Reviewer’s report

Title: Type 2 diabetes is not a risk factor for the carpal tunnel syndrome

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The authors have carried out the requested modifications, which have made a marked improvement to the manuscript. However, there are still a couple of things to be corrected.

MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISION

1. The control group does not allow the authors to reach their conclusions. They may say that ‘Although type 2 diabetes was more frequently diagnosed among patients with carpal tunnel syndrome, it could not be identified as an independent risk factor.’ It was actually written in the abstract conclusions, but it is not that clear in the discussion and in the manuscript conclusion. Moreover, the title seems a bit too strong. The authors cannot extend their conclusion to the entire population so it would be better to say that ‘Type 2 diabetes seems not to be a risk factor for carpal tunnel syndrome’ or something similar.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISION

2. Details of which EMG machine was used to perform the examinations should be included and if the hand temperature was controlled.

3. Everything else was corrected.

Level of interest:
The article shows interesting findings that are important and should be shown.

Quality of written English:
Acceptable.

Statistical review:
There is no need.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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