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Thank you for your answer on our manuscript “Hip and fragility fracture prediction by 4-item clinical risk score and mobile heel BMD: a women cohort study”. We now return our revised manuscript, for further evaluation and possible publication in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Comments: You did request further information about “informed consent” in our manuscript. Each participant received oral and written study information and approved study participation by returning the questionnaire and performing BMD assessment. The study design was approved by the Regional Ethics Committee at Lund University, evaluating the severity of the experimental procedure against the value of knowledge gained as well. Also, the local radiation protection committee at Växjö Hospital approved the DXL and DXA screening investigation. Therefore, on page 9 we changed the text below heading “Ethics” into:

“The Regional Ethics Committee at Lund University approved the study (LU 406-00). Also, the local radiation protection committee at Växjö Hospital approved the DXL and DXA screening. Each participant received oral and written study information and approved study participation by returning the questionnaire and performing BMD assessment.”

Also, on page 4: we changed the heading “Introduction” to “Background”.

Yours sincerely

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