Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of taping versus semi-rigid bracing on patient outcome and satisfaction in ankle sprains: a prospective, randomized controlled trial

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The authors did respond well to all aspects and the quality of the MS improved substantially. However there are two aspects where I cannot find an adequate answer:
- Which post hoc test was used for analysis when the overall repeated measures analyses were significant? Was the alpha-level tests adjusted for multiple testing?
- How did the authors measure range of motion of the complex ankle joint exactly? Which directions did they measure? How did they make sure that the (one-dimensional?) goniometer was exactly placed at the same position after 4 and 12 weeks? How was the movement of the ankle controlled? Otherwise a wide variation in the data will result with little selectivity.

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.