Reviewer's report

Title: Pre-competition habits and injuries in Taekwondo athletes.

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Reviewer: Holger Schmitt

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General
The authors respond to the comments by some revisions which could improve the scientific content of the manuscript. They state that this study is a pilot study based on a retrospective design using a questionnaire not being validated. The sample size is small and they have a low response rate. This study should be considered as an introduction in a special kind of sports concerning the field of sport traumatology.

Major Compulsary Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The total sample is 28 subjects, you should not deal with percent. Is there a difference between traumatic or overuse injuries?

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined? Yes, training characteristics, competition preparation habits and injury profiles of Taekwondo athletes are studied.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work? Yes, the questionnaire is added and described.
3. Are the data sound and well controlled? The descriptive analysis is correct.
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? In this retrospective study data are analyzed in a descriptive way, based on these data the discussion is well balanced, the scientific value is caused by the limitations of the study mentioned above, low.
6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes
7. Is the writing acceptable? The writing is acceptable.

Which journal?: Appropriate or potentially appropriate for BMC Medicine: an article of importance in its field

What next?: Offer publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders after minor essential revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests: