Reviewer's report

Title: NG2 and phosphacan are present in the astroglial scar after human traumatic spinal cord injury

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Reviewer: L Gerard Toussaint III

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Dr. Buss and colleagues have addressed all of my concerns about the paper.

No revision necessary.

The only remaining comment is one regarding style rather than content and should likely be ignored completely. The use of the term 'epicenter' when applied to lesions in the body is, strictly in my opinion, too common. An epicenter is a point on the earth's crust directly above an earthquake (epi-above). For spinal cord injury, my immediate thought is that the epicenter should be the point on the surface of the body directly above the lesion. The center of the lesion, or core, or focus, or nidus, may be more appropriate when referring to the exact center of the pathology.

Again, this should not prevent publication, as I think that all readers would understand it as is.

I recommend publication.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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:

No competing interests