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Title: FRAX(TM)tool, the WHO algorithm for predicting fragility fractures as the Framingham function to determine cardiovascular risk. An analysis of its discriminative and predictive capacity in a Spanish cohort (FRIDEX).

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Please find attached the manuscript entitled “FRAX™ tool, the WHO algorithm to predict osteoporotic fractures: an analysis of its discriminative and predictive ability in a Spanish cohort (FRIDEX)” for its possible publication in the Journal BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. This manuscript has not been wholly or partially submitted elsewhere and has been read and approved by all the authors and there is no conflict of interest.

**Proposed changes:** Kindly remove the reference to the Framingham index from the title and abstract.

**Answer:** Done in both.

FRAX™ tool validation for calculating the risk of osteoporotic fractures is important as it has been the Framingham cardiovascular risk estimation for general practitioners and internists. We think that the article will be of interest to all family physicians, internists and gynecologists, and not just for rheumatologists at the BMC Medicine journal seems to be more spread among general practitioners and internists to whom it is directed especially work. This is one of the first articles published on the validation of FRAX™ in Spain.

The study protocol was approved by the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Barcelona, Spain and by the Ethical Committee of the Institut Universitari d’Investigació en Atenció Primària (IDIAP) Jordi Gol. Barcelona. Spain. Informed consent was obtained before beginning the interviews of all the patients.

We believe that this article is of interest in the section of Original Research of your journal since the results obtained will provide useful knowledge for clinical practice.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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