Reviewer’s report

Title: Relationship between lower-extremity defects and body mass among Polish children: A cross-sectional study.

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Reviewer: Angela Evans

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Thank you for again improving this manuscript.

It is far better and a far more worthy contribution to the literature, and I hope to public health in Poland.

Two things to change please:

- page 14, line 4: add ref 34 alongside ref 39

- page 16, lines 110-12: amend to: "...age groups confirmed the association. Evans [34, 39] in two studies, did not confirm association, using different method (the Foot Posture Index) in a groups of 140. and then 728 Australian children as well as a study by Gijon-Nogueron..."

I really hope that you do look at the implications of this study and recommend review of practices in Poland.

Why screen at all? ie what is the benefit vs the cost?

Why screen using old invalid methods?

Please feel free to contact me should you decide to progress this further. It is important for healthcare systems to use resources wisely, rather than habitually.

Good luck!

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