**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** Use and perceived added value of patient-reported measurement instruments by physiotherapists treating acute low back pain; A survey study among Dutch physiotherapists

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**Reviewer:** Almir Dibai-Filho

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Survey conducted with physical therapists to investigate the use of PROMs in patients with acute low back pain. The authors demonstrate knowledge in the area and expertise in methodology. However, some points need to be clarified or detailed. See below.

1) In the introduction, LBP is major musculoskeletal global problem. Review the statement. Cancer and cardiovascular disease are major global problem, because higher mortality.


3) In design, clarify which cities and the country where the survey was conducted.

4) Add information about the ethical procedures adopted in the research.

5) I would like to hear from the authors about the absence of sample calculation.

6) Further discuss the results found with logistic regression. For example, why do men use more questionnaires?

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Yes

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