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First the definition of injury in this paper still eludes me. It seems as if any time a participant encountered the author, then an injury was declared. Without an objective definition of injury, therefore then the paper is about encounters with the medical staff. This is not the same as an injury. If we are to discuss "injury" then we must know what number of these participants discontinued participation as a result of the trauma for which the encounter occurred.

Second, the discussion of joint dysfunction seems too esoteric and unreliable a term to use in a medical paper. While one day this may have enough reliability and validity, I do not believe that we are there yet. To try and interject this into a discussion of acute injuries at this time therefore seems to rely on more than one leap of faith. I would remove it entirely, or submit it to a journal of Chiropractory.