Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic pain treatment in children and adolescents: Less is good, more is sometimes better

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The authors have addressed most of my concerns and the revised manuscript is notably improved. My one outstanding concern is that I do not feel they have adequately addressed the limitations of their methodology in terms of the inherent baseline incomparability between the groups. They have provided more detail about the process of identifying which treatment intensity to recommend for a patient, but I believe they should highlight further the shortcomings of the design in terms of comparing two groups which are created based on a set of baseline characteristics (pain, disability) and then subsequently compared on change in the same set of characteristics. I recognize in a naturalistic study this is a necessary approach but they need to be clear about the limits of what can be learned through this approach.

Also note that on p. 8 line 13 the word interdisciplinary is repeated.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests