



# The many faces of FGF23

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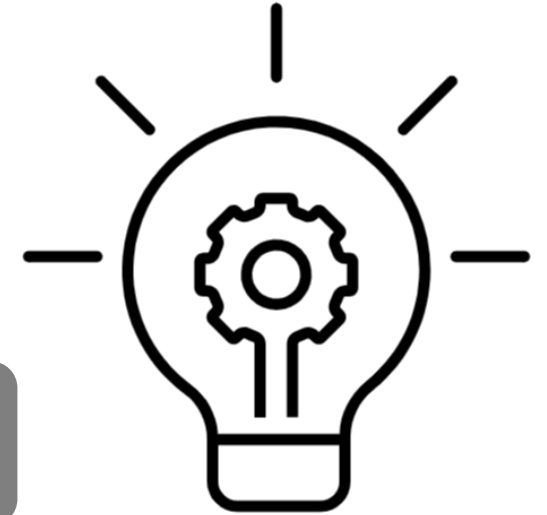
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# FGF23 discovery

The first identification of Fibroblast growth factor 23 (FGF23) was through gene analyses in patients with AD or X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets

The discovery of FGF23 has revolutionized understanding of mineral metabolism

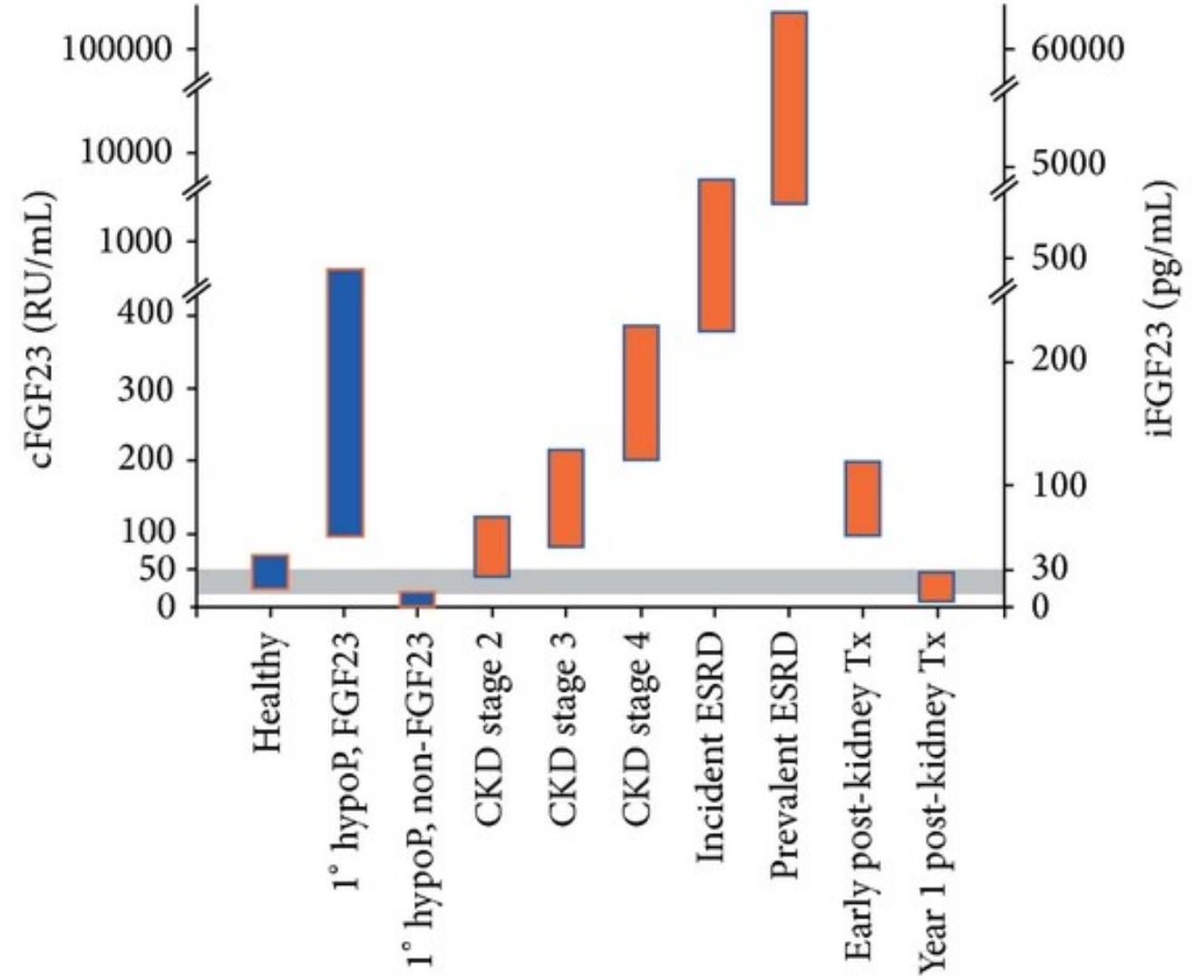
Data on the multiple effects of FGF23 have been collected



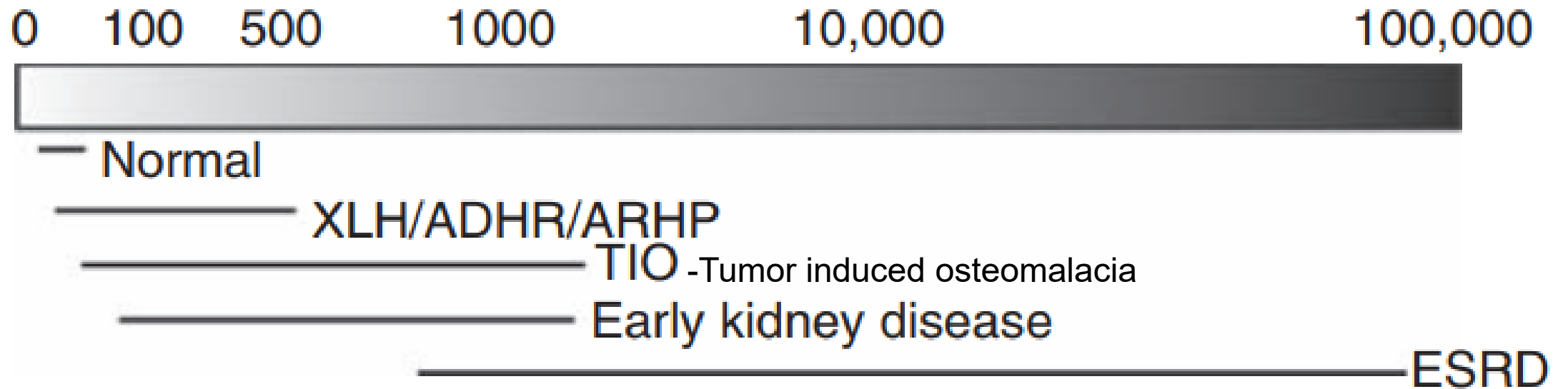
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# The spectrum of FGF23 derived disease

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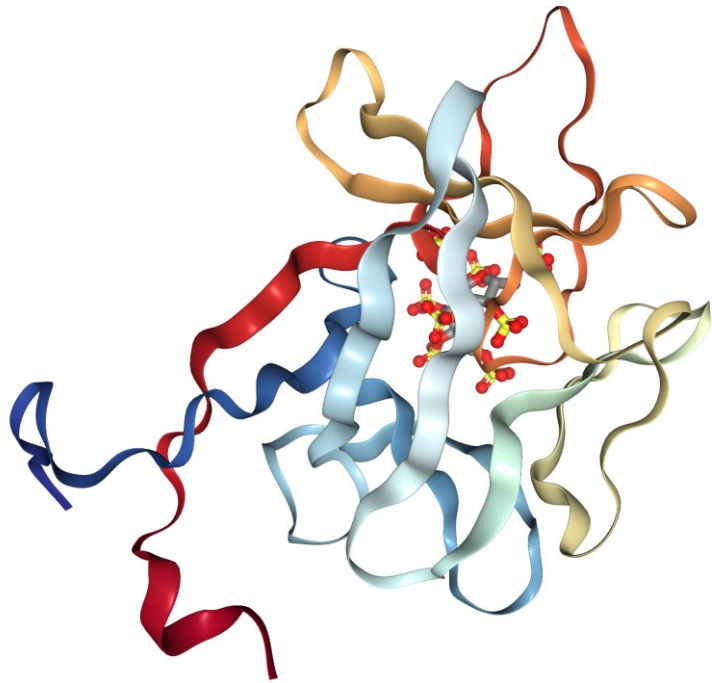


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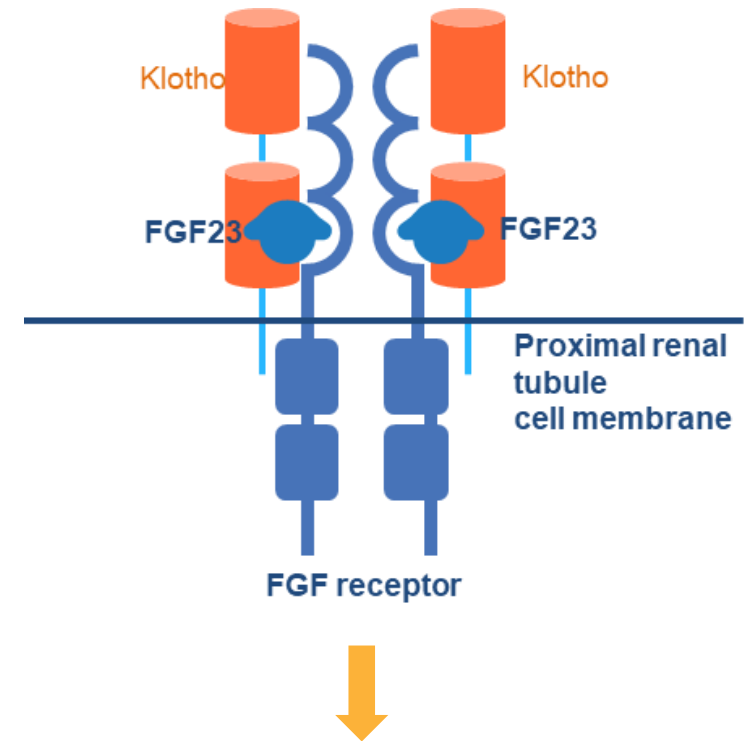
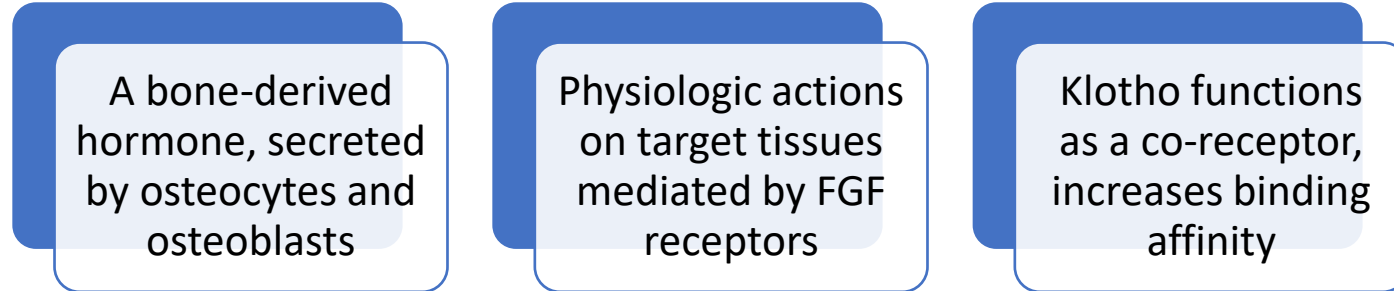


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## The spectrum of FGF23 derived disease



# Fibroblast growth factor-23

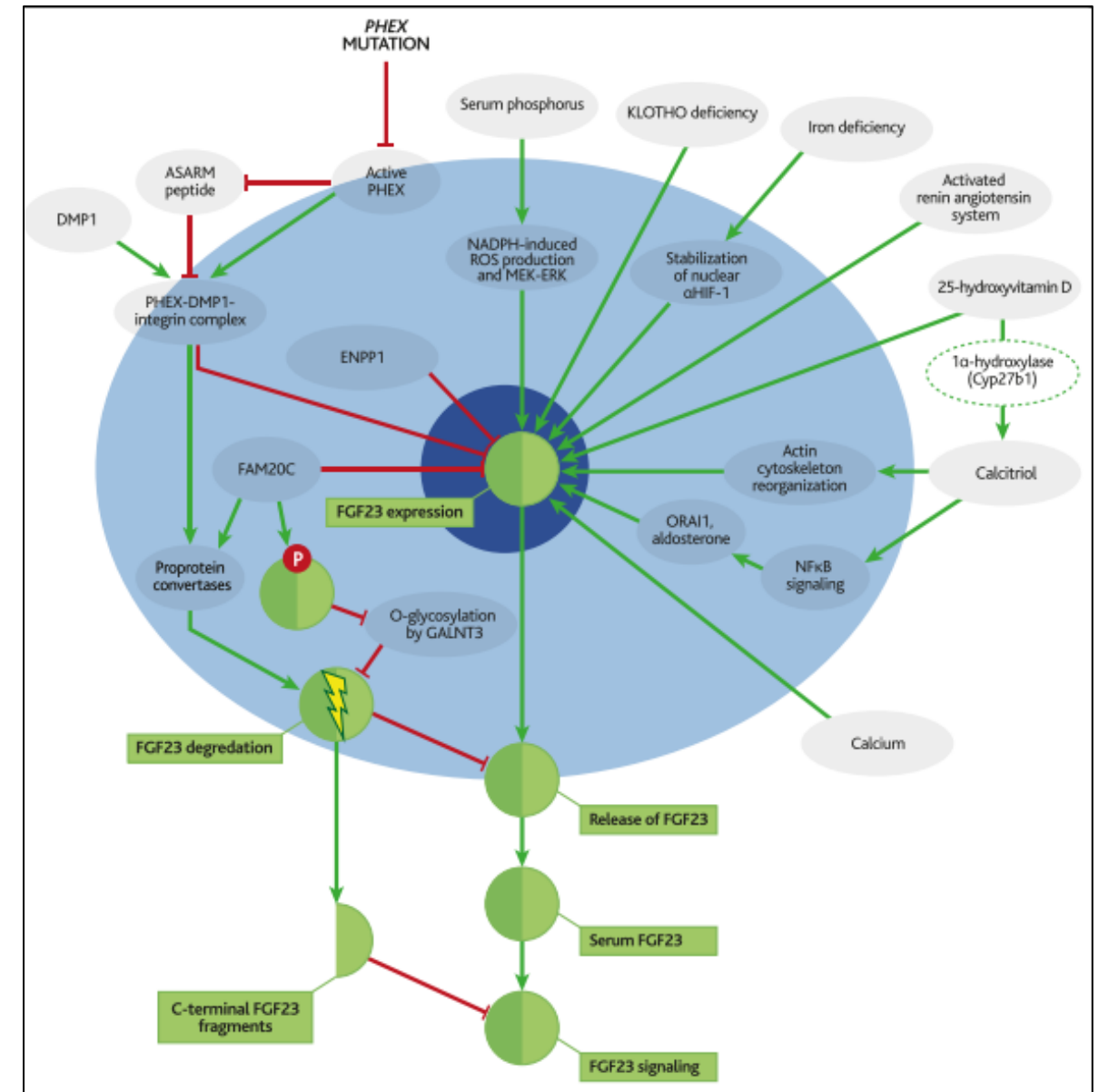


**Activation of signalling pathway**

Liu S et al. How fibroblast growth factor 23 works. J Am Soc Nephrol. 2007

Beck-Nielsen S, et al. FGF23 and its role in X-linked hypophosphatemia-related morbidity Orphanet J Rare Dis. 2019

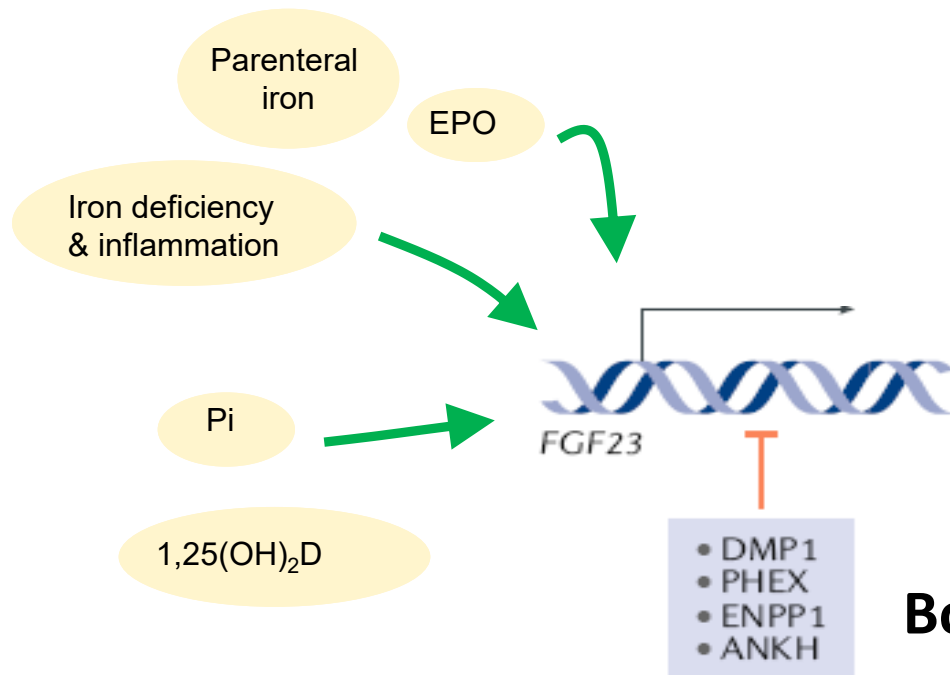
# FGF23 regulation



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# FGF23 transcription regulation

## Systemic factors



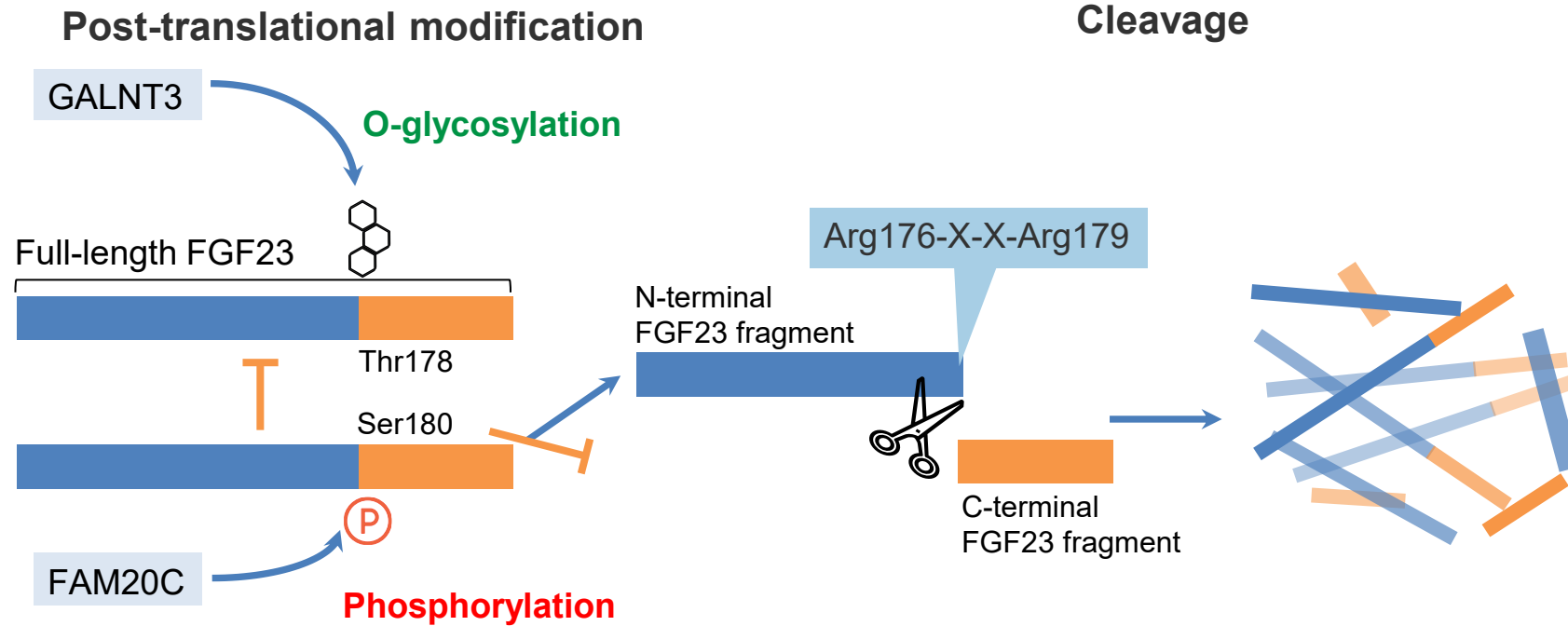
## Bone-derived factors

- DMP1
- PHEX
- ENPP1
- ANKH





# Post-translational modification determines FGF23 processing





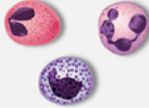


Following translation, intact FGF23 can be modified by glycosylation/phosphorylation

Glycosylated FGF23 is protected from proteolytic cleavage and is considered the biologically active form

Phosphorylated FGF23 is cleaved, generating N- and C-terminal fragments

# Multiple target organs

								
Cell type	Parathyroid chief cells	Renal tubular epithelial cells	Renal fibroblasts	Cardiac myocytes	Cardiac fibroblasts	Hepatocytes	Macrophages	Neutrophils
Klotho	+	+	-	-	-	-	?	-
FGFR isoform	1	1	4	4	?	4	1	2
Signal mediators	FRS2 $\alpha$ /Ras/MAPK	FRS2 $\alpha$ /Ras/MAPK	PLC $\gamma$ /calcineurin/NFAT	PLC $\gamma$ /calcineurin/NFAT	?	PLC $\gamma$ /calcineurin/NFAT	FRS2 $\alpha$ /Ras/MAPK	PKA/Rap1
Cellular effects	Decreased PTH expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Downregulation of NaPi-2a/c transporters</li> <li>Inhibition of CYP27B1</li> <li>Activation of CYP24A1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased TGF<math>\beta</math> production</li> <li>Activation</li> </ul>	Hypertrophic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activation</li> <li>Proliferation</li> </ul>	Increased IL-6 and CRP expression	Increased TNF $\alpha$ production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decreased integrin activation</li> <li>Increased rolling velocity</li> </ul>
Organ effects	Suppression of PTH secretion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction of phosphate uptake</li> <li>Reduction of vitamin D activation</li> </ul>	Fibrosis	Hypertrophy	Fibrosis	Elevation of IL-6 and CRP secretion	-	-
Systemic effects	Reduced serum levels of PTH and calcium	Reduced serum levels of phosphate and 1,25D	Kidney failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart failure</li> <li>Compensatory remodeling</li> </ul>	Heart failure	Inflammation	Impaired immune response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced leukocyte recruitment</li> <li>Impaired host defense</li> </ul>

# Direct target organ: the kidney

## Phosphaturic effect:

Downregulating of the sodium-dependent phosphate transporters (NaPi-2a and NaPi-2c) in the proximal tubule



Increased urinary phosphate excretion



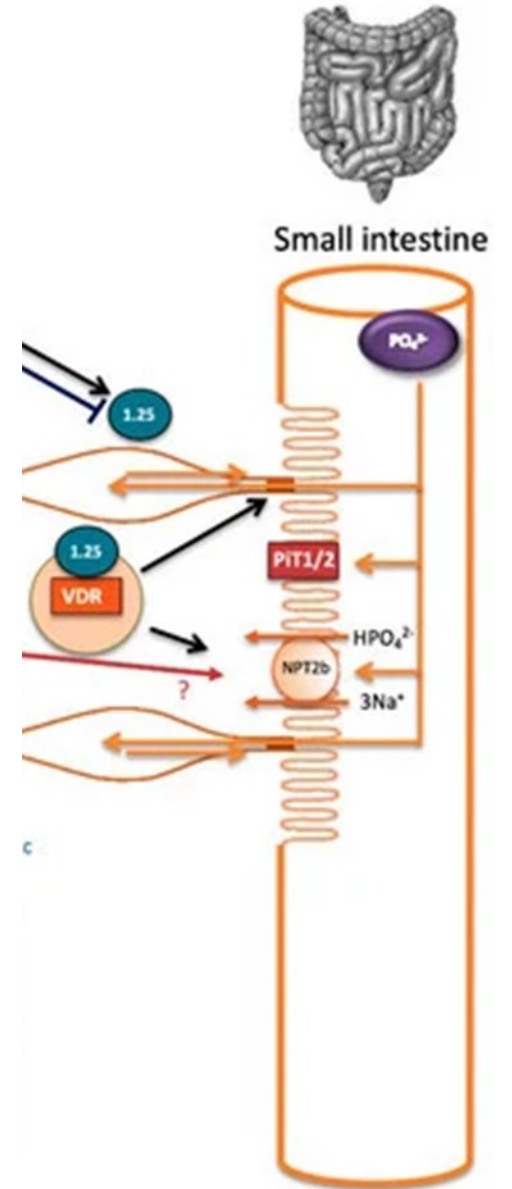
# Indirect target organ: GIT

## Vitamin D suppression:

- Inhibition of 1- $\alpha$ -hydroxylase (CYP27B1)- 25-hydroxyvitamin D  $\rightarrow$  1,25-dihydroxyvitamin
- Stimulation of 24-hydroxylase (CYP24A1)- degrades 1,25D into inactive metabolites



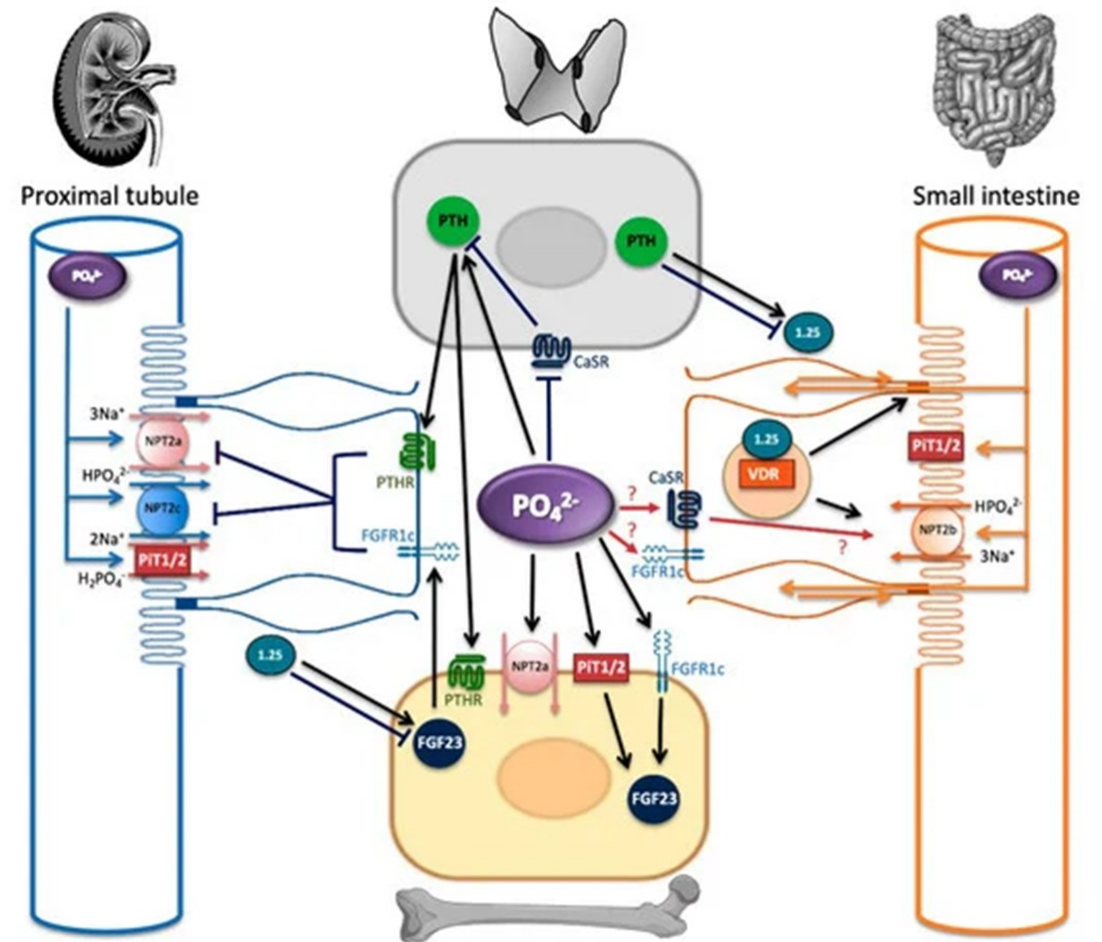
Decreased intestinal phosphate reabsorption



# Target organ: parathyroid glands

## Inhibition of PTH secretion

Further contribution to FGF23 phosphaturic and VitD suppressive effects

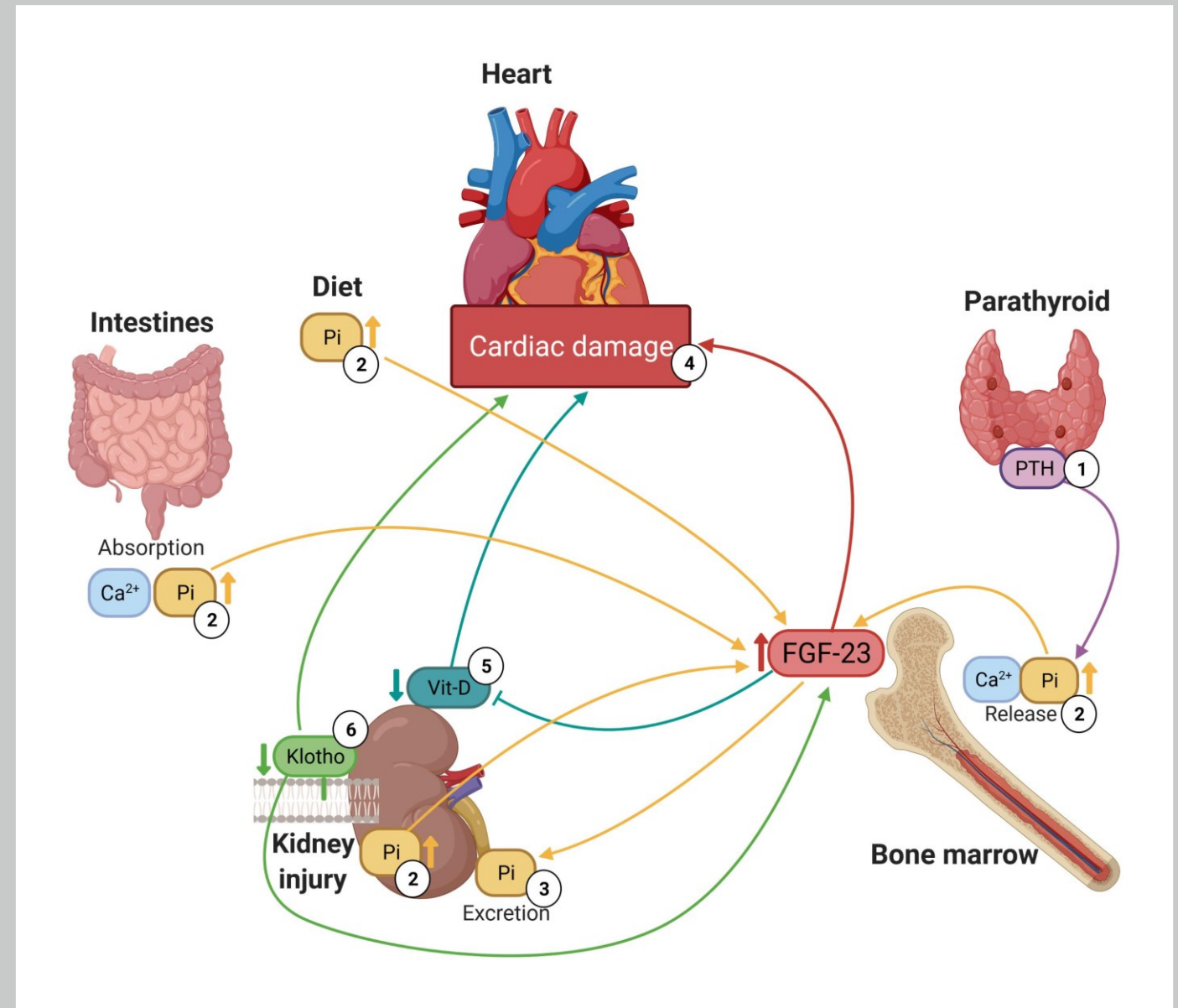


# Target organ: the heart

Recent evidence: high plasma FGF23 is a hallmark of cardiac damage

In chronic kidney disease:

- Serum phosphate levels increase and stimulate FGF-23
- FGF23 contributes to adverse cardiovascular events like LVH and heart failure



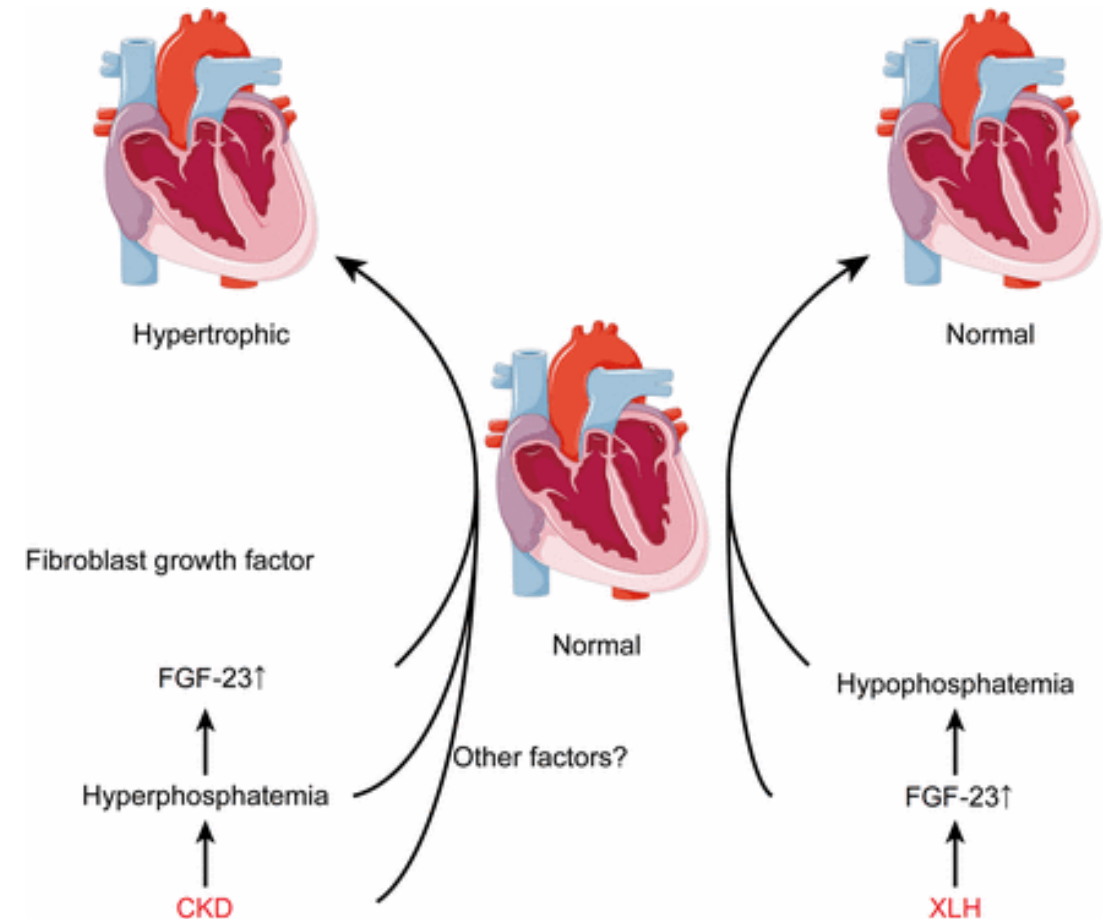
# Target organ: the heart

The role of FGF-23 in cardiac disturbances is not clear

According to *In vivo* and *in vitro* studies FGF23 induces:

- cardiac remodeling and hypertrophy
- endothelial damage
- accelerated atherosclerosis

Bao JF, et al. A Land of Controversy: Fibroblast Growth Factor-23 and Uremic Cardiac Hypertrophy. J Am Soc Nephrol. 2020





# XLH- X linked hypophosphatemia

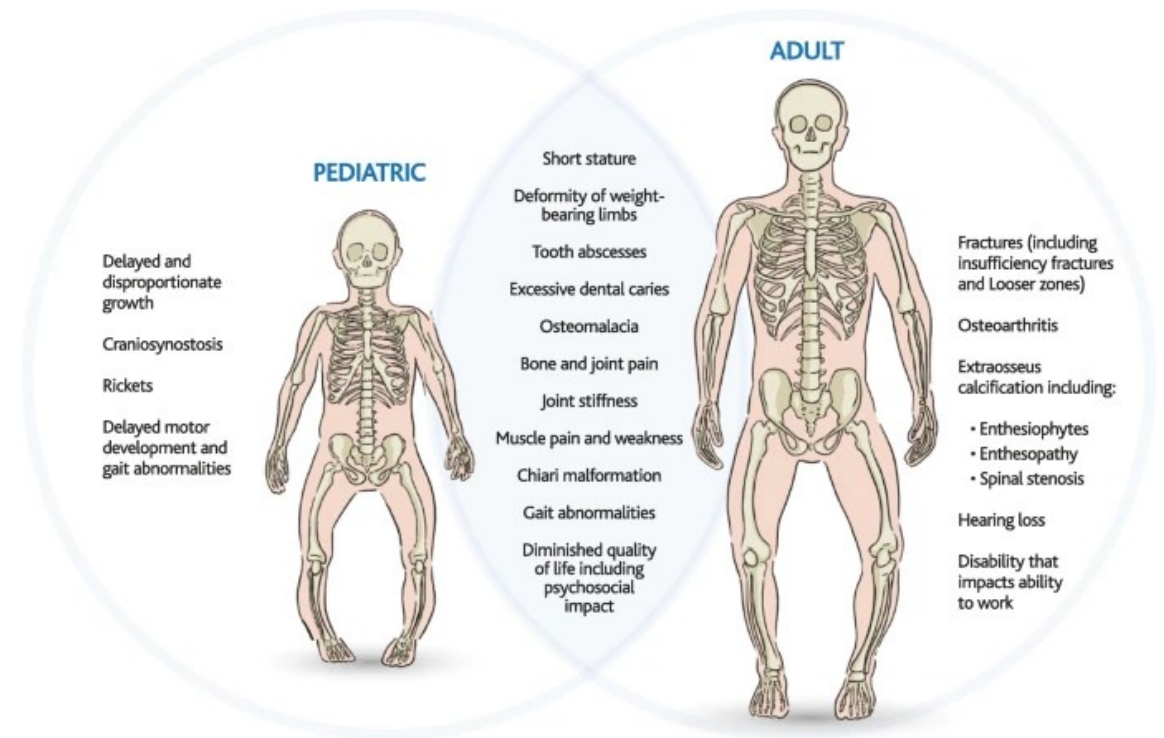
The most common form of heritable rickets: phosphate-regulating endopeptidase homolog X-linked (*PHEX*) gene mutation

Increased FGF23 causes:

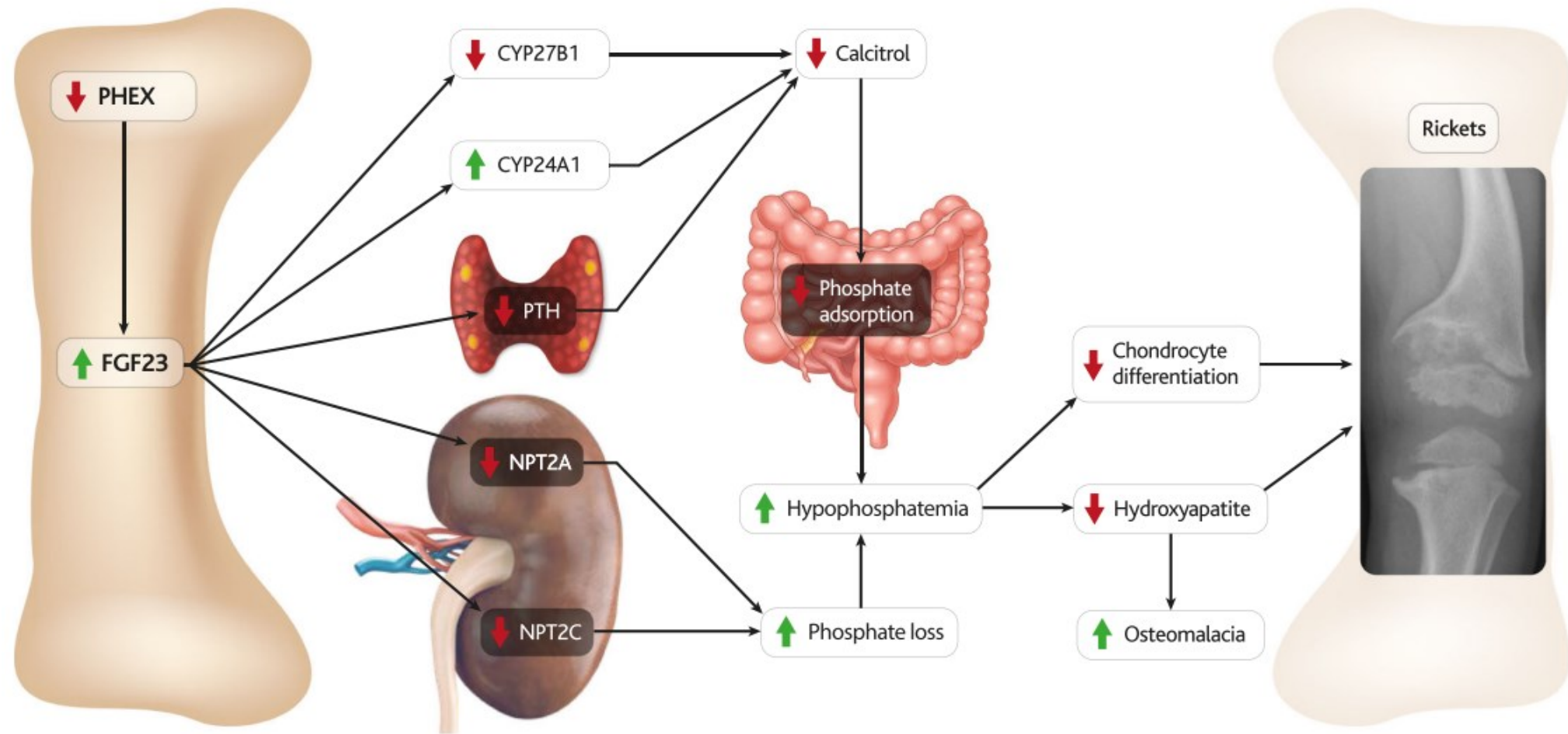
Phosphaturia

↓ Phosphate

↓ 1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D3





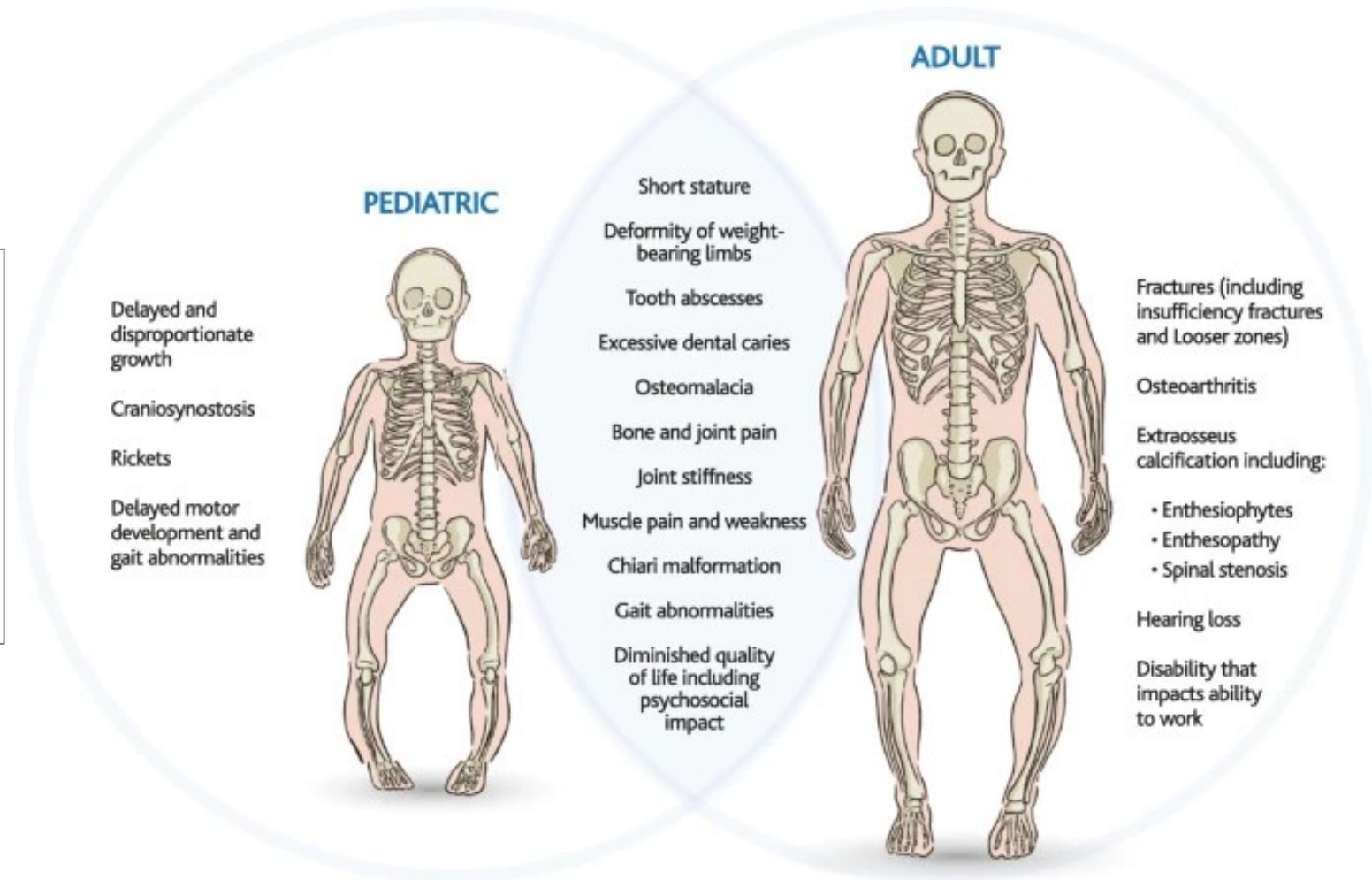


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# XLH- x linked hypophosphatemia

## Clinical manifestations:

- Short stature
- Limb deformities
- Frontal bossing
- Dental abscesses









# XLH- treatment

## **Conventional treatment:**

Multiple daily doses of Calciless +  $\alpha$ D3

Difficult to maintain

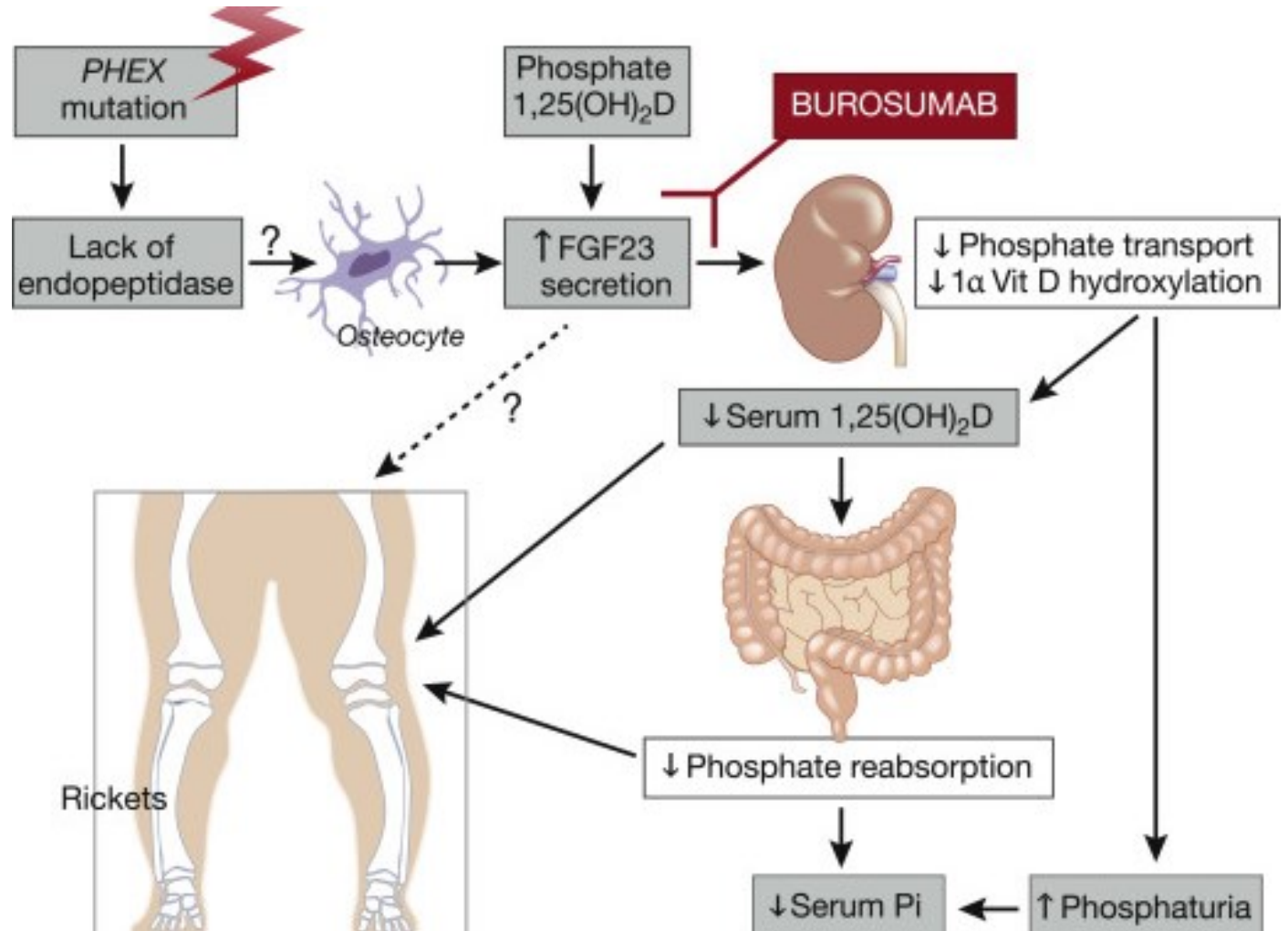
Persistence of rickets

# XLH- treatment

## New treatment:

Burosumab (Crysvita)-  
anti-FGF23 immunoglobulin

Administered SC every 2 weeks



Emma F, Haffner D. FGF23 blockade coming to clinical practice. Kidney Int. 2018

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Burosumab Therapy in Children with X-Linked Hypophosphatemia

Thomas O. Carpenter, M.D., Michael P. Whyte, M.D., Erik A. Imel, M.D.,

Since 2018 - burosumab, a novel treatment for XLH has been introduced

Improved biochemical markers (↓urine phosphate, ↑serum phosphate, ↓alk phos)





Burosumab heals rickets

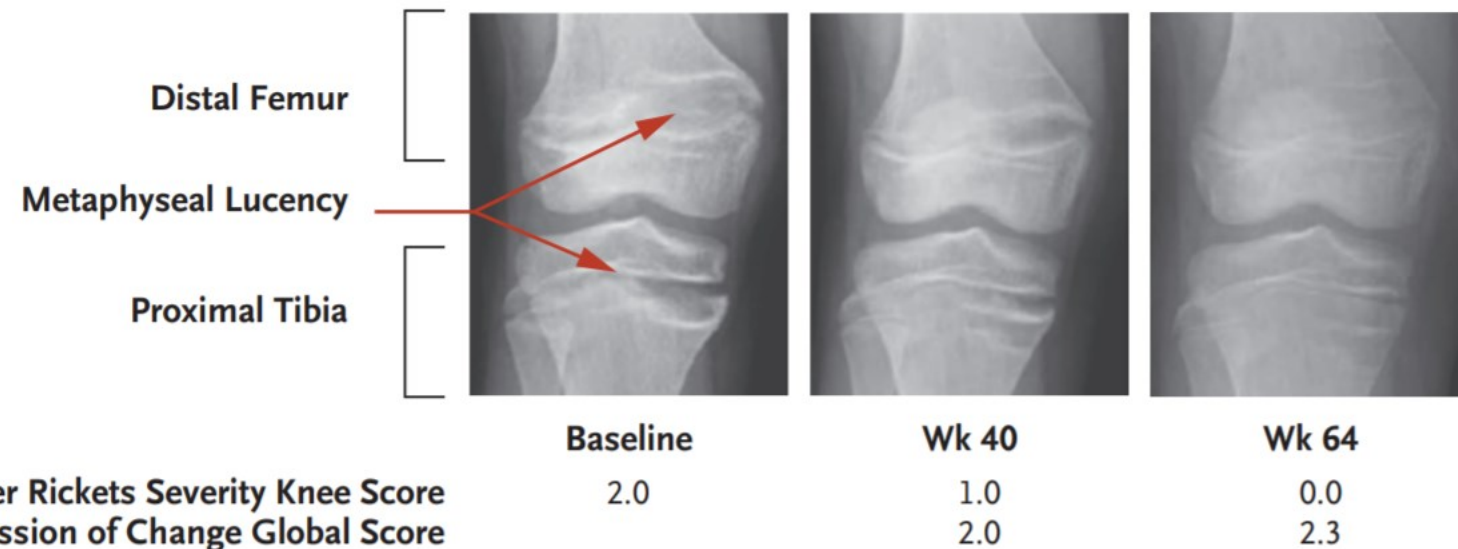


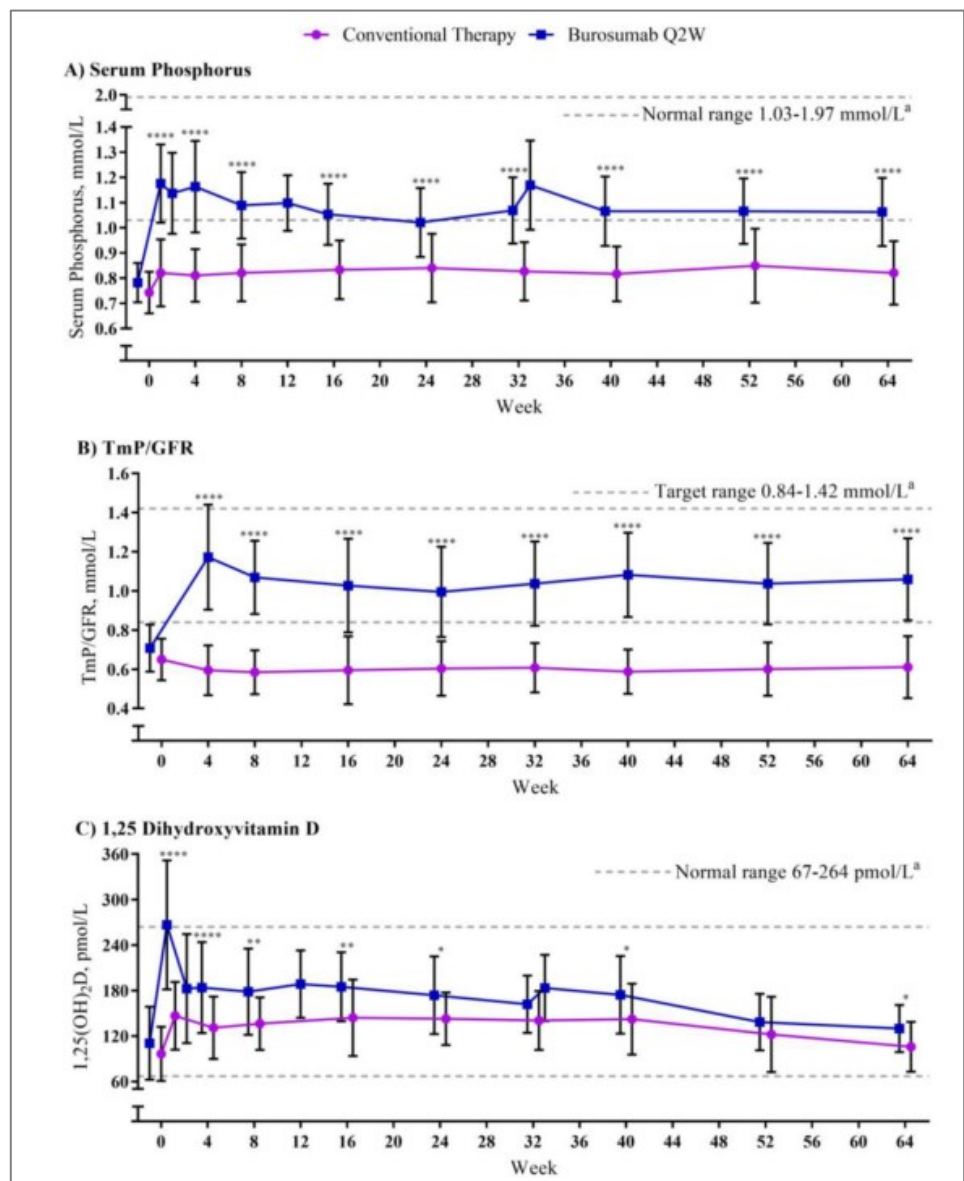
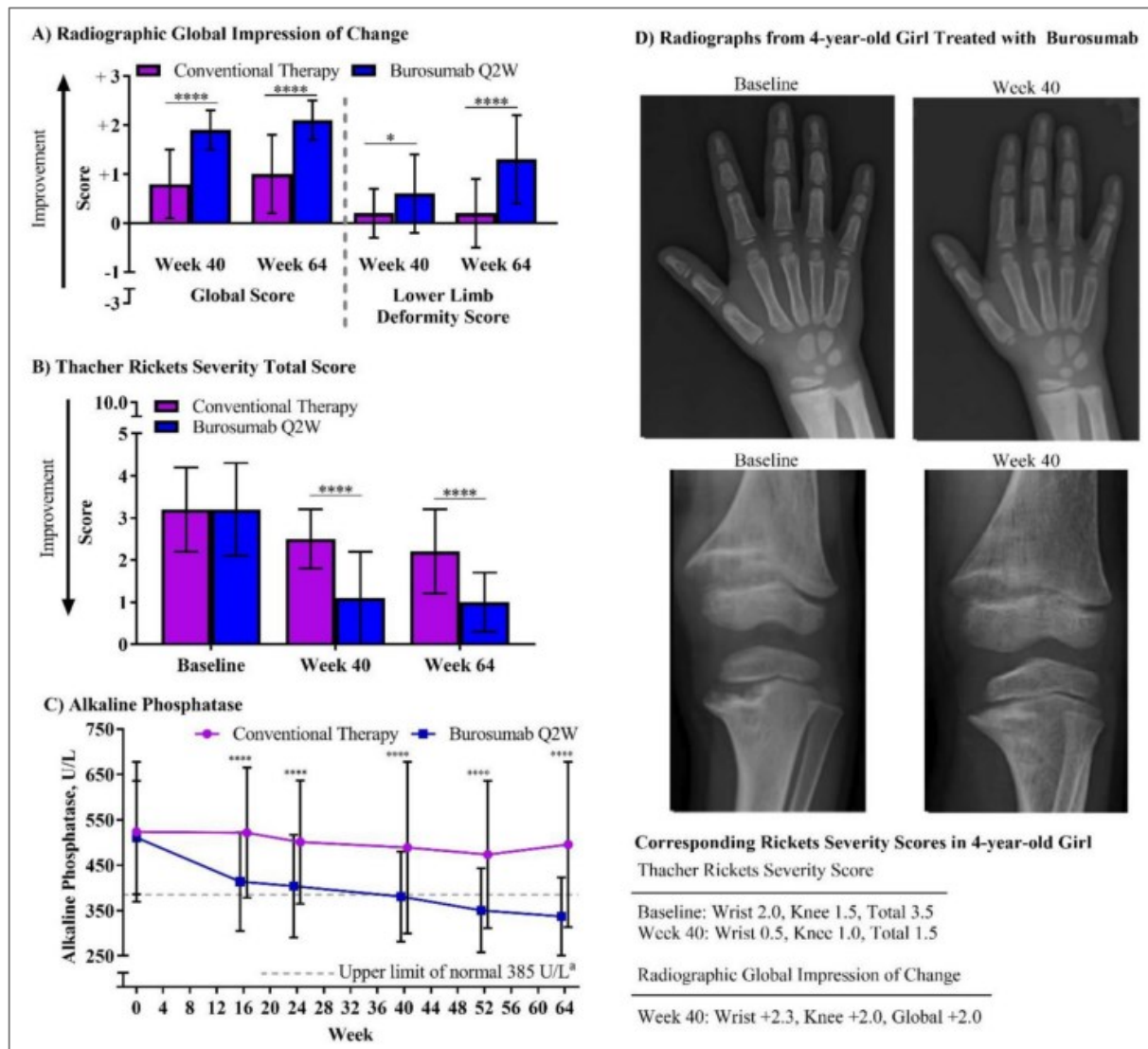
Reduces limb pain, improves physical activity capability



Improves linear growth

### C Radiographs of the Knee in an 11-Year-Old Girl

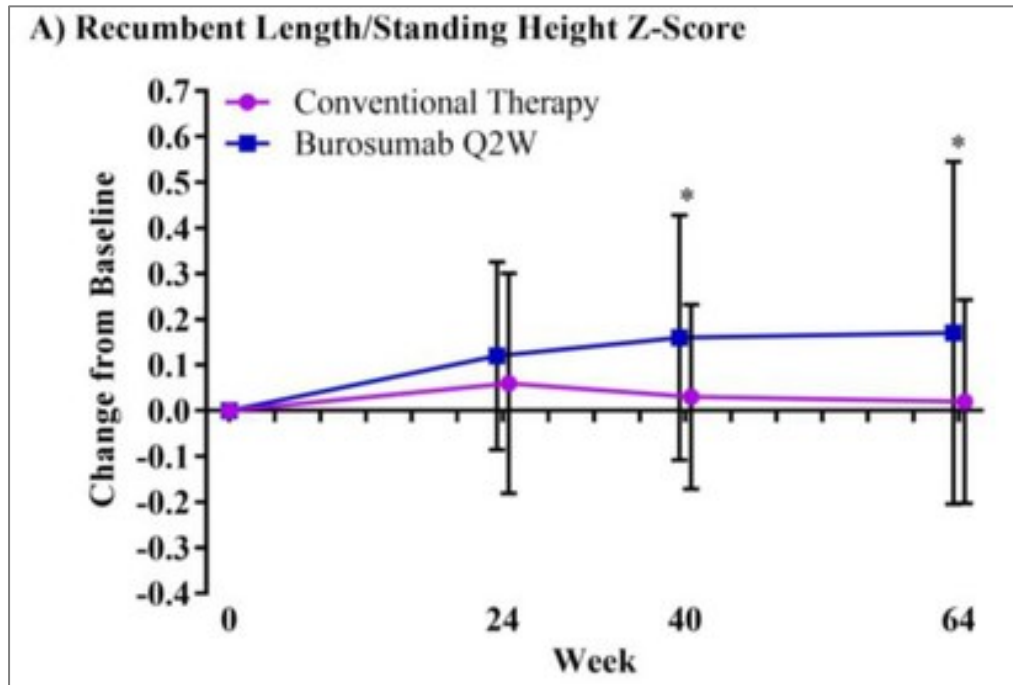




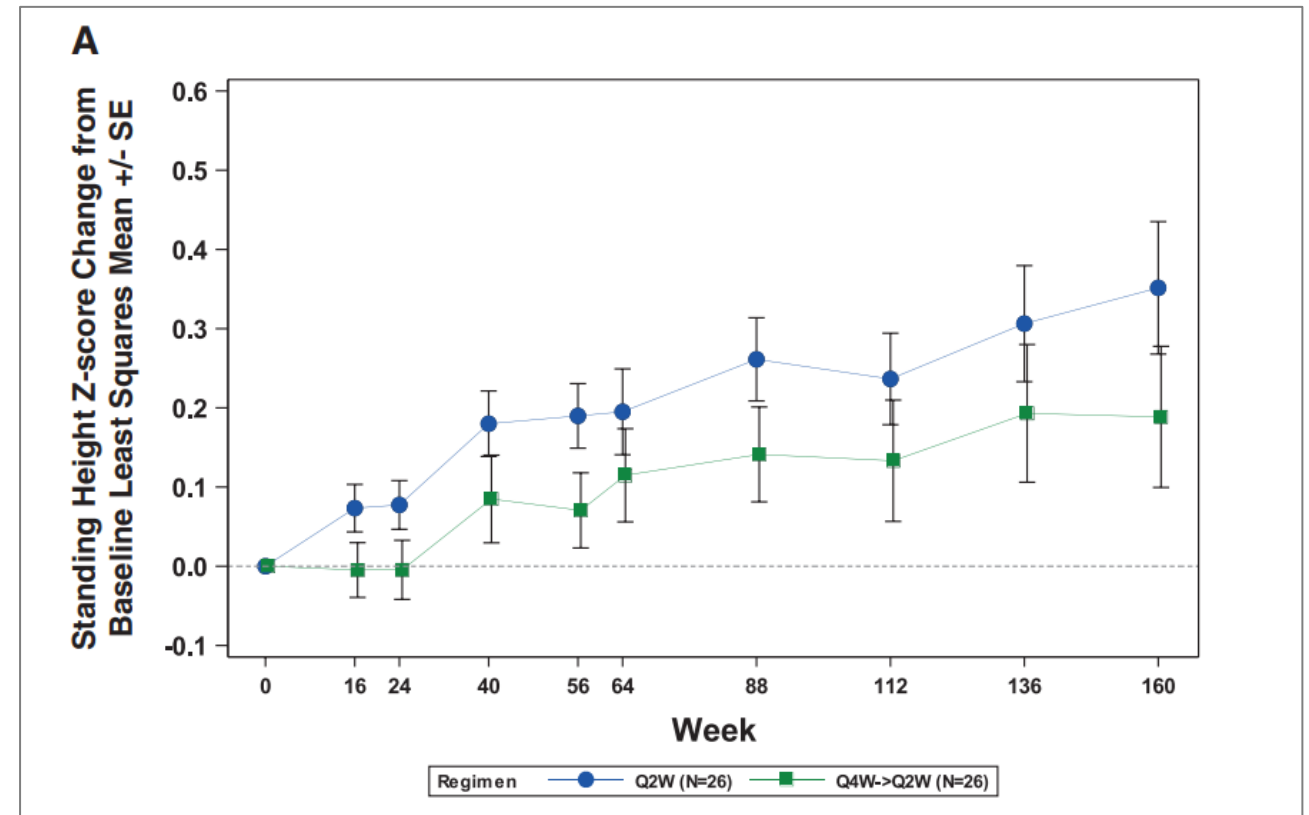
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# Burosumab therapy improves linear growth



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Linglart A, et al. Sustained Efficacy and Safety of Burosumab, a Monoclonal Antibody to FGF23, in Children With X-Linked Hypophosphatemia. J Clin Endocrinol Metab. 2022

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## Body composition and cardiometabolic health of pediatric patients with X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) under burosumab therapy

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**Table 2.** Twelve-month surveillance of 7 burosumab-treated XLH patients.

	Baseline	6 months	12 months	<i>p</i> <sup>a</sup>	<i>p</i> <sup>b</sup>
Body composition analysis					
Fat mass, kg	7.0 ± 3.1	7.2 ± 2.9	7.9 ± 4.1	0.313	0.231
Fat mass, %	24.40 ± 3.13	24.06 ± 2.18	24.24 ± 3.96	0.645	0.822
Fat-free mass, kg	21.1 ± 6.7	22.5 ± 6.9	23.5 ± 7.2	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.046</b>
Fat-free mass, %	74.26 ± 2.93	75.82 ± 2.57	75.20 ± 3.65	0.175	0.497
Fat-free mass percentile	11.00 ± 9.98	18.86 ± 15.96	21.71 ± 14.82	0.068	0.518
ASMM, kg	7.4 ± 3.0	8.0 ± 3.2	8.4 ± 3.3	<b>0.012</b>	<b>0.034</b>
ASMM, %	25.28 ± 3.09	26.18 ± 3.01	26.32 ± 2.22	0.130	0.722
ASMM percentile	8.14 ± 8.45	22.00 ± 16.43	25.57 ± 19.60	<b>0.006</b>	0.356
Muscle-to-fat ratio (range)	1.06 ± 0.20 [0.87–1.56]	1.10 ± 0.15 [0.88–1.54]	1.11 ± 0.18 [0.78–1.63]	0.420	0.824

## Increased prevalence of obesity in pediatric XLH

- 1/3 of our XLH patients were overweight/obese
- 71.4% had body fat% above the normal range
- The improvement observed in the ASMM percentile may be attributed to the improvement in patients' medical condition

Zhukouskaya VV, et al. Increased prevalence of overweight and obesity in children with X-linked hypophosphatemia. Endocr Connect 2020

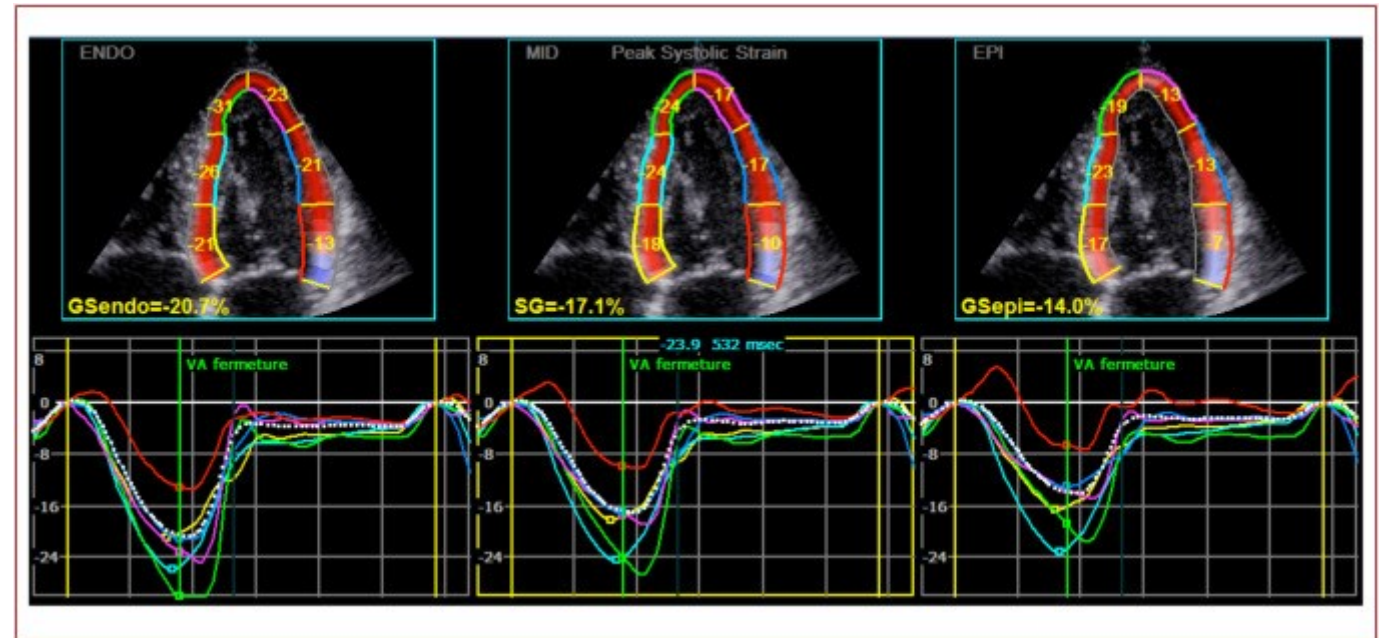
McCarthy HD. Body fat measurements in children as predictors for the metabolic syndrome: focus on waist circumference. Proc Nutr Soc. 2006

# Burosumab and cardiac function

**Aim:** to detect early cardiac function alterations related to excess FGF23

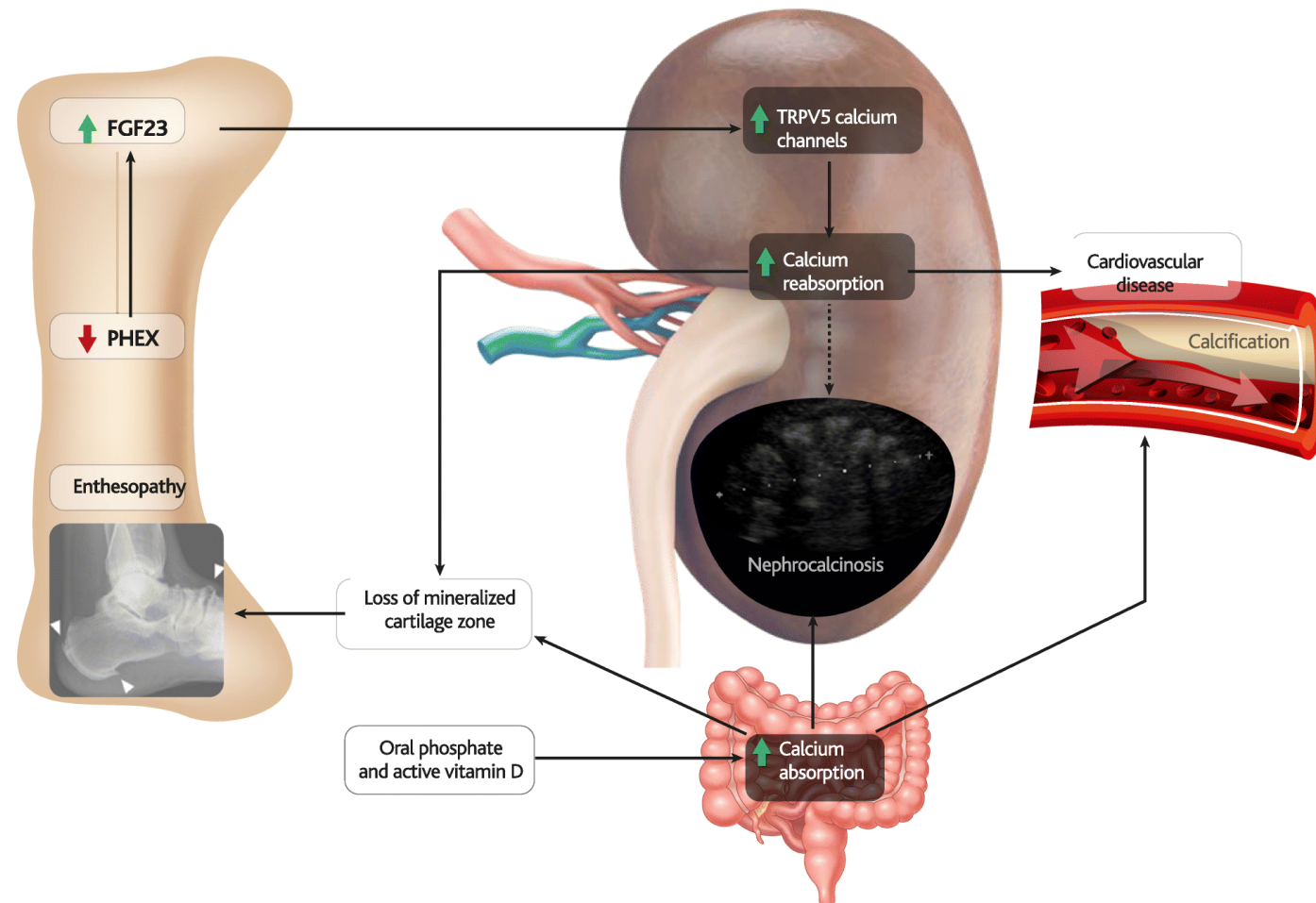
**Methods:** longitudinal follow up of **strain cardiac imaging** at burosumab initiation and once a year thereafter

The heart is a 3D organ with a complex fiber arrangement. The strain measures systolic deformation that occurs after the application of stress



Ancedy Y, et al. Does layer-specific strain using speckle tracking echocardiography improve the assessment of left ventricular myocardial deformation? A review. Arch Cardiovasc Dis. 2020

# Burosumab and the kidney

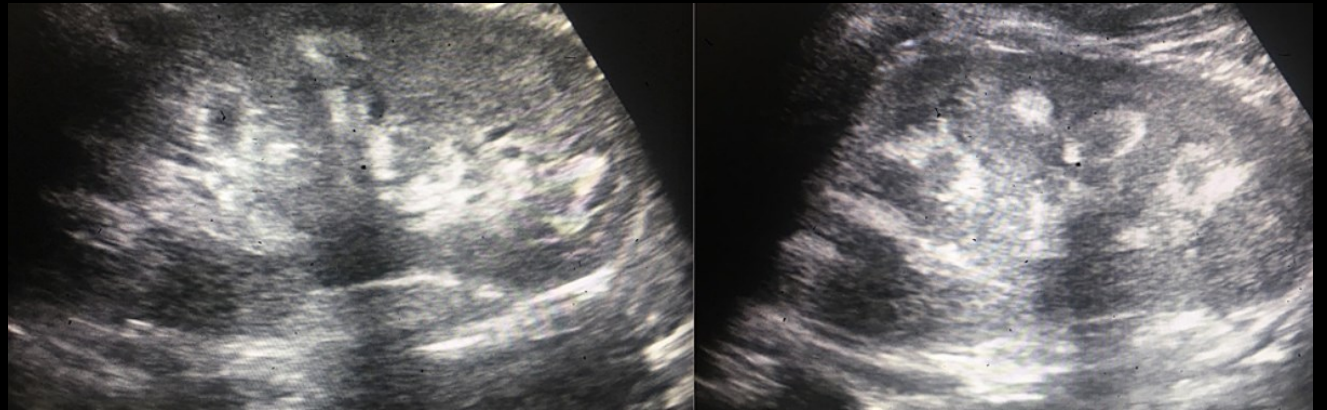


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# Burosumab and the kidney

Conventional treatment  
(phosphorus repletion and  
calcitriol) do not correct the  
underlying pathophysiological  
mechanism

Long term complication:  
nephrocalcinosis, HTN, CKD



Baradhi K. Dramatic Transformation After Burosumab in a Young Boy With X-linked Hypophosphatemia: A Life-Changing Saga. Cureus. 2022



# Burosumab and the kidney

**Aim:** to characterize kidney structure and function throughout burosumab treatment

**Methods:** a multicenter study

Data collection: anthropometric measurements, blood pressure, laboratory evaluation, US



# Burosumab and dental health

Dental morbidity is a major health burden in XLH

The development of recurrent abscesses or sinus tracts of the primary and permanent dentition is a frequent sequela



Baroncelli GI et al. Pulp chamber features, prevalence of abscesses, disease severity, and PHEX mutation in X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets J Bone Miner Metab 2021





# Distinctive dental morphology in XLH

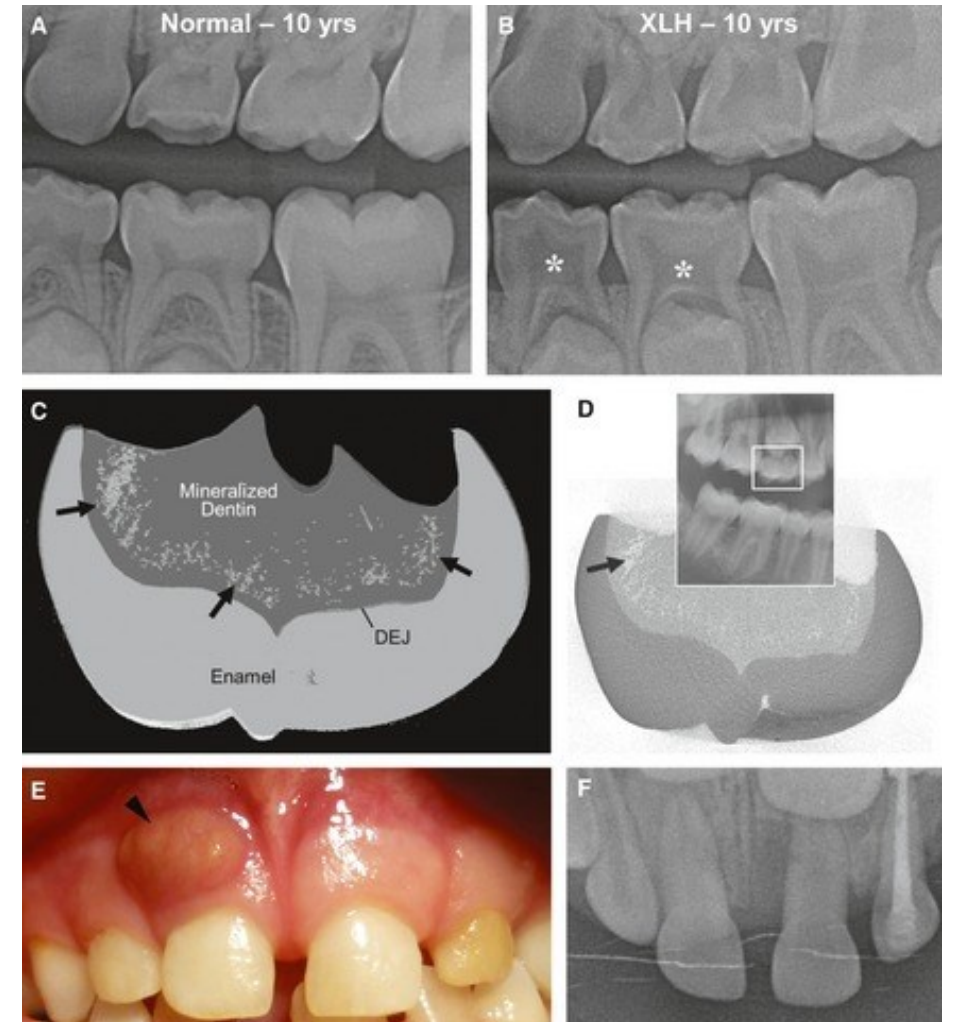
Very large pulp chambers

Thin enamel layer

Dentinal defects

Short roots with root resorptions in primary dentition



Hypoplastic alveolar ridge



Baroncelli GI et al. Pulp chamber features, prevalence of abscesses, disease severity, and PHEX mutation in X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets J Bone Miner Metab 2021

McKee MD, et al. Extracellular matrix mineralization in periodontal tissues: Noncollagenous matrix proteins, enzymes, and relationship to hypophosphatasia and X-linked hypophosphatemia. Periodontol 2000. 2013

# Dental health of pediatric patients with X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) after three years of burosumab therapy

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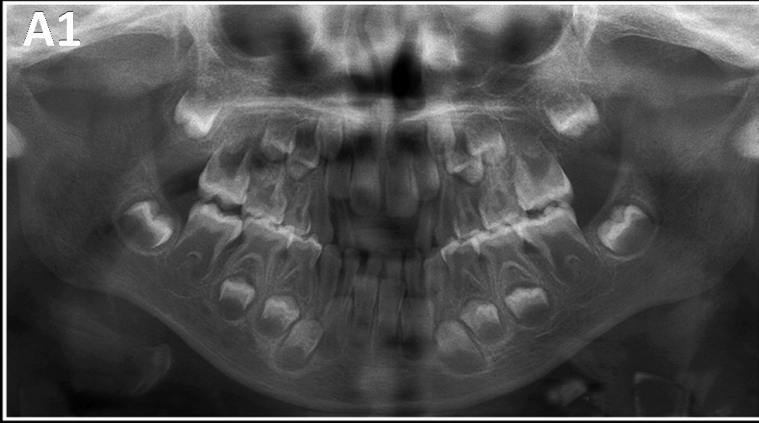
Prospective study

10 XLH patients, age 2.5-16 years at burosumab initiation

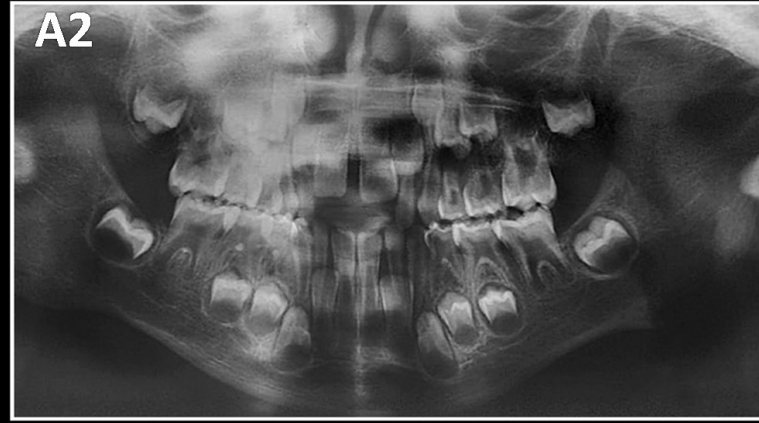
10 Sex and age-matched healthy controls

# Orthopantomography examinations

XLH



Baseline (age 5.5 years)



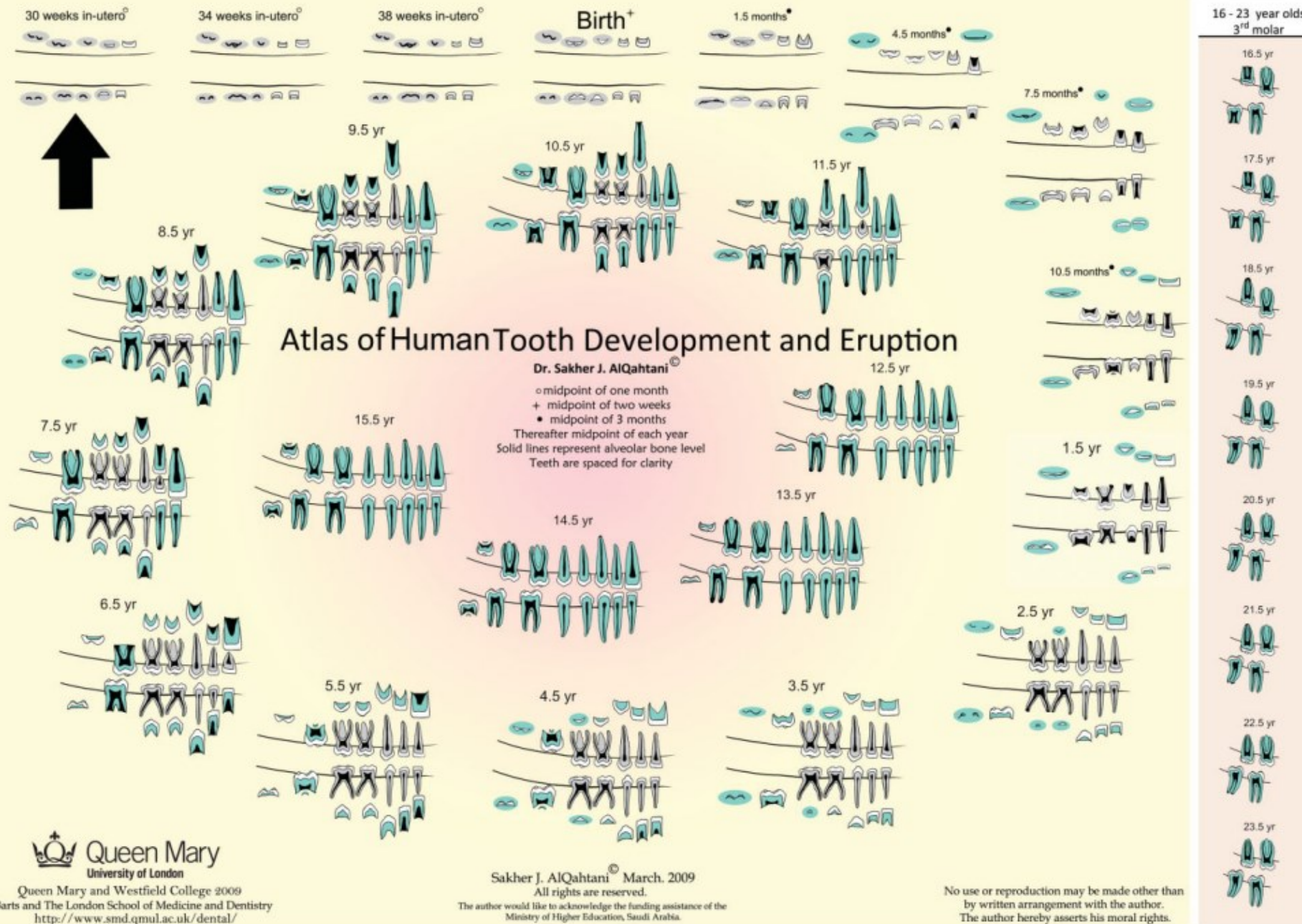
After 1 year



After 3 year

Control



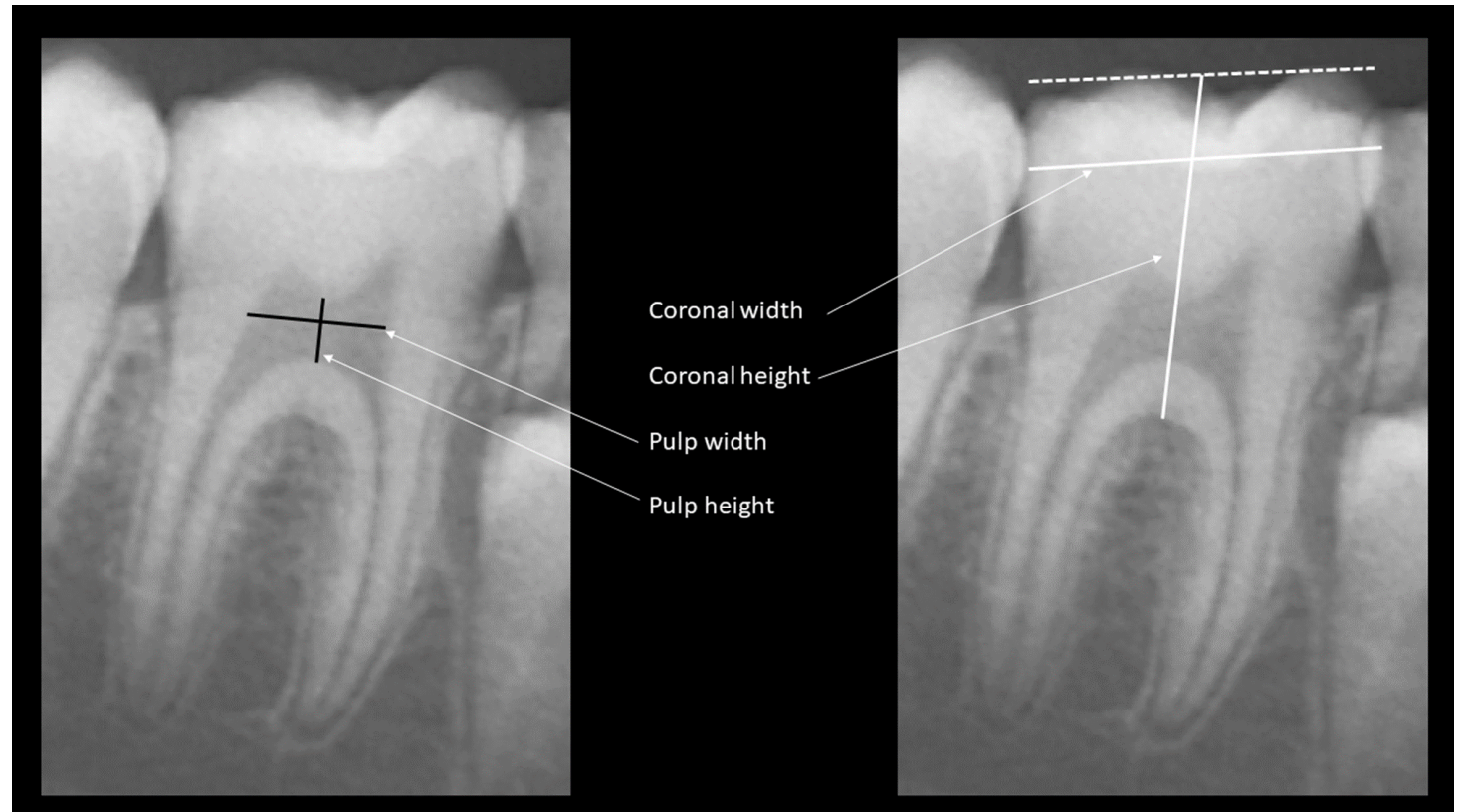


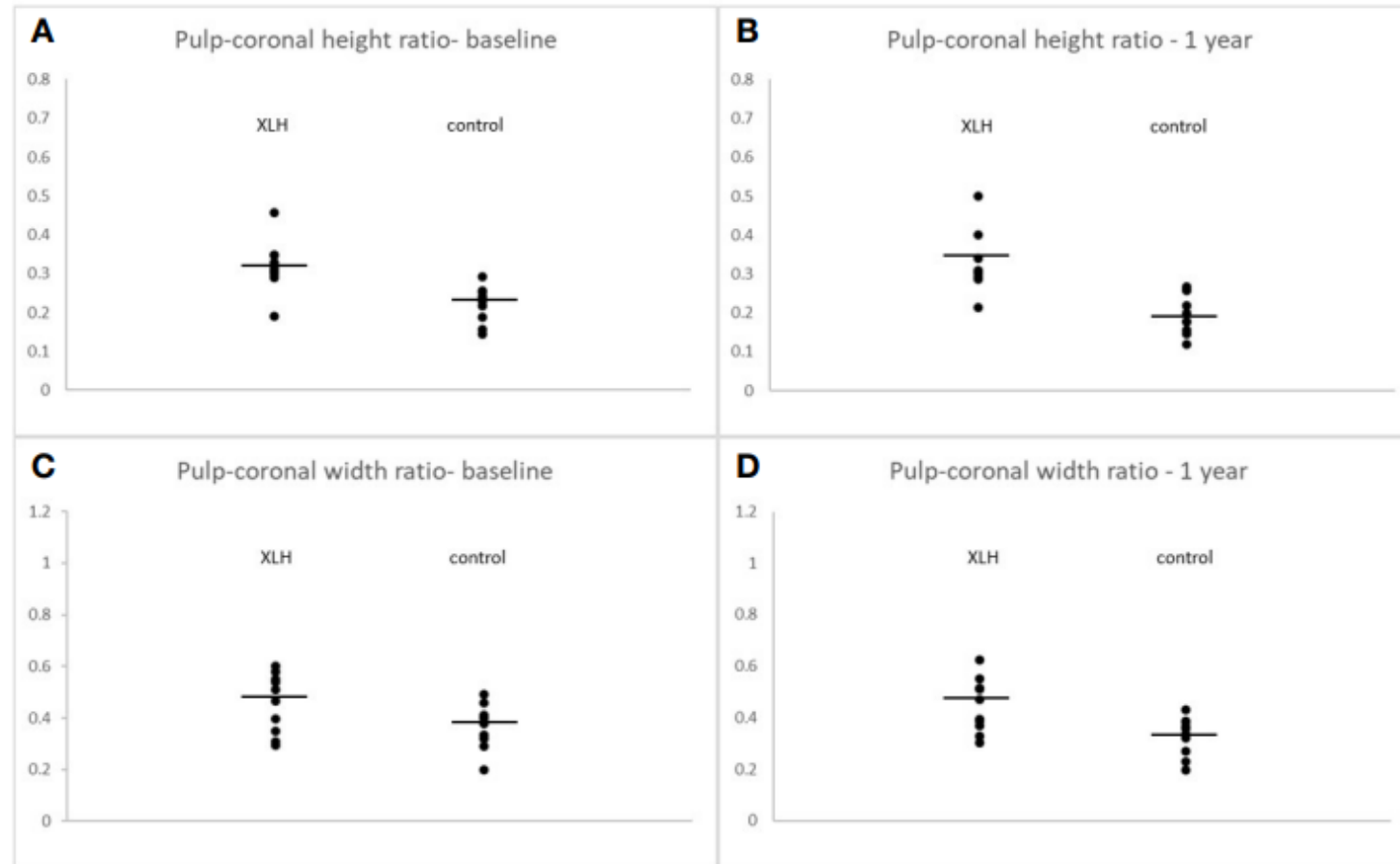


# Methods: assessment of dental health and morphology

Ratios were calculated:

- pulp-coronal height ratio  
(pulp height/coronal height)
- pulp-coronal width ratio  
(pulp width/coronal width)





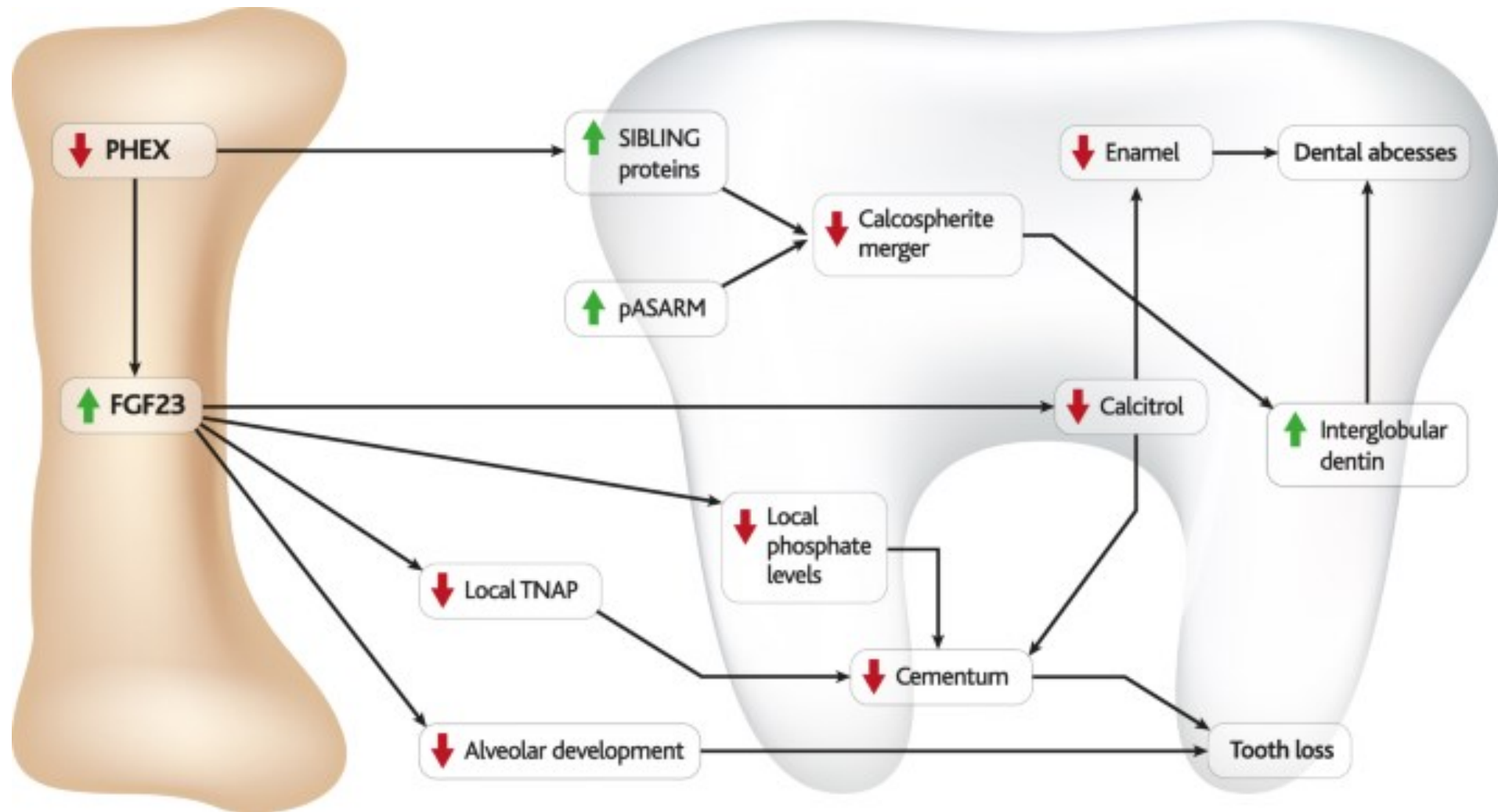
**FIGURE 3**

Individual values of pulp-coronal height ratios at burosumab initiation **(A)** and after one year **(B)**. Pulp-coronal width ratios at burosumab initiation **(C)** and after one year **(D)** in X-linked hypophosphatemia patients and their controls. Lines indicate mean values. All comparisons were statistically significant at a p value of  $\leq 0.05$ .

TABLE 2 Three-year surveillance of ten burosumab-treated X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) patients.

	Baseline	1 year	3 years	<i>P</i> <sup>1</sup>	<i>P</i> <sup>2</sup>
Age, years	8.8 ± 3.8	9.8 ± 3.8	11.8 ± 3.8		
Burosumab dosage, mg/kg/month	2.09 ± 0.96	2.28 ± 1.20	2.03 ± 1.23	<b>0.033</b>	0.952
<b>Dental health</b>					
Patients with dental abscesses	3 (30)	1 (10)	1 (10)	0.582	1
<b>Radiological evaluation</b>					
Rickets severity score, median	3 [1-3]	0 [0-1]	0 [0]	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	0.952
Δ bone age, years	-0.27 ± 0.70	-0.13 ± 0.51	-0.07 ± 0.46	0.419	0.087
Δ dental age, years	0.65 ± 0.74	0.47 ± 1.07	0.95 ± 1.35	0.243	0.115
<b>Tooth morphology</b>					
Pulp-coronal height ratio	0.32 ± 0.07	0.33 ± 0.08	0.29 ± 0.05	0.287	<b>0.009</b>
Pulp-coronal width ratio	0.48 ± 0.11	0.45 ± 0.11	0.40 ± 0.11	0.482	0.084

Burosumab treatment normalized phosphate levels, healed rickets and improved linear growth  
The dental morphology of XLH patients did not exhibit the desired decrease in the pulp dimensions expected with age





# Burosumab for the Treatment of Tumor-Induced Osteomalacia (TIO)



Increased tracer uptake at fracture sites



After 1 year of burosumab therapy

Crotti C et al. Long-term use of burosumab for the treatment of tumor-induced osteomalacia. *Osteoporos Int.* 2022



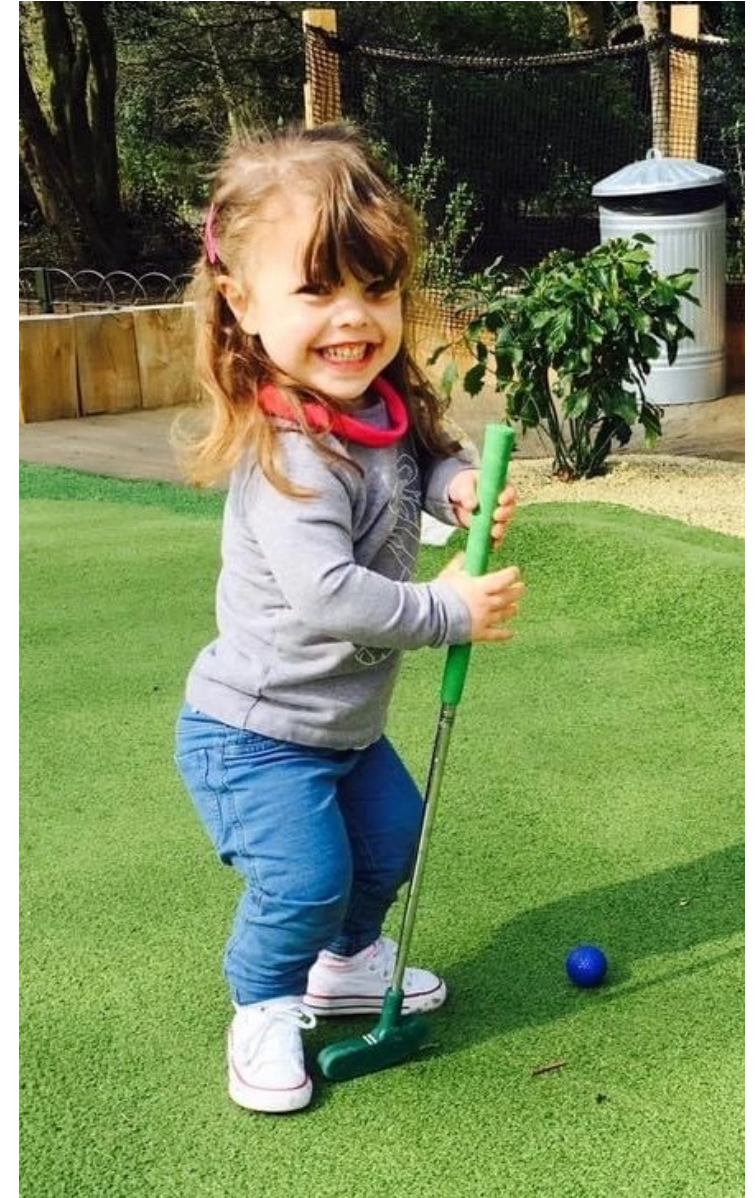
# New therapeutic targets for bone disorders

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# C-Type Natriuretic Peptide Analogue Therapy in Children with Achondroplasia

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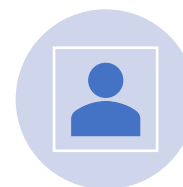
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