Reviewer's report

Title: Assessment of foot and ankle muscle strength using hand held dynamometry in patients with established rheumatoid arthritis: a case-control study

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Reviewer: Anita Williams

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This is a novel approach to assessing the RA foot and I am sure this will provide the foundation for further research and have impact on the clinical assessment of the foot.

Your research is well justified and the results are presented appropriately and clearly.

The discussion is succinct and covers limitations and recommendations.

This is a well written paper that, in my view can be accepted without revision.

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'