Reviewer's report

**Title:** Lack of association of Matrix metalloproteinase-3 gene polymorphism with susceptibility to rheumatoid arthritis: A meta-analysis

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- Minor Essential Revisions

In this manuscript, Feng et al. described the association between MMP3 polymorphism and RA with meta-analysis. Their results are sound, and results will be useful for researchers in this field. The present manuscript is, thus, potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders, but there are several minor points that should be considered before publication.

- There are several typographical errors throughout the manuscript. (e.g. table 1 legend "meat-analysis", )
- Please check the references of the sentence page 8, results section "Of the ethnicity mong all studies, there were five in Caucasin [23,25,27,28] and one in Asian"
- The statistical results of this report is sound, however, the results need to be seen by an expert statistician.

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

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.