Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence, impact and care of foot problems in people with rheumatoid arthritis: results from a cross-sectional survey

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This is a well written and presented paper that provides significantly important results in respect of determining the prevalence/nature of foot problems and the types of interventions most commonly received by people within an RA population. I wonder if the authors would kindly consider the following points?

Page 3, line 61 - typo - difference in font size within the sentence.

Is it possible to provide a copy of the survey questions as an additional file to which readers can directly refer? Page 6, line 130.

Can clarification be provided as to what "foot care" (as in Accessed Foot Care - AFC) means at the point at which it is first mentioned - to clarify from the outset that "foot care" covers podiatry management, use of foot orthoses as provided by any AHP and Orthopaedic interventions. Page 7, Line 172

Page 4 - Barriers to the access of foot health services have recently been highlighted and discussed within Graham et 2017: Journal of Foot and Ankle Research (2017) 10:12, in the context of barriers to foot health education for people with RA. This was a UK wide survey of 543 patients that found that out of the total sample surveyed only 40% (n=217) received podiatry care out of which only 162 received NHS podiatry. Issues that may relate to this poor access were also discussed such as the fact that 62% of participants had never been asked about their foot health during consultations with AHP’s (other than podiatrists) although it is appreciated that this was a self-selecting sample that completed an online not postal survey.

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