

Intact PTH is Non Diagnostic of Bone Turnover in African Americans

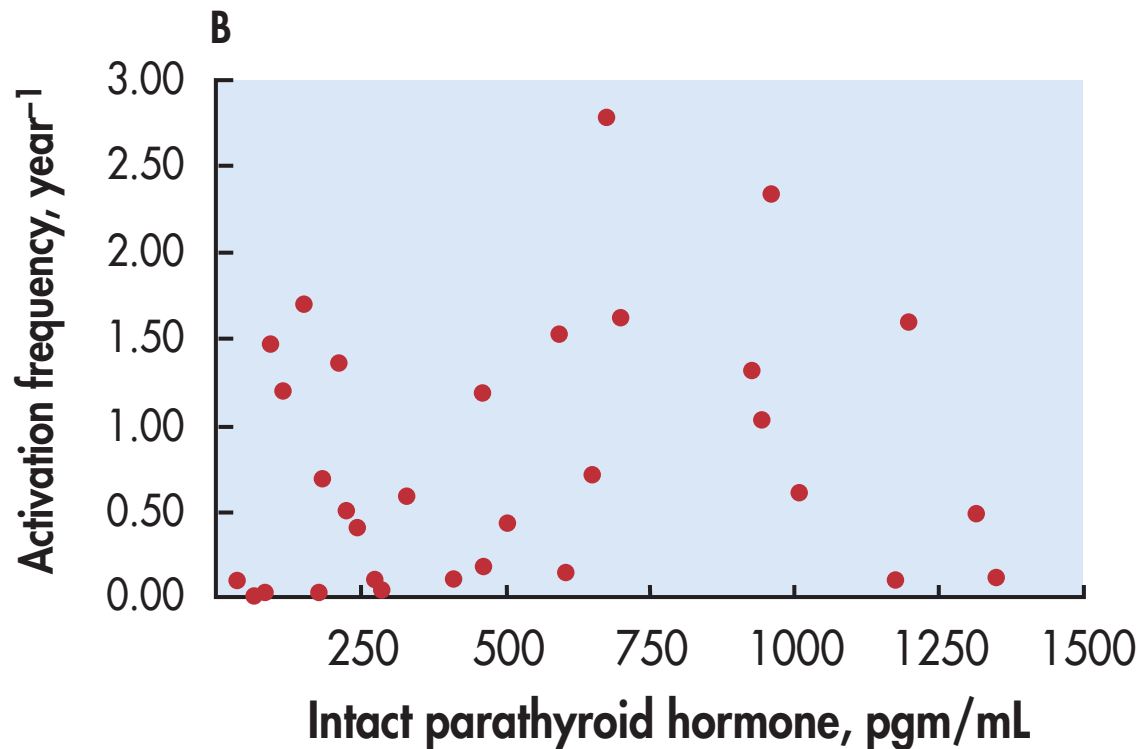


Fig. 1. Correlation between intact parathyroid hormone and activation frequency in (A) Caucasians ($r = 0.60$, $P < 0.01$), and (B) African Americans ($r = 0.22$, $P = NS$).

African Americans make up 29% of dialysis population (USRDS) and 12% of population (US census)

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