Reviewer's report

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Accept.

Thank you for sending me the manuscript entitled “The role of vascular endothelial growth factor in the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis: a meta-analysis”. Their findings suggested that VEGF expression levels may be strongly correlated with the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis. The text is well written, and the methodological approach is consistent with the purpose of this study. This kind of work is important and worth of publication.

- **Minor Revisions**

The included studies of this meta-analysis is very small and this can make the statistical power lower than the expected; however, a study like this can enhance the interest for this subject and it also can support new studies in this field. Therefore, I recommend this paper publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders after full-text polishing of English language.