Reviewer's report

Title: The fabella syndrome - a rare cause of posterolateral knee pain. Two case reports and review of the literature.

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Reviewer: Francesco Oliva

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Major Compulsory Revisions

I suggest first English revision by a native

Background:
Please cancel or write in a more scientific way the below phrase:

It was the purpose of this study to firstly perform a standardized literature search on the current knowledge of the fabella syndrome and reported treatments and to secondly report two cases from the own population treated with this rare syndrome.

a) Literature search
A "pub med" research was performed using the term "fabella syndrome". The publications were analysed for symptoms described, therapies applied, indications for surgery and clinical results reported.

Why only pub med ? Is it a Metanalysys or what ?

The Authors need to describe the surgical procedure that they have choice for these cases. Please look at the anatomy in the posterior part of the

Cite this paper for the postero medial side:
Anatomical considerations in hamstring tendon harvesting for anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction.
Charalambous CP, Kwaees TA.

I suggest to revise the whole paper and rewrite in a more Scientific way maybe it will be useful control other case report published on BMC and try to do the same.

Please add Ref in the differential diagnosis line 367-370 as the example below:

Oliva F, Frizziero A One step open synovectomy without adjuvant therapy for diffuse pigmented villonodular synovitis of the knee in a soccer player.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests