Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors associated with type of footwear worn inside the house: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Annette Davis

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Thank you for the submission of your manuscript for review.

Whilst there is a need for more research in the area of footwear and foot health, unfortunately, your manuscript does not provide any new or novel information that would add to the research body of knowledge in this area.

There are some quirky socio-economic and footwear relationships drawn that appear somewhat scatter-gun and are of limited meaningfulness. ie. Moccasins related to depression. If these claims are relevant to footwear choice, how are they relevant and how do they relate to clinical implications and recommendations for health practitioners?

The manuscript lacks focus and robustness and would benefit from a re-write with a clearer direction as I am unsure of what the clinical recommendations or policy implications are from the results. The manuscript appears to have too much content that is not sufficiently linked.

Was the footwear most often worn the previous year the same ones worn at the time of fall? Were participants asked why they chose this footwear?

Compliance with footwear recommendations for patients who have foot ulcers or who have had falls is a big issues for health practitioners so should not have come as a surprise to the authors. A review of footwear literature and related issues would be beneficial for a re-write of this manuscript.

Readability was also difficult due to the use of many double-negatives through out the manuscript.

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