Reviewer's report

Title: A randomized single blind crossover trial comparing leather and commercial wrist splints for treating chronic wrist pain in adults.

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Reviewer: Paul Helders

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Minor essential revisions:
Patient characteristics:
- please report medication(s)
- was there an exacerbation of the disease when splint was applied? Natural course of this exacerbation?
- given the wide range of disease duration, checked for differences between disease duration?

Discussion:
- Any influence of the fact that patients actually watched a custom made splint being processed, while a commercially one is taken of the shelf. Hawthorne-like effects? Could you clarify why the leather splints are superior for short term effects?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests