Reviewer's report

Title: Efficacy of a whole-body vibration intervention to effect exercise tolerance and functional performance of the lower limbs of people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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The aim of the study is to evaluate functional performance after WBV intervention in a community setting in stable, mild COPD patients. This could be of interest for patients who cannot participate in pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

The authors agree, that for further research, a randomized controlled trial should be conducted to test the hypothesis of WBV efficacy in COPD patients.

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.