Reviewer’s report

Title: Effectiveness of therapeutic footwear for children: A systematic review

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Reviewer: Helen Banwell

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The authors have addressed my previous comments well. A few minor concerns with some adjustments are noted below.

Line 1060 - The number 13 needs to be spelled out as it is at the beginning of a sentence.
Line 1063 - additional requires capitalisation to be consistent with previous uses.
Line 1128 - why is participants in quotation marks?

The discussion section has much improved with the reduction in length. The first section though is still focused on data management and results. For example, Sentences beginning line 1263 and ending 1271 should be in early results. Lines 1271 to 1282 could then be summarised as 'Study quality was negatively affected in most studies by the reporting strategy, with a lack of descriptions of basic participant anthropometrics and inadequate blinding of participants and assessors impacting generalisability, internal and external validity'. the sentence starting line 1283 could be removed completely. Otherwise it reads well.

Table 1 - change 'sex' for 'gender'
Table 3, 4 & 5 - I am unsure why you are describing the statistical analysis in the final column. This is not normally required for a SR and adds bulk to an already bulked result section. Bolding or indicating statistically significant results with an * should be sufficient.

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