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**C**hronic kidney disease-mineral and bone disorders (CKD-MBD) are common during the course of CKD and related to disturbances in bone strength and metabolism. Recent research shows that the osteoprotegerin (OPG) and receptor activator of NF- $\kappa$ B ligand (RANKL) play a significant role in the development of CKD-MBD. The aim of the study was to investigate if the OPG/RANKL system affects biomechanical properties in young, growing rats with experimental model of chronic renal failure (CRF). The animals were divided into 2 groups: Sham-operated and subtotal nephrectomized rats. Left femurs were excised 1 and 3 months after nephrectomy for determination of biomechanical properties: Three-point-bending test in femoral diaphysis and bending test in femoral neck. Soluble RANKL (sRANKL) and OPG were measured in homogenates from trabecular and cortical bone tissue. Trabecular and cortical OPG were increased in CRF in comparison to control 3 months after surgery, whereas trabecular sRANKL was increased 1 month after nephrectomy. At the level of femoral neck, OPG in trabecular bone tissue correlated positively with stiffness ( $r=0.539$ ,  $p=0.017$ ) and ultimate load ( $F_u$ ) ( $r=0.611$ ,  $p=0.05$ ), and inversely with work to fracture ( $W$ ) ( $r=-0.465$ ,  $p=0.044$ ). sRANKL in both trabecular and cortical bone tissue was positively correlated with  $W$  ( $r=0.648$ ,  $p=0.01$ ;  $r=0.420$ ;  $p=0.05$ , respectively) and inversely with stiffness ( $r=0.474$ ,  $p=0.026$ ). At the level of femoral diaphysis, sRANKL was inversely associated with  $F_u$  ( $r=-0.503$ ,  $p=0.017$ ) and there were no associations between cortical OPG levels and these parameters in both femoral neck and diaphysis. In young, rapidly growing rats OPG and sRANKL exerts opposite effect on biomechanical bone strength in experimental CRF.

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