

Authors' response

Sir,

We agree that bone formation and resorption markers would have contributed to the data in literature, however bone resorption markers like tartrate resistant acid phosphatase, hydroxyproline, pyridinium cross links and telopeptides are not routinely done in our laboratory. Alkaline phosphatase enzyme and serum calcium are routinely done. Other bone formation markers like osteocalcin and procollagen 1 extension

peptide are not routinely done at our laboratory and there were financial constraints in procuring the kits.

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