Reviewer's report

Title: Patients with femoral or distal forearm fracture in Germany: a prospective observational study for health care situation and outcome

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Questions:
1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes!
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? Yes!
3. Are the data sound and well controlled? Yes!
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes!
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes!
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? No! Find a better title like e.g: Femoral or distal forearm fractures in Germany- mortality and rehabilitation
7. Is the writing acceptable? Yes!

I recommend this paper to be published in BioMed central.

Comments:
It is an and important multicenter study from 423 hospitals over a 21-month period on 14551 osteoporotic elderly patients with an impressive follow-up rate of 14189 cases, and focusing on the quality of life and after hip and forearm trauma in an ageing population. The paper is the first report from this study, and further interesting results can be expected. It is well composed and well written in good English.
I am a bit disappointed not to find any of these multicenter studies on the same subject in your reference list:
Berglund-Rödén M, Swierstra B, Wingstrand H, Thorngren K G. Prospective comparison of hip fracture treatment. 856 cases followed for 4 months in The