Reviewer’s report

Title: The relative timing of VMO and VL in the aetiology of anterior knee pain: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

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Reviewer: Chris Sutton

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Minor essential revisions

In the penultimate paragraph of the Results (p10), there is an uppercase rather than lower case p: at the end of the paragraph, in parenthesis it should read "p=0.16" rather than "P=0.16".

Discretionary revisions

In the second paragraph of the Results sub-section entitled "Relative onset timing of the VMO and VL", I recommend that the first set of statistics for stair descent are presented to 2 decimal places, for consistency with the presentation elsewhere.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests