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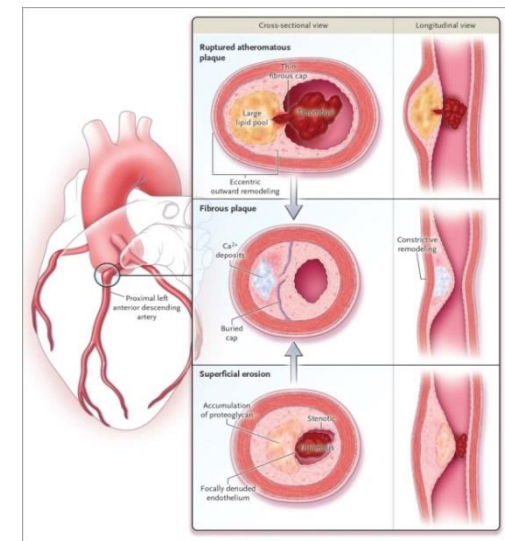
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# Association between Osteoporosis and Cardiovascular Diseases? Fact or Fiction?

- Part 1: Is fracture risk elevated in patients with CVD?
- Part 2: Is CVD-risk elevated in osteoporotic patients?
- Part 3: Osteoporosis and CHD in rheumatic diseases
- Part 4: Pathogenesis
- Part 5: Consequences for daily practice



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# Risk Factors Cardiovascular Events and Osteoporotic Fractures (1)



	Cardiovascular events	Osteoporotic Fractures
Age	+++	+++
Hypercholesterolaemia	+	-
Hypertension	+	-
Familial	(+)	(+)
Smoking		
Diabetes Mellitus		
Immobility		
Fall events		
Vitamin D deficiency		
Postmenopausal status		
Low Grade inflammation		

# Risk Factors Cardiovascular Events and Osteoporotic Fractures (2)



	Cardiovascular events	Osteoporotic Fractures
Age	+++	+++
Hypercholesterolaemia	+	-
Hypertension	+	-
Familial	(+)	(+)
Smoking	+	+
Diabetes Mellitus	+	+ (!)
Immobility	+	+
Fall events		
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Hypertension	+	-
Familial	(+)	(+)
Smoking	+	+
Diabetes Mellitus	+	+ (!)
Immobility	+	+
Fall events	-	+
Vitamin D deficiency	?	+
Postmenopausal status	+	+
Low Grade inflammation	++	++

# High-Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein and Risk of Nontraumatic Fractures in the Bruneck Study

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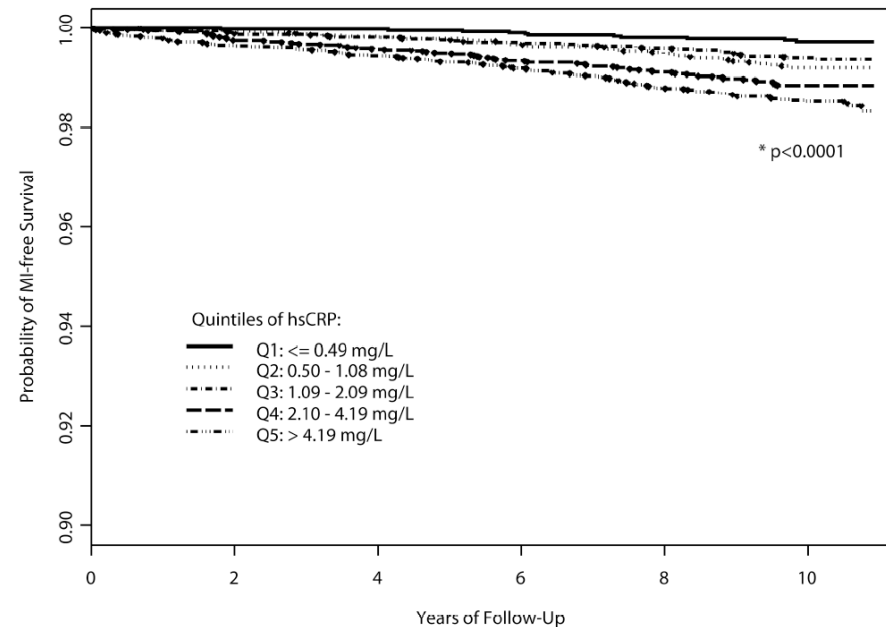
## Comparison of Characteristics of Future Myocardial Infarctions in Women with Baseline High versus Baseline Low Levels of High-Sensitivity C-Reactive Protein

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**Table 3. Incidence of Nontraumatic Fractures According to Tertile Group for hs-CRP Level\***

Variable	Tertile Group for hs-CRP Level		
	1 (Low)	2 (Medium)	3 (High)
hs-CRP level, median (range), mg/L	0.70 (0.10-1.08)	1.70 (1.09-2.52)	4.60 (2.53-89.80)
No. of nontraumatic fractures	5	14	50
Follow-up, person-years*	3947	3726	3589
Incidence, events per 1000 person-years	1.3	3.8	13.9



**Figure.**  
MI-free Survival According to Quintile of Baseline hsCRP





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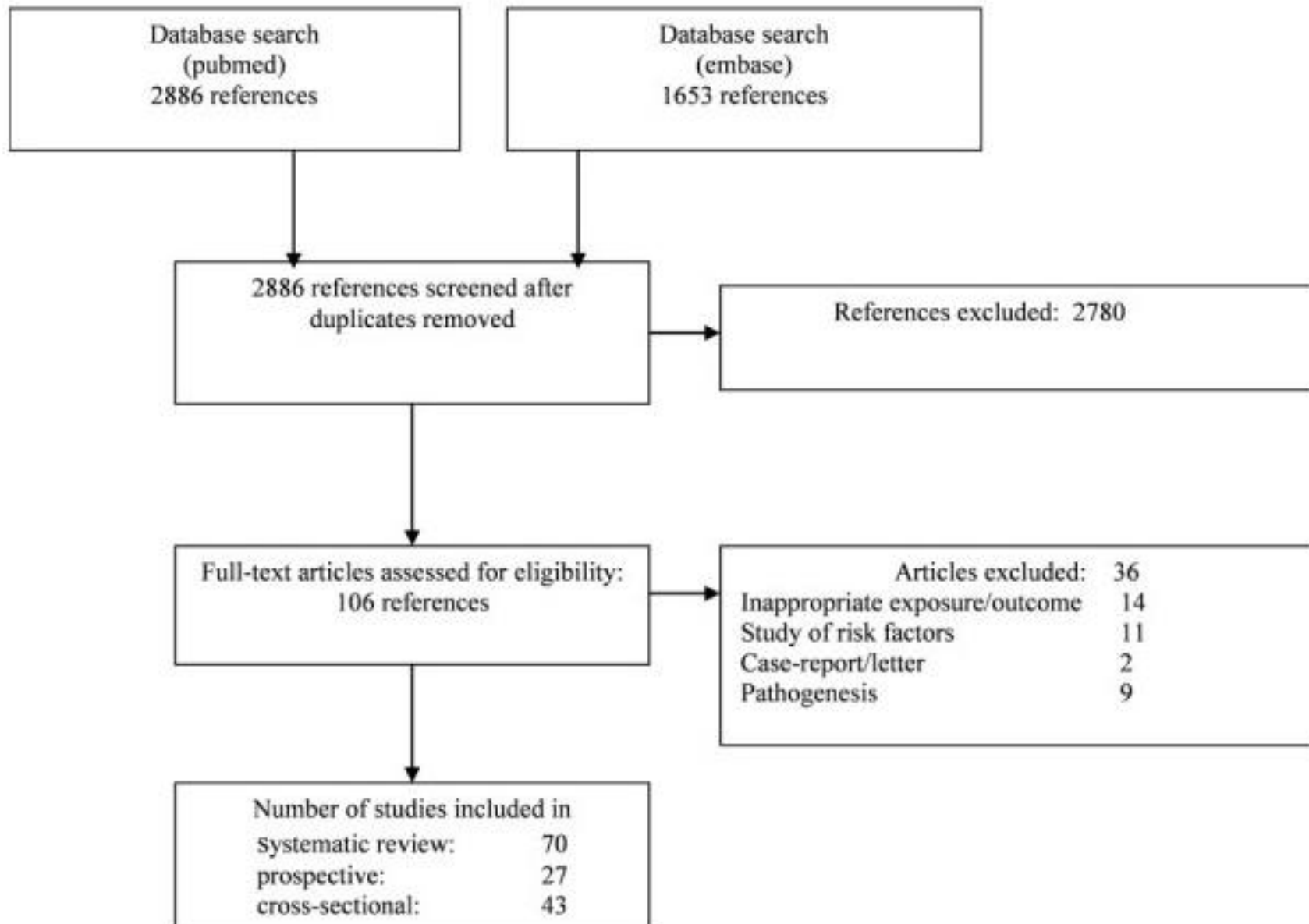
# (Sub)clinical cardiovascular disease is associated with increased bone loss and fracture risk; a systematic review of the association between cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis

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den Uyl et al. *Arthritis Research & Therapy* 2011, **13**:R5  
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**Figure 1**



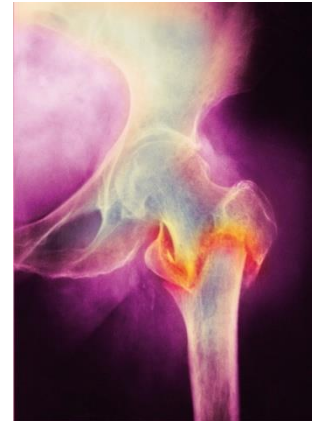
## Systematic review

- Review of the current literature association between CVD and a) osteoporotic fractures and b) low BMD
- 2886 papers.
- Finally, 70 articles:
  - Prospective studies: 27
  - Cross-sectional studies: 43
- *Due to a large heterogeneity in study population, design and outcome measures a formal meta-analysis was not possible.*



## Patients with Cardiovascular Disease: elevated fracture risk? (1)

- Population based cohort studies: n=7
- In 4 studies an increased risk of incident fractures:  
Risk Rates ranging from 1.2 to 6.7;
  - Vertebral fractures and hip fractures
  - In women and in men
  - Some studies small with short follow-up
  - Different subgroups CVD:
    - Little information
    - Mostly Aortic Calcification and PAD

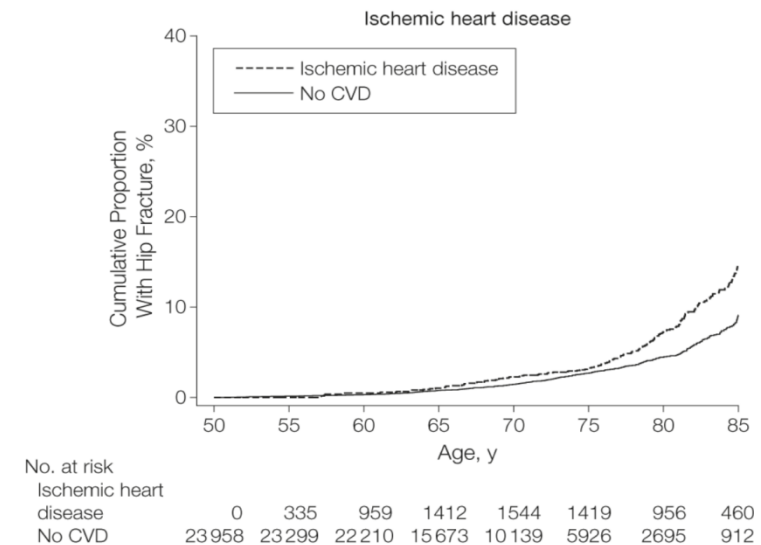
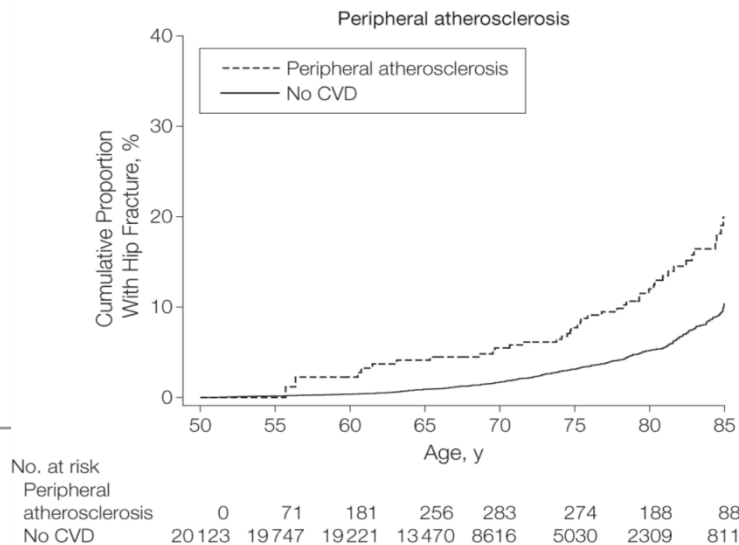
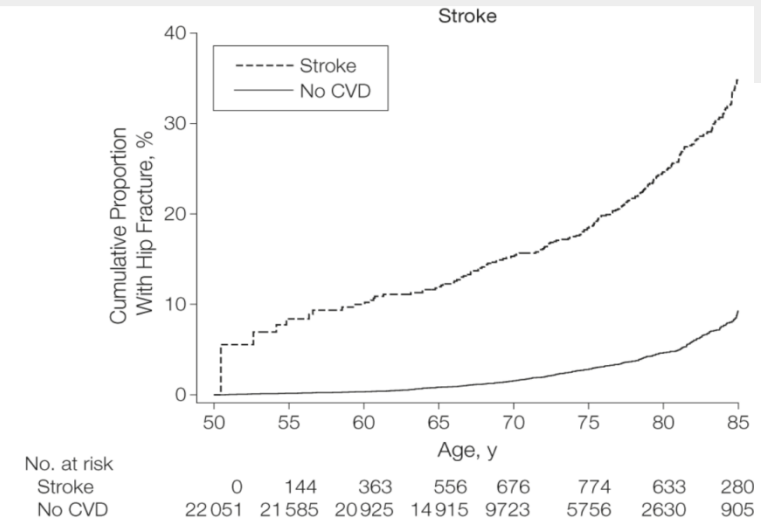
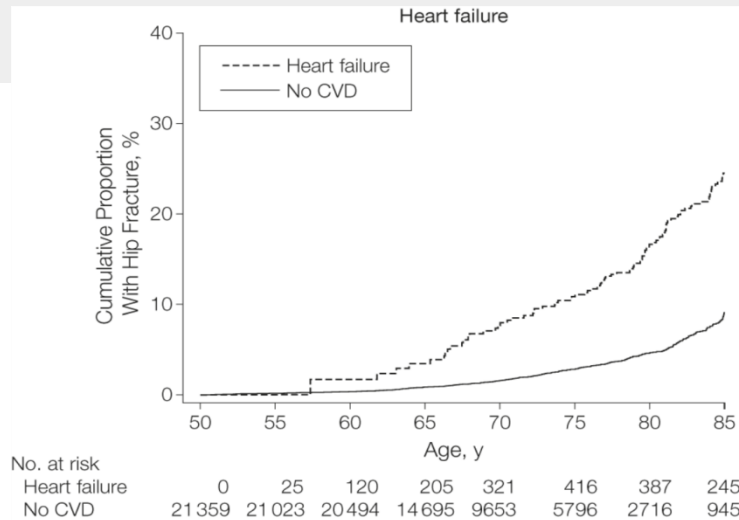


## Patients with CVD: elevated fracture risk? (2)

- 15.968 twins, inclusion at age of 50
- Follow-up: 20 years
- Excluded: CVD at age of 50;
  
- Primary Outcome: time to hip# after diagnosis, or death
- Results for 4 subcategories:
  - Heart failure
  - Stroke
  - Peripheral Vascular Disease
  - Ischemic Heart Disease



## From: Cardiovascular Diseases and Risk of Hip Fracture



### Figure Legend:

Kaplan-Meier curves of hip fracture for twins with and without cardiovascular disease (CVD)

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# Risk of Hip/Femur Fracture After Stroke

## A Population-Based Case-Control Study

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**Table 2. Risk of Hip/Femur Fracture and Type of Stroke**

	Cases (n=6763)	Controls (n=26 341)	Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)*
Never experienced stroke	6538	25 934	1.00	1.00
Ever experienced stroke	225	407	2.22 (1.88–2.62)	1.96 (1.65–2.33)
Hemorrhagic stroke†	35	66	2.14 (1.41–3.22)	1.94 (1.27–2.96)
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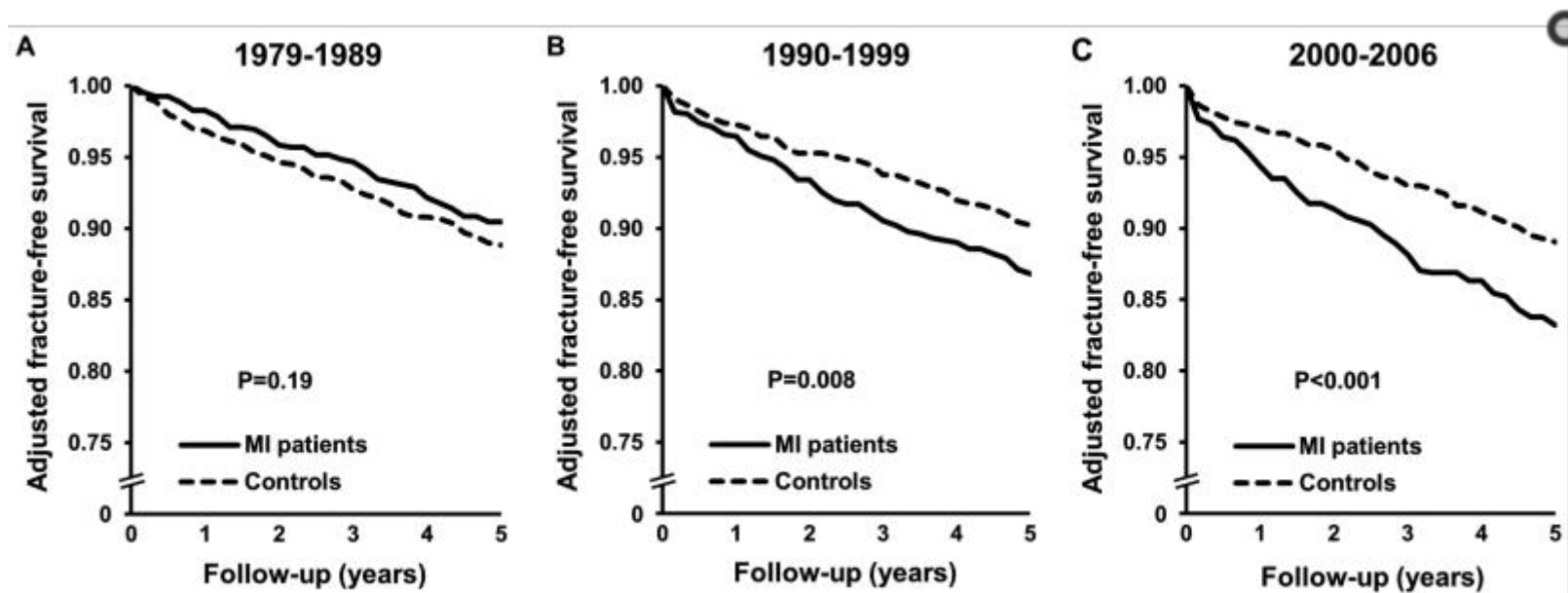
\*Adjusted for: the use of benzodiazepines with the 3 months before the index date; use of inhaled corticosteroids, oral corticosteroids, antipsychotics, antidepressants, beta-blockers, opioids, antiepileptics,  $\geq 2$  dispensing occurrences of a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug, disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs, nitrates, antidiabetics, calcium-channel blockers, bisphosphonates, hormone replacement therapy, antiarrhythmics (excluding digoxin) within the 6 months before the index date; a diagnosis of anemia, mental disorder, skin, or subcutaneous disease within the year before the index date; a diagnosis of malignant neoplasm, endocrine disorder, obstructive airways disease, inflammatory bowel disease, or musculoskeletal and connective tissue diseases at any time before the index date.



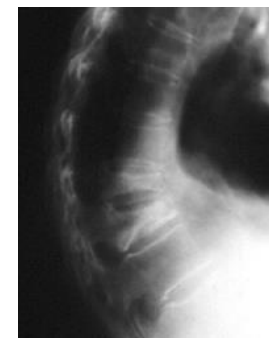
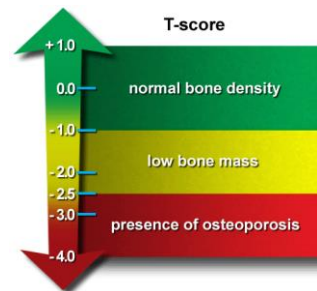
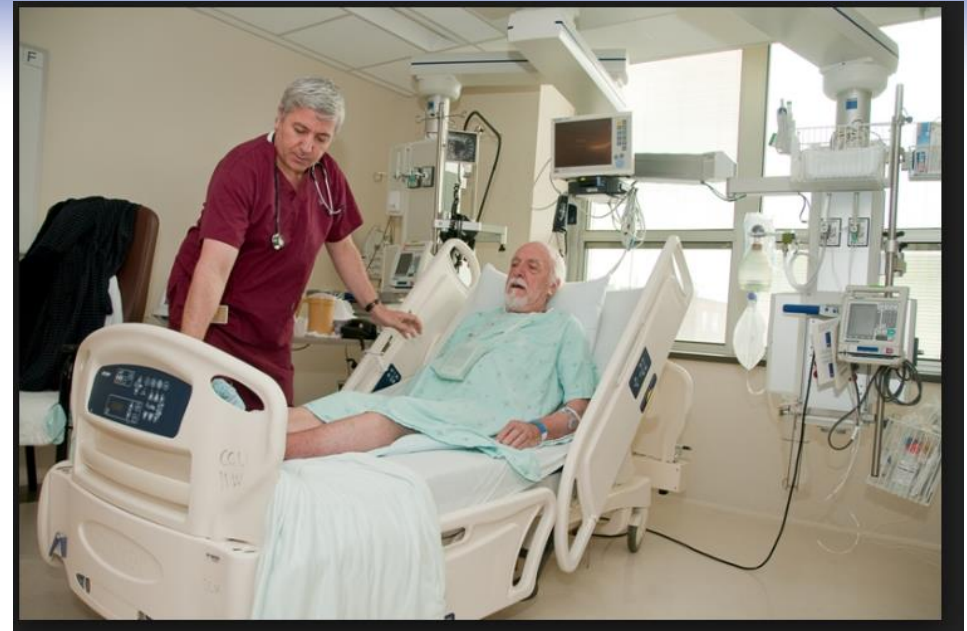
- Follow-up 4 years, 3321 cases (incident myocardial infarction=MI) vs 3321 controls;
- Age 67.4 (14.2), excluded prior MI
- Outcome: fracture after MI
  
- Results:
  - Overall: HR 1.32 (95% CI 1.12–1.56)
  - Women: HR 1.45 (95% CI 1.17–1.79)
  - Men: HR 1.25 (95% CI 0.86–1.48)

# Association Between Myocardial Infarction and Fractures: An Emerging Phenomenon

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# Are cardiologists screening for osteoporosis in their patients after a cardiovascular event?



# ***Is cardiovascular risk elevated in osteoporotic patients?***



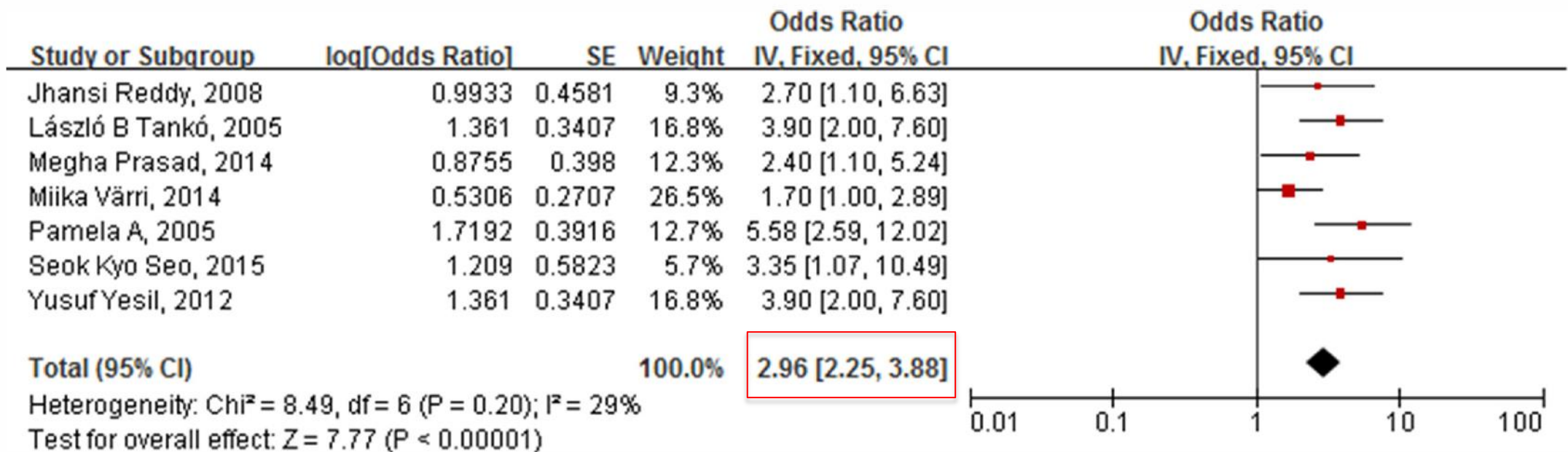
**PART 2**



# Decreased Bone Mineral Density Is an Independent Predictor for the Development of Atherosclerosis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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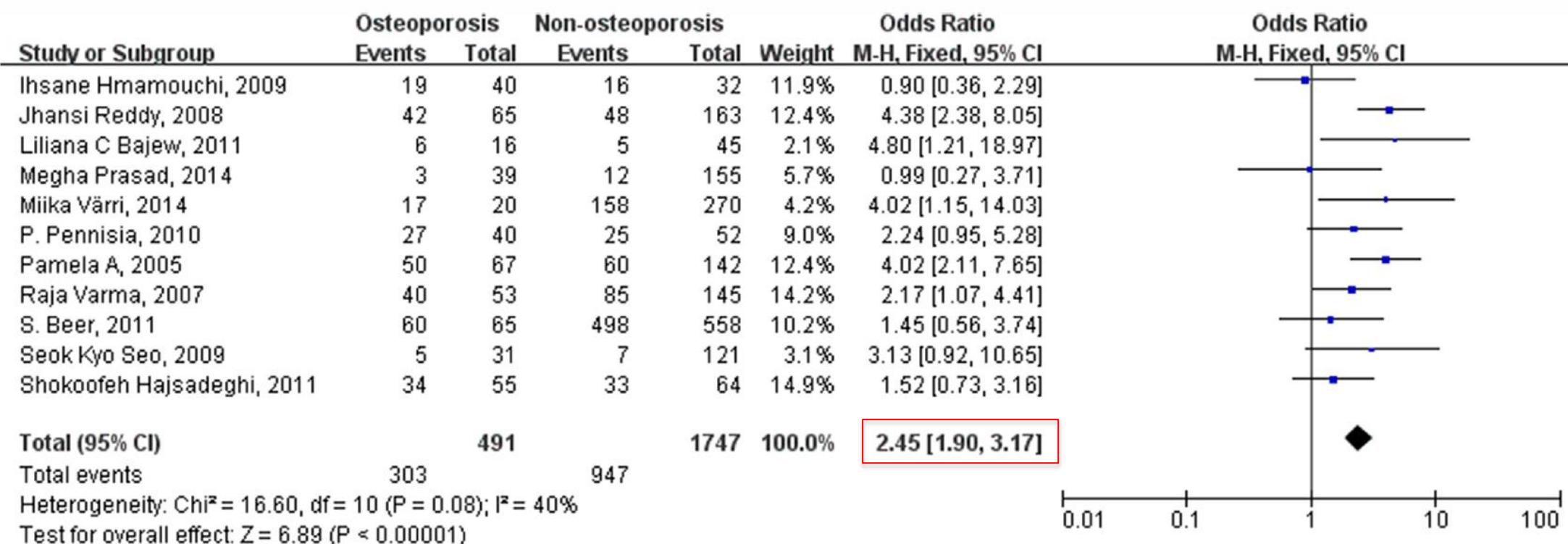
**Fig 6.** Forest plot shows that the incidence of atherosclerotic vascular abnormalities is significantly higher in individuals with low BMD than those with normal BMD, after adjusting for age, gender, BMI, hypertension, and other vascular risk factors.

## Atherosclerotic Vascular abnormalities in individuals with low BMD versus normal BMD

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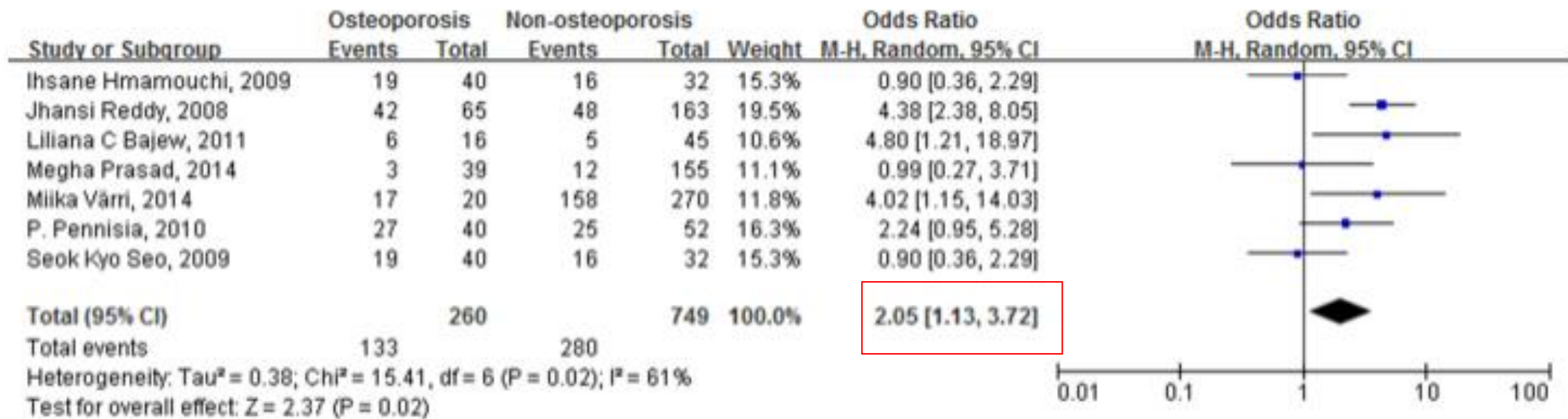
**Fig 3. Forest plot shows that the incidence of atherosclerotic vascular abnormalities is significantly higher in individuals (including male and female) with osteoporosis than those without osteoporosis.**

**Atherosclerotic vascular abnormalities in individuals with osteoporosis versus without osteoporosis**

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Atherosclerotic vascular abnormalities in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis versus without osteoporosis

## Cardiovascular Risk Factor Analysis in Patients with a Recent Clinical Fracture at the Fracture Liaison Service



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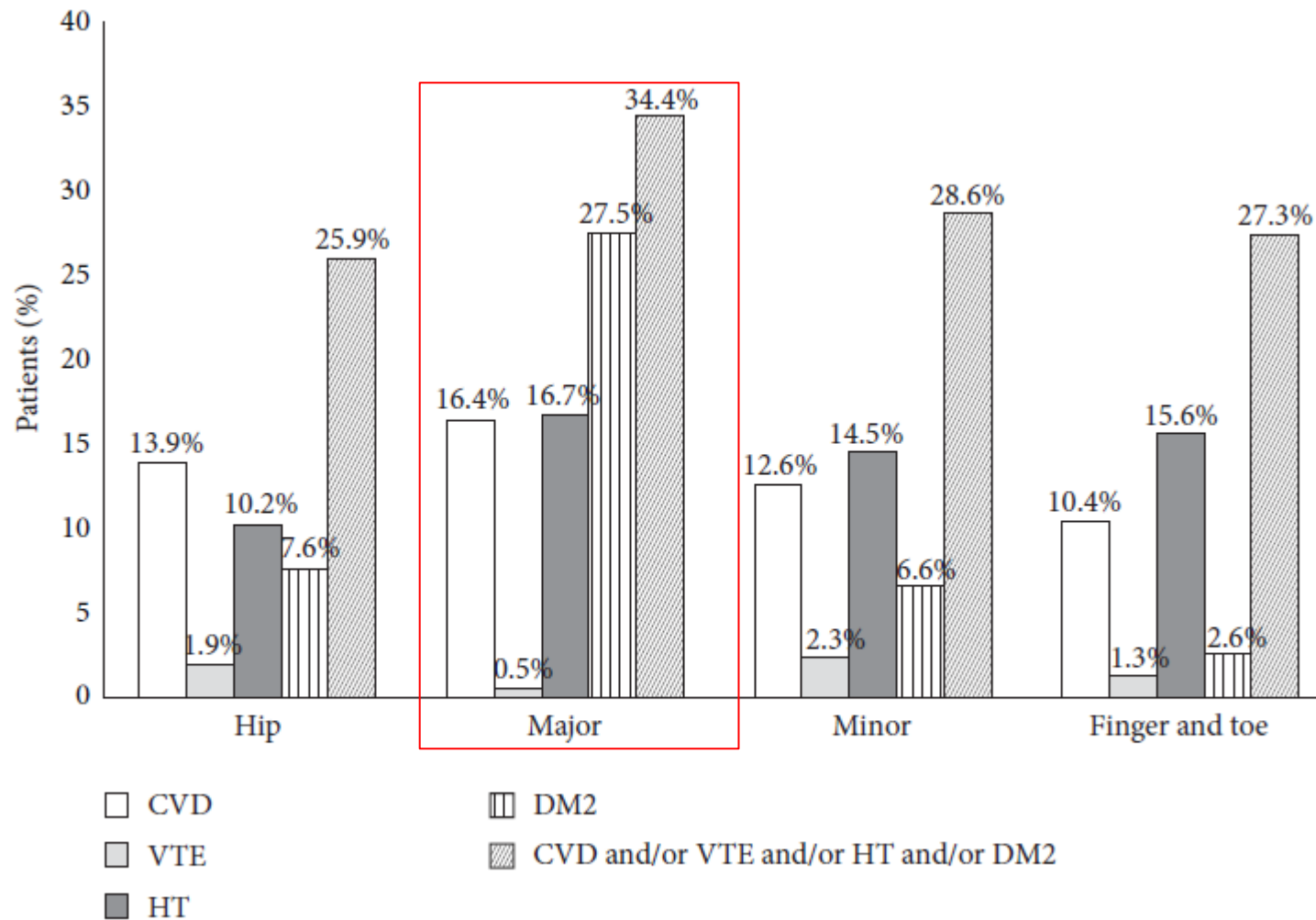
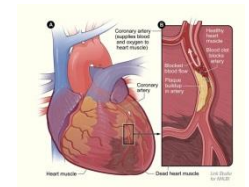


FIGURE 1: Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors and diabetes mellitus type 2 according to the center classification.



# Is Cardiovascular Risk Management a substantial part in the work-up of patients with a recent osteoporotic fracture, at the Fracture Liaison Service?



# ***Cardiovascular events and osteoporotic fractures in patients with rheumatic diseases.***

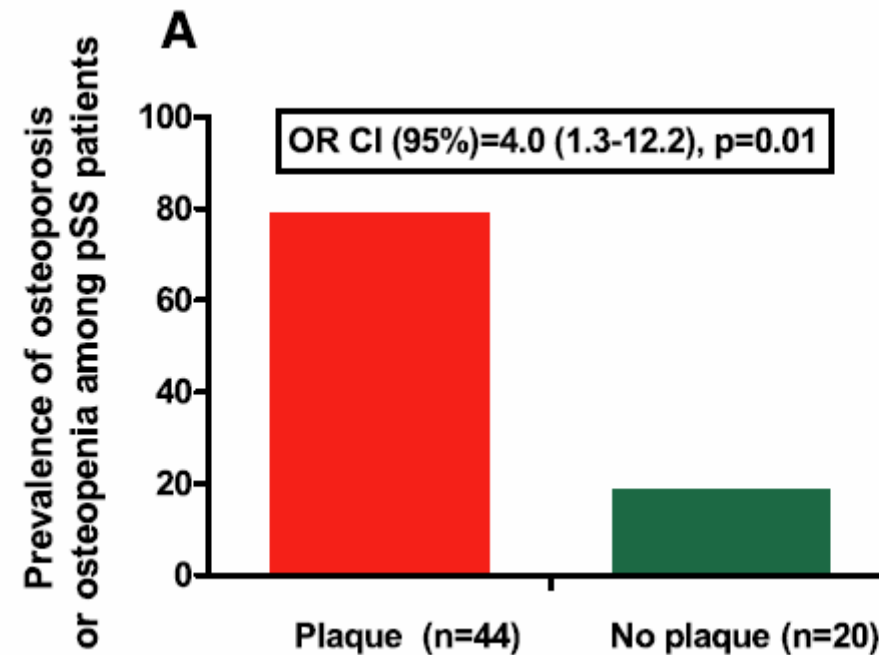


## **PART 3**



# Subclinical atherosclerosis and impaired bone health in patients with primary Sjogren's syndrome: prevalence, clinical and laboratory associations

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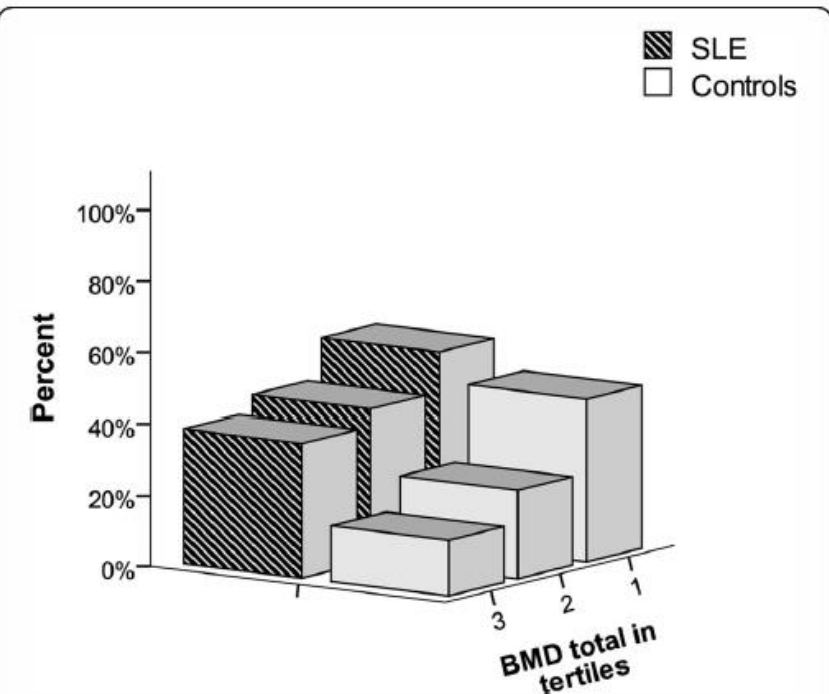
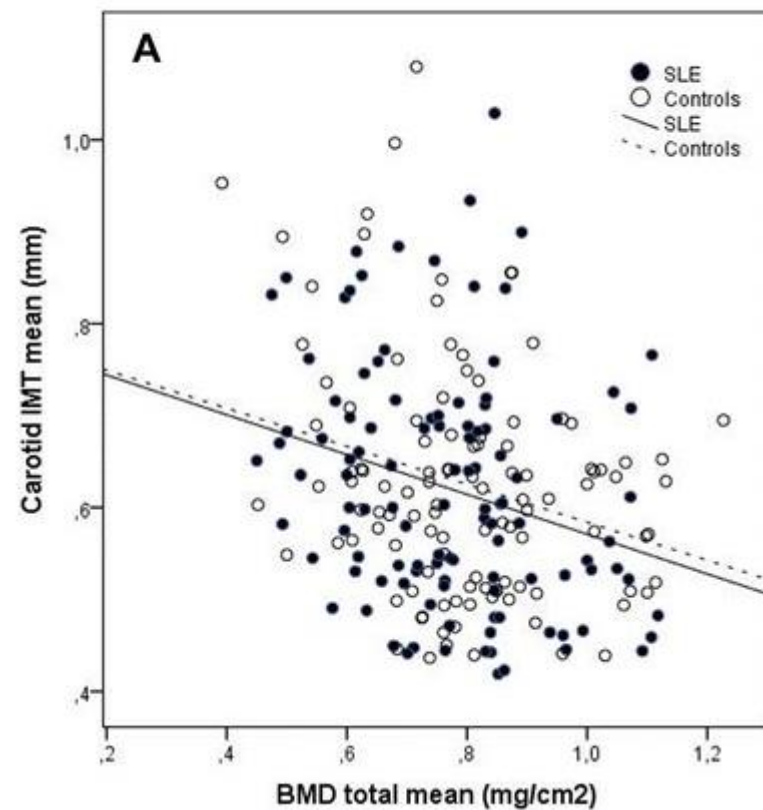


# Bone mineral density and carotid atherosclerosis in systemic lupus erythematosus: a controlled cross-sectional study



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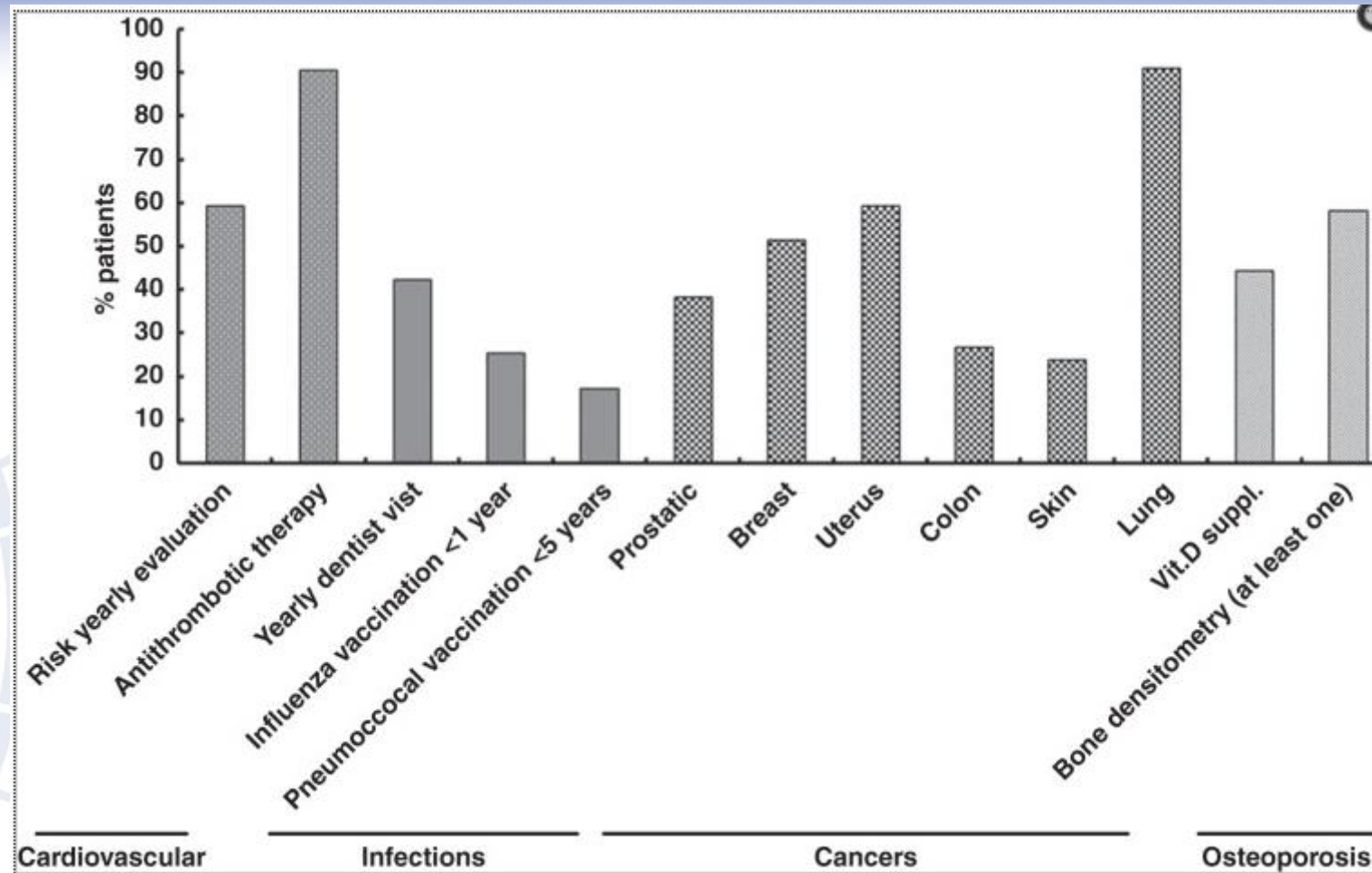
**Figure 1**



**Figure 2** Distribution of carotid plaque in relation to mean total body bone mineral density (BMD) by tertiles in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and sex- and age-matched controls. BMD tertiles: 1 <1.067, 3 >1.183 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

## Prevalence of comorbidities in rheumatoid arthritis and evaluation of their monitoring: results of an international, cross-sectional study (COMORA)

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**[Vascular Calcification - Pathological Mechanism and Clinical Application - . Vascular calcification as a clinical manifestation of bone-vascular axis].**

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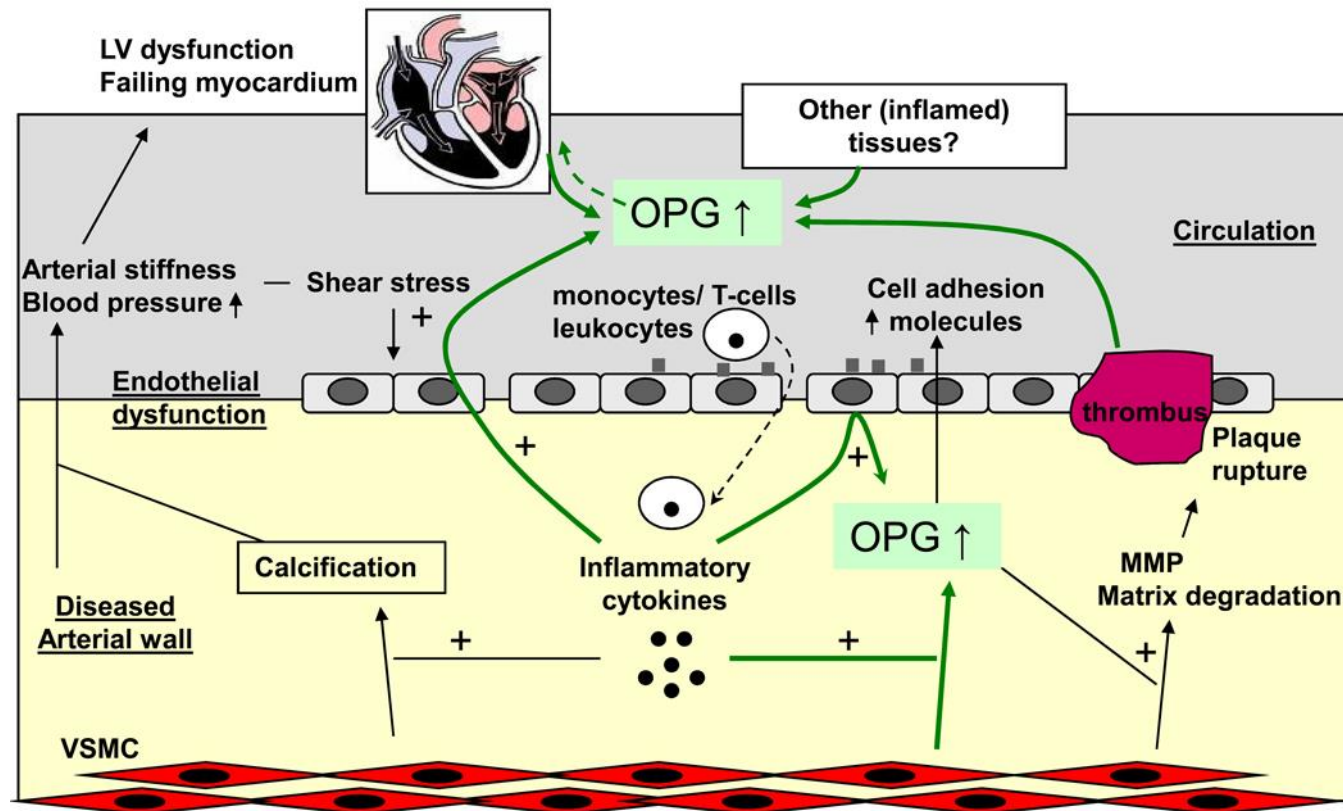
**Abstract**

Several clinical studies has been shown the close relationship between osteoporosis and arteriosclerosis, and basic researches confirmed the reasonability of this association by the findings that organized molecular mechanism of bone formation in bone tissue was also observed in the lesion of vascular calcification, RANK/RANKL/OPG axis is one of potent and explainable molecular mechanism for bone-vascular association. However, one recent clinical intervention study using RANKL antibody for post menopausal women with primary osteoporosis could not validate that relationship. Further examinations are needed to improve understanding of the precise mechanism in this area.

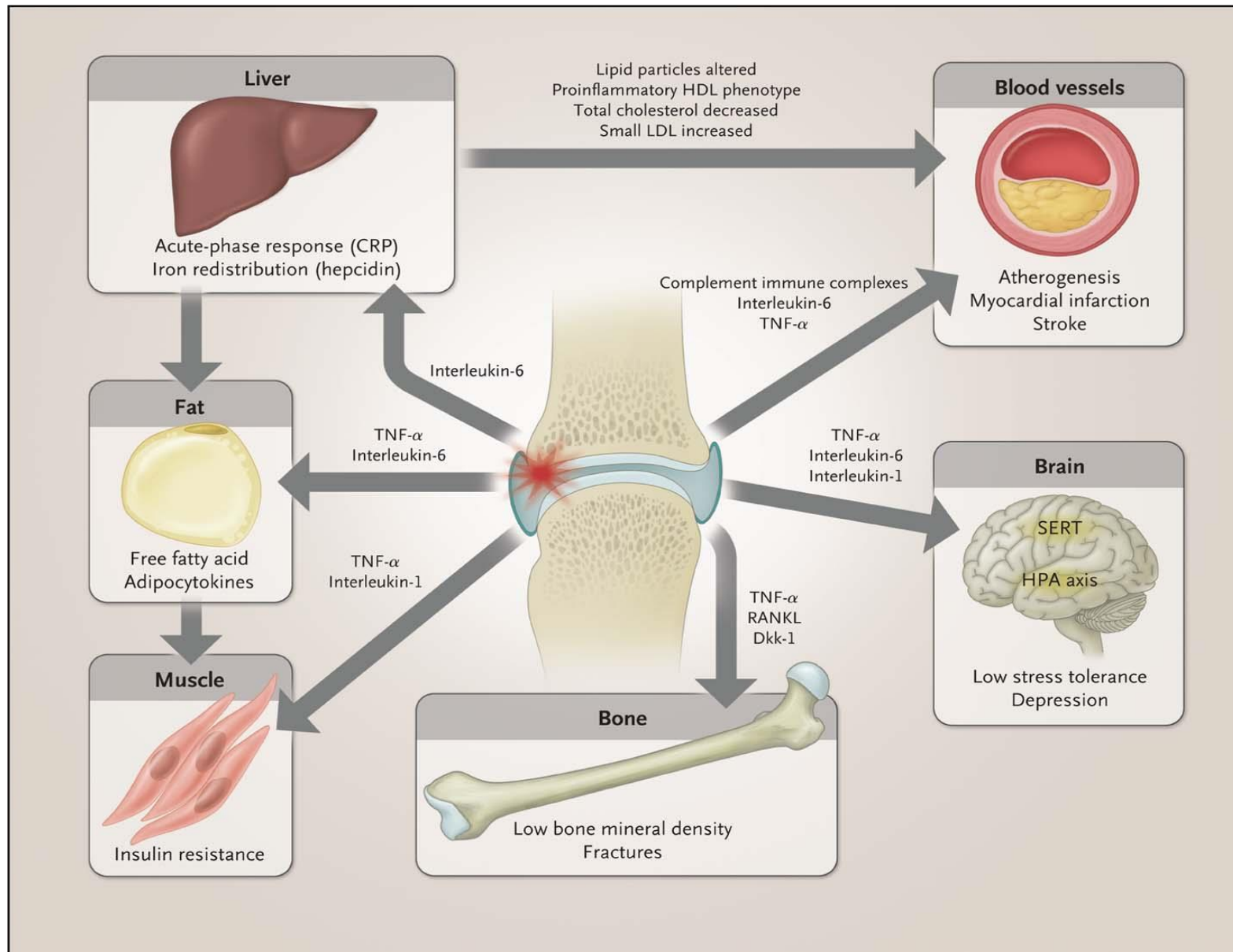
## Osteoprotegerin, vascular calcification and atherosclerosis

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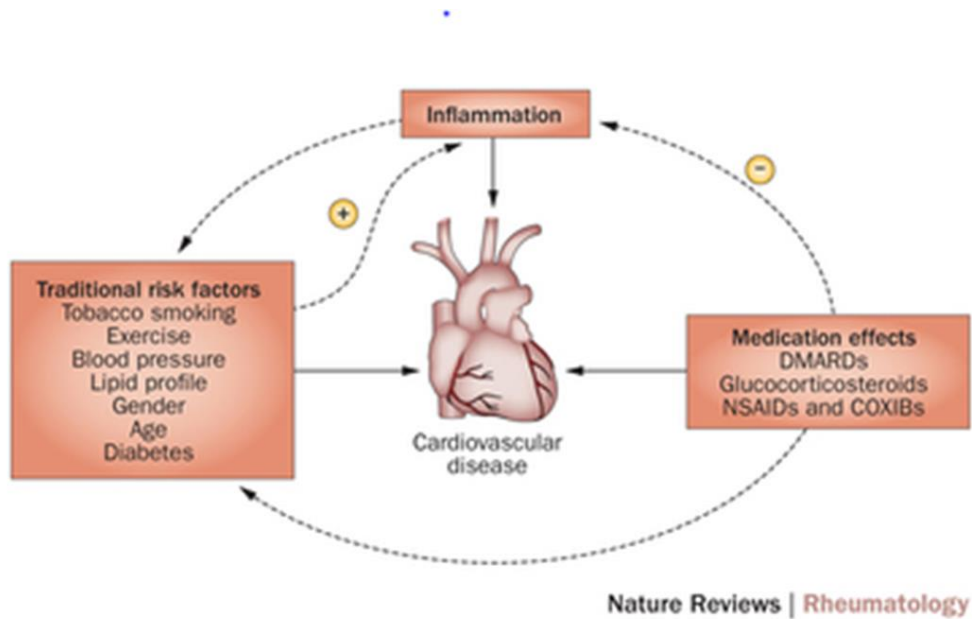
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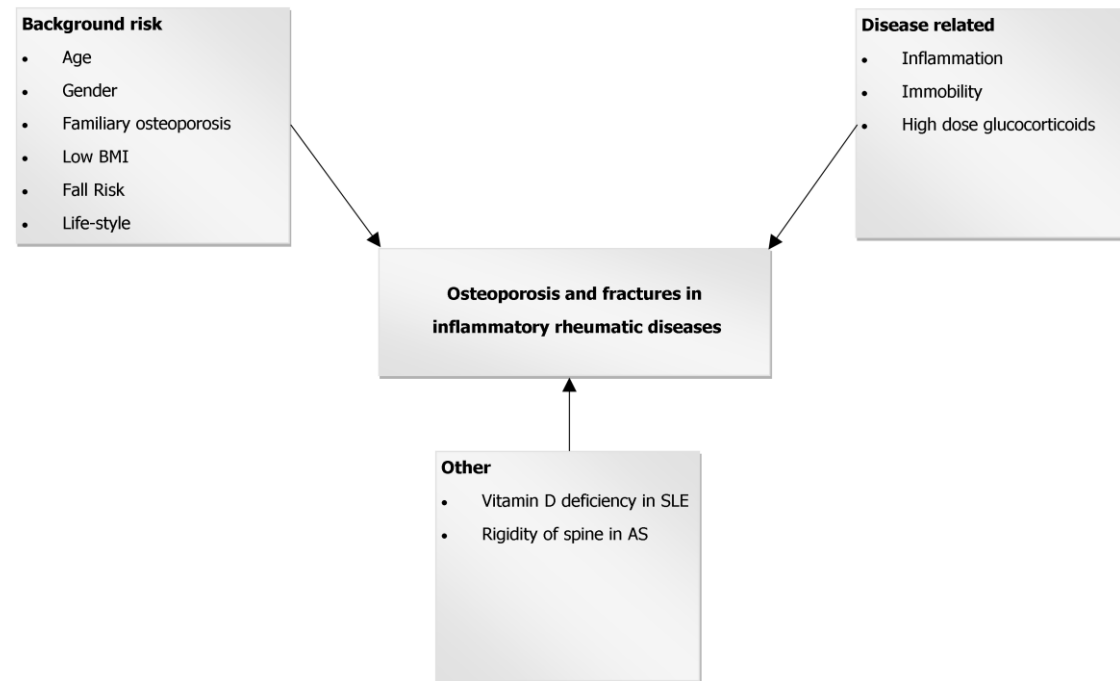






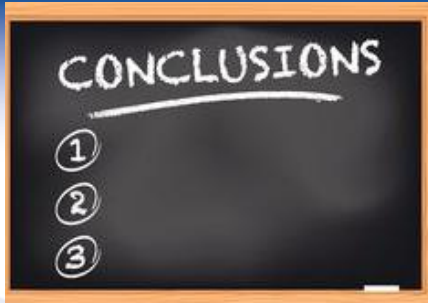


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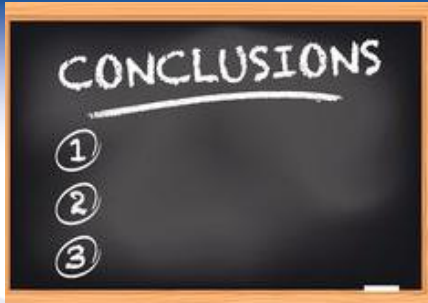
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# ***Cardiovascular events and osteoporotic fractures***



- Fracture risk is elevated in patients with cardiovascular diseases, particularly after stroke;
- Atherosclerotic manifestations occur more often in patients with osteoporosis.

# ***Cardiovascular events and osteoporotic fractures***



- Several common risk factors for CVD and osteoporosis, particularly systemic inflammation;
- Co-occurrence of CVD and osteoporosis may occur in patients with systemic inflammatory rheumatic diseases.









**The Unrecognized Burden of Osteoporosis-Related Vertebral Fractures in Patients With Heart Failure**

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*Circ Heart Fail.* 2011;4:419-424; originally published online May 10, 2011;

**Table 3. Independent Correlates of the Presence of 1 or More Moderate to Severe Vertebral Fractures Versus Multiple Moderate to Severe Vertebral Fractures**

Characteristic	One or More Fractures (n=77)			Multiple Fractures (n=42)		
	OR	95% CI	P Value	OR	95% CI	P Value
Age, per year	1.01	0.98–1.03	0.67	1.02	0.98–1.05	0.27
Female	1.15	0.61–2.14	0.67	1.37	0.61–3.09	0.41
Atrial fibrillation	2.07	1.19–3.59	0.009	1.75	0.84–3.86	0.14
Weight, per kg	0.98	0.97–1.0	0.01	0.98	0.96–1.0	0.02
Lipid-lowering agents	0.22	0.05–0.95	0.04	0.22	0.03–1.67	0.14
Bisphosphonate	6.12	2.14–17.5	<0.001	7.03	2.12–23.34	0.001

