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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9309-revised-manuscript.docx).

Title: Bone Mass in Axial Spondyloarthritis: A Literature Review

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

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

(1) " it would be interesting to provide data for AS patients separately (at least the percentages of OP and osteopenia depicted in the studies)"

The prevalence of osteoporosis in AS was added in results section. " **In particular, the prevalence of osteoporosis and osteopenia ranged from 2.0-47.0% and 5.0-78.3%, respectively, in patients with AS.**"

(2) " please comment on the conflicting results related to bone formation and resorption markers and BMD"

"**There are conflicting results regarding the levels of bone formation and resorption markers in patients with AS and other forms of SpA.**" was added in results section.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

4 Whole text was also edited by a native speaker

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

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