Reviewer’s report

Title: A description of physical therapists’ knowledge in managing musculoskeletal conditions

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Reviewer: Diane U Jette

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General

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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)

1. The results section is a bit confusing on page 9. Second sentence should state "....physical therapist student participants was 26.7..." Similarly, third sentence "ninety-two percent of student participants ..."

2. The term used throughout should be "physical therapist student" rather than "physical therapy student."

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. The sample size estimation as stated on page 6 makes it sound as if the unit of analysis was schools. The analyses were at the student level. So, did you calculate the sample size based on knowledge of the class size of the programs? A clarification is needed.

2. Tables: recommend putting the parenthetic "(overall score>.731)" as a footnote. I was confused by what it meant placed in table.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.