Reviewer's report

**Title:** MicroRNA-146a expresses in interleukin-17 producing T cells in rheumatoid arthritis patients

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Major revisions.

When I read the article I found several inconsistencies.

For example in the methods they describe to have 6 PA and 6 OA patients. In the results section there appear to be 11 RA patients.

In the method section they describe that pt RA 2 en 4 have erosions on small joints, in the result they mention that the Larsen score is low, which does not seem to fit.

I do not understand the Larsen scoring that is used (table 1). Generally this is a number between 0 and 200.

Minor revisions

There are multiple typos and grammatical errors throughout the manuscript.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.