Reviewer's report

Title: Occupational therapy and return to work: a literature review

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I will restate my point from my earlier review and apologize if I was not clear.

Given the problems defining rehabilitation interventions, as well as the difficulty with return to work outcomes, there is probably no answer to the authors’ hope to define effectiveness of Occupational Therapy Interventions by RTW. I believe that the following point adds value to the literature and perhaps cautions future authors from spending their time on similar activities: Occupational Therapy as defined by the authors has little to no role in return to work outcomes beyond functional restoration of a specific impairment. The literature review spends numerous pages restating the findings from two articles - both of which (Vanderplog and Lambeek) do not contain data that support the authors' claims of "OTI".

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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