

Special Issue

Joint Manipulation for Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites submissions that provide scientific evidence and new insights into the role of manual therapy in the rehabilitation of musculoskeletal disorders. We encourage researchers to submit original studies and reviews addressing topics such as:

- **Neurophysiological Effects of Manual Therapy:** We invite investigations examining how manual therapy influences the central nervous system, including studies on autonomic markers like heart rate variability and other physiological indicators.
- **Impact of Audible Sounds on Clinical Success Perception:** Both patients and practitioners hold expectations regarding the audible sounds accompanying joint manipulations, an area that still requires stronger empirical support.
- **Combined Rehabilitation Protocols:** We welcome manuscripts that explore the effectiveness of protocols combining manual therapy with other interventions, such as exercise and trigger point therapy.
- **Technological Validation and Precision in Force Application:** We also invite studies that validate the use of technological tools to standardize and measure the consistency of applied forces during manipulations.

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