Reviewer's report

Title: Responsiveness of five condition-specific and generic outcome assessment instruments for chronic pain: A prospective cohort study showed superior properties of the Multidimensional Pain Inventory (MPI) and the Short Form 36 (SF-36).

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Reviewer: Ulf Jakobsson

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It is a very interesting and well written article. I have only some minor comments.

Minor essential comments:
- The title is too long
- There is no mentioning in the background if similar studies have been done. The authors mention in the discussion that (page 11) there is only one comparable study which, but it is unclear if the authors mean just the comparison between MPI and SF-36 or in general. This makes it hard to judge the validity in the results.

Good luck with the study and your future research.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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