Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluation of the effectiveness of manual chest physiotherapy techniques on quality of life at six months post exacerbation of COPD (MATREX): a randomised controlled equivalence trial

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Reviewer: Giancarlo Garuti

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Although the authors have made few changes to the structure of the article, citing various reasons more or less agree, I think with the current corrections (especially the title) is more accessible to the publication.

In my opinion, the tables are still difficult to read and, although they have inserted the citation, it would be better to refer to the drainage method more specifically.

It still an article acceptable for publication.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below