Author's response to reviews

Title: Idiopathic toe walking and Sensory Processing Dysfunction: A review of the literature.

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Author's response to reviews: see over
30/6/10

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Dear Prof Menz,

Re:  Literature Review re-submitted for consideration:  Idiopathic toe walking and Sensory Processing Dysfunction: A review of the literature.

Please find as follows, the above listed manuscript for resubmission following peer review in June, 2009.

I would like to address minor essential changes that were requested by reviewers:

Reviewer 1:
1. Minor essential Revisions
   - p6: para 1…..: gender inclusive language has been used – see manuscript
   - Table 2: please add a column…..: Table 2 has been reformatted. Reference has been made on page 7 and cross-referencing has been rectified.
   - p7: please add dates…..: Date of search has been included

2. Discretionary Revisions
   - Suggest table 1 conditions…..: This amendments has been made to improve readability
   - Suggest having a re-read for language clarity…. Improved clarity between ITW and toe walking has been made within the manuscript. Tracked changes have been used to allow reviewers to identify these changes.

Reviewer 2:
1. Minor Essential Revisions
   Background
   - Reference #3… Reference has been corrected. Only one general population incidence data is available. Tracked changes show amendment
   - It is unclear what a “contemporary”… The authors have changed the terminology within the manuscript to reflect published text. Further clarification has also been included within the manuscript p6, Line 1.

   Method
   - Was the language of the publication… Language ambiguity has been corrected within the manuscript p7, para 2.
   - Please clarify the “present”…. Search dates have been included – p7

   Results
   - The issue of how sensory processing… There is currently no one method of diagnosing sensory processing dysfunction. SPD has only recently been considered as a diagnosis to be included within the DSM V and it is advocated that the Sensory Integration and Praxis Test will be the “Gold Standard”. This test was available at time of publication. Screens and tests that are used with children need to be age and stage specific.
Clarification within the manuscript of the test choice limitations within the study and why it was inappropriate as a test with this demographic has been more clearly identified.  

- **Should “less-educated” be reported** – Language changes has been made within the manuscript reflecting the translated article more appropriately p10 para 1

- **The descriptive text of Kranowitz**. – The authors agree and have amended the manuscript to include a short discussion section inclusive of anecdotal references. Tracked changed p11/12

**Conclusion**

- **Could be split into a “discussion”** – manuscript changes have been made. Tracked changes p12/13

**Table 1**

- **Hereditary motor [and] sensory...** has been combined with CMT within the table

**Table 2**

- **Format could be improved for readability...** Minor changes to columns have been made. It is the author’s opinion to identify the groups of studies will aid further researchers in accessing appropriate literature

**Syntax**

- **Be consistent with data being the plural...** Grammar changes have been made with the article. Tracked changes have been made.

Each author listed on the manuscript has seen and approved the re-submission of this version of the manuscript and takes full responsibility for the manuscript.

Kind Regards,

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