Reviewer’s report

Title: Manual cervical distraction for neck pain: results of a pilot randomized controlled trial

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Thank you for your revision of this manuscript. The authors have done a good job of addressing the major concerns to improve the clarity of this report.

Discretionary revisions

1. It would be useful to include a brief description of the minimum force intervention after the second sentence in the abstract so make it clear up front what the study is about.
2. The figure showing the traction set up is better but could still be improved with a participant either with short hair or with their hair tied up out of the way. It could also be helpful to include more of the bed to show the whole set-up of the patient lying prone on the bed.

Otherwise I am happy with the changes made

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None