Reviewer's report

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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Reviewer: hulagu kaptan

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In the study the authors retrospectively evaluated the clinical and radiological follow-up in patients. The authors should not use terms that are well defined if they do not perform the necessary investigations. Severity of fracture, Types of fracture, what is mean? It is absolutely unclear to this reviewer. The text is badly written, confusing, and especially the discussion section does not help to clarify the intentions of these authors. I cannot recommend publication in your journal.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.