

Review of: "Effect of conventional physical therapy with or without diaphragm manual therapy in patients with chronic non-specific low back pain"

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Despite the relevance of the research question, there is simply not enough information to evaluate the quality of the proposed trial. I urge the authors to resubmit a protocol following the pertinent reporting guidelines for clinical trial protocol, non-pharmacological interventions, and trial interventions (<https://www.equator-network.org/>).

Information on intervention content, delivery modes, and dosage are required. Challenges, such as blinding, concomitant treatments, and missing data are not addressed. Prior to study start, a comprehensive protocol ought to be published and the study registered on a public repository for clinical trials.

I hope the authors will take the time to develop a comprehensive protocol, thus avoiding further research waste through another high-risk-of-bias trial in manual therapy.