Reviewer's report

Title: Is undergraduate physiotherapy study a risk factor for low back pain? A prevalence study of LBP in physiotherapy students

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Advice on publication: Other (see below)

I am generally very pleased with the changes in the manuscript, and can now recommend publication.
I only have a few minor comments:

1. The authors still equate significance with statistical significance. E.g. p.16: treating patients lost it's statistical significance as a contributing factor to LBP when stratified for gender - however there are still positive findings (OR 2.1(95%CL 0.9-4.8), which some might find significant), which should not be ignored due to small numbers.

2. The authors use the term "confidence intervals", but most often the abbreviation CL is used.

3. Pg.7, line 6: All students enrolled in March 2001.... - I presume this should be by March 2001....

4. Pg.9, last paragraph: weight and height have limited potential for change in exposure over a month or a week, but is related to 12 month prevalence - how about lifetime prevalence?. How about gender? Is that subject to change? I do not disagree with the actual Table 1, but have a few problems following the argumentation (minor importance).

5. Pg. 18, line 1: Table 5 should be Table 6.

6. Pg. 21, line 5 from the bottom: A misbehaving full stop has skipped a few words: ...........in the final year. Of the program..........

Competing interests:
None declared.