Reviewer's report

Title: Short-term outcomes of extracorporeal shock wave therapy for the treatment of chronic non-calcific tendinopathy of the supraspinatus: a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial.

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This study reported the beneficial effect of low-energy shock wave therapy on NCST in a double-blined, randomized, placebo-controlled manner. This work is very interesting and this therapeutic strategy is promising. However, the number of patients is rather small. Although the authors stated the limitations of this study in the Discussion, I still encourage the authors to perform another clinical study with larger number of patients to prove the efficacity of this therapy.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None.

Minor Essential Revisions
1) The references are not always listed as it appears in the main text. e.g. Reference 42 (page 10, line 4)

Discretionary Revisions
None.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.