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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16476-Review).

Title: Metabolic bone disease in the preterm infant: Current state and future directions

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The manuscript has been improved and revisions have been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers. They are described below and have been highlighted in the attached revised manuscript.

1 Format has been updated.

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer:

(1) Reviewer 02444787: Well-written paper. No revision is required.

(2) Reviewer 02444860: Thank you for submitting this paper.

(3) Reviewer 00503255: This review paper is well-written provides comprehensive information regarding osteopenia of prematurity. Some points should be revised.

1. Page 2, line 28: Don't use an abbreviation in section heading. "OOP" should be changed to "OSTEOPENIA OF PREMATURITY"

This has been modified accordingly in the text.

2. Page7, line 21:"DXA" should be changed to "DEXA"

This has been modified accordingly in the text.

(4) Reviewer 02514425: The number of reference is not enough to include all scientific aspects of metabolic bone disease. I recommend the authors to include the research trend for metabolic bone disorders. This issue can provide the authors enough reference numbers.

We respectfully disagree with this statement, as we consider that a total of 56 references is more

than adequate to describe the current state in this field and also to suggest the way forward. The references that we have already cited include seminal research work, focusing on the practical implications and not merely the hypothetical ones which have no known clinical relevance. In addition, some of these references already describe in detail the current and future trends in diagnosis and management. Adding more references, which will add very little to what has already been cited, is therefore not required, in our opinion.

3 References and typesetting were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Methodology*.

Sincerely yours,



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