Author's response to reviews

Title: Comparison of gait biomechanics in flip-flops differ from sandals, barefoot and shoe

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We appreciate the additional comments from to the editor and the reviewer 1.

Editors:
Please consider changing your title from a question to a statement, for example, to 'Comparison of gait biomechanics in sandals, barefoot and shoe conditions'. Please make sure that your title is altered both within the manuscript and the online system.

We have changed the title to “Comparison of gait biomechanics in flip-flops differ from sandals, barefoot and shoes”.

Please also ensure that your revised manuscript conforms to the journal style (http://www.jfootankleres.com/info/instructions/). It is important that your files are correctly formatted.

We have added the Abbreviations (Lines 381-385), Competing interests ((Lines 386-387) and Authors’ contributions (Lines 388-392) according to the journal’s requirements.

Reviewer’s report
Title: Does gait biomechanics in flip-flops differ from sandals, barefoot and shoes?
Version: 3 Date: 30 September 2013
Reviewer: Wendi Weimar

Reviewer’s report:
The authors have done an admirable job in addressing the concerns of this reviewer.

Than you.

Minor Essential Revisions -
Line 326-333 – I think you are over reaching in your implications to emg. Since you did not collect emg and there is a lack of consensus in the emg findings of papers.

Thank you for your comment. Our discussions were based on the significant findings of the moment of the ankle dorsiflexors and the ankle plantarflexion ROM in early stance between the open-toe footwear/barefoot and shoe conditions. We agreed with your comment on implications of EMG. Therefore, we have modified the sentence to: “Furthermore, the reduction in net dorsiflexion moment found in open-toe footwear, especially flip-flops, may suggest decreased muscle activity of ankle dorsiflexors in early stance.” (Lines 330-332)

Discretionary Revisions -
Line 233-235 – consider changing this sentence to something like: is a relatively new area of research and therefore...
We have changed the sentence to: “... the research on flip-flops and open-toe sandals is a relatively new area and therefore there was ...” (Lines 233 – 234)

Line 241- consider changing shoe to footwear

The suggested change was made. (Line 242)

Line 288- consider deleting the words “in the literature”

The words were removed. (Line 288)