Reviewer’s report

Title: A Randomised Feasibility Trial Comparing Needle Fasciotomy with Limited Fasciectomy Treatment for Dupuytren’s Contractures.

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Reviewer: Ryan Trickett

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This is a well written and thoughtfully considered report of a feasibility trial comparing needle fasciotomy and limited fasciectomy. The design addresses previously identified problems with recruiting to such a trial and seeks to resolve these.

The manuscript is long but this is necessary to adequately describe each of the important issues identified. Overall it is well written. I have a couple of minor points:

Line 115: Does "recruitment into study" refer to just Dupytren's disease or any study?

The LF cost is described as just under £800. This could be replaced with the exact figure to align with the cost described for NF.

Otherwise I think this is an important piece of work which sets the foundation for a future large multicentre trial comparing these 2 treatments.

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No to all except non-financial competing interests. I have previously completed a UK wide survey asking for surgeons opinions about feasibility this trial which distributed by the authors. I have not been involved in any other issues relating to this feasibility trial. Not considered competing.

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