Reviewer’s report

Title: Expert consensus on relevant risk predictors for the occurrence of osteoporotic fractures in specific clinical subgroups – Delphi Survey

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Reviewer: Jesse Zanker

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The authors present a brief article which describes the findings and implications of a modified Delphi method for fracture prediction tools. The study is small and thus the comments are provided in this context. Some key elements of the preferred Delphi methodology and reporting are omitted. Further work is required to bring the manuscript to publishable standard.

Minor comments

P2 line 28 - Describe in full before abbreviation.

P2 line 31 - This should be a "modified Delphi" given it is only two rounds.

P3 line 56 - Reference for absence of consensus impeding therapy decisions.

P3 line 59 - Under consideration by whom? Reference for this.

P3 line 64 - Expression, "The ongoing research" needs to be improved.

P3 line 64 - This is a "modified Delphi"

P4 line 76 - Reference for not needing ethics (there are multiple Dlephis published that have described why ethics is not required).

p7 line 160 - Reference.

P7 line 164 - SL"E" - ethythematosus not erythematodes.

p8 line 180 - This reads as a bit sycophtantic. We must move away from eminence-based assumptions. Consider softening the language here.

Major comments

You have regularly used the term "elderly." This term is pejorative and shouldn't be used. See this reference for language use regarding older adults.
P3 line 72 - The Delphi method is a far more complex and iterative process than you have simplified it to be here. The surveys do not have to be short. The Delphi doesn't only comprise surveys. It can (and often should) involved face-to-face groups. Delphis can be modified, and there is no one size fits all. You should describe this better.

P4 line 124 - Was any feedback provided to participants about the results? Please see for appropriate reporting in Delphis.


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