Reviewer's report

**Title:** The three-dimensional microanatomy of the chondro-osseous junctional region of the normal human knee joint.

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**Reviewer:** Mauro Alini

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**General**
This manuscript reports about new micro-anatomical findings at the chondro-osseous junction of human knee, showing direct communications between islands of uncalcified cartilage migrating down to lie alongside the marrow space. Although descriptive and may be more suitable for histo- or anatomical journals, it presents a more realistic view of what happen at the chondro-osseous junction, which may help in formulating new mechanisms (still to be proven) in order to explain pathological disorders of the subchondral bone region.---------------------------------------------

**Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)**

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**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)**

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**Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)**

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**What next?:** Accept without revision

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'