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The AA evaluated BMD values in a group of elderly women and divided them in different groups according to the n. of children and duration of breast feeding. Their results suggest that either variables (multiple pregnancies and long total duration of breast-feeding) are not essential in determining BMD.

Major Compulsory Revisions

The question posed is well defined but other BMD determinants are not defined: age at menopause, years since menopause, OCs, HRT, calcium supplements. These data should be provided, and the statistical analysis should be fully reported in the manuscript

**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:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.