Reviewer's report

Title: Reliability of Measures of Impairments Associated With Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome

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General

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

page 7. para 2. Authors need to describe the method of scoring the tight lateral retinacular structures.

Also linked with page 16 is an explanation as to why a non functional position was chosen for ‘Q’ angle.

Data Analysis

Can the authors provide evidence that the data were normally distributed, as this is an important assumption before calculating the confidence intervals?

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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)

Page 3; use PFP instead of PFPS. Authors should consistent in use of abbreviation.

Typographical errors

Page 10 ‘flexon’; page 14 ‘tiisue’ page 16 ‘Sutlieve et al’; page 19 ‘reflects’

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Paragraph 3 may read better if the authors convey more strongly that there are no reliability studies (rather than stating ‘measurement properties’) on hip strength testing especially in PFPS

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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