Reviewer's report

**Title:** The gait pattern is not impaired in subjects with external snapping hip: a comparative cross-sectional study

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**Reviewer:** David Krause

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The following statement should not be in the results sections (see AMA guidelines for reporting non-significant results) Scientific results are significant or not significant. If you want to report, this should be in the discussion section and not the results section. Inclusion of confidence intervals would be helpful. The non-significant results may be due to the power of the study. A trend suggests movement whereas the results are actually a point in time.

"However, a non-significant trend was found, indicating reduced activity of the gluteus medius muscle during the acceptance phase of walking among subjects with symptomatic external snapping hip (0.58 ± 0.19 versus 0.68 ± 0.07, p=0.115)."

In the clinical implications section, you should discuss implications based on your results not results from other studies. Other studies should be discussed in the discussion section.

Do not start a paragraph with 45%....

...external snapping hip do not have....

"This suggests that subjects with symptomatic external snapping hip does not have an impaired gait pattern."

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.