Reviewer’s report

Title: Postural Awareness and its Relation to Pain: Validation of an innovative Instrument measuring Awareness of Body Posture in Patients with Chronic Pain

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The authors have produced a nicely written paper outlining the development and testing of a new questionnaire to assess awareness of body posture in people with low back pain. It is a paper likely to be of interest to the field. I have only some minor issues that the authors may wish to address.

There are a few additional steps sometimes taken with the initial development of a questionnaire. If these steps were included could the authors please include information on external expert review language level considerations pilot testing on a patient sample including assessment of comprehensibility, time burden and completeness of content.

I think the introduction needs work. I think the last sentence of the first paragraph should be deleted, unless some evidence can be presented to support this claim. I think the introduction would benefit from a clearer definition of what the authors mean by postural awareness. Some of the references given don't convincingly fit with the current narrative.

Methods measures section: when discussing the BAQ you could delete one of the two mentions of the translation in preparation.

In the limitations section of the discussion I am not sure what you mean with regard to the forth item (the MAIA).

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