Author's response to reviews

Title: Low bone mineral density is related to atherosclerosis in postmenopausal morrocan women

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To the Editor of BMC Public Health

Subject: Ref: MS: 8019665492505550
“Low bone mineral density is related to atherosclerosis in postmenopausal Morrocan women.”

Dear Editor-in-chief of Biomed Central Public Health,

Dear Referees,

We thank you for your interest in the forementioned manuscript describing our work and results.
As you recommended, we addressed the comments for the reviewers point-by-point and we revised our manuscript accordingly.

As you suggested, in order to improve english quality of our article, we have addressing the article at a commercial copyediting service.

We sincerely hope these modifications will satisfy you, as well as the referees.

With best regards,

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Thank you for reviewing our manuscript “Low bone mineral density is related to atherosclerosis in postmenopausal Moroccan women” and for your relevant comments.

We will answer point-by-point to your comments. We hope you will be satisfied. All changes were carried out in the new version of the manuscript to be visible.

1. Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore): The study is meaningful but the manuscript needs rewriting with correct English.

R: As you suggest, we have rewriting the manuscript using a commercial copyediting service

2. Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct): There are no minor mistakes, accept typographicals

R: We agree with your proposal

3. Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached): correct the English.

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Referee N.2

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1. In the abstract, in background, I would eliminate this sentence: “Previous studies have demonstrated an association between them in women; however, other studies have failed to show it”.

   R: As you suggested, we have eliminated the forementioned sentence ‘page 2; line 3’.

2. In the abstract, in the conclusions instead of “Our results demonstrate that decreased BMD is correlated with increased carotid IMT, I would write “Our results demonstrate a negative correlation between BMD and carotid IMT…”

   R: As you suggested, we have changed the sentence ‘page 3; line 2’.

3. In an other hand, Previous studies have shown a negative association between lumbar BMD and IMT but this lack of association has also been described in hemodialysis patients [28]. On the other hand…. I think that the correct adverb form is “in one hand... in the other hand”

   R: As you suggested, we have changed the sentence ‘page 10; line 17’.
