Reviewer's report

Title: A Cost-Consequences analysis of the effect of Pregabalin in the treatment of peripheral Neuropathic Pain in routine medical practice in Primary

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The additional description of the sampling in the methods is helpful but I suggest a more step-wise report of what was completed would make things clearer for the reader with the sampling near the beginning of the methods. This description of sampling together with the inclusion criteria indicate that in fact few patients use other treatments in the absence of pain reduction after treatment with at least one course of an analgesic drug in monotherapy. The finding that most of the comparator group was not on appropriate treatment needs to be discussed. To be clear, the issue of non-appropriate treatment in the control group should be mentioned in the abstract conclusion.

There are major differences in terms of baseline characteristics and costs. Given the observational nature of the data, the discussion needs to fully address these differences and the risk of residual confounding.

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

Declaration of competing interests:

As before