



## ESPS JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S REVIEW REPORT

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**Title:** Role of leptin in the progression of psoriatic, rheumatoid and osteo-arthritis

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ACADEMIC CONTENT EVALUATION	LANGUAGE QUALITY EVALUATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection

### JOURNAL EDITOR-IN-CHIEF (ASSOCIATE EDITOR) COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This review is very disorganized: 1) the authors do not follow any of the accepted strategies for a systematic review (PICO, PRISMA); whether this can be followed by a meta-analysis has to be decided by looking at the data that becomes available after the search 2) The authors have to formulate specific questions that the systematic review will answer to: as it stands it is too generic. 3) We are not shown any tables detailing the results and participants of any study 4) It is not clear whether the discussion is built upon the articles retrieved for the systematic review or not 5) the introduction deals some pathogenetic aspects of psoriatic arthritis (PsA) only, whereas the results section starts dealing with rheumatoid arthritis (RA): this is lack of consistency I suggest the authors read some literature on systematic reviews and try to improve the quality of this manuscript. The layout should be consistent: in the Introduction the authors can illustrate what leptin is, its physiological function and briefly what role it plays in Psa, RA and OA. Similarly in the result section how many articles dealt with each of these diseases as per their figure, and in the discussion follow the same order. Alternatively, discuss the order of knowledge: that is, if there is more information on leptin and RA than on leptin and PsA and OA, discuss RA first, then the other two associations in decreasing order of pathogenic knowledge