Reviewer’s report

Title: Low back pain in older adults: risk factors, management options and future directions

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Reviewer's report:
This is a well written narrative review for management of low back pain (LBP) especially among older adults. The authors wrote numerous topics on LBP. Further, future research has been addressed.

I have several comments.

1. What did the author think of older age? The authors referred several papers. Variation in the term of old age seem to be existed. Although it is difficult to define the old age, the author should address the focused age as old adults in introduction. This might be useful for avoidance of misunderstanding.

2. The authors had the session of conservative treatment of LBP. However, there is no description regarding surgical treatment of LBP. Although there is no definitive consensus on the topic of surgical treatment of LBP, previous guidelines had some comments on it. Thus, the authors should describe briefly about it.

3. The incidence of vertebral osteomyelitis in old patients is increasing in recent years. This is important evidence. The authors should add a comment and refer the paper below.


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