Reviewer’s report

Title: Experience of finding footwear and factors contributing to footwear choice in people with gout: a mixed methods study using a web-based survey

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Reviewer: Anita Williams

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for this research and paper. It adds significantly to the body of knowledge in this area. It is a well designed study and the paper clearly describes the rationale, the method, findings and debates the significance of the findings alongside existing evidence from other areas. The paper is well written and referenced.

There are a couple of minor revisions -

Line 143 - change to The method included the collection of both quantitative and qualitative data.

Line 196 - for the analysis of the qualitative data, how was this done? Did you use a framework for example, constant comparative as per Braun and Clarke.

In the discussion it is worth mentioning about the response rate being 58% male and how this reflects against the known gender distribution of gout. Also, footwear is often seen as less of an issue with males due to the design features of the footwear so clearly the reports of issues related to gout are all the more significant.

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