Reviewer’s report

Title: Knee problems are common in young adults and associated with physical activity and not obesity: the findings of a cross-sectional survey in a university cohort

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Reviewer: Gustavo Almeida

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This manuscript provided a very informative and important content to the community. We are constantly looking for ways to prevent knee osteoarthritis, and characterizing the knee symptoms at early stages is one of the steps to take to collaborate with future efforts in developing prevention programs.

The manuscript is very well written but this reviewer has a comment that should be addressed:

The authors proposed to compare the characteristics between groups (knee symptoms VS none) but only reported the differences between groups for 'mental distress'. How about other characteristics such as gender, age, BMI, physical activity and physical inactivity?

I suggest that the comparison between groups should be presented in a table to make it easier on the reader to visualize those numbers. This is important information missing in the manuscript.

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