Reviewer's report

Title: Dupuytren's contracture: a retrospective database analysis to assess clinical management and costs in England

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Minor essential revisions:
1) please make clear what the initial aim of this study was. Was it only to review recent data on different treatment modalities or was it aimed to distinguish which form of treatment might be changed into other forms of therapy?

2) Otherwise the paper is well written, the methods seem appropriate and well described and the data look sound. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition and the discussion and conclusions is adequately balanced and sufficiently supported by the data.

The writing is acceptable, the references are sufficient.

3) I would like the authors to point out in the discussion that despite the big number analysed, they are describing a special population. Please comment a little more on the geographic and ethnic composition of the population investigated.

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'