

## FRAGILITÀ MUSCOLO-SCHELETRICA STILI DI VITA E APPROPRIATEZZA TERAPEUTICA *LE SFIDE PER IL FUTURO*



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- Osteoporosi
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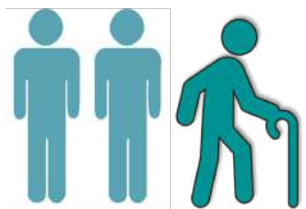


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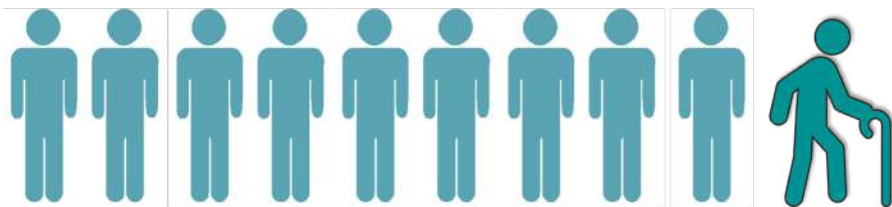


*Osteoporosi nell'anziano:  
to treat or not to treat?*

## Aging world

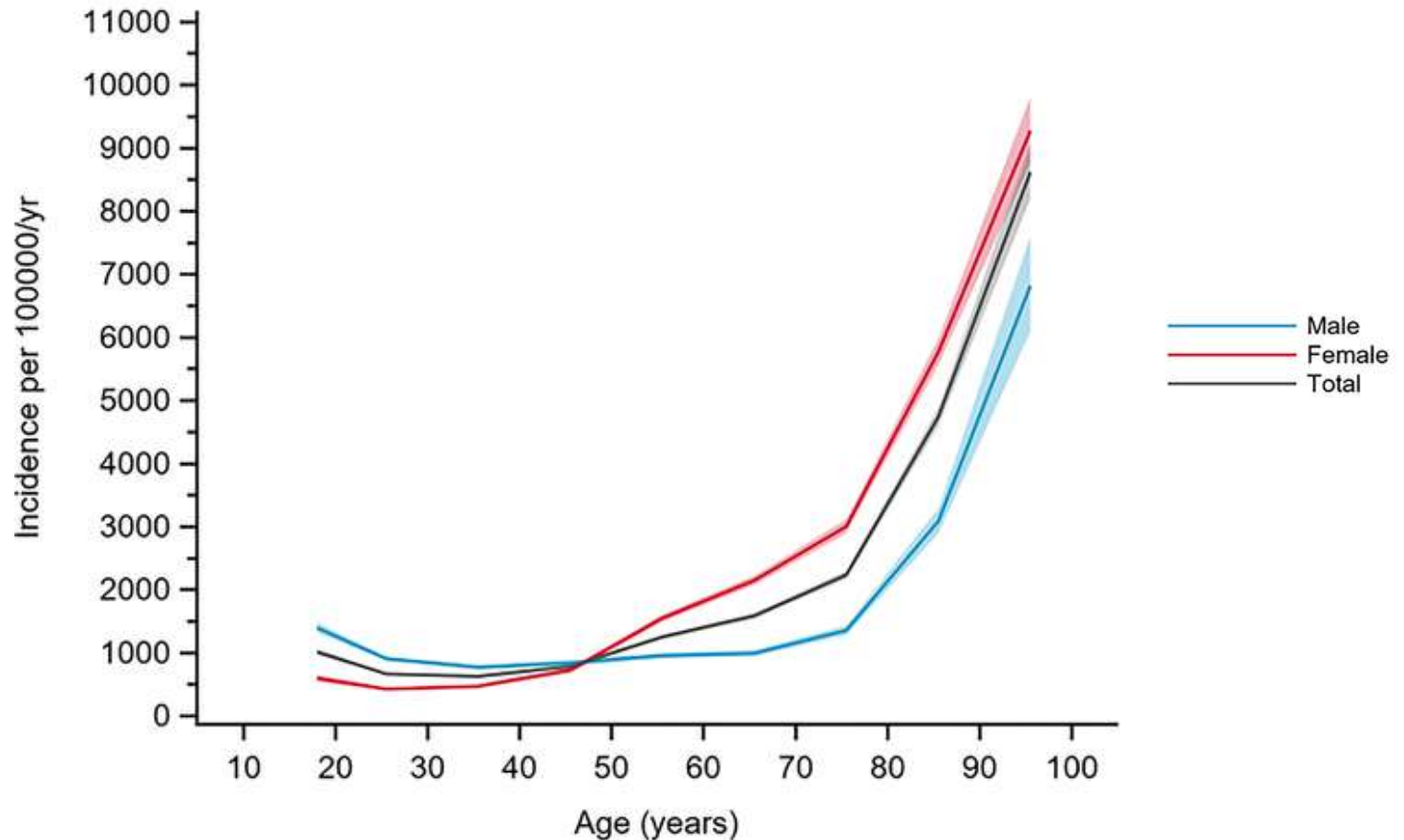


In 2050, 1 person out of 3 will be older than 65 years



1 out of 10 will be older than 80

## Fractures incidence increases with aging



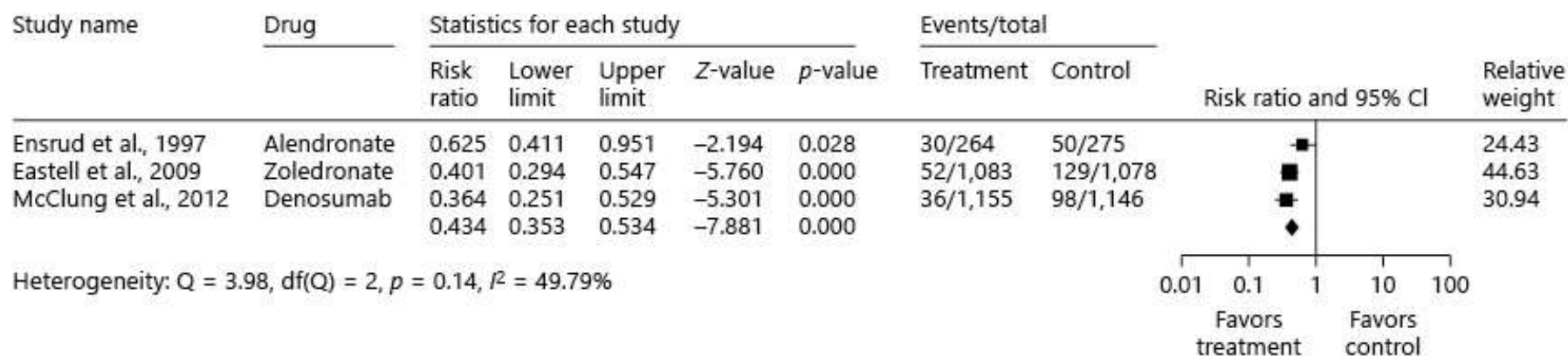
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Or

When a prescription is not appropriate?

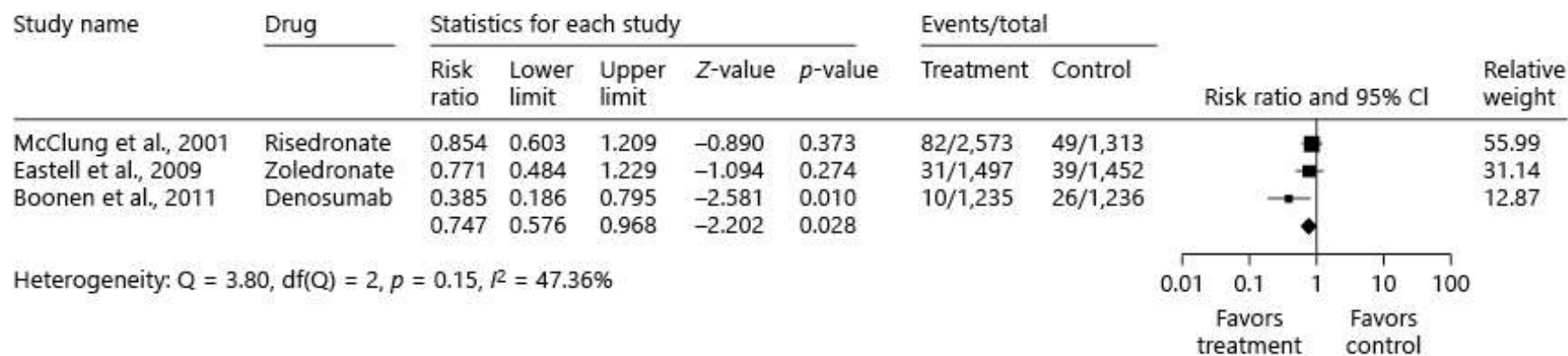
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- Increase in adverse events?
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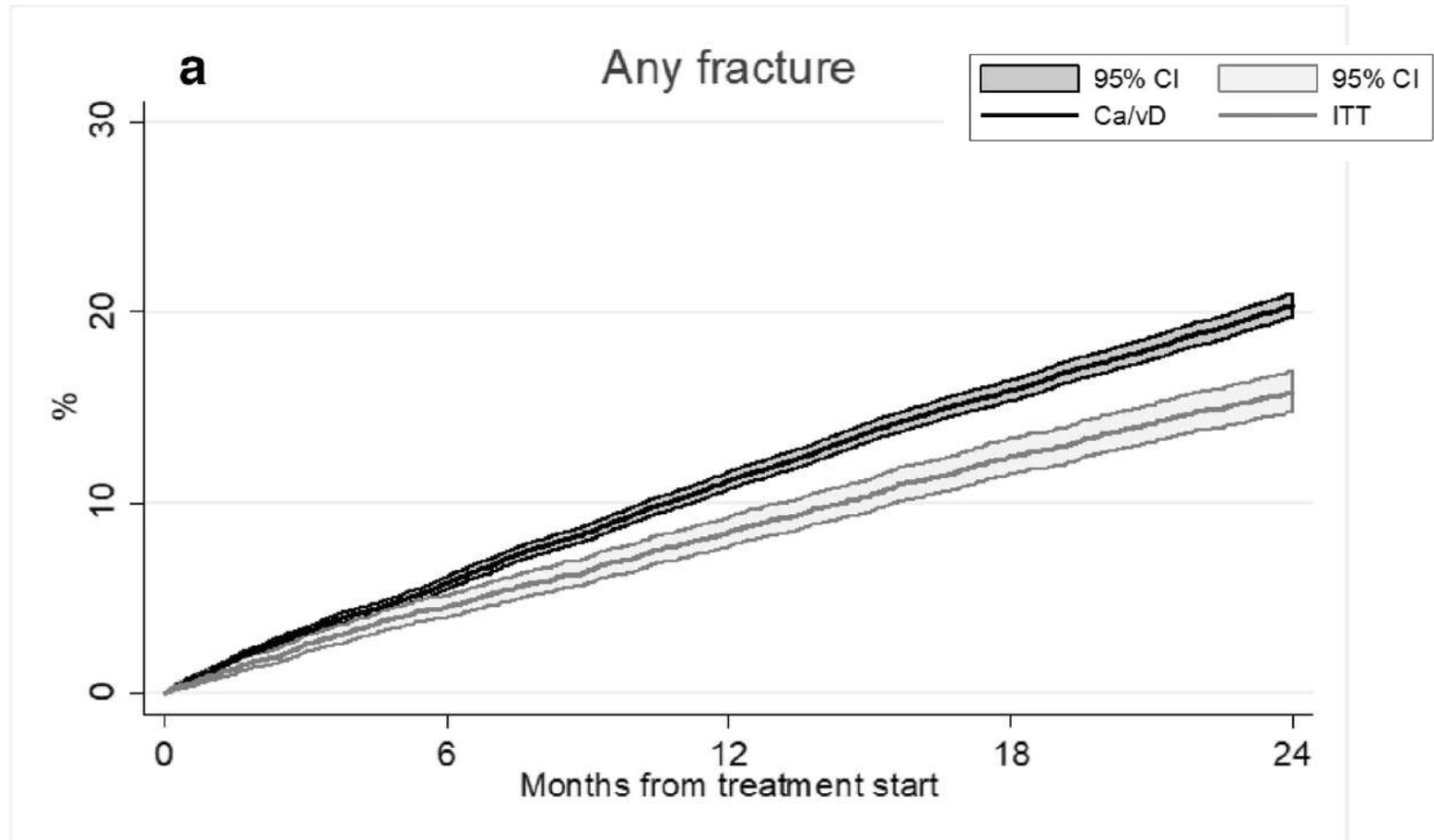




# Meta-analysis of the effect of antiresorptive agents on reducing the risk of femur fracture in patients aged $\geq 75$ years

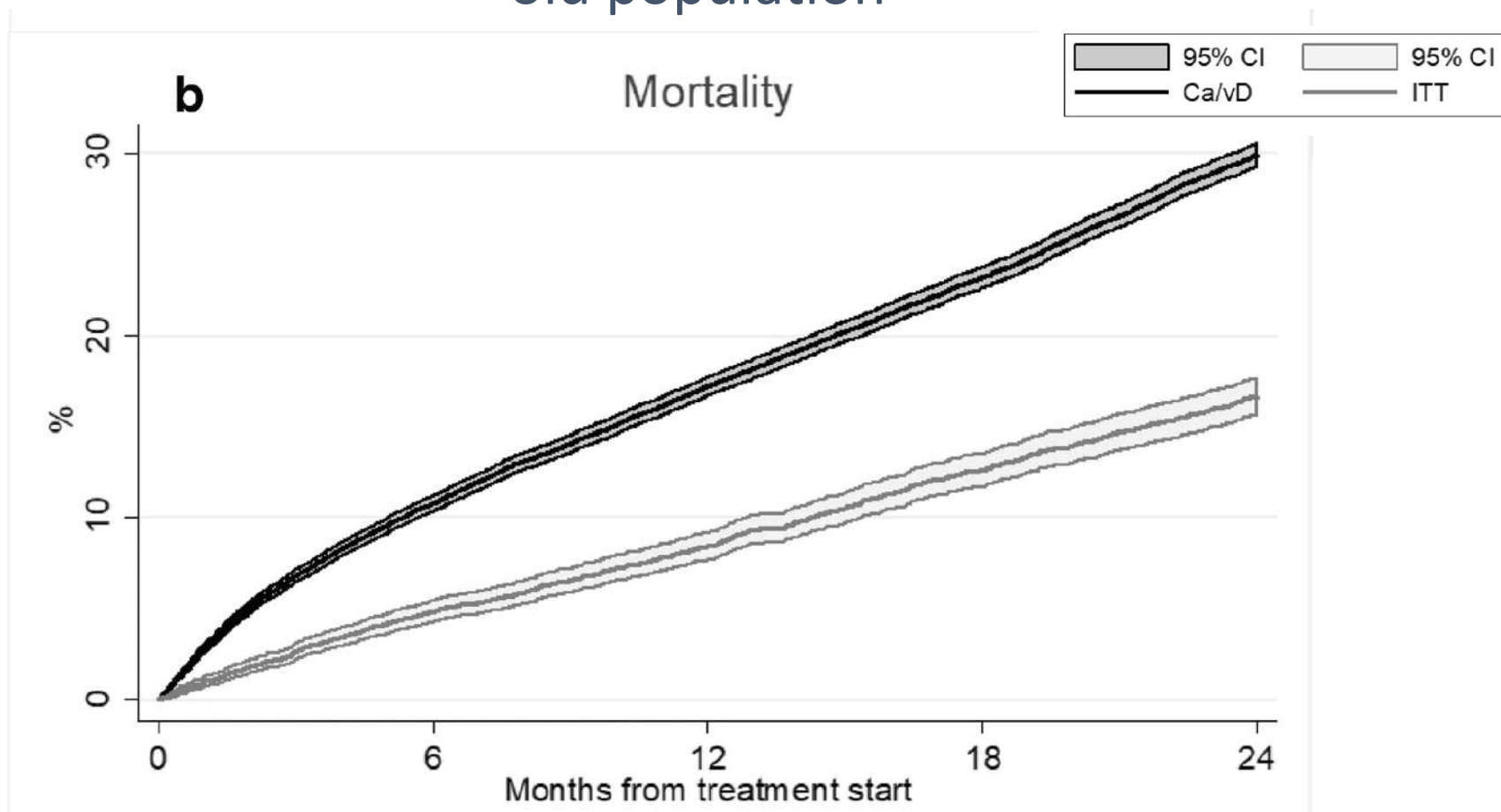


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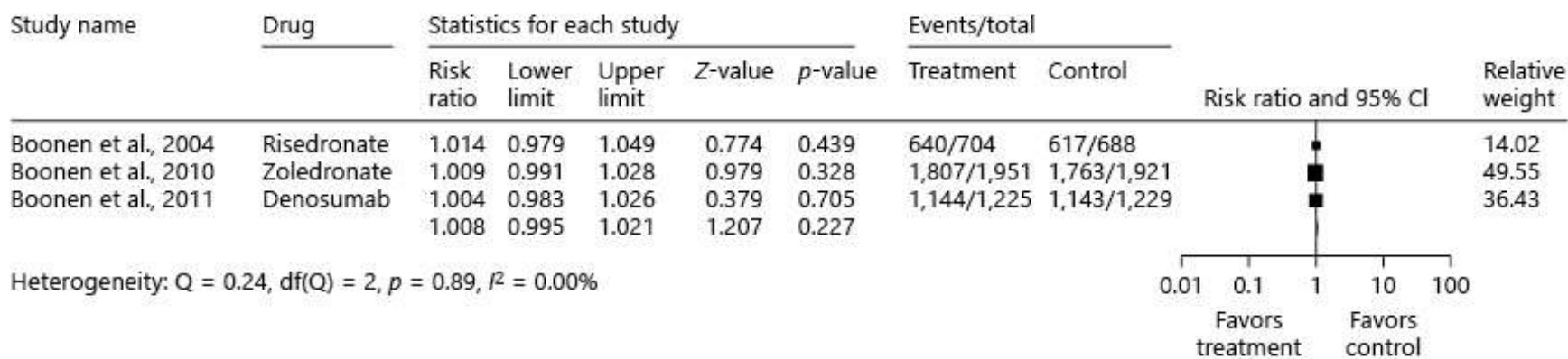
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# Meta-analysis of the safety of anti-resorptive agents in terms of any adverse event in patients aged $\geq 75$ years.



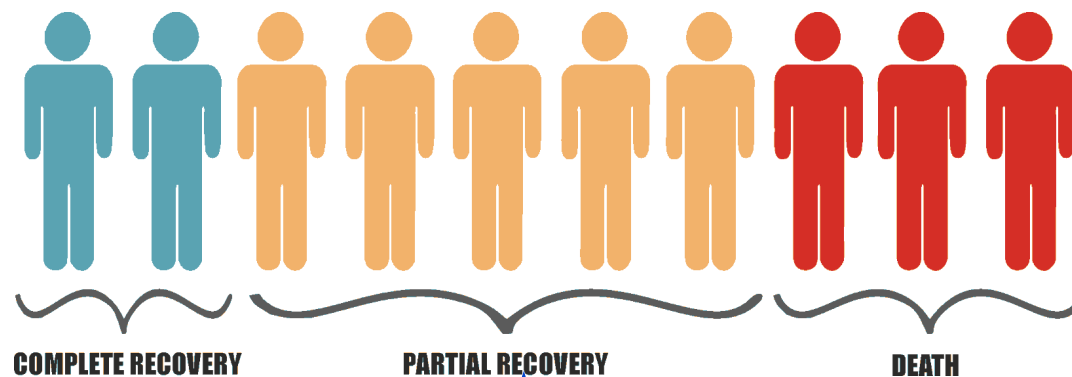
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# Consequences of fractures



## LOSS OF INDEPENDENCE



After a fracture cannot climb the stairs



Loose independence

## HIGH MORTALITY RATE



Within a year of hip fracture

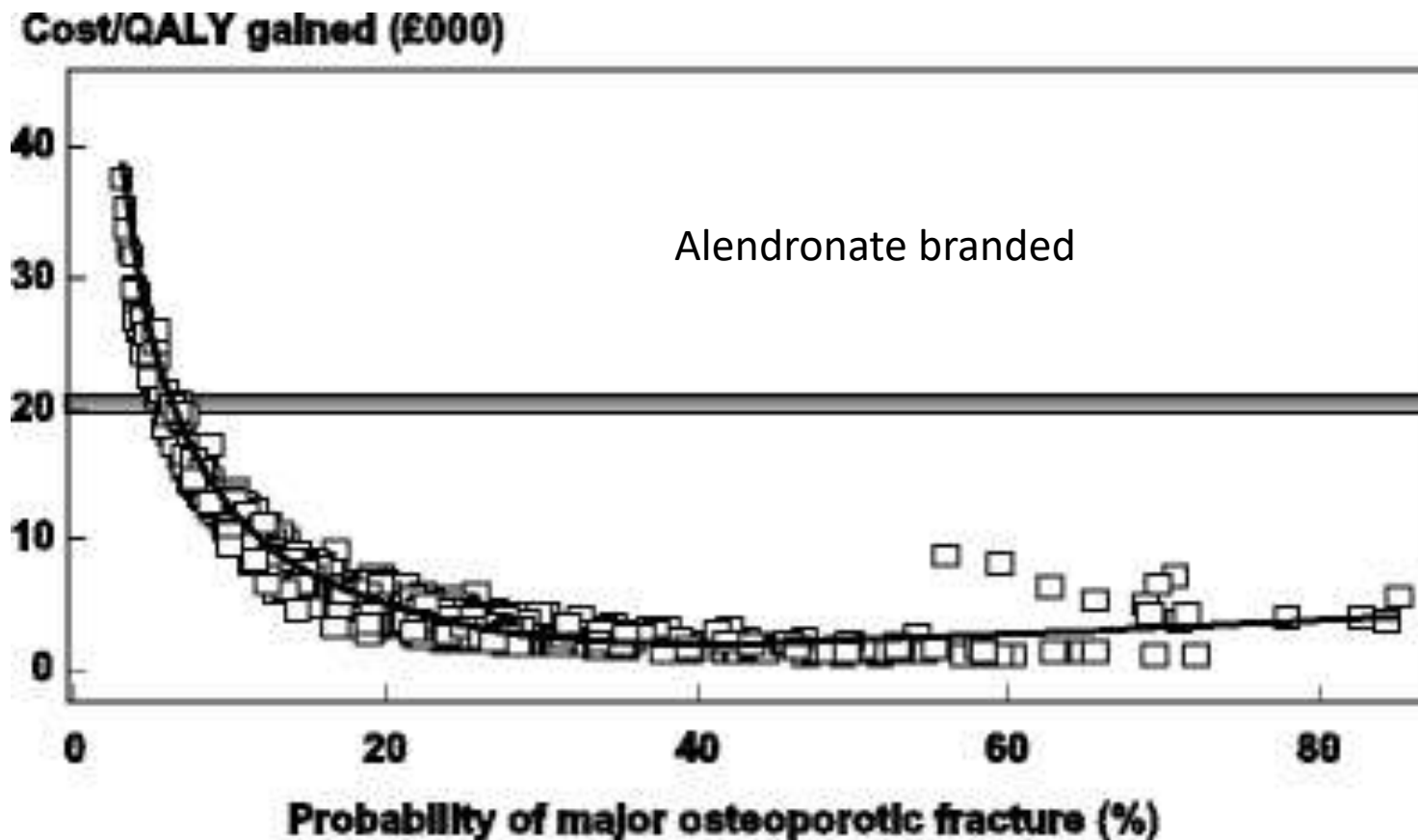
# Costi socio-sanitari: un altro prezzo da pagare

- **degenza**
- **cura e riabilitazione**
- **invalidità transitoria o permanente**
- **impegno socio-assistenziale per i pazienti non più autonomi**
- **mortalità precoce**





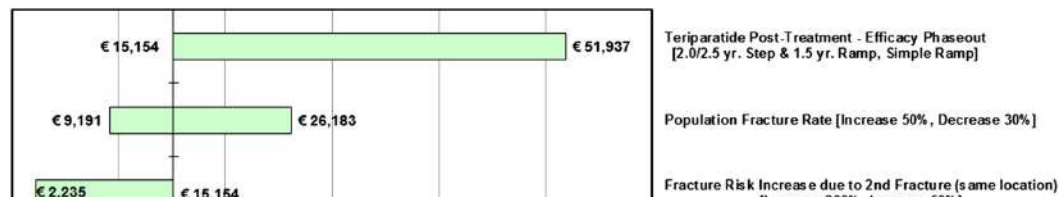
## Cost/effectiveness of alendronate



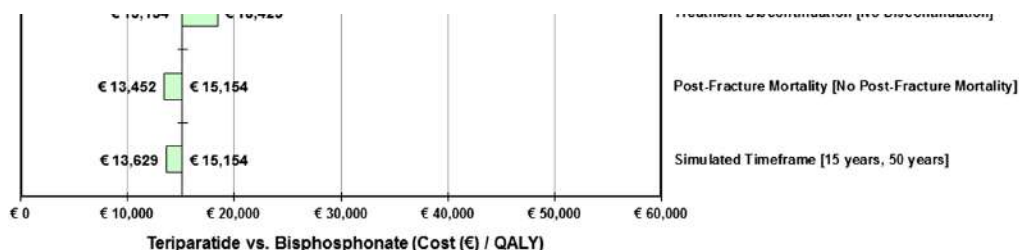
# Cost/effectiveness of Denosumab

T score	Previous fracture			
	Age (years)			
Den/no treat	60	65	70	75
≤-2,5	2400	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving
≤-3,0	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving
≤3,5	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving
≤-4,0	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving
Den/alendronate				
≤-2,5	9890	4102	Cost saving	Cost saving
≤-3,0	3932	Cost saving	Cost saving	Cost saving
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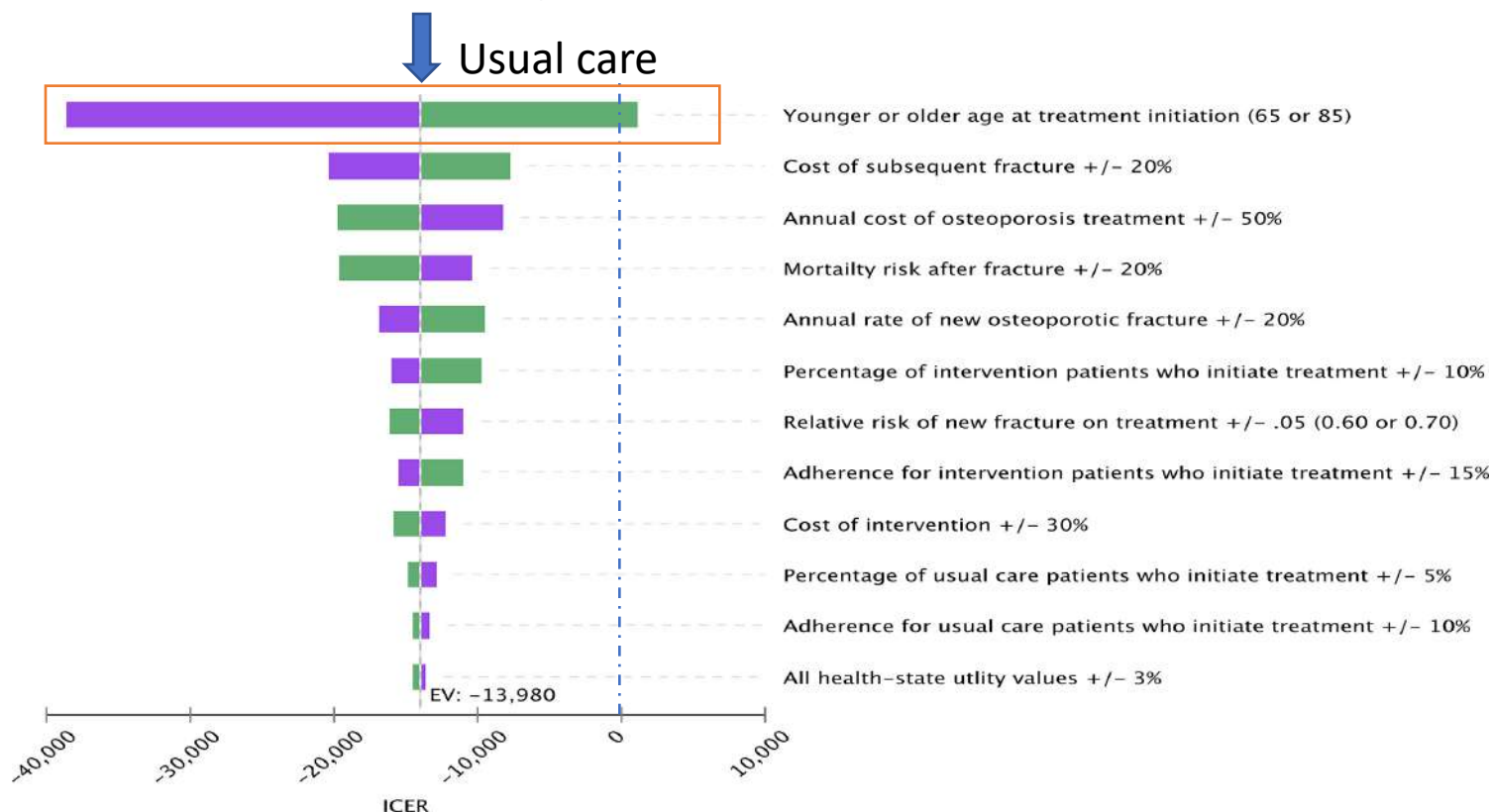
## Cost/effectiveness of teriparatide



The results from this study demonstrate that there are high-risk osteoporosis patient cohorts where teriparatide use as a first-line agent is a cost-effective treatment option compared to bisphosphonates or to no treatment.



## Cost-effectiveness of a secondary fracture prevention intervention



incremental cost-effectiveness value (ICER)

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## Time to Benefit of Bisphosphonate Therapy for the Prevention of Fractures Among Postmenopausal Women With Osteoporosis A Meta-analysis of Randomized Clinical Trials

William James Deardorff, MD; Irena Cenzer, PhD; Brian Nguyen, BA; Sei J. Lee, MD, MAS

10 RCTs comprising 23 384 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis.

The pooled meta-analysis found that 12.4 months (95%CI, 6.3-18.4 months) were needed to avoid 1 non vertebral fracture per 100 postmenopausal women receiving bisphosphonate therapy



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## Association of Disease Definition, Comorbidity Burden, and Prognosis With Hip Fracture Probability Among Late-Life Women

Kristine E. Ensrud, MD, MPH; Allyson M. Kats, MS; Cynthia M. Boyd, MD; Susan J. Diem, MD, MPH; John T. Schousboe, MD, PhD; Brent C. Taylor, PhD, MPH; Douglas C. Bauer, MD; Katie L. Stone, PhD; Lisa Langsetmo, PhD; for the Study of Osteoporotic Fractures (SOF) Research Group

### Key Points

**Question** What is the association of disease definition, comorbidity burden, and prognosis with 5-year hip fracture probabilities among women 80 years and older?

**Findings** This prospective cohort study found that the 5-year hip fracture probability, taking into account the competing risk of death, was over 3-fold higher among women with osteoporosis compared with women without osteoporosis but at high fracture risk. The difference between groups in hip fracture probabilities was even more pronounced in women with a greater number of comorbidities or poorer prognosis.

**Meaning** Women 80 years and older with osteoporosis, including those with more comorbidities or poorer prognosis, have a high hip fracture probability despite accounting for competing mortality risk and may be the group most likely to be candidates for drug treatment to prevent hip fractures.

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# Take home messages

- ✓ Antiresorptive and anabolic agents are effective treatments for reducing fracture risk in old patients

## La vecchiaia...

«la vecchiaia è una malattia sessualmente trasmissibile...  
Con una progressione lenta ed un tasso di mortalità del  
100%»

*P. Cadrobbi*

Senectus ipsa est morbus

*P. Terenzio Afro*



# Grazie!!!!