Reviewer's report

**Title:** Chronic musculoskeletal pain predicted hospitalisation due to serious medical conditions in a 10 year follow up study

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**Reviewer:** Alison M Elliott

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This is the second review of a paper I have previously reviewed and requested amendments.

The paper examined if self reported chronic regional pain (CRP) and chronic widespread pain (CWP) predicted hospital inpatient care in a general population cohort over a ten year period of follow-up.

This was a well written paper looking at an important issue that merited publication. The paper required some clarification and there were benefits to be gained from conducting some additional analysis.

The authors have responded to all my queries adequately and conducted the new analysis requested. These changes and the additional changes requested by the other reviewer have improved the quality of the paper. I am happy to recommend its 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.