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Bone Turnover Markers Basic Biology to Clinical Applications





Guidelines for the management of osteoporosis and fragility fractures

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Laboratory diagnosis

Bone turnover markers

Bone turnover markers are mainly used to obtain information about the extent of new-bone-formation and resorption processes. They are overall indicators of skeletal remodelling, and, therefore, vary considerably at analytical and biological level: therefore, there is no indication for their use in routine evaluations of individual patients. In

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Role of BTMs

BTMs concentrations in blood or urine are thought to reflect bone remodelling rate and hence they have been used to research metabolic bone diseases including Paget's disease of bone, osteoporosis and osteomalacia as well as metabolic bone disease of chronic kidney disease (CKD-MBD) in the last several decades. BTMs are also used in clinical practice, in conjunction with other diagnostic modalities, especially imaging studies, for the diagnosis and or monitoring of metabolic bone diseases

> BTMs are not useful for diagnosis of osteoporosis and are currently not included in fracture risk assessment, but are still useful in initial assessment of patients with osteoporosis to identify presence of secondary causes for osteoporosis, and are largely used for monitoring of therapy

POSITION PAPER



International Osteoporosis Foundation and European Calcified Tissue Society Working Group. Recommendations for the screening of adherence to oral bisphosphonates

The Working Group (WG) proposed the following question: Can the bone turnover markers (BTMs) PINP and CTX be used to identify low adherence in patients with postmenopausal osteoporosis initiating oral bisphosphonates for osteoporosis?

Bone turnover markers

Measurement of bone turnover markers is considered as the most specific early method for measuring the biological effect of bisphosphonates. The WG focused on the two markers prioritized by the IOF, namely serum CTX and PINP

Bone metabolism diagnostics Current biomarkers



The IOF-IFCC Bone Markers Standard Working group

Recommendations for reference bone turnover markers

Serum CTx- choosed as reference standard for bone resorption

Rationale

1. The <u>standard in the assay is well characterised</u>, is an 8-aa peptide and this allows the development of clearly defined reference standard

2.it is likely that <u>most CTx is derived from osteoclastic resorption</u> given that treatments that reduce bone turnover reduce such markers to very low levels

3...

4. The *biological and analytical variability* have been well documented

5. The assay has been automated and widely available

6. The assay is *available for serum or plasma*

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Recommendations for reference bone turnover markers

Serum PINP- choosed as the reference standard for bone formation

Rationale

- 1. PINP *reflects the synthesis* of the most abundant protein of bone tissue
- 2. The <u>standard is less well characterised</u>; mw is much larger than 35,000 D.
- 3. ...it is believed that *most PINP is produced during bone formation*; it has been evaluated already for fracture prediction and monitoring therapies
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Table 4 Intra individual variation [within-subject (CV_I) biological variation (BV)] estimates for the reference BTMs for osteoporosis, PINP and β -CTX, with 95% confidence interval (CI), based on Cavalier et al.

| Measurand | Mean value (95% CI) | CV _A % (95% CI) ^a | CV _I % (95% CI) |
|-------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| PINP, µg/L | 63.7 (62.3–65.0) | 3.7 (3.6–3.9) | 8.8 (8.4–9.3) |
| β-CTX, ng/L | 514.3 (499.5–529.1) | 5.0 (4.8–5.3) | 15.1 (14.4–16.0) |

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| Serum or urine | Measurand | CVI |
|----------------|---|------|
| Serum | Procollagen type I N-propeptide (PINP) | 7.4 |
| | C-terminal telopeptide type I collagen (β-CTX) | 10.9 |
| | Osteocalcin | 6.4 |
| | Alkaline phosphatase, bone (B-ALP) | 6.2 |
| | Acid phosphatase tartrate-resistant (TRACP) | 8.0 |
| Urine | Deoxypyridinoline/creatinine, first morning | 13.8 |
| | Hydroxyproline/minute-excretion rate, first morning | 36.1 |
| | N-telopeptide type I collagen concentration | 15.5 |
| Serum | Parathyroid hormone (PTH) | 25.9 |

Cyrcadian rythm of CTx



Time (h)

Determinants of BTM in healthy women



- A) Normal ranges in premenopausal women aged 20-25 y
- B) Normal ranges in women aged -45 y

Expected values in healthy subjects

Total P1NP

| | Post-menopausal | | | Pre- menopausal |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | All | HRT ^{b)} yes | HRT no | All |
| Ν | 444 | 1 54 | 290 | 129 |
| 5 th percentile | 16.27 | 14.28 | 20.25 | 15.13 |
| Median | 37.09 | 28.48 | 42.94 | 27.80 |
| Mean | 40.43 | 31.74 | 45.05 | 30.10 |
| 95th percentile | 73.87 | 58.92 | 76.31 | 58.59 |

Beta- CTx

| Age range (years) | Men | | | Women | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|
| | Ν | GM ^{b)} (pg/mL) | 95 % RI (pg/mL) | N | GM (pg/mL) | 95 % RI (pg/mL) |
| < 29.9 | 39 | 492 | 238-1019 | 58 | 378 | 148-967 |
| 30-39.9 | 80 | 459 | 225-936 | 111 | 308 | 150-635 |
| 40-49.9 | 234 | 382 | 182-801 | 257 | 296 | 131-670 |
| 50-59.9 | 248 | 345 | 161-737 | 281 | 440 | 183-1060 |
| 60-69.9 | 303 | 316 | 132-752 | 234 | 408 | 171-970 |
| >70 | 135 | 302 | 11 8-776 | 88 | 362 | 152-858 |
| Pre- menopause | - | - | - | 449 | 306 | 136-689 |
| Post- menopause | - | - | - | 578 | 424 | 177-1015 |

European Biological Variation Study (EuBIVAS): within- and between-subject biological variation estimates of β -isomerized C-terminal telopeptide of type I collagen (β -CTX), N-terminal propeptide of type I collagen (PINP), osteocalcin, intact fibroblast growth factor 23 and uncarboxylated-unphosphorylated matrix-Gla protein—a cooperation between the EFLM Working Group on Biological Variation and the International Osteoporosis Foundation-International Federation of Clinical Chemistry Committee on Bone Metabolism

Table 10Reference changevalues (RCV) for a decrease inBTM following antiresorptivetherapy based on the biologicalvariation (BV) estimates

| Measurand | RCV (%) |
|-----------|---------|
| PINP | - 19.9 |
| β-CTX | - 30.8 |

$$CD = K CV_A^2 + CV_I^2$$

K = 2.77

-RCV, CD, LSC-

the least amount of change between two consecutive BMD measurements can be considered clinically significant

Editorials

Controversies in Family Medicine

Should Bone Turnover Markers Be Used Routinely to Monitor Oral Bisphosphonate Osteoporosis Therapy?

TABLE 3

A 63-year-old postmenopausal woman treated with oral alendronate for osteoporosis

Background:

- History of breast cancer treated with lumpectomy, radiation therapy, and 5 years of tamoxifen
- Outside DXA scans showed a progressive decline in her lumbar spine T-score from -3.1 to -3.3
- Femoral neck bone density was stable
- · Past medical history was otherwise unremarkable
- No history of lactose intolerance, celiac disease, or chronic glucocorticoid use
- · She did not take calcium supplements, but took over-the-counter vitamin D
- No history of antifracture therapy.

The patient was prescribed oral alendronate 70 mg once weekly.

Bone mineral density and bone turnover markers:

| | Before treatment | 3 months | 1 year |
|--|------------------|--|--|
| T-scores: Lumbar spine | NA | | -2.6 |
| Left femoral neck | NA | | -1.5 |
| Right femoral neck | NA | | -1.5 |
| Bone turnover marker: C-terminal telopeptide of type I collagen | 653 pg/mL | 361 pg/mL (45% reduction from baseline) | 188 pg/mL (72% reduction from baseline) |

Biomarkers of bone turnover Change from baseline after 3 months of treatment



Laboratorio clinico e metabolismo osseo: la valutazione del paziente



Pathophysiology of bone disease in chronic kidney disease: from basics to renal osteodystrophy and osteoporosis



Aguilar et al, 2023

Pragmatic approach to patients with CKD G4-G5D and osteoporosis



Evenpoel P et al, 2021

Calcified Tissue International (2021) 108:512–527 https://doi.org/10.1007/s00223-020-00781-5

REVIEW



The Non-invasive Diagnosis of Bone Disorders in CKD

| Table 2 Serum bone turnover biomarkers (| | |
|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Biomarker | Common acronym | Renal clearance |
| Without renal clearance [#] | | |
| Bone formation | | |
| Total alkaline phosphatase | tAP, TAP, AP, ALP | No* |
| Bone-specific alkaline phosphatase | BSAP, bAP, BAP, BALP | No |
| Procollagen type 1 N-terminal propeptide ^{&} | Intact P1NP, PINP | No (intact PNP)) |
| Bone resorption | | |
| Tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase 5b | TRAP5b, TRACP-5b | No |
| With renal clearance [#] | | |
| Bone formation | | |
| Osteocalcin | OC, BGP, BGlaP, | Yes |
| Procollagen type 1 N-terminal propeptide | P1NP, PINP | Yes (total P1NP) |
| Procollagen type 1 C-terminal propeptide | P1CP, PICP | Yes |
| Bone Resorption | | |
| Carboxy-terminal cross-linking telopeptide of type 1 collagen ^{&} | CTX, CTX-1, CTX-I | Yes |
| Amino-terminal cross-linking telopeptide of type 1 collagen | NTX | Yes |
| Cross-linked carboxyterminal telopeptide of type 1 collagen (generated by matrix metalloproteinases) | ICTP o CTX-MMP | Yes |



Assessment of osteoclast number and function



TRACP-5b: measurement methods





The kidney-vascular bone axis in CKD-MBD

Kaur R et al, 2022

LA MEDICINA DI LABORATORIO: LA CULTURA DEL RINNOVAMENTO

Editorial

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Value-based laboratory medicine: the time is now

In the context of value-based laboratory medicine, a fundamental goal is to achieve <u>not only effi-</u> ciency but effectiveness, as the authors underline that "the effectiveness of clinical laboratory is achieved through understanding of the medical needs and delivering timely and high-quality tests. The role of clinical laboratories is closely linked to the increase in value; therefore, <u>the main objective</u> of the clinical laboratory professionals is to enhance the value of laboratory testing, optimizing their correct use both in the test selection request phase and in the reporting phase"