

# **OPTIMAL BONE HEALTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN PATIENTS WITH PROSTATE CANCER**

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# WHY IS BONE HEALTH IMPORTANT IN PROSTATE CANCER?

Bone targeted agents are given to patients with prostate cancer for the following reasons:

- **Preventing bone mass loss** associated with **androgen deprivation therapy (ADT)**<sup>1,2</sup>
- To **prevent skeletal related events (SREs)** in patients with bone metastases<sup>3</sup>
  - SREs include pathologic fractures, severe pain, and risk of spinal cord compromise
  - SREs can be severe, cause invalidity and have a negative effect on Quality of Life (QoL) and mobility
- As **active therapy to treat bone metastases** and prolong survival<sup>1</sup>

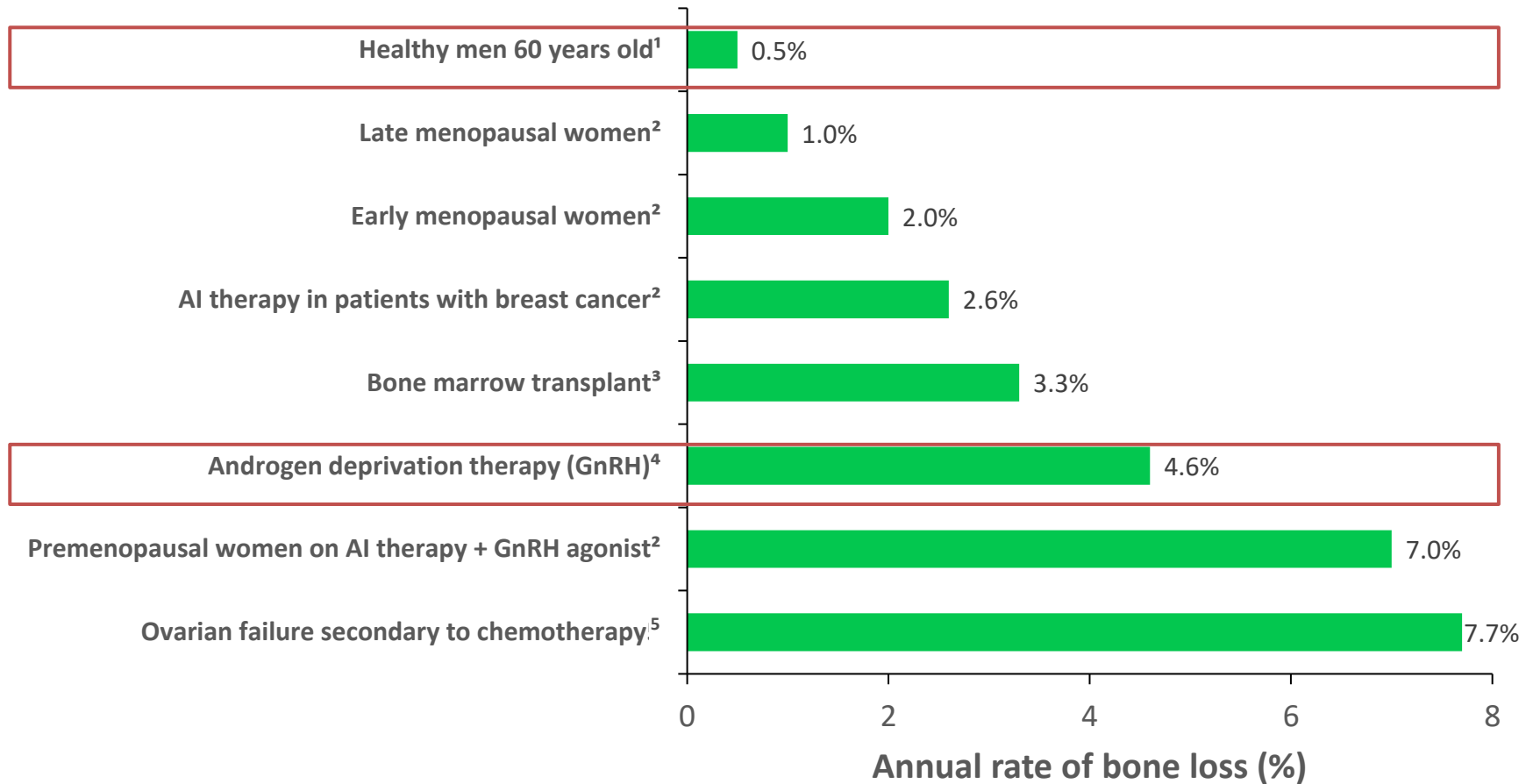
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ADT, androgen deprivation therapy; SRE, skeletal related events

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# EXTENT OF BONE LOSS ACROSS VARIOUS POPULATIONS

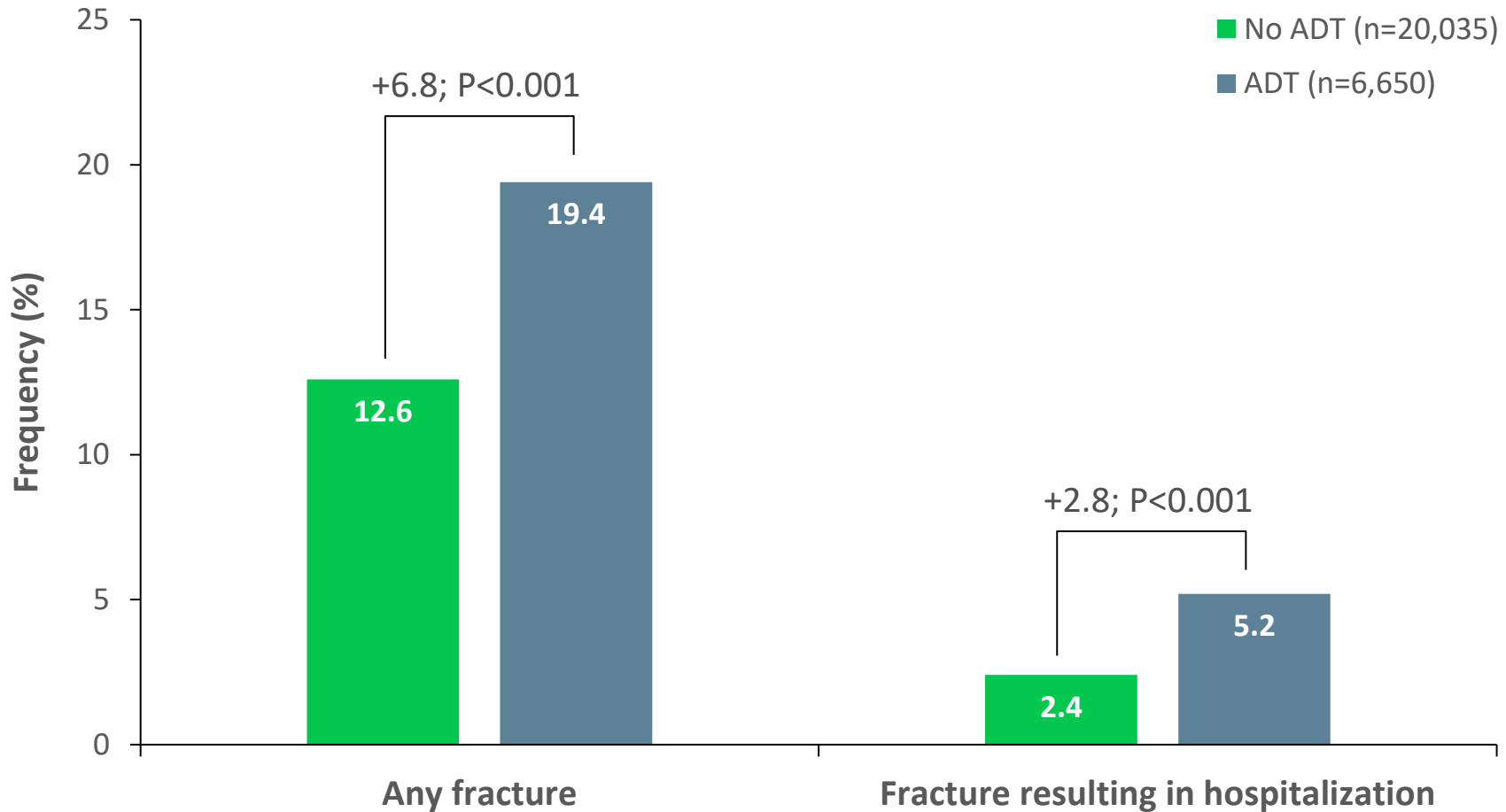


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AI, aromatase inhibitor; GnRH, Gonadotropin-releasing hormone

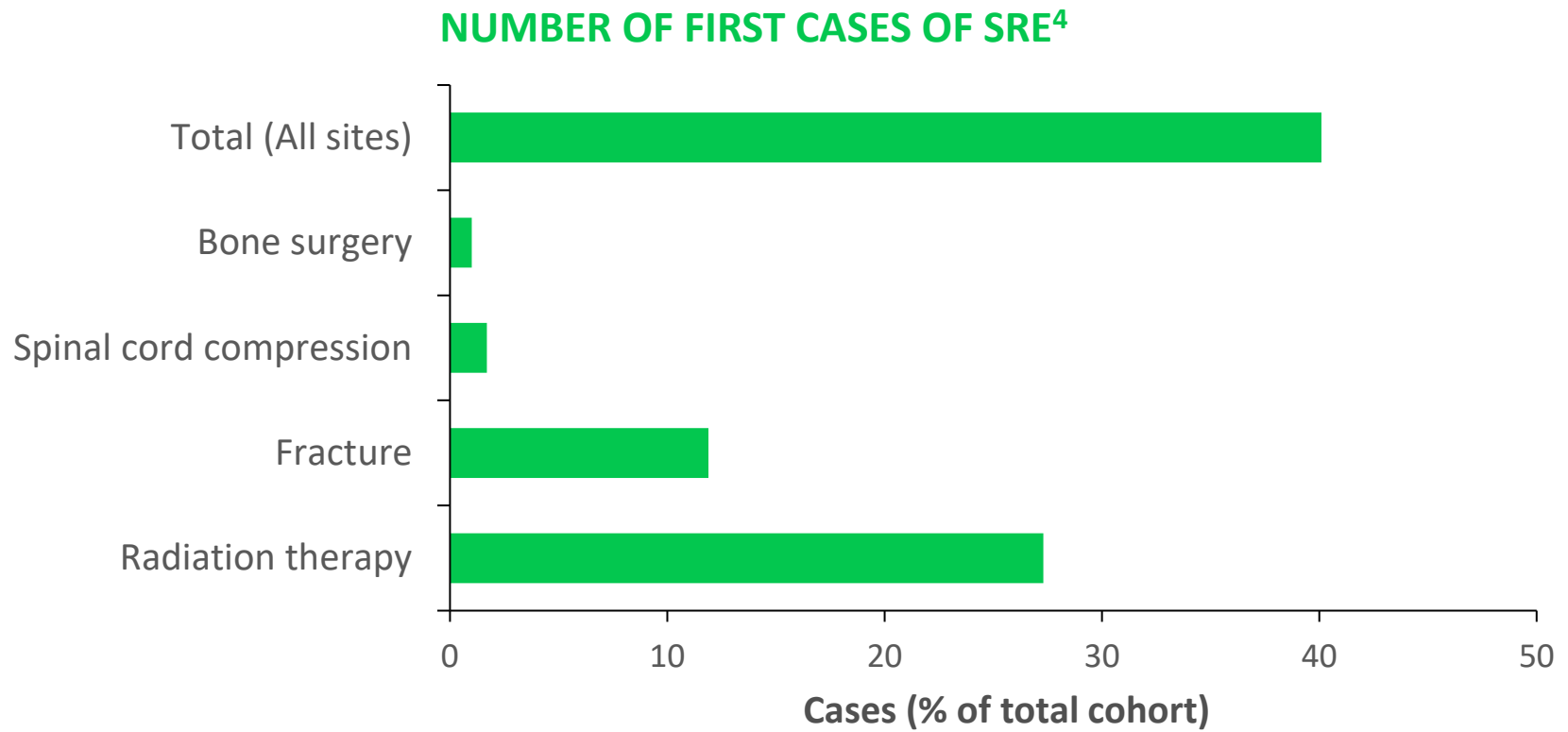
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# PROPORTION OF PC PATIENTS WITH FRACTURES 1-5 YEARS AFTER CANCER DIAGNOSIS



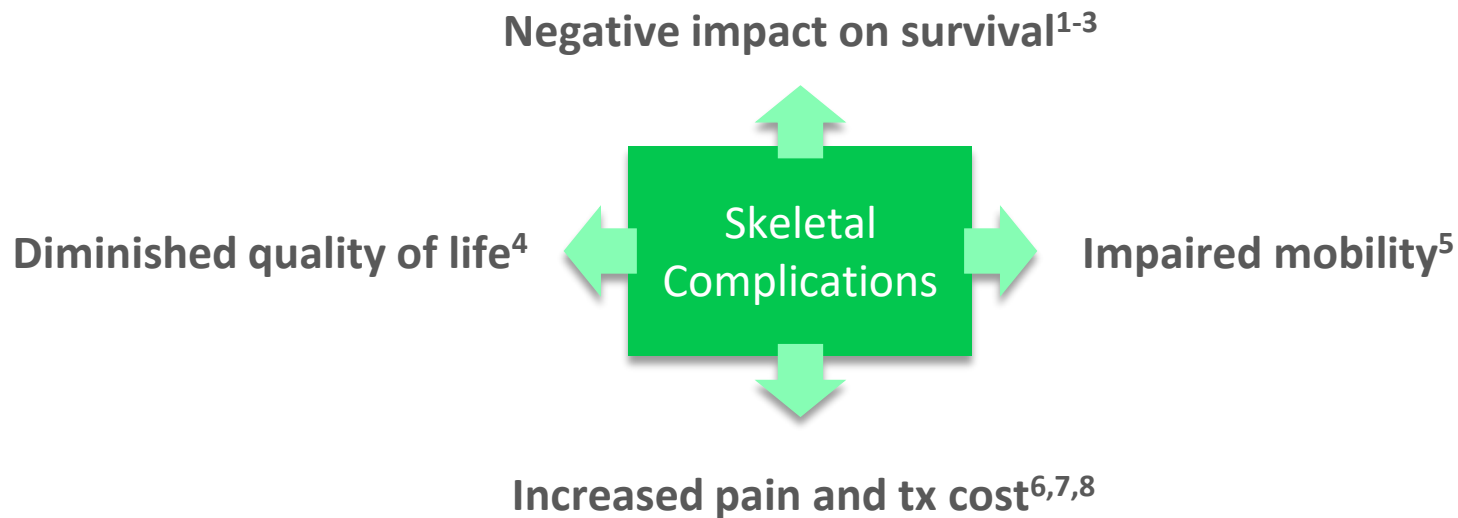
# BONE METASTASES AND SREs IN CRPC

- Approx. 90% of patients with mCRPC develop bone metastases<sup>1,2</sup>
- Approx. 50% of PC patients with bone metastases will have SREs<sup>3</sup>



CRPC, castration resistant prostate cancer; mCRPC, metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer; PC, prostate cancer; SREs, skeletal related events

# IMPACT OF SKELETAL RELATED EVENTS IN CRPC



CRPC, castration resistant prostate cancer; tx, treatment

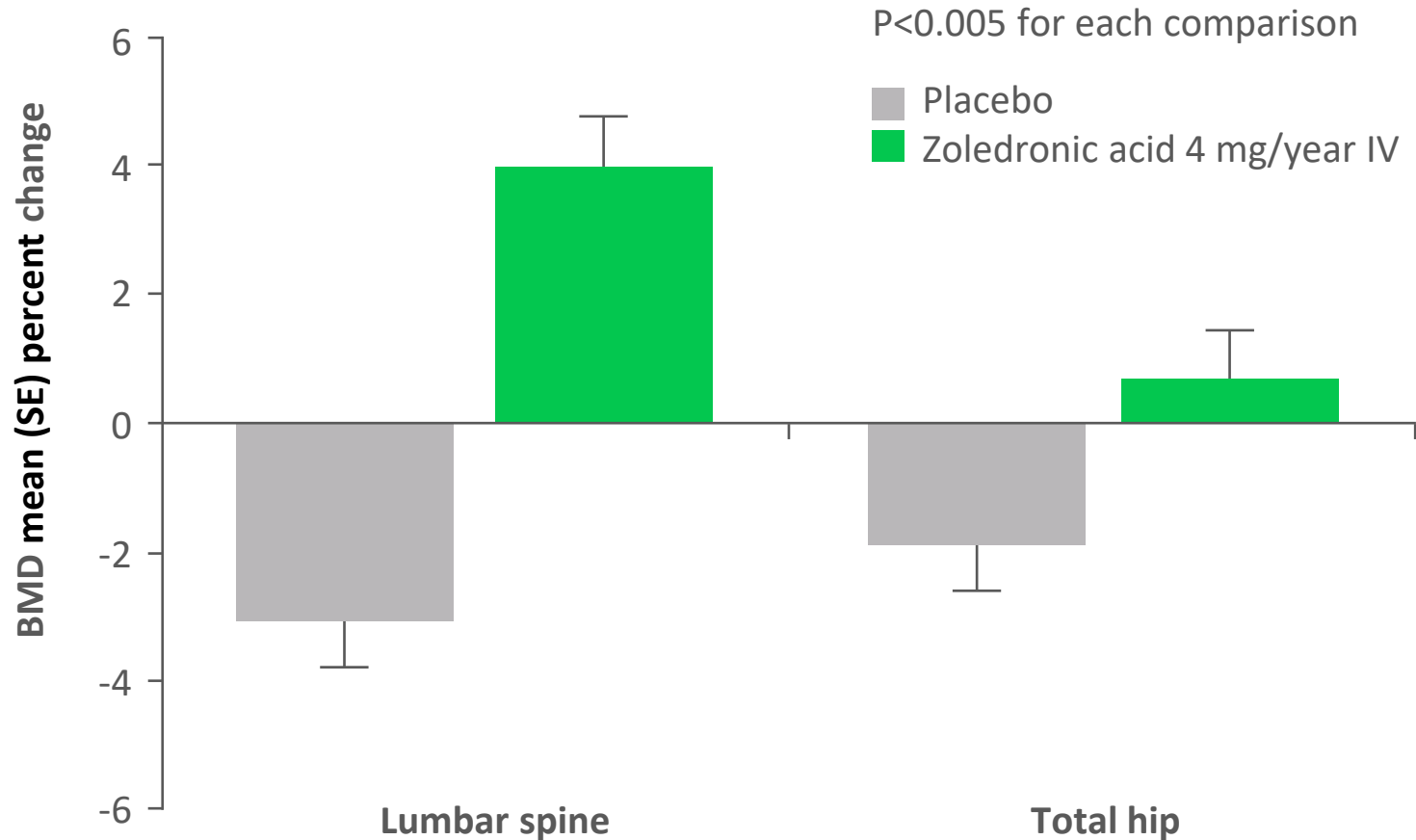


# BONE HEALTH AGENTS

- Commonly used bone health agents for the treatment of patients with prostate cancer include:
  - **Zoledronic acid (ZA):** a bisphosphonate that inhibits tumour formation at the bone matrix, osteoclast development from precursor cells and inhibits angiogenesis. Bisphosphonates can also initiate apoptosis of both osteoclasts and tumour cells
  - **Denosumab:** human monoclonal RANKL antibody, inhibits osteoclast maturation and bone turnover by mimicking the native osteoprotegerin-RANK interaction

# ANNUAL ZOLEDRONIC ACID INCREASES BMD DURING GnRH AGONIST THERAPY

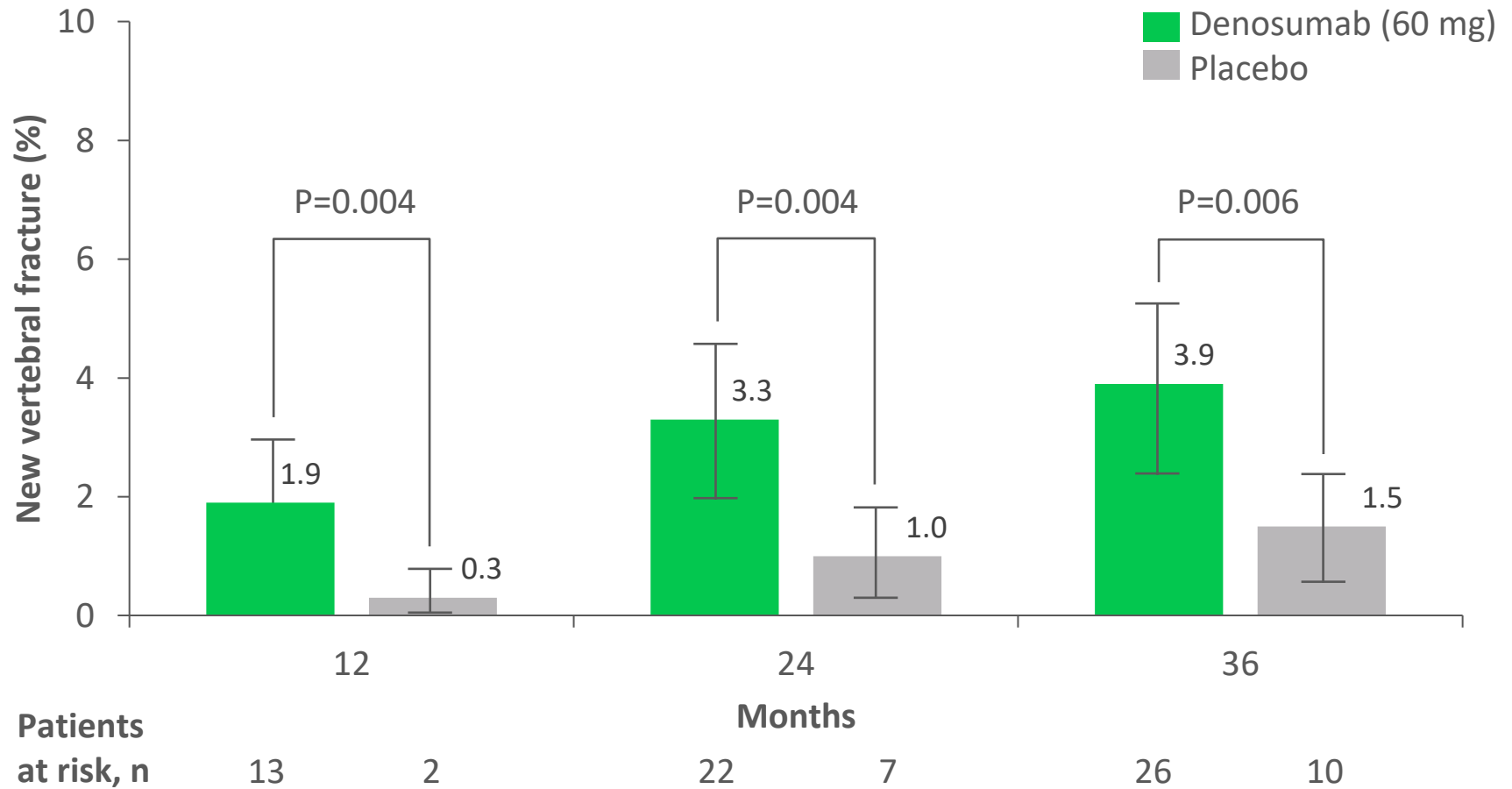
## FINAL 12-MONTH DATA



BMD, bone mineral density; GnRH, Gonadotropin-releasing hormone; IV, intravenous

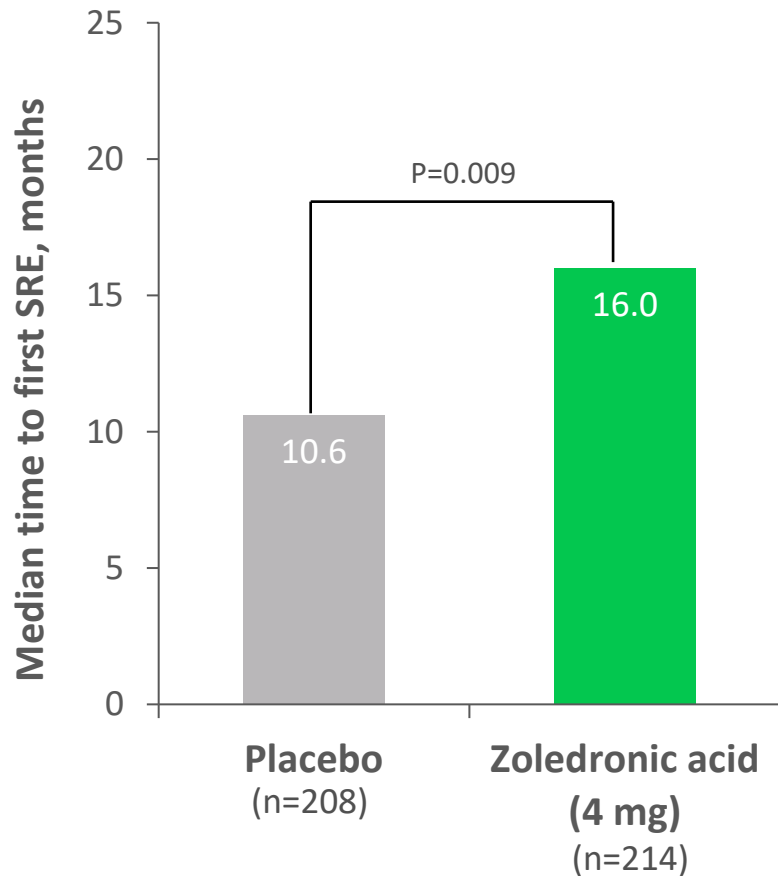
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# DENOSUMAB FOR FRACTURE PREVENTION DURING ADT

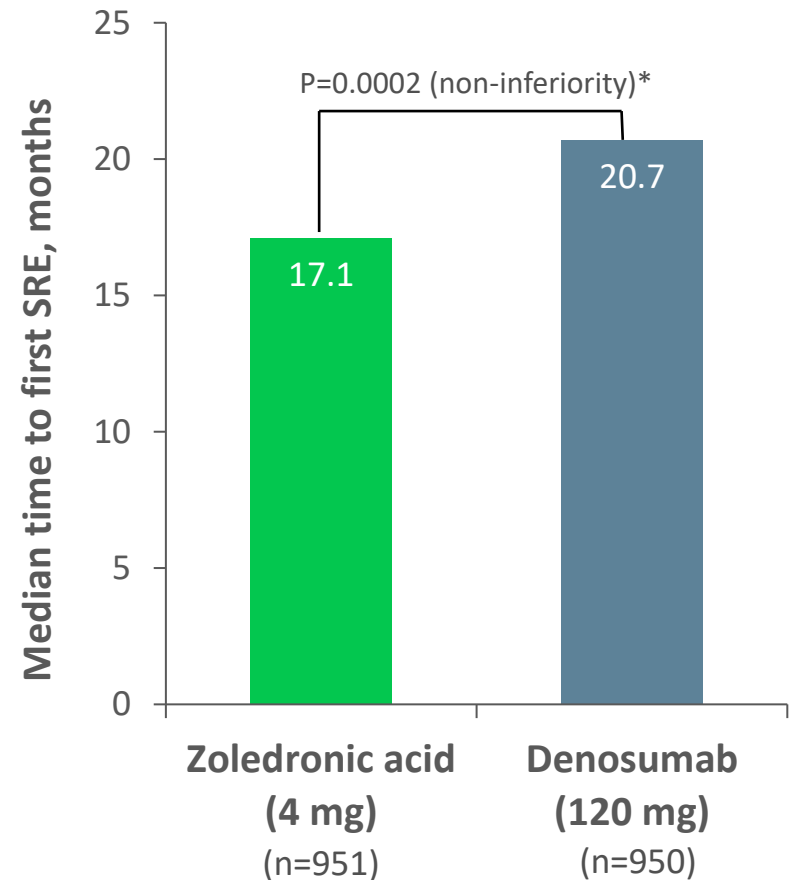


# BENEFIT OF SRE PREVENTION IN mCRPC

## TIME TO FIRST SRE<sup>1</sup>



## TIME TO FIRST SRE<sup>2</sup>

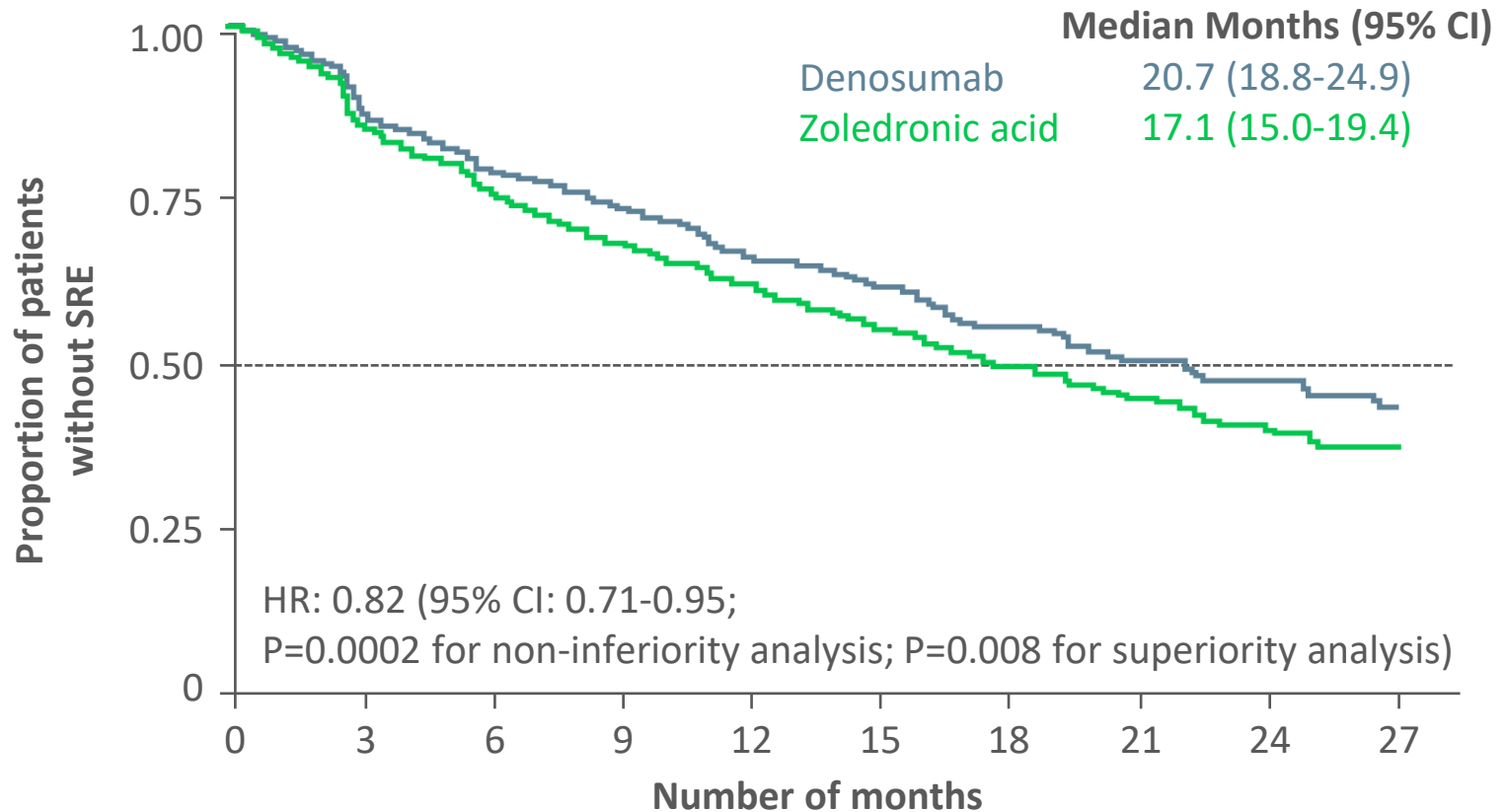


\*P=0.008 (superiority) assessed as secondary endpoint

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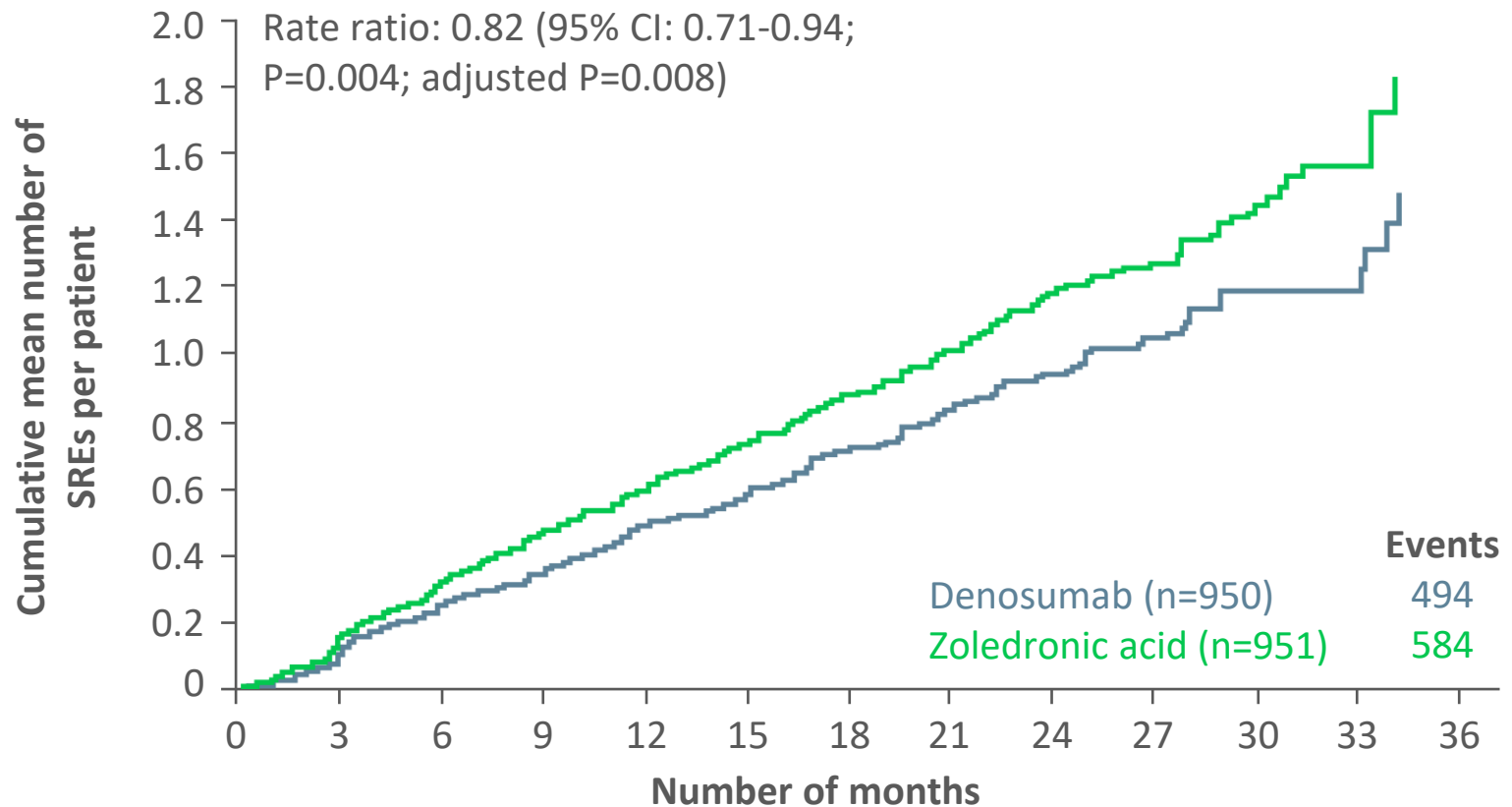
# DENOSUMAB VS ZA: TIME TO FIRST ON-STUDY SRE



## Patients at risk, n

Denosumab	950	758	582	472	361	259	168	115	70	39
Zoledronic acid	951	733	544	407	299	207	140	93	64	47

# TIME TO FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT ON-STUDY SRE (MULTIPLE EVENT ANALYSIS)\*



\*Events occurring at least 21 days apart

# TOXICITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ZOLEDRONIC ACID AND DENOSUMAB

## Zoledronic acid vs denosumab

### Phase 3 trial, comparing zoledronic acid with denosumab in patients with mCRPC

The most common adverse events (*occurring at a similar rate in both treatment arms*):

- Anaemia, back pain, decreased appetite, nausea, fatigue, constipation and bone pain

AEs of interest	Zoledronic Acid N=945	Denosumab N=943	P value
Infectious AE	375 (40%)	402 (43%)	0.21
Cumulative osteonecrosis of the jaw (total)	12 (1%)	22 (2%)	0.09
Year 1	5 (1%)	10 (1%)	-
Year 2	8 (1%)	22 (2%)	-
Hypocalcaemia	55 (6%)	121 (13%)	<0.0001
New primary malignant disease	10 (1%)	18 (2%)	0.13

AE, adverse event; mCRPC, metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer

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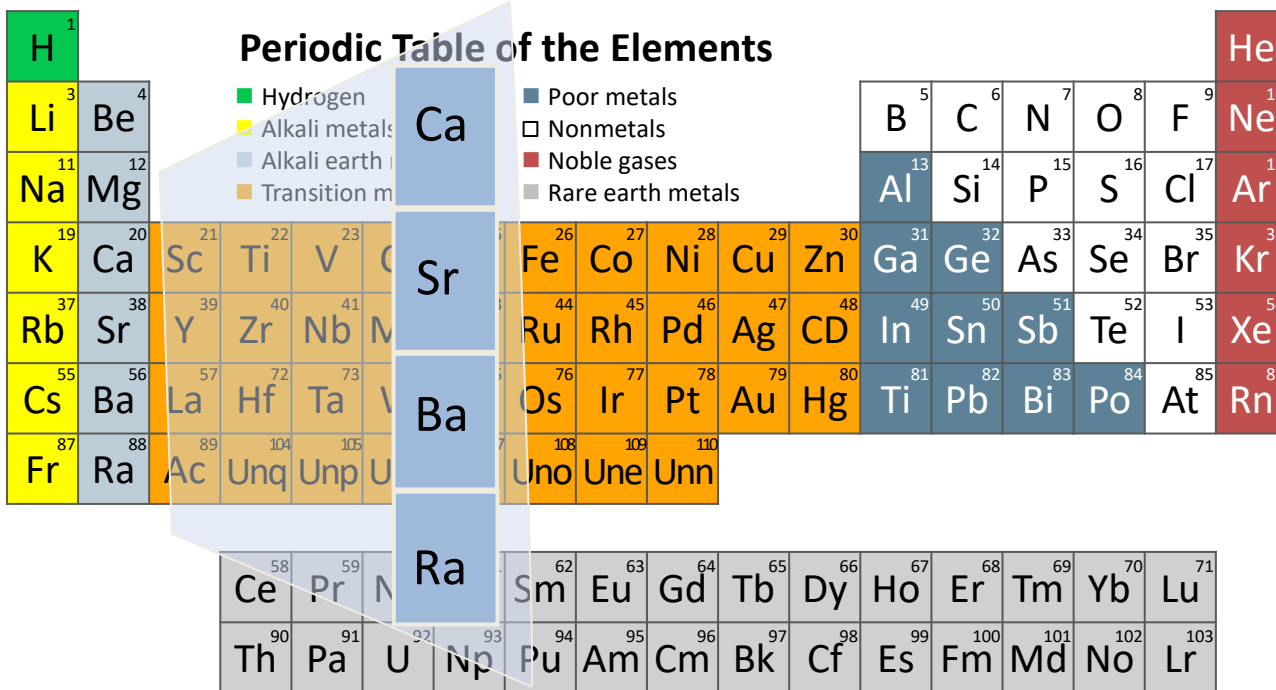
# **BONE TARGETED AGENTS**

**Radiopharmaceuticals**

# RADIUM-223

- Radium-223 is an alpha particle emitting radiopharmaceutical that works at the site of bone metastases
- It belongs to the same group in the Periodic Table of the Elements as alkaline earth elements [calcium (Ca), strontium (Sr), barium (Ba), and radium (Ra)] and has similar bone seeking properties

**Periodic Table of the Elements**



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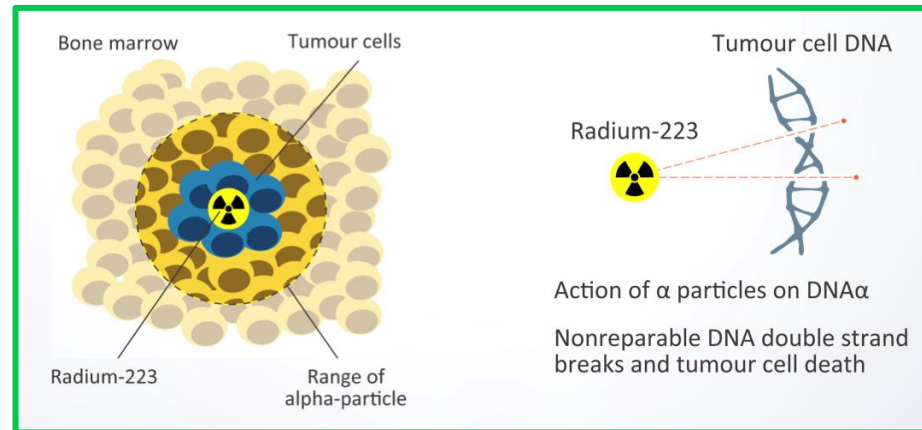
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- Alkali metals
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- Transition metals
- Poor metals
- Nonmetals
- Noble gases
- Rare earth metals

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37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
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# BONE-TARGETING RADIOPHARMACEUTICALS: $\alpha$ -EMITTERS VS $\beta$ -EMITTERS

	$\alpha$ – Emitters	$\beta$ – Emitters
Example emitters	Radium-223	Strontium-89, Samarium-153
Size Relative mass	2 neutrons+2 protons 7300	1 electron 1
Linear energy transfer (KeV/ $\mu$ m)	60-230	0.1-1.0
Range in tissue ( $\mu$ m)	40-100 Less radiation damage to adjacent normal tissue Higher localised dose to bone and endosteal layer	50-12,000 Delivers more radiation to adjacent normal tissue Penetrate bone marrow region
DNA damage	Irreparable Double strand DNA breaks	Repairable Single strand DNA breaks

# RADIUM-223 IN BONE METASTASES



- Alpha particle-emitting isotope **radium-223** (as radium Ra 223 dichloride), **mimics calcium and forms complexes with the bone mineral** hydroxyapatite at areas of increased bone turnover, such as bone metastases
- The high linear energy transfer of alpha emitters (80 keV/micrometer) leads to a high frequency of double-strand DNA breaks in adjacent cells, resulting in an anti-tumour effect on bone metastases
- The **alpha particle range from radium-223** dichloride is **less than 100 micrometers** (less than 10 cell diameters) which **limits damage to the surrounding normal tissue**
- Radium-223 is excreted in the faeces

keV, kiloelectron volt; Ra-233, radium-233.

Radium-223 Prescribing Information Dec 2019. Accessed 10 Jul 2020

Figure adapted from: Deshayes E, et al. Drug Des Devel Ther 2017;11:2643-51

# RADIUM-223 ADMINISTRATION AND DOSE

- Ra-223 must be administered by a radiation oncologist or nuclear medicine physician in a designated clinical setting, including a licensed practice or a hospital outpatient setting



1 MINUTE INJECTION    EVERY 4 WEEKS    6 INJECTIONS TOTAL    Treatment may be completed in 5 months

- The patient-ready dose is 1.49 microcurie (55 kBq) per kg body weight

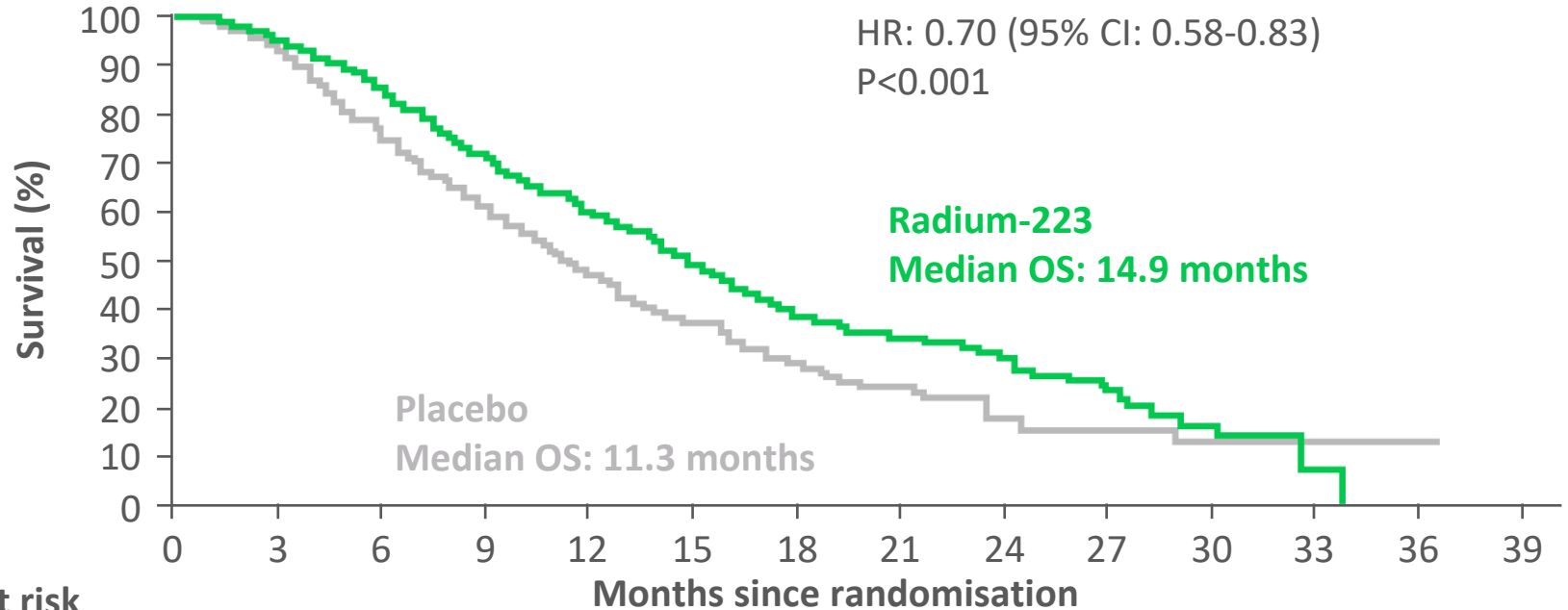
The volume to be administered to a given patient is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Volume to be administered (mL)} = \frac{\text{Body weight in kg} \times 55 \text{ kBq/kg body weight}}{\text{Decay factor} \times 1100 \text{ kBq/mL}} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{\text{Body weight in kg} \times 1.49 \text{ mCi/kg body weight}}{\text{Decay factor} \times 30 \text{ mCi/mL}}$$

- Ra-223 is a ready-to-use solution and should not be diluted or mixed with any other solutions
- Patient goes home after treatment

# RADIUM-223: ALSYMPCA TRIAL

- Radium-223 significantly improved overall survival compared to placebo in mCRPC patients with symptomatic bone metastases
- Radium-223 was associated with low myelosuppression rates and fewer adverse events compared to placebo



**No. at risk**

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36	39
<b>Radium-223</b>	614	578	504	369	274	178	105	60	41	18	7	1	0	0
<b>Placebo</b>	307	288	228	157	103	67	39	24	14	7	4	2	1	0

# BONE SUPPORT DURING RADIUM-223 TREATMENT

## PEACE III STUDY

- Bone support with bisphosphonates or denosumab has been shown to prevent excess fractures whilst patients receive radium-223 in combination with enzalutamide

Time point	Treatment and use of bone protecting agents			
	With exposure to BHA		Without exposure to BHA	
	Enza+Rad (N=39)	Enza (N=49)	Enza+Rad (N=37)	Enza (N=35)
	Cum Incidence (95% CI)*	Cum Incidence (95% CI)	Cum Incidence (95% CI)	Cum Incidence (95% CI)
3 months	0 (-)	0 (-)	0 (-)	5.7 (1.0-16.7)
6 months	0 (-)	0 (-)	5.6 (1.0-16.3)	8.8 (2.2-21.0)
9 months	0 (-)	0 (-)	22.6 (10.6-37.3)	8.8 (2.2-21.0)
<b>12 months</b>	<b>0 (-)</b>	<b>0 (-)</b>	<b>37.4 (21.8-53.1)</b>	<b>12.4 (3.9-26.2)</b>
15 months	0 (-)	0 (-)	43.6 (26.8-59.3)	16.6 (5.9-32.0)
18 months	0 (-)	0 (-)	43.6 (26.8-59.3)	16.6 (5.9-32.0)

\* the one fracture in this group occurred at month 27

BHA, bone health agents; CI, confidence interval; Cum, cumulative; Enza, enzalutamide; Rad, radium-223.

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# SUMMARY

- **Prostate cancer patients are now living longer, and many patients receive several lines of therapy**, which can have a **cumulative impact on bone health** over a period of years<sup>1</sup>
  - Early recognition and optimization of bone health is therefore important in this patient group
- Bone health agents such as **zoledronic acid and denosumab are effective for reducing the time to first SRE**, overall bone health and to prevent osteoporosis<sup>2-5</sup>
  - Denosumab more effective than zoledronic acid in delaying SREs<sup>5</sup>
- **Radium-223** is a therapeutic bone targeted drug that has **demonstrated an OS benefit** for mCRPC patients with symptomatic bone metastases and no visceral metastases, together with QoL benefits and a favourable safety profile<sup>6,7</sup>
  - Bone support with bisphosphonates or denosumab has been shown to prevent excess fractures whilst patients receive radium-223, in combination with enzalutamide<sup>8</sup>

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mCRPC; metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer; OS, overall survival; QoL, quality of life; SRE, skeletal related event

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