Reviewer's report

Title: Long-term effectiveness and costs of a brief self-management intervention in women with pregnancy-related low back pain after delivery

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The manuscript is improved, but I have still some comments.
1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
I have no further comments. The question posed is interesting.
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
There is still some informations in brackets and that should be included in the sentences. The authors have added information about how the measurements are connected to ICF. There is a lot of discussion according the ICF and I have still difficulties to understand the last part in the added text about ICF on page 9, the 8 first lines. For me it is not so clear to put in the Beck Disability Inventory (BDI) and the other test followed under contextual factors. That must at least be discussed in the discussion.
3. Are the data sound?
I still find the first parts about "Recruitment" and "Description of the study population" are not a result.
The Tables should be clarified. All abbreviations should be explained. In some tables they are in some not.
I can not find the GPE results in Table 3; Primary outcomes. In Table 2 nothing is written about Primary outcomes or Secondary outcomes.
The abbreviations EI and UC can be taken away.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
See comments above

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
   English is not my native language.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.