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Answers to reviewers comments

Marco Paolini

No changes are needed

Jim Richards

1) Answer: Thank you.

2) One question will remain unanswered though. Is the effect due to the medially directed force or a proprioceptive effect? This point should be made clearly throughout.

Answer: This detail has been included in the discussions section of the revised manuscript.

Line 338-340: We expect an answer about the clinical effect of the Patellar pro brace for the treatment of PFPS. Unfortunately we cannot answer if the effect is due to the medially directed force or a proprioceptive effect.

3) I am unsure of the age band going up to 50 as this group may have other
symptoms, although the exclusion criteria try and mediate against some of these.

Answer: Indeed the exclusion criteria try and mediate against some of these.
This detail was discussed under limitations

Editorial

The email addresses of all authors have been added.

The date