Reviewer's report

Title: Evidence-based practice in stroke rehabilitation: Knowledge translation and implementation

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This is a good quality well written qualitative study that should resonate with any clinical researcher in stroke rehabilitation. It describes the natural implementation of an upper limb self administered rehabilitation program - GRASP. Two theoretical frameworks are used to describe both the processes and factors involved in the implementation. The results are intriguing, but also expected. The attitudes and beliefs that therapists held about GRASP were a significant determinant rather than other studies that have shown that moral norms were the main determiner. The authors tease out some of the micro research questions that still need to be investigated, but could have posed broader questions.

Discretionary revisions: GRASP appears to have been successfully implemented. Would research that investigates why some evidence e.g CIMT has not been implemented also help to define what parameters need to be active for successful implementation?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 have no competing interests.