Reviewer's report

Title: A randomised controlled trial of preventive spinal manipulation with and without a home exercise program for patients with chronic neck pain.

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Reviewer: Paul Peloso

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Minor essential revisions
- see Tables 2, 3 and figures, where the term "VAS" is used, when it is certain that the authors mean "Pain, measured on a VAS". This should be changed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

Dr Peloso participated in the "Bone and Joint Decade 2000–2010 Task Force on Neck Pain and Its Associated Disorders" and spinal manipulation and exercise were topics of that research.