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I support this research being performed to get a better understanding of the utilized friction of pedestrians getting into and out of bathtubs and to further add to the body of research on utilized friction. It is my understanding that there will be a relatively small sample size of bathtubs used in the study, so it would be great to have bath tubs with side walls of different heights to better understand if that has any effect on utilized friction (i.e., some bathtubs are relatively shallow whereas others can be deep/soaker style). I believe this research is important to better assist with the development of standards for the coefficient of friction of bathtub surfaces with the ultimate goal of minimize the risk of people slipping, especially because users getting into/out of bathtubs are already at an increased risk of a balance loss (i.e., having bare wet feet, adopting a unilateral stance that narrows the base of support and/or balancing on a single foot while stepping over the side wall, and so forth).

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