Reviewer's report

Title: Views of People with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury about the Components of Self-Management Programs and Program Delivery: A Canadian Pilot Study

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Dean

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I have now had a chance to re-read and re-review this work. The investigators have addressed the issues of the reviewers in my view. I now recommend the manuscript be accepted for publication.

My remaining comments are typos and editorial. I do not need to see this manuscript again.

Page 3 Last sentence that continues to Page 4 (particularly on Page 4) is not clear to me.

Page 4. Sentence beginning on line 8 could be worded more clearly to something like:

‘This is the first study of its kind, in Canada or elsewhere, to consider such components, and is the third of a four part study related to factors that should be considered in tailoring self-management programs for individuals with …’

Page 9. Mid page. Delete one of the extra ‘.’ appearing after ‘…clinic.’

Page 12 Discussion. Line 7 from bottom. Remove extra space at the end of the sentence.

Also, in that line I suggest editing to ‘To the best of our knowledge this is the first study, in Canada or elsewhere,…..’

I appreciate that the prepositional phrase is not essential given the authors’ state ‘the first study’, but it highlights the Canadian context which is very different from the experience of middle- and low-income countries.

Page 17. Spaces need to be added in Line 9 from the bottom ‘view may’ and Line 6 from the bottom ‘injury would’

Page 18. Last para, 2nd sentence. Suggest editing to something like ‘Although the sampling frame was….of the population of people with traumatic SCI in Canada.’

Page 19. Para 1 2nd line from bottom. Remove extra ‘.’ after ‘time.’
Conclusion

The same edit I recommended a few extra places, as I believe the Canadian context is unique and bears underscoring. That is, edit to something like ‘The current study…with traumatic SCI in Canada as well as elsewhere.’

It may not be important at this stage, but it helps to see the Tables beginning on different pages. Tables 3 and 4 titles are not bolded like the others. Not sure which is the correct format but should be addressed.

Table 3. Be consistent re capitals. Lower case for management in ‘Fatigue management’ and ‘techniques in ‘Relaxation techniques’

I do not see any errors but do a final check of all tables to ensure the numbers add up.

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'