Reviewer's report

Title: How do care-provider and home exercise program characteristics affect patient adherence in chronic neck and back pain: a qualitative study

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The authors are to be congratulated on the additional work that they have put into this manuscript. The scientific writing and method presentation are significantly improved and are a better reflection of the research that they have conducted.

There are some phrasing changes that should be made to tighten the text. The title and abstract are significantly improved however the introductory sentence should be deleted as it makes little sense.

Page 11 paragraph 2 needs rephrasing such as...impacted on (not influenced on) and use of an alternative word to paradoxically. Page 11, paragraph 3: replace "were experienced to play..." with something like "were perceived to...".

Thank you for your work and perseverance with the writing and rewriting.

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