Reviewer's report

**Title:** ARG098, a novel anti-human Fas antibody, shows strong cytotoxic effects, suppresses synovial hyperplasia, and prevents cartilage destruction in rheumatoid arthritis.

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**Reviewer:** Juan D Canete

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In our opinion, the authors have made an important and successful effort in order to improve the manuscript. Provided they will modify some very strong statements still remaining in the text (see below), we believe now the manuscript is suitable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Minor changes suggested:

Abstract: "is a novel anti-rheumatoid arthritis (RA)" might be deleted.
"...ARG098 as an anti-RA agent" might be changed by "..as a therapy for RA".
"ARG098 is a novel and efficacious agent for RA treatment" might be changed by "might become a novel therapy for RA"

Conclusions: "ARG098 will be an efficacious RA therapy" might be changed by "ARG098 might be a potential RA therapy".

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I have no competing interests.