Reviewer's report

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

I am satisfied that the authors have addressed all my comments with one exception. In the Statistical analyses section the paragraph on linear regression reads that athletic status is regressed on pain and function, as measured by the WOMAC. As athletic status is the dependent variable and dichotomous, then why has linear regression been employed?

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'