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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors investigated bone marrow mononuclear cells for joint therapy. This manuscript is valuable because the role of macrophages benefit patients.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

It is a well-written review that summarizes the current knowledge of bone marrow mononuclear cells for OA therapy. A few minor comments are listed below for further consideration. 1. Full gene nomenclatures should be provided at the first appearance instead of later. 2. It is better to detail the percentage of synovial macrophages and synovial fibroblasts if possible. 3. Some citations have formatting issues. A bibliography managing software, such as Endnote, is highly recommended. 4. Since the authors commented that ‘...it only makes sense to capitalize on the macrophage-mediated effects of BMNC to re-establish mechanisms of joint homeostasis to develop a targeted OA therapy,’ it will be beneficial to briefly comment on the reason(s) why the current/future investigation on focusing on the BMNC instead of purified macrophages and macrophage progenitors from the bone marrow, especially when considering the accumulating evidence that suggests mesenchymal stem cells post a (pro)tumorigenic risk.