

# In vivo longitudinal evaluation of vertebral bone strength in patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with alendronate

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28/08/2007

**Recruitment status**  
No longer recruiting

Prospectively registered

Protocol

**Registration date**  
10/09/2007

**Overall study status**  
Completed

Statistical analysis plan

Results

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**Condition category**  
Musculoskeletal Diseases

Individual participant data

## Plain English summary of protocol

Not provided at time of registration

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Scientific

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## Study information

### Scientific Title

In vivo longitudinal evaluation of vertebral bone strength in patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with alendronate

### Study objectives

To investigate the effect of alendronate in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) patients by non-invasive assessment of vertebral strength using finite element analysis of Quantitative Computed Tomography (QCT) scans.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

The Internal Committee of Kyushu University, composed of various departments of the University. Approved on 01/24/2000. (Please note that this ethics committee has been replaced by an established Institutional Review Board as of 07/09/2007).

### **Study design**

Prospective randomized controlled trial, single center.

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Rheumatoid arthritis

### **Interventions**

Treatment arm: 5 mg of oral alendronate once daily

Control arm: Standard care only

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Specified

### **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

alendronate

### **Primary outcome(s)**

Longitudinal evaluation for the following was done at baseline and at least 7 months after the baseline assessment (average follow-up was 12.15 months), and percentage change was calculated:

1. BMD assessed by Dual energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DXA)
2. Various parameters (such as bone volume fraction, vertebral compressive strength), derived from quantitative CT evaluation including finite element analysis

### **Key secondary outcome(s)**

RA disease activity was assessed by Disease Activity Score (DAS-28), at least 7 months after the baseline assessment (average follow-up was 12.15 months).

### **Completion date**

21/08/2003

## Eligibility

### Key inclusion criteria

Female postmenopausal patients with RA who met the American College of Rheumatology diagnostic criteria for RA.

### Participant type(s)

Patient

### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

### Age group

Adult

### Sex

Female

### Total final enrolment

30

### Key exclusion criteria

1. The presence of abnormalities on spinal radiographs such as severe osteophytosis, scoliosis, spinal fusion, fracture deformation
2. Any disease known to affect bone turnover
3. Current or past glucocorticoid therapy comprising greater than 7.5 mg/day (prednisone equivalent)
4. Current or past use of anabolic steroids, calcitonin, supplemental vitamin D or vitamin K, bisphosphonate
5. Current or past hormone replacement therapy
6. Spinal areal Bone Mineral Density (BMD) T-score greater than -1.0

### Date of first enrolment

01/09/2001

### Date of final enrolment

21/08/2003

## Locations

### Countries of recruitment

Japan

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## Sponsor information

### Organisation

Kyushu University, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery (Japan)

### ROR

<https://ror.org/00p4k0j84>

## Funder(s)

### Funder type

Other

### Funder Name

The Japanese Society of Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics

### Funder Name

The Japanese Osteoporosis Foundation

## Results and Publications

### Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>		01/11/2008	10/06/2021	Yes	No