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 COMMENTS FROM REPORT: I think the authors are to be commended for addressing a topic that one would at first glance feel has been determined. Their conclusion is quite interesting and somewhat counter-intuitive, which increases its value somewhat.

My overall impression is of well-planned study which is executed effectively. Their statistical analysis is thorough and their methodology robust.

My one over-arching concern, and to the authors' credit they highlight this too, is how selective the cohort they have focused on is. Given that the study focuses almost exclusively on university students, I feel this does significantly limit how one can expand one's interpretation of the results.

REQUESTED REVISIONS: none
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS: I think the authors should highlight very clearly, perhaps even adding 'in a university cohort' to the title, the source of their study data. I feel that given the limited pool which they have studied, there is significant bias inherent in the study.

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