Reviewer's report

Title: Pedobarographic and kinematic analysis in the functional evaluation of two post-operative forefoot offloading shoes

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I thank the authors for their re-submission with amendments. However, I feel there are still a certain number of minor actors which are not adequately addressed to warrant progression to acceptance. This includes the following;

Minor revisions;

1) I think the authors need to make a clearer justification of what this study adds to the literature and why studying a healthy female cohort is likely to assist in understanding how FOS work? The authors have advised the reviewers that this is the profile of patients they see in their practice, but this is not clear in the manuscript and I am still of the opinion that studying an intervention designed for people with a certain pathology on a healthy cohort offers little insight into what will occur in those with a pathology and this needs to be given more attention.

2) Now the authors have reverted to a non-corrected analysis and presentation of data. I.e no alpha correction for multiple testing. This needs to be acknowledged as a major limitation based on the study power and number of statistical tests performed.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

None