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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eMethods - Extended methods - Blood biochemistry analysis and statistical methods.

Procedures

The study participants were randomized between December 4th 2019 and September 30th 2020. The last study participant visit was on October 6th 2022.

Blood biochemistry

Fasting morning blood samples were collected from all study participants. Aliquots of serum and plasma were stored at -80°C until analysis. Serum type I procollagen intact N-terminal propeptide (PINP) was assessed with the UniQ radioimmunoassay (Aidian Oy, Espoo, Finland), with an assay performance of: analytical range 5–250 $\mu\text{g/L}$, intra-assay CV of $<5\%$, and interassay CV of $<6\%$. C-terminal telopeptide cross-links of collagen type I (CTX) was measured in EDTA plasma samples by the CrossLaps[®] enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Immunodiagnostic Systems Holdings PLC, Boldon, UK), with an assay performance of: analytical range 0.02–3.38 ng/mL , intra-assay CV of $<6\%$, and interassay CV of $<10\%$.

Serum 25-OH-vitamin D and calcium were measured at a Swedac accredited clinical chemistry laboratory (accreditation number 1240) at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital. Serum 25-OH-vitamin D was measured from blood samples with Alinity i, a chemiluminescent

microparticle immunoassay (CMIA). The CVs were 8% and 6% at concentrations 25 nmol/l and 45 nmol/l , respectively. Calcium was measured in plasma samples using Cobas 6000, with CVs of 3% and 4% at concentrations of 2 mmol/l and 3 mmol/l , respectively. Circulating levels of short chain fatty acids (SCFA) butyrate, acetate, and propionate were analyzed in EDTA plasma by liquid chromatography–mass spectrometry (LC-MS) according to a method described previously,¹ with some modifications, at the Department of Biology and Biological Engineering, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg.

Statistical methods

Categorical variables are described by number and percentage and continuous variables by mean and standard deviation (SD). There were 16/239 (6.7%) early discontinuations during follow-up. The differences between the treatment groups with respect to the efficacy variables collected at baseline, 1 year, and 2 years, which are all continuous, were tested by using mixed models for repeated measurements (MMRM) with relative change from baseline to 1 year and 2 years as the dependent variable, treatment group, timepoint, and interaction treatment group x timepoint as fixed effects, and baseline value as a covariate. This method handles missing data as being completely at random. An unstructured covariance pattern was used for correlated data repeated over time for the three groups. From this model, Least Square Means (LSM) with 95% Confidence Intervals (CI) and p-values were presented. The normality and appropriateness to run regression models with normal distribution assumption were checked for each outcome variable and the assumption was satisfied.

A sensitivity analysis of the primary endpoint employed the multiple imputation technique. In total 12 (5.0%) had missing primary endpoint at 1 year, and 16 (6.7%) at 2 years. Baseline patient characteristics and the baseline value of the primary outcome variable were included in the imputation regression model (SAP).

Additional exploratory subgroup analyses, that were not predefined and described in the SAP, were performed using logistic regression, to investigate which baseline variables were associated with a positive treatment response (defined as a percent change in total vBMD at 2 years of >-1).

For tests between two treatment groups, Fisher's Exact test was used for dichotomous variables, Mantel-Haenszel Chi-square trend test for ordered categorical variables, two-sample t-test for normally distributed continuous variables, and Mann-Whitney U-test for other continuous variables. The relation between two normally distributed continuous variables was described and tested by Pearson correlation coefficient in the case of normally distributed data, and otherwise by Spearman correlation coefficient. All primary and secondary variables were analyzed both for the ITT and PP population. All tests were two-tailed. To account for type 1 error, a pre-planned alpha level of 0.025 was used for the two active comparisons against the placebo with respect to the primary endpoint. Bonferroni-Holm adjustment was planned to be applied to the secondary endpoints. All analyses were performed by using SAS software version 9.4 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA).

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eTable 1. Patient disposition and data sets analyzed (ITT population).

Variable	High-dose N=80	Low-dose N=80	Placebo N=79
ITT population	80 (100.0%)	80 (100.0%)	79 (100.0%)
Safety population	80 (100.0%)	80 (100.0%)	79 (100.0%)
PP population	62 (77.5%)	66 (82.5%)	65 (82.3%)
Reason for exclusion from PP population			
Use of glucocorticoids	1 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (7.1%)
Use of menopausal hormonal treatment	4 (22.2%)	1 (7.1%)	3 (21.4%)
Early discontinuation	5 (27.8%)	6 (42.9%)	5 (35.7%)
Poor compliance (<80%)	8 (44.4%)	7 (50.0%)	5 (35.7%)
Early discontinuation	5 (6.3%)	6 (7.5%)	5 (6.3%)
Reason for discontinuation			
Withdrawn consent	2 (40.0%)	5 (83.3%)	2 (40.0%)
AE	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	2 (40.0%)
Lost-to follow-up	3 (60.0%)	1 (16.7%)	1 (20.0%)

Data are presented as number of observations, or number (percentage).

eTable 2. Medical history (ITT population).

Variable	High-dose N=80	Low-dose N=80	Placebo N=79
Diabetes	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hyperthyroidism	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypothyroidism	8 (10.0%)	5 (6.3%)	15 (19.0%)
Osteoporosis	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Chronic bronchitis, asthma or emphysema	0 (0.0%)	4 (5.0%)	7 (8.9%)
Stroke	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Hypertension	10 (12.5%)	6 (7.5%)	5 (6.3%)
Myocardial infarction	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Angina	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Congestive heart disease	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Chronic liver disease	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Osteoarthritis	8 (10.0%)	15 (18.8%)	15 (19.0%)
Gout	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Muscle rheumatism	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Cancer	2 (2.5%)	5 (6.3%)	1 (1.3%)
Prevalent falls (during the last year)	15 (18.8%)	14 (17.5%)	17 (21.5%)
Prevalent fracture	9 (11.3%)	21 (26.3%)	11 (13.9%)

Data are presented as number (percentage).

eTable 3. Prior medications (ITT population).

Variable	High-dose N=80	Low-dose N=80	Placebo N=79
Hypothyroidism treatment	8 (10.0%)	5 (6.3%)	15 (19.0%)
Osteoporosis treatment	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Hypertension treatment	9 (11.3%)	3 (3.8%)	2 (2.5%)
Angina treatment	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Congestive heart disease treatment	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Chronic bronchitis, asthma or emphysema treatment	0 (0.0%)	2 (2.5%)	5 (6.3%)
Chronic liver disease treatment	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Muscle rheumatism (oral GC treatment)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.3%)
Arthritis or joint pain medication	4 (5.1%)	2 (2.5%)	1 (1.3%)
Missing	1	0	0
Calcium and vitamin D supplements	16 (20.3%)	13 (16.5%)	12 (15.2%)
Missing	1	1	0

Data are presented as number (percentage). GC= oral glucocorticoid treatment.

eTable 4. Change in the tibia total volumetric BMD according to treatment using multiple imputation in the ITT population.

Percent change (%)	Visit	LS means (95% CI) p-value			Difference in LS means (95% CI) p-value	
		High-dose	Low-dose	Placebo	High-dose - Placebo	Low-dose - Placebo
Total volumetric BMD	Year 1	-1.20 (-1.64; -0.76) p<.0001	-1.04 (-1.47; -0.61) p<.0001	-1.20 (-1.63; -0.77) p<.0001	-0.00 (-0.62; 0.61) p=1.00	0.16 (-0.45; 0.77) p=0.61
	Year 2	-2.40 (-2.95; -1.85) p<.0001	-2.52 (-3.07; -1.97) p<.0001	-2.33 (-2.87; -1.78) p<.0001	-0.07 (-0.84; 0.70) p=0.86	-0.19 (-0.96; 0.57) p=0.62

Least Square Means (LSM) with 95% Confidence Intervals (CI) and p-values over time within groups and between groups are shown. Mixed models for repeated measures are applied with percent difference as outcome variable, visit, treatment group, interaction visit*treatment group as main fixed effects and baseline value as covariate. Unstructured covariance pattern is used for correlated data repeated over time. Diagnostic plots of residuals were investigated and found satisfactory. Missing data is imputed using multiple imputation with 50 samplings. Variables used for imputation are: weight, BMI, body fat, appendicular lean mass, serum 25-OH-vitamin D, salt intake, baseline tibia ultradistal (standard site) total volumetric BMD, and baseline tibia ultradistal (standard site) trabecular bone volume fraction. Percent change at 24 months % change at 12 months was also used for imputation.

eTable 5. Main and sensitivity analyses of the percent change in bone characteristics and bone turnover markers in the PP population.

Percent change (%)	Visit	LS means (95% CI) p-value			Difference in LS means (95% CI) p-value	
		High-dose	Low-dose	Placebo	High-dose - Placebo	Low-dose - Placebo
Tibia total volumetric BMD	Year 1	-1.24 (-1.73; -0.75) p<.0001	-0.92 (-1.39; -0.45) p=0.0002	-1.33 (-1.81; -0.86) p<.0001	0.09 (-0.59; 0.77) p=0.79	0.41 (-0.26; 1.08) p=0.23
	Year 2	-2.52 (-3.10; -1.94) p<.0001	-2.39 (-2.95; -1.82) p<.0001	-2.51 (-3.08; -1.95) p<.0001	-0.00 (-0.82; 0.81) p=0.99	0.13 (-0.68; 0.93) p=0.76
Tibia trabecular bone volume fraction	Year 1	-0.11 (-0.65; 0.44) p=0.70	0.03 (-0.50; 0.56) p=0.92	-0.49 (-1.02; 0.04) p=0.07	0.38 (-0.38; 1.15) p=0.33	0.52 (-0.24; 1.27) p=0.18
	Year 2	-0.72 (-1.37; -0.07) p=0.029	-0.94 (-1.57; -0.31) p=0.0035	-1.30 (-1.93; -0.66) p<.0001	0.58 (-0.33; 1.48) p=0.21	0.36 (-0.53; 1.25) p=0.43
Tibia cortical area	Year 1	-2.43 (-3.18; -1.68) p<.0001	-1.95 (-2.67; -1.22) p<.0001	-2.11 (-2.84; -1.38) p<.0001	-0.32 (-1.37; 0.73) p=0.55	0.17 (-0.86; 1.19) p=0.75
	Year 2	-4.02 (-4.97; -3.07) p<.0001	-3.82 (-4.74; -2.90) p<.0001	-3.39 (-4.31; -2.46) p<.0001	-0.63 (-1.97; 0.70) p=0.35	-0.43 (-1.74; 0.87) p=0.51
Tibia cortical volumetric BMD	Year 1	-0.94 (-1.23; -0.65) p<.0001	-0.71 (-0.99; -0.43) p<.0001	-0.83 (-1.11; -0.55) p<.0001	-0.11 (-0.51; 0.29) p=0.59	0.12 (-0.27; 0.52) p=0.55
	Year 2	-1.93 (-2.28; -1.58) p<.0001	-1.63 (-1.96; -1.29) p<.0001	-1.63 (-1.97; -1.29) p<.0001	-0.30 (-0.79; 0.18) p=0.22	0.01 (-0.47; 0.48) p=0.98
Bone mineral density, lumbar spine	Year 1	-1.31 (-1.95; -0.68) p<.0001	-1.86 (-2.47; -1.24) p<.0001	-1.25 (-1.88; -0.63) p=0.0001	-0.06 (-0.95; 0.83) p=0.89	-0.60 (-1.48; 0.27) p=0.18
	Year 2	-2.10 (-2.82; -1.39) p<.0001	-2.26 (-2.95; -1.56) p<.0001	-2.26 (-2.96; -1.56) p<.0001	0.16 (-0.84; 1.16) p=0.76	0.00 (-0.98; 0.99) p=0.99
Bone mineral density, total hip	Year 1	-1.65 (-2.20; -1.11) p<.0001	-1.44 (-1.97; -0.91) p<.0001	-1.30 (-1.84; -0.77) p<.0001	-0.35 (-1.12; 0.41) p=0.37	-0.14 (-0.90; 0.61) p=0.71
	Year 2	-2.63 (-3.25; -2.00) p<.0001	-2.32 (-2.93; -1.72) p<.0001	-2.38 (-2.99; -1.77) p<.0001	-0.25 (-1.12; 0.63) p=0.58	0.06 (-0.80; 0.92) p=0.90
CTX	Year 1	11.37 (1.25; 21.50) p=0.028	13.19 (3.54; 22.85) p=0.0077	3.58 (-6.11; 13.27) p=0.47	7.79 (-6.23; 21.81) p=0.27	9.61 (-4.07; 23.29) p=0.17
	Year 2	2.19 (-7.42; 11.79) p=0.65	6.90 (-2.31; 16.12) p=0.14	10.43 (1.29; 19.58) p=0.026	-8.25 (-21.52; 5.02) p=0.22	-3.53 (-16.52; 9.46) p=0.59
PINP	Year 1	9.12 (1.20; 17.04) p=0.024	1.40 (-6.30; 9.10) p=0.72	-3.74 (-11.44; 3.95) p=0.34	12.86 (1.79; 23.93) p=0.023	5.14 (-5.73; 16.02) p=0.35
	Year 2	2.35 (-7.34; 12.04) p=0.63	-1.17 (-10.61; 8.27) p=0.81	-9.58 (-19.02; -0.14) p=0.047	11.93 (-1.62; 25.48) p=0.08	8.41 (-4.92; 21.74) p=0.21

Percent change (%)	Visit	LS means (95% CI)			Difference in LS means (95% CI)	
		High-dose	Low-dose	Placebo	High-dose - Placebo	Low-dose - Placebo

Least Square Means (LSM) with 95% Confidence Intervals (CI) and p-values over time within groups and between groups are shown. Mixed models for repeated measures are applied with percent difference as outcome variable, visit, treatment group, interaction visit*treatment group as main fixed effects and baseline value as covariate. Tibia results are from the ultradistal (standard site) measurement.

eTable 6. Compliance (Safety population).

Variable	High-dose N=80	Low-dose N=80	Placebo N=79
Compliance (%)	87.5±24.6 96.5 (0.5 - 99.8) n=75	89.1±21.6 96.6 (0.9 - 100.7) n=74	93.6±12.9 97.3 (12.6 - 102.1) n=74
Compliance >=80%			
No	15 (18.8%)	13 (16.3%)	10 (12.7%)
Yes	65 (81.3%)	67 (83.8%)	69 (87.3%)

Data are presented as mean±standard deviation, median (range) and number of observations, or number (percentage).

eTable 7. Adverse events by system organ class and per treatment in the safety population.

	High-dose N=80		Low-dose N=80		Placebo N=79	
	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events
Any AE	338	80 (100.0%)	322	74 (92.5%)	408	77 (96.3%)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Anemia	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Cardiac disorders	0	0 (0.0%)	2	2 (2.5%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Chest pain - cardiac	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Palpitations	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Ear and labyrinth disorders	1	1 (1.3%)	8	7 (8.8%)	8	5 (6.3%)
Ear pain	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
External ear pain	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Tinnitus	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Vertigo	1	1 (1.3%)	5	4 (5.0%)	8	5 (6.3%)
Eye disorders	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	8	7 (8.9%)
Cataract	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Eye disorders - allergy	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Eye disorders - increased pressure	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Eye disorders - inflammation	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Scleral disorder	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Vision decreased	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Gastrointestinal disorders	85	49 (61.3%)	70	42 (52.5%)	102	54 (68.4%)
Abdominal pain	5	5 (6.3%)	7	6 (7.5%)	15	13 (16.5%)
Anal hemorrhage	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Bloating	18	16 (20.0%)	17	17 (21.3%)	18	18 (22.8%)
Constipation	9	8 (10.0%)	10	6 (7.5%)	9	8 (10.1%)
Diarrhea	14	9 (11.3%)	5	5 (6.3%)	12	10 (12.7%)
Dry mouth	2	1 (1.3%)	3	2 (2.5%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Dyspepsia	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Dysphagia	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Flatulence	10	10 (12.5%)	8	6 (7.5%)	11	9 (11.4%)
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	9	8 (10.0%)	8	5 (6.3%)	12	9 (11.4%)
Gastrointestinal disorders - more frequent defecation	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Nausea	5	5 (6.3%)	4	3 (3.8%)	10	8 (10.1%)
Small intestinal mucositis	3	3 (3.8%)	1	1 (1.3%)	2	1 (1.3%)
Stomach pain	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Toothache	4	3 (3.8%)	2	2 (2.5%)	6	4 (5.1%)
Vomiting	2	2 (2.5%)	3	3 (3.8%)	3	3 (3.8%)
General disorders and administration site conditions	26	17 (21.3%)	22	19 (23.8%)	26	18 (22.8%)
Edema face	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Facial pain	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Fatigue	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Fever	0	0 (0.0%)	2	2 (2.5%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Flu like symptoms	21	13 (16.3%)	14	13 (16.3%)	20	16 (20.3%)
Malaise	2	2 (2.5%)	5	5 (6.3%)	5	3 (3.8%)
Non-cardiac chest pain	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Pain	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)

	High-dose N=80		Low-dose N=80		Placebo N=79	
	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events
Hepatobiliary disorders	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Gallbladder obstruction	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Immune system disorders	2	2 (2.5%)	3	3 (3.8%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Allergic reaction	2	2 (2.5%)	3	3 (3.8%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Infections and infestations	91	53 (66.3%)	76	45 (56.3%)	104	51 (64.6%)
Bronchial infection	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Eye infection	0	0 (0.0%)	3	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Infections and infestations - Other COVID-19	30	27 (33.8%)	32	29 (36.3%)	27	25 (31.6%)
Kidney infection	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Laryngitis	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Lung infection	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Otitis externa	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Otitis media	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Shingles	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Skin infection	9	8 (10.0%)	3	3 (3.8%)	18	14 (17.7%)
Upper respiratory infection	32	23 (28.8%)	31	23 (28.8%)	40	26 (32.9%)
Urinary tract infection	16	10 (12.5%)	7	4 (5.0%)	10	6 (7.6%)
Vaginal infection	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	8	8 (10.0%)	15	9 (11.3%)	16	12 (15.2%)
Bruising	0	0 (0.0%)	3	3 (3.8%)	4	4 (5.1%)
Fall	5	5 (6.3%)	9	7 (8.8%)	6	6 (7.6%)
Fracture	3	3 (3.8%)	2	2 (2.5%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Hip fracture	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Spinal fracture	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Vertigo	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Investigations	6	5 (6.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)	4	4 (5.1%)
Weight gain	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Weight loss	6	5 (6.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Hyperglycemia	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	60	36 (45.0%)	67	38 (47.5%)	73	41 (51.9%)
Arthralgia	13	10 (12.5%)	8	7 (8.8%)	11	9 (11.4%)
Arthritis	8	5 (6.3%)	8	7 (8.8%)	7	7 (8.9%)
Back pain	8	7 (8.8%)	14	12 (15.0%)	12	10 (12.7%)
Chest wall pain	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Muscle cramp	5	5 (6.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Myalgia	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Neck pain	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Pain in extremity	25	21 (26.3%)	35	24 (30.0%)	39	25 (31.6%)
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	2	2 (2.5%)
Nervous system disorders	11	7 (8.8%)	13	13 (16.3%)	4	2 (2.5%)
Headache	10	6 (7.5%)	10	10 (12.5%)	4	2 (2.5%)
Peripheral sensory neuropathy	1	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Tremor	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Psychiatric disorders	6	5 (6.3%)	3	2 (2.5%)	7	3 (3.8%)
Anxiety	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	2	1 (1.3%)
Depression	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Insomnia	5	4 (5.0%)	3	2 (2.5%)	4	3 (3.8%)

	High-dose N=80		Low-dose N=80		Placebo N=79	
	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events	n Events	n (%) women with events
Reproductive system and breast disorders	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Vaginal hemorrhage	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	11	8 (10.0%)	8	7 (8.8%)	20	16 (20.3%)
Allergic rhinitis	9	6 (7.5%)	8	7 (8.8%)	14	11 (13.9%)
Cough	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Dyspnea	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Epistaxis	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	3	2 (2.5%)
Sleep apnea	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Sore throat	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	16	15 (18.8%)	10	9 (11.3%)	15	11 (13.9%)
Alopecia	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	3	3 (3.8%)
Dry skin	2	2 (2.5%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Eczema	3	3 (3.8%)	2	2 (2.5%)	8	5 (6.3%)
Pain of skin	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Pruritus	1	1 (1.3%)	2	2 (2.5%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Rash acneiform	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Other, dermatitis	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Cut	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Hives	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Itching	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Rash	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Psoriasis	2	1 (2.6%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Insect bite	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Sun burn	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Skin ulceration	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Urticaria	1	1 (1.3%)	0	0 (0.0%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Surgical and medical procedures	11	10 (12.5%)	8	8 (10.0%)	6	6 (7.6%)
Vascular disorders	1	1 (1.3%)	11	7 (8.8%)	5	4 (5.1%)
Conduction disorder	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)	1	1 (1.3%)
Hot flashes	0	0 (0.0%)	2	2 (2.5%)	0	0 (0.0%)
Hypertension	0	0 (0.0%)	8	5 (6.3%)	4	4 (5.1%)

Data are presented as number (percentage).

eTable 8. Analyses of the GSRS in the safety population.

Outcome variable	Visit	LS means (95% CI) p-value			Difference in LS means (95% CI) p-value	
		High-dose	Low-dose	Placebo	High-dose - Placebo	Low-dose - Placebo
Change in GSRS Reflux score	Year 1	-0.00 (-0.12; 0.11) p=0.96	0.04 (-0.07; 0.16) p=0.45	-0.03 (-0.15; 0.08) p=0.59	0.03 (-0.14; 0.19) p=0.73	0.08 (-0.09; 0.24) p=0.36
	Year 2	0.07 (-0.06; 0.20) p=0.28	0.06 (-0.07; 0.19) p=0.33	-0.05 (-0.18; 0.08) p=0.45	0.12 (-0.06; 0.30) p=0.19	0.11 (-0.07; 0.29) p=0.22
Change in GSRS Abdominal Pain score	Year 1	-0.10 (-0.22; 0.02) p=0.09	0.02 (-0.10; 0.14) p=0.78	0.06 (-0.06; 0.18) p=0.31	-0.16 (-0.33; 0.00) p=0.06	-0.04 (-0.21; 0.12) p=0.61
	Year 2	-0.01 (-0.13; 0.10) p=0.82	-0.07 (-0.18; 0.05) p=0.24	0.02 (-0.10; 0.13) p=0.74	-0.03 (-0.19; 0.13) p=0.69	-0.09 (-0.25; 0.08) p=0.29
Change in GSRS Indigestion score	Year 1	0.02 (-0.12; 0.16) p=0.82	-0.01 (-0.14; 0.13) p=0.94	-0.06 (-0.19; 0.08) p=0.41	0.07 (-0.12; 0.27) p=0.46	0.05 (-0.14; 0.25) p=0.60
	Year 2	-0.02 (-0.14; 0.11) p=0.78	0.07 (-0.06; 0.20) p=0.27	-0.07 (-0.19; 0.06) p=0.29	0.05 (-0.13; 0.23) p=0.58	0.14 (-0.04; 0.32) p=0.13
Change in GSRS Diarrhea score	Year 1	-0.05 (-0.18; 0.08) p=0.44	-0.03 (-0.16; 0.10) p=0.65	-0.02 (-0.15; 0.11) p=0.72	-0.03 (-0.21; 0.16) p=0.77	-0.01 (-0.19; 0.18) p=0.94
	Year 2	0.09 (-0.07; 0.25) p=0.29	0.04 (-0.13; 0.20) p=0.65	-0.05 (-0.22; 0.11) p=0.51	0.14 (-0.09; 0.37) p=0.23	0.09 (-0.14; 0.32) p=0.44
Change in GSRS Constipation score	Year 1	-0.08 (-0.23; 0.08) p=0.33	-0.05 (-0.20; 0.10) p=0.52	0.06 (-0.09; 0.22) p=0.41	-0.14 (-0.36; 0.08) p=0.20	-0.11 (-0.33; 0.10) p=0.30
	Year 2	-0.00 (-0.14; 0.14) p=0.99	-0.06 (-0.20; 0.08) p=0.42	0.10 (-0.03; 0.24) p=0.14	-0.10 (-0.30; 0.09) p=0.29	-0.16 (-0.36; 0.04) p=0.11
Change in GSRS Total score	Year 1	-0.04 (-0.12; 0.05) p=0.37	-0.01 (-0.09; 0.07) p=0.79	0.00 (-0.08; 0.08) p=0.98	-0.04 (-0.16; 0.08) p=0.52	-0.01 (-0.13; 0.10) p=0.84
	Year 2	0.03 (-0.05; 0.12) p=0.47	0.00 (-0.08; 0.09) p=0.96	-0.01 (-0.10; 0.08) p=0.82	0.04 (-0.08; 0.16) p=0.50	0.01 (-0.11; 0.13) p=0.84

Mixed models for repeated measures is applied with change from baseline as outcome variable, visit, treatment group, interaction visit*treatment group as main fixed effects and baseline value as covariate. Unstructured covariance pattern is used for correlated data repeated over time. Diagnostic plots of residuals were investigated and found satisfactory for indigestion, constipation and GSRS, and less good for reflux, abdominal pain, and diarrhoea.

eTable 9. Exploratory analyses of the change in serum short chain fatty acids in the ITT population.

Variable	High-dose N=80	Low-dose N=80	Placebo N=79	p-value	p-value
				High-dose vs Placebo	Low-dose vs Placebo
Change in Acetic acid from baseline to 1 year (%)	-22.5 (-95.3; 418.4) p=0.21	-12.9 (-81.9; 612.3) p=0.92	-6.79 (-87.9; 2190.7) p=0.65	0.18	0.53
Change in Acetic acid from baseline to 2 years (%)	-28.5 (-99.1; 196.9) p<.0001	-24.9 (-91.4; 627.6) p=0.13	-5.23 (-91.4; 874.1) p=0.56	0.022	0.39
Change in Propionic acid from baseline to 1 year (%)	10.0 (-81.0; 204.0) p=0.049	9.12 (-81.25; 1020.0) p=0.049	12.2 (-88.32; 442.2) p=0.14	0.79	0.62
Change in Propionic acid from baseline to 2 years (%)	3.70 (-77.8; 361.3) p=0.81	-1.00 (-67.90; 732.3) p=0.63	-0.24 (-81.36; 188.4) p=0.79	0.63	0.86
Change in Butyric acid from baseline to 1 year (%)	2.47 (-96.6; 353.6) p=0.20	2.70 (-92.15; 459.8) p=0.79	-1.15 (-90.77; 450.4) p=0.73	0.94	0.98
Change in Butyric acid from baseline to 2 years (%)	3.00 (-76.8; 408.2) p=0.37	2.15 (-83.4; 471.6) p=0.73	-3.27 (-84.24; 551.8) p=0.37	0.34	0.68

Data are presented as mean±standard deviation, median (range), IQR and number of observations.

For test of the changes from baseline Wilcoxon Signed Rank test was used. For test between treatment groups with respect percent change from baseline Mann-Whitney U-test was used.

Analysis between high dose vs placebo and low dose vs placebo, defined in the SAP to be formally tested were PINP, CTX, butyric acid, acetic acid and propionic acid. Following Bonferroni-Holm adjustment none of the p-values for these variables were significant at 0.05 level.

eTable 10. Subgroup analyses of the primary efficacy variable (ITT population)

Outcome variable	Visit	LS means (95% CI)			Difference in LS means (95% CI)		Interaction	
		High dose	Low dose	Placebo	High dose - Placebo	Low dose - Placebo	p-value	
Percent change in tibia ultradistal (standard site) total volumetric BMD (%)	Years since menopause ≤ 2	Year 1	-1.34 (-1.81; -0.86) n=53	-1.21 (-1.69; -0.73) n=50	-1.21 (-1.74; -0.69) n=42	-0.12 (-0.82; 0.58)	0.00 (-0.71; 0.71)	0.72
		Year 2	-2.85 (-3.56; -2.14) n=53	-2.91 (-3.64; -2.18) n=50	-2.48 (-3.27; -1.69) n=42	-0.37 (-1.43; 0.70)	-0.43 (-1.51; 0.65)	0.46
	Years since menopause >2	Year 1	-0.97 (-1.86; -0.08) n=27	-0.65 (-1.51; 0.22) n=30	-1.21 (-1.95; -0.46) n=37	0.23 (-0.93; 1.39)	0.56 (-0.59; 1.71)	
		Year 2	-1.52 (-2.37; -0.68) n=27	-1.88 (-2.70; -1.06) n=30	-2.14 (-2.86; -1.43) n=37	0.62 (-0.49; 1.72)	0.26 (-0.84; 1.36)	
BMI <25 kg/m ²		Year 1	-1.84 (-2.46; -1.22) n=43	-1.31 (-1.91; -0.71) n=43	-1.40 (-1.99; -0.81) n=45	-0.44 (-1.29; 0.41)	0.09 (-0.75; 0.94)	0.28
		Year 2	-3.46 (-4.20; -2.72) n=43	-3.02 (-3.74; -2.30) n=43	-2.56 (-3.28; -1.85) n=45	-0.90 (-1.93; 0.13)	-0.46 (-1.47; 0.56)	0.043
BMI ≥ 25 kg/m ²		Year 1	-0.47 (-1.08; 0.13) n=37	-0.67 (-1.30; -0.05) n=37	-0.94 (-1.55; -0.32) n=34	0.46 (-0.40; 1.32)	0.26 (-0.61; 1.13)	
		Year 2	-1.15 (-1.89; -0.40) n=37	-1.91 (-2.68; -1.14) n=37	-1.99 (-2.76; -1.23) n=34	0.85 (-0.22; 1.91)	0.09 (-1.00; 1.17)	
IPAQ <median METs/week		Year 1	-0.84 (-1.34; -0.34) n=42	-0.97 (-1.49; -0.45) n=42	-1.07 (-1.61; -0.52) n=35	0.22 (-0.52; 0.96)	0.10 (-0.66; 0.85)	0.72
		Year 2	-2.20 (-2.93; -1.48) n=42	-2.24 (-2.99; -1.48) n=42	-2.02 (-2.81; -1.22) n=35	-0.19 (-1.26; 0.89)	-0.22 (-1.32; 0.87)	0.85
IPAQ ≥ median METs/week		Year 1	-1.57 (-2.31; -0.82) n=38	-1.18 (-1.89; -0.47) n=38	-1.27 (-1.93; -0.61) n=44	-0.30 (-1.29; 0.70)	0.09 (-0.88; 1.06)	
		Year 2	-2.53 (-3.36; -1.69) n=38	-2.91 (-3.72; -2.11) n=38	-2.54 (-3.29; -1.78) n=44	0.01 (-1.12; 1.13)	-0.38 (-1.48; 0.73)	
CTX < median		Year 1	-0.67 (-1.03; -0.31) n=45	-0.56 (-0.96; -0.15) n=37	-0.58 (-0.95; -0.21) n=40	-0.09 (-0.61; 0.42)	0.02 (-0.52; 0.57)	0.77
		Year 2	-1.64 (-2.16; -1.12) n=45	-1.78 (-2.37; -1.20) n=37	-1.61 (-2.14; -1.07) n=40	-0.03 (-0.78; 0.71)	-0.17 (-0.97; 0.62)	0.84
CTX ≥ median		Year 1	-1.82 (-2.65; -1.00) n=35	-1.44 (-2.17; -0.72) n=43	-1.86 (-2.63; -1.09) n=39	0.04 (-1.09; 1.17)	0.42 (-0.64; 1.48)	
		Year 2	-3.27 (-4.23; -2.30) n=35	-3.16 (-4.02; -2.30) n=43	-3.07 (-3.98; -2.15) n=39	-0.20 (-1.53; 1.13)	-0.09 (-1.34; 1.16)	
Protein intake < median		Year 1	-1.45 (-2.04; -0.87) n=48	-1.12 (-1.81; -0.42) n=33	-0.86 (-1.49; -0.23) n=38	-0.59 (-1.45; 0.27)	-0.26 (-1.20; 0.68)	0.14

			LS means (95% CI)			Difference in LS means (95% CI)		Interaction
Outcome variable		Visit	High dose	Low dose	Placebo	High dose - Placebo	Low dose - Placebo	p-value
		Year 2	-2.87 (-3.62; -2.12) n=48	-2.46 (-3.35; -1.57) n=33	-2.16 (-2.97; -1.35) n=38	-0.71 (-1.82; 0.39)	-0.30 (-1.50; 0.91)	0.12
	Protein intake ≥ median	Year 1	-0.88 (-1.56; -0.21) n=32	-0.95 (-1.53; -0.37) n=47	-1.52 (-2.12; -0.91) n=41	0.63 (-0.27; 1.54)	0.56 (-0.27; 1.40)	
		Year 2	-1.74 (-2.55; -0.93) n=32	-2.56 (-3.26; -1.87) n=47	-2.46 (-3.19; -1.72) n=41	0.72 (-0.37; 1.81)	-0.11 (-1.12; 0.90)	
	Calcium intake < median	Year 1	-1.16 (-1.71; -0.61) n=47	-0.92 (-1.53; -0.31) n=39	-0.61 (-1.24; 0.03) n=33	-0.56 (-1.40; 0.29)	-0.31 (-1.19; 0.57)	0.20
		Year 2	-2.41 (-3.15; -1.68) n=47	-2.39 (-3.21; -1.58) n=39	-1.84 (-2.69; -0.99) n=33	-0.57 (-1.70; 0.55)	-0.55 (-1.73; 0.62)	0.35
	Calcium intake ≥ median	Year 1	-1.30 (-2.01; -0.60) n=33	-1.04 (-1.67; -0.41) n=41	-1.68 (-2.27; -1.09) n=46	0.38 (-0.54; 1.29)	0.64 (-0.22; 1.51)	
		Year 2	-2.38 (-3.21; -1.55) n=33	-2.56 (-3.31; -1.82) n=41	-2.70 (-3.40; -2.00) n=46	0.33 (-0.76; 1.41)	0.14 (-0.89; 1.16)	
	Total hip BMD T-score <-1	Year 1	-1.74 (-2.63; -0.85) n=21	-1.18 (-2.21; -0.15) n=15	-1.32 (-2.26; -0.38) n=19	-0.42 (-1.72; 0.88)	0.14 (-1.25; 1.54)	0.71
		Year 2	-2.98 (-4.19; -1.76) n=21	-2.83 (-4.23; -1.43) n=15	-2.84 (-4.12; -1.55) n=19	-0.14 (-1.91; 1.63)	0.01 (-1.90; 1.91)	0.95
	Total hip BMD T-score ≥-1	Year 1	-1.00 (-1.52; -0.49) n=59	-0.99 (-1.48; -0.50) n=65	-1.16 (-1.65; -0.66) n=60	0.15 (-0.56; 0.86)	0.16 (-0.53; 0.86)	
		Year 2	-2.16 (-2.78; -1.55) n=59	-2.45 (-3.04; -1.86) n=65	-2.15 (-2.74; -1.56) n=60	-0.01 (-0.87; 0.84)	-0.30 (-1.14; 0.53)	

Mixed models for repeated measures are applied with percent difference as outcome variable, visit, treatment group, interaction visit*treatment group as main fixed effects and baseline value as covariate. Unstructured covariance pattern is used for correlated data repeated over time. Diagnostic plots of residuals were investigated and found satisfactory.

eTable 11. Logistic regression for responders based on the responders defined as percent change in total tibia vBMD at two years >-1.0 (all high- and low-dose participants included).

Variable	Values	Missing data	n (%) responders per value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	AUC
Age (years) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	20 (19.0%)			
	>median	0	17 (30.9%)	1.35 (0.93 - 1.95)	0.11	0.59
Height (cm) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	18 (22.5%)			
	>median	0	19 (23.8%)	1.09 (0.75 - 1.58)	0.66	0.52
Weight (kg) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	12 (15.0%)			
	>median	0	25 (31.3%)	1.45 (1.02 - 2.06)	0.040	0.64
Body mass index (kg/m ²) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	12 (15.0%)			
	>median	0	25 (31.3%)	1.50 (1.05 - 2.14)	0.028	0.65
Total body fat (%) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	13 (16.3%)			
	>median	0	24 (30.0%)	1.72 (1.15 - 2.56)	0.008	0.65
Appendicular lean mass (kg/m ²) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (20.0%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.3%)	1.20 (0.84 - 1.73)	0.31	0.56
Current smoking (ref No)	No	0	37 (23.7%)			
	Yes	0	0 (0.0%)	0.00 (0.00 - I)	0.98	0.52
Parental hip fracture (ref No)	No	0	29 (20.7%)			
	Yes	0	8 (40.0%)	2.55 (0.95 - 6.82)	0.06	0.56
Run-in period (days) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	22 (23.2%)			
	>median	0	15 (23.1%)	1.03 (0.71 - 1.49)	0.88	0.51
Previous glucocorticoids (5mg of Prednisolone or more for 3 months or more) (ref No)	No	0	35 (22.3%)			
	Yes	0	2 (66.7%)	6.96 (0.61 - 79.05)	0.12	0.52
Tibia ultradistal (standard site) Cortical area (mm) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	18 (22.5%)			
	>median	0	19 (23.8%)	0.91 (0.63 - 1.32)	0.63	0.51
Tibia ultradistal (standard site) total volumetric BMD (mg/cm ³) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (20.0%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.3%)	1.20 (0.83 - 1.74)	0.33	0.55
Tibia ultradistal (standard site) cortical volumetric BMD (mg/cm ³) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (20.0%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.3%)	1.00 (0.69 - 1.45)	1.00	0.52
Tibia ultradistal (standard site) trabecular bone volume fraction (%) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	14 (17.3%)			
	>median	0	23 (29.1%)	1.26 (0.88 - 1.80)	0.20	0.56
Bone mineral density (DXA) total hip (g/cm ²) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (20.0%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.3%)	1.25 (0.87 - 1.80)	0.23	0.56
Bone mineral density (DXA) femoral neck (g/cm ²) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	17 (21.3%)			
	>median	0	20 (25.0%)	1.09 (0.76 - 1.57)	0.64	0.52
Bone mineral density (DXA) lumbar spine (g/cm ²) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	21 (26.3%)			
	>median	0	16 (20.0%)	1.12 (0.78 - 1.61)	0.55	0.52
T-score total hip (SD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (20.0%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.3%)	1.25 (0.87 - 1.80)	0.23	0.56
T-score lumbar spine (SD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	21 (26.3%)			
	>median	0	16 (20.0%)	1.12 (0.78 - 1.61)	0.55	0.52

Variable	Values	Missing data	n (%) responders per value	OR (95% CI)	p-value	AUC
10-year fracture probability (FRAX) for major osteoporotic fracture (with BMD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	14 (17.5%)			
	>median	0	23 (28.8%)	1.56 (1.09 - 2.21)	0.014	0.61
10-year fracture probability (FRAX) for major osteoporotic fracture (without BMD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	16 (19.5%)			
	>median	0	21 (26.9%)	1.42 (1.00 - 2.00)	0.048	0.57
10-year fracture probability (FRAX) for hip fracture (with BMD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	17 (21.3%)			
	>median	0	20 (25.0%)	1.04 (0.72 - 1.49)	0.83	0.51
10-year fracture probability (FRAX) for hip fracture (without BMD) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	19 (23.8%)			
	>median	0	18 (22.5%)	1.03 (0.72 - 1.49)	0.85	0.50
Serum 25-OH-vitamin D (nmol/l) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	19 (23.2%)			
	>median	0	18 (23.1%)	0.88 (0.60 - 1.29)	0.50	0.52
Plasma total calcium (mmol/l) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	23 (25.8%)			
	>median	0	14 (19.7%)	0.87 (0.60 - 1.26)	0.46	0.55
PINP (µg/L) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	1	22 (27.5%)			
	>median	1	14 (17.7%)	0.90 (0.61 - 1.34)	0.62	0.58
CTX (ng/ml) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	6	19 (24.7%)			
	>median	6	14 (18.2%)	0.77 (0.49 - 1.20)	0.25	0.55
GSRs Total score (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	1	18 (21.7%)			
	>median	1	19 (25.0%)	1.13 (0.80 - 1.59)	0.50	0.55
Energy intake (kcal/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	20 (25.0%)			
	>median	0	17 (21.3%)	1.15 (0.81 - 1.63)	0.45	0.52
Protein intake (g/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	18 (22.5%)			
	>median	0	19 (23.8%)	1.03 (0.72 - 1.48)	0.87	0.52
Fat intake (g/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	21 (26.3%)			
	>median	0	16 (20.0%)	1.04 (0.73 - 1.50)	0.82	0.49
Carbohydrates intake (g/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	17 (21.3%)			
	>median	0	20 (25.0%)	1.21 (0.86 - 1.71)	0.27	0.56
Fiber intake (g/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	18 (22.5%)			
	>median	0	19 (23.8%)	1.14 (0.80 - 1.61)	0.47	0.51
Salt intake (g/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	15 (18.8%)			
	>median	0	22 (27.5%)	1.11 (0.78 - 1.58)	0.55	0.54
Calcium intake (mg/day) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	22 (27.5%)			
	>median	0	15 (18.8%)	0.90 (0.61 - 1.33)	0.60	0.53
Physical activity (IPAQ, METs per week) (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	20 (25.0%)			
	>median	0	17 (21.3%)	0.44 (0.18 - 1.13)	0.09	0.58
Years since menopause (per 1 SD increase)	<=median	0	20 (19.4%)			
	>median	0	17 (29.8%)	1.40 (0.97 - 2.02)	0.07	0.60
Calcium and vitamin D supplements taken 3 months prior to baseline (Ref No)	No	2	33 (22.3%)			
	Yes	2	3 (30.0%)	1.49 (0.37 - 6.10)	0.58	0.51

eFigure. Pearson correlation between BMI and % change in tibia total vBMD by treatment group over time (ITT population).

