Reviewer's report

Title: Strength of agreement between diagnoses reached by clinical examination and available reference standards: A prospective study of 216 patients with lumbopelvic pain and/or symptoms referred into the lower extremity

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Reviewer: Elaine Thomas

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General
The new presentation of the data has improved the article. I feel this new presentation allows the reader to get a better feel for the data.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Table 1
The table still has both the median & mean for Normally distributed data fine to give range but please remove median
It is better to give the IQR as the figures that bound the mid 50% rather than the difference between them.

Table 2
It is not clear which od the of the rows/columns are the physiotherapist and reference standard data in this new table. Please add a title for the rows and columns

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that U have no competing interests