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Editor

Your manuscript "Three-dimensional foot shape analysis in children: a pilot analysis using three-dimensional shape descriptors" (JFAR-D-19-00168R1) has been assessed by our reviewers. Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in Journal of Foot and Ankle Research, once you have carried out some essential revisions suggested by our reviewers.

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The due date for submitting the revised version of your article is 31 Jan 2020.

We look forward to receiving your revised manuscript soon.

[Reply] We appreciate the helpful and constructive feedback and thank-you for giving us the opportunity to submit another revised version. Below we provide a point-by-point reply to each and every comment. After addressing the reviewers’ comments and incorporating some changes into the manuscript, we highlighted (yellow) the changes to the original submission.

As a consequence of the thorough review process, we hope that the paper is now in an acceptable form for publication in the Journal of Foot and Ankle Research. We remain open to any further feedback and suggestions to improve the paper.

Reviewer #1
I am happy with the authors’ responses.

However, there are still several referencing errors that need to be corrected.

[Reply] Thank you for identifying these errors, we corrected them.

Reviewer #2
Thank you for your resubmission. As this is a pilot study, I feel you have shown the area discussed appropriately, with the larger study to obviously have more clinical and research interest. I look forward to seeing the final results.

[Reply] Thank you for the evaluation of our manuscript. We are happy you appreciate the idea and implementation of the study.
Associate Editor:

Please check the use of referencing and format of references.

For example, reference 10 - imaging however this article is not related to imaging but instead filming.

Reference 12 - this paper talks about referenced work however its reference use implies frequency of use by clinicians, which is unknown.

[Reply] Thank you for identifying these errors, we corrected them and highlighted the changes in the text.