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Major Compulsory Revisions, the author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

This is a very well written article covering all the commonly used physical examination skills about the knee, which I think is very important for many practising Orthopaedics Surgeons as good reference or teaching material. Having said that, I think the content and format is more appropriate for publication in a textbook for medical students or residents, but not on a scientific journal like SMARTT. Unless the author can made a major revision to prepare it is a quality review article, to include more papers and literature review, analysing the strength and weakness of different findings cricially, so as to bring up new concepts or review from all those available physical examination skills that enhance the practice of surgeons, otherwise I do not think this article is suitable to be published in SMARTT though the article is very well written.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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