

Table 2: Serum levels of osteoprotegerin in the three groups studied: 49 prostate cancer patients with confirmed skeletal metastases, 82 patients with localized prostate cancer and 41 healthy male controls. Data expressed as median values.

Group	n	Median [pg/ml]	Min [pg/ml]	Max [pg/ml]	p (Kruskal Wallis test)
Group A (Bone Metastases)	49	113.0#	76.7	310.0	< 0.001
Group B (No Bone Metastases)	82	77.3	26.3	135.0	
Group C (Normal Controls)	41	57.0	25.4	107.0	

n: number, #: statistically significant difference between metastatic prostate cancer patients and patients without bone metastases or healthy controls.