Reviewer's report

Title: An Asian viewpoint on the use of vitamin D and calcium in osteoporosis treatment: Physician and patient attitudes and beliefs

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The authors have conducted an interesting study evaluating perceptions of physicians and patients regarding calcium and vitamin D in the treatment of osteoporosis.

1. In the introduction it is stated that calcium absorption decreases as vitamin D levels decrease and reference 34 is given. Presumably the authors mean 25-hydroxyvitamin D not vitamin D and this is not an appropriate reference. A more appropriate reference would be Heaney et al. Journal of the American College of Nutrition 22:142 -- 146; 2003.

2. In the discussion calcium is capitalized this should be corrected

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.