Reviewer’s report

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The authors have provided good responses to the suggested revisions. However, some of the revisions I can not find included in the manuscript. I would recommend these be added as they assist the reader in fully understanding the nature of the study. These revisions include:

1.2 Validity of the pain scale. Information on the validity of the scale could be included in the methods.

1.3A Was the intensity of the patients’ pain assessed immediately prior to the procedure? Could this not be a key factor influencing procedure-related pain?

1.3B It is not clear from the methods that pain was assessed immediately before the procedure. The methods read...

Patients had to report to the physician their level of pain induced by the procedure, after the procedure.

1.6 The information about recruitment of rheumatologists has not be included in the manuscript.

1.7 If there is not information about recruitment of the patients, this should be acknowledged as a limitation.