Reviewer's report

Title: The role of vascular endothelial growth factor in the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis: a meta-analysis

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The authors have presented their work of a meta-analysis of the role VEGF plays in the pathogenesis of osteoarthritis. They have performed an extensive search of the literature for articles pertaining to this topic and shown how they arrived at their final list of articles. Other than some minor grammatical changes, I support the work presented for publication. Would recommend adding more clinical application in terms of how this information can be used for future treatment (ie, is there drug targeted therapy that could delay or halt VEGF?)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.