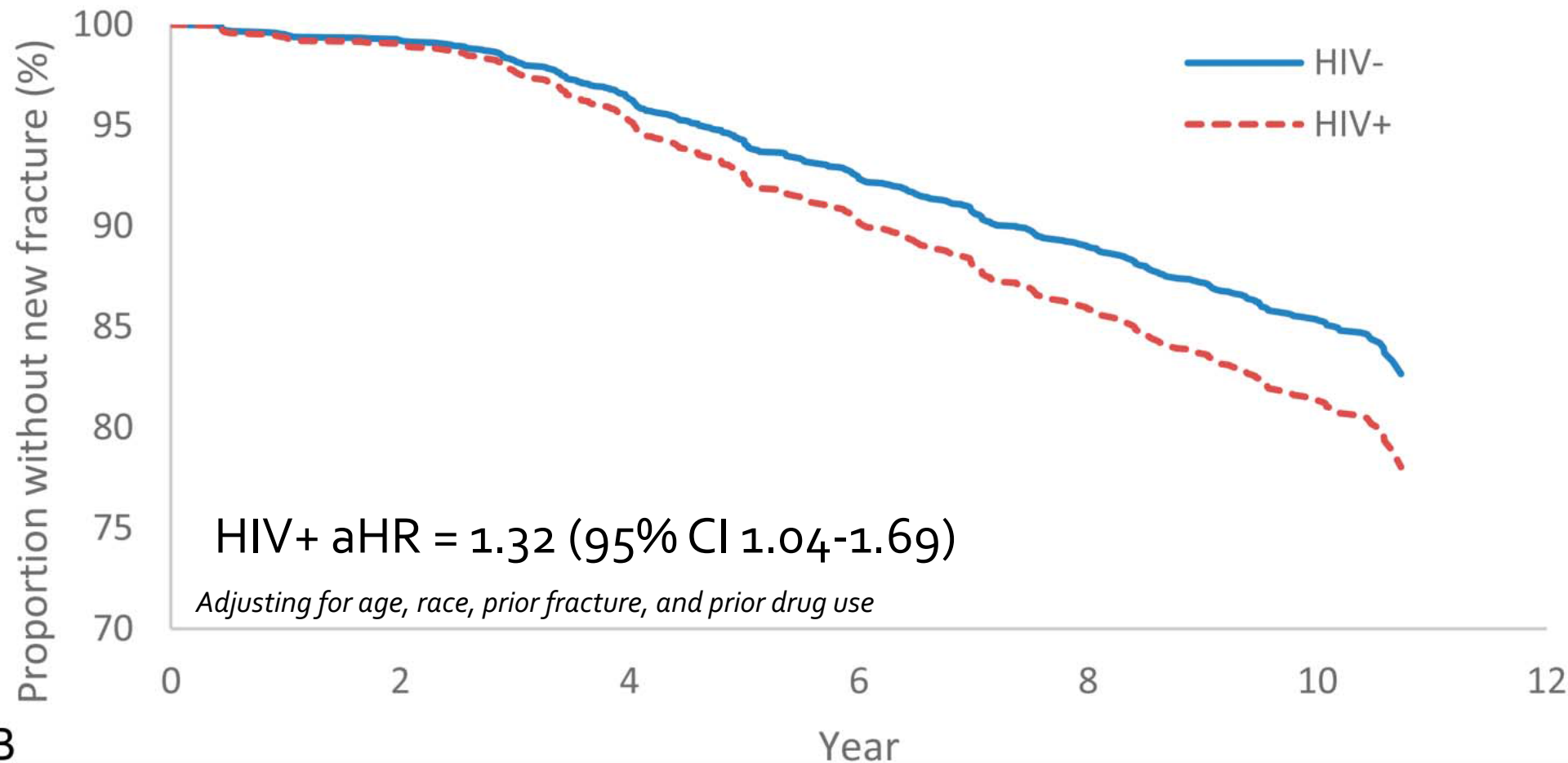
Amiel C et al. *J Bone Miner Res*. 2004

HIV+ & fragility fracture risk

- VACS cohort study – HIV+ (n=40,115) and HIV- (n=79,203) males

	Model 1 HR (95%CI)
HIV infection	1.32 (1.20-1.47)
Age (per 10yrs)	
White race	
Alcohol abuse	
Liver disease	
Current steroid use	
Smoker	
Any PPI use	
BMI	

Risk of fractures in HIV+/- women



Key risk factors for bone outcomes in HIV+ adults

Osteoporosis (or low BMD)

Older age

White race

BMI

ART initiation (esp TDF and PI use)

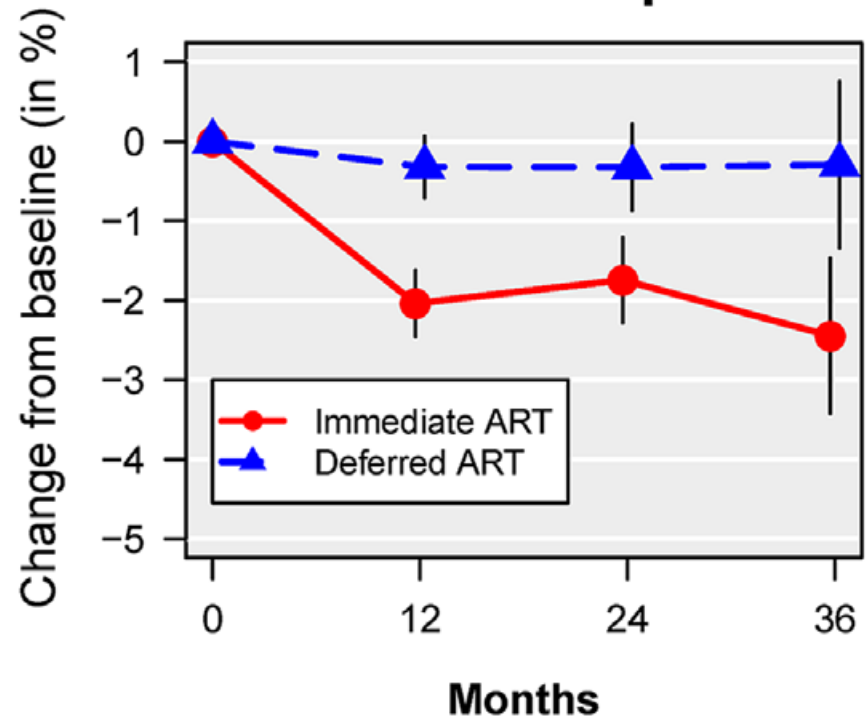
Low CD₄ & high VL at ART start

Early ART initiation

Grant PM et al. *Clin Inf Dis.* 2013

Hoy JF et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2017

A. Lumbar Spine



No. of participants:

Imm.:	195	194	169	51
Def.:	204	197	180	59
P-values:		<0.001	<0.001	0.004

Longitudinal comparison:

Est. diff.: -1.6 95% CI: (-2.2, -1.0) P<0.001

Key risk factors for bone outcomes in HIV+ adults

Osteoporosis (or low BMD)

Older age

White race

BMI

ART initiation (esp TDF and PI use)

Low CD4 & high VL at ART start

Early ART initiation

Fractures	HR or RR range
Age (per 10 yrs)	1.3 – 1.5
White race	1.4-1.9
BMI	0.9
Previous fracture	1.7-3.8
Drugs /cigs/ EtOH	1.3-1.6
Smoking	1.3
HCV / liver disease	1.4-1.6
CD4 nadir <200 or ADI	1.6-3.1
Current PI	1.4
Current /cum TDF*	1.1-1.3
History of falls	4-9

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Hoy JF et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2013

Bedimo R et al. *AIDS.* 2012

Borges AH et al. *Clin Inf Dis.* 2017

Womack JA et al. *PLoS One.* 2011

Arnsten JH et al. *Clin Inf Dis.* 2006

Sharma A et al. *JAIDS.* 2015

Gedmintas L et al. *Osteoporos.* 2017

HIV clinical application

Who should be screened?

How can BMD loss be prevented?

When & how should they be screened?



How should they be treated based on those results?

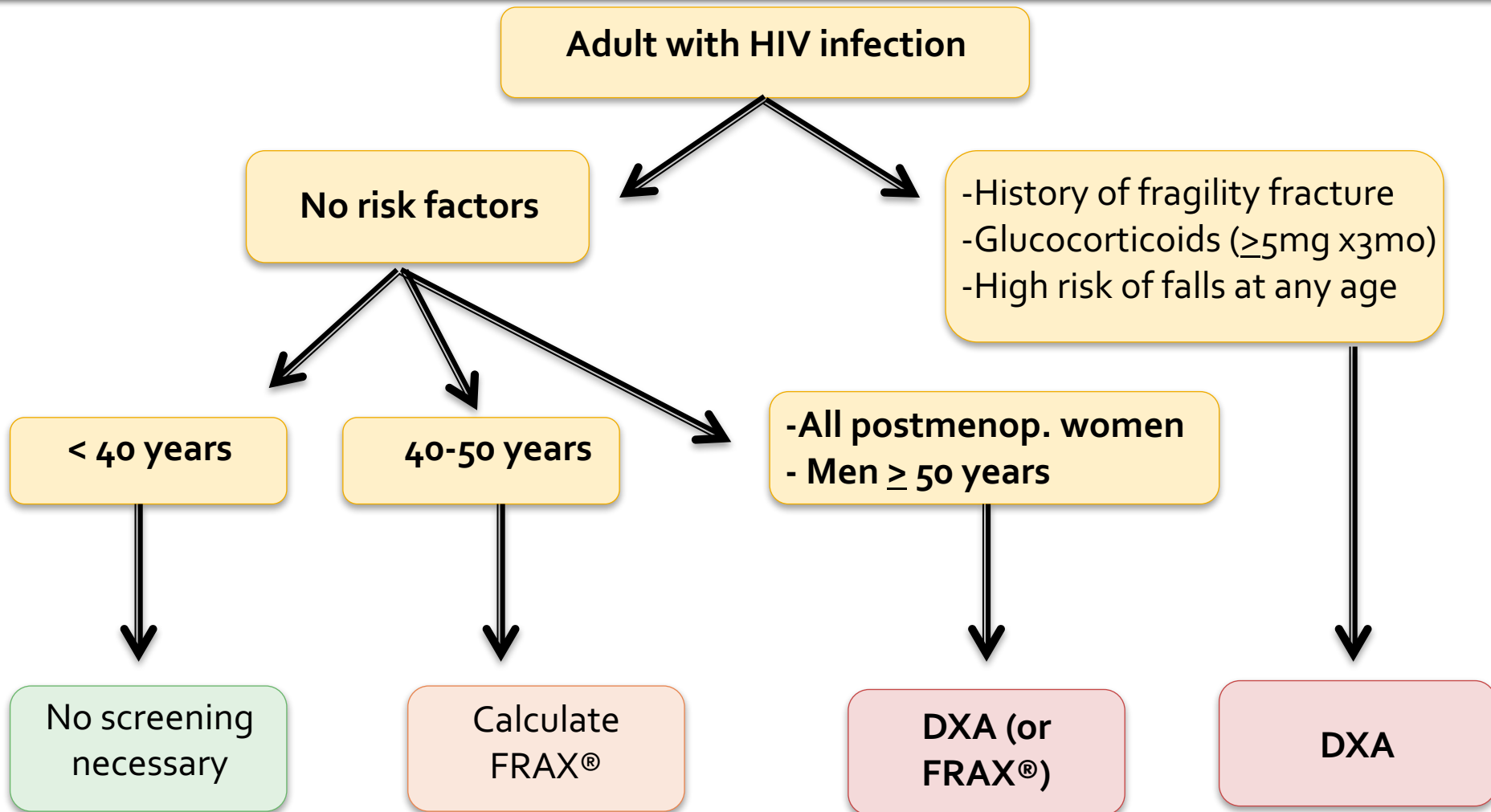
How can fractures be prevented?

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Recommendations for Evaluation and Management of Bone Disease in HIV

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Screening



FRAX[®] - 10 year fracture risk

Country: **US (Caucasian)** Name/ID: [About the risk factors](#)

Questionnaire:

1. Age (between 40 and 90 years) or Date of Birth
Age: Date of Birth: Y: M: D:

2. Sex Male Female

3. Weight (kg)

4. Height (cm)

5. Previous Fracture No Yes

6. Parent Fractured Hip No Yes

7. Current Smoking No Yes

8. Glucocorticoids No Yes

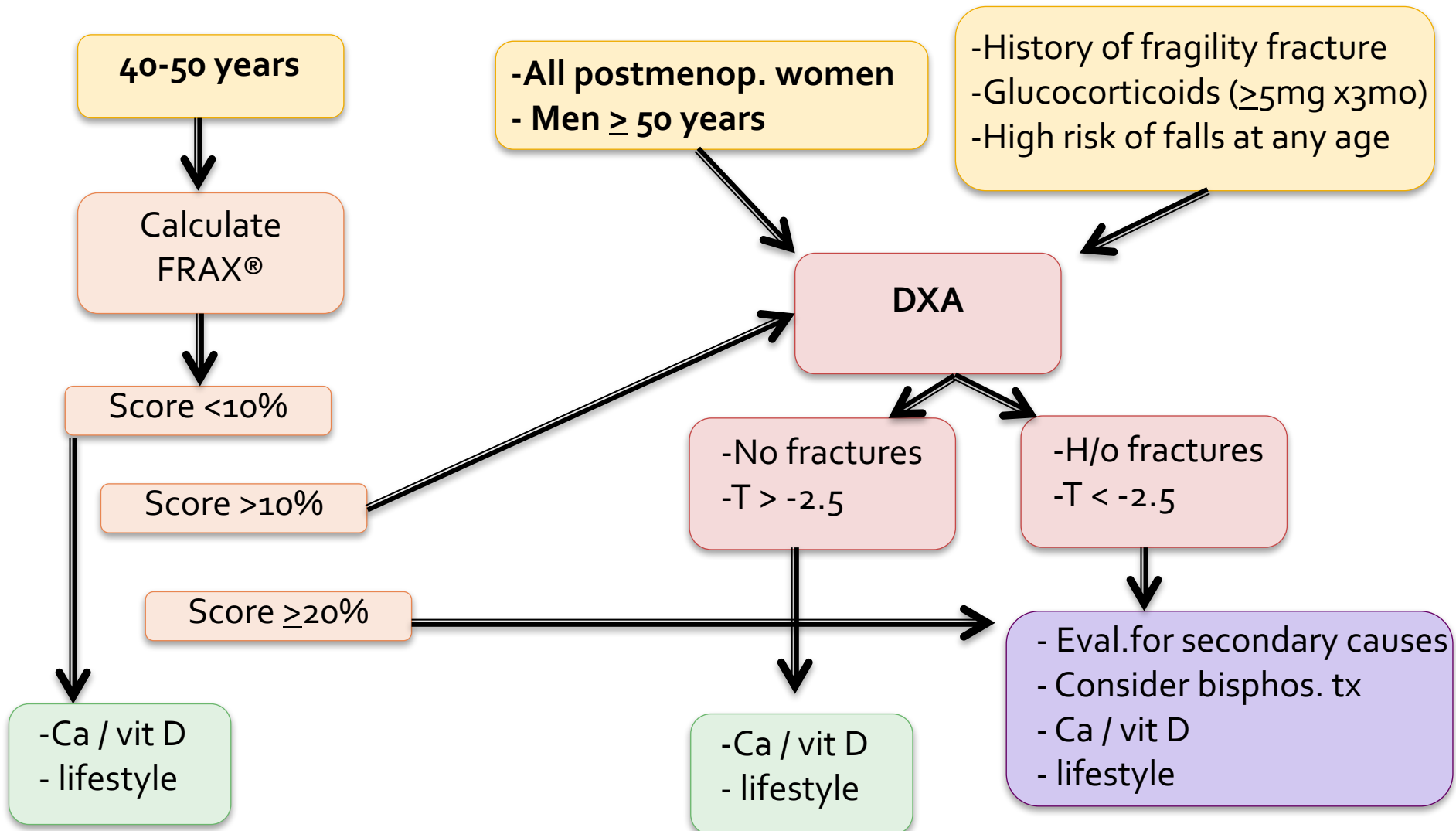
9. Rheumatoid arthritis No Yes

10. Secondary osteoporosis No Yes

11. Alcohol 3 or more units/day No Yes

12. Femoral neck BMD (g/cm²) **not required*
Select BMD

Assessment & Management



Monitoring

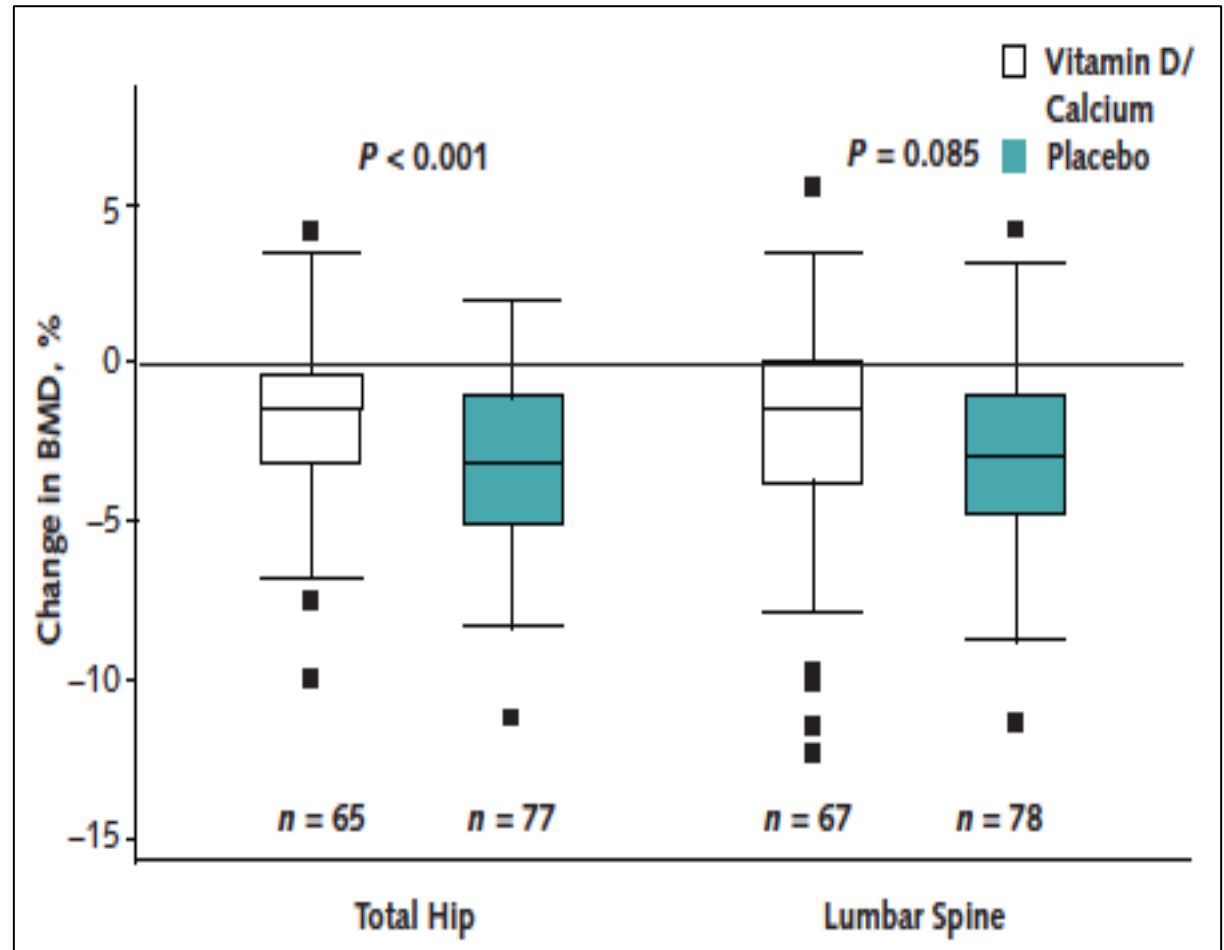
	Group	
LOW	40-50 years of age FRAX® < 10%	Repeat FRAX® every 2-3 years
MODERATE	Postmenop. Women Men ≥ 50 years FRAX® >10% DXA with osteopenia	Repeat DXA in <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1-2 years if advanced osteopenia (Tscore, -2.0 to -2.49)• 5 years if mild-moderate osteopenia (Tscore -1.01 to 1.99)
HIGH	DXA with osteoporosis Started on bisphosphonate	Repeat DXA in 2 years, reassess indication for continuation in 3-5 years

Prevention

	Group	
LOW	40-50 years of age FRAX® < 10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - smoking, EtOH avoidance - regular exercise - check 25-OH vitamin D if at risk
MODERATE	Postmenop. Women Men ≥ 50 years FRAX® >10% DXA with osteopenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - smoking, EtOH avoidance - regular exercise (weight-bearing) - check 25-OH vitamin D, goal = 30 ng/mL - consider ART switch off TDF & PIs
HIGH	DXA with osteoporosis Started on bisphosphonate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - smoking, EtOH avoidance - regular exercise (weight-bearing) - check 25-OH vitamin D, goal = 30 ng/mL - ART switch off TDF & PIs - falls prevention (Sedating meds? Stairs? Dementia/depression? Balance?)

Early intervention/prevention?

- 165 ART adults starting EFV/TDF/FTC
- Randomized to Ca/vitD₃ vs. placebo
- Outcome: BMD @ 48 wks



Conclusions

- HIV+ adults are at increased risk for low BMD and osteoporosis
 - Traditional risk factors & HIV/ART effects
- ART initiation is associated with a 2-6% BMD loss
- New ARVs (I, TAF) have less effects on BMD
- Screening for osteoporosis and fracture risk begins at age 40-50 years
- Prevention of low BMD and fractures is relevant for all ages

Thank you!
