Reviewer's report

Title: Radiographic knee osteoarthritis in ex-elite table tennis players

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In References authors uses three sources which are not correct presented:
1. Reference 1: ITTF has not published proceedings from the Eight ITTF Sports science congress which has been organized in Paris in 2003. The papers from the congress have been published in: Science and Racket Sports III. Contributors: A. Lees - author, J.-F. Kahn - author, I. W. Maynard - author. Publisher: Routledge. Place of Publication: New York. Publication Year: 2004. The reference should be specified! If it was not published than I suppose it is in the Abstract book of the congress!
2. Reference 2: This reference has been originally published in the proceedings of the congress in Porec 2009: Hudetz, D. (2009). The knee is biological transmission. In M. Kondri#, G. Furjan Mandi#, & G. Munivrana (Eds.), Proceedings of International Science Congress - Table tennis and the aging population (pp. 8 - 12). Zagreb: European Table Tennis Union: Croatian table tennis association: University of Zagreb, Faculty of kinesiology; Ljubljana: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Sport.

In Table 1 there is something wrong with second column. First letters are cut off.

Even though you will not have a contact with authors I still wonder why they think there is difference between shakehand and penholder style of play? Looking at the World ranking list one can see that at the top there are penholder players (Ma Lin, Wang Hao) just like shakehand players (Zhang Jike, Wang Li Chin, Timo Boll).

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.