# From EFOS to ExFOS, active treatment phase. Similarities and differences of the Greek cohorts' results

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Introduction: Extended Forsteo® Observational (ExFOS), Study multinational, a noninterventional, prospective, observational study, designed to evaluate fractures, back pain (BP), adherence and health-related quality of life (QoL) in teriparatide (TPTD) treated patients, based on the extension of treatment duration (24 months) indications addition and new (glucocorticoid-induced and male osteoporosis) was compared with EFOS.

Methods/design: Baseline data showed that Hellenic EFOS patients share similarities and noticeable differences with female patients<sup>1</sup>. To further evaluate such similarities / differences between the two studies, we aimed to compare the active treatment results of the Greek cohorts between EFOS<sup>2</sup> (N=301, all female) and ExFOS (N=416, 92.1% female). No statistical comparisons between studies were performed. Results: Approximately 80% of patients in both cohorts were on treatment one month before maximum treatment period. Lumbar T-score (mean+SD) increased from  $-3.46\pm0.67$  (N=175) at baseline to  $-2.54\pm0.74$  (N=120) at study end in EFOS and from  $-3.39\pm0.73$  (N=263) to 2.36±0.63 (N=78) in ExFOS. QoL and BP parameters had similar improvements, as shown by examples depicted below:

		Baseline	3 m.	6 m.	12 m.	18 m.	24 m.
BP	ExFOS	86.2%	79.3%	72.2%	65.6%	59.2%	42.2%
(in previous month)	EFOS	93.2%	84.6%	77.8%	66.4%	64.2%	
BP frequency	ExFOS	43.8%	12.4%	6.6%	4.3%	4.7%	0%
(every/almost every day)	EFOS	39.9%	7.5%	3.9%	2.5%	2.2%	
<b>BP</b> severity	ExFOS	76.2%	50.4%	32.8%	20.9%	22.2%	18.6%
(moderate/severe)	EFOS	89.9%	69.4%	50.7%	42.4%	32.4%	
<b>EQ-5D Mobility</b>	ExFOS	57.9%	38.9%	29.9%	22.5%	17.7%	16.2%
(some/extreme problems)	EFOS	62.3%	36.7%	24.0%	18.3%	14.8%	
EQ-5D VAS	ExFOS	57	66	71	75	77	83
	EFOS	54	64	69	74	80	

Conclusions: Two similarly designed studies, in comparable Hellenic populations, yielded similar results that should be interpreted in the context of observational studies

### INTRODUCTION

Extended Forsteo® Observational Study (ExFOS), a multinational, non-interventional, prospective, study, designed observational to fractures, back pain (BP), adherence and healthrelated quality of life (QoL) in teriparatide (TPTD) treated patients, based on the extension of treatment duration (24 months) and the addition of new indications (glucocorticoid-induced and male osteoporosis) was compared with EFOS<sup>1-3</sup>.

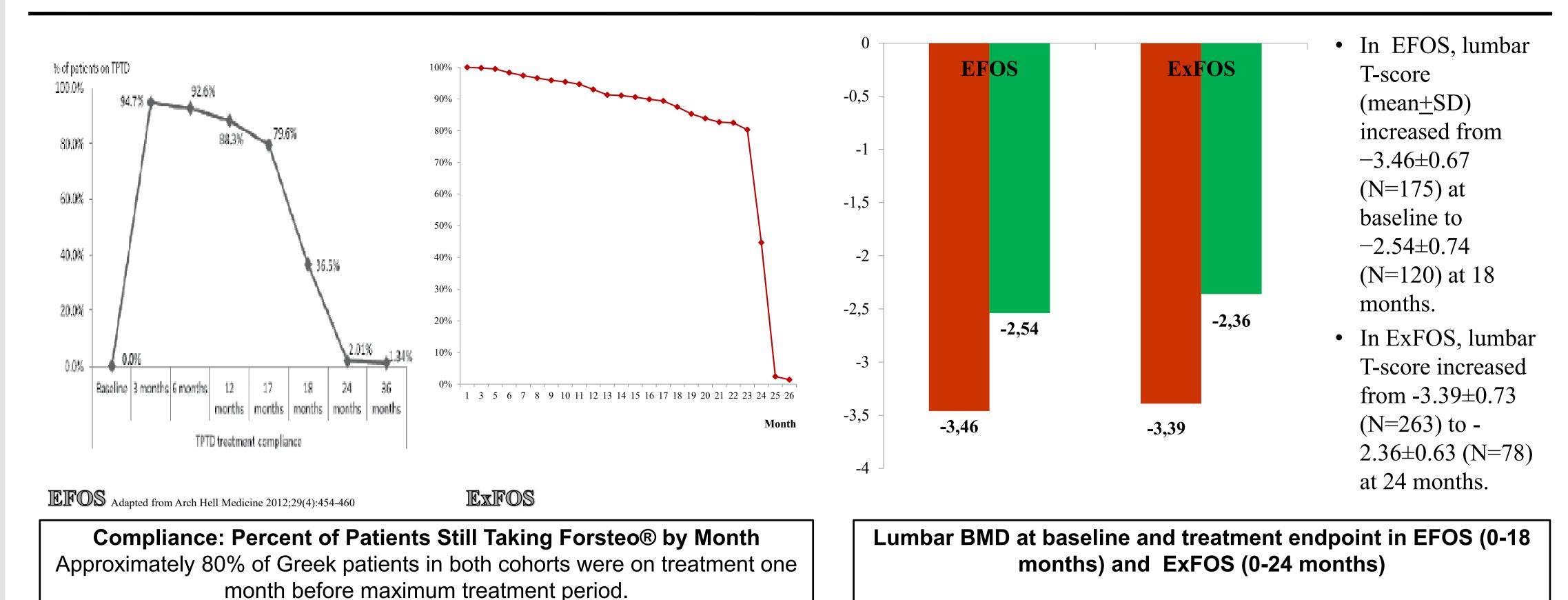
### **METHODS**

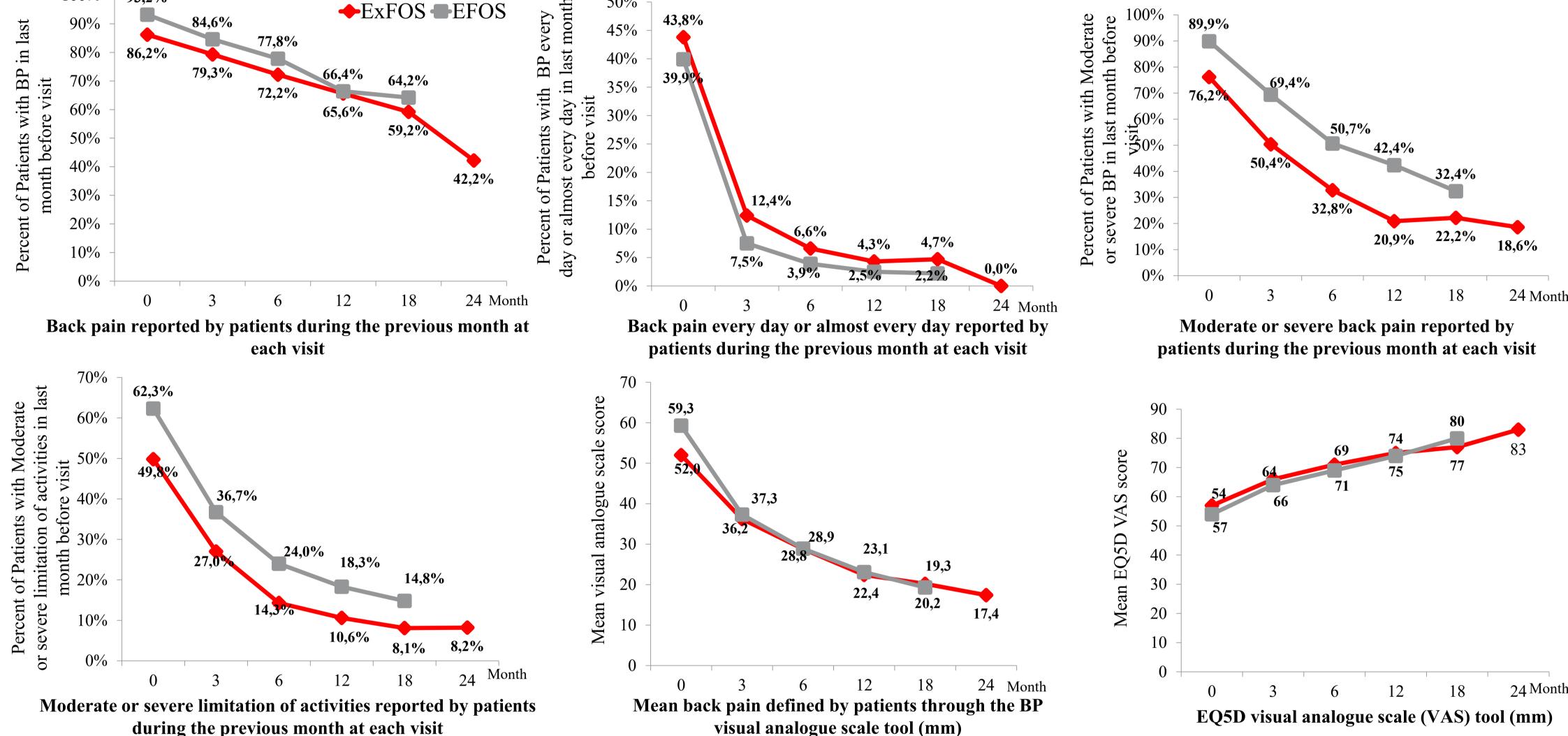
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data showed that Hellenic EFOS similarities and noticeable patients share differences with female ExFOS patients<sup>1</sup>.

To further evaluate the effect of the similarities / differences between the two studies on the response to therapy, we aimed to juxtapose the active treatment results of the Greek cohorts between EFOS<sup>2</sup> (N=301, all female) and ExFOS 92.1% female). (N=416,No statistical comparisons were performed.

#### **RESULTS**







## CONCLUSIONS

The two studies have differences, for example new indications and extension of treatment period in ExFOS, but overall the design and execution of the studies is quite similar.

In both EFOS and ExFOS we record a parallel increase in BMD, a decrease in back pain parameters and an increase in patient mobility/activity. Additionally, Quality of Life parameters seem to be improving in a similar manner. Results that should be interpreted in the context of observational studies.

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