Author's response to reviews

Title: Determination of normal Values for dynamic navicular Drop - a new Model correcting for Foot Length and Gender

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Aalborg, 14 April 2009

Dear Editorial board, Mr. Leardini and Mr. Mathieson

Re.: Coverletter giving point-by-point response to the concerns by Mr. Mathieson.

The submitted manuscript entitled ”Determination of normal values for navicular drop during walking: a new model correcting for foot length and gender” to Journal of Foot and Ankle Research was reviewed by the editorial team, Mr. Leardini and Mr. Mathieson. Mr. Leardini accepted the script. Mr. Mathieson and the editorial team requested some minor changes. We have revised the manuscript and added a point-by-point response to the comments by Mr. Mathieson and the editorial team. You will find this on the following pages. We hope that all comments are answered satisfactory.

We look forward to hearing from you in due cause.

Yours faithfully

Rasmus G. Nielsen; Michael S. Rathleff; Ole Simonsen; and Henning Langberg.
Point-by-point response to the concerns by Mr. Mathieson

Paragraph 2: last sentence: '...In his opinion one drawback of several studies is A FAILURE TO control for confounding variables.'

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected.

Paragraph 4: sentence 1: 'Static navicular drop had been a RELATIVELY poor....'

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected

Paragraph 1: 95% CI's now included but seems to still be referred to as 97.5% CI.

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected to: “95% of the population had an ND less than 8.7mm and greater than 1.7mm.”

Paragraph 2: final sentence: ‘For women the increase in ND PER cm...’

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected

All the dots after the measurement units interrupt the flow of the paragraph. I suggest leaving out the dots after the units.

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected
Point-by-point response to the concerns by the editorial team

TITLE
-please change the title to ?Determination of normal values for navicular drop during walking: a new model correcting for foot length and gender? . This will need to be changed in both the online submission pages and the manuscript itself

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected as suggested.

ABSTRACT
-please replace semi-colon after longitudinal arch with a comma
-please spell out body mass index (BMI) the first time it is used, and then use BMI thereafter
-please replace Video sequence analysis with Video Sequence Analysis

AUTHORS RESPONSE: All corrected as suggested.

MAIN MANUSCRIPT
-referencing: please replace semi-colons with commas, ie: [1, 2], not [1;2]
-page 3: please connect last paragraph to previous paragraph
-page 4: please replace ?Subjects? subheading with ?Participants? and use participants throughout the manuscript
-page 5: replace commas with decimal points, ie: 13.5mm not 13,5mm
-remove ?table 1 about here?, ?picture 1 about here?, etc
-page 5: replace (a), (b), (c) with (i), (ii), (iii)
-page 5: please remove carriage return between first and second sentences
-page 5: please add manufacturer?s details for Basler Scout, ie: digital video camera (Basler Scout; Basler AG, Ahrensburg, Germany)
-page 5: replace ?lense? with lens
-page 6: please remove capital P from ?Product? and capital R from ?Rank?
-page 6: please add the following after SPSS (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA)
-page 7: please remove full stop after men in second sentence
-page 7: please remove full stop after 0.40mm and 0.31mm.
-page 7, paragraph 2: replace pr. with per
-page 7, paragraph 3: remove capitals from Product Moment Correlation
-page 7, paragraph 3: spell out Figure 1 and Figure 2
-page 8, paragraph 2: remove full stops after 23cm, 69.mm, 30.5cm, 3mm and 2.8mm
-page 9: please use 2-D consistently
-page 9: replace ?sagitele? with ?sagittal?

AUTHORS RESPONSE: All corrected as suggested.

REFERENCES
-please abbreviate reference 27 to J Athlet Train
-delete (Bristol, Avon) from reference 36
AUTHORS RESPONSE: Both corrected as suggested.

TABLES

-Table 1: replace ?subjects? with ?participants?
-Table 2: change table caption to ?Men navicular drop (ND) in men and women?
-Table 3: change table caption to ?Correlations (Pearson’s r and p-value) between navicular drop (ND) and body mass index (BMI), age and foot length?
-Table 4: change table caption to ?The influence of foot length on navicular drop (ND)?
-Tables 1 to 4: remove all vertical lines
-Table 3: delete ?correlationcoefficient (p-value)? from under women and men
-Table 4: replace capital P with lower case italic p

AUTHORS RESPONSE: All corrected as suggested except ”Table 2: change table caption to ?Men navicular drop (ND) in men and women?”. We changed this to ”Mean navicular drop (ND) in men and women”

FIGURES

-Figures 1 and 2: remove commas from vertical and horizontal axes and replace with decimal points, and replace ?subjects? with ?participants?

AUTHORS RESPONSE: All corrected as suggested.

-Remove figure captions and place them after the table captions. You will also need to crop the figures to the size you would like them to be reproduced in the manuscript

AUTHORS RESPONSE: We have tried to crop and format the figures according to the guidelines suggested on Journal of Foot and Ankle Research webpage.

ADDITIONAL FILE

-please delete this, make it Figure 1 within the manuscript, refer to it under ?procedures?, and renumber other figures accordingly. You will also need to crop it to the size you would like it to be reproduced in the manuscript

AUTHORS RESPONSE: Corrected as suggested. We have tried to crop and format the figures according to the guidelines suggested on Journal of Foot and Ankle Research webpage.