Reviewer's report

**Title:** Promoting work ability in a structured national rehabilitation program improves health related quality of life and function in patients with musculoskeletal disorders: Results from a prospective cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Gwenllian Wynne-Jones

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  None
- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. Pg 3, missing word “there was a steady increase in the amount of people sick listed in Sweden”.
  2. There are a number of small errors in the use of English and the manuscript would benefit from being read by a native English speaker to iron out these errors.
  3. Pg 5 Patients are eligible if they receive at least six treatments for a period of at least six weeks, is this due to the interventions lasting for a minimum of six weeks and therefore allowing you to include only those who completed the intervention? If so this needs to be explained here.
  4. Pg 9 Your results report that those who were full time SLDP in the previous year were more likely to report that they were not employed/self-employed. Would this not be expected based on their status as full time SLDP?
  5. Pg 9 Can you please clarify the meaning of “sick leaves in prevention”?
  6. Pg 12 The last sentence in the work ability section is a repeat of previous information, this or the previous information can be removed.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.