Reviewer's report

Title: Batch correction of microarray data substantially improves the identification of genes differentially expressed in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis

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Reviewer: Sergio Grimbs

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All raised points have been answered satisfactorily. I therefore recommend the revised manuscript entitled "Batch correction of microarray data substantially improves the identification of genes differentially expressed in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Osteoarthritis" for publication.

minor point:
There seems to be a typo on page 10 ('GPower: Literatur (Uni Düsseldorf)').

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.