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To Editor and Reviewer:

1. P2 L6 and P4 L1 from the bottom: the sentence disagreed by the reviewer had been deleted.
2. P15 L2 from the bottom: the third limitation has been revised as below: Third, format criteria for QUS screening is not available up to now. Therefore, for an international comparison (i.e. epidemiologic reviews in Asian women, showed in Table 4) of QUS surveys, different models (e.g. age-range of the screened population, age-range of the reference population, the gender of targeted subjects, the instruments of QUS measurement et al) are not avoidable. To compare these studies, the same cutoff value of T-scores would be the only indicator.
3. Table 2: the mean and SD of BUA for combined-gender subjects had been deleted.
4. Table 1 and 2: one decimal place is kept for BMI and BUA.

Otherwise, the competing interests had been declared.