Reviewer's report

Title: Outcome and patients’ satisfaction after functional treatment of acute lateral ankle injuries at emergency departments versus family doctor offices

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This is a well designed randomised controlled trials bridging primary and secondary care.

The fact that the use of orthotics was not standardised, and that a large proportion of patients bought their own somewhat detracts from the study, and should be better highlighted

A CONSORT Statement is lacking, and is an absolute necessity

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'