Reviewer’s report

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Review #2 of Nester et al, 2017

Thank you for inviting me to re-review this manuscript. The authors have carried out all amendments requested, except for the following specific points, which may need the editor to decide on.

1. The authors have chosen to continue to capitalise the first letter of common nouns throughout the manuscript, such as *Podiatry* or *Physiotherapy*, however I still think these should not be capitalised. Proper nouns (that refer to an individual entity, e.g. Boris, the dog) are usually capitalised, but common nouns (that refer to a class of entity, e.g. dogs) are not. I think this has come about from two of the reviewers trying to add consistency, so apologies if that is the case.

2. There are some sentences with a mix of numbering in them (e.g. words and numerals). Once again, I think this has come about from two of the reviewers trying to add consistency to the use of numbers in sentences, so apologies if that is the case. An example is on line 95-97, *Following amendments made in response to feedback, a further pilot test was conducted with 13 further practitioners; nine Podiatrists, three Orthotists and one Physiotherapist.* In this example, because there are a mix of numbers <10 and 10 and greater in the one sentence, then numerals can be used throughout. Accordingly, this could be written as, *Following amendments made in response to feedback, a further pilot test was conducted with 13 further practitioners; 9 Podiatrists, 3 Orthotists and 1 Physiotherapist.* It is probably best for the Editors to make a call on this depending on journal style, although if change is requested, then it will need to be done consistently throughout the manuscript. While I appreciate this stylistic issues can be complex and at times, baffling, a future reference for style issues can be found in the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.

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