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Dear Editorial Office,

Thank-you for considering our full length article, entitled ‘Rheumatoid arthritis and incident fracture in women: A case-control study’ for publication in *BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders* as an original study.

This is an original analysis that examines incident fracture in women with clinically diagnosed rheumatoid arthritis for an entire geographical region of south-eastern Australia (1,008 cases and 172,422 controls). The study has been approved by Barwon Health Human Research Ethics Committee.

As identified by a pre-review, we have revised our manuscript to now present details regarding participant consent. The text is highlighted by red font on Page 6.

This manuscript contains original work that has not been submitted and is not being simultaneously submitted elsewhere. No portion of the data has been or will be published in proceedings or transactions of meetings or symposium volumes. No authors have any conflicts of interest.

Thank-you,

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