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## Supplementary material

2 **Supplemental Table 1.** Simple correlation coefficients ( $r$ ) for the relationship between serum uric acid and BMD  
3 at different skeletal sites or serum makers of bone health among premenopausal and postmenopausal women.

Bone parameters	Premenopausal women (n = 124)	Postmenopausal women (n = 234)
Log Lumbar spine BMD	-0.082	0.056
Total hip, BMD	-0.010	0.165 <sup>a</sup>
Femoral neck BMD	-0.043	0.126
Log Trochanter BMD	-0.015	0.151 <sup>a</sup>
Log CTX-1	-	-0.081
Log BAP	-	0.010
Log RANKL	-	-0.181 <sup>a</sup>
Log OPG	-	-0.115
Log RANKL/OPG	-	-0.059

21 a  $p < 0.05$ . BMD at trochanter and lumbar spine, and all serum markers of bone health were  
22 log-transformed to approach normal distribution. Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index;  
23 FM, fat mass; BMD, bone mineral density; CTX-1, C-terminal telopeptides of Type I; BAP,  
24 bone-specific alkaline phosphatase; RANKL, receptor activator of nuclear factor- $\kappa$ b  
25 ligand; OPG, osteoprotegerin (OPG)

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27 **Supplemental Table 2.** Unadjusted and adjusted association (expressed as standardized regression coefficient)  
28 between uric acid and total hip BMD across quartiles of BMI, waist circumference, trunk FM, and total FM

-Independent variables	Quartile I	Quartile II	Quartile III	Quartile IV
-BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	<22.4	22.4-24.1	24.2-26.7	>26.7
β	-0.001	0.227	0.051	0.320 <sup>a</sup>
β adjusted	-0.002	0.228	0.004	0.347 <sup>a</sup>
-Waist circumference (cm)	<78	78-84	84.1-91	>91
β	0.139	0.080	-0.079	0.426 <sup>a</sup>
β adjusted	0.137	0.101	-0.006	0.444 <sup>b</sup>
-Trunk FM (Kg)	<7.4	7.4-9.8	9.9-12.6	>12.6
β	-0.040	-0.070	0.201	0.286 <sup>a</sup>
β adjusted	-0.090	0.070	-0.143	0.404 <sup>a</sup>
-Total FM (Kg)	<18.0	18.0-22.2	22.3-26.1	>26.1
β	0.007	0.043	-0.047	0.426 <sup>a</sup>
β adjusted	0.048	0.011	0.032	0.445 <sup>b</sup>

30 β= standardized regression coefficient for uric acid vs. total hip BMD. β adjusted= standardized  
31 regression coefficient for uric acid vs. total hip BMD after adjustment for age, smoking, hormones  
treatment and years since menopause. Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; FM, fat mass; BMD,  
bone mineral density.



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