Reviewer’s report

Title: Manual therapy in the treatment of patients with hemophilia B and inhibitor. A case report

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* Background… state what the prevalence of inhibitors is?

* Useful to know bleed history (number and site) in the 6 months prior to intervention and 6 months after to see if any change.

* Why grade 1 and 2 for mobs? Need a rationale for choice of technique and how many treatments offered? What therapeutic benefit was expected to occur with a grade 1 mobilisation - this section poorly referenced suggest refer to latest edition Grieve's Modern Musculoskeletal Therapy or similar

* More info about positioning and technique and why choose that technique…perhaps a picture? Justify time span for intervention

* Not a clinical significant difference in pain response.

* HJHS score has many criteria to make up the score: swelling, pain muscle strength ROM any of these could have changed from the tiny change of score, or even operator error in recording it. A difference of under 6 is generally consider what can happen due to chance. A score over 6 considered useful

* ROM the error of measurement will account for most of the changes. Percentage change is not a useful analysis.

* Also the base line and post treatment at 3 months, when did the minimal changes occur? After the first treatment??

* Not sure that the summing up that grade 1 and 2 mobs can help the severely arthritic joints as there was no proof from his results.
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