Reviewer’s report

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The authors have addressed the comments well. The only caution I would make is that they have perhaps misunderstood the properties of the WOMAC. Sample size calculations in past interventions are based on a sufficiently high score to start off with. If the score can be very low, as in this trial, than the power decreases and this needs to be considered. I also feel the lack of severity assessment is a weakness. it is relatively simple to score X-rays and bone on bone change will predictably need surgery so more consideration should be given to excluding these subjects.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'