Reviewer's report

Title: How good is inspection of movement control tests of the lumbar spine? A reliability study

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This manuscript provides data on the reliability of the inspection of movement control tests of the lumbar spine. This study is well performed and provides the reader scientific as well as clinical relevant new information. Therefore I would like to advise to accept this paper.

Minor comments:

P2
background section: diagnosis is not always done by physiotherapists…

p6 methods:
• why 27 LBP patients and 13 others?
• including a sample of “not LBP” does not automatically means that these subjects “would perform the tests correctly”

p 8
analysis: rates of intra and inter agreement WERE…

p9
results:
figure 1 ???

p11
Van Dillen: flexion in standing
This study: waiters bow
I am convinced that both exercises are very different!

P 11, last sentence para 1:
Methods HAVE been

P 12 last para: Five of the tests were the as also… (??)

P14, para 2:
Omit “our next study focuses on this”

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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests