Reviewer’s report

Title: The ANKLE TRIAL (ANKLE TReatment after Injuries of the Ankle Ligaments): is there any surplus of external support in the functional treatment of acute ankle sprain? : a randomised controlled trial

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Reviewer: Sally Lee

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I think the protocol contains all elements required to run a clinical trial, the only thing I would say is about the sample size.

Minor Essential Revisions
The alpha level has not been specified in the sample size calculation.

Discretionary Revisions
Power of 80% is slightly low, 85% or higher is recommended. Also the drop rate of clinical trials is often higher than 10%.

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