Reviewer's report

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The authors have considered all the points suggested by me. There are a few typos in the article, which need to be corrected. For e.g. Page 10 - section 2.4 - first line - "clinical data were analyzed an PNS definitions were applied... " . I suspect the "an" should be "and". I think these are minor, but essential before publication.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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