Reviewer's report

Title: Cystatin C as a potential confounder of osteoprotegerin levels in healthy men. A cross-sectional, observational study.

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The manuscript should be rewritten and presented in the easy readable form as it contains some quite interesting findings which are lost in the text.

Results should be presented in more clear form, instead this section is filled with numbers. Results presented in the tables 1 and 2 require only a short comment in the text. Page 7 line 187- should be p=0.049 as in the fig.4 not 0.49

Results of multivariate regression analysis are not presented in the table, instead the text is full of numbers. This has to be changed. Among plenty of given numbers the most essential findings become less visible.

Discussion is really difficult to read, plenty of names, discussion very often repeats the results. It should be written more clearly. In the discussion the most important finding on cystatin C should be emphasized at the beginning, instead it is lost somewhere between numbers and names.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.