Reviewer's report

**Title:** Nordic Walking in the treatment of chronic low back pain patients. A single blind randomized clinical trial.

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**Reviewer:** Thorsten Schiffer

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Most of my concerns are not addressed adequately. There is still no hypothesis, identifying potential mechanisms for the effects of NW on chronic back pain patients. Statements in the introduction are not proved by adequate literature. I can not find the internet reference. New references are not presented. The used exercise is not classified or controlled. Was it moderate exercise? Was it aerobic exercise? Was the failure of group-specific effects in the supervised NW group due to a lack of motivation? The references are still not in the style of the journal. References 2, 3 and 4 are listed twice (10, 12, 13). The conclusion still contains unacceptable statements ("The mean improvements…").

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.