Reviewer's report

Title: Associations between proinflammatory cytokines in the synovial fluid and radiographic grading and pain-related scores in 47 consecutive patients with osteoarthritis of the knee

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The revised manuscript is much better from the scientific point of view. I am not happy with some of the stylistic changes made by the editing service, though. For instance, using the term "genetic expression" instead of "gene expression" tells me that they are not sufficiently familiar with real-life use of scientific terminology. Please go through the manuscript one last time to adjust the style so that it gets closer to the style that is generally used in medical writing.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'