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# N-Telopeptide

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This polypeptide is comprised of the amino terminal portions of fibrillar collagen, which are not part of the triple helical structure. Bone resorption of type I collagen by osteoclasts results in the release of this peptide. Thus, this polypeptide is utilized as a biomarker for bone loss.