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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Reviewer: Gavin Wylie

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This is a well written paper, and my comments are quite minimal. However, before it is acceptable for publication the following points need addressed and clarified.

1. I am, perhaps missing something, but in the background the authors say that hospital based studies cannot be extrapolated to the general RA population, and yet, the present study used a sample of RA patients from a hospital. Is the difference between this and previous studies that the present study participants are in receipt of podiatry in primary care? I think this is important, and needs clarification.

2. Please check the second sentence in background section of the abstract (Guidelines recommend….) - it reads like there is a word missing.

3. Page 4, line 80:"….their findings cannot be extrapolated to the general RA population." An explanation as to why this is the case would be good here.

4. Page 4, line 87: "….based on previous qualitative work". This sentence needs a reference.

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