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Title: Preoperative radiographic and clinical factors associated with postoperative floating of the lesser toes after resection arthroplasty for rheumatoid forefoot deformity

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Editor Comments:

1) Please remove the keywords section from the title page.

We removed the keywords section.

2) Please remove the section “Level of evidence” from after the abstract.

We removed the section “Level of evidence” from after the abstract.

3) At this stage, please upload a single final, clean version of the manuscript (including all relevant tables/figures) that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Following the suggestion, single and clean version of our manuscript was uploaded.

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Reviewer reports:
Kade L Paterson, PhD, BPod, BAppSci(Hons) (Reviewer 2): Thank you for the latest revision of this manuscript, the authors have done a great job responding to all the previous comments. I have a couple of small points outlined below and, if completed to the satisfaction of the editor, am happy for the paper to be accepted without further review:

Title

My apologies, I know I suggested the change in the title in the previous review, but it is now very long. How about something like: "Preoperative radiographic and clinical factors associated with postoperative floating of the lesser toes after resection arthroplasty for rheumatoid forefoot deformity"

Thank you for your great suggestion for our title. We changed the title as your suggestion.

Tables

In the title of each table, please indicate what the values are. For example:

* Table 1: add "Values are mean (SD) unless otherwise indicated" to title, and "Mean (SD)" to top row under each column title. See egs in other articles in the journal. And any data that is not mean and SD indicate what data it is (eg "Female, n(%)")

* Table 2. As above - "Data are presented as number (%)" Put the number and % data in the same column as you have in Table 1, add percentage for non-floating

* Table 3. As above

* Table 4 - as above, although these look like mean and range

* Table 5 - as above

We modified all tables as reviewer’s suggestions.