Reviewer’s report

Title: The discordance between clinical and radiographic knee osteoarthritis: a systematic search and summary of the literature

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The goal of this study was to review the discordance between clinical and radiographic knee osteoarthritis. I have the following comments:

Major Compulsory Revisions

- It is widely known that there is a high discordance between clinical and radiographic osteoarthritis. The rationale for such literature review must be exhaustively developed.

- The most important and interesting part of this manuscript is the discussion (the "conclusion section of the manuscript). The authors must try to develop more exhaustively the interpretation of their results.

- The authors have considered 3 factors that might potentially influence the association between clinical and radiographic knee osteoarthritis. The rationale for having restricted the analysis to these 3 factors must be developed.

- Recommendation for the future assessment between clinical and radiographic knee osteoarthritis must be provided.

Minor Essential Revisions

In our study (Bruyere et al 2002), all patients have radiographic osteoarthritis (see the error in the table 3 of the present manuscript).

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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 but I am the first author of a manuscript referenced and discussed in this review.