Reviewer's report

Title: The effectiveness of land based exercise compared to decompressive surgery in the management of lumbar spinal-canal stenosis: a systematic review

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Please number your comments and divide them into

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None
- Minor Essential Revisions

  • In table 2 the icons for ‘yes’ are confusing. I would prefer a tick to indicate yes as it is easier to read and complies with convention.

  • In the title page I believe it is the ‘International Centre for Allied Health Evidence’, not the ‘Internation Centre for Allied Health Evidence’,

- Discretionary Revisions
  None

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:

Yes
I have previously worked with one of the authors (KGS), and I currently hold an adjunct position at the University of South Australia (where the article originated). I currently work at a different university (James Cook University) in a different state (Queensland).