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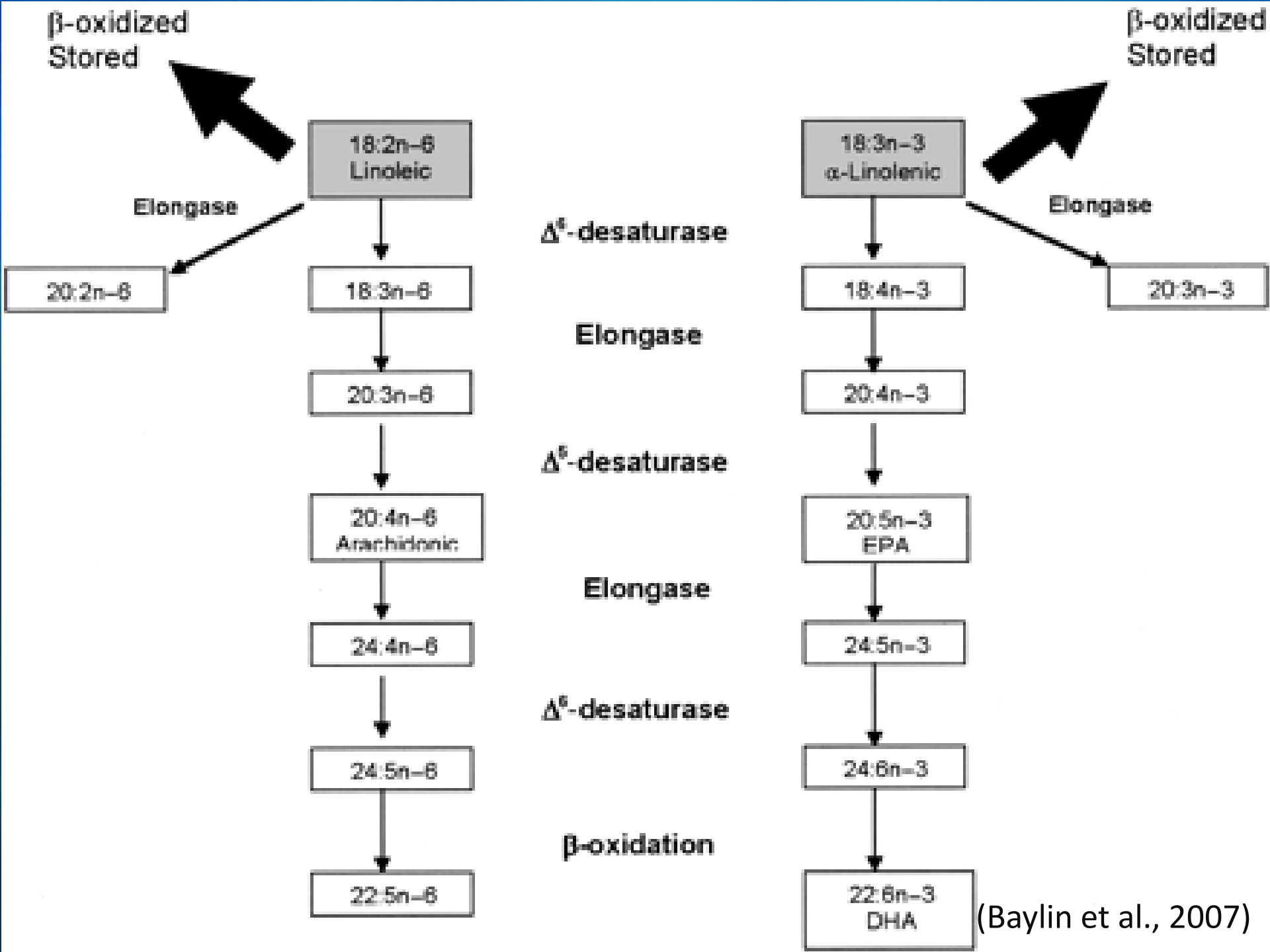
**The Effect of Dietary Ratio of Omega-6/Omega-3
Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids on Bone Marrow Fatty
Acid Composition and Some Biomarkers of Bone
Metabolism in Rabbits**

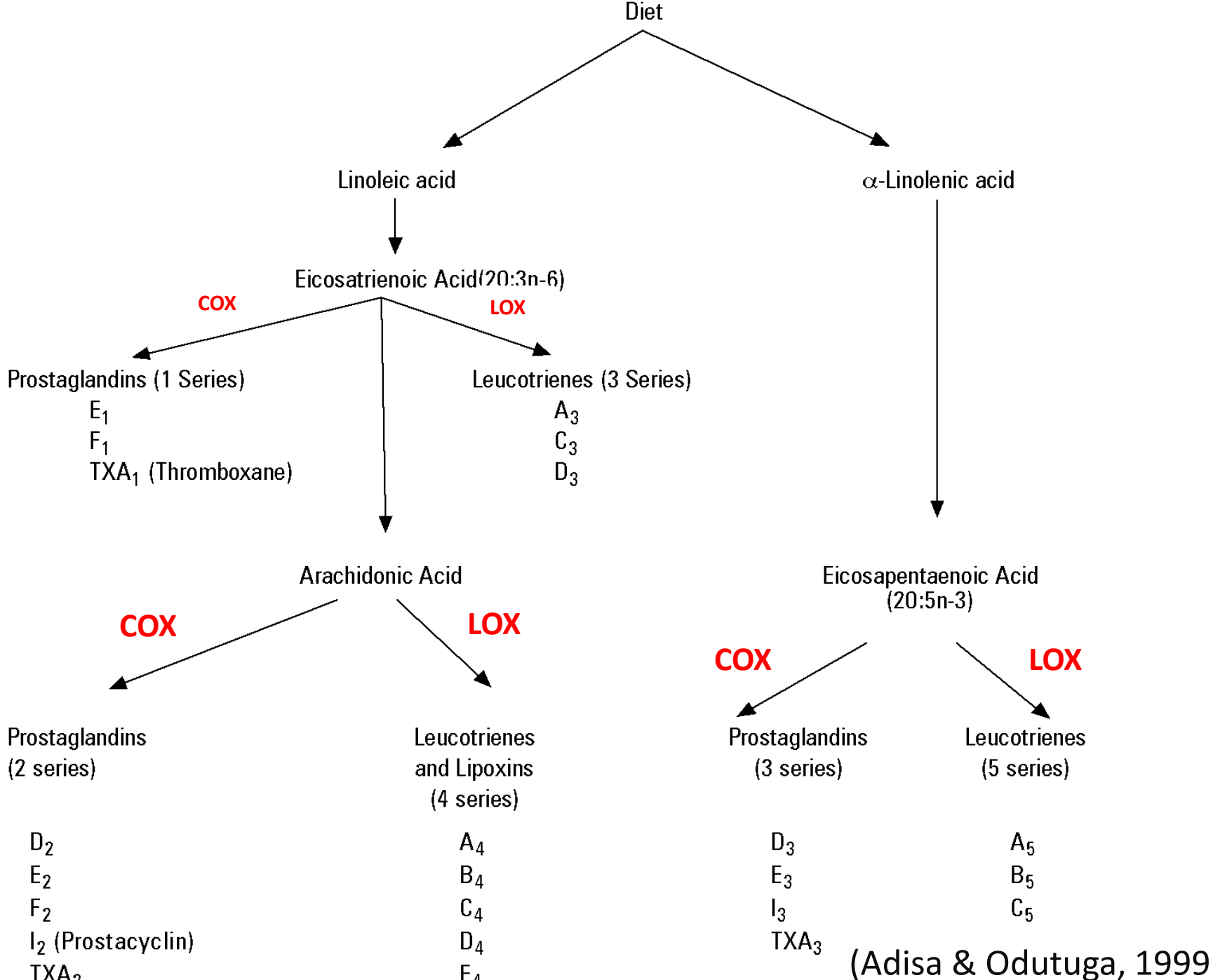
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Introduction





(Adisa & Odutuga, 1999)

Bone Composition

- Cells
 - Osteoblasts
 - Osteoclasts
- Organic Matrix (35%)
- Inorganic (65%)
- Cartilage
- Connective tissue

(Boskey, 1999; Anderson, 2000)

Osteoblasts-bone forming cells

- Mononucleated cells
- Rich in ALP (mineralization)
- Produce organic components for bone formation
- Produce regulatory factors
 - Growth factors
 - Eicosanoids
 - Cytokines



(Baron, 1999; Anderson, 2000)

Osteoclasts-bone resorbing cells

- Multinucleated cells
- Rich in ACP
- Synthesize lysosomal enzymes
- Secrete metalloproteinases for bone resorption





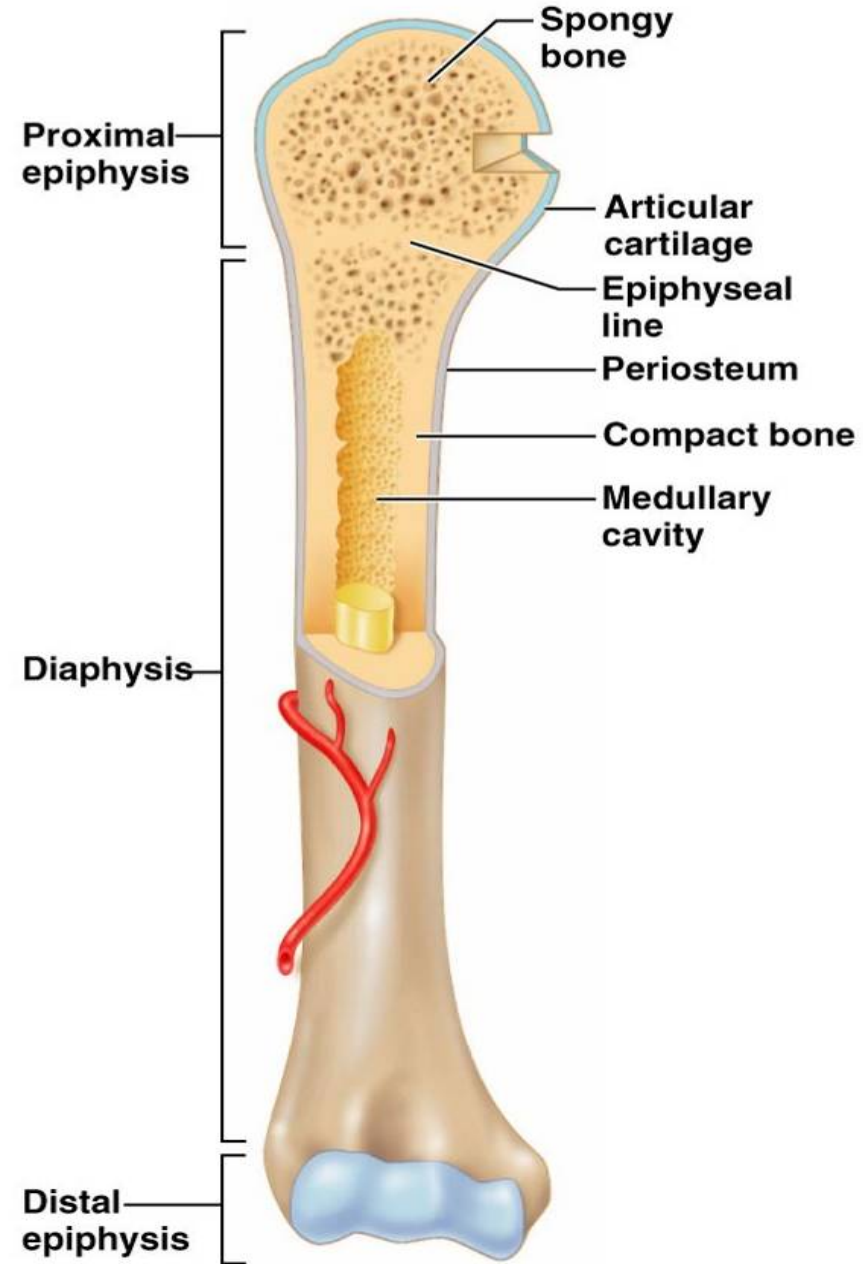
Both osteoblasts & osteoclasts
originate from
Bone Marrow

Inorganic

- Calcium (Ca) 99%
- Phosphorous (P) 85%
- Hydroxyapatite $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$
- Magnesium (Mg) 67%
- Zinc (Zn) 29%

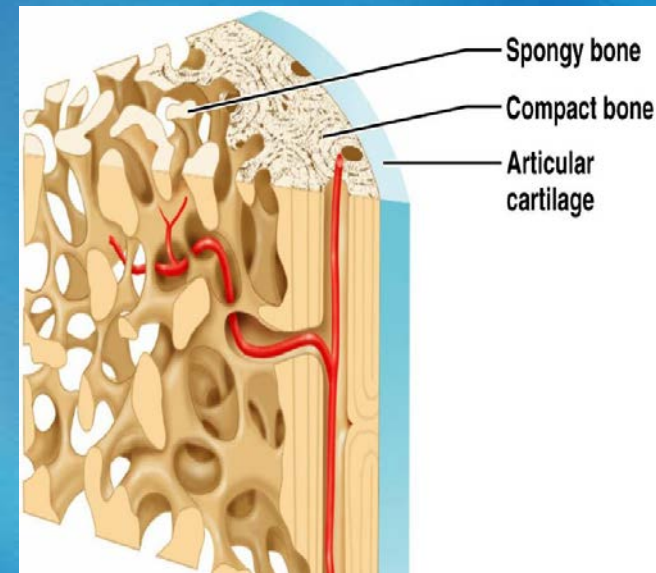
Bone Components

- Diaphysis = Shaft
- Epiphysis = Ends



Bone Types

- Cortical (compact/dense)
 - External
 - 80-90% calcified
 - Function: mechanical & protective
- Trabecular (spongy/cancellous)
 - Internal
 - 15-25% calcified
 - Function: metabolic



Characteristics of Bone

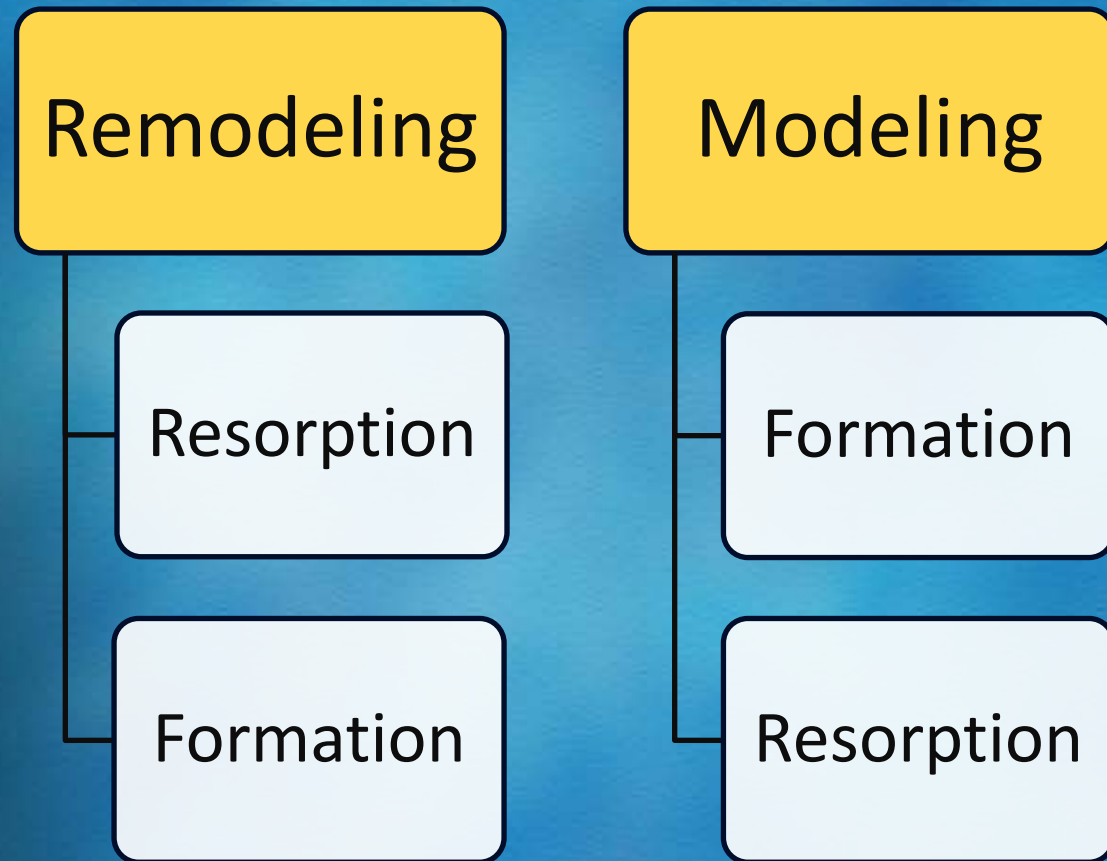


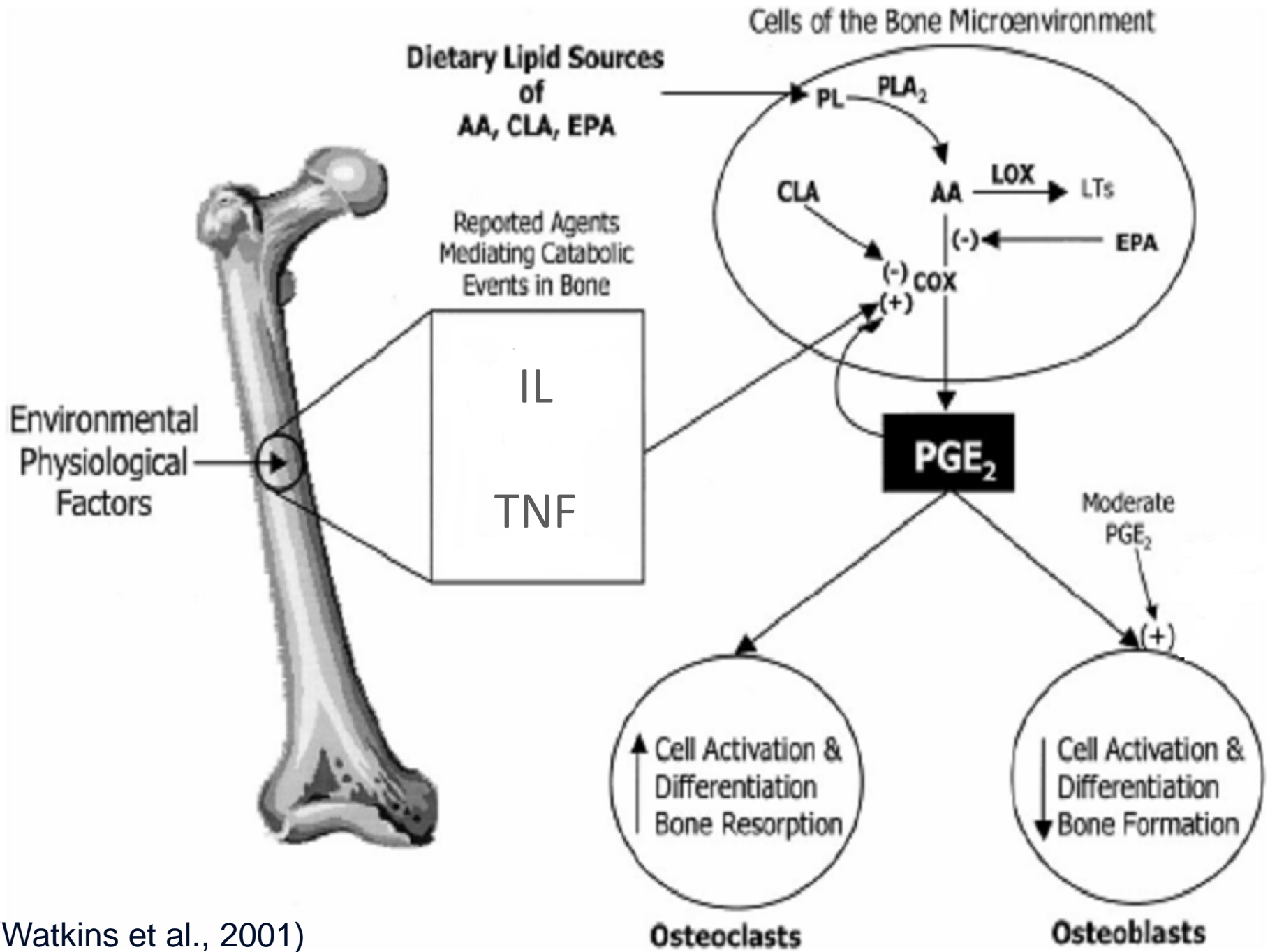
Stiff

Flexible

Light

Bone Metabolism





(Watkins et al., 2001)

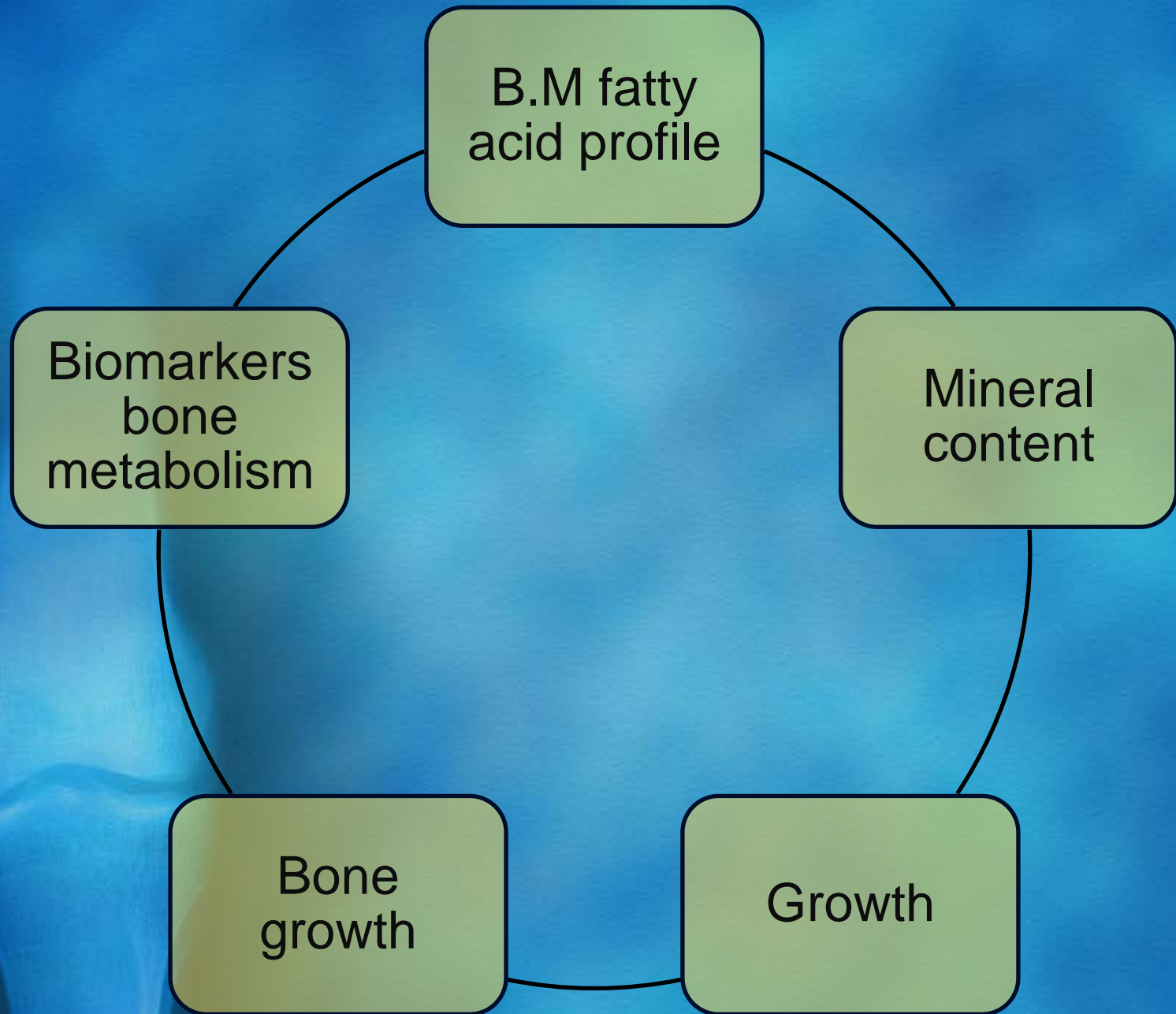


Objectives

To determine:

1. The effect of different dietary ω -6/ ω -3 ratios from different dietary oil sources on:





To determine:

2. The correlation between bone marrow specific LCPUFA concentrations, their ratios &
 - Mineral content
 - ALP activity
 - PGE₂ level
3. Whether male & female rabbits respond differently to dietary ω -6/ ω -3 ratios



Materials & Methods

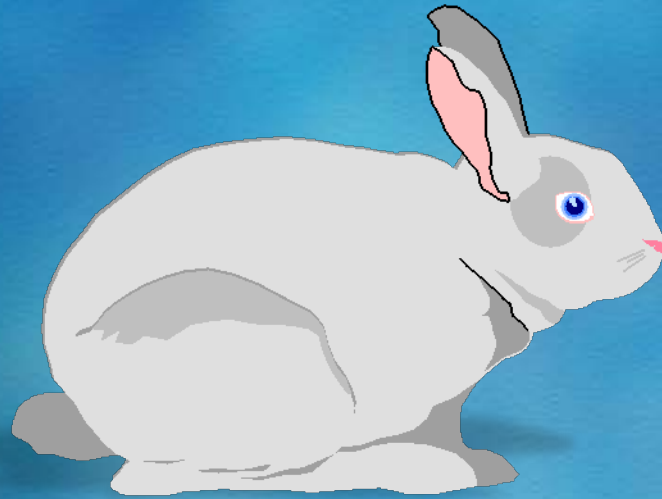
Diets

- Basal diet (47152- Rabbit 18/14 Pellet, without fat) (ARASCO)
- Soy bean oil (SBO)
- Sesame oil (SO)
- Fish oil (FO) (DHA 40% + EPA 30%)
- Two types of marine brown microalgae oils of the genus *Cryptocodinium cohnii*
 - DHA 40% (40 g/100 g of fatty acids)
 - ARA 40% (40 g/100 g of fatty acids)

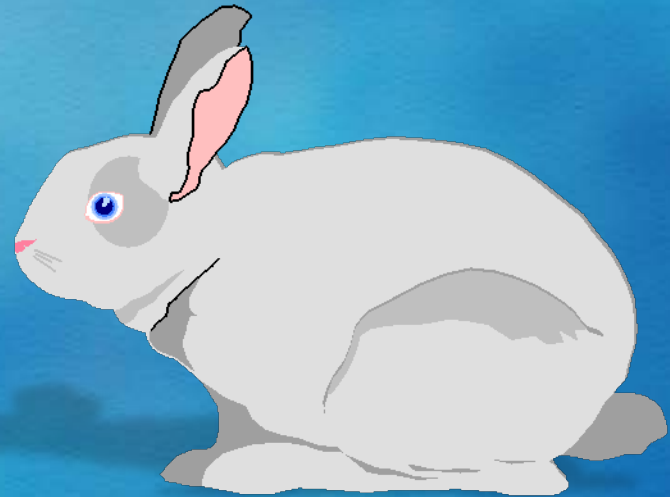
Amounts of oils added (70 g/Kg diet) to each of the 5 experimental diets

	SBO oil	SO oil	FO oil	DHA oil	ARA oil
SBO diet (Control)	70	-	-	-	-
SO diet	20	50	-	-	-
FO diet	20	-	50	-	-
DHA diet	20	-	-	50	-
DHA/ARA diet	20	-	-	25	25

Animals



25 ♂



20 ♀

Experimental Design

45 Weanling Rabbits
New Zealand White

SBO
(control)

5
M

5
F

SO
group

5
M

3
F

FO
group

5
M

3
F

DHA
group

5
M

5
F

DHA/ARA
group

5
M

4
F

Growth Indicators

- Weight gain (Wt gain) (g)
=(g final body weight – g initial body weight)
- Food efficiency (FE)
=(total g weight gain/total g food consumed)
- Growth rate (GR) (g/day)
=(total g weight gain/100 days study period)

Samples Collection

Bones

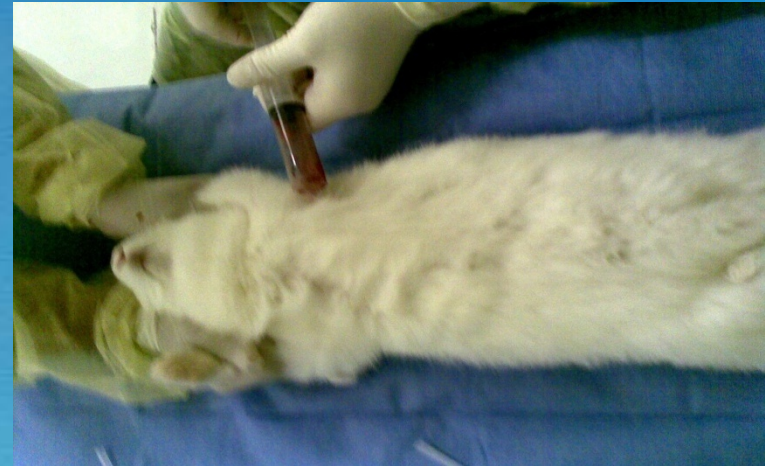


Blood



Blood

- 10 ml of blood was collected via cardiac puncture
- In a vacutainer heparinized tube



Bones

- Excised & carefully freed of soft tissue by gentle scraping with a scalpel
- Rinsed with normal saline (0.9% NaCl) & dried using a lint-free paper towel
- Stored in a plastic container at -20°C until elicitation of bone marrow



(Dekel et al., 1981)

SBO 1M

Femur

الفخذ

Tibia

الساق



SBO

2M



R

L



1M

SBO

SBO 1M

Humerus

العنق

Radius

الساعد

L



R

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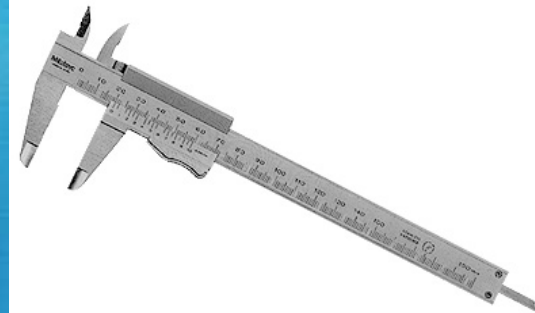


1M

SBO

Bone Growth Indicators

- Weight (Wt)
- Length (Lt)
- Width (Wd)



Method of taking bone length measurements



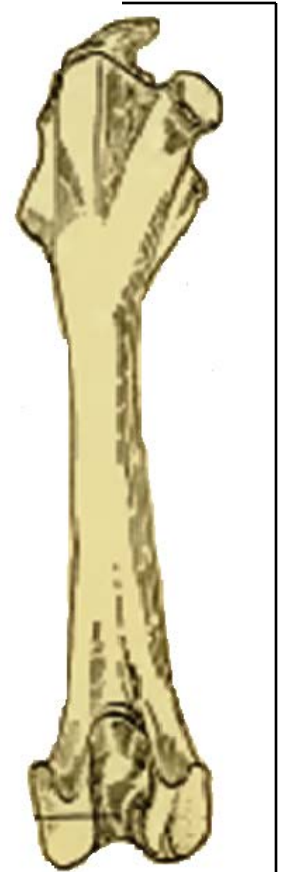
Humerus



Forearm

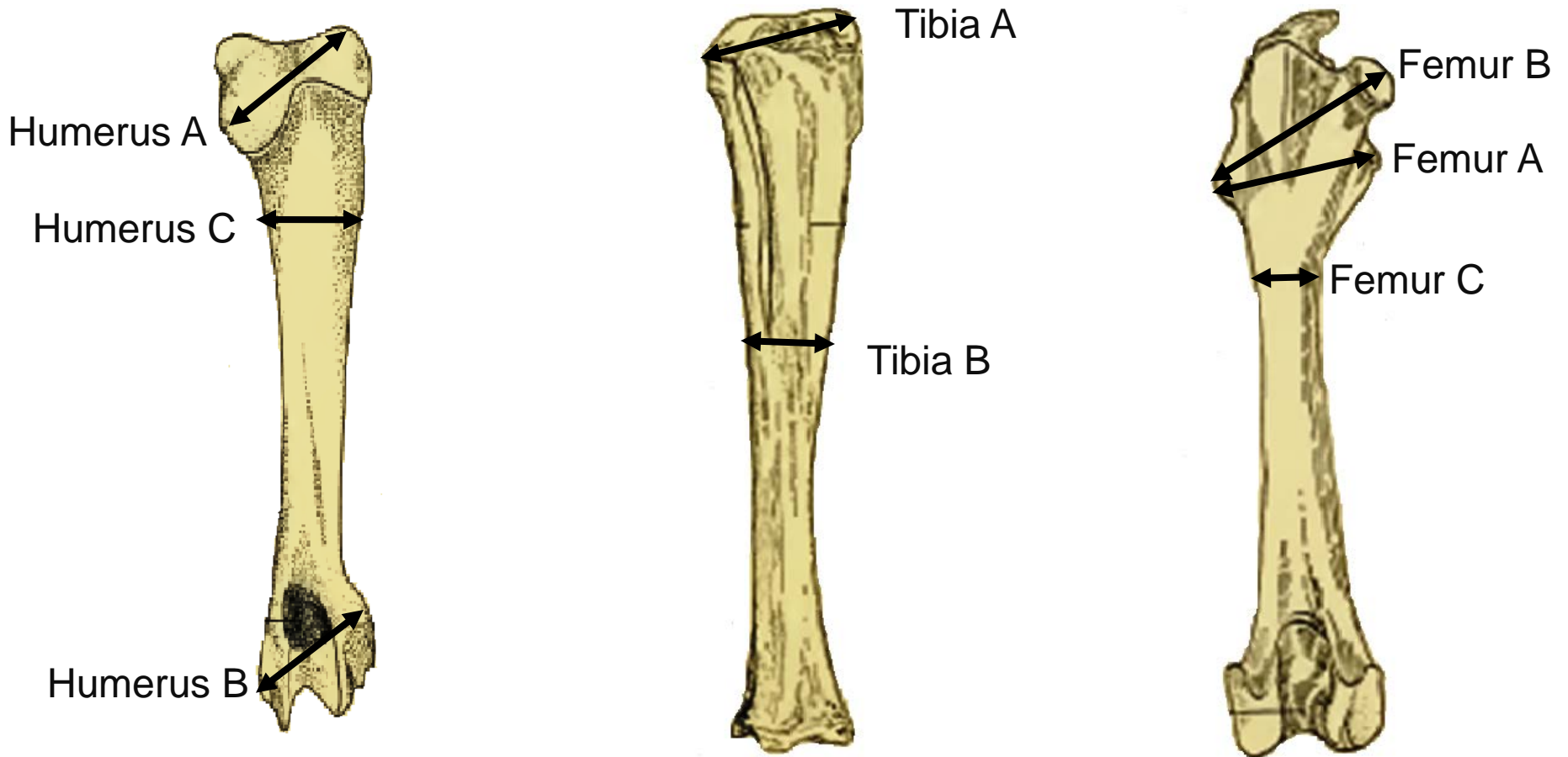


Tibia



Femur

Method of taking bone width measurements



(Reichling & German, 2000)

Samples Preparation

- Blood was centrifuged to obtain plasma at 4000 rpm (1753 x g) for 8 min at 4°C
- Plasma samples were stored refrigerated at 4°C for one week



Samples Preparation

- Bone epiphysis was removed using a fine saw
- Incision was made along the bone using a sharp non-serrated knife
- Bone marrow was removed & weighed to the nearest 0.0001 g
- Stored in a plastic tube at -20°C until used for lipid extraction & fatty acid analysis



Samples Preparation

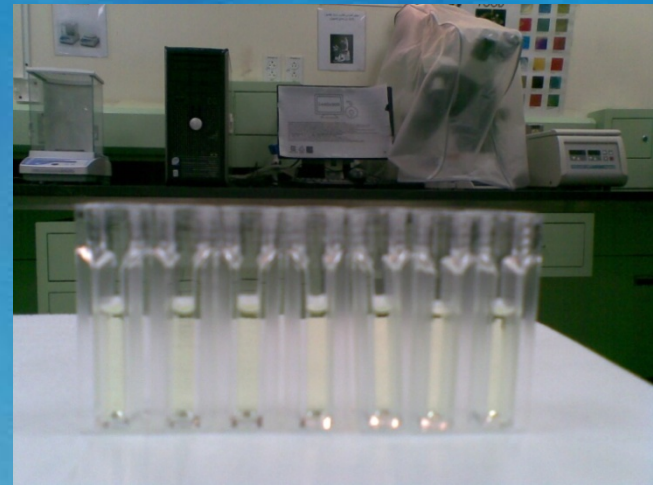
- Bone samples were rinsed again with normal saline
- Dried using a lint-free paper towel
- Stored in a plastic tube at -20°C until used for PGE_2 & mineral content analysis

Analysis



Enzymes

- ALP activity according to Bowers & McComb (1966)
- ACP activity according to Ellis et al. (1971)
- Using a commercial colorimetric/kinetic method kits
- The optical density measured at 405 nm using a spectrophotometer
- Enzyme activity was expressed as (U/L)



FA analysis

- Bone marrow samples homogenized at 4°C using bench top Homogenizer
- Total lipids extracted according to Folch et al. (1957)
- Transmethylated to fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) according to Bligh & Dyer (1959)

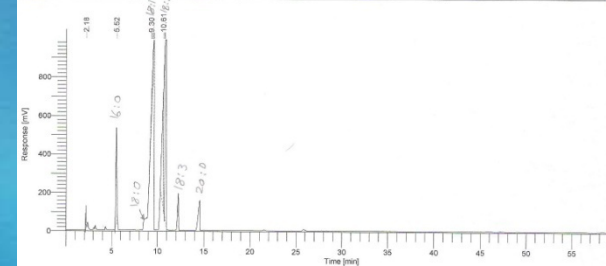


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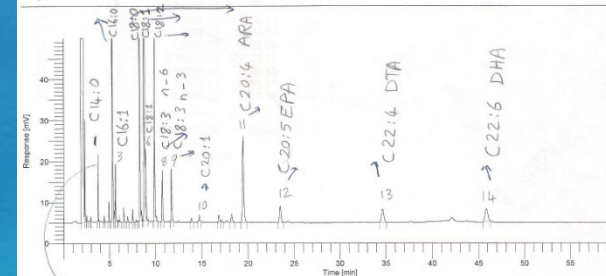
- FAMES separated by gas chromatography (GC)
- FAMES (C14-C22) identified by comparison with standard fatty acids PUFA-2 animal source & F.A.M.E Mix RM-1 Oil Reference
- FA concentration expressed as g/100 g of total fatty acids



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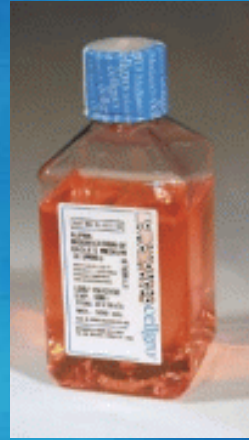


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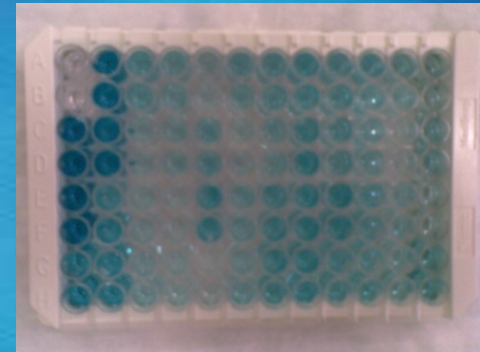
Bone culture & PGE₂

- Bone organ culture performed as previously described (Blanaru et al., 2004; Mollard et al., 2005)
- Tibia samples (1 g) incubated in 10 ml of Hank's balanced salt solution for 2 h at 37°C in a shaking water bath, followed by the removal of bone & rapid freezing of solution at -20°C



Bone culture & PGE₂

- PGE₂ analyzed by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) technique using a rabbit polyclonal antibody PGE₂ kit
- PGE₂ levels expressed as ng/g bone



Mineral content

- Femur samples (300 mg) digested in 6 ml of concentrated nitric acid (HNO_3) & 2 ml hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) for 30 min in a microwave digestion system
- Ca, Mg & Zn concentrations measured using an inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS)



Mineral content

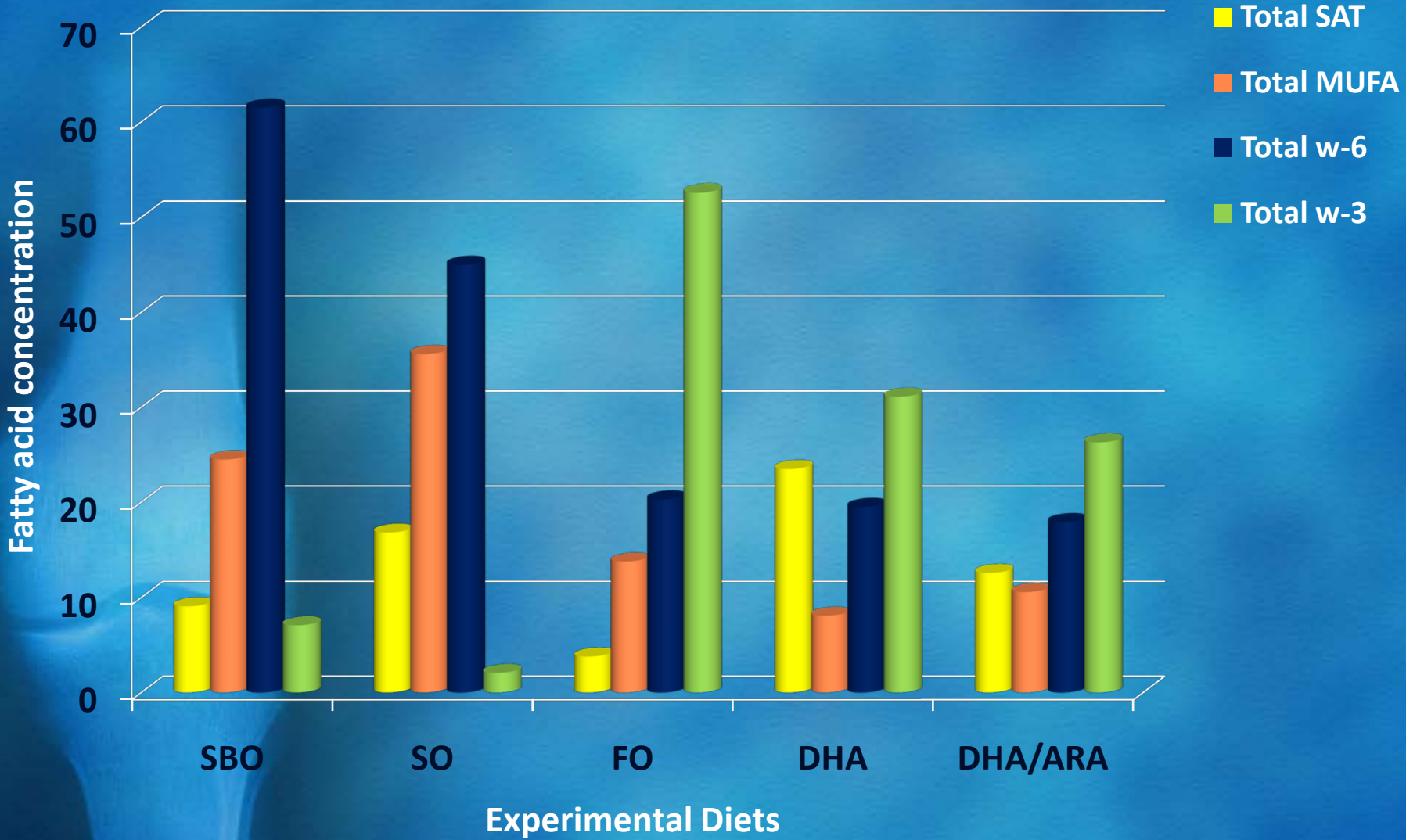
- P concentration measured using molybdo-vanadate colorimetric method according to the AOAC (1962)
- The optical density measured at 410 nm using a spectrophotometer
- Minerals' concentration expressed as mg/g bone



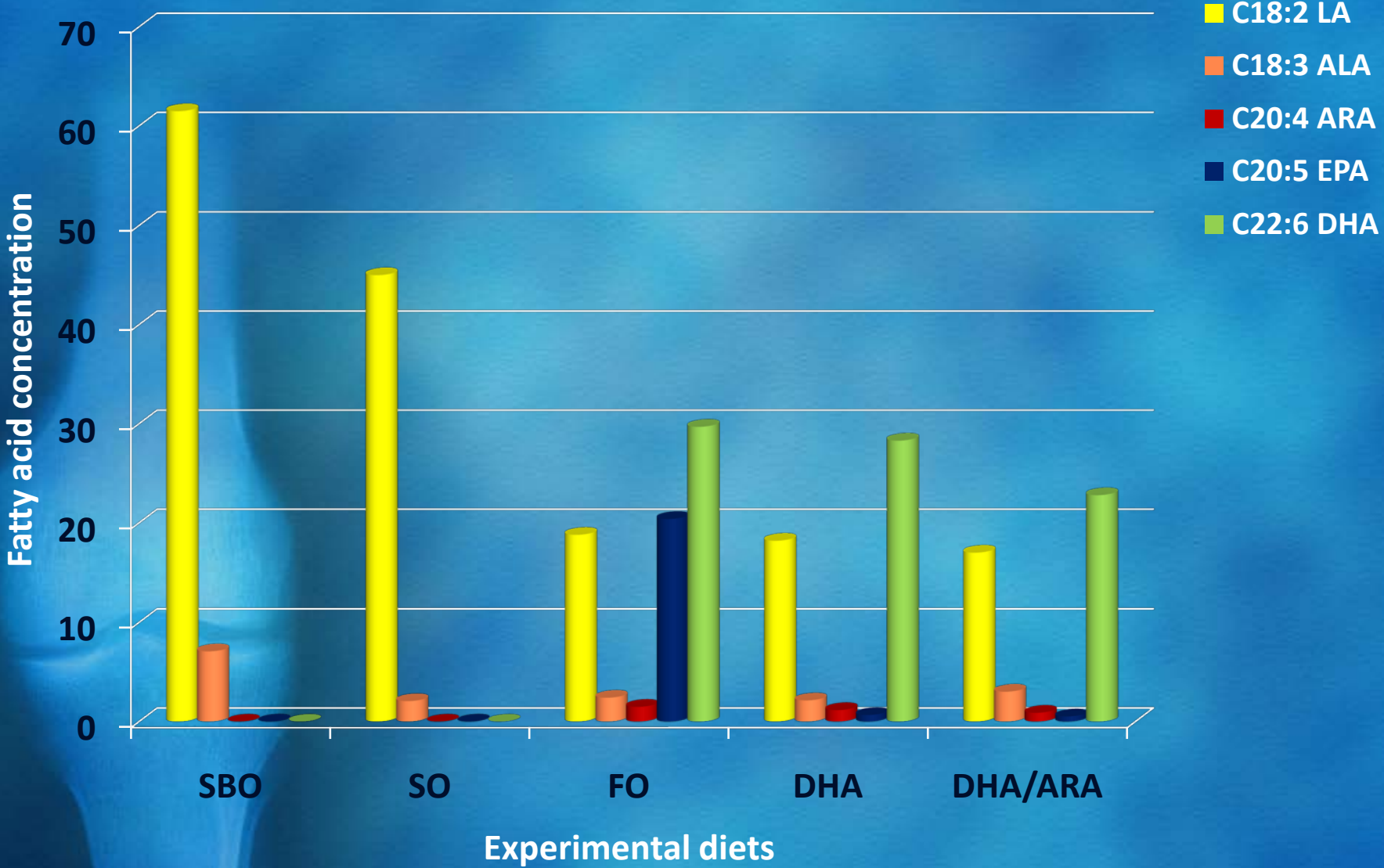


Results & Discussion

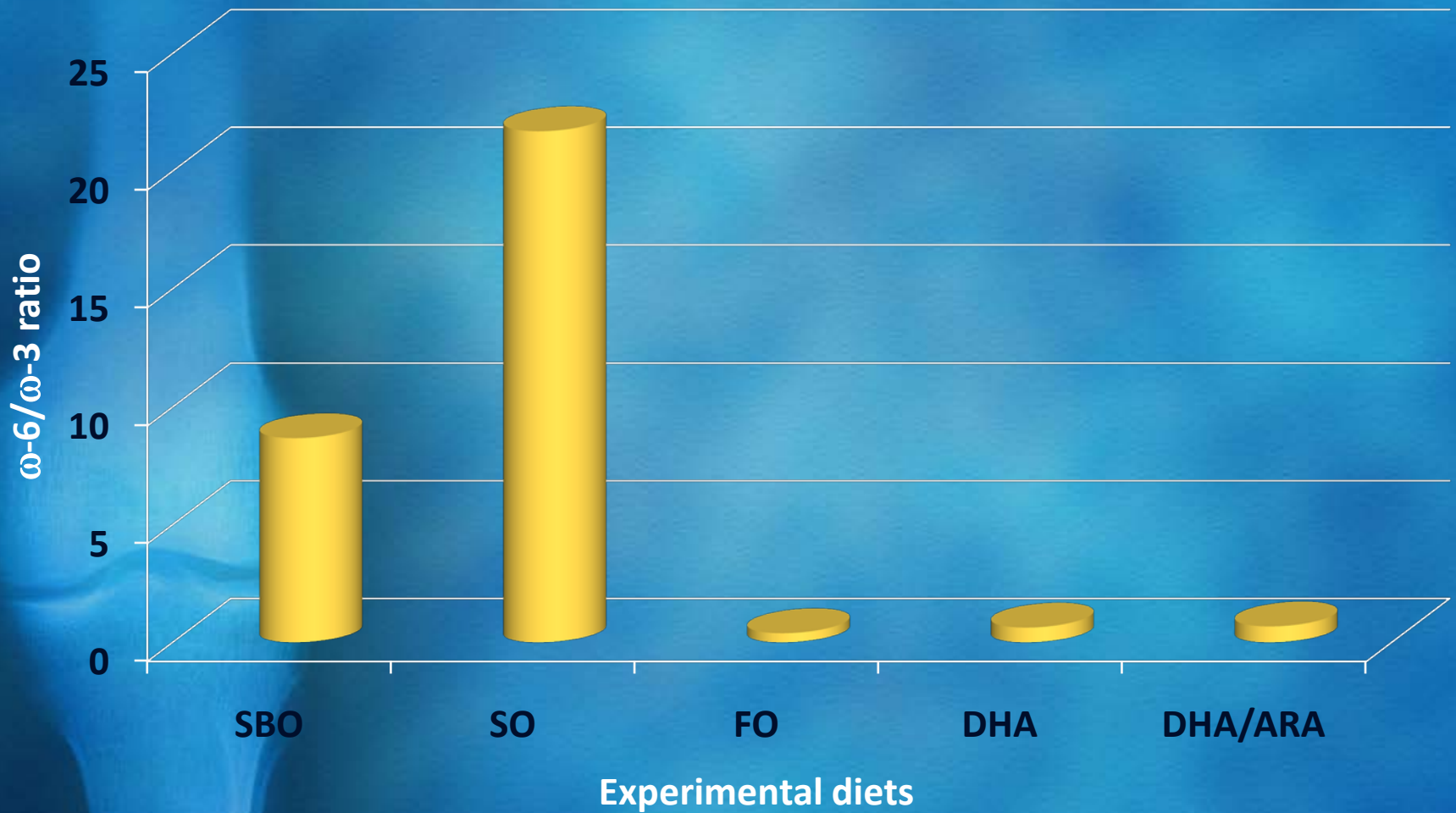
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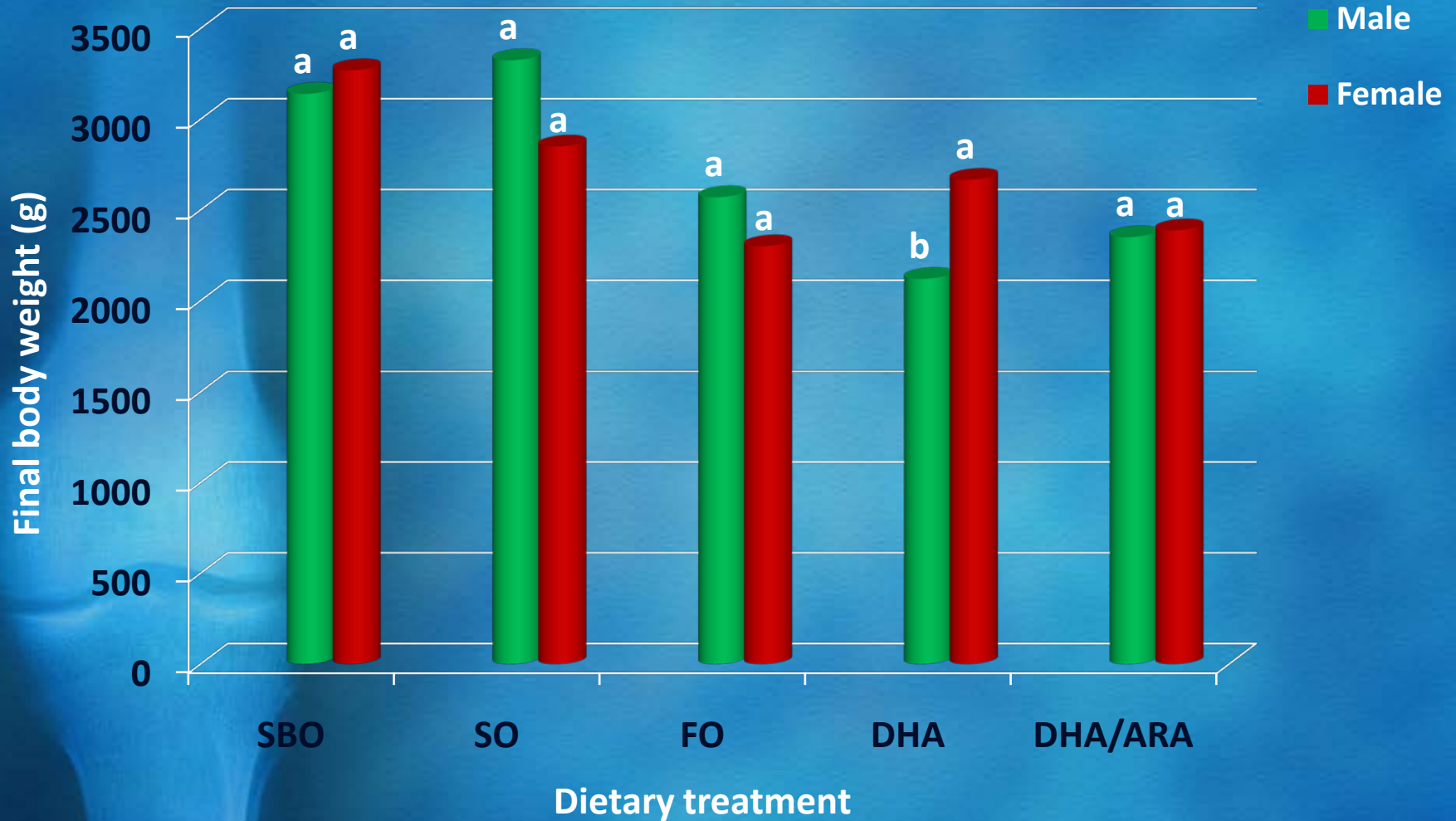
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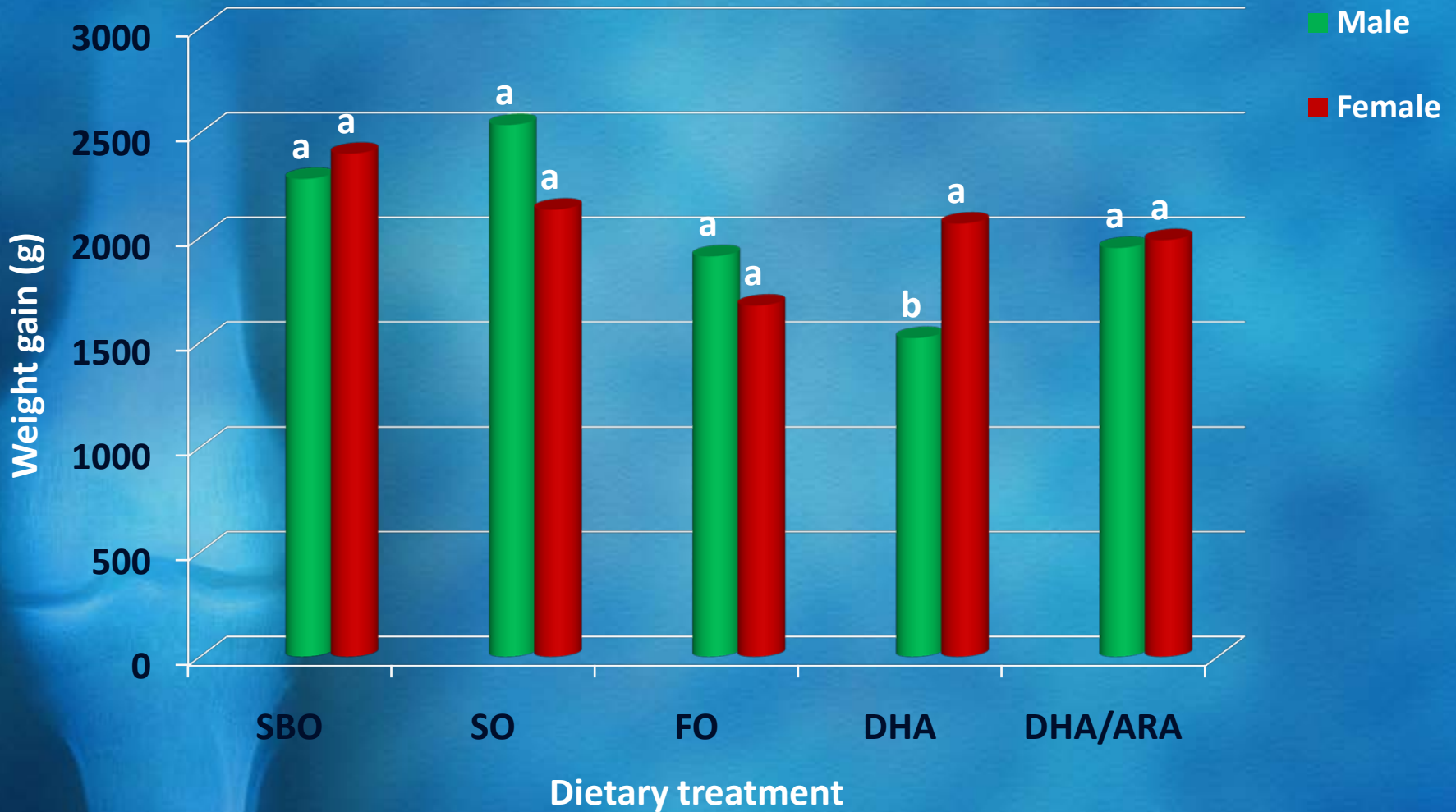
Growth indicators of male & female rabbits fed diets with different dietary oil sources & varying ω -6/ ω -3 ratio for 100 days

Growth indicator	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
FB Wt (g)	3140^{Aa} ±91.38	3270 ^{Aa} ±165.53	3325^{Aa} ±119.90	2850 ^{Aab} ±332.92	2570 ^{Ab} ±152.15	2300 ^{Ab} ±200	2120^{Bc} ±37.42	2666.67 ^{Aab} ±109.29	2350 ^{Abc} ±50	2387.50 ^{Ab} ±132.88
Wt gain (g)	2280^{Aab} ±101.98	2400 ^{Aa} ±178.19	2537.50^{Aa} ±131.30	2133.33 ^{Aa} ±290.59	1910 ^{Ab} ±151.16	1675 ^{Aa} ±225	1520^{Bc} ±33.91	2066.67 ^{Aa} ±60.09	1950 ^{Ab} ±50	1987.50 ^{Aa} ±135.98
GR (g/day)	22.80^{Aab} ±1.02	24.20 ^{Aa} ±1.69	25.50^{Aa} ±1.20	21.33 ^{Aa} ±2.91	19.40 ^{Ab} ±1.60	17 ^{Aa} ±2	15.40^{Bc} ±0.40	21 ^{Aa} ±0.58	19.50 ^{Ab} ±0.50	20 ^{Aa} ±1.41
FE	0.41 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.42 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.42 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.39 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.43 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.41 ^{Aa} ±0.07	0.37^{Bb} ±0.01	0.46 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.44 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.48 ^{Aa} ±0.02

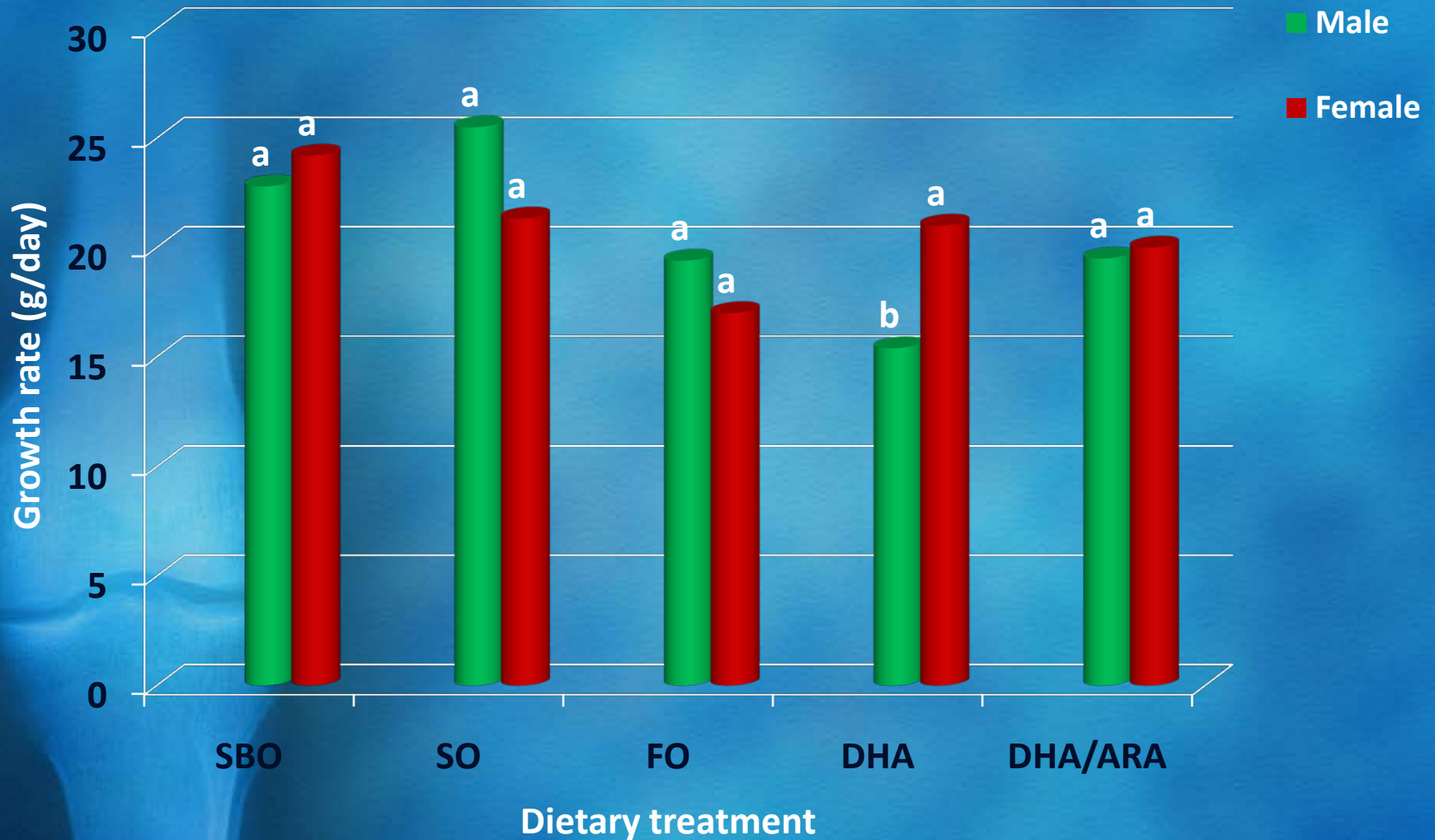
Comparison of final body weight between male & female rabbits



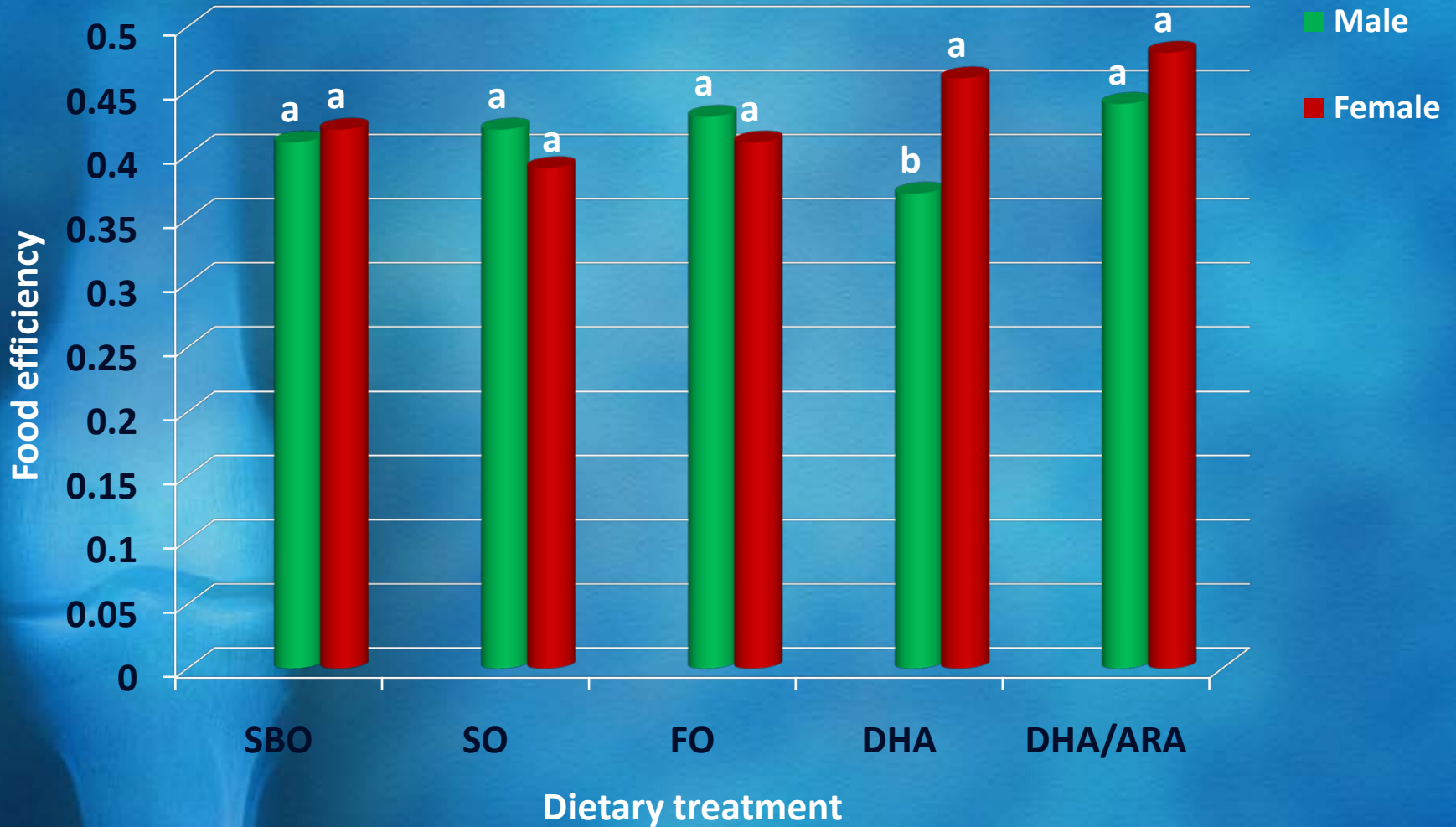
Comparison of weight gain between male & female rabbits




Comparison of growth rate between male & female rabbits



Comparison of food efficiency between male & female rabbits



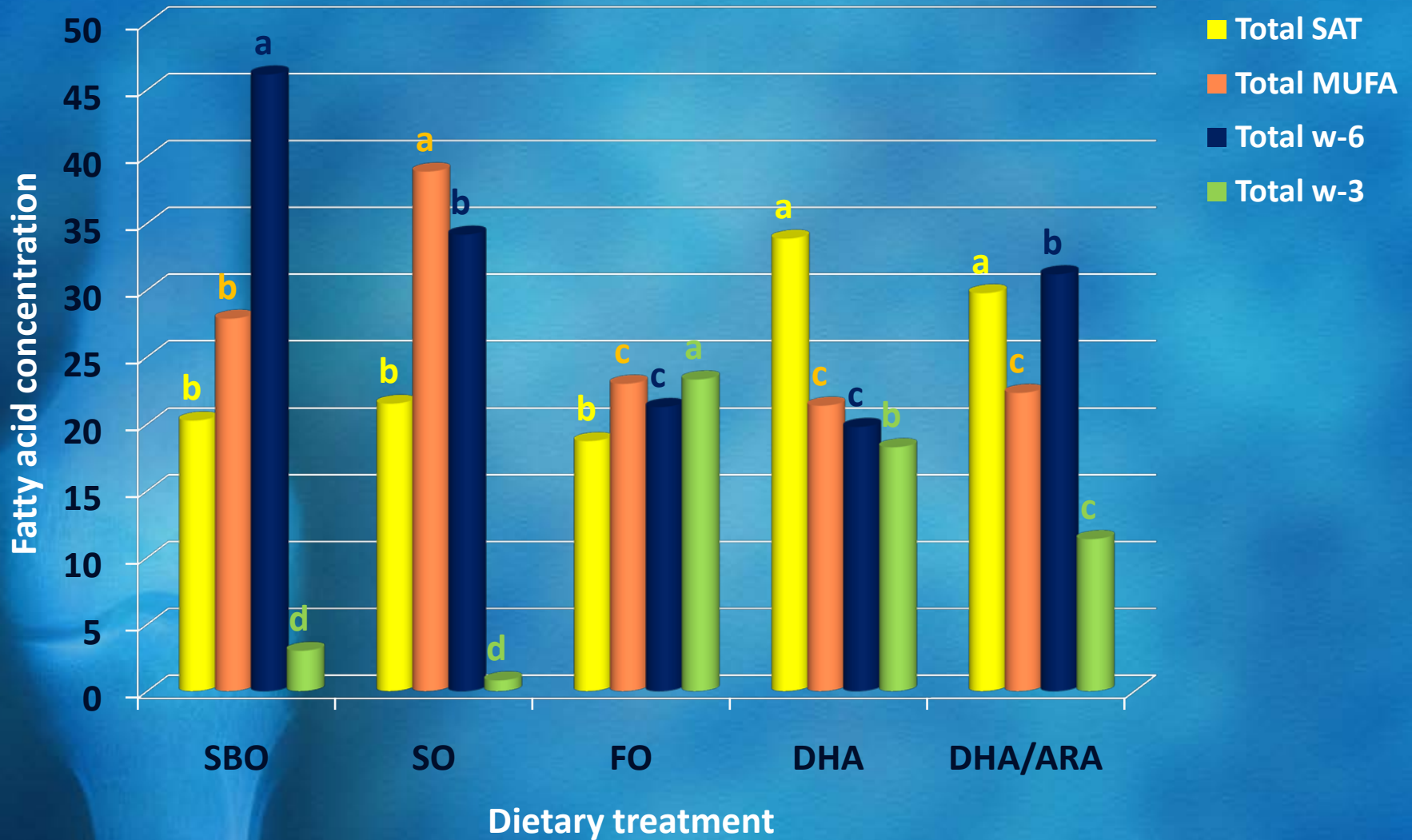


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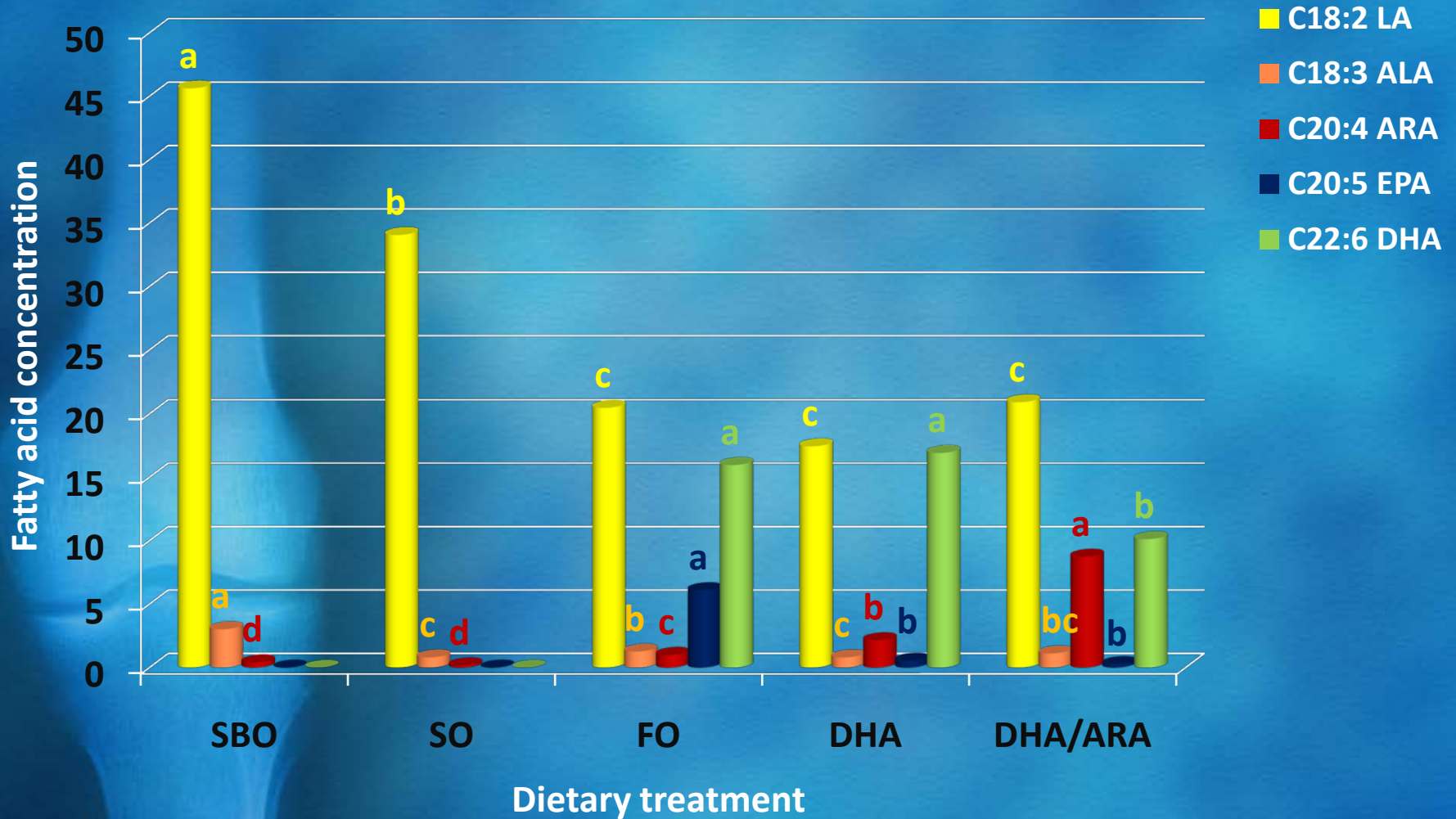
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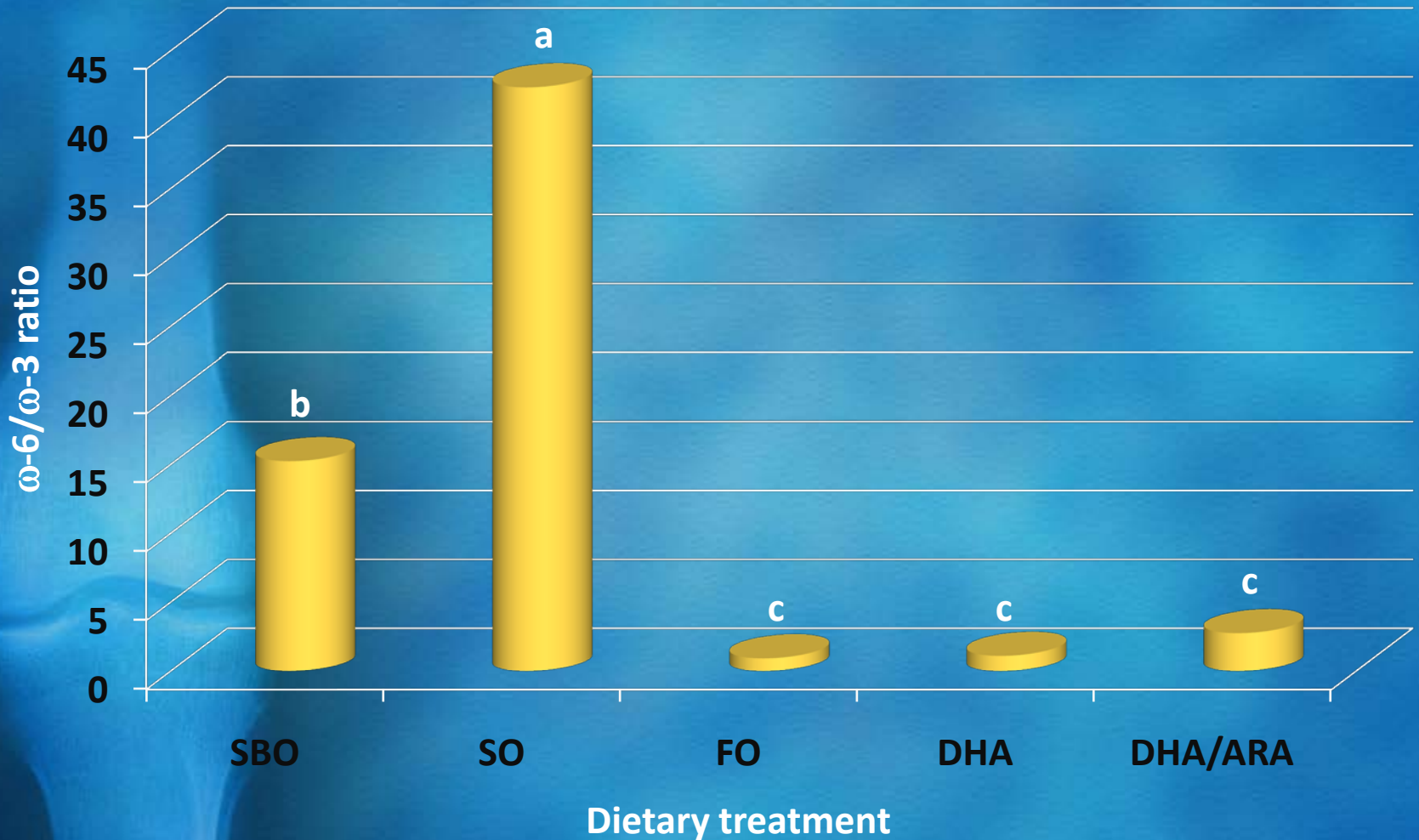
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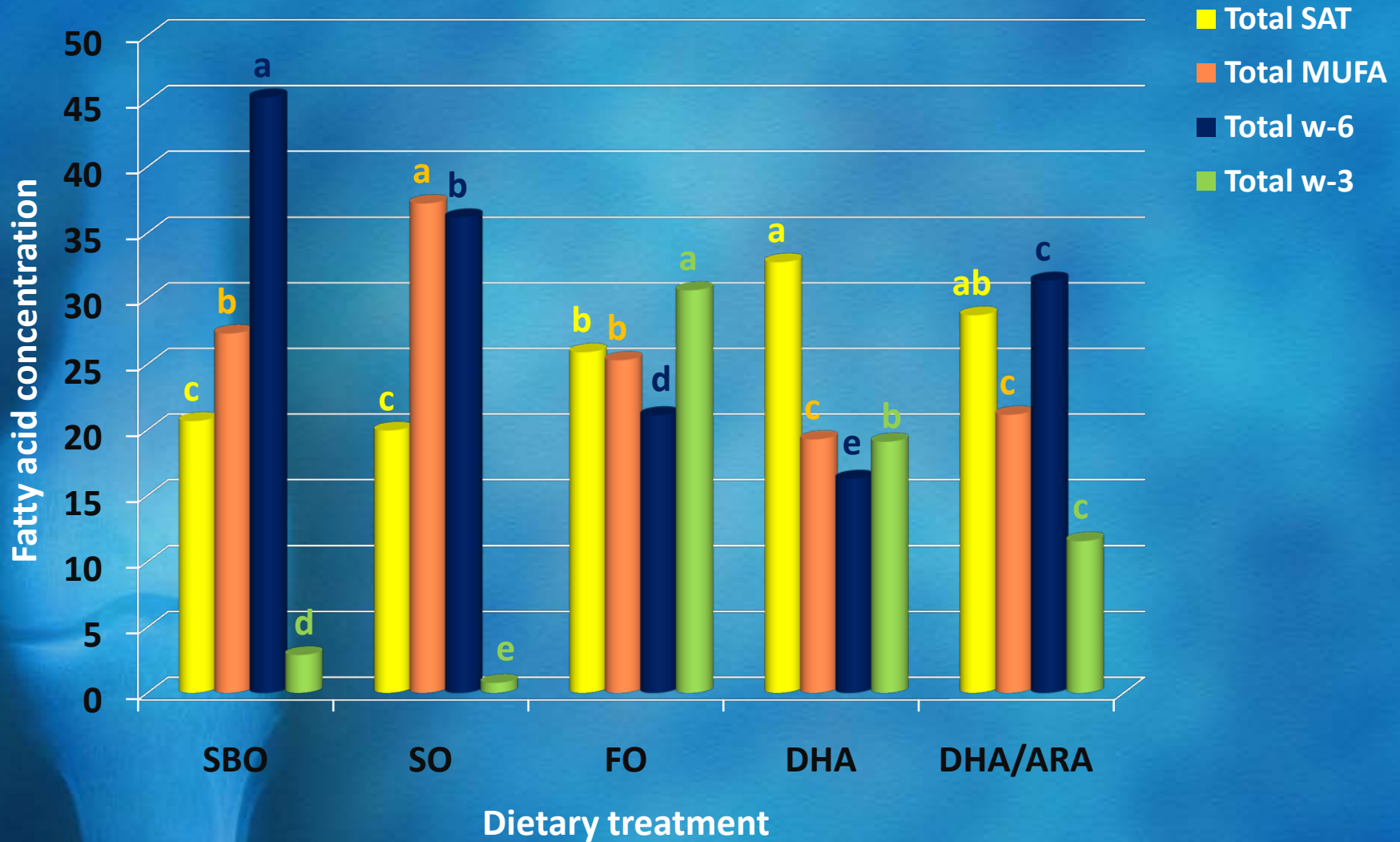
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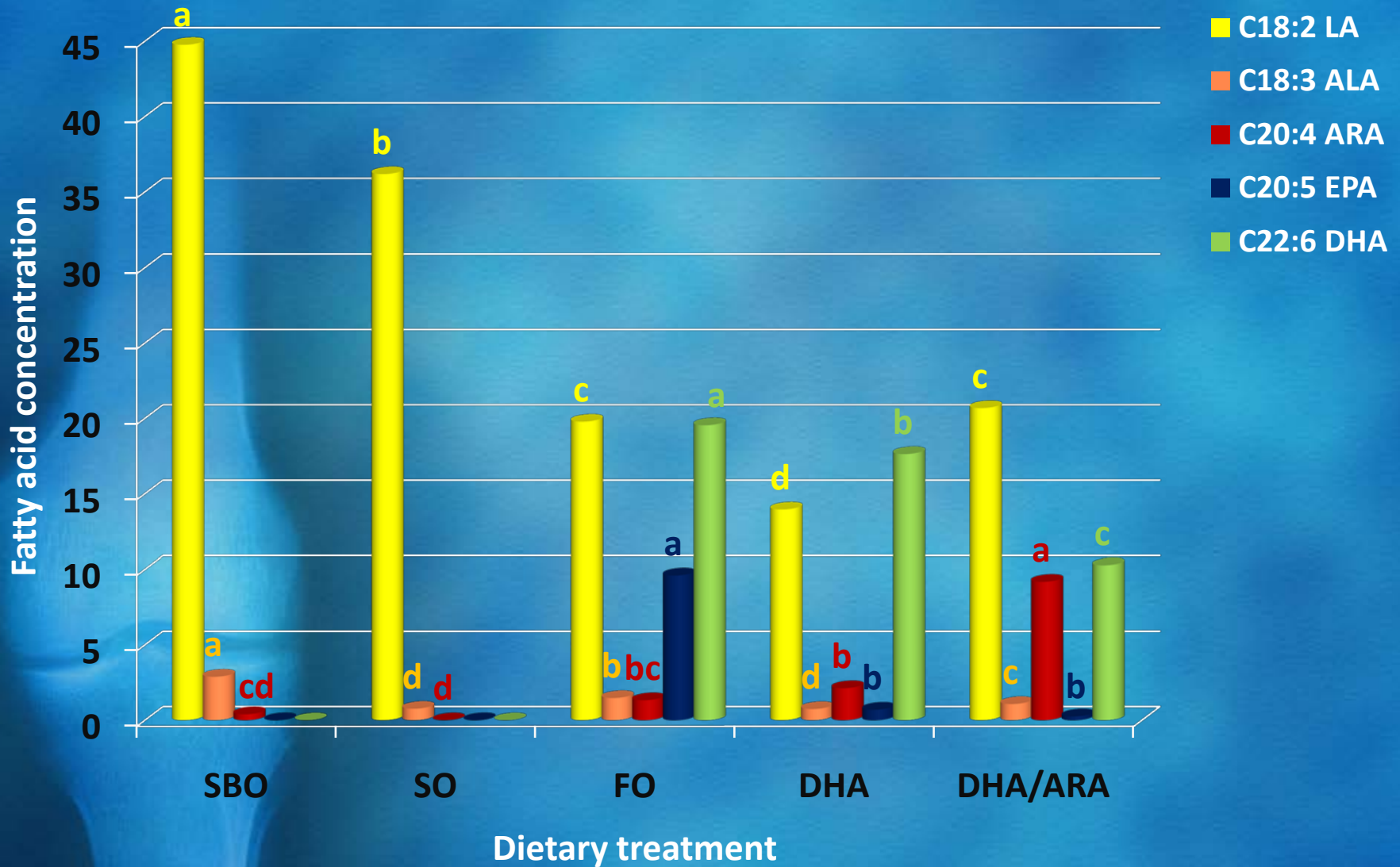
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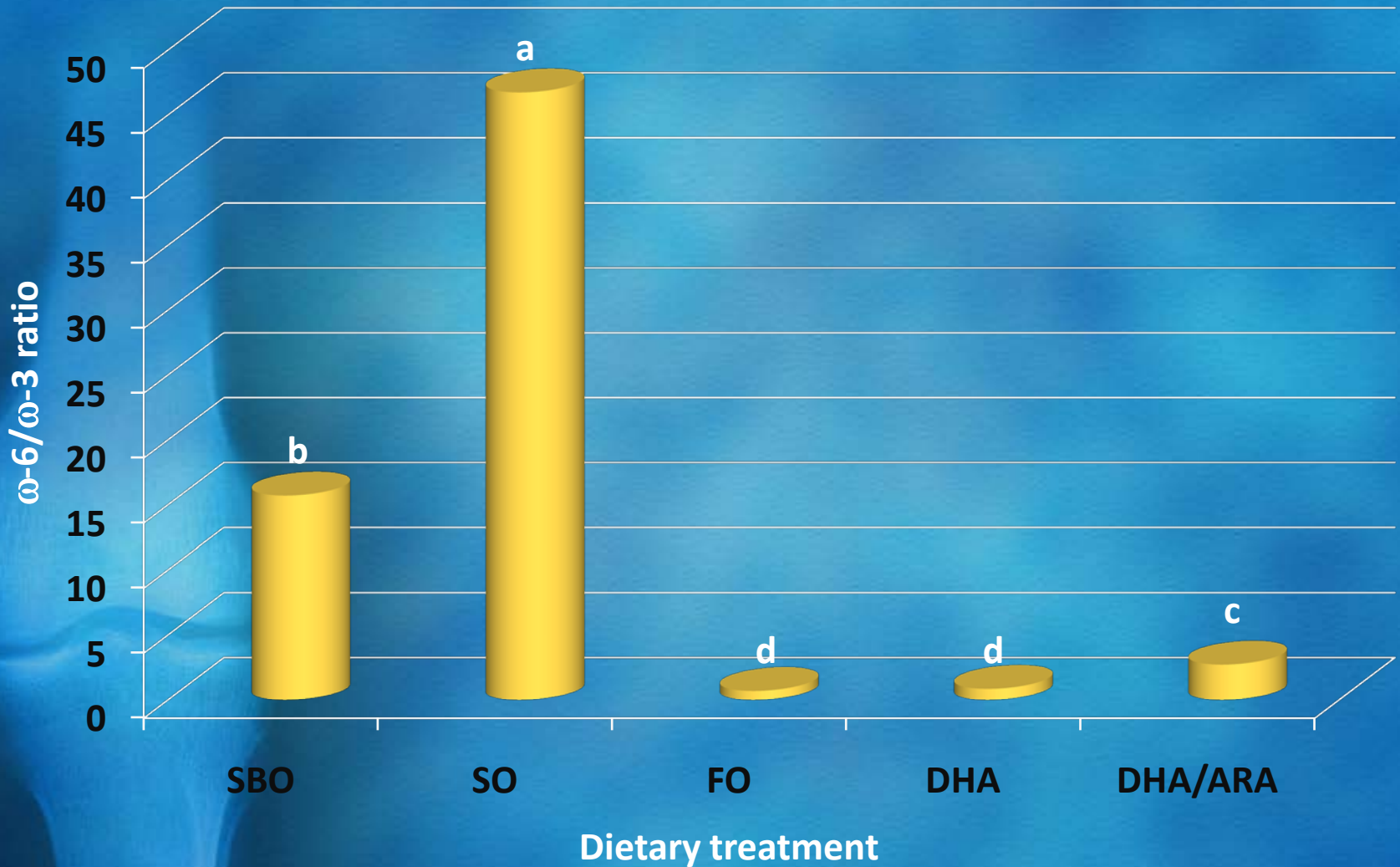
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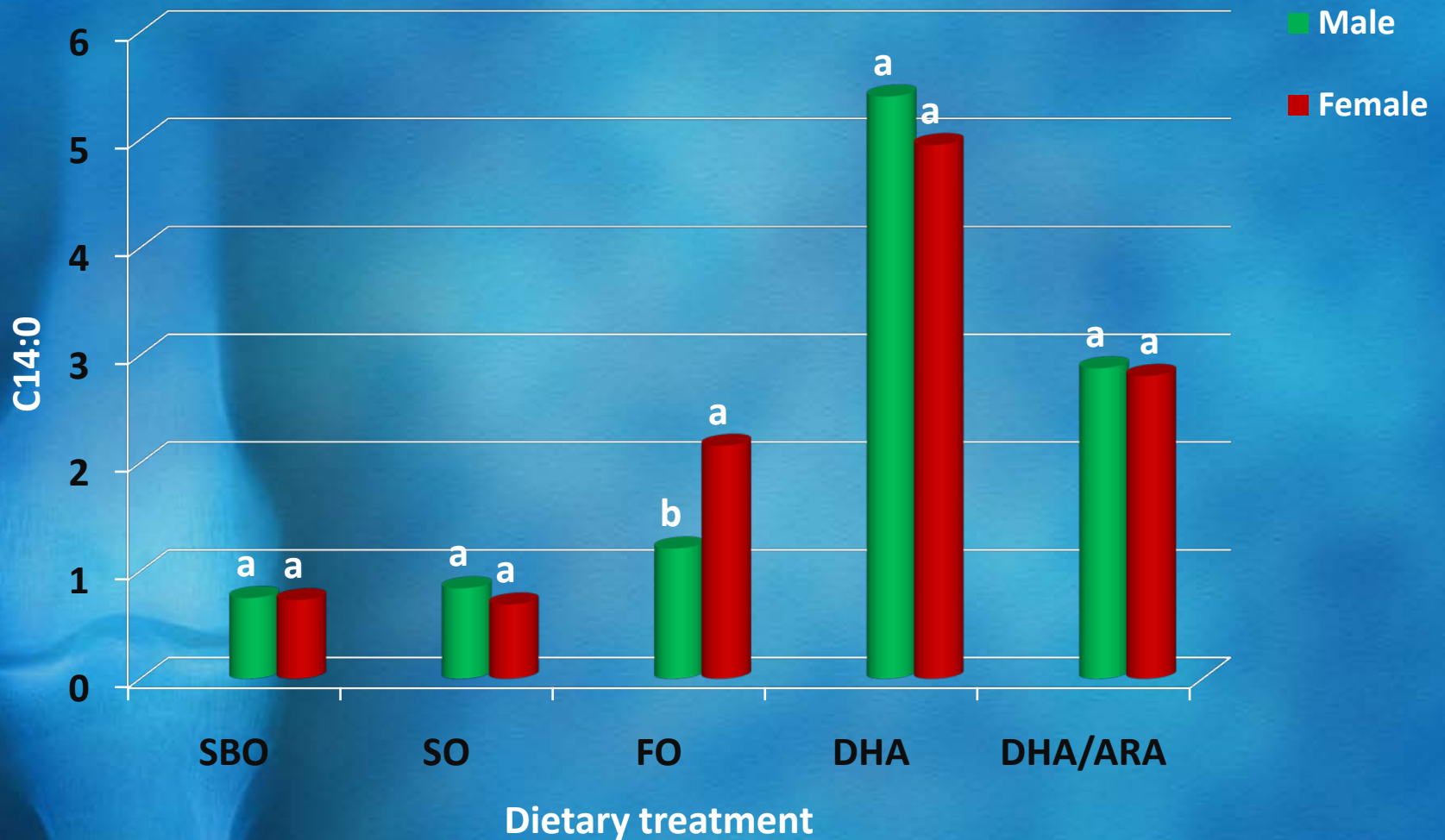
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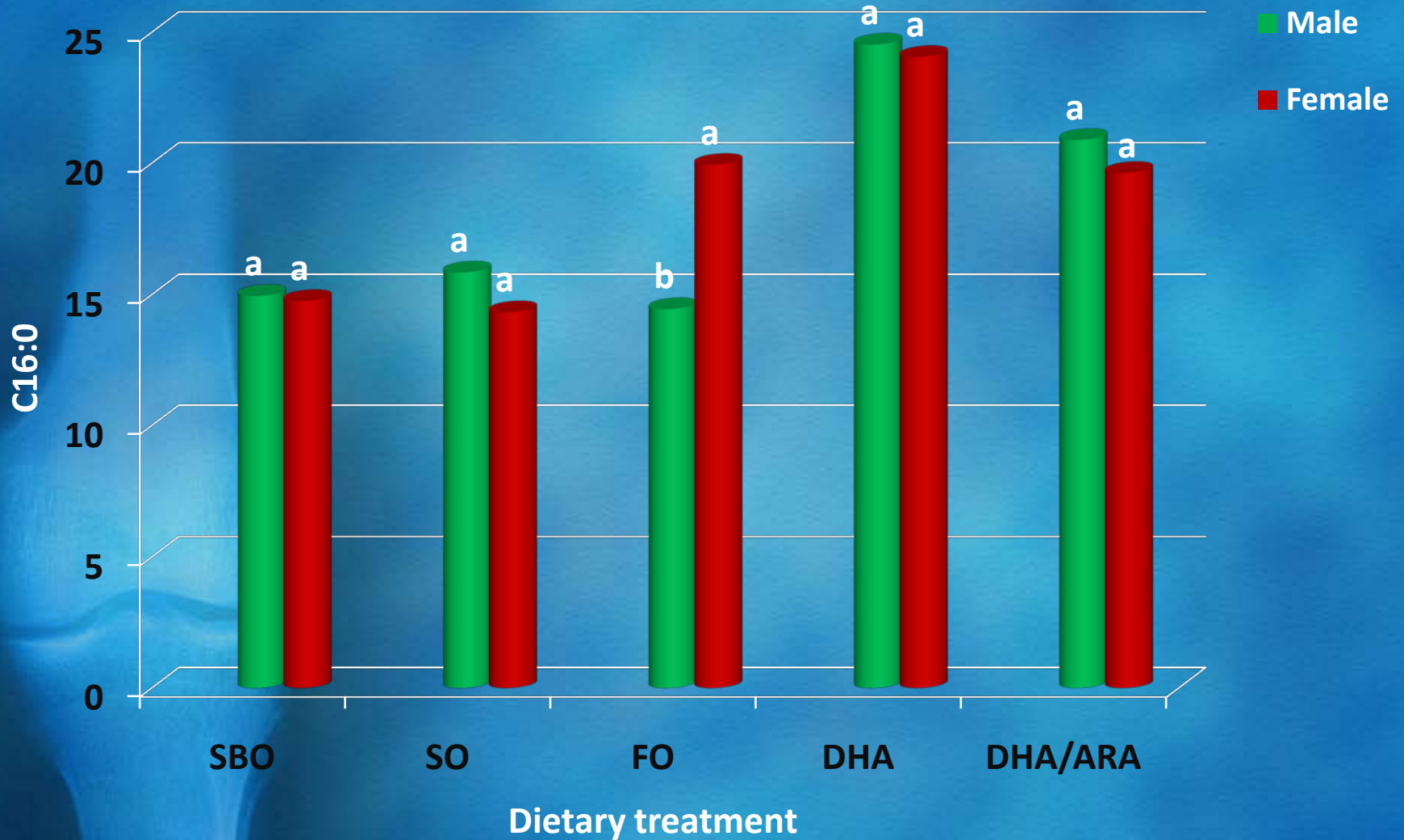
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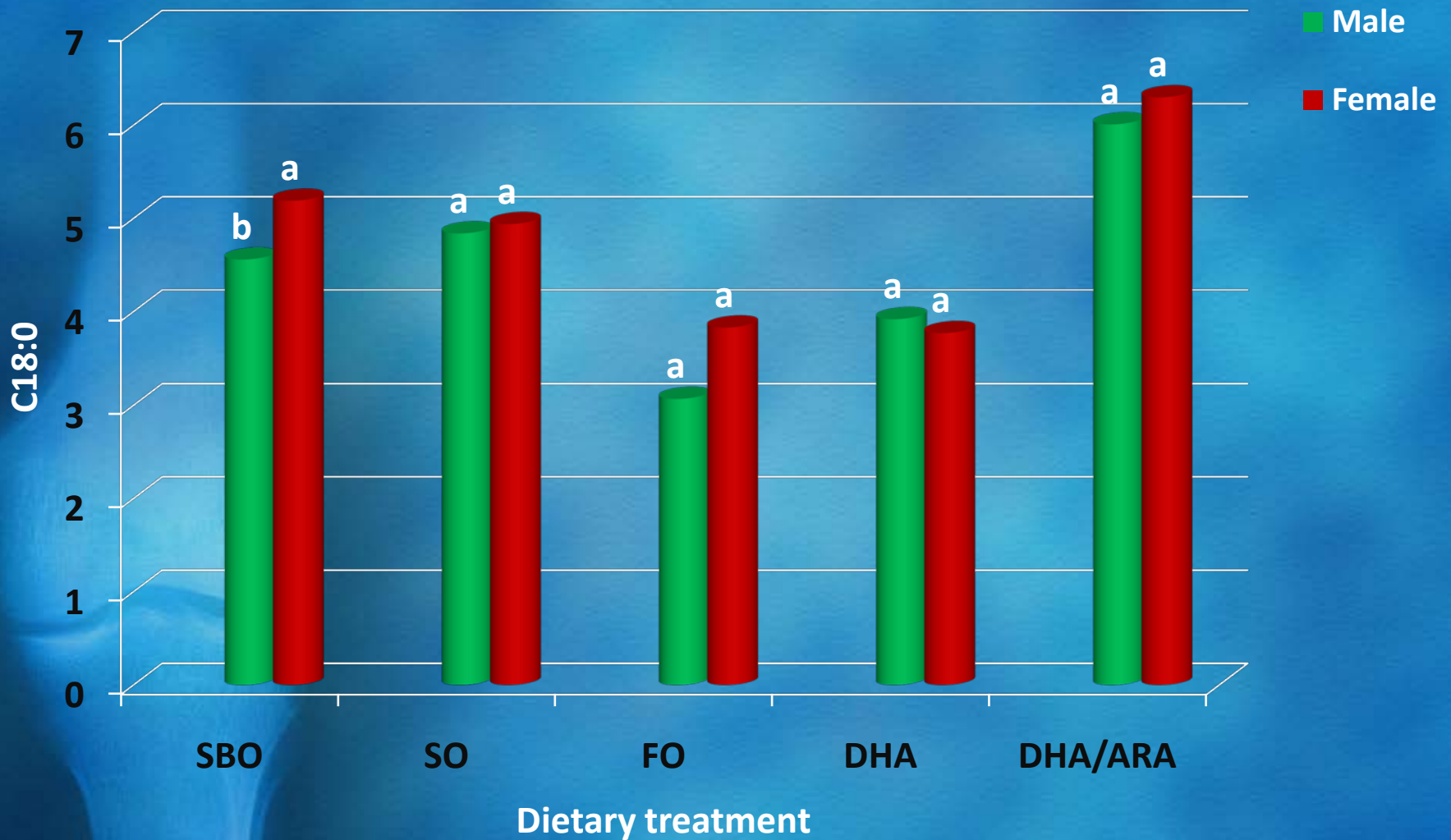
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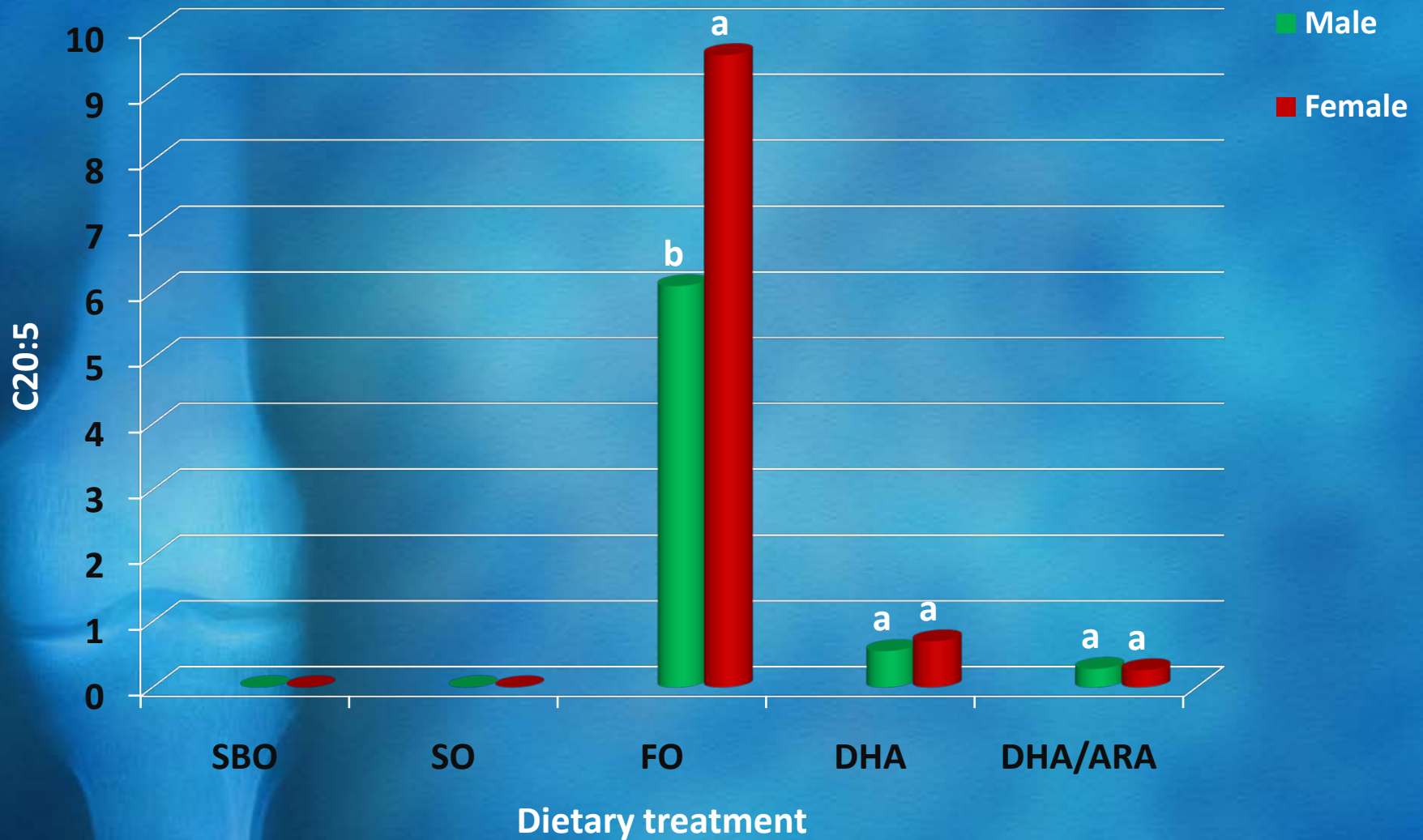
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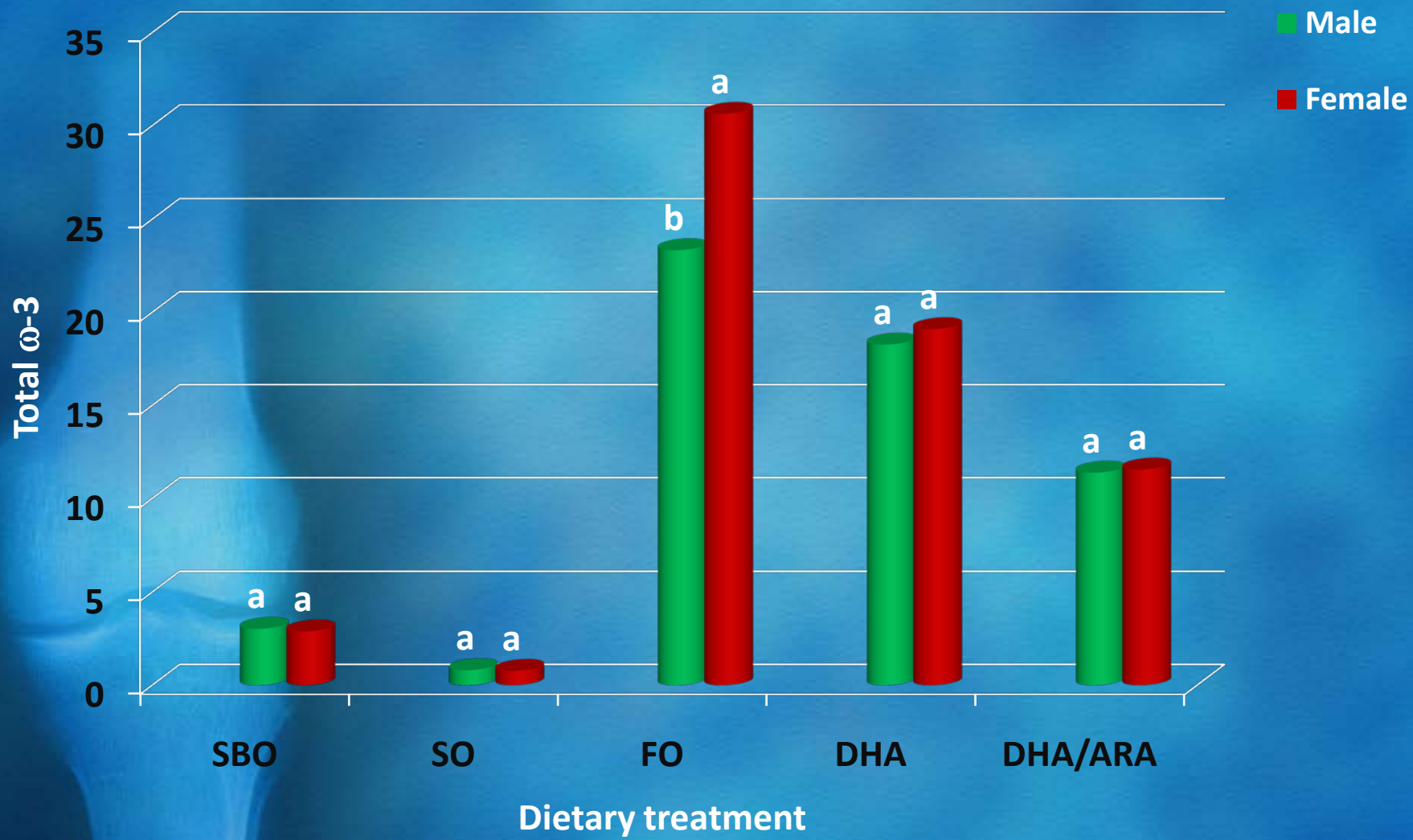
Comparison of C18:0 concentration between male & female rabbits



Comparison of C20:5 concentration between male & female rabbits

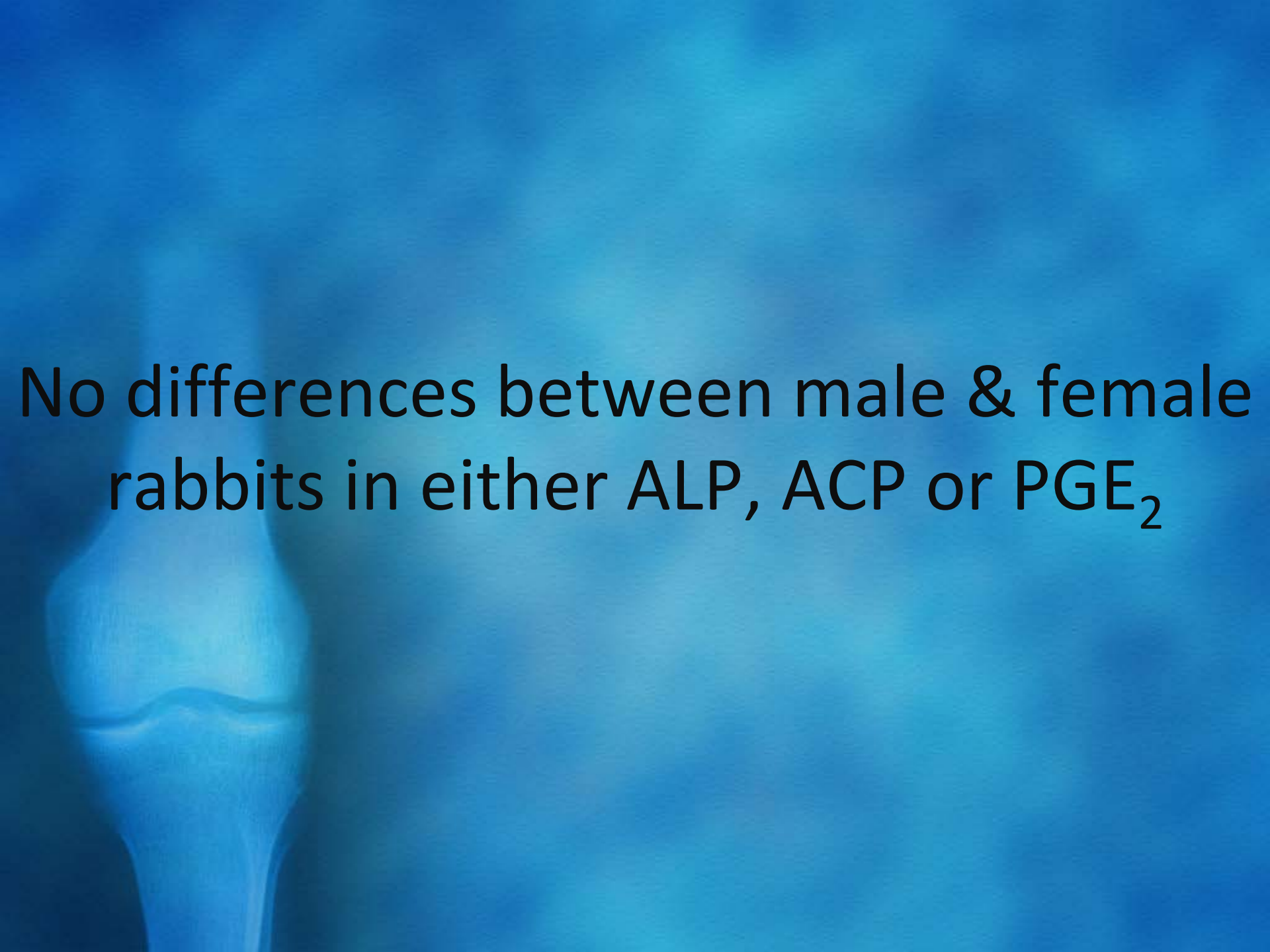


Comparison of total ω -3 concentration between male & female rabbits

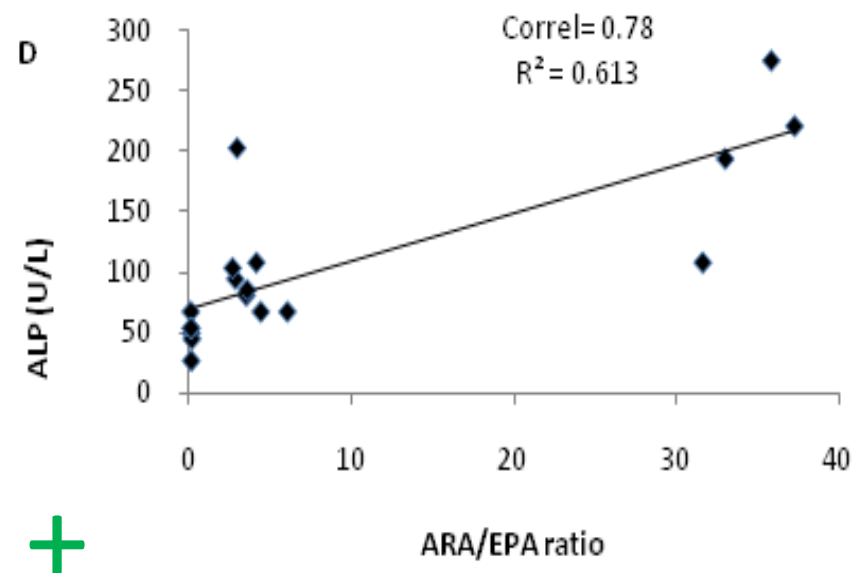
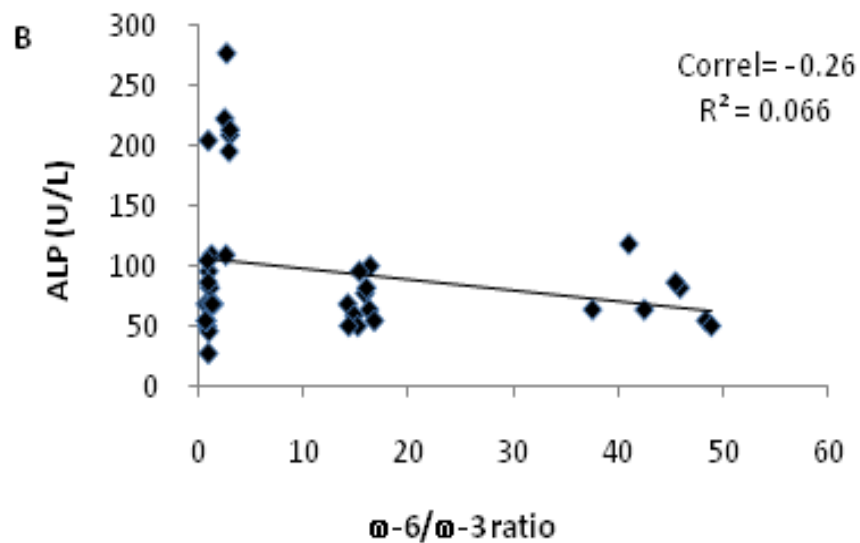
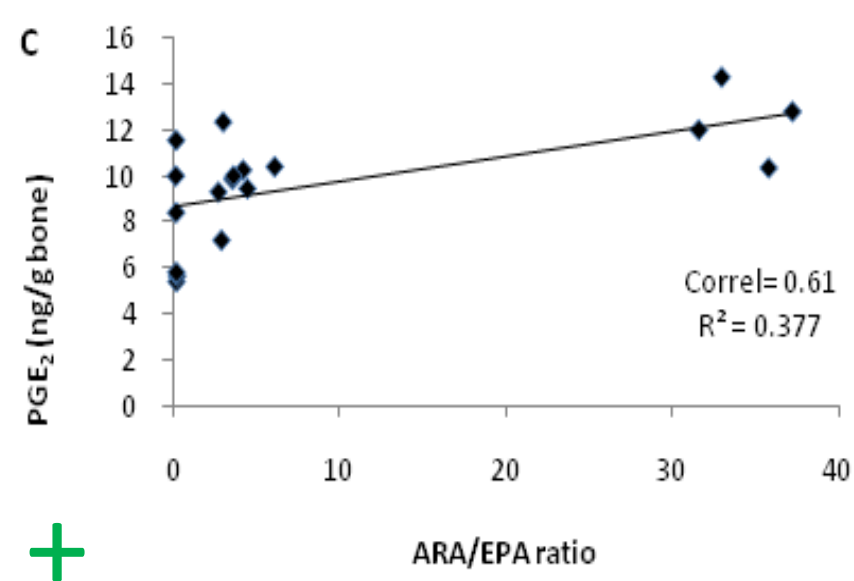
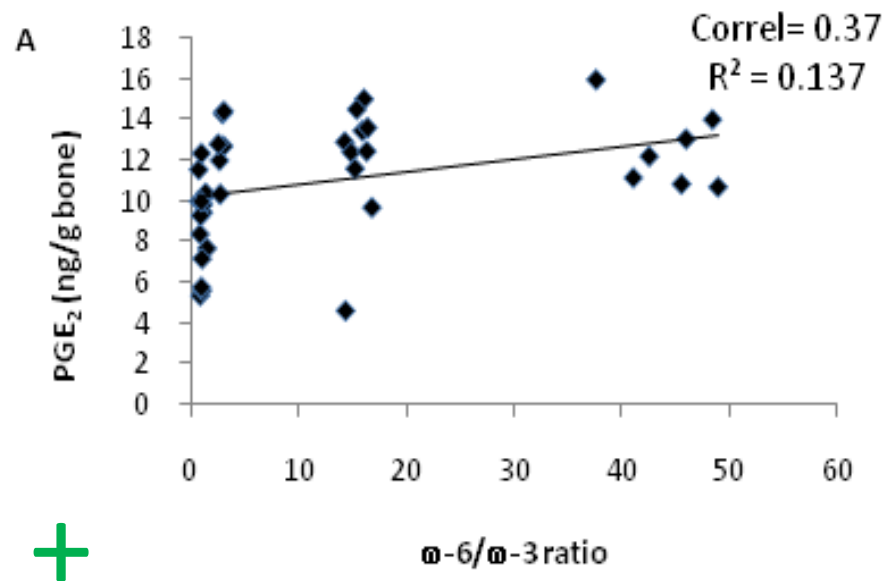


Plasma enzymes level & *ex vivo* PGE₂ release from tibia of male & female rabbits fed diets with different dietary oil sources & varying ω -6/ ω -3 ratios for 100 days

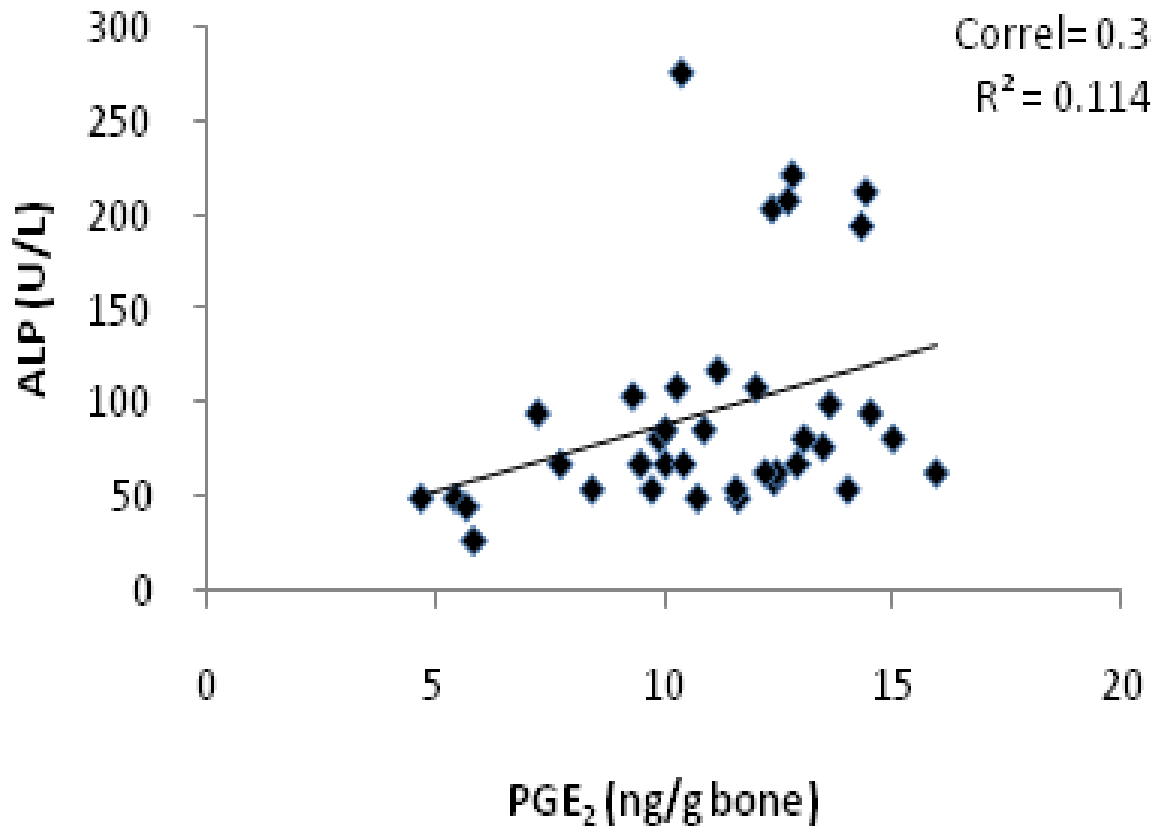
	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
ALP (U/L)	63.47 ^{Ab} ±4.53	76.16 ^{Abc} ±10.28	74.80 ^{Ab} ±14.51	72.53 ^{Abc} ±11.41	51.68 ^{Ab} ±7.67	54.40 ^{Ac} ±0.00	84.32 ^{Ab} ±7.93	131.47 ^{Ab} ±36.64	158.67^{Aa} ±49.87	226.67^{Aa} ±17.56
ACP (U/L)	25.25 ^{Aa} ±4.23	26.27 ^{Aa} ±1.39	32.42 ^{Aa} ±2.70	22.18 ^{Aa} ±3.55	29.00 ^{Aa} ±3.28	33.27 ^{Aa} ±0.86	30.71 ^{Aa} ±5.09	26.73 ^{Aa} ±3.17	38.39 ^{Aa} ±0.86	33.27 ^{Aa} ±6.13
PGE₂ (ng/g)	12.56 ^{Aa} ±0.31	11.49 ^{Aa} ±1.95	13.33 ^{Aa} ±1.05	11.53 ^{Aa} ±0.76	6.91^{Ac} ±0.87	9.98 ^{Aa} ±1.58	9.43^{Ab} ±0.58	10.55 ^{Aa} ±0.92	12.35 ^{Aa} ±0.35	12.96 ^{Aa} ±0.94



No differences between male & female rabbits in either ALP, ACP or PGE₂



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Conclusion

- Growth indicators of male rabbits were affected by the dietary treatments
- Different dietary oil sources with varying ω -6/ ω -3 ratios significantly altered the fatty acid profile of bone marrow
- As the concentration of EPA & DHA elevated, the concentration of ARA declined in bone marrow

Conclusion

- There was no effect of diet on ACP activity in both males & females
- There was a favorable effect of ARA/EPA ratio in ALP activity than the overall ω -6/ ω -3 ratio
- The result of this study revealed a stimulating effect of PGE₂ on ALP activity



The Effect of Long-term Supplementation with Different Dietary ω -6/ ω -3 Ratios on Minerals Content and *ex vivo* PGE₂ Release in Bone of Growing Rabbits

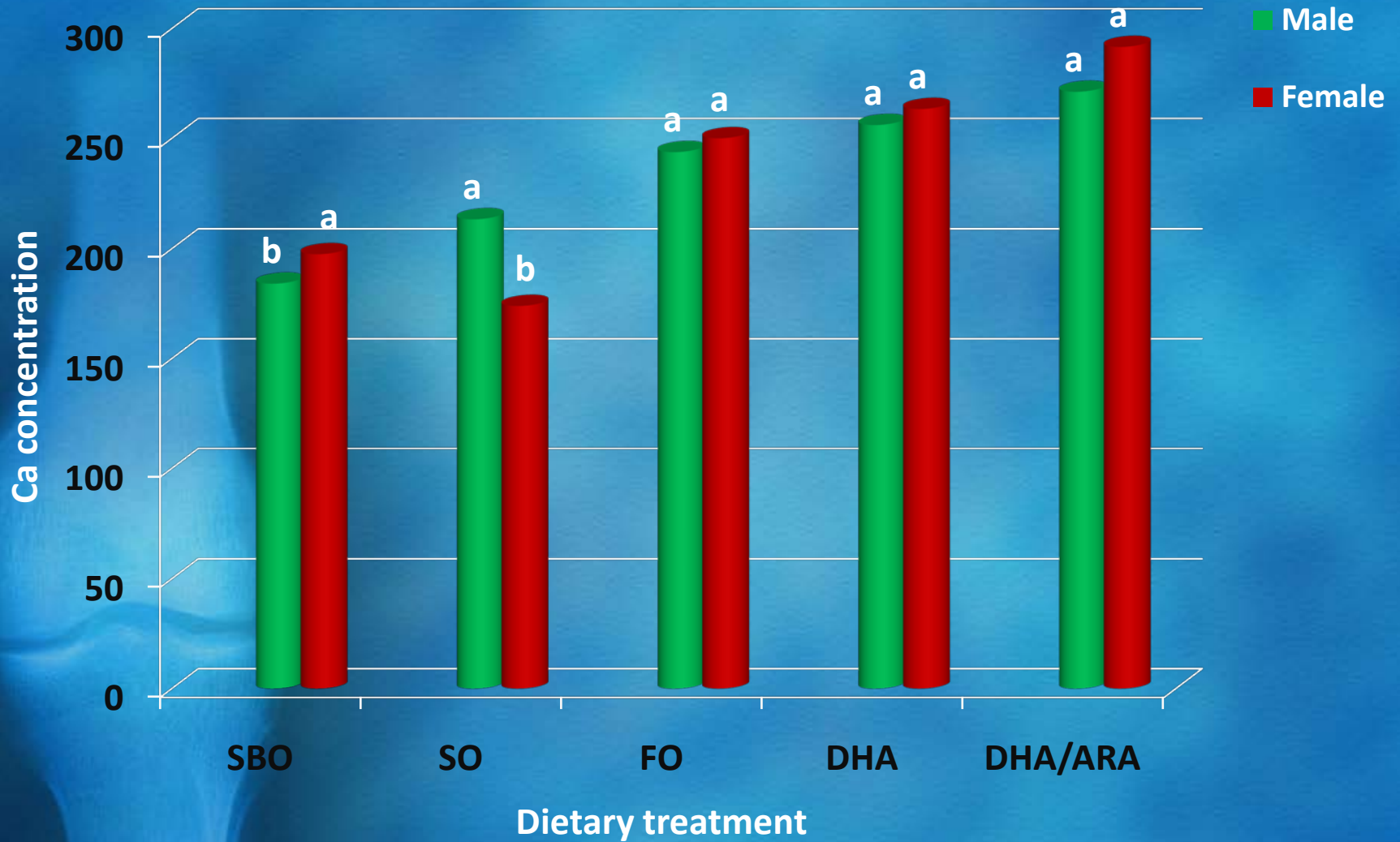
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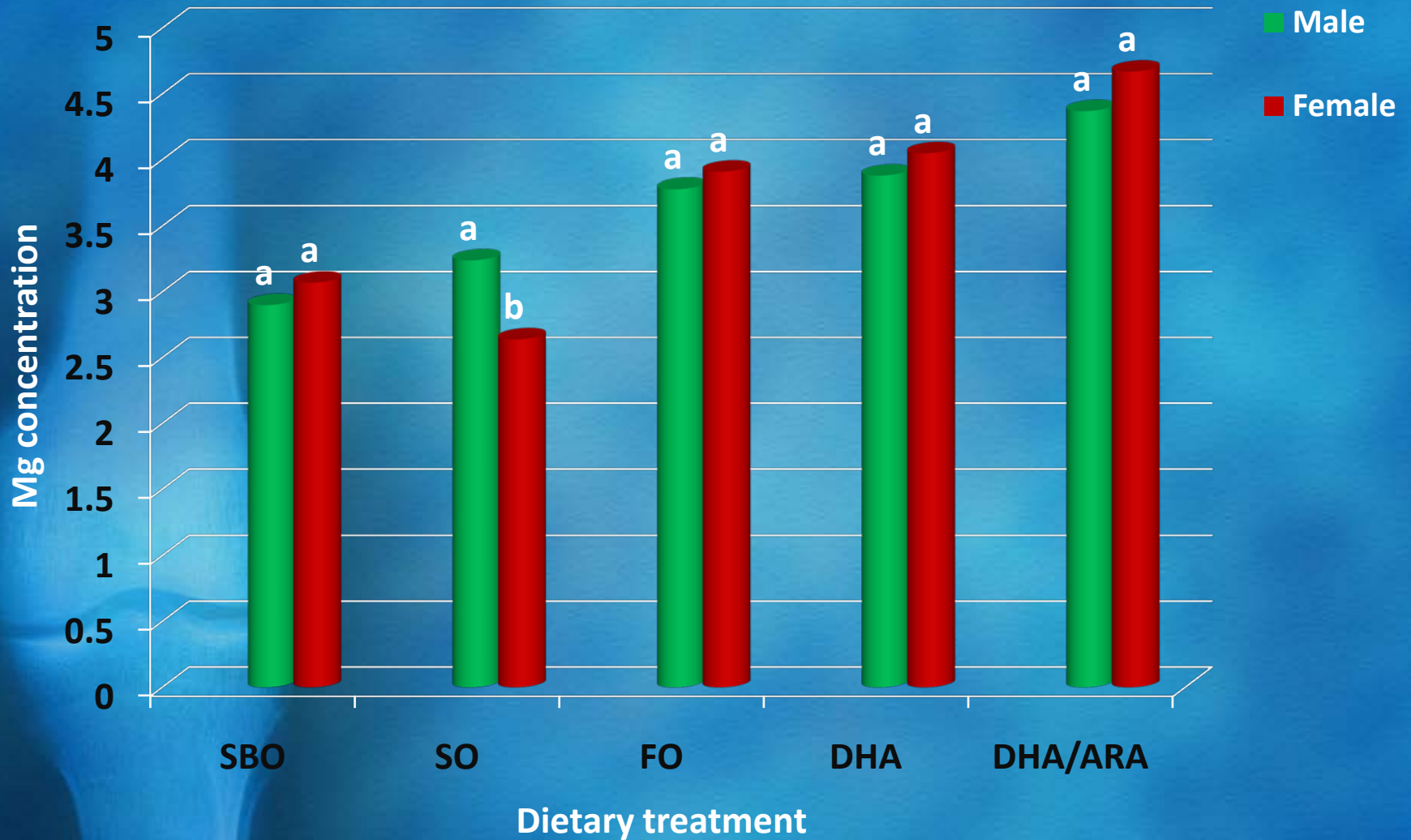
Minerals content & *ex vivo* PGE₂ level in bone of male & female rabbits fed diets with different dietary oil sources & varying ω-6/ω-3 ratios for 100 days

	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Ca	184.15 ^{Bb}	197.56 ^{Ac}	213.45 ^{Ab}	174.00 ^{Bd}	243.79 ^{Aa}	250.11 ^{Ab}	256.14 ^{Aa}	263.44 ^{Ab}	271.27 ^{Aa}	291.70 ^{Aa}
	±2.57	±2.18	±3.74	±4.50	±15.49	±1.01	±6.13	±2.52	±7.69	±6.55
P	114.79 ^{Ab}	122.83 ^{Ab}	132.16 ^{Aa}	135.52 ^{Aa}	136.32 ^{Aa}	136.44 ^{Aa}	131.94 ^{Aa}	130.15 ^{Aa}	134.21 ^{Aa}	134.48 ^{Aa}
	±5.08	±1.11	±2.72	±3.40	±2.00	±0.12	±2.44	±1.29	±1.75	±2.66
Mg	2.90 ^{Ac}	3.07 ^{Ac}	3.24 ^{Ac}	2.64 ^{Bd}	3.78 ^{Ab}	3.91 ^{Ab}	3.88 ^{Aab}	4.05 ^{Ab}	4.37 ^{Aa}	4.67 ^{Aa}
	±0.12	±0.04	±0.10	±0.04	±0.23	±0.19	±0.14	±0.04	±0.16	±0.11
Zn	0.08 ^{Ab}	0.09 ^{Aab}	0.10 ^{Aa}	0.08 ^{Bbc}	0.07 ^{Ab}	0.07 ^{Ac}	0.07 ^{Ab}	0.08 ^{Aabc}	0.10 ^{Aa}	0.10 ^{Aa}
	±0.004	±0.004	±0.008	±0.003	±0.005	±0.003	±0.004	±0.01	±0.009	±0.002
PGE ₂ (ng/g)	12.56 ^{Aa}	11.49 ^{Aa}	13.33 ^{Aa}	11.53 ^{Aa}	6.91 ^{Ac}	9.98 ^{Aa}	9.43 ^{Ab}	10.55 ^{Aa}	12.35 ^{Aa}	12.96 ^{Aa}
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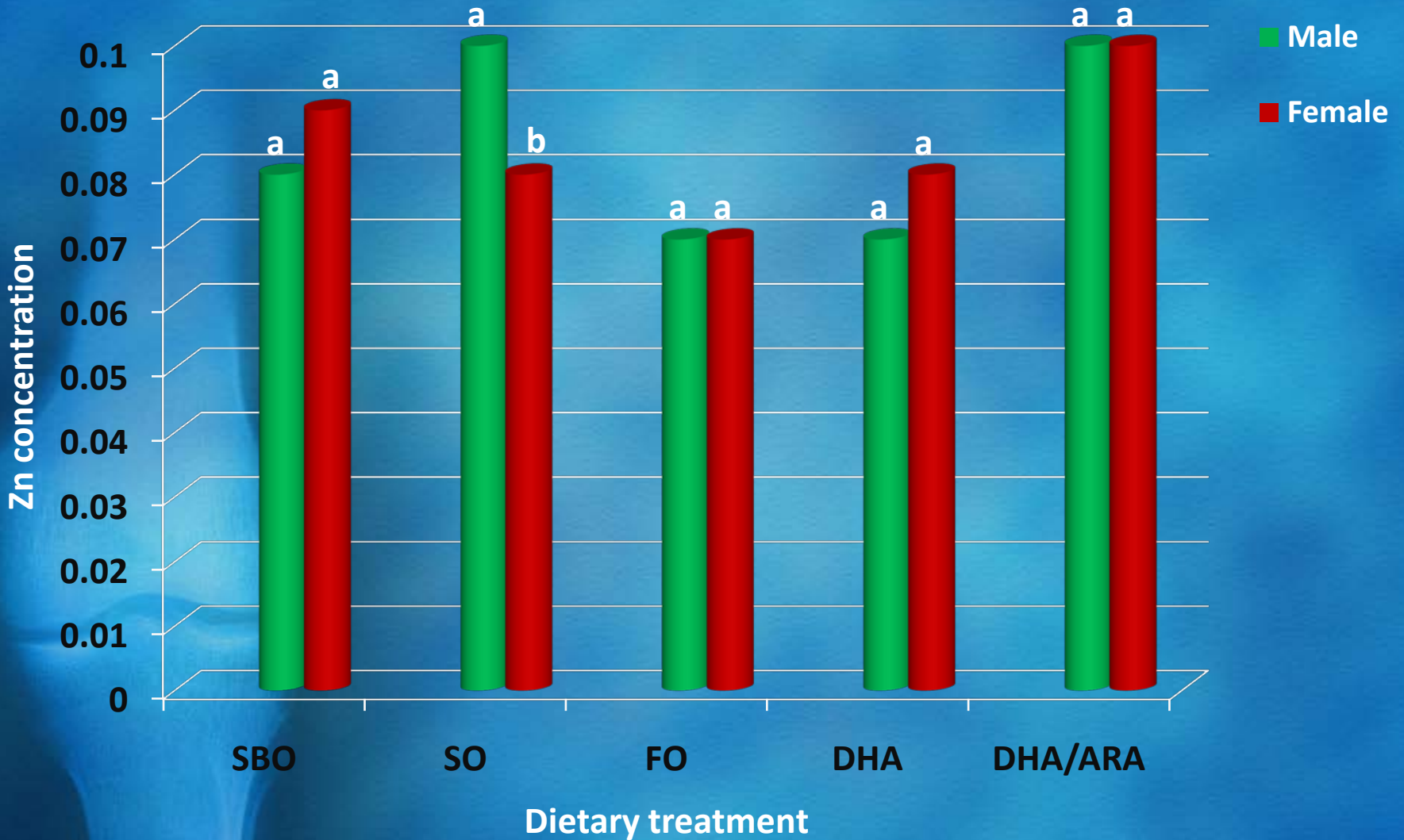
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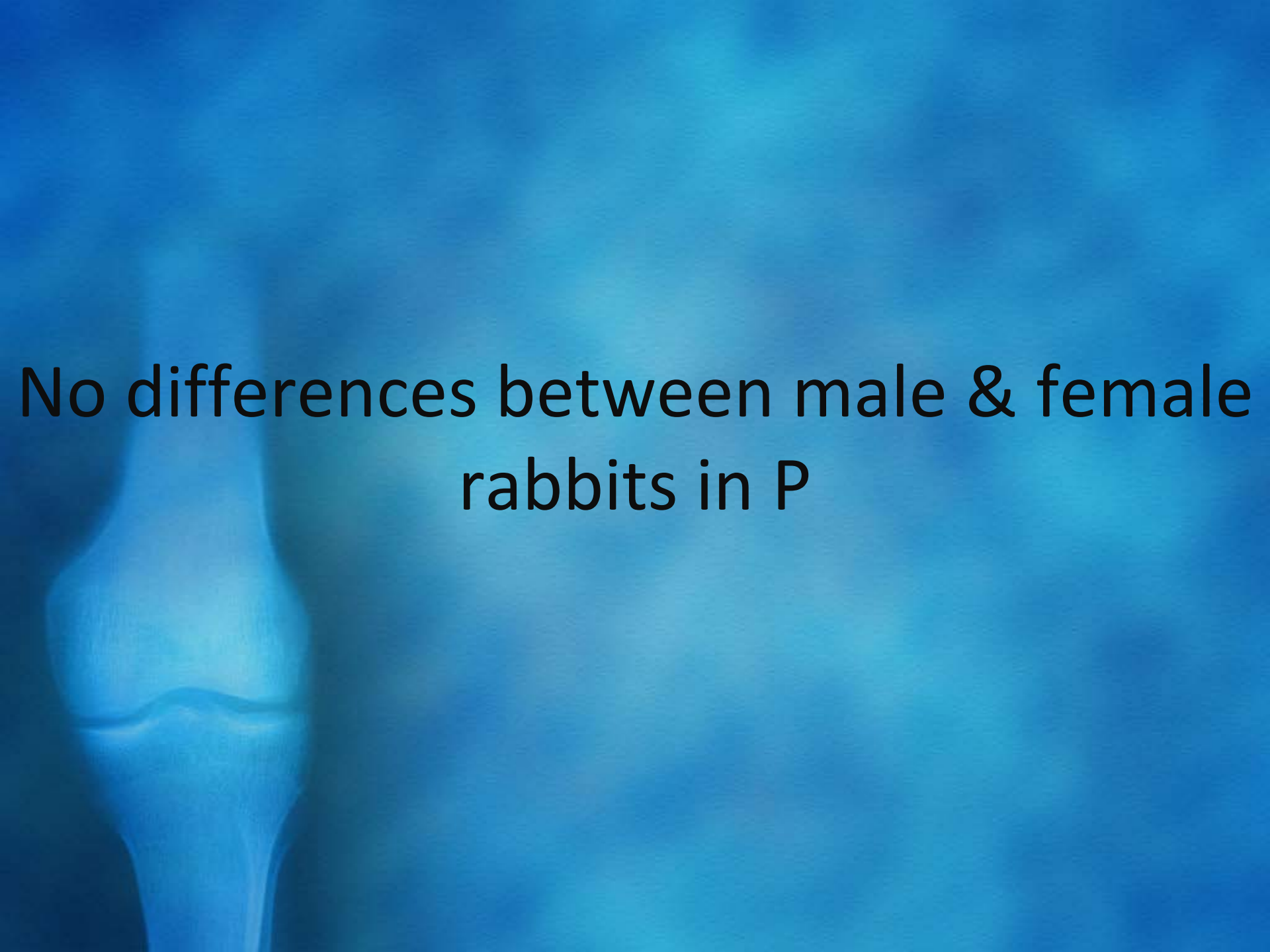


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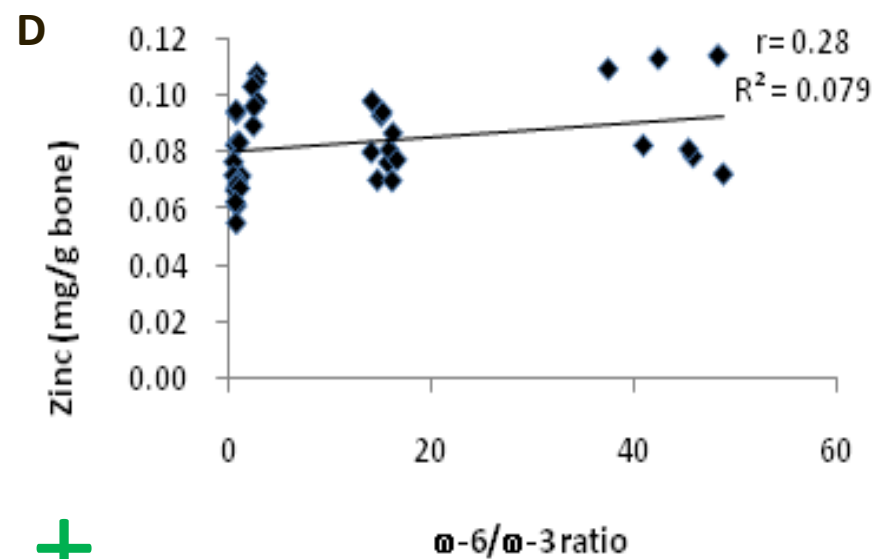
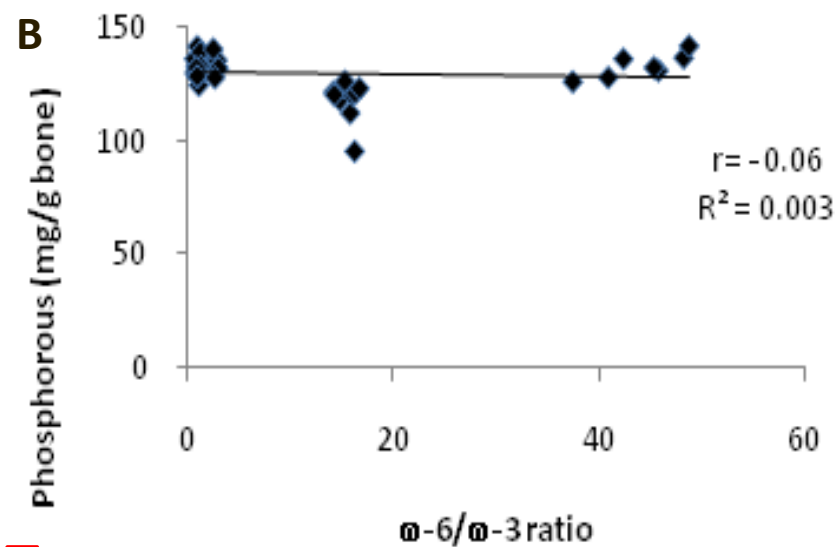
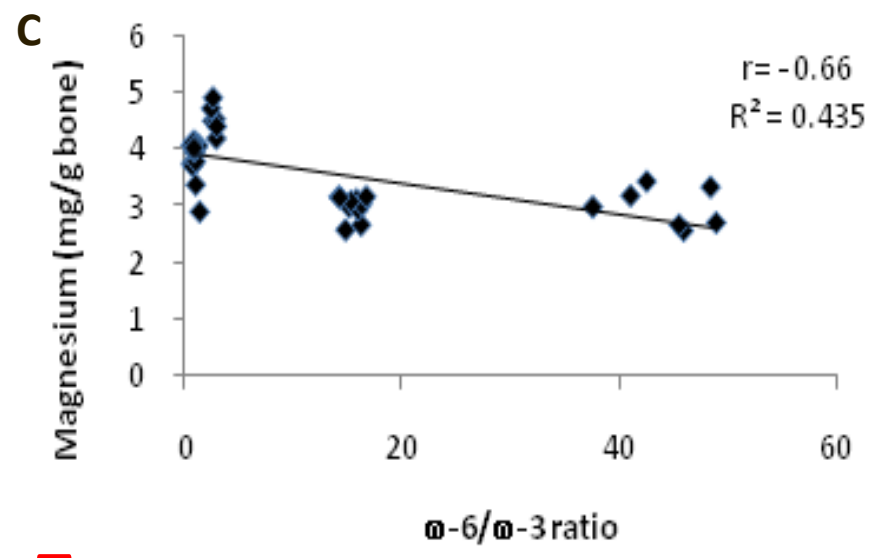
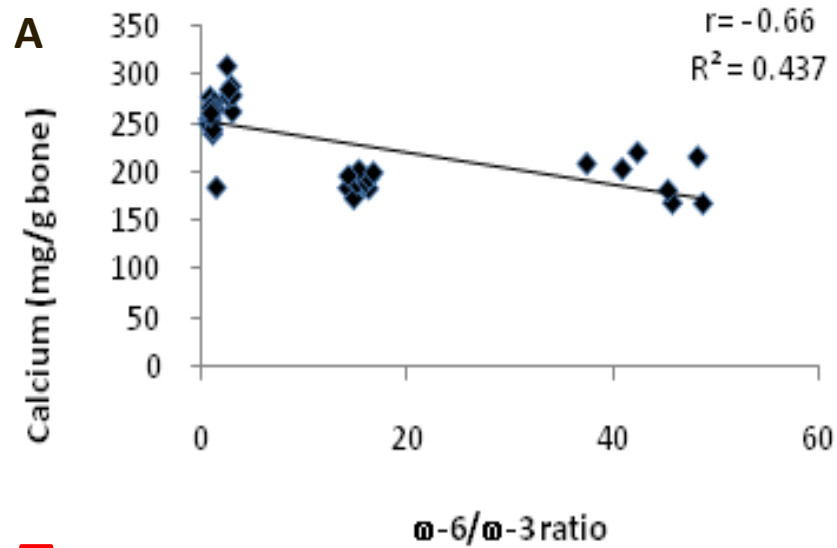


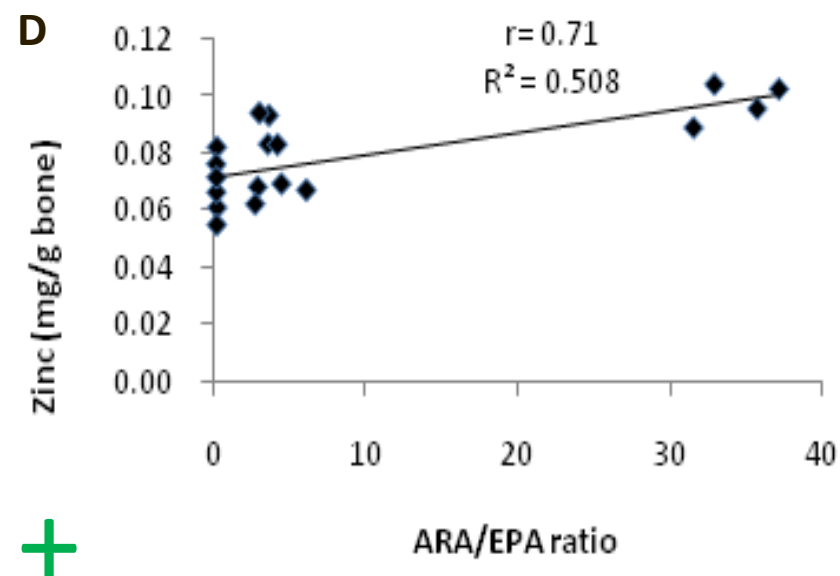
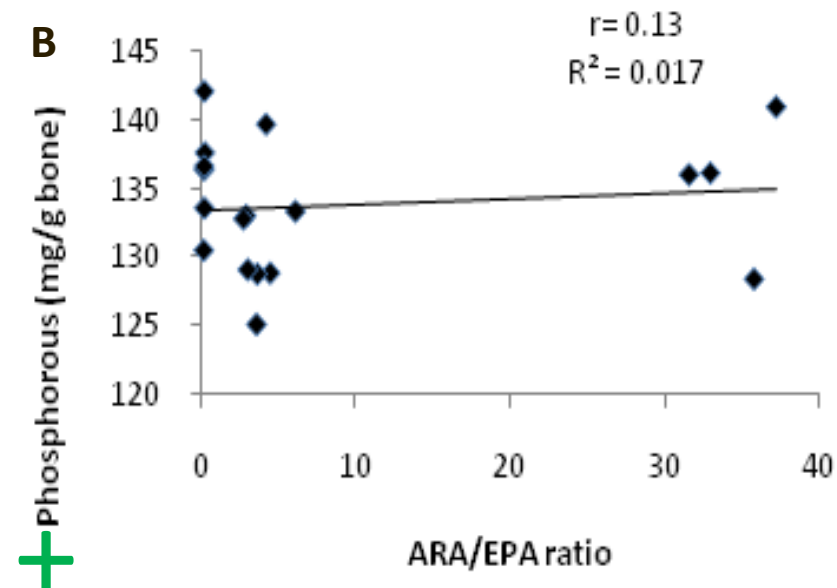
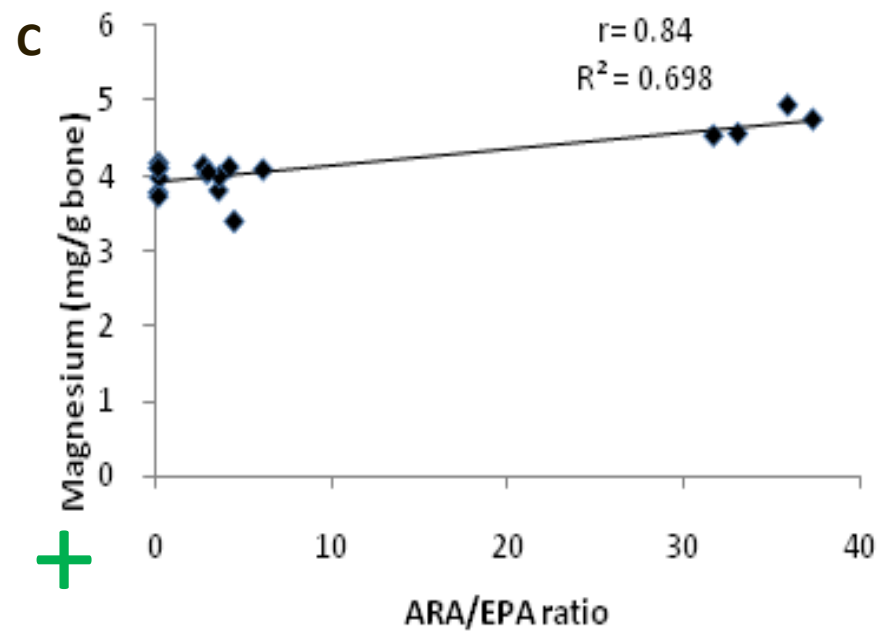
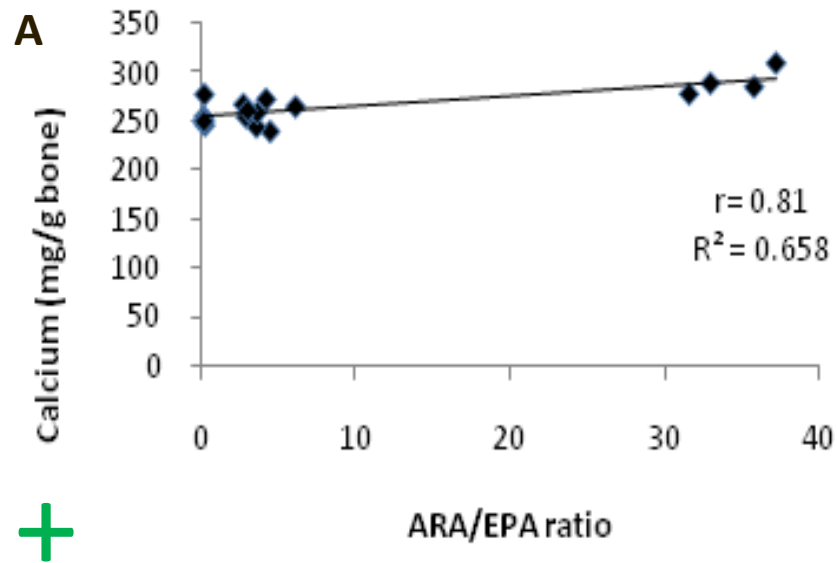
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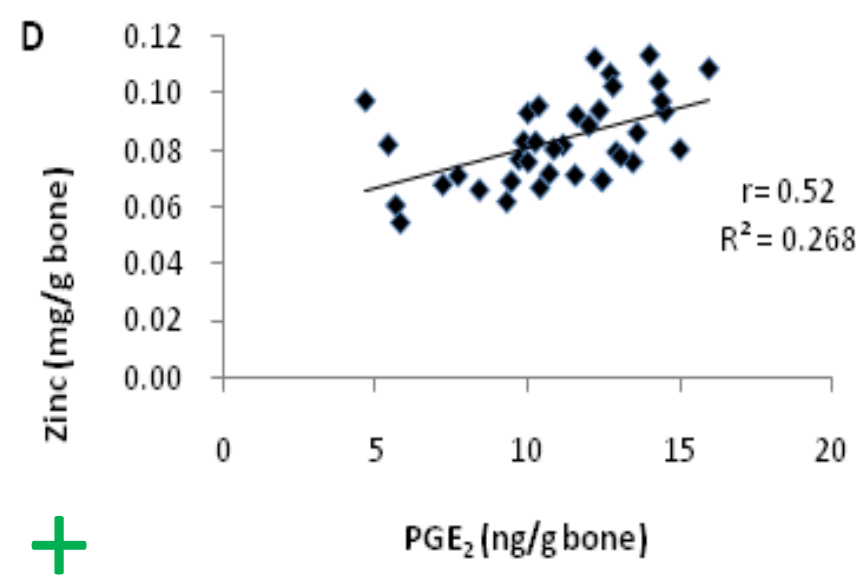
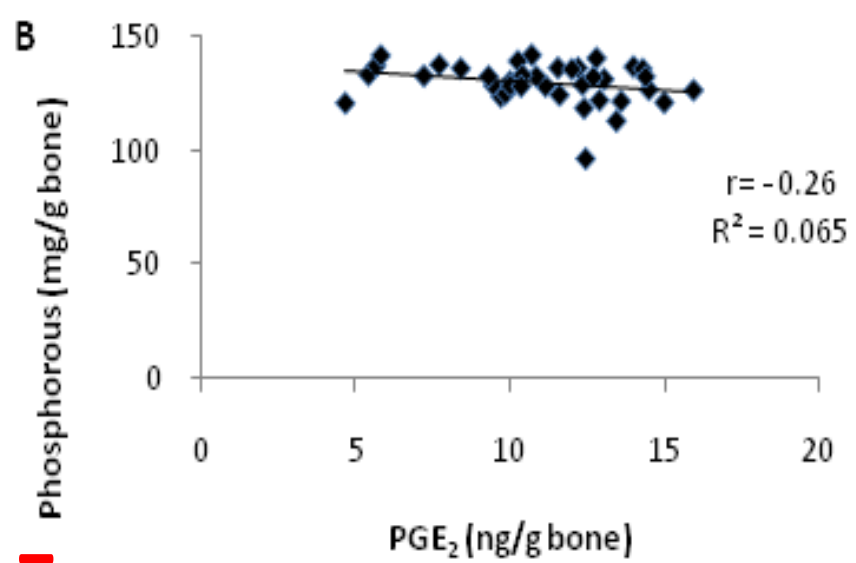
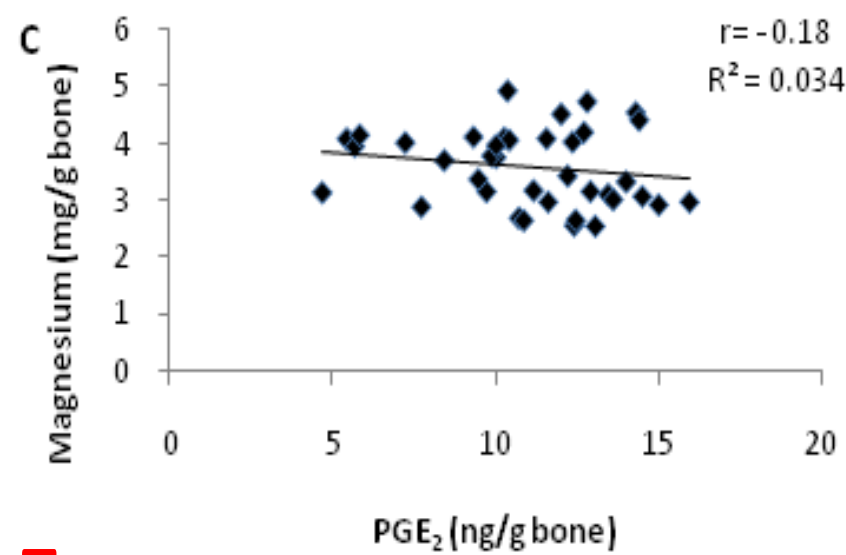
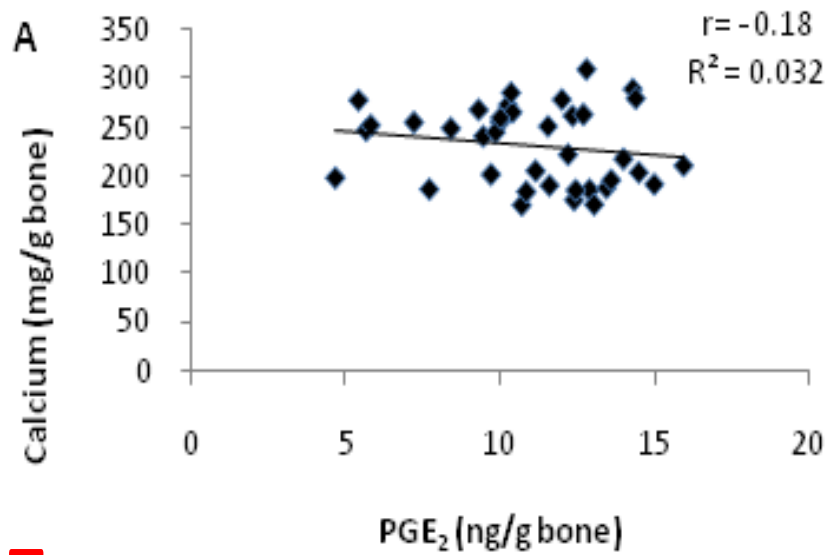




No differences between male & female rabbits in P







Conclusion

- The higher concentration of ω -3 PUFA found in bone marrow was associated with reduced *ex vivo* PGE₂ release in bone
- The reduction in ω -6/ ω -3 ratio through the inclusion of ω -3 LCPUFA in the diet from either fish oil or marine algae oils has been shown to increase bone Ca, P & Mg contents

Conclusion

- The reduction in ω -6/ ω -3 ratio through the inclusion of ω -3 LCPUFA in the diet from marine algae oils has been shown to maintain optimal Ca/P ratio in the bone
- There was a favorable effect of ARA/EPA ratio in bone Ca, P, & Mg contents than the overall ω -6/ ω -3 ratio

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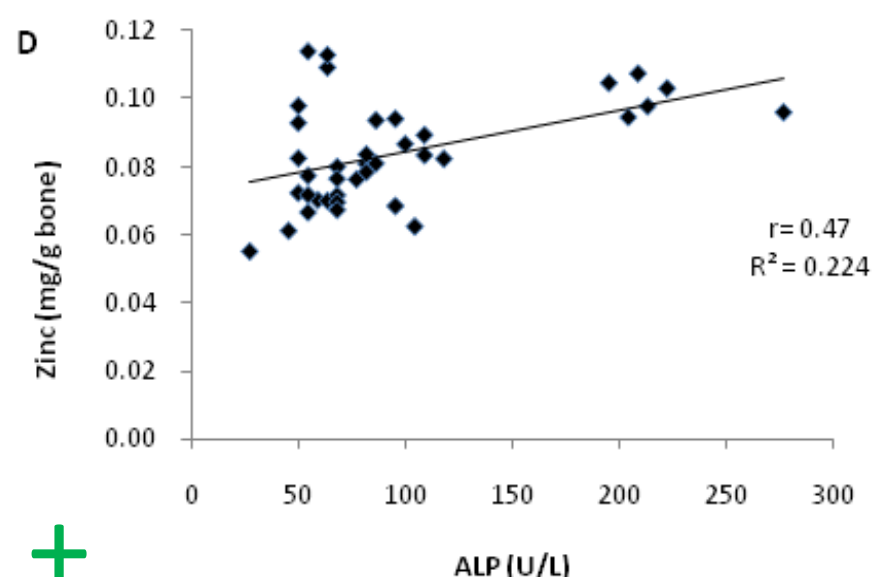
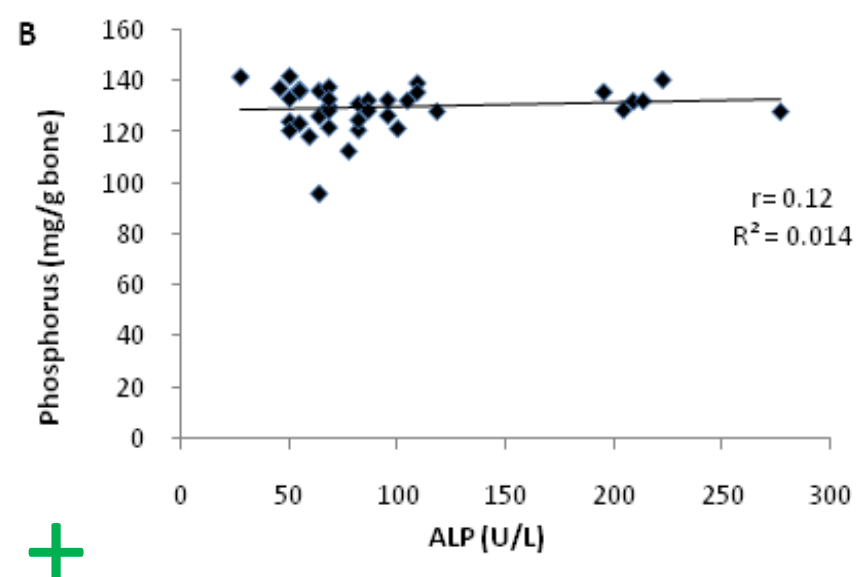
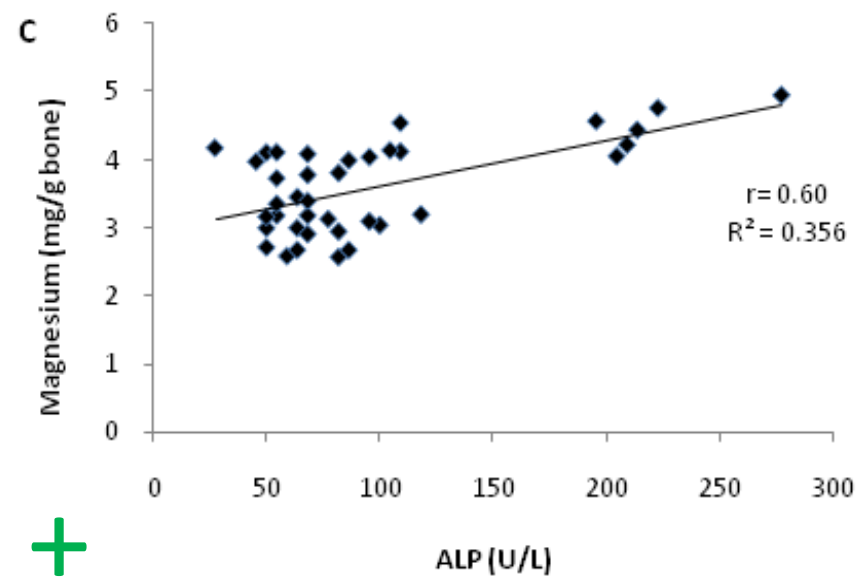
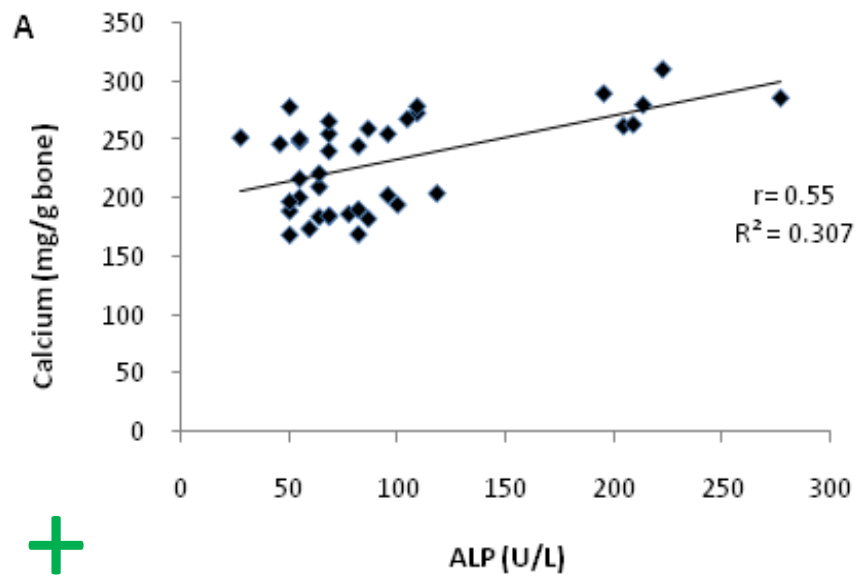
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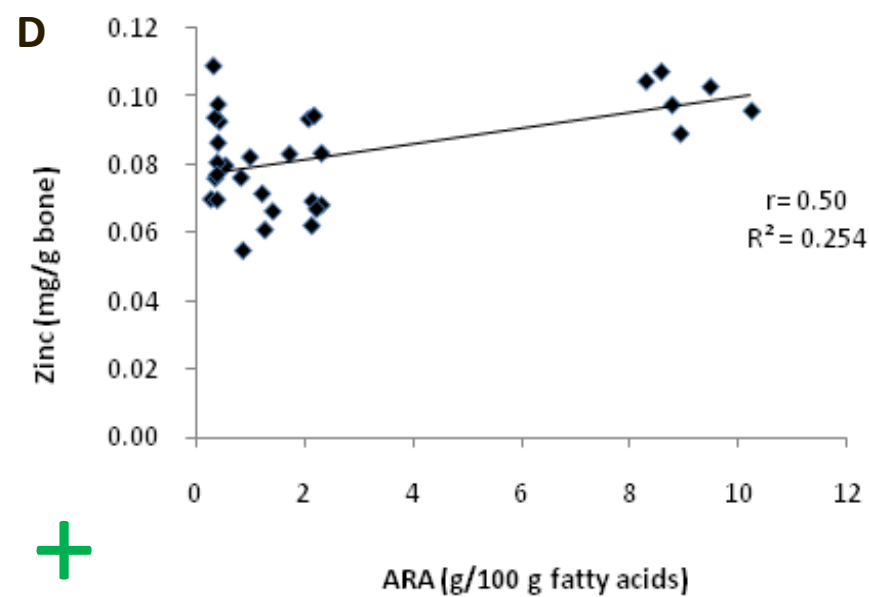
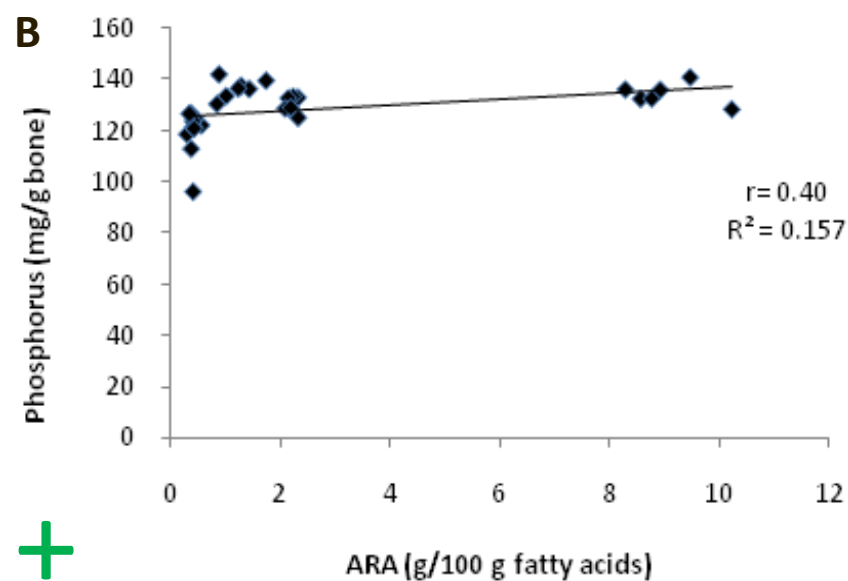
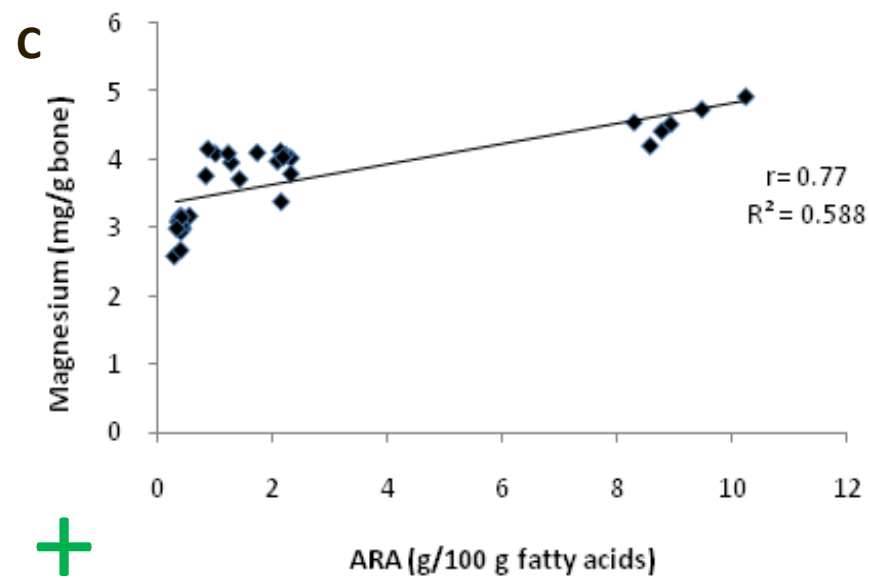
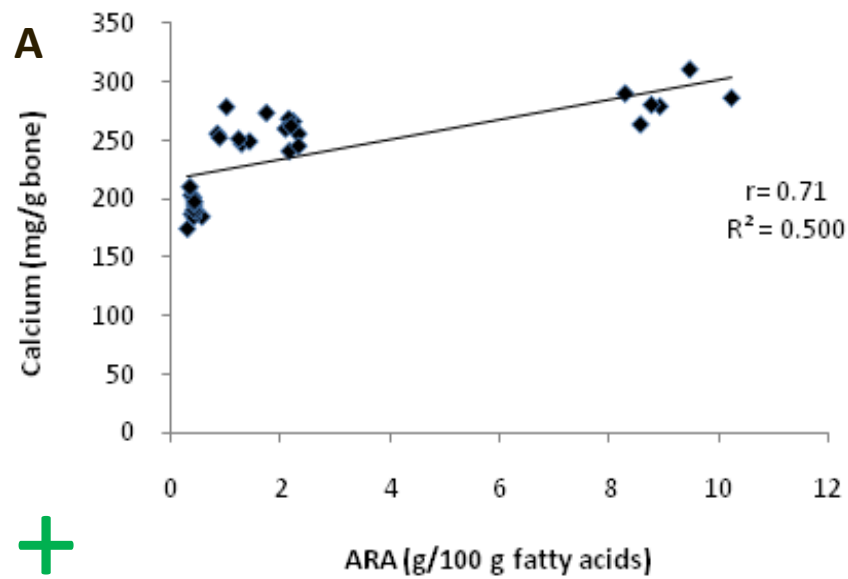
Bone marrow fatty acids of male & female rabbits fed diets with different dietary oil sources & varying ω -6/ ω -3 ratios for 100 days

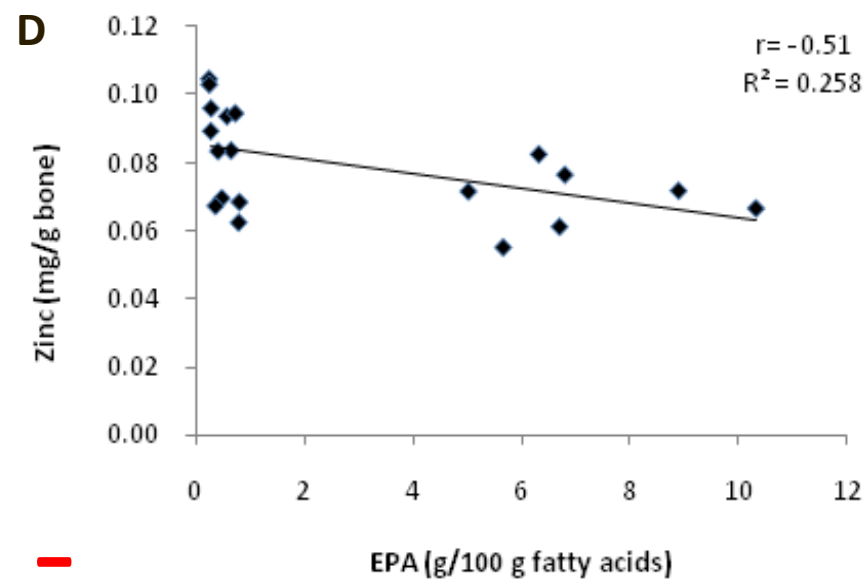
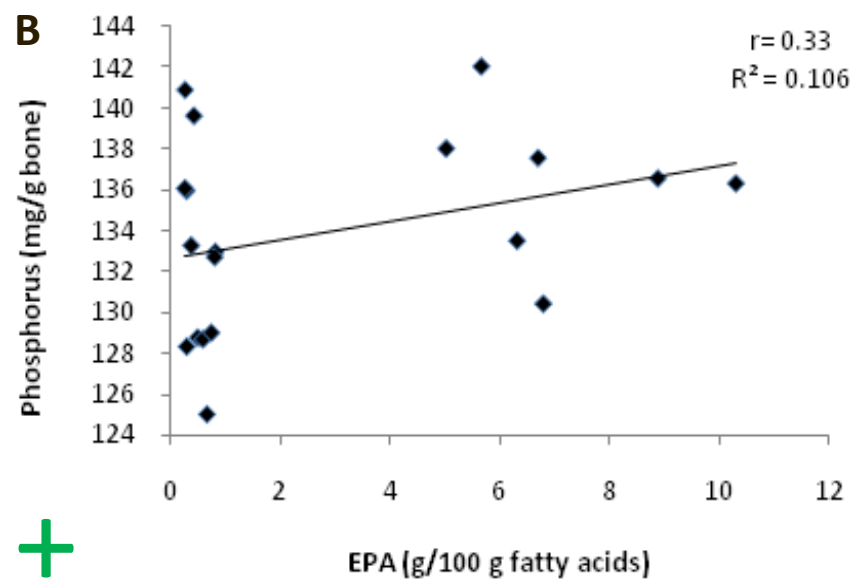
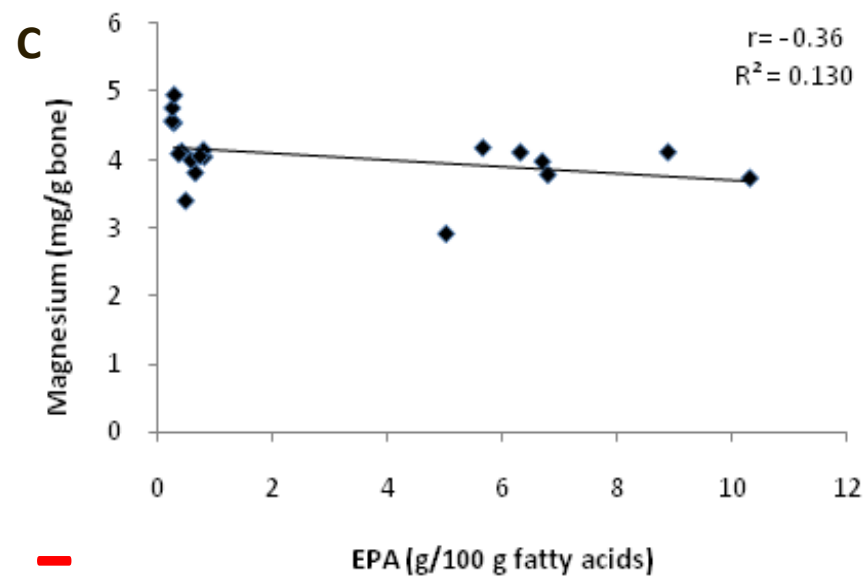
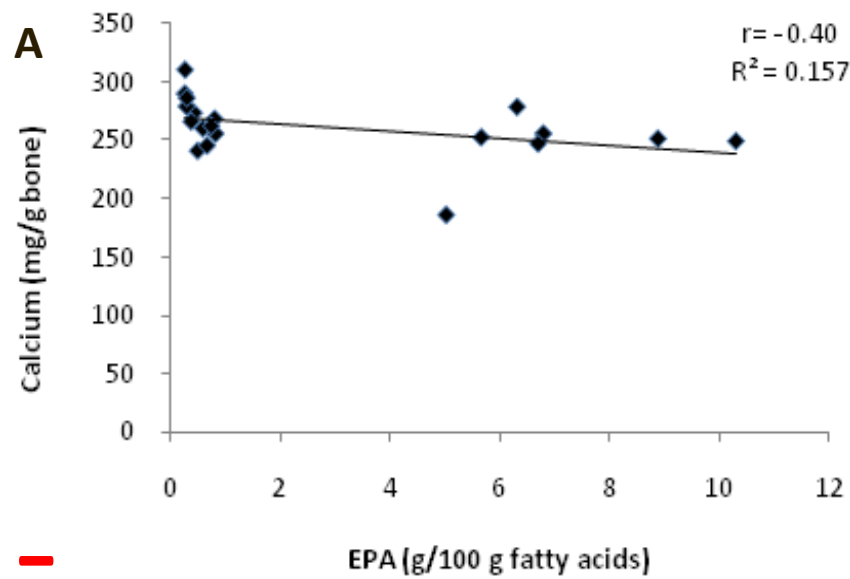
Fatty acid	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
C18:2 ω-6	45.63 ^{Aa}	44.77 ^{Aa}	34.07 ^{Ab}	36.19 ^{Ab}	20.48 ^{Ac}	19.79 ^{Ac}	17.45 ^{Ac}	13.96 ^{Ad}	20.93 ^{Ac}	20.69 ^{Ac}
C20:4 ω-6	0.41 ^{Ad}	0.40 ^{AcD}	0.17 ^{Ad}	Tr ^{Ad}	1.00 ^{Ac}	1.33 ^{Abc}	2.15 ^{Ab}	2.13 ^{Ab}	8.74 ^{Aa}	9.19 ^{Aa}
C18:3 ω-3	3.03 ^{Aa}	2.89 ^{Aa}	0.81 ^{Ac}	0.77 ^{Ad}	1.27 ^{Ab}	1.48 ^{Ab}	0.80 ^{Ac}	0.75 ^{Ad}	1.12 ^{Abc}	1.08 ^{Ac}
C20:5 ω-3	-	-	-	-	6.10 ^{Ba}	9.61 ^{Aa}	0.55 ^{Ab}	0.70 ^{Ab}	0.28 ^{Ab}	0.26 ^{Ab}
C22:6 ω-3	-	-	-	-	15.97 ^{Aa}	19.55 ^{Aa}	16.92 ^{Aa}	17.64 ^{Ab}	10.13 ^{Ab}	10.28 ^{Ac}
LA/ALA	15.07 ^{Ac}	15.53 ^{Ac}	42.25 ^{Aa}	46.74 ^{Aa}	16.00 ^{Ac}	13.44 ^{Ad}	22.27 ^{Ab}	18.62 ^{Ab}	18.65 ^{Abc}	19.12 ^{Ab}
LA+ARA/ ALA+DHA	15.20 ^{Ab}	15.67 ^{Ab}	42.34 ^{Aa}	46.74 ^{Aa}	1.24 ^{Ac}	1.00 ^{AcD}	1.12 ^{Ac}	0.87 ^{Bd}	2.64 ^{Ac}	2.64 ^{Ac}
ARA/EPA	-	-	-	-	0.13 ^{Ac}	0.14 ^{Ab}	4.21 ^{Ab}	3.08 ^{Ab}	31.62 ^{Aa}	35.36 ^{Aa}
ARA/DHA	-	-	-	-	0.05 ^{Ac}	0.07 ^{Ab}	0.13 ^{Ab}	0.12 ^{Ab}	0.86 ^{Aa}	0.89 ^{Aa}
ARA/EPA +DHA	-	-	-	-	0.03 ^{Ac}	0.05 ^{Ac}	0.12 ^{Ab}	0.12 ^{Ab}	0.85 ^{Aa}	0.88 ^{Aa}

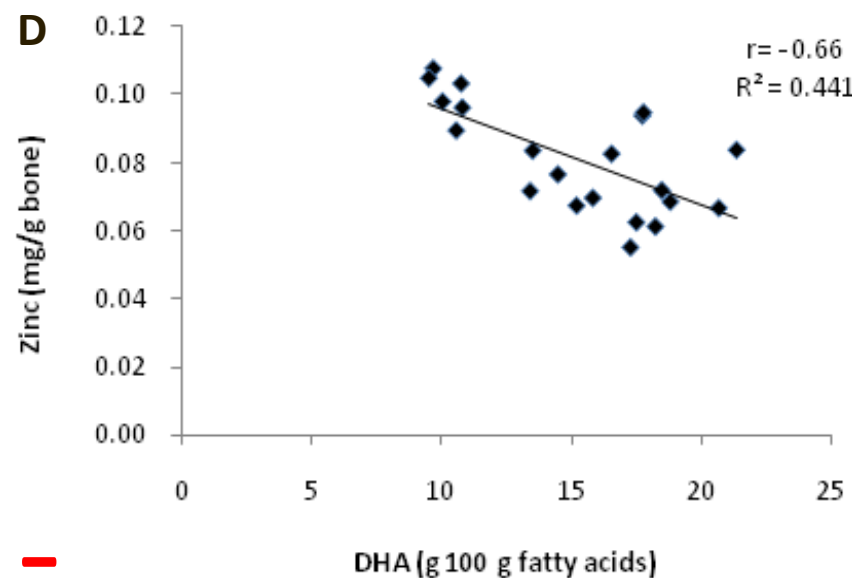
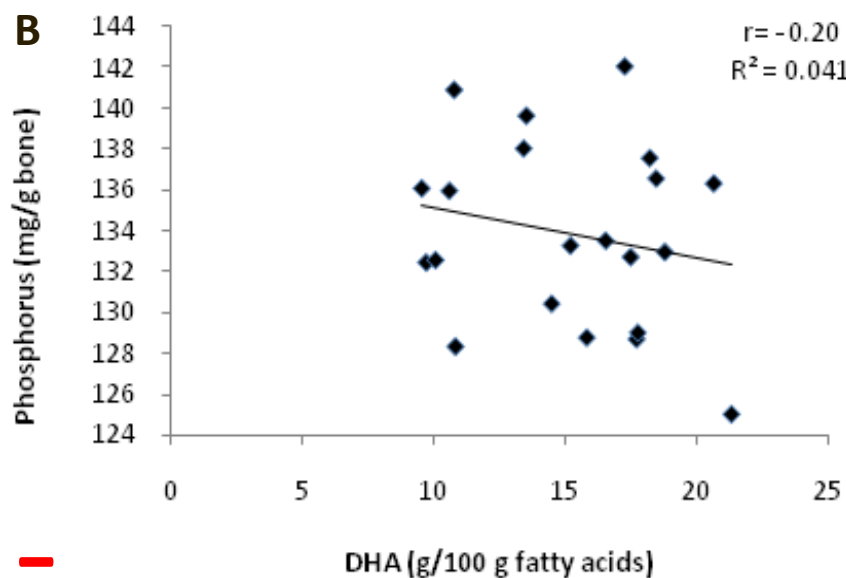
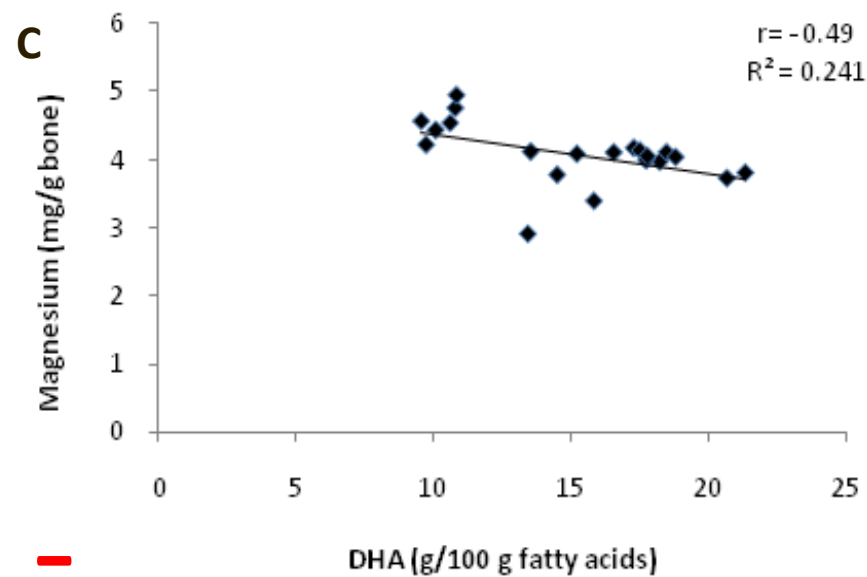
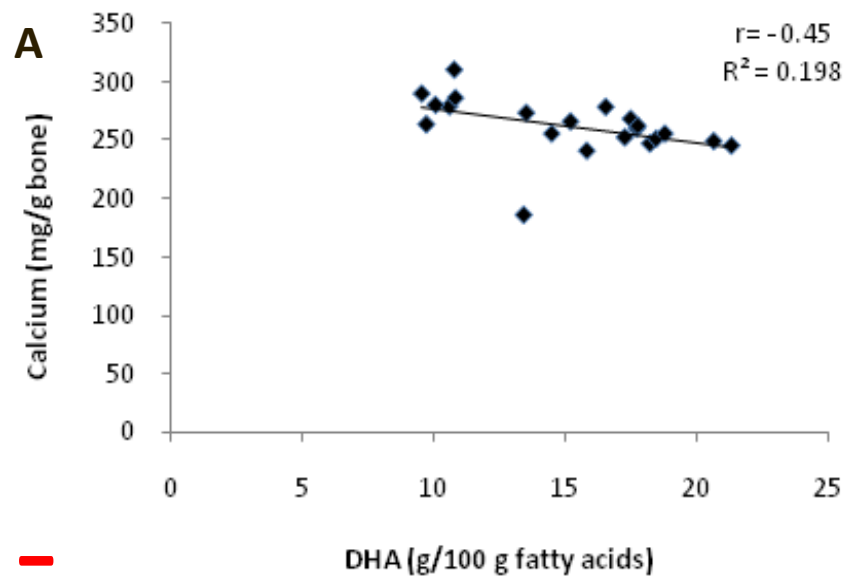
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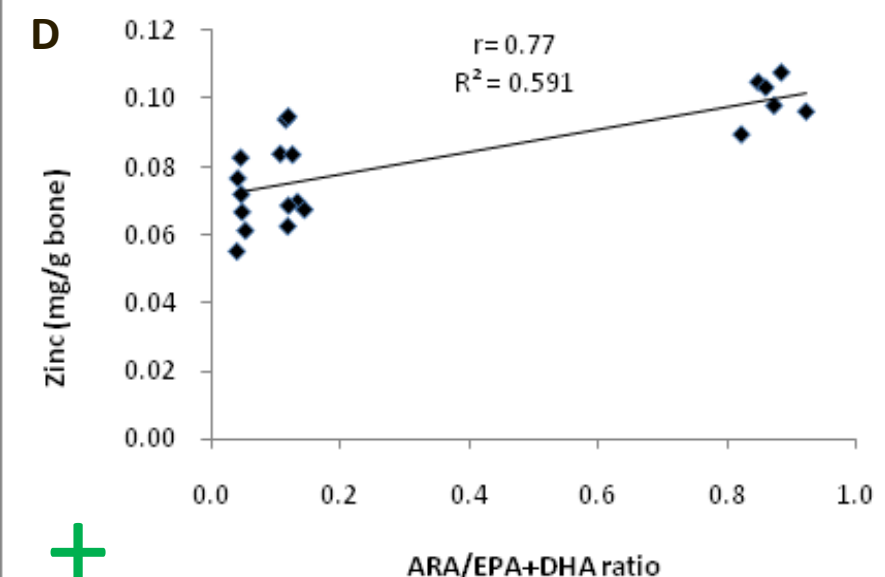
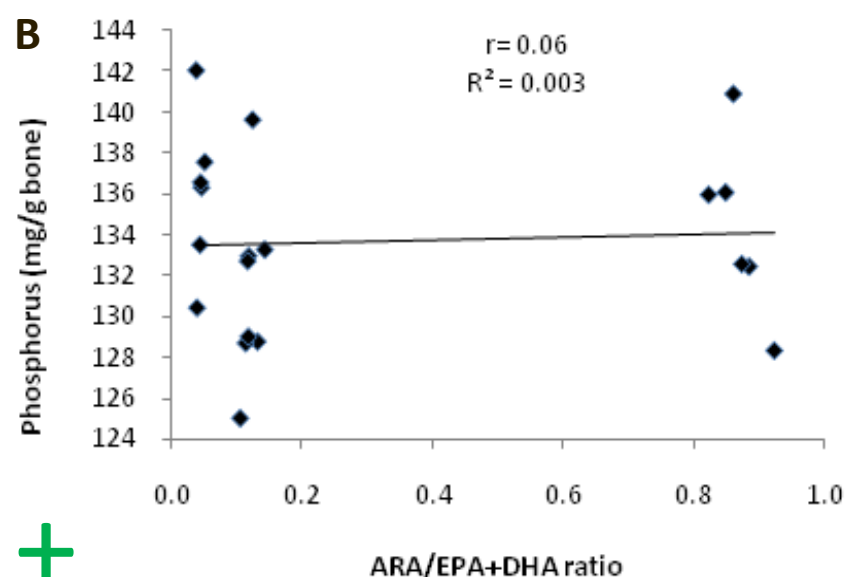
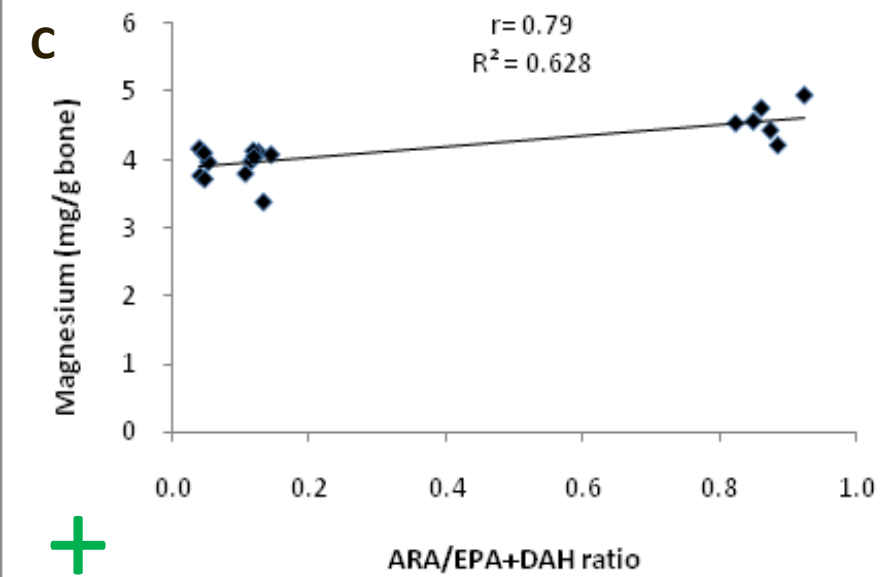
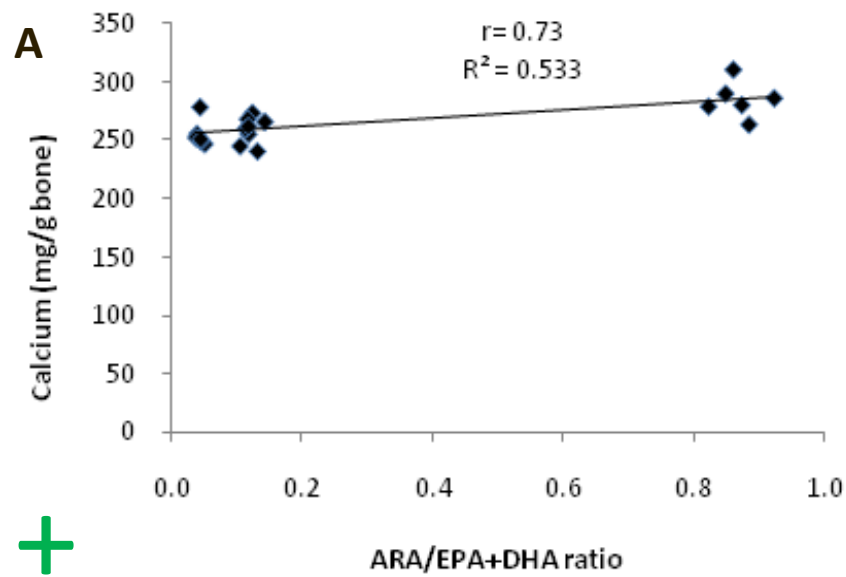
	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
ALP (U/L)	63.47 ^{Ab} ±4.53	76.16 ^{Abc} ±10.28	74.80 ^{Ab} ±14.51	72.53 ^{Abc} ±11.41	51.68 ^{Ab} ±7.67	54.40 ^{Ac} ±0.00	84.32 ^{Ab} ±7.93	131.47 ^{Ab} ±36.64	158.67^{Aa} ±49.87	226.67^{Aa} ±17.56
ACP (U/L)	25.25 ^{Aa} ±4.23	26.27 ^{Aa} ±1.39	32.42 ^{Aa} ±2.70	22.18 ^{Aa} ±3.55	29.00 ^{Aa} ±3.28	33.27 ^{Aa} ±0.86	30.71 ^{Aa} ±5.09	26.73 ^{Aa} ±3.17	38.39 ^{Aa} ±0.86	33.27 ^{Aa} ±6.13
Ca	184.15^{Bb} ±2.57	197.56^{Ac} ±2.18	213.45^{Ab} ±3.74	174.00^{Bd} ±4.50	243.79^{Aa} ±15.49	250.11^{Ab} ±1.01	256.14^{Aa} ±6.13	263.44^{Ab} ±2.52	271.27^{Aa} ±7.69	291.70^{Aa} ±6.55
P	114.79^{Ab} ±5.08	122.83^{Ab} ±1.11	132.16^{Aa} ±2.72	135.52^{Aa} ±3.40	136.32^{Aa} ±2.00	136.44^{Aa} ±0.12	131.94^{Aa} ±2.44	130.15^{Aa} ±1.29	134.21^{Aa} ±1.75	134.48^{Aa} ±2.66
Mg	2.90^{Ac} ±0.12	3.07^{Ac} ±0.04	3.24^{Ac} ±0.10	2.64^{Bd} ±0.04	3.78^{Ab} ±0.23	3.91^{Ab} ±0.19	3.88^{Aab} ±0.14	4.05^{Ab} ±0.04	4.37^{Aa} ±0.16	4.67^{Aa} ±0.11
Zn	0.08 ^{Ab} ±0.004	0.09 ^{Aab} ±0.004	0.10^{Aa} ±0.008	0.08 ^{Bbc} ±0.003	0.07 ^{Ab} ±0.005	0.07^{Ac} ±0.003	0.07 ^{Ab} ±0.004	0.08 ^{Aabc} ±0.01	0.10^{Aa} ±0.009	0.10 ^{Aa} ±0.002

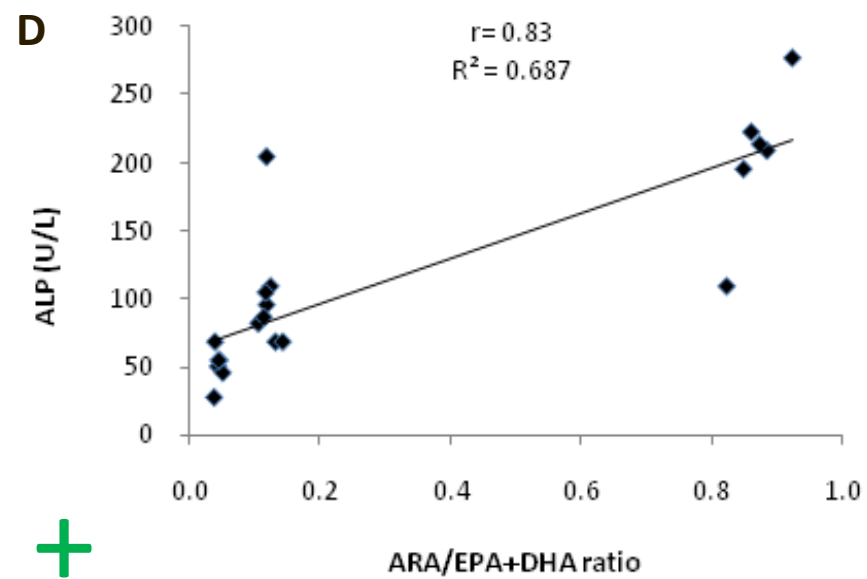
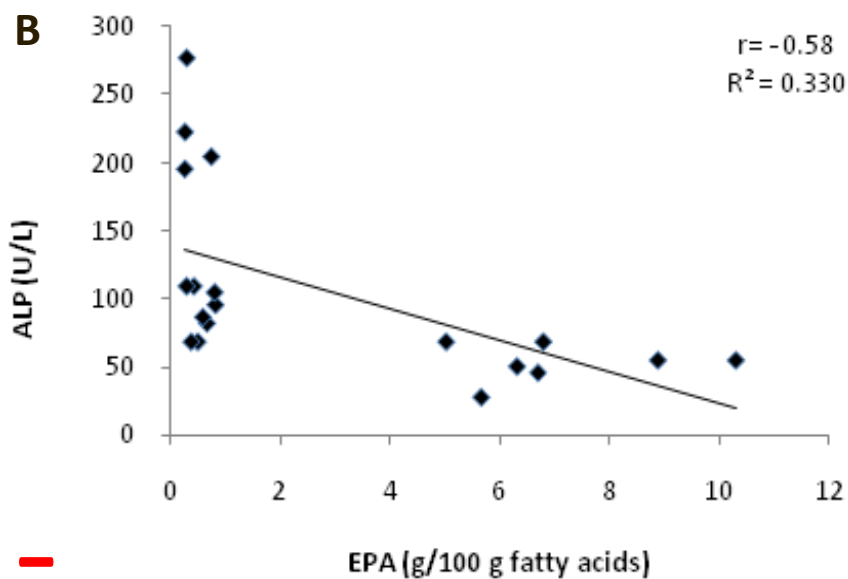
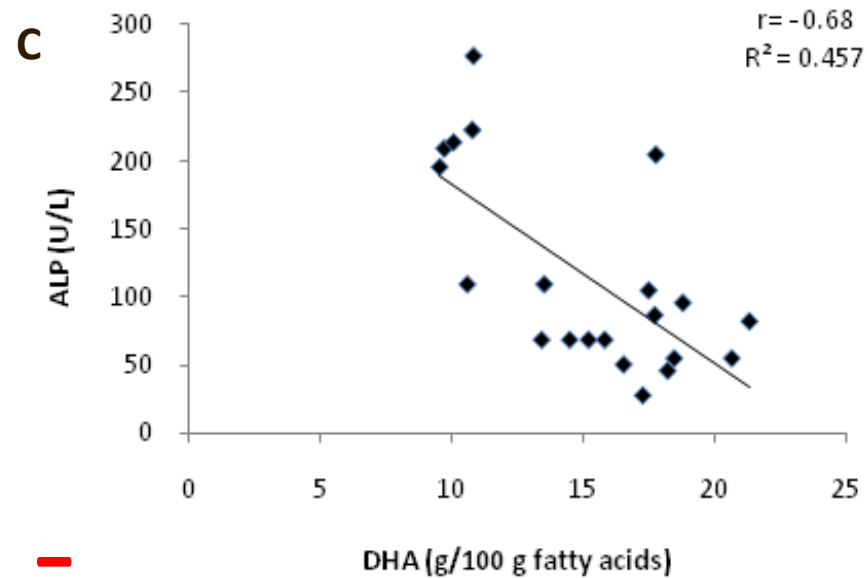
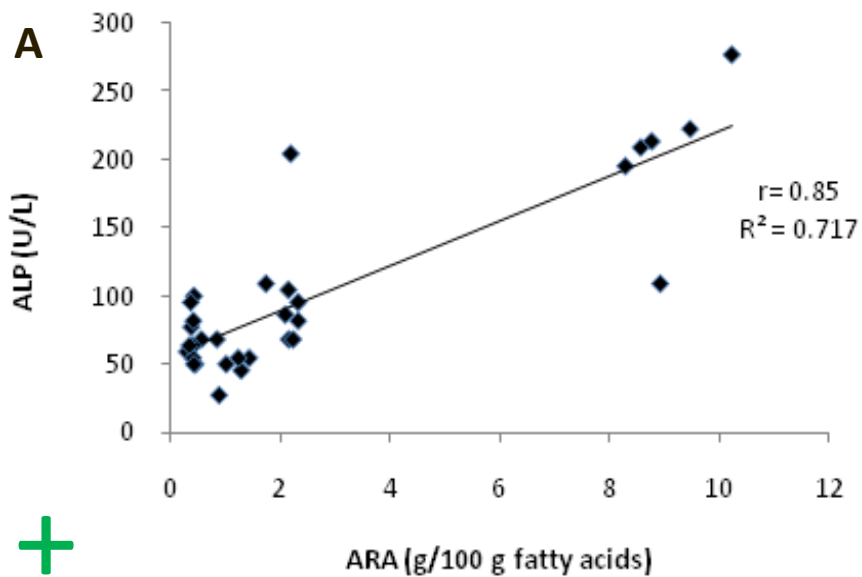












Conclusion

- Absence of EPA & DHA & depletion of ARA level in bone marrow of rabbits fed SBO or SO diets
- High dietary ω -6/ ω -3 ratio had significantly lower bone Ca, P, & Mg contents



Conclusion

- Bone marrow ARA concentration was positively correlated with ALP activity & bone Ca, P, Mg, & Zn contents
- Bone marrow EPA & DHA concentrations were negatively correlated with ALP activity & bone Ca, Mg, & Zn contents
- ARA/EPA+DHA ratio completely eliminates the undesirable effect of EPA or DHA alone on bone mineralization



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Bone growth indicators of male and female rabbits fed diets with different dietary oil sources and varying ω -6/ ω -3 ratio for 100 days

Length (cm)	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Humerus	7.01 ^{Aa} ±0.04	7.02 ^{Aa} ±0.07	7.10 ^{Aa} ±0.09	7.00 ^{Aa} ±0.12	7.03 ^{Aa} ±0.10	6.88 ^{Aa} ±0.03	7.11 ^{Aa} ±0.09	6.93 ^{Aa} ±0.14	6.88 ^{Aa} ±0.08	6.85 ^{Aa} ±0.15
Forearm	7.97 ^{Aa} ±0.04	7.92 ^{Aa} ±0.06	8.06 ^{Aa} ±0.07	7.92 ^{Aa} ±0.07	8.03 ^{Aa} ±0.13	7.75 ^{Aa} ±0.05	7.92 ^{Aa} ±0.07	7.90 ^{Aa} ±0.13	7.85 ^{Aa} ±0.00	7.85 ^{Aa} ±0.15
Tibia	10.35 ^{Aa} ±0.09	10.27 ^{Aa} ±0.11	10.44 ^{Aa} ±0.16	10.25 ^{Aa} ±0.18	10.41 ^{Aa} ±0.16	10.20 ^{Aa} ±0.10	10.58 ^{Aa} ±0.12	10.38 ^{Aa} ±0.16	10.33 ^{Aa} ±0.08	10.18 ^{Aa} ±0.22
Femur	9.68 ^{Aa} ±0.08	9.66 ^{Aa} ±0.05	9.68 ^{Aa} ±0.08	9.57 ^{Aa} ±0.12	9.72 ^{Aa} ±0.14	9.40 ^{Aa} ±0.05	9.81 ^{Aa} ±0.11	9.68 ^{Aa} ±0.13	9.58 ^{Aa} ±0.03	9.40 ^{Aa} ±0.28

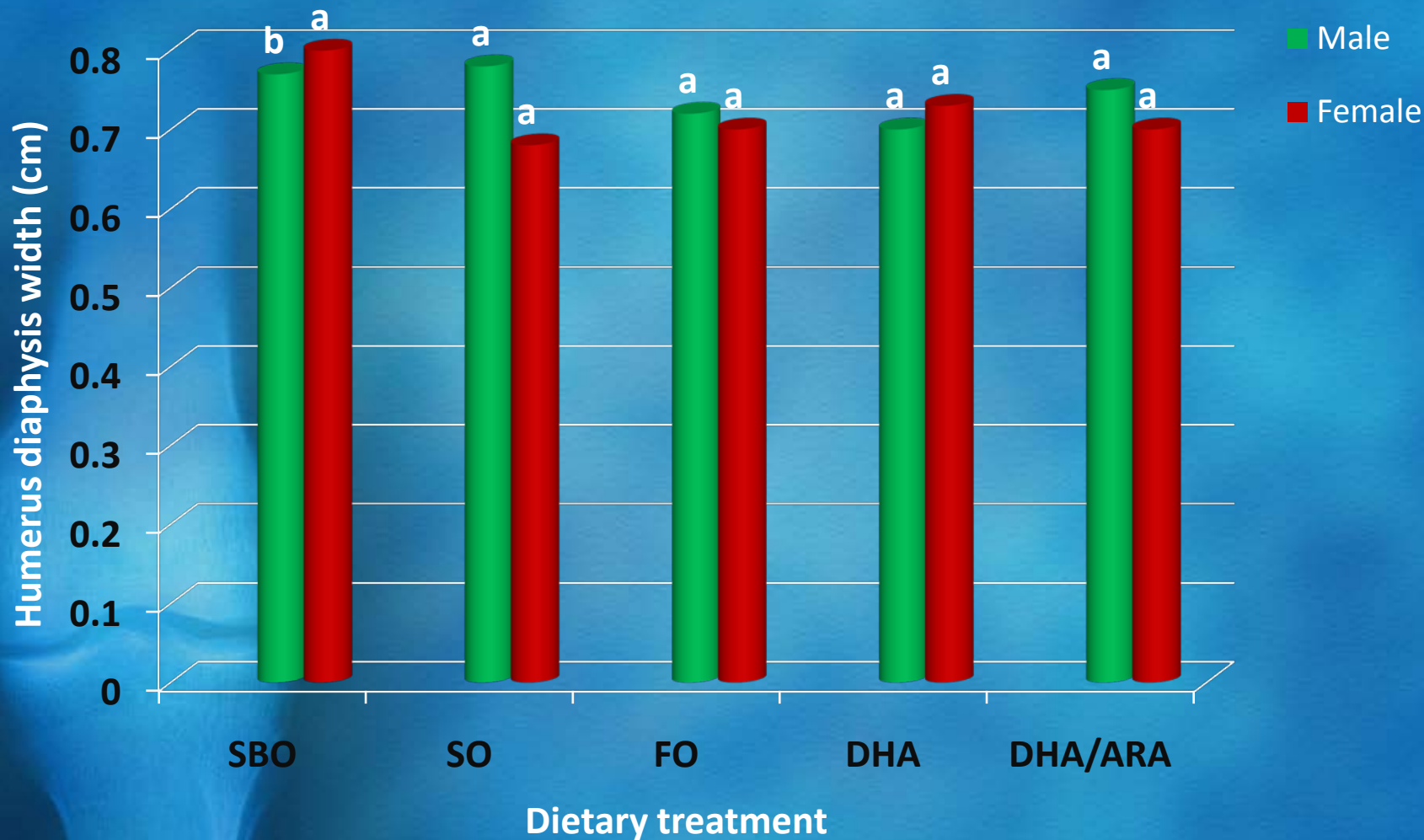
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Width (cm)	Dietary treatment									
	SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Humerus A	1.23 ^{Aa} ±0.06	1.29 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.31 ^{Aa} ±0.01	1.27 ^{Aa} ±0.03	1.28 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.25 ^{Aa} ±0.05	1.26 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.25 ^{Aa} ±0.00	1.33 ^{Aa} ±0.03	1.29 ^{Aa} ±0.03
Humerus B	0.92 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.93 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.96 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.93 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.92 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.88 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.90 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.92 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.93 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.90 ^{Aa} ±0.02
Humerus C	0.77 ^{Ba} ±0.01	0.80^{Aa} ±0.00	0.78 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.68 ^{Ab} ±0.04	0.72 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.70 ^{Ab} ±0.00	0.70 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.73 ^{Aab} ±0.02	0.75 ^{Aa} ±0.05	0.70 ^{Ab} ±0.02
Femur A	1.66 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.64 ^{Aa} ±0.03	1.60 ^{Aa} ±0.04	1.68 ^{Aa} ±0.07	1.65 ^{Aa} ±0.04	1.55 ^{Aa} ±0.05	1.54 ^{Aa} ±0.04	1.62 ^{Aa} ±0.04	1.63 ^{Aa} ±0.03	1.61 ^{Aa} ±0.06
Femur B	2.41 ^{Aab} ±0.01	2.42 ^{Aab} ±0.03	2.43^{Aa} ±0.01	2.45^{Aa} ±0.05	2.36 ^{Aabc} ±0.04	2.30 ^{Ac} ±0.00	2.29 ^{Ac} ±0.02	2.35 ^{Aabc} ±0.03	2.33 ^{Abc} ±0.08	2.34 ^{Abc} ±0.02
Femur C	0.63^{Aa} ±0.03	0.60^{Aa} ±0.02	0.64^{Aa} ±0.03	0.55^{Aa} ±0.05	0.58 ^{Aab} ±0.03	0.53 ^{Aa} ±0.08	0.49 ^{Ab} ±0.01	0.53 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.58 ^{Aab} ±0.03	0.51 ^{Aa} ±0.03
Tibia A	1.52 ^{Aa} ±0.01	1.53 ^{Aab} ±0.02	1.55 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.57^{Aa} ±0.03	1.45 ^{Aa} ±0.04	1.38 ^{Ad} ±0.03	1.46 ^{Aa} ±0.02	1.47 ^{Abc} ±0.02	1.45 ^{Aa} ±0.05	1.44 ^{Acd} ±0.02
Tibia B	0.63 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.62^{Aa} ±0.03	0.68 ^{Aa} ±0.01	0.60 ^{Bab} ±0.00	0.59 ^{Aa} ±0.02	0.50 ^{Ac} ±0.00	0.57 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.55 ^{Abc} ±0.00	0.63 ^{Aa} ±0.03	0.56 ^{Aabc} ±0.01

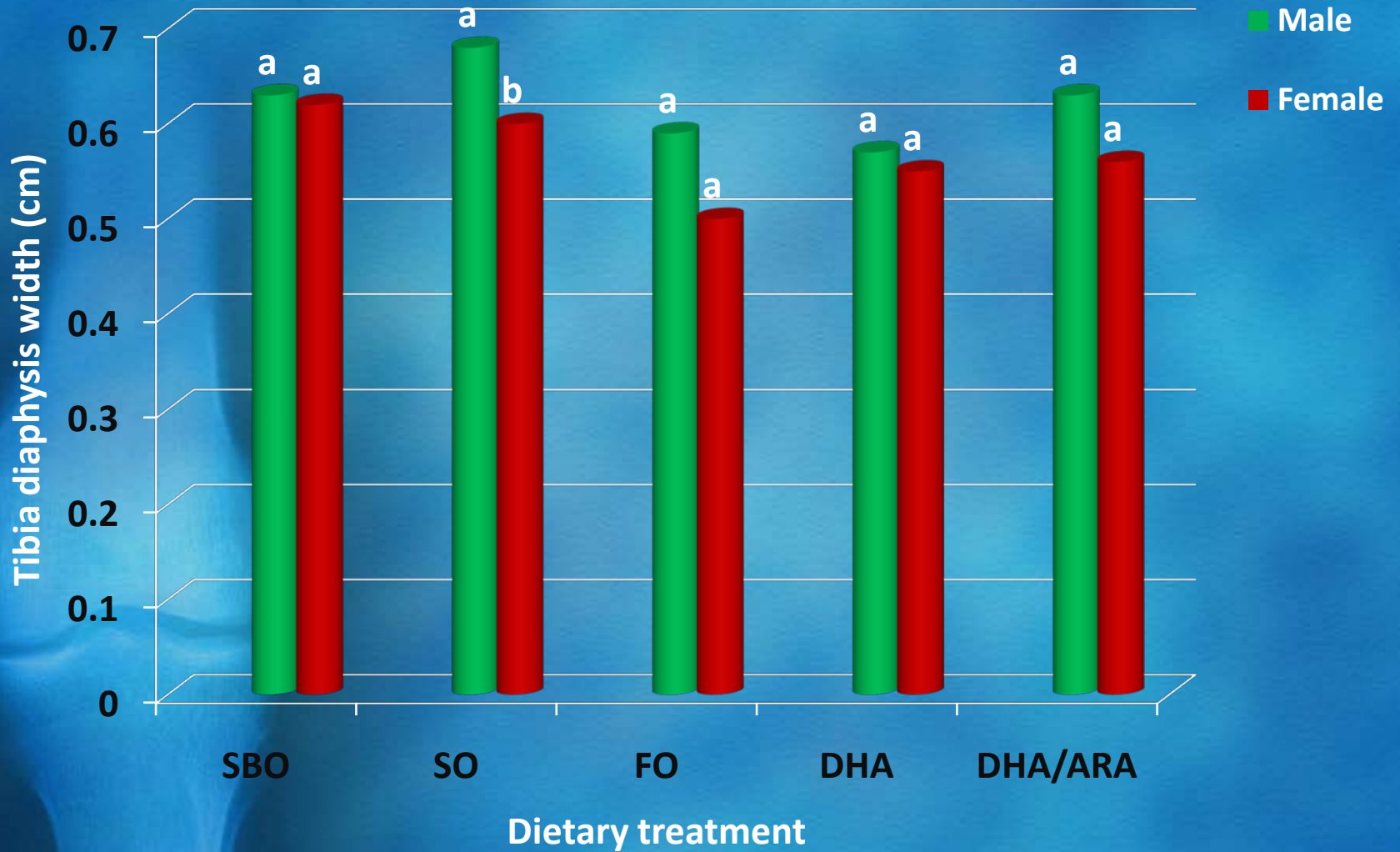
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Weight (g)		Dietary treatment									
		SBO		SO		FO		DHA		DHA/ARA	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Humerus	4.51 ^{Aa}	4.47 ^{Aa}	4.51 ^{Aa}	4.02 ^{Ab}	4.13 ^{Aab}	3.61 ^{Ab}	3.80 ^{Ab}	3.86 ^{Ab}	3.81 ^{Ab}	4.01 ^{Ab}	
	±0.14	±0.10	±0.15	±0.15	±0.21	±0.13	±0.07	±0.05	±0.07	±0.16	
Forearm	3.81 ^{Aa}	3.74 ^{Aa}	3.84 ^{Aa}	3.42 ^{Aa}	3.71 ^{Aab}	3.08 ^{Ab}	3.24 ^{Ab}	3.43 ^{Aa}	3.39 ^{Aab}	3.63 ^{Aa}	
	±0.11	±0.06	±0.09	±0.19	±0.23	±0.10	±0.09	±0.09	±0.04	±0.08	
Tibia	7.83 ^{Aa}	7.67 ^{Aa}	7.92 ^{Aa}	7.14 ^{Aab}	6.94 ^{Aab}	5.94 ^{Ac}	6.34 ^{Ab}	6.55 ^{Abc}	6.30 ^{Ab}	6.02 ^{Ac}	
	±0.28	±0.15	±0.27	±0.30	±0.43	±0.33	±0.18	±0.21	±0.25	±0.29	
Femur	9.49 ^{Aa}	9.18 ^{Aa}	9.55 ^{Aa}	8.60 ^{Aab}	8.54 ^{Aab}	7.06 ^{Ac}	7.58 ^{Ab}	7.85 ^{Abc}	7.83 ^{Ab}	7.64 ^{Ac}	
	±0.31	±0.18	±0.24	±0.36	±0.45	±0.52	±0.18	±0.23	±0.06	±0.24	

Comparison of humerus diaphysis width between male & female rabbits



Comparison of tibia diaphysis width between male & female rabbits



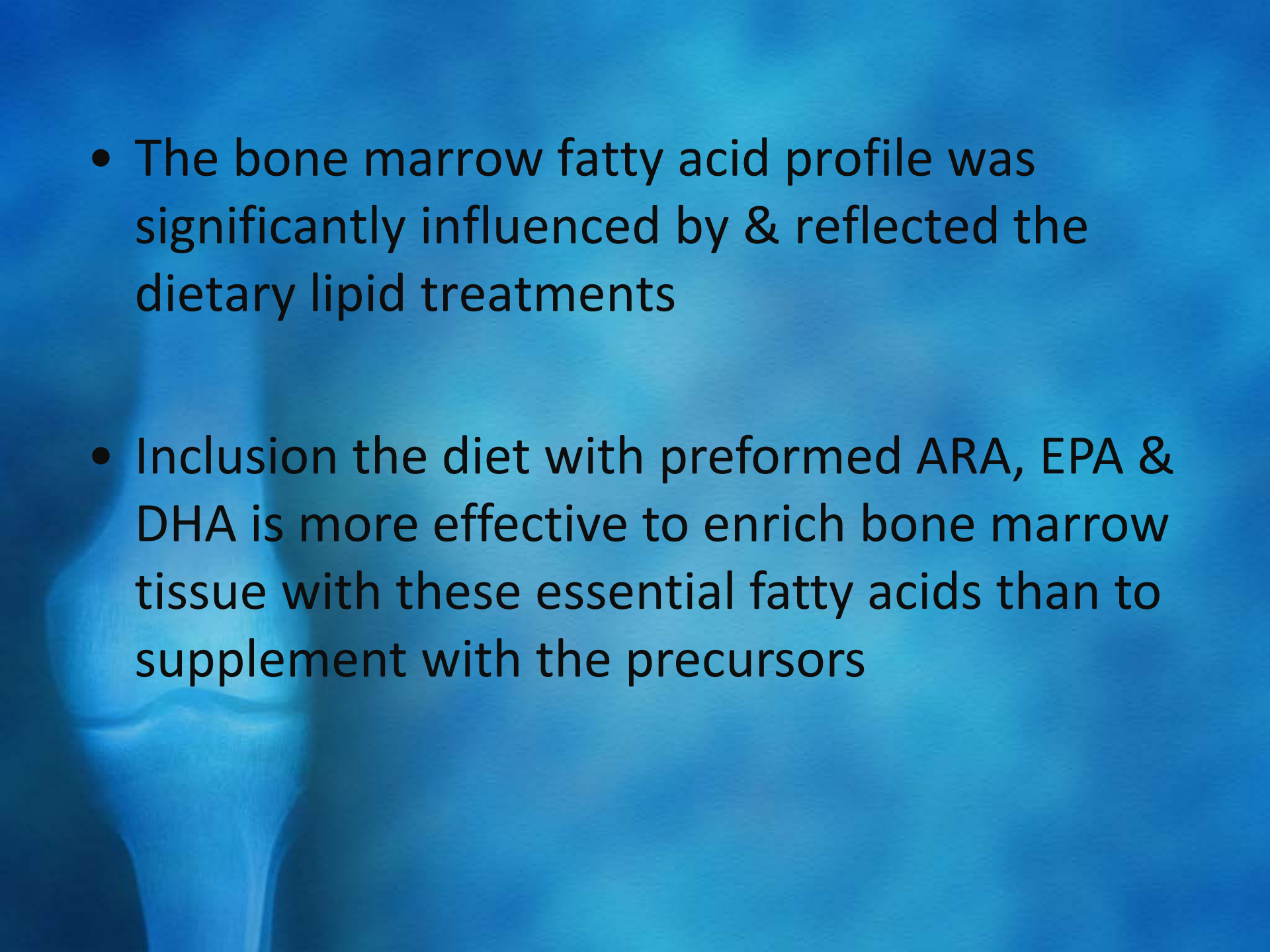
Conclusion

- Dietary lipid supplementation with various ω -6/ ω -3 ratios affects bone width & weight
- & had no effect on bone length





General Conclusion

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- The bone marrow fatty acid profile was significantly influenced by & reflected the dietary lipid treatments
 - Inclusion the diet with preformed ARA, EPA & DHA is more effective to enrich bone marrow tissue with these essential fatty acids than to supplement with the precursors

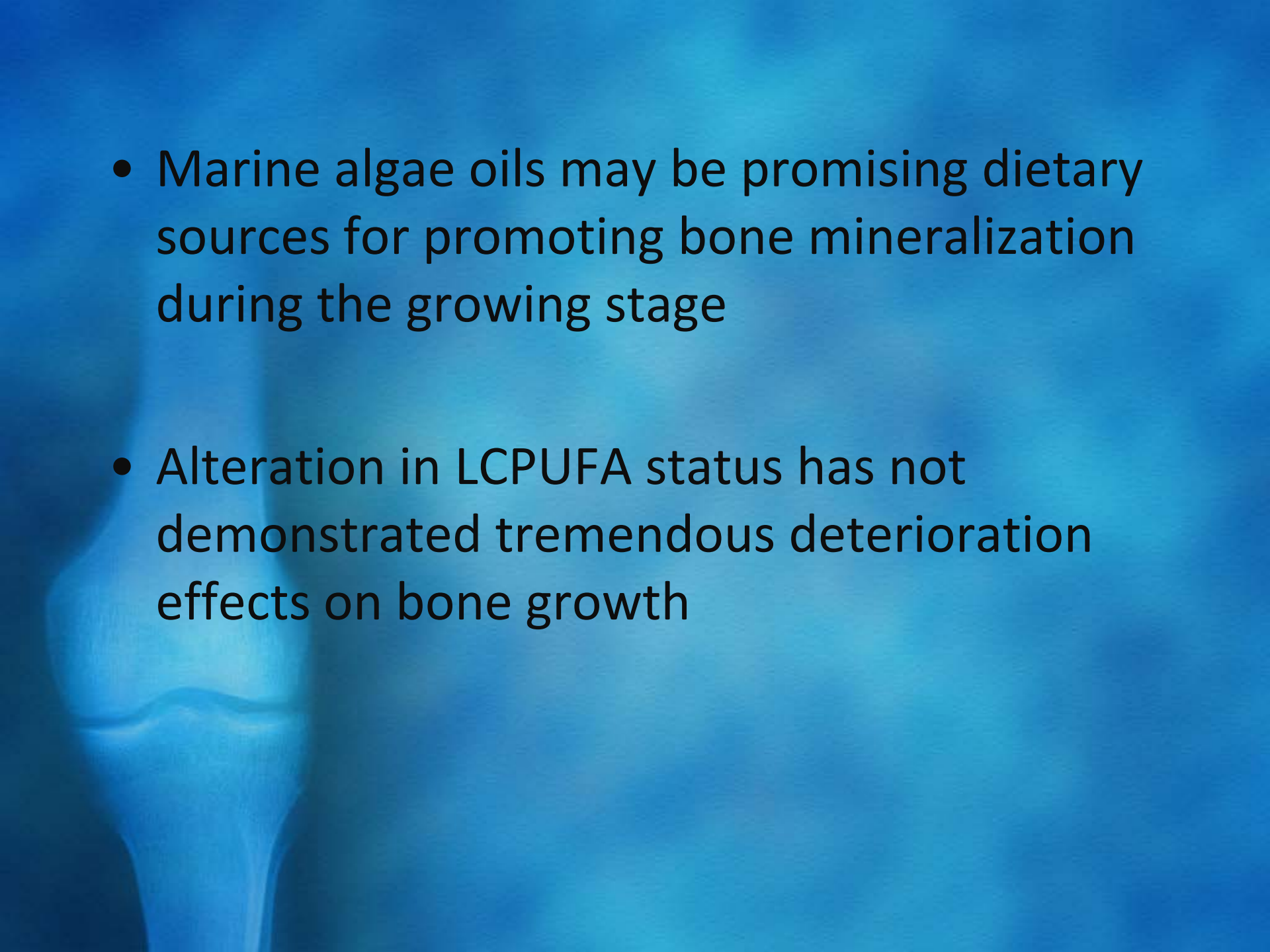
- The reduction in the ω -6/ ω -3 ratio resulted in significantly

↓ PGE₂ level (FO & DHA)

↑ ALP activity (DHA/ARA)

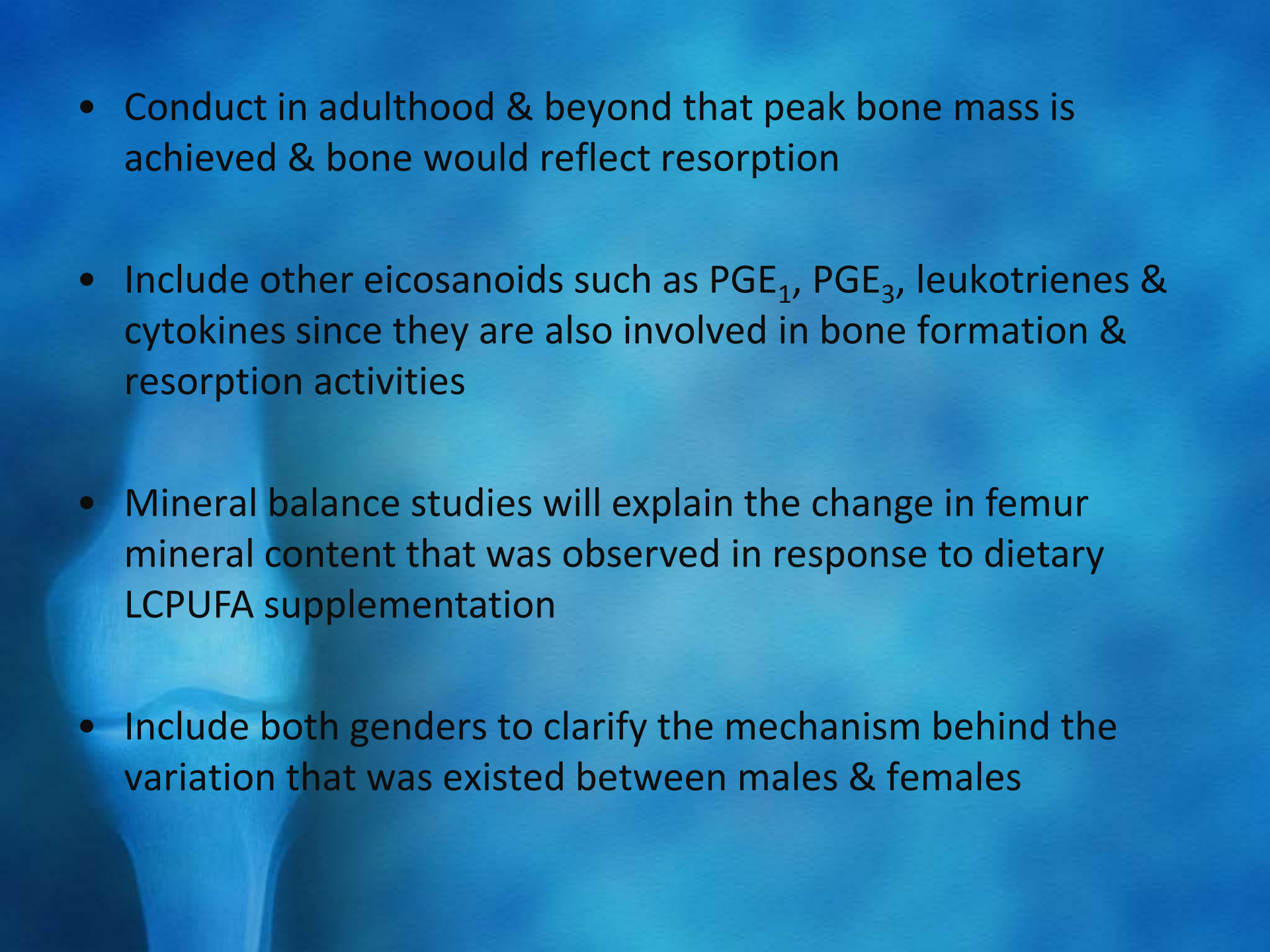
↑ Ca, P, & Mg contents (FO, DHA & DHA/ARA)

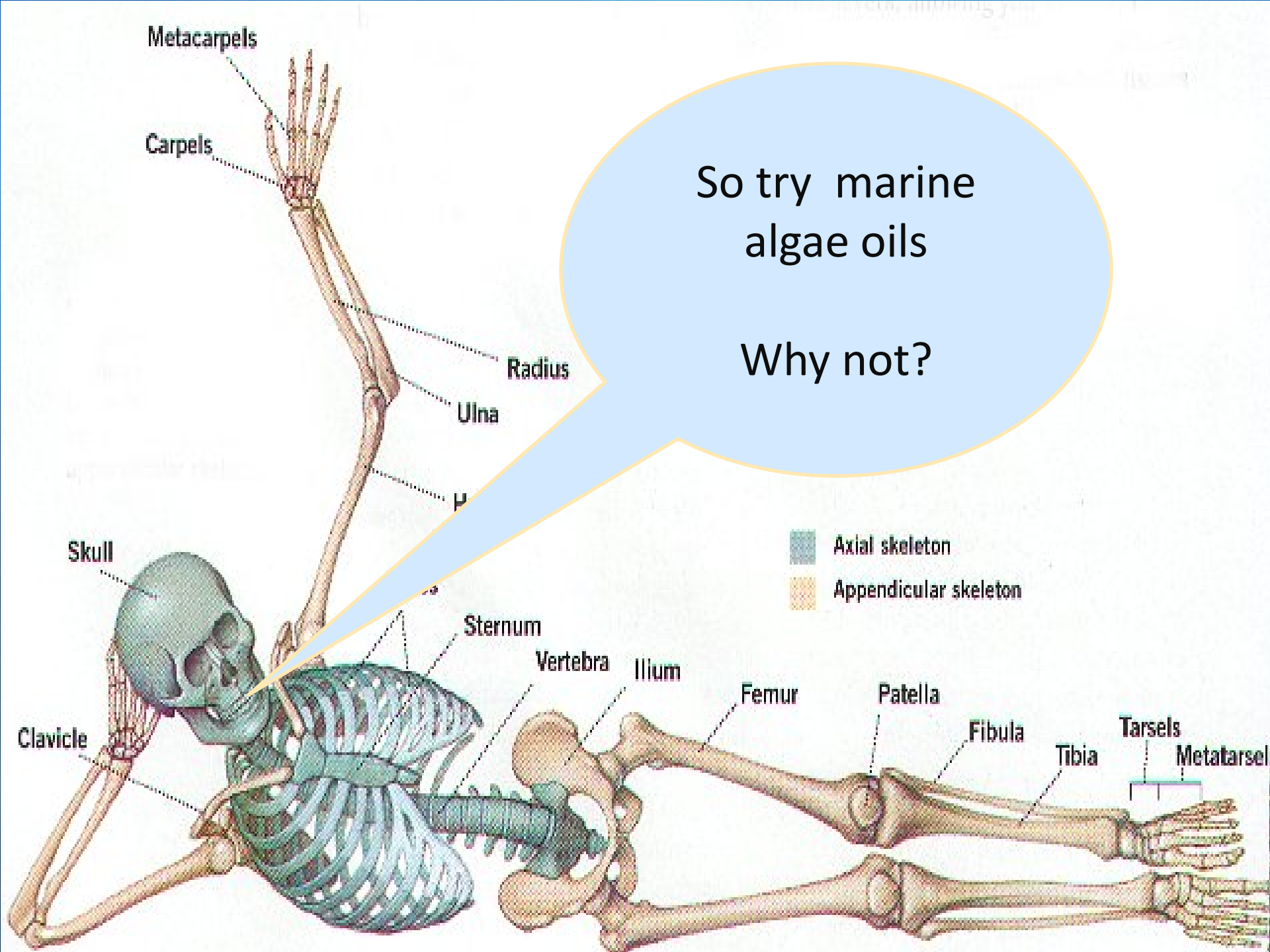
Maintained optimal Ca/P ratio (DHA & DHA/ARA)

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- Marine algae oils may be promising dietary sources for promoting bone mineralization during the growing stage
 - Alteration in LCPUFA status has not demonstrated tremendous deterioration effects on bone growth



Future Research

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- Conduct in adulthood & beyond that peak bone mass is achieved & bone would reflect resorption
 - Include other eicosanoids such as PGE₁, PGE₃, leukotrienes & cytokines since they are also involved in bone formation & resorption activities
 - Mineral balance studies will explain the change in femur mineral content that was observed in response to dietary LCPUFA supplementation
 - Include both genders to clarify the mechanism behind the variation that was existed between males & females



Metacarpels

Carpels

Radius

Ulna

Humerus

Skull

Clavicle

Sternum

Vertebra

Ilium

Femur

Patella

Fibula

Tibia

Tarsals

Metatarsals

So try marine algae oils

Why not?

Axial skeleton

Appendicular skeleton

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