Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of Soft Bracing or Taping on a Lateral Ankle Sprain in a Controlled Trial: Recurrence Rates and Residual Symptoms at one year

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Reviewer: Claire Hiller

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I have no further major revisions.
Minor and discretionary revisions
1. Data collections and outcome, last paragraph suggest rewording to: self reported data were collected once in the five....'
2. Results suggest changing to use of n= eg age (n=3), ankle fracture (n=2) etc
3. Discussion paragraph 2 delete 'already' '....passive stability existed before...' 
4. Following sentence to point 3. above I am unclear about the meaning of the sentence. Can you reword?
5.0 Discussion paragraph on the CAI models. Hiller model should be either perceived or functional instability not 'chronical' instability.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests