Reviewer's report

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Major Revisions: None

Minor Essential Revisions: In "Background", line 15, the term "Physical therapists" should be changed to "Musculoskeletal practitioners". In my opinion, the BMC-MSK is a multi-disciplinary journal and should not reflect the interests of only one of the MSK professions (unless there is sufficient justification, which is not present here).

Discretionary Revisions: The authors may wish to provide a flow chart of the study flow (inclusion/exclusion), although their description in the text is quite adequate.

In my opinion, this is a very well-prepared MS of a well done study. The methodology is sound and well-described. The conclusions are well-justified according to the data obtained and analyzed by the authors.

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.