

Table 1. Pharmacokinetics^{1,2}

Variable	Alendronate	Risedronate
Bioavailability	0.5-1%	0.54-0.75%
Protein binding	78%	24%
Clearance	< 200 mL/min	122 mL/min
T _{1/2}	< 6 hours	1.5 hours
Terminal T _{1/2}	~ 10 years	480 hours
Renal excretion	50%	40%
Formulation	Oral	Oral
Dose	5-40 mg/d or 35-70 mg/wk	5-30 mg/d
Pregnancy category	C	C