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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)		BPG Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
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**COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a paper about hand bone mass using DXA in RA. It is not a systematic review. It is a narrative review. In a systematic review, one should have use more restrictive inclusion criteria (e.g. hand DXA in early RA less than 2 years) and pool the patients from the different papers to do a meta analysis after testing heterogeneity. It is not about bone mass particularly those using DXA (introduction) but exclusively (inclusion criteria). The paper is well written. However, it should be revised to include these modifications.

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This review manuscript will be suitable for publication in this Journal.

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The authors conducted a literature review assessing the hand bone mass in patients with early RA. This manuscript was well written; however this reviewer has several questions/comments that the authors may take into consideration. The following critical points are raised: Discussion: The failure of anti-TNF therapy ???. It has been reported that anti-TNF therapy can reduce inflammation of the joints in patients with RA. Why anti-TNF therapy did not have a significant effect only on hand bone mass?? The authors should explain that. The authors advocated that "different osteoclast-related mechanism ???. Which mechanism? The authors should mention it clearly. Unfortunately, abbreviations used in this manuscript are not consistent and several typing errors were seen.