Reviewer’s report

Title: Influence of pain location and hand dominance on scapular kinematics and EMG activities: an exploratory study

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Reviewer: Kimberly Szucs

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Thank you for thoroughly and appropriately responding to my previous comments. I am requesting some minor essential and discretionary revisions, mostly to improve the readability of the article. There are still language corrections that need to be made.

pg 4, lines 21-22: in the study by Matsuki, which extremity, the dominant or non-dominant, exhibited increased scapular upward/downward rotation? (essential)

pg 12, line 5: 'upper' spelled incorrectly (essential)

pg 13, lines 15-19: language is awkward, unclear (discretionary)

Table 2: I’m assuming the range of scapular motion is occurring over 30-120 degrees of humeral elevation but please include the humeral elevation range in the Table title. (discretionary)

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests