Reviewer's report

Title: Osteoporosis-related life habits and knowledge about osteoporosis among women in El Salvador: A cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Joseph Lane

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General: The current paper is a detailed analysis of osteoporosis and risk factors within central america. the authors ahve utilized validated method and their data is comprehensive. there are several lapses in the English that a scholar could easily correct.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct) Florine is not essential for osteoporosis prevention. The references for the discussion should be enhanced. Four refs are used extensively for the first part and better articles exist that prove the authors points. Calcium intake is usually not adequate. How representative are the 197 urban women for the largely rural women ?

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

none