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Bisphosphonates: Mechanism of Action in Osteoporosis Treatment

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Abstract

Osteoporosis associated with colourful factors analogous as menopause and aging is the most common bred-in-the-bone metabolic bone ailment characterized by increased bone fragility. Although it occurs in all days, genders, and races, it's most common in Caucasians (white race), the aging, and women. With a growing population and a longer life time, osteoporosis is inchmeal getting a global epidemic. It's estimated that farther than 200 million people presently suffer from osteoporosis. According to the last statistics from the Multinational Osteoporosis Foundation, 1 in 3 women over 50 and 1 in 5 men will suffer osteoporotic fractures in their life. Each break is a sign of another to come. Osteoporosis has no clinical images until a fracture occurs. Fractures engender significant morbidity; especially in men, they can engender death. Either, osteoporosis entails a reduction in the quality of life, a longer life expectance for people with disabilities and a great money-spinning burden for the health insurance systems of the countries responsible for the care of these cases.

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Description

Bisphosphonates are the most frequently prescribed treatments for osteoporosis in both postmenopausal women and men. They inhibit bone resorption by osteoclasts and indirectly reduce bone formation associated with resorption without direct effects on osteoblast bone formation. Several of the nitrogen-containing bisphosphonates (NBPs) have been shown in prospective placebo-controlled studies over a period of up to 4 years to reduce the risk of fractures of the spine, proximal femur, and non Bisphosphonates -vertebral fractures. While reduced risk of fractures implies better bone strength and bone strength cannot be measured in individual patients, current models show that decreased bone resorption leads to both better bone microarchitecture and increased bone mass. And that both effects contribute to bone strength. All bisphosphonates share the PCP structure "bisphosphonate", which is responsible for their affinity for hydroxyapatite on bone surfaces, while the chemistry of the group attached to the central carbon leads to their inhibition of osteoclast-mediated bone resorption. The pharmacokinetic profiles of all NBPs are similar and differ significantly from most other drugs. Oral bioavailability is 1% and must be administered on an empty stomach or by intravenous (IV) infusion. BPs in the blood spread rapidly to bone surfaces is excreted in the urine. The half-life of BPs on bone surfaces is 3-5 weeks, where they inhibit osteoclasts that form resorption gaps on BP-coated surfaces. Its long half-life on the bone surface allows for weekly, monthly and even yearly treatment regimens. BPs is not metabolized and can be incorporated into new bone where they are not pharmacologically active unless a subsequent round of bone remodeling results in their resorption. When PA treatment is discontinued, bone resorption increases in two phases. The first phase occurs over weeks or months when the concentration on the bone surface decreases. If enough PA has been incorporated into the new bone formed during the previous treatment, this bisphosphonate can be released and again inhibit bone resorption. The second phase of increased resorption after treatment occurs gradually as the blood pressure in the bone decreases (the estimated half-life with the bone is approximately 5 years). Upper gastrointestinal symptoms are the only common side effects of oral bisphosphonates and may require the use of an intravenous dosage form. Less common side effects are musculoskeletal pain, which begins several months after starting treatment and disappears when treatment is stopped. Two rare possible side effects (osteonecrosis of the jaw and atypical femoral fractures) limit widespread patient acceptance and lead to a "drug vacation" after 3-5 years of treatment to reduce the risk of side effects. Controlled clinical trials are needed to determine the persistence of both reduced risk of fracture and the risk of adverse events (including atypicalfemur fractures) after discontinuation of long-term bisphosphonate therapy (3-5 years), either at the same dose or with a lower dose is a continuous dose in order to develop an evidence-based approach to drug use during the holidays.