How do I know if this article is scholarly?

Try asking yourself these 5 questions. If the answer is Yes to all of them then it probably is!

Q1. Are the authors experts in the field?
Yes - indicated by their affiliation, they work in the Kinesiology and Health department at a University.

Q2. Is the language style formal and using technical jargon?
Yes, you would have to know something about this subject to read this or have a dictionary handy!

Q3. Is the article lengthy?
Yes, 13 pages. Popular articles are usually shorter.

Q4. Is this article published in a journal?
Probably, as the title has the word journal in it (though non-scholarly sources such as the Edmonton Journal can also sometimes have this word in their title). Other common words in journal titles include Bulletin, Review & Research.

Q5. Are there references?
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