Reviewer's report

**Title:** Changes in bone marrow lesions in response to weight loss in obese knee osteoarthritis patients: A prospective cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Daichi Hayashi

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Authors mostly addressed my concerns satisfactorily, except for major compulsory revision comment no.2. I have nothing more to add, but authors did not offer scientifically convincing reason not to write a paragraph about the relationship between malalignment and BML changes, including the reference that I pointed out. Authors need not perform any additional analyses... They merely need to write a short paragraph, and acknowledge the published evidence which is surely relevant to the topic of this study. If something is 'not yet fully understood', then that's what they should write in the paper, as they did in the 'response to reviewer' document. That is not a sufficient reason to ignore a published evidence.

**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 declare that I have no competing interests'