

1 **NUTRIENT INTAKES RELATED TO OSTEOPOROTIC FRACTURES IN MEN AND**
2 **WOMEN – THE *BRAZILIAN OSTEOPOROSIS STUDY (BRAZOS)***

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1 **Abstract**

2 Background: Adequate nutrition plays an important role in bone mass accrual and
3 maintenance and has been demonstrated as a significant tool for the prevention of
4 fractures in individuals with osteoporosis. Objective: The aim of the present study was to
5 evaluate bone health-related nutrients intake and its association with osteoporotic
6 fractures in a representative sample of 2344 individuals aged 40 years or older in Brazil.
7 Methods: In a transversal population-based study, a total of 2420 individuals over 40
8 years old were evaluated from March to April 2006. Participants were men and women
9 from all socio-economic classes and education levels living around the Brazilian territory
10 Individuals responded a questionnaire including self reported fractures as well a 24-hour
11 food recall. Nutrient intakes were evaluated by Nutrition Data System for Research
12 software (NDSR, University of Minnesota, 2007). Low trauma fracture was defined as
13 that resulting of a fall from standing height or less. Nutrient intakes adequacies were
14 performed by using the DRI's proposed values. Statistical analysis comprises Oneway
15 ANCOVA adjusted by age and use of nutritional supplements and multiple logistic
16 regression. SAS software was used for statistical analysis. Results: Fractures was
17 reported by 13% of men and 15% of women. Women with fractures presented
18 significantly higher calcium, phosphorus and magnesium intakes. However, in all
19 regions and socio-economical levels mean intakes of bone related nutrients were below
20 the recommended levels. It was demonstrated that for every 100 mg/ phosphorus
21 increase the risk of fractures by 9% (OR 1.09; IC95% 1.05-1.13, $p < 0.001$). Conclusion:
22 The results demonstrated inadequacies in bone related nutrients in our population as
23 well that an increase in phosphorus intake is related to bone fractures.

24 **Keywords:** osteoporotic fractures, diet, nutrient intakes.

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1 **Background**

2 Adequate nutrition plays an important role in bone mass accrual and maintenance
3 and has been demonstrated as a significant tool for the prevention of fractures in
4 individuals with osteoporosis. Not only calcium but also protein, phosphorus,
5 magnesium, vitamin D and K intakes are important factors related to bone health (1, 2).

6 In adults, low calcium and vitamin D intakes may negatively impact on bone
7 mass, through increased PTH secretion with consequent mobilization of calcium from the
8 skeleton to the blood stream aiming to maintain its critical biological functions and
9 mineral homeostasis. Moreover, several clinical trials have demonstrated that calcium
10 supplementation can minimize secondary hyperparathyroidism, bone loss and the risk of
11 fragility fractures (3, 5).

12 The relation between vitamin D and bone health has been well established.
13 Vitamin D deficiency or abnormalities in its metabolism are associated with lower
14 intestinal calcium absorption, increased PTH secretion and increased bone resorption
15 (6). Until recently it was believed that vitamin D deficiency was uncommon in equatorial
16 areas and lower latitude regions. However, several studies in the past decade have
17 shown that vitamin D deficiency is broadly common and affects all the different
18 continents, age groups and socio-economic classes (7, 9).

19 Magnesium is essential for the normal function of the parathyroid glands, vitamin
20 D metabolism, and adequate sensitivity of target tissues to PTH and active vitamin D
21 metabolite. There is some evidence showing that magnesium supplementation in

1 postmenopausal women seems to increase bone mineral density (BMD). On the other
2 hand, there is no solid data on its effect on the reduction of fracture risk (10).

3 Recent studies have demonstrated that patients with osteoporosis have
4 increased levels of biochemical markers of vitamin K deficiency (11). Such markers are
5 associated with higher risk of fractures. It also seems that moderate supplementation
6 doses of vitamin K are associated with better bone status (12).

7 Excessive intake of certain nutrients, such as protein, phosphorus and vitamin A,
8 may have a negative impact on bone and mineral metabolism. Elevated protein and
9 phosphorus intake is associated with higher renal loss of calcium, increased PTH
10 secretion and higher bone resorption of calcium, phosphorus and magnesium (13, 14).
11 Adequate intake of such nutrients has a fundamental role for bone homeostasis
12 maintenance. Conversely, low protein intake is also deleterious for bone mass since
13 protein intake is critical for the production and secretion of growth factors, especially
14 growth hormone and insulin-like growth factor I (IGF-I), and for the synthesis of type I
15 collagen and many other non-collagen proteins in the bone matrix (osteocalcin, bone
16 sialoprotein and matrix Gla protein). It has been demonstrated that protein
17 supplementation in undernourished elderly can increase IGF-I production (14). IGF-I
18 effects on bone mass seem to be related to a stimulation of osteoblasts recruitment and
19 differentiation. On the other hand, excessive vitamin A intake, especially through the use
20 of supplements, is associated with higher bone resorption, bone formation inhibition and
21 higher risk of fractures (15,16).

1 Epidemiological studies that evaluate nutrient intakes in individuals with or without
2 fractures are scarce in the Brazilian population. In the present study, we investigate
3 nutrient intake and its association with self-reported osteoporotic fractures in a
4 representative sample of the Brazilian population over 40 years old.

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6 **Patients and Methods**

7 Subjects

8 In a transversal population-based study, a total of 2420 individuals over 40 years
9 old were evaluated from March to April 2006. Participants were men and women from all
10 socio-economic classes and education levels living around the Brazilian territory (five
11 geographic regions, 150 municipalities). Individuals were invited to participate in a
12 quantitative survey to characterize clinical risk factors for fragility fractures. A structured
13 questionnaire was especially designed for the present study based on literature
14 review. The main parameters evaluated were: age, demographic, anthropometric
15 and socio-economical data, general knowledge of osteoporosis, previous fall
16 and circumstances of fall in the last year, medical history, previous fracture,
17 gynecological and reproductive history, familial history of hip fracture after age 50
18 years in first degree relatives, quality of life (SF-8), medication use and co-
19 morbidities classified according to the ICD, International Classification of Diseases,
20 10th revision. The survey consisted of home-applied personal interviews conducted by
21 trained investigators.

1 Sample size was calculated by probabilistic analysis to represent the
2 Brazilian urban and rural population. Calculations and study design were based on
3 data from the last National Census (Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics,
4 IBGE, 2000) and the National Survey of Domicile Sampling (PNAD, 2003).
5 Domiciles were randomly selected and interviews were performed in week days and
6 weekends, day or night, from March to April 2006, in order to maximize the chance
7 of finding the target-individuals at home. The data were later weighed to reconstruct
8 the distribution and the proportionality originally observed for the total Brazilian
9 population. Sampling error was $\pm 2.2\%$ with 95% confidence intervals.

10 Socioeconomic status classification used in the present study reflects the
11 individual and household purchasing power and takes into account a list of assets as
12 well as the educational level of the head of household. As described, patients are
13 classified as A, B, C, D or E depending on their score. A status has the highest
14 purchasing power and E the lowest. For the purposes of this study, A is considered
15 upper class, B middle class and C, D and E lower class.

16 Osteoporotic or low energy fracture was defined as those associated with fall from
17 standing height or less after age 50 years. Skeletal sites for fragility fractures were axial
18 (ribs, lumbar and thoracic vertebrae) and peripheral bones (forearm, humerus and
19 femur). Traumatic fractures and those occurring at sites not characteristic of bone
20 fragility (face, skull, tibia, fibula and femoral diaphysis) were excluded from the
21 analysis. Individuals experiencing 2 or more falls in the last 12 months were defined
22 as chronic fallers.

1 The presence of cognition deficiencies (neurological diseases or senile dementia)
2 that could impair the participant to give consistent and trustable answers and the
3 presence of more than two individuals over 40 years old in the domicile was considered
4 exclusion criteria in the study.

5 Food Intake

6 Food intake was assessed by using 24-hour recalls (24R). Upon personal
7 interviews, participants reported in details all the food and beverages consumed the day
8 before, starting from the first food ingested after wakening until the last meal before
9 going to bed and including food taken inside and outside the domicile. The 24R was
10 applied at home and filled by an interviewer trained in the method by an experienced
11 nutritionist. Consistence assessment and corrections were made in the applied
12 questionnaires in order to ensure the accuracy of the notations reported.

13 Measurements of food and recipes were standardized according to an in house
14 table of home measures. Food data were converted in the respective values of macro
15 and micronutrients and analyzed using the software *Nutrition Data System for Research*
16 (NDS-R. University of Minnesota), version 2005.

17 For nutrient intake evaluation only complete 24R records with energy intake
18 between 400 and 5500 kcal/ day were considered. Results refer to a total of 2344
19 individuals (693 men and 1651 women).

20 Mean intake for each nutrient was compared to the proposed *Dietary Reference*
21 *Intakes* (DRIs) from the Medicine Institute [2, 17]., according to gender and age group.

1 Briefly, daily recommendation for calcium (1000-1200 mg), vitamin D (5-15 µg),
2 magnesium (350 mg for men and 265 mg for women), vitamin K (120 mg for men and
3 90 mg for women) and vitamin A (625 µg RAE for men and 500 µg RAE for women),
4 total protein (56 g/ day for men and 46 g/ day for women) and phosphorus (780 mg/ day
5 for men and 580 mg/ day for women) (DRIs, 1997-2001).

6 All the nutrients were adjusted for energy according to Willet & Stampfer method
7 (18). Energy intake from food was evaluated according to the recommendations from
8 the Food and Agricultural Organization/WHO (2001) for gender, age group and physical
9 activity levels (19).

10 All questionnaires were revised by an independent supervisor and underwent
11 continuous process of criticism and consistency. Inconsistently filled questionnaires
12 were returned for correction. About 25% of the questionnaires were verified *in loco*
13 or *post hoc* by phone call.

14 Anthropometrics

15 Body weight (kg) was measured (after removal of shoes and heavy outer
16 clothing) using a balance beam scale. Height (m) was measured (after removal of
17 shoes) using a stadiometer. Height and body weight were used to calculate body
18 mass index (BMI, kg/ m²). Nutritional status was categorized according to WHO
19 classification (1995) (20).

20 The study protocol was revised and approved by the UNIFESP/ EPM's Ethics and
21 Research Committee.

1 Statistical Analysis

2 Variables distribution was assessed by Kolmogorov-Smirnov's test. For
3 comparison between male and female population, Mann-Whitney U test was used. Qui-
4 square analysis was performed for categorical variables between individuals with and
5 without fractures. To analyze differences between the groups among gender and
6 country regions, nutrients were adjusted for age and use of nutritional supplements and
7 the Oneway ANCOVA test was performed.

8 In order to investigate the risk factors for fractures, the multiple logistic regression
9 analysis was performed considering the presence of fractures as dependent variable.
10 Nutrient intakes, age, weight, height and use of nutritional supplements were considered
11 independent variables. All analysis were performed using the software SAS, version
12 8.02 (SAS Institute Inc, 1999-2001, Cary, NC, USA). Significance level was set as
13 $p < 0.05$.

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15 **Results**

16 Characteristics of the evaluated population are shown in Table 1. Men had weight
17 and height significantly higher than women, while BMI did not differ between genders.
18 According to FAO/WHO classification, men and women, on average, are pre-obese.
19 About 57% of the individuals had BMI higher than 25 kg/ m^2 .

20 Fragility fractures in Brazilian population is demonstrated in Table 2. Men and
21 women had similar percentage of fractures, particularly in people with more than 70

1 years old ($p < 0.05$). As expected, fractures were significantly higher in people with
2 osteoporosis (25% vs. 13%, osteoporosis vs. non osteoporosis respectively, $p = 0.001$).

3 Energy and bone health-related nutrients intakes according to osteoporotic
4 fractures and gender are shown in Table 3. Overall recommended energy intake from
5 the diet for men and women are 1710 and 1240 kcal/ day, respectively. In our
6 population, men had energy intake lower than the recommended (about 100 kcal/day
7 less) while women had values very close to the recommended amount. No significant
8 differences regarding energy intake was observed between male and female with or
9 without fractures.

10 Nutrients intake was adjusted for energy in order to determine the net intake of
11 the nutrient without the effect of the energy. In this way, one can minimize higher
12 nutrients intakes related to high energy dietary intake. After adjustments for energy, we
13 observed significant differences between genders in terms of calcium, phosphorus and
14 magnesium intakes. Women with fractures presented significantly higher calcium,
15 phosphorus and magnesium intakes compared to females without fractures. No
16 significant difference was observed between men with or without fractures.

17 According to the DRIs daily recommendations for calcium, vitamin D, magnesium,
18 vitamin K and vitamin A, mean intake of our population with or without fractures was
19 below the recommended amounts. Total protein and phosphorus intakes were close to
20 the recommended quantities.

21 Energy-adjusted intakes of nutrients for the population according to the
22 geographic regions in Brazil are shown in Table 4. No significant difference was

1 observed for vitamin K intake among the five geographic regions. However, significant
2 differences were observed for protein, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, vitamin D and
3 A intakes among the different regions. People with fractures living in the North region
4 had higher intakes of calcium, phosphorus, magnesium and vitamin D. Individuals living
5 in the Northeast presented higher protein intake while the highest vitamin A intake was
6 seen for Central residents.

7 Individuals in the higher classes (A and B) did not present significantly higher
8 nutrient intakes compared to individuals in the lower socio-economic classes (C, D and
9 E). However, individuals in the C, D and E classes with fractures presented significantly
10 higher phosphorus intakes compared to individuals at same class without fractures
11 (Class C: 774 vs 740 mg/d; Class D+E: 756 vs 722 mg/d, with vs without fractures
12 respectively, $p < 0.05$).

13 In the logistic analysis for fractures, age higher than 60 years old and higher
14 phosphorus intake were considered as relevant risk factors. Individuals with more than
15 60 years old had 45% more risk of fracture and for every 100 mg/ phosphorus intake
16 there is a 9% increase the risk of fracture.

1 Discussion

2 In the present study we detected important inadequacies for the intake of bone
3 health-related nutrients as calcium and vitamin D in the Brazilian population.
4 Furthermore, for every 100 mg of phosphorus intake the risk of fractures increases by
5 9%.

6 The potential adverse effects of higher phosphorus intake on bone metabolism
7 has been investigated by several authors in the last decades. It has been demonstrated
8 that a high phosphorus diet produces hormonal changes of mild hyperparathyroidism,
9 lowering calcitriol concentrations thus disrupting calcium homeostasis (13,14,21).

10 In 1996 Calvo & Park, reviewed the literature regarding the bone effects of high
11 phosphorus diet in animals and humans. Studies with high phosphorus content in
12 animals from different species, demonstrated increased bone resorption, reduced bone
13 formation as well reduced bone mineral content. In humans such effect was not
14 observed, even more the secondary hyperparathyroidism theory was also observed with
15 a low calcium diet (3), leading to the assumption that the high phosphorus/ low calcium
16 diet was more prone to induce loss of bone mineral density.

17 However, the Food and Nutrition Board questioned the calcium/ phosphorus
18 concept. It has been demonstrated that the ingested ratio must consider the differing
19 absorption efficiencies, mainly in elderly, when calcium absorption drops more sharply
20 than does phosphorus absorption (2). In fact, Heaney and Recker (1987) in a calcium
21 kinetic study demonstrated that increasing phosphorus intake from 1.1 to 2.3 g showed
22 no effect on bone turnover (22).

1 Additionally, studies investigating the relationship between nutrient intakes and
2 bone metabolism, did not demonstrated that phosphorus *per se* induced bone loss (2, 3,
3 23). By the other hand, low calcium intake has been demonstrated to contribute to bone
4 fracture.

5 Evaluating the effects of diet and fracture risk in a prospective study in 34.696
6 British women and men, Key *et al* 2007, demonstrated that the fracture risk was
7 significantly higher among women with a calcium intake lower than 525 mg/ d (23).

8 Calcium plays a fundamental role in global and bone health and has recently
9 received significant attention in terms of public health policies to ensure its adequate
10 intake. Calcium intake lower than the recommended amounts required for good bone
11 health has been observed in all age groups around the world, even in developed
12 countries (5).

13 Calcium intake in our sample was, on average, about one third of the
14 recommended amount for gender and age group. Alarmingly, about 99% of the
15 population had calcium intake lower than the recommended (1200 mg/ day). Similar
16 results have also been observed in 20 to 60 years old individuals residing in the São
17 Paulo state, Brazil, where the authors found a energy-adjusted intake of calcium of 448
18 mg/ day (24).

19 Vitamin D deficiency is also associated with increased risk of osteoporosis and
20 fragility fractures. The main source of 25(OH)D₃ is exposure to sunlight which depends
21 upon the latitude, season, skin pigmentation, gender, age, clothing and use of
22 sunscreen. Dietary sources of vitamin D are scarce but have become especially relevant

1 given the common current behavior of avoiding sunlight exposure to prevent skin
2 cancer. Inadequate vitamin D intake has been reported in many populations. Mean
3 vitamin D intake for men and women in the USA and UK are 8.12 and 7.33 μg , and 4.2
4 and 3.7 μg , respectively (25). The higher vitamin D intake in the American population
5 might be related to a strong policy for food fortification. Even with fortified food and with
6 an intake mainly based on alimentary sources such as fish, Norwegian men and women
7 have daily intake of vitamin D of only 6.8 and 5.9 μg , respectively. In Japan, the scenario
8 is not much different and Japanese women have mean daily intake of vitamin D of 7.1
9 μg (26). Some studies have shown that nutritional interventions directed to achieve
10 adequate vitamin D intake can have a positive impact on bone health. Nakamura *et al*
11 (26) have demonstrated that the consumption of fish (four times per week) was
12 positively associated with 25(OH)D₃ serum levels. Trivedi *et al* (27) in a prospective
13 randomized double-blind placebo-controlled trial observed that quadrimestral
14 supplementation with vitamin D 800 IU or 20 μg was associated with a 33% reduction in
15 fracture risk in the elderly.

16 In BRAZOS, mean vitamin D intake was about one quarter of the recommended
17 for gender and age group. Similarly to calcium intake, most of our sample (99.3%) had
18 vitamin D intakes lower than the recommended amount. Given the pivotal roles these
19 nutrients play on mineral homeostasis, we believe that urgent measures need to be
20 taken in order to optimize bone health in our population. Simple and low cost changes
21 would be helpful in this scenario: educational programs aiming to increase the intake of
22 these nutrients from alimentary sources, use of fortified food and supplements and
23 optimized exposure to sunlight whenever possible and safe.

1 Magnesium intake was also inadequate in our population. Mean magnesium
2 intake was low yet close to the recommended amount. Only 20% of the participants
3 reached the DRI for this nutrient. Similar results have been reported in NHANES III and
4 also in the *Framingham Osteoporosis Study* (28). In postmenopausal women, there is a
5 positive significant association between magnesium intake and lumbar spine and femur
6 BMD (29). Magnesium intake has also been associated with BMD changes in pre-
7 menopausal women receiving calcium supplementation (30). It is important to point out
8 that the observed inadequacy of magnesium intake in great part of our population does
9 not necessarily translate into nutritional deficiency. Indeed, the assessment of
10 magnesium nutritional status requires also measurements of its serum levels in order to
11 better define inadequacy.

12 A similar approach is also needed to evaluate the results concerning vitamins A
13 and K. Serum levels measurements are more sensitive and accurate to determine the
14 presence of deficiency of these vitamins. In the BRAZOS population, the intake of
15 vitamins A and K were below the recommendation for great part of the sample. Half of
16 the individuals had vitamin A intakes below the recommended amount. Most of the
17 participants (80%) also had vitamin K intakes under the recommendation for gender and
18 age group.

19 The importance of adequate vitamin K intake and the maintenance of its serum
20 levels on bone density and risk of fractures has been demonstrated in several studies.
21 Lower vitamin K serum levels are associated with higher risk of fragility fractures (11,
22 31). Excessive vitamin A intake seems to be related to higher bone resorption and
23 inhibition of bone formation with consequent higher risk of fractures (15, 16). In our

1 population a small percentage of individuals had vitamin A intakes higher than the
2 recommended. As vitamin A serum levels were not measured neither were bone
3 markers assessed to evaluate potential toxic effects, we can not assure that those
4 individuals are at higher risk for bone disease. Moreover, the higher vitamin A intake
5 observed might be related to the ingestion of food rich in vitamin A only in the particular
6 day of the interview.

7 In spite of the insufficient intake of most of the micronutrients studied, most of the
8 population had adequate intake of protein. Similar results were reported in the
9 *Framingham Osteoporosis Study*, where the authors observed a 30% inadequacy rate
10 for protein intake (32). Low protein intake has a negative effect on bone health and is
11 associated with lower femur BMD measurements (13, 32).

12 Some limitations of the present study need to be pointed out, especially regarding
13 the method used to evaluate food intake (24-hour recall). One could not assure that food
14 consumed at one day reflects accurately the usual intake of the individual and so our
15 results must be interpreted with caution. To confirm nutritional inadequacy and properly
16 address fortification/ supplementation policies, dietary records including more days are
17 needed as well as biochemical markers to assess the nutrients bioavailability and their
18 real adequacy. Besides, we did not perform bone mass measurements and serum
19 biomarkers of bone metabolism. However, recently the fragility fractures are defined as
20 the best outcome to evaluate bone health.

21 Other important point is that besides lower than recommended values, a
22 significantly higher intake of calcium, phosphorus and magnesium was observed in

1 women with fragility fractures. Such observation could indicate that improvement on
2 dietary habits could minimize osteoporotic fractures in Brazilian population. However, we
3 did not find association between nutrient intakes related to bone health and physical
4 activity.

5 In summary, our results demonstrated that independently on the geographic
6 region or the socio-economic status in Brazilian men and women an increase in
7 phosphorus intake was a significantly related to bone fractures. Furthermore, a lower
8 intake of calcium and vitamin D was observed in our population. Health professional
9 dealing with this population ought to be aware of this situation and search for means of
10 minimizing or neutralizing the negative effects of nutritional inadequacy on bone health.

11 **Competing interests**

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13 The author declare that they have no competing interests
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15 **Authors contribution**

16 MMP and LAM– were responsible for the study design, statistical analysis e paper
17 elaboration; NOJ performed all the nutrient calculation and participated in paper
18 elaboration; PSG participated in the nutrient calculation an results discussion. RMC and
19 MBF was responsible for the study design and paper elaboration
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1 Table 1. Characteristics of Brazilian population according to gender.

	Men (n=693)	Women (n=1651)	Total (n=2344)
Age (years)	56 (40-98) ^a	59 (40-102) *	58 (40-102)
Body Mass Index (kg/ m²)	25.8 (14.7-46.1)	25.7 (12.7-51.2)	25.7 (12.7-51.2)
Weight (kg)	72.0 (40-130)	63.7 (30-125) *	66 (30-130)
Height (m)	1.66 (1.40-2.00)	1.57 (1.20-1.83) *	1.60 (1.20-2.00)

2 ^a Median (minimum-maximum) *p< 0.001 men vs. women, Mann-Whitney Test.

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- 1 Table 2. Presence of fragility fracture in Brazilian population, according to gender, age,
 2 nutritional supplements use and presence of osteoporosis.

		Fragility Fractures	
		No	Yes
Gender	Male	603 (87%)	89 (13%)
	Female	1353 (84%)	241 (15%)
Age (years)	40 - 49	638 (88%)	88 (12%)
	50 - 59	397 (88%)	56 (12%)
	60 - 69	359 (85%)	62 (15%)
	70 - 79	411 (82%)	88 (18%) *
	≥ 80	153 (81%)	36 (19%) *
Osteoporosis	No	1809 (87%)	280 (13%)
	Yes	150 (75%)	50 (25%) *

* p< 0.001

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1 Table 3. Energy and micronutrient intakes in Brazilian population, according to presence of
 2 fractures and gender.
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Daily Intake	Fragility Fractures			
	No		Yes	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Energy (kcal)	1331 ^a	1197	1199	1331
	(610 – 3098)	(427 - 3565)	(405-5128)	(610-3098)
Protein (g)	62	59	66	60
	(51-73)	(49-68)	(50-76)	(53-71)
Calcium (mg)	359	372	382	414*
	(255-503)	(276-518)	(263-545)	(296-591)
Phosphorus (mg)	737	730	760	772*
	(632-871)	(640-848)	(665-882)	(662-934)
Magnesium (mg)	201	189	244	196*
	(161-245)	(158-223)	(159-244)	(164-235)
Vitamin D (µg)	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.2
	(0.8-2.9)	(1.1-3.2)	(0.9-3.1)	(1.2-3.6)
Vitamin K (µg)	41	43	42	39
	(29-64)	(34-74)	(29-75)	(31-71)
Vitamin A (µg REA)	131	138	212	231
	(18-265)	(68-257)	(116-335)	(141-376)

4 ^a median (minimum-maximum). REA: retinol equivalent activity. *Oneway ANCOVA,
 5 adjusted for age and use of nutritional supplements, p <0.05 male vs female with fracture
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1 Table 4. Micronutrient intakes in Brazilian population, according to country regions and presence
 2 of fractures.
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Fractures	South		Southeast		Central		Northeast		North	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Micronutrient										
Protein	60 ^a	61	59	60	59	61	58	64*	62	60
(g/d)	52-71	53-73	49-69	53-72	50-70	53-75	48-69	55-70	50-71	50-83
Calcium	396	410	387	396	364	473*	339	371	325	454*
(mg/d)	288-565	303-585	294-513	290-555	271-513	340-669	250-518	250-511	239-481	310-678
Phosphorus	787	754	730	765	725	863*	721	742	741	821*
(mg/d)	659-869	665-831	645-848	653-900	645-823	695-998	612-878	662-882	611-877	670-1089
Magnesium	182	186	198	191	197	209	190	193	178	213*
(mg/d)	160-219	164-210	167-230	163-223	163-242	175-252	150-234	153-230	138-236	164-281
Vitamin D	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.7	2.2	1.9	1.8	2.1	3.6*
(µg/d)	1.1-3.3	1.3-3.6	0.0-2.8	0.7-3.0	0.9-2.8	1.1-4.0	1.0-3.2	1.1-3.0	1.1-3.5	1.4-5.3
Vitamin K	46	43	47	44	45	40	35	33	36	37
(µg/d)	35-101	36-80	36-83	35-81	33-69	32-73	24-46	27-44	26-55	24-72
Vitamin A	254	250	198	199	160	242*	167	169	159	188
(µg REA/d)	142-375	168-368	116-338	128-361	43-284	155-354	56-307	85-272	67-264	82-399

4 ^a median (minium-maximun) * p<0.05 Oneway ANCOVA whitin groups, adjusted for age and
 5 nutritional supplement. REA: retinol equivalent activity.
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1 Table 5. Final multiple logistic regression model for fragility fractures in Brazilian men and
2 women.
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Variable		P value	Odds Ratio	IC 95%
Age	< 60 years	---	---	---
	≥ 60 years	0.002	1.45	1.14 – 1.83
Phosphorus intake	Every 100 mg	<0.001	1.09	1.04 – 1.13

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