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: Maria Kostaki

Reviewer's report:

A few more changes are suggested to be done before publishing this interesting study

Minor Essential Revisions:

- In the "Interventions" paragraph of the "Methods" section, the phrase "when and why...protocol" in the last sentence could be replaced by the "the reasons of treatment deviation from protocol"

- In the "No splint group" paragraph of the "Methods" section, in the phrase "The dates and reasons... the trial coordinator notified.", the word "was" could be added before the word "notified".

- In the same paragraph, in the last sentence, the word "but" could be deleted and the word "though" could be added before the word "given".

- In the "outcome assessment" paragraph of the "Methods" section, in the last sentence, "with" would better be replaced by "of".

- In the "Discussion" section, the phrase "We did conduct one such subgroup analysis...of the primary analysis" should be written in another way as it's meaning is not very clear.

Discretionary Revisions:

- A comma (,) should probably be added between "consented" and "further" in the phrase "The baseline clinical and demographic characteristics...the external validity of this trial", in the "Discussion" section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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.