

Suppléments/Ernährung in der Osteoporose-Prävention: Was gibt's Neues?



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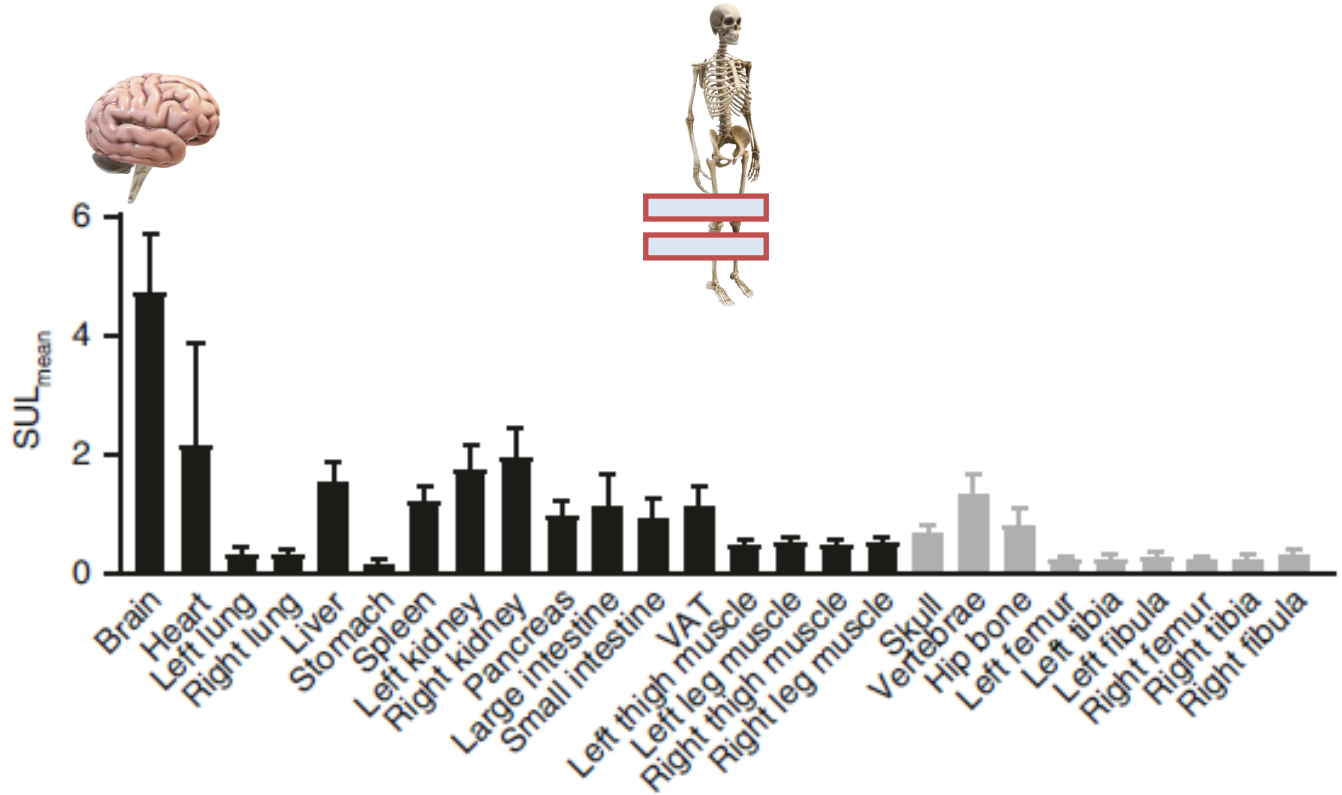
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Our bones need energy...



Glucose uptake measurements using total-body PET/CT

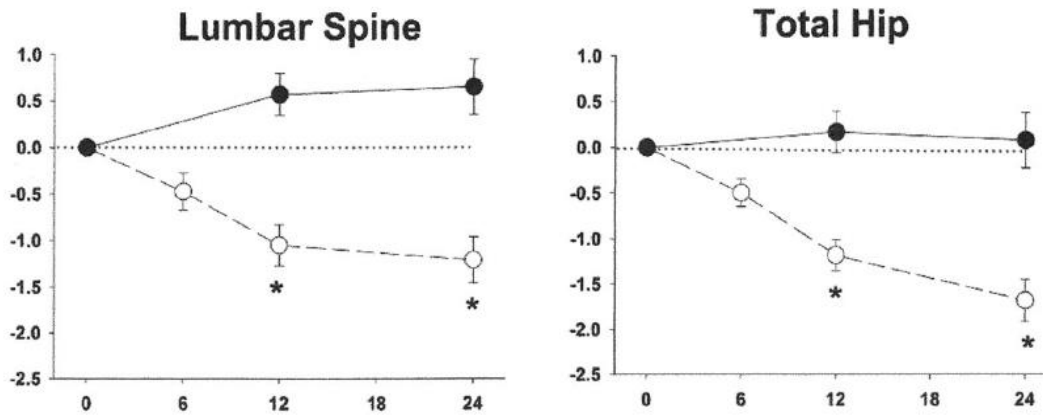
Energy intake and bone health

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Effect of Two-Year Caloric Restriction on Bone Metabolism and Bone Mineral Density in Non-Obese Younger Adults: A Randomized Clinical Trial

ad libitum group (●) or caloric restriction (○).



Our bones need energy and a balanced diet

→ Calcium, proteins, fibers, other micronutrients...


Low **CALCIUM**
diet

- Bone **resorption** to release calcium
- Impaired bone **mineralisation**


Low **PROTEIN**
diet

- Poor bone **matrix formation**
- Poor **muscle health** and risk of falling



A cartoon illustration of a male doctor with dark hair, wearing a white lab coat over a blue shirt and dark trousers. He is sitting on a black office chair, smiling, and gesturing with his hands.

Let's talk
about your
diet...

A cartoon illustration of a female doctor with short grey hair, wearing a red blazer over a blue dress and red shoes. She is sitting on a black office chair, smiling, with her hands on her lap.

I am very
careful
Doctor...



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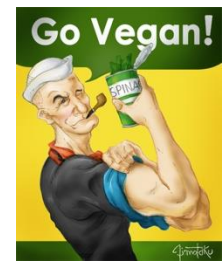


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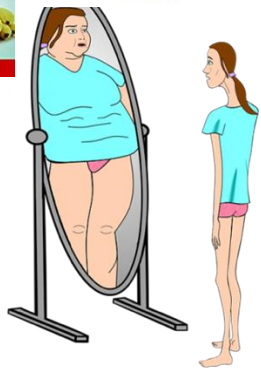
The New York Times | <http://nyti.ms/1BixyDI>
The Upshot
Got Milk? Might Not Be Doing You Much Good
Aaron E. Carroll
THE NEW HEALTH CARE NOV. 17, 2014



EQUILIBRE ACIDO-BASIQUE
ADOPTÉZ UN RÉGIME ALCALIN
Les aliments à éviter absolument et ceux à privilégier
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Fracture risk according to protein intake (high vs low) in meta-analyses

Méta-analyse	Population	Fracture site	Total proteins		Animal proteins		Vegetable proteins	
			Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)	Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)	Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)
Darling, 2009	Adults ≥ 18 yrs	Hip	3	RR 0.75 (0.47, 1.21)	3	RR 0.83 (0.54, 1.30)	2	RR 1.21 (0.82, 1.79)
Wu, 2015	Adults ≥ 18 yrs	All	3	RR 0.99 (0.97, 1.02)	2	RR 0.79 (0.32, 1.96)		
		Hip	6	RR 0.89 (0.82, 0.97)*	4	RR 1.04 (0.70, 1.54)		
Wallace, 2017	Adults ≥ 18 yrs	Hip	5	RR 0.84 (0.73, 0.95)*				
Groenendijk, 2019	Adults >65 yrs	Hip			4	HR: 0.89 (0.84, 0.94)*		
Darling, 2019	Adults ≥ 18 yrs	All	4	RR 0.94 (0.72, 1.23)				
			3	HR 0.82 (0.59, 1.14); 0.79# (0.64, 0.97)*	4	RR 0.98 (0.76, 1.27)	3	RR 0.97 (0.89, 1.09)
			3	OR 0.69 (0.30, 1.68)				

RR relative risk (Cohort studies); HR hazard ratio (Cohort studies) ; OR odd ratio (Case-control studies);

* Statistically significant; # if removal the study with low calcium intake.

Dietary protein intake

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REVIEW



Benefits and safety of dietary protein for bone health—an expert consensus paper endorsed by the European Society for Clinical and Economical Aspects of Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis, and Musculoskeletal Diseases and by the International Osteoporosis Foundation

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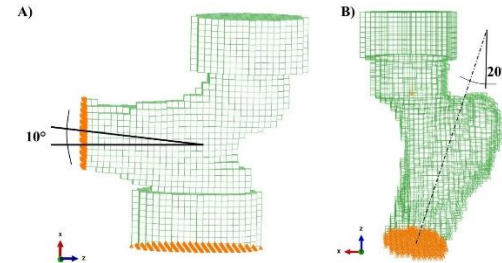
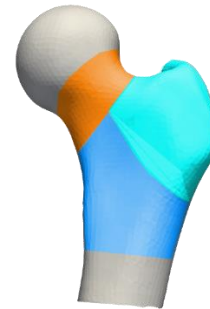
- In elderly patients with osteoporosis, protein intakes above 0.8 g/kg/d are associated with higher bone mineral density, lower bone loss and lower risk of hip fracture, provided that dietary intakes in calcium are adequate*.

* Sahni S et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2010 Dec;25(12):2770-6; Dargent-Molina P et al. *J Bone Miner Res.* 2008 Dec;23(12):1915-22.

Response to treatment: Change of hip strength (%/yr)

		No osteoporosis medication n = 418	Bisphosphonate/ denosumab/raloxifene n = 67
Total		-2.2% (-4.3%, -0.4%)	-0.5% (-2.2%, 1.1%)
Total calcium intake (diet + supplements)	≥1200mg/d	-2.1% (-4.2%, -0.4%)	-0.5% (-1.9%, 1.1%)
	<1200mg/d	-2.4% (-4.3%, -0.3%)	-0.6% (-3.6%, 0.5%)
	P-value	0.657	0.526
Calcium supplements	Yes	-1.7% (-4%, -0.3%)	-0.5% (-2.2%, 0.7%)
	No	-2.6% (-4.3%, -0.4%)	-0.5% (-2%, 1.6%)
	P-value	0.085	0.969
Protein intake	≥ 0.8g/kg	-2.2% (-4.3%, -0.5%)	-0.5% (-1.9%, 1.4%)
	<0.8g/kg	-1.9% (-4.2%, 0.4%)	-2.6% (-3.7%, -0.2%)
	P-value	0.378	0.040

Data reported as median (interquartile range)

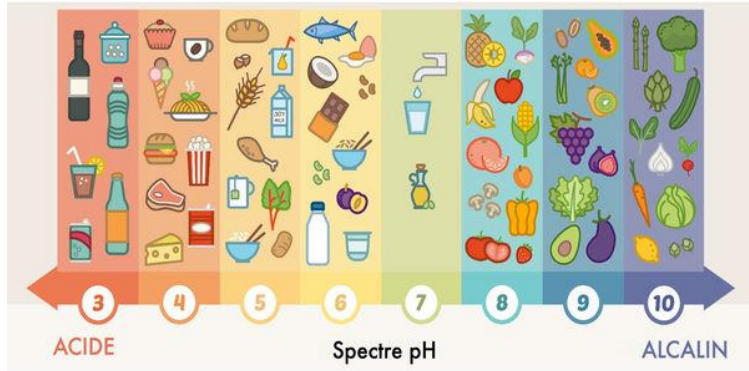


→ No response to antiresorptive drugs in women with low dietary protein intake

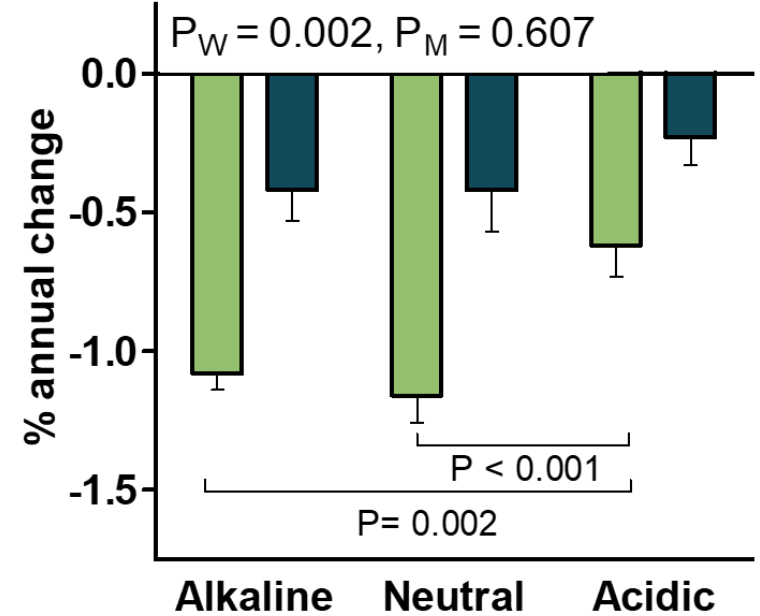
High-protein oral nutrition supplements (ONS)

- In patients with osteoporosis, protein intake should be adapted in line with nutritional status (dietary advice; increase in dietary intake and/or ONSs, such as high-protein drinks).
- The use of ONSs should not be systematic: they should be reserved for undernourished patients only, or when it is difficult to change the patient's diet.

Dietary acid load and bone loss during ageing



Bone mineral density Radius ■ Women ■ Men



Dietary Acid Load and Bone Health: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Observational Studies

Gholami F et al. *Front Nutr.* 2022 May 6;9:869132.

- no significant association between dietary PRAL score and fracture risk/BMD

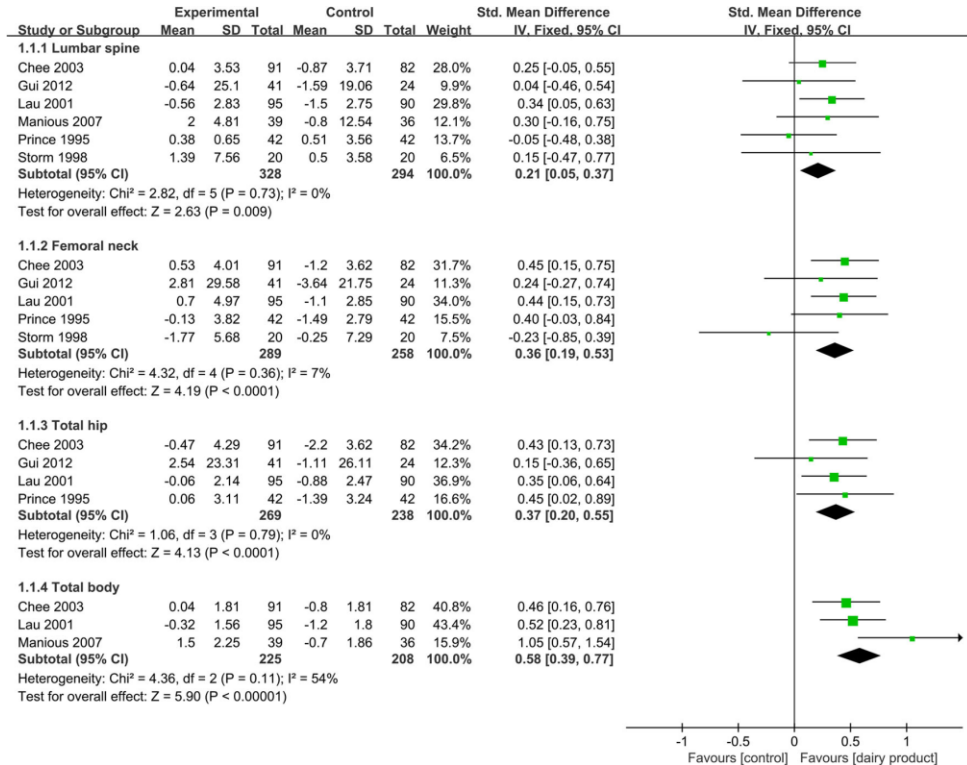
Fracture risk according to dairy products consumption (high vs low) in meta-analyses



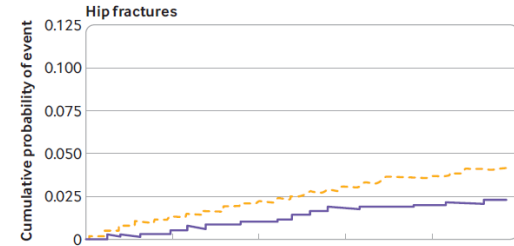
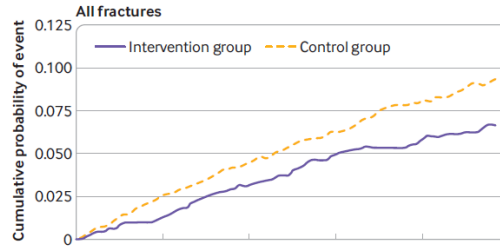
Fracture	Milk		Yogurts		Cheese	
	Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)	Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)	Number of studies	Risk (95% CI)
Bian et al (2018)	Hip	10 RR 0.91 (0.74, 1.12)	3	RR 0.75 (0.66, 0.86)*	3	RR 0.68 (0.61, 0.77)*
	Hip	7 OR 0.71 (0.55, 0.91)*	1	OR 0.77 (0.39, 1.52)	3	OR 0.77 (0.53, 1.11)
Matia-Martin et al (2019)	All	3 HR 1.05 (0.94, 1.18)	2	HR 0.92 (0.87, 0.98)	2	HR 0.89 (0.81, 0.98)
	Hip	5 HR 0.91 (0.69, 1.21)	5	HR 0.87 (0.71, 1.05)	4	HR 0.80 (0.62, 1.03)
	Vertebra	3 HR 0.81 (0.66, 1.00)	1	HR 1.18 (0.59, 2.39)	1	HR 0.65 (0.33, 1.27)
Malmir et al (2020)	Hip	10 RR 0.93 (0.75, 1.15)		-		-
	Hip	9 OR 0.75 (0.57, 0.99)*		-		-
Hidayat et al (2020)	Hip	9 RR 0.86 (0.73, 1.02)	4	RR 0.78 (0.68, 0.90)*	4	RR 0.85 (0.66, 1.08)
Ong et al (2020)	Hip	-	3	RR 0.76 (0.63, 0.80)*	2	RR 0.89 (0.73, 1.10)

* p<0.05

Meta-analysis of intervention studies with dairy products in postmenopausal women: BMD changes



Supplementation with dairy products reduces the incidence of falls and fractures in institutionalized elderly subjects

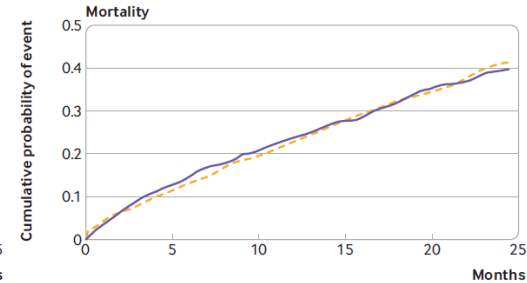
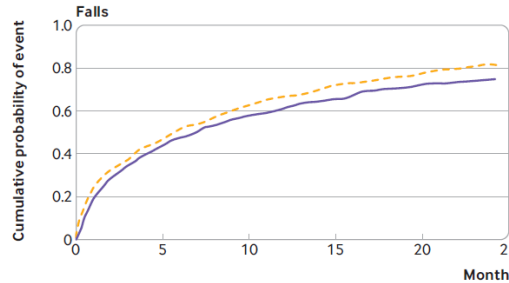


No at risk

Control	Intervention
3894	3301
2719	2314
2089	1777
1568	1373
1148	964
0	0

No at risk

Control	Intervention
3894	3301
2758	2336
2140	1815
1625	1408
1206	999
0	0



No at risk

Control	Intervention
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1591	1403
911	838
531	541
334	337
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No at risk

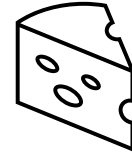
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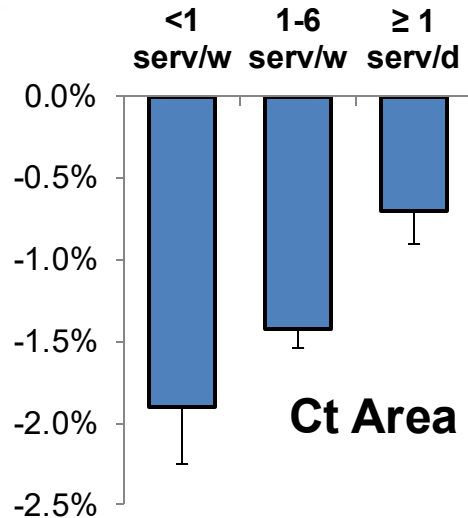
Dairy products and bone loss during ageing



Fermented dairy products consumption



→ not with milk or ripened cheese



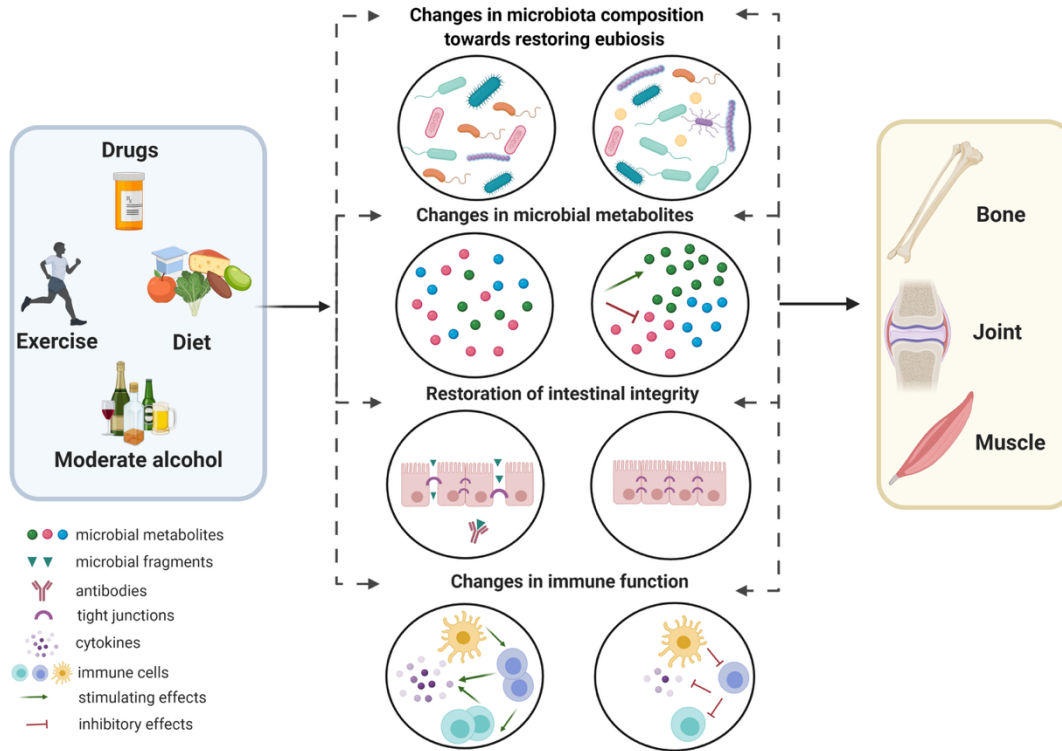
Annual change (%) of radius cortical area

→ Fermented dairy products consumption is associated with attenuated post-menopausal bone loss

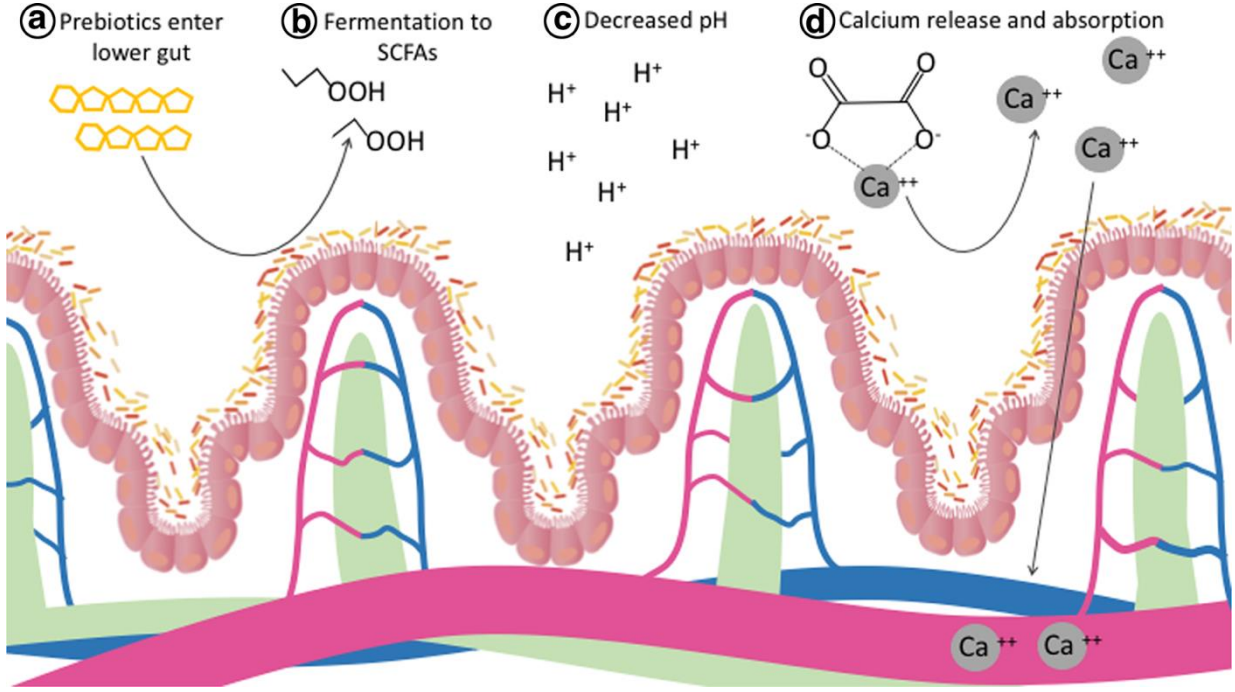
- Better **calcium balance** (Parathyroid hormone)
- Lower **bone resorption** (beta-crosslaps)
- independently of total energy, calcium, or protein intakes.



Why fermented dairy products?



Interaction microbiome - calcium balance



Interactions microbiome-therapeutics in osteoporosis

The Journal of Clinical Investigation

J Clin Invest. 2020;130(4):1767–1781.

Parathyroid hormone–dependent bone formation requires butyrate production by intestinal microbiota

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And my cholesterol, doctor?

→ Risk of high total cholesterol **per 300 mg intake of calcium from different sources.**



Meta-analysis of 20 cohort studies (Companys J et al. *Adv Nutr.* 2020 Jul 1;11(4):834-863):

Consumption of **fermented dairy products:**

- 4% reduction in **cardiovascular events**
- 27% reduction in risk of **type 2 diabetes**
- 20% reduction in risk of **metabolic syndrome**

* Adjusted for age, sex, weight, height, smoking status, alcohol intake, dietary energy intake, physical activity energy expenditure and use of medication (statins or other lipid-lowering drugs, antihypertensive drugs, antidiabetic drugs). Results are expressed per 300 mg increase in Ca intake (quantity provided by one serving of dairy products).

Sources of calcium: Serving Size / Calcium Content / Absorption

Food	Servings needed to equal 240 ml milk
Milk	1.0
Yogurt	1.0
Cheddar cheese	1.0
Tofu with calcium	1.2
Bok choy	2.3
Kale	3.2
Broccoli	4.5
Spinach	16.3
Red beans	9.7
White beans	3.9
Pinto beans	8.1
Rhubarb	9.5



240 g

85 g

Plant-based drinks – Dairy alternatives fortified with Ca



Table 1 The nutritional profile of cow's milk and plant-based alternatives, with and without fortification (nutritional content per 100 mL of beverage)

	Milk	Soy drink	Soy drink, fortified	Almond drink	Rice drink	Rice drink, fortified	Oat drink	Oat drink, fortified
Energy, kcal	64	55	45	47	50	54	50	45
Energy, kJ	268	230	188	197	209	226	209	188
Protein, g	3.4	3.1	3.3	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.5
Total lipid, g	3.5	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.9	0.9	1	1.6
Carbohydrate, g	4.9	5.3	3.6	5.9	10.3	11.4	9.7	7.2
Vitamin A, RE	35.3	0	0	0	0	0	0.34	0
Vitamin B ₂ , mg	0.18	0.01	0.02	0.02	0	0	0.01	0.01
Vitamin B ₁₂ , µg	0.39	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Calcium, mg	119.0	9.86	74.5	8.8	1.85	84.3	6.56	126.0
Zinc, mg	0.36	0.25	0.28	0.11	0.03	0.05	0.41	0.08
Iron, mg	0.02	0.45	0.50	0.12	0.01	0.23	0.03	0.44
Iodine, µg	16.5	1.3	9.35	0.89	1.04	2.5	0.418	5.9
Phosphorus, mg	91.0	44.1	41.5	14.3	7.39	28.0	13.2	16.9

Data from the Danish National Food Institute [34]

Mineral waters, another source of calcium



- Tap water contains between 50 and 100 mg/l calcium.
- The absorption of Ca from Ca-rich mineral waters is comparable to that of milk and Ca supplements.

Teneur en calcium des eaux minérales

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Les eaux minérales sont classées par ordre décroissant en fonction de leur teneur en calcium (mg par litre).

Adelbodner	Adello	Eptinger	Valser (St. Petersquelle)	Aproz	Aquilla (Bouillets)	Rhäzünser	Cristallo (Lostorf)
579	530	510	435	360	300	230	221

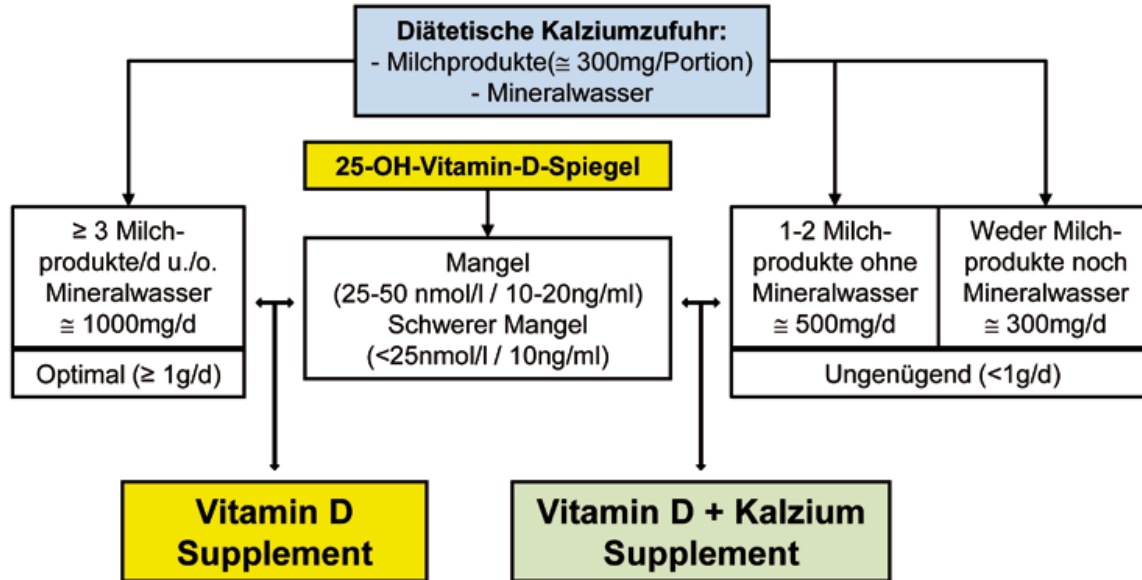
Passugger (Theophilquelle)	San Pellegrino	Badoit (St. Galmier)	Cristalp (Saxon)	Elmer	Appenzell (Gotenbad)	Allegra (Malix)	Henniez
211	164	153	115	118	108	100	104

Vichy-Célestins	Valais (Montis)	Knutwiler	Arkina	Evian (Cachat)	Valser Silence (St. Paulsquelle)	Zurzacher	Volvic
103	90	89	85	80	54	16	12

Source: Association suisse des sources d'eaux minérales et des producteurs de soft drinks, 2017

Statut: Septembre 2019, sous réserve de modifications

Calcium-vitamin D supplements?



Suppléments de vitamine D

Lundeos	caps molles		20000 UI
VitaCaps	caps molles		24000 UI
Vitamine D3 Sandoz eco	caps molles		1000 UI
Vitamin D3 Spirig HC	caps molles		800 UI
Vitamine D3 Sandoz eco	caps molles		3200 UI
Vitamine D3 Streuli	caps molles		20000 UI
Vitamine D3 Sandoz eco	caps molles		25000 UI
Vi-De 3 4500 UI/ml	sol buv alcool	gouttes	100 UI/goutte
Dibase 10000 UI/ml	sol buv huileuse	gouttes	200 UI/goutte
Vitamine D3 Wild 20000 UI/ml	sol buv huileuse	gouttes	500 UI/goutte
Vitamin D3 Spirig HC 2740 UI/ml	sol buv huileuse	gouttes	67 UI/goutte
Dibase	sol buv huileuse	monodose	25000 UI
Viferol D3	sol buv huileuse	monodose	25000 UI
Viferol D3	sol buv huileuse	monodose	100000 UI
Vicrin D3	sol buv	monodose	100000 UI
Vitamine D3 Streuli	sol inj	monodose	300000 UI
Vi-De 3 dose par mois	sol buv alcool	monodose	24000 UI
Vitamine D3 Streuli Prophylax	sol buv huileuse	pipette	4000 UI/ml
Vitamine D3 Streuli pour thérapie	sol buv huileuse	pipette	4000 UI/ml
LuVit D3 pour la prévention	sol buv huileuse	pipette	4000 UI/ml
LuVit D3 pour le traitement	sol buv huileuse	pipette	4000 UI/ml

Suppléments de calcium –vitamine D

Calcimagon D3 Forte	cp croquer	1000/800
Calcimagon D3	cp croquer	500/800
Calcimagon D3	cp croquer	500/400
Calcium D3 Sandoz	pdr	500/440
Calcium D3 Sandoz	pdr	1000/880
Calcium D3 Mepha	cp eff	1200/800
Calcium D3 Sandoz	cp croquer	500/1000
Calcium D3 Sandoz	cp croquer	500/440
Calperos D3	cp sucer	500/400
Kacipos D3	cp pell	500/800
Natecal D	cp orodisp	600/400
Osteocal D3	cp eff	1200/800

High doses of vitamin D should not be used in elderly patients

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doi:10.1093/rheumatology/kem240

Effect of annual intramuscular vitamin D on fracture risk in elderly men and women—a population-based, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

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Conclusion: For annual oral supplementation of 500000 IU of vitamin D, there is no evidence of preventing falls or fractures in older, healthy, non-institutionalized women resident in the general population.

Annual High-Dose Oral Vitamin D and Falls and Fractures in Older Women A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Context Improving vitamin D status may be an important modifiable risk factor to reduce falls and fractures; however, adherence to daily supplementation is typically poor.
Objective To determine whether a single annual dose of 500 000 IU of cholecalciferol administered orally to older women in autumn or winter would improve adher-

500000 UI/yr
→ ↗ fractures and falls

the placebo group; 857 women in the vitamin D group fell 2892 times (rate, 83.4 per 100 person-years) while 769 women in the placebo group fell 2512 times (rate, 72.7 per 100 person-years; incidence rate ratio [IRR], 1.15; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.02-1.30; $P=0.03$). The incidence RR for fracture in the vitamin D group was 1.26 (95% CI, 1.00-1.59; $P=0.07$) vs the placebo group (rates per 100 person-years, 4.9 vitamin D vs 3.9 placebo). A temporal pattern was observed in a post hoc analysis of falls. The incidence RR of falling in the vitamin D group vs the placebo group was 1.31 in the first 3 months after dosing and 1.13 during the following 9 months (test for homogeneity; $P=0.02$). In the substudy, the median baseline serum 25-hydroxycholecalciferol was 49 nmol/L. Less than 3% of the substudy participants had 25-hydroxycholecalciferol levels lower than 25 nmol/L. In the vitamin D group, 25-hydroxycholecalciferol levels increased at 1 month after dosing to approximately 120 nmol/L, were approximately 90 nmol/L at 3 months, and remained higher than the placebo group 12 months after dosing.
Conclusion Among older community-dwelling women, annual oral administration of high-dose cholecalciferol resulted in an increased risk of falls and fractures.
Trial Registration anzctr.org.au Identifier: ACTR12605000658617; isrctn.org Identifier: ISRCTN83409867

Original Investigation | LESS IS MORE Monthly High-Dose Vitamin D Treatment for the Prevention of Functional Decline A Randomized Clinical Trial

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IMPORTANCE Vitamin D deficiency has been associated with poor physical performance.
OBJECTIVE To determine the effectiveness of high-dose vitamin D in lowering the risk of functional decline.
DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS One-year, double-blind, randomized clinical trial conducted in Zurich, Switzerland. The screening phase was December 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010, and the last study visit was in May 2011. The dates of our analysis were June 15, 2012, to October 10, 2015. Participants were 200 community-dwelling men and women 70 years and older with a prior fall.

60000 UI/month vs
24000 UI/month
→ ↗ falls

($P=0.26$). However, over the 12-month follow-up, the incidence of falls differed significantly among the treatment groups, with higher incidences in the 60 000 IU group (66.9%; 95% CI, 54.4% to 77.5%) and the 24 000 IU plus calcifediol group (66.1%; 95% CI, 53.5%-76.8%) group compared with the 24 000 IU group (47.9%; 95% CI, 35.8%-60.3%) ($P=0.048$). Consistent with the incidence of falls, the mean number of falls differed marginally by treatment group. The 60 000 IU group (mean, 1.47) and the 24 000 IU plus calcifediol group (mean, 1.24) had higher mean numbers of falls compared with the 24 000 IU group (mean, 0.94) ($P=0.09$).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE Although higher monthly doses of vitamin D were effective in reaching a threshold of at least 30 ng/mL of 25-hydroxyvitamin D, they had no effect on lower extremity function and were associated with increased risk of falls compared with 24 000 IU.

TRIAL REGISTRATION clinicaltrials.gov Identifier: NCT01017354

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Fracture risk according to diet



Vegan diet

Unbalanced Western diet

Vegetarian diet

Omnivore Diet

Mediterranean diet

Fracture risk

<u>Hip</u>	<u>All fractures</u>
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+131%

+44%

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+10%

0* à +25%

0 à +10%

Référence

Référence

-21%

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Beverages and osteoporosis

- **Soft drinks**

→ Associated with **lower BMD** and increased risk of fractures starting with consumption of 1 to 2 soft drinks per day.



- **Coffee**

→ Associated with **lower BMD** and increased risk of fractures with consumption of more than 3 to 4 cups per day.



- **Tea**

→ Associated with **higher BMD** and decreased risk of fractures



- **Alcohol**

→ Established **risk factor** for osteoporosis





You should take an osteoporosis medications

I take **vitamines** and **supplements** Doctor ...



Vitamines and osteoporosis

Recommendation [C – low level of evidence] “Except in the case of vitamin D, there is not enough scientific evidence to recommend supplementation with other vitamins to improve bone health”



- Vitamins (excluding D) are provided by the diet or synthesized by food sources (AA, bacteria, etc.).
- Some **risk factors for osteoporosis** are associated with a risk of vitamins deficiency.
- Numerous potential **confounding factors** exist in studies investigating associations between consumption of **vitamin-rich foods/vitamin levels** and **BMD/fractures**.
- Very few intervention studies, mostly with **vitamin K**, but with numerous biases.



Recommandations alimentaires dans le cadre de la prévention et du traitement de l'ostéoporose^{1,2}

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Résumé

Cet article présente les recommandations initiales de la Société française de rhumatologie (SFR) et du Groupe de recherche et d'information sur les ostéoporoses (GRIO) concernant le rôle de l'alimentation dans la prévention et le traitement de l'ostéoporose. Ces recommandations ont été élaborées par un groupe de travail constitué de rhumatologues, de médecins nutritionnistes et d'un gériatre. Quinze (15) questions issues de la pratique quotidienne ont été présélectionnées. Pour la revue de la littérature, le groupe de travail s'est concentré sur les effets de l'alimentation

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: This article presents the initial recommendations of the French Rheumatology Society (Société Française de Rhumatologie – SFR) and the Osteoporosis Research and Information Group (Groupe de Recherche et d'Informations sur les Ostéoporoses – GRIO) on the role of diet in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis.

Methods: The recommendations were produced by a working group composed of rheumatologists, physician nutrition specialists and a geriatrician. Fifteen (15) questions pertaining to “daily practices” were preselected by the working group. For the literature review, the working group focused mainly on the effects of diet on bone mineral density (BMD) and fractures, and primarily on meta-analyses of longitudinal studies and dietary intervention studies.

Results: A Mediterranean-type diet and the daily consumption of 2 to 3 dairy products are recommended. Together, these provide the calcium and “high quality” protein required to maintain a normal calcium-phosphorus balance and bone metabolism, and are associated with lower fracture risk. Conversely, unbalanced Western diets, vegan diets, weight-loss diets in non-overweight individuals, alcohol consumption and daily consumption of sodas are advised against. In terms of the beneficial effects on bone mineral density and fracture risk, current scientific data are either insufficient or too divergent to recommend increasing or restricting the consumption of tea or coffee, vitamins other than vitamin D, vitamin D-enriched or phytoestrogen-rich foods, calcium-enriched plant-based beverages, oral nutritional supplements, or dietary sources of prebiotics and probiotics.

Conclusions: These are the first set of recommendations addressing the role of diet in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. More research is necessary to direct and support guidelines.

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1. Introduction

Dietary considerations are common among patients with osteoporosis. Additionally, a balanced diet is a major determinant of bone

health. With the progress of scientific knowledge and changes in dietary habits – often influenced by contradictory messages that are a mixed bag of myths and actual scientific data – new questions are emerging.

Nowadays, patients want more detailed information on the role of diet and diet regimens in the prevention and management of osteoporosis.

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Dietary recommendations in the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis

Recommended:

- Mediterranean diet
- Dairy products (2 to 3/day) especially fermented
- Mineral water rich in calcium if calcium intake is insufficient
- Proteins (at least 1-1.2 g/kg/day)



Neutral recommendations (insufficient data):

- Tea
- Coffee
- Vitamins other than D
- Vitamin D-fortified foods as an alternative to supplements
- Calcium-fortified plant-based drinks as an alternative to dairy products
- Oral nutritional supplements
- Pre- and probiotics
- Phytoestrogens



Recommendations to avoid:

- Unbalanced “Western diet”
- Vegan diets without calcium supplementation
- Weight loss diets in the absence of overweight
- Alcohol
- Sodas



Consultation with a dietician dedicated to nutrition and bone health (Jan 2022 -)



Patient characteristics

- Digestive disorders leading to a restrictive diet (lactose intolerance, irritable bowel syndrome...) 1/2
- Loss of weight/appetite, malnutrition... 1/3
- Eating disorders, orthorexia, compulsions... 1/3
- Metabolic disorders (dyslipidemia, hyperparathyroidism, metabolic syndrome...) 1/5
- Flexitarian, vegetarian, vegan diets 1/6
- Socioeconomic factors, addictions, cessation of physical activity 1/6
- ...

Nutritional diagnoses

- Insufficient calcium intake 2/3
- Insufficient protein intake 1/2
- Insufficient energy intake 1/4
- Underweight/ unintentional weight loss 1/5
- ...



Take home messages



- **Malnutrition** impacts bone strength. **Energy intake** must be sufficient and appropriate to the level of **physical activity**
- A **balanced diet** rich in **fruits and vegetables** (5 portions/d), providing enough **proteins** (0.8 g/kg, up to 1.3 g/kg in malnourished elderly patients) and **calcium** (800-1000 mg/d) should be promoted for the prevention/treatment of bone fragility + **physical activity, vitamin D, anti-osteoporotic drugs** if needed.
- **Fiber** interferes with gut microbiota and modulate calcium absorption.
- Promote **Mediterranean diet** ++. Pay attention to **vegan diet**.
- Calcium and protein **supplements** should be adapted to **dietary intake** and **comorbidities**. No vitamins supplement, except vitamin D, is recommended to promote bone health.
- **Personalized nutritional advice** should be better defined to **achieve adequate dietary intakes** in the presence of **medical conditions** or **personal choices** that may compromise musculoskeletal health(e.g. plant-based diets...)



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