Reviewer's report

Title: Work-related musculoskeletal disorders among Nigerian Physiotherapists.

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Minor essential revisions
1. some names are misspelled, eg par 1 Smedley, ref 11 Burdorf, please check carefully for other errors
2. Background, par 3: The phrase "trend in research" suggests a change in our understanding, which is hard to demonstrate i think, so please adjust
3. Background, par 3: "high prevalence and development", the word development is obviously not needed here (see also discussion, par 3, Borke has not implicated gender as risk factor for developing WRMSs but rather risk factor for occurrence). In a cross-sectional study time-related interpretation should be strictly avoided.
4. Background, par 4: "investigating ... injuries", please use consistently disorders throughout the manuscript when appropriate (see eg also Methods, par 2, area of injury, results - prevalence..)
5. Discussion, par 3: controlling for size of data has nothing to do with the observation
6. Discussion, I suggest, with reference to my previous review, that authors explain carefully that they have defined all MSDs as WRMSDs, whether these were caused by work or not. Since one cannot easily distinguish WRMSDs from MSDs, and consequences in terms of sickleave may be similar, this is defendable, but it should be made explicit.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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