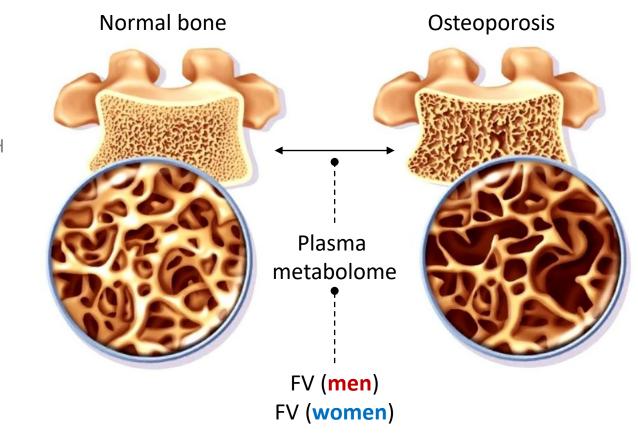
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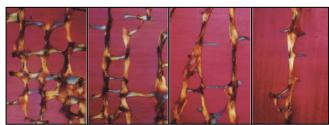
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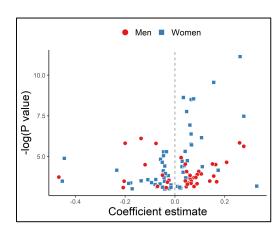
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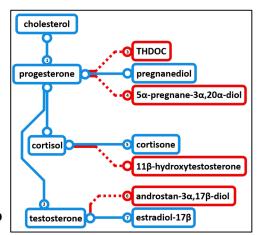




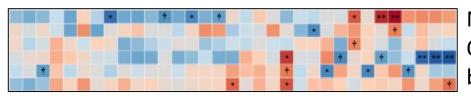
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Gender-specific effects of FV and OS

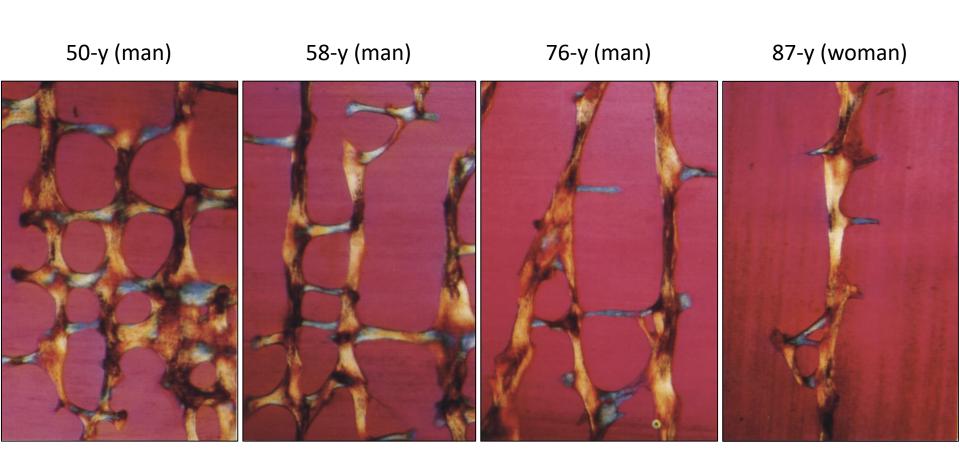


FV intake in women: effects on steroid synthesis pathway?

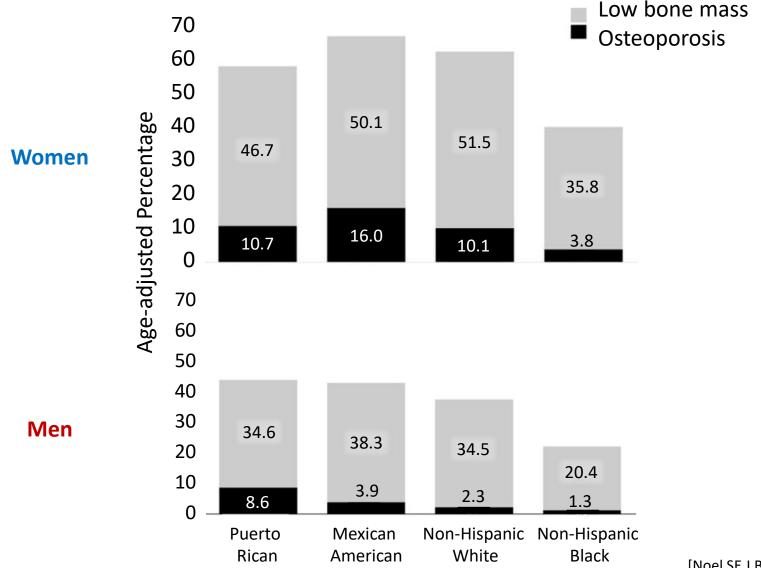


Normalization of OS metabolome by FV?

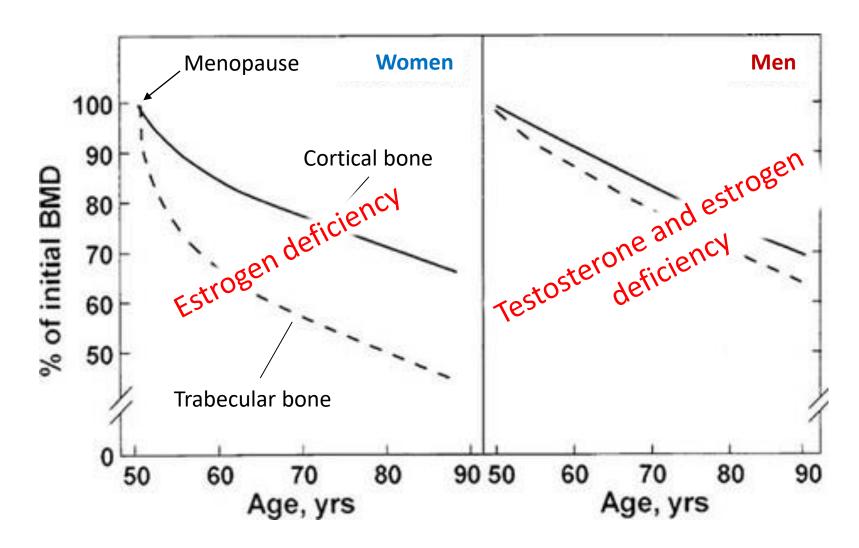
OS is characterized by thinning and breakdown of the trabecular network



OS has emerged as a chief public health problem among aging Puerto Rican adults

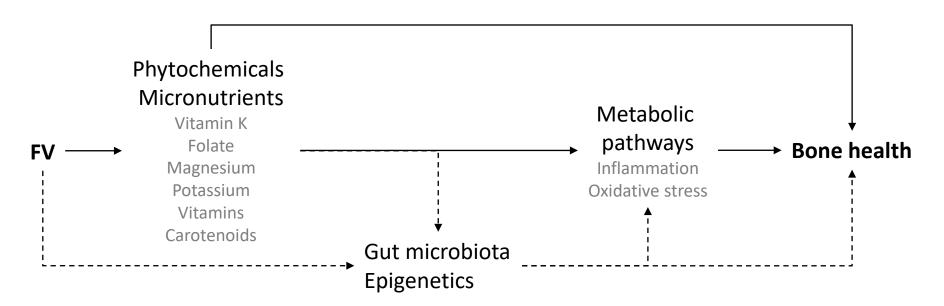


Variation in PBM and bone loss can explain a large proportion of the variation in prevalence of OS



FV intake may protect against low BMD, OS and fractures

Design	Exposure	Outcome	Result	Reference
Cross-sectional	Higher FV intake	BMD	Greater BMD	Chen YM Br J Nutr 2006 Tucker KL AJCN 1999 Prynne CJ AJCN 2006
Cross-sectional	Higher FV intake	BMD OS	Greater BMD Lower risk	Qiu R PLoS One 2017
Cohort	FV < 1 serving/d	OS fracture	39 % increased risk	Benetou V J Bone Miner Res 2016
Cohort	FV < 5 servings/d	Hip fracture	Increased risk	Byberg L J Bone Miner Res 2015
MA (cohorts)	Higher V intake	Fracture	Lower incidence	Luo S Sci Rep 2016



BPROS is an extension of the BPRHS, a prospective cohort of Puerto Ricans living in the Greater Boston area



Baseline interview (n = 1504)

Recruitment (year 2000 Census):

- Puerto Ricans
- 45-75 years
- Greater Boston
- Door-to-door enumeration
- Community-engaged activities

2-y follow	up (n = 2)	1267)

Invited to join BPROS

Declined participation (n = 205)

Moved (n = 13)

Difficult to schedule interview (n = 47)

Lost to follow up (n = 11)

Other reasons (n = 2)

Died since 2-y interview (n = 20)

Did not complete 2-y interview,

 Declined
 Re-consented
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 Age
 60.9 yr
 58.7 yr
 <0.001</td>

 T2DM
 47.8 %
 40.4 %
 0.03

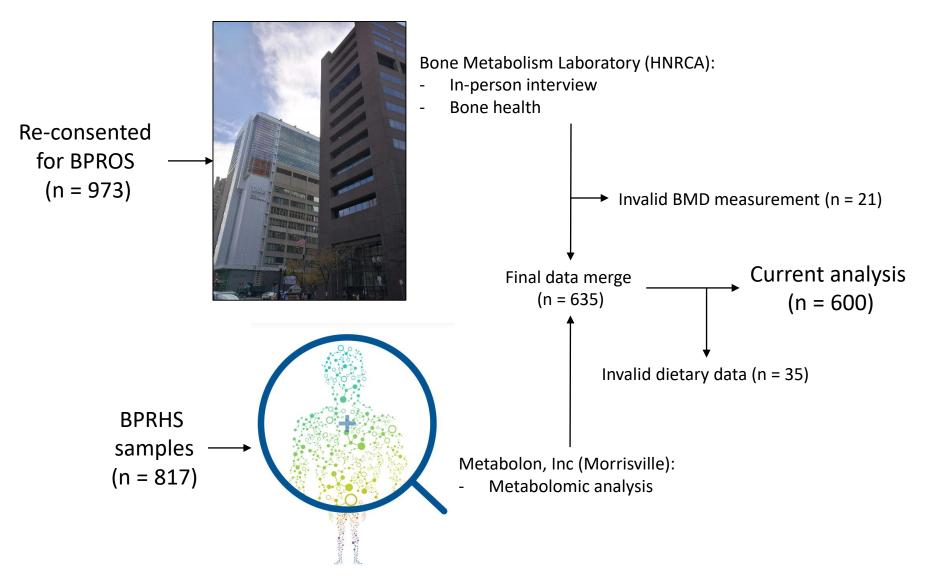
No difference in gender (P=0.91), smoking status (P=0.16), PA score (P=0.42) or activities of daily living (P=0.34)

but re-consented to BPROS (n = 4)

Re-consented

to BPROS (n = 973)

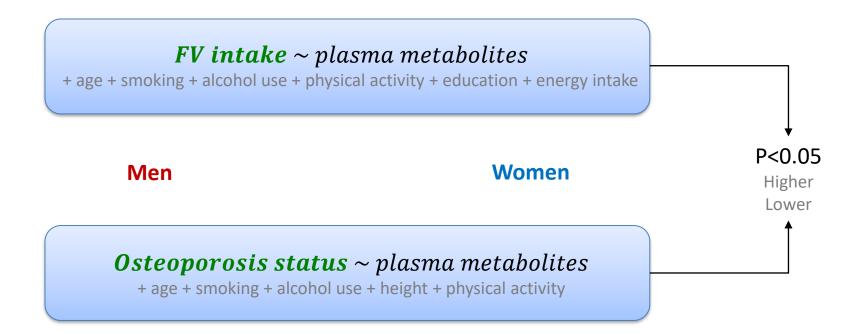
The present study includes 600 subjects with data on body composition, dietary intake and plasma metabolomics



Men and subjects with OS consumed less FV compared to women and subjects without OS

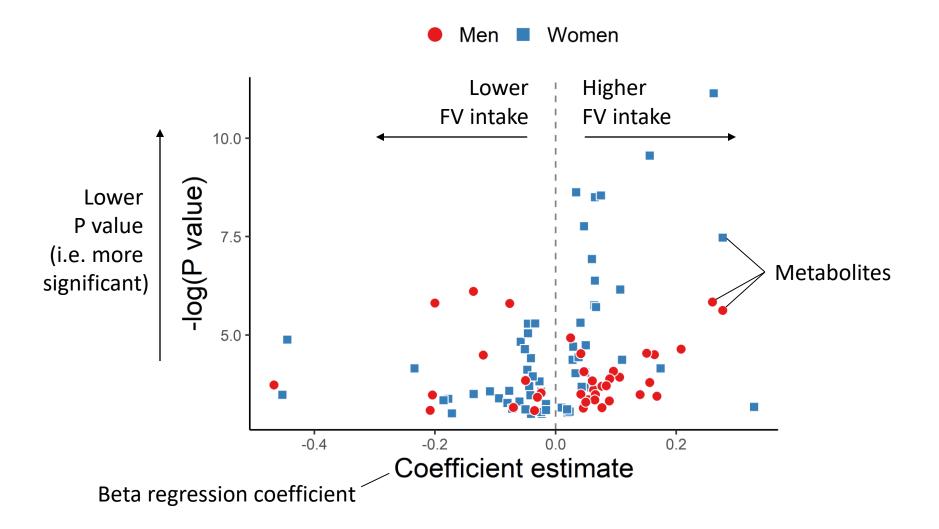
Characteristic			Men (n = 174)	Women (n = 426)
CHARACTERISTIC				%) Mean (SD) or n (%)
Age (y) (range: 4	6-79)		59.8 (7.8)	60.3 (7.3)
BMI (kg/m2)			30.1 (5.1)	33.1 (7.0)
Serum 25(OH) D	(nmol/L)		18.2 (7.0)	19.8 (7.5)
Physical activity	score		33.1 (6.5)	30.9 (3.6)
Current smoker	(yes)		56 (32)	82 (19)
Heavy alcohol co	nsumption	(yes)	22 (13)	20 (5)
Education				
≤8th grade			73 (42)	214 (50)
>8th grade – h	igh school d	iploma	79 (46)	143 (34)
Some college			21 (12)	69 (16)
Servings of FV	No OS	OS	2375 (828)	2017 (851)
Servings of FV	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)		OR (95 % CI) P
Both women and men	3.1 (1.8)	2.3 (1.4)	Crude 0	.73 (0.57-0.94) 0.013
Women	3.2 (1.8)	2.4 (1.4)	+ FV variety 0	.72 (0.56-0.93) 0.012
Men	2.8 (1.8)	2.0 (1.2)	1.218 (0.189)	1.133 (0.171)
Femoral Neck			1.007 (0.147)	0.916 (0.136)

We associated each of the 525 metabolites with OS status or FV intake separately for women and men



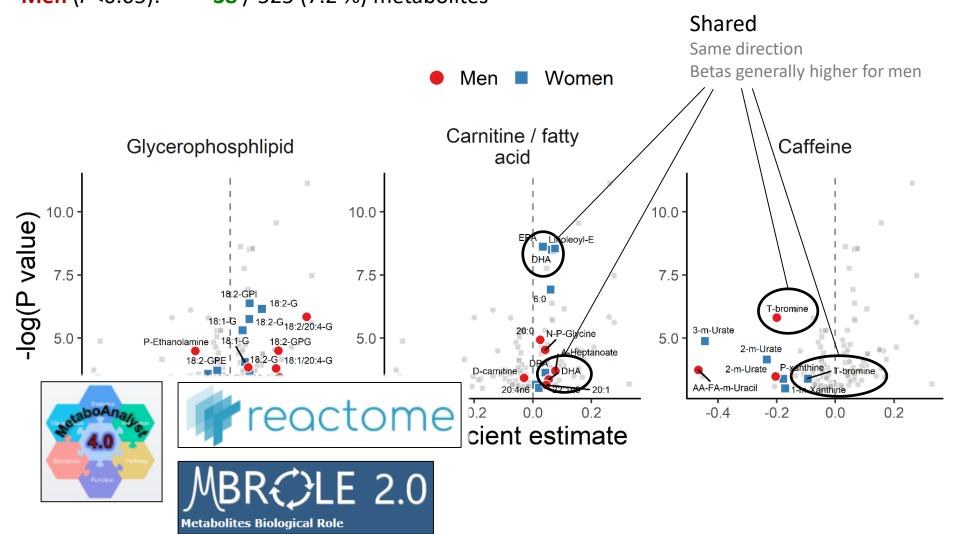
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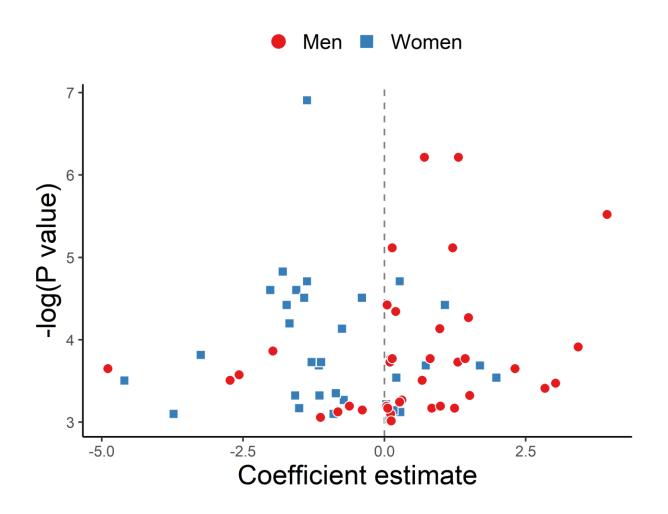
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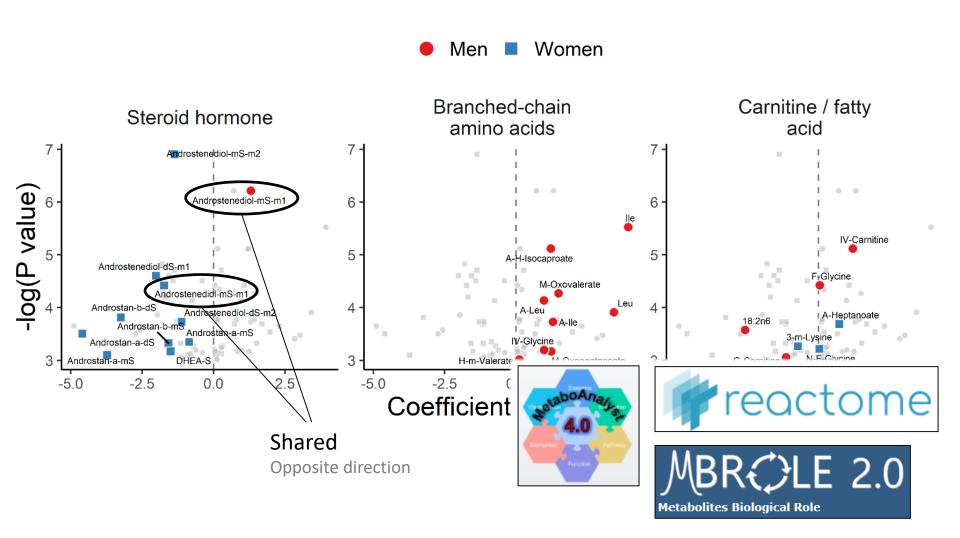
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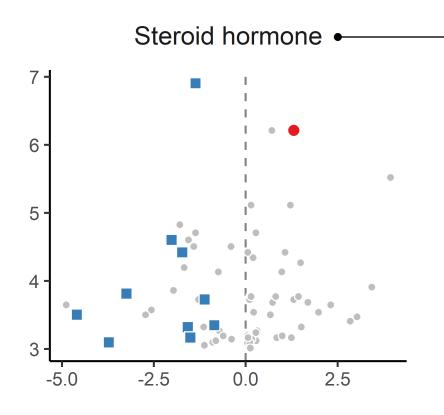


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Can FV-associated metabolites affect steroid hormone biosynthesis?



Estrogens and androgens slow the rate of bone remodeling and protect against bone loss

Enzymes involved in steroid hormone biosynthesis

Metabolites associated with higher FV intake

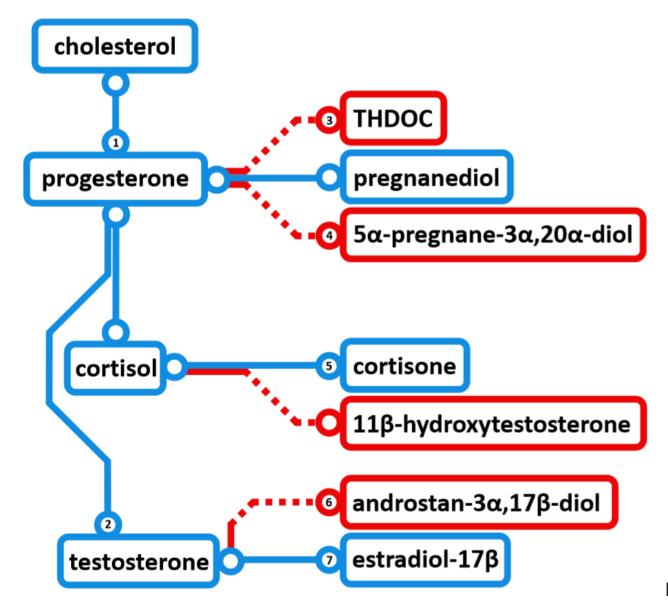




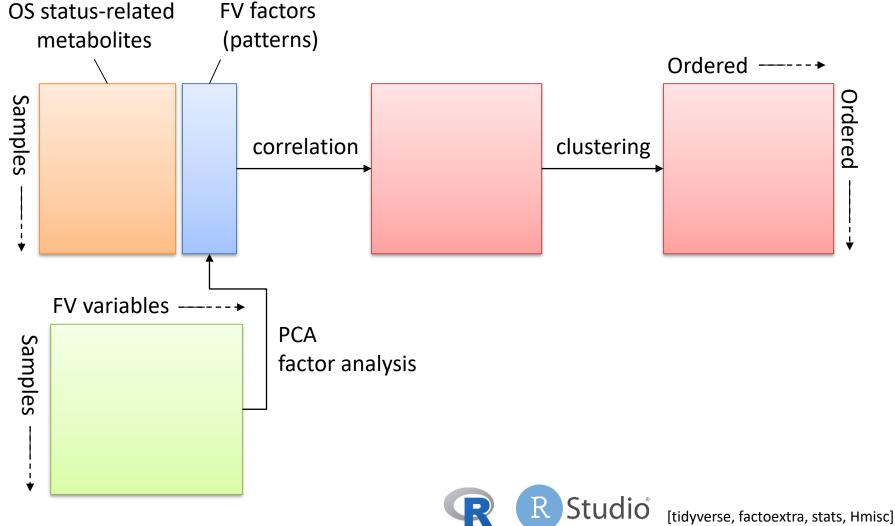
FV-associated metabolites may interfere with the steroid hormone biosynthesis pathway in women

Metabolite	Direction	Biosynthesis module
linoleate (18:2n6)	Higher	progesterone → THDOC testosterone → androstan-3α,17β-diol
oleate/vaccenate (18:1)	Higher	
palmitate (16:0)	Higher	
piperine	Higher	
stearate (18:0)	Higher	
1-methylnicotinamide	Higher	progesterone \rightarrow 5 α -pregnane-3 α ,20 α -diol
arachidonate (20:4n6)	Higher	cortisol → cortisone testosterone → estradiol-17β
linoleate (18:2n6)	Higher	
oleate/vaccenate (18:1)	Higher	
deoxycholate	Lower	cholesterol → progesterone cholesterol → testosterone
ursodeoxycholate	Lower	testosterone \rightarrow androstan-3 α ,17 β -diol
naproxen	Lower	testosterone → estradiol-17β

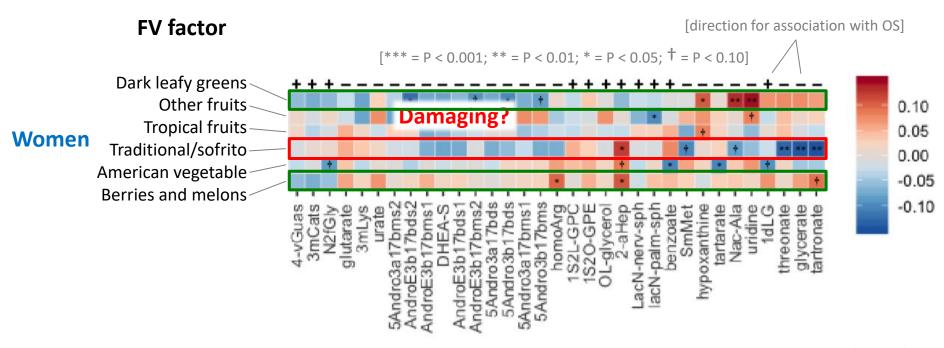
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We analyzed the co-variance between FV patterns and OS status-related metabolites



OS-associated metabolites correlated with FV factors



OS-related metabolite

In summary, we found that plasma metabolite patterns relate to OS status and FV intake in a sex-specific manner

Diet may exert specific mechanisms on bone health

Potential for personalized nutrition advice?

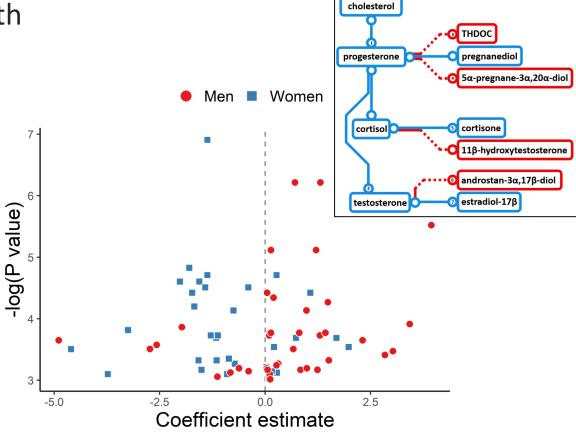
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