Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effect of duration of diabetes on bone mineral density: A population study on East Asian males

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Dear. Neil Gittoes

Thank you for your letter and thoughtful comments concerning our manuscript entitled “Effect of duration of diabetes on bone mineral density: A population study on East Asian males”. We have made minor corrections carefully which we hope meet with your approval.
Sincerely yours,

RESPONSES TO Comments:

1) We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


And


This overlap mainly exists in the methods section.

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.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimize overlap and ensure that you cite the works above in your methods section.

Response:

Thank you for your fine comment. We rewrote overlap parts. And we checked this manuscript using duplication program (ithenticate.com). Currently there are no duplications.
2) In your declarations section please amend the “Ethics” heading to be “Ethical approval and consent to participate”. Please also clarify if the need for consent to participate was waived by the named ethics committee.

Response:

We appreciated that your comment. As suggested by the reviewer, we revised that 'Ethics' to ‘Ethical approval and consent to participate’. (Line 4, page 16.)

3) We note that you have still used the term “diabetic men” on page 11, line 11 in the “Discussion” section. Please amend this to be “men with diabetes”.

Response:

Thank you for the comment. We have corrected the term (line 11, page 11).

4) Please amend your “authors’ contribution” section so that all authors’ names are represented as initials. For example, MS Jang would be MSJ and JS Kim would be JSK.

Response:

Thank you for the comment. As suggested by the reviewer, we use the initials of the authors in E-mail section and Authors’ contributions. We revised that ‘Miso Jang’, ‘Hyunkyung Kim’, ‘Shorry Lea’, ‘Sohee Oh’, ‘Jong Seung Kim’ and ‘Bumjo Oh’ to ‘MJ’, ‘HK’, ‘SL’, ‘SO’, ‘JSK’ and ‘BO’, respectively.
5) We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of JSK as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Supervising and validating the study alone does not usually justify authorship.

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Response:

Thank you for the comment. JSK also participated in study conceptualization and formal analysis. I am sorry for the confusion. We added Authors’ contributions.
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Response:

Thank you for the comment. We added ‘Figure Legends’

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