Author's response to reviews

Title: Pressure pain sensitivity maps of the neck-shoulder and the low back regions in men and women

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Thank you for your constructive and useful comments which have improved the overall
readability of the manuscript. Find below a list of answers and revisions in relation to your
comments. We have highlighted the changes made in the manuscript to facilitate review
work.

Reviewer: Associate Editor's comments:
Reviewer’s report:
COMMENT: Please give the formula used for effect size on p. 7 under 'Data analysis'.
Check the correctness of effect sizes (e.g. line 2, p.8). In the discussion, give an idea on
how you evaluate the effect sizes - are they small or large or something else.

ACTION: We added the formula for computing partial eta square and checked the values.
A sentence was also added to the Discussion section in the methodological considerations
paragraph. WE used the following reference:
Pierce et al 2004, CAUTIONARY NOTE ON REPORTING ETA-SQUARED VALUES
FROM MULTIFACTOR ANOVA DESIGNS, Educational and Psychological Measurement,
Vol. 64 No. 6, 916-924).
The effect size (for partial eta squared) was considered using the following values 0.01 ~
small, 0.06 ~ medium and 0.14 ~ large

COMMENT: In the titles on p. 8, spell 'gender' instead of 'genders'. In the Abstract, line 10,
write 'this study was, thus, to compare...' instead of 'this study was to thus, compare...'

ACTION: These changes were made as suggested.