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**Supplemental Table 1. Clinical characteristics and therapy of participants in a longitudinal bone biopsy study who remained on dialysis**

<b>Clinical Characteristics</b>	<b>Patients remaining on dialysis with repeat bone biopsy (n=13)</b>	<b>Patients remaining on dialysis without repeat bone biopsy (n=6)</b>	
	<b>at Baseline</b>	<b>Two years after baseline</b>	<b>at Baseline</b>
<b>Men</b>	8 (62)		3 (50)
<b>Median age [IQR], yr</b>	53 [46-65]	55 [48-67]	47 [32-60]
<b>Hemodialysis</b>	9 (69)	9 (69)	4 (67)
<b>Diabetes</b>	3 (23)	3 (23)	1 (17)
<b>Previous kidney transplantation</b>	6 (46)	6 (46)	1 (17)
<b>Previous parathyroidectomy</b>	2 (15)	6 (46)	1 (17)
<b>Left ventricular hypertrophy</b>	4 (31)	4 (31)	3 (50)
<b>Coronary artery disease</b>	0	0	0
<b>CABG/PCI</b>	0	0	0
<b>Heart failure</b>	0	0	0
<b>Occlusive arterial disease</b>	2 (15)	2 (15)	0
<b>Smoking (current and previous)</b>	8 (62)	8 (62)	3 (50)
<b>Transient ischemic attack/stroke</b>	1 (8)	2 (15)	0
<b>Previous fracture</b>	4 (31)	4 (31)	0
<b>Calcium carbonate</b>	11 (85)	10 (77)	5 (83)
<b>Noncalcium -containing phosphate binder</b>	8 (62)	9 (69)	3 (50)
<b>Active vitamin D</b>	9 (69)	10 (77)	6 (100)
<b>Cinacalcet</b>	1 (8)	3 (23)	0
<b>Bisphosphonate</b>	0	1 (8)	2 (33)
<b>Current corticosteroid use</b>	1 (8)	2 (15)	1 (17)

Data are displayed as *n* (%) unless otherwise indicated. IQR, interquartile range; CABG/PCI, coronary artery bypass graft/percutaneous coronary intervention

**Supplemental Table 2. Median daily doses of mineral metabolism medication in patients remaining on dialysis**

<b>Variables</b>	<b>Patients remaining on dialysis</b>		<b>Patients remaining on dialysis</b>	
	<b>with repeat bone biopsy (n=13)</b>	<b>without repeat bone biopsy (n=6)</b>	<b>at Baseline</b>	<b>Two years after baseline</b>
Calcium carbonate (mg)	750 (500-1500) <sup>a</sup>	1250 (500-1625) <sup>b</sup>	2000 (1000-2500) <sup>i</sup>	1500 (1250-2500) <sup>i</sup>
Alphacalcidol ( $\mu$ g)	0.5 (0.2-0.6) <sup>c</sup>	0.3 (0.2-0.5) <sup>d</sup>	0.3 (0.1-1.0) <sup>i</sup>	0.4 (0.1-0.4) <sup>j</sup>
Paricalcitol ( $\mu$ g)	1.4 (0.9-3.2) <sup>e</sup>	1.8 (1.4-1.8) <sup>f</sup>	1.4 <sup>g</sup>	0.9 <sup>g</sup>
Cinacalcet (mg)	120mg <sup>g</sup>	60(15-60) <sup>h</sup>	N/A	60 <sup>g</sup>

All values are expressed as median (interquartile range)

N/A= not applicable

a n=11; b n=10; c n=4; d n=8; e n=5; f n=2; g n=1; h n=3; i n=5; j n=3

**Supplemental Table 3. Bone histomorphometric parameters of participants in a longitudinal bone biopsy who remained on dialysis**

<b>Bone parameter</b>	<b>All patients remaining on dialysis (n=19)</b>	<b>Patients remaining on dialysis with repeat bone biopsy (n=13)</b>	<b>Two years after baseline</b>	<b>P value*</b>
	<b>at Baseline</b>	<b>at Baseline</b>		
<b>Bone formation rate/bone surface</b> ( μm <sup>3</sup> /μm <sup>2</sup> per year)	24.5 (8.6-32) <sup>a</sup>	28.8 (7.2-32) <sup>e</sup>	23.6 (13.5-32.9) <sup>g</sup>	0.69
<b>Activation frequency</b> (1/year)	0.47 (0.18-0.84) <sup>a</sup>	0.45 (0.14-0.88) <sup>e</sup>	0.68 (0.33-1.02) <sup>g</sup>	0.5
<b>Osteoblastic surface/bone surface</b> (Z- score)	0.1 (-1.6-9.9) <sup>b</sup>	-0.6 (-1.9-12.6) <sup>f</sup>	-1.3 (-2.8 to -0.6)	0.11
<b>Osteoclastic surface/bone surface</b> (Z- score)	10.8 (1.9-19.6) <sup>b</sup>	12.3 (1.4-20.1) <sup>f</sup>	0.02 (-2.0- 3.3)	0.13
<b>Osteoid surface/bone surface (%)</b>	46.3 (36.6-57.2) <sup>c</sup>	48.6(35.2-58.8)	43.1(14.5-49.2)	0.13
<b>Osteoid thickness (μm)</b>	8 (6.2-9.9) <sup>c</sup>	8.3 (6.7-10.6)	7 (6.6-12.1)	0.42
<b>Mineralization lag time (d)</b>	77.2 (46.7-183.2) <sup>a</sup>	60.3 (49.8-179.5) <sup>e</sup>	61.6 (26-90.5) <sup>g</sup>	0.89
<b>Bone volume/ tissue volume (%)</b>	21.4 (17.3-30.5) <sup>d</sup>	21 (17.4- 30.4)	18.5 (14.2-25.4)	0.08
<b>Lumbar spine T-score</b>	-1.3 (-2.2-0.2) <sup>b</sup>	-0.9 (-2.2-1.0) <sup>f</sup>	-0.3 (-1.7-1.1) <sup>f</sup>	0.96
<b>Femoral neck T- score</b>	-0.8 (-1.7-0.3) <sup>b</sup>	-0.6 (-2.5 to -0.4) <sup>f</sup>	-1.6 (-2.4 to -0.1) <sup>f</sup>	0.04*

All values are expressed as median (interquartile range)

\* P -value compares values after 2 further years of dialysis to values at baseline among patients remaining on dialysis with repeat bone biopsy

a n=12; b n=16; c n=18; d=17 ; e n=7; f=11; g=8

**Supplemental Table 4. Biochemical parameters in 13 patients remaining on dialysis with repeat bone biopsy at baseline and after two further years of dialysis.**

Variables  (normal range)	Baseline	Two years after baseline	P value
<b>Ca <sup>2+</sup> mg/dl per pH7.4 (4.64-5.2)</b>	4.72 (4.3-4.86)	4.60 (4.32-4.98)	0.46
<b>Inorganic phosphate mg/dl ( 2.19 -3.81 )</b>	5.73 (3.86-7.40)	6.07 (4.74-6.88)	0.28
<b>PTH pg/ml (15-65)</b>	355 (144-636)	132 (92-246)	0.10
<b>D-25-OH ng/ml (&gt;16)</b>	9.2 (7.61-25.6)	25.6 (13.2-34.5)	0.12
<b>D-1,25 pg/ml (22.9-76.3)</b>	7.9 (3.1-14.6)	11.7(7.1-25.4)	0.03*
<b>bone specific alkaline phosphatase µg/l (6-15)</b>	9.3 (8.5-19)	14(10.5-21.5)	0.45
<b>osteocalcin ng/ml (14-46)</b>	150 (65-260)	130(70-206)	0.53

All values are expressed as median (interquartile range). Conversion factors for units: plasma ionized calcium in mg/dl to mmol/l x 0.25; inorganic phosphate in mg/dl to mmol/l x 0.3229. Intact parathyroid hormone levels pg/ml and ng/l are equivalent. 25-hydroxyvitamin D in ng/ml to nmol/l x 2.496; 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D pg/ml to pmol/l x 2.4. Osteocalcin ng/ml and µg/l are equivalent. Ca <sup>2+</sup>, ionized calcium; PTH, parathyroid hormone; 25(OH) D, 25-hydroxyvitamin; D-1,25 (OH) <sub>2</sub> D, 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin.

\*Statistically significant