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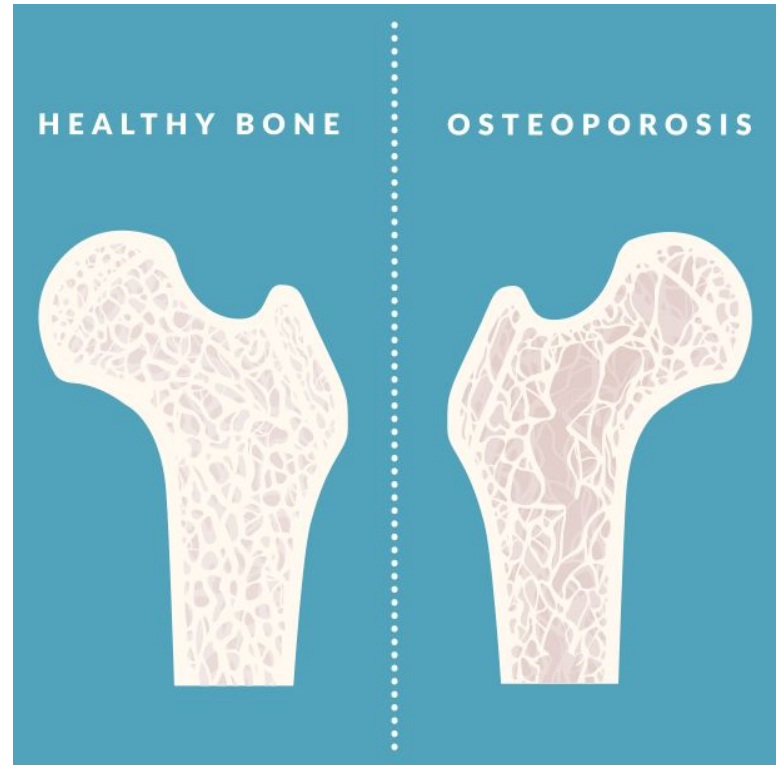
# Introduction



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## The Problem

- Normal periodontal tissue - homeostasis is maintained by bone resorbing osteoclasts
- Patients with osteoporosis - impaired homeostasis
  
- NF-KB Ligand (RANKL)
- Osteoblasts produce osteoprotegerin (OPG)
- \*\*OPG is protective against bone loss\*\*



<https://www.medicinenet.com/osteoporosis/article.htm>

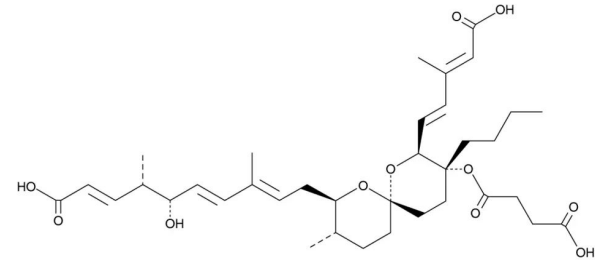


## Reveromycin A - osteoclast activity suppressor

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Taken up by acid-secreting  
osteoclasts

↓  
Induces apoptosis in these cells

↓  
Inhibits bone resorption



<https://www.caymanchem.com/product/17458/reveromycin-a>

- 3 carboxylic acids



## Previous Study

Periodontal disease was induced in OPG KO mouse model and found intraperitoneally administered RMA inhibited alveolar bone resorption

Researchers wanted to see if RMA could be administered non-invasively through the mouth

**OPG KO** -  
osteoprotegerin  
knockout  
(osteoprotegerin has  
been removed from  
mice)

**RMA** - reveromycin A

**Intraperitoneally** -  
through the stomach



## Question to be answered:

Does RMA ointment reduce the number of osteoclasts and inhibit bone resorption in mice with periodontal disease?

**RMA** - reveromycin A

# Materials and Methods

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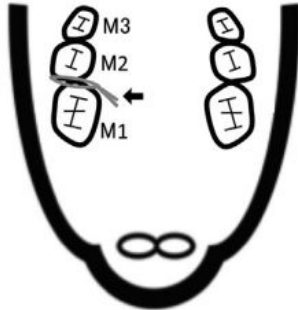


- 64, 8-week old male wild type and OPG KO experimented on in temperature maintained conditions with constant light cycles. They had free access to food and water
- Periodontal diseased mice were prepared through ligation by placing wire as shown:

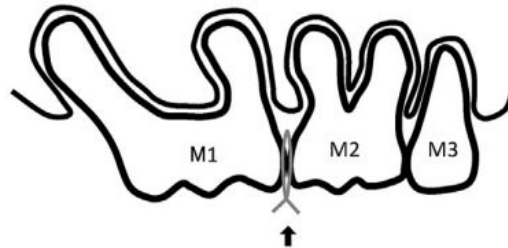
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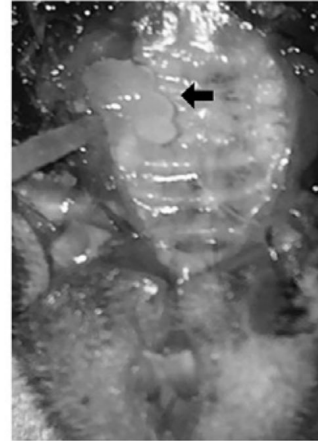
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**Ligation** - surgical  
closing off of blood  
vessel

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- Silicone -based ointment with 1% RMA was used
  - Same ointment without RMA was used for control group
  - Ointment was applied three times daily at:

D.



RMA - reveromycin A



## Experimental Groups

### WC OC

WT and OPG KO  
mice without  
ligature or RMA

### WR- OR-

WT and OPG KO  
mice with ligature  
and without RMA

### WR+ OR+

WT and OPG KO  
mice with ligature  
and RMA

**WT** - wild type

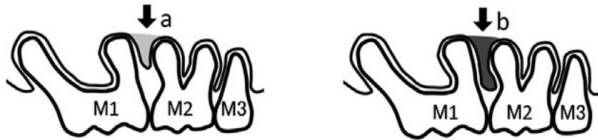
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- Mice were sacrificed 8 weeks after ligation
- Samples were examined using micro-computed tomography (u-CT)
- Alveolar bone volume was analyzed using TRI/3D BON software
- % of remaining alveolar bone was calculated as shown:

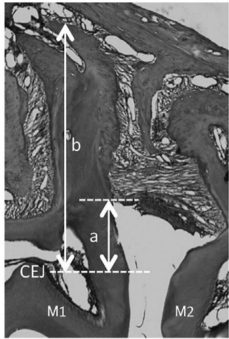
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$$\text{The ratio of remaining alveolar bone} = \frac{\text{Remaining alveolar bone(a)}}{\text{Total alveolar bone space(b)}} \times 100(\%)$$

**Ligation** - surgical closing off of blood vessel

F.



- Maxillae were collected and fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin, then decalcified in 10% EDTA for 4 weeks
- Paraffin blocks were prepared and tissue observation sites were selected based on where molar roots were found
- Hematoxylin-eosin (H&E) staining was performed
- % attachment was determined using:


$$\text{The percentage of attachment level (\%)} = \frac{\text{A length of CEJ the bottom of the gingival sulcus (a) (mm)}}{\text{A length of CEJ to the root apex (b) (mm)}} \times 100 (\%)$$

- TRAP stain was also performed

**Maxilla** - upper fixed bone of jaw

**H&E** - provides detailed view of the tissue

**TRAP** - checks for reduced resorptive activity

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- Tnf-a and IL-1B immunostaining was performed
    - Stained sections were scored as follows:
      - 1 (0-20% positive staining)
      - 2 (21-40% positive staining)
      - 3 (41-60% positive staining)
      - 4 (>60% positive staining)
  - Slides were evaluated by 2 different examiners

**Tnf-a and IL-1B** - used for checking cell responses (like apoptosis)



## Side Question: Does swallowing excess RMA ointment have an effect?

- 4 groups - ointment free, peroral administration, local administration with non-RMA ointment, local administration with RMA ointment
- WT and OPG KO mice used
- Blood samples collected and TRAP concentrations were measured using ELISA kit

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**RMA** - reveromycin A

**TRAP** - checks for reduced resorptive activity

# Results

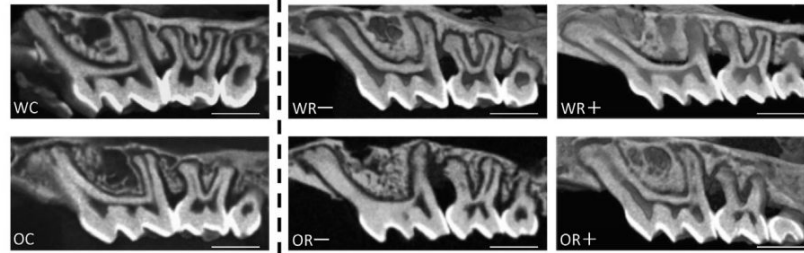
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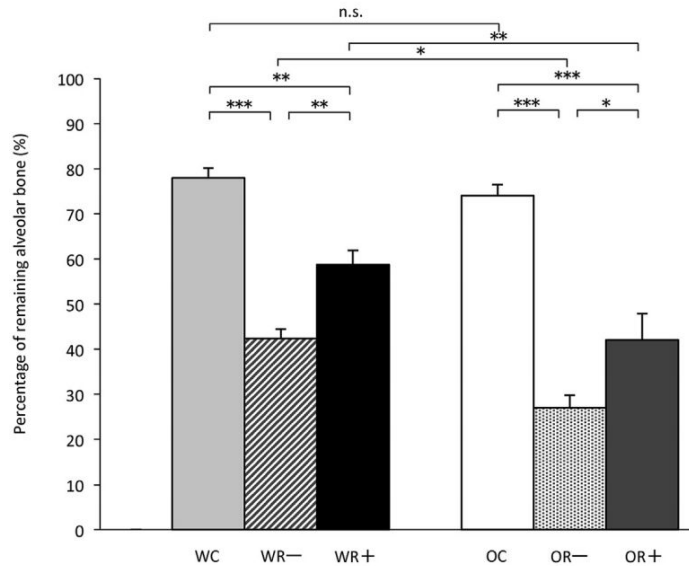
# Comparison of u-CT



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**u-CT-** micro-computed tomography

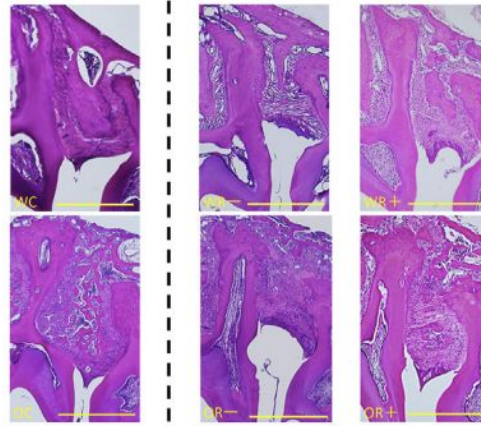
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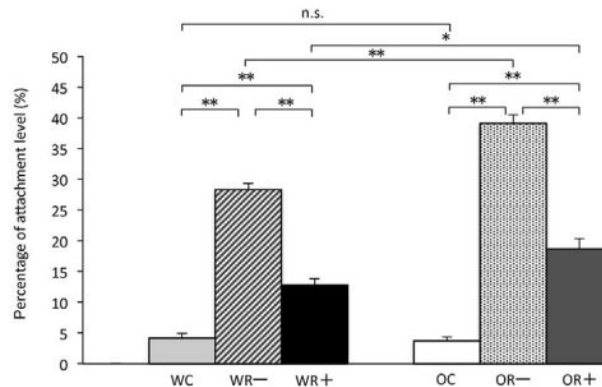
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# H&E staining and attachment level

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**H&E** - provides detailed view of the tissue

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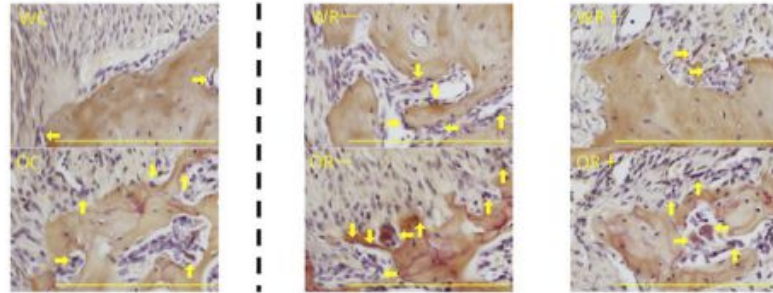
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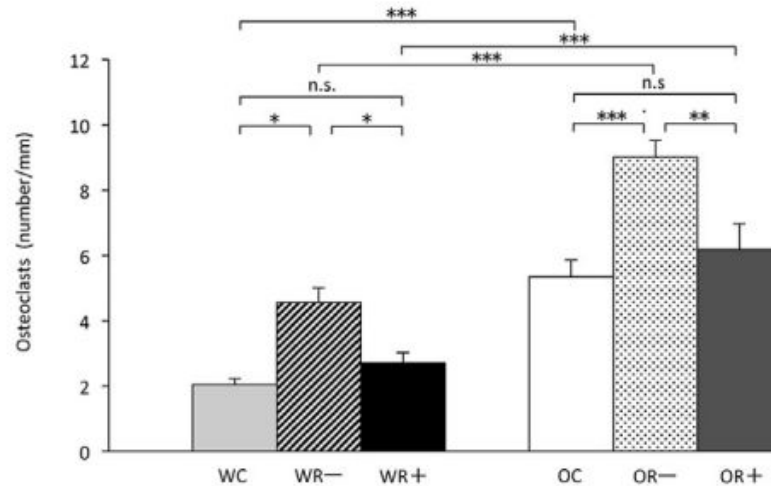
# Osteoclast Count



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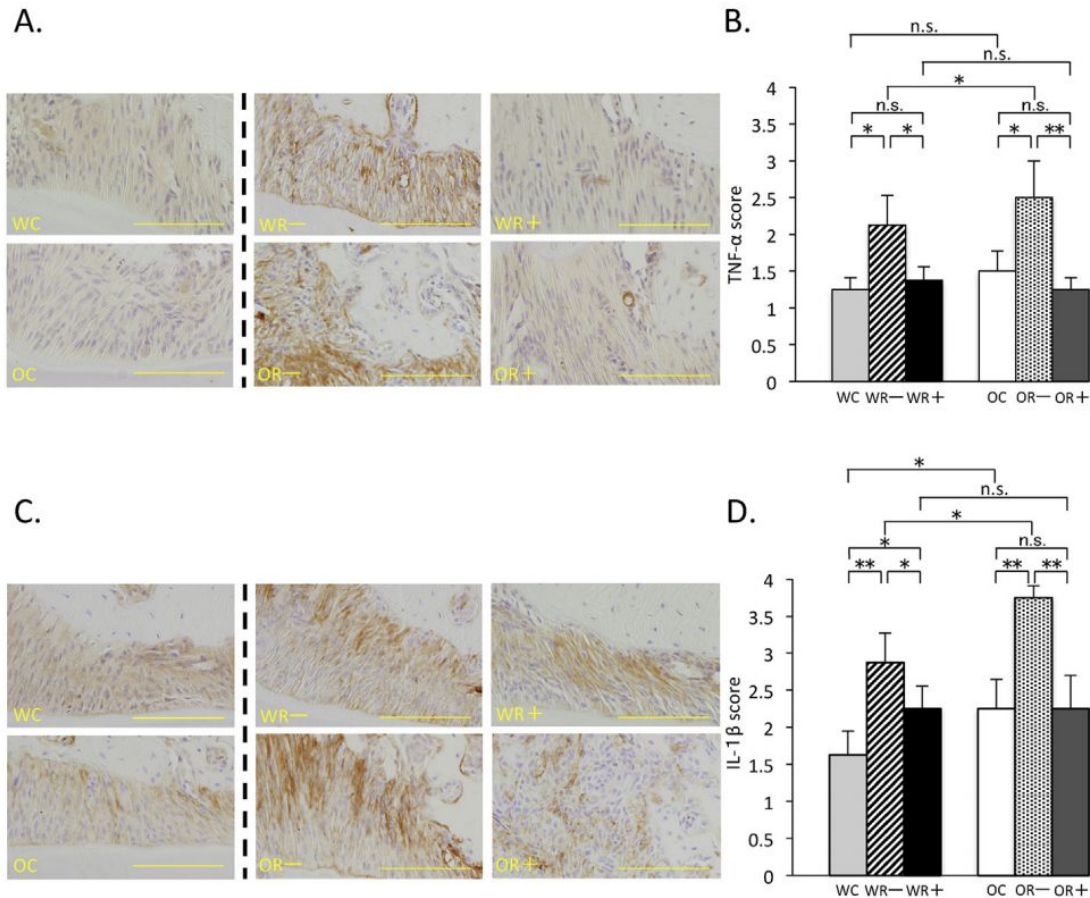


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# TnF-a and IL-1B



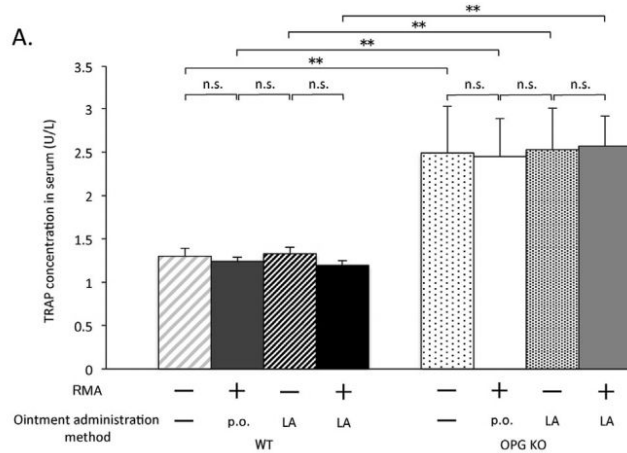
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# Results of side question

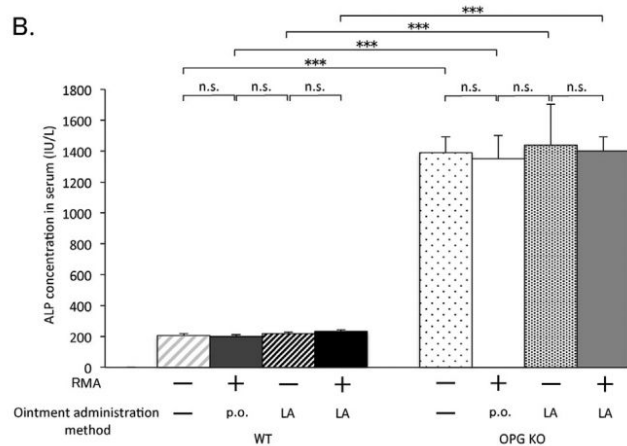


**WT** - wild type

**OPG KO**-  
osteoprotegerin  
knockout

**p.o.** - peroral

**LA** - topical  
administration



# Discussion





WR+ and OR+ had smaller attachment loss than WR- and OR-



RMA-containing ointment inhibited alveolar bone resorption and alleviated periodontal disease progression

RMA ointment reduced immunostaining scores of TNF-a and IL-1B



RMA locally suppressed inflammation

- RMA ointment suppressed localized inflammation and alveolar bone resorption and decreased osteoclast count to a similar degree as it had when administered peritoneally
- These results suggest the effectiveness of RMA in treating patients with vulnerable periodontal tissue due to periodontitis and osteoporosis



**What's currently being used and why is RMA better?**



# Final Conclusion

The study shows that RMA is an **effective non-invasive treatment** for:

- Preventing periodontitis
- Inhibiting alveolar bone resorption locally



Link:: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1347861321000530>