Reviewer's report

Title: The Effect of Massage on Localized Lumbar Muscle Fatigue

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I am satisfied that the points I brought up in my review have been addressed and the questions have been answered appropriately. There is one new point which has arisen as a result of the authors adding a paragraph on reliability. Rather than say vaguely that it was 'reliable' it will be more helpful to state something like: Kollmitzer et al. (1999) have defined "excellent reliability" for ICC values in the range of 0.8 - 1.0 and "good reliability" ICC values in the range of 0.6 - 0.8, whereas values below 0.6 indicate "poor reliability". If a sentence like this is added then I will be happy to let the manuscript go forward for publication.

Competing interests:

None declared.