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Dear Jose A. Riancho,

Many thanks for your comments on our paper entitled "Analysis of SNP-SNP interactions and bone quantitative ultrasound parameter in early adulthood" (MGTC-D-17-00132). We have now revised the manuscript according to the useful comments of you and the reviewer. We would like to note that in order to avoid text overlap, some sections of the revised manuscript have been rewritten. We hope now you will find it suitable for publication in your prestigious journal.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,
Warm regards
Response to Editor:

1. It has come to our attention that throughout the manuscript there is significant text overlap with other publications. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide a justification for the overlap in text between your manuscript and other sources. Please be informed that we cannot proceed with handling your manuscript before this issue is resolved, and the sections of text in question have been reformulated. The report has been attached to further help your revisions.

Please note that the software used to detect overlaps is imperfect and highlights two or more consecutive matching words, therefore, please just focus on those whole sentences/paragraphs highlighted. If this study uses methodology from a previously published work, please provide a summarizing statement in the methodology together with a citation to the original paper.

We would like to thank the Editor for his comments. As the Editor suggested, we have rewritten several sentences thought the revised version of the manuscript in order to avoid text overlap.

2. Please include the full name of the ethics committee (and the institute to which it belongs to) that approved the study and the committee’s reference number if appropriate.

According to Editor suggestion, the full name of the ethics committee and the committee’s reference number have been included in the revised manuscript (page 11, line 8).

3. As one of the authors is a member of the editorial board (Associate Editor) of this journal, in order to ensure transparency, please declare this in the Competing Interests section of the Declarations.
As the Editor suggested, we have included in the Competing Interests section of the Declarations that Gisela Orozco is a member of the Editorial Board (page 10, line 25).

4. Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Taking into consideration this suggestion, we have included full initials in the Authors’ Contributions section (page 10, lines 19-21).

5. Please include a statement in the Authors' contributions section to the effect that all authors have read and approved the manuscript, and ensure that this is the case.

All authors have read and approved the manuscript. This statement has been included in the Authors' contributions section of the revised manuscript (page 10, lines 21-22).

6. We note that you have not included an acknowledgements section. If you have no acknowledgements please put ‘Not Applicable’ in this section.

According to Editor suggestion, we have included “Not applicable” in the Acknowledgements section of the revised manuscript (page 11, lines 1-2).

7. Please ensure that all figures/tables and supplementary files are cited within the text. Any items which are not cited may be deleted by our production department upon publication. Currently, table 2 has not been cited in the text.

We thank the Editor for notifying this fact and apologize for this mistake. In the revised version of the manuscript, we have cited Table 2 in the text (page 6, line 31).

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Thanks for this information.