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Dear Editor,

Please accept the primary manuscript entitled, “Don’t worry, it will not hurt at all. Are joint and soft tissue injections painful? Results of a national French cross-sectional study of procedural pain in rheumatological practice.” for submission to BMC Musculoskeletal Disorder. It has been previously submitted to BMC Medicine but, based on the editor suggestion, we have decided to switch to BMC Musculoskeletal Disorder.

This manuscript is based on a national survey on procedural pain experienced after joint and spinal injections, involving an important number of patients (8446). It gives original information on the frequency of procedural pain in a common procedure, never previously investigated. Procedural pain has been frequently assessed in children and adolescents, especially in cancer and hematology care. In fact, it is also important in adults, and especially in rheumatological care where it represents an important and neglected topic. This important survey could be the start of future research for better healthcare.

I hope you will find our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorder, and I would be happy to discuss the content or any suggested modifications at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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