

Reviewer's report

Title: An investigation into the validity of cervical spine motion palpation using subjects with congenital block vertebrae as a 'gold standard'

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General

This is a much awaited study within an important field for all practitioners who use spinal manipulation. It is a matter of great concern that this much used method of treatment is based on a diagnostic procedure that has not shown to be valid. This article will form a starting base, from which further well-designed and relevant research can build, in order to study this issue in a meaningful manner.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None