Reviewer's report

Title: The compliance and effect of a stay active advice in patients with acute low back pain. A randomized controlled study.

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1. Definition of the research question is well done. The point of view on this problem is very important for understanding of possible association of “stay active” advice in sense of maintaining of physical activity in comparison with adjust activity to pain intensity and course of ALBP in first 7 days.

2. The methods used in this research are valid, appropriate but the patients included in study could be describe more precise regard to some other clinical characteristics and included and especially excluded criteria. It is not so clear why only patient with pain intensity assigned as 5, due to also presented fact that pain was assigned as moderate from 4 to 7.

3. The data are correct except additional descriptive data.

4. In general, the manuscript follows the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

5. The main subject of the research was coherently analyzed in the discussion. Conclusions formally answered to the question.

6. The strength and limitations of the study are clearly stated.

7. Reference list is correctly done.

8. Title and abstract are well done.

9. The manuscript is acceptable with corrections of the methodology part and better definition of the including and excluding criteria (minor essential revision).