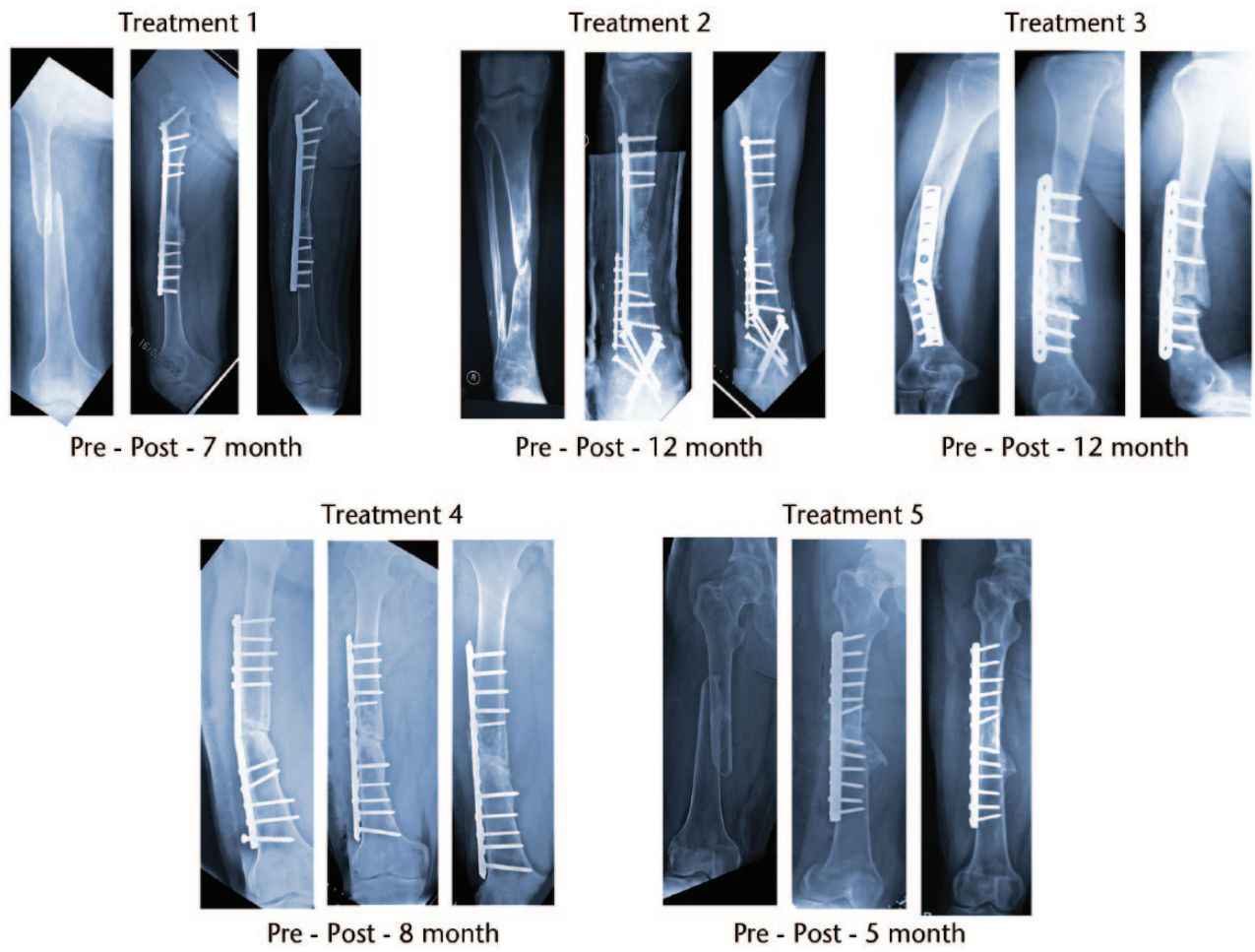
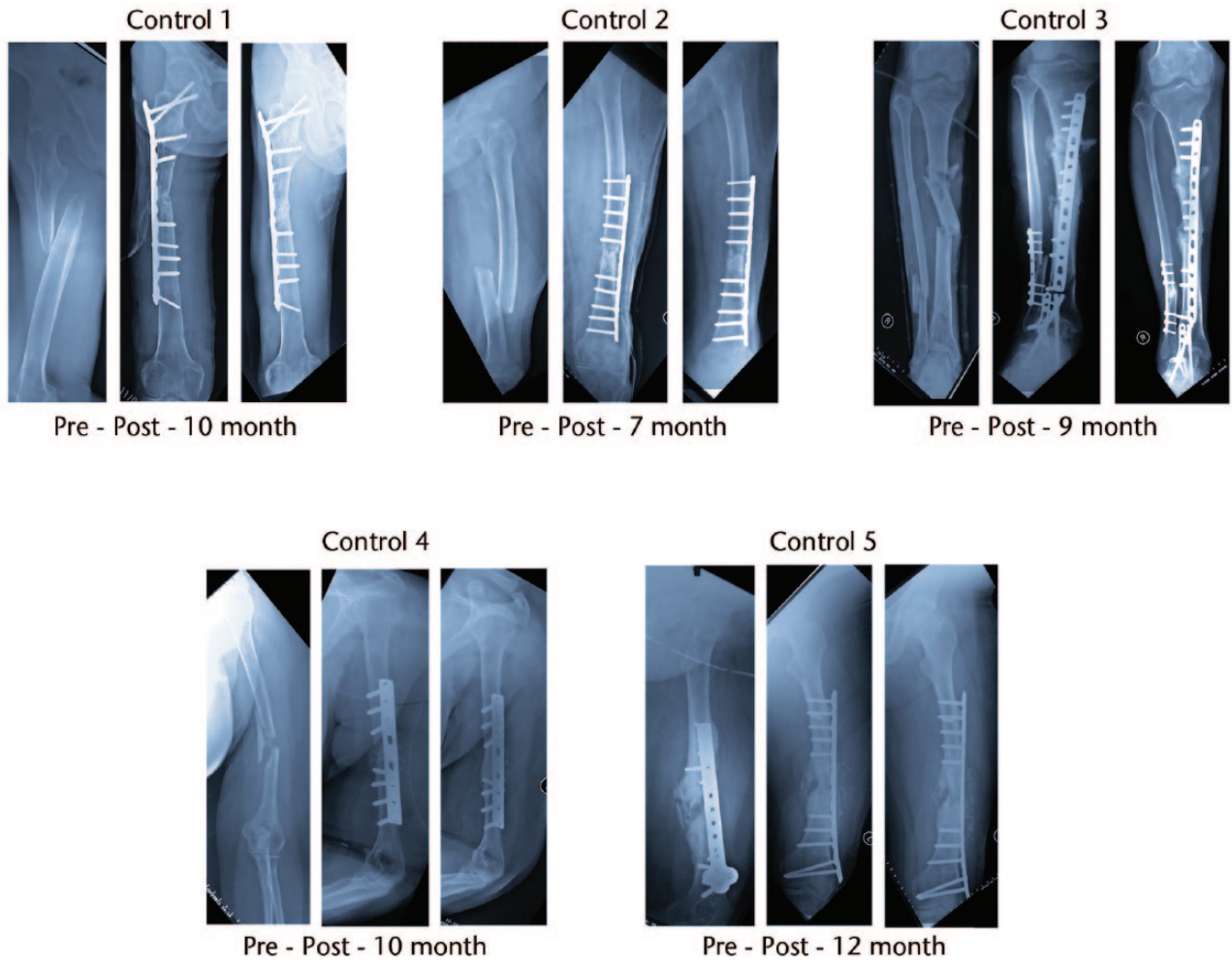


**Supplementary Material**



**Fig. a**

Representative pre- and post-operative radiographs of the treatment group along with the additional follow-up radiograph when consolidation achieved.



**Fig. b**

Representative pre- and post-operative radiographs of the control group along with the additional follow-up radiographs when consolidation achieved.