



# Should We Use Markers of Bone Remodeling in Myeloma? Which One and When?

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# Why do we use bone markers for the assessment and monitoring MM bone disease?

- Bone lesions do not normally heal even if MM goes into remission (**osteoblast dysfunction**).
- Radiographs frequently do not indicate increased bone resorption in MM progression.
- BMD measurements are often not informative for bone disease status in MM.
- Biochemical markers of bone metabolism have been used in an effort to better monitor the myeloma bone disease and improve assessment of disease progression.

# Biochemical markers of bone remodeling

## Formation

**bALP**

Collagen type I  
propeptides

Osteocalcin

**Osteoblasts**

## Resorption

Calcium

TRACP

BSP

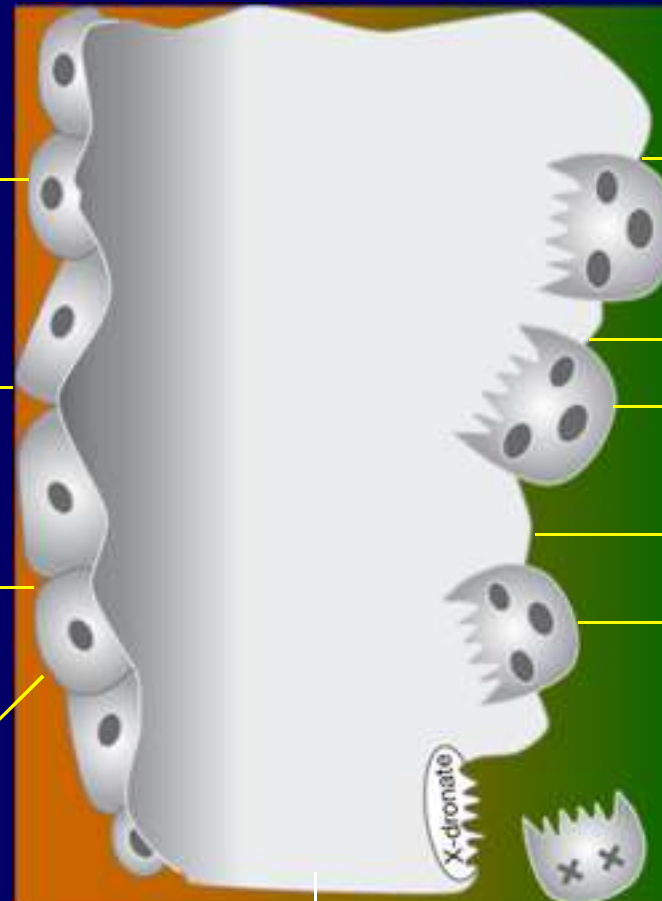
OH-proline  
OH-lysine-glycosides

Pyridinium crosslinks

**Collagen type I degradation  
products:**

N- and C- terminal cross-linking  
telopeptides of collagen type I  
(**NTX-CTX**)

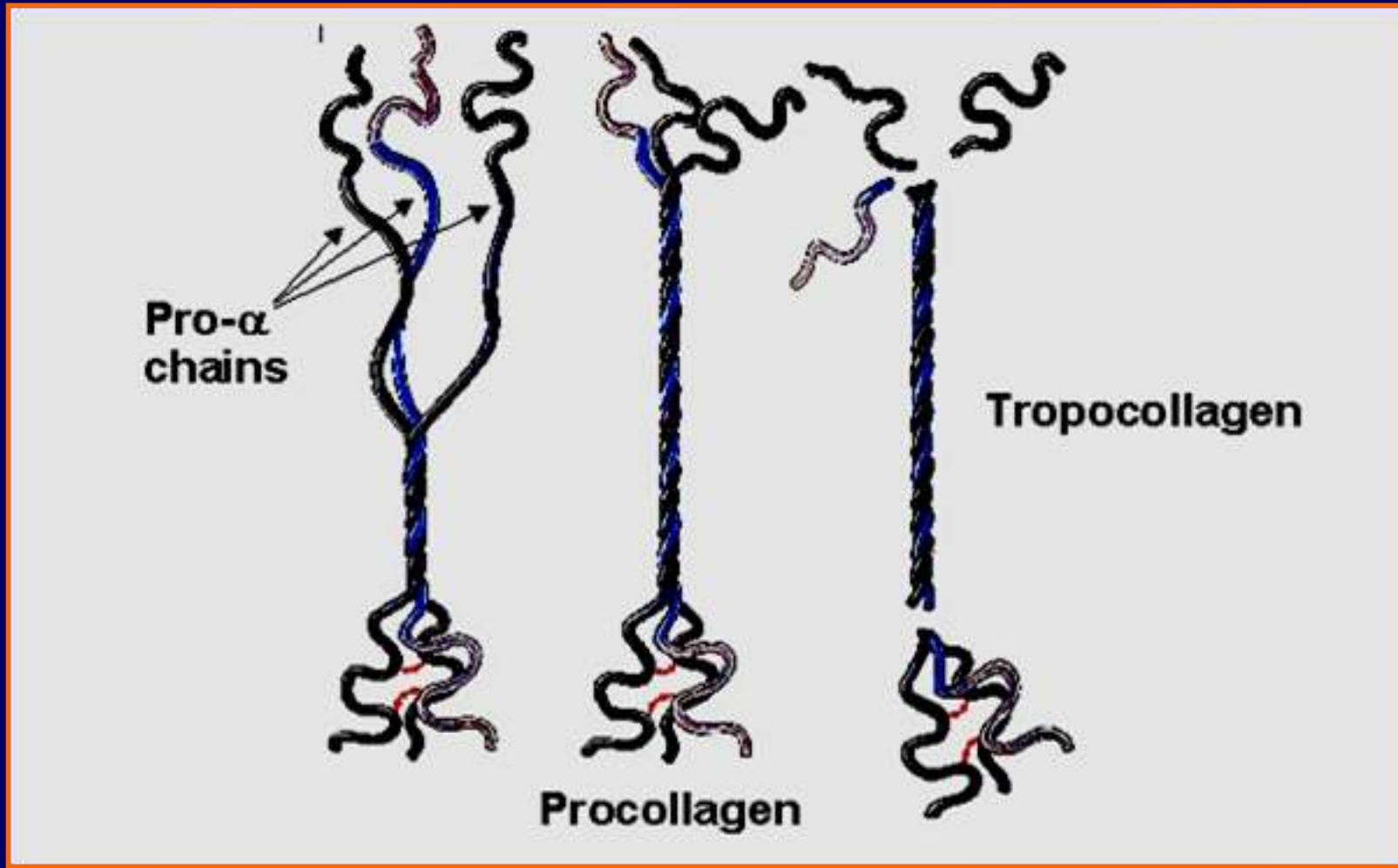
C-terminal cross-linking  
telopeptide of type-I collagen  
generated by MMPs (**ICTP**)



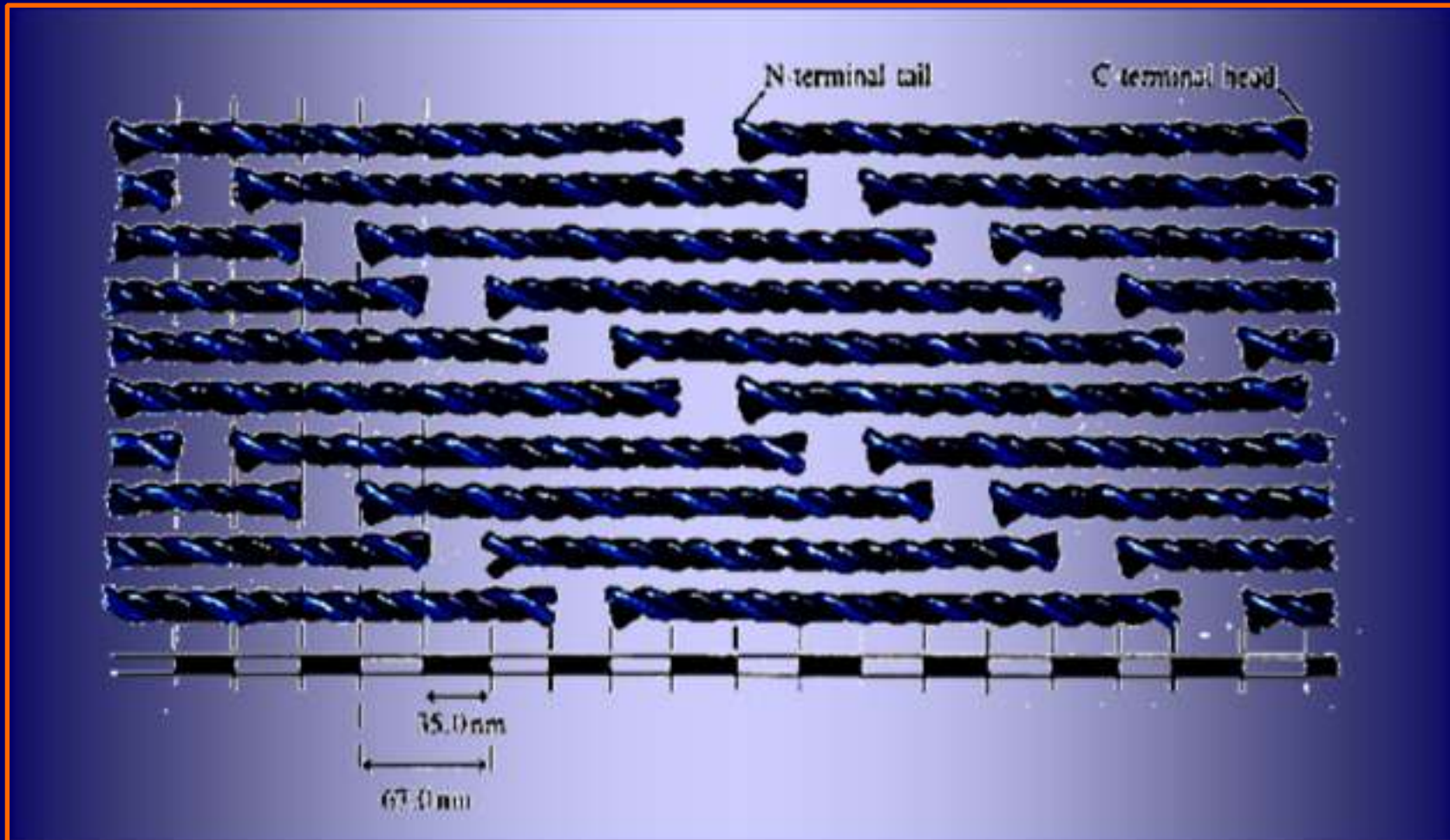
**Bone matrix**

**Osteoclasts**

# Assembly of pro- $\alpha$ collagen and processing into tropocollagen

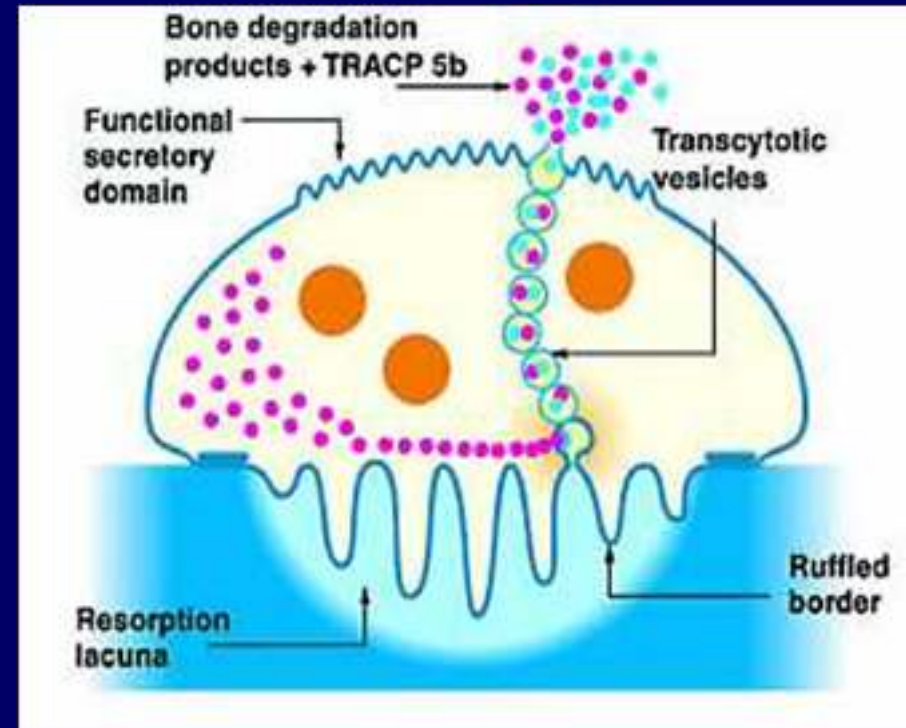
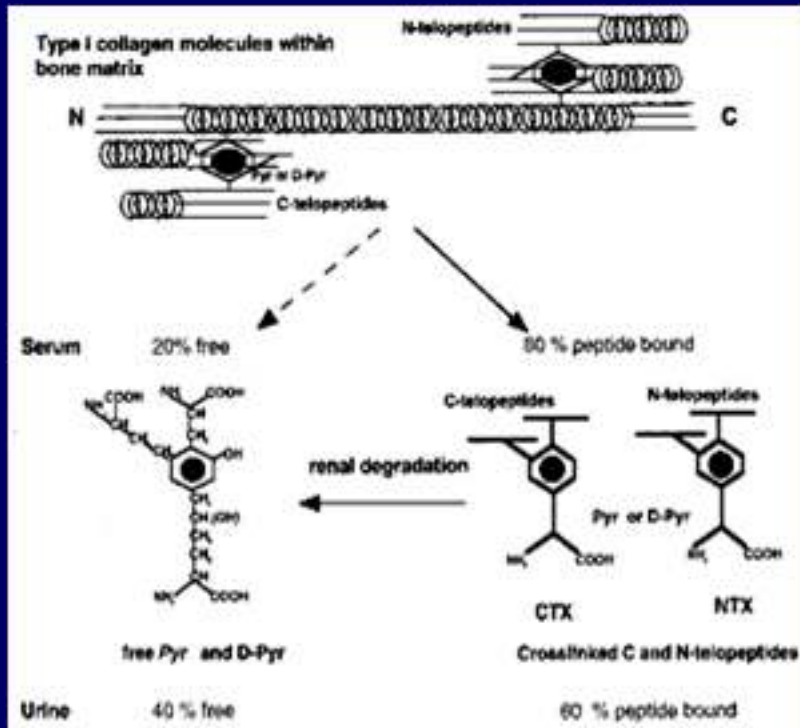


# Assembly of tropocollagen into fibers



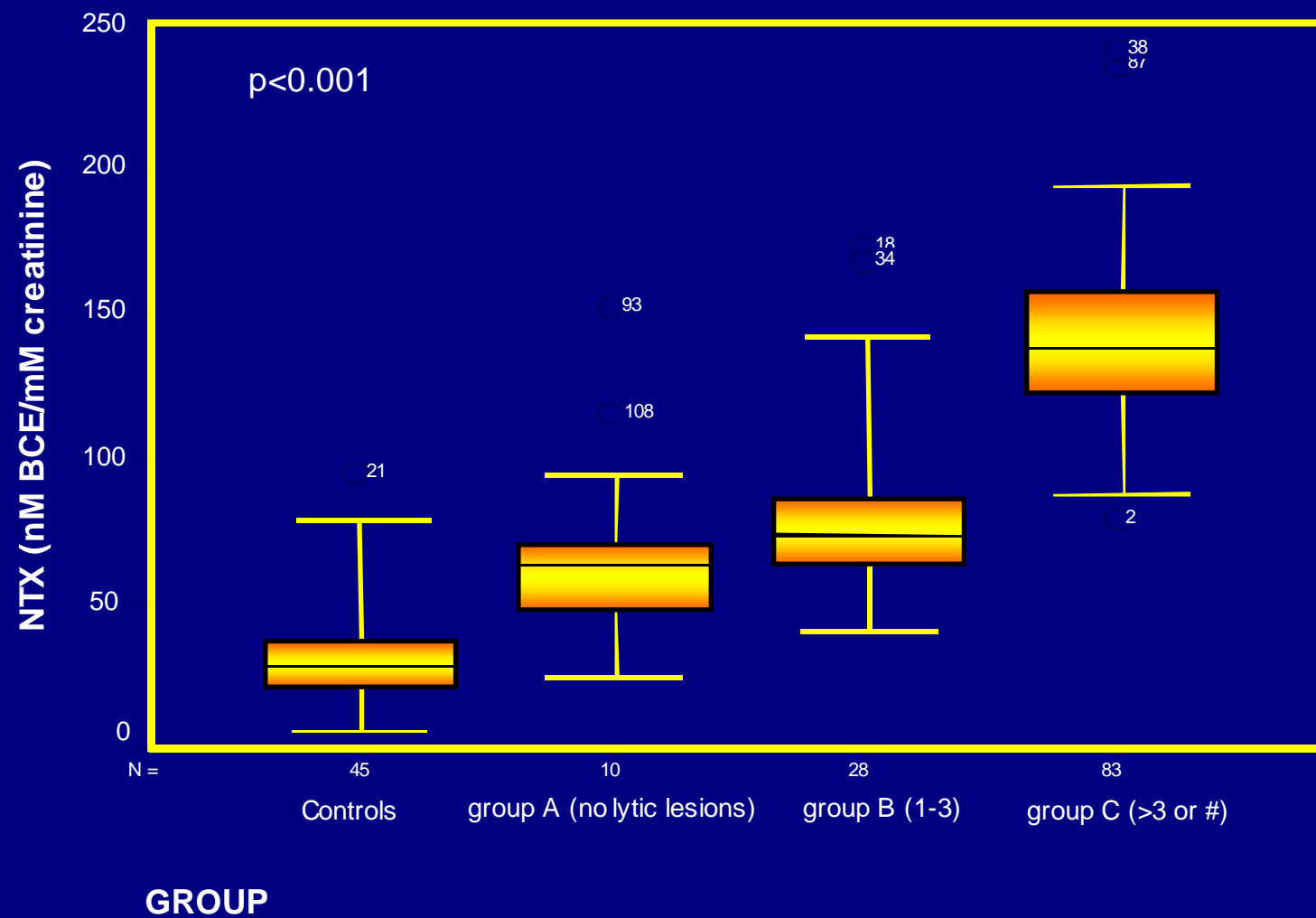


# Bone collagen degradation products



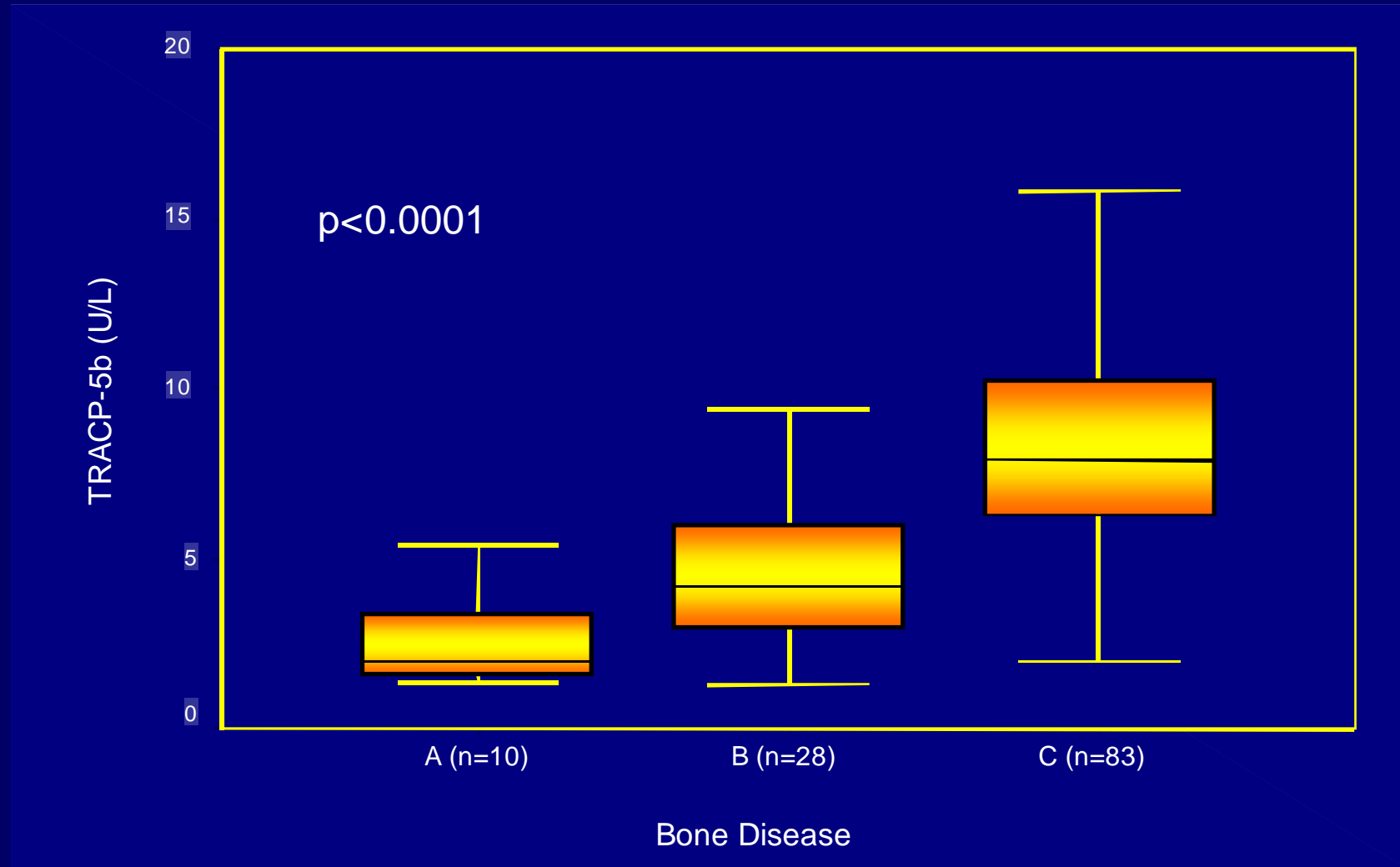
Due to bone specificity and their unique characteristics NTX, ICTP, and CTX have almost totally replaced the use of older resorption indices in the diagnostic assessment of bone diseases.

# Urinary NTX in myeloma bone disease

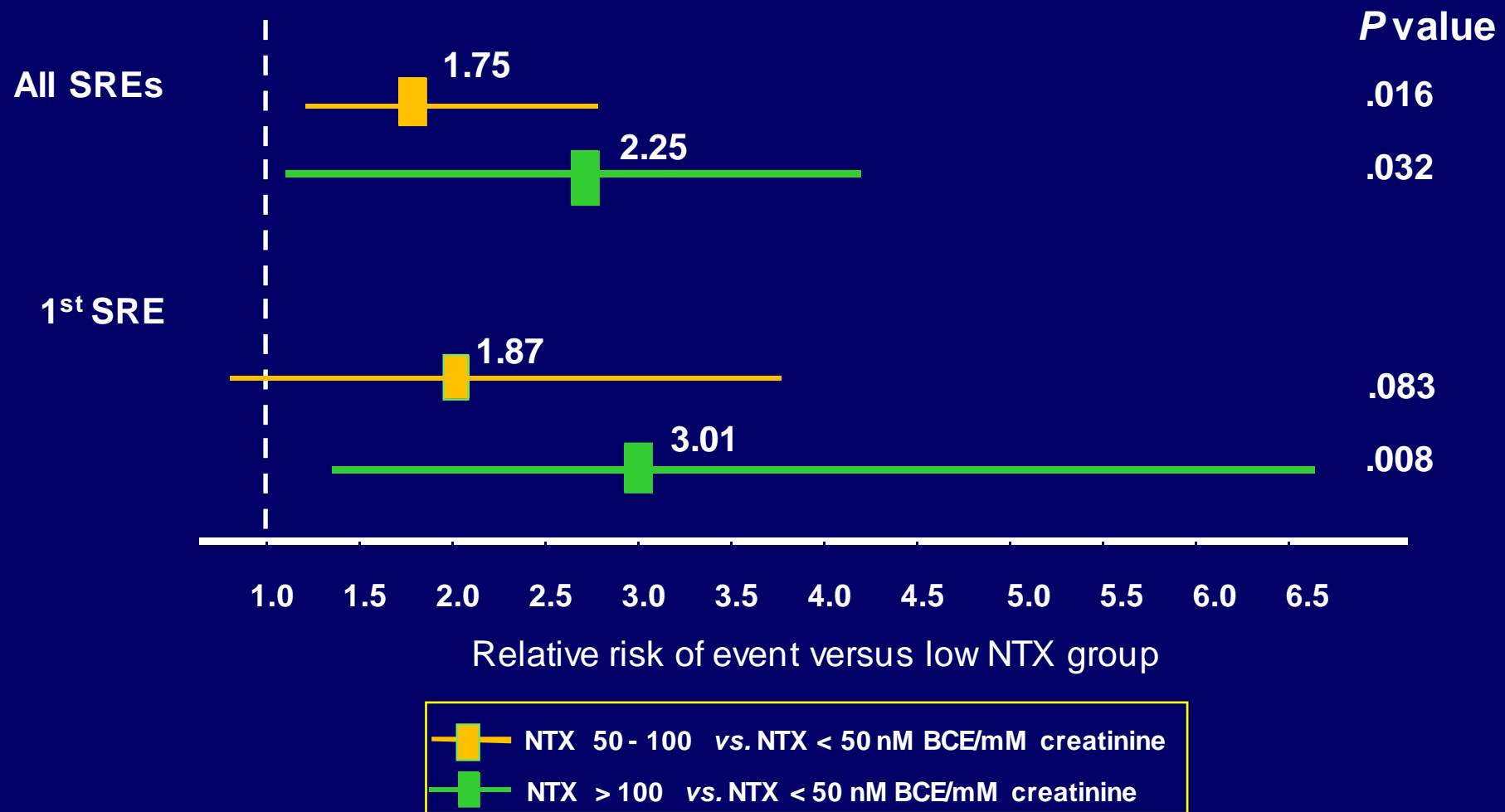




# Serum TRACP-5b and myeloma bone disease

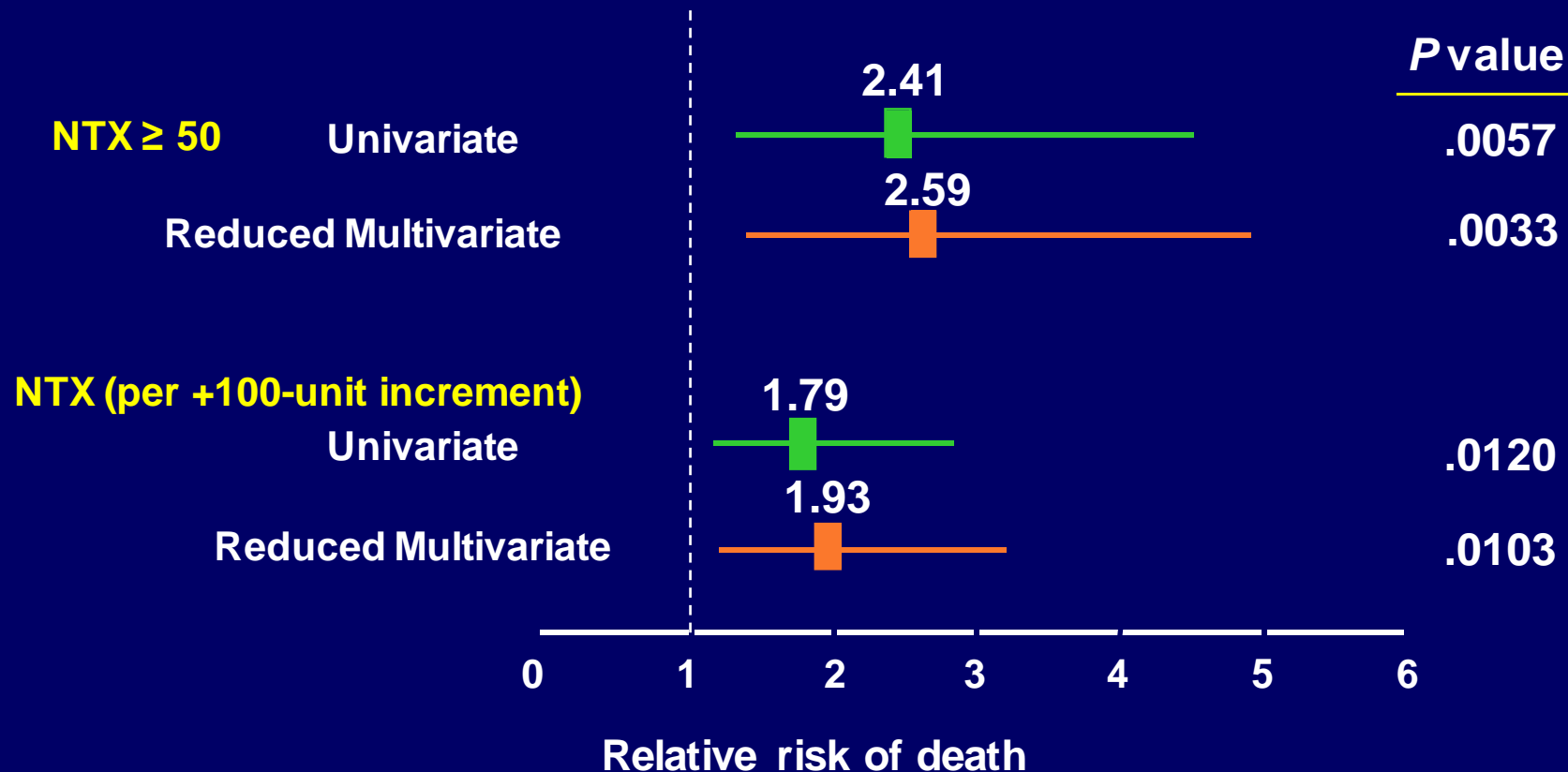


# MM patients with moderate or high urinary NTX levels are at Higher Risk of SREs



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Lipton et al. Clin Lymphoma Myeloma 2007;7:346-53.

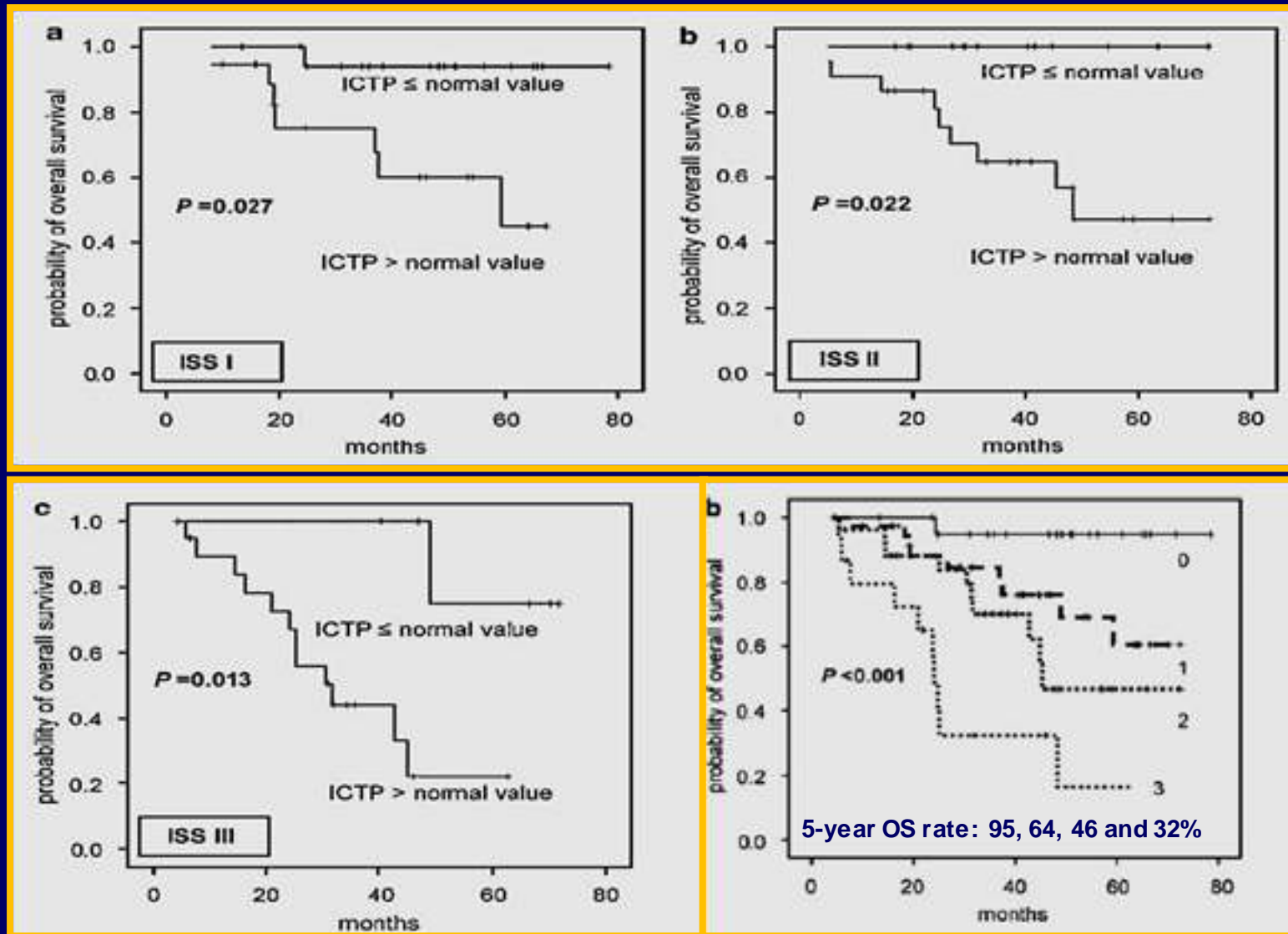
# Baseline NTX is an Independent Prognostic Indicator of Death in 510 patients with MM (Dichotomous and Continuous Variable)



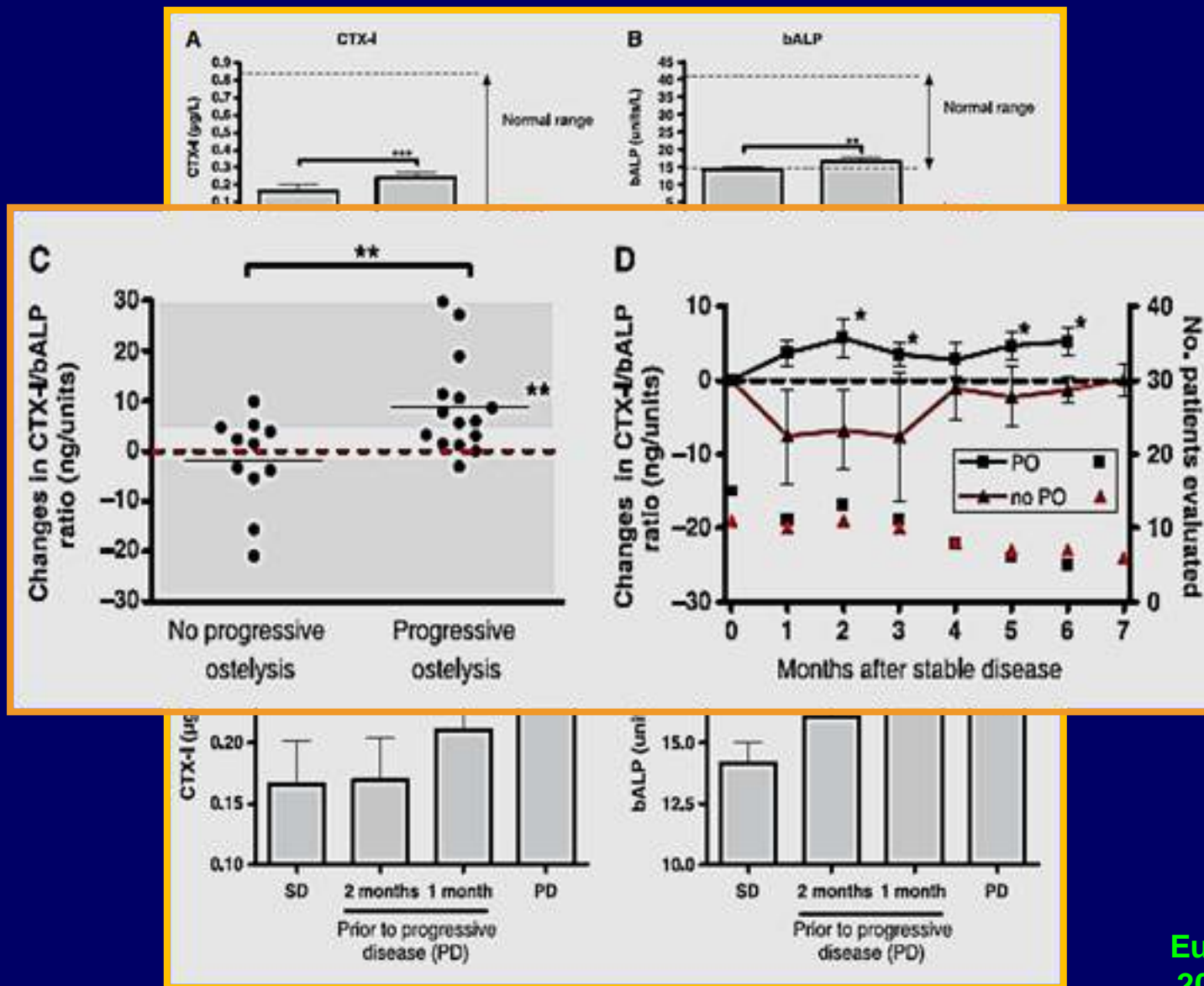
Pts had to have a complete set of data for all variables assessed; NTX in nmol/mmol creatinine.  
Reduced multivariate model included age, myeloma Ig type, NTX level, hemoglobin level, and SGOT level.

# ICTP & OS in Myeloma

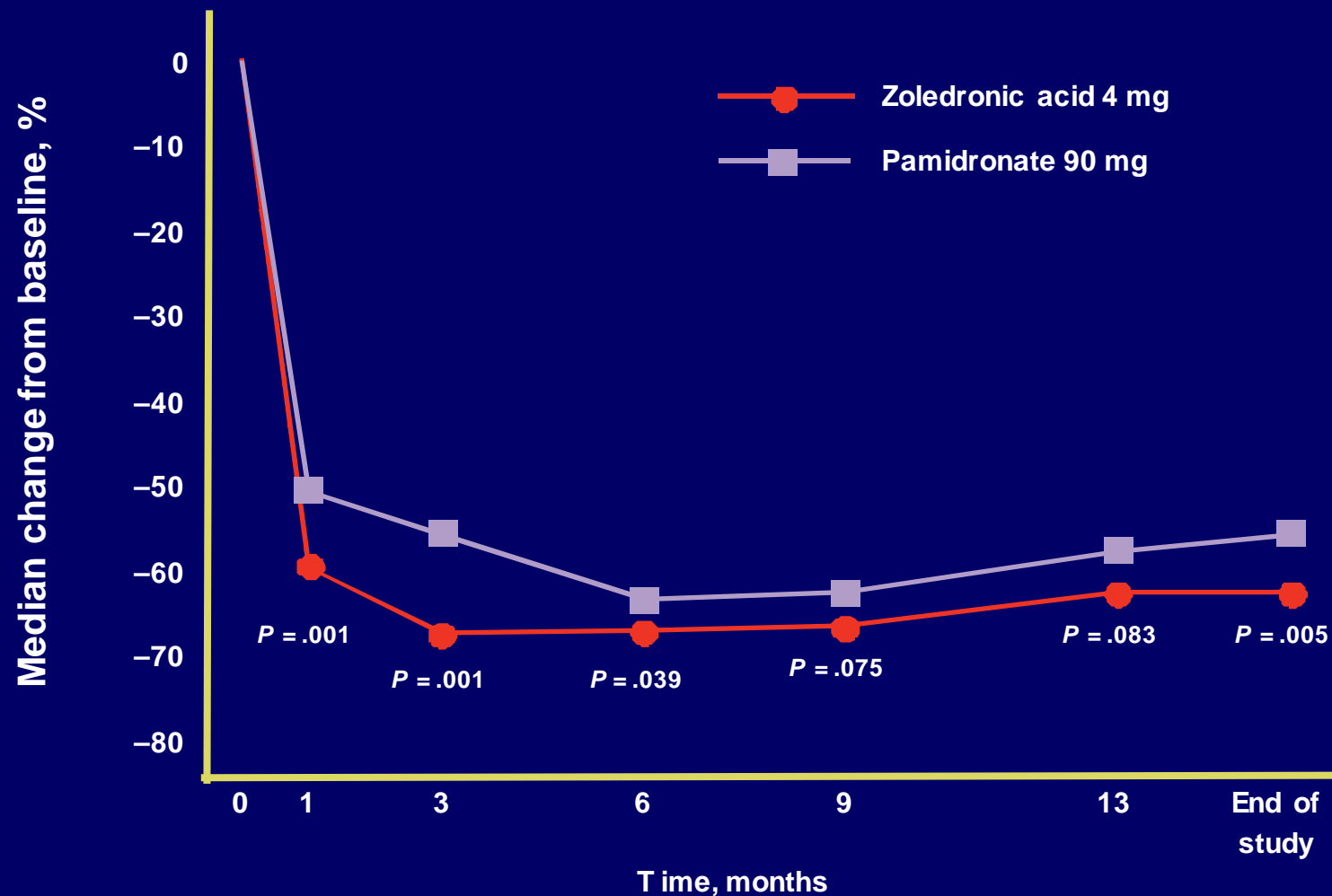
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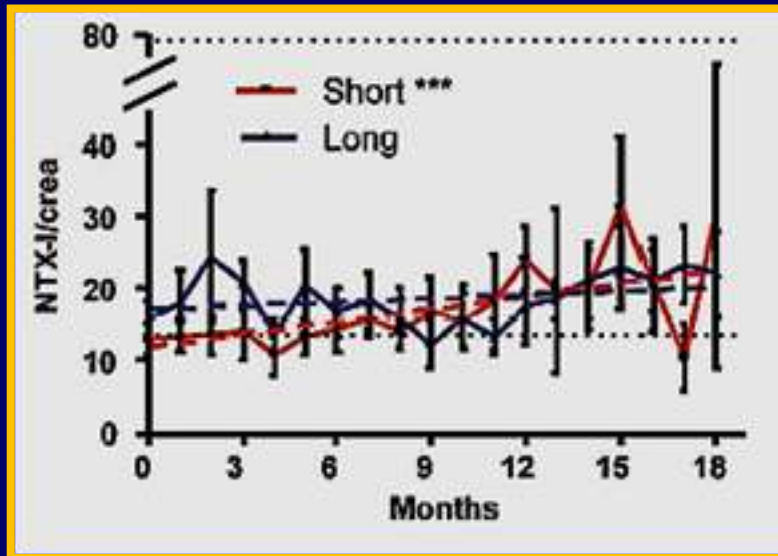
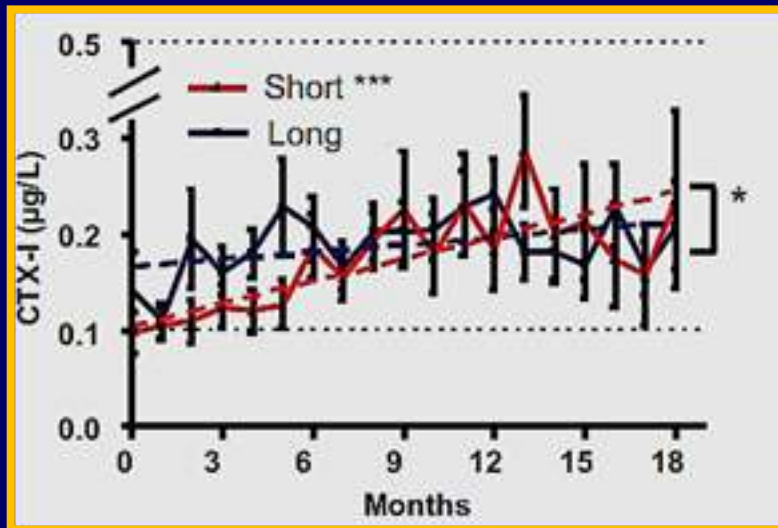
# Serum CTX and bALP are elevated prior to MM progression



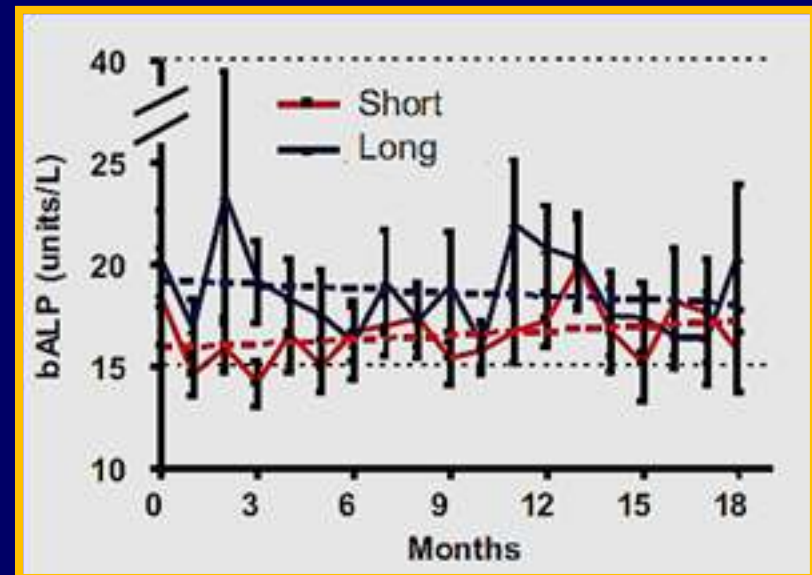
# ZOL significantly reduces NTX levels vs. PAM in patients with bone lesions



# Bone Markers After Discontinuation of Zoledronic Acid

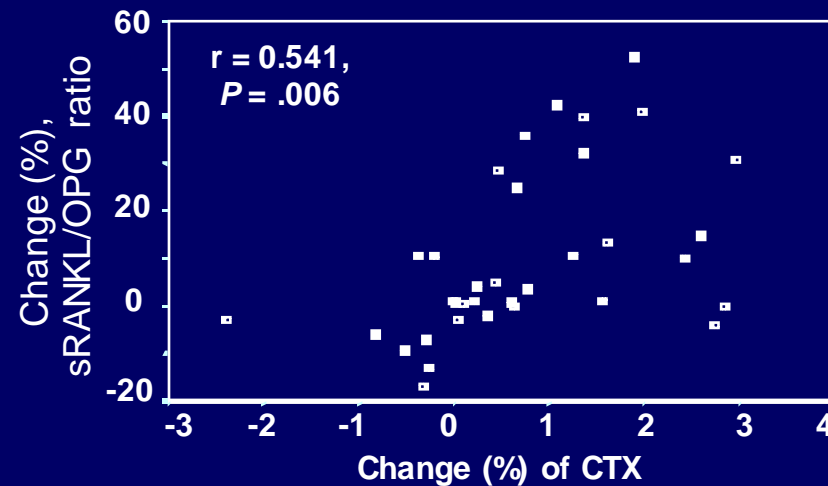
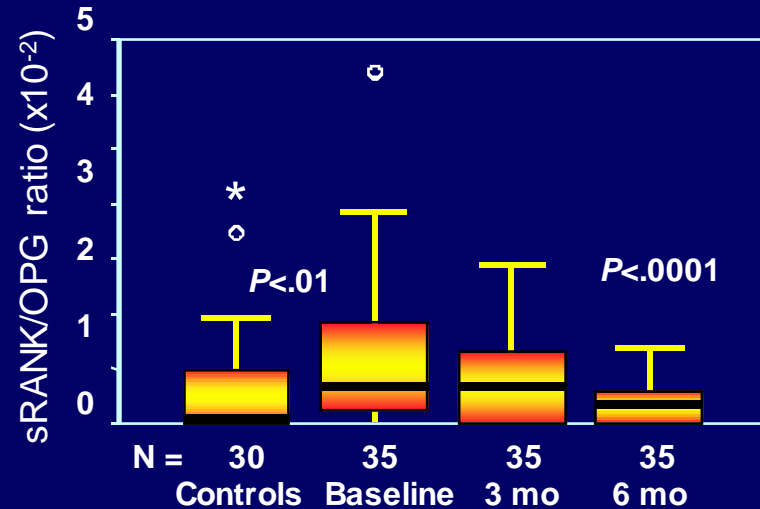
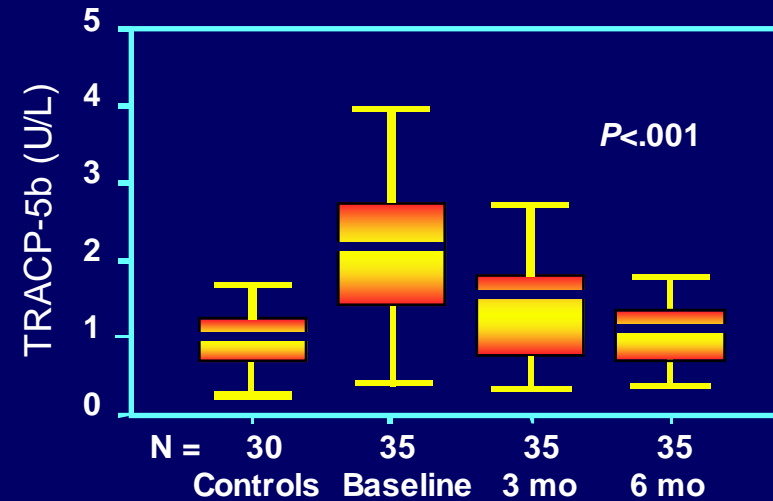
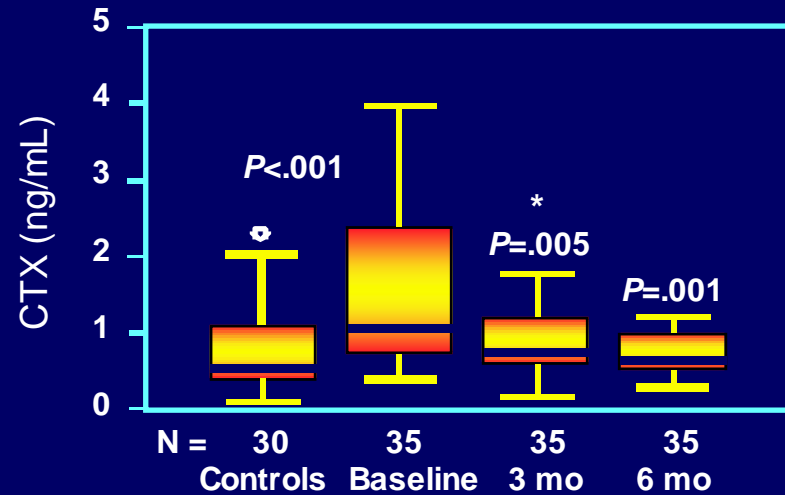


29 patients were treated with ZOL for a period of 12 months and  
and  
34 for a period of 24 months



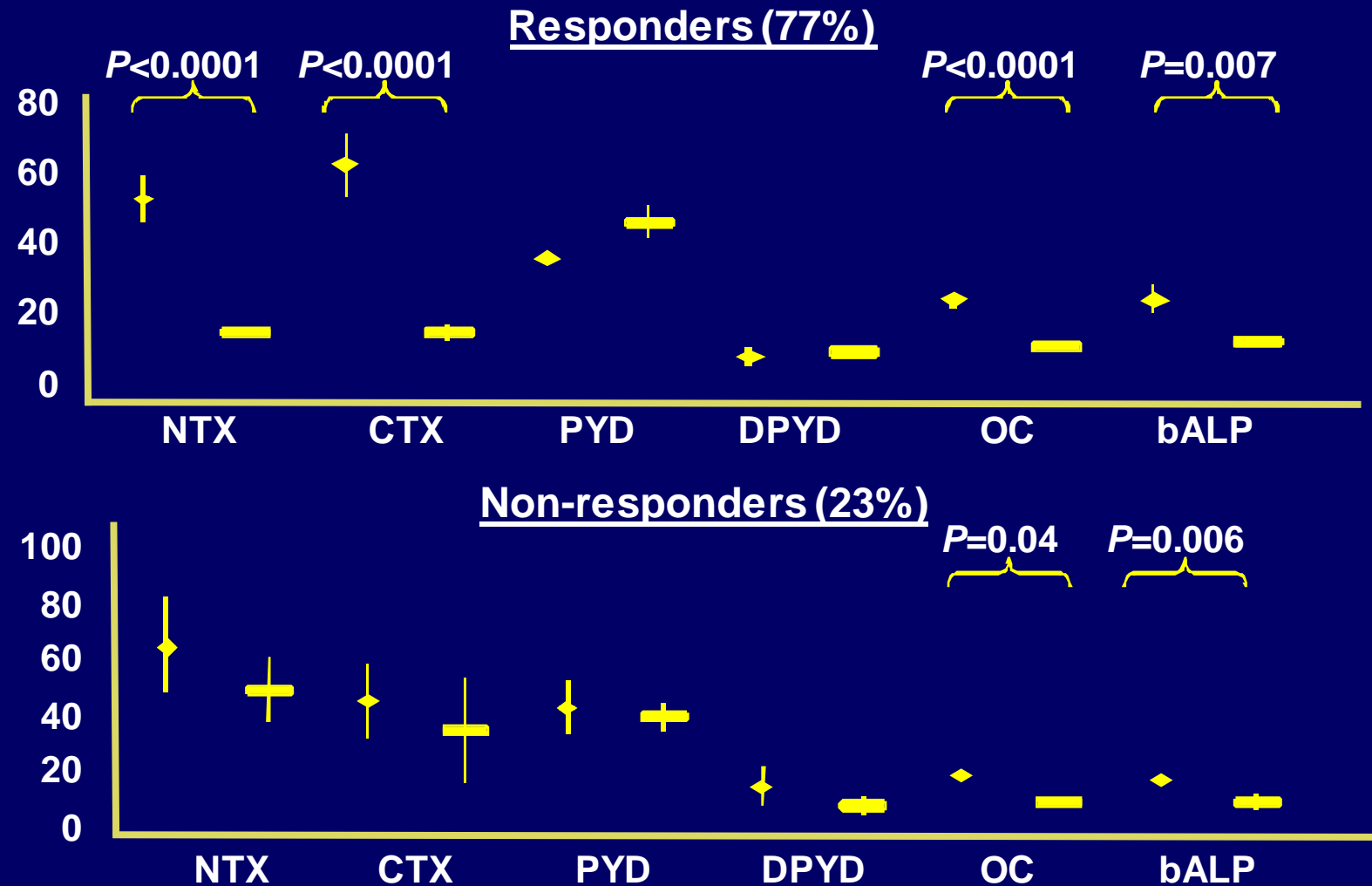


# Thal/Dex effect on bone markers of relapsed/refractory MM

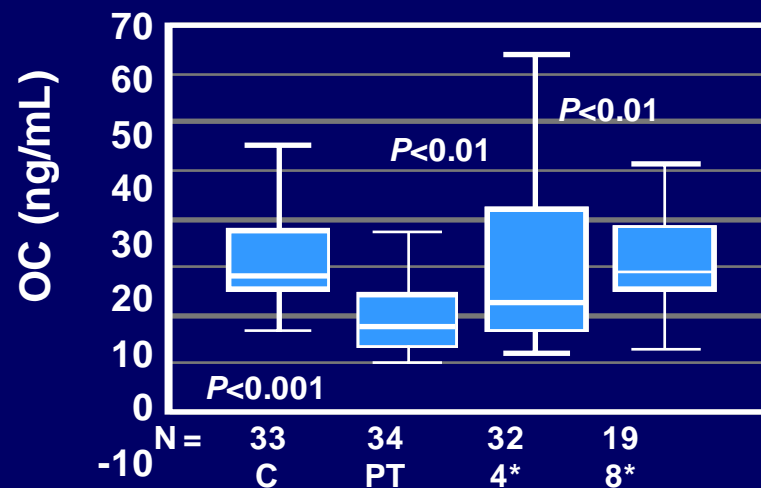
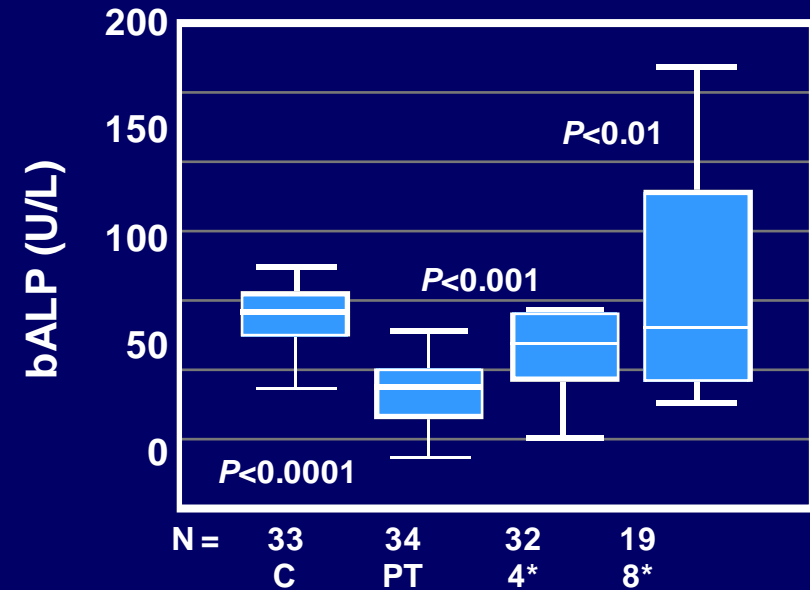
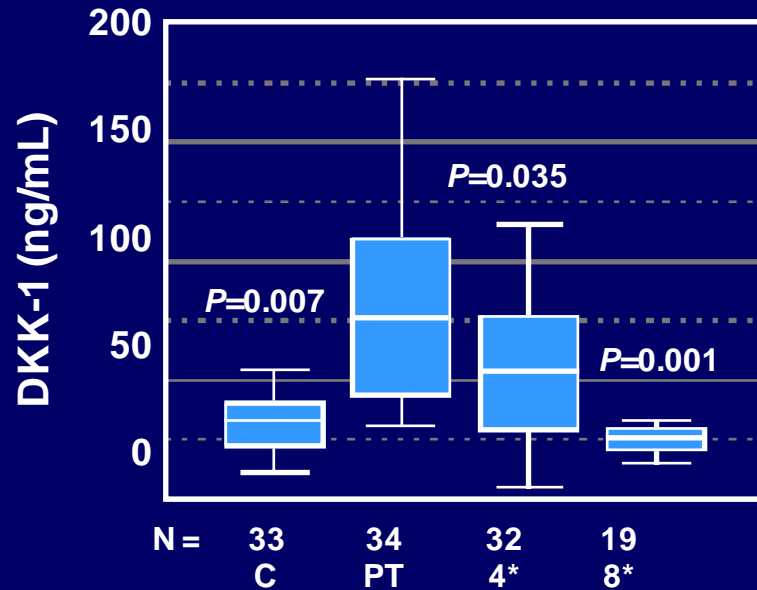


All patients were received zoledronic acid.

# Thal/dex effect on bone metabolism of newly diagnosed MM patients



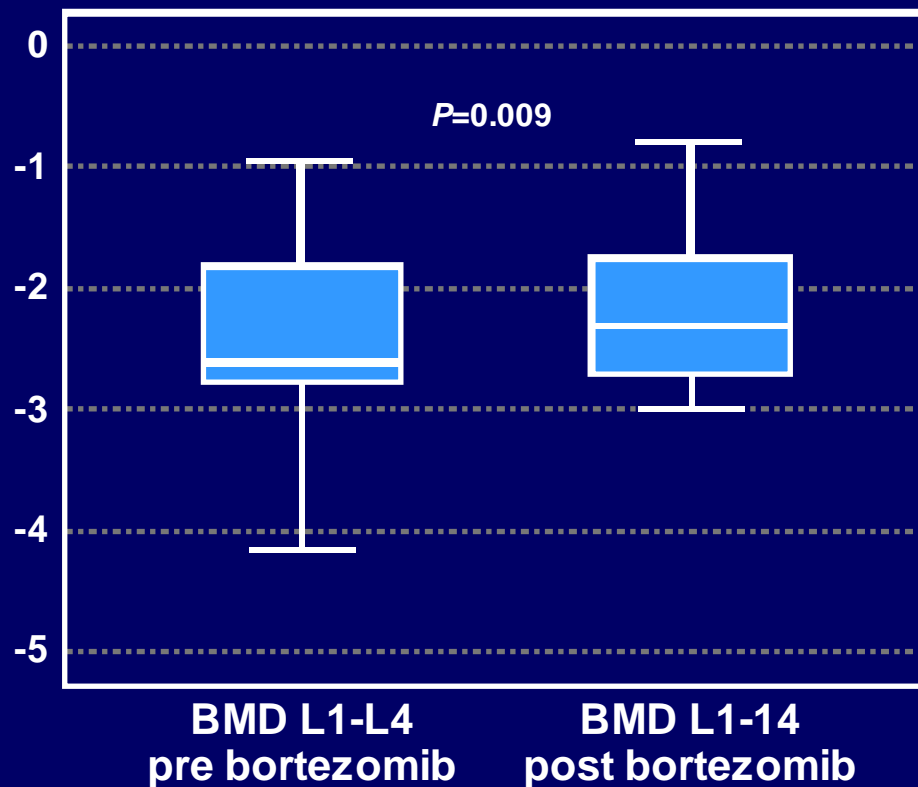
# Bortezomib Affects Markers of Bone Formation and Osteoblast Stimulators



\*After cycle number.

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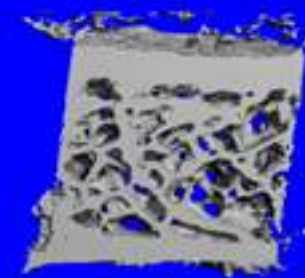
# BMD: Pre- and Post-Bortezomib



4/27 patients (14%) showed at least 10% of increase in L1-L4 BMD; all these patients had osteoporosis according to DXA, had responded to VD therapy (3 PR and one CR), and had received VD as 2nd-line treatment

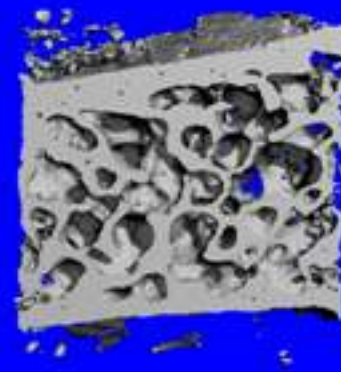
BV/TV = 12.85%  
Tb.Th = 0.1  
Tb.Sp. = 0.7  
Tb.N. = 1.5

**Pre-Bz**



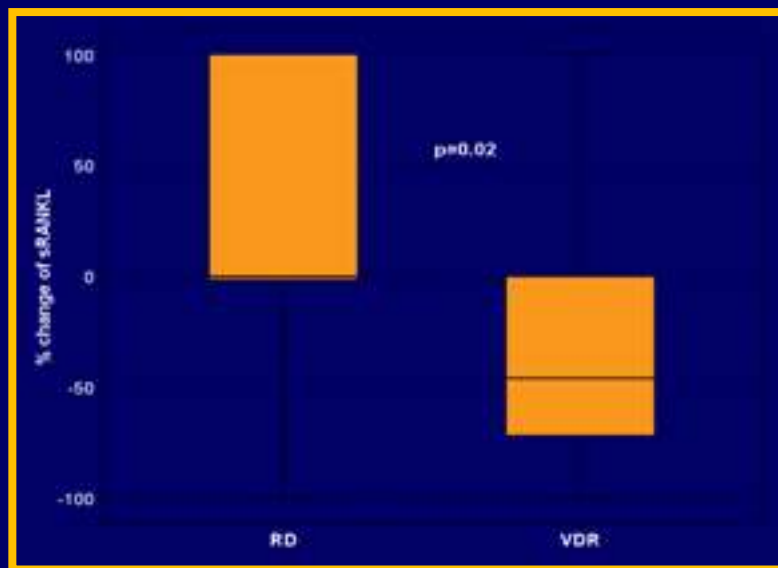
BV/TV = 90%  
Tb.Th = 0.7  
Tb.Sp. = 0.2  
Tb.N. = 2.8

**Post-Bz**

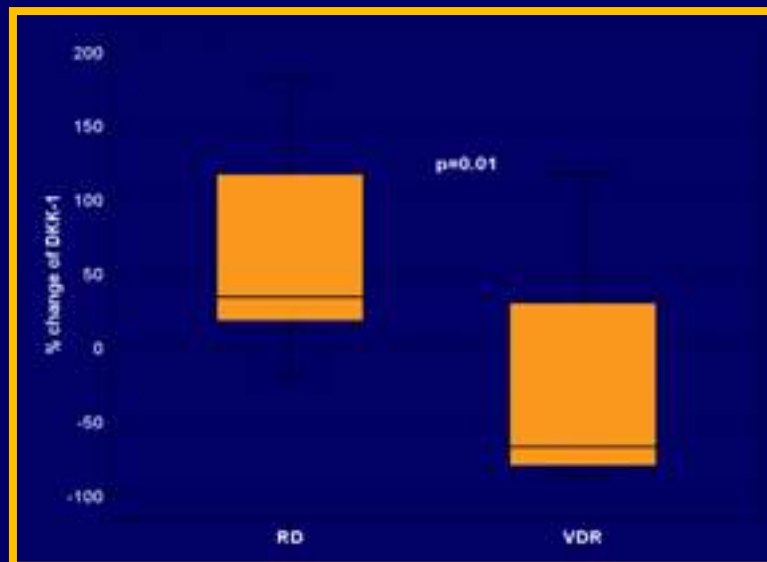


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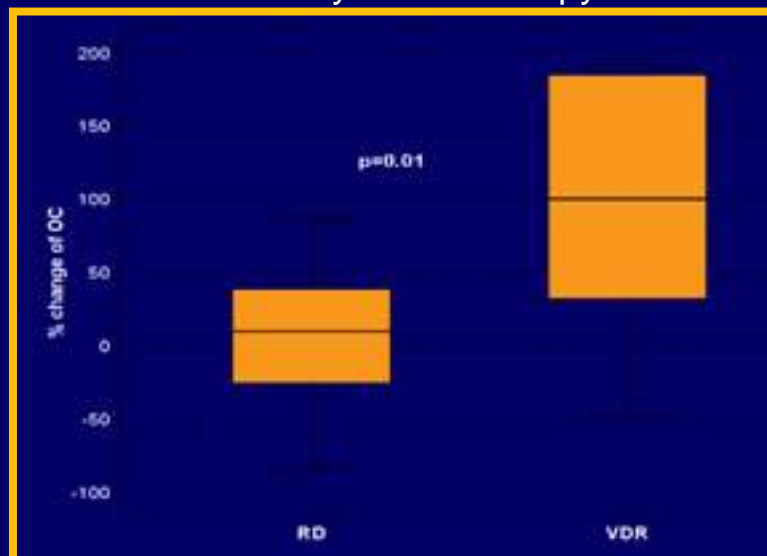
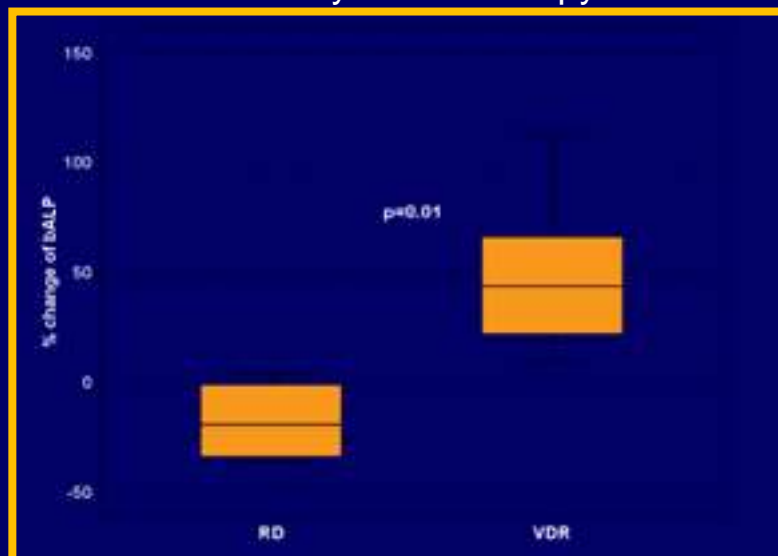
# Effect of RD and VRD on RANKL in Patients with Relapsed/Refractory MM



after 6 cycles of therapy



after 6 cycles of therapy



Terpos et al.  
IMW 2011;  
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# Conclusions for Bone Markers in MM

Parameter	Reflection of the extend of myeloma bone disease	Prediction for SRE	Prediction for OS	Future possible use
Bone Resorption Markers				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Symptomatic patients to drive initial therapy (NTX)</li> <li>2. Asymptomatic patients to drive decision for antiresorptive therapy (NTX, ICTP, CTX)</li> <li>3. Symptomatic patients under bisphosphonates to decide the duration and intervals of therapy (NTX, ICTP, CTX)</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use for the evaluation of bone anabolic agents, such as bortezomib, anti-Dkk1, anti-SOST antibodies (bALP only)</li> <li>2. No future use is seen for other bone formation markers</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use for the follow-up of novel therapies (denosumab-antiRANKL, anti-Dkk1 etc)</li> </ol>
Urinary NTX	+++	+++	+++	
Serum ICTP	+++	++	++	
Serum CTX	++	-	-	
Serum TRACP-5b	+	-	-	
Bone Formation Markers				
Serum bALP	+/-	-	-	
Serum OC	+/-	-	-	
Serum PINP or PICP	-	-	-	
Osteoclast/osteoblast regulators				
Serum sRANKL or tRANKL	+/-	-	+/-	
Serum OPG	+/-	-	-	
Serum Dkk-1	+	-	-	

•(-): no evidence  
 (+/-): conflicting evidence  
 (+): low evidence  
 (++) : intermediate evidence  
 (+++): strong evidence

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