Reviewer’s report

Title: The Patella Pro study--effect of a knee brace on patellofemoral pain syndrome: design of a randomized clinical trial (DRKS-ID:DRKS00003291

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1) Overall this is a good and much needed study.

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.

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

Minor Essential Revisions

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.