Reviewer’s report

Title: Ultrasound Detects Synovitis in Replaced and Other Surgically Operated Joints in Rheumatoid Arthritis Patients

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1. This study showed that measurable synovitis by MSUS exists in the area around replaced joints in patients with RA.

2. I wonder whether there were any differences between replacement sites. (Small joint - MCP and PIP vs. large joint - knee)

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