Reviewer's report

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Although some methodological problems of the study remain - e.g., comparability of the groups, refusal rate -, and regarding the importance of data on pain prevalence in primary care I accept the authors' revisions of the manuscript "Chronic pain in primary care: German figures from 1991 and 2006".

The statement "... a significant decrease was expected but nevertheless the point prevalence of chronic pain did not decrease..." describes the findings much better than the former conclusion that number of pain patients has increased.