Reviewer's report

**Title:** Study protocol: a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled trial of Classic Yin and Yang Tonic Formula for Osteopenia

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**Reviewer:** Marissa Lassere

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I would suggest the following modifications:

1. Abstract. "Disccussion" should be "Discussion".

2. Page 7 line 5 "wrost" should be "worst".

3. References 1 and 2 are in the incorrect order. Reviewer 2 has indicated this as well.

4. Discussion: Please reference the sentence "it is well documented.....vertebral fracture".

5. Also change "is THE major determinant" to "is A major determinent".

NB Neither BMD nor morphometric vertebral fractures are clinical endpoints. Clinical endpoints are how a patient "feels, functions or survives".

6. Could confidence limits be provided around the odds ratios (reference 10).