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Title: Teaching evidence based practice in physical therapy in a developing country: a national survey of Philippine schools

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- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. Results - 2nd paragraph on page 15 reporting teaching of EBP in PT programmes is a little confusing in places and would benefit from being revised. Need more clarification regarding the relevance of reporting the median and IQR.
  2. Table 1 Heading states that it includes 'Characteristics of physical therapy faculties and educational institutions teaching EBP' It is unclear what some of the characteristics listed pertain to; for example, is the age range relating to the students at the faculty or the person completing the survey or being delivering the teaching (if it is the person completing the survey - ? relevance of their age) and also time since graduation? This needs to be clearer as some readers may just look at the tables and not thoroughly read the paper in its entirety. Second paragraph on page 15 will need to be amended to include revisions in response to this.
  3. Table 2. Are the undergraduate courses cited common amongst all HEI's providing PT training programmes? Please make this clear in results section on Page 15

- Discretionary Revisions
  1. the discussion section is quite long and may benefit from being more succinct

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

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