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RE: Manuscript 1158426290128430: The associations of leg lean mass with foot pain, posture and function in the Framingham Foot Study

Dear editorial team:

Thank you for reviewing the revised version of the above referenced manuscript, and for your decision to proceed to publication following your suggested amendment. We have made the following changes to the manuscript as requested:

- Page 13, Discussion: For the sentence "These findings suggest that low muscle mass may be contributing factor to high arch foot posture in the general community of older adults", please change the word 'contributing' to 'association' as the word 'contributing' may infer a prospective cohort study design when your study is cross sectional

- End of page 13: "DXA lean mass is, however, unable to assess specific muscles in the leg, thus we are unable to determine if it is an imbalance in antagonist pairs, rather than general decreased muscle mass, which contributed to pes cavus in our study population". Please change the word 'contributing' to 'association'

Please contact me if any additional information concerning the manuscript is required. We thank you for accepting our manuscript and look forward to seeing it in print!

Sincerely yours,

Robert R. McLean, DSc, MPH