Reviewer's report

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

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Minor Suggested Revisions:
1. Page 5: The authors may wish to not pluralize "precursors" in "a similar oligodendrocyte precursors"
2. Page 12: "It was not possible" should probably be reworded as it is possible, but not addressed in this study.
3. Page 12: I think the authors were referring to Table 3, not Table 2
4. Page 14: Re: "Instead, first signs of astrocytic scar formation", "the" might be added before "first"
5. Page 32: For the table and in the text, the authors may wish to define each level of their grading system (e.g. + = low incidence, ++ = moderate incidence, +++ = high incidence, ++++ = very high incidence.
6. Page 33: The authors may wish to clarify their sentence with the phrase, "were located have been taken"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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