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Dear Editors,

We would like to hereby submit our manuscript entitled “Reference intervals of serum hyaluronic acid corresponding to the radiographic severity of knee osteoarthritis in women” for consideration for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. Our paper describes new insights into both the potential and limitation of serum levels of hyaluronic acid (sHA) in osteoarthritis (OA) for a clinical evaluation of knee OA individuals. We found that the reference intervals for monitoring sHA corresponding to the radiographic severity of knee OA can be established only for severe knee OA (Kellgren and Laurence (K/L) grade 4) and cannot from primary to moderate knee OA (K/L grade 1~3). As far as I now, this study would be a first report that refers to a “reference interval” for OA biomarker field.

We believe that this novel evidence would be valuable for the readers of BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

All co-authors agreed to submission of this manuscript. We would greatly appreciate your expeditious handling of this manuscript.

We appreciate your review of this manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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