Author's response to reviews

Title: Test-retest reliability of temporal and spatial gait characteristics measured with an instrumented walkway system

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Dear dr. Hodginson,

Subject: submission of revised manuscript "test-retest reliability of temporal and spatial gait parameters measured with an instrumented walkway system"

First of all we would like to thank both reviewers for extensively reviewing our manuscript. Below we give a point-by-point description of our response to the reviewers' comments.

Reviewer 1 (dr. Morris):

Minor essential revisions:
1). We relabelled the table according to dr. Morris comments.
2). We have given a description of why these statistics were used in the methods section.
3). We included change scores with 95% CI's in the table and addressed them in the results section.
4). We have tried to improve English expression throughout the text.

Discretionary revisions:
1). We have mentioned in the discussion that additional research in patients with pathology is warranted since our study only focussed on healthy individuals.
2). Further implications for clinical practice have been included.

Reviewer 2 (dr. Nelson):
Although Dr. Nelson suggested that we may choose to ignore his commentary, we have addressed one of his comments. We replaced "parameter" for "measurement."