Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence, Characteristics, and Outcomes of Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders: A Survey Among Physical Therapists in the State of Kuwait.

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The article deals with an important issue, work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The main problem, as I see it, is that data analyses is missing the explanation of how work-related musculoskeletal disorders were differed from non-work-related musculoskeletal disorders (table 3 and table 4). Moreover, I believe that such data cannot be achieved through a questionnaire. There is a possibility that this differentiation is the reason for results such as no relationship was found between physical activity and musculoskeletal disorders.

It is a pity that the psycho-social part of the questionnaire was not used. It might give the article the necessary innovation.

Concerning the objective of the study, to determine the prevalence, characteristics and outcome of WMSDs among PTs in the state of Kuwait, there is no real WMSDs outcome in the results. Such outcome would be for example functioning decline, which was not measured in this study.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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