




The Impact of Web-Based Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy on Pain Self-Efficacy in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction provides an overview but lacks depth in linking the theoretical background to the specific study aims. Expand the literature review to include recent studies that discuss similar web-based interventions, particularly those that have shown contrasting results or utilized different methodologies. This will set a broader context for your study and justify the need for your specific research approach.

The discussion connects findings to existing literature but does not sufficiently address potential limitations impacting results. Discuss how the quasi-experimental design might affect the generalizability of the results and speculate on the implications of any anomalies in data trends.

Authors revised and uploaded the document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The method section is succinct but needs more details on the quasi-experimental design. Describe why a quasi-experimental design was chosen over a randomized controlled trial, considering the implications on the study's internal validity. Also, specify any steps taken to mitigate potential biases due to the design choice.

There is a brief mention of the recruitment process, but it lacks specifics. Provide a detailed account of the recruitment process, including how participants were approached, any screening procedures used, and the criteria for their selection to ensure transparency and replicability.

The intervention is described; however, details on the delivery mechanism and content adaptation for web-based format are minimal. Elaborate on how the intervention was adapted for online delivery, including technical aspects, participant training for using the platform, and how interaction was facilitated between the therapist and participants.

Statistical methods are mentioned, but the explanation of data handling and assumptions checks is cursory. Enhance the section by detailing the assumptions checked for each statistical test, how missing data were handled, and why certain post-hoc tests were chosen.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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