Reviewer's report

Title: Gabapentin and postoperative pain; A qualitative and quantitative systematic review, with focus on procedure.

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Reviewer: Frederick Burgess

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General
This manuscript provides a current meta-analysis to examine the benefits of gabapentin in the treatment of postoperative pain. Unfortunately, the design of most studies published thus far, has left much to be desired, and leaves many questions surrounding the benefits of gabapentin unanswered. The benefit of a small reduction in pain and opioid use in global outcome measures are often of significance only in a statistical sense, and may not provide true value. We may be trading reduced pain for increased sedation. However, the findings are supportive of further examination.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

A few spelling errors may need to be addressed. I believe most are related to British vs. American usage. I am uncertain of the BMC journal requirements.
Abstract, line 4: ...effective as an.. should be effective as a.
Page 4, line 13: central sensibilization should be sensitization.
Randomised should be randomized throughout the text.
Page 5, line 20: were read, should be was read.
Mobilisation should be mobilization.
Page 13, line 11: discoidectomy should be discectomy.
Page 14, line 9: favour should be favor.
Page 21, line 10: emphasised to emphasized.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct). noted above

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
None

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.