# An Audit on Osteoporosis Screening, Diagnosis and Management in Ageing Patients Living with HIV



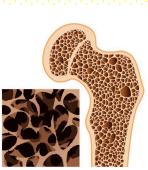
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#### **BACKGROUND**

As people living with HIV (PLWHIV) live longer, chronic disease management and preventative care interventions are becoming an increasingly important aspect of their care. PLWHIV have a higher prevalence and earlier onset of osteopenia and osteoporosis [1]. Research suggests multifactorial risk factors, including direct viral effects, antiretroviral initiation, particularly with Tenofovir disoproxil (TDF) and protease inhibitors, as well as traditional risk factors including smoking and alcohol excess [2].





Osteoporosis

## **METHODS**

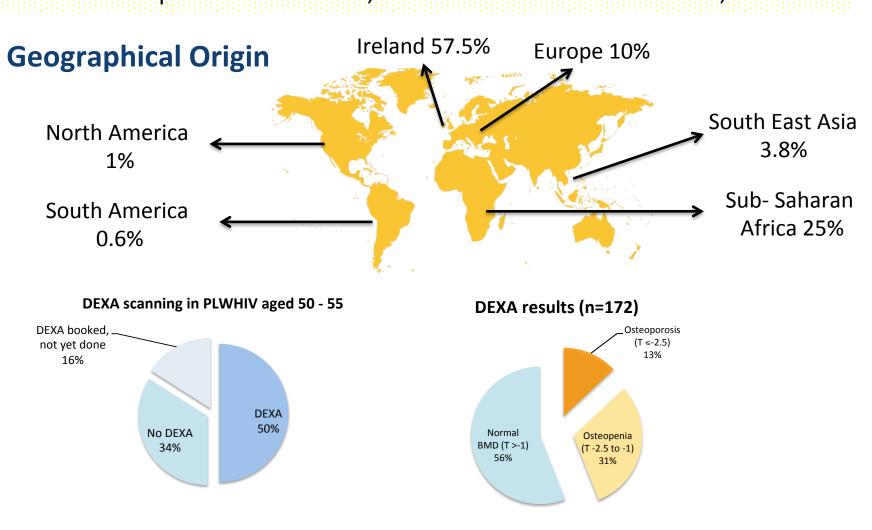
European AIDS Clinical Society guidelines recommend screening postmenopausal women and men age >50 for osteoporosis. We undertook a retrospective chart review for 343 patients aged 50 – 55 attending the HIV clinic at St James's Hospital, Dublin. This audit is part of a larger study being undertaken in the department evaluating care metrics in all HIV-positive patients over 50 years.

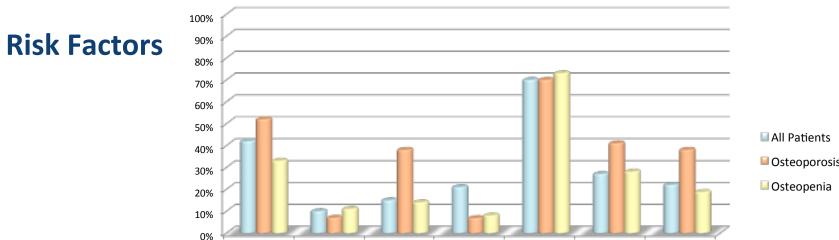
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#### **RESULTS**

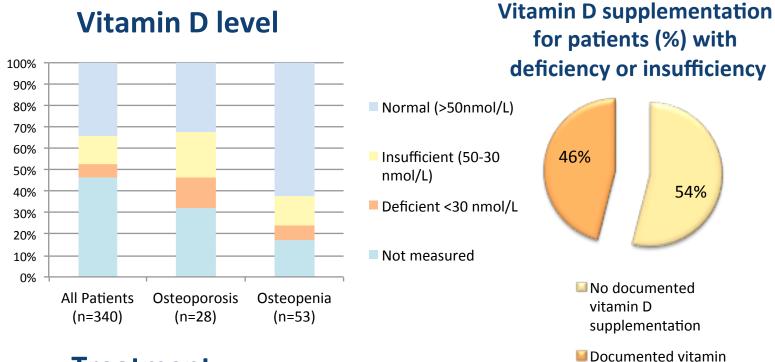
- ♦ 74% of patients were male
- ♦ Mean CD4 count was 687cells/mm3 (range 49 1663), 3.5% CD4 <200cells/mm3, 12.5% <350 cells/mm3</p>
- ♦ 96% of patients had an undetectable viral load, or viral load <40 nmol/L
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- ❖ Routes of acquisition: 37% MSM, 43% Heterosexual transmission, 18% IVDU



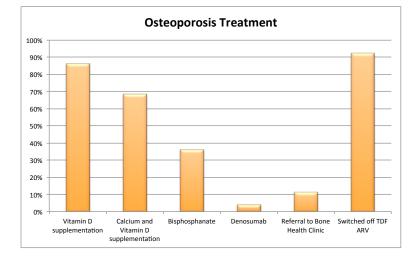


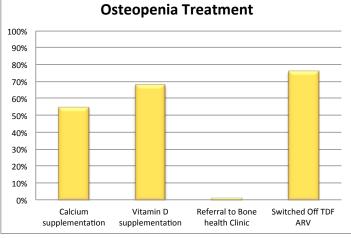
Risk Factors

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## **DISCUSSION**

This audit demonstrated moderate adherence to EACS guideline recommendations for osteoporosis screening (66% referred). We observed a significant prevalence of osteoporosis and osteopenia. The interpretation of rate of bisphosphanate treatment may be impacted by prescribing through GP, a limitation of this study at this time is that we did not have access to these records. This audit highlights the need for bone health assessment and management in HIV-positive patients, including documentation of osteoporosis management.