Reviewer's report

Title: A Population-based Survey of Low Bone Mass with Well-prepared Quantitative Ultrasound In A Community without Dual-energy X-ray Absorptiometry

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General
The authors have addressed all the issues raised, however there are still two outstanding issues that should be addressed.

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)

It is not clear what is meant by '(2) to setup a stepwise, reliable standard operation procedure of low QUS values survey that may be equal to low bone mass screen' (abstract). The authors should revise this so it is clear to the reader what the study aims are.

The study conclusions are still rather vague and they are more a review of the literature rather than a summary of the main findings and conclusions of the present study.

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:
I declare that I have no competing interests