Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of the accuracy of shoe fitting in older people using three-dimensional foot scanning

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Reviewer: Wesley Vernon

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The work presented in this paper is important. Footwear considerations are appropriately gaining a higher profile in importance in clinical practice and the paper fills a useful gap in understanding the association between shoe fitting and foot health. The question posed by the author is clear and the paper is well written. Methods are appropriate and described in adequate detail while the conclusions clearly link to the data presented.

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached): From my perspective there are no major compulsory revisions required

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct): From my perspective there are no minor essential compulsory revisions required

Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore): I have made a small number of comments/suggestions which I would like the authors consider prior to publication (see attached manuscript).

I am not a statistician and would therefore recommend that a statistician checks through the statistical aspects of the paper prior to acceptance

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'