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

This manuscript is interesting work about evaluating the role of MicroRNA's as biomarker for osteosarcoma; I have several concern that should be addressed before publication as fellow: - Title is can be more informative and interesting. - In abstract, methods, results, and conclusion was not appropriate; please describe with more details.

- Core tip is missing. - Please specified the limitations of this study in the last paragraph of the discussion. - please revised the conclusion to cover your findings.

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In this manuscript, Gao et al. analyzed microRNAs' prognostic function in patients with osteosarcoma by searching several databases like PubMed, EMBASE, Web of Science and so on. This article strictly followed the steps of meta-analysis. Moreover, authors conducted subgroup analyses of the relationship between miRNA expression and OS to identify potential sources of heterogeneity. Finally, authors concluded that the high expression level of miRNA had a higher risk of poor prognosis of osteosarcoma. However, there are still several points they should revise as follows: 1. This paper lacks innovation. Similar meta-analysis has been published and there is no more original and deeper analysis seen in your article. Focusing on a specific microRNA to analyze its function in patients with osteosarcoma might be better. 2. In "Materials and Methods" → "Literature Search strategy": "osteosarcoma" or "osteosarcoma tumor" and "microRNA" or "miRNA" or "miR" and "prognosis" or "prognostic" or "survival" or "outcome" should be modified to ("osteosarcoma" or "osteosarcoma tumor") and ("microRNA" or "miRNA" or "miR") and ("prognosis" or "prognostic" or "survival" or "outcome"). 3. Forest plots should be more clear and beautiful. The gray parts in forest plots should be deleted, or modify them to be more beautiful. 4. In Discussion, authors only analyzed the relationship between the expression of miRNA and the prognosis of patients with osteosarcoma in a superficial level. Which and how miRNAs affect the prognosis of patients with osteosarcoma should be further analyzed.