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Dear Editor:

I would like to submit enclosed original article entitled “TRAIL Death Receptor-4, Decoy Receptor-1 and Decoy Receptor-2 expression on CD8+ T cells correlate with the disease severity in patients with rheumatoid arthritis” for publication in the BMC Medical Genetics journal. In this study, we explored the evidence for alterations in TRAIL/TRAIL receptor expression on peripheral T lymphocytes to reveal the molecular mechanism of RA development. We demonstrated that measurements of the level of T cell TRAIL/TRAIL receptor expression might be useful to include in the diagnostic work-up of RA patients, while the CD8+ T cell associated DR4, DcR1 and DcR2 expression profile might be more important in monitoring severity of the disease.

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I have suggested three potential referees for the reviewing of this manuscript as shown below. I am looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

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