

Reviewer's report

Title:Association between pain, neuropsychiatric symptoms, and physical function in dementia: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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The revised manuscript by van Dalen-Kok and colleagues detail an interesting topic in the recent literature on dementia; the association between pain, neuropsychiatric symptoms and physical function , in demented subjects.

The authors carried out a systematic review and meta-analysis, using a comprehensive methodology (search strategy, using a methodological quality assessment of evaluated studies, and calculating self-calculated ORs for studies). The manuscript is well written, with update reference. A clear flow diagram of the studies, as well as detailed tables and forest plots for the associations are also included in the manuscript. Lastly, the results and discussion sections (the latter includes a strenghts and limitation paragraph) arre soundly.

Level of interest:An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English:Acceptable

Statistical review:No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests