Reviewer’s report

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1) With reference to the statement in the background "With limited health care resources and stretched health care budgets, it is important to strive for efficient use of scarce resources". Clarification/justification for having the Chiro + Physio (+ info/advice) group is warranted.

2) It is not clear in Fig 1 that treatment groups 2-4 also receive the same information and advice as in group 1. I would suggest that this is revised. Similarly under 'Study treatments', this fact needs to be made more clear.

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