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## RESUMO

### **Prebióticos melhoram os indicadores de osteoporose em modelo pré-clínico: revisão sistemática com meta-análise**

**Introdução:** A osteoporose é a doença metabólica do tecido ósseo, caracterizada pela perda gradual de massa óssea e deterioração da microarquitetura do tecido ósseo em humanos, tendo como consequência a fragilidade óssea e risco de fraturas. O comprometimento ósseo acarreta aumento de custo na carga econômica nos sistemas de saúde com consultas médicas, hospitalizações e colocações em lares de idosos relacionados a fraturas osteoporóticas, sendo considerado um grave problema de saúde pública. **Objetivo:** Esta revisão sistemática com meta-análise examinou ensaios pré-clínicos para elucidar os efeitos dos alimentos prebióticos na osteoporose induzida em ratas ovariectomizadas. **Material e métodos:** Os dados e artigos em inglês utilizados na meta-análise foram obtidos através de buscas nos bancos eletrônicos de dados científicos disponíveis na internet: “Pub Med”, “ScienceDirect”, “Scielo”, “LILACS”, “Cochrane” e “Bireme” publicados antes de novembro de 2018. Encontrado 813 artigos completos, resumos ou capítulos de livros que citavam as palavras chaves utilizadas na pesquisa bibliográfica, após triagem de títulos e resumos, seis estudos atendiam os critérios de inclusão. Ao todo foram utilizados 116 animais, divididos randomicamente entre grupos controle e tratamento. Foram selecionados trabalhos completos de ensaios experimentais e que atendiam os seguintes critérios: (i) População: murinos (ratas/camundongos) ovariectomizadas; (ii) Intervenção: suplementação na dieta com prebióticos; (iii) Controle: avaliação dos efeitos nos grupos suplementados e não suplementados; (iv) Desfechos: avaliação de parâmetros indicadores de osteoporose. Usamos o software Review Manager 5 para a realização dos cálculos da meta-análise e avaliação do risco de viés. **Resultados:** Os dados da densidade mineral óssea (DMO), conteúdo mineral ósseo (CMO) e biomecânica óssea dos seis estudos incluídos demonstraram que os prebióticos são capazes de melhorar significativamente estes parâmetros nos animais estudados.

**Conclusão:** Esta meta-análise forneceu evidências de que a atividade prebiótica esta envolvida nos mecanismos anti-osteoporóticos e sugere que novos estudos em humanos devam ser realizados usando prebióticos como uma alternativa terapêutica ou terapia complementar aos tratamentos convencionais da osteoporose pós-menopausa em humanos.

**Palavras-chave:** Densidade Mineral Óssea; Conteúdo Mineral Ósseo; Biomecânica óssea; Ratas ovariectomizadas; e Alimentos funcionais



## ABSTRACT

### Prebiotics improve osteoporosis indicators in preclinical model: systematic review with meta-analysis

**Introduction:** Osteoporosis is a metabolic disease of bone tissue, characterized by the gradual loss of bone mass and the microarchitectural deterioration of bone tissue in men, resulting in bone fragility and a risk of fractures. Bone impairment leads to an increase in the cost of health services with medical consultations, hospitalizations and hopices related to osteoporotic fractures, being a serious public health problem. **Objective:** This systematic review with meta-analysis aimed to elucidate the effects of prebiotics on induced osteoporosis in ovariectomized rats. **Material and methods:** The data and methods used in the statistical analysis were obtained through searches in the scientific databases available on the Internet: "Pub Med", "ScienceDirect", "SciELO", "LILACS", "Cochrane" and "bireme "2018 before. found 813 complete articles, abstracts or book chapters that cited the key words in the bibliographic research, after screening of titles and abstracts, six studies met the inclusion criteria, in total 116 animals were used, divided randomly between control groups and treatment. The following experimental works were selected: (i) Population: murine (rats / mice) ovariectomized; (ii) Intervention: dietary supplementation with prebiotics; (iii) Control: dosage of supplements and not supplemented; (iv) Outcomes: evaluation of osteoporosis indicators. We used the Risk Analysis software 5 to measure the meta-analysis calculations and bias risk assessment. **Results:** Bone mineral density (BMD), bone mineral content (BMD) and bone biomechanical data from the six included studies demonstrated that serum levels are able to register from them. **Conclusion:** This meta-analysis provided evidence that prebiotic activity is involved in anti-osteoporotic mechanisms and suggests that further studies in humans should be performed using prebiotics as a therapeutic alternative or therapy complementary to conventional postmenopausal osteoporosis treatments in humans.

**Keywords:** Bone Mineral Density; Bone Mineral Content; Bone biomechanics; Ovariectomized rats; and Functional Food.

## LISTA DE SIGLAS

DMO	– Densidade Mineral óssea
CMO	– Conteúdo Mineral ósseo
PRISMA	– Itens de relatório para Revisões Sistemáticas e Meta-análises
LILACS	- Literatura Latino-americana e do Caribe em Ciências da Saúde
SCIELO	– Biblioteca Eletrônica Científica Online
DPD	– Dosagem de Deoxipiridinolina Plasmática
SAEAF	– Extrato Aquoso Padronizado de <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i>
OVX	– Ratas Ovariectomizadas
OCN	- Osteocalcina
FOS	- Frutooligossacarídeo
GOS	- Galactooligossacarídeo
AGCC	- Ácido Graxo de Cadeia Curta
IL-7R	- Receptor de Interleucina 7
mRNA	- RNA mensageiro

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 20 mineral óssea (DMO), conteúdo mineral ósseo (CMO) e biomecânica óssea dos estudos  
 21 incluídos, demonstraram que os prebióticos são capazes de melhorar significativamente  
 22 estes parâmetros nos animais estudados. Em conclusão, essa meta-análise forneceu  
 23 evidências de que a atividade prebiótica esta envolvida nos mecanismos anti-  
 24 osteoporóticos e sugere que novos estudos em humanos devam ser realizados usando  
 25 prebióticos como uma alternativa terapêutica ou terapia complementar aos tratamentos  
 26 convencionais da osteoporose pós-menopausa em humanos.

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 28 **Palavras-chave:** Densidade mineral óssea, Conteúdo mineral ósseo, Biomecânica  
 29 óssea, Ratas ovariectomizadas, Alimento funcional.

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## 32 **INTRODUÇÃO**

33 A Organização Mundial de Saúde (OMS) define osteoporose como uma doença  
34 esquelética sistêmica com diminuição da massa óssea e deterioração microarquitetural  
35 do tecido ósseo, tendo como consequência a fragilidade óssea e o risco de fratura,  
36 considerada um grave problema de saúde pública. Estima-se que atualmente mais de  
37 200 milhões de pessoas no mundo sofram desta enfermidade, (WRIGHT et al., 2014)  
38 sendo mais comum em caucasianos, mulheres e pessoas idosas.

39 Essa doença crônica silenciosa permanece não diagnosticada até se manifestar como  
40 fraturas, dor, problemas de saúde secundários e até a morte. (SOZEN; OZISIK; CALIK  
41 BASARAN, 2017) O diagnóstico de osteoporose é determinado principalmente pela  
42 baixa densidade mineral óssea (DMO), redução do conteúdo mineral ósseo (CMO) e  
43 comprometimento da microarquitetura / mineralização assim como a diminuição da  
44 resistência óssea. O comprometimento ósseo relacionados a fraturas osteoporóticas  
45 acarreta o aumento nas consultas médicas, hospitalizações e colocações em lares de  
46 idosos e que contribuirão para uma maior carga econômica nos sistemas de saúde. <sup>4</sup>

47 Nos últimos anos, os principais avanços terapêuticos em humanos no tratamento da  
48 osteoporose foram feitos na medida em que os cientistas obtinham uma maior  
49 compreensão da morfologia óssea e dos mecanismos subjacentes que causam a doença.  
50 (TU et al., 2018) Ratas ovariectomizadas têm sido utilizadas como modelo experimental  
51 para osteoporose e demonstraram que alimentos funcionais com atividade prebiótica,  
52 isoladamente ou associados a fito-hormônios, estão envolvidos em mecanismos  
53 benéficos anti-osteoporóticos e possível potencial para o tratamento da osteoporose pós-  
54 menopausa. (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006; LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012; MATHEY et  
55 al., 2004; MCCABE; BRITTON; PARAMESWARAN, 2015; TOUSEN et al., 2016;  
56 YANG et al., 2013)

57 Esta revisão sistemática com meta-análise examinou ensaios pré-clínicos para  
58 elucidar os efeitos dos alimentos prebióticos na osteoporose induzida em ratas  
59 ovariectomizadas e, assim, encorajar ensaios clínicos randomizados para avaliar a  
60 eficácia dos prebióticos na melhora dos indicadores da osteoporose em humanos.

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## 62 **MATERIAL E MÉTODOS**

63 Esta meta-análise foi conduzida de acordo com as recomendações do Cochrane  
64 Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions, (HIGGINS; GREEN, 2011)  
65 porém, o protocolo seguido não foi registrado. Para o relato, seguimos as diretrizes

66 descritas na Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses: The  
67 PRISMA statement. (MOHER et al., 2015; SHAMSEER et al., 2015)

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69 Estratégia de Pesquisa

70 Os dados e artigos utilizados na meta-análise foram obtidos durante o mês de novembro  
71 de 2017. Foram realizadas buscas nos bancos eletrônicos de dados científicos  
72 disponíveis na internet: “Pub Med”, “ScienceDirect”, “Scielo”, “LILACS”, “Cochrane”  
73 e “Bireme”. As palavras chaves pesquisadas foram “Osteoporose” e “Prebióticos”,  
74 usadas em conjunto. Para tornar as buscas mais abrangentes, os trabalhos de interesse  
75 foram buscados sem restrições de datas de publicação, e as palavras chaves foram  
76 escritas nos idiomas português e inglês. Nesta fase, todos os resultados obtidos foram  
77 analisados sem restrição de idioma de publicação e categoria de trabalhos publicados,  
78 incluindo-se artigos completos, resumos e capítulos de livro. A estratégia de busca foi  
79 repetida no mês de novembro de 2018.

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81 Critérios de Inclusão e Exclusão para Seleção de estudos

82 Os trabalhos foram preliminarmente selecionados a partir dos títulos e resumos. Os  
83 trabalhos elegíveis foram analisados de maneira independente por dois pesquisadores do  
84 grupo (Carvalho, J. A. A. e Batista, I. E. T.) e em caso de discordância um terceiro autor  
85 foi consultado. Registros duplicados e trabalhos que não eram relevantes para se  
86 alcançar os objetivos propostos para esta meta-análise foram removidos. Foram  
87 selecionados trabalhos completos de ensaios experimentais e que atendiam os seguintes  
88 critérios: (i) População: murinos (ratas/camundongos) ovariectomizadas; (ii)  
89 Intervenção: suplementação na dieta com prebióticos; (iii) Controle: avaliação dos  
90 efeitos nos grupos suplementados e não suplementados; (iv) Desfechos: avaliação de  
91 parâmetros indicadores de osteoporose.

92 Para avaliação dos estudos selecionados, utilizamos as determinações do Protocolo  
93 CONSORT. (SCHULZ; ALTMAN; MOHER, 2010) Foram incluídos estudos com  
94 pontuação  $\geq 5$  (pontuação máxima 7), conforme descrito no Cochrane Handbook for  
95 Systematic Reviews of Interventions Version 5.1.0. (HIGGINS; GREEN, 2011) Foram  
96 excluídos capítulos de livros, resumos, ensaios clínicos com pacientes humanos, estudos  
97 pilotos, artigos de revisão, ensaios clínicos em animais e estudos que não contemplaram  
98 parâmetros relevantes para o objetivo desta meta-análise.

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## 100 Extração de dados

101 Foi elaborada uma planilha com dados de cada estudo selecionado na etapa anterior:  
102 autor(s)/ano de publicação, prebiótico utilizado, tempo de duração do experimento,  
103 espécie e número de animais utilizados e parâmetros analisados.

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## 105 Parâmetros de Interesse

106 Definimos a Densidade Mineral Óssea (DMO), a Concentração Mineral Óssea (CMO) e  
107 a Avaliação da Resistência Óssea através do Teste de Flexão de Três Pontos como  
108 parâmetros de relevância primária para os objetivos desta meta-análise.

109 O peso do intestino, dosagem de osteocalcina, dosagem de deoxipiridinolina  
110 plasmática (DPD), avaliação da estrutura óssea por Micro CT, dosagem do Cálcio (Ca),  
111 dosagem do Magnésio (Mg), a formação de ácidos graxos de cadeia curta (AGCC), a  
112 mudança da microbiota e dosagem de  $\beta$ -glicosidase foram classificados como  
113 parâmetros secundários de avaliação, e foram considerados para este estudo quando os  
114 resultados destes parâmetros foram expressos de forma numérica e discutidos.

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## 116 Avaliação do risco de viés

117 A avaliação do risco de viés foi realizada utilizando o software Review Manager 5  
118 (RevMan 5) A classificação dos estudos foi feita por dois autores (Carvalho, J. A. A. e  
119 Batista, I. E. T.), que analisaram os seguintes riscos de viés: viés de seleção dos  
120 animais, viés de alocação, viés de desempenho (cegamento do pessoal envolvido no  
121 tratamento dos animais), viés de detecção dos resultados (cegamento dos avaliadores) e  
122 viés de publicação. Os riscos de viés foram classificados em alto ou baixo, e ainda risco  
123 indefinido, quando a avaliação do nível do risco deixava dúvidas.

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## 125 Análises Estatísticas

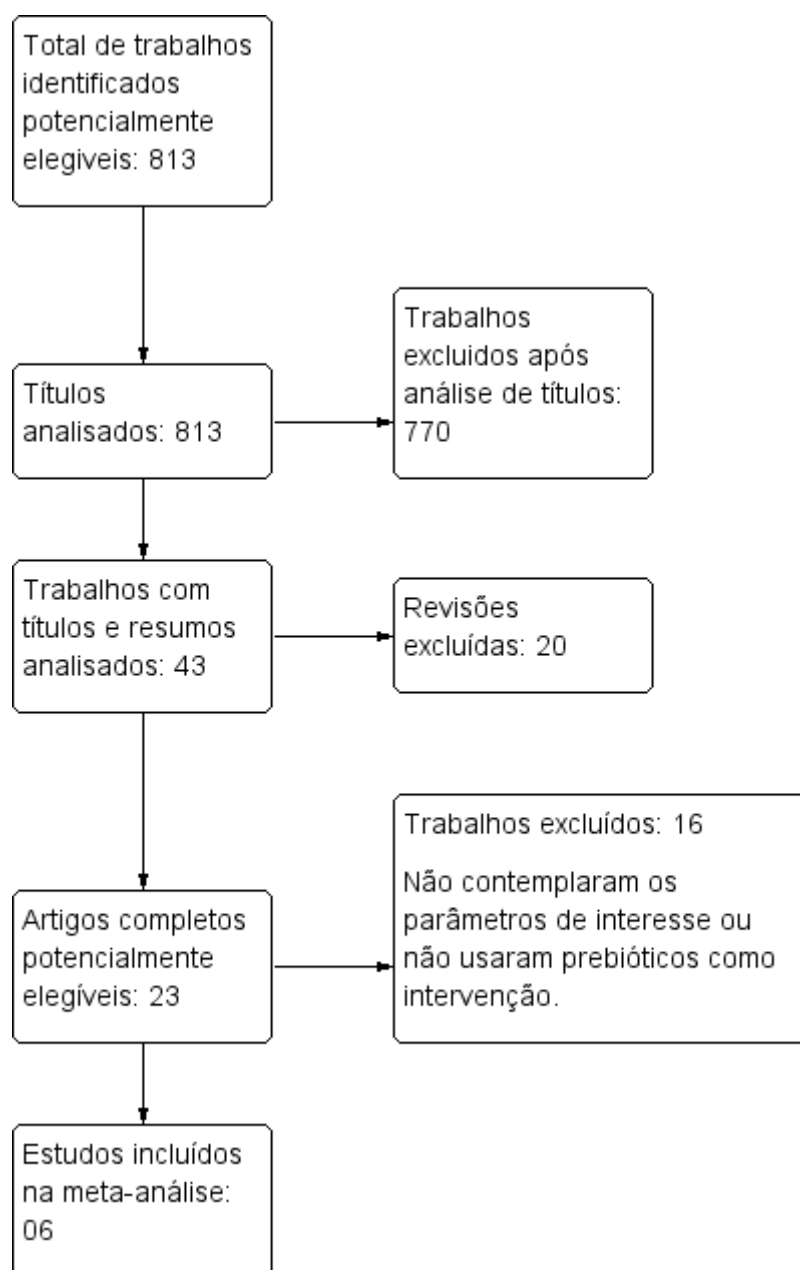
126 Usamos o software RevMan 5 para a realização dos cálculos da meta-análise. Para a  
127 análise do inverso da variância utilizamos as médias e desvios padrões dos resultados de  
128 cada estudo para comparar os dados encontrados. A heterogeneidade foi calculada  
129 usando o teste do  $Q^2$  e  $I^2$ , a significância foi definida em  $p < 0,10$  ou  $I^2 > 50\%$ . Foram  
130 analisados os efeitos fixos dos tratamentos, porem quando observamos heterogeneidade  
131 significativa entre os estudos, analisamos os efeitos randômicos. Os valores da DMO  
132 foram padronizados usando o método de ajuste de Hedges e foi implementado pelo  
133 RevMan. O valor de  $P < 0,05$  foi adotado como estatisticamente significativo.

**134 RESULTADOS**

135 Encontramos 813 artigos completos, resumos ou capítulos de livros que citavam as  
136 palavras chaves utilizadas na pesquisa bibliográfica. Destes, após triagem de títulos e  
137 resumos, 23 estudos foram potencialmente elegidos para avaliação posterior.  
138 (BRITTON et al., 2014; CHIANG; LIAO; PAN, 2012; CHIANG; PAN, 2011;  
139 CHONAN; MATSUMOTO; WATANUKI, 1995; DEVAREDDY et al., 2006;  
140 ERFANIAN; RASTI; MANAP, 2017; HOOSHMAND; JUMA; ARJMANDI, 2010;  
141 LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012; LI et al., 2013; LU et al., 2008; MATHEY et al., 2004,  
142 2007; MATSUBARA et al., 2010; MCCABE et al., 2013; PARVANEH et al., 2015;  
143 POULSEN et al., 2009; RODRIGUES et al., 2012; SHIM et al., 2013; TOUSEN et al.,  
144 2016; VELASCO et al., 2011; YANG et al., 2013; ZHANG et al., 2015) Ao final, seis  
145 estudos experimentais atendiam os critérios de inclusão, conforme representado no  
146 fluxograma da declaração PRISMA (Fig. 1).

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149 **Fig. 1** Diagrama de fluxo PRISMA mostrando o processo de seleção de literatura,  
 150 seleção de estudos e motivos de exclusão.

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### 152 *Características dos estudos incluídos*

153 Os seis trabalhos selecionados estudaram os efeitos da suplementação com diferentes  
 154 prebióticos: Frutoligosacarídeos de cadeia curta (SC-FOS), (MATHEY et al., 2004)  
 155 Frutoligosacarídeos, (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006) Synergy®, (LEGETTE et al., 2011)  
 156 Synergy1®; Polydextrose; Fruitafit HD®, (LEGETTE et al., 2012) Standardised  
 157 Aqueous Extract of *Anoectochilus formosanus* (SAEAF); Inulina, (YANG et al., 2013)

158 Amido Resistente. (TOUSEN et al., 2016) As doses utilizadas e a composição de cada  
159 prebiótico são apresentadas na Tabela 1.

160 A Tabela 1 também demonstra que Legette et al (2012) incluiu no mesmo trabalho  
161 comparações entre o grupo controle e grupos suplementados por três prebióticos  
162 diferentes (Synergy1<sup>®</sup>; Polydextrose; Fruitafit HD<sup>®</sup>), e que Yang et al (2013) incluiu  
163 três grupos de tratamentos que receberam os prebióticos SAEAF em duas dosagens  
164 diferentes (200 ou 400 mg/Kg de ração/dia) e Inulina, respectivamente, para as  
165 comparações com o grupo controle. Todas as análises foram consideradas para esta  
166 meta-análise.

167 Dentre os estudos selecionados, Mathey et al (2004) avaliou a DMO e biomecânica  
168 (Flexão de Três Pontos), Touseen et al (2016) avaliou a DMO, e os demais [Devareddy  
169 et al (2006), Legette et al (2011), Legette et al (2012) e Yang et al (2013)] descreveram  
170 os resultados da avaliação da DMO, CMO e biomecânica (Tabela 2).

171 Todas as avaliações foram realizadas em ratas ovariectomizadas suplementadas ou  
172 não com prebióticos. Ao todo foram utilizados 116 animais, divididos randomicamente  
173 entre grupos controle e tratamento. Os estudos foram realizados na América do Norte,  
174 Europa e Asia, entre os anos de 2004 e 2016 e tiveram duração entre 30 e 90 dias. O  
175 resumo das características dos trabalhos selecionados está descrito na Tabela 3.

176 **Tabela 1** Composição dos prebióticos e doses utilizadas nos estudos

Autor/Ano de Publicação	Prebiótico	Dose	Composição
Mathey et al. (2004)	Frutoligosacarídeos de cadeia curta (SC-FOS)	2,250g/dia	SC-FOS, 95 ± 2% FOS e 5 ± 2% de glicose, frutose e sacarose
Devareddy et al. (2006)	Frutoligosacarídeos (FOS)	1,500g/dia	Frutoligosacarídeos 5%
Legette et al. (2011)	Synergy®	1,500g/dia	Inulina + Oligofrutose
Legette et al. (2012)	Synergy 1®	1,500g/dia	Mistura aproximada de 50:50 de FOS de cadeia curta e longa
Legette et al. (2012)	Polydextrose	1,500g/dia	Polímeros não digeríveis de glicose
Legette et al. (2012)	Fruitafit HD®	1,500g/dia	Inulina 98% + 2% Oligossacarídeos
Yang et al. (2013)	Standardised Aqueous Extract of <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i> (SAEAF)	0,006g/dia	Standardised Aqueous Extract of <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i>
Yang et al. (2013)	Standardised Aqueous Extract of <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i> (SAEAF)	0,012g/dia	Standardised Aqueous Extract of <i>Anoectochilus formosanus</i>
Yang et al. (2013)	Inulina	0,012g/dia	Inulina
Tousen et al. (2016)	Amido Resistente	4,500g/dia	Amido resistente

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179 **Tabela 2** Trabalhos incluídos e parâmetros primários

Autor/ano	DMO	CMO	Biomecânica
Mathey et al. (2004)	X		X
Devareddy et al. (2006)	X	X	X
Legette et al. (2011)	X	X	X
Legette et al. (2012)	X	X	X
Yang et al. (2013)	X	X	X
Tousen et al. (2016)	X		

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182 Resultado da eficácia da suplementação com prebióticos sobre os parâmetros primários

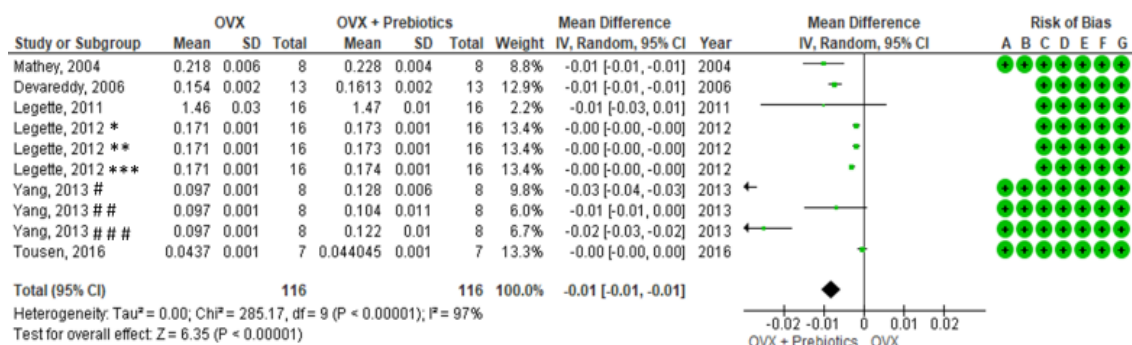
183 Os resultados dos parâmetros primários eleitos para serem analisados nesta meta-análise (DMO,  
 184 CMO e Teste de Flexão de Três Pontos) foram expressos com clareza, de tal forma que permitiram  
 185 extrair com segurança os valores para serem meta-analisados, porém os parâmetros CMO e Teste de  
 186 Flexão de Três Pontos não foram avaliados em todos os estudos incluídos na meta-análise. (Tabela  
 187 2).

188 A meta-análise dos resultados da DMO demonstra que os prebióticos são capazes de melhorar  
 189 este parâmetro significativamente ( $P < 0,05$ ), quando comparado aos grupos controle, apesar de,  
 190 individualmente os resultados de Legette et al. (2011) usando Synergy®, e de Yang et al. (2013)  
 191 usando SAEAF em duas dosagens diferentes (200 ou 400 mg/Kg de ração/dia) não revelaram  
 192 diferença significativa ( $P < 0,05$ ) quando comparados com os grupos controle (Figura 2).

193 **Tabela 3** Características dos estudos incluídos na meta-análise

Autor (s)/ ano de publicação	Prebiótico utilizado	Duração experimento	Nº de ratos por grupo	Parâmetros analisados*
Mathey et al. (2004)	Frutoligosacarídeos de cadeia curta (SC-FOS)	90 dias	8	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea; Teste de Flexão de três Pontos;</b> Fitoestrógenos (Genisteína, Daidzeína e Equol); Osteocalcina; Deoxipiridinolina.
Devareddy et al. (2006)	Frutoligosacarídeos	90 dias	13	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea; Conteúdo Mineral Ósseo; Teste de Flexão de Três Pontos;</b> Peso Corpóreo e do Intestino; Micro CT.
Legette et al. (2011)	Synergy®.	2 meses	16	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea; Conteúdo Mineral Ósseo; Teste de Flexão de três Pontos;</b> Peso corpóreo e do ceco; Micro CT; Cálcio; Colesterol total e frações; AGCC.
Legette et al. (2012)	Synergy1®; Polydextrose; Fruitafit HD®.	12 semanas	8	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea; Conteúdo Mineral Ósseo; Teste de Flexão de três Pontos;</b> Peso corpóreo e do ceco; Micro CT; Cálcio; Magnésio; AGCC.
Yang et al. (2013)	Standardised Aqueous Extract of <i>A. formosanus</i> (SAEAF); Inulina.	12 semanas	8	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea; Conteúdo Mineral Ósseo; Teste de Flexão de três Pontos;</b> Osteocalcina; Micro CT; Cálcio; AGCC; Microbiota.
Tousen et al. (2016)	Amido Resistente	42 dias	7	<b>Densidade Mineral Óssea;</b> Peso corpóreo e do ceco; Fitoestrógenos (Genisteína, Daidzeína e Equol); Micro CT; AGCC; Microbiota; $\beta$ -glicosidase.

194 \*Os parâmetros escritos em negrito foram considerados primários.



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196 **Fig. 2:** Comparação da DMO dos grupos Controle (OVX) e Tratamento (OVX +  
197 Prebiótico). \* Synergy1®, \*\* Polydextrose, \*\*\* Fruitafit HD®, # Inulina, ## SAEAF 200  
198 mg/Kg de dieta, ### SAEAF 400 mg/Kg de dieta.

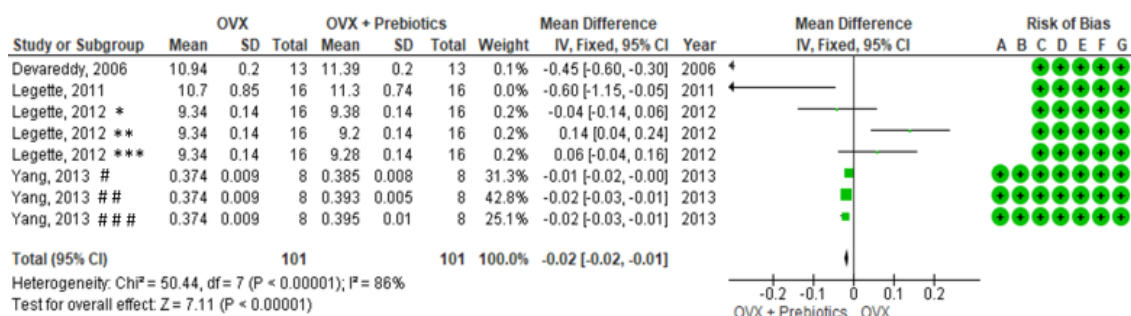
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200 Para o parâmetro CMO, a meta-análise dos resultados dos estudos incluídos  
201 demonstrou que os prebióticos melhoram esta condição significativamente (P<0,05)  
202 quando comparado ao grupo controle. Estudo usando Synergy1® e Fruitafit HD®,  
203 evidenciou que estes prebióticos, nas condições experimentais do seu estudo, não  
204 diferem significativamente (P>0,05) do grupo controle. Nesse mesmo estudo, a  
205 suplementação da Polidestrose demonstrou diminuição da CMO, quando comparado  
206 com o grupo controle. Yang et al (2013), utilizando SAEAF na concentração de 200  
207 mg/Kg de dieta não observou diferença significativa.

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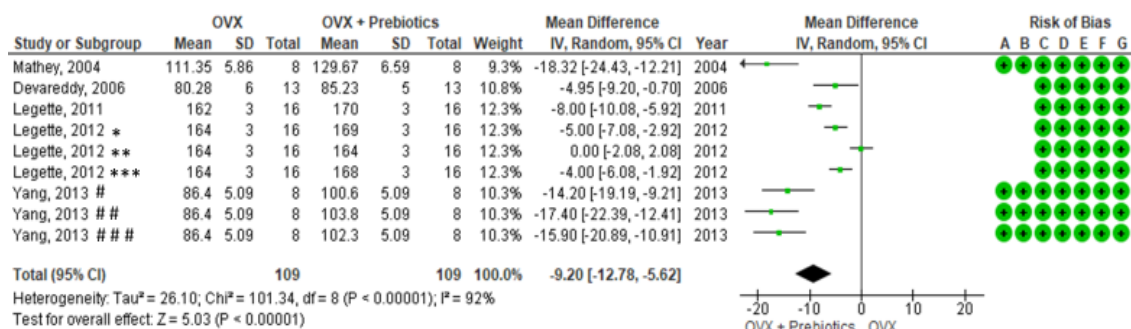


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212 **Fig. 3** Comparação da CMO dos grupos Controle (OVX) e Tratamento  
 213 (OVX+Prebiótico). \* Synergy1®, \*\* Polydextrose, \*\*\* Fruitafit HD®, #  
 214 Inulina, ## SAEAF 200 mg/Kg de dieta, ### SAEAF 400 mg/Kg de dieta.

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218 **Fig. 4** Comparação do Teste de Flexão de Três Pontos dos grupos Controle (OVX) e  
 219 Tratamento (OVX+Prebiótico). \* Synergy1®, \*\* Polydextrose, \*\*\* Fruitafit HD®, #  
 220 Inulina, ## SAEAF 200 mg/Kg de dieta, ### SAEAF 400 mg/Kg de dieta.

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223 A meta-análise dos resultados dos testes biomecânicos (Flexão de Três Pontos)  
 224 evidenciou que os prebióticos melhoraram este parâmetro. Porém, individualmente o  
 225 resultado de Legette et al. (2012) usando Synergy 1® não demonstrou melhora.

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228 Resultado da eficácia da suplementação com prebióticos sobre os parâmetros  
229 secundários

230 Na tabela 4 demonstramos os parâmetros secundários alterados, o peso corpóreo final  
231 dos ratos foi descrito em três estudos (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006; LEGETTE et al.,  
232 2012; MATHEY et al., 2004) que não observaram diferença significativa ( $P < 0,05$ ) da  
233 média dos resultados dos grupos suplementados com prebióticos e dos grupos controle.  
234 O peso médio do intestino dos animais no final do período experimental foi informado  
235 em quatro estudos (LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012; TOUSEN et al., 2016; YANG et al.,  
236 2013) e mostrou aumento significativo nos grupos de animais tratados com prebióticos.

237 A concentração de osteocalcina sérica foi dosada por dois autores: Mathey et al.  
238 (2004) e Yang et al. (2013) relataram não ter sido observada diferença significativa  
239 entre os grupos prebiótico e controle.

240 Dois estudos, Mathey et al. (2004) e Touseen et al. (2016), dosaram a concentração  
241 plasmática de fitoestrógenos (ginestein, daidzein e equol) e os resultados revelaram  
242 aumento significativo somente do hormônio daidzein nos grupos suplementados com  
243 prebiótico. No estudo de Mathey et al. (2004), os autores observaram que no grupo  
244 suplementado com prebióticos a concentração plasmática dos fitoestrógenos aumentou,  
245 porém não significativamente. O mesmo autor relata também aumento não significativo  
246 de deoxipiridinolina plasmática (DPD).

247 A microarquitetura óssea foi analisada por micro CT computadorizada em cinco  
248 estudos, em dois estudos observaram melhora significativa nos grupos suplementados  
249 com prebióticos, quando comparados com os grupos controle (LEGETTE et al., 2011;  
250 YANG et al., 2013), contrastando com os estudos de Devareddy et al. (2006), Legette et  
251 al. (2012) e Touseen et al. (2016). Yang et al. (2013) descreve diferença significativa  
252 entre os grupos tratados com os prebióticos SAEAF na concentração de 400 mg/Kg de  
253 dieta e inulina em relação aos grupos controle.



254 **Tabela 4** Tabela com os parâmetros secundários avaliados

Estudos	Peso Corporal	Peso do Intestino	Osteocalcina	Ginestésin	Didazein	Equol	DPD	Micro CT	Ca	Mg	AGCC	Microbiota	B-glicosidase
Mathey et al. (2004))	X		X	X	X	X	X						
Devareddy et al. (2006)	X							X					
Legette et al (2011)		X						X	X		X		
Legette et al (2012)	X	X						X	X	X	X		
Yang et al (2013)		X	X					X	X		X	X	
Tousen et al (2016)	X	X		X	X	X		X				X	X

255 Os níveis séricos de cálcio foram dosados em três estudos (LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012;  
256 YANG et al., 2013) e foi relatado aumento significativo somente nos de Legette et al. (2012)  
257 e Yang et al. (2013) somente na concentração de 400 mg/Kg de prebiótico SAEAF na dieta. A  
258 concentração sérica de magnésio foi dosada somente por Legette et al. (2012) e apresentou  
259 aumento significativo.

260 Os prebióticos também se mostraram capazes de aumentar significativamente a concentração  
261 de AGCC (LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012), modificar benéficamente a composição da  
262 microbiota intestinal (TOUSEN et al., 2016; YANG et al., 2013) e elevar os níveis de  $\beta$ -  
263 glicosidase plasmático dos animais. (TOUSEN et al., 2016)

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## 265 **DISCUSSÃO**

266 A osteoporose primária está associada à deficiência de hormônios sexuais e a idade, sendo  
267 consequência da deterioração contínua das trabéculas ósseas. Em mulheres na pós-  
268 menopausa, o declínio da produção de estrogênio provoca significativa perda óssea, elevando  
269 o risco de fraturas. (RAISZ, 2005)

270 A melhor compreensão da fisiopatologia da osteoporose levou a um aumento no número de  
271 estudos com animais, observação clínica ou reaproveitamento oportunista de compostos  
272 existentes, evoluindo para o desenvolvimento de diversos medicamentos. Porém, a criação de  
273 novos tratamentos não reduziu a carga de fraturas na população. Isso ocorreu devido o ao  
274 tratamento inadequado realizado pelos pacientes, com receio dos efeitos colaterais e dúvidas  
275 em relação à eficácia em longo prazo dos medicamentos. (KHOSLA; HOFBAUER, 2017)

276 Estudos experimentais demonstraram que bifosfonatos são capazes de promover lesão  
277 gastrointestinal alta, especialmente no contexto de irritação esofágica preexistente a exposição  
278 diária repetida e dispepsia. (ARANTES; SILVA; LAZARETTI-CASTRO, 2010) Efeito  
279 colateral de medicamento biológico, anticorpo monoclonal (denosumabe) foi evidenciado,  
280 podendo causar a diminuição do nível de cálcio e não pode ser prescrito para paciente com  
281 hipocalcemia. (BINELLO et al., 2012) Medicamentos de reposição hormonal apresentaram  
282 também efeitos adversos, como a indução de câncer de mama e uterino. (BERAL et al., 2005)  
283 Com o mesmo intuito, dietas com altas doses de cálcio aumentam a oferta deste elemento, no  
284 entanto, apresentam limitações importantes, como por exemplo, o aumento do risco para  
285 doenças cardíacas e renais. (HAMILTON; TARENTYEV, 2019; TU et al., 2018)

286 Para estudar a fisiopatologia da osteoporose pós-menopáusia humana, utiliza-se ratas  
287 ovariectomizadas (OVX), como modelo experimental validado. (KALU, 1991) Observou-se

288 redução da DMO diafisária e comprometimento das propriedades biomecânicas, quando  
289 comparadas com animais controle. (MATHEY et al., 2004) Nesse sentido, ratas OVX vêm  
290 sendo utilizadas como modelo animal na avaliação dos efeitos da suplementação de substratos  
291 prebióticos, como terapia alternativa as tradicionalmente utilizadas para a manutenção da  
292 saúde óssea. (ARJMANDI et al., 1996; DEVAREDDY et al., 2006; LEGETTE et al., 2012;  
293 TOUSEN et al., 2016; YANG et al., 2013) Esses alimentos funcionais são utilizados  
294 seletivamente por microrganismos hospedeiros, conferindo benefícios para a saúde. (GIBSON  
295 et al., 2017)

296 Os resultados benéficos observados nos estudos utilizando os prebióticos se devem a  
297 capacidade desses suplementos alimentares maximizarem a absorção de minerais da dieta,  
298 (LEGETTE et al., 2012; OHTA et al., 1995) estimulam seletivamente o crescimento e/ou  
299 atividade de bactérias benéficas nativas, (GIBSON et al., 2017) acarretando o aumento da  
300 produção de ácidos graxos de cadeia curta (AGCC) e consequente diminuição do pH luminal  
301 e aumento da solubilidade dos minerais, principalmente cálcio e magnésio. (SCHOLZ-  
302 AHRENS et al., 2007, 2016) Além disso, podem influenciar a função intestinal, por meio da  
303 proliferação de enterócitos induzida por AGCC, levando ao aumento da área de superfície  
304 absorptiva e modulando a expressão de proteínas de ligação ao cálcio e fatores de crescimento.  
305 (RUFINO et al., 2018)

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307 Parâmetros Primários: DMO, CMO e biomecânica óssea

308 Nesta revisão sistemática, a meta-análise dos dados dos parâmetros primários (DMO, CMO e  
309 biomecânica óssea) dos estudos incluídos demonstrou que os prebióticos são capazes de  
310 melhorar significativamente estes parâmetros nos animais estudados. Em ratos e humanos, a  
311 DMO e a CMO estão relacionados ao risco de fratura óssea (LEGETTE et al., 2012) e a  
312 redução destes parâmetros e a deterioração da microarquitetura óssea, comprometem as  
313 propriedades biomecânicas do osso (por exemplo: a resistência mecânica femoral a carga).  
314 (MATHEY et al., 2007)

315 Esses efeitos benéficos são decorrentes da fermentação dos prebióticos no cólon dos  
316 mamíferos pela microbiota nativa, aumentando a produção de AGCC, acarretando redução do  
317 pH luminal, aumento da solubilidade e concentração de minerais ionizados e facilitando a  
318 difusão de minerais nas partes distais do intestino. (JONES; MULLE; PACIFICI, 2018;  
319 MATHEY et al., 2004) O aumento da absorção de minerais, principalmente cálcio e  
320 magnésio, observado com a suplementação de prebiótico na dieta, compensam as perdas  
321 diárias desse mineral, fazendo com que a absorção exceda a excreção. Como consequência a

322 concentração adequada de cálcio reduz a remodelação excessiva comum em mulheres na pós-  
323 menopausa e em muitos osteoporóticos. (TU et al., 2018) O alto remodelamento é um fator  
324 de risco para fratura provavelmente tão importante quanto à baixa massa óssea. (HEANEY,  
325 2006) Isso é demonstrado, por exemplo, pelo fato de que a taxa de remodelação prediz a  
326 fratura (TU et al., 2018) e, em ensaios de tratamento com bifosfonatos ou cálcio e vitamina D  
327 em humanos, a taxa de fratura cai imediatamente após o início do tratamento, antes que a  
328 massa óssea possa ter mudado sensivelmente. (HEANEY; WEAVER, 2005) A melhora da  
329 utilização de cálcio pelo osso nas dietas suplementadas com prebiótico em ratos, conforme  
330 determinado pela abordagem de modelagem cinética, atua benéficamente na saúde óssea.  
331 (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006; HEANEY, 2006; LEGETTE et al., 2011, 2012; YANG et al.,  
332 2013)

333 A resistência óssea depende dos minerais, mas também de outros fatores, como a  
334 microarquitetura óssea e o teor de proteína da matriz. (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006) Em ratos  
335 e camundongos suplementados com prebióticos, FOS e GOS, (RIZZOLI, 2019) observou  
336 aumento do volume e a organização das trabéculas ósseas, melhorando a resistência, assim  
337 como aumento da força necessária para a ruptura do fêmur distal.

338 Indiretamente os prebióticos melhoram a digestão e a utilização de proteínas, por meio de  
339 modulação benéfica das bactérias intestinais relacionadas à proteólise, que podem induzir  
340 atividade protease digestivas e peptidase do hospedeiro, e liberar exoenzimas envolvidas na  
341 digestão de proteínas, auxiliando benéficamente na absorção de pequenos peptídeos e  
342 aminoácidos, na capacidade de absorção e transporte do epitélio e adicionalmente reduzindo a  
343 fermentação proteica prejudicial e diminuição da toxicidade dos metabólitos. (WANG; JI,  
344 2018) Além disso, participam da diminuição da expressão e formação de genes inflamatórios  
345 e relacionados com inflamação na medula óssea. Efeito benéfico do prebiótico amido-  
346 resistente foi evidenciado pela inibição do aumento da expressão de mRNA de IL-7R induzida  
347 por OVX em camundongos, demonstrando a capacidade de diminuir o estado de inflamação  
348 na medula óssea, resultando na atenuação da perda óssea. (TOUSEN et al., 2016)

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350 Parâmetros secundários

351 Nos estudos incluídos nesta revisão os prebióticos não foram capazes de reduzir os ganhos  
352 induzidos pela ovariectomia no peso corporal. Esse aumento no peso corporal deveu-se, em  
353 parte, à maior gordura corporal. (DEVAREDDY et al., 2006) Isoladamente, o FOS não é  
354 capaz de reduzir os ganhos induzidos pela ovariectomia no peso corporal. (DEVAREDDY et  
355 al., 2006; MATHEY et al., 2004) Essa heterogeneidade dos resultados dos estudos utilizando

356 prebióticos suplementados na dieta, em humanos e animais, pode ser decorrente das diferentes  
357 composições das dietas, tipos e doses do prebiótico, tempo de duração dos estudos e diferentes  
358 composição da microbiota nativa de humanos ou animais. (BINNS, 2013; JOHN et al., 2018;  
359 MARKOWIAK; SLIZEWSKA, 2017; MATHEY et al., 2007)

360 Foi relatado aumento significativo do peso médio das paredes do intestino dos animais  
361 tratados com prebióticos, e este aumento demonstrou ser dose dependente. Aumentos na  
362 produção de AGCC e no peso da parede cecal são consequências do consumo de fibras  
363 prebióticas, que modificam a fermentação bacteriana intestinal e estão associadas a benefícios  
364 para a saúde. (LEGETTE et al., 2012)

365 A suplementação na dieta do prebiótico SAEAF suprimiu significativamente os aumentos  
366 nos níveis plasmáticos de OCN e g-GT urinário em ratos OVX. A osteocalcina (OCN)  
367 plasmática é um marcador sensível de renovação óssea e esses resultados indicaram que, além  
368 de aumentar a absorção de cálcio, o SAEAF inibiu o turnover ósseo. A análise por  
369 microtomografia mostrou que o tratamento com SAEAF reduziu significativamente os sinais  
370 de perda óssea em ratas OVX tratados com prebióticos. (YANG et al., 2013) Além disso, a  
371 suplementação de prebiótico resultou no aumento da absorção e retenção de magnésio. Isto  
372 pode ser valioso, uma vez que o magnésio influencia a regulação hormonal da modelagem e  
373 mineralização óssea, reduzindo o tamanho dos cristais ósseos e evitando fragilidade óssea,  
374 desempenhando, portanto, um papel importante em todos os aspectos do metabolismo ósseo.  
375 (LEGETTE et al., 2012)

376 Os prebióticos demonstraram ser eficientes por alteraram a composição da microbiota para  
377 uma estrutura de comunidade mais benéfica. Este processo resulta da estimulação de gêneros  
378 potencialmente promotores da saúde do hospedeiro, mas não de grupos nocivos. (TOUSEN et  
379 al., 2016; YANG et al., 2013) Os prebióticos fornecem carboidratos não digeríveis,  
380 oligossacarídeos, que as bactérias benéficas do cólon são capazes de fermentar, levando à  
381 produção de ácido lático, ácidos graxos de cadeia curta e gases. Consequentemente, há  
382 redução do pH do lúmen e estimulação da proliferação de células epiteliais do cólon. Além  
383 disso, sua atividade media principalmente o enriquecimento de espécies de *Lactobacillus* e/ou  
384 de *Bifidobacterium* e possivelmente a modulação do metabolismo de outros microrganismos  
385 benéficos. (FERRARESE et al., 2018; SAAD, 2006; YANG et al., 2013)

386 A suplementação com prebiótico, amido-resistente, aumenta significativamente a atividade  
387 da  $\beta$ -glicosidase no conteúdo cecal, que é um indicador da atividade de enzimas intestinais  
388 que hidrolisam a ligação glicosídica e aumentam tanto o metabolismo dos conjugados ISO,  
389 quanto à aglicona para equol da daidzeína. (TOUSEN et al., 2016)

## 390 Avaliação do viés

391 Nesta revisão sistemática com meta-análise, após rigoroso processo de seleção, os estudos  
392 foram incluídos por apresentarem metodologia rigorosa e bem descrita. A randomização foi  
393 considerada um requisito metodológico importante, no entanto, os estudos que não citaram a  
394 sequência aleatória de randomização e a ocultação de alocação foram incluídos quando  
395 entendemos que os animais utilizados nos experimentos apresentavam homogeneidade de  
396 peso, sexo, tempo de estabilização após OVX e via de administração do suplemento. A  
397 consequência desta ponderação foi à possibilidade de inclusão de resultados conflitantes, que  
398 em nossa consideração, eleva o nível de confiabilidade do resultado final.  
399 Resultados heterogêneos entre estudos podem ser devidos a vários fatores, dentre eles a  
400 diferenças na duração do tratamento, e a duração da estabilização após ovariectomia, método  
401 de administração e idade no início da suplementação. (LEGETTE et al., 2012)

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## 403 **CONCLUSÃO**

404 Em conclusão, os resultados deste estudo demonstram que a administração de prebióticos  
405 melhora a DMO, CMO e propriedades biomecânicas dos ossos de ratas ovariectomizadas.  
406 Como esses são parâmetros validados como indicadores de osteoporose, mostra claramente  
407 que a atividade prebiótica pode estar envolvida nos mecanismos anti-osteoporóticos.

408 Dada à moderada evidência encontrada, esta meta-análise sugere novos estudos usando  
409 prebióticos como uma alternativa terapêutica ou terapia complementar aos tratamentos  
410 convencionais da osteoporose pós-menopausa em humanos.

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418 Não há conflito de interesse

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