Reviewer's report

Title: Natural Course of Intra-Articular Shifting Bone Marrow Edema Syndrome of the Knee

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The authors report BMES migrating in different compartments of the knee joint. Some minor comments:

1. This a retrospective study of a small series of 8 patients.
2. BMES is a self limited disease. Thus only symptomatic treatment is necessary. Non-operative treatment includes analgesics and NSAID's. Core decompression has not been proved to be effective in BMES.
3. The use of iloprost is not documented. Which are the pharmacokinetics after intraarticular injection of this drug?

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.