

Reviewer's report

Title: The paediatric flat foot proforma (p-FFP): improved and abridged following reliability analysis.

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Reviewer: Meredith Wilkinson

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The revised and rewritten manuscript is much clearer and therefore will provide useful and practical information to others.

I have only a few comments/thoughts remaining.

Page 4 second paragraph.

Suggested change to the first sentence.

The initial FFP offered a structured checklist approach to identify significant clinical findings.....

Page 5 Method.

It remains unclear how joints and tender areas were assessed (as mentioned in the Background section 2nd paragraph page 4). The method only details those features which are observed weightbearing and during gait. Joints and tender areas are primarily examined non weightbearing.

Page 8. Discussion

Is it also worthy to note that the most reliable features are weightbearing?

Page 13 Table 1.

Perhaps it is more appropriate that those with statistical expertise comment on some of the ICC's in Table 1. However, I do not understand the inclusion of factors such as, Right foot RCSP 0.19 (-0.35-0.56).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.