

# **Effect of new anti-myeloma drugs on bone microenvironment cells**

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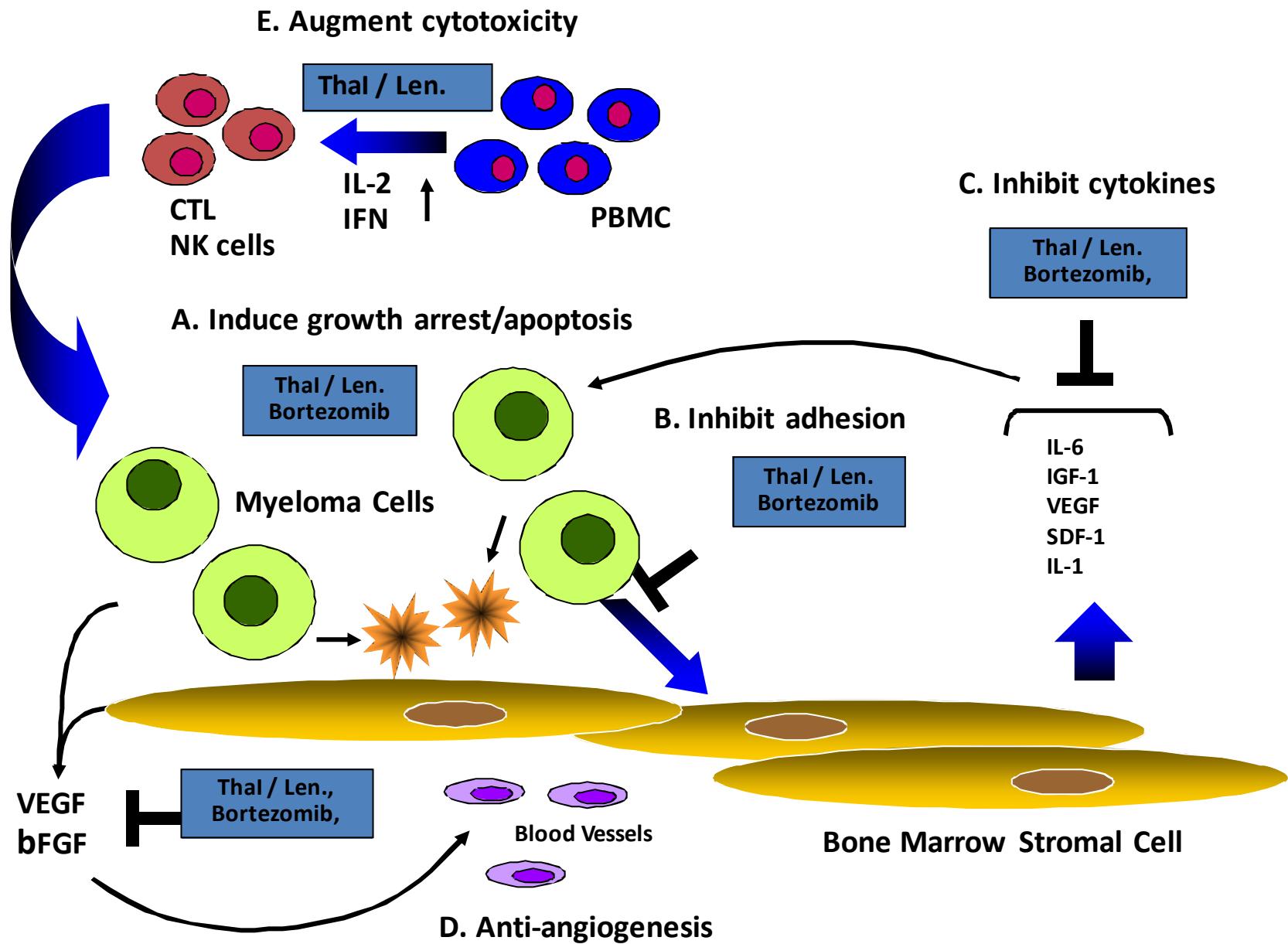
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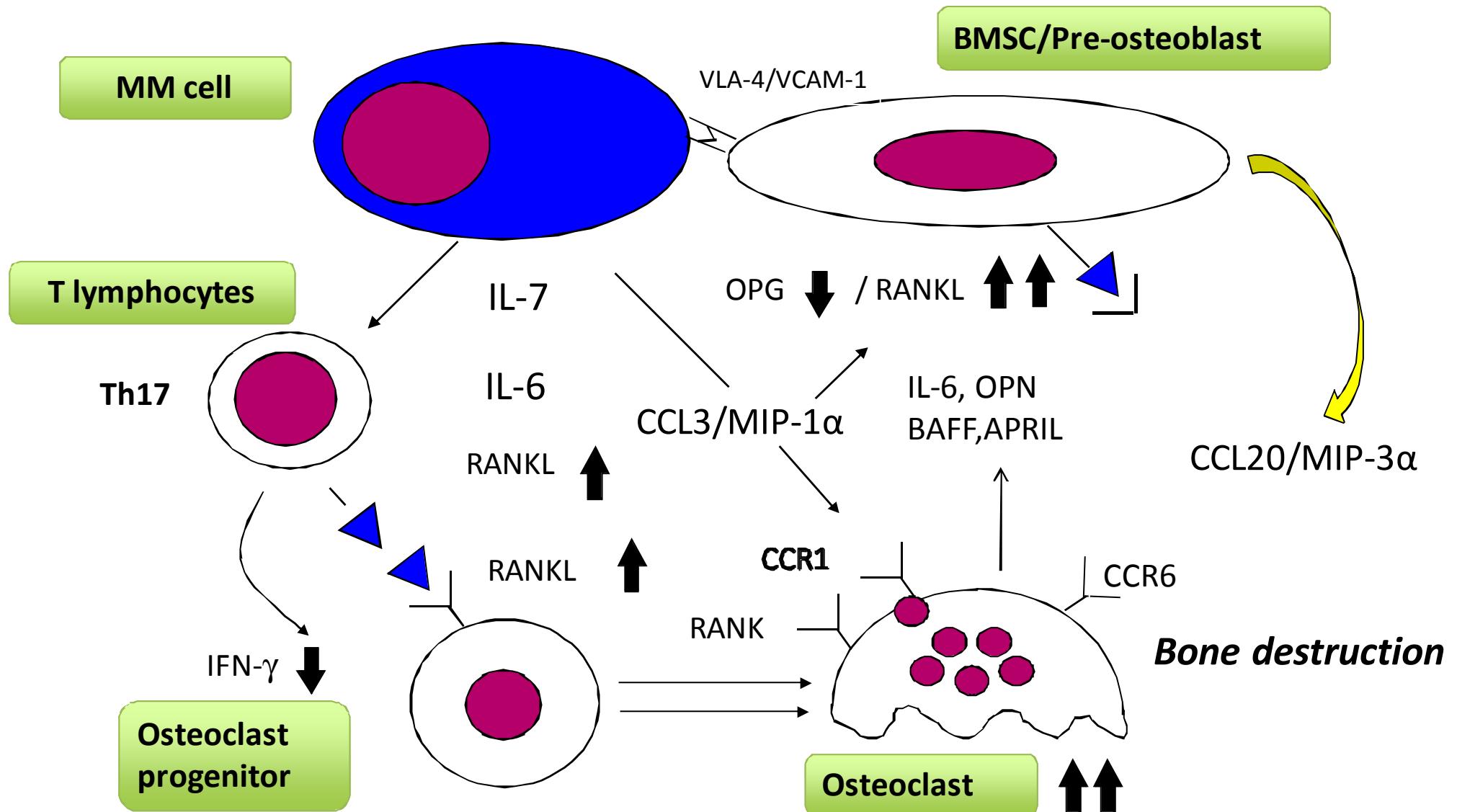
# New anti-myeloma drugs

- Targeting growth factors / receptors
  - Anti-IL-6 antibody
    - Sant7
  - VEGF receptor inhibitor
    - PTK787/ZK
    - GW654652
  - IGF-1R inhibitor
    - AVE1642
    - GSK1838705A-GSK1904529A
  - FGFR tyrosine kinase inhibitor
    - CHIR258
  - Anti CD40 inhibitor
    - SNG40
  - CS1
    - Elotuzumab
- Targeting directly tumor cells
  - HSP-90 inhibitors
    - Geldanamycin
    - Tanespimycin
  - Histone deacetylase inhibitor
    - SAHA (vorinostat)
    - LBH589 (panobinostat)
- Targeting cell signaling pathway
  - Farnesyl transferase inhibitor (Ras inhibitor)
    - Tipifarnib or Zarnestra
  - mTOR inhibitor
    - Rapamycin
    - CCI-779
  - Akt inhibitor
    - Perifosine
  - PKC inhibitor
    - Enzastaurin
  - TRAIL receptor activator
    - HGS-ETR
  - MAPK inhibitor
    - SCIO-469
- Multi-target drugs
  - Proteasome inhibitors: **Bortezomib, Carfilzomib, NPI-0052**
  - **Thalidomide**
  - **IMiDS: Lenalidomide, Pomalidomide**
  - Arsenic trioxide

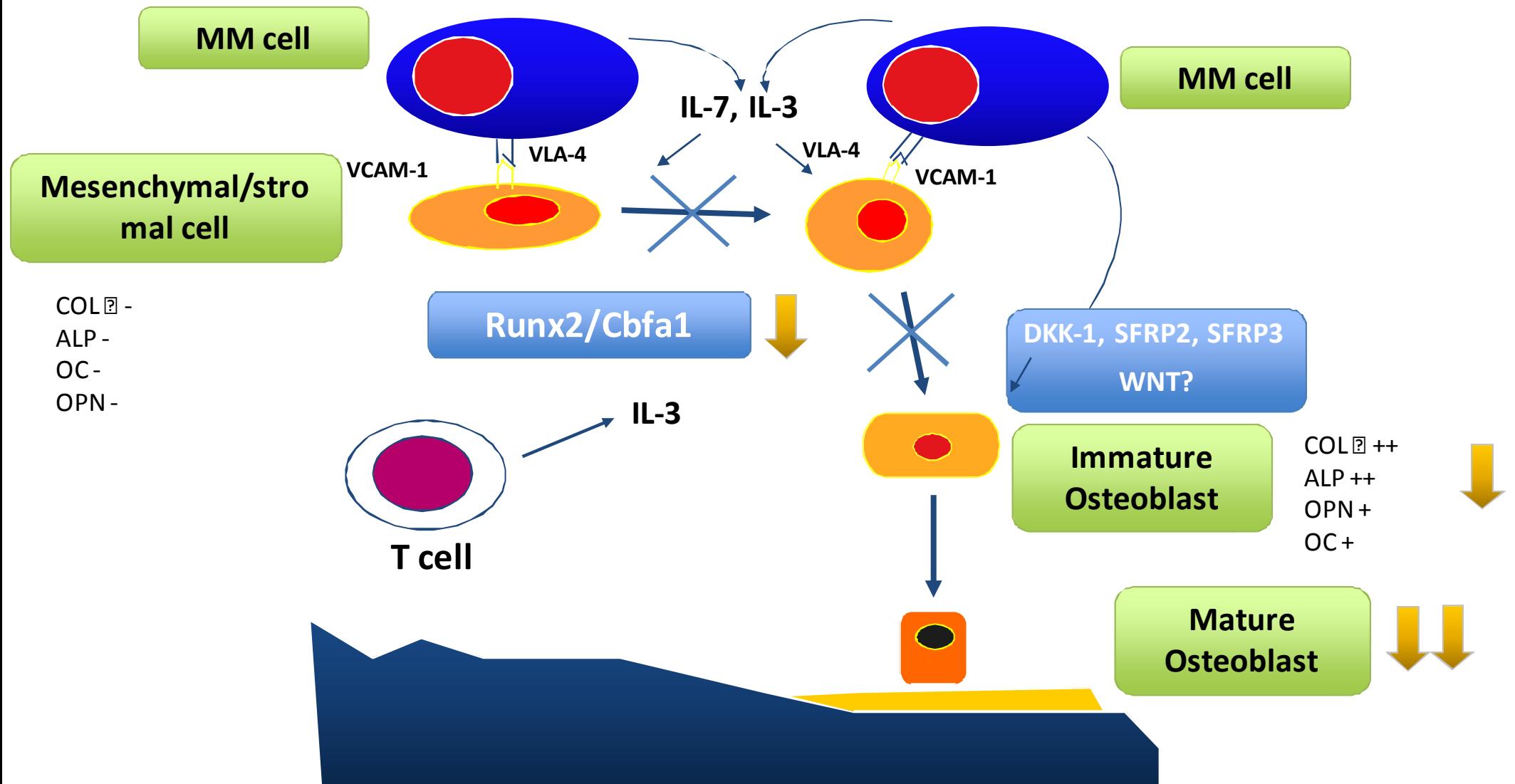
# New drugs targeting MM cells and the microenvironment



# Pathophysiology of osteoclast activation in multiple myeloma (MM)



# Pathophysiology of Osteoblast inhibition in MM



Tian E et al. *NEJM*, 2003

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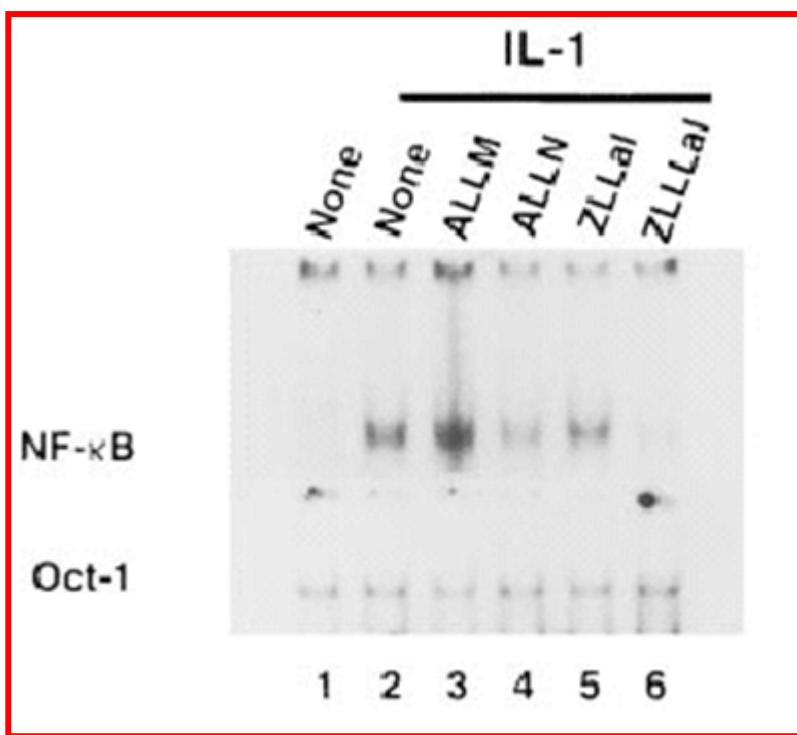
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**Proteasome inhibitors**

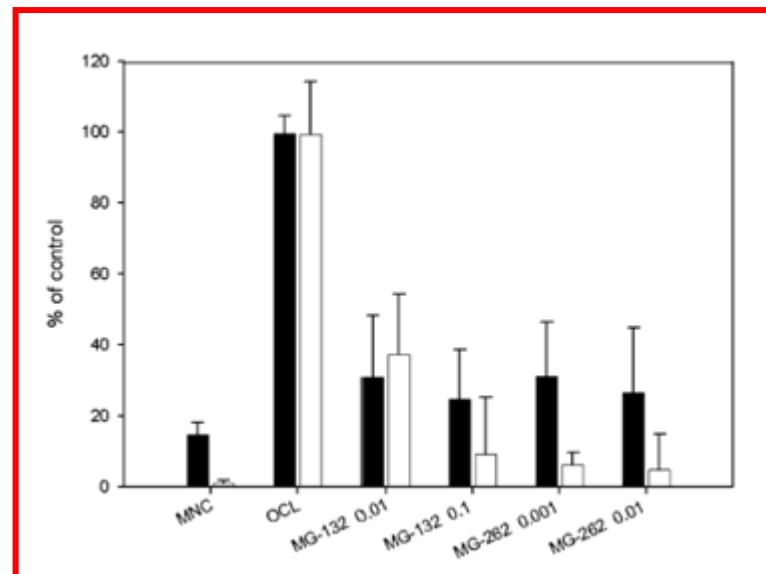
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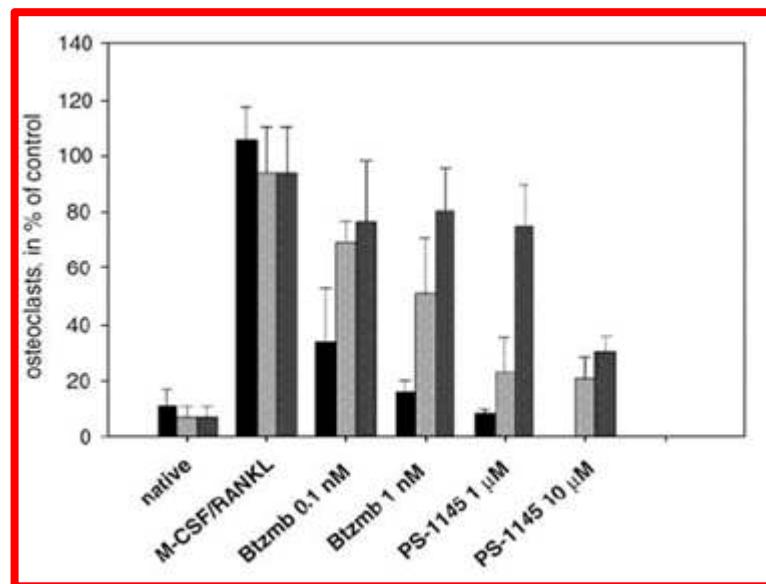
# Proteasome inhibitors block osteoclast formation



Jimi E et al. J Biol Chem, 1998

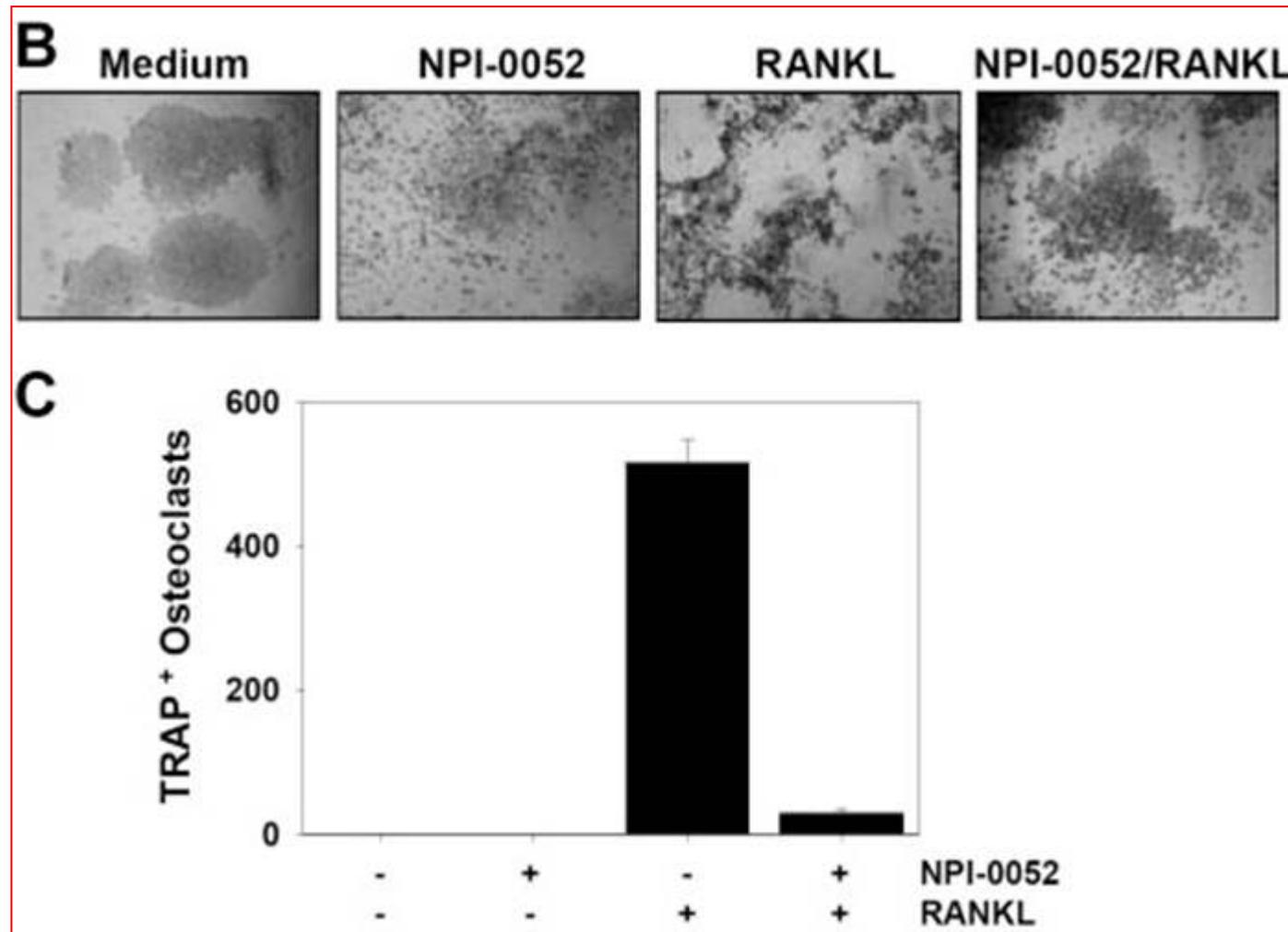


Zavrinski I et al.  
Biochem Biophys Res Commun 2005



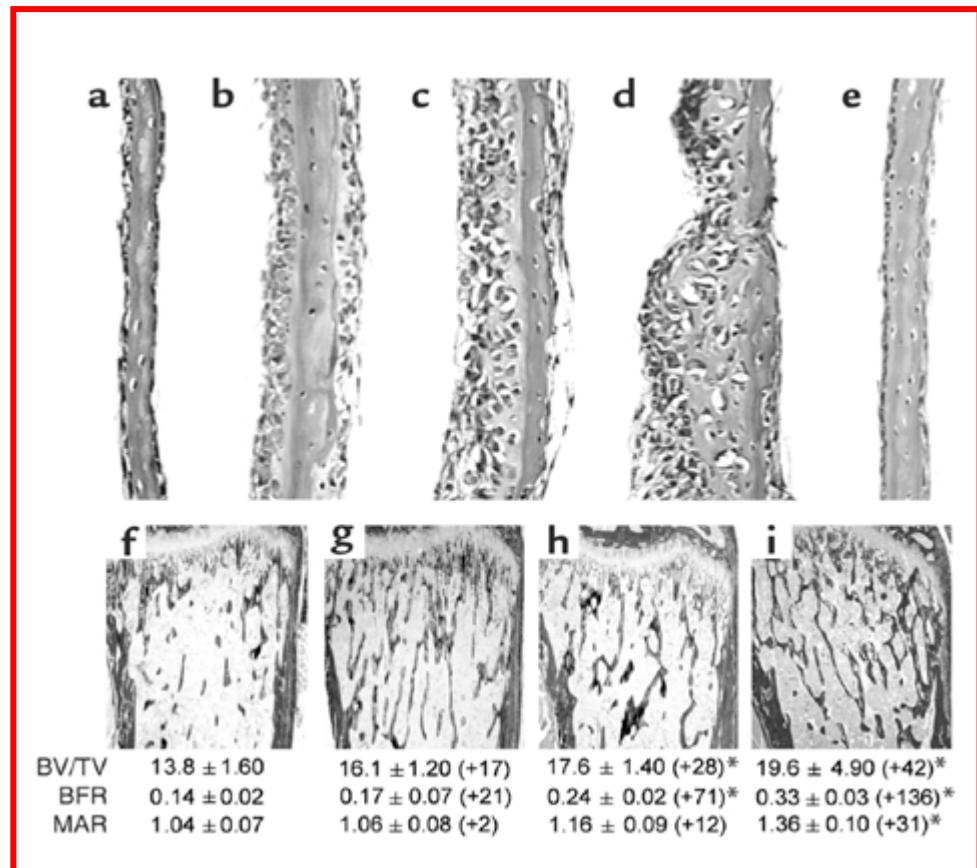
Von Metzler et al.  
Leukemia 2007

# The new proteasome inhibitor NPI-0052 (Salinosporamide A) blocks RANKL-induced osteoclast formation

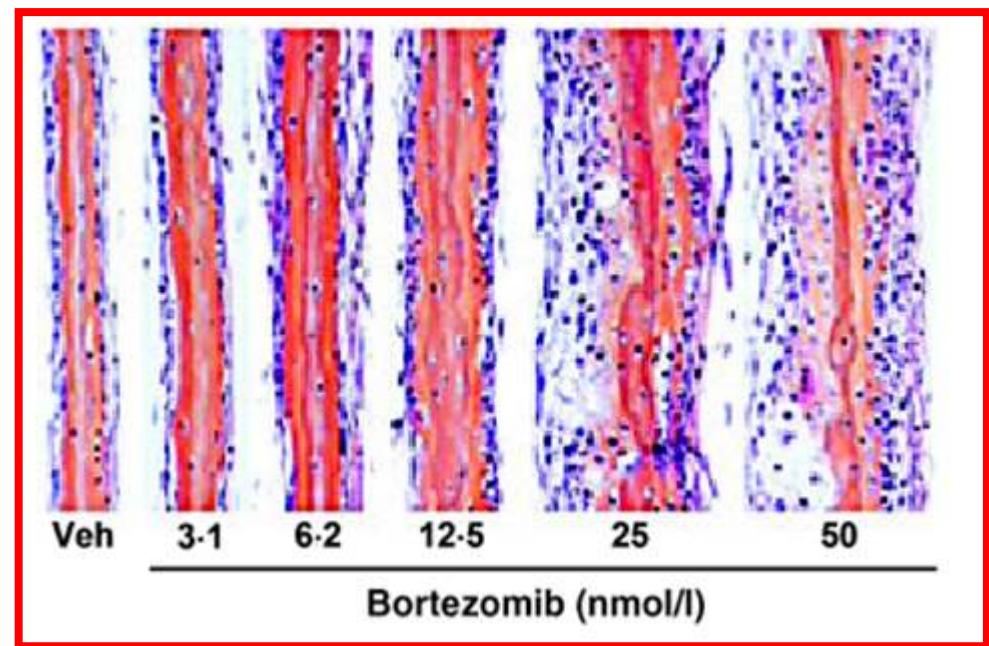


Ahn KS et al. *Blood*, 2007

# Proteasome inhibitors stimulate bone formation in mice

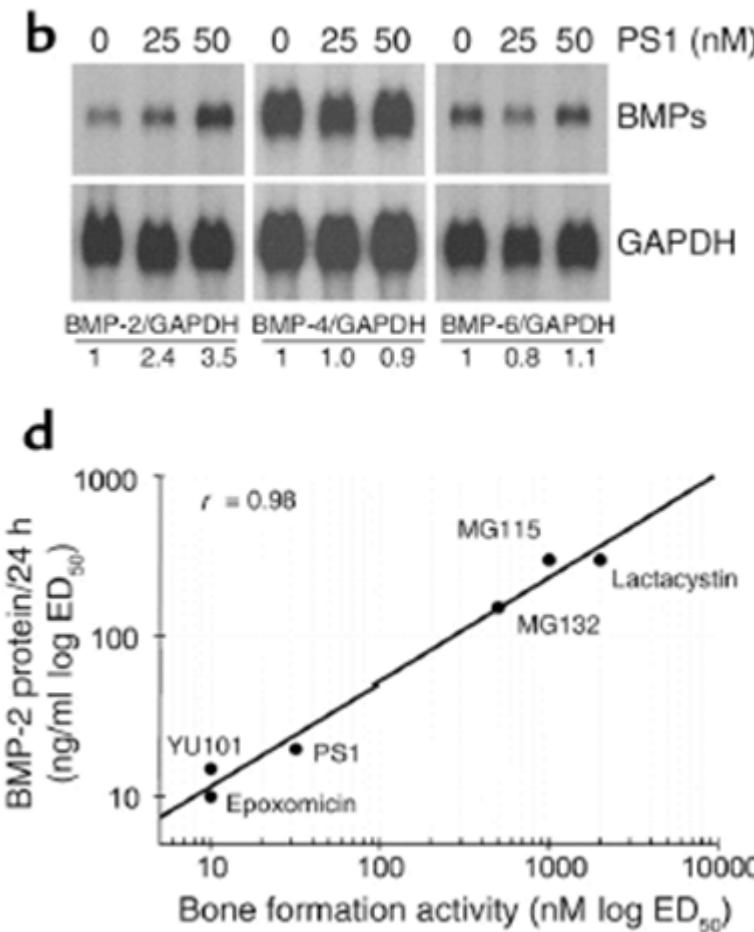


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# BMPs stimulation by proteasome inhibitors



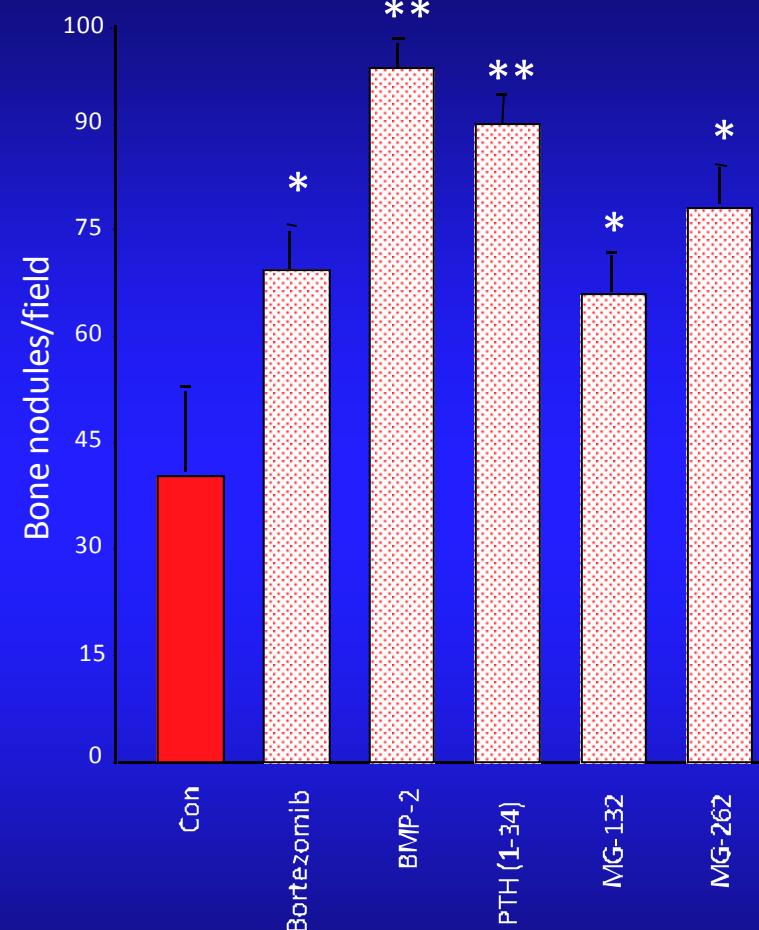
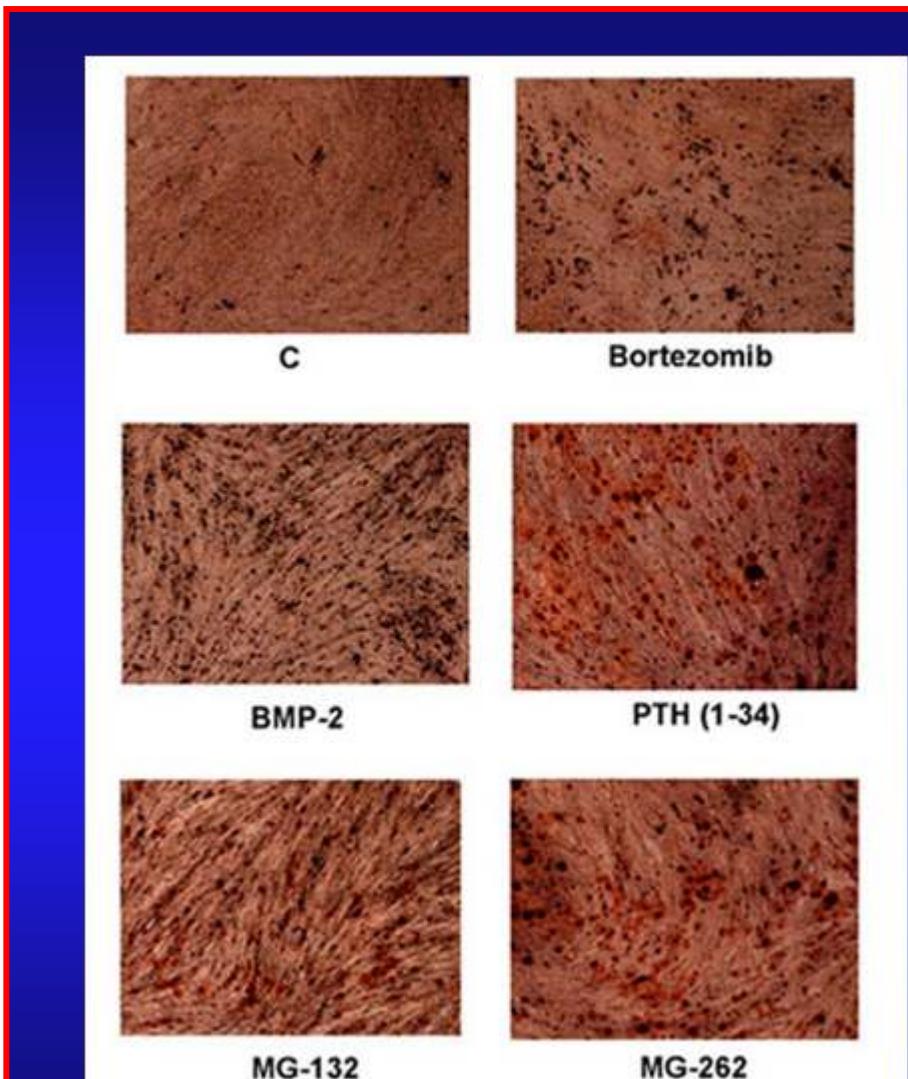
**Table 4**

Effects of different proteasome inhibitors at multiple concentrations over 24 hours on the production of BMP-2 protein into HU09 cell-conditioned medium

Treatment	Concentration ( $\mu$ M)	BMP-2 protein (pg/ml)
YU101	Vehicle alone	37 ± 5
	0.0025	56 ± 15
	0.005	59 ± 20
	0.010	119 ± 22 <sup>A</sup>
	0.020	163 ± 12 <sup>A</sup>
	0.040	212 ± 27 <sup>A</sup>
PS1	Vehicle alone	67.2 ± 5
	0.0062	98 ± 12 <sup>A</sup>
	0.0125	139 ± 15 <sup>A</sup>
	0.025	158 ± 18 <sup>A</sup>
	0.050	152 ± 22 <sup>A</sup>
	0.100	156 ± 16 <sup>A</sup>
Epoxomicin	Vehicle alone	36 ± 6
	0.01	50 ± 8
	0.02	108 ± 14 <sup>A</sup>
	0.04	172 ± 9 <sup>A</sup>
	0.08	75 ± 11 <sup>A</sup>
	Vehicle alone	71 ± 13
MG132	0.035	65 ± 4
	0.075	84 ± 13
	0.100	107 ± 11 <sup>A</sup>
	0.300	140 ± 14 <sup>A</sup>
	0.600	145 ± 6 <sup>A</sup>
	Vehicle alone	71 ± 12
MG115	0.300	71 ± 11
	0.600	149 ± 15 <sup>A</sup>
	0.1200	74 ± 3
	Vehicle alone	36 ± 6
Lactacystin	125	37 ± 8
	250	83 ± 12 <sup>A</sup>
	500	117 ± 15 <sup>A</sup>

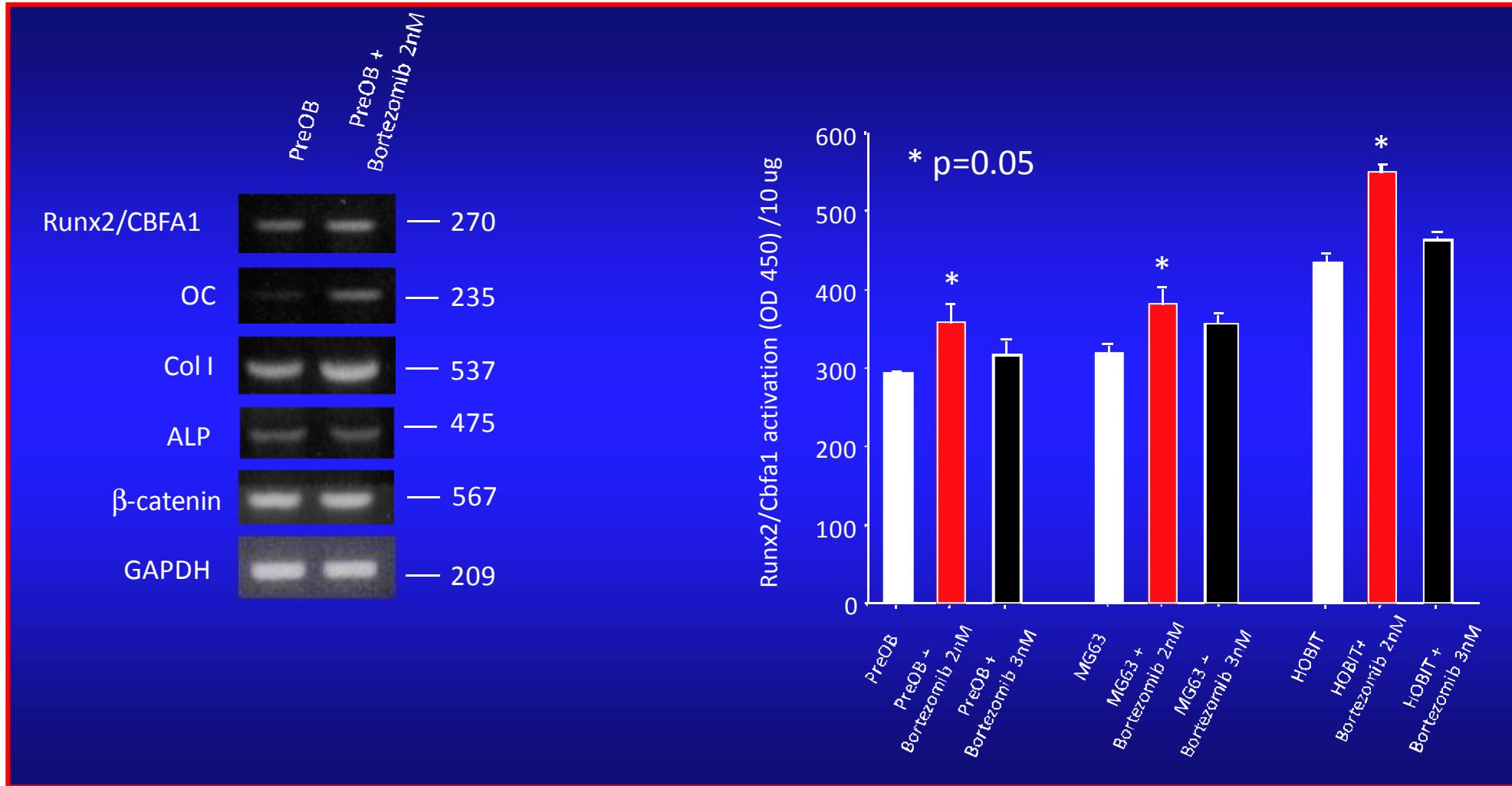
Data are expressed as means ± SEM. <sup>A</sup>P < 0.05 versus vehicle alone.

# Bortezomib increases osteogenic differentiation of hMSC



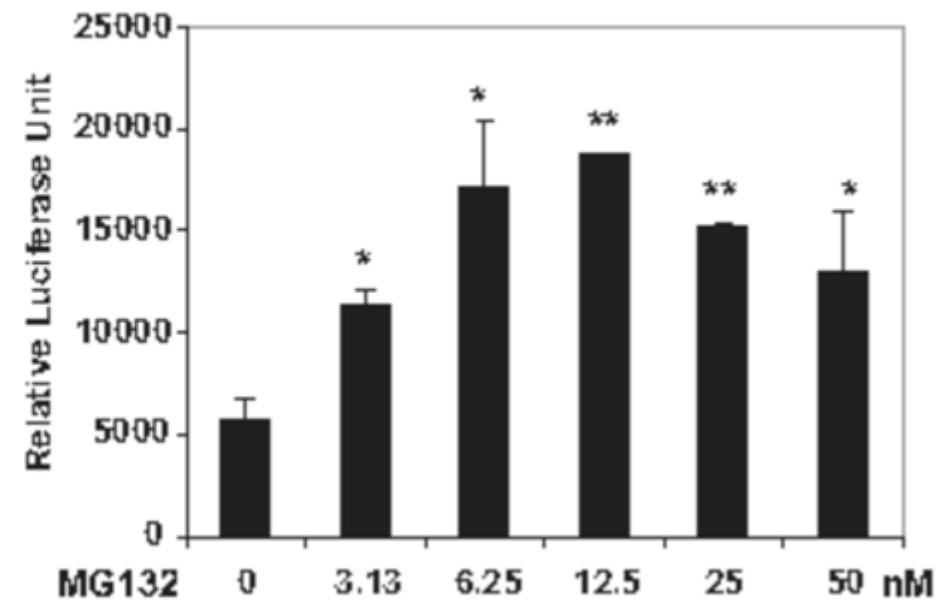
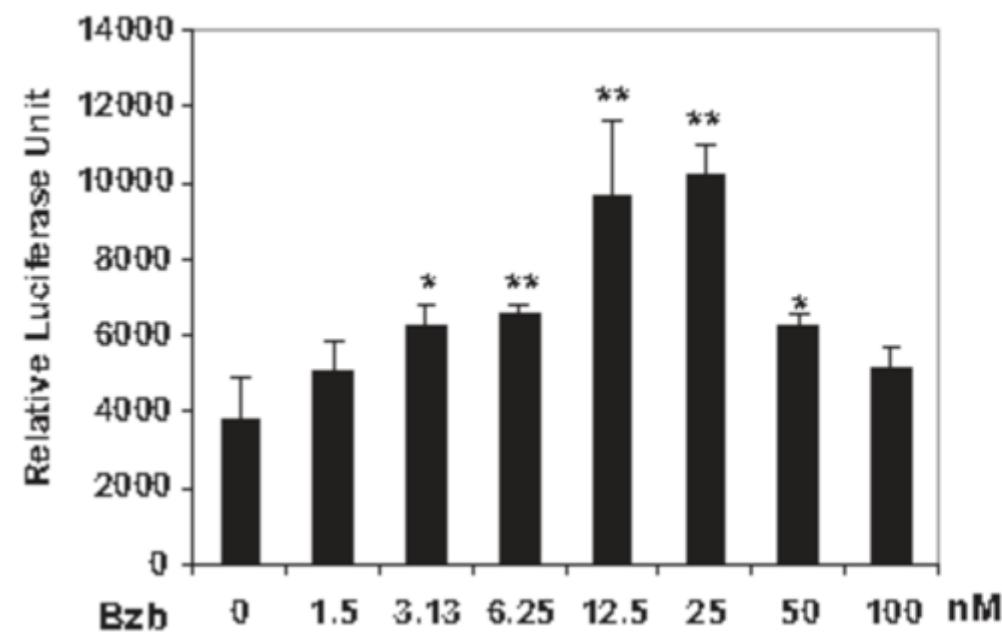
*Giuliani et al. Blood 2007*

# Bortezomib increases the expression and activity of Runx2 and the osteogenic related markers



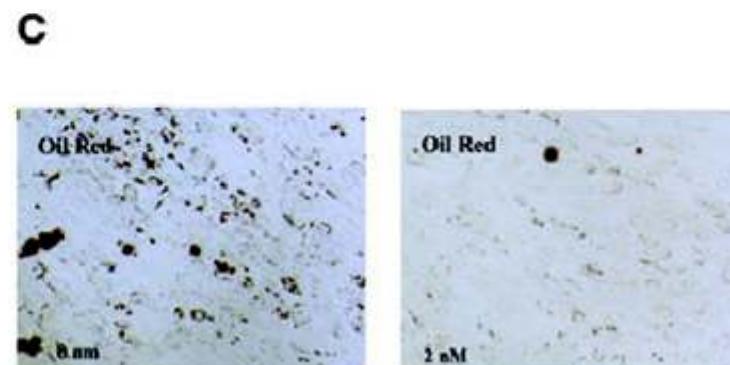
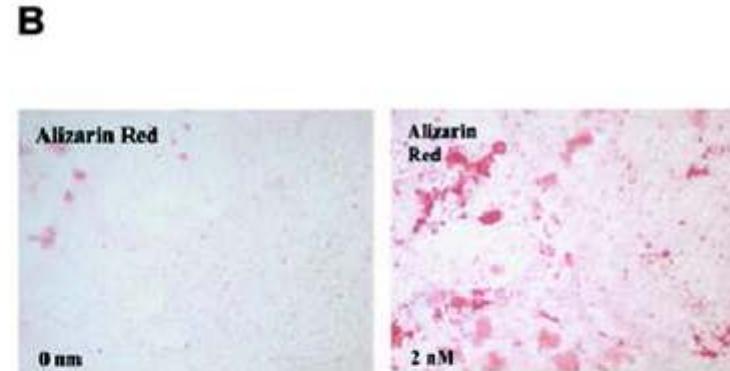
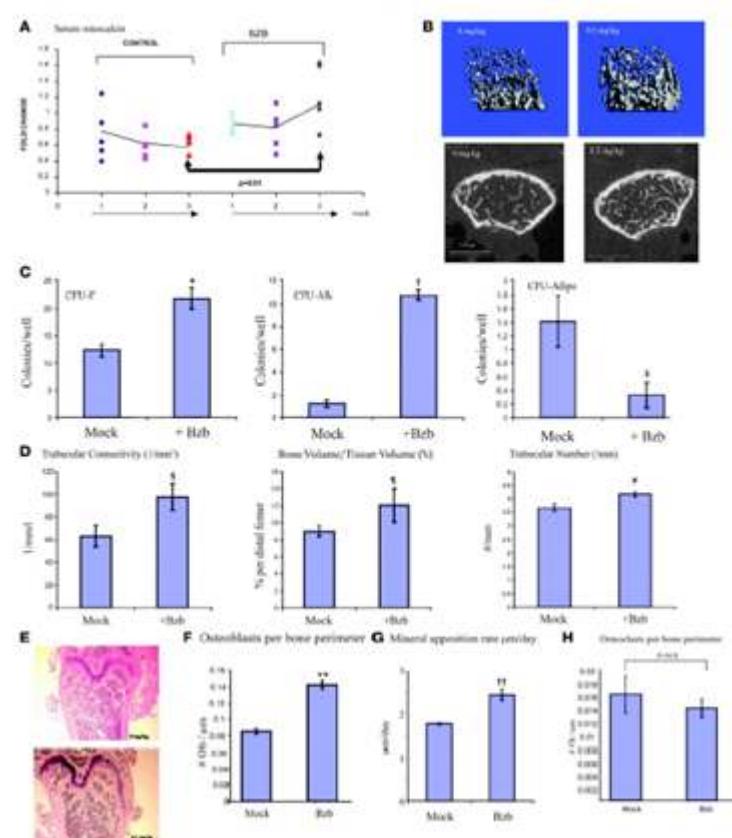
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# Proteasome inhibitors activates TCF transcriptional activity in osteoblasts and MSC



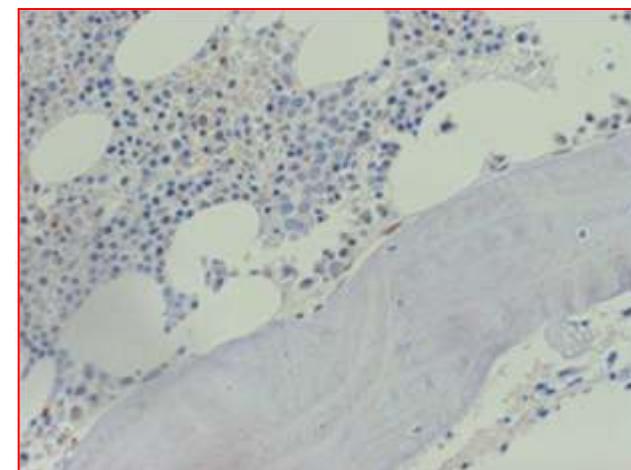
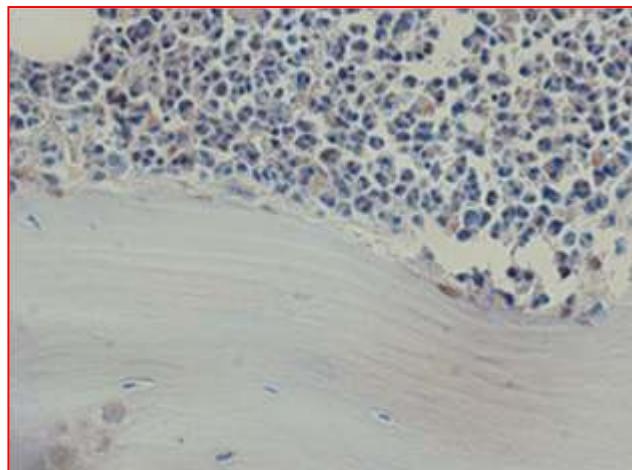
# Pharmacologic targeting of a stem/progenitor population in vivo is associated with enhanced bone regeneration in mice

Siddhartha Mukherjee,<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Noopur Raje,<sup>3,5</sup> Jesse A. Schoonmaker,<sup>1,4</sup> Julie C. Liu,<sup>6</sup> Teru Hideshima,<sup>5</sup> Marc N. Wein,<sup>7</sup> Dallas C. Jones,<sup>7</sup> Sonia Vallet,<sup>5</sup> Mary L. Bouxsein,<sup>8</sup> Samantha Pozzi,<sup>5</sup> Shweta Chhetri,<sup>5</sup> Y. David Seo,<sup>1,4</sup> Joshua P. Aronson,<sup>1,4</sup> Chirayu Patel,<sup>4</sup> Mariateresa Fulciniti,<sup>5</sup> Louise E. Purton,<sup>1,4</sup> Laurie H. Glimcher,<sup>7</sup> Jane B. Lian,<sup>6</sup> Gary Stein,<sup>6</sup> Kenneth C. Anderson,<sup>5</sup> and David T. Scadden<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

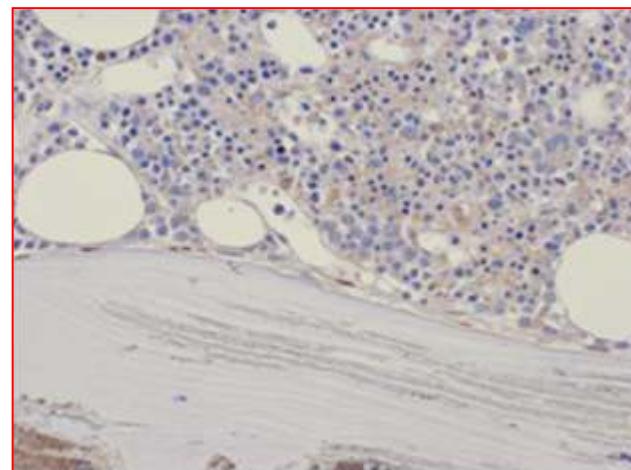
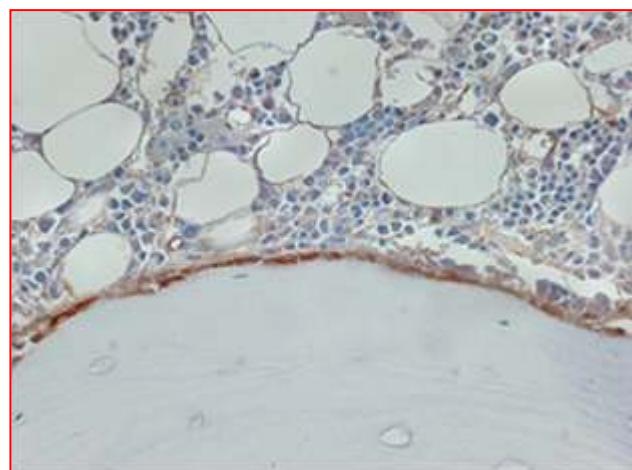


# Bortezomib activates osteoblasts *in vivo*

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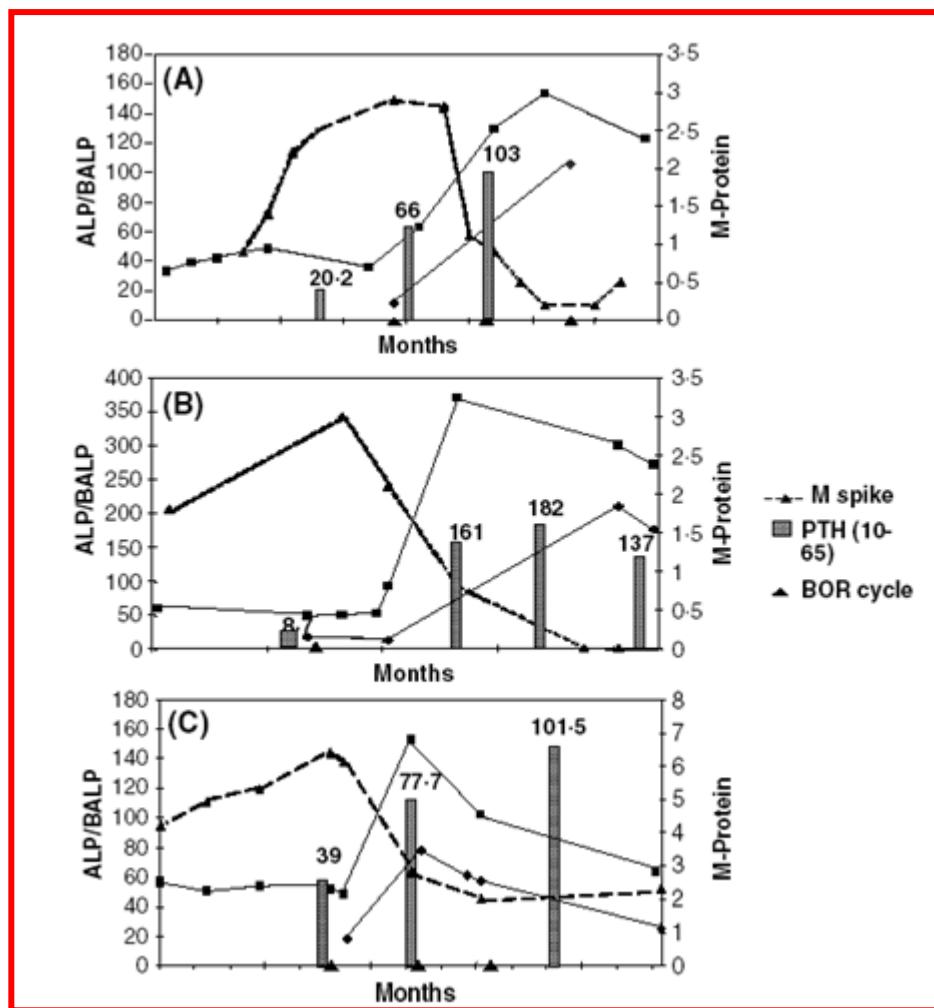
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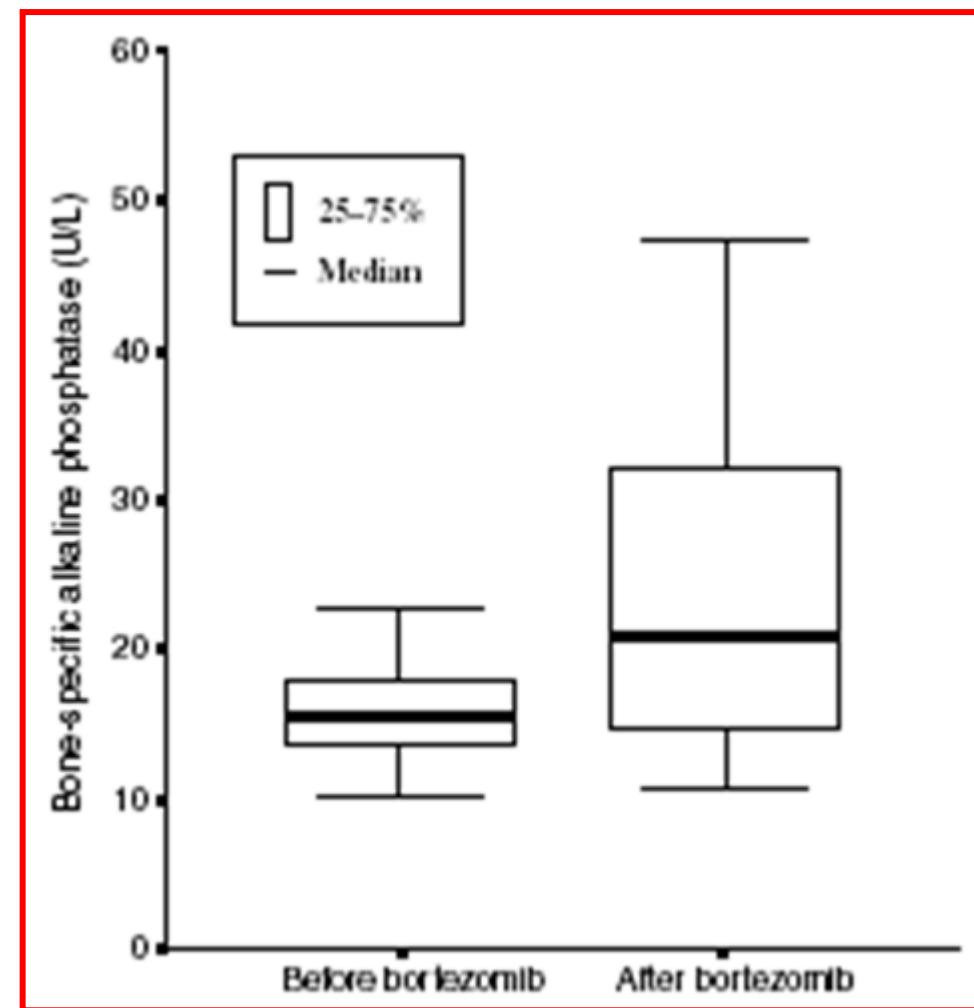
MM “responder”

MM “non responder”

# Bortezomib stimulates bone alkaline phosphatase level in MM patients



Zangari M et al. *Br J Haematol*, 2005



Heider U et al. *Eur J Hematol*, 2006

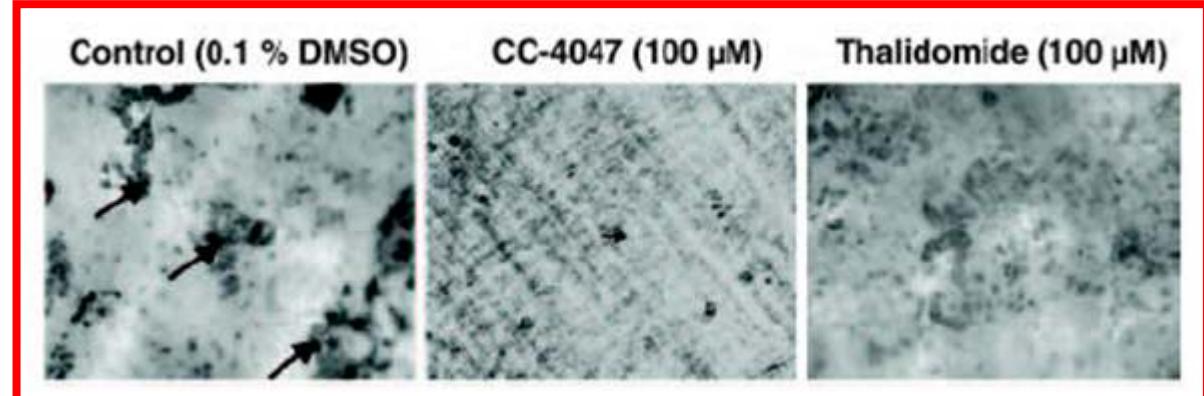
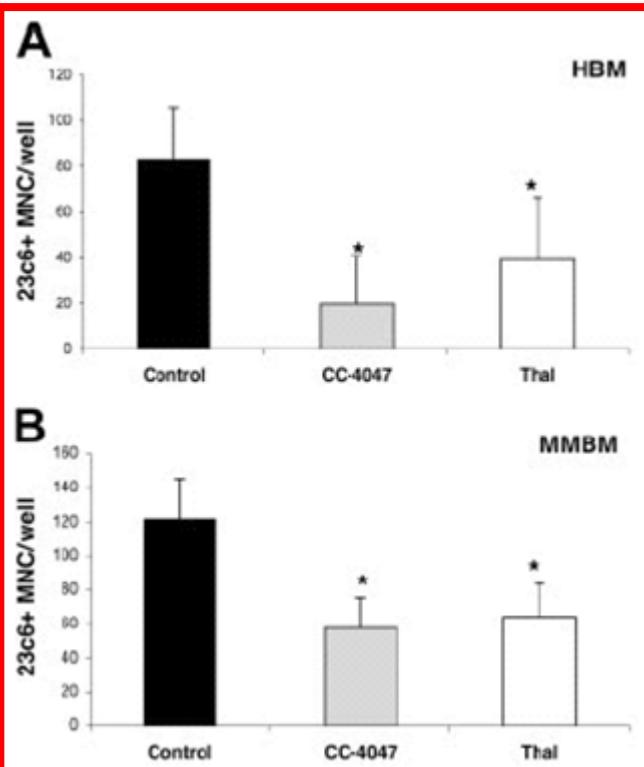
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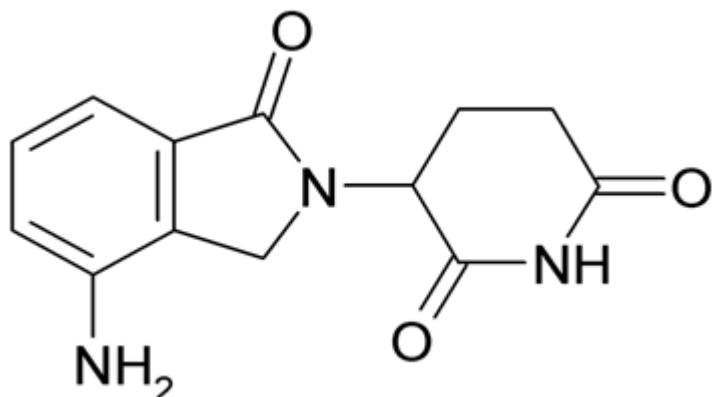
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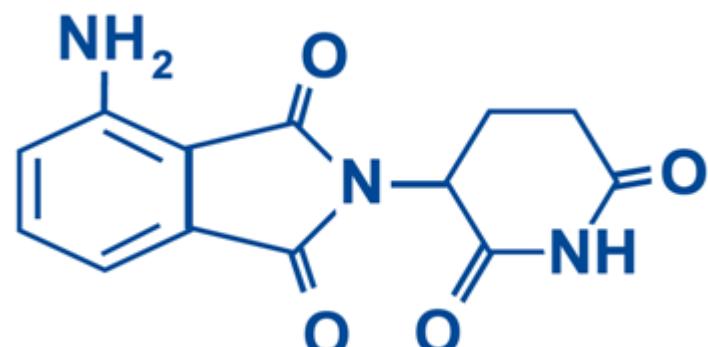
# Thalidomide and IMiDs inhibit osteoclast formation and activity



- Immunomodulatory drugs (IMIDs<sup>®</sup>), such as Lenalidomide (LEN) and the new more potent Pomalidomide (POM), inhibit osteoclast formation directly through the block of osteoclast maturation.<sup>1-3</sup>



Lenalidomide

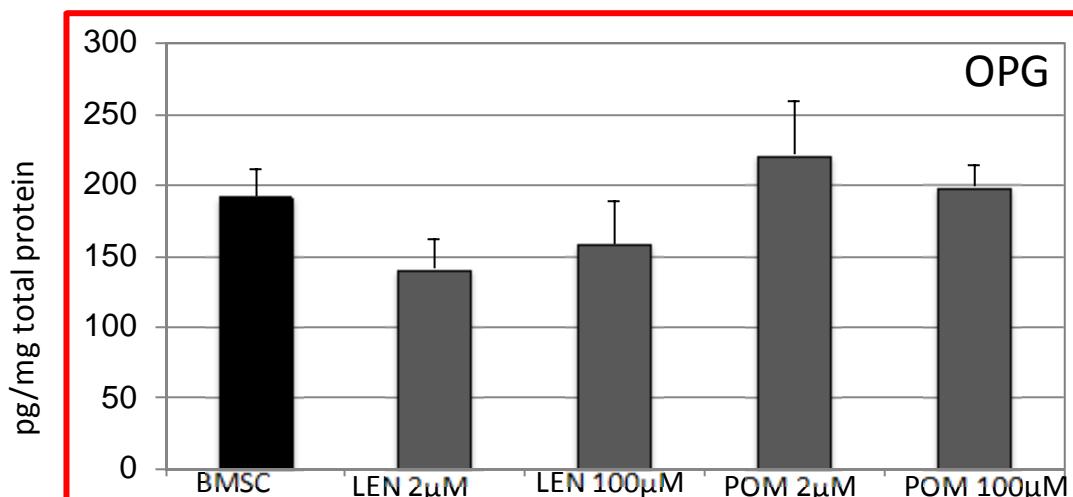
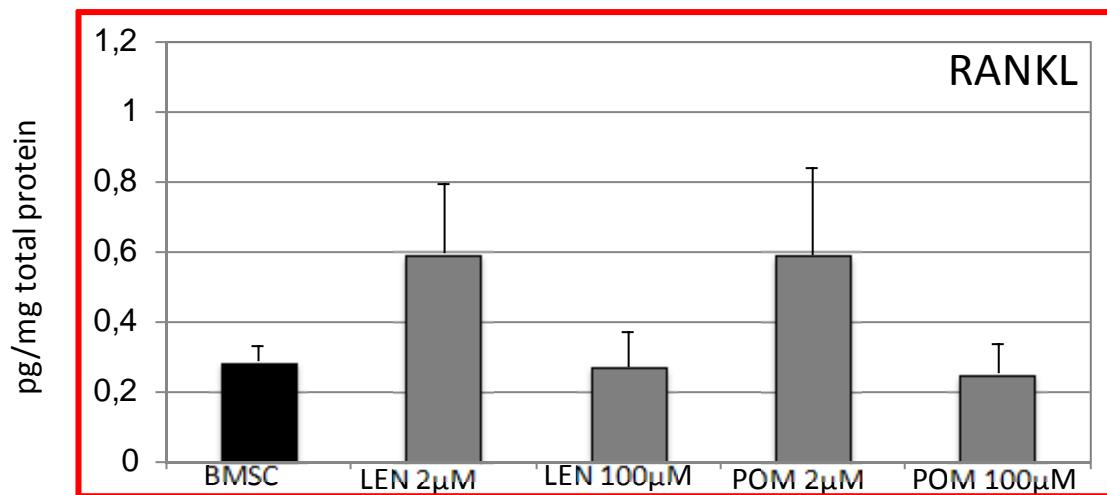


Pomalidomide

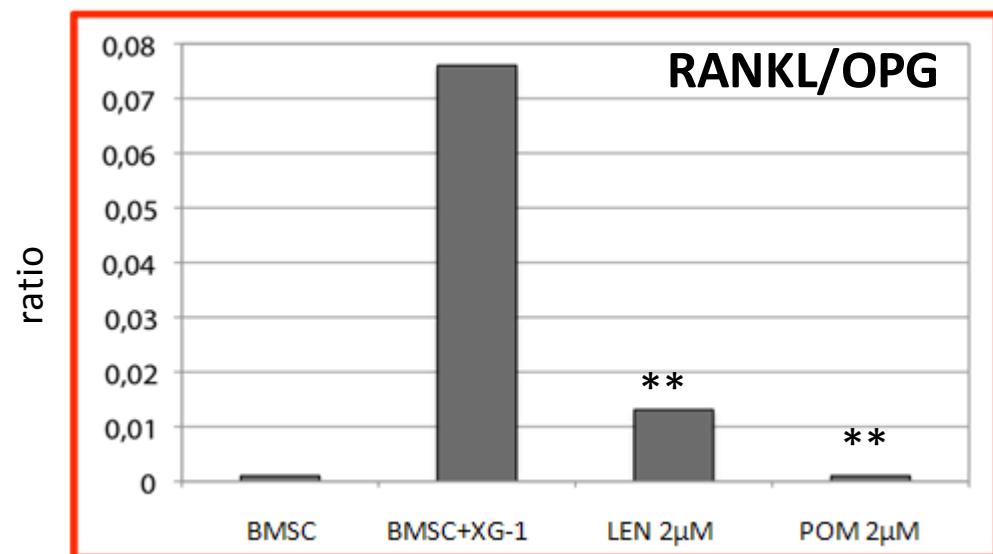
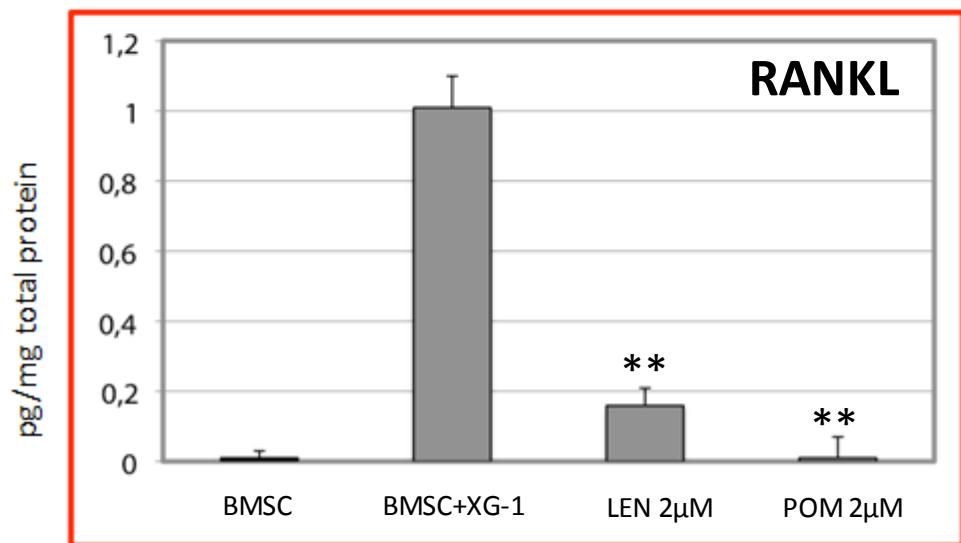
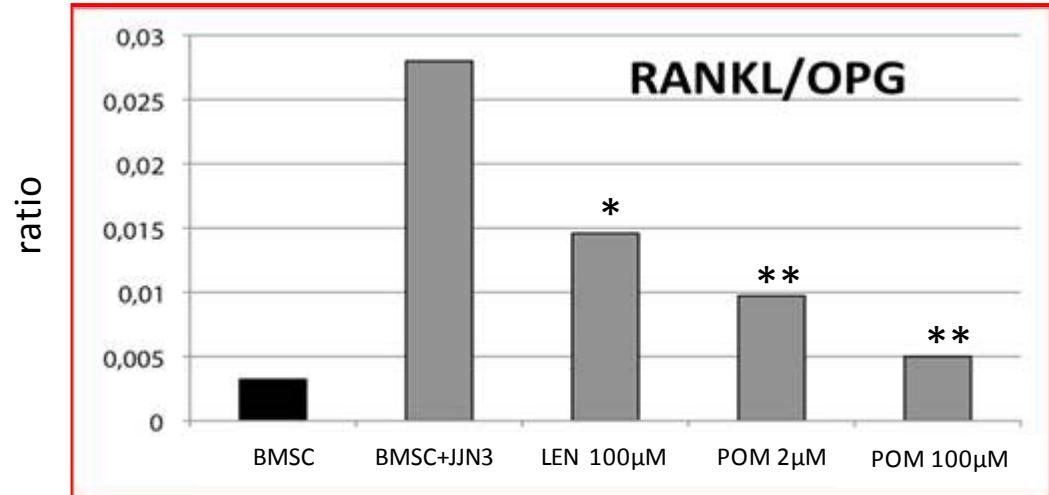
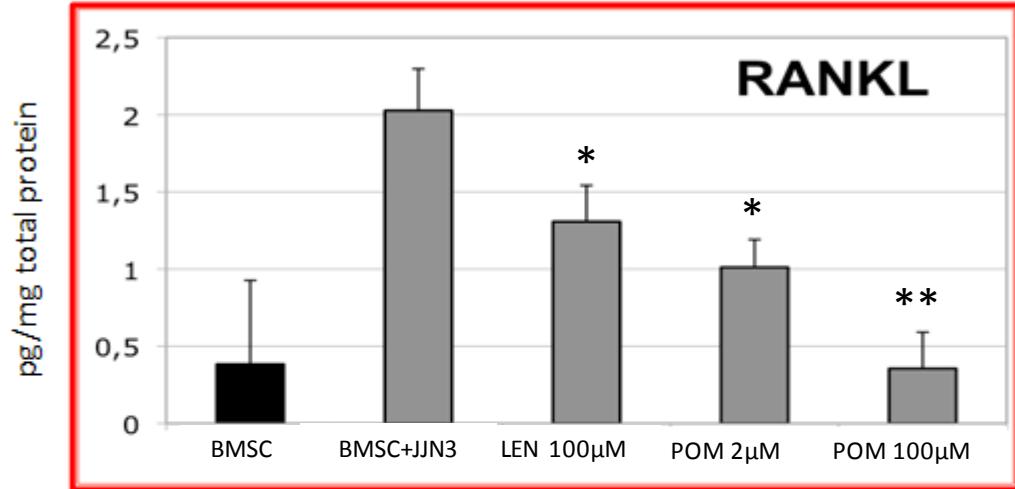
- Which is the potential effects of the IMiD<sup>®</sup> LEN and POM on the mechanisms involved in MM-induced osteoclast formation ?

<sup>1</sup> Breitkreutz I et. al. *Leukemia*. 2008; <sup>2</sup>Anderson G et al. *Blood*. 2006; <sup>3</sup>Lacy MQ, et al. *Am J Hematol*. 2010

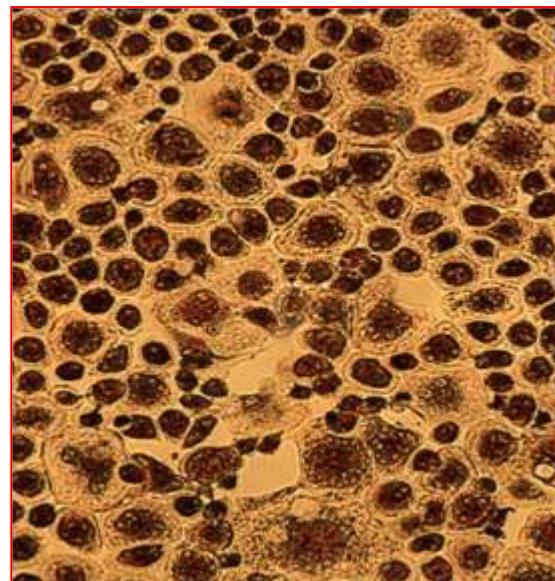
# IMiD® compounds effect on RANKL and OPG production by BMSC/osteoprogenitor cells



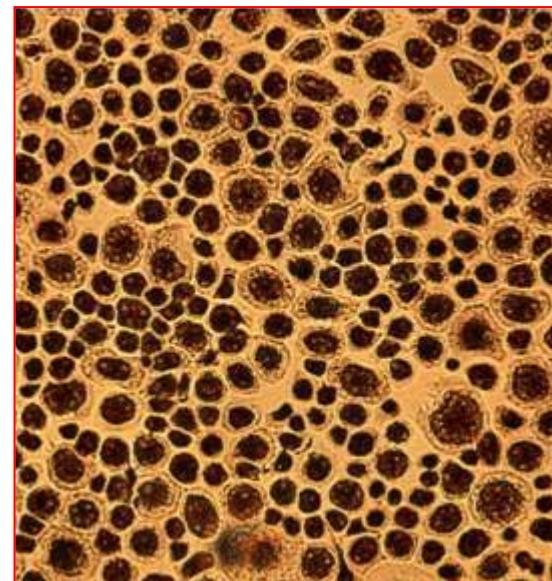
# IMiD® compounds blunt RANKL up-regulation in co-culture



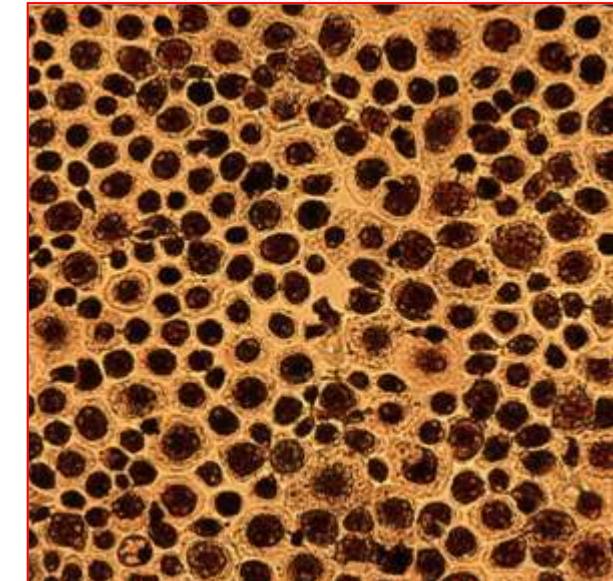
# The pro-osteoclastogenic property of the CM of BMSC/MM cells was reduced in the presence of IMiDs®



Vehicle

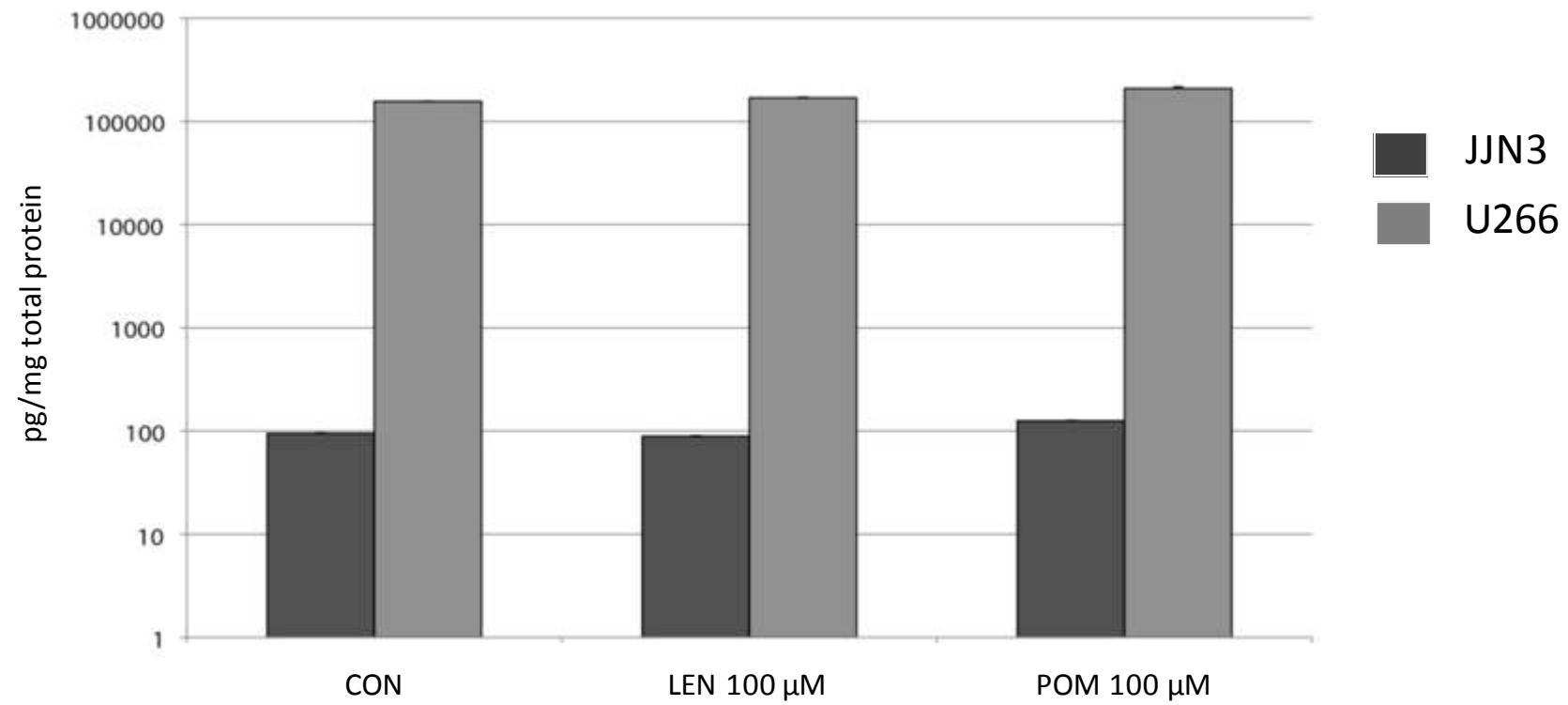


LEN 2 $\mu$ M

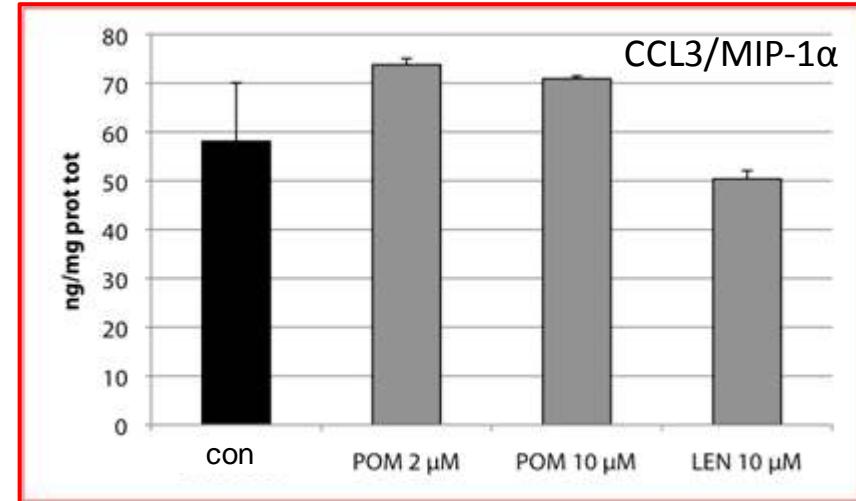
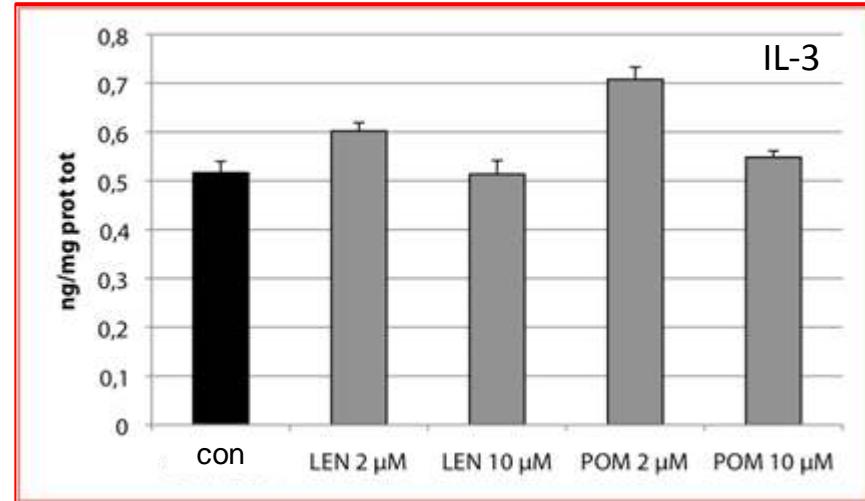
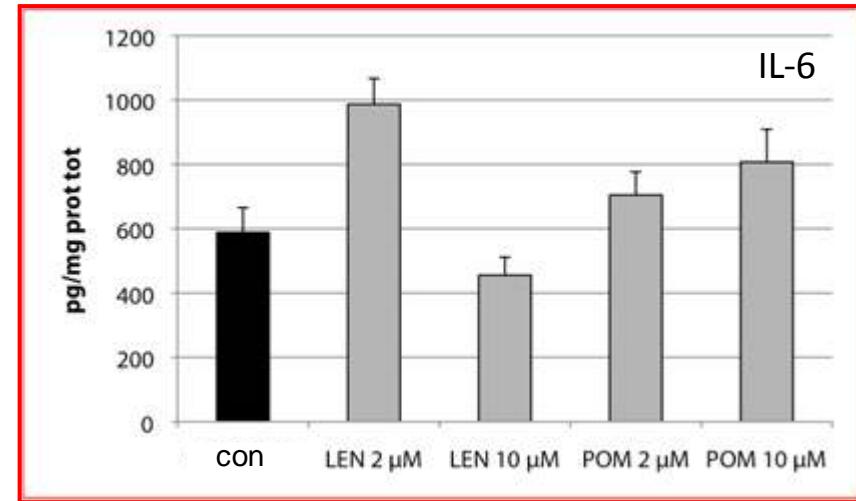
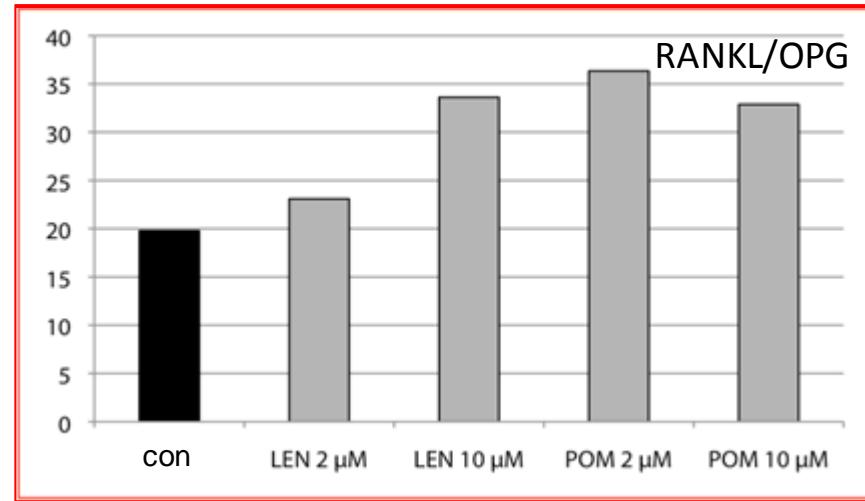


POM 2 $\mu$ M

## Effect of IMiD® compounds on the secretion of the pro-osteoclastogenic cytokines by MM cells: CCL3/MIP-1 $\alpha$



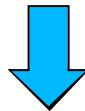
# Effect of IMiD® compounds on osteoclastogenic cytokine secretion by activated peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs)



# Adhesion molecules were significantly modulated at gene level by IMiD® compounds in MM cells

By microarray analysis (Affymetrix ® Genechips U133 Plus 2.0 ) we found:

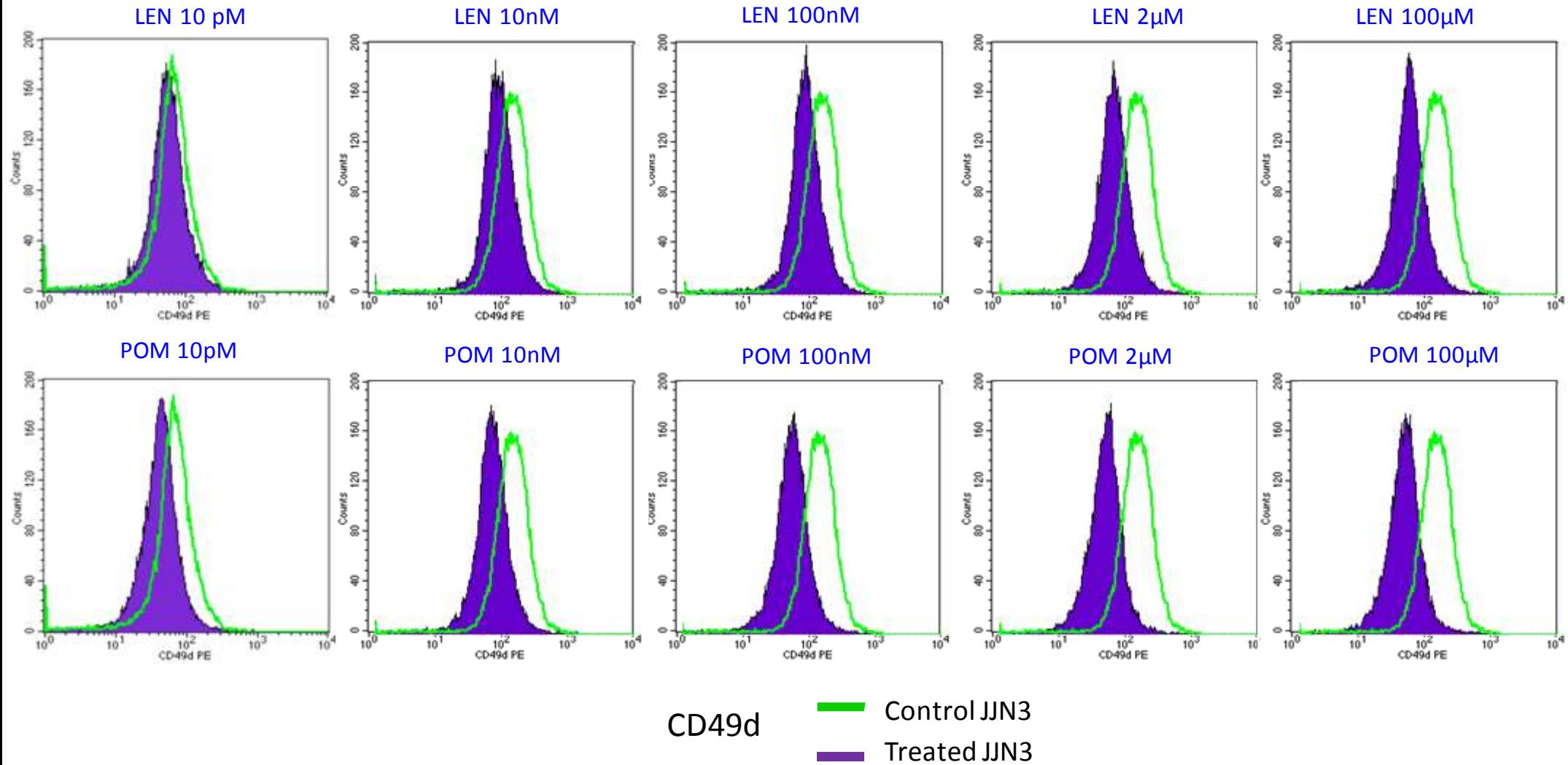
- 71 and 214 genes were significantly modulated in hBMSC by LEN and POM, respectively, including those belonging to *focal adhesion*, *cell cycle*, *BMP2*, *TGF-β* and *IL-6 signaling*.
- 40 and 83 genes were significantly modulated by LEN and POM, respectively, in HMCLs (JJN3).



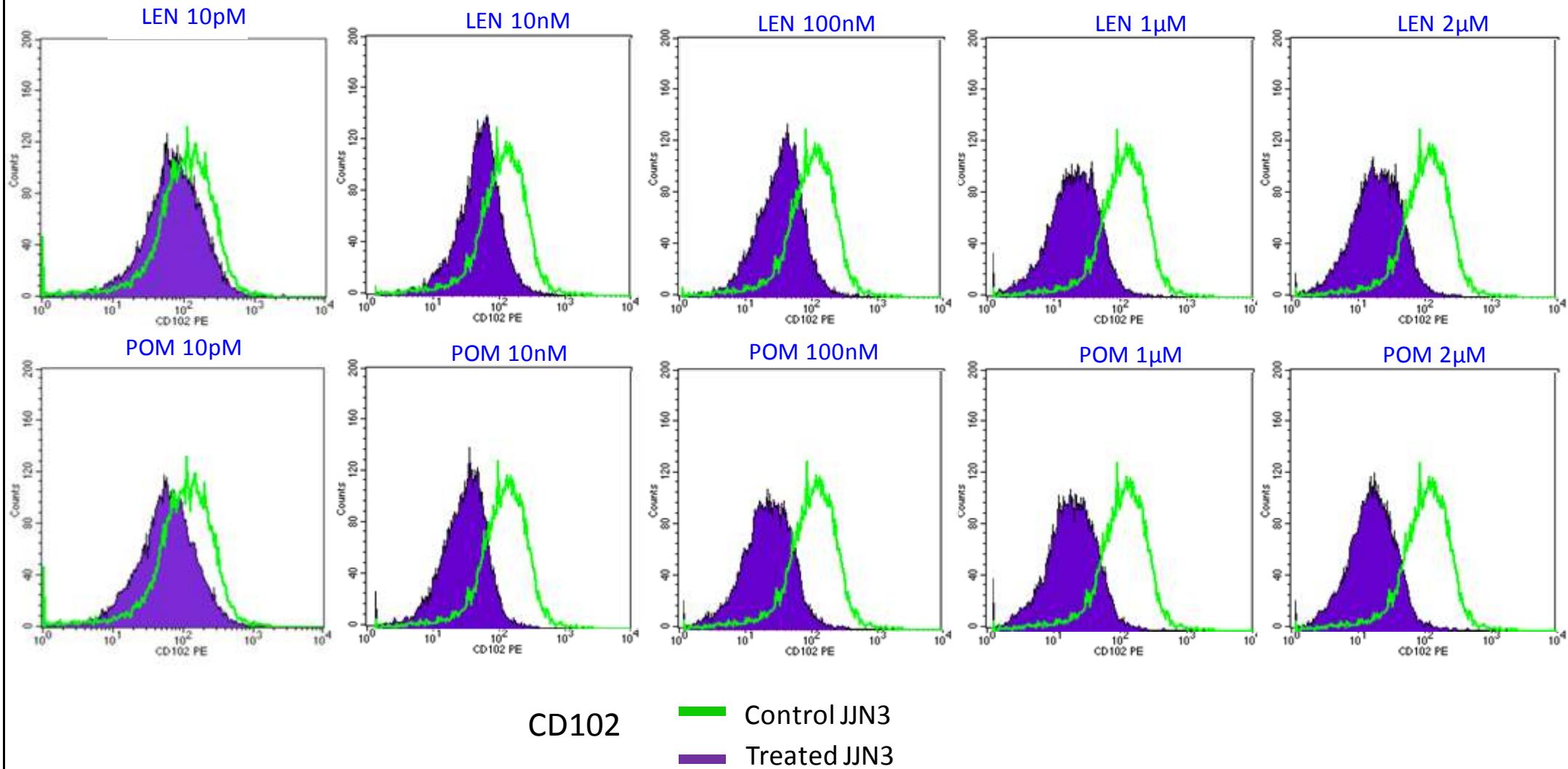
Downregulation of *ITGA4* (CD49d), *ITGA8* and *ICAM2* (CD102)

Probe Set	Gene Title	Gene symbol	Fold change LEN vs CON	Fold change POM vs CON
213416_at	integrin, alpha 4	<i>ITGA4</i>	0.43	0.49
214265_s_at	Integrin, alpha 8	<i>ITGA8</i>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.23</b>
213620_s_at	Intercellular adhesion molecule 2	<i>ICAM2</i>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.48</b>
205692_s_at	CD38 molecule	<i>CD38</i>	1.59	2.36

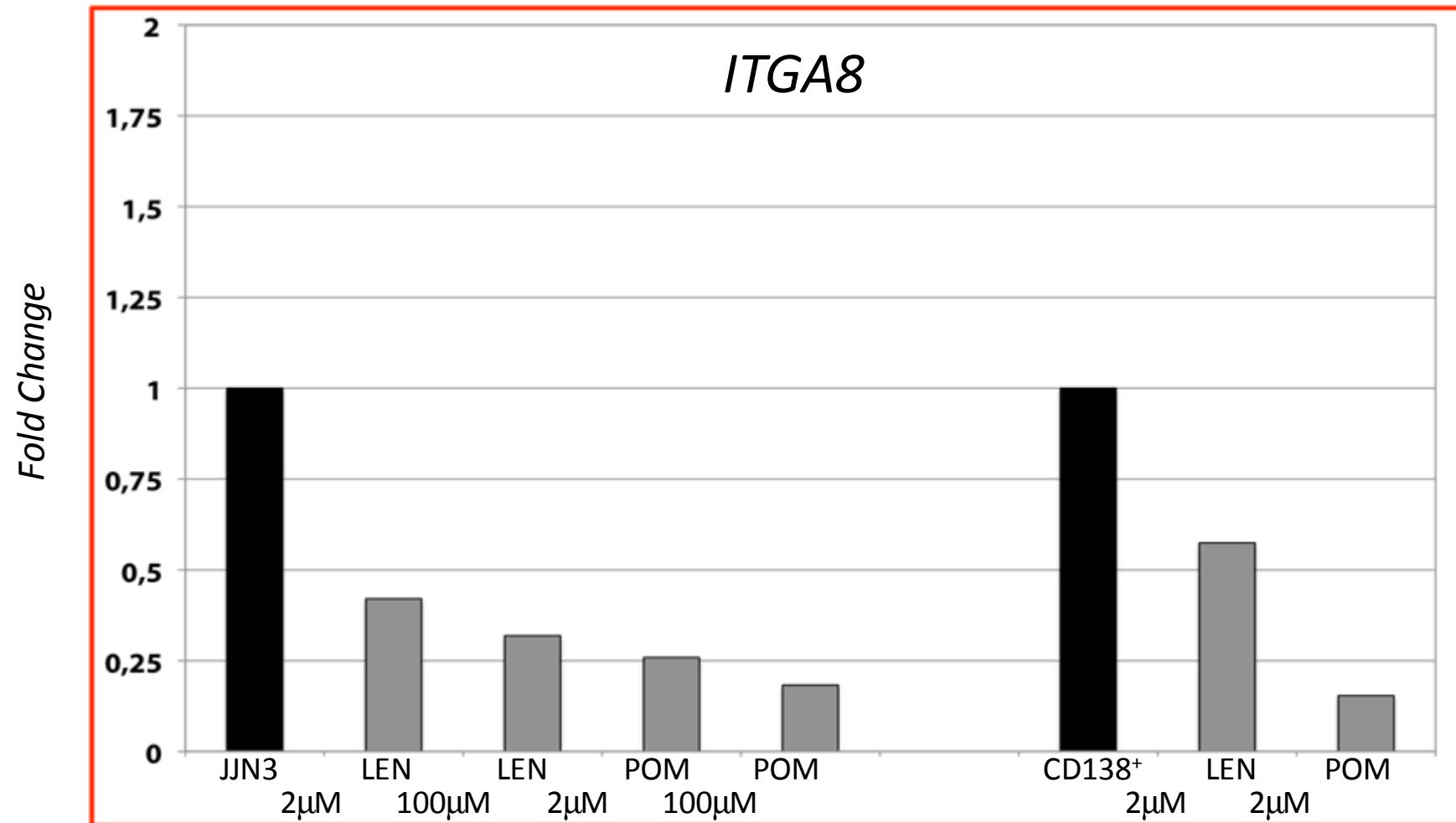
# IMiD® compounds reduce VLA-4 (CD49d) expression by MM cells at a wide range of concentrations



# IMiD® compounds reduce CD102 expression by MM cells



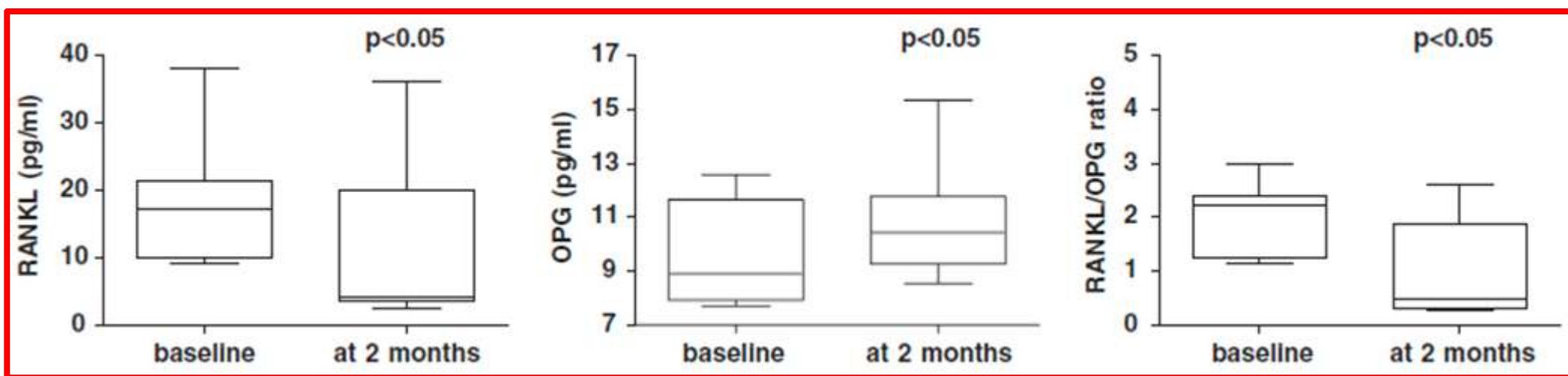
# ITGA8 is a target of IMiD® compounds in cells



# SUMMARY

- IMiD® compounds inhibit MM-induced osteoclast formation either directly or through the inhibition of RANKL/OPG ratio targeting the expression of adhesion molecules by MM cells such as CD49d or ICAM-2 (CD102) and ITAG8.

# Lenalidomide treatment reduces RANKL/OPG ratio serum level in MM patients



Breitkeutz et al. Leukemia 2008

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# *In vitro* and *in vivo* effects of HDAC inhibitors on bone cells

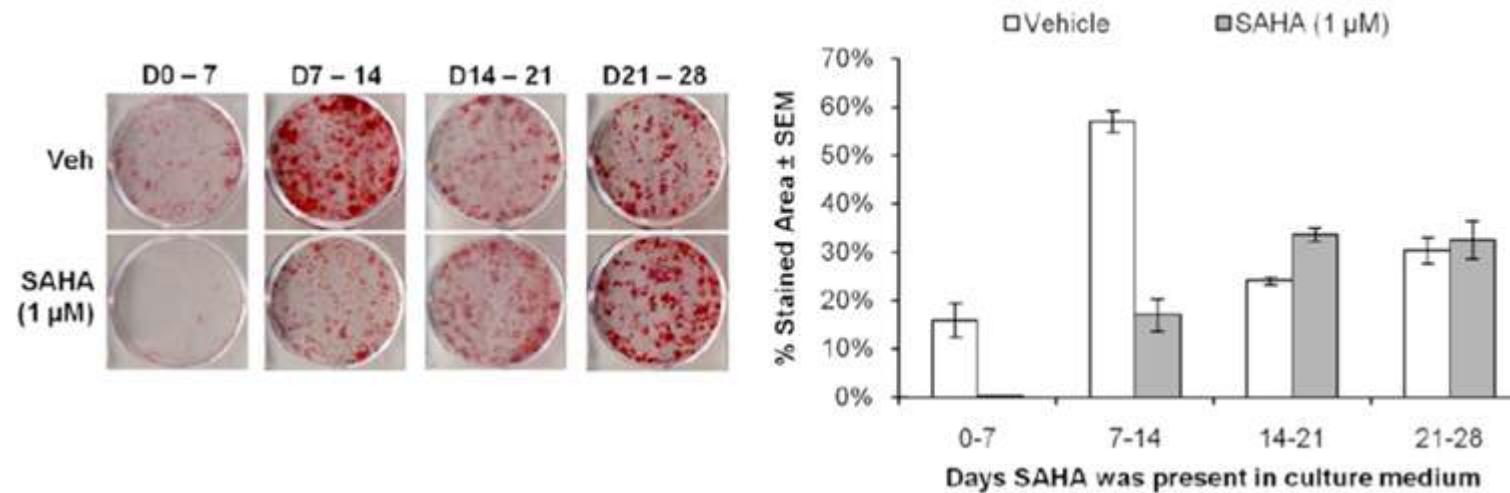
	Cell/animal model	Effect
<i>In vitro</i>	Osteoclasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote apoptosis (Yi et al., 2007)</li><li>Suppress differentiation/maturation (Rahman et al., 2003; Nakamura et al., 2005)</li></ul>
	Osteoblasts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote differentiation (Haberland et al., 2010)</li><li>Increase alkaline phosphatase production (Iwami and Moriyama, 1993; de Boer et al., 2006)</li><li>Increase osteoblastic gene expression (Sakata et al., 2004; Schroeder and Westendorf, 2005; Haberland et al., 2010)</li><li>Increase mineralized matrix production (de Boer et al., 2006; Haberland et al., 2010)</li><li>Increase Runx2 transcriptional activity (Schroeder and Westendorf, 2005)</li></ul>
	Mesenchymal stem cells (MSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Promote apoptosis (Di Bernardo et al., 2009)</li><li>Promote cell cycle arrest (Di Bernardo et al., 2009)</li><li>Decrease proliferation (Di Bernardo et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2009)</li><li>Decrease pluripotency (Di Bernardo et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2009)</li><li>Increase osteoblastic lineage differentiation (Cho et al., 2005; de Boer et al., 2006; Di Bernardo et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2009)</li><li>Decrease adipocytic lineage differentiation (Lee et al., 2009; Haberland et al., 2010)</li><li>Decrease neural lineage differentiation (Lee et al., 2009)</li><li>Decrease chondrocytic lineage differentiation (Lee et al., 2009)</li></ul>
<i>In vivo</i>	Humans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decrease bone mineral density (Sheth et al., 1995; Boluk et al., 2004; Elliott et al., 2007)</li><li>Increase fracture risk (Vestergaard et al., 2004)</li><li>Cause teratogenic craniofacial defects (Vajda et al., 2004)</li></ul>
	Rats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decrease bone mineral content (Nissen-Meyer et al., 2007)</li></ul>
	Mice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Decrease trabecular bone mass (strain-dependent) (Pratap et al., 2010; McGee-Lawrence et al., 2010; Senn et al., 2010)</li></ul>

# HDAC inhibitor SAHA (Vorinostat) causes bone loss by inhibiting immature osteoblasts

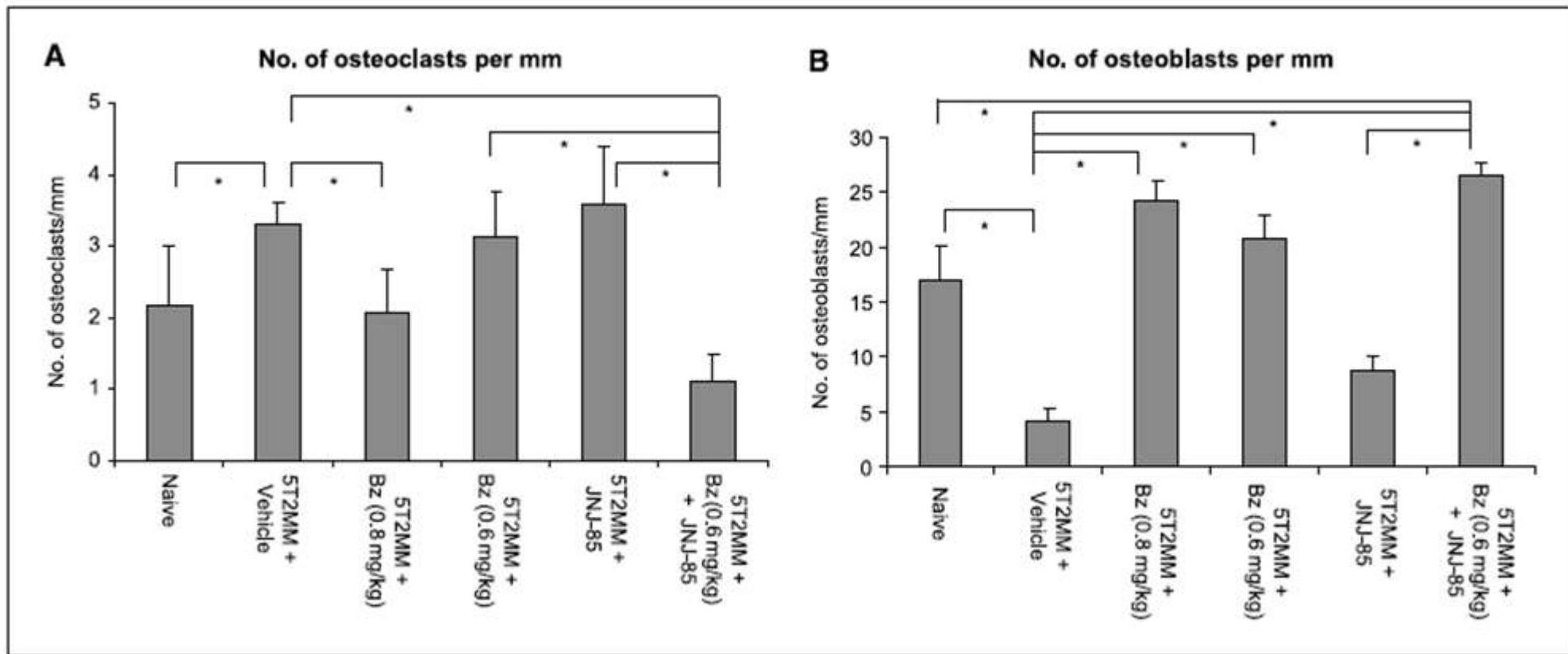
Static and dynamic histomorphometry in the distal femoral metaphysis.

	Oc.S/BS, %	N.Oc/B.Pm, #/mm	Ob.S/BS, %	N.Ob/B.Pm, #/mm	MS/BS, %	MAR, $\mu\text{m}/\text{day}$	BFR/BV, %/day
Vehicle	6.01 (4.41)	4.64 (3.10)	10.71 (3.02)	8.81 (2.68)	35.7 (4.5)	1.46 (0.14)	3.52 (0.63)
SAHA	3.66 (2.21)	2.75 (1.54)	6.96 (4.28)	5.47 (2.93)	36.0 (4.3)	1.73 (0.15)	4.18 (0.60)
p-value	0.149	0.101	<b>0.036</b>	<b>0.016</b>		<b>0.0008</b>	<b>0.034</b>

Means of 10 samples (standard deviations) are shown.



# HDAC inhibitors in combination with Bortezomib show a positive effect on MM bone disease in mice



# CONCLUSIONS

- The new class of anti-myeloma drugs such as proteasome inhibitors, IMiDs and HDAC inhibitors show a significant effects on both osteoclasts and osteoblasts with potential impact on bone remodeling process and MM bone disease in MM patients
- Osteoclasts and osteoblasts are targets of the new anti-myeloma drugs whose effect may be due in part to their action on the bone microenvironment cells.

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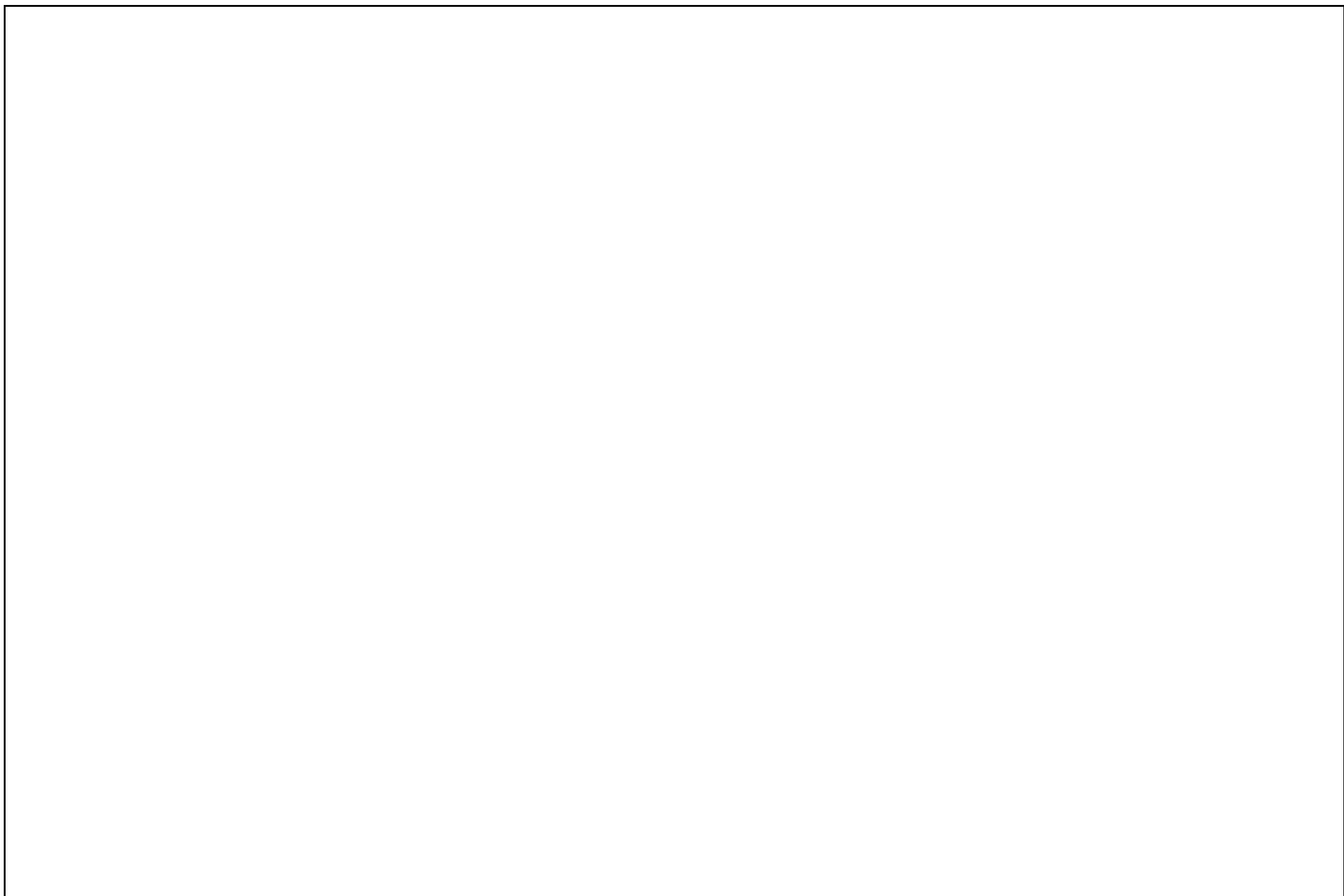
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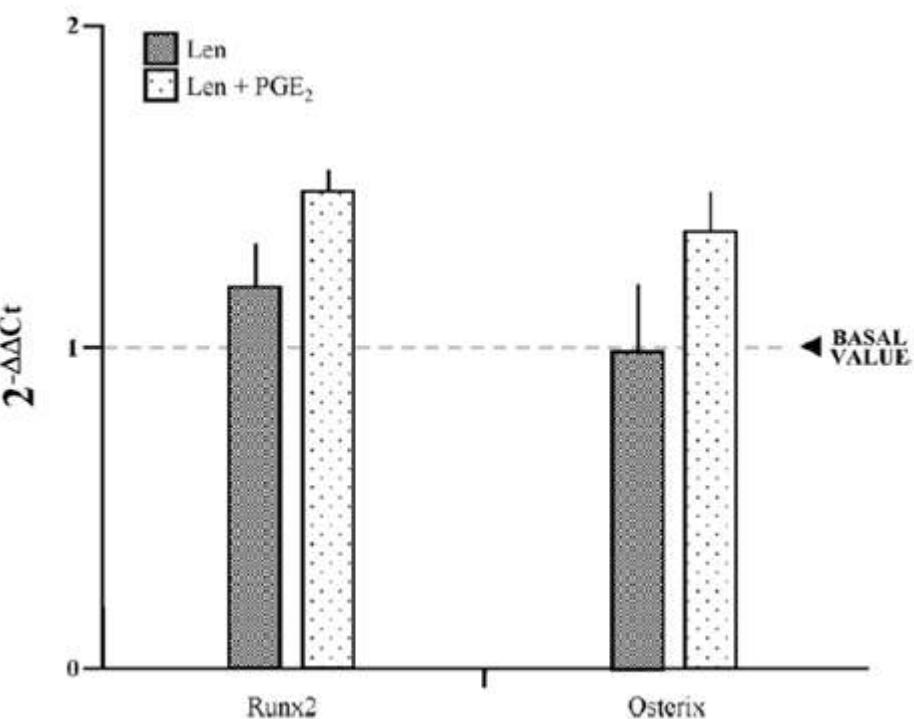
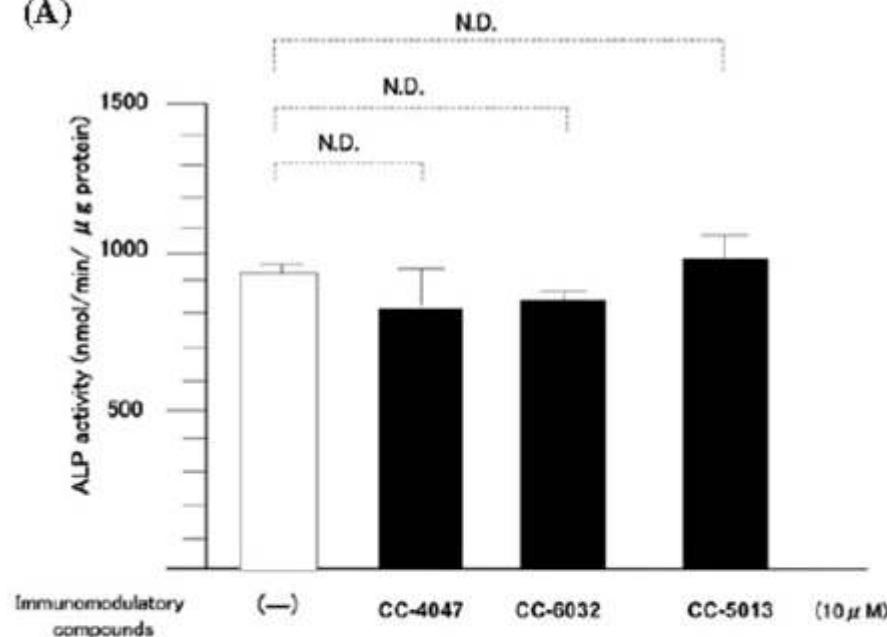
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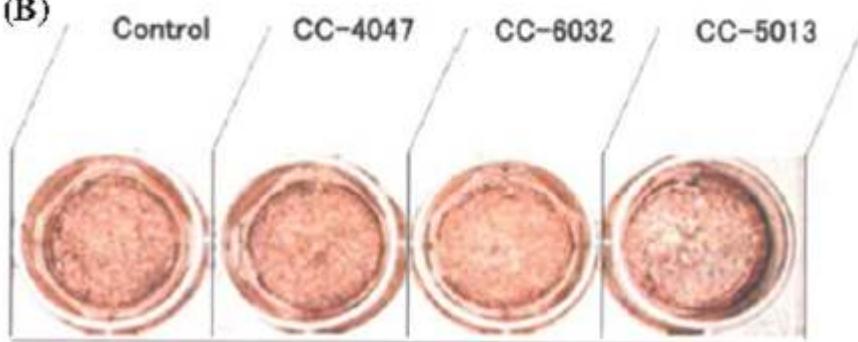


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