Reviewer's report

Title: The effectiveness of non-surgical interventions for common plantar digital compressive neuropathy (Morton's neuroma): a systematic review and meta-analysis

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I thank the author's for responding to my previous suggestions. I believe the manuscript can be accepted for publication once some final minor revisions are made.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) There are some inconsistencies when reporting 95% CI. For example, in the Abstract it is reported as "95% CI: -29.6, -1.0" whereas later it is reported as "95% CI: -29.6 to -1.0". I prefer the latter. Please make consistent throughout.

2) Line 186: "all 27 items in the original Quality Index was used". As the items are plural I suggest changing 'was' to 'were'.

3) Line 197: I can't see where VAS has been spelled out in full yet so I think you need to do it here and then use the abbreviation moving forward.

4) Line 374: you have used a capital 'O' in OnabotulinumtoxinA yet in table 2 you use a lower case 'o'. Please determine which is correct and use consistently.

5) Discussion: please reference sentences when referring to studies. For example, when stating "One RCT showed…' please provide a reference to the RCT that you are referring to.

6) Line 418: Please clarify this sentence. I assume a word is missing somewhere. Is it meant to be 'Six of the seven included studies…'?

7) Line 494: As foot orthoses can increase stress in some tissues I feel this sentence still needs some minor rewriting. I suggest at the end of the sentence it reads something like "alter plantar pressures, muscle activity and kinetics, which can be used to reduce stress on targeted tissues with the intention of……".

8) Forest plots: At the bottom of Figure 7 can you please label 'favours pre-test' and 'favour post-post' on the appropriate side of the plots.

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