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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"REVISION ASSESSMENT FROM THE ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWER:

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Reviewer comments: They have barely made any changes to the manuscript, that I can see, in response to comments from either reviewer. They have merely provided a rationale for their initial approach.

For example, they argue that Table 2, despite being cumbersome, includes critical data that must all be included. However, the final column of p values shows that nearly every item was <0.001. So this is essentially redundant, and the entire column could be eliminated. Instead, a brief note could indicate "all p-values <0.001 except those noted with an asterisk" or something along those lines. It seems they argued the point rather than actually reflecting and considering how the table could be more concise, or how the formatting could be improved to communicate the findings more clearly.

Another example - I believe they should specifically state that using healthy young adults is a study limitation and their findings may not apply to older adults or clinical populations. They've provided rationale for using this population in their response to reviewers, but have not addressed formally in the paper. It only requires 1-2 sentences, but is important to include."

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