Reviewer’s report

Title: Incidence and prevalence of lower extremity tendinopathy in a Dutch general practice population: a cross sectional study.

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There are four questions.

1. I guess that there are some tendinopathy patients who did not visit clinics or hospitals. Hence, the rate of the incidence and the prevalence of lower extremity tendinopathy may be higher than those reported in the present paper. It would like to describe a comment regarding it and, if possible, it is better to estimate the real rate of the incidence and the prevalence.

2. A bursitis located at the greater trochanter in hip is one of the disorder in the locomotor system. However, is it one of the tendinopathy? Dose the trochanteric bursitis surely accompanied with the tendinopathy in the tendon of middle gluteus muscle?

3. Are there any possibilities to include acute injury for the insertional site of the tendon or the mid-portion of the tendon in the patient recorded as tendinopathy? I think that the inclusion criteria used in the present paper is insufficient for the precise diagnosis of the tendinopathy.

4. How was the BS control in DM patients? There might be some DM patients whose BS controls were good or poor. In general, it is proposed that a poor BS control in DM patients easily induces the occurrence of the tendon disorder. There might be possibility that a poor BS control correlated with the occurrence of the tendinopathy.

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