Author's response to reviews

Title: Vertebral fractures and self-perceived health in elderly women and men: The Tromso Study, a population-based cross-sectional study

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript MS: 9387028018077352. We are greatly thankful for the constructive comments from the reviewers and Editor. Based on the comments, we have made major changes to the manuscript.

1. Title changed to **Vertebral fracture and self-perceived health in elderly women and men. The Tromsø Study.**
2. The second objective which examined the relationship between self-reported osteoporosis and HRQL is omitted.
3. With thanks, we accept the offer of editing service from Edanz.
4. The revised manuscript should now strictly conform to the journal style.
5. We have addressed the comments to the reviewers below.

On behalf of my co-authors and with best regards,

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Reviewer Stephen Thielke.

We are thankful for your constructive comments to our manuscript, and according to those, we have made the following changes:

1. As a consequence of the comments from you and Editor, we have omitted the second objective which examined the relationship between self-reported osteoporosis and HRQL. We have removed all parts concerning consequences of being aware of a diagnosis from the present manuscript. We will explore the topic more extensively in a later paper. Your comments are of great value to us. In the revised version we follow your suggestion focusing on the various effects of vertebral fracture on HRQL.

2. To your second point, the variable “self-reported osteoporosis” is no longer used in the manuscript.

3. On the simplistic logics: these parts of the manuscript are no longer relevant.

4. The present manuscript will go through language editing services.

Reviewer Hulago Kaptan.

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