Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Joshua Burns

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This resubmission has improved considerably. I have no Major Compulsory Revisions.

Minor Essential Revisions

Background
• Reference #3 does not provide incidence data. Original source should be cited.
• It is unclear what a ‘contemporary text’ is? Do the authors mean recent, published? Please clarify.

Method
• Was language of the publications restricted? Or were only English, Japanese, French and German available?
• Please clarify the ‘present’ search date for each database so, in the future, we know how recent the search was performed.

Results:
• The issue of how sensory processing dysfunction is measured, raised in regards to Shulman et al, needs expansion and clarification. What are the best outcome measures of sensory processing dysfunction?
• Should ‘less-educated’ be reported in terms of ‘Socio-economic status’? If not, perhaps report how it was measured?
• The descriptive text of Kranowitz should probably be moved to a discussion as it was not identified in the ‘search’ so is not ‘results’. This also applies to the ‘anecdotal references’ in the following paragraph.

Conclusion:
• Could be split into a ‘discussion’ section incorporating the above anecdotal reports and a section on specific future research direction.

Table 1.
• Hereditary motor [and] sensory neuropathy type 1A is Charcot-Marie-Tooth [disease]

Table 2:
• Format could be improved for readability – think about a summary of findings table or just refer to citations in reference section.

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Syntax
• Be consistent with data being the plural of datum, and should be used with a plural verb e.g. ‘data were’ rather than ‘data was’

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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