Reviewer's report

**Title:** The TOPSHOCK study: Effectiveness of Radial Shockwave Therapy compared to Focused Shockwave Therapy for treating patellar tendinopathy. Design of a randomised controlled trial.

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**Reviewer:** Chih-Hao chang

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Minor essential revision

Concern 1:
Focused and radial shockwave will create some pain discomfort to the patients. So the energy given is dependent on the patients. But the intensity of energy will give the impact to the clinical result. But in your study, you used the universal energy to treat. This is different to the clinical practice. How do you think?

Concern 2:
The soft tissue character will influence the energy feeling. If the soft tissue is thicker, the energy transmission will decline. How do you eliminate this effect?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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