**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Symptomatic pes planus in children: a synthesis of allied health professional practices.

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**Reviewer:** Daniel López López

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After carefully reading this manuscript, I must say that, from my point of view, the authors have done research on an important topic: Assessment and management of symptomatic pes planus in children and synthesis of allied health professional practices. This could be interesting to industrial laboratories, government research centers, universities, private research organizations, and independent scientists, that frequently work in this area.

It could give them a wider concept about and helps advance recognition of the input of different health professionals into the management of this condition, and helps inform the need for further multi-professional work in this area.

This is an interesting aim with the evaluation of the planus foot scope. I have considered the quality of the manuscript redaction and presentation, the quality of the research methodology, the novelty and importance of the observations, and the appropriateness for the Journal's readers (according with the Journal's name) and I think that this manuscript joins adequate conditions to be accepted for publication in Journal Foot and Ankle Research.

I have no real problems with the text of this paper, only some suggestions that are mentioned below. It appears as if the authors have done the study well and have answered an interesting clinical question with their work.

Also, there are a minor concerns with the manuscript that require attention prior to publication. These will be discussed below relative to the sections of the manuscript.

**TITLE**

The title of this manuscript are a little long. Perhaps a more concise version for clarity, interes and ease of read.
INTRODUCTION

I suggest that background should be improved, with more details about the importance the quality of life in the planus foot.

It is indeed important paper but it lacks several critical references, in which it was presented related with this condition, and it should be emphasized in the INTRODUCTION or Discussion of the authors' paper. More info in The impact of foot arch height on quality of life in 6-12 year olds https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=ana+requeijo+constenla and Foot Arch Height and Quality of Life in Adults: A Strobe Observational Study https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=gonzalo+barros+garcia

METHODS

If some statement has been taken into account, the Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) criteria should be cited.

Likewise more detail about information calculate sample size and data should be provided. Also, please need include the data and record code and all information related with the ethics committee and explain aspects ethics and legal requirement about this research.

RESULTS

The results is clear and concise with appropriate statistical analysis been performed appropriately and rigorously.

DISCUSSION

The discussion is adequate and considers the wide available body of literature on either about this topic.

CONCLUSIONS

Novel and interesting study.

FIGURES AND TABLES:
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