Reviewer’s report

Title: Effects of high-frequency Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation on functional performance in participants with incomplete spinal cord injury: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

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Well-written study protocol to evaluate high-frequency transcranial magnetic stimulation on functional performance on participants with incomplete spinal cord injury. The study design is appropriate to realize the objectives of the study.

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