

Paper: “Physical Agents and Therapeutic Modalities: Main Concepts Implicated in Physiotherapy Treatment Prescription and Into Advanced Physical Therapy Practice”

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Reviewer A:
Recommendation: Accept Submission

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title is very clear and is in the content with the purpose of the article.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract provides an accurate summary of the manuscripts.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

The language is fine, not serious corrections needed.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The authors very clear explain that in their research they would carried out in the most pertinent databases (PEDro, PubMed, ClinicalKey and OTSeeker). The search strategy was performed in three languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese), based on preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses methodology (PRISMA).

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The body of the paper is good.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

Conclusions are supported by the findings, analysis and interpretation of the authors.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

All the references in the list are used in the paper.

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Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, no revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

Great job!

Reviewer B:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title is clear enough, but the terms “physiotherapy” and “physical therapy” are synonyms, so I wonder why they are used in the same sentence.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract clearly presents the conducted research. I recommend changing the first sentence: “physical agents and therapeutic modalities; two concepts that there is no agreement on their definitions” because it sounds like keywords not like a background. The sentences in the whole abstract should start with capital letters.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

There were minor grammatical mistakes in the text which does not minimize the value of the presented study. There are applications, for example, Grammarly for Chrome, to check English mistakes. There is a mistake in the word “acordin” on the last page.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

There is a clear description of the study methods. Statistical methods are appropriate.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The body of the paper does not contain errors. The results are presented in one table. The discussion is well done. The whole text is formatted according to the requirements of the ESJ.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

The conclusions are correct and supported the content. I agree with the authors that therapeutic modalities have unclear and different meanings in different countries members of the World Physiotherapy (previous WCPT). Therapeutic modalities are

different from the performed physical factors we applied in our physiotherapy practice. The main tool in physiotherapy is exercise. Massage techniques and performed physical agents are additional auxiliary tools in the practice.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

The in-text authors have cited in the bibliography appropriately and considered the results according to the results of other authors. Only one in-text author has cited incorrectly: “A qualitative and a hybrid descriptive study was made through narrative biomedical review (Aguilera Eguía, 2014)”

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

In the manuscript, in yellow color, I have indicated the places in the text that need corrections.
