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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Reviewer: Kirchgesner T

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Topic is interesting. Manuscript is well written and easily understandable.

However there are some minor corrections to do:

1. Is tendon rupture included in tendinopathy or was it excluded? You should precise.

2. Greater trochanteric pain syndrome is a non specific term: it can be bursitis, degenerative joint disease, gluteal tendinopathy… You should precise and if it is not possible, you should mention it as a limitation.

3. You never mention medical imaging in your manuscript, why? Was diagnosis performed clinically for the 126 cases? It would be interesting to mention the percentage of tendinopathies diagnosed by clinical examination and medical imaging? For example, anterior knee pain can be jumper’s knee or bursitis which is easy to differentiate with ultrasound…

4. Even if drug-induced tendinopathy is well know (quinolones, statins, glucocorticoids…), you do not investigate drugs as a risk factor in your manuscript: you should then mention it as a limitation and update the references.

5. What was the definition of overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m2)? How about dyslipidemia? If the patient was treated with cholesterol lowering drugs and had no dyslipidemia anymore, how was it considered? Same for hypertension if treated?

6. In table 4 : in my opinion I would not mention the total as 100,1% and 99%, maybe you should round up/down numbers differently to match 100%.

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