Reviewer’s report

Title: Night-time splinting after fasciectomy or dermo-fasciectomy for Dupuytren's contracture: a pragmatic, multi-centre, randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: Tara Packham

Reviewer’s report:

Thank you for addressing the points raised in the initial review process.

Major compulsory revisions: none

Minor essential revisions:

1. Discussion section, paragraph one - insert "composite" between active and flexion (this will better mirror the language in the abstract/introduction/methods)

2. Discussion section, paragraph 4 - this is not clear as you list strengths of the study then include a limitation. Suggest changing to "error remains low, and yet the confidence intervals..."

Discretionary revisions:

3. Discussion section, paragraph 2, final sentence - suggest moving the word "either" to immediately before the words "active flexion or extension".

4. Conclusion section - suggest changing final sentence to "should only be advocated where a loss of extension has occurred, particularly if the losses are rapid or early in the post-operative period."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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