Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring health-related quality of life in men with osteoporosis or osteoporotic fracture

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Reviewer: Jonathan Adachi

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Very important study.

Major compulsory revisions.

1. The only real concern that I have is that unless x-rays of the spine are done the investigators will not be able to determine whether a vertebral fracture has occurred. Many have reported that clinical vertebral fractures do reduce QoL, however it has also been recognized that subclinical fractures also result in reductions in QoL. The absence or presence of baseline vertebral fractures may also be very important in predicting future fractures and may be important in mortality risk assessment.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I am an investigator in another epidemiological database, the Canadian Multicentre Osteoporosis Study. We have also examined osteoporosis in men.