Reviewer's report

Title: Reliability of ultrasound imaging in the assessment of the dorsal Lisfranc ligament

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The revised manuscript has addressed most of the points raised by the reviewers and the authors have defended other points.

The first point made by Reviewer 1 regarding details of training was not resolved. The authors state in their response that training is only secondary to the study's aims but training and development of skill are directly relevant to reliability. The terms currently used to describe the training are not that helpful e.g. “received extensive training (pg 13, para 2, line 6), especially given that they did not undertake a recognised training course.

I agree with Reviewer 1 that it would be helpful to have an idea of the extent of training the investigators received, in terms of hours, that enabled them to achieve the levels of reliability reported. If the number of hours was not recorded, an estimate would still be useful.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests