Reviewer's report

Title: The clinimetric qualities of patient-assessed instruments for measuring chronic ankle instability: A systematic review.

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Reviewer: Jay Hertel

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General
The authors have conducted a systematic review examining the measurement properties of self-report functional scales used in studies of patients with chronic ankle instability. Unfortunately, there aren't many studies included in the review. However, the authors do a nice job of reviewing the identified scales.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Page 8, content validity: An updated version of the FADI entitled the Foot and Ankle Ability Measure (FAAM) has been published. The sport scale remains the same, but the main scale has been reduced from 26 to 21 items following rigorous item analysis in a very large group of patients with foot, ankle, and leg pathologies. Additionally, the MICD has now been established (although not exclusively in a sample with chronic ankle instability). The following manuscript should be incorporated into the systematic review:


Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 4, 2nd paragraph: indicate what the * means next to a search term.

Page 9, responsiveness: Could the effect size of the AJFAT be calculated from the Rozzi et al article? Were means and SD reported for pre and post-scores?

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests