Reviewer’s report

Title: WORK PARTICIPATION, MOBILITY AND FOOT SYMPTOMS IN PEOPLE WITH SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS: FINDINGS OF A UK NATIONAL SURVEY

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Reviewer: Kate Carter

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this study on work disability among people with SLE. The clinical implications described in the manuscript highlight the importance of this research and future work towards identifying those at risk of future work disability, as well as helping those at work suffering with foot joint pain, stiffness and hard skin.

I have a few minor comments for the authors to consider. The study aim could be more consistently stated. Page 3 lines 58-60 state the aim is to explore the prevalence, but the objective and focus of analysis on page 2 lines 4-6 and page 2 lines 20-21 state the aim is to investigate associations.

Although the word mobility is used on page 2 line 6 and page 3 lines 47-52, walking disability or poor mobility makes more sense.

Page 4 line 31, possibly remove that data was collected about footwear as no results were provided on footwear.

Page 5 line 15 a definition of work non-participation is provided, but on page 7 line 22 the term non-work participation is used, which I found a bit confusing.

Page 7 lines 16-17 could be made clearer 'higher prevalence of a range of foot problems', do you mean a greater number or a wider range? Likewise, page 8 line 34 'a number of foot symptoms', is that relating to foot swelling and foot ulceration?

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