Reviewer's report

Title: Dermatology within the UK podiatric literature: a content analysis (1989-2010)

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This is an excellent, well written, well referenced and thorough paper. While the work has been carried out in the UK, the findings are relevant to podiatrists globally, providing an important historic analysis and understanding of where this important topic is currently.

There are no major or minor compulsory revisions. I have pointed out a very few possible minor typographical/word changes, but all should be considered discretionary. These are as follows:

Top of p. 4: The word "providing" is used twice in the same sentence. The authors could an alternative word for the first use of "providing" - perhaps using the word "covering" instead.

P7 - Heading "Results": Here, the authors could consider the word "Findings as an alternative heading her.

P7: Use of "5". The authors could consider writing this as "five" in line with conventions used in other areas of the paper.

P10: "4" and "8" Ditto

P13: "...physicians were providings the majority of dermatological lectures". Here, the authors could consider specifying whether this is across any discipline or within podiatry events to aid the reader.

P17: The Reference list and "Legends to Figures" heading may have exchanged places here.

Level of interest: An exceptional article

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.