Reviewer's report

Title: Shoulder posture and median nerve sliding.

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General
The setting of study problem, a working hypothesis, and adopted methods were appropriate. Because a positive result was obtained, this paper is worth to accept as an original article. However, I think that the manuscript has several problems shown below.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Problem 1
It is not clear why the number of subjects is different in different measurements. One measurement is based on 8 subjects, and another is based on 4 subjects. It is necessary to increase the number of subjects.

Problem 2
The measuring parts of the movement of the nerve were different according to the arm position set in the experiment.

Problem 3
It is necessary to illustrate the measurement method because it is not easy to understand that of the arm movement range.

Problem 4
The relationship between the strain and the blood flow is discussed in the discussion chapter. However, The reference review is insufficient.

Problem 5
It is necessary to delete the description of the blood flow in the chapter of the conclusion, because the blood flow was not actually measured in this study.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None