Reviewer’s report

Title: Tendon lengthening and fascia release for healing and preventing diabetic foot ulcers: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Reviewer: Trevor D Prior

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I thank the authors for their time in re-drafting and submitting this manuscript. I feel this is now suitable for publication subject to the two Minor Essential revisions detailed below.

Minor Essential revisions:

1. The authors have provided a descriptive analysis of the papers which are not RCTs. However, this is not clear in the abstract. The results indicate that 16 papers were reviewed and is followed by the meta analysis. This suggests that 16 papers were included in the meta analysis. There should be clarity that there were only two RCTs which were used for the meta analysis and that other papers were included for descriptive analysis due to the lack of evidence available.

2. The authors have indicated in their response that they included the reference number of the papers next to the author details in the table to ease cross referencing. This did not appear to be the case in the tables that accompanied the paper.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests