

Katrien Venken, PhD

Dr. Venken earned her Master's degree in Biochemistry in 2001. She completed her PhD in Medical Sciences under the supervision of Prof. Dr. D.

Vanderschueren at the University of Leuven (Belgium) in 2006. Her PhD project focused on the action of sex steroids and growth hormone/insulin-like growth factor-I on male bone growth and maintenance. She presented her research findings at several international conferences and published her research in the J Bone Miner Res, Bone, J Clin Endocrinol Metab and Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. Dr. Venken has won 2 young investigator awards (from the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research and the Belgian Endocrine Society) and 1 travel grant award (from the European Society of Endocrinology).

Dr. Venken now has a postdoctoral position funded by the Fund for Scientific Research Flanders. She conducts her research in the Bone Research Unit of the Department Experimental Medicine at the University of Leuven (Belgium) where she explores the molecular mechanisms of sex steroid action on bone. The goal of this research is to contribute to a better understanding of the disease osteoporosis. Dr. Venken is also a member of The Endocrine Society and The European Calcified Tissue Society.