Reviewer’s report

Title: Self-reported cold sensitivity in normal subjects and in patients with traumatic hand injuries or hand-arm vibration syndrome

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Discretionary revisions:
1. In the conclusion of the abstract you noted that cold sensitivity is particularly high in HAVS patients, although I would say that the 45% after hand injuries is also very high.

2. In the methods section of the abstract, it might be clearer to specify that the hand injury group consists of amputations and hand injuries.

3. Could you note more clearly in the methods section the time-period between injury and testing, a mean with a range for example?

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