Reviewer's report

Title: The attitudes, beliefs and behaviours of GPs regarding exercise for chronic knee pain: a systematic review

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This systematic review analyses attitudes and behaviours of GPs regarding exercises for chronic knee pain or knee OA. The subject is worthy of investigation, the manuscript is well written and easy to read, and the methods used follow the recommandations in this field.

The main limitation is stated by authors themselves: the paucity of litterature directly examining attitudes of GPs and the poor methodological quality of published studies strongly limit the conclusions that can be drawn and the interest of the message for the reader.

This is a general problem of systematic reviews, even with high quality standards, examining a field where the litterature is poor and heterogenous. These reviews usually come to the same conclusion that reliable evidences are difficult to extract from the systematic search on the topic because of the paucity and low quality of published articles and that further studies with high quality standards are needed in this field

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests