Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of textured insoles on quiet standing balance in four stance types with and without vision

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REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: I'm not sure this study contributes much to the literature. Similar results have been found and documented already. Also, the findings are derived from a young, healthy population, so there is little clinical relevance in terms of application to patient populations. I also think the authors have made some leaps in the discussion from their actual findings to statements about injury prevention. Finally, while postural sway is certainly an impairment-based measure of balance, it is not a substitute for a functional balance measure, which would have more clinical importance.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
Table 2 in particular is very busy and cumbersome to read in its current format. The interpretation is a bit of a stretch based on the study design and findings. The link between reduced A-P sway, improved balance, and reducing injury is mentioned in the conclusion, but seems beyond the scope of the work.

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