Reviewer's report

Title: Bone and body composition analyzed by Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DXA) in clinical and nutritional evaluation of young patients with Cystic Fibrosis: a cross-sectional study

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Minor Essential Revisions

This manuscript is well written and the study well done. Of course as the authors note, there have been a number of papers published in this area already so this current paper contains mostly confirmatory data.

I think that a vertebral fracture survey from plain chest xrays (lateral projection) would be a definite benefit for this paper. There have been few fractures papers in CF children and most have not found excess fractures. So while it would take a few more hours to look at the chest xrays I do think these data would be helpful.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'